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[WITH TABULAR STATEMENTS.]

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POPULATION.

The number of persons in the Cape Colony on the 31st December, 1906, is estimated at 2,487,690, made up as follows, Colony Proper, 1,515,259; Bechuanaland, 89,276; Transkeian Territories, 667,837; Pondoland, 214,285; and Walfish Bay, 1,033.

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION.

According to the Customs Department returns—which do not include Naval and Military passengers, and in which children are reckoned at the ordinary scale—there was an excess of departures by sea over arrivals between the 1st January, 1906, and the 31st December, 1906, of 6,139 practically all Europeans, the excess of departures over arrivals in the previous year numbered 758.

PASSENGERS LEAVING AND ENTERING THE COLONY BY RAIL, 1906.

The following table is compiled from returns kindly furnished by the Cape Government Railway Department:—

Route.	TO THE COLONY.				FROM THE COLONY.				TOTAL.	
	European or White.		Other than European or White.		TOTAL.	European or White.		Other than European or White.		
	Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.		Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	
Via Norval's Pont	32,323	6,307	5,531	480	44,641	30,258	6,224	2,977	388	39,847
Via Bethulie Bridge	8,565	1,838	8,041	684	19,128	8,734	1,955	17,370	875	28,934
Via Lobatsi and Ramatlabama	5,100	496	8,903	249	14,748	5,065	1,027	8,001	958	15,051
Via Fourteen Streams	7,472	1,000	846	91	9,409	8,728	1,115	1,201	107	11,151
Total	53,460	9,641	23,321	1,504	87,926	52,785	10,321	29,549	2,328	94,983

From the above it will be seen that 5 more Europeans LEFT the Cape Colony in one year by the Railway Systems than entered it in the same manner. Of the coloured population 7,052 more passengers LEFT the Cape Colony than entered it by rail. The total excess of departures over arrivals during 1905 was 7,057 persons.

ADMINISTRATION.

The provisions of the Act have been carried out very mildly. In 1895 twenty persons were charged, in 1896 sixty (thirteen being Europeans), in 1897 one hundred and seven (twenty-nine being Europeans), in 1898 one hundred and twenty-four (fifty-five being Europeans), in 1899 two hundred and twenty-one (fifty-four being Europeans), in 1900 one hundred and eighteen (fifty-one being Europeans), with the result that one hundred and eight convictions followed, in 1901 only forty-eight (twenty being Europeans) were charged, with forty convictions, in 1902 fifty Europeans and forty Coloured persons were accused and 44 convicted: in 1903, one hundred and two (fifty being Europeans) were charged and 97 convicted, in 1904 ninety-four (forty-seven Europeans) were charged and 77 convicted, in 1905 seventy-nine (forty Europeans) were charged and 70 convicted, and in 1906 one hundred and seven (58 Europeans) were charged and 99 convicted.

There are 115 Deputy Registrars all told, the area comprised in their jurisdiction being 276,995 square miles.

An important alteration was made by G.N., No. 763, of 5th November, 1900, in Regulation No. XXIV., and since that date Births can be registered within 7 instead of 5 years.

The Resident Magistrate, Port Nolloth, is the only officer who still (December, 1906), retains the appointment of Deputy-Registrar *ex-officio*.

In all other cases, special appointments are made.

During the last twelve months (1st January, to 31st December, 1906), some few alterations as to Urban Areas have been made. Woodstock has, by Proclamation 459 of 1905, been created a separate Magisterial District, Adendorp (*Graaff-Reinet*) and McGregor, formerly Lady Grey (*Robertson*), have been made Municipalities by Proclamations 33 and 495 of 1906. By Proclamation 411 of the same year Naauwpoort (*Colesberg*) was created a Special Urban Area, whilst Ngamakwe, Niekerk's Hope (*Hay*), Mount Frere and Windserton (*Barkly West*) have by Proclamations 73, 199, 255 and 309 of 1906 been placed under the control of the "Village Management Act."

REGISTRATION OFFICE ROUTINE.

With our small staff, it is almost superfluous to record our inability to deal with the subject so often referred to in similar terms, viz., the great task of preparing a *General Alphabetical Index of Names of Persons Born and Died*. We have barely been able to accomplish the absolutely necessary work. An important subject connected with Diseases, e.g., *occupations*, cannot be discussed, while only the fringe of the age question can be touched. Errors, and the still more perplexing inconsistencies in *Dates and Names*, continue to take up as much of the time of the staff as ever, not only in Marriage cases, but in Births and Deaths matters, and it is an uphill task to endeavour, in the interests of those who may not be directly concerned for years to come, to rectify reports, while the only persons qualified to amend the same are accessible.

The practice of this Department in regard to the difficult subject of the Names of *Natives* remains the same as that stated in the Preliminary Report for 1896:—

"It is not the policy or intention of this Department to interfere with any distinct native custom. It is "simply desired that one definite plan of reporting may be followed. If, therefore, a Christian native woman "contracts a marriage, and such marriage is solemnized under the provisions of the Order in Council of 1838, "or the marriage Act of 1860, it will surely not be unreasonable to require that when such person comes to "report the birth of her child, or the death of her husband, she shall sign the information form in the manner "contemplated by the regulations. All that is aimed at is consistency. If the Registration system is to be of "any value for the purposes of identifying individuals and facilitating the tracing of claims to property, "uniformity of practice must be insisted upon."

TABULATION BY REGISTRATION DATES.

For the decennial period 1895–1904 the final results of registration of Births and Deaths have been brought out according to the dates of the *occurrences* of the events recorded. For example events that occurred in 1900 but were only reported and registered in 1904, being added to the events of 1900, previously accounted for.

In rural areas the limit of time allowed by the Registration Act within which Births and Deaths events should be reported is three months.

By the system of tabulation by *occurrence dates*, it was necessary therefore to allow three months of the succeeding year to elapse before events could be extracted and the tabulation finally taken in hand of Births and Deaths which occurred, but were not registered in the previous year. It has now been deemed advisable to change the system hitherto in vogue to that of tabulation by *dates of registration*.

The apparent falling off in the total number of Births and Deaths for the year 1905, as compared with the previous year 1904 may therefore be explained as due to the adoption of this new system of tabulation.

SYSTEM OF REPORTING.

Reports are made by Informants (*a*) by Forms (*b*) in Books.

Books are made use of in Locations specially treated, and the native informants have to appear personally before the Deputy-Registrar or the Assistant, and sign the proper Book. In one Native District, where exceptional circumstances obtain, the Headmen or Chiefs are allowed to make periodical bulk statements (*Numerical System*) of the number of males and females born or died in their locations. Transcripts of the book entries are forwarded to the Registrar every month.

In Municipalities, Villages under Board Management and Special Urban Areas, Births, Still-births and Deaths must be reported in person to the Deputy-Registrar or Assistant, in whose presence the Informant must sign the Registration forms; otherwise the forms must be declared to before a J.P., Minister, or Medical Man. Outside Municipalities, Villages under Board Management, and Special Urban Areas, the Informants must appear personally before the Deputy-Registrar, or Assistant, or Field-cornet, or any Police Officer, and sign the forms, or must have them declared to, or must sign them in the presence of a witness. The Deputy-Registrar transcribes the entries from the forms into his Registration Book, and forwards the original forms to the Registrar.

RACE DISTINCTION.

The following main race distinctions are observed, viz.; (1) European or White, (2) Malay, (3) Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana, (4) Hottentot, Mixed and Other. The European or White population consists of the other Teutonic races, who more recently entered the Colony. The Malay class, consisting of only 15,682 souls at the Census (1904) date, owes its distinctive existence rather to the bond of a common and uniform faith aboriginal natives with whom the Dutch pioneers first came into contact—include a sprinkling of Korannas, Bushmen and Namaquas. But it will no doubt be found that the term "Hottentot" is used as synonymous with "mixed." "Hottentot" births, therefore, are classed with "mixed," the separate specification being too doubtful. The number of pure-bred Hottentots can be but small. The Fingoes form part of the Bantu family, but were separately considered in the Census tables in consequence of the peculiar relations in which, Bechuana include—taking them in order of numerical importance—Amaxosa, Tembu, Pandomise, Baca, Xesibe, population which has sprung from the intercourse of the Colonists with the indigenous races, and Indians, Chinese, Mozambiques, Griquas, &c. They also comprise children born of parents belonging to different elements of the four main races.

The proportion of each race to the *total* population of the *whole* Colony in 1904 was as follows:—European, 24·06; Malay, 0·65; Hottentot, 3·79; Fingo, 12·89; Kafir and Bechuana, 46·23; Mixed and Other, 12·38.

PROPORTION OF THE SEXES, 1904.

It was established by the Census figures that to every hundred males alive on the 17th April, 1904, there were 97·70 females. When, however, the races are considered separately, conspicuous variations are noticeable. Thus, the proportion for Hottentots was 94·06 for every 100 males; for Europeans, 82·00; for Kafirs, 104·25; for Mixed and Other, 95·30; for Malays, 98·96; and for Fingoes, 110·96. In the District of Kimberley the employment of a large male population in the Diamond Mining industry accounts for the low proportion of females, viz., 56·21 in 1904. This cause still operates, and renders so striking the present disproportion between Births and Deaths at Kimberley and Beaconsfield.

MARRIAGES.

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED, 1892–1906.

Year.	Number.	Year.	Number.	Year.	Number.
1892	6,414	1897	8,446	1902	12,179
1893	6,892	1898	8,723	1903	12,219
1894	7,005	1899	8,537	1904	12,026
1895	7,360	1900	8,741	1905	10,542
1896	7,861	1901	9,552	1906	11,052

Marriages.—The total number of Marriages solemnized during 1906 was 11,052, an increase of 510 as compared with the previous year.

It will be seen from the above table that, with the exception of the year 1899, there has been a gradual increase in the number of Marriages solemnized in this Colony since 1892 up to and including the year 1903. The figures for 1904, however, show a decrease of 193 as compared with those for the year 1903; and in 1905 there was a further falling off to the extent of 1,484. It is therefore interesting to note a slight improvement in regard to the year 1906 which is, however, still 1,167 short of the number registered in 1903.

The Returns for 1906 show that Friday was again regarded as the unpropitious day for the solemnization of the Marriage ceremony, as out of 11,052 Marriages 269 (compared with 354 out of 10,542 in 1905) of the whole took place on that day.

Tuesdays were most frequently selected, 3,906 or 35·34 per cent. occurring then (3,696 or 35·1 per cent. in 1905 and 4,229 or 35·2 per cent. in 1904); Mondays coming next with 3,353 or 30·34 per cent. (3,135 or 29·74 per cent. in 1905 and 3,724 or 30·9 per cent. in 1904); while 1,768 happened on Wednesdays, 720 on Thursdays, 466 on Saturdays, and 570 on Sundays. The highest number, namely 118, solemnized on any one day is recorded against Tuesday, 2nd January, with 111 on Tuesday, 24th April. The largest number in a full week was 300 in the seven days ended 21st April, and the lowest 157 in November. In 9,937 cases banns were called by Ministers of Religion or by Resident Magistrates, the remaining instances, 1,115, being by special licence.

The number of Marriages before Protestant Clergymen (including Salvation Army Officers) was 9,746, 10,46 or 9·9 per cent. in 1905, 1,108 or 9·2 per cent. in 1904 and 1,334 or 10·9 per cent. in 1903) were dealt with by Magistrates, under the provisions of Act 16 of 1860. The majority of the parties wedded belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church, the number of Marriages being 3,083 (compared with 2,783 in 1905 and 3,291 in 1904.)

The Church of England follows next with 2,124, which was 219 in advance of the Wesleyan Church, while Congregational, including Independent and London Missionary Society, show 1,075 Marriages. In point of Education 27·07 per cent. of the wives and 27·32 per cent. of the husbands could not write their names. It appears that in 823 cases widowers married spinsters, in 317 bachelors married widows, and in 370 widowers married widows. There were 64 cases relating to divorced wives or husbands.

URBAN CASES ALONE, 1906.

