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VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON.

Report of the Registrar-General for the Month of February, 1908.

THIS report deals with the Vital Statistics of the several towns of the Island proclaimed under sections 31 to 36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895. The Registrars of these towns are qualified medical men. No death occurring there is registered unless the cause is ascertained by the Registrar's personal inspection of the deceased, or certified by a qualified medical man in attendance on the deceased, and no dead body is buried or cremated without registration being effected. This system was commenced on January 1, 1893, in the town of Colombo, under the Ordinance No. 20 of 1891, and has been gradually extended till it now embraces 30 towns.

2. Table I. in the Appendix shows the population at the last decennial Census of 1901, and the present estimated population and the births and deaths registered during the month, their rates, and the infantile mortality in each town.

3. Table III. gives similar information as regards each ward in the Colombo Municipality.

4. The estimated population of the 30 towns is 466,362, or more than one-ninth of the total population of the Island. The population of Colombo (180,262) is nearly two-thirds of the population of all the other towns taken together (286,100).

Births and Deaths.

5. The births registered in the 30 towns numbered 1,204—of which 609 were of males and 595 of females—and correspond to an annual birth-rate per 1,000 of 32·58, as against 34·89 during the preceding month. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, which have a population under 1,000), the highest birth-rate for the month was observed in Chilaw (67·09), and the lowest in Kalpitiya (7·73). There were no births registered in Mullaittivu during the month. In the other towns the birth-rate ranged from 62·19 in Negombo, 56·18 in Nawalapitiya, and 50·18 in Panadure to 22·16 in Mannar, 21·23 in Trincomalee, 20·56 in Batticaloa, and 14·10 in Nuwara Eliya.

6. The town of Colombo, where the births registered numbered 396—of which 193 were of males and 203 of females—records a birth-rate of 27·72 per mille per annum, as against 29·67 in the preceding month. The highest birth-rate was in New Bazaar Ward (29·61), and the lowest in Pettah (1·66), while there were no births recorded in the Fort and Galle Face Ward. In the other wards the birth-rate ranged from 28·74 in St. Sebastian to 15·98 in Kollupitiya.

7. The number of deaths registered in the 30 towns was 1,408—of which 742 were of males and 666 of females—and correspond to an annual death-rate of 30·98 per mille, as against 32·95 during the previous month. 449 of the total deaths, or little less than one-third, occurred in hospitals (with 1 death in the Jaffna jail), and exaggerated the normal mortality of the towns.

Mortality.

8. Corrected death-rates as well as crude death-rates are shown for the several towns. By a corrected rate is meant the rate calculated for the population of each town on the basis that its age- and sex-constitution is the same as for the Island, and also excluding from the total deaths those of estate coolies and other persons who are not town residents. The corrected rate should thus furnish a more satisfactory test of the comparative health of the towns than the crude rate. I am unable to give the corrected rates for "Hatton and Dikoya," Kalpitiya and Lunugala towns, because the age- and sex-constitution of their populations was not ascertained at the last Census. The population of Lunugala (as now constituted) was not enumerated at the Census of 1901, and the figure given is an estimate made at the beginning of October last.

9. Among the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, for the reason stated) the lowest corrected mortality during the month was recorded in Kegalla (5·12), and the highest in Mullaittivu (78·70). In the other towns the death-rate ranged from 14·97 in Batticaloa, 18·14 in Trincomalee, and 20·19 in Nuwara Eliya to 50·91 in Anuradhapura, 52·14 in Gampola, and 60·43 in Mannar.

10. In the town of Colombo, where the deaths registered numbered 497—of which 269 were of males and 228 of females—the annual death-rate recorded is 35·45 per 1,000, as against 31·12 during the preceding month. In Table III., which gives the death-rates for the several wards of the town, I am unable to give the corrected rates because the age- and sex-constitution of the Ward populations at the last Census has not been recorded. Omitting the Fort and Galle Face Ward and the Pettah Ward, which contain a population mainly adult male and floating, the healthiest division during the month was Kollupitiya with a crude death-rate of 19·29. The highest crude death-rate was in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals (33·44). In the other wards the death-rate ranged from 20·73 in St. Paul's to 33·13 in Slave Island.

