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Tife Transactions of the Royal Society contain the first Life-Table. It was constructed by Halley, who discovered its remarkable properties, and illustrated some of its applications. The Breslau observations did not supply Halley with the data to frame an accurate Table, for reasons which will be immediately apparent; but the conception is full of ingenuity, and the form is one of the great inventions which adorn the annals of the Royal Society.

Tables have since been made correctly representing the vitality of certain classes of the population; and the form has been extended so as to facilitate the solution of various questions.

In deducing the English Life-Tables from the National Returns, I have had occasion to try various methods of construction; and I now propose to describe briefly the nature of the Life-Table, to lay down a simple method of construction, to describe an extension of its form, and to illustrate this by a new Table representing the vitality of the healthiest part of the population of England.

The Life-Table is an instrument of investigation; it may be called a biometer, for it gives the exact measure of the duration of life under given circumstances. Such a Table has to be constructed for each district and for each profession, to determine their degrees of salubrity. To multiply these constructions, then, it is necessary to lay down rules,
which, while they involve a minimum amount of arithmetical labour, will yield results as correct as can be obtained in the present state of our observations.

## 1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF A LIFE-TABLE. (See Table C, p. 870.)

A Life-Table represents a generation of men passing through time; and time under this aspect, dating from birth, is called age. In the first column of a Life-Table age is expressed in years, commencing at 0 (birth), and proceeding to 100 or 110 years, the extreme limit of observed life-time.

If we could trace a given number of children, say 100,000 , from the date of birth, and write the numbers down that die in the first year, living therefore less than one year, against 0 in the Table, and on succeeding lines the numbers that die in the second, third, and every subsequent year of age until the whole generation had passed away, these numbers would form a Table of Mortality, showing at what ages 100,000 lives become extinct.

Again, if the 100,000 children were followed, and the numbers living on the first, on the second, and on every subsequent birthday until none was left, the column of numbers would constitute a Table of Survivorship. So if of 100,000 children born at a given point of time, the numbers dying $\left(d_{x}\right)$ in each subsequent year were written in one column, and the numbers surviving $\left(l_{x}\right)$ at the end of each year in another column, the two primary columns of the Life-Table would be formed.

It is evident that if one of these columns is known the other may be immediately deduced from it; for if of 100,000 children born 10,295 die in the first year of age, 3005 in the second year of age, it follows that the numbers living at the end of one year must be 89,705 , at the end of two years 86,700 . Upon adding the column $\left(d_{x}\right)$ from the bottom up to the number against any age $(x)$, the sum will represent the whole of the numbers dying after that age; and consequently the numbers living at that age, as shown in the collateral column $\left(l_{x}\right)$.

The 100,000 children born at the same moment, and counted annually to determine the numbers living at the end of every year, would by our Table completely pass away in less than 107 years. If another generation of 100,000 , born a year afterwards, were followed, the numbers dying in the various years of age would not be very different, the circumstances remaining the same; and the numbers of those entering each year of age would vary inconsiderably from those of the first series. If 100,000 children again were born at annual intervals, and were subject to an invariable law of mortality, they would form a community of which the numbers living at each age would be represented by the sucessive numbers $\left(l_{x}\right)$ in the Life-Table. The sum of these numbers, by the new Table of Healthy Districts, would be $4,951,908$. The births are here assumed to take place simultaneously at annual intervals; immediately before the births, therefore, in such a community its population would be $4,851,908$, to which it would fall progressively from $4,951,908$ by 100,000 successive deaths in the year. The average number constantly living would be some number between $4,951,908$ and $4,851,908$; and it would be very nearly the mean of these limiting numbers.

In the ordinary course of nature, the births in a community take place in remittent succession; and if it is assumed that the 100,000 births occur at equal intervals over every year, it is evident that at any given date a certain number will be found living at all the intermediate points of age between 0 to 1 year, 1 to 2,2 to 3 , and all the remaining years of age. The population in the above instance would be found by enumeration to be nearly $4,899,665$.

The annual births would be 100,000 in such a community. The annual deaths would also be 100,000 ; and by taking out the deaths at each year of age, from the parish registers of a single year, the second column $\left(d_{x}\right)$ of the Life-Table would be found. By adding this column of deaths up and entering the sum of the numbers year by year against every year of age $(x)$, the third column $\left(l_{x}\right)$ of the Life-Table would be obtained ; for it has been already shown that the numbers attaining any age $x$ are equal to the numbers dying at that age, and all the subsequent ages. From the registers of the deaths, a Table of the numbers of the population living in a parish so constituted could be immediately determined without any enumeration. Its deviations from the truth would be accidental; and they would be set right by taking the mean of many years. So also from a simultaneous enumeration of the numbers living in each year of age, the two columns $d_{x}$ and $l_{x}$ of the life could be constructed without reference to any registry of the deaths at different ages.

The mean age at death in such a community would express the mean lifetime, or the expectation of life at birth; and the product of the number expressing the annual births multiplied into the mean age at death would give the numbers of the population.

The facts which a Life-Table expresses in numbers may be represented by the lines of a figure; age $(x)$ being indicated by the abscissas measured from 0 , the numbers living $(l)$ at each age by the ordinates of a curve line, and the numbers living between any two ages by the plane surface within the two ordinates, the curve line, and the corresponding portion of the abscissa. The relative numbers living at the ages 20 and 21 are seen in the two lines of Plate XLII. fig. 1, over the ages 20 and 21 ; if the deaths in the intervening year all occurred immediately after the age 20 was attained, the numbers living would also be represented by the parallelogram having its two sides equal to the ordinate over 21 , and for its base the portion of the abscissa between 20 and 21 ; but if all the deaths occurred only the instant before the age 21 was attained, the height of the parallelogram would be represented by the ordinate over the age of 20 . The deaths occur at intervals between the two ages, so the numbers living, and the lifetime which is passed between the two ages, are correctly represented by the curvilinear area.

The deaths in each year of age are called the decrements of life. They are represented by the differences in the lengths of the successive ordinates. Thus by cutting off a small portion of the ordinate at the age 20 , the ordinate at the age 21 is obtained; this small portion, shown in Plate XLII., represents the decrement of life in that year of age. It will be observed that the decrements vary at every year of age; and
this is more evident when they are exhibited on the larger scale of Plate XLII. fig. 2. The decrement in the first year is large; in the first five years the decrements of life are considerable; at the age of 10 to 15 they fall to their minimum ; slowly increase to the age of 56 ; increase more rapidly until the maximum is attained at the age of 75 ; then decline gradually to 85 , and after that more rapidly until every life is extinct at the age 107 by this Table.

## II. PRINCIPLES OF CONSTRUCTION. THE FUNDAMENTAL COLUMN $l_{x}$.

The conditions of the hypothesis upon which the preceding reasoning rests are never precisely realized in nature ; in the first place the number of births fluctuates, increases, or decreases from year to year, and the deaths fluctuate still more; rarely equalling the births in number. Immigration and emigration interfere. Under these circumstances, Tables such as those which Halley, Price and others made from the observations on the deaths alone are never accurate, and require correction to give approximate results. If it be assumed that the law of mortality remains invariable, and that migration does not interfere, then the nature of the correction to be applied to a Table framed from the deaths alone will become immediately apparent by an example. The births increase in England. Let the annual births in a portion of the community be doubled in sixty years, thus be 50,000 in 1796 , and 100,000 in 1856 ; then the deaths of persons of the age of 60 in 1856 must be doubled to obtain the deaths which would have happened at that age if the annual births sixty years before these deaths had been 100,000 . If the births have been accurately registered, formulæ for correcting the ordinary Table drawn up from the deaths at different ages will be suggested by the above considerations.

I now proceed to describe another method which has been adopted in framing the Table C, and is applicable wherever (1) the number of annual births, (2) the numbers of the population living at definite periods of age, (3) the deaths at the corresponding ages during a certain number of years, in any community are ascertained by observation. This method is not open to the previous objections.

The aim is to obtain equations which will describe the curve lines (Plate XLII. fig. 1) of the Life-Table, in the most direct way; and these equations may be deduced from the determined rate of mortality at certain intervals of age.

The relative numbers living at two ages, 20 and 21 , can evidently be found from an equation which expresses the relation of the average numbers living and dying between those ages during a given time. This can be determined very nearly; for although the ages of the living are not ascertained with exact precision at the census, still by taking all the numbers living at the ages $15,16,17$ years up to 24 and under 25 , together, the aggregate represents very nearly the numbers living in that decenniad of life. The deaths at the same ages are obtained with at least equal accuracy from the registers of deaths. By this process, and by extending the observations over five or more years, a number of facts is obtained sufficiently great to yield average results; and it may be
assumed that the ratio of the living at the ages $15-25^{*}$ to the dying in a year at ihe same ages $15-25$ represents the annual rate of mortality at the exact age 20 . So also the mortality rate at the ages $30,40,50$ and other ages may be determined. As observations grow more exact, and the facts are multiplied, the intervals of age may be diminished to 5 years, and ultimately to 1 year.

In determining the rate of mortality, a given number of persons living a year is considered equivalent to twice that number living half a year, or to half the number living two years.

Thus if $n d$ represent the deaths in $n$ years out of a number amounting on an average to P during the same years, then $\frac{n d}{n \mathbf{P}}=m=$ the rate of mortality, or the proportions of death in a year (always taken as the unit of time) out of one year of lifetime. It is found from all the observations hitherto made on a large scale, that the rate of mortality varies at every interval of age; but at the same age it may for the present purpose be considered invariable under similar circumstances.
$m_{x}$ therefore varies in every moment of age; but I have employed it to express the mean annual rate of mortality during the year following the year of age $x, \therefore \frac{d_{x}}{\mathrm{P}_{x}}=m_{x}$, where $d_{x}$ indicates the deaths, $\mathrm{P}_{x}$ the year of lifetime, after the year of age $x$. The $m_{x}$ is the expression of the force of the causes that induce death, of the death-force, vis mortalis; and its reciprocal $\frac{1}{m_{x}}=u_{x}$ measures the forces that sustain life, the vis vitalis.

The vital force under natural circumstances may by one hypothesis be sufficient to sustain a whole generation alive for seventy or eighty years, and then suddenly collapse. The Life-Table, if this hypothesis were true, would be represented by the parallelogram in which the curve of the Life-Table is inscribed (Plate XLII. fig. 1).

By the hypothesis of Demoivre $\dagger$ the rate of mortality is such, that at the age of 20 one in 66 living at the beginning dies before the end of the year, leaving $65,64,63,62,61$ to enter on each year of age until at the age of 86 all are dead.

Upon this hypothesis the relative numbers living up to the age 86 form an arithmetical progression: and the deaths in the equal times are equal out of the diminishing numbers living. The rate of mortality increases on this hypothesis as age advances in the same ratio as $n-\frac{1}{2}: 1$; where $n$ is the difference between the actual age $x$ and 86 . It is called the complement of life. The Life-Table, upon this hypothesis, has equal decrements, and might be represented on Plate XLII. fig. 1, by drawing a diagonal line through the parallelogram. Its deviation from the true curve on this scale is evident; but it is also evident that a series of straight lines, which would nearly represent the true curve, may be drawn from point to point of all the ordinates.

If the causes of death act with equal intensity at all ages, they may be represented by any simple external cause, destroying an equal proportion of the numbers living in equal intervals of time. Thus, if 1600 men were distributed equally over ground where

[^0]they were exposed to certain dangers represented by successive discharges of musketry which at every discharge shot down one-half of the numbers remaining, they would be reduced successively from 1600 to 800 , to 400 , to 200 , to 100 , to 50 , and so on ad infinitum, if a fraction of a living man could be conceived: the numbers living at each year of age in a Life-Table would not decrease at these rates, but they would decrease at a constant rate if the dangers at every stage of life remained constant and equally great. The numbers of the living at successive ages would be in geometrical progression, and would be represented by the ordinates of the logarithmic curve.

The law of mortality can only be derived from observation, and it is found to be less simple than either of these hypotheses implies. It can, however, be represented nearly by equations at different periods of age. Upon inspecting Table A (p. 864), it will be seen that at the age $55-65$, which may be represented by the exact age 60 , the mortality is such, that 2162 women die in a year out of a number equal to 100,000 living a year ; and the mortality, which is the ratio of the dying to the living in a unit of time, here set down as a year, is therefore $m=\cdot 02162$. Again, the mortality at the age of 70 is $\cdot 04992$; at the age of 80 it is $\cdot 11866$, and at the age of 90 it is $\cdot 26711$. The mortality increases rapidly, and is more than doubled every ten years. The four numbers differ little from the terms of a geometrical progression, the logarithms of which have a constant difference. Let the rate at which the mortality increases be $r$, and $r^{10}=2 \cdot 3116$, and the first term $(m)$ be $\cdot 02177$; then a series of numbers will be formed differing little from those which express the value of $m$ at decennial intervals of age.

Values of $m$ at the precise age $x$.-Females.

| Age $(x)$. |  |  | 60. | 70. | 80. | 90. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| By observation | . | . | $\cdot 02162$ | $\cdot 04992$ | $\cdot 11866$ | $\cdot 26711$ |
| By hypothesis | . | . | . | $\cdot 02177$ | $\cdot 05033$ | $\cdot 11633$ |

Note.-It may be assumed that $m$ at 60 is the mean value of $m$ in its range from $m_{59 \frac{z}{z}}$ to $m_{60 \frac{2}{2}}$; and so in other cases.

The annual rate of the increase of $m$ from the age of 55 to 95 is $r=1.0874$; and if $m$ is the mortality at any age after 55 , then $m_{z}=m r^{z}=$ the mortality at $z$ years after the age at which $m$ is taken. The common logarithm of $r$ is $=\lambda r=\cdot 03639$.

The mortality $(m)$ of males at corresponding ages is higher than the mortality of females; but the rate of increase as age advances is nearly the same.

The value of $m$ for females at the age of 20 is $\cdot 00765$, and the mortality increases at the rate of nearly one-seventh part every ten years. The exact value of $r$ is $1 \cdot 0149$, and $\lambda r=\cdot 006423$.

Values of m.-Females.
$\left.\begin{array}{lllcccc}\text { Age. } & . & & 20 . & 30 & 40 . & 50 . \\ \text { By observation } & . & . & .00765 & .00894 & \cdot 00998 & \cdot 01192 \\ \text { By hypothesis } & . & . & . & \cdot 00760 & \cdot 00882 & .01022\end{array}\right) \cdot 01185$

By these observations in the healthy districts the mortality $(m)$ of men at the ages 15 to 45 is lower than the mortality of women at the same ages; yet during that period
the rate of increase $r$ is nearly the same for the two sexes. From the age of 40 to 50 , and 50 to 60 , the mortality of males increases at a rate intermediate between the rates of manhood and mature age.

