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**VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE
MONTH OF JANUARY, 1912.**

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

THIS report deals with the Vital Statistics of the 31 principal towns in the Island proclaimed under sections 31 to 36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Births.

2. The births registered in the 31 towns during the month numbered 1,412 (740 males and 672 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 31·61 per 1,000, against 27·38 during the preceding month, 38·85 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29·72 the monthly average for the fifty-four months, July, 1907, to December, 1911. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, which have a population under 1,000), the highest birth-rate was in Moratuwa (64·90, average 34·18), and the lowest in Nuwara Eliya (7·95, average 16·13).

3. In the city of Colombo* the births numbered 471 (237 males and 234 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 24·55 per 1,000, against 23·51 in the preceding month, 36·05 in the corresponding month of last year, and 25·37 the monthly average. Of the wards (omitting Fort and Galle Face and the Pettah, which contain a mainly floating population), the highest birth-rate was in New Bazaar (25·61, average 23·94), and the lowest was in Kollupitiya and Wellawatta Wards (19·03, average 17·72).

Deaths.

4. The deaths registered in the 31 towns during the month numbered 2,197 (1,246 males and 951 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 40·76 per 1,000, against 42·03 during the preceding month, 29·27 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30·67 the monthly average. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala), the highest death-rate was in Kurunegala (96·01, average 51·68), and the lowest was in Nuwara Eliya (7·29, average 13·79), followed by Kegalla (19·21, average 25·43).

5. In the city of Colombo* the deaths registered numbered 700 (404 males and 296 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 34·28 per 1,000, against 40·92 during the preceding month, 29·84 in the corresponding month of last year, and 32·56 the monthly average. Omitting Fort and Galle Face Ward and the Pettah Ward, the lowest death-rate was in Kollupitiya and Wellawatta Wards (16·65, average 19·96), and the highest in New Bazaar (45·07, average 28·17).

Infantile Mortality.

6. The infantile mortality of the 31 towns was equal to a rate of 302 per 1,000 births registered, against 403 in the preceding month, 216 in the corresponding month of last year, and 257 the monthly average. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more, the infantile mortality ranged from as high as 632 in Kurunegala (average 362), 533 in Puttalam (average 288), 500 in Anuradhapura (average 428), 437 in Gampola (average 280), to 263 in Kalatura (average 162), 257 in Moratuwa (average 161), 238 in Matale (average 261), 217 in Kandy (average 240), 183 in Galle (average 204), 111 in Ratnapura (average 257), 108 in Matara (average 171), 77 in Panadure (average 183).

7. The infantile mortality in the city of Colombo was 329 per 1,000 births registered, against 479 in the previous month, 217 in the corresponding month of last year, and 318 the monthly average, and ranged from 700 in New Bazaar (average 393) to 139 in Wellawatta.

Causes of Death.

8. *Infants*.—Out of the 2,197 deaths from all causes at all ages in the 31 towns, 426 were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 89 *Convulsions* (including 39 in Colombo, 8 in Moratuwa, 6 in Batticaloa); 74 *Debility* (22 in Colombo, 12 in Jaffna, 8 in Kandy); 63 *Premature Birth* (13 in Jaffna, 11 in Colombo, 7 in Moratuwa); 36 *Pneumonia* (21 in Colombo, 6 in Moratuwa); 31 *Tetanus* (14 in Colombo, 10 in Galle); 27 *Bronchitis* (16 in Jaffna, 8 in Colombo); 18 *Enteritis* (13 in Colombo); 15 *Diarrhoea* (7 in Moratuwa, 4 in Colombo).

9. In the city of Colombo, out of the 700 deaths from all causes at all ages, 155 were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 39 *Convulsions* (17 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals, 8 in New Bazaar, 4 in Slave Island); 22 *Debility* (10 in New Bazaar, 4 in Kotahena); 21 *Pneumonia* (11 in Kotahena); 14 *Tetanus* (7 in New Bazaar); 13 *Enteritis* (5 in Kotahena, 4 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals); 11 *Premature Birth* (5 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals, 3 in Kotahena); 8 *Bronchitis* (4 in New Bazaar).

* Consequent on the extension of the Municipal limits of the Colombo town on November 9 last by the addition of Wellawatta, the limits of the registration division of Kollupitiya Ward was altered with effect from January 1, 1912, by Proclamation of December 18, 1911.

