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PREFACE

The subject of naturalization has assumed a larger importance in the history of the United States than in that of any other nation. In this study I have sought to exhibit the course of opinion thereon chiefly as it manifested itself in discussion, reports, and legislation at the central forum of American political life.

The sources of information are sufficiently indicated. In large measure I have let men speak for themselves. Some latitude of expression has been allowed in indirect quotation, in the effort to preserve the flavor of the original utterance.

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