

th beast only,
t symbolizing
s to represent
her decadence
, (4) Modena,
(0) Lucca, and
three of these
a and deprived

l, and that you
subject.

. SHAW.

NOTICE

JOHN G. SHAW takes the present opportunity to heartily thank those believers in the glorious truth of our identity with Israel, who have so kindly aided him in introducing his writings to the public, and also those readers of his pamphlet who have written to him so encouragingly, in acknowledgement of the utility of his labours, not that he desires the praise of men so much as the commendation of the Master, but it is cheering to every worker in the Lord's vineyard to know that "their labours are not in vain in the Lord," and for this reason he just makes one quotation from the many letters which he has received in order to cheer some of his co-workers as well as himself.

The letter is dated March 21st, 1879 :—

"While a boy, from about 12 to 18 years of age, I got hold of various books about prophecy, by different people, and amongst others, books by Dr. Cumming and the Rev. Baxter. I read these, and thought they were rather cleverly worked out, but that a vast portion of them all was very fanciful, and when I found that their views—instead of being fulfilled as they said—were either unfulfilled or fulfilled in a totally opposite manner, and especially when Napoleon was defeated at Sedan and afterwards died, I took rather an objection to any work in any way interpreting the prophetic portion of the Bible.

"While in this state of mind, I found my mother had bought Mr. Hine's '47 (I think it was then 27) Identifications.' I took it up and read it, but thought, though it read plausibly enough, that it was far fetched and unlikely, and that it would die the same death as Mr. Baxter's book about Napoleon. This was about 8 years ago, when I was about 20 years of age.

"Although I did not for one moment believe in our identity, there was one solitary fact which struck me, and that was the appearance of the Anglo-Saxons at the very spot where the Ten Tribes disappeared, and at the identical time. This fact, however, by itself, was to my mind no proof whatever, so I thought but little of the subject for some few years, though I occasionally bought and read pamphlets about our identity, also 'Life from the Dead,' by E. Hine; but they did not seem to make any impression on me. Eventually, this thought struck me, namely, 'The History of the British Empire, the greatest the world has seen, seems to me to be curious, there must be an overruling destiny to cause it to grow and occupy the position it does, in fact it seems to occupy much the same blessed position that Israel used to occupy; or, in other words, we seem almost to be "God's chosen people." There may be something in this Anglo-Israel theory after all.' This