Infantile Mortality.

11. The infantile mortality for the 30 towns was equal to a rate of 266 per 1,000 births registered. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more the mortality ranged from 556 in Nuwara Eliya, 455 in Puttalam, 381 in Jaffna and 353 in Badulla to 139 in Negombo, 111 in Matale, and 82 in Moratuwa:

12. The infantile mortality in the town of Colombo was 328 per 1,000 births registered. The infantile mortality given for each ward in Table III. enables a comparison to be made of the health of the various wards. The lowest mortality was observed in St. Paul's Ward (194 per 1,000), and the highest infantile mortality was in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals (607), followed by Slave Island (450) and New Bazaar (425)

Causes of Death.

13. Table II. in the Appendix gives for each town and race the principal causes of deaths registered during the month, and shows the infantile mortality separately from the other mortality.

14. Table IV. gives similar information for each ward and race of the Colombo Municipality.

15. *Infants.*—Out of the 1,408 deaths from all causes in the 30 towns, 320 or little less than one-fourth were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 91 Convulsions (of which 33 in Colombo and 14 in Galle), 76 Debility (of which 21 in Colombo and 13 in Jaffna), 37 Prematurity (of which 10 in Colombo and 10 in Jaffna), 20 Diarrhoea (of which 10 in Colombo and 5 in Galle), 9 Tetanus (of which 16 in Colombo), 17 Pneumonia (of which 11 in Colombo), and Bronchitis 10 (of which 4 in Colombo and 3 in Jaffna).

16. In the town of Colombo Convulsions accounted for the highest mortality, and the cases were distributed as follows:—15 in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, 8 in New Bazaar, 3 in Slave Island, 2 each in St. Sebastian, St. Paul's, and Kollupitiya, and 1 in Kotahena. The next highest mortality was from Debility (8 in Slave Island, 4 each in Maradana Hospitals and New Bazaar, and 1 each in St. Sebastian and St. Paul's), followed by Pneumonia (6 in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, 3 in Kotahena, and 1 each in Maradana Hospitals and Kollupitiya). There was 1 death from Cholera, a Burgher of Maradana who died in the Infectious Diseases Hospital: This is the first case in Colombo since November last.

17. *One year and over.*—Out of the 1,088 deaths of persons one year and over in age, there were 262 due to Diarrhoea and Dysentery, of which 74 were in Colombo, 19 in Ratnapura, 17 in Moratuwa, 15 in Badulla, 14 each in "Hatton and Dikoya" and Jaffna, 13 in Galle, and 10 each in Kandy, Gampola, and Lunugala; 112 due to Pneumonia, of which 37 were in Colombo, 11 in Matale, and 8 each in Jaffna and Kurunegala; 109 to Phthisis, of which 52 were in Colombo, 18 in Galle, and 7 each in Matale and Jaffna; 49 to Doehmius Duodenalis, of which 46 were of Tamil coolies; 32 to Enteric Fever, of which 15 were in Colombo, and 4 each in Moratuwa and Jaffna; 29 to Simple Fever, of which 13 were in Jaffna and 5 in Galle; 22 to Bronchitis, of which 7 were in Colombo and 4 in Kalutara; 21 to Malarial Cachexia, of which 5 were in Matale; 20 to Remittent Fever, of which 10 were in Jaffna and 5 in Colombo; 19 to Bright's Disease and Nephritis, of which 11 were in Colombo and 5 in Galle; and 12 to Anæmia, of which 5 were in Negombo.

18. The highest mortality in Colombo was from Phthisis 52, of which 16 were in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, 10 in Maradana Hospitals, and 7 in St. Paul's, followed by Diarrhoea 43, of which 19 were in Maradana Hospitals, 8 in Slave Island, and 6 in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals; Pneumonia 37, of which 10 were in Maradana Hospitals, 6 in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, and 5 in Kotahena; Dysentery 31, of which 10 were in Maradana Hospitals, 7 in St. Paul's, and 4 in Kollupitiya; Enteric Fever 15, of which 4 each were in Kotahena and Maradana Hospitals and 3 in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals; and Bright's Disease and Nephritis 11, of which 6 were in Maradana Hospitals and 2 in New Bazaar.

