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**VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1908.**

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

THIS report deals with the Vital Statistics of the 31 principal 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.

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

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

4. The estimated population of the 31 towns is 476,265, or more than one-ninth of the total population of the Island. The population of Colombo (180,262) is a little less than two-thirds of the population of all the other towns taken together (296,003).

5. This has been a specially unhealthy month. The 4th quarter which began with death-rates higher than any recorded in the previous 15 months (the period for which monthly statistics are available), became more and more unhealthy till the highest mortality (42·13 per mille or over $\frac{1}{2}$ in excess of the average) was reached in December. Colombo showing 45·56 and Kurunegala the abnormal figure of 182·73.

Births.

6. The births registered in the 31 towns during the month numbered 1,202—of which 614 were of males and 588 of females—and corresponded to an annual birth-rate per 1,000 of 30·43, as against 33·91 during the preceding month, 29·27 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30·29 the average for the fifteen months, July, 1907 (when monthly statistics were first published), to September 1908. Of the towns, excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, which have a population under 1,000, the highest birth-rate was observed in Weligama (54·84 against average 23·39), and the lowest in Ratnapura (7·79 against average 34·06), while there were no births recorded in Kalpitiya. In the other towns the birth-rate ranged from 49·52 in Mannar (average 34·64), 48·84 in Jaffna (average 40·84), 44·91 in Tangalla (average 34·54), and 42·05 in Negombo (average 45·14), to 22·96 in Kegalla (average 29·64), 22·31 in "Hatton and Dikoya" (average 10·87), 20·37 in Batticaloa (average 32·62), and 16·24 in Nuwara Eliya (average 15·62).

7. The town of Colombo, where the births registered numbered 362, of which 195 were of males and 167 of females, records a birth-rate of 23·71 per mille per annum, as against 27·54 in the preceding month, 22·65 in the corresponding month of last year and 25·19 the average for the fifteen months (July, 1907, to September, 1908). The highest birth-rate was in New Bazaar (23·58, average 22·68), and the lowest in Pettah (4·68, average 4·92). In the other wards the birth-rate ranged from 22·83 in St. Paul's (average 17·84) to 12·89 in Kollupitiya (average 15·73). The averages given for the wards are for the nine months, January to September, 1908, as the monthly statistics for wards began to be recorded since the beginning of this period, though they had been previously recorded by the quarter and the year.

Deaths.

8. The number of deaths registered in the 31 towns during the month was 1,969, of which 1,059 were of males and 910 of females, and corresponded to an annual death-rate of 42·13 per mille, the highest recorded since July, 1907, when monthly statistics were first published. The rate is over one-third higher than the average (31·40) for the fifteen months, July, 1907, to September 1908. 639 of the total deaths or nearly one-third occurred in hospitals (and 18 deaths in jails), and exaggerated the normal mortality of the towns.

9. Corrected death-rates as well as crude death-rates are shown. 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 in hospitals of estate coolies and other persons who are not town residents. The corrected rate should thus furnish a more satisfactory test of the comparative health of the towns than the crude rate. For the wards of the town of Colombo only crude death-rates are available.

10. Of the towns, excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, the highest death-rate was in Kurunegala (as high as 182·73 against average 45·80), and the lowest in Nuwara Eliya (11·60, average 15·96). In the other towns the death-rate ranged from 95·26 in Anuradhapura (average 53·64), 77·04 in Matale (average 41·70), 69·85 in Ratnapura (average 37·99), and 59·62 in Gampola (average 49·47) to 29·38 in Moratuwa (average 20·85), 27·86 in Nawalapitiya (average 25·04), 25·67 in Batticaloa (average 33·98), 19·37 in Weligama (average 15·60) and 16·15 in Mannar (average 33·22).

