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**VITAL STATISTICS OF CEYLON.**

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1908.

I.—Population.

THE estimated population of the Island on the last day of the quarter was 3,960,475, showing an increase of 1,629 on the previous quarter, due to an excess of 11,445 births over deaths, and a deficit of 9,816 arrivals over departures of Indian coolies.

2. *Arrivals and departures of Indian coolies.*—The number of Indian coolies who arrived in the Island during the quarter amounted to 10,154 and of departures to 19,970, as against 16,408 arrivals and 21,630 departures, the averages for the corresponding quarters of the last ten years.

II.—Marriages.

3. *Marriages.*—3,958 general marriages (*i.e.*, marriages other than Kandyan or Muhammadan) were registered during the quarter and 1,422 Kandyan marriages. Their distribution by Provinces and districts is given in Table I.

4. Table VI. in the Appendix shows the marriages solemnized in the general community in each Province and district in the Island, the civil condition, nationality, the highest, lowest, and mean ages of the parties, the mode of solemnization, the number of bridegrooms and brides who were unable to sign their names in the register, &c.

5. Table VII. gives similar information in respect of Kandyan marriages.

6. *First marriages ; re-marriages.*—Of the 3,958 general marriages, 3,374 (equal to 85 per cent.) were between bachelors and spinsters, 417 between widowers and spinsters, 91 between bachelors and widows, 64 between widowers and widows, 5 between divorced men and spinsters, 5 between bachelors and divorced women, 1 between a divorced woman and widower, and 1 between a divorced woman and divorced man. Of the 1,422 Kandyan marriages, 1,076 (equal to 76 per cent.) were between bachelors and spinsters, 140 between widowers and spinsters, 61 between bachelors and widows, 43 between divorced women and bachelors, 42 between widowers and widows, 40 between divorced men and spinsters, 8 between divorced women and widowers, 6 between divorced men and divorced women, and 6 between divorced men and widows.

7. *Age at marriage.*—The mean age at marriage for the general community was 27·2 for males and 21·0 for females, and for Kandyans 25·9 for males and 19·3 for females. It is likely that in many of these cases the couples had lived as husband and wife for years before registration of marriage, the usual religious ceremony alone having been performed in time. The figures in this chapter are based on actual registration, which is not, except among Kandyans, necessary to the validity of a marriage.

8. *Minors.*—In the general community about 2 per cent. of the bridegrooms and 47 per cent. of the brides, and among the Kandyans about 13 per cent. of the bridegrooms and 64 per cent. of the brides, were under 21 years of age.

9. *Mixed marriages.*—There were 41 mixed marriages during the quarter : 2 between Europeans and Burghers, 11 between Burghers and Sinhalese, 2 between Burghers and Tamils, 21 between Sinhalese and Tamils, 1 between a European and an Australian, 1 between a Malayalam and a Sinhalese, 1 between a Moor and a Burgher, 1 between a Cochin and a Sinhalese, and 1 between a Kaffir and a Eurasian.

10. *Signatures in marriage register.*—Of the 7,916 persons married in the general community during the quarter, 853 men and 2,528 women signed the register with marks ; that is to say, nearly 22 per cent. of the men and 64 per cent. of the women could not write their names. Of the 2,844 Kandyans married, 434 men and 1,335 women signed the register with marks, *i.e.*, about 31 per cent. of the men and 94 per cent. of the women could not write their names.

III.—Births and Deaths.

11. *Births.*—The births registered during the quarter numbered 42,511 (35 Europeans, 206 Burghers, 31,640 Sinhalese, 7,976 Tamils, 2,442 Moors, 139 Malays, and 73 Others), and were in the proportion of 45·0 per 1,000 persons living, as against 37·5 in the previous quarter and 41·4 the average of the corresponding quarters in the period 1898–1907.

12. *Deaths*.—The number of deaths registered during the quarter amounted to 31,066 (29 Europeans, 133 Burghers, 19,493 Sinhalese, 9,284 Tamils, 1,896 Moors, 124 Malays, and 107 Others), and was equal to an annual rate of 32·9 per 1,000 persons living, as against the average 31·5 for the first quarters in the period 1898–1907 and 27·3 the rate in the preceding quarter.

13. The births and deaths and their rates are compared in the Tables I. and II. in the Appendix for each Province and district with the results obtained in the previous quarter, the corresponding quarter of the previous year, and the average rates for the first quarters of 1898–1907; and are summarized for the whole Island in the following Table A:—

TABLE A.

	Births.	Deaths.	Per Mille per Annum.	
			Birth-rate.	Death-rate.
Average for ten previous first quarters in 1898–1907 ..	36,895	28,149	41·4	31·5
First quarter, 1907 ..	34,977	39,217	37·4	42·0
Fourth quarter, 1907 ..	35,877	26,092	37·5	27·3
First quarter, 1908 ..	42,511	31,066	45·0	32·9

14. It will thus appear that whilst the birth-rate shows an improvement on the average, the death-rate shows a deterioration. The improvement in the birth-rate has been shared by all the Provinces in the Island, except the Eastern, and by all the districts, except Nuwara Eliya, Mullaittivu, Matara, and Batticaloa; the deterioration of health was in the Western, Central, Uva, and Sabaragamuwa Provinces, and among the districts was worst in Mannar, Mullaittivu, and Hambantota (*vide* Table II. in the Appendix).

15. *Sex*.—Of the total number of births (42,511), 21,690 were of males and 20,821 were of females, *i.e.*, 1,042 males to 1,000 females. Of the total number of deaths (31,066), 15,824 were of males and 15,242 were of females. Out of equal numbers living of each sex there died 916 males to 1,000 females.

16. *Infantile mortality*.—The deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 8,040, and were in the proportion of 189 to 1,000 registered births. The rate of infantile mortality varied in different districts from 589 (for Tamils) in Mannar, 374 (for Tamils) in Mullaittivu, 357 (for Tamils) in Puttalam, 352 (for Sinhalese) in Hambantota, 347 (for Sinhalese) in Anuradhapura, 320 (for Moors) in Puttalam, 313 (for Tamils) in Jaffna, to 138 in Matara, 136 in Galle, 124 in Chilaw, 114 in Colombo, 107 in Negombo, and 102 in Kalutara, all for the Sinhalese.

#### IV.—State of Public Health.

17. The general health of the population during the quarter was slightly worse than usual, the death-rate having risen to 32·9 from the average 31·5 for the fourth quarters in the period 1898–1907. The deterioration was noticeable in five out of the nine Provinces, the exceptions being the Northern, Eastern, North-Western, and North-Central Provinces. However, the death-rate was a considerable improvement on the rate (42·0) for the corresponding quarter of last year, an improvement shared by all the Provinces. But compared with the fourth quarter of 1907, the quarter under review was worse in every Province except the Eastern.

18. The healthiest Province during the quarter was, as usual, the Western, with a death-rate for all races of 24·7; and the unhealthiest was the North-Central Province, with a death-rate of 45·8. The healthiest district for all races was Negombo, with a death-rate of 19·1; and the unhealthiest Mannar, with a death-rate of 72·7.

19. Tables III., IV., and V. in the Appendix show the number of births and deaths registered in the several Provinces and districts of the Island and in the revenue subdivisions of those districts for the quarter under review, and the average for the corresponding quarters in the period 1898–1907. The birth-rates and death-rates for all ages and for infants in the several Provinces and districts of the Island are shown for the Sinhalese only in the districts which are mainly inhabited by the Sinhalese, and for the Tamils only where Tamils form the bulk of the population. In the Puttalam and the Batticaloa Districts, which contain a resident population composed of Sinhalese, Tamils, and Moors, the rates are given for each of these races.

20. *Western Province*.—The Sinhalese inhabitants of this Province, who on the first day of the quarter were estimated to number a little less than a third of the entire Sinhalese population of the Island, were healthier than usual, and than the inhabitants of other Provinces, and showed the lowest death-rate for all ages (21·3), against the average (22·3), and for infants (110). All the three districts show improved rates as compared with the average, the improvement being greatest in Negombo and least in Kalutara, which showed the highest mortality in the Province. Negombo was the healthiest district in the Island for the indigenous population (the Sinhalese), as it was also the healthiest for all races. Its infantile mortality was 107 per 1,000 births, the second lowest in the Island, Kalutara leading with 102, and Colombo taking the third place with 114. The birth-rate of the Province (45·8) was an improvement on the average (43·2), all the three districts sharing in the improvement. The highest birth-rate was in Negombo (50·2), and the lowest in Colombo (44·6).

21. *Central Province*.—The Sinhalese inhabitants of this Province, who on the first day of the quarter numbered over 321,000, experienced slightly better health than usual, their death-rate falling to 29·7 from the average (30·5). This improvement was noticeable in two of its districts, the exception

being Kandy, and was greatest in the Matale District (35·3, against an average mortality of 40·3), and least in Nuwara Eliya (23·7, as against an average of 26·6). The former was the unhealthiest district in the Province, and the latter the healthiest. The birth-rate of the Province rose to 54·5 from the average (51·0). Two of its districts, viz., Kandy and Matale, shared in the enhancement of the birth-rate. The highest birth-rate was in the District of Matale (58·7), and the lowest in Nuwara Eliya (41·7).

22. *Northern Province.*—The health of the Tamil inhabitants of this Province, who form the bulk of the population, and were estimated to number a little over 344,000 on the first day of the quarter, was slightly better than usual, their death-rate for the quarter (38·6) having declined by 2·0 from the average (40·6). The improvement was confined to the Jaffna District, the healthiest in the Province, which recorded a death-rate of 35·8 against the average (37·3), while the other two districts, Mannar and Mullaittivu, showed enhanced rates, viz., 74·3 against 56·8 and 66·3 against 57·3, respectively. The former records the highest mortality in the Island among all ages, and the latter the next highest. The extreme unhealthiness of these two districts is also apparent from the rates of infantile mortality, which are the highest recorded in the quarter, namely 589 and 374 respectively per 1,000 births registered. The birth-rate of the Province (36·5) was slightly better than the average (35·7). The improvement in the birth-rate is confined to the Jaffna District.

23. *Southern Province.*—The health of the Sinhalese inhabitants of the Province, who numbered over 590,000 on the first day of the quarter, was very unsatisfactory, the death-rate for the quarter rising to 37·7 from the average (30·2). The deterioration was shared by every district in the Province, and was greatest in the Hambantota District, the unhealthiest in the Province, where the death-rate for the quarter rose to 67·5 from the average (43·8), and least in the Galle District, the least unhealthy in the Province, where the death-rate rose to 29·2 from 26·9. The birth-rate of the Province (47·5) has also deteriorated from the average 47·8. The deterioration in the birth-rate was shared by the Districts of Galle and Matara; Hambantota shows a rise of 1·8 on the average 48·0, and records the highest rate in the Province. The infantile mortality of this district was as high as 352 per 1,000 registered births.

24. *Eastern Province.*—This Province, which at the beginning of the quarter was estimated to contain a population of 101,899 Tamils (of whom 84,392 were in the Batticaloa District and 17,507 in the Trincomalee District), 68,902 Moors, and 8,875 Sinhalese, presented death-rates of 30·0, 23·1, and 29·5, respectively, for the Tamils, Moors, and Sinhalese, against their respective averages of 35·0, 30·1, and 40·3 for the corresponding quarters of the period 1898–1907. All the three sections have enjoyed improved health. The greatest improvement in health was enjoyed by the Sinhalese in the Province, whose rate of mortality declined by more than 10 per 1,000, and the least by the Tamils, who record the highest death-rate in the Province. The decline in the Tamil death-rate is noticeable in both the districts of the Province, and is greater in the District of Trincomalee. The Moors, who record the lowest mortality among all ages, present also the lowest among infants in the Province, viz., 200 per 1,000 births registered. The birth-rate of the Province showed a deterioration for all three sections of the population, viz., Tamils 32·0 (average 36·6), Moors 35·3 (average 37·5), and Sinhalese 29·0 (average 40·0). The deterioration was greatest among the Sinhalese, the poorest as they are the smallest section of the population. The highest birth-rate was among the Moors, who show the least deterioration.

25. *North-Western Province.*—The Sinhalese, who form the bulk of the population of the Province, and were estimated to number 327,046 persons on the first day of the quarter, experienced better health than usual, the death-rate for the quarter falling to 29·9 from the average (34·7) for the corresponding quarters of the last ten years. Two of its three districts shared in the improvement, the exception being Chilaw. The improvement is noticeable largely in the Kurunegala District (from 38·1 to 31·4), and in a less degree in Puttalam (from 43·6 to 42·6), the unhealthiest district in the Province. In the Chilaw District the death-rate has risen slightly from 21·4 to 22·4. However, it was the healthiest district in the Province during the quarter, and the second healthiest in the Island for all races. The Sinhalese infantile mortality of this district, viz., 124 per 1,000 births registered, ranks next to that of Colombo. The Moor inhabitants of the Province have also enjoyed better health than usual, but the Tamils have fared worse, viz., Moors 37·5 against average 43·6, and Tamils 57·2 against 47·0. The Sinhalese birth-rate of the Province has risen by 6·6 over the average 46·2. The Tamils and Moors also show enhanced birth-rates.

26. *North-Central Province.*—The North-Central Province or the Anuradhapura District, with which it is co-terminous, showed a great improvement in the health of its Sinhalese inhabitants, its death-rate (46·2) having declined from the average (56·4). The birth-rate of the Province (46·0), on the other hand, showed a slight deterioration from the average (47·4). The mortality among the Sinhalese infants of the Province was 347 per 1,000 births registered.

27. *Province of Uva.*—This Province, which is the same as the Badulla District, experienced worse health than usual, its death-rate rising to 44·3 from the average 40·5. The birth-rate, however, showed a slight improvement from the average 46·4 to 47·4.

28. *Province of Sabaragamuwa.*—The health of the Sinhalese inhabitants of this Province was not satisfactory during the quarter. The death-rate rose to 35·0 from the average 31·3. The deterioration has been shared by both its districts, Ratnapura experiencing worse health than Kegalla, Ratnapura with a rate of 42·2 (average 36·7), and Kegalla 29·5 (average 26·4). The birth-rate of the Province, on the other hand, has risen to 58·7 from the average (50·7), an increase shared by both its districts.

