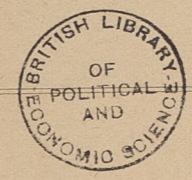


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#### THE USES OF REGISTRATION

Are admirably stated in the 28th Annual Registration Report of Michigan, U.S.A., thus:—

1. "Registration affords an invaluable personal record of the principal events in the life of each individual for all legal and genealogical purposes."
2. "It affords a 'first line of defence' against certain crimes, especially those perpetrated upon children at the defenceless ages and upon women."
3. "It gives information of the presence of dangerous communicable diseases in time to restrict them in many cases."
4. "It affords information as to the unsanitary condition of localities, thereby suggesting sanitary investigation and the removal of causes of sickness. It enables the conditions of the public health in different parts of the same state or in different states and countries to be compared, and specifies the diseases most prevalent in different places. Vital statistics are the handmaid of sanitary science."
5. "Vital statistics present important data as to the social condition of communities, such as the frequency and fecundity of marriage, the prevalence of divorce, and variations in the rate of natural increase."
6. "The importance of vital statistics as an element of the movement of population can scarcely be over-estimated. Census enumerations present the population of a state or country at a definite time, but, unless taken at unusually frequent intervals, show nothing of the process of growth in itself."

#### POPULATION.

The number of persons in the Cape Colony, *excluding* British Bechuanaland and Pondoland, but including the Transkei, may be taken to have been 2,004,821 on the 31st December, 1899, and in the Colony Proper, 1,239,154, whereof about 433,704 were white. Pondoland is not subject to the provisions of the Births and Deaths Act, and of Bechuanaland only a *partial* Census was taken, the native population living in reserves being estimated [Population in British Bechuanaland in 1891 (partly estimated) was 72,736; that of Pondoland, which is not subject to Act 7 of 1894, was put at about 188,000.]

#### 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 as adults—the excess of arrivals by sea over departures between the 1st of January, 1891 (the census was held in April in that year), and the 31st December, 1899, was 75,572, practically all Europeans.

#### PASSENGERS BY RAIL, 1899.

(Owing to the War it is impracticable to present information on this subject on *this* occasion.)

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## ADMINISTRATION.

The provisions of the Act have been carried out, for obvious reasons, since October, 1899, more mildly than ever. 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) and in 1899 two hundred and twenty-one (fifty-four being Europeans) with the result that one hundred and seventy-eight convictions followed, while twenty-eight cases were otherwise disposed of.

The only Magistrates who have still (30th June, 1900) retained the appointment of Deputy Registrar *ex-officio* are the following:—

In the *Colony*.—Murraysburg, Port Nolloth, with Walfish Bay.

On the contrary the only special appointments in the *Transkeian Territories* are in the following Districts, viz.: Matatiele, Mount Ayliff, Mount Currie, Mount Fletcher, Qumbu, Elliot, Engcobo, St. Mark's, Um'ata, Butterworth, Idutywa, Kentani and Nqamakwe.

The work of registration has been most seriously affected all over the Colony and the Transkei by the Military operations in some areas, and the unrest in the remainder. The following tabular statement shows (a) the dates upon which the last registrations were completed in certain districts, and (b) the dates upon which business was resumed:—

<i>Kuruman</i> : 1899, Sept. 12th. Resumed July, 1900.	<i>Wodehouse</i> : 1899, Nov. 27th; 1900, March 1st.
Probably registration went on for some time after 12th Sept.	<i>Vryburg</i> : 1899, Oct. 20th; 1900, June 7th.
<i>Tavugs</i> : 1899, Sept 7th; 1900, June 1st.	<i>Colesberg</i> : 1899, Nov. 8th; 1900, March 10th.
<i>Barkly West</i> : 1899, Nov. 4th; 1900, March 16th.	<i>Herbert</i> : 1899, Nov. 13th; 1900, May 21st.
<i>Alival North</i> : 1899, Nov. 9th; 1900, April 5th.	<i>Albert</i> : 1899, Nov. 14th; 1900, March 21st.
<i>Hay</i> : 1899, Nov. 14th; 1900, June 20th.	<i>Prieska (A)</i> : 1899, Nov. 15th; 1900, April 15th.
<i>Barkly East</i> : 1899, Nov. 15th; 1900, April 5th.	<i>Kenhardt</i> : 1900, Feb. 6th; 1900, April 28th.
	<i>Gordonia</i> : 1900, March 5th; 1900, May 10th.

(A) Spasmodically interrupted.

At Mafeking and at Kimberley, where the stock of forms on exhaustion had to be replenished locally, there was no cessation whatever, and the excellent services carried out under most abnormal conditions, by the Deputy Registrars (Mr. Grayson and Mr. Morris) are specially commended to the notice of Government. Statistical returns of local deaths during these two sieges have been compiled and published in the "Government Gazette." [See G. N. No. 229 of 31st March, 1900, and No. 452 of July 11, 1900.]

It may be explained that while the tables for 1899, published in G. 39, 1900, include ordinary Hospital cases, they do not profess to contain statistics of deaths amongst the troops *in the field*. It is intended, however, when a favourable opportunity presents itself, to apply to the Imperial Naval, and Military Authorities for complete returns of all casualties on the battle field and in Hospital.

During the last 14 months the following changes as regards the constitution of Urban and Rural Areas have been effected, viz.:—

NEW DISTRICTS.—*Steytlerville*.—From 15th Jan., 1900. P. No. 373. 22.xii.1899.

NEW AREA.—*Village Management Board*.—Riebeeck Kasteel (Malmesbury), P. No. 22, 1900; 2nd Feb., 1900.

RURAL AREA CENTRES.—*Cuylerville* (Bathurst), G. N. 602, 24th July, 1899.

*Sundays River* (Uitenhage), G. N. 754, 22nd Sept., 1899.

*Vlakteplaats* (Oudtshoorn), G. N. 646, 7th August, 1899.

*Olivenhoutsdrift* (Kenhardt), G. N. 854, 1899.

*Swanepoels Poort* (Willowmore), G. N. 60, 28th Jan., 1900.

*Klipplaat* (Jansenville), G. N. 107, 8th Feb., 1900.

*Nababeep* (Namaqualand), G. N. 224, 30th March, 1900.

*Nieuwoudtville* (Calvinia), G. N. 272, 19th April, 1900.

TRANSFERS.—*Bodiam* (Peddie), V. M. Board, to Special Urban Area, P. No. 70, 12th April, 1900.

## REGISTRATION OFFICE ROUTINE.

The staff has since July, 1899, been afflicted with an unusual amount of ill-health amongst its members, entailing long periods of sick furlough and the adoption of temporary arrangements to tide over the difficulties which still (July, 1900,) subsist, and these causes, combined with the retrenchment effected in 1899, have prevented any progress being made with that important piece of work—*General Alphabetical Index of Names* of persons born and died. Instead of having the accustomed number of four officers constantly available for tabulation purposes, we frequently have had to be content with the services of three. For the receipt, custody and examination of the forms arriving every month, the whole time of two clerks is insufficient, and the part services of a third have to be regularly borrowed from another section of the office, at the expense of other business. Errors, and the still more perplexing inconsistencies in *Dates* and *Names*, continue to give as much trouble as ever, not only in Marriage cases, but in Births and Deaths matters, and it proves a rather thankless 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. Observations on these points are considered to be the outcome of "red-tapeism," and yet it is noticeable how often in legal practice connected with this office, Certificates are applied for relative to documents that have been subjected to such revision.

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 OCCURRENCE DATES.

Reports relative to Births and Deaths are rendered monthly (becoming due on the 16th of each month and now usually arriving within 10 days from such due date), but the *final* results appear according to the *dates of the occurrences*, i.e., events that occurred for example in 1895, but were only reported and registered in 1899, being added to the events of 1895, previously accounted for.

## PUBLICATION OF ADVANCE INFORMATION.

Statements of Births and Deaths (with, in the latter case, particulars of Age and Disease), as registered, have been published within two or three days of the end of each month in the *Gazette*, for the municipality of Cape Town, since July, 1896, and the system was extended in 1897 to all the municipalities in the Cape Division, and since August, 1898, the Department has issued, shortly after the close of each registration period, an audited monthly return showing for each of 36 Cities and Chief Towns (a) the number of European as distinguished from Coloured Deaths (certified and uncertified), under and over five years of age, from each of the following causes, viz., smallpox, measles, typhoid fever, simple continued fever and ill-defined fever, whooping cough, diphtheria and croup, diarrhoea, dysentery, phthisis, pneumonia, bronchitis and enteritis, and (b) the number of European and Coloured Births.

## 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 some few Native Districts 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.

## INQUESTS.

There is still a certain amount of misconception on the part of Deputy Registrars as regards this subject although on the 13th Jan., 1897, the Hon. the Attorney-General issued the following plain circular:—

"As an impression appears to prevail amongst some officers required by 'The Inquest Act, 1875,' to hold investigations regarding the deaths of persons otherwise than in a natural way, that such investigations need be made only in cases of sudden death or in cases in which death is suspected to have been occasioned by foul play, I am directed to point out that the Act requires that a Resident Magistrate or a Field-cornet, as the case may be, shall hold an inquest or make an investigation in every case in which a person

(a) dies suddenly or is found dead; or

(b) is supposed or suspected to have come by his death by violence; or

(c) dies otherwise than in a natural way.

In connection with this matter I am to mention that a compliance with the provisions of the Births and Deaths Registration Act does not do away with the necessity for carrying out strictly all the provisions of the Inquest Act."

But it has to be pointed out that "registrations" under Act No. 7 of 1894 are equally as necessary as Inquests under Act No. 22 of 1875. The two enactments should be worked together.

## RACE DISTINCTION.

The following main race distinctions are observed, viz.: (1) European or White, (2) Malay, (3) Hottentot, (4) Fingo, (5) Kafir and Bechuana, (6) Mixed and Other. The *European or White* population consists of the descendants of the original Dutch Colonists and French Refugees, and of the immigrants, chiefly of British and other Teutonic races, who more recently entered the Colony. The *Malay* class, consisting of only 13,907 souls at the Census date, owes its distinctive existence rather to the bond of a common and uniform faith than to any feeling of race. As its name implies it is of Asiatic origin. *Hottentots*—the name given to the aboriginal natives with whom the Dutch pioneers first came into contact—include a sprinkling of Korannas and Bushmen. But it will no doubt be found that the term "Hottentot" is used as synonymous with "mixed," and it is intended for the future to class "Hottentot" births 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 by force of circumstances they stand to the Colony and of their progress in civilisation. *Kafirs and Bechuanas* include—taking them in order of numerical importance—*Amxosa, Tembu, Basuto, Pondomise, Baca, Bechuana* and other similar tribes. *Mixed and Other Coloured Races* include the great and increasing population which has sprung from the intercourse of the Colonists with the indigenous races, and Indians, Chinese, Mozambique's, Griquas, &c. They also comprise children born of parents belonging to different elements of five of the main races. The fusion of Fingoes (a commercial, peaceful people) with the warlike Kafirs and Bechuanas is proceeding more rapidly than might have been expected, and it has been often found convenient for statistical purposes to group these Races.

The proportion of each race to the total population of the whole Colony in 1891 was as follows:—European, 24.68; Malay, 0.91; Hottentot, 3.30; Fingo, 15.04; Kafir and Bechuana, 39.84; Mixed and Other, 16.23.



PROPORTION OF THE SEXES, 1891.

It was established by the Census figures that to every hundred males alive on the 7th April, 1891, there were 99.03 females. When, however, the races are considered separately, conspicuous variations are noticeable. Thus, the proportion for Hottentots was 91.97 for every 100 males; for Europeans, 92.38; for Kafirs, 98.43; for Mixed and Other, 101.13; for Malays, 107.17; and for Fingoes, 111.56. 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., 56.82 in 1891. This cause still operates to render so striking the present disproportion between Births and Deaths at Kimberley and Beaconsfield.

BIRTHS.

PROPORTION OF THE SEXES, 1898-99.

It appears to be the general rule in European countries for male births to exceed the female. An exception will be noticed in this Colony in 1899 as regards most of the Native races, and the same feature was apparent in 1897. Taking the figures for the Colony Proper for 1898-99 we can derive the following percentages, viz.:-

Race.	To each 100 Girls.	To each 100 Boys.	Race.	To each 100 Girls.	To each 100 Boys.
Europeans .. .. .	1898 102.76 boys.	97.32 girls.	Mixed and Other ..	1898 103.89 boys.	96.17 girls.
	1899 105.06 "	95.18 "		1899 103.27 "	96.84 "
Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana	1898 100.98 "	99.03 "	All Races .. .. .	1898 102.64 "	97.43 "
	1899 98.30 "	101.73 "		1899 102.48 "	97.65 "
Malay .. .. .	1898 103.15 "	96.95 "	Other than European	1898 102.57 "	97.49 "
	1899 100.95 "	99.06 "		1899 100.99 "	99.02 "

A comparison of the Census Results for 1891 and 1875 as regards the old Colony, i.e., excluding Griqualand West, and the Transkeian Territories, proves that the number of Females to every 100 Males of each race (except in the instance of the Malays) has increased 2½ per cent. for Europeans, Fingoes, Mixed and Other, including Hottentots, and ½ per cent. for Kafirs and Bechuanas.

