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Problems of Immigration.

II.—The Real Meaning of Oriental Exclusion or Restriction.

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It is very difficult to bring home to the average Occidental the real status of the Oriental question. On the one hand are those who frankly state that the yellow races are a lower order of human beings to whom we have little or no responsibility and who ought, therefore, to be ruthlessly excluded. On the other are those who, believing in the essential brotherhood of man and the greatness of the Oriental races, feel that we cannot be consistently Christian and exclude them from our shores.

But there is a third view which, while agreeing with the first as to the necessity for exclusion or rigid restriction, agrees with the second in its reasons for action. Personally, I am convinced that this is the only view which does justice to all the factors in the case and offers any hope for solving this far-reaching question.

For many years to come Oriental immigrants of the laboring classes must be restricted, by an understanding with their own authorities, to a very small proportion of the white population of the west coast of the American continent, in their own interests as well as in that of the white races. While the attempt to arrive at restriction by consent may not appeal so strongly to the brutal self-assertiveness of some members of the white race, nor to the easy sentimentalism of many Christian people, it is the only broadly Christian course. That course which makes for the highest good of the greatest number of human beings is most truly Christian and the object of this article is to try to show that restriction by consent best fulfils that condition.

There are two main considerations which must be kept steadily in view in attempting to form a judgment on the whole case. The first of these is economic. The Western peoples have been cradled in