## V.—Causes of Death.

29. The causes of death registered in the Island during the quarter are shown in Table X. in the Appendix and are summarized below :—

TABLE B.

District.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	Fevers.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis and Pneumonia.	Violence.				All other Causes.	Total.
							Accident.	Homicide.	Suicide.	Execution.		
CEYLON ..	4	4	5,167	6,501	1,021	1,184	491	54	67	3	16,570	31,066
Colombo ..	4	2	453	498	258	249	56	7	11	—	2,149	3,687
Negombo ..	—	—	55	171	29	24	19	4	1	—	491	794
Kalutara ..	—	—	209	235	92	44	15	5	4	—	996	1,600
Kandy ..	—	1	566	229	56	126	59	4	11	2	1,734	2,788
Matale ..	—	—	142	143	34	45	11	3	2	—	573	953
Nuwara Eliya	—	—	207	47	15	92	13	1	2	—	540	917
Jaffna ..	—	—	168	1,180	91	219	19	4	6	1	1,152	2,840
Mannar ..	—	—	32	120	3	25	1	—	—	—	243	424
Mullaittivu ..	—	—	15	70	1	36	3	1	—	—	115	241
Galle ..	—	—	480	320	141	23	40	1	5	—	1,094	2,104
Matara ..	—	—	641	434	63	7	27	3	1	—	775	1,951
Hambantota	—	—	432	835	19	4	21	4	4	—	504	1,823
Batticaloa ..	—	—	82	448	7	33	12	1	1	—	382	966
Trincomalee ..	—	—	16	98	1	31	4	2	—	—	140	292
Kurunegala ..	—	1	176	433	40	35	41	3	5	—	1,428	2,167
Puttalam ..	—	—	18	78	4	27	2	1	2	—	196	328
Chilaw ..	—	—	32	84	13	18	9	2	—	—	347	505
Anuradhapura	—	—	84	220	9	15	10	—	1	—	548	887
Badulla ..	—	—	571	367	33	81	29	5	4	—	1,072	2,162
Ratnapura ..	—	—	418	306	50	19	49	1	5	—	853	1,701
Kegalla ..	—	—	370	180	62	31	51	2	2	—	238	1,936

30. *Smallpox*.—There were 4 deaths from smallpox reported for registration during the quarter. Of these, 2 occurred in the District of Colombo and 1 each in Kandy and Kurunegala. The two Colombo cases were Moorish infants in Veyangoda. The Kurunegala victim was also a Moor, a boy of 12, recently arrived from India. The Kandy case was an estate cooly who also brought the infection from India.

31. *Cholera*.—There were 4 deaths from cholera reported for registration during the quarter, all in Colombo. In the case of two (a Burgher in Skinner's road and a Tamil in Slave Island, Colombo), the source of infection could not be traced. The others were an estate cooly and an Afghan, who developed the disease immediately after their arrival from South India.

32. *Fever and diarrhoeal diseases*.—Of the 31,066 deaths registered in the Island during the quarter, no less than 6,501 were reported as due to various kinds of fever, and 5,171 were due to diarrhoeal diseases, i.e., fever and diarrhoeal diseases were responsible for nearly 38 per cent. of the total number of deaths.

33. There were 19 deaths from measles reported for registration during the quarter (9 in Colombo, 2 each in Nuwara Eliya and Jaffna, and 1 each in Negombo, Kalutara, Kandy, Matale, Anuradhapura, and Ratnapura). Two deaths were due to chickenpox, of which 1 occurred at Nuwara Eliya and the other at Kurunegala. Whooping cough caused 11 deaths, 3 each in Colombo and Mannar, 2 in Kalutara, 1 each in Negombo, Kandy, and Chilaw. Forty-one deaths resulted from influenza, of which 13 were in Kandy, 6 in Matale, 4 each in Kegalla and Colombo, 3 in Hambantota, 2 each in Nuwara Eliya, Galle, Kurunegala, and Badulla, and 1 each in Negombo, Matara, and Anuradhapura.

34. One death (in Galle) was due to beri-beri, the victim being an Afghan.

35. Two deaths resulted from appendicitis, of which one was in Jaffna and the other in Chilaw.

36. The other chief causes of death were infantile convulsions 3,222, debility (mostly of infants from inability to suck) 1,632, phthisis 1,021, pneumonia 1,014, rickets 946, general dropsy 908, anæmia 890, worms 791, old age 690, puerperal convulsions 329, abscess 325, dochmius duodenalis 299 (of which 178 were of estate coolies), rheumatism 265, premature birth 261, and malarial cachexia 238.

37. *Deaths by violence; Accidents*.—Of the 491 accidental deaths, 98 were due to drowning (of which 14 were by falling into wells), 105 to falls from trees, 67 to burns and scalds, 50 to snake-bites, 13 to other animals (crocodiles being responsible for 5), 26 to gunshot wounds, 24 to injuries at birth, 21 to falls of heavy substances. Eight deaths were due to lightning, 8 to poison, 3 to overdoses of arrack, 6 to being run over by trains, and 2 by carts, 4 to explosions of dynamite, and 2 to falling into plumbago pits.

38. *Homicide*.—Fifty-four deaths were due to homicide, of which 7 were in Colombo, 5 each in Kalutara and Badulla, 4 each in Negombo, Kandy, Jaffna, and Hambantota, 3 each in Matale, Matara, and Kurunegala, 2 each in Trincomalee, Chilaw, and Kegalla, and 1 each in Nuwara Eliya, Mullaittivu, Galle, Batticaloa, Puttalam, and Ratnapura.

39. *Suicide*.—Sixty-seven deaths resulted from suicide, of which 44 were by hanging, 11 by gunshot wounds, 5 by taking poisonous substances, and 3 each by cuts and stabs, drowning, and lying down under a train.

40. *Executions.*—There were three judicial executions registered in the Island during the quarter, 2 in Kandy and the other at Jaffna.

#### VI.—Health of the Estate Population.

41. The total number of births reported for registration from the estates\* in the Central, Uva, and Sabaragamuwa Provinces and in the Colombo and Kalutara Districts of the Western Province during the quarter amounted to 3,010 (13 Europeans, 9 Burghers, 120 Sinhalese, 2,815 Tamils, 41 Moors, 10 Malays, and 2 Others), and the deaths numbered 3,569 (2 Europeans, 3 Burghers, 85 Sinhalese, 3,459 Tamils, 15 Moors, and 5 Malays), corresponding to an annual birth-rate of 28·8, and a death-rate of 34·1 per thousand, as against their respective averages of 23·1 and 27·3 for the period 1898–1907. The Ratnapura District leads with the highest death-rate (84·8), followed by Colombo (60·5); while Nuwara Eliya District shows the lowest death-rate (22·9), followed by Kandy (23·5). The highest birth-rate was noticeable in Ratnapura (47·8), and the lowest in Nuwara Eliya (20·4).

42. The causes of death are shown in Table XI. in the Appendix, and may be summarized as follows:—

TABLE C.

Debility .. .. .	682	Old age .. .. .	96
Diarrhœa .. .. .	666	Malarial cachexia .. .. .	94
Dysentery .. .. .	516	Bronchitis .. .. .	56
Pneumonia .. .. .	244	Phthisis .. .. .	53
Infantile convulsions .. .. .	180	Anæmia .. .. .	53
Fevers .. .. .	179	Parturition .. .. .	27
Dochmius duodenalis .. .. .	178	All other causes .. .. .	419
General dropsy .. .. .	126		

43. The following Table D gives the estate population at the Census of 1901, their birth- and death-rates for the first quarters of 1908 and 1907, the fourth quarter of 1907, and the averages for the first quarters of 1898–1907. But the rates are calculated on the population as enumerated and distributed at the Census of 1901, and the number and distribution of the population at present may be different:—

TABLE D.

District.	Population at the Census of 1901.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
		Average for First Quarters, 1898–1907.	First Quarter of 1907.	Fourth Quarter of 1907.	First Quarter of 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898–1907.	First Quarter of 1907.	Fourth Quarter of 1907.	First Quarter of 1908.
Kandy .. .. .	155,444	23·1	23·7	26·6	22·0	24·6	26·3	22·3	23·5
Matale .. .. .	26,136	22·6	23·6	34·2	42·5	33·9	44·2	34·2	42·5
Nuwara Eliya .. .. .	103,564	21·0	28·4	27·2	20·4	20·2	35·5	21·2	22·9
Badulla .. .. .	51,788	26·6	31·9	40·2	37·0	25·3	39·5	40·4	43·6
Ratnapura .. .. .	16,642	25·4	33·1	29·8	47·8	46·9	118·6	58·9	84·8
Kegalla .. .. .	41,499	24·2	13·7	37·9	44·7	34·0	43·2	39·7	54·3
Colombo .. .. .	8,302	17·9	9·3	18·2	30·5	53·2	95·3	31·5	60·5
Kalutara .. .. .	16,965	20·8	24·9	41·2	38·4	43·5	65·0	66·6	46·9
Total .. .. .	420,340	23·1	25·0	30·6	28·8	27·3	39·6	30·1	34·1

44. *Kandy District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Kandy District amounted to 849 (5 Europeans, 3 Burghers, 34 Sinhalese, 789 Tamils, 13 Moors, 3 Malays, and 2 Others), and the deaths numbered 908 (1 Burgher, 52 Sinhalese, 844 Tamils, 10 Moors, and 1 Malay). The birth-rate during the quarter was equal to 22·0 as against the average 23·1 for the period 1898–1907, and the death-rate was 23·5 as against its average 24·6 for the same period. The chief causes of death were diarrhœal diseases 272 (149 from dysentery and 123 from diarrhœa), debility (mostly of infants from inability to suck) 217, pneumonia 67, dochmius duodenalis 53, infantile convulsions 49, general dropsy 33, fevers 29, and old age 22.

45. *Matale District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Matale District was 276 (5 Sinhalese, 264 Tamils, 4 Moors, and 3 Malays), and the deaths amounted to 276 (3 Sinhalese, 271 Tamils, and 2 Malays). The birth-rate during the quarter was equal to 42·5 as against the average 22·6 for the period 1898–1907, while the death-rate was 42·5 as against its average 33·9 for the same period. The chief causes of death were diarrhœal diseases 70 (36 from diarrhœa and 34 from dysentery), debility (mostly of infants from inability to suck) 41, fevers 29, pneumonia 20, dochmius duodenalis 20, infantile convulsions 18, and malarial cachexia 16.

46. *Nuwara Eliya District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Nuwara Eliya District amounted to 525 (5 Europeans, 3 Burghers, 16 Sinhalese, 498 Tamils, 2 Moors, and 1 Malay), and the deaths numbered 539 (1 Burgher, 7 Sinhalese, 57 Tamils, and 2 Moors). The birth-rate during the quarter was equal to 20·4 as against the average 21·0 for the period 1898–1907, and the death-rate was 22·9 as against its average 20·2 for the same period. The chief causes of death were diarrhœal diseases 143 (88 from diarrhœa and 55 from dysentery), debility (mostly of infants from inability to suck) 168, pneumonia 71, infantile convulsions 39, dochmius duodenalis 19, old age 16, general dropsy 13, and fevers 13.

\* By "estate" is meant any land having ten or more acres in cultivation under coffee, tea, cacao, or cinchona grouped together by Proclamation into a district under the Medical Wants Ordinance, No. 17 of 1880.

47. *Badulla District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Badulla District amounted to 476 (2 Europeans, 2 Burghers, 16 Sinhalese, 451 Tamils, 3 Moors, and 2 Malays), and the deaths numbered 562 (1 European, 7 Sinhalese, 552 Tamils, and 2 Malays). The birth-rate during the quarter was equal to 37·0 as against the average 26·6 for the period 1898–1907, while the death-rate was 43·6 as against its average 25·3 for the same period. The most fatal causes of death were diarrhoeal diseases 192 (109 from diarrhoea, 83 from dysentery), debility (mostly of infants from inability to suck) 86, fevers 68, pneumonia 44, *dochmius duodenalis* 18, infantile convulsions 16, general dropsy 15, malarial cachexia 13, bronchitis 12, and old age 12.

48. *Ratnapura District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Ratnapura District was 198 (13 Sinhalese, 172 Tamils, 12 Moors, and 1 Malay), and the deaths numbered 351 (1 European, 2 Sinhalese, 348 Tamils). The birth-rate during the quarter was equal to 47·8 as against the average 25·4 for the period 1898–1907, and the death-rate was 84·8 as against its average 46·9 for the same period. The chief causes of death were diarrhoeal diseases 155 (97 from diarrhoea and 58 from dysentery), debility (mostly of infants from inability to suck) 52, *dochmius duodenalis* 32, anæmia 16, and infantile convulsions 9.

49. *Kegalla District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Kegalla District amounted to 461 (1 European, 1 Burgher, 21 Sinhalese, 433 Tamils, and 5 Moors), and the deaths numbered 560 (1 Burgher, 14 Sinhalese, 542 Tamils, and 3 Moors). The birth-rate during the quarter was equal to 44·7 as against the average 24·2 for the period 1898–1907, while the death-rate was 54·3 as against its average 34·0. The principal causes of death were diarrhoeal diseases 209 (129 from diarrhoea and 80 from dysentery), debility (mostly of infants from inability to suck) 90, malarial cachexia 41, infantile convulsions 32, old age 23, pneumonia 19, phthisis 17, and *dochmius duodenalis* 12.

50. *Colombo District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Colombo District amounted to 63 (1 Sinhalese and 62 Tamils), and the deaths numbered 125 (Tamils). The birth-rate during the quarter was equal to 30·5 as against the average 17·9 for the period 1898–1907, and the death-rate was 60·5 as against its average 53·2 for the same period. The chief causes of death were diarrhoeal diseases 59 (48 from diarrhoea and 11 from dysentery), anæmia 15, ascites 9, pneumonia 8, and debility (mostly of infants from inability to suck) 7.

