MORTALITY STATISTICS

SEVENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES,



1850:

II .- THE AGE AND SEX,

IV.—THE NATIVITY,

V.—THE SEASON OF DECEASE,

III.—THE COLOR AND CONDITION, VI.—THE DURATION OF ILLNESS,

VII.-THE OCCUPATION,

OF THE

PERSONS REPORTED TO HAVE DIED IN THE TWELVE MONTHS PRECEDING THE FIRST OF JUNE OF THAT YEAR,

WITH

SUNDRY COMPARATIVE AND ILLUSTRATIVE TABLES.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

The Mortality Statistics of the Seventh Census, prepared by the Superintendent of the Census, in compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of December 13, 1854.

DECEMBER 13, 1854.

"Resolved, That there be printed for the use of the members of the present House of Representatives, fifteen thousand copies of that portion of the returns of the Seventh Census which relates to the Mortality Statistics of the United States, to be arranged by the Superintendent of the Census: Provided, The same shall be printed in royal octavo form, and not to exceed three hundred pages."

Department of the Interior, Washington, November 23, 1855.

Sir: I herewith transmit to you the Mortality Statistics of the Seventh Census, as arranged by the Superintendent of the Census, under the resolution of the House of the 13th December, 1854.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Ŕ. McCLELLAND, Secretary.

To John W. Forney, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Sir: I stated in my last official report that the mortality-statistics of the Census were nearly ready for publication, and subsequently, at the instance of a committee of Congress, estimated that four or five months would be necessary for their completion in the shape in which

they were required by that body.

The appropriation was made on the 4th of March. You will, therefore, perceive that a delay of several months more than was anticipated has occurred, for which I assign as reasons—first, the utter impossibility of estimating very closely where such an amount and kind of material are involved; second, the peculiar experience required, limiting necessarily the clerical force; third, the state of my own health, impaired by long, close, and arduous labors upon the Quarto and Compendium, putting it out of the question for me, during several months, to exercise any personal supervision of the work. My anxiety to see the volume completed has not been surpassed by your own, and to the extent of that anxiety I bear cheerful testimony.

To embrace the whole material within the compass of three hundred pages, exclusively of titles, required my constant superintendence of the press up to the present moment, and it is but fair to add, in this connexion, that the reading of proof was left entirely to the printers, the means at my disposal being inadequate to the employment of special readers, (as was done upon the tables of the Compendium,) familiar with statistics, and responsible to the office for

their accuracy.

The calculations for the work were all made under my direction by persons approved for their capacity, who have been employed in the office from almost its first organization. This is the guaranty I have for their correctness; for I could not incur the expense of those frequent revisions by different sets of persons, resorted to in the report of last year, and it was plainly impossible for me to make them

I believe the errors, however, will not be found more numerous nor important than are to be met with in statistical works generally; and although I know that the work is very incomplete, from the original deficiencies of the returns, and have so stated it in the introductory chapter, I am yet assured that its publication will subserve many and

valuable purposes.

The Census Office, which was revived by the act calling for this report is, by its completion, again dissolved, and my duties as Superintendent of the Census, under your reappointment, are at end. I have endeavored to fulfill the trust faithfully and energetically, and, under all the circumstances, to secure the best results.

With high regard, your obedient servant,

J. D. B. DE BOW.

To Hon. R. McClelland, Secretary of the Interior.

INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER.

PROGRESS OF VITAL STATISTICS—HISTORY OF IN THE UNITED STATES.—PLAN AND RESULTS OF THE VOLUME.

It is more easy to satisfy mankind of the value of any other branch of statistics than that which relates to the numbers that die in any given period, their ages, their sex, occupation, condition and nativity, and the causes which produce such deaths. The consequence is that the facts remain uncollected or unrecorded, while everybody seems busy enough, more especially in our practical, money-making country, in running after those which relate to the fluctuations of stocks, the valuation of exports and imports, the rates of taxation and the results in agriculture and manufactures, internal improvements and general commerce. The life of man is of less importance than his larder and his cloth. It was the remark of a physician, now no more, founded on severe experience, that the lawyer who saved the property of his client was always quicker, better and more cheerfully paid than the doctor who saved his life. Steamboat and railroad companies understand this well enough, for whilst they must pay heavily for destroying a bundle of merchandise, in human life they can and do wanton at pleasure.

Such being the case, it is not singular that investigations having for their object sanitary improvement are pursued slower and later in all countries than those which relate to property. They meet with greater impediments and their results are least consulted or credited.

Man is the same in all ages, and this fact meets us in all.

The Romans had, indeed, their registries, in which were carefully preserved the particulars of population, as births, sex, deaths, etc., but there is no evidence, we believe, of a regular system of registration of births, marriages and deaths prior to that of Geneva in the middle of the sixteenth century. Subsequently, most of the European nations have followed the example of Geneva, and their results for several periods may be found elaborately given in the sixth annual report of the registrar general of England, 1847. A condensed table from this report is here presented:

			Annua	l deaths.	Annual m	nortality.
Countries.	Year.	Population.	Years,	Numbers.	Per cent.	Living to 1 death.
England. France. Prussia. Austria. Russia	1841	15, 927, 867 84, 218, 929* 14, 928, 561 21, 571, 594 49, 525, 420	1888-42 1888-42 1888-41 1888-42 1842	346,005 \$16,840 892,849 051,239 1,856,188	2.207 2.397 2.658 2.995 3.590†	45 42 88 88 88 28

^{*} The population of France, according to the corrected returns, is 84,290,178.
† Corrected for the stillborn included in the 1,556,188 deaths; the stillborn have been subtracted from the deaths in Austria and Prussia; they are not included in the deaths of France, and are not registered in England.

