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VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1927.

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 404 (326 General, 3 Kandyan, and 75 Muslim), as against 479 in the preceding month and 445 in the corresponding month of the previous year. In Colombo the number of marriages was 170 (124 General and 46 Muslim), as against 198 in the preceding month and 173 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

Births.

3. The births registered numbered 2,068 (1,043 males and 1,025 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 38·27 per 1,000 of the population, as against 37·78 in the preceding month, 37·74 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 31·78 the average for the corresponding months since 1917. The rate exclusive of the town of Lunugala, where no births were registered, ranged from 21·98 in Mannar to 91·05 in Nawalapitiya. There were 1,828 births of children whose mothers were residents of the towns, equivalent to an annual rate of 33·82, as against 33·94 in the preceding month and 33·78 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

4. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 821 (426 males and 395 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 36·92, as against 34·67 in the preceding month, 38·38 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 28·36 the average for the corresponding months since 1917. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and Pettah Wards, ranged from 12·48 in Kollupitiya to 35·78 in Maradana East. There were 697 births of children whose mothers were residents of the city, equivalent to an annual rate of 31·35, as against 29·42 in the preceding month, and 32·70 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

Deaths.

5. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 1,948 (1,043 males and 905 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 36·04, as against 30·65 in the preceding month, and 30·21 in the corresponding month of the previous year. There were 1,434 deaths of residents of the towns, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 28·70, as against 24·69 in the preceding month, 25·17 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 32·39 the average for the corresponding months since 1917. The standardized death rate ranged from 68·02 in Kalmunai to 13·42 in Vavuniya.

6. In the city of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 710 (389 males and 321 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 31·93, as against 24·50 in the preceding month, and 27·74 in the corresponding month of the previous year. There were 532 deaths of residents of the city, which corresponded to an annual standardized rate of 27·55, as against 21·19 in the preceding month, 25·24 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 32·40 the average for the corresponding months since 1917. The death rate of residents, exclusive of the Fort and Pettah Wards, ranged from 23·05 in New Bazaar to 12·02 in Kollupitiya.

7. The stillbirths registered during the month numbered 199 (104 males and 95 females), as against 148 in the preceding month.

Infant Mortality.

8. The deaths of children under one year amounted to 421, and corresponded to a rate of 228 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended December, 1927. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only, the rate was 204, as against 196 in the preceding month, 185 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 271 the average for the corresponding months since 1917. There were 371 deaths of children under one year whose mothers were residents of the towns, which corresponded to a rate of 203, as against 199 in the preceding month and 192 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

9. In the city of Colombo the deaths of children under one year amounted to 171, and corresponded to a rate of 237 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended December, 1927. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only, the rate was 208, as against 154 in the preceding month, 186 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 282 the average for the corresponding months since 1917. There were 144 deaths of children under one year, whose mothers were residents of the city, which corresponded to a rate of 207, as against 160 in the preceding month and 199 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

Causes of Death.

10. The highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, to which 15 per cent. of the total deaths were due. *Debility* (of children under one year) caused 8 per cent.; *Convulsions*, 7 per cent.; *Phthisis*, 6 per cent.; *Diarrhoea* and *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia*, each 5 per cent.; *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, 4 per cent.; *Dysentery*, *Enteritis*, *Prematurity*, *Anchylostomiasis*, and *Worms*, each 3 per cent.; *Accidents*, *Influenza*, *Puerperal Septicaemia*, and *Heart Disease*, each 2 per cent.; *Enteric Fever*, *Bronchitis*, *Tetanus*, and *Paralysis*, each 1 per cent.

11. In Colombo, too, the highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, to which 17 per cent. of the total deaths were due. *Debility* (of children under one year) and *Phthisis*, each caused 8 per cent.; *Convulsions*, 6 per cent.; *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, 4 per cent.; *Influenza*, *Enteritis*, *Accidents*, *Prematurity*, *Diarrhoea*, and *Heart Disease*, each 3 per cent.; *Puerperal Septicaemia*, *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia*, and *Bronchitis*, each 2 per cent.; *Dysentery*, *Cancer*, *Enteric Fever*, *Worms*, and *Paralysis*, each 1 per cent.

