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**VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON.**

**Report of the Registrar-General for the Month of March, 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 1,352—of which 681 were of males and 671 of females—and correspond to an annual birth-rate per 1,000 of 34·23, as against 32·58 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 Negombo (65·67), and the lowest in Nuwara Eliya (11·81). In the other towns the birth-rate ranged from 46·12 in Gampola, 45·29 in Kalutara, and 44·52 in Kandy, to 26·74 in Anuradhapura, 26·49 in Badulla, 22·63 in Batticaloa, and 19·85 in Vavuniya.

6. The town of Colombo, where the births registered numbered 420—of which 215 were of males and 205 of females—records a birth-rate of 27·51 per mille per annum, as against 27·72 in the preceding month. The highest birth-rate was in St. Sebastian Ward (33·62), and the lowest in Pettah (4·68). In the other wards the birth-rate ranged from 27·95 in Slave Island to 18·56 in Kollupitiya.

7. The number of deaths registered in the 30 towns was 1,428—of which 808 were of males and 620 of females—and correspond to an annual death-rate of 31·11 per mille, as against 30·98 during the previous month. 426 of the total deaths, or little less than one-third, occurred in hospitals (with 4 deaths in jails), 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 (4·79), and the highest in Mullaittivu (55·22). In the other towns the death-rate ranged from 9·03 in Badulla, 9·49 in Tangalla, 10·45 in Nawalapitiya, 20·24 in Moratuwa, 20·53 in Panadure, and 21·27 in Nuwara Eliya, to 37·93 in Kurunegala, 40·00 in Trincomalee, 43·33 in Matale, and 43·36 in Gampola.

10. In the town of Colombo, where the deaths registered numbered 555—of which 320 were of males and 235 of females—the annual death-rate recorded is 37·47 per 1,000, as against 35·45 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, St. Sebastian Ward shows this month the lowest crude death-rate (19·05) and Slave Island the highest rate (39·85). In the other wards the death-rate ranged from 23·72 in Kollupitiya to 34·19 in New Bazaar.

### Infantile Mortality.

The infantile mortality for the 30 towns was equal to a rate of 211 per 1,000 births registered. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more the mortality ranged from 375 in Nuwara Eliya, 316 in Ma'ale, and 300 each in Batticaloa and Trincomalee, to 154 in Moratuwa, 152 in Kalutara, 140 in Negombo, and 136 in Kurunegala.

12. The infantile mortality in the town of Colombo was 295 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. Sebastian (67 per 1,000), and the highest infantile mortality was in Kollupitiya (389), followed by St. Paul's (372), and New Bazaar (362).

### 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 1,428 deaths from all causes in the 30 towns, 285, or little more than one-third, were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 95 Convulsions (of which 44 in Colombo, 11 in Galle, 7 in Negombo, and 6 each in Matara and Trincomalee), 70 Debility (of which 20 in Colombo, 11 in Jaffna, and 7 in Kandy), 24 Prematurity (of which 8 in Colombo and 5 in Kandy), 16 Tetanus (of which 9 in Colombo and 3 each in Moratuwa and Jaffna), 14 Pneumonia (of which 6 in Colombo and 2 each in Negombo and Galle), and 12 Bronchitis (of which 4 in Colombo).

16. In the town of Colombo Convulsions accounted for the highest mortality, and the cases were distributed as follows:—11 in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, 6 each in Kotahena, New Bazaar, Slave Island, and Kollupitiya, 5 in St. Paul's, 2 in Pettah, and 1 each in Fort and Galle Face and St. Sebastian. The next highest mortality was from Debility (5 in Maradana Hospitals, 4 in Slave Island, 3 each in St. Paul's and Kollupitiya, 2 in New Bazaar, and 1 each in Pettah, St. Sebastian, and Maradana exclusive of Hospitals), followed by Tetanus (4 in Kotahena, 2 each in St. Paul's and New Bazaar, and 1 in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals).

