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VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1928.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

THIS report deals with the Vital Statistics of the 35 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 372 (295 General and 77 Muslim), as against 488 in the preceding month and 404 in the corresponding month of the previous year. In Colombo the number of marriages was 158 (110 General and 48 Muslim), as against 225 in the preceding month and 170 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

Births.

3. The births registered numbered 2,200 (1,097 males and 1,103 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 40·19 per 1,000 of the population, as against 40·89 in the preceding month, 38·27 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 32·74 the average for the corresponding months since 1918. The rate ranged from 6·94 in Mullaittivu to 78·09 in Matale. There were 1,909 births of children, whose mothers were residents of the towns, equivalent to an annual rate of 34·87, as against 35·90 in the preceding month and 33·82 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

4. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 880 (428 males and 452 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 39·25, as against 39·04 in the preceding month, 36·92 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 29·83 the average for the corresponding months since 1918. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah wards, ranged from 8·25 in Kollupitiya to 33·59 in New Bazaar. There were 718 births of children whose mothers were residents of the city, equivalent to an annual rate of 32·02, as against 33·00 in the preceding month and 31·35 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

Deaths.

5. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 2,292 (1,203 males and 1,089 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 41·87, as against 36·62 in the preceding month and 36·04 in the corresponding month of the previous year. There were 1,731 deaths of residents of the towns, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 34·20, as against 29·48 in the preceding month, 28·70 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 32·52 the average for the corresponding months since 1918. The standardized death rate, exclusive of Lunugala where it was as high as 274·04, ranged from 70·22 in Puttalam to 7·23 in Mullaittivu.

6. In the city of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 780 (425 males and 355 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 34.79, as against 31.02 in the preceding month and 31.93 in the corresponding month of the previous year. There were 595 deaths of residents of the city which corresponded to an annual standardized rate of 30.56, as against 27.28 in the preceding month, 27.55 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 32.35 the average for the corresponding months since 1918. The death rate of residents, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah wards, ranged from 28.56 in Kotahena North to 8.71 in Kollupitiya.

7. The stillbirths registered during the month numbered 170 (93 males and 77 females), as against 164 in the preceding month and 199 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

Infant Mortality.

8. The deaths of children under one year amounted to 510, and corresponded to a rate of 255 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended December, 1928. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only, the rate was 232, as against 206 in the preceding month, 204 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 266 the average for the corresponding months since 1918. There were 469 deaths of children under one year, whose mothers were residents of the towns, which corresponded to a rate of 246, as against 209 in the preceding month and 203 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

9. In the city of Colombo the deaths of children under one year amounted to 186, and corresponded to a rate of 231 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended December, 1928. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 211, as against 182 in the preceding month, 208 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 274 the average for the corresponding months since 1918. There were 158 deaths of children under one year, whose mothers were residents of the city, which corresponded to a rate of 220, as against 187 in the preceding month and 207 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

Causes of Deaths.

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 7 per cent.; *Dysentery, Convulsions, and Malaria and Malarial Cachexia*, each 6 per cent.; *Senility, Worms, and Phthisis*, each 5 per cent.; *Diarrhoea, Enteritis, and Anchylostomiasis*, each 4 per cent.; *Prematurity, Influenza, and Bright's Disease and Nephritis*, each 3 per cent.; *Bronchitis, Enteric Fever, Puerperal Septicaemia, and Heart Disease*, each 2 per cent.; and *Accidents and Negligence, Paralysis, and Accidents of Childbirth*, each 1 per cent.

11. In Colombo, too, 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.; *Phthisis*, 7 per cent.; *Influenza and Convulsions*, each 6 per cent.; *Enteritis and Senility*, each 5 per cent.; *Dysentery*, 4 per cent.; *Heart Disease, Anchylostomiasis, Bright's Disease and Nephritis, and Worms*, each 3 per cent.; *Malaria and Malarial Cachexia, Diarrhoea, Bronchitis, Enteric Fever, and Prematurity*, each 2 per cent.; and *Puerperal, Septicaemia, Accidents of Childbirth, Paralysis, and Cancer*, each 1 per cent.