Females.
Limits of ages.

| 15 to 55 | or | 20 to 50 | $r=1 \cdot 0149$ | $\lambda r=\cdot 00642$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 55 to 95 | or | 60 to 90 | $r=1 \cdot 0874$ | $\lambda r=\cdot 03639$ |

Males.

| 15 to 45 | or | 20 to 40 | $r=1 \cdot 0148$ | $\lambda r=\cdot 00640$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 55 to 95 | or | 60 to 90 | $r=1 \cdot 0874$ | $\lambda r=\cdot 03640$ |

The subjoined Table exhibits the series of values for $m$ derived from the hypothesis of two constant rates, and from direct observation. The values of $r$ for females may be evidently applied to males in every period, except in the ten years of age, 40 to 50 .

Mortality ( $m$ ) of males and females, (1) derived from observation, and (2) from the hypothesis that $m$ increases at the preceding rates.

| Precise age. | Annual Mortality to 100 constantly living at each age (m). |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males. |  | Females. |  |
|  | By observation. | By hypothesis. | By observation. | By hypothesis. |
| 20 | -691 | -696 | $\cdot 765$ | $\cdot 760$ |
| 30 | -818 | -807 | -894 | -882 |
| 40 | -928 | $\cdot 935$ | -998 | 1.022 |
| 50 | 1.273 | $1 \cdot 083$ | 1-192 | $1 \cdot 185$ |
| 60 | $2 \cdot 294$ | $2 \cdot 329$ | 2-162 | 2•177 |
| 70 | 5-486 | $5 \cdot 385$ | $4 \cdot 992$ | $5 \cdot 033$ |
| 80 | $12 \cdot 817$ | $12 \cdot 451$ | $11 \cdot 866$ | $11 \cdot 633$ |
| 90 | $28 \cdot 350$ | $28 \cdot 785$ | 26.711 | 26.89] |
| 100 | 40.000? | 66.550 ? | $45 \cdot 000$ ? | $62 \cdot 160$ ? |

The observations on the numbers living and dying of the age of 95 and upwards are exceedingly uncertain; and it is probable that many of the persons believed to be 100 , $\& c$. , are really persons five or ten years younger ; so that these values of $m_{x}$, by the hypothetical method, are probably as correct as the direct numbers.

I shall now notice briefly the application of this hypothesis, first suggested by Mr. Gompertz, and applied by him to the interpolation of the Northampton and other Tables*. Mr. Edmonds, in 1832, extended the "Theory," and applied it to the construction of three Life-Tables $\dagger$. He gave an elegant formula, similar in principle to that of Mr. Gompertz, from which the curve of a Life-Table can be deduced, upon the above hypothesis.

[^1]In the equation $\frac{s}{t}=v$, where $s$ indicates space, $t$ time, $v$ velocity, the units of measure must be fixed before numbers can be inserted in the general expression; and then $v$ will express, in the measure that has been applied to space, the number of such units of space described in one unit of time. Here $v$ is a ratio; it is the rate at which the body moves: and in the same manner $m$, in the equation $\frac{d}{l}=m$, is the rate of dying, that is, as I shall express it, the mortality; or it is the ratio of the dying to the living in a given unit of time, the time during which the deaths occur being of precisely the same duration as the time during which the living are under observation,

$$
l \text { (living during } 1 \text { year) }: d \text { (dying during a year) }:: 1 \text { (year of life) }: m .
$$

If for $l$ the number 100,000 is substituted, it is assumed that immediately a death occurs another life is substituted; and as the time is a year, then 760 will represent the value of $d$ at the age 20, according to the preceding Table; $. \therefore m=00760$. If the time, instead of one year, be the thousandth part of one year, then $m=0000076$; and if the time be infinitely short, $m$ will be infinitely small: $m$ is a ratio; the quantity of life existing during the time is represented by 1 , and the quantity of life destroyed by a fraction, $m$. Whether the life inheres in the first organic molecule after conception, in the infant, or in the man, the vital action has a certain force of continuance, which is constantly varying; and the amount of this force that is extinguished at a given instant of time will be represented by the force of mortality, namely, by $m$ at that instant. Then let the age $x=z+a$, where $a$ represents the number of years up to the age at which a given rate $(r)$ of increase of $m$ begins; then $z=x-a$. And the mortality at any instant of age, in an instant of time at the end of $z$ years or parts of years, will be $m r^{2}$. Now let $y$ represent the living at that precise age ; then the decrement of $y$ in an infinitely short time will be - $d y=y m r^{z} d z$; the $d y$ being negative as it is taken in a direction opposite to that in which the ordinate $y$ of the curve is assumed to be drawn. Transferring $y$ to the other side of the equation, this becomes $-\frac{d y}{y}=m r^{z} d z$; and integrating both sides, we have ( $\lambda_{\varepsilon} y$ being put for the hyperbolic logarithm of $y$, and $\lambda_{s} c$ for the difference between the constants of the two integrals)-
and

$$
\begin{align*}
& \lambda_{\varepsilon} c-\lambda . y=\lambda_{1} \frac{c}{y}=\frac{m r^{z}}{\lambda_{3} r},  \tag{1.}\\
\therefore \quad & \lambda_{\varepsilon} y=\lambda_{\varepsilon} c-\frac{m r^{z}}{\lambda_{\varepsilon} r}, \quad .  \tag{2.}\\
& \lambda_{\varepsilon} c=\lambda_{\varepsilon} y+\frac{m r^{z}}{\lambda_{\varepsilon} r} . \tag{3.}
\end{align*} .
$$

When $z$ is made zero, let $y=1$; then $\lambda_{s} y$ will also disappear, and $\lambda_{s} c=\frac{m}{\lambda_{s} r}$. Upon substituting this value of $\lambda_{s} c$ in equation (2.), it becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda_{t} y=\frac{m}{\lambda_{t} r}-\frac{m r^{z}}{\lambda_{t} r}=\frac{m}{\lambda_{s} r}\left(1-r^{\tilde{z}}\right) . \tag{4.}
\end{equation*}
$$

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Upon passing to the numbers, equation (4.) becomes

$$
y=\varepsilon^{\frac{m}{\lambda_{\varepsilon}}\left(1-r^{2}\right)} \text { = the value of } y \text { (taken as } 1 \text { at the origin) at the end of } z \text { years. }
$$

Let $\lambda$ denote the common logarithm with the base 10 ; then $\lambda_{\mathrm{a}} y=\frac{\lambda y}{k}$, where $k$ is the modulus of the common system of logarithms ; as also

$$
\lambda_{t} c=\frac{k m}{\lambda r}, \quad \text { and } \quad \frac{m r^{z}}{\lambda_{s} r}=\frac{k m r^{\varepsilon}}{\lambda r} .
$$

Equation (2.) becomes, after the required substitutions,
and

$$
\frac{\lambda y}{k}=\frac{k m}{\lambda r}-\frac{k m r^{\alpha}}{\lambda r}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda y=\frac{k^{2} m}{\lambda r}\left(1-r^{z}\right) ; \tag{5.}
\end{equation*}
$$

so the equation becomes finally

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=10^{\frac{k^{2} m}{\lambda r}\left(1-r^{z}\right)} . \tag{6.}
\end{equation*}
$$

This is the form given by Mr. Edmonds, and is convenient for use.

By making $z$ successively $1,2,3, \ldots \ldots$ up to any number less than the number of years of age within which $r$ remains constant, the number $l_{x}$ being known, the number living at any other age within that range will be obtained by multiplying $l_{x}$ by the corresponding value of $y$. Thus, if $y_{10}$ is the value of $y$ when $z=10$ in equation (6.); then putting $l_{20}$ for the numbers living at the age 20 , the living at the age 30 will be $y_{10} \times l_{26}=l_{30}$.

This hypothesis does not express the facts deduced from the observations exactly. If $m_{z}$ could be expressed exactly over more than 20 years by $m_{z}=m_{0} r^{z}$, the first differences ( $\delta^{1}$ ) of the logarithms in the series following would in a certain number of cases be equal.

Females in Healthy Districts of England.

| Precise age. | Annual rate of <br> mortality. | Logarithms of the <br> annual mortality. | First decennial <br> differences of <br> $\lambda m_{x}$. | Second decennial <br> differences of <br> $\lambda m_{x}$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $x$. | $m^{*}$. | $\lambda m$. | $\delta^{1}$. | $\delta^{2}$. |
| 20 | $\cdot 00765$ | $\overline{3} \cdot 8835$ | $\cdot 0677$ | $-\cdot 0197$ |
| 30 | $\cdot 00894$ | $\overline{3} \cdot 9512$ | $\cdot 0480$ | $\cdot 0290$ |
| 40 | $\cdot 00998$ | $\overline{3} \cdot 9992$ | $\cdot 0770$ | $\cdot 1817$ |
| 50 | $\cdot 01192$ | $\overline{2} \cdot 0762$ | $\cdot 2587$ | $\cdot 1047$ |
| 60 | $\cdot 02162$ | $\overline{2} \cdot 3349$ | $\cdot 3634$ | $\cdot 0126$ |
| 70 | $\cdot 04992$ | $2 \cdot 6983$ | $\cdot 3760$ | $-\cdot 0236$ |
| 80 | $\cdot 11866$ | $\overline{1} \cdot 0743$ | $\cdot 3524$ | $-\cdot 1259$ |
| 90 | $\cdot 26711$ | $\overline{1} \cdot 4267$ | $\cdot 2265$ |  |
| 100 | $\cdot 45000$ | $\overline{1} \cdot 6532$ |  |  |

[^2]The inequalities in the second differences vary in every separate class of observations; but there is generally a tendency in the first and in the second differences to increase, over a certain extent of the series. The error of the hypothesis is slight if the rate of increase ( $r$ ), of which $\lambda \cdot 00677$ is the logarithm in the case in hand, is only assumed to remain uniform for the ten years 20 to 30 , or for the one year 20 to 21 . Now let the number living at the age 20 be represented by $l_{20}$, and the number living at the age 21 by $l_{21}$; then put $\frac{l_{21}}{l_{20}}=p_{20}$. Here it is evident that if $l_{20}$ and $p_{20}$ be known, $l_{21}$ is determined immediately by the equation $l_{21}=l_{20} \times p_{20}$. But $p_{20}$ is the value of $y$ in the equation $y_{1}=10^{\frac{k z^{2} m}{\lambda(1-r z)}}$, when $z$ is put $=1$. Taking the numbers from Table A., we have $m=\cdot 00765$ at the precise age $20=\left(19 \frac{1}{2}+20 \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{2}$; and $\lambda m=\overline{3} \cdot 8835130 ; \lambda r=\cdot 0067728$; and $\therefore \quad r=1.015717 ; k$ is put for the modulus of the common logarithms, $\therefore \lambda k^{2}=\overline{1} \cdot 2755686 ; k(\lambda r)$ is the complement of the logarithm of $(\lambda r)$.

| $\lambda k^{2}$ | $\overline{1} \cdot 2755686$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\lambda m$ | $\overline{3} \cdot 8835130$ |
| $k(\lambda r)$ | $2 \cdot 1692317$ |
| $\lambda(1-r)$ | $\overline{2} \cdot 1963697$ |
| $-\cdot 0033472$ | $\overline{3} \cdot 5246830$ |
| $\overline{1} \cdot 9966528$ |  |

As the factor $(1-r)$ is negative it makes the exponent of 10 negative, and upon taking the complement of this the logarithm of $y$ is found to be $\overline{1} \cdot 9966528$. This is also the logarithm of $p_{20}=.99232$; and it enables us to pass, in the construction of a LifeTable, from the living at the age of 20 to the living at 21 . If we obtain the several values $p_{x}$ at every year of age, the whole of the Life-Table can be constructed.

It will be found that $p_{x}$ is always a fraction, and it does not differ very much from $1-m_{x}$. But while $m_{x}$ * shows the deaths in a year out of a unit of life (which may consist of any number of individual lives constantly kept up), $p_{x}$ shows how much out of a unit of the same life at the beginning of a year, the dead not being replaced, survives $a$ year after the age $x$; and $1-p_{x}$ is the amount of loss which occurs in the same year out of a unit of life at its commencement. Thus, as $p_{20}=99232$, it follows that $1-p_{20}=\cdot 00768$. In the same year of age 20 to 21 the mortality is $m_{20}=\cdot 00771$, or .00003 more than $\left(1-p_{20}\right)$. If the unit of life is made 100,000 living at the age 20 , then 99232 will survive, and 768 will die in the ensuing year of age. But if it is assumed that the deaths take place at equal intervals, it may also be assumed that the number of lives $(100,000)$ being constantly sustained, the accessions of 768 new lives take place at equal intervals, consequently that they are under observation half a year on an average, giving the equivalent of $\frac{768}{2}=384$ years of lifetime at the age 20 to 21 ;

[^3]now out of this number (384) at that age three die when the mortality is $m_{20}$. This accounts for the difference of $\cdot 00768$ and $\cdot 00771$; the former occurring in a year out of a unit of life of which the waste is not replaced.

From these considerations it may be inferred that if $m_{x}$ is known, $p_{x}$ may be deduced from it upon the hypothesis of equal decrements through the year by the formula $p_{x}=\frac{1-\frac{1}{2} m_{x}}{1+\frac{1}{2} m_{x}}=\frac{2-m_{x}}{2+m_{x}} . \quad$ Thus $m_{20}$ being $\cdot 0077072$, we have $\frac{\cdot 9961464}{1 \cdot 0038536}=\cdot 99232 *$, as before. The $\lambda p_{20}$ by the previous method is $\overline{1} \cdot 9966528$, and by this method it is the same. By either of the methods the value of $p_{x}$ may be deduced for the subsequent ages, and $p_{20}, p_{30}, p_{40} \ldots \ldots \ldots p_{90}, p_{100}$ will be obtained. These values are here given, and it will be seen that the results by the two methods are nearly identical at all ages, except the two last, when the observations themselves become less exact.

Females.

| Age $(x)$. | $\lambda p_{x}=\lambda y_{1}=10^{\frac{\kappa 2}{\lambda r}(1-r)}$. | $\lambda p_{x}=\lambda\left(\frac{1-\frac{1}{2} m}{1+\frac{1}{2} m}\right)$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | $\overline{1} \cdot 9966528$ | $\overline{1} \cdot 9966527$ |
| 30 | .9960967 | .9960967 |
| 40 | .9956263 | .9956264 |
| 50 | .9946669 | .9946676 |
| 60 | .9773538 | .9902073 |
| 70 | .9483182 | .9773557 |
| 80 | .8809176 | .9462643 |
| 90 |  | .8801776 |

It will be observed that the fraction $p=\frac{1-\frac{1}{2} m}{1+\frac{1}{2} m}$ approximates to $1-m$ as $m$ becomes less; for upon developing it into a series, $p=1-m+\frac{1}{2} m^{2}-\frac{1}{4} m^{3}+\frac{1}{8} m^{4} \ldots$. And taking $m$ infinitely small, the terms after the two first may be neglected.

