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## VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1923.

### REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

THIS report deals with the Vital Statistics of the 33 principal towns in the Island proclaimed under sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

#### Marriages.

2. The number of marriages of residents in the proclaimed towns was 328 (291 General, 4 Kandyan, and 33 Muhammadan), as against 314 in the preceding month, and 379 in the corresponding month of last year. In the city of Colombo there were 125 marriages, of which 102 were General and 23 Muhammadan.

#### Births.

3. The number of births registered was 1,710 (893 males and 817 females), and was equal to an annual rate of 36·50 per 1,000, as against 37·47 in the preceding month, 33·30 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30·71 the average for the corresponding months since 1913. The rate ranged from 13·85 in Anuradhapura to 80·80 in Vavuniya.

4. In the city of Colombo the number of births registered was 613 (312 males and 301 females), and was equal to an annual rate of 31·91 per 1,000, as against 35·78 in the preceding month, 30·16 in the corresponding month of last year, and 26·11 the average for the corresponding months since 1913. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 10·70 in Kollupitiya to 27·74 in Kotahena South.

#### Deaths.

5. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 2,077 (1,135 males and 942 females). There were 1,668 deaths of residents, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 38·50 per 1,000, as against 41·31 in the preceding month, 33·15 in the corresponding month of last year, and 33·18 the average for the month of February in each year since 1913. The rate ranged from 121·56 in Anuradhapura to 16·11 in Kegalla.

6. In the city of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 761 (423 males and 338 females). The deaths of residents amounted to 647 persons and were equivalent to a standardized rate of 38·78 per 1,000, as against 42·82 in the preceding month, 33·53 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29·61 the average for the month of February in each year since 1913. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 44·89 in Kotahena North to 9·63 in Kollupitiya.

7. The stillbirths registered during the month numbered 107 (58 males and 49 females), as against 130 in the preceding month.

#### Infant Mortality.

8. The mortality of infants under one year of age was equal to a rate of 289 per 1,000 births registered during the year ended February 28, 1923. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 249, as against 275 in the preceding month, 255 in the corresponding month of last year, and 274 the average for the corresponding months since 1913.

9. In the city of Colombo the mortality of infants was equal to a rate of 275 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended February 28, 1923. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was equal to 241, as against 227 in the preceding month, 248 in the corresponding month of last year, and 252 the average for the corresponding months since 1913.

#### Causes of Death.

10. The highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, which caused 16 per cent. of the total deaths, *Convulsions* and *Debility* of infants under one year caused 7 per cent. each, *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia* 6 per cent., *Dysentery*, *Diarrhœa*, and *Phthisis* 5 per cent. each, *Anchylostomiasis*, *Enteritis*, *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, and *Influenza* 3 per cent. each, *Prematurity*, *Enteric Fever*, and *Bronchitis* 2 per cent. each, and *Puerperal Septicæmia* 1 per cent.

11. In Colombo, too, the highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, to which 17 per cent. of the total deaths was due, 7 per cent. of the deaths was due to *Convulsions*, 6 per cent. to *Phthisis*, 5 per cent. each to *Debility* of children under one year and *Enteritis*, 4 per cent. to *Influenza*, 3 per cent. each to *Diarrhœa*, *Dysentery*, and *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, and 2 per cent. each to *Enteric Fever*, *Malaria*, *Prematurity*, *Bronchitis*, *Anchylostomiasis*, and *Puerperal Septicæmia*.

12. Twenty-nine deaths from *Plague* (28 in Colombo and 1 in Galle) were registered, as against 26 in the preceding month, and 9 in the corresponding month of last year. Two deaths from *Measles* were registered in Colombo.