Births.—Discarding all rural cases, it is found that at present there are only 24,085 events in the Colony excluding Bechuanaland and the Native Territories, to be treated of, and it is only too evident that there are numerous unreported cases. For sex, the division is 51·28 per cent. boys and 48·72 girls. European or White infants absorbed 43·07 per cent. of the whole; Malay 2·15; Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana, 14·66; Hottentot, Mixed and Other, 40·12.

Deaths.—There is no reason to think, on the contrary, that the Town mortality statistics are not fairly comprehensive. There were in 1906 in Cities, Towns and Special Urban Areas in the Colony Proper no less than 15,831 cases, whereof considerably more than half (55·37) were of males. Europeans contributed 25·21 per cent. of the total : Malays, 2·17; Fingo, Kaffirs and Bechuana, 29·44; Hottentots, Mixed and Others, 43·18.

The above returns may be exhibited side by side thus :—

	Urban Total.	Percentage.		European.	Malay.	Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.	Hottentot, Mixed and Other.	European.		Coloured.	
		M.	F.					M.	F.	M.	F.
		24,085	51·28	48·72	43·07	2·15	14·66	196	158	346	316
Births	15,831	55·37	44·63	25·21	2·17	29·44	195	170	350	298
Deaths						43·18	175	128	340	279

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.

The total number of births of European or White infants was 18,105 in the Colony Proper, comprising 9,284 males and 8,821 females ; of these 442 were illegitimate, 207 being male and 235 of the female sex. It follows, therefore, that the percentage of illegitimate to total births was 2·44 of the European or White events. By way of comparison, the following figures taken from Coghlan's *Statistical Account of Australia and New Zealand* are given :—

VARIOUS COUNTRIES.—Illegitimate births to every 100 children born, based on the latest quinquennial period : Austria, 14·55; Sweden, 10·80; German Empire, 9·21; Belgium, 8·51; France, 8·26; Prussia, 7·84; Scotland, 6·33; Norway, 7·35; Italy, 6·34; England, 4·04; Ireland, 2·65. Australian percentages, 1903 : New South Wales, 6·71; Victoria, 5·73; Western Australia, 4·69; Queensland, 6·79; Tasmania, 5·61; New Zealand, 4·55; South Australia, 4·16.

Before discussing the subject of percentages obtained from the figures published on other pages, it is worth while to advert to the difficult question of marriage by *Native Custom*. The Chief Justice, in deciding on the appeal case of *Nggobela vs Sihele*, heard in the Supreme Court, December, 1893, delivered an elaborate judgment, from which the following items of information are taken. Act No. 16 of 1860 provides for the appointment of Marriage Officers for solemnising the marriages of persons professing the Mohammedan faith according to the Mohammedan customs and usages, but not for marriages according to Native custom, and a union therefore founded only upon native usage and custom within the Colony proper is not a marriage, and Courts of Law are bound to treat the intercourse as illicit. Any marriage which would be regarded as valid in any of the dependencies of the Colony, must be regarded as valid in the Colony, although Colonial solemnities have not been observed (and this is important), if it is not opposed to the essential nature of the contract as understood in the Colony. The Court held the effect of Proclamation No. 14 of 1885 is to dispense with the solemnities required by the laws of the Colony Proper in the case of natives electing to marry in Tembuland (it was a case originating there that was before the Court) according to their own customs. If they register the marriage it has the same effect as marriage contracted under Colonial law; if they do not register it remains valid, but its effect must be judged by the native custom of the territory. The Supreme Court can only administer the law of the Colony, but for that purpose it may become necessary to give effect to the laws of other countries and dependencies so far as they affect the validity of any contract entered into by the parties to the suit, &c.

From the foregoing considerations it will be evident that from the information obtainable from the general run of natives, it is impossible to state for certain how many births are legitimate or natural. In the Registration Books specially framed for use in Native Locations no enquiry is made as to the date or place of marriage, and under the numerical system the sole question asked is whether the infant is a boy or girl. The returns of Fingo and Kaffir births have been tabulated under three headings, Legitimate Cases, Native Custom, Illegitimate, but such an arrangement can only be viewed as a temporary expedient. When the difficulties of deciding the validity of certain native marriages in the Transkeian Territories are so great as to necessitate appeals to the Supreme Court to settle the moot points, this Department must reasonably be excused from tabulating decisively births the result of Native marriages as to which there is no evidence to prove the domicile of the parties at the time of the union.

It would be futile to investigate any proportion where such uncertainty exists.

Births of children belonging to the *Mixed, Other and Hottentot Races with Malays* amounted in 1906, in the Colony Proper only, to 18,165 in all, 9,206 being boys and 8,959 girls; of these events 5,795 were illegitimate, consisting of 2,922 males and 2,873 females, giving the following percentage proportions, viz. :—

Illegitimate births to total Malay, Mixed and Other births (Colony Proper only) ... 31·90

STILL BIRTHS.

The number of Still Births reported in the Urban Areas was as follows for the three years 1904, 1905, 1906, the events being taken out to 31st December, 1906 :—

YEAR.	European.		Coloured.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1904	196	158	346	316
1905	195	170	350	298
1906	175	128	340	279

DEATHS.

GENERAL COMPARATIVE SUMMARY.—COLONY PROPER, 1904, 1905 AND 1906—with proportions.

In all, deaths to the number of *35,609 had been recorded for the year 1906.

The deaths registered in 1905 give a total of 36,699 cases ; similar figures for 1904 are stated to be 40,695. The figures for Walfish Bay are insignificant—35, 79 and 55 deaths for the three years—while those for the Transkeian Territories 5,297, 6,666 and 8,001; Bechuanaland, 910, 878 and 876; Pondoland, 1,080, 890 and 938 for 1906, 1905 and 1904 are unavoidably imperfect, consequently it is advisable to compare—partially as it can now be done—simply the Colony Proper occurrences, which in 1906 numbered 15,063 as regards Males, and 13,189 for Females. 22·69 per cent. of the Male Deaths were amongst Whites and 77·31 amongst the Coloured Races ; similar figures for Females show 21·51 and 78·49 per cent. respectively. It will be noticed that the percentages have varied slightly compared with the previous years. The subjoined statement affords a general view of the data :—

RETURN showing for each of the years 1904, 1905 and 1906 the number of Deaths of Male and Female persons of each of the four Main Races with percentage proportions.

COLONY PROPER ONLY, excluding BECHUANALAND AND NATIVE TERRITORIES.

SEX AND YEAR.	White.	Malay.	Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.	Hottentot, Mixed and Other.	Total other than White.	Total.
M.	3,949	235	6,459	5,725	12,419	16,368
	3,353	193	5,972	5,193	11,358	14,711
F.	3,417	181	5,912	5,553	11,646	15,063
	3,031	210	5,552	5,623	11,385	14,416
	2,640	215	5,218	5,367	10,800	13,440
	2,837	181	4,732	5,439	10,352	13,189

From the above data, the following percentages are derived :—

M.	24·13	1·43	39·46	34·98	75·87	100·00
1905	22·79	1·31	40·60	35·30	77·21	100·00
1906	22·69	1·20	39·25	36·86	77·31	100·00
F.	21·03	1·46	38·51	39·00	78·97	100·00
	19·64	1·60	38·82	39·94	80·36	100·00
1906	21·51	1·37	35·88	41·24	78·49	100·00

The population of the Colony Proper on the 31st December, 1906, was estimated to be 1,515,259 which would give a death rate of 18·64 per 1,000.

The death rates for the undermentioned countries have been taken from the *New South Wales Year Book, 1904-5*.

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.—1903 rate per 1,000 of population : Austria, 24·7; Italy, 22·2; Germany, 19·4; France, 19·2; Ireland, 17·5; England and Wales, 15·4; Scotland, 16·6; Norway, 14·8.

AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES AND STATES.—1904 rate per 1,000 of population : W. Australia, 11·91; Victoria, 11·92; Tasmania, 11·01; S. Australia, 10·22; Queensland, 10·01; N.S. Wales, 10·62; New Zealand, 9·57.

* Including "at Sea" cases.

CHIEF TOWNS, 1904, 1905 and 1906.

After the *non-resident* hospital cases have been deducted from the total number of deaths that happened in the most important centres of population, it is seen that the following comparative results show themselves, namely :—

Cities and Towns.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Cities and Towns.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Cape Town	1,522	1,556	1,518	Wynberg	461	423	362
Woodstock	543	535	588	Claremont	330	293	283
Port Elizabeth	631	627	643	Uitenhage	382	353	353
Kimberley	897	1,031	940	Paarl	333	287	290
East London	386	430	345	Graham's Town	326	334	337

URBAN AND RURAL CASES, 1904, 1905 and 1906.

For the purposes of the Act No. 7 of 1894, areas under Municipal and Village Board control, as well as certain specially so proclaimed, are termed and treated as "Urban." Confining attention to the Colony Proper alone, it will be seen that there were 16,647 Urban and 14,137 Rural in 1904, and 15,637 Urban and 12,514 alone, in 1905, and 15,831 Urban Deaths and 12,421 Rural in 1906, and that the component items for the two Rural in 1905, and 12,421 Rural in 1906, and that the component items for the two Rural in 1905, and 12,421 Rural in 1906, and that the component items for the two

Races and Sexes give the following results :—

YEAR.	White.				Coloured.				Total.			
	Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	1904...	1905...	1906...	1904...	1905...	1906...	1904...	1905...	1906...	1904...	1905...	1906...
1904...	2,624	1,913	1,325	1,118	6,430	5,680	5,989	5,705	9,054	7,593	7,314	6,823
1905...	2,286	1,743	1,067	897	6,174	5,434	5,184	5,366	8,460	7,177	6,251	6,263
1906...	2,242	1,749	1,175	1,088	6,524	5,316	5,122	5,036	8,766	7,065	6,297	6,124

From these figures the subjoined percentages are derived :—

1904...	8·52	6·22	4·30	3·63	20·89	18·45	19·46	18·53	29·41	24·67	23·76	22·16
1905...	8·12	6·19	3·79	3·19	21·93	19·30	18·42	19·06	30·05	25·49	22·21	22·25
1906...	7·94	6·19	4·16	3·85	23·09	18·82	18·13	17·82	31·03	25·01	22·29	21·67

AGES, NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES, 1904, 1905 and 1906.

In the Colony Proper European children under 5 years of age to the number of 2,673 died, compared with 2,532 in 1905, and 3,079 in 1904, and Coloured Children to the number of 11,215, 11,552 and 12,259 respectively. There is a large fluctuation in the number of Europeans over 5 years that passed away in the three years (3,581, 3,461 and 3,901), and the Coloured Deaths of that age period show a decline from 11,545 in 1904, to 10,606 and 10,783 in 1905 and 1906.

The main results of the return may be stated as follows :—

COLONY PROPER, excluding BECHUANALAND AND NATIVE TERRITORIES.																		
YEAR.	European.						Coloured.											
	Total.		Unspeci- fied.		Over Five Years.		Under Five Years.		Total.		Unspeci- fied.							
	M.	F.	Per- sons.	Certified	Un- certified	Certified	Un- certified	Certified	Un- certified	M.	F.	Per- sons.						
	Certified	Un- certified	Certified	Un- certified	Certified	Un- certified	Certified	Un- certified	Certified	Un- certified	Certified	Un- certified						
1904 ...	3,949	3,031	6,980	2,833	1,068	1,944	1,135	12,419	11,385	23,804	5,042	6,503	5,069	7,190
1905 ...	3,353	2,640	5,993	2,557	904	1,711	821	11,358	10,800	22,158	4,741	5,865	4,990	6,562
1906 ...	3,417	2,837	6,254	2,639	942	1,714	959	11,646	10,352	21,998	5,072	5,711	5,065	6,150

or arranged by percentages thus :—

1904 ...	12·83	9·84	22·67	...	...	9·20	3·47	6·31	3·69	40·34	36·99	77·33	...	...	16·38	21·12	16·47	23·36
1905 ...	11·91	9·38	21·29	...	...	9·08	3·21	6·08	2·92	40·34	38·37	78·71	...	...	16·84	20·84	17·72	23·31
1906 ...	12·09	10·04	22·13	...	...	9·34	3·33	6·06	3·40	41·22	36·65	77·87	...	...	17·96	20·21	17·93	21·77

DETAILED AGES OF DECEASED.