12. Nine deaths (8 males and 1 female) from *Plague* were registered in Kandy, as against 8 in the previous month. There have been no deaths from *Plague* registered in Colombo since October last.

13. *Infectious Diseases reported*.—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was *Chickenpox*, of which 101 cases were reported (55 in Colombo, 11 in Jaffna); *Phthisis* followed with 89 (64 in Colombo, 5 each in Galle and Kurunegala); *Enteric Fever* 23 (12 in Colombo, 6 in Moratuwa); *Continued Fever* 18 (12 in Colombo, 4 in Kandy); *Measles* 17 (11 in Colombo, 3 in Galle); *Plague* 10 (8 in Kandy, and 2 in Colombo); *Diphtheria* 5 (4 in Colombo); *Dysentery* 4 (2 in Moratuwa); *Whooping Cough* 3 (2 in Colombo); *Diarrhoea* 2 (in Moratuwa); *Mumps* 1 (in Colombo); and *Smallpox* 1 (in Colombo).

Meteorology.

14. *Rainfall*.—Batticaloa recorded the highest rainfall (21·82 in.). In the other towns the rainfall ranged from 18·54 in. in Kalmunai to 0·91 in. in Negombo. Colombo recorded 3·63 in.

15. *Mean Temperature*.—The mean temperature varied from 81·2° in Ratnapura to 59·3° in Nuwara Eliya, and was 80·4° 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, January 30, 1928.