† The city-rate is worked out differently from the ward rates, and takes into account hospital events, &c., not assignable to wards.

10. **General Mortality (One Year and over).**—Out of the 1,771 deaths of persons one year and over in age in the 31 towns, there were 209 from *Pneumonia* (59 in Colombo, 22 in Moratuwa, 12 in Kalutara, 11 in Kandy); 170 from *Diarrhœa* (21 in Matale, 16 in Kurunegala, 15 in Ratnapura, 10 each in Negombo, Kandy, and Jaffna); 144 from *Dysentery* (29 in Colombo, 18 in Jaffna, 14 in Kurunegala); 128 from *Phthisis* (62 in Colombo, 15 in Moratuwa, 10 in Galle); 104 from *Malaria* (30 in Jaffna, 9 each in Colombo and Kurunegala); 90 from *Enteritis* (43 in Colombo, 20 in Badulla); 88 from *Malarial Cachexia* (25 in Kurunegala, 10 in Kegalla); 54 from *Enteric Fever* (35 in Colombo, 6 in Moratuwa); 41 from *Anchylostomiasis* or *Dochmius Duodenalis* (9 in Matale, 6 in Colombo); 39 from *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis* (21 in Colombo); 40 from *Accidents* or *Negligence* (14 in Colombo, 6 in Kurunegala); 33 from *Bronchitis* (10 in Colombo, 8 in Puttalam); 32 from *Puerperal Septicæmia* (7 in Jaffna, 5 in Colombo); 19 from *Convulsions* (4 in Colombo, 3 in Batticaloa); 16 from *Anæmia* (5 in Colombo, 4 in Matara); 15 from *Cancers* (9 in Colombo). No deaths were registered from *Cholera* or *Smallpox*.

11. The highest mortality in the city of Colombo was from *Phthisis* (11 per cent. of all deaths, one year and over) followed by *Pneumonia* (nearly 11 per cent.), *Enteritis* (8 per cent.), *Enteric Fever* (6 per cent.), *Dysentery* (5 per cent.), *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis* (4 per cent.). Out of the 130 deaths from *Phthisis* in all towns at all ages, 63 occurred in Colombo. *Phthisis* and *Pneumonia* were together responsible for 143 deaths at all ages in the city, or 20 per cent. of the deaths from all causes.

12. Taking all towns together, *Diarrhœa* and *Dysentery* contributed the highest mortality (15 per cent.), followed by *Bronchitis* and *Pneumonia* (14 per cent.), *Debility* and *Phthisis* (each nearly 6 per cent.).

13. *Infectious Diseases.*—The most prevalent infectious disease during the month was *Enteric Fever*, of which 98 cases were reported (76 in Colombo, 8 in Moratuwa, 5 in Mannar) followed by *Chickenpox* 71 (of which 32 in Colombo, 11 in Matara, 8 in Weligama), *Phthisis* 66 (all in Colombo), *Measles* 45 (of which 39 in Colombo), and *Continued Fever* 15 (of which 12 in Colombo).

Meteorology.

14. *Rainfall.*—Badulla records the highest rainfall (3·29 inches), followed by Ratnapura (2·59 inches). The next highest (2·42 inches and 2·39 inches) were in Hambantota and Galle, while in the other towns the rainfall ranged from 2·35 inches in Hatton and Dikoya to 0·16 inches in Matale.

15. *Temperature.*—The mean temperature varied from 57·2° in Nuwara Eliya to 78·8° in Colombo, 78·7° in Mannar, 78·2° in Trincomalee, 78·1° in Ratnapura, and was 73·4° in Kandy.

16. For detailed information see Tables I. and II. for all towns, and Tables III. and IV. for the city of Colombo, in the Appendix.

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, February 15, 1912.

