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**VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE
MONTH OF MARCH, 1926.**

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 the proclaimed towns numbered 356 (323 General, 1 Kandyan, and 32 Muslim), as against 419 in the preceding month and 316 in the corresponding month of last year. In Colombo the number of marriages was 148 (125 General and 23 Muslim), as against 167 in the preceding month and 140 in the corresponding month of last year.

Births.

3. The births registered numbered 1,901 (976 males and 925 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 35·51 per 1,000 of the population, as against 36·42 in the preceding month, 34·08 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29·87 the average for the corresponding months since 1916. The rate ranged from 22·14 in Lunugala to 53·48 in Mannar. There were 1,741 births of children whose mothers were residents of the towns, equivalent to an annual rate of 32·53, as against 32·37 in the preceding month.

4. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 687 (357 males and 330 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 31·24 per 1,000, as against 31·47 in the preceding month, 30·72 in the corresponding month of last year, and 25·30 the average for the corresponding months since 1916. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 11·38 in Maradana South to 33·60 in Maradana East. There were 606 births of children whose mothers were residents of the city, equivalent to an annual rate of 27·56, as against 26·74 in the preceding month.

Deaths.

5. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 1,613 (861 males and 752 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 30·14 per 1,000 of the population, as against 38·24 in the preceding month. There were 1,165 deaths of residents in the towns, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 23·54, as against 30·67 in the preceding month, 26·78 in the corresponding month of last year, and 28·97 the average for the corresponding months since 1916. The standardized death-rate ranged from 74·24 in Hatton-Dikoya to 10·46 in Kegalla.

6. In the city of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 557 (297 males and 260 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 25·33, as against 30·56 in the preceding month. There were 432 deaths of residents of the city, which corresponded to an annual standardized rate of 22·62, as against 28·70 in the preceding month, 28·33 in the corresponding month of last year, and 27·65 the average for the corresponding months since 1916. The death-rate of residents, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 24·24 in Kotahena South to 7·72 in Wellawatta North.

7. The stillbirths registered during the month numbered 135 (82 males and 53 females), as against 124 in the preceding month.

Infant Mortality.

8. The deaths of children under one year amounted to 318 and corresponded to a rate of 181 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended March, 1926. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 167, as against 225 in the preceding month, 216 in the corresponding month of last year, and 227 the average for the corresponding months since 1916. There were 293 deaths of children under one year whose mothers were residents of the towns, which corresponded to a rate of 169, as against 226 in the preceding month.

9. In the city of Colombo the deaths of children under one year numbered 113 and corresponded to a rate of 177 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended March, 1926. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 164, as against 213 in the preceding month, 241 in the corresponding month of last year, and 240 the average for the corresponding months since 1916. There were 107 deaths of children whose mothers were residents of the city, which corresponded to a rate of 177, as against 233 in the preceding month.

Causes of Death.

10. The highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, to which 15 per cent. of the total deaths were due. *Convulsions* caused 8 per cent.; *Phthisis*, *Malaria*, and *Malarial Cachexia*, each 6 per cent.; *Debility* (of children under one year) 5 per cent. *Anchylostomiasis*, *Bright's Disease*, *Nephritis*, *Diarrhoea*, and *Enteritis* each 4 per cent.; *Dysentery* and *Bronchitis*, each 3 per cent.; *Prematurity*, *Enteric Fever*, and *Puerperal Septicaemia*, each 2 per cent.; *Influenza*, 1 per cent.

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

12. One death from *Plague* (in Puttalam) was registered, as against 4 in the preceding month and 9 in the corresponding month of last year.

13. *Infectious Diseases reported.*—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was *Chickenpox*, of which 333 cases were reported (201 in Colombo, 31 in Moratuwa, 25 in Batticaloa, 17 in Galle, 16 in Jaffna); *Measles* followed with 97 (84 in Colombo 6 in Galle); *Phthisis*, 81 (74 in Colombo); *Enteric Fever* 33 (15 in Colombo; 5 in Kandy); *Continued Fever*, 24 (13 in Colombo, 7 in Kandy); *Smallpox*, 12 (in Galle); *Dysentery*, 4 (2 in Weligama), *Plague*, 3 (2 in Colombo, 1 in Puttalam); *Mumps*, 2 (in Colombo); *Whooping Cough*, 1 (in Batticaloa).