The Department has been enabled again to present some details on the important subject of the ages of persons who died in 55 chief towns. The statistics are arranged to show the number of certified and uncertified European and Coloured cases.

Race.	0 Day to 1 Month.		1 to 6 Months.		6 to 12 Months.		12 Months to 2 Years.		2 to 3 Years.		3 to 4 Years.		4 to 5 Years.		Total Under 5 Years.									
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.								
European ...	5·72	3·84	6·09	4·74	5·29	4·33	5·16	3·28	1·27	1·08	·65	·43	·31	·43	22·49	18·13								
All Others ...	5·01	4·07	6·45	5·75	6·09	5·45	5·28	5·86	2·26	2·22	1·02	1·20	·53	·64	26·64	25·19								
5 Yrs.—	10 Yrs.—	15 Yrs.—	20 Yrs.—	25 Yrs.—	30 Yrs.—	35 Yrs.—	40 Yrs.—	45 Yrs.—	50 Yrs.—	55 Yrs.—	60 Yrs.—	65 Yrs.—	70 Yrs.—	75 Yrs.—	Unspeci- fied.	Total over 5 Years.								
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.								
European 1·05	·99	·43	·87	1·18	1·08	1·73	2·10	3·53	1·39	3·53	1·58	5·35	3·13	5·54	3·50	4·21	3·43	4·05	3·62	3·31	3·78	...	33·91	25·47
All Others 1·24	1·65	·96	1·03	2																				

DETAILED AGES, 1906.—EUROPEAN CASES.

Taking advantage of the opportunity now afforded of instituting a comparison between the proportions per cent. by the different age periods of deaths, amongst males and females to total deaths of Europeans in Sydney and in the Chief Towns of this Colony, we are enabled to exhibit the following figures, noting in passing, that the New South Wales returns account for 5,770 (3,102 males and 2,668 females) fatal cases in 1905, and ours for 3,357 (1,911 males and 1,446 females) for the year 1905, and 3,232 (1,823 males and 1,409 females) for 1906.

LOCALITIES.	0 Months to under 12 Months.		12 Months and under 2 Years.		2 Years and under 3 Years.		3 Years and under 4 Years.		4 Years and under 5 Years.		Total under 5 Years.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Cape, Chief Towns { 1906	17·10	12·91	3·16	3·28	1·27	1·08	·65	·43	·31	·43	22·49	18·13
1905	17·99	14·78	3·37	2·44	·65	·80	·33	·53	·21	·39	22·55	18·94
Sydney 1905	11·72	9·60	2·01	1·35	·52	·43	·31	·37	·38	·26	14·94	12·01
			5 Years and under 20.	20 Years and under 30.	30 Years and under 45.	45 Years and under 65.	65 Years and Upwards.		Total over 5 Years.			
Cape, Chief Towns { 1906	2·66	2·94	5·26	3·49	8·88	4·71	9·75	6·93	7·36	7·40	33·91	25·47
1905	2·88	2·23	4·89	3·70	8·07	4·77	10·43	6·31	8·08	7·12	34·38 a	24·13
Sydney 1905	3·01	2·58	3·33	3·99	6·72	6·86	13·40	9·34	12·36	11·46	38·82	34·23

It will be observed that while in Sydney 21·32 per cent. of the European deaths occurred before children had reached the age of 12 months, we had unfortunately a percentage of 32·77 in 1905, and 30·01 in 1906. The higher age at time of demise becomes apparent in the Australian statement from the age 30 years and under 45.

DETAILED AGES, 1906.—COLOURED CASES.

The Registrar-General's 1905 Report on the Vital Statistics of Ceylon supplies the means of placing side by side data stating the relative proportions of deaths in a temperate and a tropical climate at various age points to all deaths, the only factor for which no allowance can be made is the impracticability of assessing the influence of rural cases in the Ceylon figures (108,160), which are for the Island generally, whereas ours (8,613, including 3 unspecified for exact age in 1905, and 8,519, including 1 unspecified for 1906), are simply urban.

LOCALITIES.	0 Days to under 12 Months.		12 Months and under 2 Years.		2 Years and under 3 Years.		3 Years and under 4 Years.		4 Years and under 5 Years.		Total under 5 Years.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Cape, Chief Towns { 1906	17·55	15·27	5·28	5·86	2·26	2·22	1·02	1·20	·53	·64	26·64	25·19
1905	17·84	17·10	5·76	5·32	1·97	2·51	1·12	1·21	·57	·72	27·26	27·06
Ceylon 1905	12·83	11·72	2·72	2·80	2·60	3·07	2·43	2·90	1·54	1·76	22·12	22·25
			5-10.	10-15.	15-20.	20-25.	25-35.	35-45.	45-55.	55-65.	65-75.	Total Over 5.
Cape, Chief Towns { 1906	{ M. 1·24 F. 1·65	{ M. 1·96 F. 1·03	{ M. 2·40 F. 1·65	{ M. 3·43 F. 2·15	{ M. 8·32 F. 3·37	{ M. 4·74 F. 2·43	{ M. 1·82 F. 1·45	{ M. 1·45 F. 1·15	{ M. 1·95 F. 1·53	{ M. 1·55 F. 1·53	{ M. 1·75 F. 1·60	29·66 a
1905	{ M. 1·36 F. 1·50	{ M. 1·87 F. 1·28	{ M. 1·89 F. 1·70	{ M. 3·21 F. 2·04	{ M. 6·87 F. 3·74	{ M. 4·47 F. 2·12	{ M. 3·16 F. 1·71	{ M. 2·08 F. 1·49	{ M. 1·53 F. 1·50	{ M. 1·55 F. 1·60	18·71 b	
Ceylon 1905	{ M. 3·25 F. 3·58	{ M. 1·68 F. 1·50	{ M. 1·56 F. 1·49	{ M. 1·74 F. 2·32	{ M. 4·06 F. 4·83	{ M. 3·90 F. 3·27	{ M. 3·64 F. 2·59	{ M. 3·42 F. 2·45	{ M. 2·33 F. 1·93	{ M. 3·09 F. 3·02	28·67	26·96

(a) One Male Adult = ·01, Included.
(b) Three Female Adults = ·03, Included.

It was found that the Cape figures for Europeans contrasted most unfavourably with those for Sydney as regards the tender ages of children, and we remark a similar feature now as to Coloured persons, and in relation to a worse climate. The proportions are—

Cape—Coloured Infants under 1 year	... ... ...	(1906) 32·82, (1905) 34·94
Ceylon	" " "	(1905) 24·55.

The excess of male over female deaths is readily accounted for by the fact of the existence of large locations of male adults at Kimberley, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and other towns.

The mortality statements for the Colony of British Guiana allow us to show another comparison—also unfavourable to ourselves.

LOCALITIES.	Under 1 Year.	1 Year to under 5.	Total under 5.	5-10.	10-20.	20-30.	30 up.	Total over 5.	REMARKS.		
									E.	C.	E.
Cape, Chief Towns { 1906	32·82	19·01	51·83	2·89	6·04	11·45	27·78	48·17 a	Percentages worked on 8,519 deaths—4,104 over 5 Years.		
1905	34·94	19·38	54·32	2·86	5·74	11·17	25·88	45·68 b	Percentages worked on 8,613 deaths—3,934 over 5 Years.		
1905	22·88	10·39	33·27	3·26	4·49	11·50	47·48	66·73	Percentages worked on 8,314 deaths—5,548 over 5 Years.		
British Guiana ...	21·18	9·87	31·05	3·18	4·73	12·37	48·67	68·95	Percentages worked on 8,671 deaths—5,979 over 5 Years.		

(a) One Male "Adult" = ·01, Included; (b) Three Female "Adults" = ·03, Included.

Thus it appears that more than half of the Cape Coloured persons who died in 1905 and 1906 in the cities and large towns were under 5 years of age, whereas in tropical British Guiana less than one third of the total deaths took place before the fifth year of age was reached. The proportion for Ceylon was 44·37 per cent.

CERTIFICATION, 1904, 1905 and 1906.

COLONY PROPER, excluding BECHUANALAND AND NATIVE TERRITORIES.

Of the Deaths which occurred in 1906, 14,490 were certified compared with 13,999 in the previous year, and 14,888 in 1904; and 13,762 uncertified contrasted with 14,152 in 1905, and 15,896 in 1904. In other words 51·29 per cent. of the cases in 1905 were certified and 48·71 uncertified; again for 6·06 per cent. of the European infantile deaths medical evidence was afforded, compared with 3·40 per cent. wherein such was absent, and 17·93 per cent. of the Coloured infantile deaths were certified and 21·77 per cent. not. In these figures are included reports from the native districts like Herschel, Glen Grey, parts of Queenstown, Peddie and K. W. Town, rarely supported by medical evidence. The data may be summarised as follows:—

YEAR.	Certified Cases.						Uncertified Cases.							
	Total.			Unspecif.		Over Five Years.		Total.			Unspecif.		Over Five Years.	
	E.	C.	Persons.	E.	C.	E.	C.	E.	C.	Persons.	E.	C.	E.	C.
1904	4,777	10,111	14,888	...	...	2,833	5,042	1,944	5,069	2,203	13,693	15,896	...	...
1905	4,268	9,731	13,999	...	...	2,557	4,741	1,711	4,990	1,725	12,427	14,152	...	...
1906	4,353	10,137	14,490	...	...	2,639	5,072	1,714	5,065	1,901	11,861	13,762	...	...

These results may be represented from another point of view, thus:—

TABLE SHOWING THE BIRTH AND DEATH RATES PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION IN CERTAIN CHIEF TOWNS OF THE COLONY PROPER TOGETHER WITH THE EXCESS OF BIRTHS PER 1,000 INHABITANTS.

