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## VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1909.

### 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 together with the average birth- and death-rates and infantile mortality from July, 1907, to December, 1908, and the mean temperature and rainfall of each town observed in the month.

3. Table III. gives similar information as regards each ward in the Colombo Municipality, the mean rates shown here are for January-December, 1908, that being the period for which monthly statistics are available for the wards.

4. The estimated population of the 31 towns is 484,240, or more than one-ninth of the total population of the Island. The population of Colombo (183,872) is a little over three-fifths of the population of all the other towns taken together (300,368).

5. The death-rate for all towns this month (35·87) is an improvement on the previous month (38·63, the second highest rate recorded since the monthly statistics began to be collected in July, 1907), but is still above the mean rate (32·47) for the 18 months July, 1907, to December, 1908. The improvement is noticeable in fourteen out of the thirty-one towns, the principal exceptions being Anuradhapura, Mullaittivu, Kurunegala, Kalutara, Gampola, Badulla, Matara, and Matale. The Kurunegala death-rate (97·91) is however very satisfactory compared with the previous month's rate (161·96). The death-rate has been abnormal since September last when it was 47·96. It then began to mount with leaps and bounds to a maximum of 182·73 in December and has now begun to decline. The death-rate of Anuradhapura has also been abnormal since November last. From a mean rate of 53·64 it declined to 50·43 in October and gradually rising to 60·63 in November suddenly mounted to 95·26 in December increasing to 96·81 in January and as high as 119·11 in the month under review. The Mullaittivu rate is 100·63 and is more than double the mean rate and the rate during the preceding month.

### Births.

6. The births registered in the 31 towns during the month numbered 1,203—of which 541 were of males and 562 of females—and corresponded to an annual birth-rate per 1,000 of 32·38, as against 34·06 during the preceding month, 32·53 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30·53 the average for the 18 months, July, 1907 (when monthly statistics were first published) to December, 1908. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya which has a population under 1,000), the highest birth-rate was observed in Mannar (66·39 average 34·99), and the lowest in Kegalla (10·01 average 29·39), while there were no births recorded in Kalpitiya and Lunugala. In the other towns the birth-rate ranged from 55·15 in Mullaittivu (average 29·40), 55·08 in Negombo (average 43·92), 54·27 in Chilaw (average 35·52), 53·70 in Badulla (average 24·03), and 50·81 in Moratuwa (average 33·75) to 23·76 in "Hatton and Dikoya" (average 17·69), 23·25 in Anuradhapura (average 26·42), 22·94 in Matale (average 31·95), 13·79 in Nuwara Eliya (average 21·39), and 12·62 in Nawalapitiya (average 26·24).

7. The town of Colombo, where the births registered numbered 355, of which 180 were of males and 175 of females, records a birth-rate of 25·17, as against 27·02 in the preceding month, 27·02 in the corresponding month of last year, and 25·23 the average for the 18 months (July, 1907, to December, 1908). The highest birth-rate was in St. Sebastian (29·21, average 22·22) and the lowest in Pettah (5·17, average 5·94). In the other wards the birth-rate ranged from 24·91 in New Bazaar (average 22·66) to 5·70 in Fort and Galle Face (average 7·42).

### Deaths.

8. The number of deaths registered in the 31 towns during the month was 1,587, of which 894 were of males and 693 of females, and corresponded to an annual death-rate of 35·87 per mille, as against 38·63 during the preceding month, 32·74 in the corresponding month of last year, and 32·47 the average for the 18 months, July, 1907, to December, 1908. 531 of the total deaths or almost one-third occurred in hospitals (and 7 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, the highest death-rate was in Anuradhapura (as high as 119·11, against average 56·16) and the lowest in Nuwara Eliya (2·1, average 15·14), while in the town of Lunugala there were no deaths of residents, the 13 deaths which occurred there being of non-residents. In the other towns

the death-rate ranged from 100.63 in Mullaitivu (average 49.91), 97.91 in Kurunegala (average 57.49), 69.93 in Gampola (average 52.64), and 60.13 in Matale (average 45.96) to 25.80 in Moratuwa (average 21.59), 23.39 in Ratnapura (average 37.96), 22.58 in Nawalapitiya (average 24.37), 19.15 in Panadure (average 28.31), and 15.46 in Tangalla (average 37.96).

