

ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

"If a false witness rise up against any man . . . the judges shall make diligent inquisition, and behold if the witness be a false witness then shall you do unto him as he had thought to do unto his brother, so shalt thou put the evil away from among you, and *those which remain shall hear and fear and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.*"

"And if parents shall say unto the elders of the city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious: he will not obey our voice: he is a glutton and a drunkard. Then all the men of the city shall stone him with stones till he die: *so shalt thou put evil away from among you.*"

"If a man be found stealing any of his brethren, and making merchandise of him, then that thief shall die, *and thou shalt put away evil from among you.*"

The rigid enforcement of law through many centuries while the Jews were a nation is still seen in its effect upon that race, for Jews are the most law-abiding people in the world. They may have failed in many other things, to the extent of bringing God's just judgments upon them as a nation, but in this they excel, and it can be accounted for only on the ground of the whole race having been through all those earlier centuries so thoroughly schooled in respect for law that when a Jew is born into the world he has it in the very marrow of his bones.

I am not pleading for stoning as a means of capi-