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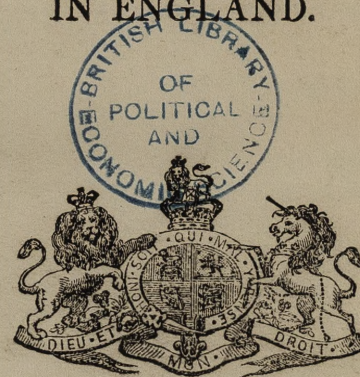
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| Tisbury, 266.         | Wellingborough, 171.        | Wirral, 460.        |
| Tiverton, 293.        | Wellington (Salop), 365.    | Wisbeach, 193.      |
| Todmorden, 495.       | Wellington (Somerset), 314. | Witham, 206.        |
| Torrington, 296.      | Wells, 323.                 | Witney, 161.        |
| Totnes, 284.          | Wem, 363.                   | Woburn, 182.        |
| Towcester, 165.       | Weobly, 349.                | Wokingham, 128.     |
| Tregaron, 598.        | West Ashford, 62.           | Wolstanton, 370.    |
| Truro, 307.           | Westbourne, 94.             | Wolverhampton, 379. |
| Tunbridge, 57.        | West Bromwich, 381.         | Woodbridge, 223.    |
| Tunstead, 230.        | Westbury-on-Severn, 334.    | Woodstock, 160.     |
| Tynemouth, 553.       | Westbury, 259.              | Worcester, 387.     |
| Uckfield, 81.         | West Derby, 462.            | Worksop, 436.       |
| Ulverstone, 486.      | West Ham, 194.              | Worsley, 470.       |
| Uppingham, 420.       | Westhampnett, 91.           | Worthing, 90.       |
| Upton-on-Severn, 388. | West London, 18.            | Wortley, 506.       |
| Uttoxeter, 374.       | Westminster, 4.             | Wrexham, 611.       |
| Uxbridge, 133.        | West Ward, 574.             | Wycombe, 150.       |
| Wakefield, 503.       | Weymouth, 274.              | Yarmouth, 228.      |
| Wallingford, 125.     | Wheatenhurst, 337.          | Yeovil, 319.        |
|                       | Whitby, 531.                | York, 515.          |
|                       | Whitchurch, 117.            |                     |

REPORT.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE VISCOUNT PALMERSTON,  
M.P., G.C.B.,

*Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.*

MY LORD, *General Register Office, 10th January 1853.*

In conformity with the sixth section of the Registration Act, 6 & 7 Wm. IV. cap. 86, I had the honor to submit, in 1851, to Secretary Sir George Grey, a General Abstract of the Marriages, Births, and Deaths which were registered in England and Wales during the year 1849, in order that the same might be laid before Parliament.

I now submit to your Lordship more extended Abstracts of the Marriages, Births, and Deaths in every district, and of the Births and Deaths in every sub-district of England and Wales.

The Causes of Death at each age have been abstracted, but I only publish a part of the tabular results in the present volume.

In the year 1849 the Asiatic cholera, which appeared in 1848, first broke out with great violence, and destroyed 53293 people in England and Wales. An elaborate Report on the mortality of that disease was drawn up in this office by my direction, and published in 1852. I refer to that Report for all the information which this office is able to furnish on that important epidemic.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, and DEATHS in England.

YEARS.	1838	1839	1840	1841	1842	1843	1844	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849
Marriages - -	118067	123166	122665	122496	118825	123818	132249	143743	145604	135845	138230	141883
Persons Married -	236134	246332	245330	244992	237650	247636	264498	287486	291328	271690	276460	283766
Births - - -	463737	492574	502303	512158	517739	527325	540763	543521	572625	539965	563059	578159
Deaths - - -	342760	338984	359687	343847	349519	346445	356933	349366	390315	423304	399833	440839
Excess of Births Registered over Deaths in England - - -	121027	153590	142616	168311	168220	180880	183830	194155	182310	116661	163226	137320
Emigrants from the United Kingdom* - - -	33222	62207	90743	118592	128344	57212	70636	93501	129351	258270	243089	299493

\* Return by the Land and Emigration Commissioners. The number of emigrants who embarked from *English ports* is stated in the Emigration Reports; but it is notorious that many Irish emigrants embark from Liverpool. The Emigration Report does not, unfortunately, distinguish the birth-place of the emigrants.



I republish here, in a collected form, the Quarterly Returns of Marriages, Births, and Deaths for the year 1849. They are the first of the new series of returns from the Registrars, whose statements have ever since that year been collected at this office, tabulated and published at the close of every quarter. The object with which the returns are collected is expressed in the first page; and it is probable that the description of the changes and state of the public health may be useful, as it was written in the midst of the events, from the facts which the Registrars observed, and the information which they furnished from every part of the country.

Marriages registered in England, pursuant to the Act of 6 and 7 Will. IV. cap. 86, in the years 1838-49.