11. In the town of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 553, of which 313 were of males and 240 of females, corresponding to an annual corrected death-rate of 36.85 per 1,000 per annum, as against 41.61 during the preceding month, 35.45 in the corresponding month of last year, and 35.71 the average for the 18 months July, 1907, to December, 1908. The city was thus a little healthier than in the preceding month, but not healthier than usual. Omitting the Fort and Galle Face Ward and the Pettah Ward, which contain a population mainly adult and floating, Kollupitiya shows this month the lowest crude death-rate (19.32 average 24.15), and New Bazaar the highest rate (37.69 average 33.02). In the other wards the death-rate ranged from 22.50 in Slave Island (average 30.29) to 35.30 in St. Sebastian (average 24.31).

#### Infantile Mortality.

12. The infantile mortality of the 31 towns was equal to a rate of 253 per 1,000 births registered, as against 285 in the previous month, 266 in the corresponding month of last year, and 254 the average for the 18 months July, 1907, to December, 1908. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more, the mortality ranged from the enormous rate of 1,000 in Anuradhapura (average 395), 647 in Kurunegala (average 347), 381 in Trincomalee (average 268), 363 in Jaffna (average 246), 300 in Matale (average 241), and 296 in Colombo (average 336) to 190 in Kandy (average 210), 184 in Negombo (average 164), 165 in Galle (average 204), 134 in Moratuwa (average 152), and 100 in Weligama (average 155).

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 in Slave Island (172 per 1,000, average 361), followed by Kotahena (246, average 351), and the highest mortality was in St. Paul's (531, average 417), followed by New Bazaar (385, average 459).

#### 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 1,587 deaths from all causes in the 31 towns, 304 or a little less than one-fifth were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 91 *Convulsions* (of which 23 were in Colombo, 11 in Matara, 9 in Negombo, 7 each in Galle, Trincomalee, and Anuradhapura); 47 *Debility* (of which 15 in Colombo, 9 in Jaffna, 5 in Kurunegala); 40 *Premature birth* (of which 9 in Jaffna, 7 in Kandy, 5 each in Colombo and Negombo, 4 in Kalutara); 24 *Pneumonia* (of which 16 in Colombo, 2 each in Kandy and Galle); 16 *Tetanus* (of which 9 in Colombo, 4 in Jaffna, and 2 in Moratuwa); 14 *Bronchitis* (of which 8 in Colombo, 3 in Jaffna); and 10 *Diarrhoea* (of which 3 in Jaffna, 2 in Moratuwa).

17. In the town of Colombo also *Convulsions* accounted for the highest mortality, viz., 23, which were distributed as follows:—Six each from St. Paul's and Kotahena, 4 from Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 3 from Kollupitiya, and 2 each from St. Sebastian and New Bazaar. The next highest mortality (16) was from *Pneumonia* (5 in Kotahena, 4 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 3 in New Bazaar), followed by *Debility* 15 (4 in St. Paul's, 3 in Maradana hospitals), *Tetanus* 9 (4 in New Bazaar, 3 in St. Paul's); and *Bronchitis* 8 (3 in New Bazaar).