Meteorology.

14. *Rainfall.*—Ratnapura recorded the highest rainfall (10·88 in.). In the other towns the rainfall ranged from 9·36 in. in Kegalla to 0·08 in. in Mullaitivu; Colombo recorded 5·74 in.

15. *Mean Temperature.*—The mean temperature varied from 84·3° in Mannar to 59·1° in Nuwara Eliya, and was 82·4° in Colombo.

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

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, May 3, 1926.

A. W. SEYMOUR,
Registrar-General.

Table I.—Number of Marriages, Births, Deaths, and Stillbirths registered during March, 1926, the Proportion of Births and Deaths 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-rates in the corresponding Months since 1916, 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 Shipping) at the Census of March 13, 1921.	Population estimated to the middle of 1926 by Inter-censal Increase.			Marriages.			Births.			Deaths.			Stillbirths.			Deaths of Non-residents registered in Town Hospitals and Jails.			Birth-rate.		Mortality of Children under One Year.		Mean Temperature.*	Rainfall in Inches.*
		General.	Kandyan.	Muslim.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	31-1926.	1916-1926.	Number registered during March, 1926.	Its proportion per 1,000 Births registered during the Year ended the last day of March, 1926.				
All 33 Towns	597,867	680,242	323	1	32	356	976	926	1,901	861	752	1,618	82	53	135	442	35.51	29.87	30.14	318	167	181	82.4	5.74	
<i>Western.</i>																									
Colombo	244,163	258,905	125	—	23	148	357	330	687	297	260	557	30	15	45	121	31.24	25.30	25.33	113	164	177	82.4	5.74	
Negombo	27,639	28,724	32	—	1	33	54	55	109	35	35	70	2	5	7	14	44.68	37.34	28.69	21	193	225	8.63	8.63	
Moratuwa	41,858	44,072	38	—	—	38	78	59	137	34	46	80	4	9	13	7	36.60	39.05	21.37	22	161	190	—	—	
Kalutara	13,596	13,919	15	—	—	15	18	15	33	16	14	30	3	1	4	7	27.91	34.69	25.38	6	182	146	—	8.67	
Panadura	10,747	11,617	11	—	—	11	18	19	37	9	22	31	1	—	—	5	37.82	27.17	31.69	6	162	231	—	—	
<i>Central.</i>																									
Kandy	32,562	34,045	10	—	2	12	54	74	128	51	54	106	4	1	5	38	44.27	34.53	36.31	22	172	199	80.1	3.91	
Gampola	6,202	6,595	—	—	—	—	10	12	22	10	5	15	1	2	3	3	39.28	35.45	26.78	2	91	87	—	3.15	
Nawalapitiya	3,221	3,692	3	—	—	3	6	9	15	12	11	23	1	2	3	12	47.84	33.74	73.35	—	—	—	—	5.25	
Hatton-Dikoya	2,940	2,984	—	—	—	—	7	2	9	14	12	26	1	—	—	10	35.51	24.34	102.58	4	444	512	—	6.70	
Matale	7,865	8,975	1	—	1	3	20	11	31	16	11	27	1	1	1	12	40.67	39.23	35.42	1	32	31	—	1.88	