13. *Infectious Diseases reported*.—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was *Measles*, of which 233 cases were reported (115 in Colombo, 68 in Jaffna, 18 in Galle, 12 in Nuwara Eliya), and was closely followed by *Chickenpox* with 220 cases (153 in Colombo, 18 in Galle, 10 in Jaffna, 9 in Negombo, 7 in Gampola, 6 in Moratuwa). 118 cases were reported from *Phthisis* (104 in Colombo, 8 in Galle), 51 from *Enteric Fever* (33 in Colombo, 7 in Galle, 5 in Moratuwa), 33 from *Plague* (32 in Colombo, and 1 in Galle), 19 from *Continued Fever* (8 in Galle, 7 in Colombo), 15 from *Mumps* (8 in Colombo), *Smallpox* 7, (4 in Matale, 2 in Kandy, and 1 in Colombo), *Diphtheria* 3 (2 in Colombo), *Dysentery* 2 (in Puttalam), and *Acute Diarrhœa* 1 (in Colombo).

#### Meteorology.

14. *Rainfall*.—Nawalapitiya recorded the highest rainfall (4·15 in.), and was followed by Kalmunai with 2·60 in. In the other towns, the rainfall ranged from 2·32 in. in Matara to 0·01 of an in. in Colombo and Negombo.

15. *Temperature*.—The mean temperature varied from 82·2° in Ratnapura to 55·6° in Nuwara Eliya, and was 78·9° in Colombo.