On comparing the rate of mortality in England with the mortality of France, Prussia, Austria, and Russia, it appears to be lower in this country than in either of the four States; but it must be remembered that Scotland and Ireland are not included, no steps having hitherto been taken for registering and abstracting the births and deaths in those parts of the United Kingdom, the only countries now in Europe where it has not been deemed advisable to record and analyze such facts, with the exception, perhaps, of Hungary, Spain, Turkey,

Parochial registration, which had been in use in England for more than two hundred years, was found so inadequate and defective that the subject was brought into Parliament in 1833 and referred to a committee, who, after thorough investigation, reported as follows:

 That the subject is urgently important.
 That it involves matters of great public and national interest, as well as individual satisfaction, and rights and claims to property, and deserves the attention of the humblest artizan as well as of the most philosophical and statesmanlike inquirer.

3. That the existing law is imperfect and unjust, and requires not only partial amendment but real fundamental reform.

4. That great trouble, vast expense, utter uncertainty, capricious changes, and local and general evils exist, while no means are supplied to obtain the information other countries possess and justly value, as to the state of disease, the operation of moral and physical causes on the health of the people, the progress of the population, and other matters on which accurate knowledge can scarcely be too highly appreciated or too intensely pursued.

The result of this investigation and report was an act for the registration of births, marriages and deaths in England, which, introduced by Lord John Russell, and supported by Peel, Morpeth and Bowring, passed on the 6th June, 1836. Under the operation of the act regular annual reports have been made, of which a complete series have been furnished for the use of the Census Office, the present year, through the courtesy of Mr. Graham, the registrar general. These volumes vary from 5 to 700 pages, and are issued in the most admirable style. The following table is extracted from the report for 1850, p. 14:

Annual rate of mortality per cent. of males and females at different ages in England.

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Years	1838	1839	1840	1841	1842	1848	1844	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850	Average of the 18 years 188850.
All ages.	2.343	2,281	2.877	2.242	2.244	2,206	2.245	2.178	2.898	2.549	2.394	2.584	2,147	2.822
0 5 10 15 25		7.167 .904 .512 .819 .986 1.255 1.708	1.088 .542 .832 .995 1.266	.956 ,510 ,811 ,978 1,217	.901 .501 .783 .928 1.197	.844 .478 .772 .924 1.218	.897 .473 .768 .940 1.225	.828 .466 .781 .926 1,202	.825 .507 .859 1.025 1.272	.970 .550 .929 1.100 1.486	.858 1.026 1.808	1.124 .646 .951 1.243 1.581	.814 .467 .717 .879 1.165	.980 .515 .825 1.001 1.288
45 55 65 85 95& up	8.410 6.916 14.752 29.745	8.192 6.421 13.874 27.923	3.142 6.678 14.488 80.242	$\frac{3.187}{6.482}$	$\begin{array}{c} 8.041 \\ 6.595 \\ 14.578 \\ 20.438 \end{array}$	8.008 6.578 14.090 28.758	8.051 6.786 14.651 81.716	2.975 6.491 14.400 30.191	8.129 6.758 15.070 32.214	8.649 7.696 17.826 85.558	$14.986 \\ 80.622$	8,655 7,244 16,187 29,976	2.980 6.306 14.019 28.555	8,208 6,746 14,745 30,858

Deaths to 100 females living.

					-		Acc Co.							
All ages.	2.136	2.004	2.205	2.085	2.100	2,048	2.085	2.013	2.222	2.381	2.225	2.447	2.014	2.158
0	6.047			5.861				5.657					5.788	
5	,895			. ,963	.925			800	.818	.951	.997	1.102	.810	.927
10	,543		.569	.520	.512	.485	.503	.476	.588	.577.	.566	. 653	.491	.586
15	.854	.848	.868	.842	.880	.784	.810	.815	.870	.919	.878	1.000	.777	.853
25	1.046	1.007	1.033	1.007	1.005	.976	1.006			1.178				1.054
35	1,313	1.248	1,269	1.227	1.220	1.227							1.169	
45	1,660	1.549	1.567	1.542	1,526	1.484	1.525	1.467						
55	2.977	2.780	2.829	2.740	2.744	2.692	2.778	2.668	2.783	3.996	2.860	9 855	2.625	
65	5.919	-5.554	5.899	5.841	6.013	5.877	6.052	5.856	6.156	6.964	6.072	6.596	5.717	6.040
75	13.281	12,519	13.541	13.375	13.084	18,037	13.494	13.036	13,794	15.945	18.604	14.028	12.684	18,494
85	26.463	25,242	28.394	28,255	28,438	27,655	28.434	27,569	80.850	32.104	27.628	28.028	25.922	28.037
95& un	41.699	89.915	46.199	45.967	42.882	46 679	44 616	42.086	59 900	58 980	48 816	43 393	49 997	45 21 x

The table may be read thus:—Of 100 males living of the age of 35 and under 45, 1.342 died in 1888, 1.255 in 1889, 1.217 in 1841, and so on for other years; a correction for increase of population having been made for each age at each year.

In the year 1789 Dr. Wigglesworth formed certain tables from returns embracing 4,893 deaths, which were in use in Massachusetts up

to the commencement of her registration system in 1842.
"If the diminutive number," says the report of 1851, "of less than five thousand deaths, collected without official responsibility, from a small region of country, was deemed of so much importance, of how much more value will be the results obtained from the returns from every section of our territory through a period of eleven years, of about one hundred and thirty-five thousand deaths, observed and recorded with more minuteness, and probably more accuracy, and certified to be correct by town officers whose official duties require them to perform the service with as much truthful precision as possible.'

The first registration report of Massachusetts was made to the general court in February, 1843, according to the act of March, 1842, and there have been published since regular reports, each more elaborate and minute in its details, until the system in that State has come

to be considered very nearly perfect.

