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**VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE  
MONTH OF OCTOBER, 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 marriages of residents in proclaimed towns numbered 328 (289 General, 2 Kandyan, and 37 Muhammadan), as against 325 in the preceding month and 340 in the corresponding month of last year. In Colombo the number of marriages was 116 (96 General and 20 Muhammadan), as against 116 in the preceding month and 132 in the corresponding month of last year.

**Births.**

3. The births registered numbered 1,624 (821 males and 803 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 31·31 per 1,000, as against 28·79 in the preceding month, 29·24 in the corresponding month of last year, and 28·87 the average for the corresponding months since 1913. The rate ranged from 6·95 in Anuradhapura to 81·12 in Hambantota.

4. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 589 (293 males and 296 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 27·69 per 1,000, as against 25·41 in the preceding month, 26·24 in the corresponding month of last year, and 23·74 the average for the corresponding months since 1913. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 11·77 in Maradana South (exclusive of hospitals) to 29·76 in Wellawatta North.

**Deaths.**

5. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 1,729 (912 males and 817 females). There were 1,387 deaths of residents in the towns, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 28·93 per 1,000, as against 32·02 in the preceding month, 24·70 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30·85 the average for the month of October in each year since 1913. The rate ranged from 68·80 in Mullaittivu to 12·91 in Mannar.

6. In the city of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 639 (319 males and 320 females). There were 540 deaths of town residents, which corresponded to an annual standardized rate of 29·24 per 1,000, as against 35·30 in the preceding month, 23·38 in the corresponding month of last year, and 28·21 the average for the month of October in each year since 1913. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and Pettah Wards, ranged from 26·56 in New Bazaar to 10·63 in Kollupitiya.

7. The stillbirths registered during the month numbered 121 (60 males and 61 females), as against 101 in the preceding month.

**Infant Mortality.**

8. The deaths of children under one year amounted to 402 and corresponded to a rate of 239 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended October 31, 1923. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only, the rate was 248, as against 291 in the preceding month, 212 in the corresponding month of last year, and 251 the average for the corresponding months since 1913.

9. In the city of Colombo the deaths of children under one year numbered 150 and corresponded to a rate of 246 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended October 31, 1923. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only, the rate was 255, as against 327 in the preceding month, 172 in the corresponding month of last year, and 243 the average for the corresponding months since 1913.

**Causes of Death.**

10. The highest mortality was from *Pneumonia* to which 13 per cent. of the total deaths were due. *Convulsions* caused 9 per cent. of the deaths, *Debility* (of children under one year) and *Phthisis* 7 per cent. each. *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia* 5 per cent., *Prematurity*, *Diarrhoea*, *Dysentery*, and *Anchylostomiasis*; each 4 per cent., *Enteritis*, *Bright's Disease*, and *Nephritis*, each 3 per cent., *Bronchitis* and *Enteric Fever*, each 2 per cent., *Influenza* and *Puerperal Septicæmia*, each 1 per cent.

11. In Colombo, too, the highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, which caused 12 per cent. of the total deaths. *Convulsions* caused 10 per cent. of the total deaths, *Phthisis* 9 per cent., *Debility* (of children under one year) 5 per cent., *Enteric Fever*, and *Bright's Disease*, and *Nephritis*, each 4 per cent., *Prematurity* and *Enteritis*, each 3 per cent., *Diarrhoea*, *Plague*, *Influenza*, *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia*, *Dysentery*, and *Anchylostomiasis*, each 2 per cent., *Bronchitis*, *Cancer*, *Diabetes Mellitus*, *Tetanus*, *Puerperal Septicæmia*, and *Homicide*, each 1 per cent.

12. Eleven deaths from *Plague* (7 males and 4 females) were registered in Colombo, as against 22 in the preceding month and 13 in the corresponding month of last year.