16. For detailed statistics, 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, March 27, 1923.

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Table I.—Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered during February, 1923, the Proportion of Births and Deaths per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, and the Stillbirths and Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, together with the Average Birth- and Death-rates in the corresponding Months since 1913, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall in the Month in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Provinces and Towns	Population exclusive of the Military and Ship-pling (at the Census) of March 18, 1921.		Total Marriages.			Total Births.			Total Deaths.			Total Stillbirths.			Deaths of Non-Residents of Towns registered in Town Hospitals and Jails.		Deaths of Town Residents.		Birth-rate.		Death-rate excluding Non-residents.		Mortality of Children under One Year.		Mean Temperature.*	Rainfall in Inches.	
	General.	Kandyan.	Muhamma.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Registered during Feb., 1923.	Its proportion to 1,000 births registered during the year ending the last day of February, 1923.	Average Birth-rate for Feb., 1913-1922.	Average Death-rate for Feb., 1913-1922.	Number registered during Feb., 1923.	Its proportion to 1,000 births registered during the year ending the last day of February, 1923.					
<b>All 83 Towns..</b>	597,492	610,773	291	4	33	328	898	817	1,710	1,135	942	2,077	58	49	107	402	1,868	36.50	30.71	35.60	38.50	426	249	289	78.9	0.01	
<i>Western.</i>																											
Colombo	244,163	250,431	102	—	23	125	312	301	613	423	338	761	13	22	35	113	647	31.91	26.11	33.68	38.78	148	241	275	78.9	0.01	
Negombo	27,639	28,103	34	—	—	34	49	37	86	52	67	119	3	2	5	25	91	39.89	41.69	42.21	43.21	23	267	292	—	0.01	
Moratuwa	41,858	42,801	35	—	—	35	73	55	128	53	57	110	3	1	4	4	106	38.98	47.03	32.28	32.88	28	219	244	—	—	
Kaunara	13,596	13,735	6	—	—	6	23	17	40	18	11	29	5	3	8	9	20	37.96	34.84	18.98	18.88	4	100	103	—	0.60	
Panadura	10,747	10,864	10	—	—	10	14	21	35	6	11	17	2	3	5	4	13	42.00	28.26	15.60	16.60	2	57	78	—	—	
<i>Central.</i>																											
Kandy	32,562	33,195	6	3	1	10	62	63	125	61	42	103	3	4	7	26	77	49.09	32.64	30.24	33.11	31	248	339	76.8	0.02	
Gampola	6,202	6,369	—	—	—	—	7	6	13	15	10	25	1	1	2	9	16	26.61	39.80	32.75	33.85	3	231	179	—	0.00	
Nawalapitiya†	3,221	3,523	1	—	—	1	12	9	21	10	13	23	—	—	—	3	14	77.71	29.44	51.80	56.25	6	286	582	—	4.15	
Hatton-Dikoya	2,940	2,958	—	—	—	—	8	5	13	10	13	23	—	—	—	3	20	57.28	31.39	88.13	103.64	6	492	841	—	0.00	
Matale	7,865	7,962	1	—	—	1	24	11	35	30	17	47	—	—	—	19	28	57.31	35.82	45.85	48.95	7	200	334	—	0.00	
Nuwara-Eliya..	7,029	7,288	3	—	—	3	7	11	18	9	7	16	—	—	—	6	10	32.20	21.04	17.89	19.75	5	278	276	—	0.04	
<i>Southern.</i>																											
Galle	39,073	39,274	6	—	—	6	75	71	146	60	63	123	8	4	12	15	108	48.46	31.36	35.86	35.07	29	199	265	78.9	1.75	
Ambalangoda..	3,347	3,565	1	—	—	1	5	6	11	4	4	8	—	—	—	8	40	40.22	28.13	29.25	29.08	4	364	431	—	2.32	
Matara	16,779	16,898	9	—	—	9	24	25	49	21	19	40	—	—	—	8	32	37.80	38.37	24.69	24.22	12	245	268	—	—	
Weligama	9,225	9,303	6	—	—	6	21	17	38	9	6	15	3	1	4	—	15	52.94	38.40	20.90	19.28	2	53	74	—	0.00	
Hambantota	2,849	2,903	—	—	—	—	4	1	5	5	3	8	—	—	—	2	6	22.45	35.79	26.94	26.78	2	400	233	78.8	0.38	
Tangalla	4,896	4,935	2	—	—	2	10	5	15	11	11	22	2	1	3	5	16	39.62	31.91	42.26	41.94	6	400	539	—	1.10	
<i>Northern.</i>																											
Jaffna	42,436	42,905	35	—	—	35	66	61	127	56	67	123	4	4	8	3	120	38.59	29.27	36.46	37.77	37	291	351	79.2	0.08	
Mannar	3,705	3,721	5	—	—	5	7	4	11	12	5	17	—	—	—	3	14	38.53	33.94	49.04	50.01	3	273	277	80.0	0.00	
Mullaitivu	1,563	1,605	3	—	—	3	3	4	7	5	11	16	—	—	—	3	12	56.86	30.34	97.47	101.56	6	867	—	—	0.00	
Vavuniya	936	968	—	—	—	—	3	3	6	6	4	10	2	2	2	8	2	80.80	14.36	26.93	31.51	2	333	931	—	0.05	
<i>Eastern.</i>																											
Batticaloa	10,564	10,655	3	—	—	3	8	7	15	18	21	39	2	—	—	6	33	18.35	27.93	40.37	42.09	2	133	86	79.0	0.09	
Kalmunai	2,656	2,697	2	—	—	2	2	4	4	8	5	13	—	—	—	4	9	20.08	37.65	45.19	45.52	—	—	—	—	2.60	
Trincomalee	9,414	9,551	5	—	—	5	4	7	11	19	14	33	1	1	2	—	33	15.01	20.91	45.04	47.11	6	545	391	79.3	2.22	
<i>North-Western.</i>																											
Kurunegala	10,187	10,605	4	—	—	4	15	17	32	59	23	82	—	—	—	64	28	39.34	29.98	34.42	39.99	8	250	388	79.2	0.00	
Futalan	6,905	7,133	1	—	—	1	5	12	27	21	14	35	2	1	3	2	32	49.34	41.60	58.48	63.43	14	519	647	77.8	0.00	
Kalpiya	1,608	1,612	—	—	—	—	2	4	7	10	1	11	—	—	—	—	11	56.61	26.22	88.96	102.17	6	857	—	—	0.00	
Chilaw	6,842	6,943	6	—	—	6	7	10	17	25	13	38	1	—	—	9	29	31.92	36.53	54.45	62.71	2	118	128	—	0.00	
<i>North-Central.</i>																											
Anuradhapura	7,781	8,472	1	—	—	1	6	3	9	45	30	75	1	—	—	9	66	13.85	24.46	101.55	121.56	10	—	736	—	78.8	0.00
<i>Uva.</i>																											
Badulla	8,126	8,454	2	—	—	2	11	8	19	19	19	38	2	—	—	6	32	29.30	39.59	49.35	50.33	4	211	166	70.8	0.17	
Lunugala	526	529	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	10	3	13	—	—	—	12	1	49.33	34.54	24.66	27.80	2	1000	—	—	—	
<i>Sabaragamuwa.</i>																											
Ratnapura	7,014	7,239	2	—	—	2	7	10	17	15	10	25	—	—	—	10	15	30.61	33.12	27.01	29.45	4	235	186	82.2	0.87	
Kegalla	3,508	3,624	—	—	—	—	4	4	8	10	10	20	—	—	—	16	4	28.78	40.50	14.39	16.11	2	250	191	—	0.00	

