

of illegitimate children, leaving only 128 to be divided among 23 towns, shows at once what little real truth there is in the figures. Out of the total number 45·78 per cent. were under one month and 87·35 per cent. under one year. There were no deaths of this description returned from the city of Hull, but the proportion of deaths of children under five years of age was no less than 689·86 per 1,000 deaths. According to Dr. Playter, "it is universally conceded by sanitarians that the mortality in the young affords the best indication of the degree of salubrity or sanitary condition of a locality." The number of cases of children still-born returned was 883.

101. The deaths from suicide reported amounted to 30, 19 being males and 11 females, 14 out of the 30 having occurred in Montreal and Toronto. The number returned in 1886 from 22 cities was 31.

102. The following table gives the number of deaths from the eight most fatal diseases in the 26 cities making returns in 1887. As will be seen from the arrangements at the foot of the table, the order of fatality is slightly different from that of the preceding year. The most fatal disease is placed first:—

Deaths
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