13. *Infectious Diseases reported.*—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was *Phthisis*, of which 163 cases were reported (145 in Colombo, 9 in Galle, 5 in Kurunegala), *Enteric Fever* followed with 84 cases (68 in Colombo, 6 in Galle, 3 in Panadure), *Chickenpox* 83 (59 in Colombo, 7 in Galle, 5 in Tangalla), *Measles* 48 (22 in Colombo, 14 in Kandy, 8 in Lunugala), *Continued Fever* 29 (23 in Colombo, 3 in Galle, 2 in Kandy), *Plague* 14 (13 in Colombo and 1 in Galle), *Mumps* 7 (3 in Badulla and 2 each in Colombo and Kandy), *Diphtheria* 3 (in Colombo), *Whooping Cough* 2 (in Colombo), *Dysentery* and *Anchylostomiasis* 1 each in Panadure and Galle, respectively.

**Meteorology.**

14. *Rainfall.*—Nawalapitiya recorded the highest rainfall (35·03 in.). In the other towns the rainfall ranged from 24·71 in. in Kegalla to 5·28 in. in Batticaloa. Colombo recorded 13·29 in.

15. *Mean Temperature.*—The mean temperature varied from 83·6° in Mannar to 60·2° in Nuwara Eliya, and was 80·1° in Colombo.

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

Registrar-General's Office,  
Colombo, November 23, 1923.

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Table I.—Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered during October, 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 1896.

