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VITAL STATISTICS OF CEYLON.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1900.

I.—Population.

1. The estimated population of the Island on the last day of the quarter was 3,599,460, an increase of 19,932 on the previous quarter, due to an excess of 10,864 births over deaths and of 9,068 arrivals over departures of Indian coolies. Table I. in the appendix gives the area and estimated population of each Province and district of the Island in the quarter and the number of marriages, births, and deaths registered therein.

2. *Arrivals and Departures of Indian Coolies.*—The total number of Indian coolies who arrived in the Island this quarter was 32,237 and of departures 23,169. As compared with the averages for the corresponding quarter of the last five years, the arrivals show an excess of 33 per cent. and the departures of 27 per cent.

II.—Marriages.

3. *Marriages.*—The number of general marriages—*i.e.*, marriages other than Kandyan or Mohammedan—registered in this quarter was 4,399 and of Kandyan marriages 2,184.

Table VI. in the appendix shows the marriages solemnized among the general community in every Province and district in the Island, the civil condition, nationality, the highest, lowest, and mean ages of the parties, the mode of solemnization, the number of bridegrooms and brides who were unable to sign their names in the register.

Table VII. in the appendix gives similar information in respect of the Kandyans.

4. *First Marriages; Re-marriages.*—Of the 4,399 general marriages, 3,842 (equal to 87 per cent.) were between bachelors and spinsters, 110 between bachelors and widows, 378 between widowers and spinsters, 63 between widowers and widows, 3 between divorced men and spinsters, 2 between bachelors and divorced women, and one between a divorced woman and a widower. Of the 2,184 Kandyan marriages, 1,688 (or 77 per cent.) were between bachelors and spinsters, 233 between widowers and spinsters, 97 between bachelors and widows, 79 between widowers and widows, 38 between divorced men and spinsters, 25 between divorced women and bachelors, 12 between divorced women and widowers, 7 between divorced men and divorced women, and 5 between divorced men and widows.

5. *Age at Marriage.*—The mean age at marriage for the general community was 25·2 for males and 21·0 for females, and for Kandyans 23·2 for males and 21·4 for females.

6. *Minors.*—In the general community 4 per cent. of the bridegrooms and 50 per cent. of the brides and amongst the Kandyans 13 per cent. of the bridegrooms and 62 per cent. of the brides were under 21 years of age.

7. *Mixed Marriages.*—There were 40 mixed marriages in the quarter: 6 between Europeans and Burghers, 11 between Burghers and Sinhalese, 3 between Burghers and Tamils, 19 between Sinhalese and Tamils, and 1 other mixed marriage.

8. *Signatures in Marriage Register.*—Of the 8,798 persons married among the general community this quarter, 980 men and 3,350 women signed the register with marks, that is to say, 78 per cent. of the men and 24 per cent. of the women were able to write their names. Of the 4,368 persons married among the Kandyans, 801 men and 2,116 women signed the register with marks, *i.e.*, 63 per cent. of the men and 3 per cent. of the women were able to write their names.

III.—Births and Deaths.

9. *Births.*—The births registered in the quarter numbered 37,151 (42 Europeans, 172 Burghers, 26,764 Sinhalese, 7,605 Tamils, 2,442 Moors, 93 Malays, and 33 others), and were in the proportion of 45·8 to 1,000 persons living as against 37·8, the average of the corresponding quarters in the ten years 1890 to 1899, and 40·7, the rate in the fourth quarter of last year.

10. *Deaths.*—The deaths registered in the quarter amounted to 26,287 (39 Europeans, 141 Burghers, 16,651 Sinhalese, 7,436 Tamils, 1,809 Moors, 96 Malays, 36 war prisoners, and 79 others), and corresponded to an annual rate of 32·4 per 1,000 as against 27·8, the average for ten preceding fourth quarters, and 29·2 in the fourth quarter of last year.

11. The births and deaths and their rates in this quarter are compared in the following statement with the results obtained in the previous quarter, the fourth quarter of last year, and the averages of the corresponding quarters in the years 1890 to 1899:—

TABLE A.

	Births.	Deaths.	Per Mille per Annum.	
			Birth-rate.	Death-rate.
Average of ten previous fourth quarters in				
1890-99 ...	29,276	21,557	37·8	27·8
Fourth quarter of 1899 ...	32,720	23,449	40·7	29·2
Third quarter of 1900 ...	30,242	26,150	37·3	32·3
Fourth quarter of 1900 ...	37,151	26,287	45·8	32·4

12. Table II. gives similar information to A in regard to each Province and district ; Table I. gives the births and deaths according to sex, with the marriages, population, and area of each Province and district ; Table VIII. the births according to nationality and sex ; Table IX. the deaths for each month of the quarter according to nationality in every Province and district. The causes of deaths are shown in table X. for every Province and district, and in Table XI. for the estates in the Central, Uva, and Sabaragamuwa Provinces, and in Kalutara and Colombo Districts of the Western Province ; and in Table XII. for the town of Colombo according to wards and nationalities. Table XIII. shows the period of life at which the deaths of various races occurred in every district.

13. *Sex.*—Of the total number of births (37,151), 19,120 were males and 18,031 were females, *i.e.*, 106 males to 100 females. Of the total number of deaths (26,287), 13,481 were males and 12,806 were females. Out of equal numbers living of each sex, there died 932 males to 1,000 females.

14. *Infant Mortality.*—The deaths of infants under one year numbered 6,378, and were in the proportion of 172 to 1,000 births. The rate of infant mortality varied in different districts from 341 (for Tamils) in Puttalam, 304 (for Tamils) in Mannar, 266 (for Tamils) in Trincomalee, 251 (for Sinhalese) in Badulla, 247 (for Sinhalese) in Anuradhapura, 207 (for Moors) in Puttalam, to 121 (for Sinhalese) in Matara, 119 (for Sinhalese) in Colombo and Negombo, 116 (for Sinhalese) in Chilaw, and 108 (for Sinhalese) in Kalutara.

15. *Centenarians.*—Forty-seven deaths (18 males and 29 females) were reported to be of centenarians, but the ages reported cannot be relied on.

#### IV.—State of Public Health.

16. The general health of the population during the quarter was worse than usual, the death-rate (32·4) having been 5·4 per mille higher than the rate (27·8) for the corresponding period of 1890-99. The increase in the mortality rate is due to the large number of cooly immigrants who arrived in the Island during the second and third quarters of 1900.

17. Tables III., IV., and V. in the appendix show the births and deaths, the birth-rates and the death-rates for all ages and for infants in the several Provinces and districts of the Island, and in the revenue subdivisions of those districts for the quarter under review, for the preceding quarter, for the corresponding quarter of last year, and the average rate for the corresponding period in the last nine years 1891-99. The rates shown are for the Sinhalese only in the districts which are mainly inhabited by the Sinhalese, and for the Tamils only where the Tamils form the bulk of the population. These separate rates furnish more trustworthy data for comparing the relative sanitary condition of those districts and subdivisions of the Island than if the rates included other nationalities temporarily resident in them. In the Puttalam District, where the Sinhalese and Mohammedans are found in almost equal numbers, and in the Batticaloa District, which is inhabited almost in equal numbers by Tamils and Mohammedans, the rates are given for the principal sections of the population.

18. Judged by the mortality of the indigenous population, the healthiest Province in the quarter was the Western (21·0) ; the healthiest district Negombo (19·2) ; and the healthiest subdivision Chammanurai and Nadukadu in the Eastern Province (11·2).

19. *Western Province.*—As usual, the Western ranks as the healthiest Province in the Island. The Sinhalese mortality of this Province, which contains about a third of the entire Sinhalese population of the Island, was at the annual rate of 21·0 per 1,000 as against 18·1, the average of the fourth quarter in the years 1891-99 and 22·6 the rate for the preceding quarter.

20. In the Colombo District the mortality was in the proportion of 20·8 deaths to a 1,000 of the estimated population as against an average of 17·5. All its subdivisions fared worse than usual. The Colombo Municipality was as usual the unhealthiest division in the district with a death-rate of 40·6 as against an average of 36·1, and is considered at greater length in another part of the report (chapter VII.).

21. The Negombo District, although the healthiest in the Island during the quarter, fared worse than usual with a death-rate of 19·2 as against the average 17·8. All its subdivisions showed enhanced death-rates with the exception of Hapitigam korale, where the mortality rate slightly declined (17·2 as against the average 17·4). The unhealthiest division was Negombo Local Board with a death-rate of 51·0 against an average of 39·2.

22. In the Kalutara District deaths were in the proportion of 22·8 per mille, an increase of 3·2 per 1,000 compared with the average (19·6). Every division in the district contributed to this increase, notably Kalutara Local Board, where the death-rate rose to 27·1 from an average of 23·1.

23. *Central Province.*—The health of the Sinhalese population in the Central Province was not satisfactory, the deaths recorded corresponding to an annual rate of 35·7, or 3·4 per 1,000 more than the average 32·3, Kandy and Nuwara Eliya Districts being responsible for the deterioration.

24. In the Kandy District the Sinhalese death-rate was equal to 35·0 per mille as against 40·1 in the third quarter of 1900 and 29·2 in the corresponding period in 1891-99. All its subdivisions fared worse than usual with the exception of Yatinuwara, which was the only division that showed an improvement in the health of the population, its mortality rate diminishing to 30·6 from an average of 35·1. The unhealthiest division was as usual the Kandy Municipality, where the death-rate was as high as 53·8, or more than double the average (26·2). The mortality rate of the estate Tamil population of the district was 53·5 against an average of 29·4.

25. In the Matale District there was an appreciable improvement in the Sinhalese death-rate for the quarter (35·8), being about 8 per 1,000 less than the average (43·2). This improvement was shared by all its subdivisions, with the exception of Matale Local Board, where the mortality rate rose to 67·7 from an average of 43·8. The healthiest subdivision was Matale north, in which the death-rate diminished to 24·1 from an average of 42·1. Among the estate population of the Matale District estimated at 17,439 deaths were in the proportion of 60·3 per 1,000.