The following table from these digest the results of deaths:

	WHOLE NO.	OF DEATHS.	PER CENTAG	E OF DEATHS.
CAUSES OF DEATH.	One year, 1859,	Eleven years & eight mo's ending Dec. 81, 1852.	One year, 1858.	Eleven years & eight mo's ending Dec. 81, 1852.
ALL GAUSES. SPECIFIED CAUSES.	20, 801 19, 561	148, 024 188, 451	100.	100.
I. ZYMOTIC DISEASES,	5,446	40,681	27.84	29.87
Sporadic diseases of,				
II. UNCERTAIN SEAT III. NERVOUS ORGANS IV. RESPIRATIVE ORGANS V. CIRCULATIVE ORGANS VII. DIRESTIVE ORGANS VIII. URINATIVE ORGANS VIII. GENERATIVE ORGANS IX. LOCOMOTIVE ORGANS X. INTEGUMENTIVE ORGANS XI. OLD AGE XII. VIOLENT CAUSES	2,409 2,008 5,788 475 1,101 88 222 118 18 997 816	16, 862 13, 427 38, 713 2, 883 8, 981 608 1, 575 752 132 8, 481 5, 356	12.22 10.27 20.56 2.48 6.09 .45 1.18 .58 .07 5.10 4.17	12.17 9.69 27.94 2.08 6.55 .44 1.14 .55 .09 6.12 8.86

By this it will be noticed that the class of diseases designated as zymotics, and the diseases connected with the respiratory organs, have been most fatal during the year under consideration, 57.40 per cent. of all the deaths whose causes have been reported having been caused by them. This has been the case, also, in the twelve years and eight months in which registration has been carried on in Massachusetts.

From the tenth annual report of Massachusetts we take the following:

"As observed above, the law in this State was passed in 1842. This law was modified and improved by the act of March 16, 1844, and still further by the act of May 2, 1849. The State of New York followed with a registration law, passed April 28, 1847, and made their first report in April, 1848. New Jersey passed a law on the subject March, 1848, and remodelled it with improvements by the act of March 19, 1851. Their report, before us, bears date of February, 1852. The registration law of Connecticut passed June 24, 1848. We have their three reports; the last is dated May, 1852. New Hampshire passed a less efficient law July 7, 1849, and altered it without much improvement July 4, 1851.

"The act in Pennsylvania on this subject passed the legislature of that State April 14, 1851, and became a law without the signature of the governor, as certified by the proper authorities, January 12, 1852. During the last session of the legislature that body manifested their approbation of it by appropriating \$4,500 to put the law into operation.

"On the 9th of January, 1852, the legislature of Kentucky passed a registration law, and the subject will come from influential sources before the next legislature of South Carolina. All of these enactments, and especially the reports that have been made in different States in compliance with them, bear an analogy to the same from our own State which had preceded them.

"This indicates not only the estimated importance of the subject as its results develop themselves, but also the confidence reposed in the system adopted by this State. The former feature, however, has the

most notable point."

The federal census of 1850 furnishes the first instance of an attempt to obtain the mortality during one year in all of the States of the Union, and had there been as much care observed in the execution of the law as was taken in framing it, and in the preparation of necessary blanks, a mass of information must have resulted relating to the sanitary condition of the country, attained as yet in no other part of the world. This, however, would have been expecting too much. It was to take for granted, first, that the person interrogated in each family, whoever he might be, with regard to its affairs, would be able to recollect whatever death had occurred in it within the period of twelve months; and, second, to give the true designation of the cause of such death. 1. One would think it not unreasonable that the facts of actual deaths would be striking and impressive enough in every household to be remembered for a much longer period than a single year, yet the returns of the marshals have only to be examined with care and deductions made from them, to satisfy the most careless observer that in the Union at large at least one-fourth of the whole number of deaths have not been reported at all. Making allowance for even this error, the United States would appear to be one of the healthiest countries of which there is any record. The varying ratios between the States, as drawn from the returns, show not so much in favor of or against the health of either, as they do, in all probability, a more or less perfect report of the marshals. Thus it is impossible to believe Mississippi a healthier State than Rhode Island, etc. For rural population the returns are no doubt nearer correct than they are for urban, and the old States are in general better reported than the new. 2. So far as the educated are in question, the assigned causes of death on the returns, may be considered sufficiently near the truth for popular purposes, though falling far short of the precision necessary in skillful scientific calculations; but among the large mass of the community vagueness and inaccuracy may naturally be expected, even where the parties are disposed to speak the truth and make the best effort to do so. The physician's certificate of the cause of death is the only positively reliable evidence of the fact.

The other points and particulars of inquiry, such as the age, sex, color, condition, occupation and nativities of parties, the season of de-

cease and duration of sickness, stand upon somewhat different ground and are, from their character, no doubt as correctly answered as the inquiries of the census relating to the ages, pursuits, etc., of the living.

Upon the whole, then, and we cannot be too emphatic on the point, whilst this publication of the mortality statistics of the census is disclaimed as of authority in showing the respective pretentions to healthfulness or the degree of unhealthfulness of the several States, or of very great scientific worth in showing the specific causes of death, it may be considered of much value, notwithstanding, in giving with even ordinary claims to precision very minute phenomena relating to the deaths of about one-third of a million of people scattered over three millions of square miles of territory. The value of such a multitude of facts cannot but be very great, even although they do not constitute the whole of them. We are every day accustomed to draw deductions for the whole from a part, and to argue out the true and complete from the approximate and uncertain.

It may also be said in favor of the returns as published, that they constitute but a beginning, and are not, perhaps, further from the truth than were the first attempts in States having registration systems. The same improvement as in these States may be expected hereafter. The publication of this volume will stimulate investigation and lead to a better understanding of the importance of the subject.

