

miles and an estimated population of slightly over 5,000,000. In Asia the territories acquired by mandate from the League of Nations include Palestine and Mesopotamia (Iraq), with 3,606,464 inhabitants on an area of 152,250 square miles. In the Pacific, the territories added to the Empire include Western Samoa, the Territory of New Guinea, the Bismarck archipelago and part of the Solomon islands, all of which were formerly German possessions. According to the most reliable estimates, the total area of these regions is 90,812 square miles with a population of 592,157.

Statistics of the area and population of the territories included in the British Empire in 1921 were given in a table on pp. 152-154 of the 1927-28 Year Book, together with comparative figures of population for 1911.

Section 18.—Land Area and Population of the World.

Statistics showing the areas and the population of the various continents and of the countries of the world at the latest enumerations were presented in a table on pp. 155-156 of the 1927-28 Year Book, these populations and areas being mainly taken from official information supplied by the countries concerned. In a number of cases, particularly in Asia and Africa, the figures were rather rough approximations.