Nuwara Eliya	7,525	8,136	—	—	—	—	15	8	23	12	3	15	2	1	3	3	33.29	21.57	21.71	4	174	179	59.1	1.71	
<i>Southern.</i>																									
Galle	39,073	39,539	17	—	—	17	71	86	157	64	35	89	4	2	6	21	46.75	35.11	26.50	11	70	89	82.2	7.45	
Ambalangoda	3,347	3,874	1	—	—	1	5	3	8	3	2	5	—	—	—	—	24.31	28.59	15.20	1	125	114	—	1.25	
Matara	16,779	17,055	7	—	2	9	34	29	63	20	20	40	5	3	8	8	43.49	34.63	27.61	11	175	218	—	—	
Welligama	9,104	9,341	7	—	—	7	21	10	31	7	10	17	—	—	—	—	39.08	39.86	21.42	7	226	235	—	—	
Hambantota	2,849	2,975	2	—	—	2	5	8	13	7	—	7	—	—	—	2	51.45	43.90	27.70	1	78	77	—	2.30	
Tangalla	4,896	4,987	3	—	—	3	10	6	16	6	4	10	—	—	—	2	37.77	33.96	23.61	2	125	132	—	1.40	
<i>Northern.</i>																									
Jaffna	42,436	43,529	30	—	1	31	63	73	136	45	58	103	4	2	6	5	36.79	30.66	27.86	25	184	183	83.8	0.38	
Mannar	3,705	3,743	—	—	—	—	8	9	17	9	5	14	—	—	—	5	53.48	30.74	44.04	5	294	346	—	84.3	
Mullaitivu	1,563	1,662	—	—	—	—	2	2	4	6	6	12	1	1	2	3	28.34	37.16	85.03	3	750	552	—	0.08	
Vavuniya	936	1,012	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	8	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.17	
<i>Eastern.</i>																									
Baticaloa	10,564	10,777	2	—	—	2	12	13	25	12	8	20	3	1	4	1	27.31	32.12	21.85	7	280	213	82.2	1.08	
Kalmunai	2,586	2,611	1	—	—	1	4	3	7	5	2	7	—	—	—	7	31.56	46.72	31.56	1	143	115	—	1.50	
Trincombale	9,414	9,734	1	—	—	1	11	11	22	14	15	29	3	1	4	5	26.61	21.03	35.08	8	364	367	84.1	0.12	
<i>North-Western.</i>																									
Kurunegala	10,187	11,179	3	—	—	3	18	17	35	46	43	80	3	2	5	66	36.86	30.75	93.74	10	286	308	84.1	4.43	
Puttalam	6,905	7,444	1	—	—	1	19	13	32	25	14	39	2	1	3	8	50.62	42.25	61.69	8	250	307	83.4	2.12	
Kalpitiya	1,608	1,617	—	—	—	—	1	3	4	1	3	4	1	1	1	—	29.12	30.79	29.12	—	—	—	—	4.79	
Chilaw	6,642	7,360	5	—	—	5	7	10	17	14	6	20	1	1	2	9	27.20	39.49	32.00	3	176	180	—	3.91	
<i>North-Central.</i>																									
Anuradhapura	7,781	9,474	5	—	—	5	11	9	20	26	9	35	1	1	2	8	24.86	23.76	43.50	4	200	242	83.1	4.92	
<i>Uva.</i>																									
Badulla	8,126	8,905	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	13	29	4	—	4	19	30.41	35.59	38.34	2	87	77	74.6	2.83	
Lunugala	526	532	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	10	3	—	—	—	12	22.14	13.96	287.76	1	—	589	—	—	
<i>Sabaragamuwa.</i>																									
Ratnapura	7,014	7,546	2	—	—	2	16	12	28	13	13	26	—	1	1	15	43.69	26.99	40.57	5	179	220	83.6	10.88	
Kegalla	3,508	3,782	1	—	—	1	8	3	11	11	7	18	1	—	1	15	34.25	37.19	56.04	2	182	154	—	9.36	

