

Age.	MEN.		WOMEN.	
	Married.	Single.	Married.	Single.
Brought over	39	51	49	30
58	1	.....	1	.....
59	1	.....	1	.....
60 .....	.....	.....	1	.....
62 .....	.....	.....	1	.....
63 .....	.....	.....	1	.....
65 .....	.....	.....	1	.....
69	1	.....	.....	.....
	42	51	54	30

That which may first strike the attention in the preceding table is the earlier age at which, in both sexes, insanity manifests itself in single persons. But this is a natural fact, as young people are more largely single than their elders. But why is it that we constantly find more single men than women become insane? It is not that love, religious excitement, grief, fright, fever, convulsions, scarlatina, &c., &c., affect men more than women. In the general population their numbers must be nearly equal, and they must be about equally predisposed by hereditary taint or constitutional defect to the disease. The physicians of the insane are but too well acquainted with one cause of the disparity, and they, too, well know its destructive results. Unfortunately however, their admonitions reach not, in season, the ears of those whose ruin they might avert. I have, on former occasions, stated that the victims of the evil alluded to are found, not in the low and rude orders of society, but, on the contrary, that they are furnished most largely from the more educated and refined class. Every additional year's observance has tended to confirm this opinion; and I believe it will be controverted only by those who are ignorant of the facts required to enable them to speak with authority: A considerable proportion of cases of insanity, in which we find the certificates state the cause to be *unknown*, and some in which it is stated to have been *over-study, disappointment in love, religion, &c., &c.*, we have learned to assign to a different agency. Indeed, the preliminary description of such cases, furnished by those applying for their admission, enables us, before seeing the patient, to guess too correctly the hidden complication of the mental disease; and sadder still, it enables us also to pronounce too surely its utter hopelessness.