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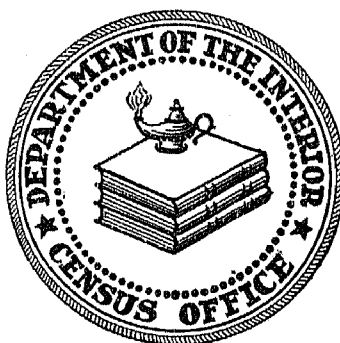
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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Washington, D. C., December 6, 1901.

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit for publication Part I of the Report on Population.

Part I, which constitutes Volume I of the Census Reports, contains the statistics of population, considered in the aggregate and in detail by sex, general nativity, color, place of birth, parentage, citizenship, and years in the United States.

Part II, which constitutes Volume II of the Census Reports, relates to the following subjects: Ages, in detail; school, militia, and voting ages; conjugal condition; school attendance; illiteracy; inability to speak English; occupations; dwellings and families; and ownership of homes.

I am greatly indebted to Mr. Henry Gannett, the Geographer of the Census, for the data relating to the center of population and its median point, for the tables of areas of the several states, territories, and counties, and for the maps and diagrams contained in this volume, all of which have been prepared in the Division of Geography under his supervision.

The report on the boundaries of territorial acquisitions, made by an advisory committee composed of representatives from different offices of the Government, of which Mr. Walter F. Willcox, the representative of the Census Office, was chairman, is reproduced in an appendix to this volume, as affording valuable information concerning certain controverted subjects in connection with the proper determination of the boundaries of the several accessions of territory by the United States.

The completion and publication of Part I of the Report on Population prior to the close of the year 1901, or within a period of eighteen months from the legal termination of the work of the enumerators, has required the employment of a very large number of clerks, representing a force of very nearly two thousand employees during the latter half of the year 1900, and a force of more than one thousand employees during the entire twelve months of the current year. This large force was practically untrained at the start and a greater burden of responsibility had to be assumed on that account by my corps of principal assistants, consisting of Messrs. John S. Lord (Chief of Division from June 1, 1899, until his resignation on May 6, 1901), William H. Jarvis (the present Chief of Division), Edward W. Koch, Charles W. Ellis, William B. Cragg, and Walter F. Carruthers. I can not speak too highly of the zeal and devotion to duty manifested by each and every one of them, and I feel it to be my duty to thus make acknowledgment of my appreciation of the services rendered by them.

Very respectfully,

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