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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
(Education)

G.O. No. 2185, 15th November 1946

Report—Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act (Act VI of 1886) and allied Acts—Administration
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Order—No. 2185, Education, dated 15th November 1946.

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(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

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" Most Reverend the Archbishop of Madras.
" Reverend the Presidency Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland.
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" Resident for Madras States.
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[Annexure]

ANNEXURE.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Subject.—Presidency Administration Report for 1945-46—Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration, 1886 (Act VI of 1886) and allied Acts.

No. C.-128.

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Financial Results.

(Appendices XI and XII.)

7. The receipts and expenditure were Rs. 2,956 and Rs. 3,956 as against Rs. 2,090 and Rs. 4,246 in the previous

year. The increase under receipts was due to the larger number of marriages performed by the Official Marriage Registrars.

Miscellaneous.

8. The records of my office were checked during the year and an inventory of valuable stock is maintained and service books have been duly verified.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. KRISHNAMURTHI,

Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Madras.

APPENDICES.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

I.—Registration (classified according to locality).

	Number of Registrars of Births and Deaths.				Number registered.			
	For special classes.		For local area.		Births.		Deaths.	
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Madras Province	34	31	1,051	1,058	10	15	7	6
Madras States—								
Travancore and Cochin	2	2	1	1	3	1	..	3
Pudukottah	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banganapalle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sandur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coorg	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mysore	9	9	1	1	..	2	..	1
Hyderabad	..	..	1	1	..	9	..	..
Total	45	42	1,055	1,062	13	29	7	10
Total for 1939-40	48		1,054		42		12	

NOTE.—(1) Notices in lieu of personal attendance accepted in eight cases of births and four of deaths.
(2) Belated notices accepted in three cases of births.

II.—Births and Deaths registered by the several classes of Registrars of Births and Deaths.

Classes of officers.	Number of Registrars.	Number who registered births and deaths.	Number registered.		Total registered.
			Births.	Deaths.	
1 Officers of the Registration Department	644	7	14	2	16
2 Officers of the Revenue Department	414	..	..	..	..
3 Registrars in the Indian States	15	4	14	4	18
4 * Marriage Registrars under Acts III and XV of 1872 (Madras Province).	29	..	..	..	..
5 Special Registrars of Births and Deaths (Madras Province)	2	1	1	4	5
Total for 1945-46	1,104	12	29	10	39
Total for 1944-45	1,100	9	13	7	20
Total for 1939-40	1,102	13	42	12	54

* Excludes District Registrars of Assurances who are also Marriage Registrars under Act III of 1872. These are included in I above.

III.—Copies received of entries of births and deaths of Europeans and European British subjects registered under the local laws.

	Births.		Deaths.	
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.
1 The Madras City Municipal Act IV of 1919	44	54	31	21
2 The District Municipalities Act V of 1920	80	55	53	32
3 The Cantonment Act	45	32	..	..
4 The Madras Registration of Births and Deaths Act III of 1899.	2	3	3	2
Total	171	144	87	55
Total for 1939-40	165		72	

MARRIAGES.

IV.—Registrars of Marriages.

Province.	Number.							
	Marriage Registrars under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872,		Persons licensed to solemnize marriages and grant certificates under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872,		Registrars under the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act III of 1930,		Registrars under the Special Marriage Act, 1872,	
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Madras Province	25	25	905	915	23	23	28	28
Travancore and Cochin	2	2	2	7	..	..	..	..
Pudukottah	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Banganapalle	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..
Sandur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coorg	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	1
Mysore	4	4	78	73	..	..	..	4
Hyderabad	1	1	228	222	..	..	..	..
Total	33	33	1,217	1,221	23	23	28	33
Total for 1939-40	33		1,078		23		32	

V.—Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872.

