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As this report is intended to serve several different classes of readers, in order to facilitate reference, we wish to point out that the report is arranged in four distinct parts:

I. An "Abstract" which gives in a few words the gist of the Board's conclusions. This is intended for those who have no time to read more.

II. The "Summary and Conclusions" with a specific report on House Bill 211 of the Eleventh Legislature. This gives the present attitude of the Board and states conclusions, points out some of the questions unsolved, and gives four definite recommendations.

III. The body of the report. Here the Board has gone somewhat into detail and gives the reasons from which it was led to make the conclusions contained in the summary. Anyone who wishes to obtain any adequate conception of the main features of the tuberculosis problem will find the body of the report indispensable.

IV. The "Appendices." Here are collected certain data and illustrative laws which would be cumbersome in the body of the report, but are of great service for illustrative purposes.

The statistical data is peculiarly interesting, as it illustrates several important points in regard to our own tuberculosis problem that does not hold good generally elsewhere. Noteworthy points are:

1. The low average death rate for the state in both consumption and all forms.
2. The relatively high rate from other forms than consumption.
3. The difference in first-class cities and in the rest of the state.
4. The difference in death rates between those portions of the state which are to the east and the west of the Cascade mountains respectively.

ABSTRACT