

North Central states of 26,333,004 there were 6,774,936 urban, or 35.5%, but in the South Central states, such as Kentucky, Alabama, etc., of 14,080,047 only 13.5% were urban, and in the South Atlantic with a population of 10,443,400 but 19.6% were urban.

We thus have abundant material for our investigation extending over at least two generations of 25 years each, which have afforded ample time to produce such effects upon the original homogeneous population of 1860 as to be easily observed and measured. As was the early half of the Victorian age in political, social and literary progress and reform in Great Britain, so were the older thirteen states of the Union in their ideals. The teachers of the early part of the century had been the central figures in the struggle for political emancipation from the encircling bonds of a colonial policy which suppressed political progress as well as commercial and industrial advance, and stimulated by the renaissance in France and Germany, a group of writers and thinkers arose who gave a form and permanence to American literary, philosophical and social ideals on the same moral plane which marked the best thought whether in Great Britain or on the continent of Europe. But there were, even in the early years of the century when the lure of the boundless possibilities of an illimitable unknown West, South and North were ever as the voices of sirens, or the wiles of the priestess of Calypso's Isle, to the pioneers and wandering spirits, who like Ulysses voyaged to many lands and over undiscovered seas, elements everywhere present cultivating a new spirit, not alone of adventure, but of speculation and enterprise by which canals were dug, steamboats invented, railways everywhere exploited, all reaping a rate of progress and rapidity of development which had never before had its counterpart in the world's history. Thus it was that the year 1860 found the United States with a population of 31,448,321 with its old civilizations of Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and its older aristocratic traditions of Maryland, Virginia and the Carolinas, face to face with a raw, uncouth, semi-developed mass of humanity, pulsating with the fresh blood and youthful energy from European, but especially British, countries, where for half a century the "rights of man" as regards freedom and equality of opportunity had been fought for and had at last been obtained. Measured by the accomplishments since then of these ever increasing millions in any and every sphere, we may adapt the oft quoted reference to Sir Christopher Wren: "*Si quaeris provinciam amoenam circumspice.*"

But if we pursue this reference and turn to Wren's crowning glory we find even here that build well, as Wren could, now a century and