18. *General Mortality (one year and over)*.—Out of the 1,283 deaths of persons one year and over in age, there were 283 due to *Diarrhoea and Dysentery*, of which 66 were in Colombo, 31 in Kurunegala, 22 in Negombo, 17 in Badulla, 16 in Kandy, 14 in "Hatton and Dikoya," 13 in Matara, and 11 each in Moratuwa, Jaffna, Galle, Ratnapura, and Kegalla; 173 due to *Pneumonia*, of which 70 were in Colombo, 14 in Kurunegala, 8 in Kalutara, and 7 each in Moratuwa, Kandy, and Trincomalee; 112 due to *Phthisis*, of which 62 were in Colombo, 9 in Galle, 6 in Anuradhapura; 54 to *Malarial Cachexia*, of which 12 each were in Matale and Kurunegala, 7 in Puttalam, 6 in Batticaloa; 52 to *Dochmius Duodenalis*, of which 44 were among Tamils, almost all of whom were coolies; 47 to *Enteric Fever*, of which 28 were in Colombo, 5 in Moratuwa; 30 to *Remittent Fever*, of which 7 were in Batticaloa, 5 each in Colombo and Jaffna; 28 to *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis* of which 15 were in Colombo; 25 to *Simple Fever*, of which 10 were in Anuradhapura, 5 in Jaffna; 12 to *Bronchitis*, of which 6 were in Colombo; and 7 to *Smallpox* in Colombo.

19. In the town of Colombo the highest mortality was for *Pneumonia* (70), of which 24 were in Maradana hospitals, 11 in Kotahena, 9 in St. Paul's; followed by *Phthisis* 62 (14 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 8 each in St. Sebastian, St. Paul's, and Maradana hospitals); *Dysentery* 39 (24 in Maradana hospitals, 5 in New Bazaar); *Diarrhoea* 27 (8 in Kotahena and 4 each in Maradana hospitals and Slave Island); and *Enteric Fever* 28 (10 in Maradana hospitals, 4 in Kotahena, 3 each in St. Paul's, New Bazaar, Maradana exclusive of hospitals, and Slave Island, and 1 each in St. Sebastian and Kollupitiya). Altogether in this and the two preceding months over 390 cases of enteric fever were reported to the Municipal Authorities, and 120 deaths were registered from this cause.

20. In the month under review 7 deaths (as against 8 in the preceding month and 3 in the month previous) were registered in the town of Colombo as due to *Smallpox*, all of which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta (5 from Maradana exclusive of hospitals and 2 from Kotahena). Altogether in this and the two preceding months over 126 cases were reported to the Municipal authorities and 30 deaths were registered from this cause.

21. The other chief causes of death in the town of Colombo were *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis* 15 (7 in Maradana hospitals); *Dochmius Duodenalis* 9 (all in Maradana hospitals); and *Bronchitis* 6 (2 each in St. Paul's and Kotahena, and 1 each in Maradana exclusive of hospitals and Slave Island).

22. *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 14 per cent., *Phthisis* more than 7 per cent., *Infantile Convulsions* nearly 7 per cent., various kinds of fever more than 6 per cent., and *Debility* almost 6 per cent.

23. Of the total number of deaths at all ages in the town of Colombo, *Bronchitis* and *Pneumonia* accounted for 18 per cent., *Diarrhoea* and *Dysentery* more than 12 per cent., *Phthisis* more than 11 per cent., various kinds of fever nearly 6 per cent., *Infantile Convulsions* and *Debility* each more than 5 per cent.

Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during Feb. 1909, their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, the Deaths of Children under 1 Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births together with the average Birth and Death-rates and Infantile mortality from July, 1907—December, 1908 and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall observed in the month in each Town of the Island proclaimed under §§ 31-36 of Ord. No. 1 of 1895.