11. In the town of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 696, of which 370 were of males and 326 of females, corresponding to an annual corrected death-rate of 45·56 per annum, the highest recorded since monthly statistics began to be published. The rate is over 32 per cent. higher than the average (34·37), for the fifteen months, July, 1907, to September, 1908. Omitting the Fort and Galle Face Wards and the Pettah Ward, which contain a population mainly adult and floating, Kollupitiya shows this month the lowest

crude death-rate (27·84, average 22·77), and New Bazaar, the highest rate (45·98, average 30·53). In the other wards the death-rate ranged from 32·32 in Kotahena (average 25·92) to 39·78 in St. Paul's (average 17·84).

Infantile Mortality.

12. The infantile mortality for the 31 towns in the month was equal to a rate of 354 per 1,000 births registered, as against 280 in the previous month, 307 in the corresponding month of last year, and 244 the average for the fifteen months July, 1907, to September, 1908. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more, the mortality ranged from 1,250 in Kurunegala (average 274), 500 in Kandy (average 243), 469 in Colombo (average 319), and 400 in Matale (average 211), to 222 in Puttalam (average 284), 192 in Moratuwa (average 145), 152 in Weligama (average 224), 137 in Negombo (average 156), and 91 in Nuwara Eliya (average 360).

13. The infantile mortality given in Table III. for each ward in the city of Colombo enables a comparison to be made of the health of the various wards. The lowest mortality was observed in Slave Island (417 per 1,000 against average 369), followed by Kotahena (424 average 342), and the highest mortality was in St. Paul's (630, average 370), followed by New Bazaar (575, average 419).

Causes of Deaths.

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

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

16. *Infants*.—Out of the 1,969 deaths from all causes in the 31 towns, 426 or a little less than one-fourth were among infants under 1 year. Of these the chief causes were 149 *Convulsions* (of which 53 were in Colombo, 16 in Galle, 14 in Kurunegala, 13 in Matara, 9 in Anuradhapura, 7 in Kandy, 5 each in Negombo, Kalutara, and Jaffna); 82 *Debility* (of which 22 in Colombo, 12 in Jaffna, 11 in Kurunegala, 8 in Kandy, 4 in Moratuwa); 50 *Premature Birth* (of which 12 in Jaffna, 11 in Kandy, 10 in Colombo, 4 in Galle); 29 *Pneumonia* (of which 16 in Colombo, 4 in Kandy, 2 in Kurunegala); 23 *Tetanus* (of which 15 in Colombo, 3 in Moratuwa); 21 *Diarrhoea* (of which 14 in Colombo, 2 in Jaffna); and 17 *Bronchitis* (of which 10 in Colombo, 5 in Jaffna).

17. In the town of Colombo *Convulsions* accounted for the highest mortality, viz., 53, which were distributed as follows:—17 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 10 in New Bazaar, 8 in Slave Island, 7 in St. Paul's, 5 in Kotahena, 3 in St. Sebastian, 2 in Kollupitiya, and 1 in the General Hospital. The next highest mortality (22) was from *Debility* (9 in St. Paul's, 4 each in Kollupitiya and Maradana hospitals, 2 in New Bazaar), followed by *Pneumonia* 16 (6 in Kotahena, 4 in Maradana hospitals); *Tetanus* 15 (5 in New Bazaar, 4 in St. Sebastian, 3 in St. Paul's, 2 in Kotahena); *Diarrhoea* 14 (5 in Maradana hospitals, 3 in Kotahena, 2 each in St. Paul's and Slave Island); *Premature Birth* 10 (4 each in Maradana hospitals and Maradana Ward exclusive of hospitals); and *Bronchitis* 10 (5 in St. Paul's, 2 in Kotahena).