12. Five deaths from *Plague* were registered (4 in Colombo and 1 in Jaffna), as against 2 in the previous month and 9 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

13. *Infectious Diseases reported*.—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was *Measles*, of which 240 cases were reported (152 in Colombo, 32 in Moratuwa, 20 in Kandy, 10 in Kalutara). *Chickenpox* followed with 96 cases (33 in Matale, 32 in Colombo, 10 in Nuwara Eliya); *Phthisis* 78 (65 in Colombo); *Dysentery* 63 (16 in Vavuniya, 14 in Kegalla, 10 in Matara); *Enteric Fever* 35 (16 in Colombo); *Mumps* 12 (8 in Colombo); *Continued Fever* 12 (6 in Colombo, 3 in Galle); *Plague* 6 (in Colombo); *Diarrhoea* 5 (2 each in Moratuwa and Galle, and 1 in Colombo); *Cholera* 1 (in Kegalla); *Whooping Cough* 1 (in Colombo); and *Scarlet Fever* 1 (in Colombo).

Meteorology.

14. *Rainfall*.—Vavuniya recorded the highest rainfall (12.87 in.). In the other towns the rainfall ranged from 10.81 in. in Negombo to 1.57 in. in Hambantota. Colombo recorded 8.78 in.

15. *Mean Temperature*.—The mean temperature varied from 80.3° in Ratnapura to 59.0° in Nuwara Eliya, and was 79.4° 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 27, 1929.

