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The following Return of the Death Rates for the Colony of Hongkong for the last 20 years is published.

By Command,

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Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th December, 1899.

THE DEATH RATES FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS.

1879,	33.14	} Average 27.16
1880, .....	.....	28.71
1881, ...	.....	24.07
1882, .....	.....	26.11
1883, ...	.....	30.04
1884, .....	.....	26.91
1885, ...	.....	32.36
1886, .....	.....	31.79
1887, ...	.....	28.59
1888, .....	.....	31.72
1889, ...	.....	23.64
1890, .....	.....	23.19
1891, ...	.....	23.80
1892, .....	.....	20.70
1893, ...	.....	22.70
	<i>Including Plague.</i>		<i>Excluding Plague.</i>
1894,	30.37	19.85
1895,	21.89	21.74
1896,	24.25	19.79
1897,	19.13	19.05
1898,	22.71	17.98

All the above death rates exclude the Military and Naval populations and deaths.

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Hongkong, December, 1899.