Placing the figures above quoted alongside of those given in the Census Tables, the following interesting comparison attracts attention, viz.:-

Race.	Females alive 7th April, '91, to every 100 males.	Females born in 1899, to every 100 males	Females born in 1898, to every 100 males.
European .. .. .	92.38	95.18	97.32
Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana	101.86	101.73	99.03
Mixed and Other and Hottentot	99.52	96.84	96.17
Malay .. .. .	107.17	99.06	96.95

GENERAL COMPARATIVE SUMMARY. COLONY PROPER, 1897, 1898 AND 1899, WITH PROPORTIONS.

\* Events having been extracted to 15th April, 1900, the grand total of Births for 1897 computes to 51,268, for 1898 to 53,492, and for 1899 to 53,741. The figures for Bechuanaland are 659, 702, 788, respectively. The figures for Walfish Bay are small, only 16, 13 and 15 respectively, while for the combined Transkeian Territories they are 10,227, 11,338 and 12,424. For purposes of comparison it is expedient to restrict attention to the Colony Proper, although even then in some of the areas like Glen Grey carrying an overwhelming Kafir, Fingo and Bechuana population, birth reports owing to the strong prejudices of the people are manifestly imperfect. The figures are:-

COLONY PROPER, EXCLUDING BECHUANALAND.

SEX AND YEAR.	White.	Malay.	Fingo, Kaffir, and Bechuana.	Mixed and Other.	Total other than White.	Total.
M. 1897 ..	7,600	283	5,923	6,734	12,940	20,540
1898 ..	7,456	295	6,176	7,062	13,533	20,989
1899 ..	7,330	320	5,737	7,111	13,168	20,498
F. 1897 ..	7,026	332	5,956	6,502	12,800	19,826
1898 ..	7,256	286	6,116	6,792	13,194	20,450
1899 ..	6,977	317	5,836	6,886	13,039	20,016

The undermentioned percentage proportions are calculated on these figures, vizt.:-

SEX.	1897	1898	1899	1897	1898	1899	1897	1898	1899
M.	37.00	35.52	35.76	1.37	1.41	1.56	28.85	29.42	27.99
F.	35.44	35.48	34.86	1.67	1.40	1.58	30.09	29.91	29.16
							32.78	33.65	34.69
							63.00	64.48	65.14

\* Excluding "at Sea" cases.

In 1897 the estimated population of the Colony Proper was 1,189,800; in 1898 it would be 1,214,129; and 1,239,154 in 1899. The Birthrate per 1,000 would therefore work out to 33.92 in 1897, 34.13 in 1898, and 32.69 in 1899. The white population in 1897 was supposed to be 422,400, and 431,037 in 1898, and 433,704 in 1899; it follows thereupon that the European Birthrate was 34.63, 34.13, and 32.99 per 1,000 respectively.

Birthrates for European Countries and Australasian Colonies may be quoted from Coghlan's 7 Colonies of Australasia for 1898 as follows:-

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.—1887-1896, per 1,000 of population: Hungary, 42.0; Austria, 37.6; Italy, 36.67; German Empire, 36.3; Holland, 33.1; England and Wales, 30.67; Scotland, 30.87; Norway, 30.36; Belgium, 29.0; Switzerland, 27.97; Ireland, 22.92; France, 22.60.

AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.—1897, per 1,000 of population: Queensland, 29.92; New South Wales, 28.42; Tasmania, 27.72; South Australia, 26.44; New Zealand, 25.96; Western Australia, 26.82; Victoria, 26.62.

CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS, 1897, 1898 and 1899.

The sudden influx of large numbers of persons from Johannesburg and other places in the Transvaal and the former Orange Free State has rendered impossible any attempt to estimate the population of the largest Colonial towns, but we may show that in Cape Town and the most important up-country centres of population, the following total number of Births had occurred, and had so far been registered:-

Town—(Order of 1898).	1897.	1898.	1899.	Town—(Order of 1898).	1897.	1898.	1899.
Cape Town .. .. .	2483	2595	2643	Graaff-Reinet .. .. .	344	384	334
Port Elizabeth .. .. .	1228	1316	1523	Uitenhage .. .. .	317	325	379
Kimberley .. .. .	767	862	839	Oudtshoorn .. .. .	256	296	294
Graham's Town .. .. .	449	478	483	Worcester .. .. .	249	283	279
East London .. .. .	402	450	498	Queenstown .. .. .	285	281	283
Paarl .. .. .	375	402	383	King William's Town ..	260	273	324

If attention be paid to European Births by themselves, the results show themselves thus:-

TOWN.	M.			F.			TOWN.	M.			F.		
	1897.	1898.	1899.	1897.	1898.	1899.		1897.	1898.	1899.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Cape Town .. .. .	439	451	448	439	424	432	Graaff-Reinet .. .. .	74	77	61	66	80	66
Port Elizabeth .. .. .	250	281	309	232	234	301	Uitenhage .. .. .	73	84	107	68	79	75
Kimberley .. .. .	217	223	209	188	214	204	Oudtshoorn .. .. .	56	52	66	40	65	55
Graham's Town .. .. .	119	119	105	105	115	94	Worcester .. .. .	29	34	38	42	41	37
East London .. .. .	152	146	182	134	153	176	Queenstown .. .. .	67	64	61	62	60	68
Paarl .. .. .	58	82	50	56	61	63	King William's Town ..	93	88	95	72	86	111

VARIATIONS IN NUMBERS—1898 and 1899.

The effects of the war and general displacement of population, is only too apparent in the subjoined abstract wherein the several sections of the Colony Proper are arranged according to climate.

SECTION.	1899 on 1898.		1898 on 1898.		SECTION.	1899 on 1898.		1898 on 1898.	
	European or White.		Total.			European or White.		Total.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.		Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
West Coast .. .. .	349	56	754	132	Border .. .. .	116	289	240	677
South and South East Coast ..	224	209	348	522	Inland .. .. .	75	615	193	1,129
					GRAND TOTAL .. .. .	764	1169	1535	2460

URBAN AND RURAL CASES 1897, 1898 and 1899.

Not only are Municipalities treated as Urban areas, but localities under the operation of the Villages Management Act and regions specially proclaimed to be Urban.



In the Colony Proper there had been (as far as registered up to the 15th April, 1900), 16,852 Urban Births and 23,513 Rural in 1897, 17,623 Urban and 23,816 Rural in 1898, and 18,310 Urban and 22,204 Rural in 1899. For the White and Coloured Races and for the two Sexes the comparative figures are as follows:—

COLONY PROPER, EXCLUDING BECHUANALAND.

YEAR.	White.				Coloured.				Total.			
	Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1897..	3838	3476	3762	3550	4731	4808	8209	7992	8569	8284	11971	11542
1898..	3777	3685	3679	3571	5131	5030	8402	8164	8908	8715	12081	11735
1899..	3905	3801	3425	3176	5355	5249	7813	7790	9260	9050	11238	10966

and they give the understated percentage proportions:—

1897..	9.51	8.61	9.32	8.79	11.72	11.91	20.34	19.80	21.23	20.52	29.66	28.59
1898..	9.12	8.89	8.88	8.62	12.38	12.14	20.27	19.70	21.50	21.03	29.15	28.32
1899..	9.64	9.38	8.45	7.84	13.22	12.96	19.28	19.23	22.86	22.34	27.73	27.07

As a similar statement has been abstracted in regard to the Deaths which occurred in and outside the Cities and Towns we are enabled to make an interesting comparison, thus:—

YEAR.	Births.					Deaths.				
	Urban.		Rural.		Both.	Urban.		Rural.		Both.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
1897..	8569	8284	11971	11542	40366	7447	5833	6942	6381	26603
Percentage	21.23	20.52	29.66	28.59	100.00	27.99	21.93	26.09	23.99	100.00
1898..	8908	8715	12081	11735	41439	8356	6498	7738	7436	30028
Percentage	21.50	21.03	29.15	28.32	100.00	27.83	21.64	25.77	24.76	100.00
1899..	9260	9050	11238	10966	40514	8508	7021	6390	5992	27911
Percentage	22.86	22.34	27.73	27.07	100.00	30.48	25.16	22.89	21.47	100.00

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.

The total number of births of *European or White* infants was 14,962, comprising 7,683 males and 7,279 females; of these 335 were illegitimate, 181 being male and 154 of the female sex. It follows, therefore, that the percentage of illegitimate to total births was 2.24; to male 2.35 and to female 2.11. By way of comparison, the following figures taken from *Coghlan's 7 Colonies of Australasia* are given:—

VARIOUS COUNTRIES.—Illegitimate births to every 100 children born: Austria, 14.67; Sweden, 10.23; Denmark, 9.4; German Empire, 9.2; Belgium, 8.7; Scotland, 7.6; Norway, 7.3; France, 8.4; Prussia, 7.8; Italy, 7.3; England, 4.4; Switzerland, 4.6; Ireland, 2.47; New South Wales, 5.7; Victoria, 5.2; West Australia, 4.9; Queensland, 4.7; Tasmania, 3.4; New Zealand, 3.56; South Australia, 2.8.

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. Sihela*, 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 customs, 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 was made as to 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 Kafir 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 1899 in the Colony Proper only, to 14,634 in all, 7,431 being boys and 7,203 girls; of these events 4,738 were illegitimate, consisting of 2,404 males and 2,334 females, giving the following percentage proportions, viz.:—

Illegitimate births to total Mixed and Other births (Colony proper only)	..	32.37
Male illeg. do. do. M. births	..	32.35
Female illeg. do. do. F. do.	..	32.40

STILL BIRTHS.

The number of Still Births reported in Urban Areas was as follows for the three years 1897-8-9, the events being in each case taken out to 31st December:—

YEAR.	European.		Coloured.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1897	138	105	254	195
1898	146	118	281	232
1899	178	122	314	214

DEATHS.

The recent troubles and displacements of population have seriously affected all returns of Vital Statistics for 1899. Registrations ceased absolutely for some months in the Districts specified on page 2 of this Report.

GENERAL COMPARATIVE SUMMARY.—COLONY PROPER, 1897, 1898 AND 1899—with proportions.

In all, regard being had to events taken out to 15th April, 1900, deaths to the number of 36,824 (a) had been so far recorded for the year 1899.

Adding to the deaths registered in 1898, the events of that year subsequently recorded up to the 15th April, 1900, a grand total of 40,950 cases is arrived at: similar figures for 1897 are stated to be 33,777. The figures for Walfish Bay are insignificant—25, 45 and 36 deaths for the three years—while those for the Transkeian Territories, 6,240, 9,974 and 8,234 for 1897, 1898 and 1899 are unavoidably imperfect, consequently it is advisable to compare—partially as it can now be done—simply the Colony Proper occurrences, which in 1899 numbered 14,898 as regards Males, and 13,013 for Females. 23.63 per cent. of the Male Deaths were amongst Whites and 76.37 amongst the Coloured Races: similar figures for Females show 22.29 and 77.71 per cent. respectively. It will be noticed that the percentages for European or White Deaths are higher than in the previous year. The subjoined statement affords a general view of the data:—

RETURN showing for each of the years 1897-8-9 the number of Deaths of Male and Female persons of each of the four Main Races with percentage proportions.

COLONY PROPER ONLY, EXCLUDING BECHUANALAND.

SEX AND YEAR.	White.	Malay.	Fingo, Kaffir, and Bechuana.	Hottentot, Mixed and Other.	Total other than White.	Total.
M. 1897	3621	196	5661	4911	10768	14389
1898	3607	217	7220	5050	12487	16094
1899	3520	219	6011	5148	11378	14898
F. 1897	2985	197	4506	4526	9229	12214
1898	2983	219	6000	4732	10951	13934
1899	2901	237	4785	5090	10112	13013

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

M. 1897	25.17	1.36	39.34	34.13	74.83	100.00
1898	22.41	1.35	44.86	31.38	77.59	100.00
1899	23.63	1.47	40.35	34.55	76.37	100.00
F. 1897	24.44	1.61	36.89	37.06	75.56	100.00
1898	21.41	1.57	43.06	33.96	78.59	100.00
1899	22.29	1.82	36.77	39.12	77.71	100.00

(a) Excluding "at sea" cases.



The estimated population of the Colony Proper was 1,189,800 in 1897, 1,214,129 in 1898, and 1,232,154 in 1899. On these and the above data the death rates are 22.36, 24.73 and 22.52 per 1,000 respectively. Again, the assumed white population was 422,400 in 1897, 431,037 in 1898, and 433,704 in 1899, giving an European death rate of 15.64, 15.29, and 14.81 per 1,000 respectively.

The death rates for the undermentioned countries have been taken from Coghlan's "7 Colonies of Australasia." EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.—1887-1896, per 1,000 of population: Austria, 28.10; Italy, 15.97; German Empire, 23.3; France, 21.97; Holland, 19.57; Ireland, 18.07; Switzerland, 20.5; England and Wales, 18.57; Scotland, 18.78; Norway, 16.76.

AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES—1897, per 1,000 of population: W. Australia, 17.63; Victoria, 12.87; Tasmania, 11.53; S. Australia, 11.18; Queensland, 11.33; N. S. Wales, 10.88; New Zealand, 9.14.

