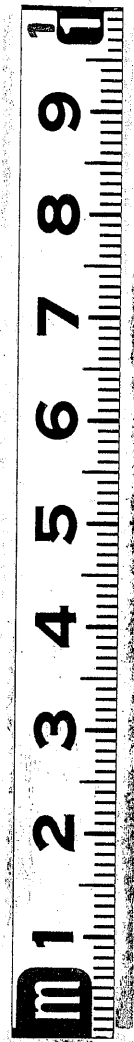


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1. **T**HAT before the year  
1630, the Christnings at  
*London* exceeded the Bu-  
rials of the same, but about the  
year 1655 they were scarce half;  
and now about two thirds.

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2. Before the Restauration of Monarchy in *England*, Anno 1660, the People of *Paris* were more than those of *London* and *Dublin* put together, whereas now, the People of *London* are more than those of *Paris* and *Rome*, or of *Paris* and *Rouen*.

3. Anno 1665 one fifth part of the then People of *London* or 97 thousand died of the Plague, and in the next year 1666, 13 thousand Houses or one fifth part of all the Housing of *London* were burnt also.

4. At the Birth of *Christ*, old *Rome* was the greatest City of the World, and *London* the greatest at

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at the Coronation of King *James* the Second, and near 6 times as great as the present *Rome*, wherein are 119 thousand Souls besides *Jews*.

5. In the years of King *Charles* the Second his death and King *James* the Second his Coronation (which were neither of them remarkable for extraordinary Sickliness or Healthfulness) the Burials did wonderfully agree, viz. Anno 1684, they were 23202, and Anno 1685 they were 23222, the Medium whereof is 23212. And the Christnings did very wonderfully agree also, having been Anno 1684, 14702, and Anno 1685, 14732, the Medium whereof is 14716, which consistence was never

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never seen before, the said number of 23212 Burials making the People of *London* to be 696360, at the rate of one Dying *per annum* out of 30.

6. Since the great Fire of *London*, Anno 1666 about 7 parts of 15 of the present vast City hath been new built, and is with its People increased near one half, and become equal to *Paris* and *Rome* put together, the one being the Seat of the great *French* Monarchy and the other of the *Papacy*.

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