C. COOMARASWAMY,
Registrar-General.

Table I.—Number of Marriages, Births, Deaths, and Stillbirths registered during December, 1927, 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 1917, 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 Military and Shipping) at the Census of March 18, 1921.	Population estimated to have increased since the middle of 1927 by intercensal increase.				Marriages.			Births.			Deaths.			Stillbirths.			Deaths of Non-residents registered in Towns, Hospitals and Jails.		Birth Rate.		Average for December 1917-1926.	Death-rate December 1927.	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.	December 1927.	December 1927.	Number registered during Dec. 1927.	Its proportion to 1,000 births registered during Dec. 1927.			Its proportion per annum to 1,000 births registered during the Year ending the last day of Dec. 1927.										
All 33 Towns	597,887	636,332	326	75	404,1025	2,068	1,043	905	1,948	104	95	199	503	38	27	31	78	36	04	421	204	228	—	—	—	—	—							
<i>Western.</i>																																		
Colombo	244,163	261,793	124	46	170,426	395	821	389	321	710	45	34	79	36	92	28	36	31	93	171	208	237	—	—	—	—	80.4	3.63						
Negombo	27,639	28,934	31	1	35	46	52	29	27	56	3	3	6	39	88	36	04	22	79	7	71	77	—	—	—	—	—	0.91						
Moratuwa	41,858	44,504	35	8	35	46	53	54	49	103	5	4	9	26	19	38	24	27	25	17	172	162	—	—	—	—	—	—						
Kalutara	13,596	13,981	8	4	8	27	28	25	20	45	3	1	4	46	32	36	39	37	90	6	109	143	—	—	—	—	—	6.04						
Panadura	10,747	11,572	4	—	4	18	17	7	19	26	4	1	5	35	61	31	90	26	45	3	86	101	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
<i>Central.</i>																																		
Kandy	32,562	34,334	7	6	14	60	69	70	59	129	6	7	13	44	24	35	18	44	24	24	186	212	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.41					
Gampola	6,202	6,672	1	—	1	17	15	18	15	33	2	2	2	16	56	47	58	23	11	344	554	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.23					
Navalapitiya	3,221	3,750	1	—	1	12	17	16	16	34	5	2	7	23	91	05	36	43	106	4	138	237	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.05					
Hatton-Dikoya	2,940	2,993	1	—	1	4	5	9	8	17	—	—	—	12	35	41	34	45	60	2	222	271	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.95					
Matale	7,865	9,023	3	2	5	10	15	27	31	58	—	—	1	39	32	62	39	46	75	9	360	271	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.28					
Nuwara Eliya	7,525	8,257	5	—	5	16	8	24	7	4	11	1	2	1	34	22	30	22	15	5	208	196	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.64					
<i>Southern.</i>																																		
Galle	39,073	39,628	25	1	26	72	63	53	53	106	5	10	15	20	40	11	30	78	31	25	185	201	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.17				
Ambalangoda	3,347	3,983	1	—	1	8	11	3	6	6	—	—	1	—	56	17	27	46	17	1	53	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.17				
Makara	16,779	17,108	12	1	13	33	30	26	16	42	2	5	7	5	43	36	40	96	28	11	175	206	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Welligama	9,104	9,386	11	—	11	18	16	5	10	15	2	—	2	—	42	65	40	95	18	2	59	61	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Hambantota	2,849	2,999	1	—	1	2	9	11	20	6	12	—	—	2	78	51	45	53	47	5	250	398	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.82				
Tangalla	4,896	5,005	5	—	5	9	12	6	6	13	1	1	2	1	49	41	31	62	30	7	333	427	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.06				
<i>Northern.</i>																																		
Jaffna	42,436	43,740	20	4	24	53	61	49	52	101	3	5	8	9	30	69	30	91	27	24	212	190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.04			
Mannar	3,705	3,750	—	—	—	4	3	7	9	18	—	—	1	6	21	98	33	39	56	5	714	403	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80.4			
Mullaitivu	1,563	1,681	—	—	—	2	2	4	3	1	4	—	—	—	28	02	23	06	28	02	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Vavuniya	936	1,027	—	—	—	2	1	3	3	5	—	—	—	—	34	41	16	08	57	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
<i>Eastern.</i>																																		
Baticaloa	10,564	10,818	6	—	6	23	14	37	23	4	27	1	2	3	40	28	28	86	29	7	189	171	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.82		
Kaimunai	2,586	2,616	3	—	3	5	6	11	8	10	18	—	—	2	49	51	41	05	81	4	364	362	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.54			
Trincomalee	9,414	9,796	1	—	1	12	17	29	19	15	34	2	1	3	34	86	27	95	40	7	241	289	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.32			
<i>North-Western.</i>																																		
Kurunegala	10,187	11,378	3	3	6	26	21	47	42	84	7	5	6	26	48	64	41	32	78	15	319	434	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.96		
Puttalam	6,905	7,550	2	—	5	14	15	29	17	22	39	—	—	8	45	22	36	04	60	12	414	579	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.98			
Kalpitiya	1,608	1,619	—	—	2	2	5	7	3	1	4	—	—	2	50	92	32	12	29	03	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.60		
Ohlaw	6,642	7,520	3	—	3	12	23	35	17	23	40	2	2	13	54	80	33	63	62	10	286	394	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.63			
<i>North-Central.</i>																																		
Anuradhapura	7,781	9,334	4	—	4	15	11	26	25	12	37	2	2	4	31	13	27	48	44	8	308	393	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.33		
<i>Uva.</i>																																		
Badulla	8,126	9,061	4	—	4	19	12	31	17	10	27	3	1	4	40	28	36	96	35	3	97	101	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.48		
Lunugala	526	533	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	8	19	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
<i>Sabaragamuwa.</i>																																		
Ratnapura	7,014	7,651	2	—	2	4	15	13	28	25	53	6	2	8	43	09	35	62	81	10	357	431	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.66
Kegalla	3,508	3,836	1	—	1	8	4	12	17	13	30	—	—	20	36	83	48	25	92	5	417	357	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.83	

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

Table II.—Births, Deaths, and Infant Mortality of Residents with their Corresponding Rates for December, 1927.