Towns.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1901.	Population estimated to the Middle of 1909 by Inter-censal Increase.	Total Births registered.		Total Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.		Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.		Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.		Per Mille per Annum.				Deaths of Children under One Year.	Average July 1907 to December, 1908.	February, 1909.	Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births registered.	Mean Temperature.	Rainfall in Inches.
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Birth-rate.		Death-rate.		Crude February, 1909.	Corrected.						
									Average July 1907 to December, 1908.	February, 1909.	Average July 1907 to December, 1908.	Corrected.								
All 31 Towns	423,109	484,240	641	562	1,203	894	693	1,587	538	1,261	30.53	32.38	33.95	32.47	3.587	304	254	253	79.8	1.02
<i>Western Province.</i>																				
Colombo	155,869	183,872	180	175	355	313	240	553	167	467	25.23	25.17	33.11	35.71	36.85	105	336	296	79.8	1.02
Negombo	19,819	20,589	42	45	87	36	34	70	17	59	43.92	55.08	37.36	28.66	38.08	16	184	184	—	0.00
Moratuwa	29,600	34,809	51	46	97	29	44	73	3	3	33.89	36.33	27.83	21.59	25.80	13	152	134	—	—
Kalutara	11,500	12,058	27	20	47	29	28	57	14	50	33.75	50.81	54.05	31.52	52.66	11	171	234	—	—
Panadura	3,845	4,338	10	4	14	5	3	8	2	6	35.97	42.08	18.03	28.31	19.15	1	209	71	—	—
<i>Central Province.</i>																				
Kandy	26,511	29,860	42	37	79	47	26	73	30	62	30.20	34.49	27.07	28.58	28.38	15	210	190	75.5	2.63
Gampola	3,791	4,732	8	6	14	15	9	24	10	24	33.63	38.57	66.12	52.64	69.93	6	257	428	—	3.20
Nawalapitiya	3,454	4,131	3	1	4	17	8	25	19	6	26.24	12.62	18.93	24.37	22.58	—	311	—	—	—
Hatton and Dikoya	2,858	3,840	3	4	7	15	9	24	23	1	17.69	23.76	3.39	11.61	—	2	411	286	—	2.87
Matale	4,951	5,682	5	5	10	26	26	54	41	23	31.95	22.94	52.77	45.96	60.13	3	241	300	—	2.69
Nuwara Eliya	5,072	8,509	2	7	9	4	2	6	5	1	21.39	13.79	1.53	15.14	2.01	—	334	—	—	2.05
<i>Northern Province.</i>																				
Jaffna	33,879	35,493	58	55	113	54	43	97	1	97	42.58	41.50	35.63	33.78	37.54	41	246	363	78.9	0.10
Mannar	3,338	3,338	10	7	17	6	3	9	2	9	34.99	66.39	35.15	33.14	40.13	2	201	118	80.0	0.12
Mullaitivu	1,308	1,418	2	4	6	4	10	10	3	10	29.40	65.15	91.92	49.91	100.63	2	163	333	—	0.46
Vavuniya	566	599	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	1	21.37	21.77	21.77	26.18	—	1	287	—	—	0.46
<i>Southern Province.</i>																				
Galle	37,165	40,433	53	44	97	53	45	98	14	92	30.28	31.27	29.66	28.44	28.99	16	204	165	78.3	2.99
Matara	11,848	13,445	28	23	51	20	24	44	8	41	39.93	49.45	39.75	23.05	38.49	14	138	274	—	2.39
Weligama	7,430	10,303	22	8	30	8	5	13	—	13	10.99	37.96	16.45	19.50	—	3	155	100	—	—
Hambantota	2,843	3,087	4	2	6	7	7	14	4	10	36.82	25.34	42.23	31.92	44.22	1	338	167	79.2	2.34
Tangalla	2,333	2,672	6	3	9	7	4	5	2	3	33.81	43.91	14.64	37.96	15.46	—	208	—	—	5.32
<i>Eastern Province.</i>																				
Batticaloa	9,969	10,498	24	8	32	25	14	39	5	34	31.76	39.73	42.22	33.83	43.54	7	338	219	78.0	5.19
Trincomealee	11,887	11,295	13	8	21	15	10	25	3	25	28.47	24.24	28.85	33.96	33.46	8	268	381	79.7	1.84
<i>North-Western Province.</i>																				
Kurunegala	6,483	8,312	10	7	17	51	42	93	62	53	30.34	26.66	83.12	57.49	97.91	11	347	647	79.1	1.63
Futaleam	5,115	5,234	7	5	12	17	3	20	8	13	38.16	29.89	32.38	42.55	33.15	3	275	250	78.1	0.97
Kalpitiya	1,487	1,652	—	—	—	2	2	2	—	2	22.93	—	15.78	31.56	—	1	428	—	—	—
Chilaw	4,168	4,564	9	10	19	9	2	11	2	11	35.52	54.27	31.42	33.26	32.01	6	164	316	—	No records
<i>North-Central Province.</i>																				
Anuradhapura	3,672	5,045	6	3	9	28	19	47	21	40	26.42	23.25	103.35	56.16	119.11	9	395	1,000	77.6	2.16
<i>Province of Uva.</i>																				
Badulla	5,924	6,797	11	17	28	18	14	32	20	20	24.03	53.70	38.36	22.36	39.22	6	232	214	71.2	4.33
Lunugala	—	416	—	—	—	7	6	13	13	—	46.35	—	—	50.16	—	—	125	—	—	—
<i>Province of Sabaragamuwa.</i>																				
Ratnapura	4,084	4,615	5	5	10	19	9	28	24	8	31.60	28.25	22.59	37.96	23.39	—	244	—	80.9	—
Kegalla	2,340	2,604	—	2	2	11	8	19	18	7	29.39	10.01	35.04	22.70	36.53	1	157	—	—	—