Upon page 49 will be found the instructions to marshals under which the mortality statistics were collected. The instructions cover a wide field and are necessary to an understanding of the schedules. But a small part of the material collected can be condensed into this publication. To have issued the work in detail by towns, counties, etc., upon the formula proposed on page 110 of Compendium,* and which should have been the one, must have swelled it to 2 or 3,000 pages. The act of Congress confines it to three hundred. It became necessary then to change the formula, and condense by States and divisions of States, as will be seen particularly hereafter. The very best, it is believed, has been done that was possible under the circumstances. Those who may desire, however, to consult the material in detail, for counties, &c., necessarily prepared in the progress of

st The formula was as follows:

	Whites.	Free colored.	Slaves.	Married.	Place of birth.	Occupa- tion.	Period of sickness.	Seasons
death.	Native divided as males and females. Foreign.	Black. Mulatto.	Black. Mulatto.	under) to 50, wards.	State rn, S Engl	ns for mechanical, reial, laborious, ed- &c. each divided 0, 26 to 30, &c.	or under 1 week, onth to 3 months	r spring, sum- Winter,
Disease or cause of deat Total number of deaths.	Birth. Under I year. 1 and under 5. 5 and under 20. 20 and under 50. 50 and under 100. 100 and unwards. Total. Same subdivisions of a sex as native.	Same subdivisions as w	Same subdivisions as w	ages to 40, and	Subdivided by columns for New England, Middle, Southo and N. W. States, and for Ireland, Scotland, Germany foreign countries.	Subdivided by columns for mechanical, agricultural, commercial, laborious, educational pursuits, &c. each divided info ages, as 15 to 20, 20 to 30, &c.	Subdivided by columns for under 1 week, 1 week to 1 month, 1 month to 3 months and over 3 months.	Subdivided by columns for mer, autunn and

the work, will find the manuscripts in the Census Office under the charge of the Secretary of the Interior, compiled in some cases with

all of the elaboration proposed in the Compendium.

To the same cause must be attributed the very small number of cities and towns that are given in the volume, notwithstanding the figures were separated and aggregated for nearly every considerable town in the Union.

The whole of the statistics now presented are arranged with refer-

ence to-

I. The leading Cities and Towns. These will be found on pages 302-303 of the volume. The statistics could not be given in the same detail as those for the States, except in the instances where they are published as sections of such States, to wit, Boston, New Orleans, &c. Other tables are given, compiled from the Compendium, showing, for purposes of comparison, the ages, sex, nativities, &c., of the living population of these cities. A few facts digested from the city

reports are also embraced on page 16.
II. Sections of several States. The sheets were prepared for all of the States, but it became necessary to select for publication from among them, so as to include States in the several great divisions of the Union. The sections are made up with reference to physical peculiarities as far as possible, such as rivers, sea-coast, lakes, mountains, &c. A table of the living population of the sections embraced will be found on page 32. The limits of the work precluded the insertion of ages, sex, &c., in the same connection, which is much to be

III. All of the States and Territories. Comparative tables of the living population, their ages, sex, nativity, occupation, &c., accom-

pany these statistics.

IV. The United States. The United States tables are arranged somewhat differently from those of the States, as will be explained hereafter. In these the classification is adopted which is usual among vital statisticians. The formula proposed by Dr. Edward Jarvis, of Massachusetts, a distinguished authority in these matters, and to whom the Census Office is under many and great obligations, was adopted in every particular. His letter, which is given on page 45, enters minutely into the consideration of the subject.

All of the tables show, with reference to the mortality of the several States—

First. The cause of death. This was taken, in the first instance, literally from the returns of the marshals. The list was then reduced by combining such as were evidently merely verbal differences, and about which there could be no mistake, as, for example, scarlet, scarletina, &c., fever and ague, chills, &c. A further reduction was made in some cases not so obvious by reference to the best medical authorities. The list was then ready for publication. The office did not deem it advisable to condense for the State tables to the extent recommended by Dr. Jarvis, believing it would be better to enter into greater detail. Indeed, had space admitted, the cause of death assigned in each case on the returns would have been given, although leading often to inconsistencies. It is true that causes are assigned for death which are not in their nature fatal, but these will be found in

most of the publications made by States and Cities. The condensations would be proper in aggregating for the United States tables. On page 304 will be found a list of most of the causes assigned on the returns. The labors of a medical man skilled in such matters was only necessary in these final condensations. Dr. Jarvis was, therefore, consulted, and his letter was predicated upon a list of diseases furnished him, very nearly the same as that adopted for the State tables. Had the appropriation been adequate, the States would have been shown by classes as well as by individual diseases. To have given an aggregate table showing for each State, for each disease, all of the peculiarities, as age, color, condition, must have required an extent of space, in addition, nearly equal to that of the present volume. Dr. Jarvis says that he has added some diseases omitted in the list sent to him; the omission was accidental, as the terms he specified were adopted in the office work.

Classified and aggregate deaths in the several States.

		y;						SPO	ORADIC,						
STATES.	All causes.	I. Zymotic diseases.	II. Diseases of uncertain or va- riable scat.	III. Diseases of brain and ner- vous system.	IV. Diseases of respiratory or- gans.	V. Dis. of organs of circulation.	VI. Diseases of digestive organs.	VII. Diseases of urinary organs.	VIII. Diseases of generative org'ns and childbirth.	. Dis. of lo otive organ	X. Diseases of the skin.	XI. Old age.	XII. External causes.	XIII. Stillborn.	XIV. Unknown.
Alabama Arkansas. California Columbia, Dist. of, Connecticut Delaware. Florida. Georgia Illinois Indiuna Iowa Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigun Mississippi Missouri New Hampshire New Jersey New York North Carrolina Olio Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carrolina Chie E Minnessta Missouri Missouri Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carrolina Chie Texas Vermont Virginia. Wisconsin Missouria Missouria Texas Vermont Virginia. Wisconsin	5, 781 1, 209 9, 925 11, 759 12, 708 2, 044 15, 083 11, 956 7, 584 9, 621 19, 404 4, 515 8, 721 12, 292 45, 000 10, 165 28, 957 28, 957 28, 951 2, 294	3, 020 1, 855 6, 655 6, 531 1, 957 7, 189 8, 64 8, 65 7, 189 8, 64 8, 65 8, 67	9 84 4577.822.977 9121.4983.512.4983.552.5212.498.498.498.498.498.498.498.498.498.498	676 1444 188 89 517 117 127 878 878 878 878 878 878 878 878 878 8	1,1744 890 105 11978 1,208 1,384 1,709 2,1015 1,384 4,418 1,051 1,051 1,051 1,051 1,052 1,105 1,052 1,105 1,052 1,	12 106 5 82 82 87 39 68 50 76 129 885 30 45	709 2544 6 6 87 195 5 6 88 114 4 114 4 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14	86 5 5 2 2 6 8 1 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 5 1 6 1 8 1 1 7 1 8 2 2 1 1 1 1 7 1 8 2 2 1 1 1 1 7 1 8 2 2 1 1 1 1 7 1 8 2 2 1 1 1 1 7 1 8 2 2 1 1 1 1 7 1 8 2 2 1 1 1 1 7 1 8 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		411 81 81 82 83 83 83 84 64 64 67 70 70 70 85 85 86 86 86 86 86 86 87 70 70 70 71 119 81 110 111 113 114 115 116 116 117 118 118 118 118 118 118 118	182 1114 2018 1118 11160 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 201	176 89 2 29 25 25 248 248 167 170 810 100 1100 279 272 279 279 279 279 279 279 279 279	616 132 88 88 2440 663 832 81100 5699 802 657 195 61146 2811 1, 633 1146 281 1014 1014 1014 1014 1014 1014 1014 10	77 7 2 29 4 4 888 117 15 10 20 6 888 117 111 29 6 6 11 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15	1,791 4811 104 518 298 11,792 29,478 11,792 20,478 11,700

