

W A Lundy June 1900

The most interesting item of
 information to both newspapers
 for the week under review was a
 section of the third Annual Report
 of the Registrar General. In
 commenting upon the Report the
 "Inquirer" pointed out that though
 Western Australia was the
 dominant Colony in point of
 population, as well as the poorest,
 its Annual Report of vital statistics
 was far in advance of those published
 in the Eastern Colonies. This
 was probably the fact that the
 Registrar General Mr G. F. Stone
 had a natural talent for that
 kind of work, and showed great

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Ago -
With reference to
My dear Father
G. F. Stone

great diligence in the execution of his office. Whilst a Report upon vital statistics does not present anything very striking to the average reader, it forms a document of the very greatest value to those interested in the progress of the country.

Measurements of the Administration of the resources of a Colony. Such as its supply of food, its revenues its immigration and labor its strength its thrift societies and its diseases and mortality are dependent in great measure upon a proper knowledge of the condition of its population. Without this knowledge legislation may positively be harmful instead of being beneficial —

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