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Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during January, 1912, their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, the Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, together with the Average Birth- and Death-rates and Infantile Mortality from July, 1907, to December, 1911, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Towns.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of March 10, 1911.	Population estimated to the middle of 1912 by intercensal increase.		Total Births.		Total Deaths.		Deaths in Hospitals and Jails of Non-residents.		Birth-rate.		Death-rate.			Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births.	Mean Temperature per annum.	Rainfall in Inches.			
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	July, 1907, to Dec. 1911.	Jan., 1911.	Crude, January, 1911.	Corrected.*							
													July, 1907, to Dec. 1911.	January, 1912.						
All 31 Towns	510,625	527,373	740	672	1,412	1,246	951	2,197	465	1,728	29.72	31.61	38.58	30.67	40.76	426	257	302	78.8	0.75
<i>Western Province.</i>																				
Colombo	212,305	226,553	237	234	471	404	296	700	107	591	25.37	24.55	30.80	32.56	34.28	155	318	329	78.8	0.75
Negombo	13,045	12,138	24	21	45	35	26	61	3	58	35.64	43.77	56.42	24.23	57.51	12	181	267	—	0.20
Moratuwa	27,256	26,922	71	77	148	67	75	142	—	142	34.18	64.90	62.27	21.49	58.79	38	161	257	—	—
Kalutara	13,005	13,191	22	16	38	33	24	57	8	48	33.95	34.01	42.96	28.00	41.86	10	162	263	—	1.86
Panadura	5,709	5,958	10	3	13	12	9	21	9	12	32.66	25.76	23.83	26.82	25.26	1	183	77	—	—
<i>Central Province.</i>																				
Kandy	30,149	30,627	33	27	60	62	44	106	25	81	28.30	23.13	31.22	30.44	32.74	13	240	217	73.4	0.66
Gampola	5,521	5,751	7	9	16	15	19	34	8	26	36.09	32.85	53.38	41.65	50.45	7	280	437	—	0.20
Nawalapitiya	3,767	3,816	5	8	13	13	19	10	10	9	24.75	40.22	27.85	25.10	33.21	8	312	615	—	—
Hatton and Dikoya	3,025	3,055	—	3	3	4	5	9	6	3	15.94	11.59	11.59	—	—	—	190	—	—	2.85
Matale	5,793	5,900	14	7	21	35	21	56	34	22	31.24	42.02	44.02	43.88	50.17	5	261	238	—	0.16
Nuwara Eliya	14,910	14,849	4	6	10	3	9	12	5	7	16.13	7.95	5.56	13.79	7.29	—	288	0	—	2.08
<i>Northern Province.</i>																				
Jaffna	40,441	41,310	86	75	161	97	194	194	7	187	40.36	46.01	53.44	33.53	56.32	64	267	398	76.7	0.82
Mannar	3,777	3,573	4	8	12	6	6	12	2	10	42.83	39.65	33.04	39.29	37.72	2	208	166	78.7	1.23
Mullaitivu	1,392	1,402	4	4	5	9	7	16	6	10	36.07	42.11	84.21	49.98	92.19	4	196	800	—	0.47
Vavuniya	808	840	1	1	2	8	1	9	5	4	25.69	23.11	56.09	111.03	67.61	3	316	—	—	0.69
<i>Southern Province.</i>																				
Galle	39,936	40,286	75	51	126	68	76	144	10	134	30.16	36.93	39.27	27.71	38.39	23	204	183	77.1	2.39
Matara	13,851	14,107	32	33	65	30	16	46	6	40	38.24	54.40	33.48	24.34	32.41	7	171	108	—	0.80
Weligama	8,672	8,809	12	10	22	14	10	24	—	23	24.27	29.49	30.83	—	—	4	103	181	—	—
Hambantota	3,092	3,126	4	5	9	13	5	18	6	12	38.16	33.99	45.32	34.32	47.45	1	359	111	77.5	2.42
Tangalla	3,505	3,658	3	7	10	6	6	12	2	10	37.20	32.28	32.28	37.38	34.09	1	203	100	—	1.56
<i>Eastern Province.</i>																				
Batticaloa	10,671	10,767	16	18	34	26	16	42	5	37	31.66	37.28	40.57	34.95	41.84	13	342	382	77.4	1.20
Trincomalee	8,840	8,503	18	12	30	22	52	52	2	50	29.66	41.66	69.43	35.00	80.51	12	274	400	78.2	0.61
<i>North-Western Province.</i>																				
Kurunegala	8,167	8,402	10	9	19	87	41	128	70	58	27.11	26.70	81.50	51.68	96.01	12	362	632	76.6	0.50
Puttalam	5,990	6,105	7	8	15	24	9	33	5	28	36.98	29.01	54.15	38.54	55.43	8	288	533	76.0	0.33
Kalpitiya	1,591	1,610	2	—	2	5	2	7	—	7	25.11	14.67	51.33	—	—	2	279	—	—	—
Chilaw	5,033	5,145	12	5	17	22	12	34	1	33	34.27	39.01	75.73	33.57	77.15	6	193	353	—	0.72
<i>North-Central Province.</i>																				
Anuradhapura	5,361	5,590	9	5	14	30	8	38	3	35	23.77	29.57	73.92	53.54	85.20	7	428	500	75.6	0.33
<i>Province of Uva.</i>																				
Badulla	6,487	6,574	10	7	17	30	25	55	33	22	31.67	30.53	39.51	29.61	40.40	7	254	412	68.8	3.29
Lunugala	515	563	—	—	—	18	11	29	26	3	42.41	—	62.91	—	—	—	141	0	—	—
<i>Province of Sabaragamuwa.</i>																				
Ratnapura	5,476	5,680	6	3	9	36	19	55	33	22	31.79	18.71	45.73	44.07	47.32	1	257	111	78.1	2.59
Kegalla	2,536	2,563	2	3	5	19	13	32	28	4	28.59	23.03	18.43	25.43	19.21	—	231	0	—	—

