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## VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS, IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1908.

### REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

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 with mean temperature and rainfall of 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.

5. The births registered in the 30 towns during the month numbered 1,217—of which 620 were of males and 597 of females—and correspond to an annual birth-rate per 1,000 of 31·75, as against 34·23 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 Panadure (54·07), and the lowest in Nuwara Eliya (12·17). In the other towns the birth-rate ranged from 51·98 in Mullaittivu, 50·07 in Matale, 48·69 in Matara, and 48·08 in Negombo to 23·89 in Hambantota, 22·99 in "Hatton and Dikoya," and 21·06 in Nawalapitiya.

6. The town of Colombo, where the births registered numbered 388—of which 190 were of males and 198 of females—records a birth-rate of 26·19 per mille per annum, as against 27·51 in the preceding month. The highest birth-rate was in Maradana exclusive of hospitals (28·25), and the lowest in Pettah (4·83). In the other wards the birth-rate ranged from 22·67 in Slave Island to 5·32 in Fort and Galle Face Ward.

#### Deaths.

7. The number of deaths registered in the 30 towns during the month was 1,379, of which 774 were of males and 605 of females—and correspond to an annual death-rate of 30·81 per mille, as against 31·11 during the previous month. 460 of the total deaths, or nearly one-third, occurred in hospitals (with 3 deaths in jails), and exaggerated the normal mortality of the towns.

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 1907.

9. Among the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, for the reason stated) the lowest corrected mortality during the month was recorded in Nuwara Eliya (3·98), and the highest in Mullaittivu (75·87). In the other towns the death-rate ranged from 14·79 in Kegalla, 16·15 in Moratuwa, 16·90 in Matara, and 20·47 in Badulla to 49·74 in Kurunegala, 51·97 in Anuradhapura, 59·54 in Matale, and 59·96 in Trincomalee.

10. In the town of Colombo, where the deaths registered numbered 508—of which 296 were of males and 212 of females—the annual death-rate recorded is 35·23 per 1,000, as against 37·47 during the preceding month. In table III., which gives the death-rates for the several wards of the town, I am able to give only the crude 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, Kollupitiya Ward shows this month the lowest crude death-rate (18·59) and Maradana exclusive of hospitals the highest rate (29·59). In the other wards the death-rate ranged from 22·03 in St. Paul's to 26·96 in Slave Island.

**Infantile Mortality.**

11. The infantile mortality for the 30 towns in the month was equal to a rate of 218 per 1,000 births registered. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more the mortality ranged from 609 per 1,000 births in Trincomalee, 308 in Kurunegala, and 304 in Batticaloa to 111 in Negombo, 98 in Moratuwa, 56 in Matara, 48 in Badulla, and nil in Nuwara Eliya.

12. The infantile mortality in the town of Colombo was 309 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 Maradana exclusive of Hospitals (271 per 1,000), and the highest infantile mortality was in St. Paul's (429), followed by Slave Island (405), and Kotahena (400).

**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 1,379 deaths from all causes in the 30 towns, 265, or a little less than one-fifth, were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 102 Convulsions (of which 47 in Colombo, 13 in Galle, 9 in Trincomalee, and 5 in Negombo), 54 Debility (of which 20 in Colombo, 10 in Jaffna, and 3 each in Galle and Trincomalee), 21 Diarrhoea (of which 12 in Colombo, 3 in Kurunegala, and 2 in Moratuwa), 15 Prematurity (of which 4 in Colombo, and 3 each in Kalutara and Kandy), 15 Tetanus (of which 9 in Colombo and 4 in Jaffna), 11 Bronchitis (of which 9 in Colombo and 2 in Jaffna), and 9 Pneumonia (of which 7 in Colombo.)

