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conspire to teach us that the 'lost tribes' are lost.

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The fall of an empire is always an event of absorbing interest. It is a black background, against which the principles which make for and against national perpetuity can be well defined.

The fall of Israel was the inevitable conclusion of its course of unrighteousness.

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Israel had a striking object-lesson in the career of the southern kingdom. Its religious revival was attended by material prosperity, and the good King Hezekiah joined the prophets in the attempt to call the people back to their allegiance to God.

It is an historical sarcasm that the last king of Israel should wear the name of the earliest of the hero Judges, for Hosea and Joshua are one and the same. An historical parallel is also found in Romulus Augustus last of Roman emperors, who wore the double name of the founder of the city and the founder of the empire.

And Hosea was far from being the meanest of the nineteen kings of Israel. Just as Louis XVI was innocent as compared with his predecessors, yet their evil courses had their inveterate denouement in him.

John Eliot, apostle to the Indians, whose tercentenary has just been observed, believed the American Indians to be descendants of the lost tribes.

'The rewards of science are but scant,' said the man with the high forehead.

'Yes,' answered the man with the square jaw. 'Nobody is going to pay you as much for picking up a rock and telling you what geological period it belongs to as he will for directing him to a market that will take it up as building material.'

A strange fish is on exhibition at Seattle, Wash. It is six feet long and is half animal and half vegetable, as a seed grew out of its body.

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