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Table I.—Number of Marriages, Births, Deaths, and Stillbirths registered during December, 1928, the Proportion of Births and Deaths per Annum to 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 1918, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Principal Towns.	Population estimated of the Military and Shipping Battalions to the middle of 1928 by Inter-censal Increase.	Marriages.		Births.		Deaths.		Stillbirths.		Mortality of Children under One Year.		Mean Temperature in the Month.	Rainfall in inches.										
		Number registered in December, 1928.	Rate per 1,000 births registered during the month.	Number registered in December, 1928.	Rate per 1,000 births registered during the month.	Deaths of Non-residents registered in Town Hospitals and Jails.	Rate per 1,000 deaths registered during the month.	Stillbirths.	Rate per 1,000 stillbirths registered during the month.	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 deaths registered during the month.												
All 85 Towns	..	600,812	646,324	295	77	372,1097	1103	2200	1203,1089	2292	93	77	170	549	40-19	32-74	41-87	510	232	255			
Western.																							
Colombo	244,163	264,713	110	48	153	428	462	880	425	355	780	35	32	67	175	39-25	29-83	34-79	186	211	231		
Negombo	27,639	28,146	18	18	62	63	115	64	127	4	8	30	46	58	36-68	51-45	21	183	217	8-78			
Moratuwa	41,858	44,941	32	32	86	68	154	55	121	4	5	1	40	46	36-23	31-79	30	196	250	10-81			
Kalutara	13,596	14,043	10	10	19	19	38	30	19	49	3	3	15	31-95	38-09	41-9	8	211	250	—			
Panadura	10,747	11,627	5	5	18	20	38	15	22	37	5	6	8	38-69	35-89	37-57	2	63	61	7-11			
Kandy	32,562	34,625	12	10	22	69	62	131	60	57	117	5	4	9	41	44-67	36-58	39-90	28	214	264	9-07	
Teldeniya	637	1,006	—	—	3	11	15	26	15	13	28	—	1	1	12	70-40	—†	3-0-25	4	667	—†	—	
Gampola	6,202	6,750	3	—	4	7	6	13	15	5	20	—	2	2	14	45-47	39-43	48-97	4	154	170	—	
Navalapitiya	3,221	3,809	4	—	—	5	7	12	6	3	9	—	—	—	47-20	42-59	61-9	1	77	62	8-89		
Hattoru-Dikoya	2,940	3,001	—	—	1	31	29	60	21	42	4	3	7	12	78-09	35-0	35-40	2	167	229	7-29		
Matale	7,865	9,071	1	—	5	10	17	27	15	16	3	1	3	8	38-04	32-32	43-63	8	296	306	5-41		
Nuwara Eliya	7,525	8,380	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	287	296	3-91		
Galle	39,073	39,717	20	—	4	24	65	67	132	74	72	146	7	9	16	34	39-24	32-03	43-40	22	162	177	3-0
Arabalangoda	3,347	4,094	1	—	1	—	3	3	10	5	15	—	—	—	—	8-65	30-40	43-25	1	333	118	—	
Meihara	16,779	17,161	8	3	11	28	33	61	23	29	52	4	2	6	5	41-97	39-28	35-73	9	148	165	—	
Welligama	9,104	9,432	6	6	20	26	46	12	13	25	2	1	3	—	57-88	40-72	31-29	6	130	184	—		
Hamboantota	2,849	3,024	1	—	6	7	9	16	8	10	13	—	—	5	62-47	48-33	70-23	9	563	686	79-2		
Yangalla	4,896	5,022	1	—	1	9	10	19	15	9	24	—	—	6	4-67	33-67	56-42	9	474	425	1-67		
Northern.																							
Jaffna	42,436	43,951	27	4	31	79	86	165	66	64	130	3	1	4	1	44-32	30-44	34-92	36	218	262	77-7	
Manar	3,705	3,757	1	—	1	2	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	3	28-28	34-14	56-56	3	333	246	79-6		
Mullaitivu	1,563	1,701	1	—	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	6-94	23-42	6-94	—	—	—	—		
Vavuniya	936	1,042	—	—	—	3	1	4	2	4	6	—	5	45-33	19-52	67-99	—	—	—	—			
Batticaloa	10,564	10,859	6	6	9	14	23	14	18	32	1	1	2	4	25-01	30-28	34-79	6	261	192	8-01		
Kahmuni	2,586	2,621	—	—	7	4	11	8	6	14	1	2	5	3	49-55	42-60	63-07	2	182	194	5-02		
Trincomalee	9,414	9,558	1	—	1	10	8	20	20	40	2	3	5	3	21-56	28-75	47-91	12	667	457	6-86		
Kurunegala	10,187	11,580	2	—	2	17	10	27	34	30	64	4	2	6	39	27-53	39-73	65-26	7	259	218	1-80	
Putalam	6,905	7,658	2	—	3	7	8	15	20	42	—	—	1	—	—	23-12	38-42	64-76	16	634	667	3-50	
Kelpitiya	1,603	1,620	2	—	2	1	3	2	—	2	—	1	1	1	—	21-86	34-39	14-57	1	333	358	2-20	
Chilaw	6,642	7,667	11	11	12	23	24	20	44	—	1	1	9	1	—	35-42	36-40	67-76	13	565	566	1-62	
North-Central.																							
Anuradhapura	7,781	10,207	1	—	1	14	13	27	19	56	1	2	20	31-23	27-43	64-78	13	481	614	77-3			
Uva.	8,126	9,219	3	—	2	15	40	38	32	70	2	2	21	51-22	36-92	89-64	17	425	534	71-6			
Badulla	526	534	—	—	—	2	1	3	16	12	28	1	1	17	66-31	33-80	618-88	2	667	656	10-51		
Lunugala	7,014	7,758	1	—	1	19	16	35	18	17	35	1	1	16	53-27	37-81	63-27	12	343	519	2-25		
Sabaragamuwa.	3,508	3,891	1	—	1	7	6	13	22	16	38	1	3	4	22	39-45	46-19	115-31	8	615	429	8-07	
Kegalla	2,308	2,839	—	—	—	4	2	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	24-95	—†	8-32	1	167	184	—	

* Figures not available.

* 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, 1928.