51. *Kalutara District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Kalutara District was 162 (14 Sinhalese, 146 Tamils, and 2 Moors), and the deaths amounted to 198 (Tamils). The birth-rate during the quarter was equal to 38·4 as against the average 20·8 for the period 1898–1907, and the death-rate was 46·9 as against its average 43·5 for the same period. The chief causes of death were diarrhoeal diseases 82 (46 from dysentery and 36 from diarrhoea), *dochmius duodenalis* 24, debility (mostly of infants from inability to suck) 21, infantile convulsions 14, fevers 9, and pneumonia 8.

#### VII.—Health of the City of Colombo.

52. The births registered in the city of Colombo numbered 1,269, and corresponded to an annual rate of 28·3, being 3·6 per 1,000 higher than the average 24·7 for the corresponding quarters in 1898–1907.

53. The deaths registered numbered 1,509. To this have to be added 13 deaths of town residents which occurred at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta (outside the town limits), and which were registered by an extra-urban Registrar, making a total of 1,522, and corresponding to a rate of 34·6 per mille per annum, the same as the average for the corresponding quarters in 1898–1907.

54. As usual in the town, the death-rate exceeded the birth-rate, owing mainly to the preponderance of males over females (chiefly among the Europeans, Indian Tamils, and Moors); to the presence of hospitals which add to the normal mortality of the town, and to the registration of births being still somewhat defective.

55. The subjoined Table E gives the births and deaths and their rates for each race for the first quarters of 1908 and 1907 and the average for the first quarters in 1898–1907:—

TABLE E.—Births and Deaths and their Rates, by Race, of the City of Colombo for the First Quarter, 1908, 1907, and 1898–1907.

Nationality.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census, 1901.	Births.			Deaths.			Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.			Death-rate per Mille per Annum.		
		Average of First Quarters, 1898–1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average of First Quarters, 1898–1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average of First Quarters, 1898–1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average of First Quarters, 1898–1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.
ALL RACES ..	155,869	982	1,124	1,269	1,368	1,645	*1,522	24·7	26·1	28·6	34·6	38·1	34·3
Europeans ..	2,657	18	24	15	18	21	20	27·1	33·2	20·2	28·2	36·5	26·9
Burghers ..	11,861	93	90	122	81	83	82	31·2	28·9	38·5	27·4	26·7	25·9
Sinhalese ..	68,772	549	651	727	628	723	741	31·5	35·4	38·7	36·2	39·4	39·5
Tamils ..	34,640	108	144	152	325	436	302	11·8	13·7	13·9	36·1	41·6	27·6
Moors ..	28,898	170	161	182	238	276	266	23·3	20·5	22·6	32·7	35·1	33·0
Malays ..	4,493	30	41	52	40	52	58	26·0	29·5	38·8	34·1	37·5	43·2
Others ..	4,548	14	13	19	38	54	53	11·2	8·6	11·8	30·6	35·7	33·0

\* Including 13 deaths of town residents (1 Burgher, 8 Sinhalese, and 4 Tamils), which occurred at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta (outside the town), and were registered by an extra-urban Registrar.

56. The rates are calculated on the figures for the quarter estimated upon the basis of the population as enumerated and distributed at the Census of 1901. The rates for Europeans, Malays, and the races classed together as "Others" being calculated upon small populations are not very reliable. Excluding the rates for these sections, the lowest death-rate was among the Burghers (25·9, against an average of 27·4), and the highest death-rate was among the Sinhalese 39·5, followed by 33·0 among the Moors. The Malays, who at the last Census numbered 4,493, show a death-rate of 43·2 against 34·1, the average for the corresponding quarters in 1898-1907.

57. The highest birth-rate in the quarter was among the Malays 38·8, a rise of 12·8 per 1,000 over the average 26·0. The Sinhalese come next with a birth-rate of 38·7 and the Burghers 38·5, as against their respective averages 31·5 and 31·2. The low birth-rates for Tamils and Others are due to their population being mostly a floating one and composed chiefly of males.

58. The number of births and deaths in each ward of the town, their rates per mille per annum, and certain selected causes of death during the quarter are shown in the following Table F:—

TABLE F.—Births and Deaths, by Race and Ward, of the City of Colombo, and selected causes of Deaths, in the First Quarter, 1908.

Ward.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census, 1901.	Births.										Deaths.										Annual Rate per 1,000.																	
		Total Births.		Nationality.								Total Deaths.		Nationality.								Selected Causes of Death.		Births.	Deaths.														
		Persons.	Males.	Females.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	Diarrhoea.	Dysentery.			Pneumonia.	Bronchitis.	Phthisis.	Enteric Fever.	Other Fevers.	Cholera.	Smallpox.	Dochmius Duodenalis.	Diphtheria.					
Colombo Town ..	156869	1269	636	633	15	122	727	152	182	52	19	1522	840	682	19	83	741	302	266	59	52	154	74	166	52	158	65	19	2	27	3	28	6	34	8				
Fort & Galle Face	2235	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	0		
Pettah	7561	7	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	7		
St. Sebastian	9349	78	45	33	1	6	28	5	36	2	—	55	23	27	—	1	17	3	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50	0	
St. Paul's	20260	120	57	63	—	6	35	54	20	—	5	142	75	67	—	7	20	63	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	5		
Kotahena	33355	240	118	122	1	20	133	17	18	1	—	206	99	107	—	14	123	36	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	6	
New Bazaar	17470	139	73	61	1	12	73	7	39	4	4	158	73	85	—	3	63	20	62	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	2	
Maradana :																																							
Hospitals	30381	225	108	119	2	16	179	17	7	4	—	338	248	140	10	19	237	89	11	6	16	56	27	31	5	31	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Excl. of hospitals		218	100	112	4	30	119	19	32	8	6	270	139	131	1	21	153	35	44	7	9	23	4	41	8	40	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	3	
Slave Island	16927	142	67	75	4	14	47	20	23	31	3	170	92	78	—	9	48	22	43	2	6	19	7	13	4	18	8	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29	1	
Kollupitiya	18281	100	55	45	2	17	60	11	7	2	1	104	63	41	6	9	56	26	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	8

\* The estimated population on the last day of the quarter was 179,371. Its distribution among the Wards cannot be estimated. Hence the Census figures are retained.

59. The low birth- and death-rates of the Fort and Galle Face and the Pettah Wards are due to their population being for the most part a floating male adult one. Excluding these Wards, the healthiest division of the town was Kollupitiya with a death-rate of 19·0 per mille per annum, and the unhealthiest Slave Island with 34·8.

60. The following Table G is an attempt to ascertain the comparative healthiness of each Ward and race in the city. It is based on the infantile mortality, which is about the most sensitive sanitary test available. In that table the Census population, the births and infantile deaths, and their rates are given for the first quarter of 1908 by Wards and races.

[For Table G see page 8.]

61. In the quarter under review the infant mortality, which was 309 per 1,000 births in the whole city, rose as high as 857 in Pettah, 446 in New Bazaar, 427 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals, and was lowest (167) in St. Sebastian. Among the races, those classed together as "Others" lead with the highest infant mortality, followed by the Tamils and Moors. The rate of the "Others" for the whole town was 684, and was as high as 600 in St. Paul's and 333 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals. The Tamil mortality for the whole town was 454, and rose as high as 818 in Kollupitiya, 714 in New Bazaar, and 706 in Kotahena. The Moor rate for the town in the quarter was 401, rising to 564 in New Bazaar and 500 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals. The Sinhalese show a rate of 267 for the town in the quarter, with as high a rate as 462 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals, and 431 in New Bazaar. The Malay mortality for the whole town was 250 and for the Slave Island 355. The European rate (200) is the lowest for the city, and the Burgher rate (221) the next lowest.

62. There were two deaths due to cholera of town residents, which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Kanatta. One was a Burgher removed thither from Maradana, and the other a Tamil removed from Slave Island.

63. Phthisis, bronchitis, and pneumonia were fatal in 376 cases (against an average of 301 in the corresponding quarters of the last ten years), diarrhoea and dysentery in 228 (average 230), infantile convulsions in 139 (average 120), debility in 122 (average 105), fevers in 84 (average 118), old age in 64 (average 69), worms in 43 (average 27), tetanus in 38 (average 40), enteritis in 36 (average 13), diseases of the circulatory system in 31 (average 30), premature birth in 29 (average 21), dochmius duodenalis in 27 (average 20), starvation in 24 (average 3), paralysis in 17 (average 13), Bright's disease in 17 (average 10),

Table G.—Population (1901) and Infantile Mortality, by Race and Ward, of the City of Colombo in the First Quarter, 1908.

Wards.	Population of Colombo at the Census of 1901*						Deaths of Children under One Year.										Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births registered.†								
	All Races.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	All Races.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	All Races.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	
<b>Colombo Town</b>	<b>155,869</b>	<b>2,657</b>	<b>11,861</b>	<b>68,772</b>	<b>34,640</b>	<b>28,898</b>	<b>4,493</b>	<b>4,548</b>																	
Fort and Galle Face ..	2,285	130	39	501	269	357	14	69																	
Pettah ..	7,561	63	439	2,551	1,962	2,202	34	310																	
St. Sebastian ..	9,349	44	661	2,745	1,344	4,278	145	132																	
St. Paul's ..	20,260	29	943	4,904	10,143	3,625	46	570																	
Kotahena ..	33,355	133	2,148	21,572	5,759	3,149	324	264																	
New Bazaar ..	17,470	37	1,460	6,795	2,679	5,520	166	813																	
Maradana { Hospitals	30,381	418	3,109	14,833	4,459	5,573	1,117	868																	
Slave Island ..	16,927	244	1,023	5,310	3,646	3,207	2,504	830																	
Kollupitiya ..	18,281	941	2,028	9,379	4,379	1,087	143	324																	
<b>Wards.</b>	<b>Births.</b>						<b>Deaths of Children under One Year.</b>						<b>Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births registered.†</b>												
	All Races.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	All Races.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	All Races.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	
<b>Colombo Town</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>684</b>	
Fort and Galle Face ..	7			4	2				1	1		3	3				357								
Pettah ..	78	1	6	28	5	36	2		6		5	1	7				167			178	200	194			
St. Sebastian ..	120	1	6	35	54	20	2	5	13		5	18	9				333			333	333	450		600	
St. Paul's ..	240	1	20	183	17	18	1		40		2	35	8				262			300	191	706	444		
Kotahena ..	139	1	12	72	7	39	4	4	63		6	31	22				446			83	431	714	564		
New Bazaar ..	225	2	16	179	17	7	4		40		1	32	6				178			62	179	353			
Maradana Hospitals																									
Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals)	218	4	30	119	19	32	8	6	93	1	9	55	10	16			427			300	492	526	500	333	
Slave Island ..	142	4	14	47	20	23	31	3	45		3	12	5	11			317			214	255	250	478	355	
Kollupitiya ..	100	2	17	60	11	7	2	1	29	1	5	13	9				290			294	217	818			

\* The military population at the 1901 Census (1,178) is included in the population given for the whole town and the Wards, but not in the population of the races distributed in the Wards.  
 † Infantile death-rates have been omitted where the number of births is less than five.



diseases of the liver in 15 (average 10), general dropsy in 14 (average 10), apoplexy in 13 (average 8), nephritis in 12 (average 6), puerperal fever in 11 (average 10), diseases of parturition in 10 (average 17), peritonitis in 8 (average 5), and anæmia in 6 (average 14).

64. Thirteen deaths were due to accidents, of which 3 were due to drowning, 2 to falls from trees, 1 to fall of heavy substances, 1 to a railway accident, 1 to shock after operation, 1 to gunshot wounds, and 1 to a burn.

65. Four deaths were attributed to homicide and 4 to suicide.

### VIII.—Health of the Principal Towns.

66. This chapter 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 thirty towns.

67. Table XIV. 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 first quarter of 1908, their rates, and the infantile mortality in each town, with mean temperature and rainfall of each town.

68. *Population.*—The estimated population of the thirty 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).

69. *Births.*—The births registered in the thirty towns during the quarter numbered 3,934, of which 1,997 were of males and 1,937 of females, and correspond to an annual birth-rate per 1,000 of 33·92, as against 30·71 during the previous quarter. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, which have a population under 1,000), the highest birth-rate for the quarter was observed in Negombo (62·20), and the lowest in Nuwara Eliya (16·59). In the other towns the birth-rate ranged from 49·86 in Panadure, 49·00 in Chilaw, and 41·61 in Matara, to 25·99 in Trincomalee, 21·20 in Batticaloa, 20·04 in Mullaivivu, and 19·72 in Kalpitiya. Colombo records a rate of 28·31, as against 26·24 during the previous quarter.

70. *Deaths.*—The number of deaths registered in the thirty towns during the quarter was 4,337, of which 2,361 were of males and 1,976 of females, and correspond to an annual death-rate of 32·25 per mille, as against 30·88 during the preceding quarter. 1,340 of the total deaths, or little less than one-third, occurred in hospitals (with 12 deaths in jails), and exaggerated the normal mortality of the towns.

71. 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 towns than the crude rate. I am unable to give 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.

72. Among the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, for the reason stated) the lowest corrected mortality during the quarter was recorded in Kegalla (8·15), and the highest in Mullaivivu (65·83). In the other towns the death-rate ranged from 16·60 in Nawalapitiya, 17·12 in Nuwara Eliya, 21·76 in Matara, and 22·57 in Moratuwa, to 45·38 in Chilaw, 45·82 in Anuradhapura, 47·08 in Gampola, 47·56 in Matale, and 57·77 in Mannar. Colombo town shows 34·66, as against 31·16 in the previous quarter.

73. In the following Table H the birth- and death-rates for each town for the quarter are compared with the rates for the first quarter of last year and the average birth- and death-rates for the corresponding quarters of the preceding ten years.

[For Table H see page 10.]

74. The death-rates shown in this Table are the crude rates (the corrected death-rates not being available for comparison before the middle of 1907), and are given inclusive as well as exclusive of hospital and jail deaths.

