

magnificence and baseness of the highest civilization then known, has grown until it has touched all lands, and its better civilization ever gains wider influence as the years roll on over the life of all nations beneath the sun.

The present inhabitants of Palestine are a strangely mixed people, made up of the original stock of the country and of the many successive races by whom it was invaded. It seems strange that the old Canaanitish race, descendants of those whom the conquering Israelites under Joshua failed to drive out, should still

to so large a degree possess the land. But such is the conclusion reached by the best authorities on the subject. Although no regular census of the country is taken by the Turkish Government, Dr. Soccim estimates the population at 650,000 souls—only one-

tenth the number the country would maintain. Of these, ten years ago, only about 20,000 were Jews, who dwelt chiefly in the sacred places—Jerusalem, Hebron, Tiberias and Salem. During the last decade a considerable increase has taken place, especially at Jerusalem. When we think of

the many invasions the country has undergone by Assyrians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Saracens, Seljukian and Ottoman Turks, crusaders and others, it is no marvel that the population is of a mixed character. Several of the engravings in this article illustrate the variety of types that abound in the land.

But through all the battles and sieges, the marshalling of hosts and the trampling of armies, the great features of nature are un-



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