19. *Percentage of principal causes of death at all ages.*—Of the total number of deaths at all ages in the towns, Diarrhoea and Dysentery accounted for more than 20 per cent., Bronchitis and Pneumonia more than 11 per cent., Debility more than 9 per cent., Phthisis nearly 8 per cent., Infantile Convulsions more than 7 per cent., and various kinds of Fever more than 6 per cent:

20. Of the total number of deaths at all ages in the town of Colombo, Diarrhoea and Dysentery accounted for more than 17 per cent., Bronchitis and Pneumonia nearly 12 per cent., Phthisis more than 10 per cent., Infantile Convulsions and Debility more than 7 per cent. each, and various kinds of Fever nearly 5 per cent.

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, March 18, 1908.

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Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during February, 1908, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, the Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall observed, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Town.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1901.	Population estimated at the Middle of 1908 by Increase.	Total Births registered.		Total Deaths, including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.		Deaths registered in Hospitals and Jails.	Total Deaths, excluding Deaths of Estate Coolies and non-residents.	Per Mille per Annum.			Deaths of Children under One Year.	Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births registered.	Mean Temperature.	Rainfall in Inches.	
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			Birth-rate.	Crude Death-rate.	Corrected Death-rate.*					
All 30 Towns	415,679	466,362	609	595	1,204	666	1,408	449†	1,145	32.58	30.98	32.74‡	320	266		
<i>Western Province.</i>																
Colombo	155,869	180,262	193	203	396	228	497	136	455	27.72	31.85	35.45	130	328	79.8	1.57
Negombo	19,819	20,495	51	50	101	23	45	6	63	62.19	26.48	26.99	14	139	—	0.40
Moratuwa	29,600	34,139	50	47	97	29	63	—	33	33.86	23.23	21.93	8	82	—	—
Kalutara	11,990	11,990	13	14	27	15	34	17	28	28.42	29.47	28.71	6	222	—	2.74
Panadura	3,845	4,275	13	4	17	9	15	7	9	50.18	26.56	28.21	5	294	—	—
<i>Central Province.</i>																
Kandy	26,511	29,437	39	37	76	31	70	27	57	32.58	24.43	25.62	20	263	75.3	2.43
Gampola	3,791	4,608	6	7	13	11	27	15	18	35.60	49.30	52.14	4	308	—	3.39
Nawalapitiya	3,454	4,043	12	6	18	16	31	24	15	56.18	21.85	26.05	3	167	—	—
Hatton and Dikoya	2,858	3,705	6	3	9	14	28	23	5	30.65	17.03	—†	5	556	—	4.10
Matale	4,951	5,589	6	12	18	26	19	28	17	40.64	38.39	43.74	2	111	Not received.	—
Nuwara Eliya	5,072	7,997	6	3	9	6	14	5	10	14.10	15.78	20.19	5	556	58.0	3.22
<i>Northern Province.</i>																
Jaffna	33,879	35,295	60	53	113	68	128	6	126	46.40	45.05	47.47	43	381	78.4	5.58
Mannar	3,338	3,338	4	2	6	6	14	3	14	22.16	52.93	60.43	—	—	78.3	2.01
Mullaitivu	1,308	1,404	—	—	—	3	5	2	8	—	71.89	78.70	2	—	—	0.83
Vavuniya	566	595	2	—	2	1	6	4	4	42.44	84.88	102.08	2	—	—	3.60
<i>Southern Province.</i>																
Galle	37,165	40,026	47	54	101	63	116	21	102	31.84	32.16	31.44	27	267	78.7	0.85
Matara	11,848	13,242	22	23	45	13	28	4	24	42.88	22.87	22.14	7	156	—	3.98
Hambantota	2,843	3,056	5	4	9	3	7	—	7	37.16	28.90	30.26	2	222	79.3	2.26
Tangalla	2,333	2,629	1	6	7	10	5	7	9	33.60	43.20	45.64	2	286	—	2.53
<i>Eastern Province.</i>																
Batticaloa	9,969	10,433	8	9	17	6	13	1	12	20.56	14.51	14.97	4	235	77.8	6.77
Trincomalee	11,887	11,295	12	7	19	7	14	—	14	21.23	15.64	18.14	5	263	79.2	6.85
<i>North-Western Province.</i>																
Kurunegala	6,483	8,068	10	6	16	19	31	25	17	25.02	26.59	31.32	3	187	80.1	1.75
Puttalam	5,115	5,219	5	6	11	12	16	4	16	26.59	38.68	39.60	5	455	78.2	0.85
Kalpitiya	1,487	1,631	1	—	1	2	4	—	6	7.73	46.41	—†	1	—	—	—
Chilaw	4,168	4,514	9	15	24	6	15	4	15	67.09	41.93	42.72	3	125	No records	—
<i>North-Central Province.</i>																
Anuradhapura	3,672	4,856	7	8	15	8	17	5	17	38.98	44.17	50.91	3	200	77.4	4.65
<i>Province of Uva.</i>																
Badulla	5,924	6,686	11	6	17	18	37	23	22	32.09	41.50	42.47	6	353	69.4	4.50
Lunugala	—	416†	1	1	2	7	16	10	4	60.68	121.35	—†	—	—	—	—
<i>Province of Sabaragamuwa.</i>																
Ratnapura	4,084	4,548	4	6	10	23	19	33	15	27.75	41.62	43.08	2	200	80.9	4.48
Kegalla	2,340	2,571	5	3	8	7	10	9	1	39.27	4.91	5.12	1	125	—	—