ENGLAND.	MARRIAGES.										
	According to the Rites of the Established Church.					Not according to the Rites of the Established Church.					
	Special Licence.	Licence.	Banns.	Superintendent Registrar's Certificate.	Not stated by which of the foregoing forms.	Total.	In Registered Places of Worship.	In Superintendent Registrar's Office.	Quakers.	Jews.	Total.
In the years ending 30th June 1838	9	13677	68410	493	24612	107201	2076	1093	76	135	4280
" 1839	10	14669	76328	968	22657	114632	4654	1564	73	160	6451
" 1840	10	15564	78642	912	21890	117018	5140	1938	81	152	7311
" 1841	17	15752	77826	856	19997	114448	5816	2036	66	116	8034
In the years ending 31st Dec. 1841	13	15792	78015	972	19579	114371	5882	2064	66	113	8125
" 1842	9	14935	75744	944	18415	110047	6200	2357	58	163	8778
" 1843	8	14544	79849	1222	18014	113637	7152	2817	61	151	10181
" 1844	10	14930	83176	1558	18335	120009	*8564	3446	55	175	12240
" 1845	10	16013	92867	1706	18919	129515	†9997	3977	74	180	14228
" 1846	14	17135	92995	1862	18503	130509	‡10696	4167	68	224	15155
" 1847	14	17052	84863	1968	16979	120876	§10444	4258	83	184	14969
" 1848	13	16896	86519	2170	15871	121469	11718	4790	67	186	16761
" 1849	18	16697	90644	2593	13230	123182	¶12861	5558	53	229	18701

\* Of the 8564 marriages in 1844, 2280 were in Roman Catholic chapels, and 6284 in chapels of other denominations.  
 † Of the 9997 marriages in 1845, 2816 were in Roman Catholic chapels, and 7181 in chapels of other denominations.  
 ‡ Of the 10696 marriages in 1846, 3027 were in Roman Catholic chapels, and 7669 in chapels of other denominations.  
 § Of the 10444 marriages in 1847, 2961 were in Roman Catholic chapels, and 7483 in chapels of other denominations.  
 || Of the 11718 marriages in 1848, 3658 were in Roman Catholic chapels, and 8060 in chapels of other denominations.  
 ¶ Of the 12861 marriages in 1849, 4199 were in Roman Catholic chapels, and 8662 in chapels of other denominations.

Marriages registered in England—continued.

ENGLAND.	Total Marriages.	Not of Age.		Re-marriages.		Signed with Marks.	
		Men.	Women.	Widowers	Widows.	Men.	Women.
In the years ending 30th June 1838	111481	5575	16563	—	—	—	—
" 1839	121083	5628	16414	—	—	40767	59949
" 1840	124329	6101	17909	—	—	41812	62523
" 1841	122482	5537	16391	—	—	40059	59896
In the years ending 31st Dec. 1841	122496	5362	16285	—	—	39954	59680
" 1842	118825	5387	16003	15619	10579	38031	56965
" 1843	123818	5511	16403	16905	10811	40520	60715
" 1844	132249	5515	17410	16941	11183	42912	65073
" 1845	143743	6287	19376	18176	12369	47665	71229
" 1846	145664	6313	20001	18343	12128	47488	70145
" 1847	135845	5556	18118	17564	11602	42429	61877
" 1848	138230	6092	19436	19026	12244	43166	62771
" 1849	141883	6650	21105	19647	12594	44027	65135

MARRIAGES registered in ENGLAND.

Years.	Total Married.	Under Age.		Of Full Age.			
		Number.	Proportion per Cent. to the whole Number Married.	Number.	Proportion per Cent. to the whole Number Married.		
1843	123818 Couples, or 247636 Persons.	Men - -	5511	4'45	Men - -	118307	95'55
		Women -	16403	13'25	Women -	107415	86'75
	Total and mean -		21914	8'85		225722	91'15
1844	132249 Couples, or 264498 Persons.	Men - -	5515	4'17	Men - -	126734	95'83
		Women -	17410	13'16	Women -	114839	86'84
	Total and mean -		22925	8'67		241573	91'33
1845	143743 Couples, or 287486 Persons.	Men - -	6287	4'37	Men - -	137456	95'63
		Women -	19376	13'48	Women -	124367	86'52
	Total and mean -		25663	8'93		261823	91'07
1846	145664 Couples, or 291328 Persons.	Men - -	6313	4'33	Men - -	139351	95'67
		Women -	20001	13'73	Women -	125663	86'27
	Total and mean -		26314	9'03		265014	90'97
1847	135845 Couples, or 271690 Persons.	Men - -	5556	4'09	Men - -	130239	95'91
		Women -	18118	13'34	Women -	117727	86'66
	Total and mean -		23674	8'72		248016	91'29
1848	138230 Couples, or 276460 Persons.	Men - -	6092	4'41	Men - -	132138	95'59
		Women -	19436	14'06	Women -	118794	85'94
	Total and mean -		25528	9'24		250932	90'77
1849	141883 Couples, or 283766 Persons.	Men - -	6650	4'69	Men - -	135233	95'31
		Women -	21105	14'88	Women -	120778	85'13
	Total and mean -		27755	9'79		256011	90'22



PROPORTION per Cent. of Persons MARRIED under 21 years of Age, of Widowers and Widows re-married, and of Persons who signed the Marriage Register with marks, in England, 1839-1849.