Second. Age and sex of deceased. This table, combined with the cause of death, could not be made up more minutely. The ages were selected after consultation with leading medical writers in different parts of the Union. The results would have been more valuable had it been possible, within the space allotted, to separate the several colors, native and foreign. Tables of the living population at

the several ages are also given. The following will show the aggregate number who died at each age, male and female, in the United States, arranged according to classes, and also the ratios per cent to the total living of those ages, and to the total deaths of all ages, exclusive of unknown.

		Unde	r 1.		1 :	und 1	ınder	Б.	ō a	and u	nder .	10.	10	and u	inder	20.
	Males.	Ratio.	Fem'les.	Ratio.	Males.	Ratio.	Femles.	Ratio.	Males.	Ratio.	Fem'les.	Ratio.	Males.	Ratio.	Fem1es.	Ratio.
ALL CAUSES 1. Zymotic diseases 11. Diseases of uncertain	29569 10828	0,20 3,49	24696 9286	$7.94 \\ 2.97$	36849 19 71 6	2,50 1.86	82864 17957	2.28 1.27	11549 6422	0.70	10172 5856	0.68 0.87	18760 6258	$0.51 \\ 0.23$	14485 6478	0.53 0.24
or variable seat III. Diseases of brain and		0.44					1451	l i		0.04	562	0.04	937	0.03	879	0.03
nervous system 1v. Diseases of the respi-		1.08	2685					0.18		0.05		0.04	1	0.04		0.03
v. Dis. of the organs	2778			0.71	8815 * 67		8018			0.06		0.06		0.08		0.12
of circulation vi. Diseases of the di- gestive organs		$0.04 \\ 0.48$		i			2690			0.03		0.08	l	0.02		0.04
vu. Diseases of the uri-	1 1	0.01			i	,				0.00		0.00		0.02		0.01
viii. Dis, of the generati'e org'ns and childb'th							5						1			0.02
IX. Diseases of the loco- motive organsX. Diseases of the skin		$0.02 \\ 0.02$	51	$\frac{0.02}{0.02}$		0.01		0.01	94	0.01				0.01		
XI. Old age		0.02 0.25		0.02			1036	1 1		0.05	597	0.08		0.05	14	0.02
xiii. Stillbornxiv. Unknown	217	0.07	160	0.05				1	!	1	988					
20 and under 50.	50 8	und u	nder t		-		nder				l over			Tota		
Males. Ralio. Females. Ratio.	Males.	Ratio.	Females.	Ratio.	Males.	Ratio.	Females.	Ratio.	Males.	Ratio.	Females.	- Carrier	Males.	Ratio.	Females.	Ratio.
ALL. 48778 1.05 41784 0.9 1. 21488 0.46 13866 0.8 11. 2316 0.65 8000 0.0 11. 2471 0.05 1687 0.0	2068 2234	2.62 0.68 0.29 0.22	2829 1758	0.38 0.30	472 847	1.29 1.21 1.18 0.88	847	10,64 1,02 0,74 0,76	178 10 12 8	6.06	190 12 3 0 11 0 2 0	85 17 20 7 74 1		1.46 0.61 0.09		1.82 0.52 0.09
v. 11871 0.26 12446 0.29 v. 487 0.01 899 0.0 vi. 1548 0.08 1805 0.0 vii. 165 57	1 512 3 1237 500	$0.60 \\ 0.05 \\ 0.12 \\ 0.05$	877 778 68	0.50 0.04 0.08 0.01	50 89	$ \begin{array}{c} 1.14 \\ 0.12 \\ 0.21 \\ 0.28 \end{array} $	420 80 88 4	0.89 0.06 0.07	$\frac{4}{1}$ (0.87	5 0.	84 2	27540 1384 8237 920	0.28	27260 1151 6985 181	$\begin{array}{c} 0.24 \\ 0.01 \\ 0.06 \\ \end{array}$
VIII	1 265 60 1888	0.08 0.14 0.11	$\frac{43}{1799}$	0.02	9 2571	$\begin{array}{c} 0.05 \\ 0.02 \\ 0.18 \\ 0.21 \end{array}$	$\frac{2}{2934}$	0.03 0.22 0.12	183 19		156 io.	55	1088 280 4111 9315	0.01	732 280 4910	0.04 0.01 0.04 0.03
xiv. 42140.00 4638 0.1		1	3		1 1											

Ratio per cent. at each age to the total of all ages by classes, exclusive of unknown.

