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BESIDES information brought down to date, and in many cases extended under similar heads to those which have appeared in former issues of the *Victorian Year-Book*, the present issue contains a number of new tables and much fresh explanatory matter. Such additions consist, to a great extent, of tables compiled from the returns of the late census and of notes and comments thereon.

In the body of the work information is given under all the principal heads of inquiry respecting which the census supplies particulars, except the "Occupations of the People," the compilation of which was not completed when the earlier portion of the book was printed. Three tables of "Occupations," however, have been embodied in an appendix near the end of the volume.

The matter derived from the census is to be found chiefly in Part II., Population; but the census returns in connection with other subjects are dealt with throughout the whole work, especially so in Part IV., Vital Statistics, in connection with the rates of marriage, birth, and mortality. In consequence of this, the two parts I have named are much longer than on previous occasions.

An interesting statistical account of the Empire of Japan, containing information respecting that country not to be found in any work published in a European language, has been forwarded

to me by Mr. Torao Kida, a prominent member of the Statistical Association of Tokio, in continuation of a shorter account by the same author which I appended to the *Victorian Year-Book* 1880–1. The present account is published in Appendix B, immediately after the Occupation tables.

The other appendices embrace the Tariffs of the Australasian Colonies and the United Kingdom, revised to the latest dates;

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also twelve tables embodying Australasian Statistics for the year 1881, and one table containing statistics of Fiji for the last four ears.

The three folding sheets at the commencement of the work have been brought on by the addition of figures for the past year.

At the end of the work will be found a map of Victoria, designed to show the density of the population in each county, according to the returns of the last census.

The well arranged and accurate tables published by the Imperial Board of Trade, under the able superintendence of Mr. Robert Giffen; the reports of the Registrars-General of England, Scotland, and Ireland; and other Imperial official documents, I have, as usual, made free use of in compiling the work. I have also on various occasions, with due acknowledgment, made extracts, as before, from Martin's Statesman's Year-Book, l'Almanach de Gotha, the Australasian Insurance and Banking Record, and other works.

It now only remains for me to thank those who, in previous years, have pointed out mistakes which had been overlooked in this department, and to request that any who may find errors in the present volume will also notify the same to me.

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