**CHIEF TOWNS, 1897, 1898 and 1899.**

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:—

Town—(Order of 1897).	1897.	1898.	1899.	Town—(order of 1897).	1897.	1898.	1899.
Cape Town .. .. .	1659	1593	1930	Worcester .. .. .	228	253	269
Kimberley* .. .. .	1242	1344	1447	Graaff-Reinet .. .. .	220	322	492
Port Elizabeth .. .. .	1000	1005	1257	East London .. .. .	201	287	311
Graham's Town .. .. .	307	430	435	Queenstown .. .. .	193	328	216
Paarl .. .. .	286	255	270	King William's Town .. .. .	177	225	213
Uitenhage .. .. .	240	298	312	Oudshoorn .. .. .	167	204	243

\* Besieged for 2½ months, 1899.

**VARIATIONS IN NUMBERS, 1898 and 1899.**

The influence exerted by warlike operations in the upper areas is conspicuous in the subjoined abstract: the decreases in the S.E., the Border and the Karoo tracts may be directly attributed to absence of reports.

SECTION.	1899 on 1898.		1899 on 1898.		SECTION.	1899 on 1898.		1899 on 1898.	
	European or White.		Total.			European or White.		Total.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.		Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
West Coast Districts .. .. .	207	60	812	73	Border .. .. .	6	230	16	1409
South and South East Coast .. .. .	209	118	570	1417	Inland or Karoo .. .. .	114	297	593	1209
					GRAND TOTAL .. .. .	536	705	1991	4108

**URBAN AND RURAL CASES, 1897, 1898 and 1899.**

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 13,230 Urban and 13,323 Rural in 1897, and 14,854 Urban and 15,174 Rural in 1898, and 15,529 Urban Deaths and 12,382 Rural in 1899, that 15.06 per cent. of the deaths in 1899 were of Europeans in Urban Areas and 7.94 per cent. in Rural Areas, and further 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.
1897 .. .. .	2259	1678	1362	1307	5188	4155	5580	5074	7447	5833	6942	6381
1898 .. .. .	2283	1735	1324	1218	6073	4763	6414	6188	8356	6498	7738	7436
1899 .. .. .	2341	1862	1179	1039	6167	5159	5211	4953	8508	7021	6390	5992

From these figures the subjoined percentages are derived:—

1897 .. .. .	8.49	6.31	5.12	4.91	19.50	15.62	20.97	19.08	27.99	21.93	26.09	23.99
1898 .. .. .	7.60	5.78	4.41	4.15	20.23	15.86	21.36	20.61	27.83	21.64	25.77	24.76
1899 .. .. .	8.39	6.67	4.22	3.72	22.09	18.49	18.67	17.75	30.48	25.16	22.89	21.47

**AGES, NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES, 1897, 1898 and 1899.**

European children under 5 years of age to the number of 3,020 died, compared with 2,893 in 1898, and 2,969 in 1897, and Coloured Children to the number of 11,102, 11,575, and 10,271 respectively. While there is but a small difference between the number of Europeans over 5 years that passed away in the three years (3,401; 3,697 and 3,685), the Coloured Deaths of that age period had increased from 9,625 in 1897 to 11,814 in 1898, and 10,388 in 1899.

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

**COLONY PROPER, EXCLUDING BECHUANALAND.**

YEAR.	European.								Coloured.							
	Total.		Unspecified.		Over Five Years.		Under Five Years.		Total.		Unspecified.		Over Five Years.		Under Five Years.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1897 .. .. .	3664	2995	5	..	2091	1594	1568	1401	10774	9230	58	50	5408	4217	5308	4963
1898 .. .. .	3607	2983	..	..	2082	1615	1525	1368	12487	10951	27	22	6528	5286	5932	5643
1899 .. .. .	3520	2901	..	..	1925	1476	1595	1425	11378	10112	..	..	5664	4724	5714	5388

or arranged by percentages thus:—

1897 .. .. .	13.74	11.24	.02	..	7.84	5.98	5.88	5.26	40.41	34.61	.22	.19	20.28	15.81	19.91	18.61
1898 .. .. .	12.01	9.93	..	..	6.93	5.38	5.08	4.55	41.59	36.47	.09	.07	21.74	17.61	19.76	18.79
1899 .. .. .	12.61	10.39	..	..	6.90	5.29	5.71	5.10	40.77	36.23	..	..	20.30	16.93	20.47	19.30

The improvements in the percentages for infant mortality noticed in last year's report do not continue to present themselves on this occasion.

NOTE.—DETAILED AGES OF DECEASED. Owing to the loss by fire at the destruction of the Grave Street Office, the customary tables on this subject could be prepared for the 1899 report.

**CERTIFICATION, 1897, 1898 and 1899.**

Of the Deaths which occurred in 1899, 12,767 were certificated compared with 12,132 in the previous year, and 10,935 in 1897; and 24,057 uncertified contrasted with 28,818 in 1898, and 22,902 in 1897.

By far the largest number of reports from the native districts are unsupported by medical evidence. Hence it will be sufficient to draw attention to the Colony Proper figures, which may be summarised as follows:—

YEAR AND RACE.	Certified Cases.								Uncertified Cases.							
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecified.		Total.		Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecified.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1897 .. .. .	E 843	743	1457	949	5	..	2305	1692	725	658	634	645	..	..	1359	1303
	C 1398	1324	2402	1266	5	2	3805	2592	3910	3639	3006	2951	53	48	6969	6638
1898 .. .. .	E 844	746	1468	973	..	..	2312	1719	681	622	614	642	..	..	1295	1264
	C 1696	1546	2887	1461	..	..	4583	3007	4236	4097	3641	3825	27	22	7904	7944
1899 .. .. .	E 943	921	1426	952	..	..	2369	1873	652	504	499	524	..	..	1151	1028
	C 1970	1911	2635	1541	..	..	4605	3452	3744	3477	3029	3183	..	..	6773	6660

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

1897 .. .. .	E 12.66	11.16	21.88	14.25	.08	..	34.62	25.41	10.88	9.88	9.52	9.69	..	..	20.40	19.57
	C 6.99	6.62	12.01	6.33	.02	.01	19.02	12.96	19.55	18.19	15.03	14.75	.26	.24	34.84	33.18
1898 .. .. .	E 12.81	11.32	22.27	14.77	..	..	35.08	26.09	10.33	9.44	9.32	9.74	..	..	19.65	19.18
	C 7.24	6.60	12.32	6.23	..	..	19.56	12.83	18.07	17.48	15.53	16.32	.12	.09	33.72	33.89
1899 .. .. .	E 14.68	14.34	22.21	14.83	..	..	36.89	29.17	10.16	7.85	7.77	8.16	..	..	17.93	16.01
	C 9.17	8.89	12.26	7.17	..	..	21.43	16.06	17.42	16.18	14.10	14.81	..	..	31.52	30.99

From the above table, taken in conjunction with the first death and age return, it is concluded that as regards the children under 5 years of age, 59.12 per cent. of the male European cases were certified, compared with 34.49 of the Coloured, and 64.63 per cent. of the female Europeans, and 35.47 of the Coloured; for the higher ages the percentages are 74.07, and 46.52 for European and Coloured males respectively, and 64.49 and 32.62 for the females of those races.



CAUSES OF DEATHS.—CERTIFIED CASES ONLY: COLONY PROPER, 1897, 1898, and 1899.

To sum up in as short a space as possible the main features of the table of the causes of death, the subjoined statement has been compiled.

SUMMARY—arranged by Sub-Classes and Classes of Disease—of the number of Males and of Females, distinguishing European or White from Coloured Persons, whose deaths, happening in 1897, 1898 and 1899, had been registered up to the 15th of April, 1900, with percentage proportion of European and of Coloured deaths of each Sub-Class and each Class to the total number of European and Coloured deaths, and the percentage proportion of the total deaths of each Sub-Class and Class to the total deaths registered.

Table with columns: CAUSE OF DEATH—CLASS AND SUB-CLASS., M., F., Total Persons., Percentage., All Races., Percentage. Includes sub-classes like Zymotic Diseases, Parasitic Diseases, etc.

CAUSES OF DEATHS.—CERTIFIED CASES ONLY: COLONY PROPER, 1897, 1898 and 1899.—Continued.

Table with columns: CAUSE OF DEATH—CLASS AND SUB-CLASS., M., F., Total Persons., Percentages., All Races., Percentages. Includes sub-classes like Diseases of the Lymphatic System, Diseases of Urinary System, etc.



The comparative fatality in the Colony Proper of the various classes of disease amongst the European and the Coloured Races in 1899 and the preceding year is easily discernible in the accompanying abstract, which indicates that the percentage proportions for Coloured persons are higher than those for Europeans as regards zymotic diseases (due to prevalence of phthisis), diseases of the respiratory system (owing to pneumonia amongst adults at Kimberley, and to bronchitis amongst children), and accidents.

CLASSES.	1899.		1898.		CLASSES.	1899.		1898.	
	E.	C.	E.	C.		E.	C.	E.	C.
Zymotic Diseases .. ..	32.23	37.42	30.58	33.97	Constitutional Diseases ..	4.64	1.38	4.49	1.30
Respiratory System .. ..	10.47	22.61	13.85	23.40	Urinary System and Org. Gen.	3.77	1.56	3.85	1.46
Alimentary Canal .. ..	13.74	9.28	10.97	8.96	Liver Diseases .. ..	1.77	.61	2.28	.77
Circulatory System .. ..	9.67	6.32	9.50	6.36	Accidents .. ..	3.54	3.93	3.47	5.39
Nervous System .. ..	8.75	6.31	8.34	7.15	Other Causes .. ..	5.36	5.89	5.97	6.60
Developmental Defects, &c. ..	6.06	4.69	6.70	4.64					
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>					

DEATHS OF CHILDREN (CERTIFIED CASES) COLONY PROPER, 1897, 1898 and 1899.

The special statement which related to the Certified Causes of the Deaths of European and Coloured Children (under 5 years of age) which occurred in the Colony Proper, and was published in the 1898 Report for that and the previous years, has been continued for 1899, and is hereunder exhibited with the respective percentage proportions.

DISEASES. (1895 order of frequency.)	1897.		1898.		1899.		DISEASES. (1895 order of frequency.)	1897.		1898.		1899.	
	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Percentage.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Percentage.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Percentage.		Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Percentage.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Percentage.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Percentage.
Diarrhoea .. ..	222	13.99	217	13.65	251	13.47	Inflammation of Brain ..	58	3.66	70	4.40	81	4.35
	418	15.36	516	15.92	530	13.66		56	2.06	78	2.44	67	1.73
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>640</b>		<b>733</b>		<b>781</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>114</b>		<b>149</b>		<b>148</b>	
Whooping Cough ..	67	4.22	25	1.57	37	1.99	Dentition .. ..	36	2.27	20	1.26	6	.32
	100	3.67	52	1.61	67	1.73		46	1.69	30	.93	21	.64
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>167</b>		<b>77</b>		<b>104</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>82</b>		<b>50</b>		<b>27</b>	
Pneumonia .. ..	117	7.38	114	7.17	113	6.06	Influenza .. ..	22	1.39	21	1.32	15	.80
	313	11.50	400	12.34	481	12.39		29	1.06	39	1.26	28	.72
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>430</b>		<b>514</b>		<b>594</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>51</b>		<b>60</b>		<b>43</b>	
Convulsions .. ..	98	6.18	120	7.55	147	7.89	Other Forms of Tuberculosis	11	.69	14	.88	15	.80
	197	7.24	250	7.71	276	7.11		19	.70	61	1.88	84	2.16
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>295</b>		<b>370</b>		<b>423</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>75</b>		<b>99</b>	
Bronchitis .. ..	103	6.49	121	7.61	100	5.36	Phthisis .. ..	8	.50	10	.63	8	.43
	319	11.72	396	12.22	480	12.37		83	3.05	99	3.05	126	3.25
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>422</b>		<b>517</b>		<b>580</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>91</b>		<b>109</b>		<b>134</b>	
Measles .. ..	32	2.02	28	1.76	111	5.95	Tubercular Meningitis ..	10	.63	12	.76	26	1.39
	32	1.18	42	1.30	274	7.06		11	.40	14	.43	20	.52
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>64</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>385</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>26</b>		<b>46</b>	
Enteritis .. ..	297	18.73	305	19.18	379	20.33	Syphilis .. ..	7	.44	6	.38	10	.54
	355	13.04	480	14.81	495	12.75		39	1.43	49	1.51	59	1.52
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>652</b>		<b>785</b>		<b>874</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>46</b>		<b>55</b>		<b>69</b>	
Debility .. ..	61	3.85	70	4.40	70	3.76	Burns .. ..	4	.25	6	.38	8	.43
	91	3.34	90	2.78	95	2.45		32	1.18	33	1.02	18	.46
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>152</b>		<b>160</b>		<b>165</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>39</b>		<b>26</b>	
Diphtheria .. ..	80	5.04	57	3.59	66	3.54	Tabes Mesenterica ..	30	1.89	20	1.26	21	1.13
	36	1.32	28	.87	59	1.52		46	1.69	39	1.20	37	.95
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>116</b>		<b>85</b>		<b>125</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>76</b>		<b>59</b>		<b>58</b>	
Premature Birth ..	79	4.98	85	5.35	101	5.42	Tetanus .. ..	13	.82	19	1.20	1	.05
	103	3.78	95	2.93	112	2.88		36	1.32	35	1.08	1	.03
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>182</b>		<b>180</b>		<b>213</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>49</b>		<b>54</b>		<b>2</b>	