For references \*, †, ‡, &c., see previous reports.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths registered during February, 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.		Provinces of Uva.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Deaths among all Races.																																																											
	All 21 Towns.				Kandy.				Gampola.				Nawalapitiya.				Hatton and Dikoya.				Matale.			Nuwara Eliya.			Jaffna.			Mannar.			Mullaitivu.			Vavuniya.			Galle.			Matara.			Weligama.			Hambantota.			Tangalla.			Batticaloa.			Trincomalee.			Kurunegala.			Puttalam.			Kappitya.			Chilaw.			Anuradhapura.		Badulla.		Lunegala.		Ratnapura.		Kegalla.						
	Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratuwa.	Kalutara.	Panadura.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nawalapitiya.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullaitivu.	Vavuniya.	Galle.	Matara.	Weligama.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Batticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kappitya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunegala.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhaleso.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.																																																
All Causes	553*	70	73	57	8	73	24	25	54	6	97	9	10	1	98	44	18	14	5	39	25	93	20	2	11	47	32	13	28	19	11	42	748	575	166	28	17																																																	
1.—Infantile Mortality	304	105	16	13	11	1	15	6	2	3	41	2	2	1	16	14	3	1		7	8	11	3	1	6	9	6		1		6	152	96	38	6	6																																																		
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3. Convulsions	29	2	5		1	2					1											3	1																																																															
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8. Other causes	58‡	29	1	5	2	1					9				3							1																																																																
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	1,283	448	54	60	46	7	58	18	25	6	56	7	8		82	30	10	13	5	32	17	82	17	1	5	38	26	13	28	18	11	36	596	479	128	22	11																																																	
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5. Simple Fever	25					3					5															10																																																												