26. Nuwara Eliya District fared badly during the quarter, its death-rate having increased to 37·9 from an average of 30·1. With the exception of Kotmale where the mortality diminished to 24·1 from an average of 26·1, all the other divisions showed increased death-rates, the unhealthiest having been Uda Hewaheta with a death-rate of 47·1 against the average 31·9. The estate Tamil mortality during the quarter was 23·2 against an average of 29·5.

27. *Northern Province.*—The death-rate of this Province (21·9) was 3·9 per 1,000 less than the average 25·8 for the corresponding period of 1891-99. Jaffna and Mullaitivu Districts shared in the improvement, while Mannar District showed enhanced death-rates.

28. In the Jaffna District the deaths corresponded to an annual rate of (20·3), a fall of (4·5) per 1,000 when compared with the average (24·8). All its subdivisions shared in the improvement, with the exception of Pachchilaippalli, where the death-rate rose to 35·7, or 8·7 per 1,000 when compared with the average 27·0. The

healthiest division during the quarter was Vadamradchi west, where the mortality rate declined to 15·4 from the average 25·6.

29. The District of Mannar fared worse than usual, the rate of mortality having increased to 40·1 from the average of 29·3. There was, however, a slight improvement in the health of the people when compared with the third quarter of 1900 (42·0). The healthiest division during the quarter under review was Mannar islands (36·3).

30. The Mullaitivu District fared better than usual, its death-rate (39·6) showing a diminution of 2·6 per 1,000 compared with the average (42·2). This improvement was shared by all its subdivisions, with the exception of Mulliyawalai, where the mortality rate rose from 39·6 to 50·7 per 1,000 of the population. The healthiest division was Kilakkumulai with a death-rate of 36·3.

31. *Southern Province.*—The Southern Province did not enjoy good health during the quarter, the death-rate having been 30·3 per 1,000 of its population as against the average 26·4. Galle and Matara Districts were responsible for the deterioration, Hambantota District having showed a slight improvement.

32. In the Galle District the deaths were equal to an annual rate of 31·6 as against an average of 26·8, a deterioration shared by all its subdivisions without exception. The unhealthiest division during the quarter was Talpe pattu, where the rate of mortality increased to 34·2 from an average of 27·9.

33. The health of the Matara District during the quarter was not satisfactory, the mortality rate having risen to 30·8 from an average of 25·3. Six out of the seven divisions in the district shared in the deterioration, the unhealthiest being Matara Local Board with a death-rate of 48·9. The only division which has showed an improvement in the health of the people was Kandaboda pattu, where the rate diminished to 26·4 per mille compared with the average 28·1.

34. In the Hambantota District there was an improvement in the health of the people, the death-rate falling to 26·2 from an average of 27·6. This improvement extended to three out of its four divisions, the healthiest having been Giruwa pattu west (24·0). The only division which showed an enhanced death-rate during the quarter was Giruwa pattu east (28·9) against the average 24·7.

35. *Eastern Province.*—The health of the Tamils in the Eastern Province was satisfactory, their death-rate having diminished to 28·0 from an average of 29·9. This improvement was shared by both Batticaloa and Trincomalee Districts. The health of the Sinhalese and Mohammedan population was normal.

36. In the Batticaloa District the death-rate among the Tamils declined to 27·3 from the average 29·3, and among the Moors to 22·9 from the average 23·0. There was an improvement in the health of the Tamil population in Manmunai pattu, Eruvil, Porativu, and Karawaku pattu, Nintavur and Akkarai pattu, and notably in Chammanturai and Nadukadu pattu, in which the death-rate declined to 11·2 from an average of 22·7. The divisions which showed enhanced death-rates were Eravur, Rukam, and Koralai pattu and Batticaloa Local Board, the latter having been the unhealthiest with a death-rate of 48·1 against the average 19·6.

37. In the Trincomalee District the Tamils fared better than usual, their death-rate having been 31·6 as against the average 37·2. All its subdivisions showed diminished death-rates, except Koddiiyar pattu, where the rate increased to 29·3 from an average of 24·5.

38. *North-Western Province.*—The rate of mortality among the Sinhalese of the North-Western Province was equal to 29·4 per 1,000 of the estimated population, while the average for the quarter was 32·6 and the average for the corresponding quarter of last year was 30·2, an improvement for which the Kurunegala and Puttalam Districts were responsible, Chilaw District having fared worse than usual.

39. In the Kurunegala District the Sinhalese death-rate fell to 31·9 from 35·6, the average for the quarter, and from 41·1, the rate for the third quarter of 1900. To this improvement the majority of its subdivisions contributed, the exceptions being Kurunegala Local Board, of which the rate is usually high and, owing to the scantiness of its population, untrustworthy. Dambadeni hatpattu, and Katugampola hatpattu, in both of which the increase in the rate was but slight. The healthiest division in the district was Wannai hatpattu (29·6).

40. In the Puttalam District the Sinhalese and Moors fared better and the Tamils worse than usual. The death-rate for the Sinhalese and Moors were 32·5 and 34·3, as against the averages 39·8 and 35·8 respectively. The Tamil death-rate rose to 45·7 from the average 43·9.

41. The health of the Chilaw District was worse than usual, the mortality rate having risen from 16·7 to 20·3 per 1,000 of its population. All its subdivisions shared in the deterioration, the unhealthiest having been Chilaw town with a death-rate of 31·2 against an average of 25·8.

42. *North-Central Province.*—The North-Central Province was healthier than usual during the quarter under review. The mortality among the Sinhalese population was in the proportion of 34·2 per 1,000 against an average of 36·3. The majority of its subdivisions showed diminished death-rates, the healthiest having been Nuwaragam palata with a death-rate of 32·5 against an average of 39·7. In Kalagam palata and Tamankaduwa the mortality rates increased to 31·7 and 85·6 from the averages 31·6 and 54·5 respectively.

43. *Province of Uva.*—The mortality among the Sinhalese population of this Province was in the proportion of 56·4 per 1,000, a rise of 8·3 per 1,000 when compared with the average (48·1). This increase is chiefly due to an epidemic of cholera which prevailed in the district during the quarter. All its subdivisions showed enhanced death-rates, notably Badulla Local Board, in which the death-rate (87·8) more than doubled the average (42·8). Only Wellawaya (49·6) and Wellassa (57·6) divisions showed diminished rates of mortality when compared with the average rates. Deaths among the estate Tamil population of this Province estimated at 32,838 were equal to an annual rate of 37·5 per mille.

44. *Province of Sabaragamua.*—The health of this Province was worse than usual, the Sinhalese death-rate having risen to 31·4 per 1,000 from an average of 29·2, although compared with the rate for the preceding quarter (35·4) of 1900, there was a slight improvement in the health of the people. Kegalla District was responsible for the enhanced mortality rate during the quarter under report.

45. In the Ratnapura District the Sinhalese mortality rate declined to 33·3 from an average of 35·1. Five out of its eight subdivisions shared in the improvement. The exceptions were Kolonna korale (37·0), Ratnapura Local Board (44·7), and Kadawata korale, the unhealthiest division (52·6). Among estate Tamils the mortality rate was 60·8 as against an average of 38·7.

46. In the Kegalla District the Sinhalese death-rate rose from an average of 24·3 to 29·9, which however was an improvement on the rate for the third quarter of 1900 (39·5). The majority of the subdivisions of this district had higher rates than their averages. The healthiest division in the district was Panawal korale (22·4) and the unhealthiest Paranakuru korale (40·0). To every 1,000 of the estate Tamils in this district, which is estimated to contain over 30,000, there were 47·2 deaths as against an average of 30·9.

## V.—Causes of Deaths.

47. The causes of deaths registered during the quarter are given in Table X., and are summarized below :—

TABLE B.

District.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fevers.	Diarrhoea & Dysentery.	Violence.				All other Causes.	Total.
					Accident.	Suicide.	Homicide	Execution.		
CEYLON ...	202	8	4,652	6,451	430	35	30	6	64,473	26,287
Colombo ...	—	1	482	551	44	7	6	3	2,106	3,200
Negombo ...	5	—	208	96	14	1	3	—	454	781
Kalutara ...	—	—	253	408	30	6	1	—	868	1,566
Kandy ...	14	2	315	1,173	41	3	2	—	1,950	3,500
Matale ...	14	5	173	225	17	2	1	—	480	917
Nuwara Eliya ...	2	—	91	386	9	—	—	—	451	939
Jaffna ...	—	—	456	143	25	6	1	—	936	1,567
Mannar ...	—	—	48	39	3	—	—	—	146	236
Mullaittivu ...	—	—	42	9	4	1	—	—	74	130
Galle ...	—	—	248	588	39	1	2	—	1,178	2,056
Matara ...	—	—	191	735	21	—	1	—	683	1,631
Hambantota ...	—	—	305	86	7	—	1	—	217	616
Batticaloa ...	18	—	350	135	14	1	—	—	402	920
Trincomalee ...	—	—	34	36	2	—	—	—	128	200
Kurunegala ...	—	—	367	176	37	1	4	1	1,308	1,892
Puttalam ...	—	—	55	31	3	—	2	—	136	227
Chilaw ...	7	—	90	24	5	—	3	—	246	375
Badulla ...	47	—	219	60	11	1	—	—	372	710
Anuradhapura ...	95	—	402	773	29	2	1	—	997	2,299
Ratnapura ...	—	—	147	368	39	1	1	1	513	1,070
Kegalla ...	—	—	176	409	36	2	1	1	830	1,455

48. *Fever and Diarrhoeal Diseases.*—Of the 26,287 deaths registered in the quarter, 4,652 were reported as due to various forms of fever and 6,653 to diarrhoeal diseases, *i.e.*, fevers and diarrhoeal diseases contributed 43 per cent. of the total number of deaths.

Under the head "Diarrhoeal Diseases" is included cholera, which accounted for 202 deaths, of which 95 were in Anuradhapura, 47 in Badulla, 18 in Batticaloa, 14 each in Kandy and Matale, 7 in Chilaw, 5 in Negombo, and 2 in Nuwara Eliya.

