

Of the total number of deaths 7,419 died before they reached the age of 1 year; 2,495 before the end of 2nd year; 1,133 before the 3rd year; 736 before the 4th, and 524 before the end of the 5th year, or a total of 12,307 before the end of the 5th year. Of those who reached 100 years and upwards there were 21; 15 females and 6 males—a circumstance which has been frequently observed, viz. that more females than males reach this great age.

The number of suicides during the year was 148; 123 males, and 25 females. The report says the most "popular agents resorted to for self-destruction were pistols" of which there were 49; hanging 20; poisons 47, of the latter Paris green caused 15.

The total number of births for the year was 25,569—13,074 males and 12,495 females; or 634 less than the number of deaths.

APPOINTMENT.—Dr. N. H. Beemer has been appointed assistant physician to the Asylum for the Insane, London. Prior to his leaving Wyoming he was made the recipient of an address and presentation of several articles of silver plate, by a number of his friends as a token of their regard and esteem. The Dr. carries with him the good-wishes of a large number of friends and acquaintances.

REMOVALS.—Dr. C. W. Covernton, formerly of Simcoe, Ont., has removed to this city. His office is on the corner of Church and Queen sts., in the house formerly occupied by Dr. Rosebrugh. Dr. McDonald, of Guelph, is also about to remove to Toronto, having rented the premises occupied by the late Dr. Hodder.

Dr. Stevenson, formerly of L'Orignal, Ont., has removed to Montreal. He was entertained at a public dinner by his friends in and around L'Orignal, prior to his leaving. His Honor Judge Daniell presided, and a pleasant evening was spent by all present, and one long to be remembered.

The death of Dr. Blundell, of London, at the age of 87 years, is announced in the British medical press of a late date. Also that of Dr. Fleetwood Churchill, of Dublin, in the 70th year of his age.

The death of Dr. L. P. Vandell, of Louisville, Ky., in the 73rd year of his age, is announced.

Reports of Societies.

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The regular quarterly meeting of this Board was held at Lansing, January 8, 1878. Dr. Kedzie, President, gave a brief statement of some interesting experiments which he had recently made in relation to the permeability of walls and clothing, and the relation of these to the healthful condition of houses and clothing.

Leroy Parker read a report on a proposed amendment to a law requiring the transmission by the county clerks to the secretary of state, of the names and postoffice addresses of coroners as well as those of other county officers now reported. The proposed amendment will enable the state department and the secretary of the state board of health to communicate with these officers, and to learn from them the number of sudden and violent deaths, and the causes of same, with a view to remove the causes when possible. Mr. Parker stated that he had been in correspondence with the authorities of Massachusetts in regard to the recently amended laws of that state relative to coroners and coroners juries, which seem to be much better than the law in this State. He also read a report pointing out the fact that section 6852 of the compiled laws of 1871 makes it the duty of supervisors to prosecute householders and physicians for not giving notice of cases of diseases which endanger the public health. The Secretary reported that circulars had been sent to correspondents, giving details of plan for making weekly reports of diseases; also blanks for the annual reports of 1,224 clerks of local boards of health and 1,102 health officers throughout the State; blanks were also issued to meteorological observers for their monthly reports; the names and addresses of 800 health officers of townships, 28 health officers of cities, and 67 health officers of villages have been received; and six or eight documents were sent to each health officer so reported. Most of these health officers have been appointed because of the past action of this Board. Many of them are physicians.

Dr. Baker presented a bill drawn by Dr. Folsom of the Massachusetts state board of health, to prevent the pollution of streams by sewers, slaughter-houses, manufactories, etc. The Secretary stated