

deaths at fifteen per cent. on the average, for each decade. The additions by immigration are more variable. It is highly probable, however, that the incoming tide will increase. Only in periods of severe depression has immigration fallen much below the half-million mark for the last twenty-five years. In good or fairly good times it has gone greatly above. In the two years before 1905 it exceeded 800,000 annually, while for 1905 and for 1906 it exceeded 1,000,000. It is a conservative estimate, therefore, to add 750,000 a year for increase of population from this source, or 7,500,000 for each decade. Computed on this basis, the population of the United States in the near future will show these totals:

Population in 1910		95,248,895
Population in 1920		117,036,229
Population in 1930		142,091,663
Population in 1940		170,905,412
Population in 1950		204,041,223

These figures announce the magnitude of our problem. It is not even a problem of to-morrow, but of to-day. Within forty-four years we shall have to meet the wants of more than two hundred million people. In less than twenty years from this moment the United States will have 130,000,000 people. Where are these people, not of some dim, distant age, but of the generation now growing to manhood, to be employed and how supported? When the search-