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SIR ROBERT PEEL stands high in the line of succession to Sir Robert Walpole; that line of succession in which William Pitt the younger stood, and in which Mr. Gladstone now stands. These men have nothing to do with the statesmanship which comes in the line of succession to Bolingbroke. A statesman of the Walpole line must be a sound financier; he must be always in earnest, and he must concern himself more readily and naturally with domestic interests than with foreign affairs. Some English politicians of great ability and great patriotic sincerity have always held that the business of English statesmanship was, properly, more in foreign affairs than in domestic work, seeing that England has dominions scattered over all parts of the world. One of our modern Prime Ministers—Lord Beaconsfield—argued gravely that England must be regarded as an Oriental