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of doles like the old *Haluka* should be allowed to grow up with the new movement. With regard to the much talked of Independent Jewish State, no wiser words have been written than those in *Palestine: The Rebirth of an Ancient People*, by Albert Hyamson, in which the author, who is a well-known Zionist, says in conclusion :

"The possibility of an Independent Jewish State cannot be discussed in the course of the present generation or at any date which either the writer or the reader can expect to see. Local autonomy is all that the Jews of Palestine ask—the development of the system which has already been inaugurated and whose success has been proved by experience. The Jews desire no favour as compared with other inhabitants of the land. They are willing for all the advantages of a free and liberal government to be enjoyed by all equally. Thus if Palestine ultimately becomes entirely—that is to say—overwhelmingly Jewish, it will become so, not by artificial means but as a consequence of natural growth."

The thorny problem of the controlling government cannot here and now be adequately discussed. That England must make sure of a friendly government in Palestine, that she may not have over again the bitter experiences of these years of desert fighting, and must command a securer frontier for Egypt, goes without saying. But England did not go into this war for aggression, and the measures she has had to take in the Turkish Empire have, without exception, been forced upon her.

Palestine has unique claims as the meeting place of all the Christian Churches, as well as of Christian, Moslem and Jew. There is much to be said for the setting up of a protected State with wide powers of controlling its own affairs by an elected assembly. It is certain that such a State would require the supervision and help of