

EXERCISE 148

Write summaries of the following passages of about one-third of the original length:—

1. In every country people imagine that they are the best and the cleverest and the others are not so good as are not so good as they are. The Englishman thinks that he and his country are the best: the Frenchman is very proud of France and everything French. The Germans and Italians think no less of their countries and many Indians imagine that India is in many ways the greatest country in the world. This is wrong. Everybody wants to think well of himself and his country. But really there is no person who has not got some good and some bad qualities. In the same way, there is no country which is not partly good and partly bad. We must take the good wherever we find it and try to remove the bad wherever it may be. We are, of course, most concerned with our own country, India. Unfortunately, it is in a bad way today. Many of our people are poor and unhappy. They have no joy in their lives. We have to find out how we can make them happier. We have to see what is good in our ways and customs and try to keep it, and whatever is bad we have to throw away. If we find anything good in other countries, we should certainly take it.

2. There are hundreds of superstitions which exist in



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Nationalism: Ignoring good things of others
The citizens of every country considers itself and their countries, the best among the other countries. The English, French, German, Italian, and as well as Indians think that they and their countries are the greatest in the world, but this is not correct. In reality every individual and country have got some good and bad qualities. Similarly every country has partly good and bad qualities. Therefore, it is necessary to appreciate the good things and remove the bad things wherever it may be. The writer is worried about their own country, India, where there are many poor and unhappy people. Simply we have to support good things and get rid of bad things wherever it may be in the world.