Provinces and Towns.	Population exclusive of Military and Shipping (at the Census) of March 18, 1921.		Population estimated at the middle of 1923 by Inter-censal Increase.		Marriages.			Deaths.			Stillbirths.			Deaths of Non-residents of Towns registered in Town Hospitals and Jails.		Birth-rate.		Death-rate excluding Non-residents.			Mortality of Children under One Year.		Mean Temperature.	Rainfall in Inches.		
	General.	Kandyan.	Muslim.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Oct. 1923.	Average Birth-rate for Oct. 1913-1922.	Oct. 1923.	Standardized.	Average Death-rate for Oct. 1913-1922.	Number registered during Oct., 1923.	Its proportion to 1,000 births registered during Oct., 1923.	Its proportion per annum to 1,000 births registered during the last day of October, 1923.					
<b>All 33 Towns..</b>	597,371	289	37	328	821	808	1,624	912	817	1,729	60	61	121	389	1,387	31-31	28-87	26-74	28-93	30-85	402	248	239	80-1	13-29	
<i>Western.</i>																										
Colombo ..	244,163	96	20	116	293	296	589	319	320	639	29	27	56	98	540	27-69	23-74	25-39	29-24	28-21	150	255	246	80-1	13-29	
Negombo ..	27,639	27	—	27	44	52	96	48	32	80	—	1	1	14	66	40-22	40-24	27-65	28-31	28-05	21	107	231	—	14-90	
Moratuwa ..	41,858	23	—	23	71	60	131	49	55	104	6	4	10	4	106	36-04	33-87	27-51	28-02	45-83	32	244	249	—	—	
Kalutara ..	13,596	14	—	14	27	25	52	22	21	43	1	4	5	5	38	44-58	46-36	32-58	32-41	25-84	12	231	261	—	—	
Panadura ..	10,747	10	—	10	13	10	23	17	14	31	—	—	—	9	22	24-93	23-81	23-84	25-37	24-24	7	304	220	—	23-98	
<i>Central.</i>																										
Kandy ..	32,562	14	2	16	36	45	81	45	32	77	2	6	8	19	58	28-73	30-87	20-57	22-53	33-47	22	272	214	76-6	14-08	
Gampola ..	6,202	1	—	1	14	9	23	10	9	19	1	1	2	7	12	42-52	30-04	22-18	22-93	35-96	5	217	241	—	22-54	
Nawalapitiya ..	3,221	—	—	—	6	6	12	18	11	29	1	1	1	11	17	40-11	29-51	56-82	61-68	34-16	4	333	257	—	35-03	
Ratton-Dikoya ..	2,940	—	—	—	2	1	3	6	4	10	1	—	—	2	8	11-94	26-19	31-84	37-44	30-47	—	3	273	118	—	21-49
Matale ..	7,865	—	—	—	3	8	11	19	22	41	1	1	2	22	19	16-27	32-46	28-10	30-00	46-95	3	273	184	—	14-05	
Nuwara Eliya ..	7,029	3	—	3	19	14	33	9	4	13	1	—	—	1	12	53-31	20-74	19-39	21-40	11-14	4	121	184	60-2	13-52	
<i>Southern.</i>																										
Galle ..	39,073	21	3	24	67	63	130	43	55	98	5	3	8	14	84	38-97	27-03	25-18	24-64	29-82	12	92	93	79-8	16-76	
Ambalangoda ..	3,347	6	—	6	6	4	6	6	5	6	—	—	—	—	6	19-81	19-81	19-70	—	—	1	167	105	—	—	
Matara ..	16,779	10	1	11	38	29	67	29	25	54	1	—	—	7	47	46-68	32-86	32-75	32-13	24-98	18	269	354	—	10-31	
Weligama ..	9,104	4	—	4	17	7	24	8	5	13	2	—	—	—	13	30-70	29-78	16-63	15-39	19-16	5	208	165	—	—	
Hambantota ..	2,849	4	—	4	11	9	20	10	2	12	—	—	—	4	8	31-12	46-15	32-45	32-21	45-77	3	150	228	—	6-13	
Tangalla ..	4,935	2	—	2	14	10	24	5	6	11	—	—	—	4	7	57-26	31-80	16-70	16-57	25-86	2	83	118	—	9-42	
<i>Northern.</i>																										
Jaina ..	42,436	22	5	27	52	63	115	44	53	97	2	1	3	3	94	31-56	33-34	25-80	26-72	32-89	39	339	330	81-4	12-24	
Mannar ..	3,705	2	—	2	7	10	17	3	3	6	1	1	2	2	4	53-79	33-42	12-66	12-91	41-88	1	59	75	—	83-0	
Mullaitivu ..	1,663	1	—	1	—	—	2	6	4	10	—	—	—	1	9	14-67	42-31	66-03	68-80	38-37	3	—	—	—	10-31	
Vavuniya ..	936	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Eastern.</i>																										
Batticaloa ..	10,564	4	—	4	16	17	33	21	10	31	—	—	—	7	24	36-47	42-35	26-52	27-65	32-90	8	242	261	81-6	5-28	
Kalmunai ..	2,586	—	—	—	6	10	16	5	—	5	—	—	—	2	3	72-54	57-23	13-60	13-70	—	1	63	106	—	6-42	
Trincomalee ..	9,414	—	—	—	7	7	14	11	7	18	—	3	3	1	17	17-26	30-22	20-96	21-92	39-52	5	357	242	—	82-5	
<i>North-Western.</i>																										
Kurunegala ..	10,187	5	—	5	17	9	26	48	33	81	2	1	3	38	43	28-87	28-34	47-74	55-48	35-57	13	500	470	80-4	21-18	
Pukhalam ..	6,905	1	—	1	9	7	16	12	6	18	—	—	—	4	14	16-51	33-38	23-11	25-06	37-74	6	600	292	—	80-9	
Kapitiya ..	1,612	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chilaw ..	6,642	5	—	5	4	8	12	11	5	16	—	—	—	—	12	20-35	28-97	20-35	23-44	52-20	3	250	159	—	12-72	
<i>North-Central.</i>																										
Anuradhapura ..	7,781	6	—	6	2	3	5	21	15	36	—	—	—	—	36	6-95	25-17	50-03	59-89	60-12	2	400	148	—	81-6	
<i>Uva.</i>																										
Badulla ..	8,126	2	—	2	9	7	16	29	30	59	1	1	2	11	48	22-29	40-27	66-86	68-19	58-05	9	563	436	—	74-3	
Lunugala ..	529	—	—	—	1	2	3	4	2	6	—	—	—	4	2	66-83	30-90	44-55	50-22	—	2	667	—	—	—	
<i>Sabaragamuwa.</i>																										
Ratnapura ..	7,014	1	—	1	11	7	18	20	11	31	1	1	2	17	13	29-28	28-99	21-14	23-05	31-09	5	278	243	—	80-4	
Kegalla ..	3,608	1	—	1	5	7	12	14	11	25	1	2	3	20	5	38-99	31-85	16-25	18-19	20-84	3	250	263	—	16-71	