* Blanks indicate that there are no observatories or rain gauges.

Table II.—Births, Deaths, and Infant Mortality of Residents with their Corresponding Rates for March, 1926.

Provinces and Towns.	Births.*			Birth-rate.	Deaths.			Death-rate (Standardized).		Infant Mortality.	
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	March, 1926.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	March, 1926.	Average for March, 1916-1925.	Deaths of Children under 1 Year.†	Rate per 1,000 Births registered during March, 1926.
All 33 Towns	893	848	1,741	32.53	605	560	1,165	23.54	28.97	293	169
<i>Western.</i>											
Colombo	311	295	606	27.56	223	209	432	22.62	27.65	107	177
Negombo	44	44	88	36.07	27	29	56	23.50	30.02	20	227
Moratuwa	77	58	135	36.07	33	46	79	21.49	35.74	22	163
Kalutara	17	15	32	27.07	14	9	23	19.36	24.93	6	188
Panadure	17	18	35	35.78	7	19	26	28.28	20.58	6	171
<i>Central.</i>											
Kandy	48	64	112	38.73	29	38	67	25.38	27.88	20	179
Gampola	10	12	22	39.28	10	2	12	22.14	25.54	2	91
Nawalapitiya	6	7	13	41.46	6	5	11	38.09	32.39	—	—
Hatton-Dikoya	7	2	9	35.51	8	8	16	74.24	28.66	4	444
Matale	20	11	31	40.67	10	5	15	21.01	35.53	1	32
Nuwara Eliya	15	7	22	31.84	10	2	12	19.17	13.66	4	182
<i>Southern.</i>											
Galle	67	82	149	44.37	43	25	68	19.81	24.69	8	54
Ambalangoda	5	3	8	24.31	3	2	5	15.11	—†	1	125
Matara	32	26	58	40.04	16	15	31	21.00	23.06	10	173
Weligama	21	10	31	39.08	7	10	17	19.84	19.61	7	226
Hambantota	5	8	13	51.45	4	—	4	15.73	25.75	1	78
Tangalla	10	6	16	37.77	6	2	8	18.74	26.56	2	125
<i>Northern.</i>											
Jaffna	63	73	136	36.79	41	57	98	27.46	33.92	25	184
Mannar	7	9	16	50.33	7	2	9	28.87	43.31	4	250
Mullaitivu	2	2	4	28.34	4	5	9	66.45	59.81	3	750
Vavuniya	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	40.85	53.46	—	—
<i>Eastern.</i>											
Batticaloa	12	13	25	27.31	11	8	19	21.64	42.10	7	280
Kalmunai	3	3	6	27.05	—	—	—	—	—†	—	—
Trincomalee	11	11	22	26.61	9	15	24	30.37	36.15	8	364
<i>North-Western.</i>											
Kurunegala	14	12	26	27.38	13	10	23	28.15	25.51	5	192
Puttalam	19	13	32	50.62	21	10	31	53.18	51.87	7	219
Kalpitiya	1	3	4	29.12	1	3	4	33.45	—†	—	—
Chilaw	6	9	15	24.00	8	3	11	20.27	35.95	3	200
<i>North-Central.</i>											
Anuradhapura	11	8	19	23.61	20	7	27	40.17	65.67	4	211
<i>Uva.</i>											
Badulla	12	11	23	30.41	5	5	10	13.49	34.73	2	87
Lunugala	1	—	1	22.14	1	—	1	24.95	—†	—	—
<i>Sabaragamuwa.</i>											
Ratnapura	16	10	26	40.57	5	6	11	18.71	21.83	3	115
Kegalla	3	3	6	18.68	1	2	3	10.46	15.61	1	167

* Births of infants whose mothers were residents of the town.

† Deaths of children under 1 year whose mothers were residents of the town.

‡ Not available.

Table III.—Causes of Death by Sex registered during March, 1926, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—continued.

Causes of Death.	All 33 Towns.			Western Province.												Central Province.												Southern Province.											
	M	F	Total.	Colombo.		Negombo.		Moratuwa.		Kalinara.		Panadura.		Kandy.		Gampola.		Nawalapitiya.		Hatton-Dikoya.		Matale.		Nuwara Eliya.		Galle.		Ambalangoda.		Matara.		Veligama.		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		
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	705	590	1,295	240	204	25	24	28	30	13	11	7	18	43	40	8	5	12	11	11	11	15	11	8	45	33	2	2	14	15	5	5	6	2					
1. Plague	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
2. Smallpox	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
3. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
4. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
5. Influenza	13	5	18	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
6. Pyrexia or Fever	2	4	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
7. Enteric Fever	24	11	35	5	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
8. Malaria	38	27	65	8	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
9. Malarial Cachexia	15	7	22	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
10. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
11. Diarrhoea	33	22	55	7	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
11a. Enteritis	16	22	38	7	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
12. Dysentery	34	14	48	7	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
13. Anchylostomiasis or Doehmuis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
13. Duodenalis	25	35	60	5	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
14. Cancer	9	6	15	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
15. Phtisis	54	47	101	18	21	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	2	4	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
17. Anaemia	3	6	9	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
18. Diabetes Mellitus	6	3	9	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
19. Convulsions	18	17	35	8	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
20. Tetanus	11	11	22	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
21. Bronchitis	14	15	29	6	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
22. Pneumonia	133	79	212	39	25	4	3	4	3	2	1	2	3	5	3	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	6	2	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	25	33	58	11	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
25. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	7	7	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
26. Puerperal Septicaemia	—	32	32	—	12	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
27. Miscarriage	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth	—	6	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
29. Starvation	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
30. Accidents and Negligence	29	9	38	15	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
31. Homicide	6	2	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
32. Suicide	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
33. Execution	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
34. All Other Causes	183*	173†	356	70	72	7	8	12	14	5	5	1	7	13	11	1	3	2	2	4	2	4	—	4	17	16	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			

* Here are included 42 deaths from Senility, 17 from Debility, 13 from Worms, 17 from Paralysis, and 7 from Heart Disease.
 † Here are included 45 deaths from Saulty, 16 from Debility, 24 from Worms, 8 from Paralysis, and 7 from Heart Disease.