	Unde	er 1.	1 and der		5 and der	un- 10.	10 an der	d un- 20.	20 an der	d an- 50.	50 an der		S0 and			and
	No.	Ratio.	No.	Ratio.	No.	Ratio.	No.	Ratio.	No.	Ratio.	No.	Ratio.	No.	Ratio.	No.	Ratio.
ALL CAUSES. I. II. III. IV. V. VI. VII. VIII. IX. X. X. XII. XIII. XIV. XIV.	20064 2686 6079, 4981 224 2814 85 117 115 1567 877	15.21 12.53 25,56 9.09 8.82 18.55	87678 8248 5479 6838 122 5576 47 5 171 90	28.58 15.48 28.08 11.56 4.82 36.75 4.27 .18 9.66 17.44	128 1009 85 154 80	9.32 5.98 6.57 8.54 5.04 6.65 8.18 5.81	12(3) 1816 1830 5437 251 776 64 893 825 83	9.66 8.63 7.70 9.92 9.90 5.11 5.82 10.28 18.86 6.40	35349 5412 4108 24317 830 2548 222 8880 507 182 21 4514	26.84 25.72 17.26 44.86 88. 18.77 20.16 88.21 29.65 25.58 34.71	12079 5797 8987 10804 889 2010 572 49 451 108 8176 1896	9.16 27.55 16.76 19.72 85.07 18.25 51.95 1.27 25.48 19.96 85.18	819 676 900 122 122 122 1 1 86 11 5505 141	74 8.89 2.84 1.64 8.16 .81 11.08 .08 2.08	15 19 6 9 2 289	.01 .09 .03 .02 .01 .18



THIRD. Color and condition. What is said in the last paragraph with reference to ages need not be repeated here; this table will be found of much value, and for comparison a table is extracted from the Compendium of the Census showing the whites, free colored, and slaves, in each State, and also the blacks and mulattoes. The following table is presented, showing the deaths and per cent. to the total living of each color and condition:

	WHIT	ES.				COLO	ORED.				
				Sla	ves.	-		Fr	ce.		deaths.
	r i		Bla	eks.	Mula	ttoes.	Bla	eks.	Mula	ttoes.	ggregate d
	Total.	Ratio.	Total.	Ratio.	Total.	Ratio.	Total.	Ratio.	Total.	Ratio.	Aggre
All causes. I. Zymotic diseases II. Uncertain seat III. Nevvous organs IV. Respirative organs V. Circulative organs VI. Digestive organs VII. Urinary organs VIII. Generative organs IX. Locomotive organs X. Integumentive organs XI. Old age	204601 112515 16915 20485 46131 2255 11199 990 8061 1462 456 7148	0.09 0.10 0.28 0.01 0.06	16088 8453 2671 6874 190 8505 96 684 285	0.54 0.12 0.09 0.28 0.01 0.12 0.02 0.01	1166 203 228 482 15 251 8 43	0.48 0.08 0.09 0.18 0.10 0.02 0.01	1461 844 881 1058 55 144 10 26 85 4	0.58 0.12 0.38 0.02 0.06 0.01	129 127 810 20 78 2 28 17	0.87 0.08 0.08 0.20 0.01 0.05	181913 21044 29787 54900 2535 15172 1101 8842 1770
XII, External causes XIII, Stillborn XIV, Unknown	9144 314 32576	0.05	8874 52	0.12	224 4 618	0.09	189 8	0.07		0.05	18000 871

FOURTH. Nativity. The returns show the exact nativity in each instance, but it was necessary to condense for the native population according to the several great sections of the Union, to wit, New England, &c. The foreign nativities are condensed even more. By Germans are meant those from all Germanic sources, viz: Prussia, Austria, Holland, &c. In the aggregate tables of the United States those born in the State in which they died are separately given. Those born in New England in the same tables must be understood to mean those born in that section who died out of the State in which they were born; the same for the other sections. This must be known to fully comprehend the table. The proportion of foreign deaths to the whole foreign population of the Union shows more favorably, no doubt, than is the fact, since in all cases where the nativity was left blank and not marked, "unknown," by the marshal the party was construed to have been born in the State-this being always implied where the contrary was not expressed. Most valuable tables could have been given had we been able to show the ages of deceased foreigners, for it is by reference to these only that any comparative ratios of mortality, native and foreign, can be framed. There is sufficient, however, to indeate that the mortality among foreigners does not differ so widely from that of the natives as has been supposed. Several tables of nativities of the living population are included; the one below combines the mortality with nativities.

Deaths, Native and Foreign, with Ratios to Living Population.

		All classes	s,	Per cent. to total		Total native		Per cent.	Per et, foreign.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	deaths.	living populat'n.	deaths	deaths.	including slave.	
ALL CAUSES I. ZYMOTIC DISEASES SPORADIC DISEASES.	172S00 72476		328028 181813	40.811		288336 118537	82970 17 6 38		1.469 .786
II. Diseases of uncertain or variable seat III. Diseases of brain and	10624	1 0420	21044	6.514	.091	19427	1502	.093	.067
nervous system IV. Diseases of respiratory	18392	10395	23787	7.868	.102	22184	1524	.106	.068
organs V. Diseases of the organs	27540	27260	54S00	16.965	. 285	49551	5021	.286	.224
of circulation VI. Diseases of digestive	1884	1151	2535	.785	.011	2288	298	.011	.018
organs VII. Disease of urinary or-	8237	6985	15172	4.696	- 066	14203	931	.0 6 8	.042
VIII. Diseases of generative	920	191	1101	.844	.005	996	97	.005	.004
organs and childbirth IX. Diseases of locomotive		3842		1.189	.017	8292	582	.016	.024
X. Diseases of the skin	1088 280	782 286		.544		1606	154	.008	
XI. Old age	4111	4916	9027	$\frac{.160}{2.794}$		468 7987	50 994	.002	.002
XII. External causes	9815	8691	18006	4.026	.056	11275	1648	.054	
XIII. Stillborn XIV. Unknown	217 28266	160 20905	$\frac{877}{44283}$	117 18.692	.002 .191	377 41250	2586	.002	

