

3. "I believe," says one of these Anglo-Israelitish authors, "that Sunday Schools have been raised up purposely for the event of our identity."

4. Israel is to occupy the ends of the earth. Britain does so; therefore Britain is Israel.

5. Israel is to "possess the gates of his enemies." We possess Gibraltar, Malta, the Cape, &c., therefore we are Israel; for these are "the gates" of our enemies.

6. The smoke and fire coming up from the cities and furnaces of our land are like the pillar-cloud of Israel.

7. The people in the South of Ireland trouble us, just as the Canaanites troubled Israel; therefore we are Israel, for the south of Ireland is peopled by the descendants of the Canaanites.

8. Jacob's stone is still in our possession. It is that on which Jacob slept; that which was the chief corner stone of the temple, saved by Jeremiah, and taken by him to Ireland, and then placed in Westminster Abbey under the coronation choir. Therefore the English are Israelites.

9. "Jacob's glory is like the firstling of a bullock" (Deut. xxxiii. 17). The identifiers comment on this as follows: "The ox being oftentimes applied to Israel, may fairly be said to emblemize the world-famed power of John Bull."

No evidence, historical, ethnological, linguistic, or traditional, is produced; we get nothing but conjectures and fanciful allusions as the proofs of this singular theory.

Some of the defenders boast that since this theory was started, the

income of our Jewish societies have fallen of by \$15,000. Whether this is true or not we cannot say; but the boast, whatever be its foundation, shows the spirit of the writers and the tendency of the new doctrine.

Noah's prophecy stands out clear and sharp, with its threefold ethnology. Shem, Ham and Japheth are the roots of the nations; and God has kept them distinct. Let us beware of confounding them. History tells us that our pedigree is to be traced to Japheth. The modern discoveries in ethnology confirm this beyond a doubt. Eastern monuments, whether of Assyria or Egypt, tell the same story.

The above theory treats on a misreading of prophetic truth; such a misreading robs it of all its Divine spirituality. Outward national prosperity and greatness, not righteousness nor truth, are made the characteristics of the Israel of prophecy. England, full of crime, infidelity, immorality, ungodliness, is said to be now enjoying the favor of God, which is destined for Israel in the latter day. The knowledge of the glory of the Lord is to be the privilege of these tribes; and by that knowledge they are to be exalted. But this theory gives us another standard of a nation's greatness; a standard which no part of Scripture recognizes, least of all the sure word of prophecy, the light in the dark place. This theory darkens the whole prophetic word, perverting events and inverting times and seasons. It denies Israel's present guilt, and lowers our ideas of Israel's coming glory. It puts a Gentile king or queen in the place