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*the — during the year 1895-6.*

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### Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act.

Recording, with remark, report from the Registrar-General on the work done under the—  
during the year 1895-96.

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following paper :—

From M.R.Ry. P. RAJARATNA MUDALIYAR, Avargal, Dewan Bahadur,  
Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, to the Chief Secretary  
to Government, dated Madras, 10th October 1896, No. 439-G.

I have the honour to submit, with reference to G.O., No. 902, Public, dated  
15th September 1888, paragraph 4 (iv), a brief report on the work done under  
the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act (VI of 1886) during the year  
1895-96.

2. *Registration of Births and Deaths under Act VI of 1886.*—The number of  
Registrars of Births and Deaths appointed under Act VI of 1886, in the several  
provinces was 104 against 119 in 1894-95, as shown below :—

| Provinces.              | For special classes. |          | For local areas. |          |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
|                         | 1894-95.             | 1895-96. | 1894-95.         | 1895-96. |
| Madras Presidency .. .. | 46                   | 40       | 22               | 22       |
| Banganapalle .. ..      | ..                   | ..       | 1                | 1        |
| Cochin .. ..            | 1                    | 1        | 1                | 1        |
| Travancore .. ..        | 3                    | 3        | 1                | 1        |
| Pudukkottai .. ..       | ..                   | ..       | 1                | 1        |
| Sanduru .. ..           | 1                    | 1        | 1                | 1        |
| Coorg .. ..             | 1                    | 1        | 1                | 1        |
| Hyderabad .. ..         | 10                   | 6        | 8                | 8        |
| Mysore .. ..            | 21                   | 16       | 1                | 1        |
| Total ..                | 83                   | 68       | 36               | 36       |

3. The following statement shows the number of births and deaths registered  
in the past two years :—

| Provinces.              | Births.  |          | Deaths.  |          |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                         | 1894-95. | 1895-96. | 1894-95. | 1895-96. |
| Madras Presidency .. .. | 198      | 223      | 92       | 119      |
| Banganapalle .. ..      | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..       |
| Cochin .. ..            | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..       |
| Travancore .. ..        | 1        | ..       | ..       | ..       |
| Pudukkottai .. ..       | 1        | ..       | ..       | ..       |
| Sanduru .. ..           | ..       | ..       | ..       | ..       |
| Coorg .. ..             | 2        | ..       | ..       | ..       |
| Hyderabad .. ..         | 15       | ..       | 2        | ..       |
| Mysore .. ..            | 41       | 8        | 14       | 1        |
| Total ..                | 258      | 231      | 108      | 120      |

The number of births registered, declined from 258 in 1894-95 to 231 in  
1895-96, and the number of deaths increased from 108 to 120. The figures for  
the Madras Presidency, however, exhibit an increase both in births and deaths.  
The Basel German Missionaries, who have been appointed as Registrars of Births  
and Deaths in this Presidency, registered 220 births and 117 deaths.

4. *Registration of Marriages under Act XV of 1872.*—The number of Marriage  
Registrars appointed under sections 7 and 8 of the Act was 60, or six less than  
that in 1894-95, but the number of ministers licensed under sections 6 and 9 was  
the same as in the previous year, viz., 511 :—

| Provinces.              | Marriage Registrars. |          | Persons licensed under sec-<br>tions 6 and 9 to solemnize<br>marriages and grant certi-<br>ficates of marriage between<br>Native Christians. |          |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|                         | 1894-95.             | 1895-96. | 1894-95.                                                                                                                                     | 1895-96. |
| Madras Presidency .. .. | * 25                 | 24       | 459                                                                                                                                          | 458      |
| Banganapalle .. ..      | ..                   | ..       | 1                                                                                                                                            | 1        |
| Cochin .. ..            | ..                   | ..       | ..                                                                                                                                           | ..       |
| Travancore .. ..        | 3                    | 3        | 4                                                                                                                                            | 3        |
| Pudukkottai .. ..       | ..                   | ..       | ..                                                                                                                                           | ..       |
| Sanduru .. ..           | 1                    | 1        | ..                                                                                                                                           | ..       |
| Coorg .. ..             | 1                    | 1        | ..                                                                                                                                           | ..       |
| Hyderabad .. ..         | 7                    | 9        | 14                                                                                                                                           | 15       |
| Mysore .. ..            | 29                   | 22       | 33                                                                                                                                           | 34       |
| Total ..                | 66                   | 60       | 511                                                                                                                                          | 511      |

