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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from C. M. SCHMIDT, Esq., Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

Dated—Madras, the 28th August 1918.

No.—37.

I have the honour to submit a report on the operations of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886, and of the allied Acts during the year 1917-18. Comparisons of figures are with those of 1916-17.

I.—THE BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT, 1886.

2. Owing to an increase in the number of officers of the Registration and the Revenue departments who are ex-officio Registrars of Births and Deaths, the number of Registrars rose from 1,063 to 1,079 (Appendix I). Of this large number only 25 performed operations as shown in the sub joined statement :—

Officer.	Number.	Number of births registered.	Number of deaths registered.	Total registrations.
1. Marriage Registrars	6	20	8	28
2. Officers of the Registration Department	6	18	2	20
3. Officers of the Revenue Department	3	1	1	2
4. Special Registrars of Births and Deaths	10	48	13	61
Total ..	25	87	24	111

3. The number of registered births and deaths fell from 108 and 30 to 87 and 24 respectively (Appendix I).

4. The public availed themselves of the concession of sending notices in lieu of personal attendance at the Registrar's office in 40 cases of birth and 11 of death against 28 and 9 respectively.

5. In eight cases of birth I accorded sanction, under the proviso to rule 4 of the rules under the Act, for the acceptance of notices given after a period of six months from the date of occurrence, the longest delay condoned being six years and eleven months.

6. There was no acting appointment of Registrar with reference to section 17.

II.—THE INDIAN CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ACT, 1872.

7. The number of Marriage Registrars under sections 7 and 8 and the number of licensees under sections 6, 9 and 86 were 42 and 726 at the close of the year against 44 and 704 (Appendix I).

8. The classification of marriages of European and Indian Christians is shown in Appendices II to IV.

III.—THE SPECIAL MARRIAGE ACT, 1872.

9. Four marriages were registered against nine.

IV.—THE PARSEE MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE ACT, 1865.

10. One marriage was registered, the same number as in the previous year.

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11. *Births and deaths under municipal and local laws.*—The number of births and deaths of Europeans and European British subjects registered by the Corporation of Madras and by mufassal municipalities was as shown below and counterfoils of the register entries were duly received in respect of all the occurrences :—

	Births.		Deaths.	
	Total number registered.		Total number registered.	
	1916-17.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1917-18.
Corporation of Madras	99	109	74	50
Municipalities in the mufassal	156	149	86	102

12. In their Proceedings Mis. No. 1594 M., dated the 17th September 1917, the Government approved of my suggestion to extend to cantonments the scheme of transmission to my office of entries of births and deaths of Europeans and European British subjects; and as a result counterfoils of entries were received for record in respect of six births and three deaths.

13. *Madras Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1899.*—No counterfoil of entry of birth or death was received.

14. *Baptisms and burials.*—The number of baptisms and burials for which returns were received was 1,553 and 866 against 1,627 and 857 respectively (Appendix V).

Three copies of entries of birth of European members of the Baptist community were received and transmitted to the India Office.

15. *Departmental improvements.*—The Government have recently sanctioned the introduction of the card index system in respect of the current records of baptisms, marriages and burials [G.O. No. 505, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 14th June 1918].

16. I have under preparation a manual collating all the enactments relating to the registration of births, deaths and marriages and the notifications and orders issued under each Act.

17. *Financial.*—The receipts rose from Rs. 279 to Rs. 359, and the expenditure from Rs. 1,308 to Rs. 1,467 (Appendices VI and VII).

18. The departmental accounts have been compared with the statements received from the Accountant-General and found to agree.

19. The inventory of valuable stock has been checked and found to be correct.

20. The service books of the establishment have been duly verified.

APPENDICES.

I—Registration of births, deaths and marriages.

Provinces.	Number of registrars of births and deaths				Number of marriage registrars.	
	For special classes.		For local areas.		1916-17.	1917-18.
	1916-17.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1917-18.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Madras Presidency	43	40	991	1,011	24	22
Banganapalle	..	..	1	1	..	..
Pudukkottai	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sandur	..	..	1	1	..	..
Cochin	3	3	1	1	3	3
Travancore	..	..	1	1	1	1
Coorg	17	16	1	1	6	6
Mysore	..	..	2	2	9	9
Hyderabad	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	64	60	999	1,019	44	42

Provinces.	Persons licensed to solemnize marriages and grant certificates.		Number of — registered in			
			Births.		Deaths.	
	1916-17.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1917-18.
	8	9	10	11	12	13
Madras Presidency	565	569	90	69	24	19
Banganapalle	2	2	..	..	..	..
Pudukkottai	1	1	..	..	..	..
Sandur	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cochin	11	9	7	2	1	..
Travancore	4	4	1	1	1	..
Coorg	41*	42*	9	11	1	5
Mysore	80*	99*	1	4	3	..
Hyderabad	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	704*	726	108	87	30	24

* Excludes ministers episcopally ordained.

II—Registration of marriages.

