

CHAPTER I

AT the time this is written and this book is printed, winter of 1914-15, there is general restlessness throughout the, so-called, civilized world. Against evils that exist there have long been attempts at reformation and a titanic struggle continues between good and evil. There are many who believe that good will triumph and their number is large. There are others who believe that evil is increasing and are losing hope that Good will triumph over Evil and their number is growing.

There are those who believe that we have a rising civilization and those who believe that we have a declining civilization. The true test as to whether we have a rising or declining civilization, is as to whether there is a decrease or increase in crimes, suicides, insanity, tenantry and divorces. If the number thus affected is decreasing, then we have a rising civilization; if crimes, suicides, insanity, tenantry and divorces are all increasing in number, then it will hardly be questioned that we have a declining civilization. If this increase has been going on over a period of years and continues to increase indefinitely, an increase dispropor-