

II.—TABULATED RETURN SHOWING NUMBER OF MEMBERS, HOURS OF SITTING, &c., OF THE PRINCIPAL PARLIAMENTS OF THE WORLD.

Country.	Population.	No. of Members.	Time of Session.	Duration of Session.	Days of Sitting.	Hour of Meeting.	Hour of Separating (average).	Average Duration of Sitting.	No. of Days of Meeting.	Hours of Sitting after Mid-night.	Total No. of Hours of Sitting.	Payment to Members.	Tenure of Office of Members.
<i>Great Britain and Ireland</i> (1881)— House of Lords .. H. of Coms. (Sess. 1880) .. " (Sess. 1881) .. " (Sess. 1882) .. " (Sess. 1883) .. " (Sess. 1884) ..	35,241,482	526	..	27 weeks	..	4.15 p.m. ..	..	8 36	121	163 301,040 5	..	Nil	Life.
	..	658	..	31 "	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	3.45 p.m.; on Wed., 12 noon to 6 p.m.	..	9 5	154	238 351,400 5	..	..	..
	..	..	..	26 "	..	..	..	8 51	162	231 451,434 27	..	Nil	7 years.
	..	..	Feb. 15 to Aug. 25	26 "	..	..	..	9 1	129	179 101,163 30	..	..	..
	..	..	..	25 "	..	..	..	8 49	126	166 501,102 50	..	..	..
<i>Austria Proper</i> (1884)— Reichsrath— Upper House .. Lower House ..	22,144,244												
	..	198 353	Nov. or Dec. to May or June	3 to 4 months	..	11 a.m. .. 11 a.m. ..	4 to 5 p.m. 4 to 5 p.m.	..	..	..	..	£1 per day	Life. 6 years.
<i>Hungary</i> (1884)— Reichstag— House of Magnates.. House of Reps. ..	15,725,710	751 447	October	4 mos., with holidays at Christmas and Easter	..	10 a.m. .. 10 a.m. ..	2 p.m. .. 2 p.m. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3 years.
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<i>Belgium</i> (1884)— Senate .. Chamber of Reps. ..	5,720,807	69 138	Second Tuesday in Nov. to June or July	Min. 40 days; av. 8 to 9 months, with recess for 3 weeks at Christmas and Easter	5 days a week .. "	1 p.m. on opening of sess.; 2 p.m. at end of sess.	4.30 p.m. .. "	..	..	..	..	Nil	8 years; half retire every 4 years. 4 years; half retire every 2 years.
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<i>Denmark</i> (1884)— Rigsdag— Landsting .. Folkething ..	2,045,179	66 102	First Monday in October Ditto ..	Average for 5 yrs., 196 days Ditto ..	..	1.30 p.m. .. 1 p.m. ..	3.30 to 4.30 p.m. 5 to 6 p.m.; night-sittings rare	..	145 150	..	..	15s. per day .. 15s. "	12 for life; 54 for 8 years. 3 years.
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<i>France</i> (1881)— Senate .. Chamber of Deputies..	37,672,048	300 557	Second Tuesday in January Ditto ..	Min. 5 months ..	5 days a week ..	2 p.m. ..	6 p.m. ..	..	..	..	..	15,000 francs (£625) 9,000 francs (£375) (colonial representatives allowed trav. expenses)	75 for life; 225 for 9 years. 4 years.
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<i>Germany</i> (1880)— Bundsrath .. Reichstag ..	45,234,061	62 397	Jan. or Feb. to July	4 to 5 months ..	..	11 a.m. .. 11 a.m. ..	4 p.m. .. 4 p.m. ..	..	..	..	..	9s. per day (free passes on railw'ys)	App'ted each sess. 3 years.