\* Blanks indicate that there are no observatories or rain gauges.  
 † Limits of the town have been extended as from February 1, 1923.  
 ‡ Not available.

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

Causes of Deaths.	All 38 Towns.			Western Provinces.						Central Provinces.						Southern Provinces.																							
	M	F	Total.	Colombo.		Negombo.		Moratuwa.		Kalutara.		Panadura.		Kandy.		Gampola.		Nawalapitiya.		Hatton-Dikoya.		Matale.		Nuwara Eliya.		Galle.		Ambalangoda.		Matara.		Welligama.		Hambantota.		Tangalla.			
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
All Causes	912	817	1,729	319	320	48	32	49	55	22	21	17	14	45	32	10	9	18	11	6	4	19	22	9	4	48	55	1	5	29	25	8	5	10	2	5	6		
I.—Infantile Mortality	204	198	402	73	77	10	11	13	19	10	2	4	3	17	5	3	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
A.—One Week and under.																																							
1. Prematurity	25	18	43	9	5	1	3	1	3	1	3	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Debility	28	26	54	6	12	2	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Convulsions	19	9	28	4	3	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	1*	1†	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																																							
1. Prematurity	8	10	18	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	25	42	67	7	8	3	4	4	9	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Convulsions	47	35	82	24	18	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea	2	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4a. Enteritis	8	8	16	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	6	7	13	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	17	16	33	5	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
8. Other Causes	16†	21‡	37	9	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		

\* From Toxæmia (in Colombo).  
 † From Hydrocephalus (in Colombo).  
 ‡ This includes besides 9 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote †, 1 death each from Oedema and Syphilis (in Moratuwa); 1 from Meningitis (in Kalutara); 1 from Peritonitis (in Panadura); 1 from Nephritis (in Jaffna); 1 from Intestinal Obstruction (in Mullaitivu); and 1 from Worms (in Ratnapura).  
 § This includes besides 9 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote §, 3 deaths from Worms (1 each in Moratuwa, Kalutara, and Galle); 2 from Intestinal Obstruction (1 each in Nawalapitiya and Anuradhapura); 1 from Malaria (in Nawalapitiya); 1 from Influenza (in Galle); 1 from Infantile by drowning (in Ambalangoda); 1 from Dysentery (in Matara); 1 from Erysipelas (in Kurunegala); and 1 each from Syphilis and Meningitis (in Badulla).



