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To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives.

I have the honor to submit herewith, as required by law, the Fifty-sixth Annual Registration Report, relating to the births, marriages and deaths occurring in Massachusetts and registered in the several cities and towns during the year ending Dec. 31, 1897; and containing, also, the reports relating to libels for divorce in the several counties, and the returns of deaths the causes and manner of which have been investigated by the medical examiners during the year 1897.

In tabulating returns of births and deaths still-births are not included, this plan having been adopted in the report for 1896. The only record of still-births appears in Table III.

The rule adopted in the report of 1891 of restricting the exhibition of tabular results to such as are plainly of practical utility within the meaning of the statute by authority of which the tables are prepared, is continued, and the report is again edited by FRANCIS A. HARRIS, M.D.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

WM. M. OLIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS,

REGISTERED IN

MASSACHUSETTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

TABLE I. — POPULATION [1895], — BIRTHS,

General Abstract, exhibiting, in Connection with the Population Deaths registered in Each County and Town in Massachusetts Children Born, the Nativity of Persons Married, and the Sex, ber who died.

THE STATE AND COUNTIES.	Population, State Census, 1895.	BIRTHS.								
		Whole No.	SEX.			PARENTAGE.				
			M.	F.	Unk.	Native.	For.	Na. Pa. and For. Mo.	For. Pa. and Na. Mo.	Unk.
MASSACHUSETTS,	2,500,153	73,205	37,659	35,549	27	21,324	35,256	7,152	6,760	207
BARNSTABLE,	27,654	452	247	205	-	318	94	33	27	-
BERKSHIRE,	86,292	2,474	1,308	1,165	1	1,220	761	223	264	5
BRISTOL,	219,019	8,092	4,171	3,920	1	1,800	4,862	662	757	11
DUKES,	4,238	61	33	27	1	37	17	5	2	-
ESSEX,	339,393	8,560	4,396	4,160	4	3,056	5,697	968	809	30
FRANKLIN,	46,145	865	441	424	-	488	242	61	74	2
HAMPDEN,	152,938	3,179	2,651	2,525	3	1,924	2,397	507	444	7
HAMPSHIRE,	54,719	1,246	629	617	-	549	456	116	122	5
MIDDLESEX,	499,217	14,015	7,254	6,761	19	4,357	6,574	1,460	1,301	33
NANTUCKET,	3,016	44	22	22	-	25	3	11	5	-
NORFOLK,	131,819	3,229	1,715	1,514	-	1,249	1,287	331	322	26
PLYMOUTH,	161,498	2,104	1,071	1,032	1	1,078	619	229	175	-
SUFFOLK,	539,799	18,167	9,221	8,943	5	4,886	10,040	1,669	1,460	77
WORCESTER,	306,415	8,687	4,530	4,154	3	2,929	4,607	827	660	18

MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS, 1897.

according to the State Census of 1895, the Births, Marriages, and during the Year 1897, — distinguishing the Sex and the Parentage of Nativity, and Aggregate and Average Ages by Counties of the Num-

MARRIAGES.						DEATHS.								
Com- plices.	NATIVITY.					Persons.	SEX.		NATIVITY.			No. whose Ages are returned.	AGE.	
	Na- tive.	For.	Na. Groom.	For. Groom.	Unk.		M.	F.	Na- tive.	For.	Unk.		Agg'te.	Av'ge.
23,003	10,619	1,510	2,751	2,389	6	47,419	24,064	23,415	34,016	12,929	447	47,379	1,615,316	34.73
198	156	18	13	11	-	514	*274	240	496	46	2	513	26,090	50.86
663	384	145	67	65	2	1,552	690	662	1,601	331	26	1,346	53,007	39.42
2,330	854	972	269	263	2	4,900	2,455	2,454	3,568	1,362	39	4,906	142,621	39.07
55	24	7	2	2	-	83	34	49	86	3	-	83	4,078	49.13
2,700	1,220	826	371	283	-	3,692	*2,838	2,854	4,127	1,497	68	5,682	204,810	36.01
291	212	42	14	23	-	633	313	320	523	98	12	609	29,218	46.38
1,551	647	566	167	171	-	2,997	1,456	1,421	2,149	735	32	2,906	99,553	31.95
376	295	190	40	30	-	947	448	499	733	205	7	946	39,618	41.88
4,132	1,769	1,302	559	421	-	9,098	4,579	4,526	6,494	2,515	83	9,059	311,393	34.26
22	11	2	4	5	-	60	32	28	58	2	-	60	3,527	38.78
889	456	244	91	95	-	2,218	1,128	1,090	1,624	563	31	2,214	94,282	42.59
733	481	115	76	61	-	1,620	880	740	1,305	305	9	1,620	68,378	42.21
6,444	2,415	2,525	832	671	1	12,601	6,078	5,923	7,988	3,902	111	12,001	376,417	31.37
2,063	1,229	656	289	288	1	3,587	2,778	2,609	3,981	1,302	43	3,283	201,161	37.07

* Including 19 fishermen lost at sea.

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