75. *Infantile mortality.*—The infantile mortality for the thirty towns in the quarter was equal to a rate of 238 per 1,000 births registered. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more the mortality ranged from 345 in Batticaloa, 329 in Trincomalee, and 318 in Jaffna, to 164 in Kurunegala, 149 in Kalutara, 132 in Negombo, and 123 in Moratuwa. The infantile mortality in Nuwara Eliya was 303, and in the town of Colombo 309.

76. *Causes of death.*—Table XV. in the Appendix gives for each town and race the principal causes of deaths registered during the quarter, and shows the infantile mortality separately from the other mortality.

TABLE H.—Birth- and Death-rates of the Principal Towns in the First Quarter, 1907, 1908, and 1898-1907.

Towns.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.			Death-rate per Mille per Annum.					
	Average of First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average of First Quarters.		First Quarter, 1907.		First Quarter, 1908.	
				Inclusive of Hospital and Jail Deaths, 1898-1907.	Exclusive of Hospital and Jail Deaths, 1898-1907.	Inclusive of Hospital and Jail Deaths.	Exclusive of Hospital and Jail Deaths.	Inclusive of Hospital and Jail Deaths.	Exclusive of Hospital and Jail Deaths.
<i>Western Province.</i>									
Colombo .. .. .	24.7	26.1	28.3	34.6	25.8	38.1	25.6	34.0	25.0
Negombo .. .. .	46.7	40.9	62.2	34.2	30.3	36.7	30.7	32.8	28.5
Moratuwa .. .. .	40.7	35.2	39.3	23.9	22.5	28.6	28.6	23.9	23.9
Kalutara .. .. .	40.0	35.8	38.2	33.9	27.2	44.3	30.7	33.5	27.0
Panadure .. .. .	38.8	29.1	49.9	49.1	29.1	51.4	30.1	39.5	18.8
<i>Central Province.</i>									
Kandy .. .. .	28.6	24.8	35.8	34.6	22.1	43.5	21.3	30.5	18.0
Gampola .. .. .	28.5	35.7	38.4	65.1	25.1	68.7	23.8	63.7	33.2
Nawalapitiya .. .. .	31.5	24.9	38.8	75.9	21.7	109.8	22.8	71.6	13.9
Hatton and Dikoya .. .. .	—	—	26.0	—	—	—	—	66.2	13.0
Matale .. .. .	29.9	22.3	35.3	90.2	25.6	93.0	23.8	97.1	31.7
Nuwara Eliya .. .. .	18.6	17.8	16.6	25.5	13.5	25.0	11.7	17.1	11.1
<i>Northern Province.</i>									
Jaffna .. .. .	35.7	33.5	39.1	42.9	39.3	49.8	47.6	43.4	41.6
Mannar .. .. .	22.2	38.8	36.1	26.7	28.3	28.1	24.3	50.6	37.3
Mullaittivu .. .. .	35.8	41.0	20.0	58.0	49.6	146.5	96.7	65.9	45.8
Vavuniya .. .. .	28.3	27.6	30.3	97.8	38.7	137.7	34.4	108.2	33.8
<i>Southern Province.</i>									
Galle .. .. .	35.1	31.0	37.2	30.1	27.6	40.2	32.9	35.5	28.4
Matara .. .. .	41.7	42.6	41.6	29.7	26.3	36.3	28.6	26.4	21.9
Hambantota .. .. .	37.8	51.2	39.5	36.5	30.7	40.4	25.6	34.2	27.6
Tangalla .. .. .	39.4	60.1	30.6	27.0	23.2	63.2	52.2	35.2	16.8
<i>Eastern Province.</i>									
Batticaloa .. .. .	25.2	35.3	21.2	32.3	34.5	63.2	47.1	30.8	26.6
Trincomalee .. .. .	25.0	25.9	26.0	38.6	37.4	47.8	44.0	27.1	26.0
<i>North-Western Province.</i>									
Kurunegala .. .. .	27.5	28.4	30.4	67.4	29.4	102.5	35.7	58.8	17.4
Puttalam .. .. .	41.9	45.3	35.4	61.7	45.6	74.1	52.3	37.0	28.5
Kalpitiya .. .. .	—	12.7	19.7	—	—	60.9	60.9	46.8	46.8
Chilaw .. .. .	34.8	29.2	49.0	36.7	30.1	64.8	38.3	44.5	30.3
<i>North-Central Province.</i>									
Anuradhapura .. .. .	25.1	19.4	33.1	63.8	42.8	80.5	42.4	42.2	25.7
<i>Province of Uva.</i>									
Badulla .. .. .	32.2	21.1	26.5	53.2	24.5	82.7	20.5	57.1	20.4
Lunugala .. .. .	—	—	58.0	—	—	—	—	59.9	7.7
<i>Province of Sabaragamuwa.</i>									
Ratnapura .. .. .	36.8	31.9	38.0	68.8	26.9	133.1	20.1	101.7	18.6
Kegalla .. .. .	34.1	32.2	39.1	63.5	16.6	123.8	22.5	62.6	6.3

77. *Infants.*—Out of the 4,337 deaths from all causes in the thirty towns, 938 or little more than one-fifth were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 288 convulsions (of which 122 in Colombo, 42 in Galle, 20 in Matara, 16 each in Negombo and Trincomalee, and 11 in Kandy), 229 debility (of which 70 in Colombo, 39 in Jaffna, 18 in Kandy, 15 in Galle, and 10 in Negombo), 98 prematurity (of which 28 in Colombo, 20 in Jaffna, 11 in Kandy, 8 in Galle, and 6 each in Moratuwa and Kalutara), 48 tetanus (of which 30 in Colombo, 9 in Jaffna, and 8 in Moratuwa), 57 pneumonia (of which 31 in Colombo, 4 each in Kandy and Galle, and 3 each in Negombo and Moratuwa), 46 diarrhoea (of which 26 in Colombo, 5 each in Moratuwa and Galle, 4 in Jaffna, and 3 in Kandy), 39 bronchitis (of which 13 in Colombo, 9 in Jaffna, 3 in Badulla, and 2 each in Negombo and Matale), and 7 dysentery (of which 4 in Colombo, 1 each in Negombo, Nuwara Eliya, and Anuradhapura).

78. *One year and over.*—Out of the 3,399 deaths of persons one year and over in age, there were 780 due to diarrhoea and dysentery, of which 198 were in Colombo, 55 in Ratnapura, 43 each in Galle and Jaffna, 40 each in Moratuwa and Badulla, 38 in Kandy, 33 in Lunugala, 32 each in “Hatton and Dikoya” and Kurunegala, 31 in Negombo, 29 in Matale, 26 in Gampola, and 24 in Kegalla; 363 pneumonia, of which 135 were in Colombo, 23 in Kurunegala, 18 in Matale, 17 in Kandy, 16 in Negombo, 13 each in Moratuwa and Jaffna, 12 each in Batticaloa, Chilaw, and Anuradhapura, and 10 each in Kalutara, Gampola, and Galle; 284 phthisis, of which 157 were in Colombo, 43 in Galle, 13 in Jaffna, 12 in Matale, 9 in Kandy, 7 each in Moratuwa and Badulla, and 6 each in Kalutara and Kurunegala; 154 *dochmias duodenalis*, of which 125 were among Tamils, almost all of whom were coolies; 119 enteric fever, of which 64 were in Colombo, 19 in Moratuwa, 9 in Jaffna, 6 in Kandy, and 5 in Kalutara; 103 remittent fever, of which 44 were in Jaffna, 13 in Colombo, 8 in Anuradhapura, and 6 each in Galle and Batticaloa; 95 malarial cachexia, of which 14 were in Batticaloa, 13 in Ratnapura, 12 in Matale, 9 in Jaffna, 6 in Puttalam, and 5 each in Trincomalee and Chilaw; 79 simple fever, of which 29 were in Jaffna, 13 in Galle, and 10 in Kandy; 76 bronchitis, of which 39 were in Colombo, 12 in Kalutara, and 4 each in Galle and Trincomalee; 55 convulsions, of which 17 were in Colombo, and 6 in Kandy; 48 Bright’s disease and nephritis, of which 27 were in Colombo, 7 in Galle, and 6 in Jaffna; 43 anæmia, of which 11 were in Negombo, 7 in Ratnapura, 5 each in Colombo and Galle, and 4 in Jaffna.

79.—*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 nearly 19 per cent., bronchitis and pneumonia more than 12 per cent., debility nearly 9 per cent., various kinds of fever more than 7 per cent., and infantile convulsions and phthisis each more than 6 per cent.

Registrar-General’s Office,  
Colombo, July 14, 1908.

P. ARUNACHALAM,  
Registrar-General.

## APPENDIX.

Table I.—Area, Estimated Population, and the Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in the First Quarter of 1908.

Province and District.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population on January 1, 1908.*	MARRIAGES.			BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
			Total.	General.	Kandyan.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.
CEYLON ..	25,331 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,800,012	5,380	3,958	1,422	42,511	21,690	20,821	31,066	15,824	15,242
Western ..	1,432	991,096	1,893	1,893	—	10,920	5,524	5,396	6,081	3,200	2,881
Central ..	2,299 $\frac{1}{2}$	653,867	501	164	337	6,882	3,552	3,330	4,658	2,360	2,298
Northern ..	3,363 $\frac{1}{2}$	358,838	353	351	2	3,286	1,688	1,598	3,505	1,751	1,754
Southern ..	2,146 $\frac{1}{2}$	622,415	1,046	1,036	10	7,269	3,684	3,585	5,878	2,862	3,016
Eastern ..	4,036 $\frac{3}{4}$	185,383	54	53	1	1,517	754	763	1,258	643	615
North-Western ..	2,996 $\frac{3}{4}$	376,871	651	294	357	4,796	2,470	2,326	3,000	1,580	1,420
North-Central ..	4,002 $\frac{1}{2}$	77,844	118	33	85	894	450	444	887	458	429
Uva ..	3,154 $\frac{3}{8}$	190,608	114	21	93	2,064	1,106	958	2,162	1,111	1,051
Sabaragamuwa ..	1,901	343,090	650	113	537	4,883	2,462	2,421	3,637	1,859	1,778
Western.											
Colombo ..	560 $\frac{3}{4}$	572,026	1,012	1,012	—	5,957	3,023	2,934	3,687	1,984	1,703
Negombo ..	247 $\frac{1}{2}$	168,146	291	291	—	2,130	1,082	1,048	794	422	372
Kalutara ..	623 $\frac{3}{4}$	250,924	590	590	—	2,833	1,419	1,414	1,600	794	806
Central.											
Kandy ..	911	398,032	318	101	217	4,291	2,204	2,087	2,788	1,409	1,379
Matale ..	925 $\frac{5}{8}$	95,950	124	28	96	1,321	676	645	953	476	477
Nuwara Eliya ..	462 $\frac{7}{8}$	159,885	59	35	24	1,270	672	598	917	475	442
Northern.											
Jaffna ..	1,265	320,879	302	302	—	2,891	1,489	1,402	2,840	1,395	1,445
Mannar ..	943 $\frac{1}{2}$	23,448	40	40	—	243	125	118	424	219	205
Mullaittivu ..	1,154 $\frac{1}{2}$	14,511	11	9	2	152	74	78	241	137	104
Southern.											
Galle ..	652 $\frac{1}{4}$	284,716	615	609	6	3,253	1,656	1,597	2,104	1,021	1,083
Matara ..	481 $\frac{1}{2}$	227,329	295	291	4	2,662	1,349	1,313	1,951	970	981
Hambantota ..	1,012 $\frac{3}{4}$	110,370	136	136	—	1,354	679	675	1,823	871	952
Eastern.											
Batticaloa ..	2,871 $\frac{1}{2}$	155,144	35	34	1	1,242	610	632	966	496	470
Trincomalee ..	1,165	30,239	19	19	—	275	144	131	292	147	145
North-Western.											
Kurunegala ..	1,844 $\frac{7}{8}$	266,475	442	102	340	3,586	1,869	1,717	2,167	1,132	1,035
Puttalam ..	889 $\frac{3}{4}$	28,565	34	17	17	309	161	148	328	166	162
Chilaw ..	262 $\frac{1}{4}$	81,831	175	175	—	901	440	461	505	282	223
North-Central.											
Anuradhapura ..	4,002 $\frac{1}{2}$	77,844	118	33	85	894	450	444	887	458	429
Uva.											
Badulla ..	3,154 $\frac{3}{8}$	190,608	114	21	93	2,064	1,106	958	2,162	1,111	1,051
Sabaragamuwa.											
Ratnapura ..	1,259	136,559	206	61	145	1,798	915	883	1,701	845	856
Kegalla ..	642	206,531	444	52	392	3,085	1,547	1,538	1,936	1,014	922

\* The estimate of the population in this Table and in Tables III., IV., and V. is based on the Census of March 1, 1901, and the returns of births and deaths registered.

Table II.—Birth- and Death-rates in the First Quarter of 1908, the corresponding Quarter of 1907, the Fourth Quarter of 1907, and the Mean Rates for the First Quarters of 1898-1907.

