The Greatest of all Citiee． A buge city like this of ours，with
anch boundless possibilities before it such boundless possibilities before it for good or for ill，on the one hand
perpotually becoming more unmana geable and more exhausting to vife oo the other hand，coutinually ，show ing uyexpreted sigus of vitality and hope－such a eity stauds at the part
ing of the ways．It is already by far ing of the ways．It is already by far that ever cumbered the planet，and to the bulk of its populatiou，though no to the fortunate minority，it is，alae by far the most depressing．Aud yet aven｜fuow it is the most healthiest of all capitals ；and in certain aspects of city one of best ordered ；to a ver is to prevail in the furure－the bound leas evil or the boundless good？
Take the first，the darker side Hore is the bugest assemblage of aildings ever piled by men ou ou pot of the earth．For three ceitu ng one of the greatest fears of think roivth of London：：and yet，uat sbout one hundred years ago，neither its population or area were what we should call aboormal．But since the last hundued vears it has advanced by leaps and bounds，iocrasing ite tury and its area ten or fifteenfold． Even in my own lifetime the area o London has icicreased at least fivefold and its popula ion betw sen，two and
threefold．So that we have a contin threefold．So that，we have a contia uous population of some four millions， square miles，with nearly 2,000 mile of streets bardly anywhere less than ten or eleven milts in a strait line． And where is it going to stop Every year 70,000 souls，roughly apeaking，are added by immigration and births；every year more square miles are added to the area．Year by year some 20,000 immigrants press
iato this city ；that is the population of a fair countryat town，so that every ten years ther is added to London by immigration Blove a ceity as largel as Bristol and Lisbon ；and by the en－
tire series of cauns a new city as large tire series of caures a new city as large
St．Petersburg or Vienus．A Ad thus alreadv，in this corner of the Thames， already，in this corner of the Thames，
there is hudded together about one sixth of the entire population of Eng． land，＂Where is it to stop ${ }^{\text {＂＂we ask }}$ as the tide of immigrants pours in an great armies of bulders are perpetw－
ally laying fresh acres of medow un－ der briek．：
Size and numbers are not necessari If bad thing\％fore se．But uahappily the size and number of London have alarming consequence of their own Grat cities have to grow org anically，
with some kind of self adaptation to with some kind of self adaptation to
their development．Bat the increase their development．Bat the increase
of London defies adaptation and ad juatment．The 70,000 new souls a year arrive before L L nadon has time hconsider what she can do with them．The bricks pour down in ir regular heaps，almost as if，some cat－
aclyom or tornado，it were raining bricks oat of heaven on the earth be
low．The huge pall of smoke go low．The huge pall of smoke got denser and wore sulphurous，strecth－
ing out，they say some twenty miles ing out，they say some twenty miles Herta aud Kent are beggingg to be
polluted by its cloud．From Charing Croes of the Royal Exchange a ma
hus to walk some five or six miles be has to walk some five or six miles be
fore he can se the blessed mendow
or breathe the country air．Fer o us ever saw more than half of the cit we live in，and some of us pever sa
nienetenthe of it．WF all live more or less in soot and fog，in smoky，doaty contaminated air，in which trees will
no longer grow to foll size and the nul no loager grow to full size and the nul phurous vapor of which eats away the
surface of stone．The beautiful rive
－our once silver．Thames－is bid，muddy receptacle of refase；at times indescribably nasty and un
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being injurious to healith．Our bury ing places，old and new，are a perpet－
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is cheeriess，comfortess and even un healthy lodgings．Not a few of then are miserable dens or squasidid cabin Every few years some epidemic breaks Io some four－fifthe of London th．con ditions of life are sadly depressing at which city life affords．The amuse neots，such as they are，are ofien un－ and recreation are too few；while the dangers to life，to morality，to the in elligence，are very real a，
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