	Marriages solemnized by		European Christians.		Indian Christians.	
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.
1 Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland	149	223	2,810	3,714		
2 Do. Rome	370	236	6,144	6,781		
3 Do. England (Diocese of Travancore and Cochin).	..	1	..	..		
4 Licensed Ministers of other denominations in the Madras Province	8	17	7,476	7,792		
5 Do. do. Mysore and Coorg	18	16	83	83		
6 Do. do. Travancore, Cochin and Pudukottah.	..	..	..	..		
7 Do. do. Hyderabad	5	5	73	58		
8 Marriage Registrars in the Madras Province	51	73	492	577		
9 Do. Mysore and Coorg	19	26	16	18		
10 Do. Travancore	..	2	..	..		
11 Do. Hyderabad	..	..	..	..		
Total	620	599	17,094	19,023		
Total for 1939-40	838		13,710			

	1939-40.	1944-45.	1945-46.
VI.—Marriages registered under the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936 ..	3	2	2
VII.—Special Marriage Act, 1872 ..	80	172	234
VIII.—Malabar Marriage Act, 1896 ..	..	..	..

IX.—Baptisms and Burials (Europeans and Anglo-Indians).

	Baptisms.			Burials.		
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1 By the Clergymen of the churches of England and Scotland	228	268	496	244	196	440
2 By Ministers of the Non-conformist churches	14	11	25	8	9	17
3 In the Diocese of Travancore and Cochin	..	2	2	1	1	2
Total	242	281	523	253	206	459
Total for 1939-40	576	546	1,122	..	..	629

NOTE.—(1) Submission of the returns of baptisms and burials by the clergymen of the Roman Catholic churches was discontinued from February 1940.
(2) In addition to the above, copies of entries of births of Europeans and European British subjects registered under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886, the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919, the District Municipalities Act, 1920, and the Cantonment Act, 1924, were also transmitted to the India Office, London.

X.—Causes of and the ages at death of European and Anglo-Indian Christians during 1945-46.

Serial number and causes of death.	Five years and below.	Between 6 and 15 years.	Between 16 and 30 years.	Between 31 and 40 years.	Between 41 and 50 years.	Between 51 and 55 years.	Between 56 and 60 years.	Above 61 years.	Unknown age.	Total.
1 Abscess	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
2 Accident	..	..	30	1	..	..	..	..	..	45
3 Apoplexy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4 Appendicitis	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5 Bright's disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6 Bronchitis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7 Cancer	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	4	..	10
8 Carbuncle	..	..	..	2	2	3	..	9	..	16
9 Cholera	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
10 Cold and cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11 Consumption	..	..	9	1	2	2	2	4	..	20
12 Convulsions	5	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	8
13 Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4
14 Diarrhoea and dysentery	7	..	3	2	1	1	..	3	..	17
15 Diseases of bowels	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	3
16 Do. brain	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
17 Do. heart	2	..	1	7	9	6	3	43	..	71

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19 Do. kidneys	..	..	2	1	1	1	1	6	2	16
20 Do. liver	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	9	..	12
21 Do. lungs	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	5
22 Do. spleen	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
23 Do. throat	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2
24 Dropsy	..	..	10	6	..	..	..	..	2	18
25 Drowning	3	1	4	1	2	..	..	2	..	13
26 Enteritis	5	..	6	..	..	1	..	4	2	18
27 Fever	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	6
28 General debility	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
29 Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
30 Jaundice	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
31 Kala-azar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
32 Leprosy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	..	46
33 Old age	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	1	2	7
34 Paralysis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
35 Plague	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	9	..	16
36 Pneumonia	2	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	6
37 Poison	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
38 Pregnancy and child-birth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
39 Premature birth and still-born	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
40 Rheumatism	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
41 Shock	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
42 Smallpox and measles	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
43 Suicide	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
44 Sunstroke	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
45 Teething	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
46 Tumour	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	4	8
47 Unknown causes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	27
48 All other causes	1	1	8	3	5	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total	37	3	92	38	32	26	19	177	23	447

XI.—Receipts.