Table IV.—Number of Births, Deaths, and Stillbirths registered during the Month of March, 1926, and the Deaths of Children under One Year, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the registered Births, together with the Average Birth- and Death-rates for the corresponding Months of 1922-1925, in each Sanitary Ward of the City of Colombo.

Wards.	Population (exclusive of the Military and Shipping) at the Census of March 19, 1921.	Population estimated to the middle of 1926 by Increase, 1921.	Births.			Stillbirths.			Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.			Deaths of Non-residents in Town Hospitals and Jails.	Deaths of Residents.	Per Mille per Annum.				Mortality of Children under one Year.				
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.			Birth-rate.		Death-rate.		Standardized Death-rate, March, 1926, 1920-1.	Number of cases during March, 1926.	Its proportion to 1,000 births registered during the year ended last day of Mar., 1926.		
														March, 1926.	Average for March, 1922-25.	March, 1926.	Average for March, 1922-25.					
City of Colombo...	224,463	258,905	357	330	687	30	15	45	297	260	557	121	432	31.24*	29.28	19.65*	26.89	22.62	113	164	177	
Fort and Galle Face	2,690	2,853	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pettah ..	7,601	8,060	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.92	3.39	—	7.88	—	—	—	—	—
St. Paul's ..	23,395	24,808	26	23	49	1	—	1	31	16	47	—	47	23.26	19.45	22.31	23.62	—	—	15	306	358
San Sebastian ..	11,492	12,186	9	17	26	—	—	—	6	8	14	—	14	25.12	14.86	13.53	18.66	—	—	3	115	136
Kotahena North ..	18,683	19,813	25	28	53	2	1	3	9	22	31	—	31	31.50	24.25	18.42	20.97	—	—	9	170	249
Kotahena South ..	27,488	29,149	33	28	61	1	1	2	31	29	60	—	60	24.64	21.82	24.24	24.29	—	—	15	246	262
New Bazaar ..	23,341	24,751	22	29	51	2	2	4	14	12	26	—	26	24.24	23.57	12.36	26.94	—	—	10	196	208
Maradana Hospitals	—	—	100	79	179	17	7	24	125	85	210	121	89	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—
Maradana North ..	30,404	32,233	41	35	76	—	—	—	20	26	46	—	46	27.76	22.65	16.80	18.40	—	—	16	211	264
Maradana East ..	8,593	9,112	12	14	26	—	—	—	8	10	18	—	18	33.60	21.34	23.26	19.62	—	—	7	269	383
Maradana South (exclusive of Hospitals)	18,531	19,650	11	8	19	3	—	3	8	18	26	—	26	11.38	22.93	15.68	16.69	—	—	5	263	189
Slave Island ..	21,564	22,866	23	29	52	2	2	4	14	14	28	—	26	26.78	21.46	13.39	25.50	—	—	5	96	111
Kollupitiya ..	23,752	25,187	16	13	29	—	—	—	11	11	22	—	22	13.56	12.77	10.23	11.79	—	—	8	276	325
Wellawatta North..	15,816	16,771	25	15	40	2	2	4	8	3	11	—	11	23.08	24.53	7.72	16.04	—	—	2	50	67
Wellawatta South..	10,813	11,466	13	11	24	—	—	—	9	5	14	—	14	24.65	26.39	13.38	19.02	—	—	2	83	95

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

Table V.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of March, 1926, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo.