18. *General Mortality (One Year and Over)*.—Out of the 1,543 deaths of persons one year and over in age, there were 386 due to *Diarrhoea* and *Dysentery*, of which 96 were in Colombo, 44 in Kurunegala, 31 in Kandy, 27 in Matale, 22 in Badulla, 20 in Matara, 17 in "Hatton and Dikoya," 14 in Ratnapura, 12 in Kegalla, 10 in Moratuwa; 201 due to *Pneumonia*, of which 69 were in Colombo, 24 in Kurunegala, 18 in Kandy, 11 each in Negombo and Galle, 8 in Moratuwa, 6 each in Trincomalee, Anuradhapura, and Ratnapura; 114 to *Phthisis*, of which 67 were in Colombo, 16 in Galle, 7 in Kurunegala, 6 in Moratuwa; 63 to *Remittent Fever*, of which 10 were in Jaffna, 8 each in Colombo and Anuradhapura, 5 in Puttalam; 63 to *Dochmius Duodenalis*, of which 49 were among Tamils, almost all of whom were coolies; 60 to *Enteric Fever*, of which 42 were in Colombo, 9 in Moratuwa; 47 to *Malarial Cachexia*, of which 13 were in Matale, 9 in Kurunegala; 31 to *Bronchitis*, of which 12 were in Colombo, 4 in Trincomalee; 22 to *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, of which 12 were in Colombo, 4 in Kandy; 17 to *Smallpox*, of which 13 were in Colombo, 2 in Negombo, and 1 each in Kandy and Anuradhapura; and 17 to *Simple Fever*, of which 6 were in Jaffna, 3 each in Colombo and Kandy, 2 in Matale.

19. In the town of Colombo, the highest mortality was from *Pneumonia* (69), of which 16 were in Maradana hospitals, 12 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 10 each in Kotahena and New Bazaar, 8 in St. Paul's, 6 in Slave Island, 3 each in Pettah and Kollupitiya, and 1 in St. Sebastian; followed by *Phthisis* (66), of which 20 were in Maradana hospitals, 12 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 8 in New Bazaar, 7 each in St. Sebastian and St. Paul's, 5 in Kotahena, 3 each in Slave Island and Kollupitiya, and 1 in Fort; *Diarrhoea* (56), of which 24 were in Maradana hospitals, 15 in Kotahena, 4 each in St. Paul's, Slave Island, and Kollupitiya; and *Enteric Fever* (42), of which 16 were in Maradana hospitals, 8 in New Bazaar, 5 in Kollupitiya, 4 in Kotahena, and 3 each in St. Sebastian, St. Paul's, and Maradana exclusive of hospitals. Altogether in this and the two preceding months 360 cases of Enteric Fever were reported to the Municipal Authorities and 123 deaths were registered from this cause.

20. In the month under review 15 deaths (as against 16 in the preceding month and 18 in the month previous) were registered in the town of Colombo as due to *Smallpox*, 13 of which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta (6 from Slave Island, 4 from Maradana, and 1 each from Pettah, St. Paul's, and New Bazaar), and the other 2 in Maradana and Kollupitiya Wards respectively. Altogether in this and the two preceding months 266 cases were reported to the Municipal Authorities and 49 deaths were registered from this cause.

21. In the month under review 3 deaths (as against 10 in the preceding month) were registered as due to *Cholera*, one each in Maradana hospitals (a prisoner of the Welikada Jail), Maradana exclusive of hospitals (a Moor from No. 73, Piachaud's lane), and Slave Island (a pandit attached to the 98th Infantry).

22. The other chief causes of deaths in the Colombo town were *Dysentery* 40 (16 in Maradana hospitals, 8 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 6 in St. Paul's, 3 in New Bazaar); *Bronchitis* 12 (6 in St. Paul's, 3 in New Bazaar); *Dochmius Duodenalis* 11 (9 in Maradana hospitals); *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis* 11 (6 in Maradana hospitals); and *Remittent Fever* 8 (3 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals).

23. *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 21 per cent., *Bronchitis* and *Pneumonia* more than 14 per cent., *Infantile Convulsions* more than 9 per cent., *Debility* and various kinds of fever more than 7 per cent., and *Phthisis* nearly 6 per cent.

24. Of the total number of deaths at all ages in the town of Colombo, *Diarrhoea* and *Dysentery* accounted for more than 16 per cent., *Bronchitis* and *Pneumonia* more than 15 per cent., *Infantile Convulsions* more than 10 per cent., *Phthisis* nearly 10 per cent., various kinds of Fever more than 7 per cent., and *Debility* more than 4 per cent.

