

the State into periodical convulsions will, surely before long, be submitted to the investigation of common sense, aided now by a tolerably sad experience.

—One interesting result of the break-up of the Ottoman Empire seems likely to be the restoration of Palestine to the Jews. The restoration of Palestine to the Jews it will be, rather than the restoration of the Jews to Palestine; for few of the race are likely to desert the stock exchanges for the Courts of Sion. Students of Prophecy will hail its fulfilment; general sentiment will be gratified by the tribute to a nation which, in its better day, did great things for religion, and through religion for civilization. Perhaps some of the more stubborn Jews will be drawn off from western communities and leave the remainder more capable of assimilation. At all events the situation will be defined, and the anti-Jewish movements, such as that in Roumania, and that which has now assumed strange and startling proportions in Germany, will be seen as what they really are, not religious persecutions, but struggles of race.

The Jews are not a Church, but a tribe. Their God is a tribal God; he is the God of Israel, not of other nations. Out of his worship, which was higher and more moral than that of the gods of other tribes, was developed a universal religion, a religion of humanity, which proclaimed that the same God had made all men of one blood. But this religion the Jews rejected and persecuted. In so doing they made a fatal mistake, and they have suffered for their mistake like other races. A tribe they remain, with a tribal feeling, and a tribal idea of their moral duties towards other nations. They keep themselves a separate people by a tribal rite in contrast to the Christian rite of baptism which is moral and universal. They are all citizens, more of Jewry than of the land which is the place of their sojourn. The strict among them refuse, in the spirit of tribal exclusiveness, intermarriage with the people among whom they dwell. The Christian faith being universal, all Christians wish