5. The number of marriages of European Christians registered under Act XV  
of 1872, for which returns and certificates have been received in this office, was  
381† in 1895-96 against 305 in the previous year. The particulars of these  
marriages are shown below :—

| European Christian Marriage solemnized by                                                                                 | 1894-95. | 1895-96. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland as per returns<br>received from the Registrar of the Archdeaconry .. .. | 164      | 182      |
| Clergymen of the Church of Rome .. ..                                                                                     | 83       | 136      |
| Marriage Registrars in the Madras Presidency .. ..                                                                        | 15       | 18       |
| Marriage Registrars in the Mysore Province .. ..                                                                          | 15       | 16       |
| Ministers licensed under section 6 in the Madras Presidency .. ..                                                         | 28       | 29       |
| Total ..                                                                                                                  | 305      | 381      |

6. The number of Native Christian marriages reported during the year was  
2,998 against 4,186 in 1894-95 as particularised below :—

| Native Christian Marriages solemnized by                | 1894-95. | 1895-96. |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland .. .. | 502      | 452      |
| Clergymen of the Church of Rome .. ..                   | 3,589    | 2,409    |
| Licensed Ministers of other denominations .. ..         | 95       | 130      |
| Marriage Registrars .. ..                               | ..       | 7        |
| Total ..                                                | 4,186    | 2,998    |

\* This is the correct figure.

† This figure includes three entries in the returns for the fourth quarter of 1894 received from the Registrar of  
the Diocese after the despatch of the last annual report.

7. The average age of European and Native Christians at the time of marriage, as calculated from the returns and certificates received in this office during the last two years, is shown below :—

|                           | Males.   |          | Females. |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                           | 1894-95. | 1895-96. | 1894-95. | 1895-96. |
| Europeans .. .. .         | 29.4     | 29.0     | 22.8     | 22.7     |
| Native Christians .. .. . | 23.6     | 22.9     | 16.9     | 17.0     |

8. *Baptisms and Burials of European Christians.*—The number of baptisms and burials recorded under the Ecclesiastical rules of 1885, for which returns have been received in this office, was 1,408 and 1,013 against 1,191 and 725, respectively, in 1894-95. The particulars for the past two years are as follows :—

|                                                                  | Baptisms. |          | Burials. |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                                                  | 1894-95.  | 1895-96. | 1894-95. | 1895-96. |
| By the Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland .. .. . | 799       | 776      | 505      | 603      |
| By the Clergymen of the Church of Rome .. .. .                   | 341       | 584      | 203      | 373      |
| By other Ministers .. .. .                                       | 42        | 36       | 11       | 24       |
| In the Diocese of Travancore .. .. .                             | 9         | 12       | 6        | 13       |
| Total ..                                                         | 1,191     | 1,408    | 725      | 1,013    |

9. *Searches made and Certificates granted.*—The number of searches made in this office in the registers of baptisms, burials and marriages, and the number of certificates granted during the last two years are shown in the following statement :—

|                              | Searches made. |          | Copies granted. |          | Fees collected. |                 |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                              | 1894-95.       | 1895-96. | 1894-95.        | 1895-96. | 1894-95.        | 1895-96.        |
| Baptisms and burials .. .. . | * 3            | 3        | * 3             | 3        | Rs. A. P. 4 0 0 | Rs. A. P. 8 0 0 |
| Marriages .. .. .            | 3              | 2        | 2               | 2        | 5 0 0           | 6 8 0           |
| Total ..                     | 6              | 5        | 5               | 5        | 9 0 0           | 14 8 0          |

The amount of fees collected in 1895-96 includes Rs. 2 relating to a search made in the baptismal register and copy granted in October 1894 and Rs. 2-8-0 collected in December 1892 for a search made in the marriage registers, but remitted only in 1895-96. The amount could not be remitted earlier as the matter was under correspondence.

In 1895-96, the Registrars of Births and Deaths granted six certificates against five in the previous year. They also made three searches and granted three copies during the year. All the searches were made in Mysore.

10. Statement I, appended to this report, shows the amount of fees collected in my office and in the districts. The amount of fees collected by the official Marriage Registrars in the Madras Presidency under sections 82 and 83 of Act XV of 1872 and section 14 of Act III of 1872 was Rs. 153-12-0 against Rs. 153 in 1894-95.

\* One search made and copy granted in October 1894, for which fees were collected only in 1895-96, have now been included in the figures for 1894-95.

