

tistician he might have been, could have computed an accurate life table on the basis of them. It would have been difficult to conclude what contribution the immigrants, on the one hand, and the natives, on the other, were making to population growth. The data were not always presented intelligently, and the text accompanying the tables often provided an inadequate guide for interpreting them. But even with these defects, the system stood out as the best in the United States at the time. Before two decades were to pass, other features of a reliable statistics system would be acquired and vital registration in Massachusetts would take its place beside that of the most advanced countries of Europe.

#### ERRATUM

The title to the paper by Mr. Jacob J. Feldman, on page 203 of the July, 1958 issue, should read: "Barriers to the Use of Health Survey Data in Demographic Analysis."