The values of $m_{0}, m_{1} \ldots \ldots m_{5}$ may be obtained by the method already described. But it rarely happens that the population living at each year of age is accurately enumerated at the Census; and besides inaccuracies of statement, the numbers living at each of the early years of age fluctuate considerably, so that the numbers of children living of each year of age in 1851 do not represent the average numbers living of those ages in the five years 1849 to 1853 , for instance.

The following method is less exceptionable. It may be assumed for this purpose (1) that the births registered in the year 1848 represent the births in that year ; (2) that the births are equally distributed over the years in which they occur, and consequently

[^4]\[

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\lambda m_{192} \overline{3} \cdot 8835130 \\
{ }_{2}^{2} \lambda \lambda-0.0033864 \\
\lambda m_{0 n} \overline{3} \cdot 8868999
\end{array}
$$
\]

(3) that the mean date of all the births in the two years 1848,1849 was immediately before January 1, 1849. The half of the births in those two years will consequently represent pretty accurately the number of births out of which the deaths of children under one year of age happened in the year 1849. And the deaths and survivors can be followed by this method year by year, as is evident in the annexed scheme:-

```
Age
    0{\begin{array}{l}{\frac{1}{2}(\mathrm{ births 1848, 1849)=mean annual births of which the mean date is January 1,}}\\{[1849.}\end{array},
    minus deaths under age 1 in 1849
    1
    minus deaths age (1 to 2) in 1850
    =surviving on January 1, }1851
    minus deaths age (2 to 3) in 1851
    =surviving on January 1, 1852.
    minus deaths age (3 to 4) in 1852
4
    =surviving on January 1, 1853.
    minus deaths age (4 to 5) in 1853
5
=surviving on January 1, 1854.
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By commencing with the mean number of births in the years 1849, 1850, and deducting the deaths, a similar series may be obtained; and thus a succession of similar series may be deduced, the mean of which will supply the ordinary series $l_{0}, l_{1}, l_{2}, l_{3}, l_{4}, l_{5}$ of a Life-Table.

These series are liable to various disturbances. If all the births are not registered, the rate of mortality is overstated. If all the deaths are not registered, or if the children are carried off as emigrants, the decrements of life are understated. The annual number of births fluctuates, and now increases in England; they are in excess also in the early months of the year. Several of the disturbances are slight, and some of them are in opposite directions. The results can also be, and have been, checked by the results of the other method. The value of $m_{7}$ and $m_{12}$ are deduced by dividing the annual deaths at the ages 5 to 10 and 10 to 15 by the mean population at those ages. The interpolation of the series $\lambda p_{x}$ from $\lambda p_{3}$ to $\lambda p_{20}$ succeeds; taking $\lambda p_{3}, \lambda p_{7}, \lambda p_{12}$, and $\lambda p_{20}$ as the fixed points of the series, and $\lambda p_{12}$ being adjusted to allow for the turn of the curve.

The Tables A, B, and C supply the data from which the Life-Table of Healthy English Districts was deduced. One or two arithmetical examples of the application of the method adopted in the earlier ages are also supplied.

## III. INTERPOLATION.

We have therefore determined the values of $\lambda p_{x}$ at certain ages. The values of $\lambda p_{x}$ at the intervening ages may be determined by changing the value of $r$, and making $z$ successively $1,2 \ldots \ldots 10$ in the formula (p. 846). They may also be interpolated for every year of age by the method of finite differences; and upon the whole this method is
preferable to any other. The logarithms of $p_{x}$ are required; and to them it will be convenient to apply the interpolation directly. Any number of differences beyond four becomes cumbersome, and it will be therefore sufficient to give the general formula, which can be employed in deriving the first of either four or three orders of differences.

## Investigation of Formuloc-Intervals equal.

Let any numbers of a series be so related that $u_{n}$, the $n$th from the first, $u_{0}$, is determined by the equation (1.)-

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{n}=u_{0} \pm \frac{n}{1} \delta^{1}+\frac{n(n-1)}{1.2} \delta^{2}+\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{1.2 .3} \delta^{3}+\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{1.2 .3 .4} \delta^{4} . \tag{1.}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\delta^{1}, \delta^{2}, \delta^{3}$, and $\delta^{4}$, the first differences of the four orders, are unknown; they can all be determined from any five values of $u_{n}$. Now let $n$ be successively $1 x, 2 x, 3 x, 4 x$; then the coefficients of $u_{0}, u_{1 x}, u_{2 x}, u_{3 x}, u_{4 x}$ can be found, to give the values of $\delta^{1}, \delta^{2}, \delta^{3}$, and $\delta^{4} \mathrm{in}$ four equations. But when $x$ is ten or more the coefficients become large, and the numerical calculation laborious. It is therefore well to obtain the numerical values of $\delta^{4}, \delta^{3}, \delta^{2}, \delta^{1}$ in succession. Thus if the series is ascending or descending, the following are convenient forms. The upper rows of signs are used in the ascending, the lower rows in the descending series:-

$$
\begin{align*}
& \delta^{4}=\frac{+u_{4 x}-4 u_{3 x}+6 u_{2 x}-4 u_{x}+u_{0}}{x^{4}} .  \tag{2.}\\
& \delta^{3}=\frac{ \pm u_{3 x}+3 u_{2 x}+3 u_{x}-u_{0}}{x^{3}}+\frac{3}{2}(x-1) \delta^{4} .  \tag{3.}\\
& \delta^{2}=\frac{+u_{2 x}-2 u_{x}+u_{0}}{x^{2}} \mp(x-1) \delta^{3}-\frac{\left(7 x^{2}-18 x+11\right)}{12} \delta^{4} .  \tag{4.}\\
& \delta^{1}=\frac{+u_{x}-u_{0}}{x}+\frac{x-1}{2} \delta^{2}=\frac{\left(x^{2}-3 x+2\right)}{6} \delta^{3}-\frac{\left(x^{3}-6 x^{2}+11 x-6\right)}{24} \delta^{4} . \tag{5.}
\end{align*}
$$

It is necessary to be careful in deducing the successive values of $\delta$ from the values preceding; and before commencing their use their accuracy should be tested by inserting them in the checking equation,

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{4 x}=u_{0}+\frac{4 x}{1} \delta^{1}+\frac{4 x(4 x-1)}{1.2} \delta^{2} \pm \frac{4 x(4 x-1)(4 x-2)}{1.2 .3} \delta^{3}+\frac{4 x(4 x-1)(4 x-2)(4 x-3)}{1.2 .3 .4} \delta^{4} . \tag{6.}
\end{equation*}
$$

$x$ may be any number. If only four terms are given, $\delta^{3}$ is assumed to be constant; and $\delta^{4}$ being 0 , all the terms into which it enters disappear. The above formulæ, if this is borne in mind, are applicable when $\delta^{4}, \delta^{3}$, or $\delta^{2}$ are assumed to be constant, and serve therefore to supply the differences when there are one, two, three, or four orders by the most expeditious method.

* It will be borne in mind that these imply first differences, or $\delta^{1} u_{0}, \delta^{2} u_{0}, \delta^{3} u_{0}, \delta^{4} u_{0}$.

In constructing the Life-Table, $x$ was made 10 from the age of 20 , and on inserting the numbers, the equations $(2,3,4,5,6)$ became

$$
\begin{align*}
& \delta^{4}=\frac{+u_{40}-4 u_{30}+6 u_{20}-4 u_{10}+u_{0}}{+} .  \tag{7.}\\
& \delta^{3}=\frac{ \pm u_{30}+3 u_{20}+3 u_{10}-u_{0}}{1000}+13 \frac{1}{2} \delta^{4} .  \tag{8.}\\
& \delta^{2}=\frac{+u_{20}-2 u_{10}+u_{0}}{100}+9 \delta^{3}-44 \frac{1}{4} \delta^{4} .  \tag{9.}\\
& \delta^{1}=\frac{+u_{10}+u_{0}}{10}+4 \frac{1}{2} \delta^{2}=12 \delta^{3}+21 \delta^{4} . \tag{10.}
\end{align*}
$$

The checking equation is

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{40}=+u_{0}^{+} \pm 40 \delta^{1}+780 \delta^{2}+9880 \delta^{3}+91390 \delta^{4} . \tag{11.}
\end{equation*}
$$

If three orders of differences are used, the checking equation is

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{30}=+u_{0}^{+} \stackrel{+}{+} 30 \delta^{1}+435 \delta^{2}+4060 \delta^{3} \tag{12.}
\end{equation*}
$$

After adding or subtracting any constant to or from a series of numbers, the differences remain the same; and if consecutive terms are multiplied or divided by the same factor, the differences are multiplied or divided by that factor. Thus $(b+a)-(c+a)=b-c$, and $a b-a c=a(b-c)$. Advantage is taken of these properties to reduce any one of the terms in the equations to zero.

Thus let the logarithms to be interpolated be the following-values of $p_{20}, p_{30}, p_{40}$, and $p_{50}$, taken from the column headed males, Table B; then they may, among other ways, be interpolated as follows:-

As $\overline{1} \cdot 9969724$ is the contracted expression of ( $\cdot 9969724-1$ ), we have
\(\left.$$
\begin{array}{l}\text { Age } \\
20 \overline{1} \cdot 9969724=-\cdot 0030276 \\
30 \overline{1} \cdot 9964260=-\cdot 0035740 \\
40 \overline{1} \cdot 9959051=-\cdot 0040949 \\
50 \overline{1} \cdot 9943048=-\cdot 0056952\end{array}
$$ \begin{array}{l}(1) Multiplying each term by 10,000,000, <br>
that is, striking out the decimal point <br>
and the two adjoining ciphers, and (2) <br>
then subtracting from each 30,276, the <br>
values of u_{x}=\lambda p_{x} to be operated on <br>

become\end{array}\right\}\)| $u_{0}=-00000$ |
| :--- |
| $u_{10}=-5464$ |
| $u_{20}=-10673$ |
| $u_{30}=-26676$ |

By inserting these values with their negative signs in the equations, and taking the upper signs, the three differences are found; that is,

$$
\delta^{3}=-11 \cdot 049: \quad \delta^{2}=101 \cdot 991 ; \quad \text { and } \delta^{1}=-872 \cdot 7715
$$

The differences are now divided by $10,000,000$, that is, ciphers are added to their lefthand side, so that the above decimal point may be moved seven places in that direction,
and the operation may be thus commenced. By adding the differences successively to each other and to $\lambda p_{20}=\overline{1} \cdot 9969724$, the successive values are found of $\lambda p_{21}, \lambda p_{23}, \lambda p_{23} \ldots$. $\lambda p_{50}$ up to and including $\lambda p_{58}$ for males, where the series joins naturally the subsequent series, commencing at $\lambda p_{59}$.

| $\delta^{3}$. <br> $-000,0011,0490$ | $\cdot 000,0101,9910$ | $-\cdot 000,0872,7715$ | $\overline{\delta^{2}} \cdot \overline{1} \cdot 996,9 p_{x}$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (constant) | $\cdot 000,0090,9420$ | $-\cdot 000,0770,7805$ | $\overline{1} \cdot 996,8951,2285$ |
|  |  | $-\cdot 000,0679,8385$ | $\overline{\mathrm{I}} \cdot 996,8180,4480$ |
|  |  |  | $\overline{1} \cdot 996,7500,6095$ |

In the actual operation the $\delta^{3}$ is subtracted from $\delta^{2}, \delta^{2}$ from $\delta^{1}$, and $\delta^{1}$ from $\lambda p_{x}$; it is therefore convenient to substitute for their present values the complements of $\delta^{3}$ and $\delta^{1}$, as thus all the series become additive.

As $\lambda l_{20}+\lambda p_{20}=\lambda l_{21}$, and $\lambda l_{21}+\lambda p_{21}=\lambda l_{22}$, and generally $\lambda l_{x}+\lambda p_{x}=\lambda l_{x+1}$, it is evident that the $\lambda p_{x}$ is the first difference of the series $\lambda l_{x}$; and the whole series, $\lambda l_{x}$, from $\lambda l_{20}$ to $\lambda l_{58}$, may be formed as in the subjoined example, where $\delta^{3}$ becomes $\delta^{4}, \delta^{2}$ becomes $\delta^{3}$, and so on.

> Healthy Districts.-Males.
> $\delta^{4}$ (constant)
> $9 \cdot 999,9988,9510$

| Age. | $\delta^{3}$. | $\delta^{2}$. | $\delta^{1}=\lambda p_{x}$. | $u_{x}=\lambda l_{x}$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | $0 \cdot 000,0101,9910$ | $9 \cdot 999,9127,2285$ | $9 \cdot 996,9724,0000$ | $4 \cdot 584,1951,2769$ |
| 21 | $0 \cdot 000,0090,9420$ | $9 \cdot 999,9229,2195$ | $9 \cdot 996,8851,2285$ | $4 \cdot 581,1675,2769$ |
| 22 | $0 \cdot 000,0079,8930$ | $9 \cdot 999,9320,1615$ | $9 \cdot 996,8080,4480$ | $4 \cdot 578,0526,5054$ |
| 23 |  |  | $9 \cdot 996,7400,6095$ | $4 \cdot 574,8606,9534$ |
| 24 |  |  |  | $4 \cdot 571,6007,5629$ |

Note.-The four last figures in the decimal portion of the series $\lambda p_{x}$ and in $\lambda l_{x}$ may in practice be omitted.

The corresponding values of $\lambda p_{x}$ in the column headed Females, Table B, are interpolated in the same way. And the $\lambda p_{60}, \lambda p_{70}, \lambda p_{80}$, and $\lambda p_{90}$ are interpolated by the same methods, the series being continued backwards to $\lambda p_{57}$ and forwards to $\lambda p_{105}$; the actual observations of age after the age of 90 furnishing results less reliable than those thus obtained, which bring a generation of 100,000 to their last end in 107 years. The successive values of $\lambda p_{x}$ in the period from the age of 3 to the age of 19 inclusive, are derived from $\lambda p_{3}, \lambda p_{7}, \lambda p_{12}$, and $\lambda p_{20}$, which represent $u_{0}, u_{4}, u_{9}$, and $u_{17}$. As the terms of the series are here at unequal distances, the first differences cannot be derived from the preceding formulæ. The $\delta$ can in this and similar cases be derived from the proper equations by substituting figures for letters. But three literal equations supply formulæ for finding the three first differences from any four terms of series of the kind which have been discussed: $u_{0}$, which has a troublesome coefficient, can always be