16. In the town of Colombo, Convulsions accounted for the highest mortality, and the cases were distributed as follows—14 in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, 13 in Kotahena, 6 in Slave Island, 5 each in St. Paul's and Kollupitiya, 3 in New Bazaar, and 1 in St. Sebastian. The next highest mortality was from Debility (6 in Maradana Hospitals, 4 in Slave Island, 3 in St. Sebastian, 2 each in St. Paul's and New Bazaar, and 1 each in Kotahena, Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, and Kollupitiya), followed by Diarrhoea (3 in Kotahena, 2 each in St. Sebastian and Slave Island, and 1 each in Fort and Galle Face, Pettah, St. Paul's, Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, and Kollupitiya.)

17. *One year and over.*—Out of the 1,114 deaths of persons one year and over in age, there were 256 due to Diarrhoea and Dysentery, of which 65 were in Colombo, 28 in Ratnapura, 20 in Badulla, 18 in Matale, 15 in Kegalla, 14 each in Kandy and "Hatton and Dikoya," 13 in Galle, 11 in Negombo, 7 each in Moratuwa and Matara, and 6 in Nawalapitiya; 122 due to Pneumonia, of which 50 were in Colombo, 9 in Galle, 8 each in Kalutara and Trincomalee, 7 in Matale, 6 each in Jaffna and Anuradhapura, and 5 in Puttalam; 76 to Phthisis, of which 50 were in Colombo, 5 in Galle, and 4 in Moratuwa; 57 to Doehmius Duodenalis, of which 48 were among Tamil coolies; 45 to Enteric Fever, of which 31 were in Colombo, 3 in Kalutara, and 2 each in Kandy, Jaffna, and Kurunegala; 26 to Malarial Cachexia, of which 7 were in Matale, and 4 in Ratnapura; 25 to Bright's Disease and Nephritis, of which 10 were in Colombo, and 5 in Moratuwa; 22 to Bronchitis, of which 11 were in Colombo; 20 to Remittent Fever, of which 5 were in Jaffna, 3 in Matara, and 2 each in Colombo, Negombo, Kalpitiya, and Anuradhapura; and 15 to Simple Fever, of which 4 were in Jaffna, 3 in Colombo, and 2 each in Kandy and Galle.

18. The highest mortality in Colombo was from Diarrhoea, Phthisis, and Pneumonia, each of which accounted for 50 deaths in the month. Of the death from Diarrhoea 21 occurred in Maradana Hospitals, 8 each in Kotahena and Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, 5 in Slave Island, 4 in New Bazaar, and 2 each in St. Paul's and Kollupitiya, of the deaths from Phthisis 20 occurred in Maradana Hospitals, 13 in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, 5 each in St. Paul's and Kotahena, 2 each in New Bazaar, Slave Island, and Kollupitiya, and 1 in St. Sebastian; of the deaths from Pneumonia, 14 occurred in Maradana Hospitals, 10 in New Bazaar, 8 in Kotahena, 6 each in St. Paul's and Maradana exclusive of Hospitals, 3 in Pettah, 2 in Slave Island, and 1 in Kollupitiya; Enteric Fever accounted for 31 deaths, of which 16 were in Maradana Hospitals, 5 in Kotahena, and 4 in Maradana exclusive of Hospitals; Dysentery 15, of which 6 were in Maradana Hospitals and 4 in Kollupitiya; bronchitis 11, of which 3 each were in St. Paul's and Kotahena and 2 each in New Bazaar and Slave Island; and Bright's Disease and Nephritis 10.

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 nearly 12 per cent., Infantile convulsions more than 9 per cent., Debility nearly 9 per cent., various kinds of Fever more than 6 per cent., and Phthisis nearly 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 15 per cent., Bronchitis and Pneumonia more than 15 per cent., Phthisis more than 10 per cent., Infantile Convulsions more than 9 per cent., Debility more than 7 per cent., and various kinds of Fever more than 7 per cent.

Registrar-General's Office,  
Colombo, May 12, 1908.