Province and District.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	Fourth Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	Fourth Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.
<b>Ceylon</b>	41.4	37.4	37.5	45.0	31.5	42.0	27.3	32.9
Western	40.9	36.2	36.7	44.3	24.6	30.5	22.7	24.7
Central	37.0	35.0	35.1	42.3	28.5	33.2	25.7	28.6
Northern	36.0	32.0	31.6	36.8	41.2	50.6	27.6	39.3
Southern	46.8	43.6	39.4	47.0	30.3	55.2	30.2	38.0
Eastern	36.7	32.8	36.8	32.9	32.3	41.6	29.9	27.3
North-Western	44.4	36.8	38.2	51.2	36.2	45.4	25.3	32.0
North-Central	45.3	46.4	30.2	46.2	56.9	70.0	35.3	45.8
Uva	39.7	38.4	43.6	43.6	37.1	47.0	38.6	45.6
Sabaragamuwa	46.1	40.7	45.6	57.2	33.3	45.9	31.1	42.6
<b>Western.</b>								
Colombo	38.3	35.0	34.3	41.9	25.0	31.7	22.9	25.9
Negombo	46.8	33.5	40.9	50.9	22.1	22.1	17.2	19.1
Kalutara	43.0	40.7	39.3	45.4	26.2	33.2	25.5	25.6
<b>Central.</b>								
Kandy	38.3	35.3	35.6	43.4	28.0	30.5	25.7	28.2
Matale	44.7	37.5	41.6	55.4	39.9	43.1	29.5	39.9
Nuwara Eliya	39.0	32.8	29.7	31.9	22.4	34.0	23.5	23.1
<b>Northern.</b>								
Jaffna	35.2	30.5	32.1	36.2	39.0	47.2	26.3	35.6
Mannar	40.1	43.6	28.0	41.7	58.8	65.4	33.4	72.7
Mullaittivu	44.6	46.2	25.3	42.1	56.9	99.2	44.9	66.8
<b>Southern.</b>								
Galle	45.8	42.1	43.4	46.0	28.9	35.6	29.7	29.7
Matara	47.7	43.8	39.4	47.1	27.4	44.3	28.5	34.5
Hambantota	47.6	46.8	28.8	49.3	43.5	125.8	34.8	66.4
<b>Eastern.</b>								
Batticaloa	36.8	31.5	37.4	32.2	31.9	39.5	30.2	25.0
Trincomalee	34.7	39.0	33.9	36.6	39.3	52.5	28.1	38.8
<b>North-Western.</b>								
Kurunegala	46.4	38.8	39.6	54.1	38.6	48.7	26.6	32.7
Puttalam	39.5	38.1	32.8	43.5	49.2	59.8	31.7	46.2
Chilaw	38.5	29.8	35.6	44.3	21.4	29.3	18.4	24.8
<b>North-Central.</b>								
Anuradhapura	45.3	46.4	30.2	46.2	56.9	70.0	35.3	45.8
<b>Uva.</b>								
Badulla	39.7	38.4	43.6	43.6	37.1	47.0	38.6	45.6
<b>Sabaragamuwa.</b>								
Ratnapura	46.3	40.4	43.8	53.0	38.9	60.4	38.1	50.1
Kegalla	45.8	40.9	46.8	60.1	28.7	36.1	26.3	37.7

Table III.—Sinhalese Births and Deaths, with their Rates per 1,000 of the estimated Population and the Proportion of Infantile Deaths to 1,000 registered Births in Sinhalese Districts in the First Quarter of 1908.

Province, District, and Division.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population on January 1, 1908.	Births.		Deaths.		Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.				Deaths of Children under 1 Year to 1,000 Births registered in the First Quarter of 1908.
			Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	Fourth Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	Fourth Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	
CEYLON.	25331½	2,565,095	27679	31640	17565	19493	46.7	41.2	40.0	49.6	29.7	39.5	25.3	30.6	169
WESTERN	1,432	843,527	8,417	9,606	4,299	4,476	43.2	37.7	37.2	45.8	22.3	26.7	19.7	21.3	110
-Colombo	560½	473,387	4,618	5,255	2,441	2,608	42.4	37.5	35.5	44.6	22.4	27.2	19.9	22.2	114
Colombo Municipality	10	65,078	549	727	625	733	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alutkuru Korale	72	73,931	734	809	355	376	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South	167	72,522	765	845	307	310	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hewagam Korale	75	104,054	962	1,048	506	588	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salpiti Korale	116½	57,396	587	718	241	210	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Siyane Korale East*	120½	100,406	1,034	1,108	431	391	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Siyane Korale West*	247½	151,199	1,611	1,888	677	668	47.8	33.7	40.4	50.2	20.0	21.3	16.3	17.8	107
Negombo	7½	14,583	159	179	108	90	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Negombo Local Board	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alutkuru Korale	159	100,882	1,068	1,245	403	395	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North	81½	35,734	384	464	166	183	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hapitigam Korale	623½	218,941	2,188	2,463	1,181	1,200	44.0	40.8	38.5	45.2	23.7	29.2	21.6	22.0	102
Kalutara	1½	9,076	86	80	71	66	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kalutara Local Board	88½	100,929	1,006	1,138	568	561	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kalutara Totamune	280½	26,870	264	274	132	157	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pasdun Korale East*	123½	26,043	294	313	150	150	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pasdun Korale West*	130	56,023	571	658	268	266	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rayigam Korale	2,299½	321,363	3,698	4,354	2,216	2,376	51.0	44.1	42.1	54.5	30.5	31.1	25.2	29.7	187
CENTRAL	911	207,091	2,380	2,900	1,324	1,518	51.1	44.3	42.5	56.3	28.4	28.6	25.1	29.5	187
Kandy	11	14,050	124	177	97	112	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kandy Municipality	50½	33,436	433	550	227	299	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Harispattu	107½	39,981	477	640	240	271	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pata Dumbara	57½	14,036	170	187	76	89	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pata Hewaheta	46½	12,997	177	207	94	98	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tumpane	230	12,822	108	144	63	78	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uda Bulatgama	238½	21,646	231	246	167	163	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uda Dumbara	34½	15,190	192	199	96	108	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Udu Nuwara	106	23,505	236	270	144	165	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uda Palata	29	19,428	232	280	120	136	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yati Nuwara	925½	63,604	798	928	536	559	54.8	43.7	45.6	58.7	40.3	40.4	25.5	35.3	200
Matale	1	1,871	17	23	21	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Matale Local Board	163½	28,544	367	453	219	220	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Matale South	373½	15,215	186	210	139	113	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Matale East	388½	17,974	228	242	207	195	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Matale North	462½	50,668	520	526	306	299	45.5	44.0	36.1	41.7	26.6	29.9	25.4	23.7	163
Nuwara Eliya	47½	2,063	12	15	11	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nuwara Eliya Local Board and outside	236½	15,554	140	134	84	96	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kotmale	108½	19,619	221	238	122	107	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uda Hewaheta	113½	13,432	147	139	89	82	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Walapane	2,146½	591,982	6,513	6,990	4,148	5,550	47.8	44.4	39.8	47.5	30.2	36.0	30.0	37.7	178
SOUTHERN	652½	268,258	2,878	3,125	1,662	1,946	48.3	43.4	44.3	46.8	26.9	35.4	29.4	29.2	136
Galle	6½	27,834	265	296	197	258	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Galle Municipality	24½	21,615	251	282	123	126	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Four Gravets beyond Municipal limits and Akmimans	128½	34,544	372	380	206	224	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gangaboda Pattuwa	83½	72,639	770	833	437	561	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wellaboda Pattuwa	97	57,472	644	745	375	419	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Talpe Pattuwa	146	47,273	507	499	280	295	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Walallawiti Korale	166	6,881	69	90	44	63	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hindum Pattuwa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

\* Births and Deaths for this division being available from 1901 only, the averages shown are for the seven years, 1901-1907.

Table III.—continued.

Province, District, and Division.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population on January 1, 1907.	Births.		Deaths.		Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.				Deaths of Children under 1 Year to 1,000 Births Registered in the First Quarter of 1908.
			Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarters, 1907.	Fourth Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	Fourth Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	
<i>Matara</i> ..	481½	217,188	2,402	2,547	1,346	1,816	48·6	44·3	39·7	47·2	27·0	44·6	28·3	33·6	138
Matara Local Board	1½	10,570	109	111	74	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Four Gravets beyond Local Board limits	72½	17,249	189	191	89	116	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wellaboda Pattuwa ..	51½	47,318	540	538	267	324	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weligam Korale ..	111	58,953	594	675	312	440	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Morawak Korale ..	160	17,219	200	241	141	219	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kandaboda Pattuwa	70	27,522	345	361	199	314	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gangaboda Pattuwa	79½	38,357	425	430	204	333	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Hambantota</i> ..	1,012½	106,536	1,233	1,318	1,140	1,788	48·0	46·9	28·6	49·8	43·8	128·6	34·6	67·5	352
Hambantota Four Gravets	1½	1,086	9	12	11	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Magam Pattu, exclusive of Four Gravets	641	6,586	67	72	99	182	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Giruwa Pattu East ..	122½	11,542	136	164	180	312	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Giruwa Pattu West ..	247½	87,322	1,021	1,070	850	1,279	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
EASTERN ..	4,036½	8,875	89	64	89	65	40·0	29·9	37·2	29·0	40·3	30·8	23·8	29·5	266
<i>Batticaloa</i> * † ..	2,871½	7,638	79	61	79	57	41·1	28·3	40·2	32·1	41·5	26·7	23·5	30·0	213
Batticaloa Local Board	1½	232	2	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manmunai Pattu North	148	31	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manmunai Pattu South	74	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bintenna Pattu ..	677½	3,283	34	23	33	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chammanturai Pattu	160	599	10	6	11	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erovrur and Rukam Pattus	372½	178	1	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Koralai Pattu ..	290	164	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eruvil and Porativu Pattus	247	782	3	4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Karavaku and Nintavur Pattus	41	127	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Akkarai Pattu ..	374	1,164	17	11	16	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Panawa Pattu ..	486½	1,061	11	9	12	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
NORTH-WESTERN ..	2,996½	327,046	3,534	4,292	2,665	2,431	46·2	38·0	39·0	52·8	34·7	43·4	23·6	29·9	177
<i>Kurunegala</i> ..	1,844½	245,500	2,765	3,364	2,198	1,919	47·8	39·8	40·2	55·1	38·1	47·2	24·9	31·4	185
Kurunegala Local Board	1½	3,097	35	44	67	69	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hiriwala Hatpattu ..	387½	30,128	362	388	312	305	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weudawili do. ..	177	45,260	570	749	389	343	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dambadeni do. ..	164½	44,750	505	739	339	299	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dewamedi do. ..	186½	33,131	379	378	308	245	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Katugampola do. ..	358½	55,528	499	642	340	297	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wanni do. ..	569½	35,606	415	424	443	361	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Puttalam</i> * ..	889½	11,510	108	124	125	122	37·5	39·7	25·1	43·3	43·6	56·5	29·6	42·6	306
Puttalam Local Board	8½	648	6	4	14	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Demala Hatpattu ..	441½	6,443	75	78	82	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kalpitiya Division ..	315	1,069	5	1	7	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puttalam Division ..	124½	3,350	22	41	22	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Chilaw</i> ..	262½	70,036	661	804	342	390	41·6	31·6	37·0	46·2	21·4	27·6	17·8	22·4	124
Chilaw Town ..	2	2,489	27	44	22	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pitigal Korale North	132½	7,301	75	75	65	58	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pitigal Korale Central †	88½	30,255	286	359	151	157	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pitigal Korale South †	40	29,991	282	326	112	150	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

\* For Tamil statistics see Table IV. and for Moor Statistics see Table V.

† Births and Deaths for the divisions as at present constituted of this district being available from 1901 only the averages shown are for the seven years, 1901-1907.

‡ Births and Deaths for this division being available from 1899 only, the averages shown are for the nine years, 1899-1907.

Table III.—continued.

Province, District, and Division.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population on January 1, 1908.	Births.		Deaths.		Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.				Deaths of Children under 1 Year to 1,000 Births registered in the first Quarter of 1908.
			Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	Fourth Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	Fourth Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	
NORTH-CENTRAL ..	4,002 $\frac{1}{2}$	62,273	731	712	869	716	47.4	47.7	31.0	46.0	56.4	68.7	34.1	46.2	347
<i>Amuradhapura</i> ..	4,002 $\frac{1}{2}$	62,273	731	712	869	716	47.4	47.7	31.0	46.0	56.4	68.7	34.1	46.2	347
Anuradhapura Town	5 $\frac{3}{8}$	853	8	12	18	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nuwaragam Palata ..	1,490 $\frac{7}{8}$	26,222	303	303	357	291	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hurulu Palata ..	1,040	19,804	227	230	276	217	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kalagam Palata ..	311	13,951	172	146	196	167	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tamankaduwa Palata	1,155	1,443	21	21	22	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uva ..	3,154 $\frac{1}{2}$	128,504	1,437	1,514	1,257	1,415	46.4	41.3	46.0	47.4	40.5	44.4	37.7	44.3	265
<i>Badulla</i> ..	3,154 $\frac{1}{2}$	128,504	1,437	1,514	1,257	1,415	46.4	41.3	46.0	47.4	40.5	44.4	37.7	44.3	265
Badulla Local Board.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,609	34	28	36	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yatikinda Division ..	183 $\frac{1}{2}$	22,659	231	233	162	195	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bintenna do. ..	359	9,630	107	128	104	99	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Buttala do. ..	567 $\frac{1}{2}$	14,263	171	200	197	224	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wellawaya do. ..	1,019 $\frac{1}{2}$	7,304	80	91	90	152	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Udukinda do. ..	189 $\frac{1}{2}$	31,773	347	301	221	231	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wellassa do. ..	645 $\frac{1}{2}$	21,080	273	323	283	336	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wiyaluwa do. ..	187 $\frac{3}{8}$	18,186	194	210	158	141	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SABARAGAMUWA ..	1,901	280,061	3,242	4,090	2,003	2,437	50.7	43.7	46.8	58.7	31.3	39.5	26.7	35.0	193
<i>Ratnapura</i> ..	1,259	120,639	1,405	1,582	1,045	1,267	49.5	40.9	44.8	52.7	36.7	49.5	32.7	42.2	222
Ratnapura Local Board	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,094	34	37	34	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kuruwiti Korale ..	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	32,081	340	437	188	238	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nawadun do. ..	193 $\frac{3}{8}$	25,246	310	386	203	282	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Atakalan do. ..	171 $\frac{3}{8}$	18,150	235	246	185	219	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kadawata do. ..	130 $\frac{3}{8}$	10,058	128	121	119	133	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kolonna do. ..	169	10,348	103	105	104	166	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kukulu do. ..	224 $\frac{1}{2}$	8,287	93	101	66	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meda do. ..	156 $\frac{1}{2}$	13,375	162	149	146	143	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Kegalla</i> ..	642	159,422	1,837	2,508	958	1,170	51.6	45.8	48.4	63.3	26.4	31.7	22.2	29.5	174
Kegalla Local Board*	7 $\frac{7}{8}$	1,767	18	19	19	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paranakuru Korale*	56 $\frac{3}{8}$	28,605	370	465	187	234	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beligal do. ..	162 $\frac{1}{2}$	42,663	473	701	230	268	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Galboda do. ..	56 $\frac{3}{8}$	22,552	304	384	155	187	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kinigoda do. ..	42	18,053	231	321	125	133	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Atulugam do. ..	125 $\frac{1}{2}$	12,190	132	169	65	79	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dehigampal do. ..	74 $\frac{3}{8}$	16,982	161	232	98	135	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Panawal do. ..	40	7,000	66	106	35	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lower Bulatgama ..	84 $\frac{1}{2}$	9,610	99	111	49	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

\* Births and Deaths for this division being available from 1901 only, the averages shown are for the seven years, 1901-1907.