	1944 45.	1945 46.
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886—		
Certificates of births and deaths under section 23 (Madras Province, Travancore and Cochin)	8 0 0	13 10 0
Do. do. (Mysore)	..	1 0 0
Do. do. (Coorg)	..	3 0 0
Do. do. (Hyderabad)	..	28 0 0
The Madras Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1899—		
Certificates of births and deaths under section 17 (Madras Province)	145 13 0	210 4 0
Registrar-General's office—		
Searches made and copies granted from registers of baptisms and burials under the Ecclesiastical Rules, 1885	33 3 0	82 4 0
Do. from registers of marriages under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872	89 12 0	119 10 0
Do. from registers of marriages under the Special Marriage Act, 1872	5 6 0	4 6 0
Do. from registers of births and deaths under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886	8 6 0	13 5 0
Do. from Municipal counterfoils	38 0 0	22 0 0
The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, and the Special Marriage Act, 1872—		
Marriages by Official Marriage Registrars (Madras Province)	1,563 0 0	2,075 6 0
Do. do. (Mysore, Coorg and Hyderabad)	199 0 0	383 0 0
Total	2,090 8 0	2,955 13 0
Total for 1939-40	1,052 7 0	..

XII.—Charges.

	1939-40.	1944-45.	1945-46.
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Office establishment	2,251 10 0	2,707 8 0	2,288 10 0
Dearness allowance	353 0 0	651 0 0	850 12 0
Honoraria to Marriage Registrar, Madras	5,500 0 0	600 0 0	600 0 0
* Honoraria to Roman Catholic Archbishop of Madras	102 11 0	70 0 0	60 0 0
Postage and Telegraph charges	22 8 3	49 8 0	142 3 3
Office expenses	..	..	..
Total	8,229 13 3	4,078 0 0	3,941 9 3
Stationery, printing and binding	116 7 0	167 14 0	13 11 0
Grand Total	8,346 4 3	4,245 14 0	3,955 14 3

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8	Carbuncle										
9	Cholera			2							2
10	Cold and cough			9	1	2	2	2	4		20
11	Consumption	5		2				1			8
12	Convulsions								4		4
13	Diabetes			3	2	1	1		3		17
14	Diarrhoea and dysentery	7			2		1				3
15	Diseases of bowels										
16	Do. brain								1		1
17	Do. heart	2		1	7	9	6	3	43		1

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22	Do. spleen ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
23	Do. throat ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2
24	Dropsy ..	..	..	10	6	..	..	..	2	..	18
25	Drowning ..	3	1	4	1	2	..	..	4	2	13
26	Enteritis ..	5	..	6	..	..	1	..	5	..	18
27	Fever ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
28	General debility ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
29	Influenza ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
30	Jaundice ..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
31	Kala-azar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	..	46
32	Leprosy ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	7
33	Old age ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
34	Paralysis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	9	..	16
35	Plague ..	2	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	6
36	Pneumonia ..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
37	Poison ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
38	Pregnancy and child-birth ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
39	Premature birth and still born ..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
40	Rheumatism ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
41	Shock ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
42	Smallpox and measles ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
43	Suicide ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
44	Sunstroke ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2
45	Teething ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	8
46	Tumour ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	9	..	27
47	Unknown causes ..	1	1	8	3	5	..	..	..	..	17
48	All other causes ..	1	1	8	3	5	..	..	..	..	17
Grand Total ..		37	3	92	38	32	26	19	177	23	447

XI.—Receipts.

		1944-45.		1945-46.	
		RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.
The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886—					
Certificates of births and deaths under section 23 (Madras Province, Travancore and Cochin) ..		8	0 0	13	10 0
Do. do. (Mysore) ..		..	..	1	0 0
Do. do. (Coorg) ..		..	..	3	0 0
Do. do. (Hyderabad) ..		..	..	28	0 0
The Madras Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1899—					
Certificates of births and deaths under section 17 (Madras Province) ..		145	13 0	210	4 0
Registrar-General's office—					
Searches made and copies granted from registers of baptisms and burials under the Ecclesiastical Rules, 1885 ..		33	3 0	82	4 0
Do. from registers of marriages under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 ..		89	12 0	119	10 0
Do. from registers of marriages under the Special Marriage Act, 1872 ..		5	6 0	4	6 0
Do. from registers of births and deaths under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886 ..		8	6 0	13	5 0
Do. from Municipal counterfoils ..		38	0 0	22	0 0
The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 and the Special Marriage Act, 1872—					
Marriages by Official Marriage Registrars (Madras Province) ..		1,563	0 0	2,075	6 0
Do. do. (Mysore, Coorg and Hyderabad) ..		199	0 0	383	0 0
Total ..		2,090	8 0	2,955	13 0
Total for 1939-40 ..		1,052	7 0	..	..