* I.e., rate calculated on the basis that the age- and sex-constitution of the population of each town is the same as for the whole island, and also (as in crude rates) excluding non-residents. rate omitted where the number of births is less than five.
 † Blanks indicate that there are no observations or rain-causes.
 ‡ This includes the population as added on the extension of the town limits. See note * p. 1.
 § Corrected death-rates for "Hatton and Dikoya," "Walgama, Kalpitiya," and "Lunugala towns" not available, as they were created registration districts after the Census of 1901. The death-rate given for "All Towns" is therefore independent of these towns, but is scarcely affected by their rates.
 ¶ Estimated to the end of December, 1911, by natural increase method owing to the inability of applying the intercensal method as the limits of the town were altered between 1901 and 1911.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths registered during January, 1912, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the 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.	Moretuwa.	Kalutara.	Pandure.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nawalapitiya.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Elyya.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullaitivu.	Vavuniya.	Galle.	Matura.	Veligama.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Batticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kalpitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.		
All Causes	700	61	142	57	21	106	34	19	9	56	12	16	12	16	9	144	46	24	18	12	42	52	128	33	7	34	38	55	29	55	32	8	52	1051	793	246	26	21		
I.—Infantile Mortality	426	155	38	10	1	13	7	8	—	5	64	2	4	3	28	7	4	1	1	13	18	12	12	8	2	6	7	7	1	—	—	—	9	194	143	69	9	2		
A.—One Week and under.	57	10	5	3	—	2	1	2	—	—	13	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1. Prematurity	36	9	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Debility	28	7	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	20	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other causes	9*	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.	6	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1. Prematurity	38	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	61	32	4	4	1	2	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	15	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	18	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	11	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	25	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	36	21	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	64†	21	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Other causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	1,771	545	49	104	47	20	93	27	11	9	51	12	10	12	6	121	39	20	17	11	29	40	116	25	5	28	31	48	29	54	32	8	43	857	650	177	17	19		
1. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Two from Inanition (in Gampola and Vavuniya), one each from Asphyxia and Pemphigus (in Colombo), Erysipelas and Prolonged Labour (in Jaffna), Heart Disease (in Moratuwa), Imperforate Anus (in Veligama), and Colic (in Batticaloa).
 † This includes, besides the 21 deaths mentioned in Table IV., footnote†, 9 deaths from Malaria (7 in Jaffna, 1 each in Mannar and Tangalla), 6 from Thrush (2 in Negombo, 4 in Moratuwa), 6 from Dysentery (2 in Vavuniya, 1 each in Moratuwa, Jaffna, Trincomalee, and Kurunegala), 3 from Worms (1 each in Matura, Puttalam, and Chilaw), 3 from Syphilis (2 in Nawalapitiya, 1 in Kurunegala), 2 each from Fever (in Anuradhapura, Asthma and Abscess (in Jaffna), and Marasmus (1 each in Matura and Batticaloa), 1 each from Tabes Mesenterica and Homicide by Drowning (in Jaffna), Scabies (in Negombo), Tuberculosis (in Moratuwa), Chickenpox (in Kandy), Rickets (in Galle), Congenital Atelactasis (in Kandy), and Malarial Cachexia (in Batticaloa).

Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of January, 1912, 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, 1908, to December, 1911, in each Ward of the City of Colombo.

Wards.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1911.	Population Estimated to the middle of 1912, by intercensal increase.	Total Births registered.		Total Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.			Deaths of Non-residents.	Deaths of 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, 1908, to Dec., 1911.	Average January, 1908, to Dec., 1911.	
												Average January, 1908, to Dec., 1911.	January, 1912.	Average January, 1908, to Dec., 1911.				January, 1912.
City of Colombo...	219,557	226,553	237	234	471	404	296	700	109	591	25.54	24.55	29.27	30.80	34.28	155	321	329
Fort and Galle Face	3,512	3,512§	—	—	—	3	—	3	2	1	5.21	—	7.22	3.36	—	—	111	—
Pettah ..	7,974	7,974§	1	1	2	10	3	13	—	13	6.48	2.96	12.57	19.24	—	5	278	—
San Sebastian ..	11,546	11,877	15	9	24	21	9	30	—	30	21.90	23.86	25.20	29.82	—	7	359	292
St. Paul's ..	24,735	25,402	16	25	41	31	26	57	—	57	17.10	19.06	25.09	26.49	—	9	426	220
Kotshena ..	40,771	41,827	37	43	80	51	64	115	—	115	23.01	22.58	24.64	32.46	—	33	322	412
New Bazaar ..	22,309	23,054	22	28	50	35	53	88	—	88	23.94	25.61	28.79	45.07	—	35	393	700
Marsadana Hospitals			41	32	73	130	66	196	106	90	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—
Marsadana (exclusive of Hospitals) ..	48,093	50,272	46	51	97	60	40	100	—	100	22.63	22.78	27.13	23.49	—	32	363	329
Slave Island ..	21,984	22,773	23	17	40	24	17	41	—	41	23.95	20.74	25.26	21.20	—	12	368	300
Kollupitiya ..	†38,633	39,711	14	14	28	19	6	25	—	25	17.72	19.03	19.96	16.65	—	7	273	250
Wellawatta ..			22	14	36	20	12	32	1	31	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	139

* For explanation of "corrected death-rate" see note *, Table I. The population of the several wards of the city not being available by age- and sex-constitution, their corrected death-rates cannot be calculated.

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

‡ These two wards are treated together in this Report, as their populations separately are not available yet.

§ The population of these two wards being a fluctuating one, their population cannot be estimated for the middle of 1912. Hence the Census figures are retained.

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of January, 1912, in each Ward and Race of the City of Colombo.

Causes of Deaths.	City of Colombo.	Ward.										Deaths among all Races.							
		Fort and Galle Race.	Petah.	San Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals.	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Wallowatta.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamil.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
All Causes	700	3	13	30	57	115	88	196	100	41	25	32	5	30	367	164	106	13	15
I.—Infantile Mortality	155	—	5	7	9	33	35	10	33	12	7	5	—	1	88	29	31	5	1
A.—One Week and under.																			
1. Prematurity	10					3		1	5	1		1			8	2			
2. Debility	9			1			4	2	4	1					4	2	3		
3. Convulsions	7								4	2	1				4	2	1		
4. Diarrhoea																			
4a Enteritis																			
5. Tetanus	11		1			3	6				1				3	4	4		
6. Bronchitis																			
7. Pneumonia																			
8. Other Causes	2*								1			1					1		
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																			
1. Prematurity	1							1											
2. Debility	13		3			4	6								1	3	2		
3. Convulsions	32		1	2	3	1	8		13	2	2			1	13	10	7	1	1
4. Diarrhoea	4			1					1	1					3		1		
4a Enteritis	13					5	1		4		1					2	2		
5. Tetanus	3			1	1												2		
6. Bronchitis	8			2	2	11	4	2	3	1	1				15	1	2	1	
7. Pneumonia	21			2	1	6	3	4	1	1	1				14	3	3	2	
8. Other Causes	21†									4		2					3	1	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	545	3	8	23	48	82	53	186	68	29	18	27	5	29	279	135	75	8	14
1. Smallpox																			
2. Chickenpox							1												
3. Measles	1														1				
4. Influenza																			

