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pos of nothing in particular, but simply because it is well occasionally to discuss first principles. Neither the Dominion nor the local parliamentary, body is in session and while there are a few bye-elections in sight there is not likely to be any convention held in respect to either of them. Now and again, when no one is thinking about any special matter, it is just as well to talk a little about the things which go to make up our institutions. As the constitution of the State of Washington says: "A frequent recurrence to first principles is desirable for the proper understanding of our system of government." a few bye-elections in sight there is

### SOME IMMIGRANTS.

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