

SOCIAL ETHICS AS INFLUENCED BY IMMIGRATION.

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I have taken occasion within the last three years to read papers on some phase of the immigration problem, such as "Immigration in Relation to Public Health," "Some Phases of Canadian Immigration," "International Co-operation in Inspection of Emigrants and Immigrants," "Civic Responsibility Resulting from Increase of Population through Immigration," and last year before this Association I read a paper on "Organized Sanitary Work in Dealing with Overcrowding and Pauperism due to Immigration." But remembering that there came to the United States in 1906-7 1,002,500 immigrants, and into Canada 252,000 during the same period, it is plain that so long as the individual is the unit of which society is but a multiple, just to this extent will the scientific study of society begin with the study of the individual cell or unit. "Omne vivum, ex vivo" was the battle cry of Pasteur and his school, thirty years ago, and it must be the starting place for all our studies to-day, no matter in what branch of biological science.

The immensity of the influences, which have been at work on what we may call, for the sake of a starting point, the homogeneous population of the United States existing at the termination of the Civil War in 1865 may be judged from the following tables showing the enormous increase in immigration:

TABLE SHOWING THE IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES IN SUCCESSIVE QUINQUENNIA SINCE 1860.

Year.	Immigration	
1822 to 1860 inclusive.....		6,076,297
1861 to 1865 inclusive.....	719,438	
1866 to 1870 inclusive.....	1,657,841	
1871 to 1875 inclusive.....	1,726,796	
1876 to 1880 inclusive.....	1,085,395	
1881 to 1885 inclusive.....	2,975,681	
1886 to 1890 inclusive.....	2,270,630	
1891 to 1895 inclusive.....	2,123,879	
1896 to 1900 inclusive.....	1,563,685	
1901 to 1905 inclusive.....	3,833,076	
1906	1,100,735	
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Total		25,133,453

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