XII.—Charges.

		1939-40.		1944-45.		1945-46.	
		RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.
Office establishment ..		2,251	10 0	2,707	8 0	2,288	10 0
Dearness allowance ..		..	..	651	0 0	850	12 0
Honoraria to Marriage Registrar, Madras ..		353	0 0	600	0 0	600	0 0
* Honoraria to Roman Catholic Archbishop of Madras ..		5,500	0 0	..	..	..	..
Postage and Telegraph charges ..		102	11 0	70	0 0	60	0 0
Office expenses ..		22	8 3	49	8 0	142	3 3
Total ..		8,229	13 3	4,078	0 0	3,941	9 3
Stationery, printing and binding ..		116	7 0	167	14 0	13	11 0
Grand Total ..		8,346	4 3	4,245	14 0	3,955	14 3

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" Reverend the Presidency Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland.
" Superintendent, Government Press.
" Resident for Madras States.
" Hon'ble the Chief Justice.
" Right Reverend the Bishop of Mylapore.
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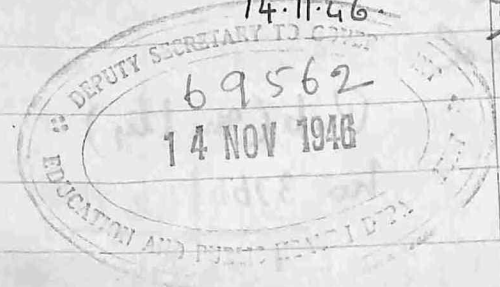
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Annexure. 9 REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

[Subject.—Presidency Administration Report for 1945-46—Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration 1886 (Act VI of 1886) and allied Acts.

No. C-128.

From

SRI DIWAN BAHADUR H. KRISHNAMURTHI,

Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George.

Dated Madras, the 13th August 1946.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886, and the allied Acts in the Madras Province for the year 1945-46.

The statistics of the operations connected therewith are exhibited in Appendices I to XII. (Figures for the year 1939-40 are also given at foot of the appendices for purposes of comparison.)

2. I held the office of Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages throughout the year.

Births and Deaths.

(Appendices I to III.)

3. (i) *The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886.*—Twenty-nine births and 10 deaths were registered during the year as against 13 and 7 in the previous year. The number of operations under this Act continues to be small since registration under this Act is voluntary and intended for certain classes of people only.

(ii) *The Municipal Acts and Cantonment Act.*—There was a decrease from 169 and 84 to 141 and 53 in the number of births and deaths of Europeans and European British subjects for which counterfoils were received by me from the different municipalities in the Province. The decrease was mainly in the number of counterfoils received from the district municipalities.

(iii) *The Madras Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1899.*—The counterfoils of 3 births and 2 deaths of European British subjects were received by me during the year, as against 2 and 3 in the previous year.

Marriages.

(Appendices IV to VIII.)

4. (i) *The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872.*—The number of marriages of Europeans and Anglo-Indians fell from 620 to 599 and the number of marriages of Indian Christians rose from 17,094 to 19,023. As regards the former, the fall occurred in the marriages of Roman Catholics, certain churches having omitted to send the quarterly returns for want of the necessary forms. There were 915 persons licensed under the Indian Christian Marriage Act in the Madras Province at the close of the year and the marriage registers of 546 of them, and the records of all Marriage Registrars were inspected during the year.

A European Minister of the Methodist Church, Secunderabad, licensed under section 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, to grant certificates of marriages between Indian Christians had, under the impression that he was authorized to do so, solemnized on 20th April 1944 a marriage the parties whereof were Europeans. The irregularity was detected by me when the certificate of marriage, was received in my office. In order to legalize the marriage the Government of India passed the Secunderabad Marriage Validating Ordinance, 1945.