	Married under 21 Years of Age.			In every 100 Marriages the Proportion of			Signed the Marriage Register with Marks.		
	Proportion per Cent.			Widowers	Widows	Mean.	Proportion per Cent.		
	Men.	Women	Mean.				Men.	Women	Mean.
In the years ending the last day of June - - 1839	4.64	13.55	8.60	-	-	-	33.7	49.5	41.6
" " " 1840	4.90	14.40	9.65	-	-	-	33.6	50.3	42.0
" " " 1841	4.52	13.38	8.95	-	-	-	32.7	48.9	40.8
In the years ending the last day of December 1841	4.38	13.29	8.83	12.90	8.99	10.95	32.7	48.8	40.8
" " " 1842	4.53	13.47	9.00	13.14	8.90	11.02	32.0	47.9	40.0
" " " 1843	4.45	13.25	8.85	13.17	8.73	10.95	32.7	49.0	40.9
" " " 1844	4.17	13.16	8.67	12.81	8.46	10.63	32.4	49.2	40.8
" " " 1845	4.37	13.48	8.93	12.64	8.60	10.62	33.2	49.6	41.4
" " " 1846	4.33	13.73	9.03	12.59	8.33	10.46	32.6	48.2	40.4
" " " 1847	4.09	13.34	8.72	12.93	8.54	10.74	31.2	45.5	38.4
" " " 1848	4.41	14.06	9.24	13.76	8.86	11.31	31.2	45.4	38.3
" " " 1849	4.69	14.88	9.79	13.85	8.88	11.37	31.0	45.9	38.5

Relative MORTALITY of the several Quarters of the Twelve Years 1838-49.

Years.	Deaths Registered in the Quarters ending the last day of				Total Deaths in England.	Deaths in the Districts making Quarterly Returns.*	Deaths in Districts not making Quarterly Returns.
	March.	June.	September.	December.			
1838	98152	90877	72877	80354	342760	..	..
1839	89740	87969	76280	84995	338984	162165	176819
1840	98896	90339	80822	89630	359687	171400	188107
1841	99069	86134	75440	83204	343847	160834	183013
1842	96314	86588	82339	84328	349519	161980	187539
1843	94926	87234	76792	87493	346445	163099	183346
1844	101024	85337	79708	90864	356933	167516	189417
1845	104664	89149	74872	80681	349366	163789	183377
1846	89484	90230	101664	108937	390315	191430	198885
1847	119672	106718	98435	108479	423304	215094	208210
1848	120032	99727	87688	92436	399833	193831	206002
1849	105870	102153	135227	97589	440839	..	..

\* The returns of 115 Districts were comprised in this column until 1847, when they were increased to 117 by the addition of Lewisham and Hampstead. In 1849 the quarterly returns for the first time comprised the whole of England and Wales.

The abstracts exhibit the usual particulars. I reserve the comments which I may have to offer on the returns of this and other years until the publication of the census of 1851 is completed.

Of the 141883 marriages in the year, 123182 marriages were celebrated according to the rites of the Established Church, 18701 not according to those rites. Of the latter class 12861 marriages took place in registered places of worship; namely, 4199 in Roman Catholic chapels, and 8662 in chapels of other denominations. The proportion of marriages at an early age slightly increased; 4.69 per cent. of men, and 14.88 per cent. of the women married under 21 years of age.

The proportion of men and women who sign the marriage register with marks is still deplorably high; for 31.0 per cent. of the men and 45.9 per cent. of the women fall under that head. It is, however, gratifying to observe that in this as well as in the two years preceding there is an increase in the proportions of those who write.

The Appendix contains a new English Life Table, carefully calculated by Mr. Farr. It is on a more extended basis than the Life Table published in my Sixth Annual Report, being founded on the ages at which the entire number of deaths were registered which occurred in England and Wales in the seven years ending 1844. The Life Table published in my Sixth Report was founded on the facts recorded for one year, 1841; but the variation in the results is very trifling.

The subject of Life Insurance is now occupying public attention, and it appears to be well worthy of consideration whether increased facilities should not be afforded by Her Majesty's Government to the poorer classes with a view to their adopting the system of Life Insurance, either in connexion with Savings Banks, or by the adoption of other plans which may be deemed more desirable. I shall be glad if the facts recorded under the Registration Act tend to the establishment of a Life Table trustworthy and to be depended upon, and assistance be thereby given to the desirable object of introducing Life Insurance amongst classes who at present have not at hand the ready means of availing themselves of its advantages.

I invite your Lordship's attention to the letter and paper written by Mr. Farr in the Appendix; they give a full explanation of the Life Table and other Tables connected with it, pointing out and describing the useful purposes to which they may be applied in determining the amounts of premiums, and other questions of interest connected with Life Insurance.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your faithful Servant,

GEORGE GRAHAM,

Registrar-General.