COMPARATIVE MORTALITY-RATES FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 27, 1877.

	Estimated Population, July 1, 1877.	Total Mortality for the Week.	Annual Death-Rate per 1000 for the Week.	Death-Rate for the Year 1876.
New York	1,077,228	441	21.29	27.46
Philadelphia	850,856	272	16.62	22.88
Brooklyn .	527,830	196	19.31	24.31
Chicago . .	420,000	170	21.05	20.41
Boston . .	363,940	111	15.85	23.39
Providence	103,000	33	16.66	18.34
Worcester .	52,977	18	17.67	22.00
Lowell . .	53,678	29	28.09	22.21
Cambridge	51,572	12	12.09	20.54
Fall River	50,370	15	15.48	22.04
Lawrence .	37,626			23.32
Lynn . .	33,524	14	20.49	21.37
Springfield.	32,976	9	14.19	19.69
Salem . .	26,739	11	21.39	23.57

Normal Death-Rate, 17 per 1000.

SUMMARY FOR JANUARY.—The general death-rate of the cities above named was comparatively low throughout the month; in most of the cases it was considerably less than their mean annual mortality rate.

The principal diseases prevailed in the several cities as follows:—

In New York, scarlatina and diphtheria were the most fatal of the zymotic group, but they were not extensively prevalent. Phthisis, pneumonia, and bronchitis were the chief causes of death.

In Philadelphia, phthisis, pneumonia, and typhoid fever headed the list. Diphtheria and croup had considerable fatality. Small-pox exceeded scarlatina.

In Brooklyn, the order of fatality stood as follows: phthisis, pneumonia, diphtheria (and croup), and scarlet fever.

In Chicago, scarlet fever headed the list, exceeding even the fatality of phthisis; diphtheria and croup were next; then phthisis and pneumonia.

In Boston, the relative order of the month was: phthisis, pneumonia, diphtheria, and scarlet fever. The month has been a period of health.

In Providence, the death-rate was in excess of the annual average, owing in part to the prevalence of croup and diphtheria. Toward the end of the month, however, these diseases declined in fatality.

In eight Massachusetts cities besides Boston, phthisis, diphtheria (and croup), pneumonia, and scarlatina have been the chief causes of mortality.

NORFOLK DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY.—A special meeting will be held in Bradley's Building, corner of Warren and Dudley streets, Roxbury, on Tuesday, February 13th, at eleven o'clock. Papers, communications, etc.:—

(1.) Robert Amory, M. D., Local Boards of Health and the Duties of the Medical Profession relating thereto.

(2.) James Waldock, M. D., Observations upon School Hygiene.

(3.) Clifton E. Wing, M. D., The Use of Uterine Supports.

(4.) Silas E. Gifford, M. D., Cases of Death Caused by Vaccination, with Remarks.

Members of other district societies are cordially invited to be present.

Lunch at 1.45, P. M.

ARTHUR H. NICHOLS, *Secretary*.