reduced to zero, and is therefore omitted. The first given term being $u_{0}$, let the second $u_{x}$ be the $x$ th from $u_{0}$, and $u_{y}$ be the $y$ th, $u_{z}$ the $z$ th from $u_{0}$. Here $x<y<z$. Then the following equations give the differences*:-

$$
\begin{align*}
& \delta^{3}=\frac{6\left\{(y-x) \frac{u_{z}}{z}-(z-x) \frac{u_{y}}{y}+(z-y) \frac{u_{x}}{x}\right\}}{(y-x)\{(z-1)(z-2)-(y-1)(y-2)\}-(z-y)\{(y-1)(y-2)-(x-1)(x-2)\}} .  \tag{13.}\\
& \delta^{2}=\frac{2}{y-x}\left\{\frac{u_{y}}{y}-\frac{u_{x}}{x}-\{(y-1)(y-2)-(x-1)(x-2)\} \frac{\delta^{3}}{6}\right\} . . . . . . . \tag{14.}
\end{align*} \delta^{\delta^{2}=\frac{u_{x}}{x}-(x-1) \frac{\delta^{2}}{2}-(x-1)(x-2) \frac{\delta^{\frac{8}{3}}}{6} . \quad . . . . . . . . . . . . .} .
$$

By making $y=2 x$, and $z=3 x$, these equations assume the same forms as equations (3.), (4.), (5.), with the term $\delta^{4}$ struck out.

Putting $x=4, y=9$, and $z=17$, the three preceding equations become those which were actually used in constructing the series $p_{3}$ to $p_{19}: u_{0}$ is reduced to zero and is not used.

$$
\begin{align*}
& \delta^{3}=\frac{45 u_{17}-221 u_{9}+306 u_{4}}{13260}  \tag{16.}\\
& \delta^{2}=\frac{4 u_{9}-9 u_{4}-300 \delta^{3}}{90}  \tag{17.}\\
& \delta^{1}=\frac{u_{4}-6 \delta^{2}-4 \delta^{3}}{4} \tag{18.}
\end{align*}
$$

Checking equation.

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{17}=u_{0}+17 \delta^{1}+136 \delta^{2}+680 \delta^{3} . \tag{19.}
\end{equation*}
$$

* A useful Table in applying the above formulæ.

| $x$. | $(x-1)(x-2)$. | $x$ | $(x-1)(x-2)$. | $x$. | $(x-1)(x-2)$. | $x$. | $(x-1)(x-2)$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 342 | 30 | 812 | 40 | 1482 | 50 | 2352 |
| 21 | 380 | 31 | 870 | 41 | 1560 | 51 | 2450 |
| 22 | 420 | 32 | 930 | 42 | 1640 | 52 | 2550 |
| 23 | 462 | 33 | 992 | 43 | 1722 | 53 | 2652 |
| 24 | 506 | 34 | 1056 | 44 | 1806 | 54 | 2756 |
| 25 | 552 | 35 | 1122 | 45 | 1892 | 55 | 2862 |
| 26 | 600 | 36 | 1190 | 46 | 1980 | 56 | 2970 |
| 27 | 650 | 37 | 1260 | 47 | 2070 | 57 | 3080 |
| 28 | 702 | 38 | 1332 | 48 | 2162 | 58 | 3192 |
| 29 | 756 | 39 | 1406 | 49 | 2256 | 59 | 3306 |

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Table of first differences in the Life-Table of Healthy Districts of England.

| Males. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Age } \\ x \end{array}$ | $\lambda l_{x}$. | $\lambda p_{x}=\delta^{1}$. | $\delta^{2}$. | $8^{3}$. | $\delta^{4}$. |
| 3 20 59 60 | $4 \cdot 631,5849,0000$ $4 \cdot 584,1951,2769$ $4 \cdot 403,7768,0454$ $4 \cdot 394,3905,1434$ | $9 \cdot 993,2422,0000$ $9 \cdot 996,9724,0000$ $9 \cdot 990,6137,0980$ $9 \cdot 989,5894,0000$ | $0 \cdot 001,2416,1260,934$ $9 \cdot 999,9127,2285$ $9 \cdot 998,9756,9020$ $9 \cdot 998,9460,9820$ | $9 \cdot 999,8012,4393,666$ $0 \cdot 000,0101,9910$ $9 \cdot 999,9704,0800$ $9 \cdot 999,9547,5320$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} 0 \cdot 000,0141,9648,567 \\ 9 \cdot 999,9988,9510 \\ 9 \cdot 999,9843,4520 \\ 9 \cdot 999,9843,4520 \end{array}$ |
| Note.-The last series $p_{x}$ was carried backwards from $\lambda p_{60}$ to $\lambda p_{59}$. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Females. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 4-623,2586,0000 | 9.993,2928,0000 | 0•001,2164,1598,794 | 9•999,7874,2556,561 | 0•000,0170,4566,365 |
| 20 | 4-570,6868,3846 | 9•996,6528,0000 | 9•999,9241,5455 | $0 \cdot 000,0060,2930$ | 9•999,9994,2530 |
| 57 | 4-405,2189,6826 | 9•992,9332,3725 | 9-999,0836,2675 | $0 \cdot 000,0123,2100$ | 9•999,9838,1950 |
| 60 | 4-381,2818,8126 | 9•990,2049,0000 | 9•999,0720,4825 | 9•999,9637,7950 | 9•999,9838,1950 |
| Note.-The last series $p_{x}$ was carried backwards from $\lambda p_{60}$ to $\lambda p_{57}$ * |  |  |  |  |  |

A series of the form $v^{x} l_{x}+v^{x+1} l_{x+1}+v^{x+2} l_{x+2}$ is required in rendering the Life-Table applicable to the solution of questions in Annuities and Life Insurance.

The logarithms of the series are obtained by making the first term of the new series, $\lambda\left(v^{*} l_{x}\right)$, and the first term of the first order of differences $\lambda\left(v p_{x}\right)=\lambda v+\lambda p_{x}=\delta^{1}$, the $\delta^{2}, \delta^{3}$ and $\delta^{4}$ of the original series remaining unchanged. Taking the interest of money at 3 per cent. $v=\frac{1}{1 \cdot 03}$; and $\lambda v=\overline{1} \cdot 9871627,753$.

The derivation of the new series from this value of $\lambda v$, and from the above Table (males), is shown in the annexed example. Any value of $v^{x}$ may be introduced in the same way.

$$
\delta^{4}=9 \cdot 9999988,951
$$

| Age. | $\delta^{3}$. | $\delta^{2}$. | $\lambda\left(v p_{x}\right)=\hat{\delta}^{1}$. | $u_{0}=\lambda\left(l_{l v} v^{*}\right)$, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | $0 \cdot 0000101,991$ | $9 \cdot 9999127,2285$ | $9 \cdot 9841351,7530$ | $4 \cdot 3274506$ |
|  | $\cdot 0000090,942$ | $.9999229,2195$ | $.9840478,9815$ | $\cdot 3115858$ |
|  |  | $.9999320,1615$ | $.9839708,2010$ | $\cdot 2956337$ |
|  |  |  | $.9839028,3625$ | $\cdot 2796045$ |
|  |  |  |  | $\cdot 2635074$ |

In describing the first English Life-Table, I ventured to express the belief that the chances of life may ultimately be calculated by Mr. Babbage's machine*. Mr. BabBAGE'S conception has been realized in the original and ingeniously constructed machine of the Messrs. Scheutz, which was favourably reported upon by a committee of the Royal Society. The first differences to be inserted in the machine can be immediately deduced from those given above; and we may hope ere long to see the logarithms of LifeTables, for single and for joint lives, printed from types cast in moulds stamped by the machine now in the course of construction by the Messrs. Donkin, for Her Majesty's Government, at the instance of the Registrar-General.

* Letter to the Registrar-General, in Appendix (p. 352) to his Fifth Annual Report, year 1843.
IV. CONSTRUCTION OF THE COLUMNS $d_{x}, l_{x}, \mathrm{~L}_{x}, \mathrm{P}_{x}, \mathrm{Q}_{x}, \mathrm{Y}_{x}$, AND NOTICES OF SOME OF THEIR PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

The series $l_{x}$ has been constructed; and from that series others are deduced to complete the Life-Table, consisting now of six columns.
(1.) $d_{x}=l_{x}-l_{x+1}=$ number of deaths in the year of age following, out of $l_{x}$ alive at the age $x$. By taking $x$ successively at $0,1,2,3, \ldots$ to the last age in the Table, the numbers dying in every year of age are obtained. The numbers dying of the age $x$ and under the age $l_{x+n}$ are immediately derived from the column $l_{x}$; as (2.) $l_{x}-l_{x+n}=d_{x}+d_{x+1} \ldots d_{x+n-1}$. When $x+n>\omega=$ the oldest age in the Table, $l_{x}=d_{x}+d_{x+1} \ldots+d_{\omega}$.
(3.) $\mathrm{L}_{x}=l_{x}+l_{x+1} \ldots \ldots+l_{\omega}$. The series is formed by the successive addition of the series $l_{x}$, from $l_{\omega}$ upwards.
(3 a.) $\mathrm{L}_{x}-\mathrm{L}_{x+n}=\mathrm{L}_{x \mid n}=l_{x}+l_{x+1} \ldots .+l_{x+n-1}$.
(4.) $\left.\begin{array}{rl}\mathrm{P}_{x} & =l_{x+1}+\frac{1}{2} d_{x} \\ \mathrm{P}_{x} & =l_{x}-\frac{1}{2} d_{x}\end{array}\right\}$ and (5) $\mathrm{P}_{x}=\frac{l_{x}+l_{x+1}}{2}$.

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\mathrm{P}_{x+1}=l_{x+1}-\frac{1}{2} d_{x+1}=l_{x+2}+\frac{1}{2} d_{x+1} .
$$

The series in column $\mathrm{P}_{x}$ is constructed from the two columns $l_{x}$ and $d_{x}$, or from the single column $l_{x}$, as $2 \mathrm{P}_{x}=l_{x}+l_{x+1}$; and $\therefore \mathrm{P}_{x}=\frac{l_{x}+l_{x+1}}{2}, \therefore l_{x}=2 \mathrm{P}_{x}-l_{x+1}$; so, conversely, the series $l_{x}$ can be constructed from the series $\mathrm{P}_{x}$. The $\mathrm{P}_{x}$ is assumed to represent the population, as expressed by the Life-Table, living at the age $x$ and under the age $x+1$. Thus $\mathrm{P}_{20}=$ the population of the age 20 and under 21 years.

By substituting the successive values of $\mathrm{P}_{x}$ in the equation ( $5 a$ ), $\mathrm{P}_{x}+\mathrm{P}_{x+1} \ldots \mathrm{P}_{x+n}$, we have $\frac{1}{2} l_{x}+l_{x+1} \ldots .+l_{x+n}+\frac{1}{2} l_{x+n+1}$.
(6.) $\mathrm{Q}_{x}=\mathrm{P}_{x}+\mathrm{P}_{x+1}+\mathrm{P}_{x+2} \ldots \mathrm{P}_{x+n-1}+\mathrm{P}_{x+n} \ldots .+\mathrm{P}_{\omega} \ldots \ldots$. $\mathrm{Q}_{x+n}=\mathrm{P}_{x+n}+\mathrm{P}_{x+n+1}+\mathrm{P}_{x+n+2} \ldots+\mathrm{P}_{\omega}$.
(7.) $\therefore \mathrm{Q}_{x}-\mathrm{Q}_{x+n}=\mathrm{Q}_{x \mid n}=\mathrm{P}_{x}+\mathrm{P}_{x+1}+\mathrm{P}_{x+2} \ldots . \mathrm{P}_{x+n-1}$. The column $\mathrm{Q}_{x}$ is constructed by adding up the column $\mathrm{P}_{x}$, and transferring the successive sums to the column $\mathrm{Q}_{x}$.

By substituting for the series $\mathrm{P}_{x}$ its values in $l_{x}$, we have
(8.) $\mathrm{Q}_{x}=\frac{1}{2} l_{x}+l_{x+1}+l_{x+2} \ldots .+l_{\omega}$.

And by again substituting for the series $l_{x}$ its corresponding values in $d_{x}$, we have
(9.) $\mathrm{Q}_{x}=\frac{1}{2} d_{x}+1 \frac{1}{2} d_{x+1}+2 \frac{1}{2} d_{x+2} \ldots .+\left(\omega+\frac{1}{2}\right) d_{\omega}$.
(10.) Thus $\mathrm{Q}_{x}$ is equal to the numbers dying in each year of age after the age $x$, multiplied by the time (expressed in years and fractions of a year) that they have respectively lived over that age ; and if $x=0$, then $\mathrm{Q}_{0}=\frac{1}{2} d_{0}+1 \frac{1}{2} d_{1}+2 \frac{1}{2} d_{2} \ldots\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right) d_{x+n}$, when $(x+n)$ becomes $>\omega$.
(11.) This column $\mathrm{Q}_{x}$ represents, therefore, two distinct orders of facts: it represents the sum of the number of years that will be lived after the age $x$ by the $l_{x}$ persons then living, and $\therefore \frac{\mathbf{Q}_{x}}{l_{x}}=$ the mean after-lifetime; of which $\frac{\mathbf{Q}_{x \mid n}}{l_{x}}$ will be enjoyed before the age $x+n$ is attained, and $\frac{\mathbf{Q}_{x+n}}{l_{x}}$ after the age $x+n$ is attained. At birth the mean after-lifetime is $\frac{\mathbf{a}_{0}}{l_{0}}$, the unit here being one year of individual life.
(12.) $\mathrm{Q}_{x}$ also represents the sum of the numbers of men or women living at all ages over the age $x$, out of $\mathrm{Q}_{0}$ living at all ages, as $\mathrm{Q}_{x}$ is in all cases the sum of the numbers living in each year of age, represented by the series $P_{x}$. The unit is here an individual man.
(13.) Thus, on referring to Plate XLII. fig. 1, the lifetime of 100,000 children born simultaneously may be represented by 100,000 parallel lines, drawn from AB horizontally in the direction of $C D$ until they cut the curved line BC. And $Q_{0}$ is the sum of these lines expressed in the linear units of the scale on the line AC ; so $\frac{\mathbf{Q}_{0}}{l_{0}}=\frac{\mathbf{Q}_{0}}{100,000}=\frac{4,899,665}{100,000}=48 \cdot 99665$; the mean length of those lines $=$ the number of years of mean lifetime.

It will be observed that in this Table, instead of 100,000 lines, these lines are thrown into 106 groups, each comprising the variable number of lines terminating in each of 106 intervals numbered on the line AC, and representing years of age. And in these short intervals it is assumed that the mean length of the lines terminating in the eleventh interval ( 10 to 11 ) is represented by $10 \frac{1}{2}$, and so on.

The relative numbers of persons living simultaneously at each interval of age will also be represented in the same Plate, fig. 1, by 106 successive vertical lines, raised from nearly the centre of each interval between the ordinates on the line AC, and measured in units of which the line AB contains 100,000 . The same lines bound the figure representing the two orders of facts; and the numerical units expressing the aggregate length of the vertical lines equal in amount the units expressing the aggregate length of the horizontal lines expressed in the horizontal units.
(14.) I will now explain briefly the nature of the column $\mathbf{Y}_{x}$, which I have added to the Life-Table*. The Life-Table (column $\mathrm{P}_{x}$ ) exhibits a representative population, such as would be constituted by separating every year 100,000 births as they occurred,

