

CHAPTER III.

THE TEUTONS: "THE FLOWER OF THE HUMAN RACE."

THIS new and wonderful "theory of waves of migrations" was intended to help to reconcile extremists. Instead, however, it merely flattered the vanity and self-love of an entire nation. Its partisans gradually became intoxicated by the homage paid to their favourite race, till at last, going beyond all bounds, they ended by forgetting that other nations besides the Germans were also entitled to some consideration.

In itself, however, nothing could seem more inoffensive than this theory. There was, somewhere, we were told, a privileged people, of superior capacity to and more