

**THE CENSUS.**—Dr. Barton of Louisiana, has addressed a letter to the Census Board, in which he suggests the importance of making a complete registration of births, marriages and deaths through the approaching Census. He closes his letter thus:

“It is, then, apparent and palpable that such information is important to the community—that it is not probable that for many years to come the States will order it of themselves. It then becomes as much the duty of the General Government to procure it as of any other collection of facts ordered through Census Board, and especially when it is considered what a small additional trouble will be required. Thus, to each family: What number of deaths in your family during the year? Of what disease died? What age? Sex? Color? Number of births? Number of Marriages?”

I doubt whether an additional dollar would be expended in this most valuable undertaking. Let the people *will it*, and the difficulty is surmounted.”