* See paper in Appendix to Registrar-General's Sixth Annual Report, pp. 544-552.

Extract from the Registrar-General's Sixth Annual Report (1845), p. 528.
"Note.-Halley's Table (1693) contained the column P. John Smart made 1000 "born" the basis of his Table (1738), and introduced the columns $d$ and $l$. Simpson adopted Smart's form of Table, which was followed by Kersseboom (1738), Deparcieux (1746), Price (1773), and Miline (1815). The columns $\mathrm{S} . y, y$ and $\Delta y$ in Duvillard's 'Loi de Mortalité (en France) dans l'état naturel $\dagger$,' correspond with the columns $\mathrm{L}, l, d$ in the new Table. The $\mathrm{S} . y$ added by Duvillard is our L and Barrett's column B; Duvillard's short Table ( p .123 ) has the four columns $d, l, \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{Q}$ for quinquennial or decennial ages, and the 'expectation of life.' Mathieu's Table II. is an expansion of the column $Q$ of Duvillard's short Table, and is that column for each year of age. In a recent report on the Bengal Military Fund, Mr. Davies has a Table (1) containing columns corresponding with the $d, l, \mathrm{~L}, \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{Q}$ of the English Table, the 'Mortality per cent.,' and the 'Expectation of Life' at each age $\ddagger$. ."

I have in this paper employed $d, l, \mathrm{~L}$, instead of $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{D}, \mathrm{N}$, which have been formerly used by me and others, and should still be used where the factor $v^{x}$ is introduced.
$\dagger$ Influence de la Petite Vérole, p. $161 . \quad \ddagger$ See the note (A), p. 558.
and keeping them apart in a separate community, subject to a definite law of mortality. Any population living in the tabular proportions at each year of age may, for the sake of distinction, be called a normally constituted population.

The ages of the population represented by the Life-Table amount, in the aggregate, to $\mathrm{Y}_{0}$ years; it is the aggregate number of years which they have already lived, and, singularly enough, it is also, if the law of mortality remain constant, the number of years which they will live. Thus $\mathrm{Q}_{0}$ persons in such a population have lived on an average $\frac{\mathrm{Y}_{0}}{\mathrm{Q}_{0}}$ years; that is their mean age, and it is also their mean after-lifetime. $\mathrm{Y}_{x}$ is the number of years that $\mathrm{Q}_{x}$ persons have lived over the age $x$; and the mean age of such persons is $x+\frac{\mathbf{Y}_{x}}{\mathbf{Q}_{x}}$; their after-lifetime is $\frac{\mathbf{Y}_{x}}{\mathbf{Q}_{x}}$.

The series $\mathbf{Y}_{x}$ is formed by successively adding up a series of the form $\frac{1}{2}\left(\mathrm{Q}_{x}+\mathrm{Q}_{x+1}\right)$, commencing at $x+1=\omega=$ the oldest age in the Table.
(15.) $\therefore \mathrm{Y}_{0}=\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{Q}_{0}+\mathrm{Q}_{1}+\mathrm{Q}_{2} \ldots+\mathrm{Q}_{\omega}$,
$\mathrm{Y}_{x}=\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{Q}_{x}+\mathrm{Q}_{x+1}+\mathrm{Q}_{x+2} \ldots+\mathrm{Q}_{\omega}$.
By substituting for $\mathrm{Q}_{0}$, for $\mathrm{Q}_{1}$, for $\mathrm{Q}_{2}$, and so on, their values in $\mathrm{P}_{x}$, it will be found that
(16.) $\mathrm{Y}_{0}=\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{P}_{0}+1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{P}_{1}+2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{P}_{2}+3 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{P}_{3} \ldots .+\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right) \mathrm{P}_{n} \ldots .+\left(\omega+\frac{1}{2}\right) \mathrm{P}_{\omega}$.
(17.) But the mean age of the persons ( $\mathrm{P}_{0}$ ) of the age of 0 and under 1 is nearly $\frac{1}{2}$; and so the series $\frac{1}{2}, 1 \frac{1}{2}, 2 \frac{1}{2}, 3 \frac{1}{2}, 4 \frac{1}{2}, 5 \frac{1}{2}, 6 \frac{1}{2} \ldots\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)$ expresses nearly the mean age of all the persons in the first $\left(\mathrm{P}_{0}\right)$, second $\left(\mathrm{P}_{1}\right)$, third $\left(\mathrm{P}_{2}\right)$, and $(n+1)$ th $\left(\mathrm{P}_{n}\right)$ years of age, and so for all other ages; consequently the sum of the series (16) $Y_{0}$ is the sum of the ages of all the persons living contemporaneously, as they are represented in the LifeTable.

In like manner it is shown that

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\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{Y}_{x}=\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{P}_{x}+\left(1+\frac{1}{2}\right) \mathrm{P}_{x+1}+\left(2+\frac{1}{2}\right) \mathrm{P}_{x+2} \cdots \cdots \cdots \cdots+\left(\omega+\frac{1}{2}-x\right) \mathrm{P}_{\omega} \tag{18.}
\end{equation*}
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is the sum of the number of years that the $\mathrm{Q}_{x}$ persons in the Table have lived over the age $x$. They have all lived $x$ years; and consequently $x+\frac{\mathbf{Y}_{x}}{\mathbf{Q}_{x}}$ gives their average age precisely as $\frac{Y_{0}}{\mathbf{Q}_{0}}$ gives the average age of the whole community.
(19.) It has been shown that $\mathrm{Q}_{x}$ expresses the number of years that $l_{x}$ persons will live; in the same manner it may be shown that $\mathrm{Q}_{x+1}$ expresses the number of years that $l_{x+1}$ persons will live; $\therefore\left(l_{x}+l_{x+1}\right)$ persons will live $\left(\mathrm{Q}_{x}+\mathrm{Q}_{x+1}\right)$ years, $\therefore \frac{1}{2}\left(l_{x}+l_{x+1}\right)=\mathrm{P}_{x}$ persons will live $\frac{1}{2}\left(\mathrm{Q}_{x}+\mathrm{Q}_{x+1}\right)$ years. And the same may be demonstrated for each successive value of $x$.

But the sum of the series $\mathrm{P}_{x}$ is $\mathrm{Q}_{x}=$ the number of persons living of all ages. And the sum of the series $\frac{1}{2}\left(\mathrm{Q}_{x}+\mathrm{Q}_{x+1}\right)$ is $\mathbf{Y}_{x}=$ the number of years that $\mathrm{Q}_{x}$ persons will live; $\therefore \frac{\mathbf{Y}_{x}}{\mathrm{Q}_{x}}=$ the mean after-lifetime of all the persons living simultaneously of the age $x$ and upwards. Thus by the Table D, 4,899,665 persons are living contemporaneously ; their mean age is $\frac{\mathbf{Y}_{0}}{\mathbf{Q}_{0}}=\frac{166209701}{4899665}=33.92$ years; and they will live on an average 33.92 years.
(20.) The Life-Table serves to determine the value of Life Annuities, the value of policies, and the premiums of insurance.

This is effected by introducing a new unit, such as $£ 1,1$ franc, 1 dollar, or any other monetary unit. Thus if $£ 1$ is payable at each death, the series $d_{x}$ will show the number of pounds falling due in each year of age; so if $£ 1$ is payable by each person on attaining the age $x$, and each subsequent year of age, the series $l_{x}$ shows the number of pounds payable every year by the $l_{x}$ persons; and $\mathrm{N}_{x}$ will be the number of pounds payable in the whole course of life after the age $x$ : thus $\frac{\mathrm{N}_{x} £ 1}{l_{x}}=$ the AVERAGE AMOUNT of an annuity of $£ 1$ payable on each life at and after the age $x$. The money-unit may be introduced into the other columns; and $\frac{\mathbf{Y}_{x}}{\mathbf{Q}_{x}}$. $£ 1$ would show the aVErage amount payable under an annuity of $£ 1$ on each of $\mathrm{Q}_{x}$ lives. The present value of these future payments can always be determined by assuming a given rate of interest. The estimates thus obtained are also always read subject to the qualification that by hypothesis the Life-Table is based on a law of mortality actually to rule for a definite time in the population to which it is applied. The probability of the hypothesis is not here in question.

Under the same circumstances masses of mankind appear to experience, at the same ages, the same rates of mortality. Consequently if for several years $d_{x}$ persons have died annually on an average out of $l_{w}$ persons living at the beginning of the year, other things being equal, the probability that the same number will die out of $l_{x}$ persons in a year to come is greater than any other that can be named, and the fraction expressing that probability is $\frac{d_{x}}{l_{x}}$. We know that $d_{x}$ expressing the numbers dying in a year, $l_{x+1}$ must express the numbers surviving as $l_{x+1}+d_{x}=l_{x}$. The chances may be represented by $l_{x}$ balls; $l_{x+1}$ white balls in an urn will represent the chances of living, $d_{x}$ black balls in the same urn will represent the chances of dying. Now let each of $l_{w}$ persons pay the sum $z$ for a ticket, and each person that draws a white ball be entitled to £1. Before the drawing commences the value of each ticket is $\frac{l_{x+1}}{l_{x}}$; for $l_{x}$ (the total chances) $: l_{x+1}$ (the chances in favour of winning on one ticket) ::1: $\frac{l_{x+1}}{l_{x}}=z$.

Put $l_{x}=30,007$, and $l_{x+1}=29,647$; then $\frac{l_{x+1} \cdot £ 1}{l_{x}}=\frac{29,647 \cdot £ 1}{30,007}=£ \cdot 98802$. The amount of money to be paid on $l_{x+1}$ white balls is $£ 29,647$, and $£ \cdot 9802 \times 30,007=z . l_{x}=£ 29,647$.

In like manner it may be shown that if $£ 1$ is paid to each person who draws a black ball, the value of each ticket is $\frac{d £ 1}{l_{\Perp}}=y £ 1$; for $y \cdot l_{x} . £ 1=d_{x} £ 1$, and $£ 1$ is to be paid on each of $d_{x}$ tickets.

Should $£ 1$ be paid alike to those who draw white balls and to those who draw black balls, the value of a ticket will be equal to the sum of the two fractions expressing the several probabilities, namely,

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\frac{l_{x+1} . £ 1}{l_{x}}+\frac{d_{x} £ 1}{l_{x}}=z+y=\frac{l_{x+1}+d_{x}}{l_{x}} £ 1=\frac{l_{x}}{l_{x}} £ 1=£ 1 .
$$

As one or other of the two kinds of balls must by hypothesis be drawn, and $£ 1$ is paid for each ball, the receipt of the $£ 1$ is certain: certainty is thus in all cases expressed by unity.

If every ball as it was drawn were replaced in the urn, although in 30,007 trials white balls were not actually drawn 29,647 times, black balls 360 times, still $\frac{29,647}{30,007}$ would express the probability of drawing a white ball, and the value of $£ 1$ contingent on that event, more accurately than any other fraction that could be named.

Again, if an urn contained by hypothesis an indefinite number of balls, out of which 29,647 white balls and 360 black balls were drawn and then replaced, the probability of again drawing a white ball on trial, and the value of $£ 1$ contingent on that event, would be expressed more accurately by $\frac{29,648}{30,009} *$ than by any other fraction that could be named; past experience being by hypothesis the only means we have here of judging of the future.

Thus a Life-Table applicable to the case furnishes the fractions to determine the value of any sums of money dependent on the life or death of a given person, or a certain number of given persons in a given time.

The probability of living two years expressed by the fraction $\frac{l_{x+2}}{l_{x}}=\frac{l_{x}-\left(d_{x}+d_{x+1}\right)}{l_{x}}$, is less than the probability of living one year.

Making $n$ any number of years and fractional parts of years, the fraction $\frac{l_{x+n}}{l_{x}}$ will invariably express the probability of living $n$ years after the age $x$. As $n$ approaches zero the fraction will approximate to 1 , the symbol of certainty; thus a person is more likely to live a day than a year, a minute than a day. As $n$ increases $l_{x+n}$ diminishes in value; and when $x+n$ expresses a year after the age $\omega$ in the Life-Table, $l_{\omega+1}$ is by hypothesis zero, $\therefore \frac{l_{\omega+1}}{l_{x}}=\frac{0}{l_{x}}=0$. The chance of living so long is expressed in this case by zero, the chance of dying in the time by 1 , the symbol of certainty.
(21.) $l_{x+n}$ expresses the number of chances in favour of surviving $n$ years, and $l_{x}-l_{x+n}$ the number of chances of dying in the same time, the sum of the two together $\left(l_{x}\right)$ expressing the total number of chances. Thus the fraction $\left(\frac{l_{x+n}}{l_{x}}\right)$ expressing the probability of living a given time ranges from 1 to 0 , and $\frac{l_{x}-l_{x+n}}{l_{x}}=1-\frac{l_{x+n}}{l_{x}}$, or the chance of dying in a given time also ranges from 1 to 0 as $n$ varies. When the two fractions are equal $\frac{l_{x+n}}{l_{x}}=\frac{l_{x}-l_{x+n}}{l_{x}}$, then $l_{x+n}=l_{x}-l_{x+n}$, and $2 l_{x+n}=l_{x}, \therefore l_{x+n}=\frac{l_{x}}{2}$.

To verify the equations, an age $x+n$ must be chosen at which $l_{x+n}$ is exactly equal to $\frac{1}{2} l_{x}$. Thus by the Life-Table of healthy districts 100,000 children born alive are reduced to 50,851 in 58 years, and to 49,895 in 59 years; so the chances are rather in favour of

