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SECRETARY AND TREASURER: PRESCOTT F. HALL, 60 State St., Boston, Mass.

Room 621, 60 State St.,
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Dear Sir:

Indications are that immigration for the fiscal year of 1905, ending June 30th., will be about one million, or considerably more than one per cent. of the total population of the United States. Such a number exceeds the population of any southern city and is greater than the population of any one of eighteen of the United States.

Of this multitude, the larger part will come from southern and eastern Europe, and will be composed of the Slavic and Iberic races, far less capable of being absorbed and assimilated than those from northern Europe. Three-fifths will settle in four eastern states. Less than one-tenth will go to the South and West. One-fourth of this million will be absolutely unable to read or write a single word of any language. It is the coming and competition of undesirable southern Europeans, with their low standards of living, that have caused a decline in the number of assimilative immigrants from the north of Europe. Slight judicious discrimination would counteract the artificial stimulation, by the steamship companies, of the less desirable part of this south-European immigration, and would allow the better classes of aliens to come and get a foothold in our industrial regime.

In as much as a scheme for distributing the aliens now