

"Germany has few traditions of freedom, having rarely won liberty as a united people, but having been beaten into national unity by her political giants, or her robust Sovereigns. So the Press before and during Bismark's long reign from 1862 to 1890, was kept well in hand by those who ruled." (age 160).

"There is even an anti-semitic party, small though it be in the Reichstag, while the party of the Centre, also the Conservatives, and the Agrarians is frankly anti-semitic, as well. No Jew can become an officer in the Army, or admitted to one of the German Corps in the Universities or hold an office of importance in the State, and it is stated that no unbaptised Jew is received at Court. To a certain extent society of the higher and official class shuts its doors against him. One of the well known restaurants in Berlin until the death of its founder not long ago, refused admission to Jews. Even as long ago as the close of the 14th Century, the great strife between the Princes of Germany and the free cities ceased in order that both might unite to plunder the Jews. Luther preached "burn their Synagogues and Schools, what will not burn, bury with earth, let neither stone nor rubbish remain, in like manner break into and burn their houses, forbid their Rabbis to teach on pain of life and limb"—"Take away all their prayer books and Talmuds, in which are nothing but Godlessness, lies, cursing and swearing." To me, this attitude is one of the greatest paradoxes in the history of thought—that the people who make their religion of reading the ancient histories of the Jews should go to the other extreme of persecuting the Jews of their own day. My idea is quite the reverse of this—instead of making religion out of the riddles of ancient Jewish literature, I would throw the biggest part of it in the waste basket and I would treat my Jewish contemporaries like all other human beings according to their individual desserts. Brave little Belgium is represented in Montreal by an ardent Jewish Zionist, and from what I know of him I would trust him to work in the interest of the country he so ably represents, before I would entrust it to a German disciple of Luther—even if there was no War between Belgium and Germany. My friend, Mr. De Sola's views and my own on the question of religion are as different from each other as chalk is from cheese, but I always like to meet him and shake