* The addition of 1 to the numerator, and of 2 to the denominator, may be neglected, when, as in this case, the numbers are large.
their living 58 years, as they are 50,851 to 49,149 ; upon the other hand, the chances of their living 59 years $(49,895)$ are less than the chances 50,105 of their dying before attaining that age. Upon trial it will be found that the chances of living to and the chances of dying before $58 \frac{851}{956}$ years $=58+\frac{50,851-50,000}{d_{58}}=58+\frac{851}{956}$ years, or about $58 \frac{8}{9}$ years are nearly equal; hence this is called the probable lifetime, or vie probable by French writers, for $\frac{l_{58 \frac{8}{8}}}{l_{0}}=\frac{1}{2}$. At the age 20 the probable lifetime is $47 \frac{1588}{1638}$, nearly 48 years. The probable lifetime at every age is immediately seen by inspection.
(22.) V. THE THREEFOLD LIFE-TABLE-PERSONS, MALES, FEMALES.

The Life-Table is threefold. A Table having the six columns is made for males; another Table is separately made for females. The several columns of the two Tables incorporated together form the Table of persons which has 100,000 , and may have any other number for its basis. The basis of the Male Table in the illustration is 51,125 , while the basis of the Female Table is 48,875 . In that proportion males and females were born in the districts. Under this arrangement the number of contemporaneous males and females living at each age in columns $l_{x}$ is shown: thus 38,388 males and 37,212 females attain the age of $20 ; 17,145$ males attain the age of 70 , and 17,133 females attain the same age; at all ages under 71 the number of males exceeds the females; at the age of 71 and upwards the females exceed the males in number: and upon referring to the columns $d_{x}$, it will be seen that the males die off in greater numbers than females after the age of 42 . The age after the second year at which the greatest number of deaths occurs is 75 in males, 76 in females.

These numbers all refer to the Life-Table for healthy districts.
Some of the other properties of the Life-Tables, admitting of innumerable applications in the solution of social phenomena, will appear in the following formulæ, which will be found useful in practice.

## VI. USEFUL FORMULE.

The following formulæ will facilitate the use of the Life-Table. The figures must be taken from the Tables of Persons, of males or females, applicable to the case. The formulæ are general, and are applicable to any other Life-Table.
(23.) $\frac{d_{x}}{\mathbf{P}_{x}}=m_{x}=$ the rate of mortality in the year of age following the precise age $x$.
(24.) $\frac{d_{x}}{l_{x}}=\frac{l_{x}-l_{x+1}}{l_{x}}=1-\frac{l_{x+1}}{l_{x}}=$ the probability that a person A of the age $x$, in average health, will die in the following year.
(25.) $\frac{l_{x+1}}{l_{x}}=p_{x}=\frac{l_{x}-d_{x}}{l_{x}}=1-\frac{d_{x}}{l_{x}}=$ the probability that A, a person of the age $x$, will live a year; $\therefore 1-p_{x}=$ the probability that $A$, age $x$, will die in the year following, as certainty of life $=1$.
(26.) $\frac{l_{x}-l_{x+n}}{l_{x}}=$ the probability that A, age $x$, will die in the next $n$ years.
(27.) $\frac{l_{x+n}}{l_{x}}=$ the probability that A, of age $x$, will live $n$ years.
(28.) Put $\frac{l_{x}}{2}=l_{x+n}$; and when $l_{x+n}$ is taken at such an age as to fulfil the conditions of the equation, then $n$ is the probable lifetime $=$ vie probable $=$ the time that it is an even chance a person of the age $x$ will live.
(29.) $\frac{\mathbf{Q}_{x}}{l_{x}}=\mathrm{A}_{x}=$ the mean after lifetime, or as it is often called, the expectation of lifean incorrect expression, which is rather applicable to the probable lifetime.

Note.-Upon Demorvre's hypothesis, the probable lifetime, that is the time that a person may fairly expect to live, his expectation, was the same as the mean after lifetime.
(30.) $\mathrm{G}_{x}=x+\mathrm{A}_{x}=$ the mean age at death of persons who have already lived exactly $x$ years.
(31.) $\mathrm{S}=c \frac{\mathbf{Q}_{x \mid n}}{l_{x}}=$ the number of members of any Society between the ages $x$ and $x+n$, which will be permanently sustained by $c \ldots$ annual admissions at the age $x$.
(32.) $c=\frac{\mathrm{S} l_{x}}{\mathbf{Q}_{x \mid n}}=$ annual recruits of the Society (S).
(33.) $\frac{\mathrm{S} l_{x+n}}{\mathrm{Q}_{x \mid n}}=$ annual members leaving the Society (S) on attaining the age $x+n$.
(34.) $\frac{\mathrm{S} l_{x \mid n}}{\mathbf{Q}_{x \mid n}}=$ annual deaths in such a Society (S).
(35.) $\mathrm{S} \frac{\mathbf{Q}_{x+n}}{\mathbf{Q}_{x \mid n}}=$ the aggregate number of persons living, who have left such a Society, as pensioners or otherwise.

In the following formulæ it is assumed that the population is normally constituted.
(36.) $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbf{Q}_{x}}=\mathbf{A}_{{ }_{x}}^{\prime}=$ the mean after lifetime of all persons of the age x and upwards.
(37.) $\frac{\mathbf{Y}_{x}-\mathbf{Y}_{x+n}}{\mathbf{Q}_{x}-\mathbf{Q}_{x+n}}=\frac{\mathbf{Y}_{x \mid n}}{\mathbf{Q}_{x \mid n}}=$ the mean after lifetime of all persons of the age of $x$ and under the age of $x+n$.
(38.) $c \cdot \frac{\mathbf{Y}_{x \mid n}}{\mathbf{Q}_{x \mid n}}=$ the number of persons of which a Society will ultimately consist, recruited by $c$ annual additions of members in the tabular proportions between the age $x$ and $x+n$.
(39.) $c \frac{\mathbf{Y}_{x \mid n}-\mathbf{Y}_{x+m \mid n}}{\mathbf{Q}_{x \mid m}}=$ the number of persons to which a Society joined by $c$ persons of the tabular ages $x$ and under $x+m$ would amount in $n$ years. When $x+n>\omega$; this formula will be reduced to the same form as equation (38.). And when $x+m$, as well as $x+n>\omega$, the equation becomes the same as (36.).
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## VII. LIfe-table of the sixty-three healthiest english districts.

Upon inquiry it was found that in many districts of England the mortality of the population did not exceed the rate of 17 annual deaths to 1000 living.

For the sake of convenience these were called healthy districts, consisting of sixty-four, or nearly a tenth part of the total registration districts of England and Wales, and inhabited by nearly a million of people: sixty-three of these districts have been taken as the basis of the new Life-Table, constructed according to the methods previously described.

It will be seen that these districts, generally conterminous with Poor Law Unions, are distributed over the various parts of the country. They comprise-Hendon (with Harrow*) (17), Lewisham (17), and Bromley (17) in the neighbourhood of London ; Hambledon (16), Dorking (17), Reigate (16), and Godstone (17) on the southern slope of the Surrey hills; East Ashford (17) in East Kent, Blean (including Herne Bay) (17) between Canterbury and the sea; ten districts of Sussex-Battle (16) near Hastings, Eastbourne around Beachy Head (15), Hailsham (17), Uckfield (17), East Grinstead (17), Cuckfield (16), Steyning near Brighton (16), Petworth (17), Worthing (17), and Midhurst (17); seven districts of Hampshire-the Isle of Wight separated from the mainland by the sea (17), Lymington (17), Christchurch (16), Ringwood (17), New Forest (17), Catherington (17), and Alresford (17); Wokingham (17), and Easthampstead (16) in Berkshire, south of the Thames ; Ongar (17) in Essex, east of Epping Forest; Mutford (17), including Lowestoft on the Suffolk coast; Henstead (17), south of Norwich; Kingsbridge (17), on the south coast of Devon; Okehampton (16) ; Crediton (17), Barnstaple (17), Torrington (17), Bideford (17), Holsworthy (16), stretching from the centre over Dartmouth and Exmoor, along the coast of the Bristol Channel; Stratton (17), Camelford (17), and Launceston (17), in the adjacent parts of Cornwall, and further south St. Columb (17) ; Williton (17) in Somerset, also on the Bristol Channel ; Winchcomb (17), to the east of Cheltenham, and the Cotswold Hills around the sources of the Thames; Kings Norton (17) in Worcestershire, adjoining Birmingham ; Melton Mowbray (17) in Leicestershire; Southwell (17) about Sherwood Forest, in the centre of Nottinghamshire ; Garstang (16) in Lancashire, looking northward over Lancaster Bay; Easingwold (17) in the North Riding of Yorkshire, Guisborough (16) on the eastern coast north of Whitby ; then follow five border districts of Northumberland on the southern face of the Cheviot Hills:-Belford (17), Glendale (15), Rothbury (15), Bellingham (17), Haltwhistle (16) (is omitted in the Table); Longtown (17) and Brampton (17) on the border, and Bootle (16) on the coast of Cumberland, the East Ward (17) of Westmoreland, Haverfordwest (17), on the western point of South Wales ; Builth (16), Corwen (17), Pwllheli (17) on Carnarvon Bay, and Anglesey (17) complete the list. These districts, and others nearly equally healthy, have been thus described:-
"Such is the variety of the soil of England, that tested by the rates of mortality, the children reared out of a given number born, the longevity of the inhabitants, the free-

[^5]dom from common epidemics, or the immunity from cholera, Healthy Districts are found in nearly every county. Large tracts of country are, however, so much healthier than the rest, that they may be justly called Salubrious Fields; and it is remarkable that here the finest races of animals are bred. The north districts of Northumberland around the beautifulCheviotHills, covered with grasses, ferns, wild thyme,-extending from the region of the heaths to the rich cultivated land at their bases, touching each other, or intersected by narrow valleys; the districts extending from the Tees over the North and East Ridings of York to Leicestershire, Herefordshire, and parts of Shropshire; some of the districts of Gloucestershire about the Cotswold Hills; parts of Wales; North Devon, including Dartmoor and Exmoor; the Surrey and Sussex hills with the Southdowns,-have given names to the best breeds of sheep, fowls, cattle, and horses in the kingdom." $* * * * * *$
"The dry and most inland are not always the healthiest regions of the country. The salubrious fields are sometimes watered by running streams, and diversified by lakes; the dew is abundant; they are often veiled, not by infectious fogs, but by mists drawn from the sky as it breathes over them; the mountains rise above, the ocean rolls at the distance below them, as on the coast of Sussex, North Devon, the western region of Wales, extending under Snowdon and Cader Idris in a vast amphitheatre round Cardigan Bay; the lake land and moors of the North, rising between the Irish Sea and the German Ocean. The land is sometimes heathy, but may be covered by the sweetest herbage and bees feeding on the flowers: the cereal grains, the hop, the timber, are often of the finest quality; the animals are healthy, the native breeds are vigorous, and those fine varieties are produced at intervals, which men of the genius of Bakewell, Ellman, Tomkins, Colling, and O‘Kelly make the permanent stock of the country. Industry and the army receive their best recruits from the population; while they get their worst from the people of the low parts of sickly towns. Agriculture has reclaimed many unhealthy districts on the plains, so that a considerable extent of the cultivated land is now in a state of comparative salubrity; and vast systems of drainage have subdued the noxious fens, although carried out less efficiently than is desirable, and interfered with by milldams on the rivers, descending like the Nene from the inland high lands*."

The sanitary condition of the people in these districts is, however, still in many respects defective.

## CONCLUSION.

Halley first pointed out the financial applications of the Life-Table, and first calculated the values of life annuities. That branch of science, in the various forms of life insurance, has since received great developments. The new Table shows that the duration of life, among large classes of the population, by no means in unexceptionable sanitary conditions, exceeds the term of the ordinary Tables, and proves that life annuities cannot be sold advantageously by offices, or by the Government, to large classes of lives for less than the values deducible from the new Table.

A new branch of science has been developed since Halley's day,-it is the science of Public Health. And here a new application of the Life-Table is found.

[^6]$5 \times 2$