Table IV.—Tamil Births and Deaths, with their rates per 1,000 of the estimated Population, and the Proportion of Infantile Deaths to 1,000 registered Births in the Tamil Districts, in the First Quarter of 1908.

Province, District, and Division.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population on January 1, 1908.	Births.		Deaths.		Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.				Deaths of Children under 1 year to 1,000 Births registered in the First Quarter of 1908.
			Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	Fourth Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	Fourth Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	
<b>NORTHERN</b>	3,303	344,271	2,924	3,124	3,330	3,302	35.7	30.5	31.6	36.5	40.6	50.3	27.4	38.6	269
<i>Jaffna</i>	1,265	316,719	2,636	2,860	2,919	2,817	35.5	36.7	32.1	36.3	37.3	29.9	26.2	35.8	313
Jaffna Division	18½	43,880	375	456	441	443	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Walikamam East	40½	26,915	216	221	204	198	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Walikamam North	36½	48,532	351	413	363	352	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Walikamam West	38½	40,200	391	418	403	338	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vadamaradchi East	34½	4,000	45	31	64	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vadamaradchi West	55	52,522	381	364	430	366	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tenmaradchi	80	38,194	352	399	494	555	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pachchilaippallai	87	5,661	52	39	81	84	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Karaichchi	123½	2,716	10	17	23	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Punakari	226½	4,522	43	53	67	69	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Islands*	59½	35,536	398	403	331	274	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Delft*	18½	4,381	44	45	29	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tunukkai	446½	600	6	1	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Mannar</i>	943½	15,476	152	141	233	286	36.9	41.9	30.4	36.6	56.8	68.2	38.1	74.3	589
Mannar Island															
Divisions	47½	5,721	43	37	70	95	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mantai Division	644½	5,180	54	74	93	133	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nanaddan Division	251	4,575	55	30	70	58	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Mullaivittuv</i> †	1,154½	12,076	136	123	178	199	43.6	34.1	20.9	41.0	57.3	101.7	45.1	66.3	374
Maritime Pattu	393½	5,971	67	62	84	91	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vavuniya North	316	2,342	27	21	36	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vavuniya South	445	3,763	45	40	65	58	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>EASTERN</b>	4,036½	101,899	889	810	852	760	36.6	34.1	35.1	32.0	35.0	49.5	33.1	30.0	251
<i>Batticaloa</i> †	2,871½	84,392	748	658	671	607	37.4	33.6	36.2	31.4	33.4	49.0	33.7	28.9	246
Batticaloa Local Board	1½	8,326	42	48	79	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manmunai Pattu North	148	13,860	108	74	109	91	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manmunai Pattu South	74	8,805	96	87	78	85	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bintenna Pattu	677½	680	4	7	6	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chammanturai Pattu	160	3,162	30	17	22	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eravur and Rukam Pattu	372½	8,559	64	60	67	68	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Koralai Pattu	290	6,115	85	83	66	79	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eruvil and Porativu Pattu	247	13,968	125	102	99	79	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Karavaku and Nintavur Pattu	41	14,695	123	120	129	69	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Akkarai Pattu	374	5,483	51	55	57	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Panawa Pattu	486½	739	5	5	5	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Trincomalee</i>	1,165	17,507	141	152	181	153	33.0	36.4	29.9	34.9	42.3	51.8	30.1	35.1	270
Trincomalee Town	2½	9,290	60	64	94	59	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kaddukkulam Pattu	490½	1,858	17	24	28	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Koddiyar Pattu	223	4,349	46	41	40	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tampalakam Pattu	450½	2,010	18	23	19	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>NORTH-WESTERN</b>	2,996½	23,044	157	183	294	328	24.9	19.9	29.7	31.9	47.0	70.1	46.3	57.2	273
<i>Puttalam</i>	889½	6,757	58	56	96	87	30.3	26.3	24.0	33.3	51.1	70.6	36.3	51.8	357
Puttalam Local Board	8½	880	9	6	26	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Demala Hatpattu	441½	322	3	4	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kalpitiya Division	315	1,958	21	15	32	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puttalam Division	124½	3,597	25	31	33	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

\* Births and Deaths for this division being available from 1901 only, the averages shown are for the seven years, 1901-1907.

† Births and Deaths for the division as at present constituted of this district being available from 1901 only, the averages shown for them are for the seven years, 1901-1907.

Table V.—Moor Births and Deaths with their rates per 1,000 of the estimated Population and the Proportion of Infantile Deaths to 1,000 registered Births in Batticaloa and Puttalam Districts in the First Quarter of 1908.

Province, District, and Division.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population on January 1, 1908.	Births.		Deaths.		Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.				Deaths of Children under 1 Year to 1,000 Births registered in the First Quarter of 1908.
			Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	Fourth Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	Average for First Quarters, 1898-1907.	First Quarter, 1907.	Fourth Quarter, 1907.	First Quarter, 1908.	
EASTERN ..	4,036½	68,902	592	605	481	395	37·5	31·7	40·8	35·3	30·1	32·7	27·3	23·1	200
<i>Batticaloa*</i> ..	2,871½	59,528	504	512	406	291	37·1	29·9	40·0	34·6	29·6	28·8	27·0	19·7	174
Batticaloa Local Board ..	1¼	355	1	2	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manmunai Pattu North ..	148	12,043	128	59	104	58	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manmunai Pattu South ..	7¼	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bintenna Pattu ..	677½	127	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chammanturai Pattu ..	160	5,919	46	39	43	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eravur and Rukam Pattus ..	372¼	6,530	41	58	27	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Koralai Pattu ..	290	4,253	35	54	20	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eruvil and Porativu Pattus ..	247	176	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Karavaku and Nintavur Pattus ..	41	19,172	146	189	112	72	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Akkarai Pattu ..	374	8,928	84	98	105	57	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Panawa Pattu ..	486½	1,980	16	13	14	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
NORTH-WESTERN ..	2,996½	24,557	257	305	251	229	43·0	37·9	36·6	49·9	43·6	48·4	27·5	37·5	229
<i>Puttalam</i> ..	889¼	9,792	117	122	130	114	49·5	44·9	46·4	50·1	55·0	56·6	29·3	46·8	320
Puttalam Local Board ..	8¾	2,789	35	30	34	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Demala Hatpattu ..	441¼	448	6	10	8	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kalpitiya Division ..	315	4,673	57	49	73	63	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puttalam Division ..	124¾	1,882	19	33	15	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

\* Births and Deaths for the divisions as at present constituted of this district being available from 1901 only, the averages shown for them are for the seven years, 1901-1907.



Table VII.—Marriages (Kandyan), Civil Condition, Age, Signature of Marriage Register, &c.,  
in the First Quarter of 1908.

Province and District.	Contracted between.										Persons not 21 Years of Age.		Highest Male Age.	Mean Male Age.	Lowest Male Age.	Highest Female Age.	Mean Female Age.	Lowest Female Age.	The number who signed Register with Marks.	
	Total Marriages.	Bachelors and Spinners.	Bachelors and Widows.	Widowers and Spinners.	Widowers and Widows.	Divorced Men and Spinners.	Divorced Men and Widows.	Divorced Women and Bachelors.	Divorced Women and Widows.	Divorced Men and Divorced Women.	Males.	Females.							Males.	Females.
CEYLON ..	1422	1076	61	140	42	40	6	43	8	6	196	914	62	25·9	16	55	19·3	13	434	1335
Central ..	337	253	19	29	7	13	1	12	2	1	43	258	50	25·8	16	44	16·4	13	87	302
Northern ..	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	32	28·5	25	24	22·0	20	2	2
Southern ..	10	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	51	33·1	22	45	24·1	16	5	10
Eastern ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	30	30·0	30	20	20·0	20	—	1
North-Western ..	357	270	13	43	12	9	—	8	1	1	57	256	60	24·8	18	40	19·8	14	91	346
North-Central ..	85	51	7	13	10	1	—	2	—	—	3	55	56	28·0	20	38	20·7	14	20	84
Uva ..	93	74	6	9	2	1	—	—	—	1	5	67	55	28·1	19	45	20·4	13	43	87
Sabaragamuwa ..	537	417	15	45	11	16	5	21	5	2	88	271	62	25·7	18	55	19·9	13	186	503
Central.																				
Kandy ..	217	168	12	16	4	9	1	6	1	—	28	176	49	25·2	16	44	14·5	13	61	186
Matale ..	96	70	5	11	2	3	—	4	1	—	13	71	46	26·4	18	32	19·6	13	20	96
Nuwara Eliya ..	24	15	2	2	1	1	—	2	—	1	2	11	50	28·6	20	40	20·6	15	6	20
Northern.																				
Mullaittivu ..	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	32	28·5	25	24	22·0	20	2	2
Southern.																				
Galle ..	6	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	51	35·0	22	45	26·8	16	3	6	
Matara ..	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	37	30·2	25	23	20·0	17	2	4	
Eastern.																				
Batticaloa ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	30	30·0	30	20	20·0	20	—	1
Trincomalee ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North-Western.																				
Kurunegala ..	340	260	13	39	10	8	—	8	1	1	52	243	60	24·6	18	40	19·8	14	84	329
Puttalam ..	17	10	—	4	2	1	—	—	—	—	5	13	50	28·1	19	30	20·3	16	7	17
North-Central.																				
Anuradhapura ..	85	51	7	13	10	1	—	2	—	1	3	55	56	28·0	20	38	20·7	14	20	8
Uva.																				
Badulla ..	93	74	6	9	2	1	—	—	—	1	5	67	55	28·1	19	45	20·4	13	43	87
Sabaragamuwa.																				
Ratnapura ..	145	109	8	18	5	2	—	1	2	—	31	113	62	26·9	18	55	19·6	13	53	140
Kegalla ..	392	308	7	27	6	14	5	20	3	2	57	158	61	25·3	18	44	20·5	13	133	363



Table IX.—Deaths among the various Races registered in Ceylon, and in each Province and District, in each Month of the First Quarter of 1903.

Province and District.	JANUARY.							FEBRUARY.							MARCH.									
	TOTAL.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamil.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	TOTAL.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamil.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	TOTAL.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamil.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
CEYLON ..	11005	12	44	7076	3158	638	43	34	10185	11	40	6320	3146	597	39	32	9876	6	49	6097	2980	661	42	41
Western	2058	7	24	1557	287	145	18	20	1981	9	32	1466	300	137	17	20	2042	5	36	1453	317	187	26	18
Central	1574	1	3	857	626	80	6	1	1584	1	2	786	691	93	5	6	1500	—	4	733	675	82	3	3
Northern	1292	—	3	151	206	63	—	—	1148	—	1	—	1089	56	—	—	1065	—	—	10	1007	47	—	1
Southern	2182	—	6	2075	40	56	4	1	1968	—	3	1868	48	47	2	—	1728	—	2	1607	46	70	3	—
Eastern	462	—	3	28	270	147	10	4	392	1	1	18	242	125	4	1	404	—	3	19	248	123	4	7
North-Western	1039	—	1	838	124	75	—	—	968	—	—	783	108	71	5	1	993	—	2	810	96	83	2	—
North-Central	330	—	—	264	30	31	1	4	273	—	—	224	19	27	2	1	284	—	—	228	18	34	1	3
Uva	845	2	1	557	265	16	2	2	649	—	1	411	206	20	4	2	668	1	1	442	202	11	3	8
Sabaragamuwa	1223	2	3	885	310	20	2	1	1222	—	—	757	443	21	—	—	1192	—	1	795	371	24	—	1
Western.																								
Colombo	1212	7	24	867	182	96	16	20	1214	9	30	862	184	92	17	20	1261	5	34	879	174	125	26	18
Negombo	281	—	—	243	30	7	1	—	266	—	—	222	35	9	—	—	247	—	2	203	39	3	—	—
Kalutara	565	—	—	447	75	42	1	—	501	—	2	382	81	36	—	—	534	—	—	371	104	59	—	—
Central.																								
Kandy	970	—	2	564	339	60	5	—	950	1	2	492	382	67	4	2	868	—	4	462	339	59	3	1
Matale	328	—	—	196	114	16	1	1	327	—	—	194	106	24	1	2	298	—	—	169	109	19	—	1
Nuwara Eliya	276	1	1	97	173	4	—	—	307	—	—	100	203	2	2	—	334	—	—	102	227	4	—	1
Northern.																								
Jaffna	1035	—	1	310	22	9	—	—	941	—	—	1	937	3	—	—	864	—	—	858	5	—	1	—
Mannar	158	—	1	1	106	50	—	—	141	—	—	—	92	49	—	—	125	—	—	88	37	—	—	—
Mullaittivu	99	—	1	11	78	9	—	—	66	—	1	1	60	4	—	—	76	—	—	10	61	5	—	—
Southern.																								
Galle	768	—	3	713	21	30	—	1	706	—	3	658	16	29	—	—	630	—	2	575	19	33	1	—
Matara	662	—	3	620	17	22	—	—	672	—	—	636	22	14	—	—	617	—	—	560	23	34	—	—
Hambantota	752	—	—	742	2	4	4	—	590	—	—	574	10	4	2	—	481	—	—	472	4	3	2	—
Eastern.																								
Batticaloa	343	—	2	22	216	99	—	4	325	—	1	16	203	104	—	1	298	—	2	19	188	88	—	1
Trincomalee	119	—	1	6	54	48	10	—	67	—	1	2	39	21	4	—	106	—	1	60	35	4	6	—
North-Western.																								
Kurunegala	739	—	—	659	50	30	—	—	707	—	—	613	60	32	2	—	721	—	1	647	47	25	1	—
Puttalam	124	—	1	42	41	39	—	1	94	—	—	43	19	29	2	1	110	—	—	37	27	46	—	—
Chilaw	176	—	—	137	33	6	—	—	167	—	—	127	29	10	1	—	162	—	1	126	22	12	1	—
North-Central.																								
Anuradhapura	330	—	—	264	30	31	1	4	273	—	—	224	19	27	2	1	284	—	—	228	18	34	1	3
Uva.																								
Badulla	845	2	1	557	265	16	2	2	649	—	1	416	206	20	4	2	668	1	1	442	202	11	3	8
Sabaragamuwa.																								
Ratnapura	598	2	1	474	116	3	1	1	537	—	—	396	135	5	—	1	566	—	—	397	163	5	—	1
Kegalla	625	—	2	411	194	17	1	—	685	—	—	361	308	16	—	—	626	—	1	398	208	19	—	—

