

"lost" to Israel. Thus we are told that, even after this "declaration of independence" on the part of Manasseh, Israel would still continue to multiply, because "The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast **LOST THE OTHER**, shall say **AGAIN** in thine ears, The **PLACE** is too strait for me." The cry had been raised before, and was to be raised "AGAIN." It had to do with locality. "Place," therefore, referred to colonies. So it is plain that, having lost one, they were to gain others, which they would retain and never lose. Hence we get in the 49th chapter a beautiful clue to the fact that the blessings poured upon the heads of Ephraim and Manasseh have been literally carried out; that the two did become independent, the one becoming a "great people," the other "a nation and a company," and truly the "greater" of the two, yet both under equal blessings, and pre-eminently under Divine favors, which will continue, because, when the time arrives for Israel and Judah to return, God has provided that the land shall be divided in thirteen parts, and that one shall be allotted to Manasseh (Ezek. xlviii. 4).

THE IDENTITY is substantial and plain. There is much reason to thank God that America can celebrate year by year her "Declaration of Independence." Truly she is from us, though quite independent of us; and quite true it is that she is "a great people," and must continue so until the end of time. This is a remarkable Identity, causing the

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to stand forth as a brilliant witness to the truth of God's "sure word." How marvellously this view shows the Word of God to be inspired. What a power it gives to the Bible. For of what value would God's promise be, to intelligent-thinking minds, if they could never be traced as having a real fulfilment? Let it only be seen that all His words come to pass, and we immediately beget substantial evidence in the same; but cruelly wrong these words by placing needless spiritualizing and "private interpretations" to the sure destruction of their literal signification, and we destroy all faith in His promises. Would to God that we had real intelligence in the Christian Church! What wonderful strides would the Gospel make then. Come, Lord, help us to follow thee, and not our blind guides! Then shall "Thy Kingdom come," and "Thy will be done IN EARTH"—St. Matt. vi. 10. What a libel upon truth, to allude to Christ's kingdom as being in heaven. It is His kingdom "ON EARTH," which can never "come" until our Identification with lost Israel is nationally established.

Look at this Identity. The Americans are our stock, they came with us from Media, settled with us in these North west Isles, found "The place too narrow" for them; and from these Isles went forth, colonized the United States, and declared their independence, and in this sense became "lost" to us.

ISRAEL'S ISLES MUST HAVE BEEN FOUND IN A PLACE TOO NARROW MORE THAN ONCE.

#### IDENTIFICATION THE NINETEENTH.

WE need not dwell upon this fact, as it has been really brought out in the foregoing, that the people when in the isles should "say again in thine ears, the place is too strait for me." We need not repeat it separately, to bring it out more forcibly.

THE IDENTITY, that after the Americans came independent of us, we did have to raise the cry "again"; and notwithstanding the vast Continent of America being opened up to us, and the immense numbers that have been sent for their shores, yet that outlet was not adequate for our overflow, making it incumbent upon us to acquire other possessions; because our people after we had lost America, was obliged by their increase of "the inhabitants" to "say again," "the place is too narrow," "give place to me that I may dwell." Hence we acquired Australia, New South Wales, New Zealand, &c. This is the most telling Identity.

(To be continued.)

#### ERRATA.

##### No. 1.

Page 2, 1st column, 1st line, for 11th read 12th verse.

Page 7, 1st column, 9th line from bottom, for 17th read 2. ch chapter.

Page 8, 1st column, 10th line, for 2nd read 11th chapter.

Page 10, 1st column, 35th line, for 7th read 12th chapter.

##### No. 2.

Page 14, 1st column, 26th line from bottom for 24-4, read 12-3.

Page 18, 1st column, 23rd line, for 10th read 19th verse.

Page 19, 1st column, 24th line from bottom for 6th read 7th verse.

Page 21, 2nd column, 15th line, for 28th read 25th verse.