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**Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during April, 1908, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall observed in each Town of the Island proclaimed 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 Intercensal 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 per Annum.	Rainfall in Inches.			
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.			Females.	Persons.					Birth-rate.	Crude Death-rate.	Corrected Death-rate.*
<b>All 30 Towns</b>	<b>415,679</b>	<b>466,362</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>463†</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>31.75</b>	<b>29.17</b>	<b>30.81‡</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>10.87</b>
<i>Western Province.</i>																	
Colombo	155,869	180,262	190	198	388	296	212	508	147	469	26.19	31.65	35.23	120	309	83.4	10.87
Negombo	19,819	20,495	43	38	81	29	17	46	8	43	48.08	25.53	26.02	9	111	—	2.85
Moratuwa	29,600	34,139	39	53	92	20	28	48	—	48	32.79	17.11	16.15	9	98	—	—
Kalutara	11,500	11,990	20	20	40	21	14	35	10	33	40.59	33.49	32.62	7	175	—	9.64
Panadura	3,845	4,275	14	5	19	9	6	15	6	9	54.07	25.61	27.10	2	105	—	—
<i>Central Province.</i>																	
Kandy	26,511	29,437	41	23	64	38	28	66	26	53	26.45	21.91	22.97	14	219	79.4	3.34
Gampola	3,791	4,608	9	9	18	11	7	18	9	15	47.53	39.61	41.89	2	111	—	4.84
Nawalapitiya	3,454	4,043	2	5	7	15	13	28	21	7	21.06	21.06	25.12	2	286	—	—
Hatton and Dikoya	2,858	3,705	5	2	7	13	11	24	19	5	22.99	16.42	—	3	429	—	5.37
Matale	4,951	5,589	14	9	23	23	30	53	33	24	50.07	52.25	59.54	4	174	Not received	—
Nuwara Eliya	5,072	7,997	2	6	8	4	3	7	6	2	12.17	3.04	3.98	—	—	61.9	3.47
<i>Northern Province.</i>																	
Jaffna	33,879	35,295	60	52	112	40	48	88	10	82	38.61	28.27	29.79	20	179	85.9	0.31
Mannar	3,338	3,338	6	6	12	6	—	6	2	6	43.74	21.87	24.96	1	83	85.0	3.68
Mullaitivu	1,308	1,404	4	2	6	6	2	8	1	8	51.98	69.30	75.87	1	167	Not received	—
Vavuniya	566	595	—	—	—	2	1	3	2	1	—	20.46	24.60	—	—	Not received	7.23
<i>Southern Province.</i>																	
Galle	37,165	40,026	49	46	95	62	47	109	15	102	28.94	31.00	30.31	21	221	81.6	6.77
Matara.	11,848	13,242	26	27	53	11	12	23	7	19	48.69	17.46	16.90	3	56	—	7.72
Hambantota	2,843	3,056	3	3	6	2	7	9	1	9	23.89	35.83	37.51	1	167	82.6	2.28
Tangalla	2,333	2,629	4	5	9	8	3	11	3	9	41.65	41.65	44.00	2	222	—	3.73
<i>Eastern Province.</i>																	
Batticaloa	9,969	10,433	12	11	23	14	11	25	2	23	26.82	26.82	27.65	7	304	83.8	0.65
Trincomalee	11,887	11,295	16	7	23	33	15	48	5	48	24.77	51.70	59.96	14	609	85.2	0.18
<i>North-Western Province.</i>																	
Kurunegala	6,483	8,068	8	18	26	16	12	28	12	28	39.21	42.22	49.74	8	308	83.4	4.78
Puttalam	5,115	5,219	11	7	18	11	7	18	5	16	41.96	37.29	38.18	5	277	83.7	1.49
Kalpitiya	1,487	1,631	2	2	4	1	4	5	—	5	29.83	37.29	—	2	500	—	—
Chilaw	4,168	4,514	10	6	16	5	5	10	3	10	43.12	26.95	27.45	2	125	No records	—
<i>North-Central Province.</i>																	
Anuradhapura	3,672	4,856	6	8	14	9	9	18	5	18	35.07	45.09	51.97	4	286	84.3	3.16
<i>Province of Uva.</i>																	
Badulla	5,924	6,686	9	12	21	16	17	33	25	11	38.21	20.02	20.47	1	48	75.3	4.26
Lunugala	—	416	2	3	5	6	7	13	12	1	146.23	29.25	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Province of Sabaragamuwa.</i>																	
Ratnapura	4,084	4,548	6	11	17	34	15	49	43	11	45.48	29.43	30.45	1	59	82.5	11.63
Kegalla	2,340	2,571	7	3	10	13	14	27	25	3	47.32	14.19	14.79	—	—	—	—