Cities and Chief Towns.	Population, Estimated, 1906.			Births, 1906, and Birth rate per 1,000 inhabitants.			Deaths, 1906, and Death rate per 1,000 inhabitants.			Excess of Births per 1,000 Inhabitants.	
	Europ'n	Coloured	Total	Europ'n	Coloured	Total or Mean	Europ'n	Coloured	Total or Mean	Europ'n	Coloured
Aliwal North	1,851	3,833	5,684	91	136	227	28	91	119	34·04	11·74
Beaufort West	2,321	3,307	5,628	49·16	35·48	39·93	15·12	23·74	20·93	22·84	-3·02
Burghersdorp	1,365	1,574	2,939	37·48	46·26	42·64	14·64	49·28	35·00	30·04	-4·44
Cape Town	45,083	34,671	79,754	45·42	31·13	37·76	15·38	35·57	26·19	32·01	19·09
Green and Sea Point	7,786	1,397	9,183	208	34	242	53	19	72	19·91	10·73
Woodstock	22,614	7,964	30,578	26·71	24·33	26·35	6·80	13·60	7·84	24·72	32·27
Maitland	2,660	2,673	5,333	833	578	1,411	274	321	595	2·72	32·27
Mowbray	7,800	2,129	9,929	29·87	45·09	33·13	9·61	32·87	14·60	20·26	12·22
Rondebosch	3,947	2,381	6,328	116	104	220	31	50	81	21·53	22·68
Claremont	7,897	7,821	15,718	29·38	43·67	34·76	7·85	20·99	12·80	21·25	24·42
Wynberg	9,652	9,417	19,069	30·11	51·65	40·78	8·86	27·23	18·00	27·23	15·51
Simon's Town	4,959	1,862	6,821	27·97	42·58	35·18	12·63	27·07	19·77	13·31	23·09
Kalk Bay and Muizenberg ...	2,167	1,559	3,726	16·61	37·20	25·22	6·46	17·96	11·27	10·15	19·24
Cradock	3,142	4,638	7,780	108	162	270	63	143	206	14·32	4·09
East London	15,251	10,680	25,931	34·37	34·92	34·70	20·05	30·83	26·47	22·30	10·58
George	1,891	1,690	3,581	55	66	121	23	54	77	16·92	7·10
Graaff-Reinet	4,219	6,022	10,241	36·02	39·05	33·78	12·16	31·95	21·50	21·32	2·49
Graham's Town	7,475	6,564	14,039	30·10	36·56	33·12	15·78	40·82	27·49	14·32	-4·26
Kimberley	13,556	20,775	34,331	38·36	20·31	27·44	18·37	38·41	30·50	19·99	-18·10
Beaconsfield	2,794	6,584	9,378	128	167	295	38	804	812	32·21	-96·75
King William's Town	6,115	3,559	9,674	45·81	25·36	31·45	13·60	122·11	89·78	24·21	22·74
Malmesbury	2,042	1,934	3,976	30·41	40·74	34·21	13·57	38·49	22·74	16·84	2·25
Mossel Bay	1,747	2,647	4,394	57	86	143	23	59	82	16·65	13·96
Oudtshoorn	4,349	4,837	9,186	29·22	49·49	49·38	15·45	33·62	26·39	33·77	15·87
Paarl	5,204	6,452	11,656	37·93	60·98	50·07	15·17	41·55	29·06	22·76	19·43
Wellington	2,465	2,539	5,004	54	100	154	23	78	101	21·90	39·38
Port Elizabeth	22,853	11,276	34,129	734	544	1,278	280	403	683	30·21	11·25
Queen's Town	4,322	5,433	9,755	32·11	48·24	37·44	12·25	35·73	20·01	19·86	12·51
Robertson	2,133	1,237	3,370	32·16	43·80	38·64	13·65	36·44	26·34	18·51	7·36
Somerset East	1,905	3,343	5,248	36·09	72·75	49·55	11·72	46·88	24·62	24·37	25·87
Stellenbosch	2,543	2,534	5,077	52	135	187	34	147	181	3·59	-3·59
Swellendam	1,192	1,290	2,482	28·52	33·33	31·02	5·03	17·82	11·68	23·49	15·51
Uitenhage	6,989	5,529	12,518	233	266	519	80	273	353	25·08	49·13
Worcester	3,708	4,315	8,023	36·19	48·10	41·46	11·44	49·37	28·19	24·75	-1·27

By adding the natural increase *i.e.*, excess of Births over Deaths to the population as enumerated at the Census, 1904, the above return of Birth and Death Rates regarding a selection of the Chief Towns has been prepared. From this return it will be observed that for the births of European children Mossel Bay leads with a rate of 49·22 per 1,000; following on comes Aliwal North with 49·16; Maitland, 48·87; Burghersdorp, 45·42; Oudtshoorn, 37·93, and Beaufort West, with a rate of 37·48 per 1,000. Kalk Bay and Muizenberg, Simon's Town and Stellenbosch contributed respectively only 16·61, 18·75 and 21·23 per 1,000. The apparently low rate for Kalk Bay and Muizenberg may be attributable to the fact that at the time of the Census (April, 1904,) the inhabitants would have been temporary residents only, and this rate cannot therefore be accepted as normal. Simon's Town, again, being a Naval Station, has a preponderance of Males, which would in a measure account for its low rate. Of the Coloured population Robertson has the highest rate with 72·75. The highest European death rate is at Cradock with 20·05 per 1,000; Somerset East coming next with 17·84 per 1,000. Swellendam has the lowest rate 5·03; Green and Sea Point following close with 6·80 per 1,000.

ESTIMATED BIRTH AND DEATH RATES, 1896-1906—COLONY PROPER.

The subjoined Table shows for the Colony Proper the Birth and Death Rates per 1,000 of the population for each of the years 1896-1906. Owing to the outbreak of hostilities in 1899 and to their continuation during the years 1900, 1901 and 1902, the population became displaced and vital statistics incomplete. It is impossible, therefore, to give more than a general idea of the rates for those years. As the figures for the Native Territories including Pondoland are imperfect it is considered advisable to compare the figures of the Colony Proper only:—

Figures for Colony Proper only.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Births ...	38,689	40,412	41,523	41,083	40,870	41,205	42,213	44,462	46,419	44,130	48,367
" Rate	32·19	32·73	32·74	31·53	30·54	29·97	29·90	30·66	31·16	29·26	31·92
Deaths ...	26,059	26,604	30,032	28,039	36,378	31,163	31,348	32,046	30,784	28,151	28,252
" Rate	21·68	21·55	23·68	21·52	27·18	22·67	22·20	22·09	20·66	18·66	18·64
Population estimated.	1,201,932	1,234,677	1,268,307	1,302,818	1,338,254	1,374,642	1,411,789	1,450,330	1,489,691*	1,508,340	1,515,259

* Actual Population—Census.

REVENUE, 1906.

Arranging the districts according to the amount of the collections on account of Births and Deaths Registration in each, it is found that they take the following order:—

Cape, with Woodstock, Wynberg and Simon's Town, £190 13s.; Kimberley, £35 15s.; Port Elizabeth, £32 8s. 6d.; East London, £22 8s.; Albany, £8 10s.; Middelburg, £7 16s. 6d.; Paarl, £7 1s.; Uitenhage, £6 9s. 6d.; King William's Town, £5 7s. 6d.; Worcester, £4 18s.; Mafeking, £4 16s.; Cradock, £4 8s. 6d.; Queenstown, £4 8s.; Oudtshoorn, £1 1s. 6d.; Graaff-Reinet, £3 19s.; Stellenbosch, £3 10s.; Riversdale, £2 19s.; Tarka, £2 6s.; Malmesbury, £2 2s.; Humansdorp, £2 0s. 6d.; Stutterheim, 36/-; Victoria West, 35/-; Cathcart, 33/-; Umtata, 32 6/-; Aliwal North and Caledon, 32/- each; Beaufort West, 31 6/-; Fort Beaufort, 30 6/-; Molteno, 31/-; Prieska, Mount Currie and Vryburg, 30/-; Bedford, 29 6/-; Swellendam, 29/-; Colesberg, 24 6/-; Barkly East, 24/-; Piquetberg, 23 6/-; Ladismith, 23/-; Albert, 22/-; Herbert and Wodehouse, 21/- each; Idutywa, 20/-; Mount Frere, 19 6/-; Ceres, George, Kenhardt, Knysna, Mossel Bay and Victoria East, 18/- each; Qumbu, 17/-; Barkly West and Hanover, 16/- each; Gordonia, 15 6/-; Carnarvon, Clanwilliam, Matatiele and Uniondale, 15/- each; Elliot, 12 6/-; Bathurst, Somerset East, Steytlerville, Stockenstrom, Willowmore, St. Mark's and Kuruman, 12/- each; Prince Albert and Tulbagh, 11/- each; Britstown, 10/-; Jansenville and Taung, 8 6 each; Hope Town and Engcobo, 7 6 each; Montagu and Robertson, 7/- each; Bredasdorp,

EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure brought to account for the financial year 1905-06 amounted to £6,809 for salaries and allowances to the staff in the Central Office, the Deputy Registrars, their Assistants and Field-cornets,

CONCLUSION.

It has been customary in the past to include in the Tabular Statements to this Report certain Returns showing the Principal Certified and Uncertified Causes of Deaths, with Ages, in Cities and Chief Towns and Other Urban Areas.

Inasmuch, however, as elaborate Returns on this subject—compiled from information supplied by this Office—are also published by the Medical Officer of Health for the Colony, in his Annual Report on the Public Health, it has been decided to omit them here.

As a further means of reducing the cost of printing, the Report on Marriages, Births and Deaths will, in future, be incorporated in the Statistical Register of the Colony. This is, therefore, the last occasion on which the Report appears as a separate publication.

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General Register Office,
Colonial Secretary's Department,
Cape of Good Hope,
25th June, 1907.

MARRIAGES, 1906—CALENDAR.

No. 1.—Showing the Number of MARRIAGES solemnized on each day of the year 1906, with Weekly and Monthly Totals.

Total for Month.	Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total for Week ending Saturday.
January, 963 ...	...	85	118	33	14	4	14	268 (portion)
	6	57	68	34	9	4	9	187
	8	70	57	26	12	5	3	181
	10	53	52	32	10	5	6	168
	9	65	58	27	...	...	...	159 (portion)
February, 843 ...	...	...	...	...	14	4	10	28 (portion)
	11	61	62	33	17	2	9	195
	7	67	88	39	10	8	3	222
	15	50	80	40	13	3	9	210
	11	77	70	30	...	...	...	188 (portion)
March, 828 ...	...	...	...	...	14	2	7	23 (portion)
	8	66	67	25	18	7	28	219
	18	63	72	36	13	2	7	211
	6	62	65	24	6	6	4	173
	22	57	84	21	9	4	5	202
April, 1,096 ...	7	67	101	28	16	9	11	239
	7	77	63	28	15	...	13	203
	7	103	94	57	22	4	13	300
	10	73	111	44	18	2	8	266
	14	74	...	...	...	...	...	88 (portion)
May, 935 ...	...	...	98	27	15	1	9	150 (portion)
	15	68	93	26	19	2	7	230
	17	51	87	27	9	5	7	203
	17	44	60	26	13	4	9	173
	12	53	68	35	11	...	...	179 (portion)
June, 882 ...	...	...	...	...	...	8	16	24 (portion)
	11	78	83	59	10	3	7	251
	9	58	72	25	14	6	16	200
	6	45	58	37	12	1	8	167
	16	77	86	32	15	4	10	240
July, 978 ...	8	62	84	34	15	6	11	220
	6	51	73	34	10	6	15	195
	15	67	76	27	17	5	5	212
	10	55	69	30	10	6	9	189
	5	71	86	...	...	...	...	162 (portion)
August, 865 ...	...	...	...	31	15	3	10	59 (portion)
	8	47	83	28	14	6	10	196
	14	50	83	41	11	8	5	212
	10	54	86	38	7	9	8	212
	12	54	72	32	12	4	...	186 (portion)
September, 866 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10 (portion)
	9	53	79	39	15	11	9	215
	10	52	80	37	12	4	4	199
	14	62	80	32	20	5	5	218
	10	71	69	26	12	10	12	210
	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	14 (portion)
October, 1,019 ...	...	83	97	47	34	11	8	280 (portion)
	13	81	68	36	9	8	4	219
	14	48	70	23	10	9	5	179
	10	52	78	33	20	...	4	197
	12	39	60	33	...	...	...	144 (portion)
November, 761 ...	...	...	...	...	13	2	6	21 (portion)
	17	61	58	36	20	5	4	201
	10	60	66	32	9	11	11	199
	17	39	45	28	10	11	7	157
	7	54	64	43	12	3	...	183 (portion)
December, 1,016 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	9 (portion)
	4	69	83	31	11	1	7	206
	10	55	59	40	8	5	13	190
	13	78	89	57	16	8	18	279
	11	101	34	49	30	7	9	241
	8	83	...	...	...	...	...	91 (portion)
Total	570	3,353	3,906	1,768	720	269	466	11,052 10 10 10

Previous year (twelve months) 10,542.

MARRIAGE RECORDS, FEES FOR SEARCHES AND CERTIFICATES.

1906 ...	190 applications	£105 5 0	1901 ...	123 applications	... £76 18 0
1905 ...	226 "	119 7 0	1900 ...	82 "	... 41 6 6
1904 ...	208 "	110 2 0	1899 ...	100 "	... 62 12 2
1903 ...	204 "	108 3 0	1898 ...	...	... 57 3 0
1902 ...	143 "	83 1 6			

MARRIAGES—RELIGION.

No. 2.—Showing the number of MARRIAGES solemnized in 1906, by Ministers of each Religious Denomination, by Resident Magistrates, and by specially appointed Marriage Officers.