Principal Towns.	Births.*			Birth Rate. December, 1928.	Deaths.			Death Rate (Standardized).	Infant Mortality		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.		Males.	Females.	Persons.		Number registered during December, 1928.†	Rate per 1,000 Births registered during December, 1928.	
All 35 Towns	952	957	1,909	34.87	885	846	1,731	34.20	32.52	469	246
<i>Western.</i>											
Colombo	357	361	718	32.02	319	276	595	30.56	32.35	158	220
Negombo	41	40	81	32.81	49	48	97	40.22	29.35	20	247
Moratuwa	83	65	143	38.88	55	65	120	32.11	39.21	30	203
Kalutara	18	16	34	28.58	18	16	34	23.44	29.88	7	206
Panadure	16	16	32	32.49	12	17	29	31.33	25.59	2	63
<i>Central.</i>											
Kandy	60	54	114	38.87	40	36	76	28.38	32.54	28	246
Teldeniya	3	1	4	46.93	4	7	11	—‡	—‡	3	750
Gampola	8	14	22	38.48	10	6	16	28.93	23.00	4	182
Nawalapitiya	5	3	8	24.80	4	2	6	20.19	30.07	1	175
Hatten-Dikoya	5	7	12	47.20	6	3	9	41.63	37.17	2	167
Matale	28	27	55	71.58	16	14	30	41.69	39.42	11	200
Nuwara Eliya	10	17	27	38.04	11	12	23	35.78	18.89	8	296
<i>Southern.</i>											
Galle	62	63	125	37.16	57	53	110	31.99	27.24	22	176
Ambalangoda	—	3	3	8.65	10	5	15	43.00	—‡	1	333
Matara	23	30	53	36.46	18	29	47	31.73	26.48	9	170
Weligama	20	26	46	57.58	12	13	25	28.97	22.82	6	130
Hambantota	7	9	16	62.47	5	8	13	50.44	42.08	9	563
Tangalla	8	10	18	42.32	10	8	18	42.00	26.27	8	444
<i>Northern.</i>											
Jaffna	78	86	164	44.05	65	64	129	35.90	31.57	36	220
Manner	1	8	9	28.28	6	9	15	48.06	35.01	3	333
Mullaithivu	1	—	1	6.94	—	1	1	7.23	33.65	—	—
Vavuniya	2	1	3	34.00	1	—	1	13.26	58.30	—	—
<i>Eastern.</i>											
Batticaloa	8	14	22	23.92	11	17	28	31.74	32.34	6	273
Kalmunai	7	4	11	49.55	4	5	9	40.85	—‡	2	182
Trincomalee	10	7	17	20.36	17	20	37	46.35	38.73	12	706
<i>North-Western.</i>											
Kurunegala	11	7	18	18.35	15	10	25	29.62	41.24	7	389
Puttalam	7	8	15	23.12	20	22	42	70.22	56.69	16	—
Kalpitiya	2	1	3	21.86	2	—	2	16.74	—‡	1	333
Chilaw	7	10	17	26.18	19	16	35	62.08	45.51	11	647
<i>North-Central.</i>											
Anuradhapura	12	11	23	26.60	23	13	36	49.85	74.22	11	478
<i>Uva.</i>											
Bedulla	24	14	38	48.66	23	26	49	64.00	46.19	15	395
Lunugala	1	1	2	44.21	5	6	11	274.04	—‡	—	—
<i>Sabaragamuwa.</i>											
Ratnapura	17	16	33	50.22	8	11	19	31.53	26.11	11	333
Kegalla	6	5	11	33.38	9	7	16	54.36	23.63	8	727
Rambukkana	4	2	6	24.95	1	1	2	—‡	—‡	1	167

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

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

‡ Figures not available.

Table III.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during December, 1928, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

* Besides 4 deaths mentioned in Table V., footnote *, 1 death each from Influenza (in Negombo) and Diarrhoea (in Jaffna).

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Besides 1 death mentioned in Table V, 12 deaths from Malaria, 1 death each in Kandy, Teldeniya, Tangalla, Trincomalee, Kurunegala, Puttalam, and Badulla, 5 from Ambalangoda, 7 deaths from Typhoid fever [1 death in Kandy, 1 death each from Ascariasis (in Negombo), Influenza (in Nuwara Eliya), Pneumonia (in Galle), and 1 death each from Ascariasis (in Negombo) and Galle], and 1 death each from Bickets' fever (in Dambadeniya) and Coccoidea.

(2 each in Motuwā and Putalam and 1 in Ambalangoda), 2 from Ricketts (1 each in Panadure and Galle), and 1 death each from Ascariasis (in Negombo), Influenza (in Nuwara Eliya), Dysentery (1 each in Jaffna), Thrush (in Kurunegala), and 2 deaths from Jaffna).

Table III.—Causes of Deaths by sex registered during December, 1928, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1896—continued.