* By "corrected death-rate" is here meant the rate calculated for the population of each town on the basis that its age- and sex-constitution is the same as for the whole Island, and also excluding the deaths of estate coolies and other non-residents.
 † Includes 8 deaths of Colombo town residents (1 Burgher, 5 Sinhalese, and 2 Tamils), which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, and were registered by an extra-urban Registrar.
 ‡ The population of "Hatton and Dikoya," Kalpitiya, and Lunugala towns at the Census of 1901 not being available by age- and sex-constitution, their corrected death-rates cannot be calculated. The death-rate given for "All Towns" is, therefore, independent of these three towns, but is scarcely affected by their rates owing to the smallness of their population.
 § In reports published up to the beginning of this year the Census population has been inadvertently given as 5,332.
 ¶ The population of Mannar and Trincomalee towns at the Census of 1891 not being available, no estimate can be made of the rate of growth 1891-1900 or 1901-1908. Their population estimated for 1908 is the Census population of 1901, less (in the case of Trincomalee) the Military, who are no longer stationed there.
 ¶¶ The population of Lunugala town at the Census of 1901 is not available. The figure given is the population estimated at the beginning of October, 1907.
 ** In each of these columns blanks appear against towns which do not possess observatories or rain gauges.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths registered during February, 1908, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Causes of Deaths.	All 30 Towns.												Deaths among all Races.																											
	Western Province.			Central Provinces.				Northern Province.			Southern Province.			Eastern Province.			North-Western Province.			North-Central Province.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Tamil.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.													
	Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratuwa.	Kalutara.	Pandure.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nawalapitiya.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Elyya.	Jaffna.	Manner.	Mullaitivu.	Vavuniya.	Galle.	Matare.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Batticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Putalam.					Kalpitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Katnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.			
All Causes	1,408	497*	45	63	34	15	70	27	31	28	45	14	8	6	116	28	7	15	13	14	31	16	6	15	17	37	16	42	10	35	614	530	164	31	24					
I.—Infantile Mortality	320	130	14	8	6	5	20	4	3	5	2	5	43	2	27	7	2	2	4	5	3	3	5	1	3	3	6	2	1	14	142	100	46	11	6					
A.—One Week and under.																																								
1. Prematurity	3	8	1	1	2	1	3	2					8		1																									
2. Debility	38	11	2	2		1	1						9																											
3. Convulsions	34	10	2	1		1	4	1							4	6																								
4. Diarrhoea																																								
5. Tetanus	12	12																																						
6. Bronchitis																																								
7. Pneumonia																																								
8. Other causes	7†	3					1	1						2																										
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																																								
1. Prematurity	6	2																																						
2. Debility	38	10	2	1		1	5	1					4	1	5	1																								
3. Convulsions	57	23	4	1	2	1	1	1					3		10	1	2																							
4. Diarrhoea	20	10		2		1	1						1		5																									
5. Tetanus	7	4		1																																				
6. Bronchitis	10	4																																						
7. Pneumonia	17	11					2	1					3																											
8. Other causes	43‡	22	3	1			3	1					11		1																									
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	1,088	367	31	55	28	10	50	23	28	23	43	9	85	14	6	4	89	21	5	13	9	28	11	5	12	31	16	40	9	21	472	430	118	20	18					
1. Smallpox																																								
2. Chick-pox																																								
3. Measles																																								
4. Influenza																																								
5. Simple Fever	29	1					2				2		13	2			5		1		1																			