Denomination of Solemnizing Minister.	No. of Marriages.	Denomination of Solemnizing Minister.	No. of Marriages.	Denomination of Solemnizing Minister.	No. of Marriages.
Dutch Reformed	3,083	Baptist—English and German	128	Apostolic Union ...	3
S. A. Reformed	73	Lutheran — Including Berlin		African Methodist Episcopal ...	134
Church of England	2,124	Mission, Moravian		Roman Catholic ...	303
Wesleyan Methodist	1,905	& Rhinish Mission	540	Orthodox Greek Church ...	3
Primitive "	15	" Evangelical ...	101	RESIDENT MAGISTRATES ...	926
		Strand St. Church,		Marriage Officers —	
Presbyterian	526	" Cape Town ...	9	Jews	74
Congregational, Including Inde-		7th Day Adventist ...	3	Independent	2
pendent and London Mis-		Paris Missionary Society ...	10	Salvation Army ...	13
sionary Society	1,075	Free Protestant ...	2	Total ...	11,052

NOTE.—The number of Special Marriage Licences at £5 each issued in 1906 was 1,115.

MARRIAGES—EDUCATION.

No. 3.—Showing the Number of MALES and FEMALES who signed the Marriage Registers in 1906 by Autograph and by Mark, with proportions per cent. of the Illiterate of each Sex.

	Number of Marriages in which the Husbands signed by Mark.	Number of Marriages in which the Wives signed by Mark.	Number of Marriages in which both the Husbands and Wives signed by Mark.	Number of Marriages in which both the Husbands and Wives signed by writing.	Total.
1906	680	652	2,340	7,380	11,052
1905	670	628	2,336	6,908	10,542
1904	778	695	2,406	8,147	12,026
	Sex.			Educated. (Able to Write).	Illiterate. (Unable to Write).
					Proportion per cent. of Illiterates among each sex.
1906	{ Husbands ... Wives ...	... . . . .	8,032 8,060	3,020 2,992	27.32 27.07
1905	{ Husbands ... Wives ...	... . . . .	7,536 7,578	3,006 2,964	28.51 28.12
1904	{ Husbands ... Wives ...	... . . . .	8,842 8,925	3,184 3,101	26.47 25.78

MARRIAGES—CONJUGAL CONDITION.

No. 4.—RETURN showing the CONDITION (CIVIL STATUS) PRIOR TO MARRIAGE of Males and Females married in 1906.

BIRTHS, 1904, 1905 AND 1906. GENERAL SUMMARY.

No. 5.—RETURN showing for each of the Four Main Races, with distinction of Sex, the number of Births which were registered, during the years 1904, 1905 and 1906, in the Colony Proper, Bechuanaland, Transkeian Territories, Pondoland, Walfish Bay, and "At Sea,"

TERRITORY.		European or White.				Malay.				Fิง哥, กะฟี่, และ บูชุน.										
		Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.								
		1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.							
Colony Proper	...	9,006	8,417	9,284	8,602	8,821	291	263	291	273	256	6,035	5,576	6,148	5,712	5,319	5,949			
Bechuanaland	...	198	209	174	190	211	...	...	...	...	...	506	461	501	499	495	483		
Transkeian Territories	...	237	219	270	212	220	265	...	...	...	...	3,739	2,832	2,939	3,597	3,597	2,910		
Pondoland	...	12	10	11	18	16	14	...	...	...	...	407	569	381	377	382	2,904		
Walish Bay	...	1	1	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	1	1	553		
TOTAL FOR COLONY	...	9,454	8,856	9,779	9,006	8,454	9,312	291	263	291	273	256	10,661	9,277	10,157	10,187	9,167	9,889		
“At Sea”	2	4	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	...	9,454	8,858	9,783	9,007	8,454	9,314	291	263	291	273	256	10,661	9,277	10,157	10,187	9,167	9,889		
		Hottentot, Mixed, and Other.				Total, other than European or White.				TOTAL.										
		Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.		Persons.						
		1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.				
Colony Proper	...	8,321	8,235	8,915	8,159	7,991	8,703	14,647	14,074	15,354	14,164	13,613	14,908	23,653	22,491	21,639	23,729	46,419	48,367	
Bechuanaland	...	116	153	163	116	148	153	622	614	664	615	636	820	823	877	789	833	1,609	1,656	
Transkeian Territories	...	93	80	100	80	96	112	3,832	2,912	3,039	3,677	3,036	3,016	4,069	3,131	3,281	3,286	7,968	6,387	
Pondoland	...	9	7	8	2	2	1	390	414	577	379	384	564	402	424	588	400	578	824	
Walish Bay	...	9	14	9	4	10	6	9	15	6	11	6	10	16	6	13	7	16	29	
TOTAL FOR COLONY	...	8,548	8,489	9,195	8,361	8,247	8,985	19,500	18,029	19,643	18,841	17,687	19,130	28,954	26,885	29,422	27,847	26,141	28,442	56,801
“At Sea”	
GRAND TOTAL	...	8,548	8,489	9,195	8,361	8,247	8,985	19,500	18,029	19,643	18,841	17,687	19,130	28,954	26,887	29,426	27,848	26,141	28,444	56,802

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No. 6.—RETURN showing in regard to each of the Four Main Races, the total number of Births registered in each District of the Cape Colony during the Year 1906, distinguishing between European and Coloured, Males and Females. ("At Sea" events appear at the foot of this Table.)

DISTRICT.	European or White.		Malay.		Fingo, Kaffir, and Bechuana.		Hotten-tot, Mixed, and Other.		Total, other than European or White.		Total.		Total Persons.	
							M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Aberdeen	76	87	...	...	26	30	69	69	95	99	171	186	357	
Adelaide	22	31	...	...	77	77	25	16	102	93	124	124	248	
Albany	154	132	...	...	260	220	66	73	326	293	480	425	905	
Albert	100	103	...	...	55	63	19	40	74	103	174	206	380	
Alexandria	36	46	...	...	109	101	26	23	135	124	171	170	341	
Aliwal North	137	117	...	...	110	91	32	30	142	121	279	238	517	
Barkly East	88	82	...	...	44	43	6	11	50	54	138	136	274	
Barkly West	81	81	...	...	162	150	55	60	217	210	298	291	589	
Bathurst	19	25	...	...	148	109	6	4	154	113	173	138	311	
Beaufort West	79	89	...	...	18	8	113	120	131	128	210	217	427	
Bedford	25	27	...	...	69	76	29	25	98	101	123	128	251	
Bredasdorp	92	80	...	...	...	...	65	63	65	63	157	143	300	
Britstown	53	67	...	...	20	17	58	54	78	71	131	138	269	
Caledon	163	143	...	...	3	1	176	161	179	162	342	305	647	
Calvinia	124	124	...	...	6	1	114	122	120	123	244	247	491	
Cape	600	593	151	147	6	9	748	757	905	913	1,505	1,506	3,011	
Carnarvon	50	37	1	...	17	12	36	25	54	37	104	74	178	
Cathcart	39	33	...	...	84	91	11	9	95	100	134	133	267	
Ceres	47	36	1	...	...	...	98	52	99	52	146	88	234	
Clanwilliam	77	60	...	...	2	3	110	116	112	119	189	179	368	
Colesberg	66	63	...	...	38	42	45	52	83	94	149	157	306	
Cradock	131	124	...	...	91	77	91	72	182	149	313	273	586	
East London	371	338	1	...	463	427	37	31	501	458	872	796	1,668	
Fort Beaufort	25	30	...	...	143	150	20	21	163	171	188	201	389	
Fraserburg	60	48	...	...	2	3	29	31	34	91	82	173		
George	120	121	...	...	10	14	140	124	150	138	270	259	529	
Glen Grey	11	6	1	...	254	266	2	10	257	276	268	282	550	
Graaff-Reinet	114	100	...	...	55	58	153	137	208	195	322	295	617	
Hanover	26	23	...	...	5	10	33	25	38	35	64	58	122	
Hay	65	65	...	...	25	20	45	22	70	42	135	107	242	
Herbert	37	36	...	...	79	64	35	35	114	99	151	135	286	
Herschel	3	5	...	...	393	432	24	27	417	459	420	464	884	
Hope Town	67	65	...	...	20	9	32	41	52	50	119	115	234	
Humansdorp	101	93	1	...	59	68	158	143	217	212	318	305	623	
Jansenville	90	106	...	...	50	56	64	33	114	89	204	195	399	
Kenhardt	112	104	...	...	2	3	57	36	59	39	171	143	314	
Kimberley	379	371	12	8	178	171	188	209	378	388	757	759	1,516	
King William's Town	142	158	1	...	793	796	33	39	826	836	968	994	1,962	
Knysna	89	84	...	...	11	6	115	92	126	98	215	182	397	
Komgha	33	36	...	...	140	120	3	...	143	120	176	156	332	
Ladismith	110	86	...	...	1	...	89	91	90	91	200	177	377	
Laingsburg	55	46	...	...	2	...	52	46	54	46	109	92	201	
Malmesbury	242	224	...	...	1	...	379	396	379	397	621	621	1,242	
Middelburg	96	109	...	...	82	87	88	95	170	182	266	291	557	
Molteno	59	58	...	...	58	53	6	17	64	70	123	128	251	
Montagu	63	50	...	...	...	...	56	67	56	67	119	117	236	
Mossel Bay	120	102	...	...	3	1	122	155	125	156	245	258	503	
Murraysburg	20	18	...	...	13	9	32	31	45	40	65	58	123	
Namaqualand	85	66	...	...	17	7	307	271	324	278	409	344	753	
Oudtshoorn	322	314	1	...	22	19	438	367	460	387	782	701	1,483	
Paarl	176	145	8	4	5	7	424	398	437	409	613	554	1,167	
Peddie	23	20	...	...	338	329	6	2	344	331	367	351	718	
Philip's Town	48	51	...	...	8	14	26	24	34	38	82	89	171	
Piquetberg	188	178	...	...	2	...	127	135	129	135	317	313	630	
Port Elizabeth	411	375	27	15	163	188	294	313	484	516	895	891	1,786	
Port Nolloth	12	15	...	...	1	44	31	44	32	56	47	103		
Prieska	47	49	...	...	22	18	24	37	46	55	93	104	197	
Prince Albert	68	53	1	2	3	66	45	68	49	136	102	238		
Queenstown	127	130	...	...	291	291	55	52	346	343	473	473	946	
Richmond	27	24	...	...	9	6	30	26	39	32	66	56	122	
Riversdale	138	120	...	...	1	1	109	104	111	105	210	204	414	
Robertson	99	99	...	...	2	1	109	104	111	105	210	204	414	
Simon's Town	78	69	5	8	13									

BIRTHS, BY RACES, CITIES,

No. 7.—RETURN showing for each of the Four Main Races the Total number of Male and Female Births, Colony Proper

CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS.	European or White.				Malay.				Fingo, Kafir, and Bechuana.				Hottentot, and	
	Male.		Female.		Male.		Female.		Male.		Female.		Male.	
	Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Legitimate.	Illegitimate.
Aberdeen ...	36	2	35	3	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	4	7	13
Aliwal North ...	53	1	36	1	...	...	...	...	27	22	24	21	20	5
Beaufort West ...	38	1	47	1	...	...	...	...	5	7	5	3	38	27
Bedford ...	10	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	6	20	7	15	7	3
Burghersdorp ...	32	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	3	9	3	11	3	3
Caledon ...	22	2	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	10	
Cape Town ...	452	34	419	35	144	7	141	6	3	1	4	2	527	195
Green and Sea Point	105	1	98	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	15	6
Woodstock ...	422	14	381	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	227	72
Maitland ...	59	3	66	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	52	38
Mowbray ...	120	1	110	2	5	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	35	7
Rondebosch ...	63	3	48	2	2	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	37	7
Clarendon ...	133	4	98	2	4	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	177	31
Wynberg ...	136	6	120	8	30	...	26	1	...	...	1	...	135	40
Simon's Town ...	54	1	37	1	5	...	8	...	7	4	4	1	24	9
Kalk Bay and Muizenberg	15	...	20	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	24	2
Ceres ...	13	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	13
Colesberg ...	23	1	22	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	2	4	9	12
Cradock ...	57	4	46	1	...	...	...	...	12	17	10	15	36	25
De Aar ...	12	...	19	1	...	...	...	...	8	2	5	5	4	12
Dordrecht ...	29	1	25	...	...	...	...	...	4	14	5	14	1	3
East London ...	261	4	230	8	1	...	...	...	49	83	40	67	14	17
Cambridge ...	58	...	55	2	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	4	...	1
George ...	26	...	28	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	29	13	
Graaff-Reinet ...	78	1	73	...	...	...	...	...	12	14	3	22	44	
Graham's Town ...	119	3	100	3	...	...	...	...	30	41	27	45	27	17
Indwe ...	13	...	16	1	...	...	...	...	6	11	8	14	1	3
Kimberley ...	265	3	242	10	11	5	...	...	36	41	28	47	86	35
Beaconsfield ...	57	1	69	1	1	...	3	...	15	23	10	22	26	22
King William's Town ...	84	1	99	2	...	...	1	...	31	23	27	28	8	12
Peelton ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	8	40	7	...	1
Malmesbury ...	28	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	8
Middelburg ...	73	2	78	...	2	...	...	...	8	9	4	13	2	2
Moltredo ...	22	2	28	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	36	14
Mossel Bay ...	46	...	39	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	1	28	16	
O'okiep ...	6	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	3	4	107	
Oudtshoorn ...	84	3	75	3	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	125	46	
Paarl ...	80	1	63	...	7	1	4	...	1	1	...	41	15	
Wellington ...	27	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	148	46
Port Elizabeth ...	363	22	325	24	24	3	13	2	20	21	13	27	148	46
Queenstown ...	74	5	60	...	...	...	...	...	31	58	37	47	20	11
Richmond ...	22	...	14	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	33	11	
Riversdale ...	14	1	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	
Robertson ...	37	...	38	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	30	15	
Somerset East ...	21	3	28	...	...	...	...	...	12	11	7	12	29	23
Stellenbosch ...	31	...	22	1	...	...	3	1	...	...	1	...	56	17
Somerset West ...	17	1	11	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	22	11	
Somerset West ...	15	...	15	...	10	3	2	...	...	...	1	...	26	8
Strand ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	11	2	10	5	3
Steynsburg ...	52	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	3	
Swellendam ...	18	1	14	1	...	...	...	...	3	12	1	13	8	6
Tarkastad ...	25	1	18	1	...	...	8	...	41	31	37	23	44	15
Uitenhage ...	121	3	129	...	6	...	...	...	1	5	2	2	3	11
Victoria West ...	28	...	26	1	...	...	...	...	2	5	2	7	14	18
Willowmore ...	14	...	22	...	4	1	2	...	1	...	1	79	17	
Worcester ...	42	3	46	2	4	1	2	...	...	1	...	1	79	17
Total for Cities and Chief Towns.	4,105	141	3,790	149	256	17	232	11	451	551	377	544	2,620	1,077

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AND CHIEF TOWNS, 1906.

distinguishing Legitimate from Illegitimate, which were Registered in certain Cities and Chief Towns of the during 1906.

Mixed, Other.	Total other than European or White.				Total.				CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS.	
	Female.		Male.		Female		Male.			
	Female.	Male.	Female	Male	Female.	Persons	Total Persons			
7	5	8	15	9	44	17	44	12	Aberdeen.	
12	5	47	27	36	100	28	72	29	Aliwal North.	
32	36	43	34	37	81	35	84	40	Beaufort West.	
5	3	13	23	12	18	23	18	48		

BIRTHS, OTHER URBAN AREAS, BY RACES, 1906.

No. 8.—RETURN showing for each of the Four Main Races the total number of Male and Female Births, distinguishing Legitimate from Illegitimate, which were registered in the Other Urban Areas of the Colony Proper during 1906.

OTHER TOWNS AND URBAN AREAS WITH DISTRICT NAME.	European or White. See Note†		Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.		Hottentot, Mixed and Other.		Total, other than European or White		Total.			Total Persons.								
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Persons.									
	Legitimate	Legitimate	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Legitimate	Illegitimate								
Adelaide	16	14	3	17	4	18	7	4	8	10	21	8	26	26	21	22	27	48	48	96
Albany	7	9	3	3	1	5	3	...	6	5	6	3	7	12	7	12	8	24	15	39
Albert	3	11	1	11	3	11	1	11	1	11	4	22	5	26
Alexandria	19	14	3	4	2	3	3	1	6	5	8	8	25	5	22	8	47	13	60	
Paterson	3	6	1	...	1	...	3	...	7	...	10	...	10	...	10
Lady Grey	22	19	13	5	10	3	2	1	1	1	15	6	11	4	37	6	30	4	67	10
Aliwal North	22	14	1	5	15	1	3	2	2	1	17	2	17	41	17	30	17	71
Barkly East	40	28	...	14	...	...	15	1	3	2	2	1	11	...	18	2	29	2	31
Rhodes	9	16	1	2	...	1	2	...	1	2	...	2	1	11	...	13	10	21	13	34
Barkly West	3	7	2	1	2	5	3	2	4	5	3	6	10	8	3	13	10	21	13	34
Klipdam	13	5	2	2	3	4	5	3	5	3	7	5	8	7	20	5	13	7	33	12
Other	7	6	9	...	9	2	9	1	5	1	18	1	14	3	25	1	20	3	45	4
Bathurst	2	4	7	...	4	...	...	...	7	...	4	...	9	...	8	...	17	...	17
Port Alfred	5	10	12	4	7	3	1	2	1	2	13	6	8	5	18	6	18	5	36	11
Bredasdorp	14	9	...	...	...	6	8	9	5	6	8	9	5	20	8	19	5	38	13
Napier	8	8	...	...	...	4	4	3	8	4	4	3	8	12	4	11	8	23	12
Britstown	22	17	2	...	1	3	4	12	3	8	6	12	4	11	28	12	11	11	49	23
Gendadental	...	...	...	...	...	51	18	40	9	51	18	40	9	91	27	118	...	...	...
Hermanus	16	7	5	6	10	16	5	6	10	16	19	6	34	18	53	24	77
Other	14	24	5	6	10	16	5	6	10	16	19	6	34	18	53	24	77
Calvinia	12	20	1	...	15	7	12	15	15	8	12	15	27	8	32	15	59	23	82	
Brand Vlei	4	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	1	2	4	1	1	2	5	3	...	8
Loeriesfontein	5	2	...	...	...	2	9	6	11	2	9	6	11	7	9	8	11	15	20
Carnarvon	16	4	6	3	5	3	5	7	6	4	11	10	11	7	27	10	15	7	42	17
Cathcart	23	19	9	13	13	14	2	4	3	4	11	17	16	18	34	17	35	18	69	35
Cape	...	...	Robben Island	5	4	...	2	...	3	1	...	5	5	4	3	9	8	...	17
Prince Alfred's	Hamlet	8	4	6	9	5	...	6	9	5	...	23	9	32	...	32
Clanwilliam	3	9	...	1	...	17	5	22	5	17	5	23	5	20	6	32	5	52	11	
Wupperthal	...	...	...	12	...	8	...	8	...	12	...	8	...	20	...	20	...	20	
Maraisburg	31	18	...	...	5	3	4	...	4	3	4	...	9	34	5	18	9	52	14
East London	MacLean Town	5	2	2	...	3	1	...	2	1	3	1	7	1	5	1	12	2	14	
Fort Beaufort	12	18	30	2	32	9	6	...	8	2	36	2	40	11	48	4	58	13	106	17
Other	3	...	62	17	63	16	8	...	6	1	20	70	17	69	17	73	17	69	17	
Fraserburg	8	9	...	...	...	4	5	6	3	4	5	6	3	12	5	15	3	27	8
Williston	8	4	...	...	6	...	3	2	6	...	3	2	14	...	7	2	21	2	23
Paalstorp	...	...	...	7	1	6	2	7	1	6	2	7	1	6	2	13	3	16	3
George	6	3	8	...	3	1	...	...	8	3	1	14	...	6	1	20	1	21	1
Glen Grey	5	7	4	...	4	1	11	8	3	5	15	8	7	6	20	8	14	14	48	
Graaff-Reinet	...	...	...	5	6	...	6	3	2	6	...	8	2	20	11	4	34	9	43
Hanover	13	9	...	...	5	5	7	4	5	5	7	4	18	5	16	4	34	9	43
Griqua Town	13	9	2	1	5	6	3	2	8	7	8	2	21	7	17	4	38	11	49	
Postmasburg	6	3	...	...	2	1	...	1	2	1	...	1	8	1	3	1	11	2	13
Niekerk's Hope	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	2	...	3	...	3	...	3	
Douglas	6	6	9	1	1	1	2	3	3	11	4	4	1	17	4	10	3	27	7	
Herbert	4	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	5	3	...	8	...	8	
Campbell	4	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	5	3	...	8	...	8	
Hope Town	16	13	5	5	4	1	6	4	5	4	2	4	5	19	3	25	5	44	8	
Strydenburg	15	21	...	...	4	...	4	5	4	2	4	5	19	3	25	5	44	8	
Humansdorp	9	12	3	1	2	4	9	1	6	2	12	2	8	6	21	2	20	6	49	
Hankey (a)	4	3	2	...	2	1	24	4	18	3	26	4	20	5	30	4	23	33	70	
Jansenville	13	11	4	9	2	11	4	9	3	4	8	15	16	11	37	33	11	43		
Kenhardt	6	5	1	...	14	4	6	7	15	4	6	7	21	4						

BIRTHS, URBAN AREAS, TRANSKEIAN

No. 9.—RETURN showing for each of the Urban Areas of the Transkeian Territories and Bechuanaland the which were registered

AREA.	European or White.				Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.				Hottentot, Mixed and Other.			
	Male.		Female.		Male.		Female.		Male.		Female.	
	Legiti-	Illegiti-	Legiti-	Illegiti-	Legiti-	Illegiti-	Legiti-	Illegiti-	Legiti-	Illegiti-	Legiti-	Illegiti-
BECHUANALAND.												
Gordonia { Upington ...	14	...	12	1	...	...	1	2	14	10	22	11
Keimoes ...	6	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	6	5	8	7
Kuruman ...	...	1	1	1	18	2	22	2	10	1	6	4
Mafeking ...	20	1	24	...	6	1	4	1	10	2	6	1
Roorigond ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vryburg ...	28	...	23	...	11	10	10	11	3	1	5	10
Total Urban Areas, Bechuanaland ...	69	2	64	2	35	14	37	16	43	19	47	33
EAST GRIQUALAND.												
Maclear ...	11	...	5	...	3	...	2	...	2	1	1	...
Matafile ...	3	...	4	...	1	...	4	1	18	14	21	7
Mount Currie, Kokstad ...	10	...	22	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mount Frere ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Urban Areas, East Griqualand ...	24	...	33	...	5	1	6	1	22	16	24	8
TEMBULAND.												
Elliot { Elliot ...	18	...	19	1	11	1	7	2	1	...	2	1
Embokotwa ...	14	1	14	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
Engcobo ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Umtata ...	21	...	14	...	5	4	5	...	2	...	1	...
Xalanga, Cala ...	11	...	16	...	2	3	1	2	4	1	8	2
Total Urban Areas, Tembuland ...	67	1	63	2	19	8	13	4	8	1	12	3
TRANSKEI.												
Butterworth ...	5	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nqamakwe ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Urban Areas, Transkei ...	5	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