49. There were 8 deaths from smallpox this quarter (5 in Matale, 2 in Kandy, and 1 in Colombo). Chickenpox proved fatal in 5 cases (3 in Kandy, 1 each in Kalutara and Badulla), and measles 42 (13 in Kandy, 10 in Badulla, 4 each in Matale and Jaffna, 2 each in Colombo and Nuwara Eliya, and 1 each in Negombo, Kalutara, Mullaittivu, Matara, Kurunegala, Anuradhapura, and Kegalla). Thirty-two deaths were attributed to whooping cough (9 in Batticaloa, 7 in Colombo, 6 in Galle, 4 in Kalutara, 3 in Trincomalee, and 1 each in Negombo, Nuwara Eliya, and Ratnapura). Thirty-three deaths resulted from influenza (14 in Nuwara Eliya, 4 each in Colombo and Chilaw, 3 each in Kalutara and Kandy, 2 in Ratnapura, and 1 each in Matale, Matara, and Hambantota) and 1 from mumps in Ratnapura.

50. The other chief natural causes of death were infantile convulsions 2,596, debility 1,276, phthisis 867, anæmia 785, general dropsy 720, pneumonia 698, old age 602, worms 601, malarial cachexia 385, childbirth 923, puerperal convulsions 308 (91 in Kurunegala, 41 in Badulla, 23 in Colombo, 21 each in Matale and Kegalla, 17 in Anuradhapura, 15 each in Galle and Kalutara, 12 in Ratnapura, 11 in Matara, 10 in Kandy, 9 in Chilaw, 7 in Hambantota, 6 in Negombo, 3 in Nuwara Eliya, 2 each in Jaffna and Batticaloa, and 1 each in Mullaittivu and Puttalam), premature birth 213 (97 in Badulla, 29 in Colombo, 18 in Galle, 16 in Kandy, 12 each in Nuwara Eliya and Jaffna, 11 in Ratnapura, 7 in Kalutara, 4 each in Mullaittivu and Chilaw, 1 each in Matara, Anuradhapura, and Kegalla), thrush 193, bronchitis 174, rheumatism 163, tetanus 102, *dochmius duodenalis* 72 (35 in Colombo, 14 in Kandy, 11 in Kegalla, 3 in Chilaw, 2 each in Nuwara Eliya and Ratnapura, and 1 each in Jaffna, Galle, Matara, Kurunegala, and Badulla), want of breast-milk 67 (20 in Kandy, 10 in Badulla, 8 in Kegalla, 7 in Trincomalee, 4 in Negombo, 3 in Nuwara Eliya, 2 each in Kalutara, Matara, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Chilaw, and Ratnapura, 1 each in Matale and Batticaloa), hydrophobia 14 (2 each in Colombo, Kandy, Kurunegala, and Chilaw, and 1 each in Negombo, Kalutara, Galle, Hambantota, Badulla, and Kegalla), and paraugi 12.

51. *Deaths by Violence.*—Of the 501 deaths attributed to violence, 111 deaths were reported to be due to drowning, 96 to fall from trees, 56 to snake bite, 27 to burns and scalds, 22 to poison, 22 to injury at birth, 18 to gunshot wounds, 12 to falls other than from trees, 9 to being run over by cart, 6 to being run over by train, 7 to lightning, 6 to fall of heavy substance; 2 deaths were caused by fall into pits and 2 by machinery; 2 deaths were attributed to bulls, 2 to alligators, 1 to a buffalo, 1 to wasps, and 1 to a rat bite; 1 death resulted from a surgical operation and 1 from being run over by a tram car.

52. *Suicide.*—Thirty-five deaths were attributed to suicide, of which 15 were by hanging, 6 by drowning, 3 by poison, and 2 by cut stab, and 9 otherwise. Of these, 1 was a European, 19 Sinhalese, 13 Tamils, 1 Moor, and 1 other.

53. *Murder.*—As many as 30 deaths were attributed to murder and other forms of homicide (25 Sinhalese, 4 Tamils, and 1 Moor). Of these, 6 occurred in Colombo, 4 in Kurunegala, 3 each in Negombo and Chilaw, 2 each in Kandy, Galle, and Puttalam, and 1 each in Kalutara, Matale, Jaffna, Matara, Hambantota, Badulla, Ratnapura, and Kegalla.

54. *Executions.*—Six men (5 Sinhalese, 1 Tamil) were judicially executed, 3 in Colombo, and 1 each in Kurunegala, Ratnapura, and Kegalla.

## VI.—Health of the Estate Population.

55. The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Central, Uva, and Sabaragamuwa Provinces, and in the Colombo and Kalutara Districts of the Western Province, was 2,419 (of which 3 were Europeans, 4 Burghers, 71 Sinhalese, 2,322 Tamils, 16 Moors, and 3 Malays), and the total number of deaths was 3,442 (6 Europeans, 3 Burghers, 53 Sinhalese, 3,361 Tamils, 18 Moors, and 1 other), corresponding respectively to an annual rate of 31.7 and 45.9 per 1,000. The causes of death are given in detail in Table XI., and may be summarized as follows :—

TABLE C.

Dysentery ...	698	Malarial cachexia ...	186	Childbirth ...	35
Diarrhoea ...	659	General dropsy ...	154	Anæmia ...	34
Debility ...	499	Convulsions ...	153	Cholera ...	27
Fevers ...	216	Old age ...	113	Other causes ...	419
Pneumonia ...	203	Bronchitis ...	46		

56. The following Table D gives the estimated population of the estates in each district, its birth- and death-rates for the fourth and third quarters of 1900, the fourth quarter of 1899, and the average of the fourth quarters of 1891-99 :—

TABLE D.

District.	Population.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
		Average of Fourth Quarters, 1891-99.	Fourth Quarter of 1899.	Third Quarter of 1900.	Fourth Quarter of 1900.	Average of Fourth Quarters, 1891-99.	Fourth Quarter of 1899.	Third Quarter of 1900.	Fourth Quarter of 1900.
Kandy ...	110,983	27.4	28.8	29.5	35.1	29.4	32.4	46.7	53.5
Matale ...	17,439	28.2	26.7	34.1	32.8	34.3	43.5	73.5	60.3
Nuwara Eliya ...	74,302	27.4	17.1	19.2	23.3	29.5	17.0	18.5	23.2
Badulla ...	32,838	38.2	28.9	31.8	35.4	35.9	21.6	29.4	37.5
Ratnapura ...	9,006	35.8	33.7	47.2	48.5	38.7	31.5	67.9	60.8
Kegalla ...	30,201	19.0	19.3	36.3	31.7	30.9	29.8	52.9	47.2
Colombo ...	5,379	17.4	18.4	28.8	27.3	59.2	43.9	50.2	56.8
Kalutara ...	10,243	11.5	24.1	12.4	30.6	42.2	54.3	46.5	108.8
Total ...	290,391	28.2	24.4	28.0	31.7	32.6	28.3	40.5	45.9

57. *Kandy District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in Kandy District was 1,014 (of which 983 were Tamils, 19 Sinhalese, 8 Moors, 2 Malays, 1 Burgher, and 1 European), and the deaths numbered 1,536 (of which 1,497 were Tamils, 22 Sinhalese, 11 Moors, 1 other, and 5 Europeans). The Tamil birth-rate in the quarter was equal to 35.1 as against a mean rate of 27.4 in the fourth quarters of 1891-99, and the Tamil death-rate was equal to 53.5 per 1,000 as against the mean rate of 29.4 for the corresponding period of 1891-99. As usual, the most fatal causes were diarrhoeal diseases, which caused 620 deaths (266 from diarrhoea, 343 from dysentery, and 11 from cholera), or nearly 40 per cent. of the total number of deaths. The other chief causes of deaths were debility 242 (including mostly deaths of infants from inability to suck milk), malarial cachexia 107, general dropsy 94, pneumonia 74, infantile convulsions 68, old age 50, bronchitis 24, anæmia 15, dochmius duodenalis 12, childbirth 10, starvation and want of breast-milk 7, and phthisis 7.

58. *Matale District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Matale District was 149 (144 Tamils, 1 Malay, 1 Moor, and 3 Sinhalese), and the deaths numbered 269 (265 Tamils, 2 Sinhalese, and 2 Burghers), and corresponded to an annual birth-rate of 32.8 against a mean rate of 28.2 for the corresponding periods of 1891-99, and a death-rate of 60.3 against a mean rate of 34.3 in the fourth quarters of 1891-99. Dysentery and diarrhoea caused 90 deaths, i.e., 33 per cent. of the total number of deaths, fevers 18, debility 29, pneumonia 33, cholera 14, general dropsy 11, infantile convulsions 10, and old age 7.

59. *Nuwara Eliya District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Nuwara Eliya District was 455 (435 Tamils, 15 Sinhalese, 2 Moors, 2 Europeans, and 1 Burgher), and the deaths numbered 443 (434 Tamils, 8 Sinhalese, and 1 Moor), and corresponded to an annual birth-rate of 23.3 against a mean rate of 27.4 in the fourth quarters of 1891-99, and a death-rate of 23.2 against a mean rate of 29.5. Dysentery and diarrhoea were fatal in 161 cases, or nearly 39 per cent. of the total number of deaths. Ninety deaths were attributed to debility (mostly of infants from inability to suck), 41 to pneumonia, 27 to fevers, 20 to general dropsy, 17 to old age, and 16 to infantile convulsions.

60. *Badulla District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Badulla District was 296 (293 Tamils, 2 Burghers, and 1 Sinhalese), and the deaths numbered 320 (311 Tamils, 7 Sinhalese, 1 European, and 1 Moor), and corresponded to an annual birth-rate of 35.4 against a mean rate of 38.2 in the corresponding periods of 1891-99, and a death-rate of 37.5 against a mean rate of 35.9 in the fourth quarters of 1891-99 respectively. Dysentery and diarrhoea were fatal in 120 cases, or nearly 38 per cent. of the total number of deaths (320), debility in 68 cases (mostly of infants from inability to suck), fevers in 28, pneumonia in 22, bronchitis in 12, malarial cachexia in 10, old age in 8, and infantile convulsions in 4.