Provinces and Towns.	Births.*			Birth Rate. December, 1927.	Deaths.			Death Rate (Standardized).		Infant Mortality.	
	Males.	Females.	Persons.		Males.	Females.	Persons.	December, 1927.	Average for December, 1917-1926.	Number registered during December, 1927. †	Rate per 1,000 Births registered during December, 1927.
All 33 Towns	916	912	1,828	33·82	759	675	1,434	28·79	32·39	371	203
<i>Western.</i>											
Colombo	358	339	697	31·35	285	247	532	27·55	32·40	144	207
Negombo	36	43	79	32·15	22	24	46	19·16	30·75	6	78
Moratuwa	45	52	97	25·66	51	48	99	26·68	40·10	17	175
Kalutara	20	24	44	37·06	16	15	31	25·97	30·12	5	114
Panadure	18	12	30	30·52	6	15	21	22·74	25·23	2	67
<i>Central.</i>											
Kandy	55	64	119	40·81	57	46	103	38·68	30·73	23	193
Gampola	14	14	28	49·41	10	7	17	31·01	22·17	9	321
Nawalapitiya	7	13	20	62·79	4	7	11	37·50	35·62	3	150
Hatton-Dikoya	4	4	8	31·47	4	1	5	23·13	36·60	1	125
Matale	10	15	25	32·62	9	10	19	26·47	39·71	5	200
Nuwara Eliya	16	8	24	34·22	6	4	10	15·74	17·85	5	208
<i>Southern.</i>											
Galle	65	54	119	35·36	45	41	86	25·00	27·11	24	202
Ambalangoda	8	11	19	56·17	3	3	6	17·63	—†	1	53
Matara	33	27	60	41·29	22	15	37	24·99	26·70	11	183
Welligama	18	16	34	42·65	6	10	16	18·67	23·36	2	59
Hambantota	9	11	20	78·51	4	6	10	39·01	44·97	5	250
Tangalla	9	12	21	49·41	8	4	12	28·02	25·16	7	333
<i>Northern.</i>											
Jaffna	53	61	114	30·69	41	49	90	25·10	31·78	23	202
Mannar	3	2	5	15·70	6	6	12	38·42	33·39	4	800
Mullaittivu	2	2	4	28·02	3	1	4	29·19	35·04	—	—
Vavuniya	1	1	2	22·94	1	—	1	13·42	61·70	1	500
<i>Eastern.</i>											
Batticaloa	23	14	37	40·28	18	4	22	24·96	32·76	7	189
Kalmunai	4	5	9	40·51	7	8	15	68·02	—†	4	444
Trincomalee	12	17	29	34·86	16	14	30	37·72	37·41	7	241
<i>North-Western.</i>											
Kurunegala	20	16	36	37·26	25	25	50	60·13	37·90	14	389
Puttalam	13	14	27	42·11	12	19	31	52·43	54·49	11	407
Kalpitiya	2	5	7	50·92	3	1	4	33·42	—†	—	—
Chilaw	7	18	25	39·15	12	15	27	48·69	42·23	8	320
<i>North-Central.</i>											
Anuradhapura	15	11	26	31·13	25	12	37	53·03	71·46	8	308
<i>Uva.</i>											
Badulla	18	12	30	38·98	12	6	18	23·86	46·68	3	100
Lunugala	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24·90	—†	—	—
<i>Sabaragamuwa.</i>											
Ratnapura	12	12	24	36·93	15	8	23	38·59	24·65	7	292
Keralla	6	3	9	27·63	6	4	10	34·37	25·86	4	444

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

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

‡ Not available.

Table III.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during December, 1927, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Causes of Death.	All 33 Towns.										Western Province.												Central Province.												Southern Province.											
	M		F		Total.	Colombo.		Negombo.		Moratuwa.		Kalutara.		Panadura.		Kandy.		Gampola.		Navalapitiya.		Hatton-Dikoya.		Matale.		Nuwara Eliya.		Galle.		Ambalangoda.		Matara.		Weligama.		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									
All Causes	1,743	905	1,948	389	321	29	27	54	49	25	20	7	19	70	59	18	15	16	18	9	8	27	31	7	4	53	53	3	3	26	16	5	10	6	6	8	5									
I.—Infantile Mortality	240	181	421	105	66	2	5	10	7	3	3	1	2	14	10	6	5	2	2	1	1	4	5	2	3	16	9	1	8	3	1	1	2	3	5	2										
A.—One Week and under.																																														
1. Prematurity	21	23	44	8	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									
2. Debility	50	26	76	24	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									
3. Convulsions	17	8	25	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
4. Tetanus	3	1	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
5. Bronchitis	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—								
6. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—								
7. Other causes	6*	3†	9	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—								
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																																														
1. Prematurity	8	4	12	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—								
2. Debility	37	40	77	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—								
3. Convulsions	43	25	68	17	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
4. Diarrhoea	2	4	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
5. Enteritis	5	10	15	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
6. Tetanus	2	3	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
7. Bronchitis	3	2	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
8. Pneumonia	19	20	39	8	9	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									
9. Syphilis	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—								
10. Other Causes	21†	12§	33	14	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									

* One death each from Intestinal Obstruction, Cerebral Haemorrhage, Asphyxia, Delayed Labour, and 2 from Maternal Joxamia (in Colombo.)