FIFTH. Occupations. These also were necessarily classed, adopting very nearly the classification used in the Compendium of the Census. "Agriculture," and "Other Occupations," are the same in both tables; "Educational" of Mortality Report includes the "Army," "Law, Medicine, &c.," "Government Civil Service," and "Other Educational Pursuits." "Commercial" of Compendium embraces the similar head in this work, combined with "Mechanical" of that. "Sea and River Navigation," embraced with "Commercial." "Domestic Servants," included with "Labor," not "Agricultural." The table cannot show the tendency of certain pursuits to longevity, or the contrary, but only how far these pursuits are more or less exposed to the influence of certain diseases. The occupation of slaves, though given in many cases on the returns, were not taken off for publication, since no similar tables could be framed for the living slave population. The occupation of females is, for a similar reason, not given in the mortality tables.

Sixth. Duration of Sickness. The periods selected are as many as could be embraced; the results are also aggregated.

Seventh. Season of Decease. It was impossible to give the months in detail; the seasons were selected after consultation with medical writers. It is obvious that these would include practically different months in different sections. In order to show the fall diseases by autumn is intended in the publication August, September, and October; winter will therefore embrace November, December, and January, &c. This is somewhat arbitrary, but no arrangement by seasons for all sections of the Union could be less so. The table annexed condenses the results and gives the appropriate ratios.

Season of decease and duration of illness.

			Sca	Duration of sickness.								
	Spring,	Ratio.	Summer.	Ratio.	Autumn.	Ratio.	Winter.	Ratio.	Ratio under 1 week.	Ratio 1 week under 1 m'th.	Ratio 1 month under 3 m's.	Ratio 3 mo'ths and over.
V. Organs of circulation VI. Digestive organs VII. Urinary organs VIII. Generative organs, and childbirth. IX. Locomotive organs X. Diseases of the skin. XI. Old age. XIII. External causes XIII. Stillborn.	21298 5598 6610 18299 711 8280 804 1168 540 181 2658 8446	16.15 26.58 27.70 83.89 28.05 21.62 27.61 80.51 25.80 29.89 26.50 27.59	40768 5775 6174 12791 671 4800 277 985 451 180 2217 3625 102	30.93 27.44 25.96 28.84 26.47 28.84 25.16 25.48 25.48 25.20 24.56 27.87	50567 5252 6128 11279 569 4952 253 838 410 150 2081 2875 82	38.36 24.96 25.74 20.58 22.44 32.64 22.98 21.81 28.16 30.81 28.05 22.10 21.75	17687 4200 4611 11858 507 2487 258 825 825 856 83 2000 2840 77	18.42 19.96 19.88 21.64 22.37 16.39 23.48 21.47 20.11 17.05 22.16 21.84 20.42	41.65 12.98 48.60 12.01 29.51 80.89 11.17 45.39 0.72 18.95 14.87 65.89	89,16 22,88 80,90 25,54 22,17 85,80 82,61 84,98 24,80 84,69 16,92 9,95	7.19 18.66 5.99 10.44 11.40 11.52 12.16 6.12 12.20 16.09 7.12 2.71	39.84 9.29 42.18 28.55 13.99 84.97 8.80 44.41 24.08 19.03 2.64

The tables prepared for this work do not, as must have been expected, harmonize in all particulars with those previously published by the office in regard to the mortality returns. In such a multitude of figures differences were but natural. They do not, however, reach an amount to affect in an appreciable degree the ratios. The work was all prepared anew, and with severe revisions. The tables of the Compendium being, nevertheless, valuable and necessary for illustration, are incorporated. (See table IV., p. 37.)

Table VI., on pages 29–31, and also the table on page 11, will be

Table VI., on pages 29-31, and also the table on page 11, will be found in several unimportant particulars to differ from the other tables. At the time of going to press they were not harmonized, but as the difference in no case affects the ratio the fortieth part of one per cent., it was conceived best not to reject the tables.

It ought to have been observed before, that, for condensation in the State tables, the unknown "season of decease" and "duration of sickness" are omitted, but can be always ascertained easily by deductions from the totals.

To Mr. Shattuck, of Boston, and Dr. Barton, of New Orleans, the office expresses its indebtedness for many important suggestions, and for the aid which has been derived from their invaluable Sanitary Reports.

The clerical and typographical errors discovered upon examination in the State sheets are corrected in the aggregate tables, including cases of manifest inconsistencies of disease, with age and sex, such as an adult dying of a disease of infancy, &c.

The total female slaves in Mississippi should read 2389 instead of 238, the 9 being dropped in the print. The total nativities of Massachusetts should read 1170 instead of 116.

Note.—Extracted from Compendium, pp. 106-107.

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The following exhibits the proportion of annual deaths to the whole population of certain European countries: Norway, one in 54; Sweden, one in 41; Russia, one in 292-100; Denmark, one in 40; Mecklenburg, one in 46; Saxony, one in 34; Wurtemburg, one in 31; North Holland, one in 306-10; Mecklenburg, one in 48; France, one in 396-10; Azores, one in 48; Genoa, one in 2347.

Number and centesimal proportions of deaths of different ages that occurred in Irelaud during 10 years, between June 6th, 1831, and June 6th, 1831.

Births to 1 year, 269,190, 23.38 per cent.; 2 to 5 years, 165,918, 14.41 per cent.; 6 to 10 years, 58,272, 5.06 per cent.; 11 to 20 years, 83,250, 7.28 per cent.; 21 to 30 years, 101,518, 8.82 per cent.; 31 to 40 years, 86,655, 7.52 per cent.; 41 to 50 years, 82,587, 7.17 per cent.; 51 to 60 years, 105,518, 9.48 per cent.; 61 to 70 years, 83,657, 7.77 per cent.; 11 to 80 years, 69,997, 6.08 per cent.; 51 to 90 years, 27,579, 2.40 per cent.; 91 to 100 years, 8,365, 0.73 per cent.; ages not specified, 36,120. Total, 1,187,374, 100.00 per cent.