Table III.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during December, 1928, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—continued.

Causes of Death.	All 35 Towns.			Western Province.			Central Province.			Southern Province.		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)												
1. Plague	4	1	1,782	324	51	40	51	28	15	44	7	18
2. Smallpox	—	—	—	270	55	21	45	44	14	5	14	7
3. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza	28	16	44	21	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Enteric Fever	17	41	9	6	2	1	3	2	1	4	3	—
7. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia	61	56	117	12	7	3	1	1	2	5	1	2
8. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	5	1	6
9. Diarrhoea	40	43	83	5	10	3	1	1	4	2	1	7
10. Enteritis	33	29	62	13	16	3	5	2	1	1	1	7
11. Dysentery	80	63	143	22	12	5	4	2	1	3	7	1
12. Ankylostomiasis or Dochmiasis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Diseases due to other Intestinal Parasites	41	43	84	11	13	1	5	1	3	1	4	1
14. Cancer	47	56	103	8	10	4	8	11	9	2	6	4
15. Phthisis	—	9	7	16	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	64	42	106	31	21	4	2	3	—	—	—	2
17. Anaemia	3	1	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
18. Diabetes Mellitus	8	5	13	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Paralysis	18	10	28	4	6	3	1	2	2	—	—	—
20. Convulsions	15	23	38	2	6	1	2	1	3	1	1	1
21. Tetanus	—	6	2	8	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
22. Heart Disease	26	14	39	19	7	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
23. Bronchitis	15	18	33	8	6	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
24. Pneumonia	—	145	144	289	48	43	5	3	6	2	5	1
25. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	6	4	9	3	—	—	1	1	—	3	1	2
26. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	33	26	59	16	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
27. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	41	41	—	—	—	3	1	1	1	1	1
28. Puerperal Septicaemia	—	—	25	—	11	—	2	1	1	1	1	1
29. Accidents of Childbirth	—	—	28	6	34	4	—	1	1	1	1	1
30. Accidents and Negligence	—	—	7	1	8	1	—	—	—	3	1	2
31. Homicide	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
32. Suicide	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
33. Execution	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
34. All Other Causes	—	183*	1,527	335	65	54	11	8	9	13	2	4

* Here are included 60 deaths from Senility, 11 from Debility, and 6 from Cerebral Haemorrhage.
† Here are included 58 deaths from Senility, 10 from Debility, and 9 from Cerebral Haemorrhage.

Table III.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during December, 1928, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—*continued.*

Table IV.—Number of Births, Deaths, and Stillbirths registered during the Month of December, 1928, 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 1922–1927, 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 1928 by Intercessional Increase.	Births.										Deaths: Including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.										Mortality of Children under One Year.			
			Stillbirths.					Deaths of Residents.					Deaths of Non-residents in Town Hospitals and Jails.					Birth Rate.		Death Rate of Residents.		Per Mile per Annum.				
			Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Males	Females	Males	Females	December, 1928.	Average for Dec., 1922–27.	December, 1928.	Average for Dec., 1922–27.	Per Mile per Annum.					
City of Colombo ..	244,163	284,713	428	452	880	35	32	67	425	355	780	175	595	39·25†	33·10	26·54†	27·62	30·56	27·62	30·56	211	231				
Fort and Galle Face.	2,690	2,917	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	1·41	4·05	7·01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pettah ..	7,601	8,241	3	1	4	—	—	—	3	2	5	—	6	5·73	3·48	7·16	6·61	—	—	—	3	750	—	—	—	—
St. Paul's ..	23,395	25,364	19	39	58	3	—	3	21	20	41	—	40	27·00	20·50	18·62	20·47	—	—	10	172	200	—	—	—	—
San Sebastian ..	11,492	12,459	12	16	28	—	—	—	12	13	25	—	25	26·53	20·74	23·69	19·84	—	—	9	321	336	—	—	—	—
Kotahena North ..	18,683	20,257	22	27	49	2	1	3	21	28	49	—	49	28·56	26·33	28·56	20·38	—	—	14	286	321	—	—	—	—
Kotahena South ..	27,488	29,802	38	35	73	3	4	7	24	31	55	—	55	28·92	25·87	21·79	25·18	—	—	16	219	258	—	—	—	—
New Bazaar ..	23,341	25,306	34	38	72	1	2	3	33	25	58	—	57	33·59	23·18	26·59	30·26	—	—	23	319	365	—	—	—	—
Maradana Hospitals ..	—	—	175	192	367	17	20	37	179	198	317	168	149	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	—	—	—	—	—
Maradana North ..	30,404	32,957	31	32	63	—	1	1	29	26	55	—	55	22·57	27·78	19·70	20·66	—	—	16	254	222	—	—	—	—
Maradana East ..	8,593	9,317	12	14	26	1	—	1	17	7	24	7	17	32·95	27·35	21·54	23·67	—	—	9	346	395	—	—	—	—
Maradana South (exclusive of Hospitals)	18,531	20,091	21	11	32	1	1	2	19	17	36	—	33	18·82	16·99	19·39	19·57	—	—	13	406	426	—	—	—	—
Slave Island ..	21,664	23,379	20	15	35	1	2	3	32	23	55	—	52	17·68	22·76	26·26	23·37	—	—	16	457	311	—	—	—	—
Kollupitiya ..	23,752	25,752	10	8	18	1	1	2	13	7	20	—	19	8·25	13·32	8·71	11·20	—	—	6	333	193	—	—	—	—
Wellawatta North ..	15,816	17,148	14	13	27	3	—	3	15	11	26	—	26	18·59	19·64	17·90	19·49	—	—	6	185	150	—	—	—	—
Wellawatta South ..	10,813	11,723	17	11	28	2	—	2	5	7	12	—	12	28·20	23·49	12·09	15·30	—	—	4	143	141	—	—	—	—