\* Blank indicates that there are no observatories or rain gauges.  
 † Limits of the town have been extended as from February 1, 1923.  
 ‡ Standardized death-rates not available.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during February, 1923, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Causes of Deaths.	All 83 Towns.			Western Province.												Central Province.												Southern Provinces.																										
	M	F	Total.	Colombo.			Negombo.			Moratuwa.			Kalutara.			Panadura.			Kandy.			Gampola.			Navalapitiya.			Hatton-Dikoya.			Matale.			Nuwara Eliya.			Galle.			Ambalangoda.			Matara.			Veligama.			Hambantota.			Tangalla.		
				M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.	M	F	Total.												
All Causes	1,135	942	2,077	428	338	766	52	67	119	53	57	110	18	11	29	6	11	17	61	42	103	15	10	25	10	13	23	10	13	23	17	9	26	7	60	68	128	4	21	25	9	6	15	4	19	23	5	3	8	11	22			
I.—Infantile Mortality	288	188	476	77	71	148	11	12	23	9	9	18	3	1	4	2	—	17	14	31	3	3	6	3	4	7	4	8	12	3	3	6	2	17	12	29	2	6	8	2	6	8	1	1	2	1	3	4						
A.—One Week and under.	21	16	37	7	6	13	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
1. Prematurity	32	23	55	5	6	11	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
2. Debility	23	9	32	2	1	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
3. Convulsions	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
4. Diarrhoea	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
4a. Enteritis	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
6. Bronchitis	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
8. Other Causes	3*	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.	3	3	6	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
1. Prematurity	40	46	86	16	12	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
2. Debility	36	29	65	9	15	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—						
3. Convulsions	11	4	15	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
4. Diarrhoea	9	8	17	5	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
4a. Enteritis	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
5. Tetanus	6	5	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
6. Bronchitis	19	17	36	7	11	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—								
7. Pneumonia	28†	26†	54	10	12	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							
8. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—							

\* Besides 2 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote \*, 1 death from Pemphigus (in Navalapitiya).

† This includes besides 10 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote †, 2 deaths (1 each from Acute Nephritis and Acute Laryngitis in Negombo); 4 from Worms (2 in Negombo and 1 each in Puttalam and Kalpitiya); 3 from Influenza (1 in Moratuwa and 2 in Galle); 2 from Syphilis (1 each in Kandy and Galle); 1 from Smallpox (in Kandy); 1 from Chickenpox (in Galle); 1 from Septicæmia (in Matara); 1 each from Croup and Erysipelas (in Jaffna); 1 from Malarial Cachexia (in Puttalam); and 1 from Malaria (in Anuradhapura).

‡ This includes besides 12 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote ‡, 2 deaths from Worms (1 each in Moratuwa and Galle); 2 from Smallpox and 1 from Dysentery (in Kandy); 1 from Syphilis (in Nuwara Eliya); 2 from Influenza (1 each in Galle and Mullaitivu); 1 from Whooping Cough (in Ambalangoda); 3 from Malaria (1 each in Jaffna, Puttalam, and Lunugala); and 2 from Rickets (1 each in Anuradhapura and Badulla).







Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of February, 1923, and the Deaths of Children under One Year, and the Proportion per 1,000 of the Registered Births, together with the Birth- and Death-rates of the corresponding Month of 1922, in each Sanitary Ward of the City of Colombo.

Wards.	Population (exclusive of the Military and Shipping) at the Census of 1921.	Population estimated to the middle of 1923 by Inter-censal Increase.	Total Births.			Stillbirths.			Total Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.			Per Mille per Annum.			Mortality of Children under one Year.								
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Deaths of Non-residents.	Deaths of Residents.	Birth-rate,* February, 1922.	Death-rate.*		Standardized Death-rate, February, 1923.†	Number registered in Feb., 1923.	Its proportion per 1000 births registered during the February, 1923.	Its proportion per annum per 1000 births registered during the last day of Feb., 1923.						
												February, 1923.	February, 1922.										
			312	301	613	13	22	35	423	338	761	114	647	31.91	30.16	33.68	28.90	38.78	148	241			
City of Colombo ..	244,163	250,431	312	301	613	13	22	35	423	338	761	114	647	31.91	30.16	33.68	28.90	38.78	148	241	275		
Fort and Galle Face	2,690	2,760	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	3	—	4.78	14.17	9.55	—	—	—	—	—	
Pettah ..	7,601	7,797	4	—	4	—	—	—	6	—	6	—	6	6.69	—	10.03	20.29	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Paul's ..	23,395	23,996	21	28	49	1	2	3	30	32	62	—	62	26.62	15.93	33.68	28.02	—	14	286	435	191	
Sau Sebastian ..	11,492	11,787	11	11	22	—	—	—	14	14	28	—	28	24.33	24.60	30.96	26.84	—	3	136	191	191	
Kotahena North ..	18,683	19,165	15	20	35	—	—	—	37	29	66	—	66	23.81	31.64	44.89	19.95	—	18	514	519	519	
Kotahena South ..	27,488	28,194	28	32	60	—	3	3	38	31	69	—	69	27.74	28.46	31.90	32.25	—	13	217	269	269	
New Bazaar ..	23,341	23,940	22	21	43	1	1	2	22	20	42	—	42	23.41	20.37	22.87	29.18	—	9	209	284	284	
Maradana Hospitals	—	—	110	97	207	6	9	15	142	101	243	101	142	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	—	—
Maradana North ..	30,404	31,178	26	20	46	—	1	1	22	17	39	—	39	19.23	19.02	16.31	20.72	—	12	261	223	223	
Maradana East ..	8,593	8,814	10	5	15	—	1	1	12	11	23	2	21	22.19	19.44	31.06	10.47	—	5	333	356	356	
Maradana South (exclusive of Hospitals)	18,531	19,007	15	13	28	4	1	5	14	14	28	—	28	19.20	18.72	19.20	12.48	—	7	250	257	257	
Slave Island ..	21,564	22,118	21	24	45	—	1	1	31	38	69	—	69	26.52	18.47	40.67	25.63	—	18	400	476	476	
Kollupitiya ..	23,752	24,362	14	6	20	—	—	—	17	11	28	10	18	10.70	14.62	9.63	8.62	—	5	250	184	184	
Wellawatta North ..	15,816	16,223	6	16	22	1	2	3	31	12	43	1	42	17.68	21.94	33.75	14.63	—	10	455	365	365	
Wellawatta South ..	10,813	11,090	9	8	17	—	1	1	4	8	12	—	12	19.98	32.09	14.10	16.65	—	4	235	194	194	

\* The city-rate is worked differently from the ward-rates, and takes into account events in hospitals, &c., not assignable to wards.  
 † "Standardized death-rates," for the wards of the city are not available.

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of February, 1923, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo.