\* By "corrected 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 (3 adults and 1 child of two years of age), 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.  
 § 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 April, 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 Province.					Southern Province.					Eastern Province.					North-Western Province.					North-Central Province.					Province of Sabaragamuwa.								
	Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratuwa.	Kalutara.	Panadura.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Navalapitiya.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullaitivu.	Vavuniya.	Galle.	Matara.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Batticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kalpitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.		
All Causes	1,379	508*	46	48	35	15	66	18	28	24	53	7	88	6	8	3	109	23	9	11	25	48	28	18	5	10	33	13	49	27	10	40	580	521	179	28	21		
I.—Infantile Mortality	265	120	9	9	7	2	14	2	2	3	4	—	20	1	1	—	21	3	1	2	7	14	8	5	2	2	1	—	1	—	7	128	75	48	8	3			
A.—One Week and under.																																							
1. Prematurity	12	2	1	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Debility	23	5	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Convulsions	46	21	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other causes	4†	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																																							
1. Prematurity	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	31	15	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	56	26	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	21	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	8	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	11	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	9	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other causes	34‡	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	1,114	388	87	39	28	13	52	16	26	21	49	7	68	5	7	3	88	20	8	9	18	34	20	13	3	8	32	13	48	27	9	33	452	446	136	20	18		
1. Smallpox	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Influenza	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Simple Fever	15	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		

\* This includes 4 deaths of town residents, which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, vide Table IV. foot-note marked (\*).  
 † This includes, besides the 2 deaths described in Table IV, foot-note (†), 1 death from Inanition in Gampola, and 1 death from Remittent Fever in Anuradhapura.  
 ‡ This includes, besides the 10 deaths described in Table IV, foot-note (‡), 4 deaths from Enteritis in Kandy, 3 from Fever (1 in Jaffna and 2 in Batticaloa), 2 from Worms (1 each in Negombo and Puttalam), 2 from Remittent Fever (1 each in Moratuwa and Mullaitivu), 2 from Erysipelas (1 each in Matale and Jaffna), 2 from Dysentery (1 each in Jaffna and Trincomalee), 1 each from Stomatitis and Thrush (in Moratuwa), 1 from Acute Gastritis (in Kandy), 1 each from Whooping Cough, Puerperal Haemorrhage, and Intussusception of Intestine (in Galle), 1 from Enteric Fever (in Tangalla), 1 from Malarial Fever (in Kalpitiya), and 1 from Dropsy (in Chilaw).



Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of April, 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.*		
<b>Colombo Town</b>	<b>155,869</b>	<b>180,262</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>151‡</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>26·19</b>	<b>31·65</b>	<b>35·23</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>309</b>
Fort and Galle Face	2,285	2,285§	—	1	1	2	1	3	—	3	5·32	15·97	—	1	—
Pettah	7,561	7,561§	2	1	3	6	2	8	—	8	4·83	12·87	—	2	—
St. Sebastian	9,349	10,536	12	7	19	13	8	21	—	21	21·94	24·25	—	6	316
St. Paul's	20,260	23,740	19	16	35	23	20	43	2	43	17·93	22·03	—	15	429
Kotahena	33,355	37,987	28	37	65	42	34	76	1	76	20·81	24·34	—	26	400
New Bazaar	17,470	20,027	12	24	36	27	15	42	—	42	21·87	25·51	—	12	333
Maradana Hospitals	30,381	36,606	44	32	76	92	55	147	147	108	—	—	—	11	—
Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals)	16,927	19,804	41	44	85	49	40	89	1	89	28·25	29·59	—	23	271
Slave Island	18,281	22,896	18	19	37	24	20	44	—	44	22·67	26·96	—	15	405
Kollupitiya	18,281	22,896	14	17	31	19	16	35	—	35	16·47	18·59	—	9	290