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

Causes of Deaths.	All 38 Towns.			Western Province.												Central Province.												Southern Province.											
	M	F	Total.	Colombo.		Negombo.		Moratuwa.		Kalutara.		Panadura.		Kandy.		Gampola.		Nawalapitiya.		Hattton-Dikoya.		Matale.		Nuwara Elyya.		Galle.		Ambalangoda.		Matara.		Wellagama.		Hambantota.		Tangalla.			
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)</b>	708	619	1,327	246	243	38	21	36	36	12	19	13	11	28	27	7	7	18	7	6	4	18	20	6	3	39	47	1	4	19	17	4	4	8	1	8	6		
1. Plague ..	8	4	12	7	4																					1													
2. Smallpox ..																																							
3. Cholera ..																																							
4. Measles ..																																							
5. Influenza ..	10	13	23	7	8																					1	2												
6. Pyrexia or Fever ..	8	1	9	13	3																																		
7. Enteric Fever ..	20	14	34	13	12																																		
8. Malaria ..	23	28	51	6	5																					2	1												
9. Malarial Cachexia ..	22	8	30	2	1																					1	1												
10. Cholera ..																																							
11. Diarrhoea ..	33	31	69	9	5																																		
11a. Enteritis ..	17	21	38	4	9																																		
12. Dysentery ..	31	30	61	5	8																																		
13. Anchylostomiasis or Doodhmitis																																							
Duodenalis ..	33	33	66	5	7																																		
14. Cancer ..	5	3	8	4	2																																		
15. Phthisis ..	56	69	125	24	36																																		
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	7	5	12																																				
17. Anæmia ..																																							
18. Diabetes Mellitus ..	9	2	11	6	1																																		
19. Convulsions ..	23	22	45	11	4																																		
20. Tetanus ..	5	3	8	2	3																																		
21. Bronchitis ..	11	5	16	4	4																																		
22. Pneumonia ..	120	74	194	32	31																																		
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ..	6	3	9	3																																			
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	20	25	45	9	14																																		
25. Puerperal Eclampsia ..		5	5		2																																		
26. Puerperal Septicæmia ..		16	16		5																																		
27. Miscarriage ..																																							
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth ..		12	12		5																																		
29. Starvation ..																																							
30. Accidents and Negligence ..	29	6	35	8	2																																		
31. Homicide ..	8	1	9	5	1																																		
32. Suicide ..	2	1	3		1																																		
33. Execution ..	2		2																																				
34. All Other Causes ..	195*	181†	376	76	76																																		

\* Here are included 40 deaths from Senility, 22 from Debility, 13 from Worms, and 9 from Paralysis.  
 † Here are included 55 deaths from Senility, 13 from Debility, 26 from Worms, and 10 from Paralysis.



Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of October, 1923, and the Deaths of Children under One Year, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Registered Births, together with the Birth- and Death-rates for 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 March, 1921.	Population estimated to the middle of 1923 by Inter-censal Increase.	Total Births.			Stillbirths.			Total Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.			Deaths of Non-Residents.	Deaths of Residents.	Per Mile per Annum.				Mortality of Children under one Year.			
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.			Birth-rate,*	Death-rate.*		Standardized Death-rate, Oct., 1923.†	Number registered in Oct., 1923.	Its proportion per 1,000 births registered during the Year ending Oct., 1923.	Its proportion per annum per 1,000 births registered during the Year ending Oct., 1923.	
															Oct., 1923.	Oct., 1922.					Oct., 1923.
City of Colombo ..	244,163	250,431	293	296	589	29	27	56	319	320	639	99	540	27.69	26.24	25.39	20.16	29.24	150	255	246
Fort and Calle Face	2,690	2,760	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	8.54	—	4.27	8.63	—	—	—	—
Pettah ..	7,601	7,797	2	1	3	—	—	—	4	3	7	—	7	4.53	1.53	10.57	10.69	—	—	—	—
St. Paul's ..	23,395	23,996	10	14	24	1	3	4	22	32	54	—	54	11.78	14.39	26.49	20.84	—	24	1,000	631
San Sebastian ..	11,492	11,787	13	6	19	—	1	1	11	15	26	—	26	18.98	18.18	25.97	21.21	—	8	421	487
Kotahena North ..	18,683	19,165	13	19	32	—	2	2	13	12	25	—	25	19.66	21.12	15.36	15.53	—	7	219	189
Kotahena South ..	27,488	28,194	20	18	38	1	3	4	16	23	39	1	38	15.87	19.85	15.87	17.32	—	11	289	200
New Bazaar ..	23,341	23,940	16	27	43	3	1	4	23	31	54	—	54	21.15	19.89	26.56	21.38	—	14	326	323
Maradana Hospitals	—	—	103	105	208	17	14	31	119	90	209	91	118	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—
Maradana North ..	30,404	31,178	26	20	46	4	1	5	26	26	52	—	52	17.37	22.53	19.64	16.42	—	15	326	260
Maradana East ..	8,593	8,814	11	6	17	—	1	1	12	4	16	1	16	22.71	22.96	20.04	18.91	—	6	224	374
Maradana South (exclusive of Hospitals)	18,531	19,007	8	11	19	1	—	1	21	20	41	—	41	11.77	15.66	25.40	11.27	—	12	632	377
Slave Island ..	21,564	22,118	26	23	49	—	1	1	20	28	48	—	48	26.08	17.23	25.55	15.07	—	9	184	199
Kollupitiya ..	23,752	24,362	12	16	28	—	—	—	9	19	28	6	22	13.53	15.65	10.63	10.27	—	3	107	110
Wellawatta North..	15,816	16,223	18	23	41	2	—	2	17	9	26	—	26	29.76	27.89	18.87	11.74	—	11	268	353
Wellawatta South..	10,813	11,090	14	6	20	—	—	—	5	8	13	—	13	21.23	35.43	13.80	6.44	—	5	250	230

