

France," and no invention of our own ; and that perhaps makes it a little unfair that it should be thrown in our faces in its new form, "The Pretended Superiority of the Anglo-Saxons." It cannot, however, be denied that the book and its idea had a success amongst us which even its gifted author could hardly have attained on any other line ; we purred contentedly with so comfortable a fire upon the hearth, and perhaps did more blinking than thinking over the subject. Now, however, that the days of comfort and fireside are over, now that the once weary Titan has renewed his youth and is going forth to another day's work more wideawake than ever, it will do him no harm, and cost him no pain worth considering, to hear what his fellows are saying about him. We are not, of course, thinking of our home-grown little sect of Peculiar Anti-Nationalists ; their accusations have disgraced only themselves, their temper has thrown doubts upon their sanity, and history will probably treat their views on the origin of the South African War with as much contempt as their prophecies of its conclusion and results. Anglophobes abroad must be left out of account for the same reasons, but for this one too, that they are among our best natural allies, and we ought not, for our own sake, to do anything to disturb their good work. If we are to have—as it seems we must for the present—enemies in Germany, let them all be as blind, as ignorant, and as wilful in their self-deception as Herr Tesla Meyer ; the attack will be delivered the sooner and defeated the more conclusively.

But there are worthier critics to be found than these, and among them we have read with pleasure M. Novicow, a candid friend from Russia. However firmly we may contest his facts or his deductions—and we are far from contesting them all—no one could deny a hearing to a professor who states the purpose of his course in so mild a voice as this :

The dogma of the physical and mental superiority of the Anglo-Saxon race once done away with, England will find it an easier matter to live in complete harmony with the nations around her. I agree that England is a great nation ; I agree that on many occasions her conduct has been noble and just. I do not