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Nationality in Modern History. By J. Holland Rose, Litt. D. Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, etc. New York, The Macmillan Co., 1916. \$1.25 net.

The present situation in Europe, which inspired this work, is evidence of its timeliness. And the author discusses the topic in a more judicial spirit than might have been expected under the circumstances. There are not wanting indications of his anti-German feeling; but it does not influence the discussion enough to detract very seriously from its scientific value.

In attempting to define and account for the peculiar group-consciousness which is called nationality, the author pursues, first, the method of exclusion; and finds that it is not due to racial unity nor to common language nor to a common religion,—though each of these is a strong tie. In this negative part of his argument he is clear and convincing. He does not seem to be quite so clear or convincing when he undertakes to define positively and to account for national feeling. He speaks of it as an instinct; but is evidently wrong in that, since the present national groupings originated in comparatively recent times. Again he refers it to community of "culture," but are not language and religion essential and important elements of a people's "culture"? He is nearer the truth when he finds its historic genesis, in part, in the long opposition of political groups which originated in what may be termed the accidents of history.

But if the author's definition and explanation of this great fact of national feeling are not altogether satisfactory, it should be said that he has made in this book a notable contribution to the better comprehension of one of the most important facts of present day life—and one that challenges most serious thought.

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Rest Days—A Study in Early Law and Morality. By Hatton Webster, Ph.D., Professor of Social Anthropology in the University of Nebraska. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1916 325 pp. \$3.00 net.