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, January 18, 1909.

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Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during Dec. 1908, their Proportion per Annum, the Deaths of Children under 1 Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall observed in each Town of the Island proclaimed under § 31-36 of Ord. No. 1 of 1896.

Towns.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1901.	Population estimated to the Middle of 1908 by the Increase.	Total Births registered.		Total Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.		Deaths registered in Hospitals and Jails.	Total Deaths, excluding Deaths of Estate Coolies and Non-residents.	Per Mille per Annum.			Deaths of Children under One Year.	Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births registered.	Mean Temperature.	Rainfall in Inches.	
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			Birth-rate.	Crude Death-rate.	Corrected Death-rate.*					
All 31 Towns.	423,109	476,265	614	588	1,202	910	1,989	657§	1,575	30.43	39.87	42.13	426	354		
<i>Western Province.</i>																
Colombo	155,869	180,262	195	107	302	326	696	184	625	23.71	40.93	45.56	170	469	77.7	1.09
Negombo	19,819	20,495	40	33	73	31	64	13	55	22.05	31.68	32.29	10	137	—	4.14
Moratuwa	29,600	34,139	39	34	73	36	90	—	90	25.25	31.13	29.38	14	192	—	—
Kalutara	11,593	11,990	12	22	34	24	43	16	31	33.48	30.53	29.74	9	265	—	12.73
Panadura	3,845	4,275	5	6	11	7	20	9	11	30.38	30.38	32.26	2	182	—	—
<i>Central Province.</i>																
Kandy	26,511	29,437	37	33	70	81	132	59	93	28.07	37.30	39.11	35	500	74.4	13.28
Gampola	3,791	4,008	5	5	10	7	15	12	22	25.62	56.37	59.62	3	300	—	14.14
Nawalpitiya	3,434	4,043	5	7	12	14	25	8	8	35.04	23.36	27.86	4	333	—	—
Hatton and Dikoya	2,838	3,705	4	3	7	8	24	19	5	22.31	15.93	—	1	143	—	12.67
Matale	4,051	6,539	11	4	15	49	34	64	32	31.69	67.60	77.04	6	400	—	19.49
Nuwara Eliya	5,072	7,997	5	6	11	7	11	7	6	16.24	8.86	11.60	1	91	57.7	16.88
<i>Northern Province.</i>																
Jaffna	33,879	35,295	79	67	146	56	104	5	99	48.84	33.12	34.89	45	305	77.2	5.24
Mannar	3,338	3,338	6	8	14	4	4	—	4	49.52	14.15	16.15	2	143	78.5	6.96
Mullattivu	1,308	1,404	2	3	5	1	3	—	4	42.03	33.63	36.81	2	400	—	6.15
Vavuniya	566	595	—	—	—	4	7	3	6	—	119.12	143.24	—	—	—	16.98
<i>Southern Province.</i>																
Galle	37,165	40,026	45	50	95	58	122	22	106	28.02	31.27	30.57	24	253	77.4	4.58
Matara	11,848	13,242	28	19	47	38	18	7	49	41.90	43.69	42.29	14	298	—	2.81
Weligama	7,430	9,903	23	23	46	8	18	—	18	54.84	21.46	19.37	7	152	—	—
Hambantota	2,843	3,056	5	5	10	10	6	6	10	38.63	38.63	40.45	2	200	78.8	2.70
Tangalla	2,333	2,629	5	5	10	6	9	4	9	44.91	40.42	42.69	—	—	—	2.46
<i>Eastern Province.</i>																
Batticaloa	9,969	10,433	8	10	18	14	8	3	22	20.37	24.89	25.67	7	389	77.4	21.60
Trincomalee	11,887	11,295	16	15	31	16	18	4	30	32.40	31.86	36.37	7	226	78.4	14.29
<i>North-Western Province.</i>																
Kurunegala	6,483	8,068	10	14	24	85	63	80	106	35.12	155.12	182.73	30	1250	78.6	5.66
Puttalam	5,115	5,219	6	12	18	15	29	13	22	40.72	49.76	50.95	4	222	77.4	5.23
Kalpitiya	1,487	1,631	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	7.24	—	—	—	—	—
Chilaw	4,168	4,514	4	9	13	9	17	7	17	33.99	44.46	45.29	3	231	—	No records
<i>North-Central Province.</i>																
Anuradhapura	3,672	4,856	6	11	17	19	18	14	34	41.33	82.66	95.26	11	647	75.6	9.50
<i>Province of Uva.</i>																
Badulla	5,924	6,686	6	12	18	22	21	29	19	31.78	33.55	34.31	5	278	69.5	15.23
Lunugala	—	416**	2	2	4	16	5	16	5	113.52	141.90	—	3	—	—	—
<i>Province of Sabaragamuwa.</i>																
Ratnapura	4,084	4,548	3	—	3	25	22	30	26	7.79	67.50	69.85	2	—	79.1	8.10
Kogalla	2,340	2,571	2	3	5	12	8	14	10	22.96	45.92	47.87	3	600	—	—

