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I.—Emigration, from a European Stand-Point.

THE question of Emigration is too many-sided to think of treating it exhaustively in one or two periodical articles; all we shall at present attempt, therefore, is to set forth some aspects in which it is not generally regarded, and to express in passing the regret which we feel in common, doubtless, with many others, that more attention is not paid to a subject which so intimately affects the future well-being of this Continent and the Continent of Europe, as well as the growth of civilization all over the world. The phenomena connected with the migratory movements of mankind, and the laws in accordance with which those movements take place, when viewed in their deeper and more philosophical aspects, are equally worthy of attention, whether considered with reference to the over-populated lands of Western Europe, the future occupancy of the American Continent, or the ethnical distribution of man over the yet unoccupied tracts of the earth's surface. A large part of America, both North and South, is still unpeopled except by the nomadic savage and the fur-trapper; and as it would require many generations to elapse before it could be filled up with the descendants of the races at present inhabiting it, it must be to a large extent peopled by immigrants from other lands. The question then of foremost importance to us, not only with respect to the future moral, political, social and intellectual condition of our country and our continent, but still more with reference to the future destinies of the great mass of