In the State at large, measles and diarrhœa have increased in prevalence, but there is a general abatement of acute diseases.

F. W. DRAPER, M. D., Registrar.

COMPARATIVE MORTALITY-RATES FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 12, 1875.

	Estimated Population.	Total Mortality for the Week.	Annual Death-rate per 1000 during Week.
New York	1,040,000	496	25
Philadelphia	775,000		
Brooklyn	450,000	168	19
Boston	350,000	131	19
Providence	100,000	33	17
Worcester	50,000	16	17
Lowell	50,000	20	21
Cambridge	44,000	20	24
Fall River	34,200	16	24
Lawrence	33,000	11	17
Springfield	33,000	12	18
Lynn	28,000	6	11
Salem	26,000	13	26

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MILITARY APPOINTMENT. — Dr. David Dana of Lawrence, appointed Surgeon of the Second Battalion of Artillery, M. V. M., vice Seyflarth deceased, passed a successful examination before the Board of Medical Officers, M. V. M., June 12th, 1875.

EDWARD J. FORSTER,

Surgeon Fifth Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., Recorder of Board.

MESSENGERS. EDITORS. — In my letter to your paper last week a *lapsus penne* of my transcriber has put General Howe's name in place of General Clinton. Your readers probably, however, made the mental correction.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN JEFFRIES.

15 CHESTNUT ST., BOSTON, June 16, 1875.