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PROVIDENCE, December, 1888.

To the Honorable General Assembly:

The Thirty-Fifth Annual Report upon the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Rhode Island, during the year 1887, is herewith respectfully submitted.

The plan of previous years, in regard to the general arrangement of Tables, summaries and comments, has been followed in this report, a few special changes only having been made to meet certain requirements.

In the special Tables the object has been to present the important facts of many years of registration, as well as of single years, in such manner as to make them readily apparent, and relieve the reader of the statistics of much of the labor of personal examination of the general Tables, for the purpose of ascertaining the relation the various facts bear to each other.

In the computation of the ratios of births, marriages and deaths, in proportion to the population, it will be obvious that absolutely exact results cannot be obtained for non-census years, inasmuch as the exact population cannot be known in other than those years in which a census of the population is taken.

The plan, therefore, adopted of late years in the preparation of the reports, has been to obtain from the officials of the different towns and cities the estimated population of their respective towns and cities in the middle of the year, according to their best knowledge and belief. The data thus obtained has served as a basis for the rate-computations for the different civil divisions.

The estimate of the population of the State, at the middle of the year, and upon which the birth, marriage and death rates for the State are computed, is obtained by assuming that the rate of increase of population, since the taking of the census in the middle of the year 1885, has been the same as during the years between the two last census enumerations.

No other method has seemed to present results so approximate and trustworthy.

The general results of vital registration, during 1887, are as follows :

BIRTHS.

SEX.		PARENTAGE.	
Males.....	3,908	American.....	3,607
Females.....	3,700	Foreign.....	4,061
Whole number of births.....		7,608	

MARRIAGES.

Native born Groom and Bride.....	1,405
Foreign born Groom and Bride.....	806
Native Groom and Foreign Bride.....	308
Foreign Groom and Native Bride.....	263
Whole number of marriages.....	2,889

DEATHS.

SEX.		PARENTAGE.	
Males.....	3,177	American.....	2,928
Females.....	3,183	Foreign.....	3,414
Whole number of deaths.....		6,360	

There was one birth to every 41.3 of the population, or..... 24.2 births in every 1,000.
 One person married in every 55.3 of the population, or..... 18 persons married in every 1,000.
 And one death in every 50.3 of the population, or..... 19.9 deaths in every 1,000.

The following summary will show the rates, per 1,000 of the population, of births, marriages and deaths, for eight years :

	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
Birth rates.....	22.9	24.4	24.7	24.4	23.9	23.1	24.5	24.2
Death rates.....	17.5	18.1	18.3	18.1	17.1	17.7	18.8	19.9
Excess of Birth rates over Death rates.....	5.3	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.8	5.4	5.7	4.3
Marriage rates.....	20.0	19.8	19.1	18.5	17.2	16.3	17.7	18.0

With great respect,

CHAS. H. FISHER,

State Registrar.



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