\* This includes 8 deaths of Colombo town residents of which 7 occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, and the other in the Segregation Camp, both at Kanatta, vide Table IV. footnote (\*).  
 † One each from Cellulitis (in Gampola), Imperforate Anus (in Matale), Erysipelatous Abscess (in Jaffna), and Starvation (in Puttalam).  
 ‡ This includes, besides the 29 deaths described in Table IV. footnote (†), 3 from Dysentery (1 each in Kalutara, Chilaw, and Anuradhapura), 3 from Congenital Syphilis (1 each in Kalutara, Panadura, and Galle), 2 from Whooping Cough (in Moratuwa), 2 from Enteritis (1 each in Jaffna, and Galle), 2 from Stomatitis (1 each in Chilaw and Kegalla), 2 from Thrush (in Negombo and Moratuwa), 2 from Erysipelas (in Mullaitivu and Galle), 2 from Fever (in Jaffna and Anuradhapura), 2 from Asthma in Jaffna, and 1 each from Bright's Disease (in Moratuwa), Prolapsus of Rectum (in Moratuwa), Gastritis (in Kandy), Catarrhal Enteritis (in Kurunegala), and Abscess Nephritis, Remittent Fever, Dropsy, and Erysipelatous Abscess (in Jaffna).



Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of February, 1909, 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, together with the average Birth and Death-rates and Infantile Mortality from January to December, 1908, in each Ward of the Colombo Municipality.

Wards.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1901.	Population estimated to the middle of 1909 by Inter-censal Increase.	Total Births registered.		Total Deaths including Deaths 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.		
											Average January to December, 1908.	Average January to February, 1909.				Average January to December, 1908.	Average January to February, 1909.
			180	175	355	313	240		553	25.54	33.57	33.11			36.85	25.17	33.57
Colombo Town	155,869	183,372	180	175	355	313	240	553	167†	467	25.54	33.57	33.11	36.85	105	356	296
Fort and Galle Face	2,285	2,285§	—	1	1	3	—	3	—	2	7.42	8.79	11.41	—	—	278	—
Pettah	7,561	7,561§	1	2	3	6	4	10	—	10	5.94	11.63	17.24	—	1	465	—
St. Sebastian	9,349	10,709	11	13	24	8	21	29	—	29	22.22	29.21	35.30	—	8	339	333
St. Paul's	20,260	24,285	12	20	32	31	28	59	1	59	18.83	17.19	31.70	—	17	417	531
Kotahena	33,355	38,666	40	25	65	38	45	83	2	83	22.88	21.91	27.98	—	16	351	246
New Bazaar	17,470	20,404	18	21	39	38	21	59	—	59	22.66	24.91	37.69	—	15	459	385
Masadana Hospitals			37	42	79	111	48	159	159	74	—	—	—	—	17	—	—
Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals)	30,381	37,549	30	29	59	47	34	81	5	81	22.36	20.48	28.12	—	18	438	305
Slave Island	16,927	20,286	17	12	29	15	20	35	—	35	26.57	18.63	22.50	—	5	361	172
Kollipitiya	18,281	23,610	14	10	24	16	19	35	—	35	15.92	13.25	19.32	—	8	331	333

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

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

‡ Includes eight deaths of town residents of which, 7 occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital and the other in the Segregation Camp, both at Kanatta, registered by an extra-urban Registrar.

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

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of February, 1909, in each Ward and Race of the Colombo Municipality.

Causes of Deaths.	Colombo Town.	Ward.								Deaths among all Races.								
		Fort and Galle Face.	Petah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals.	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
All Causes	553*	3	10	29	59	83	59	159	81	85	35	8	24	261	136	92	19	13
I.—Infantile Mortality	105	—	1	8	17	16	15	17	18	5	8	—	5	59	19	13	5	4
A.—One Week and under.																		
1. Prematurity	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	4	1	—	—	—
2. Debility	5	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	3	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	6	—	—	—	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																		
1. Prematurity	10	—	—	2	1	—	—	3	—	2	1	—	—	4	2	—	—	—
2. Debility	21	—	—	1	6	6	2	—	3	—	3	—	—	12	6	1	—	—
3. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	3	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	4	1	2	—	—
6. Bronchitis	8	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	4	1	—	—	—	10	1	2	—	—
7. Pneumonia	16	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	8	1	1	—	—	20	2	4	—	—
8. Other Causes	29†	—	—	2	3	2	2	10	8	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	448	3	9	21	42	67	44	142	63	30	27	8	19	202	117	79	14	9
1. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Chickenpox	7	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	—	—
3. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Influenza	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

\* Includes 8 deaths of town residents, 7 of which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, all from Smallpox (2 Sinhalese, 4 Tamils, and 1 Malay), 2 from Kotahena and 5 from Maradana; and the other in the Segregation Camp, both at Kanatta (from Debility, of a Burgher infant of 3 months from St. Paul's), registered by an extra-urban Registrar.

