Revised United States Standard Gertificate of Death

(Approved by U. S. Ceristis and American Public Health Association.)

Statement of Occupation.-Rrecise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The question applies to each and every person, irrespective of age. For many occupations a single word or term on the first line will be sufficient, e.g., Farmer or Planter, Physician, Compositor, Architect, Locomotive engineer. Civil engineer. Stationary fireman, etc. But in many cases, especially in industrial employenents, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work and also (b) the nature of the business or industry. and therefore an additional line is provided for the latter statement; it should be used only when needed. Asrexamples: (a) Spinner, (b) Cotton mill; (a) Salesman, (b) Grocery; (a) Foreman, (b) Automobile facsory. The material worked on may form part of the 'second statement. Never return "Laborer." "Foreman," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., without more precise specification, as Day laborer, Farm laborer. ·Laborer-Coal: mine, etc. Women at home, who are engaged in the duties of the household only (not paid Housekeepers who receive a definite salary). may be entered as Housewife, Housework or At home, and children, not gainfully employed, as At school or At home. Gare should be taken to report specifically the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as Servant, Cook, Housemaid, etc. If the occupation has been changed or given:up on account of the disease causing Death, state; occupation at beginning of illness. If retired from business, that fact may be indicated thus: Farmer (retired, 6 yrs.) For persons who have no occupation whatever, write None.

Statement of cause of Death.—Name, first, the DISEASE CAUSING BEATH (the primary affection with respect to time and causation), using always the same accepted term for the same disease. Examples: Cerebrospinal fever (the only idefinite synonym is "Epidemic corebrospinal meningitis"); Diphtheria (avoid use of "Croup"); Typhoid fever (never report

"Tyr hoid preumonia"): Lobar preumonia: Bronchopneumonia ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); Tuberculosis of lungs, meninges, peritoneum, etc., gin: "Cancer" is less definite: avoid use of "Ilumor" for malignant neeplasms); Measles; Whooping cough; Chronic valvular heart disease; Chronic interstilial nephritis, etc. The contributory (secondary or intercurrent) affection need not be-stated unless important. Example: Measles (disease causing death), 29 ds.: Branchopneumonia (secondary), 10 ds. Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions. such as "Asthenia," "Anemia" (merely symptomatio), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Gonvulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "Puerperal septicemia," "PUERPERAL peritonitis." etc. State cause for which surgical operation was undertaken. For violent deates state means of injury and qualify . 89 ACCIDENTAL, BUICIDAL, OF ROMICIDAL, OF 88 probably such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: Accidental drowning; struck by railway train-accident; Revelver wound of headhomicide: Poisoned by carbolic acid-probably suicide. The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and consequences (e.g., sepsis, tetanus) may be stated under the head of "Contributory." (Recommendations on statement of cause of death approved by Committee on Nomenclature of the American Medical Association.)

Norm.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesirable terms and refuse to accept certificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Certificates will be returned for additional information which give; any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death: Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth, convulsions, themorphage, gangrene; gastritis, crysipelas, meningitis, miscarriage, necrosis, peritoritis, phebitis, pyemia, applicamia, tetanus." But general adoption of the minimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at la, later date.