Causes of Death.	City of Colombo.			Wards.											
				Fort and Galle Face.		Pettah.		St. Paul's.		San Sebastian.		Kotahena North.		Kotahena South.	
	M	F	Total.	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
All Causes .. .. .	428	338	761	8	—	6	—	30	32	14	14	37	29	38	31
<b>I.—Infantile Mortality</b> .. .. .	<b>77</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>148</b>	—	—	—	—	7	7	1	2	10	8	6	7
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>															
1. Prematurity .. .. .	7	6	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
2. Debility .. .. .	5	6	11	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
3. Convulsions .. .. .	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus .. .. .	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes .. .. .	2*	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>															
1. Prematurity .. .. .	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility .. .. .	16	12	28	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	3	2	1
3. Convulsions .. .. .	9	15	24	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	1	1	1	1	—
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	2	—
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	5	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	4	2	6	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	7	11	18	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2	—	—
8. Other Causes .. .. .	10†	12‡	22	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	2
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)</b> .. .. .	<b>346</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>24</b>
1. Plague .. .. .	26	2	28	—	—	3	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
2. Smallpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles .. .. .	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
5. Influenza .. .. .	15	14	29	—	—	1	—	2	1	1	1	3	2	2	3
6. Pyrexia or Fever .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Enteric Fever .. .. .	9	9	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
8. Malaria .. .. .	13	5	18	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	1	—
9. Malarial Cachexia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Cholera .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea .. .. .	10	10	20	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	2	3	3	2
11a. Enteritis .. .. .	10	14	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	—	1
12. Dysentery .. .. .	20	3	23	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	3	1
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis .. .. .	5	7	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer .. .. .	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis .. .. .	18	27	45	—	—	—	—	2	3	1	—	1	—	2	2
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases .. .. .	4	5	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
17. Anæmia .. .. .	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus .. .. .	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
19. Convulsions .. .. .	18	9	27	—	—	—	—	4	2	1	3	1	—	—	—
20. Tetanus .. .. .	2	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Bronchitis .. .. .	6	4	10	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	4	—	—
22. Pneumonia .. .. .	63	47	110	1	—	1	—	5	1	2	1	5	5	8	5
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System .. .. .	6	5	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis .. .. .	14	8	22	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	1
25. Puerperal Eclampsia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .	—	12	12	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
27. Miscarriage .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth .. .. .	—	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2
29. Starvation .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence .. .. .	5	3	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
31. Homicide .. .. .	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Suicide .. .. .	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution .. .. .	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes .. .. .	90§	70§§	160	—	—	1	—	2	9	1	7	5	3	8	3

\* One death each from Congenital absence of Intestines and Imperforate Anus.

† Two deaths each from Influenza, Dysentery, and Congenital Syphilis, and 1 each from Rickets, Improper feeding, Scurvy, and Fever.

‡ Five deaths from Influenza, 3 from Congenital Syphilis, and 1 each from Enteric Fever, Malaria, Improper feeding, and Starvation.

§ Here are included 14 deaths from Old Age, 7 each from Paralysis, Worms, Marasmus, and Cirrhosis of Liver, and 6 from Valvular Disease.

§§ Here are included 25 deaths from Old Age, 10 from Debility, 7 from Worms, 5 from Marasmus, and 3 from Paralysis.



Table IV.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of February, 1923, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo.—*continued.*