* By "corrected rate" is here meant the rate calculated for the population of each town on the basis that its age- and sex-constitution is the same as for the whole Island, and also excluding the deaths in hospitals of estate coolies and other non-residents.
 † In each of these columns blanks appear against towns which do not possess observatories or rain gauges.
 § Includes 15 deaths of Colombo town residents registered by an extra-urban Registrar of which 14 (12 adults, and 2 infant of 1 month) in the Segregation Camp, both at Kanatka.
 || 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.
 ¶ 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 (as now constituted) was not enumerated at the Census of 1901. The figure given is of the population estimated at the beginning of October, 1907.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths registered during December, 1909, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 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 Uva.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Deaths among all Races.											
	Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratuwa.	Kaluwara.	Panadura.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nawalapitiya.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Vaunnya.	Galle.	Matara.	Welligama.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Batticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kaipitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.					
																																						1969	698*	64	90	43
All Causes	1,969	698*	64	90	43	20	132	22	25	11	104	4	4	7	122	5	18	16	9	22	34	148	23	117	37	43	21	47	2	12	59	978	644	220	28	28						
I.—Infantile Mortality	426	170	10	14	9	2	35	3	4	1	6	1	45	2	24	14	7	2		7	7	30	4	3	11	5	3	2	3	1	14	232	114	51	6	8						
A.—One Week and under.																																										
1. Prematurity	45	9		1	2		9	2				12			4	1	2					2																				
2. Debility	46	13		1			1	1			8	2				3						6	1	3																		
3. Convulsions	42	16	2			2	1	1			4	4										3																				
4. Diarrhoea	17	11				1					2																															
5. Tetanus																																										
6. Bronchitis																																										
7. Pneumonia																																										
8. Other causes	4†	1					1	1																																		
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																																										
1. Prematurity	5	1					2				4																															
2. Debility	36	9					7	1														5	1	3																		
3. Convulsions	107	37	3		4		5				5	2			12	9	2	1	2		11			6																		
4. Diarrhoea	21	14									2				1							1																				
5. Tetanus	6	4																																								
6. Bronchitis	17	10					4				5																															
7. Pneumonia	29	16	1				4				7				1				1			2																				
8. Other causes	51†	29	4	2		3					7				2									1																		
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	1,543	526	54	78	84	18	97	19	21	23	77	10	59	2	2	7	98	42	11	14	9	15	27	118	25	114	26	38	18	45	746	530	163	22	20							
1. Smallpox	17	13	2																																							
2. Chickenpox																																										
3. Measles	4	4																																								
4. Influenza	2	1																																								
5. Simple Fever	17	3					3	1		2	6																															