DEATHS OF CHILDREN (CERTIFIED CASES) COLONY PROPER, 1897, 1898 and 1899.—Continued

DISEASES. (1895 order of frequency.)	1897.		1898.		1899.		DISEASES. (1895 order of frequency.)	1897.		1898.		1899.	
	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Percentage.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Percentage.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Percentage.		Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Percentage.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Percentage.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Percentage.
Suffocation .. ..	6	.38	16	.49	19	.49	Peritonitis .. ..	3	.19	6	.38	9	.48
	19	.70	16	.49	19	.49		4	.15	9	.28	15	.39
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>25</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>24</b>	
Bright's Disease ..	4	.25	8	.50	11	.59	Obstruction of Intestines	1	.06	2	.12	3	.16
	13	.48	18	.56	18	.46		1	.04	5	.15	1	.03
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>26</b>		<b>29</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>7</b>		<b>4</b>	
Typhoid Fever ..	20	1.26	10	.63	9	.48	Diseases of Stomach ..	17	1.07	2	.12	50	2.68
	35	1.29	22	.68	35	.90		18	.66	16	.49	68	1.75
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>55</b>		<b>32</b>		<b>44</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>35</b>		<b>18</b>		<b>118</b>	
Starvation (want of Breast Milk)	19	1.20	18	1.13	10	.54	Scarlet Fever .. ..	3	.19	2	.12	2	.11
	25	.92	48	1.48	27	.69		..	..	..	..	2	.05
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>44</b>		<b>66</b>		<b>37</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>	
Dysentery .. ..	21	1.32	29	1.82	22	1.18	Quinsy .. ..	2	.13	3	.19	1	.05
	24	.88	34	1.05	29	.75		3	.11	..	..	1	.03
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>45</b>		<b>63</b>		<b>51</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>2</b>	
Hydrocephalus ..	6	.38	4	.25	8	.43	Pleurisy .. ..	4	.25	2	.12	3	.16
	15	.55	10	.31	9	.23		9	.33	10	.31	1	.03
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>4</b>	
Drowning .. ..	2	.13	5	.32	3	.16	Small-pox .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	.03
	11	.40	5	.15	5	.13		..	..	8	.25	1	.03
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>..</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>1</b>	
Fractures of Bones	3	.19	..	..	4	.22	Other Diseases .. ..	115	7.26	148	9.31	128	6.87
	12	.41	3	.09	8	.21		168	6.17	182	5.58	233	6.00
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>283</b>		<b>330</b>		<b>361</b>	
Accidents occurring during birth	5	.32	11	.69	29	1.56		100.00		100.00		100.00	
	12	.41	29	.90	79	2.03		100.00		100.00		100.00	
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>40</b>		<b>108</b>								

An abstract of the foregoing return arranged according to the havoc wrought in 1898 by the most fatal diseases amongst children gives prominence to the fact that Enteritis (as a Certified Cause) is proportionally more prevalent among European infants than Coloured, and that whilst Pneumonia and Bronchitis assert their recognised supremacy amongst natives, Diphtheria is proportionally not nearly as harmful as shown by Medical Certification amongst Coloured children as White.

The return is as follows:—

DISEASE (1898 order).	1899.		1898.	
	E.	C.	E.	C.
Enteritis .. ..	20.33	12.75	19.18	14.81
Diarrhoea .. ..	13.47	13.66	13.65	15.92
Bronchitis .. ..	5.36	12.37	7.61	12.22
Convulsions .. ..	7.89	7.11	7.55	7.71
Pneumonia .. ..	6.06	12.39	7.17	12.34
Premature Birth .. ..	5.42	2.88	5.35	2.93
Debility .. ..	3.76	2.45	4.40	2.78
Inflammation of Brain ..	4.35	1.73	4.40	2.44
Diphtheria .. ..	3.54	1.52	3.59	.87
Measles .. ..	5.95	7.06	1.76	1.30
Whooping Cough .. ..	1.99	1.73	1.57	1.61
Dentition .. ..	.32	.54	1.26	.93
Other Causes .. ..	21.56	23.81	22.51	24.14
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>



## PRINCIPAL DISEASES, 1899.

The subjoined abstract shows in a compact form, as regards the Colony Proper (excluding Bechuanaland), the number of registered deaths from all causes, and of the principal causes for certified cases, European as well as Coloured, under and over 5 years of age, together with the total number of deaths certified and uncertified:—

DISEASE.	Colony Proper (excluding Bechuanaland).											
	European (Certified).				Certified.	All Deaths.	Coloured (Certified).				Certified.	All Deaths.
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.				Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
GRAND TOTAL .. ..	943	921	1426	952	4242	6421	1970	1911	2635	1541	8057	21490
TUBERCULOSIS:												
<i>Phthisis</i> .. ..	2	6	187	73	268	381	66	60	431	379	936	2443
<i>Tuber. Menin.</i> ..	16	10	1	2	29	29	10	10	5	4	29	29
<i>Tuber. Mesen.</i> ..	14	7	1	1	23	30	18	19	5	5	47	66
<i>Other Forms</i> ..	9	6	9	9	33	33	40	44	114	56	254	284
BRONCHITIS .. ..	44	56	29	22	151	217	235	245	64	61	605	1096
PNEUMONIA .. ..	60	53	73	48	234	452	255	226	505	126	1112	2412
DIARRHŒA .. ..	134	117	13	15	279	378	270	260	18	16	564	1641
DYSENTERY .. ..	14	8	28	15	65	87	13	16	71	27	127	712
ENTERITIS .. ..	200	179	22	27	428	493	238	257	26	29	550	854
TYPHOID FEVER ..	3	6	128	85	222	329	18	17	82	52	169	435
INFLUENZA .. ..	5	10	23	26	64	152	17	11	26	25	79	966
WHOOPING COUGH ..	19	18	1	1	39	64	30	37	4	3	74	795
DIPHTHERIA & M. CROUP	31	35	11	15	92	187	33	26	4	5	68	326
MEASLES .. ..	53	58	7	7	125	158	128	146	6	8	288	416

There were further, in 1899, *Cancer* cases to the number of 316, whereof 225 were certified, and 10 *Small-pox*, whereof 6 were certified.

## MARRIAGES, 1899.

The number of marriages solemnized in 1899 was 8,506, compared with 8,718 in 1898, 8,446 in 1897 and 7,860 in 1896. A regular increase up to 1899 (when the war caused a falling off) is noticeable since 1886. A Friday is regarded as an unpropitious day for the solemnization of the marriage ceremony, as out of 8,506 marriages 224 (compared with 187 in 1898) of the whole took place on that day. Tuesdays were most frequently selected, 38·8 per cent. occurring then (38·04 in 1898), Mondays coming next with a percentage of 32·47 (32·71 in 1898), while only 1,156 happened on Wednesdays, 472 on Thursdays, 259 on Saturdays, and 336 on Sundays. Upon two days in 1899, each on a Friday in November no weddings were held. Four days are credited with one marriage each. The highest number, namely, 96, on the contrary is recorded against the 4th April, with 93 on the 3rd October. The largest number in a full week was 248 in the seven days ended the 8th April, and the lowest 118 in January. In 7,573 cases banns were called by Ministers of Religion or by Resident Magistrates, the remaining instances, 933 being by licence. The number of marriages before Protestant Clergymen was 7,681, before Roman Catholic 166, and before Jewish 62, while 597 (or 7·02 per cent., compared with 6·4 per cent. in 1898, 5·8 per cent. in 1897 and 4·4 per cent. in 1895 and 5·3 in 1896) were dealt with by Magistrates, under the provisions of Act No. 16 of 1860. The majority of the parties wedded belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church, the number being 2,457, the Church of England follows next with 1,745 cases, which was 211 in advance of the Wesleyan Church, while London Missionary Society and Independents combined show 706 marriages. The information for the preparation of the annual statistics had all been prepared when the hurried removal at night of the records from the burning building in Grave Street caused hopeless confusion in the tabulation cards that were saved. For this reason the marriage statistics for 1899 are imperfect.

## REVENUE, 1899.

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, Simon's Town and Wynberg, £52 9s. 6d., Port Elizabeth, £15 13s. 6d., Kimberley, £13 5s., East London, £11 15s., Albany, £4 15s., Beaufort West, £4 10s., Queenstown, £4 10s., Uitenhage, £2 7s., King William's Town, £2 4s., Middelburg, £2 4s., Cradock, £2, Caledon, £1 13s., Aliwal North, £1 10s., Oudtshoorn, £1 10s., Stellenbosch, £1 10s., Graaff-Reinet, £1 8s. 6d., Britstown, £1 6s. 6d., Malmesbury, £1 0s. 6d., Colesberg, £1, Tarka, £1, Alexandria, 18s., Victoria East, 18s., Somerset East, 17s. 6d., Jansenville, 17s., Mount Currie, 17s., Kenhardt, 15s., Tsolo, 15s., Gordonia, 15s., Victoria West, 12s. 6d., Albert, 12s., Carnarvon, 12s., Paarl, 12s., Worcester, 12s., Van Rhynsdorp, 11s., Aberdeen, 10s., Calvinia, 10s., Ceres, 10s., Hanover, 10s., Ladismith, 10s., Namaqualand, 10s., Qumbu, 10s., Robertson, 10s., George, 8s., Peddie, 7s., Bredasdorp, 6s., Clanwilliam, 6s., Prieska, 6s., Knysna, 5s., Glen Grey, 5s., Humansdorp, 5s., Swellendam, 5s., Willowmore, 5s., Hopetown, 2s. 6d., Tullbagh, 2s. 6d., Total, £144 18s. 6d.

No returns (owing to war) from Barkly East, Wodehouse, Kuruman and Mafeking.

Thus 54 Deputies collected £144 18s. 6d., compared with £126 1s., taken by 62 in 1898, £114 15s. 6d. taken by 64 in 1897, £82 10s. by 46 in 1896, and £53 4s. 6d. by 39 in 1895.

The Municipal Records of Births and Deaths kept prior to 1st January, 1895, and the Voluntary Births Registration Books are preserved in the fireproof safe of the Central Office, where £30 4s. was collected. The total revenue was therefore £175 2s. 6d., against £64 10s. 6d. in 1895, £102 14s. in 1896, £130 15s. 6d. in 1897, and £153 1s. in 1898.

The fee for alteration or assignment of a child's christian name is 2s. 6d.; for a search, 1s. for each year or part of a year; for a certificate, 5s.—all payable in revenue stamps. If a certificate is *authenticated* by the Under Colonial Secretary, that officer charges a fee of 15s. in addition. It should be noted the *Bank of England* insists upon authentications.

For certified copies of duplicate original and R.M.'s MARRIAGE REGISTERS £62 4s. was received in 1899, £55 5s. in 1898, £40 in 1897, and £42 in 1896.

## EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure brought to account for the financial year 1898-9 amounted to £4,500 for salaries and allowances to the staff in the Central Office, the Deputy Registrars, their Assistants and Field-cornets, and £96 for printing and £65 for books.

## CONCLUSION.

The lamented death at an advanced age of Sir Rawson W. Rawson, K.C.M.G., C.B., formerly, *i.e.*, between 1854 and 1864, Colonial Secretary here, deprives this office of the matured advice of a very distinguished member of the Royal Statistical Society, whose active sympathy in Cape statistical investigation was ever welcomed, causing as it did a pleasant glow of interest in our midst. A fitting communication was made to the family of the deceased Statistician, and this was very cordially acknowledged.

On this occasion I feel bound to record this personal acknowledgment of the earnest services of the staff, which have been rendered cheerfully despite the chilling influences of frequent ill-health, paucity of numerical strength to cope with the business in hand, &c.

A. C. DALE,

Registrar of Births and Deaths.

General Register Office,  
Cape of Good Hope,  
13th July, 1900.



## APPENDIX.

## SELECTED ABSTRACTS FROM DEPUTY REGISTRARS' REPORTS, 1899.

*Aberdeen.*—The Coloured people are more prompt than the White in reporting. Many infantile deaths were the outcome of want of proper care after the first stages of measles. The people are poor, and consider their duty at an end after they have obtained and administered one bottle of medicine. Postal communication in the instance of the Assistant Field-cornet is difficult.

*Albany.*—There has been no great influx of people from the Transvaal or Free State. Amongst native children in Grahamstown a high mortality is still noticeable.

*Albert.*—Owing to the occupation of Burghersdorp by the forces of the Free State, registration was in abeyance from November, 1899.

*Alexandria.*—The causes of deaths amongst natives are often given in pantomime.

*Britstown.*—The Public Works at Houwater and Doorsekuilen being completed, there has occurred an exodus of natives to other parts.

*Caledon.*—The only unsatisfactory element in this return are the figures in respect to Genadendal Mission Station.

*Cape with Simon's Town and Wynberg.*—To the population of the area there has been a large accession since the outbreak of hostilities in October, 1899, and the death-rate is exceptionally high.