† Seven deaths from Enteritis (4 in Maradana Hospitals, 2 in Maradana Ward, exclusive of Hospitals, and in Kotahena), 3 each from Dysentery, (2 in St. Sebastian, and 1 in Maradana, exclusive of Hospitals), Stomatitis (1 in New Bazaar, and 2 in Maradana, exclusive of Hospitals), Tabes Mesenterica (in Maradana Hospitals) and Malnutrition (1 in Maradana Hospitals and 2 in Maradana, exclusive of Hospitals), 2 from Congenital Syphilis (1 each in Maradana Hospitals and Kollupitiya) and 1 each from Whooping Cough, Scrofula, and Worms (in St. Paul's), Abscess (in Kotahena), Tuberculosis (in New Bazaar), Anchylostomiasis (in Maradana Hospitals), Harelip (in Maradana, exclusive of Hospitals) and Blood-poisoning from a wound (in Slave Island).

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of February, 1909, in each Ward and Race of the Colombo Municipality—contd.

Causes of Death.	Colombo Town.	Wards.										Deaths among all Races.							
		Fort and Galle Face.	Pettah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Mardana Hospitals.	Mardana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	
5. Simple Fever .. .. .	28			1	3	4	3	10	3	3	1				16	7	2	1	2
6. Enteric Fever .. .. .	5			1				1	1							1	2		
7. Remittent Fever .. .. .	1							1							1				
8. Ague .. .. .								4	4	2					15	5	6	1	
9. Malarial Cachexia .. .. .	27				2	8	5	4	1	4	2				15	16	5	1	
10. Cholera .. .. .	39		1	2	2	2	3	24	1	1	1				2	7	5	1	
11. Diarrhoea .. .. .	9		1		2		9	9							2				
12. Dysentery .. .. .	3		3	8	8	7	7	8	3	4	1				32	9	15	2	1
13. Doehmus Duodenalis .. .. .	62							2							1				
14. Cancer .. .. .	2														1				
15. Phthisis .. .. .	1					1									1				
16. Other Tubercular Diseases .. .. .	4					2									2				
17. Anæmia .. .. .	5					1									2				
18. Diabetes Mellitus .. .. .	3					1									1				
19. Convulsions .. .. .	6				1	2	1	1							1				
20. Tetanus .. .. .	6				2	11	2	24	1	3					1				
21. Bronchitis .. .. .	70		2	4	9	2	6	24	4	3					29	22	13	1	2
22. Pneumonia .. .. .	4		4		4	1	3	2	1	3					1	3	1	5	1
23. Other Diseases of Respiratory System .. .. .	15		1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1					7	3	1	1	
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis .. .. .	3							1							1	2			
25. Puerperal Convulsions .. .. .	3							1							1				
26. Puerperal Fever .. .. .																			
27. Miscarriage .. .. .																			
28. Other and undefined Accidents of Child-birth .. .. .	2																		
29. Starvation .. .. .	1							1							1				
30. Accidents or Negligence .. .. .	9					1		5							4				
31. Homicide .. .. .	1							1							1				
32. Suicide .. .. .	2							2							1				
33. Execution .. .. .																			
34. All other Causes .. .. .	138*	.2	1	4	8	25	14	39	24	11	10	4	6	64	34	22	4	4	

\* Here are included 32 deaths from Old Age, 19 from Enteritis, 14 from Debility, 10 each from General Dropsy and Worms and 9 from Doehmus Duodenalis.