* This includes 15 deaths of Colombo town residents, of which 14 occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital and the other in the Segregation Camp, both at Kanattia, vide Table IV. footnote (*).
 † One each from Smallpox (in Colombo), Herma (in Nawalapitiya), and Starvation (in Puttalam).
 ‡ This includes, besides the 29 deaths described in Table IV. footnote (†), 5 deaths from Fever (3 in Jaffna and 1 each in Panadura and Kandy), 3 from Smallpox (2 in Negombo and 1 in Colombo), 2 each from Enteritis (1 in Kandy and 1 in Galle), Malarial Fever (1 in Jaffna and 1 in Anuradhapura), Thrush in Negombo, Whooping Cough (1 in Moratuwa, and 1 in Kandy) and Congenital Syphilis (1 in Panadura and 1 in Galle), and 1 each from Worms in Moratuwa and Asthma, Nephritis and Remittent Fever in Jaffna.

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

Wards.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1901.	Population estimated to the middle of 1908 by Inter-censal Increase.	Total Births registered.		Total Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.		Deaths registered in Hospitals* and Jails.*	Total Deaths excluding Deaths (if any) of Estate Coolies and Non-residents.	Per Mille per Annum.			Deaths of Children under One Year.	Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births registered. †		
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.			Females.	Persons.	Birth-rate.			Crude Death-rate.	Corrected Death-rate. †
Colombo Town	155,869	180,282	195	167	362	370	326	696	184	625	23.71	40.93	45.56	170	470
Fort and Galle Face	2,285	2,285§	—	3	3	3	1	4	—	2	15.51	10.33	—	1	—
Pettah	7,561	7,561§	2	1	3	6	1	7	1	7	4.68	10.93	—	—	—
St. Sebastian	9,349	10,536	10	6	16	15	18	33	—	33	17.93	36.96	—	7	437
St. Paul's	20,280	23,740	27	19	46	38	42	80	1	80	22.88	39.78	—	29	630
Kotahena	33,355	37,987	36	30	66	43	61	104	—	104	20.51	32.32	—	28	424
New Bazaar	17,470	20,927	22	18	40	34	44	78	1	78	23.58	45.98	—	23	575
Maradana Hospitals	30,381	36,506	30	30	60	103	66	169	169	100	—	—	—	21	—
Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals)	16,927	19,804	17	19	36	33	50	111	6	111	21.61	35.80	—	33	493
Slave Island	18,281	22,896	17	8	25	34	23	56	6	56	21.41	33.31	—	15	417
Kollupitiya	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	54	—	54	12.89	27.84	—	13	520

* Includes fifteen deaths of town residents (14 in the Infectious Diseases Hospital and 1 in the Segregation Camp, both at Kanatta), registered by an extra-urban Registrar. † For explanation of "corrected death-rate" vide Table I, footnote marked (*). The population of the several wards of the town at the Census of 1901 not being available by age and sex-constitution, their corrected death-rates cannot be calculated.

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

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

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of December, 1903, in each Ward and Race of the Colombo Municipality.

Causes of Deaths.	Colombo Town.	Ward.										Deaths among all Races.						
		Fort and Galle Race.	Pettah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals.	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
All Causes	696*	4	7	33	80	104	78	169	111	56	54	10	41	333	164	111	15	22
I.—Infantile Mortality	170	1	—	7	29	28	23	21	33	15	13	1	11	87	33	31	3	4
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																		
1. Prematurity	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	3	—	1	—	—	9	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	13	1	—	—	8	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	—	—
3. Convulsions	16	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	8	4	—	—	—	7	—	4	2	1
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	11	—	—	3	2	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	8	—	1
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	1†	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																		
1. Prematurity	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	37	—	3	—	7	4	8	—	9	4	2	—	2	16	9	9	1	—
4. Diarrhoea	14	—	—	—	2	3	—	5	1	2	1	—	1	8	3	1	—	—
5. Tetanus	4	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—
6. Bronchitis	10	—	—	—	5	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	6	1	1	—	—
7. Pneumonia	16	—	—	—	1	6	2	4	1	—	—	—	4	11	1	3	—	—
8. Other Causes	29†	—	—	—	2	9	3	2	6	4	3	—	3	17	5	—	—	—
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	526	3	7	26	51	76	55	145	78	41	41	9	30	246	131	80	12	18
1. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Chickenpox	13	—	—	—	1	—	1	4	5	1	—	—	1	8	2	2	—	—
3. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Influenza	4	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—
	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Includes 15 deaths of town residents, (14 of which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital and the other in the Segregation Camp, both at Kanatta), registered by an extra-urban Registrar, viz., 13 deaths from Smallpox (1 Burgher, 10 Sinhalese, 1 Tamil, and 1 Moor), 6 from Slave Island, 4 from Maradana, and 1 each from Pettah, St. Paul's, and New Bazaar; 1 from Pneumonia of a Sinhalese from Maradana; and 1 from Debility, of a Sinhalese infant in the Segregation Camp, Kanatta.

