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I.—THE CLERGY AND THE PROBLEM OF OUR FOREIGN POPULATION.

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THE history of the United States affords no greater marvel than that of many heterogeneous foreign elements blended into a homogeneous nation. The subjects of the Ottoman empire represent a great number of distinct races, languages, and religions. These races have not been isolated, each in its own territory, but more or less scattered up and down the empire, coming freely into contact with each other; and yet through many centuries each has preserved itself intact. There does not seem to be the slightest tendency to merge into a common national type. The English is a mixed race, but it took ages to effect the amalgam; while in this country, without waiting for the admixture of blood, the native-born children of foreign parents somehow get a stamp which, in looks and speech and in certain characteristics, marks them as Americans; and the next generation, even tho the blood remains undiluted German or French or Welsh, might pass for the "Brahman caste of New England," provided only it has enjoyed sufficient opportunities. I know an immigrant who was an Irish peasant, whose son is to-day a professor of Greek in an American college. Such transformations, however, take place only when the environment is new, stimulating, and distinctly American.

For some years foreigners have been coming in sufficient numbers to segregate themselves in various quarters of our great cities and to found settlements which are exclusively foreign. In such cases there is no necessity of learning our language. There are children in New York old enough to testify in court, who, tho born in that city, can neither speak nor understand English. Customs and costumes also remain foreign in these foreign quarters. In short, the most essential elements of their environment the immigrants have brought with