Causes of Death.	Wards.															
	New Bazaar.		Maradana Hospitals.		Maradana North.		Maradana East.		Maradana South (exclusive of Hospitals).		Slave Island.		Kollupitiya.		Wellawatta North.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
<b>All Causes</b> .. .. .	22	20	142	101	22	17	12	11	14	14	31	38	17	11	31	12
<b>I.—Infantile Mortality</b> .. .. .	4	5	17	13	5	7	3	2	6	1	8	10	2	3	7	3
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																
1. Prematurity .. .. .	—	—	4	5	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
2. Debility .. .. .	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes .. .. .	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																
1. Prematurity .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
2. Debility .. .. .	—	1	1	1	—	2	—	—	3	—	5	3	—	—	2	—
3. Convulsions .. .. .	2	3	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	2
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	1	1
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	3	—
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	1	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	—
8. Other Causes .. .. .	1	—	4	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)</b> ..	18	15	125	88	17	10	9	9	8	13	23	28	15	8	24	9
1. Plague .. .. .	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	12	—
2. Smallpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza .. .. .	—	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	1	1	—
6. Pyrexia or Fever .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Enteric Fever .. .. .	—	1	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Malaria .. .. .	—	—	7	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	2	—
9. Malarial Cachexia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Cholera .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—
11a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	3	6	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
12. Dysentery .. .. .	1	—	9	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis .. .. .	—	—	4	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer .. .. .	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis .. .. .	1	3	5	12	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	3	4	1	—
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases .. .. .	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
17. Anæmia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus .. .. .	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Convulsions .. .. .	3	—	1	—	2	—	2	1	1	1	2	1	—	—	1	—
20. Tetanus .. .. .	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Pneumonia .. .. .	5	1	24	17	3	3	1	—	1	2	6	7	—	—	1	5
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System .. .. .	—	—	5	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis .. .. .	1	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	3	2	—	—	—
25. Puerperal Eclampsia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27. Miscarriage .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth. .. .. .	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29. Starvation .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence .. .. .	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
31. Homicide .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Suicide .. .. .	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
33. Execution .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes .. .. .	6	6	42	22	8	3	2	3	3	2	5	5	3	2	3	3

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of February, 1923, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo—*continued.*

Causes of Death.	Wards.		Deaths among all Races.													
	Wellawatta South.		Europeans.		Burghers.		Sinhalese.		Tamils.		Moors.		Malays.		Others.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
<b>All Causes</b> .. .. .	4	8	3	1	18	15	226	197	81	61	67	49	12	11	16	4
<b>I.—Infantile Mortality</b> .. .. .	1	3	—	1	3	5	51	40	8	16	10	6	4	2	1	1
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																
1. Prematurity .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility .. .. .	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	3	1	1	1	2	—	—	1	—
3. Convulsions .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																
1. Prematurity .. .. .	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility .. .. .	1	—	—	—	1	1	10	6	1	4	2	—	2	1	—	—
3. Convulsions .. .. .	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	6	3	4	1	3	—	—	—	1
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	4	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	7	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	6	6	8	1	3	1	—	2	—	—	—
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)</b> .. .. .	3	5	3	—	15	10	175	157	73	45	57	43	8	9	15	3
1. Plague .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	11	1	10	—	—	—	2	—
2. Smallpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza .. .. .	—	—	—	—	2	2	7	5	2	3	1	2	—	1	3	1
6. Pyrexia or Fever .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Enteric Fever .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	1	6	7	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—
8. Malaria .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6	2	1	3	—	—	—	—
9. Malarial Cachexia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Cholera .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	7	8	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
11a. Enteritis .. .. .	1	1	—	—	—	6	7	1	3	3	4	—	—	—	—	—
12. Dysentery .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	4	3	3	—	—	—	1	—
13. Anchylostomiasis or Doohmias Duodenalis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
14. Cancer .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	2	6	15	7	3	3	4	1	2	—	1
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
17. Anæmia .. .. .	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Convulsions .. .. .	—	1	—	—	—	1	10	3	3	2	3	3	1	—	1	—
20. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Bronchitis .. .. .	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—
22. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	—	1	—	2	1	30	33	19	5	6	7	1	1	4	—
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis .. .. .	—	—	1	—	1	—	6	6	2	1	2	1	2	—	—	—
25. Puerperal Eclampsia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	3	—	1	—	1	—	1
27. Miscarriage .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
29. Starvation .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Homicide .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Suicide .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes .. .. .	1	2	1	—	4	2	60	36	6	13	15	16	2	3	2	—