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Titte: Emergence of the influential middle class.

The sufferings of the 9th century's middle class were described by Basant. The middle class was isolated. People, other than armed forces were only included either on the basis of birth or network. They were alienated even if they had moved to another place. Hence, they created their own contended community. However, with the passing time and growing influential population their position evolved strengthening their self-esteem. Moreover, they began to despise some practices of the elites and sympathized with the lower class. They urged to be the role model for the lower strata. However, they shared diversity of the opinion along with being reputable and united on certain affairs.

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Title: Changes the middle class went through.

The position of the 9th century's middle class was such that they were isolated and the professions other than the armed forces were only welcomed on the basis of either lineage or network. Even if they moved to another country they were alienated. Hence, by realizing where they stood they made their own contended community. Their self-confidence strengthened as with time their influential population grew. Moreover, they sympathized with the lower strata and were determined to become their role model. Additionally, they began to despise some elite practices. However, they emerged as a reputable class that shared diversity of the opinion.

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- 2: Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (2)
- Besant describing the middle class of the 19th century wrote "In the first place it was for more a class apart. In no sense did it belong to society. Men in professions of all kind (except in the Army and Navy) could only belong to society by right of birth and family connections; men in trade—bankers were still accounted tradesmen—could not possibly belong to society. That is to say, if they went to live in the country, they were not called upon by the county families and in the town, they were not admitted by the men into their clubs or by ladies into their houses... The middle class knew its own place, respected itself, made its own society for itself, and cheerfully accorded to rank the deference due." / 25
- Since then, however, the life of the middle classes had undergone great changes as their numbers had swelled and their influence had increased. / 124
- Their already well-developed consciousness of their own importance had deepened. More critical than they had been in the past of certain aspects of aristocratic life, they were also more concerned with the plight of the poor and the importance of their own values of society, thrift, hand work, piety and respectability. Thrift, hand work, piety and respectability as examples of ideal behavior for the guidance of the lower orders. Above all they were respectable. There were divergences of opinion as to what exactly was respectable and what was not. There were, nevertheless, certain conventions, which were universally recognized: wild and drunker behaviors were certainly not respectable, nor were godlessness or avert promiscuity, not an ill-ordered home life, unconventional manners, self-indulgence or flamboyant clothes and personal adornments.