Table X.—Causes of Deaths Registered in Ceylon and in each Province and District during the First Quarter of 1908.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	CEYLON										NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE.						SABARA-GAMUWA PROVINCE.			DEATHS AMONG ALL RACES.										
	WESTERN PROVINCE.		CENTRAL PROVINCE.		NORTHERN PROVINCE.		SOUTHERN PROVINCE.		EASTERN PROVINCE.		NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE.		SABARA-GAMUWA PROVINCE.		DEATHS AMONG ALL RACES.															
	Colombo.	Katutura.	Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullaitivu.	Galle.	Matara.	Hambantota.	Batticaloa.	Trincomealee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Katnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burgbers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.			
ALL CAUSES	31066	8087	794	1600	2788	953	917	2840	424	241	2104	1951	1823	966	292	2167	328	505	887	2162	1701	1936	29	133	19493	9284	1896	124	107	
I. Specific, Febrile, or Zymotic diseases	12219	1015	234	453	829	317	268	1468	174	93	814	1078	1278	551	122	632	108	125	307	972	752	629	6	32	7258	4256	608	38	21	
II. Parasitic diseases	1298	200	49	106	202	76	31	8	2	1	129	21	—	1	—	85	11	39	19	46	111	161	—	4	899	312	77	3	3	
III. Dietetic diseases	3344	608	143	353	290	94	76	156	42	21	299	199	66	67	25	171	16	58	52	192	189	227	4	14	2554	517	226	13	16	
IV. Constitutional diseases	952	211	25	75	65	13	33	79	6	2	95	78	8	1	7	2	6	6	5	135	31	69	—	9	623	253	55	8	4	
V. Developmental diseases	9648	1294	275	512	823	292	242	906	127	92	617	502	297	237	100	1078	154	243	415	581	349	511	14	64	6326	2433	722	41	48	
VI. Local diseases	615	74	24	24	76	16	30	1	4	46	31	29	14	6	49	5	11	11	38	55	55	1	1	1	452	136	21	—	4	
VII. Violence	2919	261	44	74	497	144	239	193	71	26	104	42	145	94	32	147	28	22	78	189	212	277	4	8	1351	1341	183	21	11	
VIII. Ill-defined and not specified causes	6334	498	172	234	234	146	51	1062	123	64	317	421	830	442	97	439	73	82	214	357	300	178	3	4039	1844	412	16	11		
I. Miasmatic diseases	5171	457	55	209	566	142	207	168	32	15	480	641	432	82	16	176	18	32	84	571	418	370	2	19	3100	1871	156	15	8	
2 Diarrhoeal do.	487	30	4	9	18	23	5	137	4	11	7	16	13	20	6	13	14	9	8	34	30	76	—	1	75	381	26	2	2	
3 Malarial do.	—	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4 Zoogenous do.	18	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5 Venereal do.	203	25	3	—	8	6	4	101	15	3	6	—	2	6	3	4	2	2	1	3	4	5	1	2	27	154	14	5	—	
6 Septic do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
II. Parasitic diseases	1298	200	49	106	202	76	31	8	2	1	129	21	—	—	—	85	11	39	19	46	111	161	—	4	899	312	77	3	3	
III. Dietetic diseases	71	24	—	3	6	1	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
IV. Constitutional diseases	3344	608	143	353	290	94	76	156	42	21	299	199	66	67	25	171	16	58	52	192	189	227	4	14	2554	517	226	13	16	
V. Developmental diseases	952	211	25	75	65	13	33	79	6	2	95	78	8	1	7	2	6	6	5	135	31	69	—	9	623	253	55	8	4	
VI. Diseases of—	3694	554	61	359	133	41	73	377	37	34	454	429	208	36	36	126	63	83	49	275	149	107	3	21	2570	843	229	18	10	
1 Nervous system	7	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	
2 Organs of special sense	166	61	1	16	19	2	4	5	1	1	15	4	1	—	2	3	3	2	1	15	1	9	1	5	97	47	11	1	4	
3 Circulatory system	2123	269	34	49	256	91	123	237	56	58	32	11	9	58	32	263	53	54	174	194	28	50	3	15	995	873	186	13	28	
4 Respiratory do.	498	115	11	14	31	8	19	41	20	2	37	24	53	8	12	5	12	3	33	17	32	6	13	266	185	21	2	5		
5 Digestive do.	14	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	10	2	—	—	
6 Lymphatic system and Ductless Glands	88	34	2	1	3	3	4	11	—	—	15	2	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48	28	7	—	—	
7 Urinary system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8 Reproductive system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
(a) Organs of generation	18	7	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
(b) Parturition	637	51	16	51	62	24	12	9	2	4	28	27	19	4	2	116	12	32	21	51	42	52	—	2	484	103	46	1	1	













Table XI.—Causes of Deaths Registered on Estates in the Central, Uva, and Sabaragamuwa Provinces and in the Colombo and Kalutara Districts of the Western Province, during the First Quarter of 1908.

Causes of Death.	Central Province.				Province of Uva.	Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Western Province.	
	Ceylon.	Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Elyia.	Badulla.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Colombo.	Kalutara.
ALL CAUSES	3,569	908	276	589	562	351	560	125	198
I.—Specific, Febrile, or Zymotic diseases	1,509	328	121	167	278	173	276	70	96
II.—Parasitic diseases	194	56	21	21	23	32	15	1	25
III.—Dietetic diseases	20	1	1	10	3	1	4	—	—
IV.—Constitutional diseases	134	27	12	12	14	19	22	18	10
V.—Developmental diseases	123	30	10	25	14	8	25	1	10
VI.—Local diseases	711	189	55	164	117	43	88	23	32
VII.—Violence	56	22	4	6	5	7	9	2	1
VIII.—Ill-defined and not specified causes	822	255	52	184	108	68	121	10	24
I.									
Miasmatic diseases	174	33	28	15	62	5	17	7	7
Diarrhoeal do.	1,182	272	70	143	192	155	209	59	82
Malarial do.	128	15	19	5	22	10	46	4	7
Zoogenous do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Venereal do.	4	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Septic do.	21	6	4	3	1	3	4	—	—
II.									
Parasitic diseases	194	56	21	21	23	32	15	1	25
III.									
Dietetic diseases	20	1	1	10	3	1	4	—	—
IV.									
Constitutional diseases	134	27	12	12	14	19	22	18	10
V.									
Developmental diseases	123	30	10	25	14	8	25	1	10
VI.									
Diseases of—									
Nervous system	239	65	21	54	21	17	39	6	16
Organs of special sense	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Circulatory system	22	7	—	3	5	1	6	—	—
Respiratory system	318	90	23	87	61	12	28	8	9
Digestive system	63	12	2	8	21	8	2	9	1
Lymphatic system and ductless glands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Urinary system	11	—	2	4	3	1	1	—	—
Reproductive system :									
(a) Organs of generation	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Parturition	54	15	7	6	5	4	12	—	5
Organs of Locomotion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Integumentary system	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1
VII.									
Accident or negligence	45	17	3	4	3	7	9	2	—
Homicide	3	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Suicide	8	4	—	1	2	—	—	—	1
Execution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
VIII.									
Ill-defined and not specified causes	822	255	52	184	108	68	121	10	24
<i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>									
Smallpox	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chickenpox	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—
Typhus	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Simple and ill-defined Fever	138	18	25	11	57	5	14	2	6
Enteric Fever	7	1	1	1	2	—	1	—	1
Influenza	20	12	2	2	2	—	2	—	—
<i>Diarrhoeal Diseases.</i>									
Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea	666	123	36	88	109	97	129	48	36
Dysentery	516	149	34	55	83	58	80	11	46
<i>Malarial Diseases.</i>									
Remittent Fever	29	9	2	1	7	4	4	—	2
Ague	5	1	1	—	2	—	1	—	—
Malarial Cachexia	94	5	16	4	13	6	41	4	5
<i>Zoogenous Diseases.</i>									
Hydrophobia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cowpox and other effects of Vaccination	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Venereal Diseases.</i>									
Syphilis	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Gonorrhoea, stricture of Urethra	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Table XI.—Causes of Deaths Registered, &amp;c.—continued.

Causes of Death.	Central Province.				Province of Uva.	Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Western Province.	
	Ceylon.	Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Badulla.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Colombo.	Kalutara.
<i>Septic Diseases.</i>									
Phagedæna	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	4	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
Pyæmia, Septicæmia	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	14	4	4	1	1	1	3	—	—
<i>Parasitic Diseases.</i>									
Worms (animal)	16	3	1	2	5	—	3	1	1
Dochmius Duddendalis	178	53	20	19	18	32	12	—	24
<i>Dietetic Diseases.</i>									
Starvation, want of breast-milk	18	1	1	10	1	1	4	—	—
Intemperance, Chronic Alcoholism	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Intemperance, Delirium Tremens	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Constitutional Diseases.</i>									
Rheumatism	5	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Rickets	7	1	4	—	—	1	1	—	—
Cancer	8	5	—	1	1	1	—	—	—
Tabes Mesenterica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tubercular Meningitis (hydrocephalus)	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phthisis	53	10	6	3	5	1	17	3	8
Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scrofula	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
Anæmia, Chlorosis, Leucocythæmia	53	7	1	7	3	16	3	15	1
Diabetes Mellitus	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Leprosy	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Parangi	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
<i>Developmental Diseases.</i>									
Premature Birth	27	8	3	9	2	1	2	—	2
Imperforate Anus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Old age	96	22	7	16	12	7	23	1	8
<i>Nervous System.</i>									
Inflammation of Brain or its Membranes	4	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1
Apoplexy	5	1	—	2	—	1	1	—	—
Paralysis	7	3	—	3	—	—	—	1	—
Epilepsy	14	2	—	4	3	3	—	2	—
Convulsions	5	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
Infantile Convulsions	180	49	18	39	16	9	32	3	14
Collapse	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Tetanus	20	8	3	2	1	—	5	—	1
Mania	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paraplegia, diseases of the Spinal Cord	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Brain or Nervous System	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
<i>Organs of Special Sense.</i>									
Conjunctivitis and other diseases of Eye	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Circulatory System.</i>									
Pericarditis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Valve disease of heart	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Angina pectoris, Syncope	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Embolism, Thrombosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Heart or Circulatory System	20	6	—	3	5	1	5	—	—
<i>Respiratory System.</i>									
Laryngitis	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Croup	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis	56	15	3	14	12	3	8	—	1
Asthma	11	5	—	1	3	2	—	—	—
Pneumonia	244	67	20	71	44	7	19	8	8
Pleurisy	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Respiratory System	4	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
<i>Digestive System.</i>									
Stomatitis	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Dentition	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sore Throat	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dyspepsia	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hæmatemesis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Melæna	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteritis	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ulceration of Intestines	4	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Ileus, Obstruction of Intestine	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Debility	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stricture or Strangulation of Intestine	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Intussusception of Intestine	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Hernia	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—

Table XI.—Causes of Deaths Registered, &c.—*continued.*

Causes of Death.	Central Provinces.				Province of Uva.	Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Western Province.		
	Ceylon.	Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.		Badulla.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Colombo.	Kalutara.
Peritonitis ..	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	
Ascites ..	14	1	—	—	—	4	—	9	—	
Cirrhosis of Liver ..	5	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	1	
Other diseases of Liver ..	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	
Other and undefined diseases of Digestive System ..	10	5	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	
<i>Diseases of Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands</i>										
Diseases of the Lymphatic System ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Diseases of Spleen ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>Diseases of Urinary System.</i>										
Nephritis ..	3	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	
Bright's Disease ..	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	
Uræmia ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	
Suppression of Urine ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Diseases of Bladder ..	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	
Other and undefined diseases of Urinary System ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	
<i>Diseases of Organs of Generation.</i>										
Diseases of Uterus and Vagina ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Disorders of Menstruation ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum, &c. ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>Diseases of Parturition.</i>										
Abortion, Miscarriage ..	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	
Puerperal Mania ..	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	
Puerperal Convulsions ..	8	4	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	
Other and undefined accidents of Childbirth ..	42	10	7	4	5	3	8	—	5	
<i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.</i>										
Cicatrix, Necrosis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other and undefined diseases of Organs of Locomotion ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>Diseases of Integumentary System.</i>										
Carbuncle ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Phlegmon, Cellulitis ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	
Ulcer, Bed sore ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Eczema ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	
Other and undefined diseases of Integumentary System ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>Accident or Negligence.</i>										
Fractures, Contusions ..	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	
Gun-shot wounds ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Burn, Scald ..	17	5	2	2	1	5	2	—	—	
Poison ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	
Drowning ..	13	7	—	1	1	1	3	—	—	
Suffocation ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Snake-bite ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	
Otherwise ..	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	
<i>Homicide.</i>										
Murder, Manslaughter ..	3	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>Suicide.</i>										
Gun-shot wounds ..	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	
Cut, Stab ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Poison ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Drowning ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Hanging ..	6	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	
<i>Execution.</i>										
Hanging ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>Ill-defined and not specified Causes.</i>										
General Dropsy ..	126	33	9	13	20	15	30	3	3	
Debility ..	682	217	41	168	86	52	90	7	21	
Sudden deaths (causes unascertained) ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Abscess ..	9	2	2	3	1	—	1	—	—	
Tumour ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Hæmorrhage ..	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	
Other ill-defined and not specified causes ..	3	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	





