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Problems of Immigration

III.—Immigration and World Peace

(By Principal MacKay)

The problem of immigration is vitally bound up on both sides of the American Continent with world peace. The white races are slowly becoming conscious of the tremendous menace to their very existence which resides in the Oriental races. To let them come freely into the lands where democratic institutions and Western standards of living have been established is at once to throw back the progress of these lands for hundreds of years, to set up a continuous and bitter struggle between the races, and to force to the wall the weaker members of the white races. And even if they are not so admitted they will more and more become our competitors in commerce and manufacture, so that in line after line they will force us from the markets of the world, making ever more difficult the conditions under which we progress and forcing upon us a higher state of efficiency and a more simple and economical mode of living in order that we may survive.

At present, from the narrow and cramped limits amid which they live they are casting envious eyes to the richer domains of which the white races have taken possession and sooner or later they will force us to share our vastly richer opportunities with them. The success of Japan in its struggle with Russia and its rapid advancement in the mastery of Western civilization, together with the advance of Western knowledge in India and China has aroused a new Asiatic race consciousness. Like a yellow tidal wave, the Oriental races rise, big with menace, over the whole world. And this tidal wave will inevitably submerge our white civilizations unless we see its meaning and prepare to turn it into a blessing and uplift to white man and yellow man alike.