\* 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 October, 1923, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo.

Causes of Death.	City of Colombo.			Wards.											
				Fort and Galle Race.		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 .. .. .	319	320	639	1	—	4	3	22	32	11	15	13	12	16	23
<b>I.—Infantile Mortality</b> .. .. .	73	77	150	—	—	—	—	9	15	3	5	5	2	6	5
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>															
1. Prematurity .. .. .	9	5	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility .. .. .	6	12	18	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	2	—
3. Convulsions .. .. .	4	3	7	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes .. .. .	1*	1†	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>															
1. Prematurity .. .. .	2	5	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
2. Debility .. .. .	7	8	15	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
3. Convulsions .. .. .	24	18	42	—	—	—	—	4	3	1	3	2	2	2	—
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	3	6	9	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	3	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	5	7	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
8. Other Causes .. .. .	9‡	9§	18	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	1	—	—	—	—
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)</b> .. .. .	246	243	489	1	—	4	3	13	17	8	10	8	10	10	18
1. Plague .. .. .	7	4	11	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—
2. Smallpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza .. .. .	7	8	15	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	3	—	—	1	1
6. Pyrexia or Fever .. .. .	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Enteric Fever .. .. .	13	12	25	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1
8. Malaria .. .. .	6	5	11	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Malarial Cachexia .. .. .	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Cholera .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea .. .. .	9	5	14	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
11a. Enteritis .. .. .	4	9	13	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
12. Dysentery .. .. .	5	8	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
13. Anchylostomiasis or Doehmius Duo- denalis .. .. .	5	7	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer .. .. .	4	2	6	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis .. .. .	24	36	60	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases .. .. .	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Anæmia .. .. .	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus .. .. .	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
19. Convulsions .. .. .	11	4	15	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
20. Tetanus .. .. .	2	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Bronchitis .. .. .	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
22. Pneumonia .. .. .	32	31	63	—	—	1	—	3	2	—	2	1	—	2	3
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System .. .. .	3	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis .. .. .	9	14	23	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1	—
25. Puerperal Eclampsia .. .. .	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
27. Miscarriage .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth .. .. .	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
29. Starvation .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence .. .. .	8	2	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Homicide .. .. .	5	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Suicide .. .. .	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution .. .. .	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes .. .. .	76	76¶	152	1	—	—	2	1	3	2	2	1	4	2	6

\* From Toxæmia.

† From Hydrocephalus.

‡ One death each from Phlebitis of Cord, Influenza, Dysentery, Thrush, Gastritis, Nephritis, Psoriasis, Syphilis, and Phthisis.

§ Three deaths from Influenza, and 1 each from Furunculosis, Starvation, Improper Feeding, Nephritis, Gastritis, and Thrush.

|| Here are included 9 deaths from Old Age, 8 each from Marasmus and Debility, 7 from Paralysis, 6 from Heart Disease, and 5 from Worms.