It is probable, upon physiological grounds, that man goes through all the phases of his natural development in a hundred years; and that the period of active life seldom extends beyond eighty years. But this is a very indefinite measure, as the rates of mortality, in all the intermediate ages, are left undetermined after it has been ascertained in what proportions men attain the extreme limits.

Generations of men, under all circumstances, die at all ages; but the proportions vary indefinitely under different conditions from a slight tribute to death each year, down to the point of extermination by pestilence. If we ascertain at what rate a generation of men dies away under the least unfavourable existing circumstances, we obtain a standard by which the loss of life, under other circumstances, is measured; and this I have endeavoured to determine in the Life-Table of English Healthy Districts. And recollecting that the science of public health was almost inaugurated in England by a former President of this Society*, who encouraged and crowned the sanitary discoveries of Captain Соок, I feel assured that it will receive with favour this imperfect attempt to supply sanitary inquirers with a scientific instrument.

In a subsequent paper I hope to be able to lay before the Society the mortality by different kinds of diseases at each age, as they have been deduced from the same series of observations.

## HEALTHY DISTRICTS.

Table A.-Population, 1851. Deaths in the five years 1849 to 1853. Average Annual Mortality per cent., and Logarithms of the Mortality.

| Ages. | Population. |  |  | Deaths. |  |  | Average annual mortality to 100 living $(m)$. |  |  | Logarithms of the mortality ( $\lambda_{m}$ ). |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Persons. | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Males. | Females. | Persons | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Males. | Females. |
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. | 13. |
| All ages | 9960773 | 493525 | 503248 | 87345 | 43736 | 43609 | I'753 | 1 772 | 1'733 | $\overline{2} 2436718$ | $2 \cdot 2485599$ | $\overline{2} 2388240$ |
| Under 5 | 130635 | 65700 | 64935 | 26361 | 14282 | 12079 | $4 * 036$ | 4.348 | 3.720 | $\overline{2} \cdot 6059323$ | 2.6382536 | $\overline{2} 5705821$ |
| $5-$ | 122406 | 61733 | 60673 | 4209 | 2080 | 2129 | -688 | $\cdot 674$ | 702 | $\overline{3} \cdot 8374062$ | 3.8285759 | $\overline{3} \cdot 8462102$ |
| 10- | 110412 | 56651 | 53761 | 2377 | 1087 | 1290 | 43 I | $\cdot 384$ | $\cdot 480$ | $\overline{3} .6340429$ | 3. 5840519 | 3.6811523 |
| 15 | 181339 | 90066 | 91273 | 6603 | 3113 | 3490 | $\cdot 728$ | $\cdot 691$ | $\cdot 765$ | $\overline{3} 8622801$ | 3.8396482 | $\overline{3} .8835130$ |
| 25 - | 136892 | 65422 | 71470 | 5869 | 2675 | 3194 | -857 | -818 | -894 | 3.9332160 | 3.9126300 | 3.9512411 |
| 35- | 108056 | 52734 | 55322 | 5208 | 2447 | 2761 | -964 | -928 | -998 | 3.984052 I | 3.9675733 | 3.9991985 |
| 45- | 85244 | 42383 | 42861 | 5252 | 2698 | 2554 | 1.232 | 1.273 | 1-192 | 2.0906909 | 2.1048802 | $\overline{2} \cdot 0761886$ |
| 55 - | 62857 | 31105 | 31752 | 7001 | 3568 | 3433 | $2 \cdot 228$ | $2 \cdot 294$ | $2 \cdot 162$ | 2.3478365 | $\overline{2} \cdot 3606246$ | $2 \cdot 3349327$ |
| 65 - | 39453 | 18860 | 20593 | 10313 | 5173 | 5140 | 5.228 | 5.486 | $4 \times 9{ }^{2}$ | $2 \cdot 7183350$ | 2.7392308 | $\overline{2} \cdot 6982734$ |
| 75- | 16737 | 7718 | 9019 | 10297 | 4946 | 5351 | 12.304 | 12.817 | 11.866 | 1.0900631 | I'1077793 | I•0743066 |
| $85-\ldots \ldots$. | 2614 | 1097 | 1517 | 3581 | 1555 | 2026 | 27.399 | 28.350 | 26.711 | 1.4377287 | 1.4525536 | - 4266838 |
| 95 and upwards | 128 | 56 | 72 | 274 | 112 | 162 | $42 \cdot 813$ | 40*000 | $45^{\circ} 000$ | - 6315706 | - 6020600 | $\overline{\mathrm{r}} \cdot 6532125$ |

Note.-The ages at death of 146 persons, viz. 123 males and 23 females, were not stated; in calculating the mortality they have been distributed proportionally over the several ages in the Table. The Table may be read thus : 136,892 persons, of whom 65,422 were males, 71,470 were females at the age of 25 and under 35, were enumerated in 1851 ; at the same ages, 5869,2675 males and 3194 females, died in the five years 1849 to 1853 ; consequently the annual rates of mortality per cent. were $\cdot 857, \cdot 818$, and $\cdot 894$.

* Sir John Pringle.

Number of Deaths at five periods of Age in the Healthy Districts, in 1848 to 1855.

| Years. | Ages. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Persons. |  |  |  |  | Males. |  |  |  |  | Females. |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0. | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 0. | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 0. | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. |
| 1848. | 2935 | 832 | 458 | 371 | 312 | 1678 | 442 | 244 | 204 | 162 | 1257 | 390 | 214 | 167 | 150 |
| 1849. | 2932 | 858 | 541 | 4.27 | 292 | 1637 | 452 | 263 | 207 | 154 | 1295 | 406 | 278 | 220 | 138 |
| 1850. | 2969 | 859 | 466 | 331 | 301 | 1676 | 453 | 231 | 164 | 144 | 1293 | 406 | 235 | 167 | 157 |
| 1851. | 3185 | 932 | 543 | 341 | 288 | 1769 | 502 | 274 | 179 | 148 | 1416 | 430 | 269 | 162 | 140 |
| 1852. | 3405 | 860 | 567 | 389 | 297 | 1913 | 446 | 273 | 206 | 140 | 1492 | 414 | 294 | 183 | 157 |
| 1853. | 3370 | 946 | 554 | 376 | 287 | 1888 | 514 | 293 | 179 | 137 | 1482 | 432 | 261 | 197 | 150 |
| 1854. | 3404 | 1047 | 601 | 386 | 311 | 1903 | 539 | 317 | 197 | 165 | 1501 | 508 | 284 | 189 | 146 |
| 1855. | 3350 | 907 | 533 | 445 | 297 | 1948 | 483 | 257 | 230 | 156 | 1402 | 424 | 276 | 215 | 141 |

Number of Births in Sixty-three Healthy Districts of England, 1848 to 1855.


Table B.-The several values of $\lambda p_{x}$ on which the Life-Table of Healthy Districts is based: also the corresponding values of $p_{x}$ and $\left(1-p_{x}\right)$.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Age } \\ & x . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \lambda p_{x} \\ =\text { logarithms of the probability of living } \\ \text { one year after the age } x . \end{gathered}$ |  | $\stackrel{p_{x}}{ }=$ probability of living a year. |  | $\left(1-p_{x}\right)$ <br> $=$ probability of dying in a year. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. |
| 0 | $\overline{1} \cdot 9480215$ | 1-9577796 | -88720 | -90736 | -11280 | -09264 |
| 1 | $\overline{1} .9844929$ | 1-9859276 | -96492 | -96812 | -03508 | $\cdot 03188$ |
| 2 | $\overline{1} \cdot 9904341$ | -1.9904679 | -97821 | -97829 | -02179 | -02171 |
| 3 | $\overline{1} \cdot 9932422$ | 1-9932928 | -98456 | -98467 | $\cdot 01544$ | $\cdot 01533$ |
| 7 | 1-9970729 | $\overline{1} \cdot 9969512$ | -99328 | -99300 | -00672 | $\cdot 00700$ |
| 12 | 1-9984539 | $\overline{1} \cdot 9980197$ | $\cdot 99645$ | $\cdot 99545$ | $\cdot 00355$ | $\cdot 00455$ |
| 20 | - $\cdot 9969724$ | $\overline{1} \cdot 9966528$ | -99305 | -99232 | -00695 | $\cdot 00768$ |
| 30 | $\overline{1} \cdot 9964260$ | $\overline{1} \cdot 9960967$ | -99180 | . 99105 | -00820 | . 00895 |
| 40 | $\overline{1} \cdot 9959051$ | $\overline{1} \cdot 9956263$ | -99062 | -98998 | -00938 | -01002 |
| 50 | $\overline{1} \cdot 9943048$ | -1.9946669 | -98697 | -98780 | -01303 | -01220 |
| 60 | 1-9895894 | -1.9902049 | -97631 | -97770 | -02369 | -02230 |
| 70 | $\overline{1} \cdot 9751357$ | 1-9773538 | $\cdot 94436$ | . 94919 | -05564 | -05081 |
| 80 | $\overline{1} \cdot 9420680$ | $\overline{1} \cdot 9463182$ | -87512 | -88373 | - 12488 | -11627 |
| 90 | $\overline{1} \cdot 8747315$ | $\overline{1} \cdot 8809176$ | $\cdot 74943$ | $\cdot 76018$ | -25057 | -23982 |

Note-Age $x$ is in this Table the precise age. Age 12 is applied frequently to all persons of the age of 12 and under the age of 13 ; but in this Table it applies only to persons of the precise age of 12 years, neither more nor less. The $\lambda p_{7}$ was in both cases derived from the formula $\left(\frac{2-m}{2+m}\right)$. The $\lambda p_{12}$, deduced from this formula, is for males $\overline{\overline{1}} \cdot 9983497$, and for females $\overline{1} \cdot 9979153$; which may be regarded either as the constant or the mean values of $\lambda p_{10}, \lambda p_{11}, \lambda p_{12}, \lambda p_{13}$, and $\lambda p_{14}$; but as these are the terminations of an ascending and a descending series, it is probable, and quite in conformity with other observations, that one, two, or more of these values will exceed the mean value. The logarithms of $p_{12}$ adopted are given above; and the two arithmetical means of the five logarithms, $\lambda p_{10}, \lambda p_{11}, \lambda p_{12}, \lambda p_{13}$, and $\lambda p_{14}$, resulting from the interpolation, are $\overline{1} \cdot 9983688$ for males, and $\overline{1} \cdot 9979435$ for females.

The values of $\lambda p_{20}, \lambda p_{30} \ldots$ are derived from the formula $y_{x}=10^{\frac{k^{2} m}{\lambda r}\left(1-r^{r}\right)}$.

## NOTE ON THE TWO HYPOTHESES.

Let $b$ be the decrement of the ordinate $y$ in a unit of time, then the decrement $\Delta y$ of the ordinate in the time $x$, represented by the abscissa, will be $\Delta y=-b x$, on Demoivre's hypothesis; and as it is always proportional to the time, it will be in an infinitely short time $d y=-b d x$.

Passing to the integral $y=c-b x$. And if $y=a$ at the origin when $x=0, c=a, \therefore y=a-b x$. And if $b=1$, then $y=a-x$. This evidently represents very closely short portions of the Life-Table curve; and the smaller $x$ is taken, the nearer is the approximation to the corresponding value of $y$.

Again, let $\Delta y$ be the decrement of the ordinate $y$ in the indefinite time $\Delta x$ represented by the abscissa; and let the mortality $(m)$ represented by the ratio of the area $a b f g$ to the area $d f g$ be $\frac{d_{0}}{\mathrm{P}_{0}}=m_{0}$. Let also $m_{0}$ increase at the rate $r$ in a unit of time, so that $\frac{g e h}{b c g h}=\frac{d_{1}}{\mathrm{P}_{1}}=m_{1}=m_{0} r$, and generally within given limits $m_{0} r^{r}=m_{x}$; then $\Delta y=-y m_{x} \Delta x$ nearly, $\Delta x$ being any small portion of time.

The error increases as the time $\Delta x$ is extended, from the circumstance that on the one hand $m_{x}$ varies by hypothesis momentarily, and that $y$, from which the varying proportional part is taken, constantly grows shorter. But by passing to the limit and making the time $d x$ infinitely short, $m_{x}$ and $y$ during that infinitely short time may be considered constant, and $d y=-y m_{x} d x$ will be the true decrement. Substituting $m_{0} r^{x}$ for $m_{x}$, the equation becomes $d y=-y m_{0} r^{x} d x$, from which the value of $y$ can be derived, as before shown. For $\frac{d y}{y}=-m_{0} r^{x} d x$, and integrating both sides $\lambda_{s} y=\lambda_{\varepsilon} c-\frac{m_{0} r^{x}}{\lambda_{\varepsilon} r}$. Here $\lambda_{\varepsilon}$ stands for the logarithm having $\varepsilon$ for its base.


At the origin of the curve, when $x=0$, let $y=1$, and then $\lambda_{s} c=\frac{m_{0}}{\lambda_{8}}$. Now substituting
this value for $\lambda_{s} c$, we have $\lambda_{s} y=\frac{m_{0}}{\lambda_{t} r}-\frac{m_{0} r^{x}}{\lambda_{\varepsilon} r}, \therefore \lambda_{s} y=\frac{m_{0}}{\lambda_{s} r}\left(1-r^{x}\right)$; and passing to the number, $y=\varepsilon^{\frac{m_{0}}{\lambda_{r}\left(1-r^{x}\right)}}$. Putting $k$ for the modulus of the common logarithm ( $\lambda$ ) having 10 for its base, we have $\lambda_{s} y=\frac{\lambda y}{k}$, and $\lambda_{s} r=\frac{\lambda r}{k}, \therefore \frac{\lambda y}{k}=\frac{k m}{\lambda r}\left(1-r^{x}\right)$; or passing to the number, $y=10^{\frac{k^{2} m}{\lambda^{2}\left(1-r^{x}\right)}}$.

Upon the one hypothesis, out of a generation of men an equal quantity of life* is destroyed in equal times, out of diminishing quantities in existence, the proportion that perishes of the residual life constantly increasing.

Upon the other hypothesis, a decreasing proportion of the residual life is destroyed from birth down to the age of puberty; in the after ages, a proportion increasing at different rates is destroyed in equal times. The quantity of life destroyed in equal times may be the same, or different upon this hypothesis. And in very short intervals of age the differences between the quantities of life destroyed may be so inconsiderable, that they may be neglected.

The two hypotheses may be illustrated. Assume that at every beat of the heart an equal quantity of vital force on an average is consumed in excess of that produced; or if this does not happen at distant ages, assume that it happens during two consecutive years, two consecutive days, two consecutive pulses of a generation of men, and is represented by the deaths in the two intervals; this will give an idea of the first hypothesis.