† Besides 1 death mentioned in Table V., footnote †, 1 each from Pulmonary Congestion (in Moratuwa) and Cerebral Haemorrhage (in Hambantota.)

‡ Besides 14 deaths mentioned in Table V., footnote ‡, 1 each from Aphthous Stomatitis (in Moratuwa), Heart-failure (in Nuwara Eliya), Thrush (in Hambantota), Burns (in Jaffna), Malaria (in Kurunegala), Verres and Influenza (in Ratnapura).

§ Besides 5 deaths mentioned in Table V., footnote § 1 each from Influenza (in Kandy), Septicæmia (in Kalutara), Malarial Fever (in Matale), Dysentery (in Mannar), Helminthiasis (in Kurunegala), Worms (in Puttalam), and Malarial Fever (in Badulla).

Table III.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during December, 1927, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—continued.

Causes of Death.	All 88 Towns.			Western Province.												Central Province.						Southern Province.																		
	M	F	Total.	Colombo.		Negombo.		Moratuwa.		Kaltara.		Panadura.		Kandy.		Gampola.		Nawalapitiya.		Horton-Dikoya.		Matale.		Nuwara-Eliya.		Galle.		Ambalangoda.		Matara.		Wellisama.		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)	803	724	1,527	284	255	27	22	44	42	22	17	6	17	56	49	12	10	14	16	8	7	23	26	5	1	37	44	3	2	18	13	4	9	4	3	3	3			
1. Plague	8	1	9																																					
2. Smallpox																																								
3. Chickenpox																																								
4. Measles																																								
5. Influenza	15	12	27		5	1		1																																
6. Enteric Fever	20	6	26		7	2		3																																
7. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia	47	29	76		6	5		1																																
8. Cholera																																								
9. Diarrhoea	40	37	77		7	2		2																																
10. Enteritis	22	21	43		5	4		2																																
11. Dysentery	35	29	64		4	6		2																																
12. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis	25	31	56		1	5		2																																
13. Diseases due to other Intestinal Parasites	20	30	50		4	5		3																																
14. Cancer	11	7	18		9	2		2																																
15. Phthisis	61	54	115		24	30		4																																
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	4	4	8		1	3		1																																
17. Anaemia	3	6	9		2	3		1																																
18. Diabetes Mellitus	11	1	12		6	1		1																																
19. Paralysis	9	11	20		3	5		2																																
20. Convulsions	17	24	41		3	9		2																																
21. Tetanus	9	2	11		3	3		2																																
22. Heart Disease	23	9	32		7	1		1																																
23. Bronchitis	5	10	15		2	7		1																																
24. Pneumonia	149	98	247		62	42		4																																
25. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	7	6	13		4	3		2																																
26. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	38	34	72		13	10		3																																
27. Puerperal Eclampsia	8	5	13																																					
28. Puerperal Septicæmia																																								
29. Accidents of Childbirth	15	15	30		3	3		3																																
30. Accidents and Negligence	30	11	41		17	4		1																																
31. Homicide	9	2	11		4	1		1																																
32. Suicide		1	1																																					
33. Execution																																								
34. All Other Causes	*185	190	375		72	75		8																																

* Here are included 65 deaths from Senility, 10 from Deolity, and 8 from Cerebral Hamorrhage. † Here are included 89 deaths from Senility, 9 from Deolity, and 2 from Cerebral Hamorrhage.

Table IV.—Number of Births, Deaths, and Stillbirths registered during the Month of December, 1927, 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 1922-1926, in each Sanitary Ward of the City of Colombo.