† A death from Smallpox, of a Sinhalese infant from Maradana who died in the Infectious Diseases Hospital.
 † Seven deaths from Worms (2 each in Kotahena and New Bazaar and 1 each in Maradana, Slave Island, and Kollupitiya), 6 from Enteritis (2 each in Kotahena and Maradana and 1 each in Slave Island and Kollupitiya), 4 from Insanition (2 in Maradana and 1 each in Kotahena and the General Hospital), 2 from Peritonitis (in St. Paul's), 2 from Dysentery (in Kotahena and Maradana) and 1 each from Purpura, Hemorrhagicæ, Nephritis, and Ileo-colitis (in Kotahena), Phthisis (in New Bazaar), Tabes Mesenterica (in the General Hospital), Asthma and Smallpox in Slave Island, and Abscess in Kollupitiya.

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

Causes of Death.	Colombo Town.	Wards.								Deaths among all Races.								
		Fort and Galle Face.	Pettah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kothena.	New Bazaar.	Mardana Hospitals.	Mardana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)—contd.																		
5. Simple Fever ..	3			3	3	4	8	16	1	1	1	4	2	1	4	1		1
6. Enteric Fever ..	42					2	1	1	3	1	5	4	22	6	4	1		
7. Remittent Fever ..	3							1	3	1			2	3	2			
8. Ague ..	—								1					1				
9. Malarial Cachexia ..	1							1	1	1				1				
10. Cholera ..	3					15	1	24	1	4			26	20	6	1		1
11. Diarrhoea ..	56			3	4	2	3	16	8	1	4	1	9	17	5	1		1
12. Dysentery ..	40			1	6			9	8	1	2	1	3	9	6	1		4
13. Doehnius Duodenalis ..	11							2	1		1		3	6	2			
14. Cancer ..	3							2	1		1		1	2	2			
15. Phthisis ..	66			7	7	5	8	20	12	3	3		4	12	14	1		1
16. Other Tubercular Diseases ..	2							2						2				
17. Anamia ..	—			1	1													
18. Diabetes Mellitus ..	17			4	3	3	1		1	4			9	4	1	1		
19. Convulsions ..	4																	
20. Tetanus ..	12			1	6	10	3	16	12	6	2		2	3	5	3		2
21. Bronchitis ..	69			1	8		10	10	1		3		25	26	15			2
22. Pneumonia ..	1							6	1		3		1	1	3			
23. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	11						3	6	1		2	1	6	1	3			
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	1			1							2			6	1			
25. Puerperal Convulsions ..	4								1	2				2	1			
26. Puerperal Fever ..	—								1									
27. Miscarriage ..	—																	
28. Other and undefined Accidents of Child-birth ..	4				2		1		1									
29. Starvation ..	—								1									
30. Accidents or Negligence ..	8							6	1									
31. Homicide ..	4							3	1					4				1
32. Suicide ..	2							1						1				1
33. Execution ..	—																	
34. All other Causes ..	134*		1	4	9	34	11	21	22	15	3	10	80	17	15	5		4

* Here are included 26 deaths from Worms, 19 from Old Age, 15 from Paralysis, and 7 each from General Dropsy, and Diseases of the Liver.