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NATIVE TYPES IN MODERN PALESTINE.

## Modern Palestine.

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 of 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. The above engraving illustrates the variety of types that abound in the land.

THE days are made on a loom whereof the warp and woof are past and future time.