Wards.	Population (exclusive of the Military and Shipping) at the Census of March 18, 1921.	Population estimated to the middle of 1927 by Inter-censal Increase.	Births.		Stillbirths.		Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.		Deaths of Non-residents in Town Hospitals and Jails.	Per Mille per Annum.			Mortality of Children under One Year.							
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		Persons.	Birth Rate.	Death Rate.	Standardized Death-rate, December, 1927.*	Number registered during Dec., 1927.	Its proportion to 1,000 births registered during the Year ended Dec., 1927.	Its proportion per annum to 1,000 births registered during the Year ended Dec., 1927.				
																	December, 1927.	Average for Dec., 1922-26.	December, 1927.	Average for Dec., 1922-26.
City of Colombo ..	244,163	261,793	426	395	821	45	34	79	321	710	171	532	36.92†	32.33	23.93†	28.35	27.55	171	208	237
Fort and Galle Face	2,690	2,885	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pettah ..	7,601	8,150	2	1	3	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Paul's ..	23,395	25,084	32	16	48	2	2	4	24	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
San Sebastian ..	11,492	12,322	15	15	30	—	—	—	8	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kotahena North ..	18,683	20,034	23	22	45	—	—	—	13	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kotahena South ..	27,488	29,473	33	31	64	5	2	7	29	56	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Bazaar ..	23,341	25,027	26	27	53	3	3	6	23	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maradana Hospitals	—	—	152	137	289	27	17	44	164	283	169	114	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maradana North ..	30,404	32,593	47	44	91	4	2	6	35	28	63	63	32.87	26.77	22.76	20.24	—	—	—	—
Maradana East ..	8,593	9,214	16	12	28	1	—	1	10	9	19	2	35.78	25.67	21.73	24.05	—	—	—	—
Maradana South (exclusive of Hospitals)	18,531	19,870	11	13	24	—	1	1	12	12	24	24	14.22	17.54	14.22	20.64	—	—	—	—
Slave Island ..	21,564	23,121	35	34	69	1	—	1	25	21	46	41	35.14	20.28	20.88	23.86	—	—	—	—
Kollupitiya ..	23,752	25,468	14	13	27	—	1	1	20	6	26	26	12.48	13.49	12.02	11.03	—	—	—	—
Wellawatta North..	15,816	16,958	9	17	26	—	1	1	7	12	19	19	18.05	19.06	13.19	20.75	—	—	—	—
Wellawatta South..	10,813	11,594	11	13	24	2	2	4	9	13	22	22	24.37	23.32	22.34	13.89	—	—	—	—

* Standardized death rates for the wards of the city are not available.

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

Table V.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of December, 1927, 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	389	321	710	1	—	3	—	23	24	13	3	15	15	29	27
I.—Infantile Mortality	105	66	171	—	—	—	—	5	7	3	3	5	3	9	6
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>															
1. Prematurity	8	10	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	24	6	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	3	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
4. Tetanus	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Other Causes	6*	1†	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>															
1. Prematurity	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	15	15	30	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	17	6	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Enteritis	3	9	12	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
6. Tetanus	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Bronchitis	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Pneumonia	8	9	17	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
9. Syphilis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Other Causes	14‡	5§	19	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	—	3	—
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	284	255	539	1	—	3	—	13	17	5	5	10	13	20	21
1. Plague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza	11	5	16	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Enteric Fever	7	2	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia	6	5	11	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Diarrhoea	11	7	18	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Enteritis	5	4	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Dysentery	4	0	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis	1	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Diseases due to other Intestinal Parasites	4	5	9	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer	9	2	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis	24	30	54	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Anaemia	2	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus	6	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Paralysis	3	5	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20. Convulsions	3	0	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Tetanus	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Heart Disease	12	7	19	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—
23. Bronchitis	2	7	9	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
24. Pneumonia	62	42	104	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	1	2	—	—	—
25. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	4	3	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
26. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	13	10	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Puerperal Septicæmia	—	13	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29. Accidents of Childbirth	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence	17	4	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Homicide	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes	72	75¶	147	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	1	2	3	1	7

* Two deaths from Maternal Toxæmia and 1 each from Intestinal Obstruction, Cerebral Hemorrhage, Asphyxia, and Drowned labour.

† One death from congenitally defective heart.

‡ Seven deaths from Influenza, 3 from Nephritis and 1 each from Asthma, Tetany, Paralysis of Intestines, and Meningitis.

§ One death each from Influenza, Nephritis, Cirrhosis of liver, Malaria and Cardiac Weakness.

|| Here are included 22 deaths from Senility and 4 from Cerebral Hemorrhage.

¶ Here are included 29 deaths from Senility and 5 from Debility.