61. *Ratnapura District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Ratnapura District was 116 (110 Tamils and 6 Sinhalese), and the deaths numbered 138 all Tamils, and corresponded respectively to an annual birth-rate among the Tamils of 48.5 and a death-rate of 60.8. Here, as elsewhere, the most fatal causes were diarrhoeal diseases, which caused 56 deaths (18 from diarrhoea and 38 from dysentery), or 40 per cent. of the total number of deaths. The other principal causes of deaths were debility 16, infantile convulsions 13, pneumonia 8, fevers 7, and phthisis 4.

62. *Kegalla District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Kegalla District was 264 (241 Tamils, 19 Sinhalese, and 4 Moors), and the deaths numbered 372 (358 Tamils, 9 Sinhalese, 4 Moors, and 1 Burgher), and corresponded respectively to an annual birth-rate among the Tamils of 31.7 against a mean rate of 19.0 in the corresponding period for the last nine years, and a death-rate of 47.2 against a mean rate of 30.9 in the corresponding period in the last nine years. The largest number of deaths in the district, as elsewhere, was due to diarrhoeal causes, being 165 (95 from diarrhoea and 70 from dysentery), or 44 per cent. of the total number of deaths. Of the other principal causes of deaths, debility accounted for 31 deaths (mostly infants due to inability to suck), infantile convulsions 26, malarial cachexia 25, fevers 22, old age 17, general dropsy 16, pneumonia 10, dochmius duodenalis 9, and starvation and want of breast milk 7.

63. *Colombo District.*—The total number of births reported for registration from the estates in the Colombo District, by which is meant the Avisawella division of the district, was 38 (37 Tamils and 1 Sinhalese), and the number of deaths was 80 (77 Tamils, 2 Sinhalese, and 1 Moor), and corresponded to an annual birth-rate of 27.3 and a death-rate of 56.8. Diarrhoeal diseases were fatal in 31 cases (12 dysentery and 19 diarrhoea), i.e., 39 per cent. of the total number of deaths (80). The other principal causes of deaths were fevers 17, debility 9, infantile convulsions 6, and old age 3.

64. *Kalutara District.*—The total number of estate births registered in this district was 87 (79 Tamils, 7 Sinhalese, and 1 Moor), and the deaths numbered 284 (281 Tamils and 3 Sinhalese), and corresponded to an annual birth-rate among the Tamils of 30.6 and a death-rate of 108.8. The most fatal causes were diarrhoeal diseases, to which 117 deaths (53 from dysentery and 64 from diarrhoea), i.e., 41 per cent. of the total number of deaths (284) were attributed. The other principal causes of deaths were fevers 23, malarial cachexia 20, phthisis 17, general dropsy 15, pneumonia 14, debility 14, infantile convulsions 10, and old age 9.

## VII.—Health of the Town of Colombo.

65. The deaths registered in the town of Colombo during this quarter numbered 1,505, corresponding to an annual rate of 41·0 per 1,000, being 18 per cent. higher than the mean rate for the fourth quarter in the preceding seven years (34·6).

66. The births registered in the quarter numbered 885, representing an annual rate of 24·1 per 1,000, which is about 3 per cent. higher than the average of the fourth quarter in 1893-99.

67. As usual, the death-rate exceeded the birth-rate, due mainly to the preponderance of males over females (chiefly among the Europeans, Indian Tamils, and Mohammedans), to the presence of hospitals, which add to the normal mortality of the town, and to the registration of births still being somewhat defective.

68. The subjoined Table E gives the births and deaths and their rates for each nationality in the fourth quarters of this and last year, and the average rates for the fourth quarters in 1893-99 :—

TABLE E.

Nationality.	Population at the Census of 1891.	Births.			Deaths.			Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.			Death-rate per Mille per Annum.		
		Average of Fourth Quarters, 1893-99.	Fourth Quarter, 1899.	Fourth Quarter, 1900.	Average of Fourth Quarters, 1893-99.	Fourth Quarter, 1899.	Fourth Quarter, 1900.	Average of Fourth Quarters, 1893-99.	Fourth Quarter, 1899.	Fourth Quarter, 1900.	Average of Fourth Quarters, 1893-99.	Fourth Quarter, 1899.	Fourth Quarter, 1900.
ALL RACES...	127836	816	964	885	1,294	1,183	1,505	23·5	24·9	24·1	34·6	30·4	41·0
Europeans including the Military ...	2,239	21	33	23	19	24	24	36·5	39·0	40·8	33·2	21·3	42·5
Burghers ...	10,674	66	133	88	75	79	80	24·5	39·4	32·7	28·0	31·2	29·7
Sinhalese ...	59,962	356	452	450	545	522	613	23·6	32·5	29·8	36·1	32·7	40·6
Tamils ...	24,372	68	107	115	266	278	399	11·0	17·9	18·7	43·3	39·1	64·9
Moors ...	24,428	261	187	169	237	231	295	42·3	21·1	27·4	38·6	33·3	47·9
Malays ...	3,437	34	40	25	35	28	41	39·1	32·3	28·9	40·2	41·6	47·3
Others ...	2,724	10	12	15	27	21	53	15·0	17·5	21·8	40·4	37·9	77·2

69. The birth- and death-rates given in the above table for Europeans, Malays, and the races classed as "Others" are not reliable, owing chiefly to their population being too small for purposes of rate calculation.

70. Excluding the rates for these sections of the population, the lowest death-rate was, as usual, among the Burghers (29·7, against an average of 28·0 in the last seven years), and the highest among the Tamils (64·9, nearly 50 per cent. higher than their average 43·3). The increased death-rate has been shared more or less by every race living in the town. The improvement in the registration of births is noticeable among every race except Moors and Malays, whose birth-rates are lower than the average.

71. The number of births and deaths of the different races in the different wards in the town, their rates per 1,000, the principal zymotic causes of death, &c., during the fourth quarter of 1900, are shown in the following table.—

TABLE F.

Name of Ward.	Population at Census of 1891.	Births.										Deaths.										Annual Rate per Mille.		Deaths of Children										
		Total Births.		Class.								Total Deaths.		Class.								Causes of Death.				Births.	Deaths.							
		Persons.	Males.	Females.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	Cholera.	Smallpox.		Measles.			Fevers.	Dochinus Duodenalis.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	Violence.			
Colombo Town...	127836	885	455	430	23	88	450	115	169	25	15	1505	817	688	24	80	613	399	295	41	53			1	104	34	269	17	4	3	24·1	41·0	3	
Fort & Galle Face	2541	3	2	1	2	1						10	8	2	5	1	2															4·7	15·6	
Pettah ...	7961	13	6	7		10	2				1	27	15	12		2	9	14	2						4						6·5	13·5		
St. Sebastian ...	7943	65	32	33		10	20	5	29	1		74	35	39		2	22	7	42	1				1			19	1			32·5	37·0		
St. Paul's ...	16322	105	52	53		4	30	38	31		2	165	82	83		4	35	84	36						12	1	19	1			25·5	40·1		
Kotahena ...	27935	137	73	64	2	12	97	16	10			265	138	127	1	15	166	43	39	1			1	31		42	2		1		19·5	37·6		
New Bazaar ...	14501	126	69	57	1	11	61	11	38	3	1	159	81	78		14	59	28	52	4	2				8		15				34·5	43·5		
Maradana :																																		
Hospitals	3562	104	43	61	1	9	82	8	3		1	366	240	126	12	10	156	143	22	2	21			21	31	118	7	2	1					
Excl. of hospitals	170	85	85	5	2	9	79	12	40	8		230	107	123	4	15	93	35	67	7	9			9	2	31	3	1	1			28·6	38·7	
Slave Island ...	13622	87	51	36	3	7	34	12	14	13	4	124	67	57		7	27	24	32	24	10			13		13	2					25·3	36·1	
Kollupitiya ...	13449	75	42	33	9	12	37	11	4		2	85	44	41	2	11	45	19	3	1	4			5		8						22·1	25·1	

72. The unhealthiest division of the town in the quarter was the New Bazaar Ward with a death-rate of 43.5, followed by St. Paul's (40.1). The low rates shown by the Fort and the Pettah Wards are due to their population being chiefly a floating male adult one. Excluding therefore these two divisions from consideration, Kollupitiya Ward (25.1) is the healthiest in the town.

73. There were no deaths from cholera or smallpox in the town. Measles caused the death of one person and whooping cough of 4. Phthisis, bronchitis, and pneumonia were fatal in 315 cases (against an average of 210 in the corresponding period of the last five years), diarrhoea and dysentery in 269 (average 174), infantile convulsions in 159 (average 152), debility in 128 (average 89), fever, including 29 cases of enteric fever and 35 of remittent fever, in 104 (average 118), old age in 100 (average 60), malarial cachexia in 37 (average 31), diseases of the circulatory system in 35 (average 20), doehmius duodenalis in 34 (average 9), parturition in 30 (average 24), worms in 26 (average 32), anæmia in 19 (average 15), paralysis in 18 (average 16), tetanus in 17 (average 39). Other causes of deaths were apoplexy 7, Bright's disease 7, enteritis 7, cancer 5, leprosy 5.

74. Seventeen deaths were attributed to accidents, of which 4 were by drowning, 2 by burns or scalds, 1 by poison, 1 by fall from a tree, 2 by fall from heights other than trees, 1 by fall of a heavy substance, 1 by being run over by a tram car, 1 by shock resulting from a surgical operation. Four deaths were attributed to homicide and three to suicide.

**VIII.—Health of other Towns.**

75. The total number of births registered in the principal towns (exclusive of Colombo) during the quarter numbered 2,247, and corresponded to an annual rate of 39.1 per 1,000.

76. The deaths numbered 2,536, and were at the annual rate of 44.2 per 1,000.

77. The following Table G shows the birth- and death-rates in each of the principal towns of the Island for the fourth quarters of 1900 and 1899, and the average rates for the fourth quarters in 1891-99 :—

TABLE G.

