

CHAPTER XIII

THE FUTURE OF IMMIGRATION— THE NEW

A LINE drawn across the continent of Europe from northeast to southwest will divide countries having not only distinct races but also distinct civilisations, says Professor Commons. It will separate the Scandinavian Peninsula, the British Isles, Germany, and France from Russia, Austria-Hungary, Italy, and Turkey—it will divide Teutonic races from Latin, Slavic, Semitic, and Mongolian races. All of the Teutonic group, from whose loins has sprung the American stock in the United States, are self-governing nations holding allegiance to no other race and tending strongly towards democracy; the others, for the greater part, are subject peoples bound down by the chains of absolutism.

Such a line not only divides countries of representative institutions and popular government from absolute monarchies, but also Protestant Europe from Catholic Europe. It separates lands where education is universal from lands where illiteracy predominates,—an educated, thrifty peasantry from a peasantry scarcely a single generation removed from serfdom. It divides manufacturing countries, pro-