11. The particulars of expenditure incurred in my office and in the districts are shown in statement II appended. The charges paid for in cash amounted, in my office and in the districts, to Rs. 545-15-7 and Rs. 4-6-6, respectively, against Rs. 456-10-0 and Rs. 6-4-6, respectively, in 1894-95. The increased expenditure in my office is due to the additional establishment sanctioned in G.O., No. 951, Public, dated 18th November 1895. The charges not paid for in cash were Rs. 57-15-7 in the year under report as against Rs. 21-0-10 in 1894-95. The increase of Rs. 40 is due to the charges incurred for binding big files, for filing extracts of entries of Native Christian marriages.

12. Many of the reports were received long after the prescribed date, and some of them were incomplete. The last report was received only on the 5th instant. The Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Kistna, has not yet sent in his statement of work though he has been reminded twice.

### APPENDIX.

#### I.—Statement of Receipts under Acts XV of 1872 and VI of 1886 and the Ecclesiastical Rules of 1885 in the year 1895-96 as compared with those in 1894-95.

| Items.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1894-95.  | 1895-96.  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 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 .. .. .                                                                                    | 3 0 0     | 2 0 0     |
| Fees collected on account of certificates granted under section 23 of Act VI of 1886 in Mysore .. .. .                                                                                                   | 2 0 0     | 1 0 0     |
| Fees collected in Registrar-General's office on account of searches made and copies of entries granted from the registers of baptisms and burials under the revised Ecclesiastical Rules of 1885 .. .. . | 4 0 0     | 8 0 0     |
| Fees collected in Registrar-General's office on account of searches made and copies of entries granted from the registers of marriages under Head V of the rules under Act XV of 1872 .. .. .            | 5 0 0     | 6 8 0     |
| Fees sent in excess to the Registrar-General's office and unclaimed by the party and credited to Government .. .. .                                                                                      | .....     | 1 9 9     |
| Fees levied by official Marriage Registrars in the Madras Presidency .. .. .                                                                                                                             | 153 0 0   | 153 12 0  |
| Total ..                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 167 0 0   | 172 13 0  |

#### II.—Statement of Charges incurred during 1895-96 as compared with those in 1894-95.

| Items.                                             | 1894-95.  | 1895-96.  |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                    | Rs. A. P. | Rs. A. P. |
| <i>In the Registrar-General's Office.</i>          |           |           |
| Office Establishment .. .. .                       | 300 0 0   | 427 0 0   |
| Contingencies—                                     |           |           |
| Rents, rates and taxes .. .. .                     | .....     | 24 15 7   |
| Packing and carriage of books .. .. .              | 3 13 0    | 3 10 9    |
| Binding of returns of sacred offices, &c. .. .. .  | 5 0 0     | 8 5 6     |
| Service postage labels and bearing charges .. .. . | 79 10 0   | 80 8 6    |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .                              | 2 3 0     | 1 7 3     |
| Furniture costing Rs. 50 and upwards .. .. .       | 66 0 0    | .....     |
| Total ..                                           | 456 10 0  | 545 15 7  |
| <i>In the districts</i> .. .. .                    | 6 4 6     | 4 6 6     |
| Charges not paid for in cash—                      |           |           |
| For stationery .. .. .                             | 9 13 7    | 7 0 7     |
| For printing .. .. .                               | 11 1 0    | 10 7 0    |
| For binding .. .. .                                | 0 2 3     | 40 8 0    |
| Total ..                                           | 21 0 10   | 57 15 7   |
| Grand Total ..                                     | 483 15 4  | 608 5 8   |

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ORDER—No. 1160, Public, dated 29th October 1896.

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2. The explanation of the Registrar, Kistna, of the delay in the submission of his report, should be submitted for the information of Government.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,  
Ag. Chief Secretary.

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

- " Registrar of the Diocese.
- " Venerable the Archdeacon and  
Commissary of the Diocese.
- " Most Revd. Archbishop Colgan.
- " Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland.
- " Right Revd. Dr. Reed da Silva.
- " Registrar of the Diocese of Travancore.
- " Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
- " Political Agent, Pudukkottai.
- " " " Banganapalle.
- " " " Sandur.
- " Secretary, Basel German Evangelical  
Mission, Mangalore.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 1161, Public, dated 29th October 1896.

Copy to the Government of India, Home Department (Judicial).

A. T. ARUNDEL,  
Ag. Chief Secretary.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 1162, Public, dated 29th October 1896.

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A. T. ARUNDEL,  
Ag. Chief Secretary.

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The provisions of act no 86 are still taken but little advantage, except among the congregations of the B. G. Missionaries, who are no doubt themselves responsible for the action taken.

27.10.96.

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- " Most Revd. Archbishop of Calcutta. 2
- " Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland. 3
- " Right Revd. Bp. Red da Silva. 1
- " Registrar of the Diocese of Travancore.
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