Town.	Population at the Census of 1891.	Fourth Quarter, 1900.			Birth-rate per Mille per Annum			Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
		Total Births.	Total Deaths.	Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.	Average of Fourth Quarters, 1891-99.*	Fourth Quarter, 1899.	Fourth Quarter, 1900.	Average of Fourth Quarters, 1891-99.*	Fourth Quarter, 1899.	Fourth Quarter, 1900	
										Inclusive of Hospital and Jail Deaths.	Exclusive of Hospital and Jail Deaths.
<i>Western Province.</i>											
Colombo ...	127,836	885	1,505	378	23.5	26.6	24.1	34.6	32.7	41.0	30.7
Negombo ...	18,933	202	225	30	65.2	36.3	42.3	39.7	31.9	47.1	40.9
Moratuwa ...	24,948	302	170	—	44.8	42.3	48.0	20.7	22.1	27.0	27.0
Kalutara ...	10,864	104	97	25	36.2	38.7	38.0	27.4	34.0	35.4	26.3
Panadure ...	3,245	34	36	20	58.0	64.8	41.6	56.1	56.2	44.0	19.6
<i>Central Province.</i>											
Kandy ...	20,558	199	319	128	19.7	37.1	38.4	29.0	44.0	61.6	36.9
Gampola ...	2,975	16	89	63	20.0	33.3	21.3	92.5	114.7	118.7	34.7
Nawalapitiya ...	2,542	32	101	82	35.4	39.0	49.9	139.9	134.2	157.6	29.7
Matale ...	4,197	38	130	88	21.7	26.5	35.9	66.7	76.6	122.9	39.7
Nuwara Eliya ...	2,726	33	44	26	27.0	36.4	48.0	44.6	62.6	64.0	26.2
<i>Northern Province.</i>											
Jaffna ...	35,856	319	214	8	40.5	25.3	35.3	33.5	40.7	23.7	22.8
Mannar ...	3,254	32	28	3	34.5	34.1	39.0	25.2	40.2	34.1	30.5
Mullaittivu ...	1,127	15	11	—	36.4	14.1	52.8	48.1	42.2	38.7	38.7
Vavuniya ...	467	5	5	—	19.8	17.0	42.5	84.9	110.4	42.5	42.5
<i>Southern Province.</i>											
Galle ...	33,590	320	320	58	35.6	38.6	37.8	37.5	32.4	37.8	30.9
Matara ...	11,500	107	119	16	36.2	42.4	36.9	34.3	27.6	41.1	35.5
Hambantota ...	2,588	29	19	6	42.1	42.9	44.5	35.6	27.6	29.1	19.9
Tangalla ...	1,436	19	13	3	57.1	69.1	52.5	24.9	27.6	35.9	27.6
<i>Eastern Province.</i>											
Batticaloa ...	7,257	66	83	—	28.3	47.0	26.1	18.0	36.1	45.4	45.4
Trincomalee ...	11,948	84	74	7	26.3	18.6	27.9	37.1	42.2	24.6	22.2
<i>North-Western Province.</i>											
Kurunegala ...	4,745	45	88	40	24.9	27.6	37.6	71.6	82.8	73.6	40.1
Pattalam ...	5,034	48	51	14	30.4	24.4	37.8	39.7	49.7	40.2	29.2
Ohilaw ...	3,738	34	34	8	28.4	40.3	36.1	29.2	25.5	36.1	27.6
<i>North-Central Province.</i>											
Anuradhapura ...	2,508	30	38	10	28.1	30.1	47.5	51.0	69.6	60.1	44.3
<i>Province of Uva.</i>											
Badulla ...	5,023	79	123	55	40.7	53.7	62.4	48.2	64.0	97.1	53.7
<i>Province of Sabaragamuwa.</i>											
Ratnapura ...	3,527	37	51	30	31.9	41.6	41.6	51.0	52.9	57.4	23.6
Kegalla ...	3,143	18	54	44	20.2	22.7	22.7	41.7	42.9	68.2	12.6

\* For the towns of Moratuwa, Panadure, Gampola, Nawalapitiya, Mannar, Mullaittivu, Vavuniya, Tangalla, and Kegalla the averages are for 1897-99 only.

78. The death-rates are given inclusive as well as exclusive of hospital and jail deaths. In some of the towns which attract large numbers of estate coolies and destitute poor to the hospitals, the difference between the two rates is striking, *e.g.*, Nawalapitiya 157·6 and 29·7, Matale 122·9 and 39·7, Gampola 118·7 and 34·7, Kegalla 68·2 and 12·6. Excluding hospital and jail deaths, the highest death-rate was in Badulla (53·7), followed by Batticaloa (45·4) and Anuradhapura (44·3), and the lowest Kegalla (12·6).

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APPENDIX.

Table I.—Area, Estimated Population, and the number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in the Fourth Quarter of 1900.

Province and District.	Area in Square Miles	Estimated Population on October 1, 1900.	MARRIAGES.			BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
			Total.	General.	Kandyan.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.
<b>CEYLON ...</b>	25,333	3,227,000	6,583	4,399	2,184	37,151	19,120	18,031	26,287	13,480	12,807
Western ...	1,432	846,682	1,900	1,900	—	8,230	4,228	4,002	5,547	2,834	2,713
Central ...	2,300	492,614	483	126	357	6,166	3,150	3,016	5,356	2,823	2,533
Northern ...	3,363	842,690	755	753	2	3,688	1,930	1,758	1,933	953	980
Southern ...	2,146	538,112	1,045	1,032	13	6,476	3,331	3,145	4,303	2,073	2,230
Eastern ...	4,037	168,079	149	99	50	2,070	1,073	997	1,120	598	522
North-Western ...	2,997	320,637	1,069	391	678	3,850	1,972	1,878	2,494	1,289	1,205
North-Central ...	4,002	74,885	181	13	168	852	415	437	710	380	330
Uva ...	3,155	167,734	249	26	223	2,130	1,093	1,037	2,299	1,251	1,048
Sabaragamuwa ...	1,901	269,567	752	59	693	3,689	1,928	1,761	2,525	1,279	1,246
Western.											
Colombo ...	561	482,843	1,073	1,073	—	4,362	2,235	2,127	3,200	1,649	1,581
Negombo ...	247	156,040	338	338	—	1,497	786	711	781	418	363
Kalutara ...	624	207,794	489	489	—	2,371	1,207	1,162	1,566	797	769
Central.											
Kandy ...	911	300,584	319	74	245	4,035	2,060	1,975	3,500	1,827	1,673
Matale ...	926	76,885	73	20	53	1,097	550	547	917	494	423
Nuwara Eliya ...	463	116,145	91	32	59	1,034	540	494	939	602	437
Northern.											
Jaffna ...	1265½	305,340	665	665	—	3,242	1,694	1,548	1,567	763	804
Mannar ...	943½	24,288	59	59	—	258	145	113	236	117	119
Mullaittivu ...	1,154½	13,062	31	29	2	188	91	97	130	73	57
Southern.											
Galle ...	652	245,960	569	556	13	2,990	1,527	1,463	2,056	989	1,067
Matara ...	481	197,688	334	334	—	2,380	1,221	1,159	1,631	754	877
Hambantota ...	1,013	94,464	142	142	—	1,106	583	523	616	330	286
Eastern.											
Batticaloa ...	2,872	142,174	100	67	33	1,726	888	838	920	489	431
Trincomalee ...	1,165	25,905	49	32	17	344	185	159	200	109	91
North-Western.											
Kurunegala ...	1,845	226,009	729	115	614	2,858	1,469	1,389	1,892	962	930
Puttalam ...	890	24,969	157	93	64	275	148	127	227	129	98
Chilaw ...	262	69,659	183	183	—	717	355	362	375	198	177
North-Central.											
Anuradhapura ...	4,002	74,885	181	13	168	852	415	437	710	380	330
Uva.											
Badulla ...	3,155	167,734	249	26	223	2,130	1,093	1,037	2,299	1,251	1,048
Sabaragamuwa.											
Ratnapura ...	1,259	113,628	363	24	339	1,578	826	752	1,070	524	546
Kegalla ...	642	155,939	389	35	354	2,111	1,112	1,009	1,455	755	700

Table II.—Birth- and Death-rates in the Fourth and Third Quarters of 1900, the Fourth Quarter of 1899, and the mean rate for the Fourth Quarter in the years 1890-99.