* This includes 8 deaths of town residents (all adults), 4 from Enteric Fever, 1 each from Cholera, Acute Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and Diphtheria, which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, and were registered by an extra-urban Registrar.
 † This includes 6 deaths due to Inanition, and 1 due to Accident at Child-birth.
 ‡ This includes 6 deaths from Enteritis, 4 from Starvation, and 2 from Eozema in Colombo, 2 each from Erysipelas and Fever in Jaffna, and 1 each from Meningitis, Remittent Fever, Stomatitis, Gastritis, Enteric Fever, Influenza, Cirrhosis of Liver, Dysentery, and Cellulitis in Colombo.

Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of February, 1908, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population, and the Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, in each Ward of the Colombo Municipality.

Wards.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1901.	Population estimated to the middle of 1908 by Intercensal Increase.	Total Births registered.		Total Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.			Deaths registered in Hospitals and Jails.	Total Deaths excluding Deaths (if any) of Estate Coolies and Non-residents.	Per mille per annum.			Deaths of Children under One Year.	Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births registered.	
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.			Persons.	Birth-rate.	Crude Death-rate.			Corrected Death-rate.*
Colombo Town	155,869	180,262	193	203	396	269	228	497	136	455	27.72	31.85	35.45	130	328
Fort and Galle Face	2,285	12,285	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	5.52	—	—	—
Pettah	7,561	17,561	1	—	1	6	1	7	1	7	1.66	11.68	—	—	—
St. Sebastian	9,349	10,536	11	13	24	9	11	20	1	20	28.74	23.95	—	5	208
St. Paul's	20,260	23,740	22	14	36	25	14	39	1	39	19.13	20.73	—	7	194
Kotahena	33,355	37,987	37	46	83	33	38	71	1	71	27.57	23.58	—	21	253
New Bazaar	17,470	20,927	26	21	47	18	29	47	—	47	29.61	29.61	—	20	425
Maradana Hospitals	30,381	36,606	32	43	75	78	50	128	128	86	—	—	—	12	—
Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals)	—	—	29	32	61	50	47	97	2	97	21.03	33.44	—	37	607
Slave Island	16,927	19,804	18	22	40	29	23	52	2	52	25.49	33.13	—	18	450
Kollupitiya	18,281	22,896	17	12	29	20	15	35	—	35	15.98	19.29	—	10	345

* For explanation of "corrected death-rate" vide Table I. foot-note marked (*). The population of the several wards of the town at the Census of 1901 not being available by age- and sex-constitution, their corrected death-rates cannot be calculated.

† The population of these two wards being a fluctuating one, their estimated population cannot be calculated. Hence the Census figures are retained.

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of February, 1908, in each Ward and Race of the Colombo Municipality.