\* 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, 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 April, 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>	*508	3	8	21	43	76	42	147	89	44	35	9	31	257	89	90	13	19
<b>I.—Infantile Mortality</b>	120	1	2	6	15	26	12	11	23	15	9	1	7	69	16	20	4	3
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																		
1. Prematurity	2			2			1	1	1	1				2	1	4		
2. Debility	5				3	5	1	1	7	4	1			12	4	5		
3. Convulsions	21				3													
4. Diarrhoea																		
5. Tetanus	5				3	1	1							2	1			1
6. Bronchitis																		
7. Pneumonia																		
8. Other Causes	†2					2								1	1			
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																		
1. Prematurity	2			1	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
2. Debility	15			1	2	1	2	5	7	2	4	1	1	10	6	6	1	1
3. Convulsions	26		1	1	2	3	2		1	2	1	1	2	7	1	1	1	1
4. Diarrhoea	12																	
5. Tetanus	4																	
6. Bronchitis	9																	
7. Pneumonia	7																	
8. Other Causes	†10																	
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)</b>	388	2	6	15	28	50	30	136	66	29	26	8	24	188	73	70	9	16
1. Smallpox																		
2. Chickenpox																		
3. Measles																		
4. Influenza	1								1									

\* 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 Enteric Fever of a Sinhalese and a Eurasian removed from Maradana and Kotahena respectively; 1 death from Pneumonia of a Tamil from St. Paul's; and 1 from Acute Diarrhoea of a Sinhalese from St. Paul's.

† One death due to Inanition or Starvation and the other to Trismus.

‡ Includes 2 deaths from Congenital Syphilis (1 in New Bazaar and 1 in Maradana Hospitals), 1 each from Eczema Enteritis, and Catarrhal Jaundice (in St. Paul's), 1 from Inanition or Starvation (in Kotahena), 1 from Tuberculosis (in New Bazaar), 1 from Intestinal Catarrh (in Maradana, exclusive of Hospitals), 1 from Tubercular disease of the bowels (in Slave Island); and another from Stomatitis (in Kollupitiya).

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

Causes of Death.	Colombo Town.	Wards.										Deaths among all Races.							
		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.	
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)—<i>contd.</i></b>																			
5. Simple Fever ..	3	1	1	1	1	5	1	16	4	2	2	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1
6. Enteric Fever ..	31	1	1	1	1	5	1	16	4	2	2	4	3	21	1	2	1	1	1
7. Remittent Fever ..	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8. Ague ..	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9. Malarial Cachexia ..	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10. Cholera ..	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	8	5	5	21	3	28	12	4	1	1	2
11. Diarrhoea ..	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	2	2	6	3	10	1	2	1	1	1
12. Dysentery ..	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	2	4	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
13. Doehmius Duodenalis ..	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	7	1	1	1	1
14. Cancer ..	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	2	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
15. Phthisis ..	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
16. Other Tubercular Diseases ..	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
17. Anaemia ..	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
18. Diabetes Mellitus ..	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
19. Convulsions ..	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
20. Tetanus ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
21. Bronchitis ..	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
22. Pneumonia ..	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
23. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
25. Puerperal Convulsions ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
26. Puerperal Fever ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
27. Miscarriage ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
28. Other and undefined Accidents of Child-birth ..	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
29. Starvation ..	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
30. Accidents or Negligence ..	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
31. Homicide ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
32. Suicide ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
33. Execution ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1
34. All other Causes ..	*119	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	2	2	3	27	1	1	1	1	1

\* Here are included 17 deaths from Old Age, 16 from Worms, 16 from Inflammation of Brain, 6 from Diseases of the Liver, 5 from Abscess, 3 each from Enteritis, Embolism, Apoplexy, Pyæmia, and General Dropsy and 2 from Ulcer.