Table V.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of December, 1927, 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.		Kolupitiya.		Wellawatta North.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Causes	23	27	164	119	35	28	10	9	12	12	25	21	20	6	7	12
I.—Infantile Mortality	8	5	28	22	15	5	4	4	6	1	3	6	9	1	2	2
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																
1. Prematurity	—	1	7	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	2	2	3	1	4	1	2	1	1	—	3	1	1	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Tetanus	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Other Causes	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																
1. Prematurity	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	1	—	3	7	3	2	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	2	1	1	—	4	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	1	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—
5. Enteritis	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
6. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Bronchitis	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Pneumonia	1	—	2	3	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	1	—	—
9. Syphilis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Other Causes	—	1	2	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over) ..	15	22	136	97	20	23	6	5	6	11	22	15	11	5	5	10
1. Plague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—
6. Enteric Fever	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
7. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia	—	1	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
8. Cholera	—	—	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Diarrhoea	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Enteritis	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Dysentery	—	—	1	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
12. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis	—	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Diseases due to other Intestinal Parasites	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
14. Cancer	—	—	5	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis	—	3	13	11	—	2	—	—	1	1	3	2	—	1	1	1
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Anaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—
19. Paralysis	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
20. Convulsions	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3
21. Tetanus	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Heart Disease	—	2	6	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	1	—
23. Bronchitis	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Pneumonia	3	4	37	23	4	4	3	—	—	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
25. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
26. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	2	—	10	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
27. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Puerperal Septicaemia	—	—	6	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
29. Accidents of Childbirths	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence	—	—	14	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
31. Homicide	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes	6	8	25	24	9	4	1	2	2	9	6	4	4	1	—	4

Table V.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of December, 1927, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo—*continued*.

Causes of Death.	Wellawatta South.		Deaths among all Races.															
	Wards.		Europeans.		Burghers.		Sinhalese.		Tamil.		Moors.		Malays.		Others.			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
All Causes	9	13	3	1	14	10	221	185	58	58	56	45	14	13	23	9		
I.—Infantile Mortality	3	2	—	—	2	2	61	40	18	12	17	7	2	2	5	3		
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																		
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	7	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—		
2. Debility	1	—	—	—	—	—	13	4	3	—	8	1	—	—	—	1		
3. Convulsions	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—		
4. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
5. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
6. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
7. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—		
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																		
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
2. Debility	—	—	—	—	1	—	7	8	5	5	1	1	—	1	1	—		
3. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	5	4	1	1	—	1	—	—	—		
4. Diarrhoea	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
5. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	5	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	2		
6. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
7. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—		
8. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	7	1	—	1	2	—	—	1	—		
9. Syphilis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
10. Other Causes	1	1	—	—	—	—	6	2	3	1	3	1	—	1	2	—		
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	6	11	3	1	12	8	160	145	40	46	39	38	12	11	18	6		
1. Plague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
2. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
3. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
4. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
5. Influenza	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	4	1	1	3	—	2	—	1	—		
6. Enteric Fever	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—		
7. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia	—	1	—	—	1	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	1		
8. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
9. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	3	2	3	—	—	—	—	—		
10. Enteritis	—	2	—	—	1	—	3	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—		
11. Dysentery	—	1	—	1	—	1	2	3	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—		
12. Anchylostomiasis or <i>Dochmius Duodenalis</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—		
13. Diseases due to other Intestinal Parasites	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—		
14. Cancer	1	—	—	—	1	—	6	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1		
15. Phthisis	1	1	—	—	—	—	19	15	3	6	2	6	—	1	—	2		
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
17. Anaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	1	—	—		
18. Diabetes Mellitus	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
19. Paralysis	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—		
20. Convulsions	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	6	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	—		
21. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
22. Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	5	3	2	—	—	1	—	1	—		
23. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—		
24. Pneumonia	—	1	—	—	1	1	29	26	10	5	12	9	2	1	8	—		
25. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1		
26. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	6	3	—	2	3	—	1	—	—		
27. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
28. Puerperal Septicaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	1	—	—		
29. Accidents of Childbirth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1		
30. Accidents and Negligence	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	1	3	3	—	—	1	—	—	—		
31. Homicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—		
32. Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
33. Execution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
34. All Other Causes	3	3	3	—	4	5	43	41	7	14	9	11	3	4	5	—		