Province and District.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
	Average of Ten Fourth Quarters of 1890-99.	Fourth Quarter of 1899.	Third Quarter of 1900.	Fourth Quarter of 1900.	Average of Ten Fourth Quarters of 1890-99.	Fourth Quarter of 1899.	Third Quarter of 1900.	Fourth Quarter of 1900.
CEYLON ... ..	37.8	40.7	37.3	45.8	27.8	29.2	32.3	32.4
Western ... ..	32.7	37.5	31.2	38.6	20.1	22.0	26.3	26.0
Central ... ..	36.3	42.3	38.7	49.7	31.3	31.7	42.7	43.1
Northern ... ..	36.8	30.1	39.7	42.7	26.5	32.6	21.7	22.4
Southern ... ..	38.7	50.3	38.1	47.7	27.2	26.3	29.1	31.7
Eastern ... ..	45.6	40.9	42.2	48.9	27.3	31.4	30.8	26.4
North-Western ... ..	38.9	32.3	39.9	47.6	31.9	32.1	38.8	30.9
North-Central ... ..	42.2	36.1	40.2	45.1	35.4	38.5	32.7	37.6
Uva ... ..	48.6	49.4	37.3	50.4	43.5	43.7	36.5	54.4
Sabaragamuwa ... ..	41.4	48.2	42.4	54.8	31.4	32.0	41.6	37.2
Western.								
Colombo ... ..	29.2	34.0	29.5	35.8	19.9	21.8	27.3	26.3
Negombo ... ..	39.5	35.1	31.4	38.1	18.8	16.9	26.3	19.9
Kalutara ... ..	36.2	47.6	34.9	45.2	21.4	26.2	24.1	29.9
Central.								
Kandy ... ..	35.5	45.5	39.9	53.3	29.8	32.9	46.4	46.2
Matale ... ..	41.5	45.0	46.7	56.5	41.8	40.1	54.0	47.3
Nuwara Eliya ... ..	34.8	32.2	30.2	35.6	27.9	22.9	25.4	32.4
Northern.								
Jaffna ... ..	37.0	29.6	38.5	42.1	25.3	31.7	19.7	20.4
Mannar ... ..	33.1	33.7	44.7	42.1	29.7	38.7	38.1	38.6
Mullaittivu ... ..	36.9	34.4	57.4	57.1	41.0	42.9	39.1	39.5
Southern.								
Galle ... ..	38.7	53.1	37.0	48.2	30.0	29.8	28.1	33.1
Matara ... ..	40.1	51.0	37.6	47.8	29.1	23.3	31.9	32.7
Hambantota ... ..	35.5	41.6	41.6	46.4	32.4	23.2	26.0	25.9
Eastern.								
Batticaloa ... ..	46.9	41.9	43.2	48.2	29.3	29.4	30.8	25.7
Trincomalee ... ..	38.8	35.6	36.7	52.7	33.6	42.7	31.3	30.6
North-Western.								
Kurunegala ... ..	41.2	32.6	43.6	50.2	35.6	34.6	43.3	33.2
Puttalam ... ..	34.4	32.0	33.4	43.7	39.1	47.8	34.8	36.1
Chilaw ... ..	32.3	31.1	30.3	40.9	20.4	18.1	25.6	21.4
North-Central.								
Anuradhapura ... ..	42.2	36.1	40.2	45.1	35.4	38.5	32.7	37.6
Uva.								
Badulla ... ..	48.6	49.4	37.3	50.4	43.5	43.7	36.5	54.4
Sabaragamuwa.								
Ratnapura ... ..	43.9	51.5	44.1	55.1	38.6	33.6	35.0	37.4
Kegalla ... ..	39.6	45.9	41.2	53.7	28.6	30.9	46.4	37.0





Table IV.—Tamil Births and Deaths, with the Birth-rate and Death-rate for all Ages and for Infants in the Tamil Districts for the Fourth Quarter of 1900.

Province, District, and Division.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population at the beginning of the Quarter.	Births.	Deaths.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.				Deaths of Children under Year to 1,000 Births in the Fourth Quarter of 1900.
					Average of Nine Fourth Quarters of 1891-99.	Fourth Quarter of 1899.	Third Quarter of 1900.	Fourth Quarter of 1900.	Average of Nine Fourth Quarters of 1891-99.	Fourth Quarter of 1899.	Third Quarter of 1900.	Fourth Quarter of 1900.	
<b>NORTHERN</b> ...	3363	326,744	3,514	1,803	35.7	29.7	39.8	42.7	25.8	32.2	21.5	21.9	146
<i>Jaffna</i> ...	1265½	300,500	3,191	1,539	35.9	29.7	38.8	42.1	24.8	31.6	19.8	20.3	139
Jaffna Division ...	18½	41,508	387	243	33.4	25.3	33.6	37.0	27.6	41.8	25.1	23.2	168
Valikamam East ...	40	24,332	275	124	36.3	30.7	46.9	44.8	20.6	27.1	22.1	20.2	127
Valikamam North ...	36	46,126	526	209	38.4	33.9	38.1	45.2	22.6	29.5	17.5	18.0	144
Valikamam West ...	38½	48,426	483	208	36.7	32.9	31.7	39.6	22.5	26.1	15.1	16.0	137
Vadamaradchi East... ..	34½	4,103	54	23	43.0	32.8	53.4	52.2	32.2	55.9	35.0	22.3	204
Vadamaradchi West ...	55	50,099	498	194	36.6	27.4	39.0	39.4	25.6	28.5	14.7	15.4	111
Tenmaradchi ...	80	37,039	407	241	28.3	22.2	43.6	43.6	27.9	36.4	23.2	25.8	160
Pachchilaippalli ...	87	5,554	54	50	28.6	18.6	41.6	38.6	27.0	30.8	25.1	35.7	185
Karsichchi ...	123¾	1,647	4	6	11.0	—	14.5	9.6	18.4	—	9.6	14.4	—
Punakari ...	226¾	4,745	62	35	44.9	22.5	41.9	51.8	43.4	37.5	31.9	29.3	145
Islands ...	78	36,334	433	200	43.0	39.4	43.1	47.3	26.1	29.7	21.4	21.8	116
Tunukkai ...	446½	587	8	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Mannar</i> ...	943½	15,416	158	156	24.9	28.9	44.3	40.7	29.3	38.9	42.0	40.1	304
Mannar Islands Division ...	47½	5,584	58	51	40.3	27.5	51.3	41.2	28.4	49.4	39.9	36.3	276
Mantai Division ...	247	4,007	47	45	26.1	21.7	46.5	46.5	30.2	30.6	50.4	44.5	234
Nanaddan Division... ..	251	5,246	44	54	24.4	37.7	34.0	33.3	29.3	35.4	37.0	40.8	432
Panankamam ...	397½	579	9	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Mullaitivu</i> ...	1154½	10,828	165	108	35.9	31.9	60.0	60.5	42.2	41.5	40.1	39.6	181
Karikkaddumulai ...	350	4,194	76	44	35.9	26.6	60.9	71.9	42.3	33.3	39.0	41.6	211
Mulliyawalai ...	139½	1,643	32	21	47.2	31.2	80.4	77.3	39.6	31.2	43.9	50.7	188
Kilakkumulai ...	286½	2,737	33	25	28.9	39.1	42.1	47.8	37.6	53.5	33.4	36.3	212
Chinnacheddikulam... ..	158½	734	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Melpattu ...	220	1,520	22	14	30.0	13.2	68.2	57.4	47.9	28.9	47.3	36.5	—
<b>EASTERN</b> ...	4037	96,049	1,132	678	43.5	39.9	38.0	46.7	29.9	33.2	30.6	28.0	119
<i>Batticaloa</i> ...	2872	79,852	948	549	45.6	42.0	39.5	47.1	29.3	30.8	30.3	27.3	195
Batticaloa Local Board ...	1½	6,270	54	76	30.7	48.8	43.0	34.2	19.6	36.8	43.7	48.1	463
Manmunai Pattu, exclusive of Local Board ...	222	23,638	244	155	47.1	46.0	32.1	41.0	31.3	30.8	32.4	26.0	189
Bintenna ...	677½	485	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chammanturai and Nadukadu ...	420½	3,994	33	11	30.5	25.9	31.8	33.6	22.7	26.9	30.3	11.2	212
Eravur, Bukam, and Koralai ...	682½	13,832	208	109	51.1	51.8	35.4	59.7	25.8	32.0	24.4	31.3	183
Eruvil, Porativu, and Karavaku ...	277	25,437	314	150	47.5	37.9	47.2	49.0	28.9	30.3	27.4	23.4	175
Nintavur and Akkarai Pattu ...	124½	5,620	83	33	43.7	30.0	50.4	58.6	30.3	27.7	31.9	23.3	145
Panawa Pattu ...	486½	576	7	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Trincomalee</i> ...	1165	16,197	184	129	33.9	29.5	30.6	45.0	37.2	45.0	31.8	31.6	266
Trincomalee Town ...	1	8,265	66	62	26.8	18.3	20.1	31.7	41.5	47.7	31.1	29.8	333
Kaddukulam Pattu ...	490½	2,387	27	21	38.6	36.1	36.4	44.9	35.7	45.9	53.0	34.9	222
Koddiyar Pattu ...	223	3,923	61	29	41.1	43.1	43.7	61.8	24.5	34.8	21.4	29.3	229
Tampalakamam Pattu ...	450½	1,622	30	17	48.1	46.8	44.2	73.3	45.4	54.2	29.5	41.6	233
<b>NORTH-WESTERN</b> ...	2997	16,232	126	233	24.1	28.5	24.7	30.8	38.6	51.3	59.4	56.9	365
<i>Puttalam</i> ...	890	5,210	44	60	31.5	27.4	28.8	33.5	43.9	57.0	51.5	45.7	341
Puttalam Local Board ...	½	900	4	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Demala Hatpattu ...	441½	121	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kalpitiya Division ...	315	1,411	13	21	35.1	52.7	19.5	36.6	52.6	83.2	47.5	59.0	539
Puttalam Division ...	133	2,778	26	18	28.3	19.8	34.1	37.1	27.0	31.0	48.4	25.7	192

Table V.—Mohammedan Births and Deaths, with Birth-rate and Death-rate for all Ages and for Infants in the Batticaloa and Puttalam Districts for the Fourth Quarter of 1900.

Province, District, and Division.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population at the beginning of the Quarter.	Births.	Deaths.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.				Deaths of Children under 1 year to 1,000 Births in the Fourth Quarter of 1900.
					Average of Nine Fourth Quarters of 1891-99.	Fourth Quarter of 1899.	Third Quarter of 1900.	Fourth Quarter of 1900.	Average of Nine Fourth Quarters of 1891-99.	Fourth Quarter of 1899.	Third Quarter of 1900.	Fourth Quarter of 1900.	
<b>EASTERN</b> ...	4037	61,276	809	362	47.6	42.0	47.6	52.4	23.5	26.6	31.2	23.4	180
<i>Batticaloa</i> ...	2872	53,993	688	311	48.3	41.9	48.3	50.6	23.0	25.3	31.5	22.9	182
Batticaloa Local Board	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	316	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manmunai Pattu, exclusive of Local Board	222	11,565	152	84	53.8	49.2	43.2	52.2	27.2	31.7	41.1	28.8	237
Bintenna	677 $\frac{1}{2}$	249	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chammanturai and Nadukadu	420 $\frac{1}{2}$	5,703	77	27	48.7	47.8	56.0	53.5	24.9	38.0	30.1	18.8	143
Eravur, Rukam, and Koralai	662 $\frac{1}{2}$	9,268	98	52	44.7	34.2	31.7	42.0	27.1	19.5	25.7	22.3	174
Eruvil, Porativu, and Karavaku	277	13,333	183	64	43.8	39.7	54.5	54.5	21.2	24.3	24.5	19.0	164
Nintavur and Akkarai Pattu	124 $\frac{1}{2}$	11,925	155	71	51.9	42.7	57.3	51.6	22.1	19.3	30.2	23.6	181
Panawa Pattu	486 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,635	19	11	49.8	37.1	51.3	46.1	40.6	29.8	24.4	26.7	105
<b>NORTH-WESTERN</b> ...	2997	22,138	251	165	37.1	31.4	35.8	45.0	39.5	41.4	39.9	29.6	163
<i>Puttalam</i> ...	890	9,722	121	84	34.4	35.2	29.7	49.4	35.8	47.5	28.5	34.3	207
Puttalam Local Board	—	2,684	36	22	34.9	29.9	37.0	53.2	33.7	37.5	28.1	32.5	195
Demala Hatpattu	441 $\frac{1}{2}$	429	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kalpitiya Division	315	4,440	46	44	41.2	40.1	30.4	41.1	47.2	61.4	29.5	39.3	282
Puttalam Division	133	2,169	34	14	20.3	33.2	16.5	62.2	16.7	31.4	18.2	25.6	147



Table VII.—Marriages (Kandyan), Civil Condition, Age, Signature of Marriage Register, &amp;c., in the Fourth Quarter of 1900.