* 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., not assigned to wards.

Table V.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of December, 1928, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo.

Causes of Death.	City of Colombo.			Wards.											
				Port and Galle Face.		Pettah.		St. Paul's.		San Sebastian.		Kotahena North.		Kotahena South.	
	M	F	Total.	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Causes	425	355	780	2	—	3	2	21	20	12	13	21	28	24	31
I.—Infantile Mortality	101	85	186	—	—	2	1	3	7	4	5	5	9	9	7
A.—One Week and under.															
1. Prematurity	6	4	10												
2. Debility	17	15	32												
3. Convulsions	2	2	4												
4. Tetanus															
5. Bronchitis															
6. Pneumonia															
7. Other Causes	4*	1†	5												
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.															
1. Prematurity	2	1	3												
2. Debility	19	13	32												
3. Convulsions	16	17	33												
4. Diarrhoea	1	1	2												
5. Enteritis	4	7	11												
6. Tetanus															
7. Bronchitis															
8. Pneumonia															
9. Syphilis															
10. Other Causes	12‡	11§	23												
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	324	270	594	2	—	1	1	18	13	8	8	16	19	15	24
1. Plague	3	1	4												
2. Smallpox															
3. Chickenpox															
4. Measles															
5. Influenza	21	15	36												
6. Enteric Fever	9	6	15												
7. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia	12	7	19												
8. Cholera															
9. Diarrhoea															
10. Enteritis	13	16	29												
11. Dysentery	22	12	34												
12. Anchylostomiasis or <i>Dochmias</i> Duodenalis	11	13	24												
13. Diseases due to other Intestinal Parasites	8	10	18												
14. Cancer	5	3	8												
15. Phthisis	31	21	52												
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	3	—	3												
17. Anaemia															
18. Diabetes Mellitus	4	2	6												
19. Paralysis	4	6	10												
20. Convulsions	2	5	7												
21. Tetanus															
22. Heart Disease	19	7	26												
23. Bronchitis	8	6	14												
24. Pneumonia	48	43	91												
25. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	3	—	3												
26. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	16	4	20												
27. Puerperal Eclampsia	5	5	10												
28. Puerperal Septicaemia	11	11	22												
29. Accidents of Childbirth	11	11	22												
30. Accidents and Negligence	4	—	4												
31. Homicide	1	1	2												
32. Suicide	1	—	1												
33. Execution	2	—	2												
34. All Other Causes	65¶	54¶	119	1	—	4	2	—	—	2	1	4	—	6	—

* 1 death each from Gastritis, Spinal tumour, Congenital malformation, and from Cause unknown.
 † 1 death from Enteritis.