Table XII.—Causes of Deaths, &amp;c.—continued.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Colombo Town.	WARD.									NATIONALITY.							
		Fort and Galle Face.	Pettah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotalena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals.	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals.)	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamilis.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
Mumps ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ..	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Simple and ill-defined Fever ..	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	2	—	1	1	—
Enteric Fever ..	65	—	—	2	9	10	1	22	13	6	2	2	5	42	5	10	—	1
Influenza ..	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
<i>Diarrhœal Diseases.</i>																		
Cholera ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhœa ..	154	—	4	7	10	24	7	56	23	19	4	—	5	78	42	24	2	3
Dysentery ..	74	—	1	3	12	6	7	27	4	7	7	2	6	30	20	10	3	3
<i>Malarial Diseases.</i>																		
Remittent Fever ..	14	—	—	2	1	3	3	—	—	4	1	—	—	4	4	3	2	1
Ague ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Malarial Cachexia ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
<i>Zoogenous Diseases.</i>																		
Hydrophobia ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Venereal Diseases.</i>																		
Syphilis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gonorrhœa, Stricture of Urethra ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Septic Diseases.</i>																		
Phagedœna ..	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	—
Erysipelas ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Pyæmia, Septicæmia ..	7	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	2	—	—	2	1	3	1	—
Puerperal Fever ..	11	—	—	1	—	3	1	2	1	2	1	—	1	4	3	2	1	—
<i>Parasitic Diseases.</i>																		
Worms (animal) ..	43	—	—	2	1	8	7	2	8	12	3	—	3	28	5	6	1	—
Dochmius Duodenalis ..	27	—	—	—	—	—	1	25	1	—	—	—	1	11	15	—	—	—
<i>Dietetic Diseases.</i>																		
Starvation, want of Breast milk ..	24	—	—	—	—	9	—	10	1	3	1	—	1	17	5	1	—	—
Intep. Chronic Alcoholism ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Delirium Tremens ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Constitutional Diseases.</i>																		
Rheumatism ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rickets ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer ..	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—
Tabes Mesenterica ..	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—
Tubercular Meningitis (hydrocephalus) ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phthisis ..	158	—	2	4	21	13	18	31	40	18	11	2	8	76	25	29	9	9
Other Forms of Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scrofula ..	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	1
Purpura, Hæmorrhagic Diathesis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anæmia Chlorosis, Leucocythæmia ..	6	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	2	—	1	2	1	2	—	—
Diabetes Mellitus ..	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leprosy ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined Constitutional Diseases ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
<i>Developmental Diseases.</i>																		
Premature Birth ..	29	—	—	—	—	3	—	13	4	3	6	—	4	16	6	1	2	—
Other Congenital Defects ..	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Old Age ..	64	—	—	1	6	14	8	—	21	7	7	—	2	30	11	15	6	—



Table XII.—Causes of Deaths, &amp;c.—continued.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Colombo Town.	WARD.										NATIONALITY.						
		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.
<i>Diseases of Organs of Generation.</i>																		
Diseases of Uterus and Vagina ..	5	—	—	—	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	—	—
Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum, &c. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Parturition.</i>																		
Abortion, Miscarriage ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Mania ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Convulsions ..	8	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	1	3	4	—	—
Other and undefined accidents of Child-birth ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
<i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.</i>																		
Caries, Necrosis ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Organs of Locomotion ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Integumentary System.</i>																		
Carbuncle ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Phlegmon, Cellulitis ..	3	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—
Ulcer, Bed sore ..	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	—	—
Eczema ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Integumentary System ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Accident or Negligence.</i>																		
Fractures, Contusions ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Gun-shot wounds ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Burn, scald ..	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Drowning ..	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—
Otherwise ..	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	—	—	—	4	3	—	—	—
<i>Homicide.</i>																		
Murder, Manslaughter ..	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
<i>Suicide.</i>																		
Cut, stab ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Hanging ..	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
<i>Ill-defined and not specified Causes.</i>																		
General d'opsy ..	14	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	4	2	3	—	—	8	2	2	1	1
Debility ..	122	—	3	3	12	4	16	39	8	27	10	1	3	56	27	21	9	5
Abscess ..	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	4	1	—	—
Tumour ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Hæmorrhage ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Other ill-defined and not specified causes ..	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—

Table XIII.—Deaths of Males and Females at different Periods of Life registered in Ceylon, and in each District, during the First Quarter of 1908.

Table with columns for Provinces, Districts, Nationality, Sex, and Age Groups (One Week to 100 years and upwards). Rows include Ceylon, Western, Negombo, and Kalmata with sub-rows for Europeans, Burghers, Sinhalese, Tamils, Moors, Malays, and Others.











Table XIV.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the First Quarter of 1908, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, and 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 the 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 40 per 1,000 Births registered.††	Mean Temperature.	Rainfall in Inches.
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			Birth-rate.	Crude Death-rate.	Corrected Death-rate.*				
<b>All 30 Towns</b>	<b>415,679</b>	<b>486,362</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>2,361</b>	<b>1,976</b>	<b>4,337</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>33.92</b>	<b>30.53</b>	<b>32.25†</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>238</b>		
<i>Western Province.</i>															
Colombo	155,869	180,262	636	1,269	840	682	1,522	1,396	28.31	31.14	34.66	392	309	80.7	3.42
Negombo	19,819	20,495	163	317	92	75	167	159	62.20	31.20	31.80	42	132	—	3.01
Moratuwa	29,600	34,139	178	334	107	96	203	203	39.35	39.35	22.57	41	123	—	—
Kalutara	11,500	11,990	55	114	56	44	100	90	38.24	30.19	29.41	17	149	—	6.27
Panadura	3,845	4,275	32	21	18	24	42	23	49.86	21.63	22.97	9	170	—	—
<i>Central Province.</i>															
Kandy	26,511	29,437	144	262	132	91	223	170	35.79	23.22	24.35	53	202	76.0	2.81
Gampola	3,791	4,608	15	44	35	38	73	51	38.40	44.51	47.08	11	250	—	4.89
Nawalapitiya	3,454	4,043	23	39	35	37	72	14	38.79	13.92	16.60	10	256	—	—
Hatton and Dikoya	2,858	3,705	14	10	34	27	61	12	26.05	13.02	—†	7	292	—	8.64
Matale	4,951	5,589	25	24	73	62	135	58	35.26	41.74	47.56	11	224	—	3.26
Nuwara Eliya	5,072	7,997	18	33	21	13	34	26	16.59	13.07	17.12	10	303	62.0	4.15
<i>Northern Province.</i>															
Jaffna	33,879	35,295‡	184	343	197	184	381	373	39.08	42.50	44.78	109	318	79.3	3.09
Mannar	3,338	3,338	14	16	30	24	18	42	36.15	50.60	57.77	5	166	79.4	3.05
Mullaitivu	1,308	1,404	3	4	7	9	23	21	20.04	60.13	65.83	2	286	—	1.02
Vavuniya	566	595	3	—	11	5	16	9	30.28	60.86	73.19	2	—	—	2.68
<i>Southern Province.</i>															
Galle	37,165	40,026	180	370	171	182	353	307	37.17	30.84	30.15	78	211	79.1	1.99
Matara	11,848	13,242	76	137	43	44	87	74	41.61	22.47	21.76	23	168	—	2.62
Hambantota	2,843	3,056	12	30	16	10	26	21	39.48	27.63	28.93	8	266	79.6	1.74
Tangalla	2,333	2,629	5	15	15	8	23	16	30.59	24.47	25.86	3	150	—	1.38
<i>Eastern Province.</i>															
Batticaloa	9,969	10,433	28	55	41	39	80	73	21.20	28.14	29.02	19	345	78.5	7.99
Trincomeles	11,887	11,296	33	40	42	34	76	76	25.99	27.06	31.38	24	329	79.8	4.63
<i>North-Western Province.</i>															
Kurunegala	6,483	8,068	34	27	61	48	118	62	30.40	30.91	36.41	10	164	80.2	3.60
Patalam	5,115	5,219	23	23	46	33	15	47	35.44	36.21	37.07	12	261	79.0	3.09
Kalpitiya	1,487	1,631	5	3	7	12	19	19	19.72	46.83	—†	5	625	—	—
Chilaw	4,168	4,514	21	24	55	32	50	50	49.00	44.54	45.38	6	109	—	—
<i>North-Central Province.</i>															
Anuredhapura	3,672	4,856	17	23	40	28	51	48	33.12	39.75	45.82	8	200	78.4	3.02
<i>Province of Uva.</i>															
Badulla	5,924	6,686	23	44	57	38	95	48	26.46	28.87	29.52	12	273	70.8	7.58
Lunugala	—	416	2	6	32	30	62	6	58.00	58.00	—†	—	—	—	—
<i>Province of Sabaragamuwa.</i>															
Ratnapura	4,084	4,548	17	26	65	50	115	41	38.03	36.26	37.52	4	93	80.7	6.08
Kegalla	2,340	2,571	14	11	25	15	40	5	39.10	7.82	8.15	5	200	—	—

\* 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 13 deaths of Colombo town residents (1 Burgher, 8 Sinhalese, and 4 Tamils), 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 quarter 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.

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

Table XV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the First Quarter of 1908 in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 81-86 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Causes of Deaths.	Western Province.						Central Province.				Northern Province.			Southern Province.			Eastern Province.			North-Western Province.			North-Central Province.			Province of Sabaragamuwa.			Deaths among all Races.																		
	Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratwa.	Kalutara.	Panadura.	Colombo.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nawalapitiya.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Matala.	Nuwara Eliya.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullaitivu.	Vavuniya.	Galle.	Matara.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Baticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kinnegala.	Puttalam.	Kalpitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Rathnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.									
All 30 Towns.	1,522	167	203	100	42	2,373	72	61	135	34	381	42	23	16	2	2	358	87	26	23	80	76	118	48	19	51	95	62	40	24	116	1,910	1,586	550	86	65											
All Causes	392	42	41	17	9	58	11	7	11	10	110	109	5	2	2	2	78	23	8	3	19	24	10	12	5	6	8	12	4	4	35	430	286	142	25	16											
<b>I.—Infantile Mortality.</b>																																															
A.—One Week and under.	83	4	5	6	1	10					6	16	2	2			7	1																													
1. Prematurity	21											26																																			
2. Debility	115	29	5	1	2	3		5	1	6	6	26																																			
3. Convulsions	102	35	8	2	2	7		3	1								13	12	1	1																											
4. Diarrhoea																																															
5. Tetanus	33	24																																													
6. Bronchitis																																															
7. Pneumonia																																															
8. Other causes	118	10				1	4					1		2																																	
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																																															
1. Prematurity	15																																														
2. Debility	41	5				1																																									
3. Convulsions	186	87	8	5	3	2	4	3	1	1	1	8	4	3																																	
4. Diarrhoea	46	26	1	5	1	3						4																																			
5. Tetanus	15																																														
6. Bronchitis	39	13	2	1	1	1				2	1	9																																			
7. Pneumonia	56	31	2	3	1	2	4	1	1		1	19									3																										
8. Other causes	115	62	6	4	3	3	1	1																																							
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)</b>	3,399	1,130	125	162	83	33	170	62	54	124	24	272	37	21	14	275	64	18	20	61	52	108	36	14	44	43	38	62	111	35	20	81	1,480	1,300	408	61	49										
1. Smallpox																																															
2. Chickentox																																															
3. Measles																																															
4. Influenza																																															
5. Simple fever		79									4	29	5			13	1																														

\* Includes 13 deaths of town residents which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta (outside the town), and were registered by an extra-urban Registrar, viz. 5 deaths from Enteric Fever of Sinhalese, 3 from Acute Diarrhoea of a Sinhalese and 2 Tamils, 2 from Cholera of a Burgher and a Tamil, 1 death from Diptheria of a Tamil, 1 from Dysentery of a Sinhalese and 1 from Debility of a Sinhalese.

† This includes 15 deaths from Inanition or Starvation (9 in Colombo, 4 in Gampola, and 2 in Vavuniya), 1 each from Congenital Malformation and Erysipelas in Colombo and 1 from accident at child-birth in Kandy.

‡ This includes 16 deaths from Enteritis in Colombo, 14 from Worms (7 in Colombo, 2 each in Kalutara and Puttalam, and 1 each in Negombo, Moratuwa, and Kandy), 12 from Starvation (11 in Colombo and 1 in Gampola), 8 from Dysentery (4 in Colombo, 2 in Negombo, and 1 each in Nuwara Eliya and Anuradhapura), 8 from Erysipelas (4 in Jaffna, 3 in Galle, and 1 in Batticaloa), 6 from Simple Fever in Jaffna, 5 from Remittent Fever (2 in Jaffna, 2 in Kinnegala, and 1 in Colombo), 5 from Stomatitis (3 in Colombo and 2 in Chilaw), 3 from Thrush (2 in Negombo and 1 in Moratuwa), 3 from Dropsy (2 in Colombo and 1 in Jaffna), 3 from Gastro-enteritis in Colombo, 3 from Nephritis (2 in Colombo and 1 in Jaffna), 2 each from Asthma, Malarial Cachexia, Cellulitis, Pyæmia, Meningitis, Phthisis, Eczema, and Burns, and 1 each from Syphilis, Scurvy, Pnemphigus, Abscess, Toncilitis, Enteric Fever, Influenza, Chirrosis of Liver, Septicæmia, Renal Colic, Anaemia, and Drowning.