*Carnarvon.*—The diminution in the number of deaths appeared due to good seasons experienced in 1899, when there were no epidemics.

*East London.*—The population of the town has very largely increased by accessions from the Transvaal.

*Fort Beaufort.*—The district has been free from epidemics in spite of the prolonged drought in the latter part of 1899.

*Kimberley.*—Kimberley and Beaconsfield townships were besieged by the Republican forces on the 15th October, 1899, and since that date no reports were received from A.D.R. at Warrenton or the Field-cornets.

*Ladismith.*—Nearly 25 per cent. of the total number of deaths recorded is due to convulsions. Perhaps the drunken habits of the native mothers is responsible for the high rate of mortality amongst coloured children.

*Molteno.*—Since war broke out in October, it has been impossible to work the Act with any satisfaction, and the Republican forces were in possession of part of the district for some months.

*Paarl.*—The public offices were burnt down on the 15th April, 1899, and part of the records were destroyed. The current forms lost have however in large measure been replaced by fresh reports.

*Willowmore.*—The increase in the number of deaths was due to the employment on the railway construction works of large gangs of natives.

## NATIVE TERRITORIES.

*Mount Ayliff.*—One noteworthy fact is that the *relatives* come more frequently than heretofore to report, and it is satisfactory to state that the practice of headmen making the report is gradually dying out.

*Mount Fletcher.*—The more intelligent natives recognise the utility of registration as a valuable means of reference should occasion arise.

*Mount Frere.*—The suspicion and superstition in regard to the registration of the births of children that formerly obtained continues.

*Engcobo.*—The Act is working more favourably than in former years.

*Mqanduli.*—Headmen make periodical reports and are jealous that information can be given otherwise than through them.

*Xalanga.*—The Act has worked well amongst the natives. Some of the native headmen are in the habit of collecting lists of events covering considerable periods of time, but the practice has been put a stop to so far as possible, with good results.

*Kentani.*—The natives are gradually losing the suspicion they had, and now the headmen who are intelligent and reliable appear to be anxious to carry out the requirements of the law.

*Tsomo.*—The Christian natives observe the Act, the heathen do not.

*Willowvale.*—The work of registration has been cheerfully carried out by the natives.

CAPE OF  GOOD HOPE.TABULAR STATEMENTS RELATING TO MARRIAGES, BIRTHS  
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MARRIAGES, 1899—BIRTHS.

RETURN showing the Number of MARRIAGES solemnized on each day of the year 1899, with Weekly and Monthly Totals.

Total for Month.	Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total for Week ending Saturday.
January, 686 .. ..	3	73	73	23	9	3	2	186
	4	42	53	16	9	2	5	131
	5	42	38	19	6	1	7	118
	8	58	51	21	11	7	3	159
	7	40	45	..	..	..	..	92
February, 610 .. ..	..	47	55	18	7	9	5	39
	6	34	69	24	9	5	2	148
	16	34	69	14	7	7	3	150
	6	44	61	17	5	5	6	144
	7	65	57	..	..	..	..	129
March, 683 .. ..	..	..	..	22	10	4	2	38
	7	54	55	30	4	4	5	159
	11	42	51	22	14	6	4	150
	5	64	65	30	7	2	9	182
	4	62	56	17	7	8	..	154
April, 833 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5
	10	90	96	31	8	3	10	248
	9	80	74	18	14	4	7	206
	4	58	79	19	6	4	2	172
	4	67	81	17	14	8	4	195
May, 797 .. ..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
	12	40	76	24	13	6	2	161
	5	47	64	22	6	6	3	160
	7	48	77	13	6	6	4	159
	12	55	73	16	16	4	4	175
June, 682 .. ..	..	..	..	..	22	3	8	33
	7	49	66	22	11	3	2	160
	7	59	58	24	15	4	6	173
	7	50	56	27	5	6	8	159
	3	48	64	29	6	7	..	157
July, 722 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7
	5	67	71	25	4	4	4	177
	5	58	62	28	8	3	7	171
	3	63	71	20	7	6	2	172
	2	39	70	20	5	4	4	144
August, 724 .. ..	3	48	..	..	..	..	..	51
	6	..	59	22	8	5	2	96
	9	48	74	25	4	6	4	167
	4	67	58	29	6	3	5	177
	4	43	56	17	12	3	8	143
September, 731 .. ..	4	57	59	16	5	..	..	141
	..	..	..	..	..	5	7	12
	6	53	67	30	16	7	2	181
	7	57	83	20	14	3	5	189
	16	44	63	25	10	5	4	167
October, 813 .. ..	10	63	69	24	8	5	3	182
	5	81	93	40	16	1	5	241
	7	50	55	23	6	2	2	145
	7	47	48	26	8	5	5	146
	5	45	72	28	4	4	11	169
November, 614 .. ..	4	53	55	..	..	..	..	112
	..	..	..	20	10	7	11	48
	5	42	53	24	5	5	6	140
	9	38	55	15	3	..	7	127
	5	48	63	24	8	..	2	150
December, 611 .. ..	1	51	64	21	12	..	..	149
	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	7
	3	49	54	23	10	4	5	148
	3	49	55	18	9	1	2	137
	8	49	57	23	11	3	8	159
Total, 8,506 .. ..	4	39	62	17	16	3	9	150
	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
	336	2,762	3,297	1,166	472	224	259	8,506

Registration Department,  
Colonial Secretary's Office, Cape of Good Hope.



BIRTHS, 1897, 1898, AND 1899.—

No. 1.—RETURN showing for each of the four Main Races and with distinction of Sex, the number of Births which (excluding Pondoland), Walfish Bay and at Sea.

Table with columns for Territories (European or White, Malay, Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana, Hottentot, and) and rows for years 1897, 1898, 1899.

NOTE.—Returns for 1899 incomplete in several districts on account of the war.

BIRTHS, 1897, 1898 AND 1899.—

No. 2.—RETURN showing for each of the four Main Races and with distinction of Sex, the number of Births which

Table with columns for Cities and Chief Towns (European or White, Malay, Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana, Hottentot, and) and rows for various towns and years 1897, 1898, 1899.

(a) Returns for 1899 incomplete on account of the war.

General Register Office, Cape Town, 8th June, 1900.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

were registered during 1897, 1898, and 1899, in the Colony Proper, Bechuanaland, the Transkeian Territories E events taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

Table with columns for Mixed Other, Total other than European or White, Total, and Territories, with rows for years 1897, 1898, 1899.

(a) Including 191 without distinction of Sex.

CITIES AND TOWNS.

occurred in the Cities and Chief Towns in 1897, 1898 and 1899 as far as Registered, and as taken out to 15th April, 1900.

Table with columns for Mixed Other, Total other than European or white, Total, and Cities and Chief Towns, with rows for various towns and years 1897, 1898, 1899.



URBAN AND RURAL BIRTHS, BY

No. 3.—Return showing for each District of the Colony Proper the Number of Births of Males and Females, European distinguishing births of Malays, Hottentots, Mixed and Others, from those of Fingoes, Kaffirs and Bechuanas; and

Table with columns for District, Year (1897, 1898, 1899), and Births (Males, Females) categorized by European or White and Other than European or White, further divided into Urban and Rural areas.

[Returns in some cases incomplete on account of War.]

RACES, EACH DISTRICT.—1897, 1898 AND 1899.

and Coloured, which were registered in Urban and Rural Areas in 1897, 1898 and 1899 (with a Supplementary Table with Totals for Bechuanaland, Walfish Bay and Transkeian Territories. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900).

Table with columns for District, Year (1897, 1898, 1899), and Analysis of Other than European or White (Malay, Hottentot, Mixed and Other; Fingo, Kaffir, and Bechuana), further divided into Urban and Rural areas.

\* Half year.



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DISTRICT.	1897.				1898.				1899.				1897. Other than European or White.				1898. Other than European or White.				1899. Other than European or White.				
	European or White.		European or White.		European or White.		European or White.		European or White.		European or White.		European or White.		European or White.		European or White.		European or White.		European or White.		European or White.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.
Tarka ..	22	25	22	31	19	19	18	14	26	27	21	19	4	67	8	65	9	41	17	55	22	55	20	59	
Tulbagh ..	4	20	5	26	8	25	4	23	7	23	7	24	5	96	11	96	21	85	16	108	10	86	18	108	
Uitenhage ..	73	82	68	77	84	83	79	73	107	69	75	66	85	164	91	156	79	173	83	161	94	160	103	145	
Uniondale ..	14	77	8	69	17	86	11	86	8	92	13	77	30	74	38	94	40	111	33	91	33	92	35	87	
Van Rhyu's Dorp ..	5	28	3	34	3	41	6	47	7	43	6	39	2	33	6	16	6	28	6	29	10	31	7	37	
Victoria East ..	11	14	9	10	14	9	17	6	12	13	6	3	6	214	7	206	7	205	7	210	8	215	8	226	
Victoria West ..	34	35	36	40	18	25	41	32	40	22	37	26	16	26	27	19	18	34	23	29	22	40	24	38	
Willowmore ..	25	80	20	69	37	87	13	77	16	93	23	69	35	118	28	108	30	120	28	109	37	77	49	78	
Wodehouse ..	29	95	24	84	20	92	33	73	26	60	20	56	16	54	21	60	24	62	22	63	14	63	12	50	
Worcester ..	34	58	44	61	41	34	56	52	46	57	44	44	84	91	100	102	124	96	119	90	113	83	116	104	
Wynberg ..	239	49	204	57	274	50	250	47	307	55	300	61	387	150	347	135	389	161	398	149	452	156	431	156	
Total ..	3838	3762	3476	3550	3777	3679	3685	3571	3905	3425	3801	3176	4731	8209	4808	7992	5181	8402	5030	8164	5355	7813	5249	7790	
Bechuanaland ..	55	108	52	93	63	98	59	99	53	76	46	58	33	137	26	155	43	147	53	140	62	235	45	213	
Total for Colony Proper ..	3893	3870	3528	3643	3840	3777	3744	3670	3958	3501	3847	3234	4764	8346	4834	8147	5174	8549	5083	8304	5417	8048	5294	8003	
Walfish Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	11	..	7	..	5	..	9	..	5	
E. Griqualand ..	15	66	12	51	6	67	9	52	9	71	8	64	20	1210	19	1185	21	1381	25	1409	26	1306	25	1126	
Tembuland ..	38	63	34	49	42	63	44	62	56	64	37	66	15	1492	10	1677	14	1724	13	1832	27	2728	24	2847	
Transkei ..	..	20	..	23	..	21	..	19	..	24	..	22	..	1972	..	2065	..	2317	..	2247	..	2039	..	2055	
GRAND TOTAL	3946	4019	3574	3766	3888	3928	3797	3804	4028	3661	3892	3386	4799	13025	4863	13085	5209	13978	5121	13767	5470	14130	5343	13836	

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Cape Town, May, 1900.

BIRTHS BY RACES AND DISTRICTS, TRANSKEIAN

No. 3A.—Return showing for each District of Bechuanaland and the Transkeian Territories (excluding Pondoland) 1897, 1898 and 1899. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

DISTRICT.	1897.		1898.		1899.		1897.		1898.		1899.	
	European or White.		European or White.		European or White.		All Others.		All Others.		All Others.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
BECHUANALAND.												
Gordonia ..	23	23	26	30	30	28	62	39	68	71	84	58
Kuruman ..	13	12	9	10	5	8	29	63	64	60	69	73
Mafeking ..	42	29	43	45	32	25	36	28	20	29	33	34
Taung ..	..	..	..	..	6	3	..	..	..	..	97	78
Vryburg ..	85	81	83	73	56	40	43	51	38	33	14	15
Total for Bechuanaland	163	145	161	158	129	104	170	181	190	193	297	258
EAST GRIQUALAND.												
Maclear ..	24	18	23	23	23	30	30	29	63	52	34	32
Matatiele ..	12	8	6	10	13	8	95	91	130	99	187	166
Mount Ayliff ..	2	2	4	..	2	2	224	210	244	223	277	266
Mount Currie ..	29	22	17	18	18	18	76	103	119	121	152	111
Mount Fletcher ..	1	2	6	2	4	4	147	154	129	160	128	127
Mount Frere ..	4	2	1	3	2	4	86	88	63	81	29	21
Qumbu ..	3	2	4	2	4	4	239	209	226	223	191	165
Tsolo ..	1	1	6	..	5	1	88	89	138	164	72	50
Umzimkulu ..	5	6	4	..	4	9	254	222	290	311	262	213
Total for East Griqualand	81	63	73	61	80	72	1,230	1,204	1,402	1,434	1,332	1,151

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Cape Town, May, 1900.

RACES, EACH DISTRICT—1897, 1898 AND 1899.—Continued.

and Coloured, which were registered in Urban and Rural Areas in 1897, 1898 and 1899 (with a Supplementary Table and with Totals for Bechuanaland, Walfish Bay and Transkeian Territories. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900).)