* This represents the death of a Sinhalese from Asphyxia (in Wallowatta), and a Moor from Pemphigus (in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals).
 † This includes 4 deaths each from Worms (2 in Slave Island, and 1 each in Kotahena and Wallowatta), and Marasmus (2 in Maradana hospitals, and 1 each in Kotahena and New Bazaar); 3 from Malnutrition (1 each in Kotahena, Slave Island, and Wallowatta), 2 each from Syphilis (in Maradana Hospitals), Stomatitis (1 each in St. Paul's and Maradana, exclusive of hospitals), and Rickets (1 each in Kotahena and New Bazaar), and 1 each from Intestinal Obstruction (in New Bazaar), Phthisis (in Slave Island), Influenza and Thrush (in Kotahena).

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of January, 1912, in each Ward and Race of the City of Colombo—*contd.*

Causes of Deaths.	City of Colombo.	Ward.										Deaths among all Races.								
		Port and Galle Face.	Pettah.	San Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals.	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Wellawatta.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	
11.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)— <i>contd.</i>																				
5. Pyrexia or Fever ..	35			1	2	6	1	11	5	2		7	1	18	3	5	1			
6. Enteric Fever ..	9		2					3	1	1		1		3	4	2				
7. Malaria ..	4					1		2						2	1					
8. Malarial Cachexia ..						1														
9. Cholera ..	7		1	1	1	1		2	2	2				5	1	1				
10. Diarrhoea ..	48		1	1	1	2		30	9	1				21	18	3				
10a. Enteritis ..	29		1	1	8	5	5	6	1	1				9	10	7				
11. Dysentery ..																				
12. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis ..	6							6	2					3	3	2				
13. Cancer ..	9		1					4	9					5	9	8				
14. Phthisis ..	62		2	3	5	10	8	17	9	5				40	9	1				
15. Other Tubercular Diseases ..																				
16. Anæmia ..	5				1	3			1					1	1	1				
17. Diabetes Mellitus ..	3				1	1			1	1				1	1	1				
18. Convulsions ..	4				2									1	3					
19. Tetanus ..	1													1	2					
20. Bronchitis ..	10				1	2	2	1	2	1				3	2	2				
21. Pneumonia ..	59		5	7	7	11	11	12	9	1				29	18	7				
22. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	12		4	6	6	2	2	9	1	1				4	5	1				
23. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	21					2			1					10	4	5				
24. Puerperal Eclampsia ..																				
25. Puerperal Septicæmia ..	5					2	2							4	1	1				
26. Miscarriage ..																				
27. Other and undefined Accidents of Childbirth ..	5							2		3					1	1				
28. Starvation ..	10					1		6	1	2				3	7	1				
29. Accidents or Negligence ..	14							9	3					6	5	2				
30. Homicide ..	3							1						1	1					
31. Suicide ..	2													2						
32. Execution ..																				
33. All other causes ..	186*		4	5	13	33	19	62	23	9	8	9	3	103	36	27	3			

* Here are included 46 deaths from Old Age (10 each in Maradana Hospitals and Maradana, exclusive of hospitals), 13 from Worms (4 in Kotahena), 9 from Debility (4 in Maradana Hospitals, 3 in Kotahena), 9 Marasmus (4 in New Bazaar).

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS IN CEYLON DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1911.

Main table for December 1911 observations. Columns include Station, Observer, Height above Level of Sea, Rainfall (Greatest Quantity in any 24 hours, No. of Days on which it fell), Barometer Reduced to Sea Level (Mean Reading, Mean Reading for the Month, Highest Reading, Lower Reading), and Temperature of the Air and of Evaporation (Maximum, Minimum, Mean Daily, etc.).

Main table for 1912 observations. Columns include Station, Name of Sender, Height above Level of Sea, Rainfall (Greatest Quantity in any 24 hours, No. of Days on which it fell), Station, Name of Sender, Height above Level of Sea, Rainfall (Greatest Quantity in any 24 hours, No. of Days on which it fell), and Temperature of the Air and of Evaporation (Maximum, Minimum, Mean Daily, etc.).

OMISSIONS OF THE PREVIOUS ABSTRACTS (Returns received late).

Summary table for omissions. Columns include Month, Station, Height, Total No. of Inches, No. of Days on which Registered, and Greatest Quantity in any 24 hours.