Causes of Deaths.	Deaths among all Races.																		
	Colombo Town.	Port and Galle Face.	Pettah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals.	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	
All Causes	*497	1	7	20	39	71	47	128	97	52	35	8	27	235	113	78	18	18	
I.—Infantile Mortality	130	—	—	5	7	21	20	12	37	18	10	—	12	60	25	22	6	5	
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																			
1. Prematurity	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	2	1	—	1	5	—	1	1	—	
2. Debility	11	—	—	—	1	—	2	4	—	3	1	—	—	6	3	1	—	1	
3. Convulsions	10	—	—	1	1	—	—	4	8	—	—	—	—	3	3	3	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus	12	—	—	—	2	7	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	7	3	2	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Other Causes	†3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																			
1. Prematurity	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	
2. Debility	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	2	4	1	2	—	
3. Convulsions	23	—	—	1	1	—	8	—	7	3	2	—	2	10	4	5	1	—	
4. Diarrhoea	10	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	5	1	—	—	—	5	2	2	1	—	
5. Tetanus	4	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	11	—	—	—	—	3	3	1	6	—	1	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	
8. Other Causes	†22	—	—	—	—	3	1	3	8	3	3	—	6	10	—	3	1	2	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	367	1	7	15	32	50	27	116	60	34	25	8	15	175	88	56	12	13	
1. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Influenza	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* Includes 8 deaths of town residents, which occurred at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, viz: 4 deaths from Enteric Fever of Sinhalese removed from St. Sebastian, Maradana, Kotahena, and Slave Island Wards, 1 death from Dysentery of a Sinhalese from Pettah, 2 from Acute Diarrhoea and Diphtheria of Tamils from Slave Island and St. Paul's respectively, and 1 from Cholera of a Burgher from Maradana.

† Due to Inanition.

‡ Includes 6 deaths from Enteritis (3 in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, 2 in Kollupitiya, and 1 in Slave Island), 4 from Starvation (2 in Slave Island and 1 each in Maradana Hospitals and Kollupitiya), 2 from Eczema in Maradana Hospitals, 1 each from Gastritis, Cellulitis, and Remittent Fever in Kotahena, 1 from Stomatitis in New Bazaar, 1 from Worms in St. Sebastian and 1 each from Enteric Fever, Influenza, Meningitis, Cirrhosis of Liver, and Dysentery in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals.

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of February, 1908, in each Ward and Race of the Colombo Municipality—*contd.*

Causes of Death.	Wards.										Deaths among all Races.								
	Colombo Town.	Fort and Galle Race.	Petah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals.	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)— <i>contd.</i>																			
5. Simple Fever ..	1					4		4		1				1	3	2			
6. Enteric Fever ..	15				2	4								9	2				
7. Remittent Fever ..	5					2								2	2				
8. Ague ..	—														1	1			
9. Malarial Cachexia ..	2							1											
10. Cholera ..	1					4	1	19	6	1				24	12	5	1		
11. Diarrhoea ..	43			3		2	2	10	2	4				14	11	2	2		
12. Dysentery ..	31			1	7			6						6	6				
13. Doehnius Duodenalis ..	6							1							1				
14. Cancer ..	1			2	7	4	5	10	16	3				22	10	9	3		
15. Phthisis ..	52													1		1	1		
16. Other Tubercular Diseases ..	1									1									
17. Anæmia ..	2																		
18. Diabetes Mellitus ..	2																		
19. Convulsions ..	4																		
20. Tetanus ..	5					1	1	2						2	2	1	1		
21. Bronchitis ..	7					4	1							3	1	3	1		
22. Pneumonia ..	37			2	3	5	2	10	6	3				14	8	10	1		
23. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	1				1			6						9		1			
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	11					1	2	1	1					1		3			
25. Puerperal Convulsions ..	4					1	1	2	1					1	1	2			
26. Puerperal Fever ..	4													1					
27. Miscarriage ..	—																		
28. Other and undefined Accidents of Child-birth ..	1							1						1					
29. Starvation ..	2													2					
30. Accidents or Negligence ..	8					1	1	3	1	1				4	3	1			
31. Homicide ..	3							3						3					
32. Suicide ..	2							1						2					
33. Execution ..	—							1											
34. All other Causes ..	*114		1	5	9	21	7	35	19	9	4	7	60	25	13	3		2	

* Here are included 15 deaths from Debility, 13 from Old Age, 11 from Worms, 7 from Bright's Disease, 6 from Enteritis, 5 from Apoplexy, 4 each from Cirrhosis of Liver, Paralysis Peritonitis, and Nephritis, 3 from Abscess, and 2 from Influenza.