

and feel the real and lasting value of such knowledge. Through such knowledge an insight is obtained into the condition or QUALITY of the people, and which insight cannot be obtained in any other way.

Every man then should take and act out an interest in registration—in helping to secure complete statistical returns in reference to births and deaths. It is every man's duty to do so, and such returns cannot be made complete without the co-operation of the people generally. A prominent medical exchange (now in its xxxiii vol.) says in reference to the part medical men ought to take, that "there is no excuse for a medical man who fails to comply with the reasonable request [to assist in making the returns complete], made in the interests of humanity as well as of his chosen profession."

But all other men of average intelligence, especially council-men, school trustees, teachers, magistrates, and all municipal officers, are equally inexcusable if they do not use their influence to secure the prompt registration of every birth and death, and with accurate details.

DIVISION REGISTRARS AND THE PUBLIC.

It is repeatedly said that the registrars (who are also clerks) of municipalities in many cases dare not use means or make efforts to compel people to register cases of births and deaths, or they would after the next election be almost certain to lose their situations. It seems difficult to believe that if the clerks would prosecute those who after a reminder, especially, failed or neglected to register any such cases, the opposition to them thereby created would amount to much, or that it could not be fully counteracted, or more, by those who would in this enlightened age give them credit for doing their duty. The more intelligent people in the municipalities should see to this; and we feel confident that they will do so, and 'stand by' the registrars if these will but fairly and calmly, but firmly and fearlessly, after fair warning to delinquents, do their full duty. We trust they will have such spirit and independence as will cause them to try it.

IT IS A FACT worth noting, that many of the cases of Hysterio-Epilepsy studied in the wards of the La Salpêtrière, Paris, Prof. Charcot, are found to be children of drinking parents, and to inherit an unstable, nervous condition, which, through causes more or less accidental, takes this phase of disease.