DISTRICT.	1897.	1898.	1899.	Analysis of Other than European or White.											
				Malay, Hottentot, Mixed, and Other.						Fingo, Kaffir, and Bechuana.					
				1897.		1898.		1899.		1897.		1898.		1899.	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
244	192	249	14	12	8	13	19	13	57	61	42	59	58	66	66
263	290	283	101	107	106	123	96	125	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
796	815	819	117	122	122	117	139	120	132	125	130	127	115	128	128
404	475	437	90	114	126	102	106	106	14	18	25	22	19	16	16
127	166	180	35	22	34	35	41	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
477	475	491	5	2	7	6	8	8	215	211	205	211	220	226	226
213	220	249	38	41	44	47	52	45	4	5	8	5	10	17	17
483	501	442	111	94	110	94	82	92	42	42	40	43	32	35	35
383	389	310	8	13	15	9	13	11	62	68	71	76	64	60	60
574	612	607	172	202	218	201	188	214	3	..	2	8	8	6	6
1568	1718	1918	535	481	547	546	602	581	2	1	3	1	6	6	6
40366	41439	40514	7017	6834	7357	7078	7431	7203	5923	5966	6176	6116	5737	5836	5836
659	702	788	67	51	79	95	100	81	103	130	111	98	197	177	177
41025	42141	41302	7084	6885	7436	7173	7531	7284	6026	6096	6287	6214	5934	6013	6013
16	13	15	4	10	7	5	8	5	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
2578	2970	2635	40	50	57	51	59	38	1190	1154	1345	1383	1278	1113	1113
3378	3764	5649	28	28	24	18	21	28	1479	1659	1714	1797	2734	2643	2643
(a)4271	4604	4140	2	3	2	..	..	..	1970	2062	2315	2247	2037	2055	2055
51268	53492	53741	7158	6976	7526	7247	7621	7355	10666	10972	11661	11641	11979	11824	11824

(a) Including 191 cases without distinction of Sex.

TERRITORIES AND BECHUANALAND, 1897-8-9.

land), the number of Births of Males and Females, European and other than European, which occurred in taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

DISTRICT.	1897.		1898.		1899.		1897.		1898.		1899.	
	European or White.		European or White.		European or White.		All Others.		All Others.		All Others.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
TEMBULAND.												
Elliot ..	61	44	57	58	58	55	29	25	29	35	31	38
Elliotdale ..	..	1	2	2	2	..	365	518	530	621	455	382
Engcobo ..	6	5	3	4	7	4	361	338	564	530	1,640	1,534
Mquanduli ..	2	..	2	1	3	2	31	26	80	62	8	16
St. Mark's ..	2	3	9	8	7	6	344	347	210	204	252	284
Umata ..	20	21	23	17	27	23	365	359	268	300	310	362
Xalanga ..	9	7	4	11	11	10	71	72	55	60	58	54
Pott St. John's (portion)	1	2	5	5	5	3	1	2	2	3	1	1
Total for Tembuland..	101	83	105									



BIRTHS, LEGITIMATE AND OTHER, 1897, 1898, AND 1899.—GENERAL SUMMARY.

No. 4.—Showing for each of the Main Races (White, Yellow-brown and Black) and with distinction of Sex, the number of Births, Legitimate, Illegitimate, and Native Custom Cases in each of the Territories, comprising the Cape Colony in 1897, 1898 and 1899, as far as registered and as taken out to 15th April, 1900.

Territory.	European or White.						Malay, Mixed and other, with Hottentot.																	
	Legitimate.			Illegitimate.			Legitimate.			Illegitimate.														
	1897	1898	1899	1897	1898	1899	1897	1898	1899	1897	1898	1899												
Colony Proper	7412	6866	7283	7115	7155	6827	188	161	173	141	175	150	4807	4717	5103	4875	5027	4869	2211	2118	2254	2203	2404	2334
Bechuanaland	161	144	159	156	128	108	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	38	54	74	54	23	13	25	29	26
East Griqualand	80	63	70	60	79	70	1	1	3	1	1	2	33	39	42	35	47	31	7	11	15	16	12	7
Tembuland	20	23	102	105	117	102	2	..	3	1	3	1	22	20	17	14	18	22	6	1	8	7	4	3
Transkei and Wallish Bay	..	..	21	19	23	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	8	8	4	4	1	8	1	1	1	2
Total	7772	7179	7635	7455	7502	7125	193	162	181	146	181	154	4911	4819	5224	4994	5174	4950	2248	2158	2302	2253	2447	2375

Territory.	Kafir and Bechuanaland, with Fiogo.						Total.																
	Legitimate.			Native Custom.			Illegitimate (including some Native Custom).			Total.													
	1897	1898	1899	1897	1898	1899	1897	1898	1899	1897	1898	1899											
Colony Proper	2148	2160	2305	2279	2081	2195	1737	1819	1685	1588	1463	1439	2038	2047	2186	2249	2193	2202	40,369	41,439	40,369	41,439	40,514
Bechuanaland	75	76	79	66	74	70	6	21	6	11	93	79	22	33	26	21	30	28	659	702	659	702	788
East Griqualand	64	89	135	125	142	103	1097	1044	1186	1229	1099	973	29	21	24	28	32	37	2,578	2,970	2,578	2,970	2,635
Tembuland	24	23	31	30	82	80	1431	1619	1638	1718	2541	2482	24	17	45	49	111	81	3,378	3,764	3,378	3,764	5,649
Transkei and Wallish Bay	1	..	1	2	4	1	1909	1982	2224	2150	1979	1995	61	81	90	95	55	59	(a) 4,287	4,617	(a) 4,287	4,617	4,155
Total	2312	2288	2551	2503	2383	2449	6180	6485	6739	6696	7175	6968	2174	2199	2371	2442	2421	2407	51,271	53,492	51,271	53,492	53,741

(a) Including 191 cases returned without distinction of sex.

General Registrar Office,  
Cape Town, 11th May, 1900.

DEATHS AND CAUSES THEREOF, 1897-'99.

- RETURN No. 1. GENERAL SUMMARY—FOUR MAIN RACES.
- „ „ 2. CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS—FOUR MAIN RACES.
- „ „ 3. EACH DISTRICT—URBAN AND RURAL—THREE RACES.
- „ „ 3A. EACH BECHUANALAND AND TRANSKEIAN DISTRICT—TWO RACES.
- „ „ 4. EACH DISTRICT (COLONY)—CERTIFIED AND UNCERTIFIED—TWO RACES.
- „ „ 5. EACH CAUSE (COLONY)—CERTIFIED AND UNCERTIFIED—UNDER AND OVER FIVE YEARS.
- „ „ 5A. CERTAIN CAUSES [(TRANSKEI AND BECHUANALAND)—CERTIFIED AND UNCERTIFIED.
- „ 6. SPECIAL CERTIFIED CAUSES (16), COLONY, UNDER AND OVER FIVE YEARS.

NOTES.—1. On account of the War the Returns for several of the Districts for 1899 are incomplete.

2. By reason of the destruction by fire of some of the Death Cards, no statement for 1899 of *detailed* ages of the deceased can now be published.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,  
CAPE TOWN, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE,  
6TH JUNE, 1900.



DEATHS, 1897, 1898, AND 1899.—

No. 1.—RETURN showing for each of the four Main Races, the total number of Male and Female Deaths which were Transkeian Territories (excluding Pondoland), Walfish Bay and British Bechuanaland

Table with columns: TERRITORIES, European or White (M, F), Malay (M, F), Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana. (M, F), Mixed and (M), and years 1897-1899. Rows include Colony Proper, Bechuanaland, Walfish Bay, Transkeian Territories, Total for Colony, and At Sea.

General Register Office, Cape Town, 22nd June, 1900.

DEATHS, 1897, 1898 AND 1899.—

No. 2.—RETURN showing for each of the four Main Races the total number of Male and Female Deaths which were included non-resident Hospital Cases.

Table with columns: CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS, European or White (M, F), Malay (M, F), Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana. (M, F), Mixed and (M), and years 1897-1899. Rows list various towns like Aliwal North, Beaufort West, etc.

18th May, 1900.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

registered (including "at sea" cases) during each of the years 1897, 1898, and 1899 in the Colony Proper, the (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900.) [Returns for 1899 incomplete on account of the war.]

Table with columns: Hottentot Other (F), Total other than European or White (M, F), Total (M, F), Persons, and TERRITORIES. Rows include Colony Proper, Bechuanaland, Walfish Bay, Transkeian Territories, Total for Colony, and At Sea.

(a) Including 198 Natives enumerated without distinction of Sex.

CITIES AND TOWNS.

registered in certain Cities and Chief Towns during each of the years 1897, 1898, and 1899, with memo. regarding (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

Table with columns: Hottentot Other (F), Total other than European or White (M, F), Total (M, F), Persons, Included Non-Resident Hospital Cases, and CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS. Rows list various towns like Aliwal North, Beaufort West, etc.

(a) Returns for 1899 incomplete on account of the war.



URBAN AND RURAL DEATHS, BY

No. 3.—Return showing for each District of the Colony Proper the Number of Deaths of Males and Females, European distinguishing deaths of Malays, Hottentots, Mixed and Others, from those of Fingoes, Kaffirs and Bechuanas; and

Table with columns for District, Year (1897, 1898, 1899), and Gender (M, F). Sub-columns for Urban and Rural. Lists districts from Aberdeen to Swellendam.

NOTE.—Several returns for 1899 incomplete on account of the War.

RACES, EACH DISTRICT.—1897, 1898 AND 1899.

and Coloured, which were registered in Urban and Rural Areas in 1897, 1898 and 1899 (with a Supplementary Table with Totals for Transkeian Territories and Bechuanaland. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900).

Table with columns for District, Year (1897, 1898, 1899), and Race (Malay, Hottentot, Mixed and Other; Fingo, Kaffir, and Bechuana). Sub-columns for M and F. Lists districts from Aberdeen to Swellendam.



URBAN AND RURAL DEATHS, BY

No. 3.—Return showing for each District of the Colony Proper the Number of Deaths of Males and Females, Table distinguishing deaths of Malays, Hottentots, Mixed and Others, from those of Fingoes, Kaffirs and

Table with columns for District, Year (1897, 1898, 1899), and Sex (M, F), subdivided by Urban and Rural areas. Includes districts like Tarka, Tulbagh, Uitenhage, and a Grand Total at the bottom.

NOTE.—Several Returns for 1899 incomplete on account of the War. General Register Office, Cape Town, May 22nd, 1900.

DEATHS, TRANSKEIAN TERRITORIES

No. 3A.—RETURN showing for each District of the Transkeian Territories and Bechuanaland the number of Deaths of

Table with columns for District, Year (1897, 1898, 1899), and Sex (M, F), subdivided by European or White and All Others. Includes districts like Gordonia, Kuruman, and a Total for East Griqualand.

NOTE.—Returns for 1899 incomplete on account of the War. May 21st, 1900.

RACES, EACH DISTRICT—1897, 1898 AND 1899.—Continued.

European and Coloured, which were registered in Urban and Rural Areas in 1897, 1898 and 1899 (with a Supplementary Bechuanas), and with Totals for Transkeian Territories and Bechuanaland. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

Table with columns for District, Year (1897, 1898, 1899), and Sex (M, F), subdivided by Analysis of Other than European or White (Malay, Hottentot, Mixed, and Other; Fingo, Kaffir, and Bechuana). Includes districts like Tarka, Tulbagh, and a Grand Total.

(a) Including 198 not detailed by Sex. \* Including 26 cases which occurred at Mostert's Hoek (railway accident).

AND BECHUANALAND, 1897-8-9.

European and Coloured Persons of both sexes which were registered in 1897-8-99. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

Table with columns for District, Year (1897, 1898, 1899), and Sex (M, F), subdivided by European or White and All Others. Includes districts like Elliot, Kuruman, and a Total for Transkei.

