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Act for the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Recording, with remarks, report from the Registrar-General on the work done under the — during the year 1896-97.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble P. RAJARATNA MUDALIYAR, Diwan Bahadur, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 23rd September 1897, G. No. 465.

With reference to paragraph 4 (iv) of G.O., No. 902, Public, dated 15th September 1888, I have the honour to submit a brief report on the work done during 1896-97 under the Act for the registration of births, deaths and marriages.

2. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—The number of registrars of births and deaths appointed under Act VI of 1886 in the several provinces was 101, or 3 less than in 1895-96, as shown below:—

Provinces.	For special classes.		For local areas.	
	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.
Madras Presidency	40	41	22	22
Banganapalle	1	1	1	1
Cochin	3	3	1	1
Travancore	1	1	1	1
Pudukkottai	1	1	1	1
Sanduru	1	1	1	1
Coorg	6	6	8	9
Hyderabad	16	11	1	1
Mysore				
Total	68	64	36	37

3. The number of births and deaths registered during the year was 209 and 120, respectively, against 241 and 130 registered in the preceding year.

Provinces.	Births.		Deaths.	
	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.
Madras Presidency	224	201	121	115
Banganapalle	1	1	1	1
Cochin	3	3	1	1
Travancore	1	1	1	1
Pudukkottai	1	1	1	1
Sanduru	1	1	1	1
Coorg	4	2	7	3
Hyderabad	13	3	2	2
Mysore				
Total	241	209	130	120

* The figures in these columns have been revised in consequence of the receipt of copies of entries of births and deaths registered in 1895-96 after the submission of the last annual report.

As usual the Basel German Missionaries who have been appointed registrars of births and deaths in the Madras Presidency registered the largest number—198 births and 114 deaths.

4. *Registration of Marriages.*—The number of marriage registrars appointed under sections 7 and 8 of Act XV of 1872 was 62 in 1896-97 or two more than in the year previous; and the number of ministers licensed under sections 6 and 9 of the Act was 562 against 511 in 1895-96.

Provinces.	Marriage registrars.		Persons licensed under sections 6 and 9 to solemnise marriages and grant certificates of marriage between Native Christians.	
	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.
Madras Presidency	24	24	458	501
Banganapalle	1	1	1	1
Cochin	3	3	3	4
Travancore	1	1	1	1
Pudukkottai	1	1	1	1
Sanduru	1	1	1	1
Coorg	9	14	15	28
Hyderabad	22	19	34	27
Mysore				
Total	60	62	511	562

5. The number of marriages of European Christians registered under the Act, for which returns and certificates have been received in this office, was 409 * in 1896-97 against 381 in 1895-96 as particularised below:—

European Christian marriages solemnised by	1895-96.	1896-97.
Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland as per returns received from the Registrar of the Archdeaconry ..	182	206
Clergymen of the Church of Rome	136	155
Marriage Registrars in the Madras Presidency	18	9
Do. Mysore Province	16	19
Ministers licensed under section 6 in the Madras Presidency.	29	17
Diocese of Travancore and Cochin	..	3
Total	381	409 *

* This includes 36 entries in the returns relating to previous years received after the submission of the last annual report.

6. The number of marriages of Native Christians reported during the year was 5,828 † as against 2,998 in 1895-96 as shown below:—

Native Christian marriages solemnised by	1895-96.	1896-97.
Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland	452	678
Do. Church of Rome	2,409	4,250
Licensed ministers of other denominations	130	761
Marriage Registrars in the Madras Presidency	7	4
Do. Mysore	..	17
Do. Hyderabad	..	18
Total	2,998	5,828 †

† This includes 1,397 entries relating to previous years, but extracts of which were received during 1896-97.

7. The average age at the time of marriage of European and Native Christians as gathered from the returns and certificates received in this office is shown in the following table:—

	European Christians.		Native Christians.	
	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.
Males—				
Bachelors	..	26.99	..	22.34
Widowers	..	39.92	..	34.43
Divorced	..	39.5	..	..
Total	29.6	29.39	22.9	24.06
Females—				
Spinsters	..	21.09	..	16.95
Widows	..	31.59	..	26.63
Divorced	..	29.66	..	..
Total	22.7	21.95	17.0	17.40

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 1,484 and 1,126 against 1,408 and 1,013, respectively, in 1895-96.

	Baptisms.			Burials.	
	1895-96.	1896-97.		1895-96.	1896-97.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	
By the clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland	776	390	415	805	603
By the clergymen of the Church of Rome	584	319	305	624	373
By other ministers	36	20	26	46	24
In the Diocese of Travancore	12	5	4	9	13
Total ..	1,408	734	750	1,484 *	1,126 *

* These figures include 156 baptisms and 20 burials relating to the previous years contained in the returns received during the year under report.

9. The subjoined statement shows the number of searches made in this office in the registers of baptisms, burials and marriages and the number of certificates granted and the fees collected therefor:—

	Searches made.		Copies granted.		Fees collected.	
	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.
Baptisms and burials	3	6	3	4	Rs. 8 0 0	Rs. 10 12 0
Marriages	2	1	2	1	6 8 0	2 0 0
Total ..	5	7	5	5	14 8 0	12 12 0

10. The registrars of births and deaths granted two certificates against six in 1895-96. The registrars of marriages made five searches and granted 21 copies during the year. Three out of the five searches were made in Mysore.