17. *One year and over*.—Out of the 1,143 deaths of persons one year and over in age, there were 259 due to Diarrhoea and Dysentery, of which 77 were in Colombo, 20 in Ratnapura 17 in Jaffna, 12 each in Negombo and Galle, 11 each in Matale, Badulla, and Lunugala, 10 each in Kandy, Gampola, and "Hatton and Dikoya," 9 each in Kurunegala and Kegalla, and 7 in Moratuwa; 142 due to Pneumonia, of which 61 were in Colombo, 8 each in Kandy and Kurunegala, 7 in Negombo, and 5 in Batticaloa; 74 to Phthisis, of which 51 were in Colombo, 9 in Galle, and 4 in Jaffna; 45 to Enteric Fever, of which 26 were in Colombo, and 6 in Moratuwa; 44 to *Dochimus Duodenalis*, of which 35 were among Tamil Coolies; 35 to Remittent Fever, of which 13 were in Jaffna, 5 in Anuradhapura, and 3 in Moratuwa; 35 to Malarial Cachexia, of which 5 were in Batticaloa and 4 in Matale; 25 to Simple Fever, of which 9 were in Jaffna, 7 in Kandy, and 3 in Galle; 25 to Bronchitis, of which 14 were in Colombo and 6 in Kalutara; and 15 to Bright's Disease and Nephritis, of which 9 were in Colombo and 3 in Jaffna.

18. The highest mortality in Colombo was from *Pneumonia* 61, of which 12 were in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, 11 each in Kotahena and Maradana Hospitals, 8 in New Bazaar, and 7 in St. Paul's; followed by Diarrhoea 53, of which 20 were in Maradana Hospitals, 8 in Kotahena, and 6 each in St. Paul's, Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, and Slave Island; *Phthisis* 51, of which 12 were in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, 10 in Maradana Hospitals, 7 each in St. Paul's and New Bazaar, and 6 in Slave Island; *Enteric Fever* 26, of which 11 were in Maradana Hospitals and 6 in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals; Dysentery 24, of which 10 were in Maradana Hospitals and 4 in St. Paul's; *Bronchitis* 14, of which 6 were in New Bazaar and 2 each in St. Paul's, Kotahena, and Maradana exclusive of Hospitals; and Bright's Disease and Nephritis 9, of which 4 were in Maradana Hospitals and 2 in New Bazaar. There was 1 death from cholera of a Tamil from Slave Island. The number of deaths from *Enteric Fever* (26) was greater than in February (16) and January (23), but the number for the whole quarter (65) was less than in the corresponding first quarter of 1907 (80).

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 19 per cent., Bronchitis and Pneumonia nearly 14 per cent., Debility more than 8 per cent., various kinds of Fever nearly 8 per cent., Infantile Convulsions nearly 7 per cent., and Phthisis more than 5 per cent.

20. Of the total number of deaths at all ages in the town of Colombo, Diarrhoea and Dysentery accounted for more than 15 per cent., Bronchitis and Pneumonia more than 15 per cent., Phthisis more than 9 per cent., Infantile Convulsions nearly 8 per cent., Debility nearly 7 per cent., and various kinds of Fever nearly 6 per cent.

Registrar-General's Office,  
Colombo, April 14, 1908.

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Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during March, 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.