In Boston, according to the report of the Sanitary Commission, the number of deaths of persons under five years of age during a period of nine years, was 11,705, being nine per cent. annually of the total population of that age; of persons aged from five to ten years, 1,312 or 1.28 per cent.; from ten to fifteen years, 683 or 0.72 per cent.; from the total population of that age; of persons aged from five to ten years, 1,312 or 1.28 per cent.; from ten to fifteen years, 683 or 0.72 per cent.; from the total population of that age; of persons aged from five to ten years, 1,312 or 1.28 per cent.; from fifty to sixty, 1,273 or 2.97 per cent.; from fifty to sixty, 1,273 or 2.97 per cent.; from sixty to seventy, 1,657 or 4.75 per cent.; from seventy to eighty, 787 or 9.78 per cent.; from fifty to finety, 370 or 19.04 per cent.; over ninety, 75 or 29.64 per cent.; those of all ages, 26,127 or 2.58 per cent.

from eighty to ninety, 379 or 19.04 per cent.; over minety, 73 or 20.04 per cent.; mose of an ages, 20,15, or 2.58 per cent.

In New York, according to the annual report of the City Inspector, there were in 1553, 22,702 deaths, of which 12,230 were males and 10,472 females. Those of foreign birth were 7,104. Of the age of one year and under, there were 7,724 deaths; of one to two years, 2,942; of two to five, 2,297; of five to ten, 771; of ten to twenty, 854; of twenty to thirty, 2,441; of thirty to forty, 2,637; of forty to fifty, 1,418; of fifty to sixty, 866; of sixty to seventy, 671; of seventy to eighty, 499, of eighty to ninety, 140; of ninety to one hundred, 34; of one hundred and over, 2; ages unknown, 51. Here follows the ratio to total mortality in each decade in New York:

	Age.	1847.	1	848.		1849.	1:	S50.	18	351.	18	352.	1853.		
Birth to	10 20	1 to 1.60 " 24.48				0 1.57									
20 "	30	" 8.10		$\frac{24.54}{8.16}$	١	0.10	"	9.59	66	$\substack{25.50 \\ -8.70}$	44	$\frac{26.93}{9.89}$	61	26.58 9.30	
40 4	40 50,	" 12.34	61	$\frac{8.60}{12.60}$		10.96	"	$10.61 \\ 15.48$	66	111.011		$10.78 \\ 15.76$	44	$11.14 \\ 16.07$	
60 "	60 70	* 26.72		$\frac{19.82}{28.20}$	ı	$^{\circ}$ 19.15 $^{\circ}$ 25.89		$\frac{22.64}{31.41}$		40.10		$24.54 \\ 84.84$	64	20.04	
80 "	\$0 90	1 "103,18		$\frac{37.12}{74.65}$		$^48.02$ $^4105.19$		56.59 94.30		$\frac{60.00}{128.25}$		55.85 120.05		51.71 162.16	
90 ** :	100 and upwards	" 451,00		$\frac{469.60}{111.25}$		" 552.Se		943.00 90.25	41	$710.00 \\ 208.75$		600.00 175.61		$667.71 \\ 445.13$	

In Philadelphia, according to the report of the Board of Health for 1850, the total number of deaths during the year was \$,500, of whom 2,557 were under one year of age; 1,055 between one and two years; 930 between two and five; 419 between 5 and ten; 145 between ten and fifteen; 212 between fifteen and twonty; 1,649 males and 1,512 females of twenty and upwards; 450 over seventy.

In Baltimare, by the report of the Board of Health, there were in 1850, 4,576 deaths, of which 411 were still-born; 935 of persons under one year of age; 500 between one and two years; 414 between two and five; 174 between five and ten; 93 between ten and fifteen; 144 between fifteen and twenty; 435 between two and five; 174 between five and forty, 336 between forty and fifty; 195 between fifty and sixty; 207 between sixty and seventy; 152 between seventy and cighty; 59 between cighty and ninety; 21 between ninety and one hundred.

In Charleston, according to the report of the Board of Health in 1850, there were 216 deaths of white males; 656. (This was a sickly year.) Of these, 702 were native born; 125 foreign: 29 were born in other States of the Union.

Mobile.—The following table from Fennar's "Southern Modical Beauty? ince the deaths.

Mobile.—The following table from Fenner's "Southern Medical Reports" gives the deaths in Mobile during the years 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, and 1848.

Years— Whites. 1844 1845 1846 1847 1848	154	15 65 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68	17 17 22 22 72	13 10 25		37 41 64	93 87 37	11 7 11 8 20 muler	19 1 2 3 4 5 6	2 12 2 : 170 under	: St) under	2 5 L 5 15: 90 under 100.	1	194 197 284 284 1,297	i9 3	49	32 18 25 60	14 6 9 9 8 10 under	180 140 140 140 140 140 140 140 140 140 14	10 10 10 18	108 40 nuder	200 00 00 mder	2 P 12 1 1 60 under		.: 1 1: So under	un 06 :1 1 1 :	: : : : Over 100.	30 122 81 148 168	Toto of all
Blacks. 1844 1845 1846 1847. 1948 Total.	8 3 1 12 20 47	26 28 17 25 96	-	2 6 8 41 59	14	14	11	8 6 5	1 6 5	4	_	3	i	89 71 80 102 103 470	28 1 0	26 25	6 11 22	9		3 6 2 4 12 27	1 4 6 8		1 5 2 2	1	2	2		28 49 61 64 98	286 489 450 598

In New Orleans the Board of Health reported for the year preceding June, 1850, 7,265 deaths against 8,641 reported in the Census. The following table will show the ages and color of those dying in 1849 and 1850 at turned only in part. About 1,400 were mentioned by the marshal without any particulars, and were not therefore included in the mortality table.