No. 10.—DETAILED SUMMARY

TERRITORY.	European or White.			Malay.			Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.			Hottentot, Mixed and Other.			Total, other than European or White.			Total.			Total Persons.		
	M.	F.	P.	M.	F.	P.	M.	F.	P.	M.	F.	P.	M.	F.	P.	M.	F.	P.	M.	F.	P.
COLONY PROPER.																					
Cities & Towns. { Legitimate ...	4105	3790	7895	256	232	488	451	377	828	2620	2577	5197	3327	3186	6513	7432	6976	14408			
Chief Illegitimate ...	141	149	290	17	11	28	551	544	1095	1077	1070	2147	1645	1625	3270	1786	1774	3560			
Total ...	4246	3939	8185	273	243	516	1002	921	1923	3697	3647	7344	4972	4811	9783	9218	8750	17968			
Other Urban Areas. { Legitimate ...	1127	1016	2143	...	...	...	474	463	937	759	697	1456	1233	1160	2393	2360	2176	4536			
Illegitimate ...	17	29	46	...	1	1	325	347	672	430	432	862	755	780	1535	772	809	1581			
Total ...	1144	1045	2189	...	1	1	799	810	1609	1189	1129	2318	1988	1940	3928	3132	2985	6117			
Total Urban Rural Areas... Native System	5390	4984	10374	273	244	517	1801	1731	3532	4886	4776	9662	6960	6751	1371	12350	11735	24085			
...	3894	3837	7731	18	12	30	2935	2774	5709	4029	3927	7956	6982	6713	13695	10876	10550	24246			
Total—Colony Proper ...	9284	8821	18105	291	256	547	6148	5949	12097	8915	8703	17618	15354	14908	30262	24638	23729	48367			
BECHUANALAND.																					
Urban Areas. { Legitimate ...	69	64	133	...	...	...	35	37	72	43	47	90	78	84	162	147	148	295			
Illegitimate ...	2	2	4	...	...	...	14	16	30	19	33	52	33	49	82	35	51	86			
Total Urban Rural Areas... Native System	71	66	137	...	...	...	49	53	102	62	80	142	111	133	244	182	199	381			
...	142	145	287	...	...	...	407	376	783	101	73	174	508	449	957	650	594	1244			
Total—Bechuanaland ...	213	211	424	...	...	...	501	483	984	163	153	316	664	636	1300	877	847	1724			
EAST GRIQUALAND.																					
Urban Areas. { Legitimate ...	24	33	57	...	...	...	5	6	11	22	24	46	27	30	57	51	63	114			
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	16	8	24	17	9	26	17	9	26			
Total Urban Rural Areas... Native System	24	33	57	...	...	...	6	7	13	38	32	70	44	39	83	68	72	140			
...	64	66	130	...	...	...	152	122	274	41	49	90	193	171	364	257	237	494			
Total—East Griqualand	88	99	187	1037	963	2000	79	81	160	1116	1044	2160	1204	1143	2347			

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TERRITORIES AND BECHUANALAND, 1906.

number of Births, European and other than European, Males and Females, Legitimate and Illegitimate, during 1906.

Persons.	Area.	Total other than European or White.				Total.				Persons.	Area.
Male.		Female.		Male.		Female.					
Legiti-	Illegiti-	Legiti-	Illegiti-	Legiti-	Illegiti-	Legiti-	Illegiti-				

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DEATHS, 1904, 1905 AND 1906. GENERAL SUMMARY.

No. 11.—RETURN showing for each of the Four Main Races, with distinction of sex, the number of Deaths which were registered during the years 1904, 1905 and 1906, in the Colony Proper, Bechuanaland, Transkeian Territories, Pondoland, Walfish Bay and "At Sea".

TERRITORY.	European or White.						Malay.						Fingo Kaffir and Bechuana.					
	Males.			Females.			Males.			Females.			Males.			Females.		
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Colony Proper ...	3,949	3,353	3,417	3,031	2,640	2,887	235	193	181	210	215	181	6,459	5,972	5,912	5,552	5,218	4,732
Bechuanaland ...	46	54	47	55	63	81	... 1	... 1	... 1	... 1	... 1	... 1	322	339	315	315	329	289
Transkeian Territories ...	84	103	90	56	1	1	... 2	... 1	... 1	... 1	... 1	... 1	3,981	3,287	2,606	3,767	3,112	2,395
Pondoland ...	9	5	1	1	1	1	... 2	... 1	... 1	... 1	... 1	... 1	505	502	471	412	373	483
Walfish Bay ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	2	4	11	5	2
TOTAL FOR COLONY ...	4,091	3,508	3,572	3,123	2,755	2,964	235	194	181	210	215	181	11,277	10,102	9,408	10,957	9,937	7,903
"At Sea" ...	...	33	21	26	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	4,124	3,529	3,598	3,123	2,759	2,968	235	194	182	210	215	181	11,278	10,103	9,408	10,957	9,937	7,903

TOTAL.

TERRITORY.	Hottentot, Mixed and Other.						Total, Other than European or White.						Persons.					
	Males.			Females.			Males.			Females.			Males.			Females.		
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Colony Proper ...	5,725	5,193	5,553	5,623	5,367	5,439	12,419	11,358	11,616	11,385	10,800	10,352	16,368	14,711	15,063	14,416	13,440	13,189
Bechuanaland ...	75	58	97	58	55	67	4,012	3,333	2,664	3,819	3,167	2,462	4,126	3,436	4,444	4,434	4,444	30,784
Transkeian Territories ...	61	46	58	52	55	61	50	57	583	418	374	487	519	592	3,754	3,230	2,543	2,444
Pondoland ...	5	5	12	6	1	2	25	31	30	46	30	32	15	30	378	419	378	378
Walfish Bay ...	15	29	9	19	41	18	25	31	30	46	30	32	15	30	47	20	55	79
TOTAL FOR COLONY ...	5,881	5,321	5,729	5,780	5,522	5,636	17,393	15,627	15,318	16,047	14,774	13,720	21,525	19,166	18,921	19,170	17,533	16,688
"At Sea" ...	7	9	4	...	...	...	8	10	5	...	...	...	41	31	...	41	41	35
GRAND TOTAL ...	5,888	5,340	5,733	5,780	5,522	5,636	17,401	15,637	15,323	16,047	14,774	13,720	21,525	19,166	18,921	19,170	17,533	16,688

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DEATHS, 1906.

No. 12.—RETURN showing in regard to the Four Main Races, the number of Deaths registered in each District of the Cape Colony during the year 1906, distinguishing Certified from Uncertified, European and Coloured, Under and Over 5 years of age. ("At Sea" Events appear at foot hereof.)

DISTRICT.	European or White.						Malay.						Fingo Kaffir and Bechuana.					
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Aberdeen ...	33	20	...	...	16	15	44	38	60	53	93	73	166	16	11	15	16	15
Adelaide ...	73	70	1	...	192	174	57	55	250	229	323	299	622	17	24	27	21	17
Albany ...	40	33	...	...	43	40	15	23	58	63	98	96	194	73	22	15	14	33
Albert ...	15	12	...	...	67	56	16	12	83	68	98	80	178	1	4	7	9	56
Alexandria ...	42	39	1	...	62	51	27	19	90	70	132	109	241	21	35	58	40	34
Aliwal North ...	19	17	...	...	31	27	4	8	35	35	54	52	106	10	11	16	8	12
Barkly East ...	36	30	...	...	189	143	50	59	239	202	275	232	507	8	12	7	43	19
Bathurst ...	14	7	...	...	74	72	7	4	81	76	95	83	178	2	13	3	27	58
Beaufort West ...	29	22	...	...	17	12	76	94	93	106	122	128	250	19	17	77	46	37
Bedford ...	7	12	...	...	34	38	17	14	51	52	58	64	122	7	10	2	8	44
Bredasdorp ...	23	20	...	...	...	...	37	46	37	46	60	66	126	4	7	10	10	34
Brixtown ...	21	23	...	...	21	26	43	40	64	66	85	89	174	13	24	57	42	8
Caledon ...	47	40	...	...	1	1	91	84	92	85	139	125	264	11	20	17	26	69
Calvinia ...	40	31	...	...	2	2												

DEATHS, 1906.

No. 12 (*continued*).—RETURN showing in regard to the Four Main Races, the number of Deaths registered in each District of the Cape Colony during the year 1906, distinguishing Certified from Uncertified, European and Coloured, Under and Over 5 years of age. ("At Sea" Events appear at foot hereof.)

DISTRICT.	European or White.		Malay.		Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuanas.		Hottentot, Mixed and Other.		Total, other than European or White.		Total.		Total Persons.		Certified.		Uncertified.					
															Under 5 yrs.		Over 5 yrs.		Under 5 yrs.		Over 5 yrs.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			European.	Coloured.	European.	Coloured.	European.	Coloured.		
Uitenhage ...	65	51	3	5	179	175	109	93	291	273	356	324	680	39	39	102	90	26	12	181	191	
Uniondale ...	28	27	7	50	42	57	49	85	76	161	121	20	2	9	6	8	20	24	47	45	
Van Rhynsdorp ...	18	11	... ...	20	16	20	16	38	27	65	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	12	16	18	
Victoria East ...	5	5	... ...	115	145	3	3	118	148	123	153	276	2	5	10	7	3	3	142	107	
Victoria West ...	34	17	2	18	13	29	22	47	37	81	54	135	13	25	20	20	5	8	18	26	
Willowmore ...	18	14	... ...	19	14	39	31	58	45	76	59	135	5	9	31	16	8	10	38	18	
Wodehouse ...	48	51	... ...	130	125	1	7	131	132	179	183	362	24	16	30	23	34	25	102	108	
Woodstock ...	184	164	1	9	4	301	336	311	340	495	504	999	175	167	395	185	3	3	40	31		
Worcester ...	46	49	2	11	5	179	155	192	160	238	209	447	22	28	104	76	24	21	109	63		
Wynberg ...	215	150	37	27	54	20	465	446	556	493	771	1414	134	213	593	363	10	8	59	34		
TOTAL (Colony Proper)	3417	2837	181	181	5912	4732	5553	5439	11646	10352	15063	13189	28252	1714	2639	5065	5072	959	942	6150	5711	
<i>Bechuanaland.</i>																						
Gordonia ...	15	14	... ...	13	6	67	75	80	81	95	95	190	4	6	6	21	7	12	69	65	
Kuruman ...	9	7	82	79	12	6	94	85	103	92	195	4	2	11	10	2	2	78	88	
Mafeking ...	14	7	... ...	83	84	11	7	94	91	108	98	206	8	9	6	12	2	2	62	105	
Vryburg ...	15	14	... ...	58	59	4	15	62	74	77	88	165	8	9	2	11	8	4	71	52	
Taung ...	1	3	... ...	79	61	3	7	82	68	83	71	154	... ...	2	... ...	1	1	87	62	
Total : Bechuanaland	54	45	... ...	315	289	97	110	412	399	466	444	910	20	30	16	56	28	21	367	372	
<i>East Griqualand.</i>																						
Maclear ...	6	9	... ...	22	33	3	4	25	37	31	46	77	3	3	1	7	5	4	26	28	
Matatiele ...	4	3	105	114	2	1	107	115	111	118	229	3	1	6	81	138				
Mount Ayliff ...	2	2	... ...	123	105	1	1	123	106	125	108	233	2	1	13	1	1	1	106	109	
Mount Currie ...	11	10	... ...	55	59	22	29	77	88	88	88	186	4	8	24	31	4	5	66	44	
Mount Fletcher ...	2	3	... ...	69	79	1	1	70	80	72	83	155	... ...	11	4	1	41	98		
Mount Frere ...	1	2	... ...	95	79	1	1	96	79	97	81	178	... ...	1	6	1	65	104		
Qumbu ...	1	1	... ...	100	94	1	1	101	95	102	96	198	... ...	4	18	2	2	79	95	
Tsolo ...	3	...	...	147	120	1	1	147	121	150	121	271	2	1	6	1	1	99	162	
Uzmizimku ...	2	...	...	175	136	10	7	185	143	185	145	330	... ...	20	1	1	135	173		
Total : E. Griqualand	30	32	... ...	891	819	40	45	931	864	961	896	1857	9	14	31	115	18	21	698	951	
<i>Tembuland.</i>																						
Elliot ...	25	29	... ...	41	39	6	3	47	42	72	71	143	8	12	2	3	23	11	49	35	
Elliotdale ...	2	240	216	240	246	240	248	488	1	7	1	1	1	
Engcobo ...	1	1	... ...	176	144	4	2	180	146	181	147	328	2	3	97	... ...	56	170		
Mqanduli ...	...	...	...	66	67	... ...	66	67	66	67	133	... ...	1	8	... ...	37	87			
St. Marks	4	...	...	120	83	... ...	120	83	124	83	207	... ...	8	2	2	87	108			
Umtata ...	7	5	... ...	141	114	1	2	142	116	149	121	270	3	4	10	23	2	3	80	145	
Xalanga ...	9	4	... ...	112	75	5	14	117	89	126	93	219	4	7	9	12	2	... ...	88	97
Total : Tembuland	46	41	... ...	896	768	16	21	912	789	958	830	1788	16	25	25	158	29	17	397	a643	
<i>Transkei.</i>																						
Butterworth ...	3	1	78	65	78	65	81	66	147	2	3	2	47	93			
Idutywa ...	2	1	... ...	77	42	1	1	78	42	80	43	123	... ...	5	3	3	37	78		
Kentani ...	1	1	117	135	1	1	117	136	118	137	255	1	1	1	20	84	148			
Nqamakwe ...	2	1	... ...	181	184	... ...	181	184	183	185	368	1	2	15	... ...	2	162	186		
Tsomo ...	5	2</td																				

DEATHS, OTHER TOWNS AND URBAN AREAS, 1906.