Marriages solemnized by	European Christians.		Indian Christians.	
	1916-17.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1917-18.
Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland included in returns received from the Registrar of the Diocese and the Presidency Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland	139	137	1,554	1,200
Clergymen of the Church of Rome	244	253	6,263	5,951
Marriage registrars in the Madras Presidency	15	15	70	39
Do. in Mysore and Coorg	7	11	..	2
Do. in Hyderabad	1	2	..	3
Licensed ministers of other denominations in the Madras Presidency	29	13	3,076	2,124
Licensed ministers of other denominations in Mysore and Coorg	11	17	36	15
Do. in Travancore	1	..	2	12
Clergymen of the Church of England, Diocese of Travancore and Cochin	1	1	..	..
Total	448	449	11,001	9,346

III—Civil condition of the married.

Condition.	Bachelors.	Widowers.	Divorced males.	Total.
<i>European Christians.</i>				
Spinsters	357	46	1	404
Widows	31	11	..	42
Divorced females	3	..	..	3
Total	391	57	1	449
<i>Indian Christians.</i>				
Spinsters	7,928	1,079	1	9,008
Widows	100	237	..	337
Divorced females	..	1	..	1
Total	8,028	1,317	1	9,346

IV—Average age of the married.

	European Christians.				Indian Christians.			
	1916-17.		1917-18.		1916-17.		1917-18.	
	Number whose age is given.	Average age.	Number whose age is given.	Average age.	Number whose age is given.	Average age.	Number whose age is given.	Average age.
Males—								
Bachelors	383	27.40	385	27.81	9,280	21.26	8,008	22.73
Widowers	57	41.16	56	42.71	1,676	30.50	1,312	31.63
Divorced	1	36	1	36	4	25.75	1	27
Total	441	29.20	442	29.57	10,960	22.68	9,321	24.35
Females—								
Spinsters	400	22.31	393	22.35	10,484	16.15	8,977	17.16
Widows	41	29.98	40	35.72	473	28.65	336	27.25
Divorced	..	..	3	27.33	3	20.67	1	25
Total	441	23.02	436	23.66	10,960	16.60	9,314	17.53

V—Baptisms and burials.

	Baptisms.						Burials.	
	1916-17.			1917-18.			1916-17.	1917-18.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.		
By the Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland	318	307	625	286	293	579	344	399
By the Clergymen of the Church of Rome	462	484	946	481	422	903	451	390
By other ministers	23	23	46	33	28	61	57	67
In the Diocese of Travancore and Cochin	6	4	10	8	2	10	5	10
Total	809	818	1,627	808	745	1,553	857	866

VI—Statement of receipts under Acts III and XV of 1872 and Act VI of 1886 and the Ecclesiastical rules during the year 1917-18 as compared with 1916-17.

Items.	1916-17.	1917-18.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Fees collected on account of certificates granted under section 23 of Act VI of 1886 in the Madras Presidency and Travancore and Cochin	39 0 0	27 0 0
Fees collected on account of certificates granted under section 23 of Act VI of 1886 in Mysore	..	..
Fees collected on account of certificates granted under section 23 of Act VI of 1886 in Coorg	..	4 0 0
Fees collected on account of certificates granted under section 23 of Act VI of 1886 in Hyderabad	4 0 0	4 0 0
Fees collected in the Registrar-General's office on account of searches made and copies granted from the registers of baptisms and burials under the Ecclesiastical rules of 1885	71 0 0	56 3 0
Fees collected in the Registrar-General's office on account of searches made and copies granted from the registers of marriages under head V of the rules under Act XV of 1872	27 0 0	42 0 0
Fees collected in the Registrar-General's office on account of searches made and copies granted from the register of births	6 0 0	4 0 0
Fees levied by official Marriage Registrars in the Madras Presidency, Coorg and the Mysore State for marriages under Acts III and XV of 1872	132 0 0	222 0 0
Total	279 0 0	359 3 0

VII—Statement of charges incurred during 1917-18 as compared with 1916-17.

Items.	1916-17.	1917-18.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
In the Registrar-General's office—		
Office establishment	921 4 8	1,163 8 3
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Rents, rates and taxes	25 5 6	25 5 6
Postage and telegraph charges	124 2 6	75 15 9
Office expenses	0 7 9	5 11 3
Purchase of furniture, etc.	16 7 6	2 11 9
Section-writing	..	45 0 0
Total	1,149 5 0	1,388 6 11
In the district	..	..
Charges not paid in cash—		
For stationery	21 4 4	25 12 6
For printing and binding	137 1 9	62 7 6
Total	158 6 1	88 4 0
Grand total	1,307 11 1	1,476 10 11

VIII—Causes of, and ages at, death of European Christians during 1917-18.

Order—No. 662, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 14th September 1918.

(True extract)

To the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

" the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
 " Registrar of the Diocese.
 " Ven'ble the Archdeacon.
 " Hon'ble the Most Rev. Archbishop J. Aelen, D.D. (with C.L.).
 " Right Rev. Bishop Dom Theotenus Emmanuel Ribiero Viera de Castro, D.L. (with C.L.).
 " Registrar of the Diocese, Travancore.
 " Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
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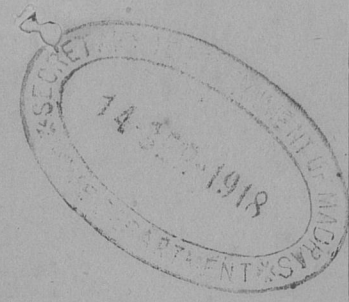
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