Province and District.	Total Marriages.	Contracted between										Persons not 21 Years of Age.		Highest Male Age.	Mean Male Age.	Lowest Male Age.	Highest Female Age.	Mean Female Age.	Lowest Female Age.	Signed the Register with Marks.	
		Bachelors and Spinsters.	Bachelors and Widows.	Widowers and Spinsters.	Widowers and Widows.	Divorced Men and Spinsters.	Divorced Men and Widows.	Divorced Women and Bachelors.	Divorced Women and Widows.	Divorced Men and Divorced Women.	Divorced Women.	Males.	Females.							Males.	Females.
CEYLON ...	2184	1588	97	233	79	38	5	25	12	7	275	1863	80	28.2	16	70	21.4	13	801	2116	
Central ...	357	282	15	37	3	14	—	3	1	2	49	231	75	27.8	18	50	21.3	13	128	337	
Northern ...	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	45	32.5	20	30	24.0	18	—	2	
Southern ...	13	12	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	31	26.4	21	29	22.4	19	5	12	
Eastern ...	50	40	1	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	25	50	30.9	18	40	22.7	16	25	50	
North-Western ...	678	501	36	85	38	8	1	5	3	1	78	415	70	27.6	18	40	21.2	14	210	667	
North-Central ...	168	131	7	22	8	—	—	—	—	—	15	87	66	28.5	19	50	22.4	15	59	168	
Uva ...	223	186	12	13	8	1	2	1	—	—	22	144	57	27.9	18	40	20.8	13	77	218	
Sabaragamuwa ...	693	536	26	69	18	15	2	16	8	4	106	454	80	28.8	16	70	21.6	13	297	662	
Central.																					
Kandy ...	245	199	9	25	3	8	—	—	—	1	38	160	75	28.5	18	50	21.6	13	95	231	
Matale ...	53	38	3	5	—	3	—	3	—	1	7	36	46	26.2	18	40	20.4	14	13	51	
Nuwara Eliya ...	59	45	3	7	—	3	—	—	1	—	4	35	45	26.5	20	33	20.6	16	20	55	
Northern.																					
Mullaittivu ...	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	45	32.5	20	30	24.0	18	—	2	
Southern.																					
Galle ...	13	12	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	31	26.4	21	29	22.4	19	5	12	
Eastern.																					
Batticaloa ...	33	23	1	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	19	48	30.4	20	30	21.1	16	21	33	
Trincomalee ...	17	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	50	32.0	18	40	26.0	18	4	17	
North-Western.																					
Kurunegala ...	614	456	32	75	33	8	1	5	3	1	70	371	70	27.5	18	40	21.1	14	188	603	
Futtalam ...	64	45	4	10	5	—	—	—	—	—	8	44	57	28.2	18	40	21.8	18	22	64	
North-Central.																					
Anuradhapura ...	168	131	7	22	8	—	—	—	—	—	15	87	66	28.5	19	50	22.4	15	59	168	
Uva.																					
Badulla ...	223	186	12	13	8	1	2	1	—	—	22	144	57	27.9	18	40	20.8	13	77	218	
Sabaragamuwa.																					
Ratnapura ...	339	243	17	43	14	8	1	5	6	2	62	247	65	28.1	16	50	20.1	13	174	329	
Kegalla ...	354	292	9	26	4	7	1	11	2	2	44	207	80	29.5	18	70	22.5	14	123	333	















Table XI.—Causes of registered Deaths on Estates in the Central, Uva, and Sabaragamuwa Provinces, and in the Colombo and Kalutara Districts, in the Western Province, during the Fourth Quarter of 1900.

Cause of Death.	Central Province.			Prov. of Uva. Badulla.	Province of S'gamuwa.		Western Province.	
	Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.		Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Colombo.	Kalutara.
ALL CAUSES ...	1536	269	443	320	138	372	80	284
<b>I.—Specific, Febrile, or Zymotic diseases</b>	824	144	214	166	68	215	50	168
II.—Parasitic diseases	17	4	2	—	3	9	—	—
III.—Dietetic diseases	7	1	2	—	2	7	1	2
IV.—Constitutional diseases	28	5	4	4	7	7	1	22
V.—Developmental diseases	53	7	17	10	5	17	4	11
VI.—Local diseases	233	62	87	57	28	64	13	60
VII.—Violence	25	5	6	9	5	5	2	1
VIII.—Ill-defined and not specified causes	349	41	111	74	20	48	9	30
<b>I.</b>								
Miasmatic diseases	82	19	39	29	8	20	17	24
Diarrhœal do.	620	104	171	120	56	165	31	117
Malarial do.	115	19	4	15	3	28	2	22
Zoogenous do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Venereal do.	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	1
Septic do.	6	2	—	2	1	—	—	4
<b>II.</b>								
Parasitic diseases	17	4	2	—	3	9	—	—
<b>III.</b>								
Dietetic diseases	7	1	2	—	2	7	1	2
<b>IV.</b>								
Constitutional diseases	28	5	4	4	7	7	1	22
<b>V.</b>								
Developmental diseases	53	7	17	10	5	17	4	11
<b>VI.</b>								
Diseases of—								
Nervous system	82	12	23	7	15	30	6	12
Organs of special sense	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Circulatory system	6	1	2	3	—	3	—	4
Respiratory system	115	38	49	38	8	16	4	16
Digestive system	12	4	5	4	3	4	1	6
Lymphatic system and ductless glands	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Urinary system	5	1	—	2	—	4	—	1
Reproductive system:								
(a) Organs of generation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Parturition	11	6	7	2	2	5	2	6
Organs of Locomotion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Integumentary system	2	—	—	1	—	2	—	4
<b>VII.</b>								
Accident or negligence	22	5	6	8	4	4	2	1
Homicide	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suicide	2	—	—	1	1	1	—	—
Execution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>VIII.</b>								
Ill-defined and not specified causes	349	41	111	74	20	48	9	30
<i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>								
Smallpox	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	—
Chickenpox	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Measles	10	1	2	5	—	1	—	1
Mumps	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Simple and ill-defined Fever	63	17	25	11	7	19	17	19
Enteric Fever	1	—	1	12	—	—	—	2
Influenza	3	1	6	—	—	—	—	2
<i>Diarrhœal Diseases.</i>								
Cholera	11	14	2	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhœa	266	49	71	77	18	95	19	64
Dysentery	343	41	98	43	38	70	12	53
<i>Malarial Diseases.</i>								
Remittent Fever	5	—	1	3	—	3	2	2
Ague	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	—
Malarial Cachexia	107	13	3	10	3	25	—	20
<i>Zoogenous Diseases.</i>								
Hydrophobia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cowpox and other effects of Vaccination	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Table XI.—Causes of registered Deaths, &c.—*continued.*

Cause of Death.	Central Province.			Prov. of Uva. Badulla.	Province of S'gamuwa.		Western Province.	
	Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.		Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Colombo.	Kalutara.
<i>Venereal Diseases.</i>								
Syphilis ...	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Gonorrhœa, stricture of Urethra	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
<i>Septic Diseases.</i>								
Erysipelas ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Pyæmia, Septicæmia ...	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	1
Puerperal Fever ...	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
<i>Parasitic Diseases.</i>								
Thrush ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worms (animal) ...	5	4	1	—	2	—	—	—
Dochmius Duodenalis ...	12	—	1	—	1	9	—	—
<i>Dietetic Diseases.</i>								
Starvation, want of breast-milk ...	7	1	2	—	2	7	1	2
Intemperance, Chronic Alcoholism	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Constitutional Diseases.</i>								
Rheumatism ...	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Rickets ...	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Cancer ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Tubercular Meningitis (hydro- cephalus) ...	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Phtthisis ...	7	—	2	2	4	3	1	17
Other forms of Tuberculosis, Scrofula ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anæmia, Chlorosis, Leucocythæmia	15	4	—	1	1	1	—	2
Diabetes Mellitus ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Leprosy ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Elephantiasis ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Developmental Diseases.</i>								
Premature Birth ...	3	—	—	2	2	—	2	2
Old age ...	50	7	17	8	3	17	2	9
<i>Nervous System.</i>								
Inflammation of Brain or its Membranes ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apoplexy ...	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	2
Paralysis ...	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Epilepsy ...	4	1	—	3	1	—	—	—
Convulsions ...	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Infantile Convulsions ...	68	10	16	4	13	26	6	10
Tetanus ...	5	—	2	—	—	1	—	—
Mania ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Paraplegia, diseases of the Spinal Cord ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Brain or Nervous System ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
<i>Organs of Special Sense.</i>								
Conjunctivitis and other diseases of Eye ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
<i>Circulatory System.</i>								
Pericarditis ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Valve disease of Heart ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Angina pectoris, Syncope ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Varicose veins ...	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Heart or Circulatory System...	5	1	—	3	—	2	—	4
<i>Respiratory System.</i>								
Laryngitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Croup ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis ...	24	4	3	12	—	1	2	—
Asthma ...	8	—	3	1	—	5	1	1
Pneumonia ...	74	33	41	22	8	10	1	14
Pleurisy ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Other and undefined diseases of Respiratory System ...	8	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
<i>Digestive System.</i>								
Sore Throat ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dyspepsia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Hæmatemesis ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Stomach ...	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—
Enteritis ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Ulceration of Intestines ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ileus, obstruction of Intestine ...	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Stricture or Strangulation of Intestine ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—