Causes of Death.	City of Colombo.			Wards.											
	M.	F.	Total.	Fort and Galle Face.		Pettah.		St. Paul's.		San Sebastian.		Kotahena North.		Kotahena South.	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
All Causes	297	260	557	3	1	—	—	31	16	6	8	9	22	31	29
I.—Infantile Mortality	57	56	113	—	—	—	—	11	4	2	1	3	6	9	6
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>															
1. Prematurity	4	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
2. Debility	5	4	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
3. Convulsions	2	3	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	2*	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>															
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	10	10	20	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
3. Convulsions	20	15	35	—	—	—	—	9	1	1	1	—	—	2	2
4. Diarrhoea	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
4a. Enteritis	5	4	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—
7. Pneumonia	3	7	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
8. Other Causes	4†	7‡	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	1
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	240	204	444	3	1	—	—	20	12	4	7	6	16	22	23
1. Plague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Smallpox	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza	8	3	11	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
6. Pyrexia or Fever	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
7. Enteric Fever	5	6	11	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
8. Malaria	8	5	13	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
9. Malarial Cachexia	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea	7	7	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—
11a. Enteritis	7	9	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
12. Dysentery	7	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis	5	4	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer	6	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
15. Phthisis	18	21	39	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	2	1	3
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Anaemia	2	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus	3	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Convulsions	8	6	14	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	1	1	—
20. Tetanus	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
21. Bronchitis	6	8	14	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Pneumonia	39	25	64	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1	1	6
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	11	6	17	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	3	1
25. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicaemia	—	12	12	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
27. Miscarriage	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29. Starvation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence	15	2	17	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
31. Homicide	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Suicide	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes	70§	72	142	2	—	—	—	5	5	1	4	2	6	8	6

* One death each from Status Lymphaticus and Imperforate Anus.

† One death each from Pemphigus, Influenza, Meningitis and Measles.

‡ Two deaths each from Influenza and Worms, and 1 each from Gastritis, Dysentery, and Septicaemia.

§ Here are included 17 deaths from Senility, 6 from Paralysis and 4 from Heart Disease.

|| Here are included 20 deaths from Senility, 7 from Worms, and 6 each from Heart Disease and Debility.

Table V.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of March, 1926, 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	14	12	125	85	20	26	8	10	8	18	14	14	11	11	8	3
I.—Infantile Mortality	6	4	7	9	7	9	2	5	2	3	3	2	4	4	1	1
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																
1. Prematurity	1	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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. Debility	—	—	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	—	—
3. Convulsions	3	—	—	—	2	6	—	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	—	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
8. Other Causes	1	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	8	8	118	76	18	17	6	5	6	15	11	12	7	7	7	2
1. Plague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
3. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Pyrexia or Fever	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Enteric Fever	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Malaria	—	2	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
9. Malarial Cachexia	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
11a. Enteritis	—	1	1	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	—
12. Dysentery	—	—	4	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duo- denalis	1	—	3	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer	—	—	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis	—	—	10	12	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	—
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Anæmia	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
19. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20. Tetanus	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Bronchitis	—	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
22. Pneumonia	2	—	26	6	2	3	—	2	—	1	5	3	—	2	—	—
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	1	1	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—
25. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicæmia	—	1	—	5	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
27. Miscarriage	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29. Starvation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Homicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
32. Suicide	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes	3	2	32	25	3	5	3	1	3	7	2	3	2	4	2	1

Table V.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of March, 1926, 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	9	5	4	1	10	12	165	148	71	48	30	40	7	6	10	5
I.—Infantile Mortality	—	2	1	—	4	—	28	33	15	9	6	10	3	1	—	3
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1
3. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	6	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	9	1	2	1	—	—	—	1
3. Convulsions	—	1	—	—	1	—	5	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	1	—	—	2	—	4	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
8. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	1	—	4	—	—	—	—
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	9	3	3	1	6	12	137	115	56	39	24	30	4	5	10	2
1. Plague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
2. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	1	2	1	—	—	1	—
5. Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Pyrexia or Fever	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	5	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
7. Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	4	2	1	1	—	—	—	—
8. Malaria	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
9. Malarial Cachexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea	1	—	—	—	—	1	4	4	3	1	3	1	—	—	—	—
11a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	1	3	1	2	—	—	—	—
12. Dysentery	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis	1	—	—	—	—	2	10	14	6	3	2	1	—	—	1	—
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
17. Anaemia	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	4	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
19. Convulsions	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
20. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	4	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
22. Pneumonia	1	—	—	—	1	—	18	18	10	3	3	3	2	1	5	—
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	3	4	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
25. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
27. Miscarriage	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29. Starvation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
31. Homicide	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes	2	3	3	1	2	3	44	36	9	15	9	13	1	3	2	1