(a) 166 cases not detailed by Sex. (b) 198 " " " "



No. 4.—RETURN showing for each District of the Colony Proper the number of Certified and Uncertified Deaths in 1899 of White and Black, under and over 5 years of age, with Summary Table for 5 years for Bechuanaland, Walfish Bay and the Transkeian Territories. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

DISTRICT.	CERTIFIED.				UNCERTIFIED.				All Cases.
	Under 5 Years.		Over.		Under 5 Years.		Over.		
	E.	C.	E.	C.	E.	C.	E.	C.	
Aberdeen .. ..	22	6	15	11	28	73	10	47	212
Albany .. ..	43	48	98	86	8	290	9	179	761
Albert .. ..	17	31	26	32	14	18	5	25	168
Alexandria .. ..	2	9	1	5	7	88	9	62	183
Aliwal North .. ..	17	30	22	25	8	25	8	25	160
Barkly East .. ..	5	4	6	8	9	13	16	7	68
Barkly West .. ..	9	16	9	58	7	103	8	143	353
Bathurst .. ..	1	1	19	15	4	94	8	88	230
Beaufort West .. ..	45	76	31	53	18	87	13	73	396
Bedford .. ..	5	8	5	13	3	77	4	67	182
Bredasdorp .. ..	6	3	5	6	14	41	25	25	125
Britstown .. ..	14	35	21	24	4	13	7	20	138
Caledon .. ..	8	10	27	19	34	90	29	99	316
Calvinia .. ..	7	5	7	14	18	25	20	30	126
Cape Town .. ..	281	836	376	561	6	25	..	4	2039
Cape .. ..	162	170	162	194	6	64	11	44	813
Carnarvon .. ..	6	11	11	25	7	11	10	15	96
Cathcart .. ..	5	6	5	5	4	47	4	21	97
Ceres .. ..	5	43	12	32	11	30	8	11	152
Clanwilliam .. ..	3	9	6	18	17	65	21	60	199
Colesberg .. ..	8	25	13	30	10	29	11	25	151
Cradock .. ..	21	13	41	30	9	125	15	70	324
East London .. ..	99	42	99	62	17	250	11	205	785
Fort Beaufort .. ..	3	17	13	55	5	112	10	119	334
Fraserburg .. ..	8	6	6	19	15	27	17	37	135
George .. ..	11	6	15	12	25	41	11	51	172
Glen Grey .. ..	..	..	..	7	2	131	1	249	390
Graaff-Reinet .. ..	51	120	62	118	17	186	12	85	651
Hanover .. ..	6	12	9	24	5	9	4	11	80
Hay .. ..	1	3	3	9	12	20	12	34	94
Herbert .. ..	4	..	3	9	12	44	9	42	123
Herschel .. ..	..	2	..	12	1	134	1	171	321
Hopetown .. ..	7	12	14	11	9	15	3	25	96
Humansdorp .. ..	..	3	6	8	10	108	21	100	256
Jansenville .. ..	7	11	9	7	28	69	28	76	235
Kenhardt .. ..	2	3	5	5	11	12	12	30	80
Kimberley .. ..	182	301	191	949	15	320	13	195	2166
King William's Town	50	29	53	53	21	948	14	1073	2241
Knysna .. ..	5	5	8	10	10	37	19	34	128
Komgha .. ..	1	6	..	4	9	106	4	81	211
Ladismith .. ..	3	3	2	5	30	42	19	33	137
Malmesbury .. ..	14	51	18	45	46	129	36	100	439
Middelburg .. ..	20	31	18	23	7	54	16	53	222
Molteno .. ..	7	26	4	17	8	31	8	37	138
Montagu .. ..	17	9	9	9	14	50	10	27	145
Mossel Bay .. ..	9	14	11	15	16	43	13	35	157
Murraysburg .. ..	6	16	9	9	1	13	3	19	76
Namaqualand .. ..	6	29	3	26	27	191	3	146	444
Outshoorn .. ..	28	48	34	48	85	260	62	148	713
Paarl .. ..	45	142	57	117	28	110	32	64	595
Peddie .. ..	1	..	..	5	6	251	4	198	465
Philipsdorp .. ..	11	7	18	6	4	16	12	19	93
Piquetberg .. ..	7	11	14	8	32	57	22	45	196
Port Elizabeth .. ..	190	392	175	281	11	271	9	87	1416
Port Nolloth .. ..	2	9	1	10	3	25	..	21	71
Prieska .. ..	11	5	8	10	12	8	5	16	75
Prince Albert .. ..	15	25	12	27	25	59	16	37	216
Queen's Town .. ..	28	13	48	29	11	204	15	118	466
Richmond .. ..	12	56	9	29	2	2	2	22	151
Riversdale .. ..	4	10	14	15	34	33	22	35	167
Robertson .. ..	26	29	28	24	13	37	8	16	186
Simon's Town .. ..	21	26	31	34	2	11	4	8	137
Somerset East .. ..	12	59	14	53	25	142	33	101	439
Stellenbosch .. ..	24	138	34	74	11	74	13	57	425
Steynsburg .. ..	14	5	15	2	11	18	7	17	89
Stoekensdorp .. ..	1	5	4	13	3	114	1	96	237
Stutterheim .. ..	3	..	9	7	6	110	3	72	210
Swellendam .. ..	6	14	18	24	43	75	31	51	262
Sutherland .. ..	2	..	2	8	14	12	9	11	58
Tarka .. ..	4	7	7	14	9	28	7	31	107
Tulbagh .. ..	2	10	7	12	5	72	11	44	163
Uitenhage .. ..	36	118	40	61	17	137	19	188	616
Uniondale .. ..	5	4	8	3	22	63	29	64	198
Van Rhyu's Dorp .. ..	1	1	3	..	10	21	10	25	71
Victoria East .. ..	..	8	6	10	4	129	3	115	275
Victoria West .. ..	17	33	18	67	6	25	8	44	218
Willowmore .. ..	13	29	19	65	30	92	19	122	389
Wodehouse .. ..	14	4	12	20	20	45	16	53	184
Worcester .. ..	28	83	40	71	19	121	13	58	433
Wynberg .. ..	120	438	185	242	9	27	4	20	1045

No. 4.—RETURN showing for each District of the Colony Proper the number of Certified and Uncertified Deaths in 1899, of White and Black, under and over 5 years of age, with Summary Table for 5 years for Bechuanaland, Walfish Bay, and the Transkeian Territories. (Events taken out on 15th April, 1900.)

DISTRICT.	CERTIFIED.				UNCERTIFIED.				All Cases.	
	Under 5 Years.		Over.		Under 5 Years.		Over.			
	E.	C.	E.	C.	E.	C.	E.	C.		
Total for Colony excluding Bechuanaland	1895	1809	3007	2192	2931	1274	7251	1245	5201	24910
	1896	1774	2753	2261	3211	1550	7889	1185	5494	26117
	1897	1586	2722	2411	3675	1383	7549	1279	6058	26663
	1898	1590	3242	2441	4348	1303	8333	1256	7515	30028
	1899	1864	3881	2378	4176	1156	7221	1023	6212	27911
Total for Bechuanaland	1895	1	1	3	2	8	5	3	19	*42
	1896	36	15	33	37	59	134	48	305	667
	1897	52	48	65	113	56	267	40	268	909
	1898	29	28	57	116	39	218	41	375	903
	1899	11	28	25	56	23	177	15	308	643
Total for Colony Proper	1895	1810	3008	2195	2933	1282	7256	1248	5220	24952
	1896	1810	2768	2294	3248	1609	8023	1233	5799	26784
	1897	1638	2770	2476	3788	1439	7816	1319	6326	27572
	1898	1619	3270	2458	4464	1342	8551	1297	7890	30931
	1899	1875	3909	2403	4232	1179	7398	1038	6520	28594
Total for Walfish Bay	1895	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	7	10
	1896	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	6	9
	1897	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	18	25
	1898	..	..	1	..	..	11	2	31	45
	1899	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	26	36
Total for East Griqualand	1895	12	14	11	29	13	1339	14	951	2383
	1896	..	13	8	48	16	720	17	857	1679
	1897	3	19	12	90	14	664	10	743	1555
	1898	4	28	17	87	15	1200	20	1130	2501
	1899	2	22	12	104	16	704	30	995	1885
Total for Tembuland	1895	3	7	18	25	17	538	21	794	1423
	1896	7	2	16	18	22	258	25	1995	2343
	1897	8	9	26	62	13	285	17	1638	2058
	1898	4	15	17	56	27	599	40	2630	3388
	1899	4	16	16	113	19	622	19	784	(a) 2696
Total for Transkei	1895	..	3	5	7	3	1188	9	1605	2820
	1896	..	2	..	20	5	599	8	1508	2142
	1897	1	3	1	29	6	763	5	1819	2627
	1898	1	7	1	43	2	1297	1	2733	4085
	1899	..	11	3	45	4	965	5	929	(b) 3653
GRAND TOTAL..	1895	1825	3032	2229	2994	1315	10324	1292	8577	31588
	1896	1817	2785	2318	3334	1652	9601	1285	10165	32957
	1897	1650	2801	2515	3969	1472	9535	1351	10544	33887
	1898	1628	3320	2534	4650	1386	11658	1360	14414	40950
	1899	1881	3958	2434	4494	1218	9699	1092	9254	36824

\*For six Weeks only.

NOTE.—By reason of the loss by fire in the Grave Street Office in March, 1900, of certain death cards for 1899, it is impossible to present on this occasion statistics as to the detailed ages of the deceased.

1899. (a) 627 males, 476 females, ages unspecified, (numercial system).  
1899. (b) 865 ,, 826 ,, ,,

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	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.							
<b>CLASS I.—Diseases due to specific organisms.</b>															
<b>SUB-CLASS I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.</b>															
Small-pox .. .. .	E	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	3	4	3	3	..	1	
Chicken-pox .. .. .	C	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	6	34	45	..	1		
Measles .. .. .	E	53	58	7	7	13	13	4	3	125	158	35	46	41	78
Rötheln .. .. .	C	128	146	6	8	61	53	5	9	288	416	45	109	34	108
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	E	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	3	3	4	3	5	
Relapsing Fever .. .. .	C	..	1	2	1	2	..	2	3	7	1	5	2	8	
Influenza .. .. .	E	5	10	23	26	29	27	16	16	64	152	80	288	56	164
Whooping-cough .. .. .	C	17	11	26	25	195	178	244	270	79	966	97	1405	59	650
Mumps .. .. .	E	19	18	1	1	15	8	1	1	39	64	26	80	69	218
Diphtheria and Membranous Croup .. .. .	C	30	37	4	3	305	331	37	48	74	795	54	1272	110	1232
Cerebro-spinal Fever .. .. .	E	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis .. .. .	C	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	14	3	17	2	2	
Typhoid (Enteric) Fever .. .. .	E	31	35	11	15	35	25	11	24	92	187	83	218	113	265
Typho-Malarial Fever .. .. .	C	33	26	4	5	113	100	22	23	68	326	35	361	44	390
Simple Continued Fever .. .. .	E	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	5	7	11	
Remittent Fever .. .. .	C	2	6	4	..	..	1	..	12	13	14	26	28		
Intermittent Fever (Malarial Fever, Ague) .. .. .	E	6	10	2	2	1	..	2	20	23	14	15	66	74	
Diarrhoea .. .. .	C	3	6	128	85	14	8	37	48	222	329	221	362	267	459
Dysentery .. .. .	E	18	17	82	52	39	43	89	95	169	435	169	612	269	799
Tuberculosis—	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	4	4	4	
(a) Phthisis (Pulmonary Consumption) .. .. .	E	1	1	1	2	..	1	3	5	9	10	5	4	13	
(b) Tubercular Meningitis .. .. .	C	2	3	2	4	25	17	27	30	11	110	7	141	12	101
(c) Tabes Mesenterica .. .. .	E	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	6	6	7	8	15	17	
(d) Other Forms including Scrofula and Lupus .. .. .	C	1	3	7	1	..	3	2	12	17	25	33	13	24	
Leprosy .. .. .	E	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	1	10	13	10	26	18	
Glanders (Farcy) .. .. .	C	..	2	37	9	12	10	15	18	48	103	18	97	32	121
Splenic Fever (Anthrax) .. .. .	E	134	117	13	15	57	30	4	8	279	378	238	325	234	310
Syphilis .. .. .	C	270	260	18	16	470	439	78	90	564	1641	557	1422	442	1087
Gonorrhoea .. .. .	E	14	8	28	15	11	5	4	2	65	87	62	80	65	84
Erysipelas, Cellulitis .. .. .	C	13	16	71	27	176	144	134	131	127	712	116	807	78	607
Pyæmia, Septicæmia, Hospital Gangrene .. .. .	E	2	6	187	73	4	6	42	61	268	381	272	399	255	364
Petanus .. .. .	C	66	60	431	379	61	91	579	776	936	2443	838	2289	690	1918
Puerperal Fever .. .. .	E	16	10	1	2	..	..	..	29	29	15	17	16	16	
Other .. .. .	C	10	10	5	4	..	..	..	29	29	22	24	18	20	
<b>TOTAL SUB-CLASS I. ...</b>	E	320	300	453	294	182	125	127	180	1367	1981	1232	2071	1360	2273
	C	685	707	956	667	1482	1431	1268	1629	3015	8725	2578	9325	2327	7707