Table XI.—Causes of registered Deaths, &c.—*continued.*

Cause of Death.	Central Province.			Prov. of Uva, Badulla.	Province of S'gamuwa.		Western Province.	
	Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.		Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Colombo.	Kalutara.
Hernia ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Peritonitis ...	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
Ascites ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Cirrhosis of Liver ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other diseases of Liver ...	2	3	1	—	1	—	—	4
Other and undefined diseases of Digestive System ...	2	—	1	—	1	1	—	—
<i>Diseases of Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands.</i>								
Diseases of the Lymphatic system ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Spleen ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Urinary System.</i>								
Nephritis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bright's Disease ...	2	1	—	1	—	1	—	—
Suppression of Urine ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Calculus (Stone) ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Bladder ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Urinary System ...	2	—	—	1	—	3	—	1
<i>Diseases of Organs of Generation.</i>								
Disorders of Menstruation ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum, &c. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Parturition.</i>								
Abortion, Miscarriage ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Convulsions ...	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	—
Other and undefined accidents of Childbirth ...	10	4	7	2	2	3	2	5
<i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.</i>								
Other and undefined diseases of Organs of Locomotion ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Integumentary System.</i>								
Ulcer, Bed sore ...	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Pemphigus ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Integumentary System ...	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	4
<i>Accident of Negligence.</i>								
Fractures, Contusions ...	8	2	1	3	2	1	—	—
Gunshot wounds ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burn, Scald ...	5	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
Poison ...	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	1
Drowning ...	2	—	4	3	—	1	2	—
Snake-bite ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Otherwise ...	2	1	—	—	—	2	—	—
<i>Homicide.</i>								
Murder, Manslaughter ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Suicide.</i>								
Cut, Stab. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Drowning ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hanging ...	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—
Otherwise ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Execution.</i>								
Hanging ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Ill-defined and not specified Causes.</i>								
General Dropsy ...	94	11	20	4	4	16	—	15
Debility ...	242	29	90	68	16	31	9	14
Sudden deaths (causes unascertained) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Abscess ...	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Tumour ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hæmorrhage ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other ill-defined and not specified causes ...	9	1	1	1	—	1	—	1

Table XII. — Causes of Deaths registered in each Ward of the Town of Colombo during the Fourth Quarter of 1900.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Colombo Municipality.	WARDS.										NATIONALITIES.						
		Fort and Gale Face.	Pettah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Mardana Hospitals.	Mardana (excl. site of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
<b>ALL CAUSES</b> ...	1505	10	27	74	165	265	159	366	230	124	85	24	80	613	399	295	41	53
<b>I.—Specific, Febrile, or Zymotic Diseases</b> ...	442	2	8	22	41	79	30	164	48	30	18	9	19	174	149	71	7	13
II.—Parasitic Diseases	60	—	—	—	6	3	5	31	11	—	4	—	2	25	24	6	1	2
III.—Dietetic Diseases	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
IV.—Constitutional Diseases	177	3	4	9	17	32	13	31	39	19	10	6	22	77	23	33	5	11
V.—Developmental Diseases	128	—	1	5	14	34	18	22	16	11	7	2	5	58	31	25	5	2
VI.—Local Diseases	533	3	12	28	60	90	69	87	98	47	39	4	27	220	127	114	19	22
VII.—Violence	24	1	1	1	1	3	—	10	5	2	—	2	—	9	7	4	—	2
VIII.—Ill-defined and not specified causes	138	1	1	9	25	24	24	21	11	15	7	1	5	50	36	42	4	—
<b>I.</b>																		
<b>Miasmatic Diseases</b> ...	75	—	—	—	3	27	4	18	4	13	6	8	6	31	15	8	3	4
Diarrhoeal do.	269	2	2	19	19	42	15	118	31	13	8	1	11	108	99	40	1	9
Malarial do.	74	—	5	3	18	8	11	25	5	—	1	—	1	25	29	19	—	—
Zoonogenous do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Venereal do.	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Septic do.	19	—	1	—	1	2	—	2	8	2	3	—	1	7	5	4	2	—
<b>II.—Parasitic Diseases</b> ...	60	—	—	—	6	3	5	31	11	—	4	—	2	25	24	6	1	2
<b>III.—Dietetic Diseases</b> ...	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
<b>IV.—Constitutional Diseases</b> ...	177	3	4	9	17	32	13	31	39	19	10	6	22	77	23	33	5	11
<b>V.—Developmental Diseases</b> ...	128	—	1	5	14	34	18	22	16	11	7	2	5	58	31	25	5	2
<b>VI.</b>																		
<b>Diseases of Nervous System</b> ...	219	1	3	12	29	38	27	16	48	23	22	—	9	87	44	59	11	9
Do. Organs of special sense	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Do. Circulatory System	35	1	1	—	2	5	3	8	10	1	4	2	1	18	8	3	1	—
Do. Respiratory System	192	—	5	13	22	30	31	41	23	20	7	—	12	73	56	36	6	9
Do. Digestive System	26	1	—	1	1	7	—	8	5	1	2	1	1	16	3	5	—	—
Do. Lymphatic system and Ductless Glands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Do. Urinary System	20	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	5	—	—	—	—	7	4	6	—	2
Do. Reproductive System:—																		
(a) Organs of Generation	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
(b) Parturition	30	—	2	1	4	8	6	4	4	1	—	—	—	15	9	5	1	—
Do. Organs of Locomotion	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Do. Integumentary System	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	3	—	2	1	3	—	—	—
<b>VII.</b>																		
<b>Accident or Negligence</b> ...	17	1	—	1	1	2	—	7	3	2	—	2	—	5	6	3	—	2
<b>Homicide</b> ...	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—
<b>Suicide</b> ...	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—
<b>Execution</b> ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>VIII.</b>																		
<b>Ill-defined and not specified causes</b> ...	138	1	1	9	25	24	24	21	11	15	7	1	5	50	36	42	4	—
<b>Miasmatic Diseases.</b>																		
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	—	—
Mumps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Simple and ill-defined Fever	38	—	—	—	2	17	1	1	2	12	3	—	1	19	10	3	3	2
Enteric Fever	29	—	—	—	—	7	1	16	2	1	2	8	4	8	3	4	—	2
Influenza	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—
Other Miasmatic diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Diarrhoeal Diseases.</b>																		
Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea	157	1	—	9	6	25	4	84	14	9	5	1	7	75	52	15	1	6
Dysentery	112	1	2	10	13	17	11	34	17	4	3	—	4	33	47	25	—	3

Table XII.—Causes of Deaths, &c.—continued.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Colombo Municipality.	WARDS.										NATIONALITIES.						
		Fort and Galle Face.	Pettah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals.	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
<i>Malarial Diseases.</i>																		
Remittent Fever ...	35	—	4	1	10	7	6	2	5	—	—	—	1	15	8	11	—	—
Ague ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Malarial Cachexia ...	37	—	1	2	8	1	5	19	—	—	1	—	10	20	7	—	—	
<i>Venereal Diseases.</i>																		
Syphilis ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	3	1	—	1	—
<i>Septic Diseases.</i>																		
Erysipelas ...	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Pyæmia, Septicæmia ...	7	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	2	2	3	—	—
Interperal Fever ...	10	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	5	2	2	—	—	5	2	1	2	—
<i>Parasitic Diseases.</i>																		
Worms (animal) ...	26	—	—	—	5	3	6	—	9	—	4	—	1	13	5	5	1	1
Bochmius Duodenalis ...	34	—	—	—	1	—	—	31	2	—	—	—	1	12	19	1	—	1
<i>Dietetic Diseases.</i>																		
Chronic Alcoholism ...	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1
<i>Constitutional Diseases.</i>																		
Rheumatism ...	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Cancer ...	5	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	2
Typhus Mesenterica ...	4	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	—
Tubercular Meningitis (hydrocephalus) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis ...	133	1	4	5	12	19	8	27	35	12	10	4	18	54	20	25	4	8
Anæmia, Chlorosis, Leucocythæmia ...	19	—	—	3	4	6	4	—	—	2	—	—	2	9	2	4	—	1
Diabetes Mellitus ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Leprosy ...	5	—	—	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	—
Elephantiasis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined Constitutional Diseases ...	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	3	—	—	1	3	1	2	—	—
<i>Developmental Diseases.</i>																		
Immature Birth ...	22	—	—	—	—	9	—	5	3	2	3	2	1	14	2	3	—	—
Stelectasia ...	6	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—
Other Congenital Defects ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Old Age ...	100	—	1	5	14	20	18	17	12	9	4	—	4	41	26	22	5	2
<i>Nervous System.</i>																		
Inflammation of Brain or its Membranes ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—
Softening of Brain ...	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	2	4	—	1	—
Apoplexy ...	7	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	2	—
Paralysis ...	18	1	—	1	—	2	1	5	4	2	2	—	1	11	2	2	2	—
Epilepsy ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—
Infantile Convulsions ...	159	—	3	11	27	24	25	3	35	20	11	—	8	59	29	50	6	7
Tetanus ...	17	—	—	—	1	11	—	2	1	1	1	—	—	8	5	4	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Brain or Nervous System ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
<i>Circulatory System.</i>																		
Angina pectoris, Syncope ...	11	—	1	—	1	2	1	—	5	—	1	—	—	8	1	—	1	1
Aneurism ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Phlebitis ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Varicose veins ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Heart or Circulatory System ...	21	1	—	—	1	3	2	6	4	1	3	2	1	9	6	3	—	—









