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*Abstract of Sanitary Reports received through the Department of State from foreign countries during the week ended April 13, 1888, and information received through other channels.*

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*England and Wales.*—The deaths registered in 28 great towns of England and Wales during the week ended March 24 corresponded to an annual rate of 21.1 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 9,398,273. The lowest rate was recorded in Huddersfield, viz., 14.8, and the highest in Plymouth, viz., 37.6 a thousand. Small-pox caused 17 deaths in Sheffield, 1 in Bristol, 2 in Blackburn, 2 in Hull, 1 in Nottingham, 1 in Manchester, and 1 in Sunderland.

During the year 1887, 191,887 deaths were registered, being in the proportion of 20.8 a thousand of the population, and including 332 deaths from small-pox, 278 of which occurred in Sheffield.

*London.*—One thousand six hundred and fifty-five deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 18; scarlet fever, 24; diphtheria, 17; whooping-cough, 80; enteric fever, 10; typhus, 1; diarrhœa and dysentery, 6. Diseases of the respiratory organs caused 457 deaths; and different forms of violence, 64. Four cases of suicide were registered. The deaths from all causes corresponded to an annual rate of 20.2 a thousand. In greater London 2,064 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 19.5 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" 23 deaths from whooping-cough; scarlet fever, 7; diphtheria, 8; and fever, 6, were registered.

*Ireland.*—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended March 24 in the 16 principal town districts of Ireland was 30.8 a thousand of the population. The lowest rate was recorded in Sligo, viz., 9.6, and the highest in Waterford, viz., 48.6 a thousand. In Dublin 201 deaths were registered, including 4 from whooping-cough; measles, 5; scarlet fever, 4; typhus, 1; dysentery, 2; diarrhœa, 1; and erysipelas, 1.

*Catania, Italy.*—Four thousand and thirty-one deaths were registered during the year 1887, including 679 from cholera.



## UNITED STATES.

*Charleston.*—The medical officer in charge of the Marine-Hospital Service reported, under date of the 7th instant, that “a seaman from the schooner ‘Lillie F. Schmidt,’ out of New York on the 19th ultimo, presented himself for treatment at this office to-day. I found him to be suffering with small-pox, on the fourth day of the eruption, and have reported the fact to the health authorities of the city, who have taken charge of the case. It is probable that he will be sent to the quarantine station.”

The vessel was immediately towed to the quarantine station in the harbor, by direction of the health officer, and on the 9th instant sent to the United States quarantine station at Sapelo Sound, where the vessel is now undergoing quarantine.

*Norfolk.*—The medical officer in charge of the Marine-Hospital Service reported, under date of the 5th instant, the removal of a seaman from St. Vincent Hospital to the city pest-house, suffering with small-pox. The patient came from New York on the schooner “Henry Parker.” The vessel and crew are now undergoing quarantine.

By order of the Supervising Surgeon-General :

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