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INTRODUCTORY.

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THE growth of population and the pressure of existence within these islands have occasioned, for some considerable time past, anxiety on the part of those in search of remedies for the evil conditions under which so many of our fellow-subjects are compelled to toil. Among the causes that have not yet received adequate and dispassionate examination, is the flow of foreign labour to our great towns, with its moral, physical, and economical effects on the native population. Throughout the civilized, and in parts of the uncivilized world, a strange movement is taking place towards the crystallization of national life from native elements only, and the rejection of those alien constituents which, since the fall of Rome, have generally been considered desirable for the creation of perfect national existence. This movement is no less marked in the United States of America than in Russia, or even in Arabia itself. The increased and increasing stringency of the conditions under which Castle

Garden permits the entry of the Irish, Hungarian or Italian proletariat, finds a parallel in the renaissance of orthodoxy in Russia. The disfavour into which heterodox faiths have there fallen, under the iron hand and strong convictions of the Attorney-General of the Holy Synod, and the consequent alliance of those forces of ignorance and of strength that have hitherto occupied a dominant position in the history of modern Russia, are producing much the same effects as the anti-alienism of the United States. In Mahommedan countries too, this note of national revival is no less dominant than in lands where faith is less effectual to stir the harmonies of nationalism than self-interest, as in the case of the United States; ambition, as in France; or the memory of a glorious but vanished past, as in Portugal. Arabia, and a large part of Central Africa, have recently become the scene of a violent insurrection against the foreign element, and a consequent drawing nigh of those who hold undimmed the original doctrine of Mohammed.

England, thanks to the Huguenots, Mr. Cobden, the Slave Trade, the Jews, and an inherent capacity for taking large views of grave national questions, has been the last country in all the world to question, or even to examine, the doctrine that uninterrupted ingress for men, women, and merchandise of other nations, is essential to and advantageous to her national life. There are, however, no longer wanting