

VITAL STATISTICS.

During the year there were 117 births and 111 deaths, all Natives. Most of the deaths occurred in those of sixty years and over.

The following table shows the births, deaths, and marriages for the past nine years :—

Year.		Births.					Deaths.					Marriages.		
		European.		Native.		Total.	European.		Native.		Total.	European.	Native.	Total.
M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.						
1920	..	..	..	45	47	92	..	..	47	57	104	..	45	45
1921	..	..	1	56	46	103	..	..	56	41	97	..	46	46
1922	..	1	1	49	48	99	..	..	40	42	82	..	47	47
1923	..	1	2	56	47	106	..	..	43	60	103	..	42	42
1924	..	..	..	60	54	114	..	..	27	42	69	..	49	49
1925	..	1	..	49	56	106	..	..	34	29	63	1	40	41
1926	..	..	..	61	53	114	..	..	26	43	69	..	43	43
1927	..	..	..	51	42	93	..	..	32	50	82	1	38	39
1928	..	..	..	65	52	117	..	..	55	56	111	..	35	35
Totals	..	3	4	492	445	944	..	..	360	420	780	2	385	387

The natural increase for the above period was 164.
Migration : Ninety-eight persons, including nineteen Europeans, arrived, and 128 persons, including twenty-one Europeans departed.
The total population of the island at 31st December, 1928, was : Europeans and Natives—Males, 1,760 ; females, 1,987 : total, 3,747.
Births for the year show an increase of twenty-four and deaths twenty-nine over those shown for 1927.

Return of Vital and Migration Statistics for the Year ended 31st December, 1928.

					Aboriginal Natives.		Persons other than Aboriginal Natives.		Total.
					Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Births	..	..	..	..	65	52	..	..	117
Deaths	..	..	..	..	55	56	..	..	111
Arrivals	..	..	..	..	47	32	10	9	98
Departures	..	..	..	..	73	34	11	10	128

Marriages performed : London Missionary Society, 29 ; Resident Commissioner, 5 ; Registrar, 1 : total, 35.