Instances having occurred of bigamous marriages having been contracted by the Service Personnel under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, the Government of India have issued the necessary instructions for the prevention of such marriages (G.O. Ms. No. 4092, Home, dated 12th November 1945). The instructions have been communicated by me to all the Marriage Registrars and licensees in the Madras Province and in the Indian States of Hyderabad, Mysore, and Coorg and Travancore.

(ii) *The Special Marriage Act, 1872.*—There was an increase from 172 to 234 in the number of marriages during the year. The districts with the largest number of registrations were as follows:—

1 Madras City	..	..	66
2 Malabar	..	..	24
3 Bangalore Cantonment	..	..	20
4 South Kanara	..	..	19
5 Trichinopoly	..	..	16
6 Tanjore	..	..	14
7 The Nilgiris	..	..	10
8 Salem	..	..	9

There were no registrations during the year in the districts of Anantapur, Bellary, Kurnool and Nellore. An interesting fact regarding registrations under this Act is that the different communities, especially the Hindus, have availed of the provisions of the Act much more freely than during the pre-war period, when the total registration was only 66 in 1938. This shows that the prejudice which existed against the Act is disappearing, and that the advantages of the measure are being realized.

(iii) *The Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936.*—Two marriages were registered during the year, both in Madras City.

(iv) *The Malabar Marriage Act, 1896.*—There were no operations or any other transaction under the Act.

Baptisms and Burials.

(Appendices IX and X.)

5. Returns received and transmitted to the India Office, London, during the year was 459 and 447 as against 523 and 481 in the previous year. The decrease was due to fewer baptisms and burials in the Church of England. Though the number of returns of baptisms and burials received from the other Ministers of the non-conformist churches are few, most of the Ministers do not send the returns regularly although reminded.

General.

6. (i) *The Madras Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1899* (Act III of 1899), was further amended during the year by Madras Act No. XIX of 1945. The amendment relates to the application of the Act to plantation

(ii) The counterfoil entries of deaths of four foreigners, i.e., two Polish, one American and one French were received by me during the year from the municipalities, and copies of the same were forwarded to the Consular Officers concerned.

Financial Results.

(Appendices XI and XII.)

7. The receipts and expenditure were Rs. 2,956 and Rs. 3,956 as against Rs. 2,090 and Rs. 4,246 in the previous

year. The increase under receipts was due to the larger number of marriages performed by the Official Marriage Registrars.

Miscellaneous.

8. The records of my office were checked during the year and an inventory of valuable stock is maintained and service books have been duly verified.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. KRISHNAMURTHI,

Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Madras.

APPENDICES.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

I.—Registration (classified according to locality).

	Number of Registrars of Births and Deaths.				Number registered.			
	For special classes.		For local area.		Births.		Deaths.	
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Madras Province	34	31	1,051	1,053	10	15	7	6
Madras States—								
Travancore and Cochin	2	2	1	1	3	1		3
Pudukottah								
Banganapalle								
Sandur			1	1		2		
Coorg	9	9	1	1		2		1
Mysore			1	1		9		
Hyderabad								
Total	45	42	1,055	1,062	13	29	7	10
Total for 1939-40	48		1,054		42		12	

NOTE.—(1) Notices in lieu of personal attendance accepted in eight cases of births and four of deaths.
(2) Related notices accepted in three cases of births.

II.—Births and Deaths registered by the several classes of Registrars of Births and Deaths.

Classes of officers.	Number of Registrars.	Number who registered births and deaths.	Number registered.		Total registered.
			Births.	Deaths.	
1 Officers of the Registration Department	644	7	14	2	16
2 Officers of the Revenue Department	414				
3 Registrars in the Indian States	15	4	14	4	18
4 Marriage Registrars under Acts III and XV of 1872 (Madras Province.)	29				
5 Special Registrars of Births and Deaths (Madras Province)	2	1	1	4	5
Total for 1945-46	1,104	12	29	10	39
Total for 1944-45	1,100	9	13	7	20
Total for 1939-40	1,102	13	42	12	54

*Excludes District Registrars of Assurances, who are also Marriage Registrars under Act III of 1872. These are included in I above

III.—Copies received of entries of births and deaths of Europeans and European British subjects registered under the local laws.