¶ Here are included 23 deaths from Old Age, 10 from Marasmus, 8 from Worms, 4 each from Paralysis and Heart Disease, and 3 from Debility.



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

Causes of Death.	Wards.															
	New Bazaar.		Maradana Hos- pitals.		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
All Causes .. .. .	23	31	119	90	26	26	12	4	21	20	20	28	9	19	17	9
<b>I.—Infantile Mortality .. .. .</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																
1. Prematurity .. .. .	—	—	6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
2. Debility .. .. .	1	2	1	1	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
3. Convulsions .. .. .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes .. .. .	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																
1. Prematurity .. .. .	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
2. Dibility .. .. .	—	1	—	—	2	1	1	—	1	2	—	2	—	—	1	1
3. Convulsions .. .. .	4	2	—	—	2	3	3	—	2	3	1	—	—	1	1	1
4. Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enterites .. .. .	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	1	1	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—
7. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	2	1
8. Other Causes .. .. .	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
<b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over) ..</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>
1. Plague .. .. .	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2
2. Smallpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza .. .. .	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Pyrexia or Fever .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Enteric Fever .. .. .	1	—	11	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—
8. Malaria .. .. .	—	—	3	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
9. Malarial Cachexia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
10. Cholera .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea .. .. .	1	—	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
11a. Enteritis .. .. .	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	—
12. Dysentery .. .. .	—	—	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	—	1
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duo- denalis .. .. .	—	—	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer .. .. .	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis .. .. .	2	4	13	10	1	4	—	1	1	2	1	4	1	4	—	—
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases .. .. .	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Anæmia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus .. .. .	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
19. Convulsions .. .. .	2	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	1	—
20. Tetanus .. .. .	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Bronchitis .. .. .	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Pneumonia .. .. .	2	2	11	9	3	2	3	1	2	3	2	4	1	3	1	—
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System .. .. .	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis .. .. .	—	2	3	9	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
25. Puerperal Eclampsia .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27. Miscarriage .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth .. .. .	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29. Starvation .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence .. .. .	—	—	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Homicide .. .. .	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Suicide .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
33. Execution .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes .. .. .	5	12	32	17	8	5	—	1	9	4	8	8	2	5	3	3

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of October, 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
All Causes ..	5	8	3	—	11	16	181	175	59	55	39	57	14	9	12	8
I.—Infantile Mortality ..	2	3	—	—	2	3	42	38	13	15	11	16	3	2	2	3
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																
1. Prematurity ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
2. Debility ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	4	2	4	—	4	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	1
4. Diarrhoea ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																
1. Prematurity ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	—	—
3. Convulsions ..	2	—	—	—	1	1	11	8	6	3	4	6	1	—	1	—
4. Diarrhoea ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	1
5. Tetanus ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia ..	—	2	—	—	—	—	6	3	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	1
8. Other Causes ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	5	1	1	—	2	1	1	—	—
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over) ..	3	5	3	—	9	13	139	137	46	40	28	41	11	7	10	5
1. Plague ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	1	2	1	1	—	—	1	—
2. Smallpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	3	2	2	—	—	1	1
6. Pyrexia or Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Enteric Fever ..	—	—	1	—	2	—	8	11	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—
8. Malaria ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	2	2	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
9. Malarial Cachexia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Cholera ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
11a. Enteritis ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	5	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
12. Dysentery ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	5	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	10	18	9	7	1	8	2	2	2	1
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Anæmia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
19. Convulsions ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	4	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
20. Tetanus ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
21. Bronchitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	1	3	19	18	4	4	4	6	2	—	2	—
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	6	—	4	—	3	1	—	—	—
25. Puerperal Eclampsia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicæmia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
27. Miscarriage ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—
29. Starvation ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
31. Homicide ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
32. Suicide ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes ..	2	4	1	—	2	6	47	46	12	9	10	10	—	3	1	2