Towns.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1901.	Population estimated to the Middle of 1908 by Inter-censal 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.	Persons.	Males.			Females.	Persons.	Birth-rate.					Crude Death-rate.	Corrected Death-rate.*
All 30 Towns	415,679	466,362	681	671	1,352	808	620	1,428	430†	1,163	34.23	29.44	31.11‡	285	211	82.9	—
<i>Western Province.</i>																	
Colombo	155,869	180,262	215	205	420	320	235	555	132	514	27.51	33.66	37.47	124	295	82.9	4.48
Negombo	19,819	20,495	65	49	114	35	26	61	8	58	65.67	33.41	34.06	16	140	—	5.82
Moratuwa	29,600	34,139	51	53	104	33	29	62	—	62	35.97	21.44	20.24	16	154	—	—
Kalutara	11,500	11,990	23	23	46	21	17	38	7	36	45.29	35.45	34.54	7	152	—	12.27
Panadure	3,845	4,275	5	6	11	7	5	12	6	7	30.38	19.33	20.53	1	91	—	—
<i>Central Province.</i>																	
Kandy	26,511	29,437	60	51	111	40	32	72	28	54	44.52	21.66	22.71	19	171	78.1	2.66
Gampola	3,791	4,608	3	15	18	11	16	27	15	16	46.12	41.00	43.36	4	222	—	8.40
Nawalapitiya	3,454	4,043	7	6	13	10	10	20	17	3	37.96	8.76	10.45	5	385	—	—
Hatton and Dikoya	2,858	3,705	7	5	12	11	8	19	15	4	38.24	12.75	—	2	167	—	16.85
Matale	4,951	5,589	13	6	19	25	16	41	31	18	40.14	38.03	43.33	6	316	—	2.00
Nuwara Eliya	5,072	7,997	4	4	8	9	5	14	5	11	11.81	16.24	21.27	3	375	60.1	3.48
<i>Northern Province.</i>																	
Jaffna	33,879	35,295	69	56	125	60	42	102	4	99	41.81	33.12	34.90	22	176	81.9	1.03
Mannar	3,338	3,338	5	7	12	5	4	9	2	9	42.44	31.83	36.34	1	83	81.7	3.10
Mullaitivu	1,308	1,404	1	4	5	4	2	6	3	6	42.03	50.44	55.22	—	—	—	0.54
Vavuniya	566	595	1	—	1	3	2	5	3	3	19.85	59.56	71.62	—	—	Not received	—
<i>Southern Province.</i>																	
Galle	37,165	40,026	50	65	115	50	48	98	17	86	33.92	25.37	24.80	21	183	80.6	1.87
Matara	11,848	13,242	23	20	43	14	15	29	5	26	38.34	23.18	22.44	7	163	—	1.54
Hambantota	2,843	3,056	6	5	11	4	2	6	—	6	42.49	23.18	24.27	3	273	80.2	1.40
Tangalla	2,333	2,629	2	5	7	2	1	3	3	2	31.44	8.98	9.49	—	—	—	0.89
<i>Eastern Province.</i>																	
Batticaloa	9,969	10,433	10	10	20	13	15	28	3	25	22.63	28.29	29.17	6	300	79.7	6.70
Trincomalee	11,887	11,295	14	16	30	17	16	33	3	33	31.36	34.49	40.00	9	300	81.1	2.06
<i>North-Western Province.</i>																	
Kurunegala	6,483	8,068	9	13	22	23	15	38	23	22	32.19	32.19	37.93	3	136	82.6	6.02
Puttalam	5,115	5,219	11	8	19	8	5	13	2	12	42.98	27.14	27.79	—	—	81.1	2.30
Kalpitiya	1,487	1,631	3	3	6	2	6	8	—	8	43.42	57.89	—	1	167	—	—
Chilaw	4,168	4,514	5	9	14	5	7	12	—	12	36.61	31.38	31.97	2	143	No records	—
<i>North-Central Province.</i>																	
Anuradhapura	3,672	4,856	4	7	11	8	6	14	6	14	26.74	34.03	29.23	1	91	80.9	1.26
<i>Province of Uva.</i>																	
Badulla	5,924	6,686	6	9	15	18	7	25	21	5	26.49	8.83	9.03	3	200	72.6	9.34
Lunugala	—	416	—	1	1	16	9	25	24	1	28.38	28.38	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Province of Sabaragamuwa.</i>																	
Ratnapura	4,084	4,548	5	8	13	22	16	38	33	10	33.75	25.96	26.87	1	77	81.4	9.84
Kegalla	2,340	2,571	4	2	6	12	3	15	14	1	27.55	4.59	4.79	2	333	—	—

\* 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 4 deaths of Colombo town residents (all adults), which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, (outside the town) 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.

§ Hitherto 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.

\*\* Each of these columns blanks appear against towns which do not possess observatories or rain gauges.