	Births.		Deaths.	
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.
The Madras City Municipal Act IV of 1919	44	54	31	21
2 The District Municipalities Act V of 1920	80	55	53	32
3 The Cantonment Act	45	32		
4 The Madras Registration of Births and Deaths Act III of 1899.	2	3	3	2
Total	171	144	87	55
Total for 1939-40	165		72	

MARRIAGES.

IV.—Registrars of Marriages.

IV.—Registrars of Marriages.

Number.

Province.	Marriage Registrars under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872.		Persons licensed to solemnize marriages and grant certificates under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872.		Registrars under the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act III of 1936.		Registrars under the Special Marriage Act, 1872.	
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Madras Province	25	25	905	915	23	23	28	28
Travancore and Cochin	2	2	2	7	..	..	..	..
Pudukottah	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Banganapalle	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..
Sandur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sandur	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	1
Coorg	4	4	78	73	..	..	..	4
Mysore	1	1	228	222	..	..	..	..
Hyderabad	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	33	33	1,217	1,221	23	23	28	33
Total for 1939-40	33		1,078		23		32	

V.—Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872.

Marriages solemnized by	European-Christians.		Indian Christians.	
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.
1 Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland	149	223	2,810	3,714
2 Do. Rome	370	236	6,144	6,781
3 Do. England (Diocese of Travancore and Cochin).		1		
4 Licensed Ministers of other denominations in the Madras Province	8	17	7,476	7,792
5 Do. do. Mysore and Coorg	18	16	83	83
6 Do. do. Travancore, Cochin and Pudukottah.				
7 Do. do. Hyderabad	5	5	73	58
8 Marriage Registrars in the Madras Province	51	73	492	577
9 Do. Mysore and Coorg	19	26	16	18
10 Do. Travancore		2		
11 Do. Hyderabad				
Total	620	599	17,094	19,023
Total for 1939-40	838		13,710	

	1939-40.	1944-45.	1945-46.
VI.—Marriages registered under the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936	3	2	2
VII.—Special Marriage Act, 1872	80	172	234
VIII.—Malabar Marriage Act, 1896			

IX.—Baptisms and Burials (Europeans and Anglo-Indians).

	Baptisms.						Burials.	
	1944-45.			1945-46.			1944-45.	1945-46.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Total.	Total.
1 By the Clergymen of the churches of England and Scotland ..	228	268	496	244	196	440	462	424
2 By Ministers of the Non-conformist churches	14	11	25	8	9	17	18	20
3 In the Diocese of Travancore and Cochin	..	2	2	1	1	2	1	3
Total ..	242	281	523	253	206	459	481	447
Total for 1939-40 ..	576	546	1,122	..	..	..	629	..

NOTE.—(1) Submission of the returns of baptisms and burials by the clergymen of the Roman Catholic churches was discontinued from February 1940.
(2) In addition to the above, copies of entries of births of Europeans and European British subjects registered under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886, the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919, the District Municipalities Act, 1920, and the Cantonment Act, 1924, were also transmitted to the India Office, London.

X.—Causes of and the ages at death of European and Anglo-Indian Christians during 1945-46.

Serial number and causes of death.	Five years and below.		Between 6 and 15 years.		Between 16 and 30 years.		Between 31 and 40 years.		Between 41 and 50 years.		Between 51 and 55 years.		Between 56 and 60 years.		Above 61 years.		Unknown age.	Total.
1 Abscess					30		1				1							1
2 Accident											2							2
3 Apoplexy					2													2
4 Appendicitis																		
5 Bright's disease							1		2									3
6 Bronchitis											3							3
7 Cancer							2		2									4
8 Carbuncle																		
9 Cholera					2													2
10 Cold and cough																		
11 Consumption					9		1		2		2		2		4			20
12 Convulsions					2								1					3
13 Diabetes																		
14 Diarrhoea and dysentery					7		3		2		1				3			17
15 Diseases of bowels									2		1							3
16 Do. brain															1			1
17 Do. heart					2		1		7		0		6		3			11

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XII.—Charges.

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