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STATE DEPARTMENT,
Lansing, Mich., April 1, 1910.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, FRED M. WARNER, GOVERNOR:

SIR—I hereby transmit the Forty-second Annual Registration Report of Michigan, containing statistics of births and deaths, marriages and divorces in this State during the year 1908, as required by law.

Respectfully,

FREDERICK C. MARTINDALE,
Secretary of State.



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