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

Causes of Deaths.	All 30 Towns.	Province.												Deaths among all Races.																									
		Western Province.				Central Province.				Northern Province.				Southern Province.			Eastern Province.		North-Western Province.			North-Central Province.	Province of Sabaragamuwa.																
		Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratuwa.	Kalutara.	Panadura.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nawalapitiya.	Hatten and Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullattivu.	Vavuniya.	Galle.	Matara.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Batticaloa.	Trincormalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kalpitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	
All Causes	1,428	555*	61	62	38	12	72	27	20	19	41	14	9	6	5	98	29	6	3	28	33	38	13	8	12	14	25	25	38	15	5	46	612	472	205	30	20		
I.—Infantile Mortality	285	124	16	16	7	1	19	4	5	2	6	3	9	7	3	21	7	3	6	6	9	3	3	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	9	135	79	46	9	5			
A.—One Week and under.																																							
1. Prematurity	20	7	2	1	—	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	33	7	1	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	33	11	3	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	10	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other causes	7†	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																																							
1. Prematurity	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	37	13	2	4	1	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	62	33	4	3	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea	12	7	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	12	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	14	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Other causes	35‡	23	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	1,143	431	45	46	31	11	53	23	15	17	35	11	8	6	5	77	22	3	3	22	24	35	13	7	10	13	22	25	37	13	485	422	160	21	15				
1. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Simple Fever	25	3	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		

\* This includes 4 deaths of town residents, which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, vide Table IV. foot-note mared(\*).  
 † This includes besides the 3 deaths described in Table IV, foot-note (†), 3 deaths from Starvation or Inanition in Gampola, and 1 death from Erysipelas in Jaffna.  
 ‡ This includes, besides the 23 deaths described in Table IV, foot-note (‡), 2 deaths from Worms (1 each in Moratuwa and Kalutara), 2 from Malarial cachexia (1 each in Nawalapitiya and Hambantota), 2 from Dysentery (1 each in Nuwara Eliya and Anuradhapura), 1 from Phthisis in Moratuwa, 1 from Scurvy in Kalutara, 1 from Fever in Jaffna, 1 from Cellulitis in Galle, 1 from Erysipelas in Batticaloa, and 1 from Stomatitis in Chilaw.



Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of March, 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	215	205	420	320	235	555	132‡	514	27.51	33.66	37.47	124	295
Fort and Galle Face ..	2,285	2,285§	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	10.3	—	1	—
Pettah ..	7,561	7,561§	2	1	3	8	3	11	—	11	4.68	17.17	—	3	—
St. Sebastian ..	9,349	10,536	18	12	30	9	8	17	—	17	33.62	19.05	—	2	67
St. Paul's ..	20,260	23,740	16	27	43	31	30	61	1	61	21.38	30.34	—	16	372
Kotahena ..	33,355	37,987	35	35	70	41	37	78	1	78	21.76	24.24	—	21	300
New Bazaar ..	17,470	20,027	29	18	47	29	29	58	—	58	27.71	34.19	—	17	362
Maradana Hospitals ..	30,381	36,606	36	39	75	81	47	128	—	87	—	—	—	12	—
Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals) ..	16,927	19,804	35	34	69	53	34	87	—	87	22.25	28.06	—	24	348
Slave Island ..	18,281	22,896	25	22	47	38	29	67	1	67	27.95	39.85	—	14	298
Kollupitiya ..	18,281	22,896	19	17	36	28	18	46	1	46	18.56	23.72	—	14	389

\* 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.

† Infantile death-rates have been omitted where the number of births is less than five.

‡ Includes four deaths of town residents (all adults), which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, and were registered by an extra-urban Registrar.

§ 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 March, 1908, in each Ward and Race of the Colombo Municipality.