11. The amount of fees collected in my office and in the districts is shown in statement I appended to this report. The amount of fees collected by the official marriage registrars in the Madras Presidency declined from Rs. 153-12-0 in 1895-96 to Rs. 83 in 1896-97.

12. Statement II appended to this report shows the particulars of expenditure incurred in this office and in the districts. The charges paid for in cash in my office and in the districts amounted to Rs. 1,338-14-5 and Rs. 24-12-0, respectively, against Rs. 545-15-7 and Rs. 4-6-6, respectively, in 1895-96. The large increase of expenditure in my office was due to the fact that the additional establishment sanctioned in G.O., No. 951, Public, dated 18th November 1895, was paid for, for the whole year in 1896-97, whereas in the previous year it was charged for less than four months. The charges not paid for in cash amounted to Rs. 285-13-6 against Rs. 57-15-7 in the previous year. The increase under this head was due to the charges amounting to over Rs. 247 incurred for printing and binding of the registers and forms issued under the Malabar Marriage Act IV of 1896.

13. The departmental accounts were compared with the figures furnished by the Accountant-General and found to agree.

14. With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 582, Public, dated 2nd June 1896, I have the honour to report that the number of acting appointments made by me under section 17 of Act VI of 1886 during the absence of registrars of births and deaths on inspection duty was 30—2 each in five districts, 3 each in two more, and 1 each in fourteen of the remaining districts. No acting appointments were made in the Madras district.

15. I regret to bring to the notice of Government that returns of sacred offices were not received during the year from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Mylapore, notwithstanding repeated reminders sent from this office.

16. The reports from many of the registrars were received late, that from Bellary having been received only on the 17th instant. Statement of work has not yet been received from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Madura, nor from Messrs. J. H. Prinfe and J. G. Firth, Registrars of Marriages in Travancore and Sanduru respectively.

APPENDIX.

I.—Statement of receipts under Acts XV of 1872 and VI of 1886 and the Ecclesiastical Rules of 1885 in the year 1896-97 as compared with 1895-96.

Items.	1895-96.	1896-97.
	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	2 0 0	..
Fees collected on account of certificates granted under section 23 of Act VI of 1886 in Mysore	1 0 0	..
Fees collected on account of certificates granted under section 23 of Act VI of 1886 in Coorg	..	1 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 revised Ecclesiastical Rules of 1885	8 0 0	10 12 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	6 8 0	2 0 0
Fees sent in excess to the Registrar-General's office and unclaimed by the party and credited to Government.	1 9 0	..
Fees levied by official marriage registrars in the Madras Presidency	153 12 0	83 0 0
Total ..	172 13 0	96 12 0

II.—Statement of charges incurred during 1896-97 as compared with 1895-96.

Items.	1895-96.	1896-97.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
<i>In the Registrar-General's Office.</i>		
Office establishment	427 0 0	988 6 11
Contingencies—		
Rents, rates and taxes	24 15 7	27 7 2
Packing and carriage of books, &c.	3 10 9	1 7 0
Binding of returns of sacred offices, &c.	8 6 6	10 12 0
Service postage labels and bearing charges	80 8 6	105 8 6
Furniture costing Rs. 50 and upwards	..	68 8 0
Do. less than Rs. 50	..	101 0 0
Badges	..	34 15 4
Miscellaneous	1 7 3	0 13 6
Total ..	545 15 7	1,338 14 5
<i>In the Districts</i>	4 6 6	24 12 0
Charges not paid for in cash—		
For Stationery	7 0 7	11 7 1
„ Printing	10 7 0	274 6 6
„ Binding	40 8 0	..
Total ..	57 15 7	285 13 6
Grand Total ..	603 5 8	1,649 7 11

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2. The officers named in paragraph 16 of the report will submit, for the information of Government, explanations of the delay reported.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
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
- (with special reference to paragraph 15 of the report).
- " Registrar of the Diocese of Travancore.
- " Resident in Travancore and Cochin,
- " Political Agent, Pudukkottai,
- " " " Banganapalle,
- " " " Sanduru,
- " Secretary, Basel German Evangelical Mission, Mangalore.

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A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

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A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

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 sanctioned in 1895-96
 was paid for the whole
 year 1896-97 whereas
 in the previous year
 it was charged for less than
 four months. The difference
 between Rs 988 and Rs 427
 is Rs 561 is thus accounted
 for.

The increase in the charges
 not paid for in cash from
 Rs 58 to Rs 288 is ascribed
 to the charges for printing &
 binding registers & forms
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 Revenue Act IV of 1896

* The additional Estab^{ment}
 costs Rs (40+10+7) i.e. 57
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 Commissary of the District.
 .. Most Rev. Archbishop Colgan
 .. Rt. Rev. D. Flood de Silva
 (with reference to para. 15
 of the report)
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 of Scotland. 3
 .. Rt. Rev. D. de Silva
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