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	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.							
<b>CLASS I.—Continued.</b>															
<b>SUB-CLASS II.—PARASITIC DISEASES.</b>															
Thrush, Stomatitis .. .. .	E	4	1	..	..	4	1	..	..	5	10	7	12	1	3
From other vegetable parasites .. .. .	C	9	1	..	..	6	5	..	..	10	21	5	11	3	
Hydatids .. .. .	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	
From other animal parasites .. .. .	C	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	3	
<b>TOTAL SUB-CLASS II. ...</b>	E	4	1	..	1	4	1	..	..	6	11	8	15	4	
	C	16	6	2	2	14	28	2	5	26	75	16	56	16	
<b>TOTAL CLASS I. ...</b>	E	324	301	453	295	186	126	127	180	1373	1992	1240	2086	1364	
	C	701	713	958	669	1496	1459	1270	1534	3041	8800	2594	9381	2343	
<b>CLASS II.—Dietetic Diseases and Chronic Poisons.</b>															
Starvation—Want of breast milk .. .. .	E	5	5	..	..	7	8	..	..	10	10	18	20	21	
Scurvy .. .. .	C	13	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	42	48	67	27	
Rickets .. .. .	E	..	..	116	3	..	1	14	4	125	144	129	189	18	
Intemperance—	C	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	2	2	4	
(a) Chronic Alcoholism (including affections of special organs) .. .. .	E	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7	3	5	2	
(b) Delirium Tremens .. .. .	C	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7	3	5	2	
Chronic Opium Poison .. .. .	E	..	..	14	4	..	..	2	..	18	20	25	26	27	
Plumbism .. .. .	C	..	..	6	3	..	..	4	..	9	13	31	40	16	
<b>TOTAL CLASS II. ...</b>	E	6	7	20	4	7	9	18	4	37	39	51	53	56	
	C	20	20	123	6	7	9	18	4	169	207	211	302	66	
<b>CLASS III.—Constitutional Diseases.</b>															
Rheumatic Fever, Rheumatism of the Heart .. .. .	E	..	1	11	11	1	1	7	4	23	36	34	51	26	
Osteo-arthritis .. .. .	C	..	2	13	22	2	3	58	40	37	140	24	131	24	
Gout .. .. .	E	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	5	5	1	1	
Cancer (Malignant Disease)—	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	3	5	
(a) Sarcoma .. .. .	E	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	1	3	1	
(b) Carcinoma .. .. .	C	2	1	5	4	..	..	..	..	12	12	4	5	7	
(c) Epithelioma .. .. .	E	..	..	30	25	..	..	1	..	55	57	53	55	37	
(d) Undefined .. .. .	C	..	..	7	15	..	..	1	..	22	23	12	12	15	
Anæmia, Chlorosis .. .. .	E	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	6	6	6	6	4	
Other .. .. .	C	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	1	..	
<b>TOTAL CLASS III. ...</b>	E	3	3	113	78	1	1	85	63	111	197	260	182	264	
	C	..	2	53	56	4	4	85	63	111	267	99	261	99	



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	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.							
Class V.—Continued.															
SUB-CLASS XI.—DISEASES OF THE INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.															
Carbuncle .. .. .	(E	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	1	3	2	3
	(C	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Eczema .. .. .	(E	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	3	1	2	
	(C	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	2	
Pemphigus .. .. .	(E	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	3	
	(C	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	
Others .. .. .	(E	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	3	5	
	(C	1	2	1	1	1	2	..	5	9	3	5	5	12	
TOTAL SUB-CLASS XI. ..	(E	2	1	2	..	1	2	..	5	8	6	9	9	13	
	(C	4	3	3	2	1	2	..	12	16	7	12	9	17	
TOTAL CLASS V. ..	(E	474	464	650	513	395	317	211	219	2101	3243	2013	3296	1866	
	(C	1026	956	1195	669	1833	1581	1044	1058	3846	9362	3706	10268	3027	
CLASS VI.—Violence.															
SUB-CLASS I.—ACCIDENT OR NEGLIGENCE.															
Fracture of Bones ..	(E	3	1	67	5	3	..	28	1	76	108	54	72	79	107
	(C	3	5	121	11	2	..	52	4	140	200	180	252	154	222
Gunshot Wounds ..	(E	1	..	3	1	..	..	4	..	5	9	8	10	8	
	(C	..	..	2	3	..	..	5	1	11	5	9	6	9	
Cuts, &c. .. .. .	(E	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	2	
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	
Burn, Scald .. .. .	(E	3	5	2	6	8	5	..	5	16	34	21	26	8	
	(C	7	11	35	16	16	24	7	21	72	140	67	155	80	
Sunstroke .. .. .	(E	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	3	4	3	6	1	
	(C	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	10	2	
Lightning .. .. .	(E	..	1	3	4	..	..	8	2	18	13	30	6	17	
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	7	1	1	1	
Exposure .. .. .	(E	2	1	8	5	1	1	21	1	16	40	30	60	15	
	(C	2	1	19	1	4	..	18	2	23	47	38	58	61	
Drowning .. .. .	(E	3	2	15	12	8	2	35	12	32	89	56	117	49	
	(C	1	5	2	1	..	..	9	13	7	8	11	18	80	
Suffocation .. .. .	(E	9	10	9	..	9	16	4	2	28	59	39	58	35	
	(C	1	..	4	2	..	1	3	3	7	8	4	8	4	
Poison .. .. .	(E	..	..	3	1	3	1	3	3	4	14	7	13	6	
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	
Bite of Snake or Insect ..	(E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Otherwise .. .. .	(E	1	..	2	2	2	..	3	5	3	13	3	17	2	
	(C	..	..	4	2	1	..	2	2	6	11	2	7	3	
TOTAL SUB-CLASS I. ..	(E	13	12	107	18	17	6	64	9	150	246	140	207	154	
	(C	24	30	209	54	42	48	146	54	317	607	409	738	365	
SUB-CLASS II.—SUICIDE.															
Gunshot Wounds ..	(E	..	..	15	..	..	..	5	1	15	21	13	15	12	
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	3	
Cut, Stab .. .. .	(E	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	2	3	7	7	6	
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	2	2	..	
Poison .. .. .	(E	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	3	5	8	6	6	13	
	(C	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	3	3	3	2	
Drowning .. .. .	(E	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	1	5	6	3	3	4	
	(C	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	2	3	3	3	2	
Hanging .. .. .	(E	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	3	..	1	4	
	(C	..	..	4	4	..	..	2	..	8	10	9	11	9	
Otherwise .. .. .	(E	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	5	6	
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	
TOTAL SUB-CLASS II. ..	(E	..	..	26	5	..	..	6	5	31	42	30	33	43	
	(C	..	..	7	6	..	..	3	1	13	17	17	23	19	

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	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.						
Class VI.—Continued.														
SUB-CLASS III.—HOMICIDE.														
Murder, Manslaughter ..	(E	2	2	4	1	..	..	..	..	9	9	9	10	7
	(C	3	4	19	6	2	2	4	1	32	41	46	63	30
SUB-CLASS IV.														
Execution .. .. .	(E	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	11
	(C	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	2	11
TOTAL CLASS VI. ..	(E	15	14	138	24	17	6	70	14	191	298	179	260	204
	(C	27	34	238	66	44	50	153	56	365	668	474	826	425
CLASS VII.—Illdefined and not Specified.														
Dropsy, Anasarca .. ..	(E	..	..	2	2	..	..	12	31	4	47	7	80	6
	(C	2	3	11	8	..	..	6	91	73	24	205	21	238
Debility, Atrophy, Inanition ..	(E	34	36	4	..	15	15	..	..	74	104	70	95	63
	(C	52	43	1	..	85	103	2	4	96	290	92	313	94
Mortification, Gangrene (not Senile or Hospital) ..	(E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
Tumour (kind or situation unspecified) .. .. .	(E	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	3	3
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Vomiting .. .. .	(E	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	..
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6
Abscess .. .. .	(E	1	..	1	1	5	4	..	..	1	3	5	6	..
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Hæmorrhage .. .. .	(E	..	..	3	1	..	2	..	..	3	4	19	9	25
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Sudden (cause unascertained) ..	(E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
"Natural Causes" .. ..	(E	2	3	2	..	4	3	6	2	3	18	4	9	7
	(C	1	1	1	..	4	3	6	2	3	18	4	19	1
Not specified or ill-defined ..	(E	5	2	4	1	19	19	39	33	12	122	17	167	13
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	3	7	..	5	..
Fever .. .. .	(E	..	..	..	..	..	..	80	86	114	111	..	391	..
	(C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	446	..
TOTAL CLASS VII. ..	(E	35	38	10	3	22	22	27	27	238	147	1099	154	1234
	(C	62	52	22	11	210	227	277	277	807	21490	4031	6590	3997
GRAND TOTAL .. ..	(E	943	921	1426	952	652	504	499	524	4242	6421	4031	6590	3997
	(C	1970	1911	2635	1541	3744	3477	3029	3183	8057	21490	7590	23438	6590



CAUSES OF DEATHS, 1899—BECHUANALAND AND TRANSKEIAN TERRITORIES.

No. 5A.—Showing in respect to certain species of Diseases that proved fatal in 1899 in Bechuanaland, the Transkeian Territories and Walfish Bay, the Number of Deaths—the Races of the Deceased being distinguished and Certified Cases being separated from the Uncertified. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

Table with columns for Cause of Death, Region (Bechuanaland, East Griqualand, Tembuland, Transkei, Walfish Bay), and Certification (Certified, Uncertified, Total). Rows include categories like DISEASES DUE TO SPECIFIC ORGANISMS, PARASITIC DISEASES, and DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

NOTE.—Returns incomplete on account of the War.

CAUSES OF DEATHS, 1899—BECHUANALAND AND TRANSKEIAN TERRITORIES.—Continued.

No. 5A.—Showing in respect to certain species of Diseases that proved fatal in 1899 in Bechuanaland, the Transkeian Territories and Walfish Bay, the Number of Deaths—the Races of the Deceased being distinguished and Certified Cases being separated from the Uncertified. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

Table with columns for Cause of Death, Region (Bechuanaland, East Griqualand, Tembuland, Transkei, Walfish Bay), and Certification (Certified, Uncertified, Total). Rows include categories like DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM, DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, and DISEASES OF PARTURITION.

NOTE.—Returns incomplete on account of the War.



CERTAIN CERTIFIED DISEASES—

No. 6.—RETURN showing for Certified Cases only, the Number of White and Coloured Persons, under and (Events taken out to

Table with columns for District, Smallpox, Measles, Influenza, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria and Membranous Croup, Typhoid Fever, and Cerebro Spinal Meningitis. Rows include Western Coast (Namaqualand, Port Nolloth, Van Rhynsdorp, etc.) and South—S.E. Coast (Caledon, Bredasdorp, Swellendam, etc.).

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over 5 Years of Age, who died of certain Specified Diseases in each District of the Colony Proper in 1899. (15th April, 1900).

Table with columns for Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Enteritis, Phthisis, Other forms of Phthisis, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Leprosy, and Cancer. Rows list various districts and their corresponding death counts for different age groups and totals.



CERTAIN CERTIFIED DISEASES—

No. 6.—RETURN showing for Certified Cases only, the Number of White and Coloured Persons, under and over 5 Years of Age, who died of certain Specified Diseases in each District of the Colony Proper in 1899. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

Table with columns for District, Disease (Smallpox, Measles, Influenza, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria and Membranous Croup, Typhoid Fever, Cerebro Spinal Meningitis), and Age (Under 5 Yrs., Over 5 Yrs., Total). Rows include South-S.E. Coast (King William's Town, Victoria East, Stockenström, Fort Beaufort, Bedford, Somerset East), Border (Stutterheim, Cathcart, Queenstown, Tarka, Cradock, Steynsburg, Albert, Molteno, Aliwal North, Herschel, Glen Grey, Barkly East, Wodehouse), and Inland or Karoo (Ladismith, Oudtshoorn, Willowmore, Kenhardt, Calvinia, Fraserburg, Carnarvon, Prieska, Sutherland).

COLONY PROPER, 1899. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

Table with columns for District, Disease (Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Enteritis, Phthisis, Other Forms of Phthisis, including Scrofula, &c., Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Leprosy, Cancer), and Age (Under 5 Yrs., Over 5 Yrs., Total). Rows include various districts from the Colony Proper.



No. 6.—RETURN showing for Certified Cases only, the Number of White and Coloured Persons, under and over 5 Years of Age, who died of certain Specified Diseases in each District of the Colony Proper in 1899. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

DISTRICT. (Arranged according to Climate.)	Smallpox.			Measles.			Influenza.			Whooping Cough.			Diphtheria and Membranous Croup.			Typhoid Fever.			Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.					
	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.			
	INLAND OR KARROO.—Continued.																							
Beaufort West	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Victoria West	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Prince Albert	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Murraysburg	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Aberdeen	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Jansenville	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Graaff-Reinet	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Middelburg	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Richmond	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Hanover	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Colesberg	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Britstown	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Philipstown	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Hope Town	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Herbert	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Kimberley	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Barkly West	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Hay	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
TOTAL	35	35	70	35	35	70	35	35	70	35	35	70	35	35	70	35	35	70	35	35	70	35	35	70
GRAND TOTAL FOR COLONY (excluding Bechuanaland)	3	3	6	3	3	6	3	3	6	3	3	6	3	3	6	3	3	6	3	3	6	3	3	6

over 5 Years of Age, who died of certain Specified Diseases in each District of the Colony Proper in 1899. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1900.)

DISTRICT.	Diarrhoea.			Dysentery.			Enteritis.			Phthisis.			Other Forms of Phthisis, including Scrofula, &c.			Bronchitis.			Pneumonia.			Leprosy.			Cancer.		
	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.			
	INLAND OR KARROO.—Continued.																										
Beaufort West	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Victoria West	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Prince Albert	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Murraysburg	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Aberdeen	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Jansenville	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Graaff-Reinet	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Middelburg	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Richmond	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Hanover	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Colesberg	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Britstown	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Philipstown	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Hope Town	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Herbert	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Kimberley	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Barkly West	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Hay	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
TOTAL	146	151	297	146	151	297	146	151	297	146	151	297	146	151	297	146	151	297	146	151	297	146	151	297	146	151	297

District for which Return for 1899 incomplete on account of the war:—

INTERRUPTION HAPPENED BEFORE NOVEMBER, 1899.

Kuruman,  
Taung,  
Vryburg.

DURING NOVEMBER.

Albert,  
Aliwal North,  
Barkly East,  
Barkly West,  
Colesberg,  
Hay,  
Herbert,  
Prieska,  
Wodehouse.