

122. At the Millers Congress recently held in Paris the area and population of the earth was calculated by Professor Grandeaun to be as follows :—

Area and population of the world.

CONTINENTS.	Area.	Population.	Acres per Head of Population.
	Acres.		
Europe	2,447,280,000	328,000,000	7·46
Asia	10,654,320,000	758,000,000	14·05
Africa	7,416,000,000	206,000,000	36·00
Australasia	2,719,200,000	37,000,000	73·49
North America	5,982,240,000	72,000,000	83·09
South America	4,400,160,000	28,000,000	157·14
Total	33,619,200,000	1,429,000,000	23·52

PART II.—VITAL STATISTICS

123. Vital Statistics are collected by some of the Provincial Governments with more or less accuracy, those of the Ontario Government being, perhaps, the most complete, but the great expense that must necessarily be incurred has, up to the present, deterred the Dominion Government from attempting any system of collection for the whole country, the only movement in this direction being the collection of mortuary statistics from some of the principal cities and towns, and also the contributing towards the expense of collecting statistics of the French population of Quebec, which are taken by the Roman Catholic Church.

Collection of vital statistics.

124. Twenty-seven towns made returns of mortuary statistics in 1888, St. John's, P. Q., which has been added to the list, not having commenced in time to be included in that year, and the following table gives the number of deaths in those places, together with the rate per 1,000 deaths at different ages. The figures may be taken as fairly correct, but should be accepted with a certain amount of reserve.

Death rate in principal towns, 1888.