Causes of Deaths.	Colombo Town.	Ward.										Deaths among all Races.							
		Fort 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.	
<b>All Causes</b>	*555	2	11	17	61	78	58	128	87	67	46	5	34	265	100	109	25	17	
<b>I.—Infantile Mortality</b>	124	1	3	2	16	21	17	12	24	14	14	2	7	65	23	18	6	3	
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																			
1. Prematurity	7			1				3	2	1	1		2	3	2	2			
2. Debility	7							3	1	1	1			2	3	2			
3. Convulsions	11					1	2		4	3	1			5	1	2	2	1	
4. Diarrhoea																			
5. Tetanus	7					4	2		1					5		2			
6. Bronchitis																			
7. Pneumonia																			
8. Other Causes	†3					3								3					
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																			
1. Prematurity	1							1		3	2			1	3	2			
2. Debility	33		1		3		2	2			5			6	7	4	1		
3. Convulsions	13	1	2	1	5	5	4		7	3	3	1	3	15	1	4	3		
4. Diarrhoea	7				3		1		2	1				3	1	3			
5. Tetanus	2				2				1					3		1			
6. Bronchitis	4						2		2					3	1	1			
7. Pneumonia	6				1		4		2	1				5	1	2			
8. Other Causes	†23				2	6	4	3	3	2	3	1	2	14	4	2			
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)</b>	481	1	8	15	45	57	41	116	63	53	32	3	27	200	77	91	19	14	
1. Smallpox																			
2. Chickenpox																			
3. Measles																			
4. Influenza																			

\* Includes 4 deaths of town residents, which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, (outside the town) and were registered by an extra-urban Registrar, viz: 2 deaths from Acute Diarrhoea of a Sinhalese and a Tamil removed from St. Paul's and Kotahena respectively; 1 death from Cholera of a Tamil from Slave Island; and 1 from Enteric Fever of a Sinhalese from Kollupitiya.

† Includes 2 deaths due to Starvation or Inanition and 1 to Congenital Malformation.

‡ Includes 7 deaths from Enteritis (2 in New Bazaar and 1 each in St. Paul's, Kotahena, Maradana Hospitals, Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, and Slave Island); 5 from Worms (2 in Kotahena, and 1 each in New Bazaar, Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, and Kollupitiya); 3 from Starvation or Inanition, (1 each in Kotahena, Maradana Hospitals, and Maradana exclusive of Hospitals); 2 from Nephritis (1 each in St. Paul's and Slave Island); and 1 each from Phthisis, Dysentery, Stomatitis, Septicæmia, Anæmia, and Renal Colic in Kollupitiya, New Bazaar, Maradana Hospitals, Kollupitiya, and Kotahena respectively.

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

Causes of Death.	Colombo Town.	Wards.										Deaths among all Races.							
		Fort 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.	
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)—<i>contd.</i></b>																			
5. Simple Fever ..	3			1	2	3		11	6	2									
6. Enteric Fever ..	26				1														
7. Remittent Fever ..	2																		
8. Ague ..																			
9. Malarial Cachexia ..																			
10. Cholera ..	1																		
11. Diarrhoea ..	53			1	6	8		20	6	1									
12. Dysentery ..	24			2	4	2		10	1										
13. Doehmius Duodenalis ..	10							10											
14. Cancer ..	1							1											
15. Pithiasis ..	51			1	7	4		10	12										
16. Other Tubercular Diseases ..	4				1			1	1										
17. Anaemia ..	1																		
18. Diabetes Mellitus ..	1																		
19. Convulsions ..	5			1					1										
20. Tetanus ..	1																		
21. Bronchitis ..	14				2	2			2										
22. Pneumonia ..	61			4	7	11		11	12										
23. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	3			1	1	1		4											
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	9			1		1		1											
25. Puerperal Convulsions ..	3			1	1	2		1											
26. Puerperal Fever ..	5			1		2		1											
27. Miscarriage ..																			
28. Other and undefined Accidents of Child-birth ..																			
29. Starvation ..																			
30. Accidents or Negligence ..	3							1											
31. Homicide ..																			
32. Suicide ..	1					1													
33. Execution ..																			
34. All other Causes ..	*149	1	3	14	22	13	35	21	23	17	1	10	74	22	29	11		2	

\* Here are included 30 deaths from Old Age, 21 from Worms, 18 from Debility, 7 each from Enteritis and Paralysis, 5 from Apoplexy, 4 each from Pyaemia and Cirrhosis of Liver, 3 each from Peritonitis and Dropsy, and 2 each from Remittent Fever, Phagedana Hernia, Diseases of Uterus and Vagina, Ulcer, Abscess, and Tumour.