No. 14.—RETURN showing for each of the Four Main Races, the total number of Male and Female Deaths which were registered in regard to the other Towns and Urban Areas of the Colony Proper during the year 1906.

OTHER TOWNS AND URBAN AREAS WITH DISTRICT NAME.	European or White.		Malay.		Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuanas.		Hottentot, Mixed and Other.		Total Other than European or White.		Total.		European or White.		Other than European or White.		Total.		Persons.				
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	C.	U.	C.	U.	C.	U.	C.	U.	C.	U.			
Adelaide	13	13	20	17	8	5	28	22	41	35	5	1	20	...	14	14	13	9	52	24	76
Albany	3	2	7	2	6	5	13	7	16	9	3	...	2	5	2	12	13	10	10	10	
Albert	9	4	5	5	4	5	3	13	7	22	11	5	...	4	...	6	...	10	10	10	
Alexandria	3	1	...	...	1	4	2	2	5	5	1	1	8	...	2	3	33	33	33	33	33
Alexandria	1	1	...	...	2	3	3	3	5	3	6	1	1	...	1	2	6	4	10	10	10
Paterson	6	4	1	1	9	7	16	20	4	16	10	2	2	2	2	32	32	4	36	36	41	41	
Lady Grey	7	13	5	6	4	1	9	7	19	22	10	...	8	1	15	15	12	12	12	12	
Jamestown	4	4	3	1	1	1	3	5	7	2	3	1	...	3	1	4	8	12	12	12	
Barkly East	10	9	7	10	2	3	9	13	19	22	10	...	8	1	15	15	12	12	12	12	
Rhodes	3	3	3	1	...	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	...	5	1	1	1	6	7	7	
Barkly West	3	4	14	13	9	5	23	18	26	18	1	2	...	16	8	17	11	33	44	44	
Klipdiam	3	3	30	13	6	6	36	19	39	23	2	2	4	1	15	15	16	30	32	62	
Other	3	2	9	13	7	8	16	21	19	23	...	2	2	1	1	19	2	15	5	37	42
Bathurst	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	...	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	
Port Alfred	10	3	13	18	3	4	16	22	26	25	1	...	3	7	24	4	40	11	51	51	
Bredasdorp	3	1	...	...	10	8	10	8	13	9	2	2	2	7	2	9	...	20	2	22	22
Napier	3	3	...	...	4	4	4	4	7	7	1	1	1	3	1	...	4	3	7	7	7
Britstown	7	10	...	...	2	2	14	7	16	9	23	19	8	...	9	13	1	7	4	37	54
Genadendal	...	...	...	...	43	32	43	32	43	32	...	2	35	6	32	8	67	75	75	75	75
Caledon	4	3	...	...	1	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	...	10	1	13	5	28	33	33	33
Hermanus	4	5	...	...	8	16	8	16	12	21	3	4	1	3	10	10	15	15	15	15	15
Other	4	5	...	...	33	17	34	17	37	21	2	5	19	5	17	10	43	15	58	58	58
Calvinia	3	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Brandvlei	1	1	...	...	8	4	8	4	10	4	1	1	1	...	8	4	1	1	14	14	14
Loeriesfontein	2	2	...	...	20	16	14	20	34	36	37	41	4	...	4	42	1	27	77	1	78
Carnarvon	3	5	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	15	8	5	49	20
Cathcart	5	6	...	...	25	24	4	5	29	29	34	35	6	5	5	30	15	8	5	49	20
Robben Island	10	5	...	...	3	13	7	39	26	52	36	62	41	1	14	2	2	86	103	103	103
Ceres	...	...	...	...	9	5	9	5	10	7	1	1	1	2	4	4	4	8	9	17	17
Hamlet	1	2	...	...	22	25	22	25	25	25	28	5	1	22	1	22	2	50	3	53	53
Clanwilliam	3	3	...	...	9	8	9	8	9	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	1	9	16	17	17
Craddock	9	3	...	...	2	3	3	2	12	5	8	2	2	1	2	2	13	1	16	17	17
Macauleytown	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amalinda	2	2	...	...	16	14	2	3	18	17	20	19	3	1	...	19	1	15	4	35	39
Fort Beaufort	4	5	...	...	44	43	17	8	61	51	65	56	3	6	3	38	46	25	58	63	121
Other	1	1	...	...	53	59	9	6	62	65	63	66	2	2	64	3	60	5	124	129	129
Fraserburg	2	4	1	1	8	9	9	9	11	13	1	1	4	7	7	1	10	...	22	2	24		
Williston	2	1	...	...	3	4	3	4	5	5	3	1	1	4	1	8	2	10	...	22	24
George	...	...	...	...	6	10	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	5	4	7	7	9	9
Glen Grey	1	2	...	...	18	17	18	17	19	19	19	19	1	2	2	18	15	5	33	38	38
Other	2	6	...	...	6	1	9	8	15	9	17	15	1	5	2	6	4	9	21	11	32
Graaff-Reinet	1	1	...	...	9	5	10	5	14	6	2	3	1	1	13	1	19	1	20	1	20
Hanover	4	1	...	...	4	4	6	4	10	6	11	1	2	1	2	5	6	1	13	14	17
Griquatown	2	1	...	...	10	7	8	11	18	18	25	20	2	2	5	17	5	8	32	33	45
Postmasburg	3	4	...	...	3	3	5	3	8	6	12	2	1	3	1	12	5	7</td			

No. 15.—RETURN showing for each of the Urban and other Areas of Bechuanaland, the Transkeian Main Races, which had been

Area.	European or White.		Malay.		Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.		Hottentot, Mixed and other.		Total, other than European or White.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
BECHUANALAND.												
Gordonia { Upington ...	4	4	...	...	8	2	22	36	30	38	34	42
Keimoes ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	3	6	3	7	3
Kuruman	2	...	...	...	20	12	8	5	28	17	30	17
Vryburg	6	10	...	...	29	29	2	13	31	42	37	52
Mafeking { Mafeking ...	11	5	...	...	16	7	7	2	23	9	34	14
Rooigrond ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Urban ...	24	19	...	...	73	50	45	59	118	109	142	128
Rural ...	30	26	...	...	218	218	52	51	270	269	300	295
Native System ...	..	...	...	...	24	21	...	...	24	21	24	21
Total—Bechuanaland ...	54	45	...	...	315	289	97	110	412	399	466	444
EAST GRIQUALAND.												
Maclear	1	2	...	...	2	3	...	2	2	5	3	7
Matatiele ... ...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	2	1
Mount Currie, Kokstad ...	6	3	...	...	9	8	17	16	26	24	32	27
Mount Frere ... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Urban ...	7	6	...	...	12	11	18	18	30	29	37	35
Rural ...	23	26	...	...	131	128	22	27	153	155	176	181
Native System ...	...	...	...	...	748	680	...	...	748	680	748	680
Total—East Griqualand	30	32	...	...	891	819	40	45	931	864	961	896
TEMBULAND.												
Elliot { Elliot ...	9	5	...	...	9	5	5	2	14	7	23	12
Embokotwa ...	2	9	...	...	3	3	...	...	3	3	5	12
Engcobo ... ...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	2	1	2	2
Umtata	4	3	...	...	13	10	1	2	14	12	18	15
Xalanga, Cala ...	8	4	...	...	2	11	3	8	5	19	13	23
Total Urban ...	23	22	...	...	28	30	10	12	38	42	61	64
Rural ...	23	19	...	...	131	91	6	9	137	100	160	119
Native System ...	...	...	...	...	503	403	...	...	503	403	503	403
Numerical ...	...	...	...	...	234	244	...	...	234	244	234	244
Total—Tembuland	46	41	...	...	896	768	16	21	912	789	958	830
TRANSKEI.												
Butterworth	2	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	6	1
Nqamakwe	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	1
Total Urban ...	3	2	...	...	5	...	...	...	5	...	8	2
Rural ...	11	6	...	...	41	34	2	1	43	35	54	41
Native System ...	...	...	...	...	773	774	...	...	773	774	773	774
Total—Transkei	14	8	...	...	819	808	2	1	821	809	835	817
PONDOLAND.												
Total Rural	9	1	...	...	33	23	12	2	45	25	54	26
Native System	...	...	...	...	538	462	...	...	538	462	538	462
Total—Pondoland	9	1	571	485	12	2	583	487	592	488
WALFISH BAY.												
Total Rural	2	4	2	9	18	13	20	15	20

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Territories, Pondoland and Walfish Bay, the number of Male and Female Deaths among each of the Four registered during the Year 1906.

(a) Excluding 478 Numerical Natives not detailed.

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No. 16.—Statement furnishing an analysis of the nature of the various deaths by violence, involving the deaths of European and Coloured persons during the Year, 1906, in the Urban Areas of the Colony Proper.

AREAS.	Falls.	Crushed.	Run Over.	Machinery.	Explosion.	Gunsnot Wounds.	Cuts, Stabs, Burns, Scalds.	Lightning.	Exposure to Heat, Sun-stroke, Isolation.	Exposure to Cold or Weather.	Drowning.	Suffocation.	Poisons and Poisonous Vapours.	Bite of Snake or Insect.	Otherwise.	Total.	Persons.																	
CHIEF TOWNS :—	E	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	Total.	Persons.																
Cape Town	2	4	1	...	2	...	1	4	1	...	...	6	1	...	...	3	13	12	25											
Woodstock	1	...	1	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	1	...	1	1	7	5	12											
Maitland	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	1	5	6	12				
Claremont	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	3	...	1	...	1	1	6	7	12											
Wynberg	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	5	3	8								
Simon's Town	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	2	4	6	12							
East London	2	1	1	1	2	...	1	1	1	...	1	2	1	...	3	1	10	10	20															
Kimberley	2	3	2	9	...	5	...	1	6	...	...	2	1	...	2	7	26	33	80													
Beaconsfield	2	2	1	2	4	...	2	4	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	5	4	35	39										
King William's Town	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	1	1	3	3	6										
Port Elizabeth	1	2	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	2	1	6	14								
Queen's Town	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	2	1	2	5	7										
All Other Chief Towns	2	4	1	2	4	...	1	1	5	12	...	1	...	2	5	6	26	41	67															
Total Cities and Chief Towns	9	16	9	35	11	15	2	9	2	1	2	12	28	2	1	...	9	22	87	163	250													
Total other Urban Areas	2	1	2	...	3	3	1	1	1	2	3	22	4	1	...	12	6	2	2	5	7	31	49	80										
Total	11	17	11	35	14	18	1	2	10	3	3	2	1	5	15	50	4	3	1	...	2	26	25	8	13	7	3	2	...	14	29	118	212	330

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CHIEF TOWNS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253
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