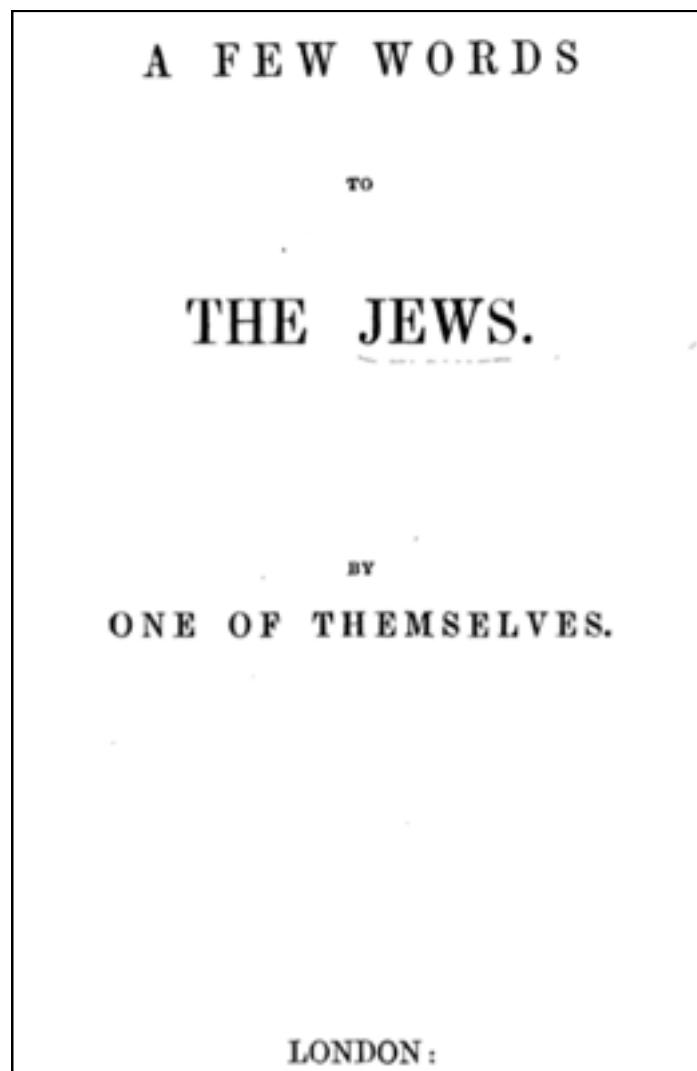


The Wise Son #5 - Charlotte Montefiore

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Genres

Manual
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Poetry
Romantic History
Domestic Fiction
Didactic Fiction
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Commitment to Judaism

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He has (for who has not who owns a country and a home?) patriotism, enthusiasm, and ambition; but these are fettered, or at least must find another scope for their gratification than in the careers that usually afford both the incentive and the reward. He may aspire after military and naval fame; he may delight in an adventurous career; or he may long for an agricultural life, for the country's bright skies, and vernal voice, and peaceful scenes; but the longing and the desire are subdued, for to cherish or to yield to either is to renounce a prouder ambition and a purer satisfaction, that of remaining true to the faith of Sinai, and sharing the destiny and enjoying the fellowship of those who hold a kindred name, a kindred worship, and a kindred hope.

Insincere Judaism

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The ambition of some individuals is to be looked up to as saints is to play a conspicuous part in the religious world and so the outward garb of sanctity is assumed the public forms and rites of their creed are strictly performed whilst the mind and heart are left in ignorance of its spirit and the world perhaps applauds whilst God is mocked by a hypocritical worship

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We led therefore almost simultaneously two lives one false one real but they necessarily mingled the impure sullying the pure the fictitious degrading the true.

Sincere Judaism

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It is not enough to be a Jew because our father was a Jew before us but Judaism to be anything must be a truth to the individual a living glorious truth to whose fulfilment he can conscientiously devote his life. We each must read the Bible for ourselves and for ourselves recognise its revelation and accept its precepts. Our brother's faith however great and true cannot carry any one but himself to heaven.

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At present no English gentleman of any standing educates his child for the pastor's office. Either foreigners are selected to be our rabbis or they are chosen from amongst our poorer class and receive at the hands of charity but an inferior education.