The second hypothesis will be represented by assuming that, in addition to the existing force, a certain amount of vital force is produced, while a certain amount is also destroyed at every beat of the heart; the quantity destroyed exceeding the quantity produced in a diminishing ratio, and then in an increasing ratio; the proportional part destroyed being for this purpose always represented by the proportional number of hearts beating to the number of hearts ceasing to beat at every instant of age, among a generation of men. The respirations, the sensations, the secretions, nutrition, and all the vital acts may be conceived like the heart to influence the continuance of the vital force ; implying here simply the force which sustains life.

[^7]June 15, 1859.

Table B1.-LIFE-TABLE OF HEALTHY ENGLISH DISTRICTS.
Logarithms of the Numbers of Males and Females living at each year of age.

| $\lambda l_{x}$. |  |  |  | $\lambda l x$. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age. <br> $x$. | Males. | Age. $\times 1$. | Females. | Age. $x .$ | Males. | Age. $x$. | Females. |
| 0 | $4 \cdot 7086364$ | 0 | $4 \cdot 6890835$ | 55 | $4 \cdot 4351998$ | 55 | $4 \cdot 4177773$ |
| 1 | 4.6566579 | 1 | $4 \cdot 6468631$ | 56 | $4 \cdot 4279544$ | 56 | $4 \cdot 4116015$ |
| 2 | $4 \cdot 6411508$ | 2 | 4.6327907 | 57 | $4 \cdot 4203212$ | 57 | $4 \cdot 4052190$ |
| 3 | 4.6315849 | 3 | $4 \cdot 6232586$ | 58 | $4 \cdot 4122719$ | 58 | $4 \cdot 3981522$ |
| 4 | $4 \cdot 6248271$ | 4 | $4 \cdot 6165514$ | 59 | $4 \cdot 4037768$ | 59 | $4 \cdot 3901691$ |
| 5 | 4.6193109 | 5 | $4 \cdot 6110606$ | 60 | $4 \cdot 3943905$ | 60 | $4 \cdot 3812819$ |
| 6 | $4 \cdot 6148376$ | 6 | $4 \cdot 6065737$ | 61 | $4 \cdot 3839799$ | 61 | $4 \cdot 3714868$ |
| 7 | $4 \cdot 6112225$ | 7 | $4 \cdot 6028950$ | 62 | $4 \cdot 3725154$ | 62 | $4 \cdot 3607637$ |
| 8 | $4 \cdot 6082954$ | 8 | $4 \cdot 5998462$ | 63 | $4 \cdot 3599518$ | 63 | $4 \cdot 3490765$ |
| 9 | $4 \cdot 6059001$ | 9 | $4 \cdot 5972658$ | 64 | $4 \cdot 3462281$ | 64 | $4 \cdot 3363727$ |
| 10 | $4 \cdot 6038946$ | 10 | $4 \cdot 5950094$ | 65 | $4 \cdot 3312678$ | 65 | $4 \cdot 3225837$ |
| 11 | $4 \cdot 6021511$ | 11 | 4.5929497 | 66 | $4 \cdot 3149786$ | 66 | $4 \cdot 3076249$ |
| 12 | $4 \cdot 6005560$ | 12 | $4 \cdot 5909763$ | 67 | $4 \cdot 2972528$ | 67 | $4 \cdot 2913951$ |
| 13 | $4 \cdot 5990100$ | 13 | $4 \cdot 5889960$ | 68 | $4 \cdot 2779668$ | 68 | $4 \cdot 2737774$ |
| 14 | $4 \cdot 5974279$ | 14 | $4 \cdot 5869326$ | 69 | $4 \cdot 2569814$ | 69 | $4 \cdot 2546384$ |
| 1.5 | $4 \cdot 5957387$ | 15 | $4 \cdot 5847269$ | 70 | $4 \cdot 2341418$ | 70 | $4 \cdot 2338287$ |
| 16 | $4 \cdot 5938855$ | 16 | $4 \cdot 5823368$ | 71 | $4 \cdot 2092775$ | 71 | $4 \cdot 2111825$ |
| 17 | $4 \cdot 5918259$ | 17 | $4 \cdot 5797373$ | 72 | $4 \cdot 1822024$ | 72 | $4 \cdot 1865180$ |
| 18 | $4 \cdot 5895314$ | 18 | $4 \cdot 5769202$ | 73 | $4 \cdot 1527146$ | 73 | $4 \cdot 1596372$ |
| 19 | $4 \cdot 5869878$ | 19 | $4 \cdot 5738947$ | 74 | $4 \cdot 1205968$ | 74 | $4 \cdot 1303259$ |
| 20 | $4 \cdot 5841951$ | 20 | $4 \cdot 5766868$ | 75 | 4.0856157 | 75 | 4.0983537 |
| 21 | $4 \cdot 5811675$ | 21 | $4 \cdot 5673396$ | 76 | $4 \cdot 0475228$ | 76 | 4.0634741 |
| 22 | $4 \cdot 5780527$ | 22 | $4 \cdot 5639166$ | 77 | $4 \cdot 0060534$ | 77 | $4.025424^{2}$ |
| 23 | $4 \cdot 5748607$ | 23 | $4 \cdot 5604237$ | 78 | $3 \cdot 9609277$ | 78 | $3 \cdot 9839252$ |
| 24 | $4 \cdot 5716008$ | 24 | 4.5568665 | 79 | $3 \cdot 9118498$ | 79 | $3 \cdot 9386819$ |
| 25 | $4 \cdot 5682808$ | 25 | $4 \cdot 5532498$ | 80 | $3 \cdot 8585083$ | 80 | 3.8893831 |
| 26 | $4 \cdot 5649078$ | 26 | $4 \cdot 5495779$ | 81 | $3 \cdot 8005763$ | 81 | $3 \cdot 8357013$ |
| 27 | $4 \cdot 5614874$ | 27 | $4 \cdot 54.58546$ | 82 | $3 \cdot 7377111$ | 82 | $3 \cdot 7772929$ |
| 28 | $4 \cdot 5580244$ | 28 | $4 \cdot 5420830$ | 83 | $3 \cdot 6695542$ | 83 | $3 \cdot 7137979$ |
| 29 | $4 \cdot 5545223$ | 29 | $4 \cdot 5382656$ | 84 | $3 \cdot 5957318$ | 84 | $3 \cdot 6448405$ |
| $3^{0}$ | $4 \cdot 5509835$ | 30 | $4 \cdot 5344046$ | 85 | $3 \cdot 5158541$ | 85 | 3.5700284 |
| 31 | $4 \cdot 5474095$ | 31 | $4 \cdot 5305013$ | 86 | $3 \cdot 4295159$ | 86 | $3 \cdot 4889532$ |
| 32 | $4 \cdot 5438005$ | 32 | $4 \cdot 5265566$ | 87 | $3 \cdot 3362962$ | 87 | $3 \cdot 4011904$ |
| 33 | $4 \cdot 5401557$ | 33 | $4 \cdot 5225708$ | 88 | $3 \cdot 2357583$ | 88 | $3 \cdot 3062992$ |
| 34 | $4 \cdot 5364730$ | 34 | $4 \cdot 5185435$ | 89 | $3 \cdot 1274500$ | 89 | $3 \cdot 2038228$ |
| 35 | 4.5327494 | 35 | $4 \cdot 5144739$ | 90 | $3 \cdot 0109034$ | 90 | 3.0932880 |
| 36 | $4 \cdot 5289808$ | 36 | $4 \cdot 5103606$ | 91 | 2.8856349 | 91 | 2.9742056 |
| 37 | $4 \cdot 5251620$ | 37 | $4 \cdot 5062016$ | 92 | $2 \cdot 7511453$ | 92 | 2.8460701 |
| 38 | $4 \cdot 5212864$ | 38 | $4 \cdot 5019942$ | 93 | $2 \cdot 6069196$ | 93 | $2 \cdot 7083599$ |
| 39 | $4 \cdot 5173467$ | 39 | $4 \cdot 4977353$ | 94 | $2 \cdot 4524273$ | 94 | $2 \cdot 5605372$ |
| 40 | $4 \cdot 513334^{2}$ | 40 | $4 \cdot 4934212$ | 95 | $2 \cdot 2871223$ | 95 | $2 \cdot 4020479$ |
| 41 | $4 \cdot 5092393$ | 41 | $4 \cdot 4890475$ | 96 | $2 \cdot 1104426$ | 96 | $2 \cdot 2323219$ |
| 42 | $4 \cdot 5050512$ | 42 | $4 \cdot 4846093$ | 97 | 1.9218108 | 97 | 2.0507729 |
| 43 | $4 \cdot 5007579$ | 43 | $4 \cdot 4801012$ | 98 | 1.7206337 | 98 | 1.8567982 |
| 44 | $4 \cdot 4963465$ | 44 | $4 \cdot 4755172$ | 99 | 1.5063024 | 99 | 1.6497793 |
| 45 | $4 \cdot 4918029$ | 45 | $4 \cdot 4708506$ | 100 | 1.2781926 | 100 | $1 \cdot 4290811$ |
| 46 | $4 \cdot 4871119$ | 46 | $4 \cdot 4660943$ | 101 | 1.0356640 | 101 | 1-1940526 |
| 47 | $4 \cdot 4822570$ | 47 | $4 \cdot 4612404$ | 102 | 0.7780608 | 102 | $0 \cdot 9440265$ |
| 49 | $4 \cdot 4772210$ | 48 | $4 \cdot 4562807$ | 103 | 0.5047118 0.2149296 | 103 | 0.6783194 0.3962318 |
| 49 | $4 \cdot 4719852$ | 49 | $4 \cdot 4512061$ | 104 | $0 \cdot 2149296$ | 104 | $0 \cdot 3962318$ |
| 50 | $4 \cdot 4665301$ | 50 | $4 \cdot 4460074$ | 105 | $9 \cdot 9080117$ | 105 | 0.0970476 |
| 51 | $4 \cdot 4608349$ | 51 | $4 \cdot 4406743$ | 106 | 9.5832396 9.2398792 | 106 | 9.7800351 |
| 52 | $4 \cdot 4548778$ | 52 | $4 \cdot 4351962$ | 107 | 9.2398792 8.8771808 | 107 | $9 \cdot 4444460$ 9.0895160 |
| 53 | $4 \cdot 4486358$ | 53 | $4 \cdot 4295620$ | 108 109 | 8.8771808 $8 \cdot 4943792$ | 108 | 9.0895160 8.7144646 |
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The above Tables were calculated and stereoglyphed by Scheurz's Calculating Machine at the General Register Office, Somerset House. The impression was made by the machine on papier maché in the dry state. Sheet lead received the impressions in the original invention. The use of papier maché was suggested by Mr. W. Mattress, Overseer in the Firm of Messrs. Taylor and Francrs. In the wet state, as it is used by stereotype founders, papier maché did not however succeed; but after several trials, it was found that dry papier maché, black-leaded, supplies a good mould for the stereotype metal.
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Table C.-HEALTHY DISTRICTS.

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## Table G.-HEALTHY DISTRICTS LIFE-TABLE.

The Mean After-lifetime (or the Expectation of Life) at the age $x$, and at the age $x$ and upwards; also the Mean Ages of the Living and the Mean Ages at Death. (Constructed from Tables D, E, F.)

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| $\begin{gathered} \text { Age } \\ \text { (or past } \\ \text { Lifetime). } \end{gathered}$ | Mean Afterlifetime of Persons of the Age $x$. | Mean Afterlifetime of Persons of the Age $\boldsymbol{x}$ and upwards. | Mean Age of Persons living of the Age $x$ and upwards. | Mean Age at Death |  |
|  |  |  |  | Of Persons actually living at the Age $x$. | Of Persons actually living at the Age $x$ and upwards. |
| $x$ 。 | $\mathrm{A}_{x}=\frac{\mathrm{Q}_{x}}{\mathrm{D}_{x}}$. | $\mathrm{A}_{x}^{\prime}=\frac{\mathrm{Y}_{x}}{\mathrm{Q}_{x}}$. | $x+\mathrm{A}_{x}^{\prime}$. | $x+\mathrm{A} x$. | $x+2 \mathrm{~A}^{\prime}$. |
| 0 5 10 15 20 | $49^{\circ} 00$ 54.16 $5 r^{\circ} \times 8$ $47^{\circ} 12$ $43^{\circ} 45$ | 33.92 31.98 29.91 27.85 25.82 | 33.92 36.98 39.91 42.85 45.82 | 49.00 59.16 6.108 $62^{\prime} .12$ $63^{\circ} 43$ | $\begin{aligned} & 67 \cdot 84 \\ & 68 \cdot 96 \\ & 69 \cdot 82 \\ & 70 \cdot 70 \\ & 71 \cdot 64 \end{aligned}$ |
| 25 30 | $40 \cdot 05$ 36.64 | 23.79 21.76 | $48 \cdot 79$ 5176 | $65 \cdot 05$ 66.64 | 72.58 73.52 |
| 35 | $3{ }^{3} 17$ | 19.73 | 54.73 | $68 \cdot 17$ | 74.46 |
| 40 45 | 29.64 26.05 | 1771 1571 | 57.71 60.71 | 68.64 71005 | 7542 76.42 |
| 50 | 22.44 | 13.74 | 63.74 |  | 77.48 |
| 55 | 18.86 | 1 I 84 | $66 \cdot 84$ | 73.86 | 78.68 |
| 60 | 15.37 | 10.04 | $70 \cdot 04$ | 75.37 | 80.08 |
| 65 | 12.29 | 8.37 6.86 | 73.37 76.86 | 7729 | 81.74 83.72 |
| 70 | $9.6 x$ | $6 \cdot 86$ | 76.86 | $79^{\circ} 61$ | 83.72 |
| 75 | 7.34 | $5 \cdot 51$ | 80.51 | 82.34 | 86.02 |
| 80 | 5.51 | 4.36 | 84.36 | 85.51 | 88.72 |
| 85 | 4.10 | 3.41 | 88.41 | 89.10 | 91.82 |
| 90 | 3.05 | 2.65 | 92.65 | 93.05 | 95.30 |
| 95 | 2.29 | $2 \cdot 05$ | 97.05 | $97 \cdot 29$ | $99^{10}$ |
| 100 | 1772 | 1.47 | 10147 | 10172 | 102.94 |


| Age (or pastLifetime). | MALES. |  | FEMALES. |  |
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|  | Mean After-lifetime of Males of the Age $x$. | Mean Age at Death of Males actually living at the Age $x$. | Mean <br> After-lifetime of Females of the Age $x$. | Mean Age at Death of Females actually living at the Age $x$. |
| $x$. | $\mathrm{A}_{x}=\frac{\mathrm{Q}_{x}}{\mathrm{D}_{x}}$. | $x+\mathrm{A}_{x}$. | $\mathrm{A}_{x}=\frac{\mathrm{Q}_{x}}{\mathrm{D}_{x}}$. | $x+\mathrm{A}_{x}$. |
| $\bigcirc$ | $48 \cdot 56$ | $48 \cdot 56$ | $49^{\circ} 45$ | $49^{\circ} 45$ |
| 5 10 | 54.39 51.28 | 59 61.28 | 50.93 50.88 | 58.93 60.88 |
| 15 | 47.20 | 62.20 | 47.04 | 62.04 |
| 20 | 43.40 | 63.40 | $43^{\circ} 5^{\circ}$ | 63.50 |
| 25 | 39.93 | 64.93 | $40 \cdot 18$ | $65 \cdot 18$ |
| 30 | 36.45 | 66.45 | $36 \cdot 85$ | 66.85 |
| 35 | 32.90 | 67.90 | 33.46 | 68.46 |
| 40 | $29^{2} 29$ | 69.29 | $30 \cdot 00$ | $70^{\circ} 00$ |
| 45 | 2.565 | $70^{6} 5$ | 26.46 | 71.46 |
| 50 | 22.03 | 72.03 | 22.87 | 72.87 |
| 55 60 | 18.49 15.06 | 73.49 | 19.24 | 74.24 |
| 60 65 | 15.06 12.00 | 75.06 77.00 | 15.69 5.58 | 75.69 |
| 65 70 | 12.00 9.37 | 77.00 79.37 | 12.58 9.85 | 77.58 79.85 |
|  | 7.15 | 82.15 | 985 7.5 | 79.85 82.52 |
| 80 | 715 5.37 | 82.15 85.37 | 7.52 5.64 | 82.52 85.64 |
| 85 | $4 \% 1$ | 89.01 | $4 \cdot 19$ | $89^{\circ} 19$ |
| 90 | 2.99 | 92.99 | $3 \cdot 11$ | 93.11 |
| 95 | 2.25 | 97.25 | $2 \cdot 32$ | $97 \cdot 32$ |
| 100 | 1.69 | 101.69 | 1 75 | $10 \times 75$ |

The Table may be read thus:-Persons in the Healthy Districts of England of the precise age 20 will live on an average $43 \cdot 45$ years; while persons of the age of 20 and upwards, living in a normally constituted population of the same character, will live on an average 25.82 years. The mean age of persons of the age 20 and upwards is 45.82 years; the mean age at death of persons living at the precise age 20 will be $63 \cdot 45$, while the mean age at death of persons actually living at the age $x$ and upwards will be $71 \cdot 64$ years.


## LIFE TABLE DIAGRAMS.



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[^1]:    * Philosophical Transactions, 1825, paper by B. Gompertz, Esq., F.R.S.
    $\dagger$ Life-Tables founded upon the discovery of a Numerical Law regulating the existence of every Human Being, \&c. By T. R. Edmonds, B.A., 1832.

[^2]:    * Here, at the age $20, m$ is the mean mortality that rules over the age $19 \frac{1}{2}$ to $20 \frac{1}{2}$ years of exact time.

[^3]:    * $m$ serves to indicate the mean mortality in the year following the exact age $x$. 5 т 2

[^4]:    * $m$ at the precise age 20 is nearly 00765 . The increase in this mortality from the age 20 to $20 \frac{1}{2}$, the middle of the year of age 20 to 21 is obtained by adding $\frac{1}{2} \lambda r$, as above given, to $\lambda m_{192}$, that is, to the Jog of $\left(m_{19 \frac{1}{2}}+m_{20 \frac{2}{k}}\right) \frac{1}{2} ; \therefore m_{20}=\cdot 0077072$

[^5]:    * The annual deaths to 1000 living of all ages inserted in parentheses are deduced from returns of the living at the censuses 1841 and 1851, and the deaths registered in the ten years 1841 to 1850. See Registrar-General's Sixteenth Report, pp. 141-153.

[^6]:    * Report to the Registrar-General on Cholera, pp. xcv, xcri.

[^7]:    * The quality or the intensity of life at different ages is purposely left out of consideration,

