

OF GROWING IMPORTANCE.

There are several explanations of this increase in the numbers of the insane suggested by writers upon the subject of insanity. These may be stated as follows. First, the large immigration of foreigners into the country whose antecedents are not known and whose mental condition is not scrutinized with sufficient care by the officials of the port of entry. Second, the over strain of our modern life, especially in large cities, doubtless drives many a balanced and ambitious mind into insanity. Third, the increasing humanity of treatment lessens the death rate in asylums and hence increases the number of patients. There is a fourth reason suggested by Dr. Pliny Earle and endorsed by many physicians. It is that insanity is becoming more and more an incurable disease.

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