‡ 6 deaths from Influenza, and 1 each from Acute Nephritis, Pyaemia, Improper feeding, Abscess of head, Hydrocephalus, and Cleft palate.

§ 6 deaths from Influenza, 2 from Worms, and 1 each from Rickets, Stomatitis due to Thrush, and Improper feeding.

|| Here are included 18 deaths from Senility.

¶ Here are included 20 deaths from Senility and 5 from Debility.

Table V.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of December, 1928, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo—*continued.*

Causes of Death.	Wards.																		Slave Island.		Kolpitiya.		Wellawatta North			
	New Bazaar.				Maradana Hos- pitals.				Maradana North.				Maradana East.				Maradana South (exclusive of Hospitals).				Slave Island.		Kolpitiya.		Wellawatta North	
	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	33	25	179	138	29	26	17	7	19	17	32	23	13	7	15	11										
I.—Infantile Mortality	15	8	26	16	7	9	6	3	6	7	8	8	3	3	3	2										
A.—One Week and under.																										
1. Prematurity																										
2. Debility																										
3. Convulsions																										
4. Tetanus																										
5. Bronchitis																										
6. Pneumonia																										
7. Other Causes	1																									
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																										
1. Prematurity																										
2. Debility	5	3	1	1																						
3. Convulsions	1																									
4. Diarrhoea																										
5. Enteritis	1																									
6. Tetanus																										
7. Bronchitis																										
8. Pneumonia																										
9. Syphilis																										
10. Other Causes	4	1	4	2																						
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	18	17	153	122	22	17	11	4	13	10	24	15	10	4	12	9										
1. Plague																										
2. Smallpox																										
3. Chickenpox																										
4. Measles																										
5. Influenza																										
6. Enteric Fever																										
7. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia																										
8. Cholera																										
9. Diarrhoea																										
10. Enteritis	1	1	5	8	2	1	1																			
11. Dysentery	1	1	12	8	2	2	1	2																		
12. Ankylostomiasis or Duodenitis																										
13. Diseases due to other Intestinal Parasites	2	5	8	5	2	1	1	1																		
14. Cancer																										
15. Phthisis	1	1	16	14	1	1	1	1																		
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	1	2																								
17. Anaemia																										
18. Diabetes Mellitus																										
19. Paralysis																										
20. Convulsions																										
21. Tetanus																										
22. Heart Disease	2		6	5	1	1	2																			
23. Bronchitis			4	2	1	1	1	1																		
24. Pneumonia	1	1	28	23	6	2	1	1																		
25. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System																										
26. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	1																		
27. Puerperal Eclampsia																										
28. Puerperal Septicaemia																										
29. Accidents of Childbirth																										
30. Accidents and Negligence																										
31. Homicide																										
32. Suicide																										
33. Execution																										
34. All Other Causes	5	7	26	20	3	7	2	1	3	7	7	7	2	5	1	3										

Table V.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of December, 1928, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo—continued.

Causes of Death.	Wards.		Deaths among all Races.																		Others.	
	Wellawatta South.		Europeans.				Burghers.				Sinhalese.				Tamils.				Moors.			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Causes	5	7	4	1	22	16	240	218	79	65	52	48	6	4	22	3						
I.—Infantile Mortality	4	—	—	—	—	6	5	67	49	10	12	15	17	—	2	3	—					
A.—One Week and under.																						
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	11	9	1	2	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																						
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	7	—	2	6	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	7	2	4	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	8	5	2	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Syphilis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	6	2	2	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	1	7	4	1	16	11	173	169	69	53	37	31	6	2	19	3						
1. Plague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	6	7	5	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	5	1	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	4	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	9	4	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	4	4	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	6	15	6	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmias Duodenalis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Diseases due to other Intestinal Parasites	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	8	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	17	14	6	5	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Anaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Paralysis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	6	7	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	3	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
23. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	35	8	2	5	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	10	1	3	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Puerperal Septicaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29. Accidents of Childbirth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Homicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	31	13	9	6	9	1	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	5	33	31	13	9	6	9	1	—	—	—	—	—