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FEWER MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

The Return of Births, Deaths and Marriages in England and Wales for the quarter ended 30th September last, issued today by the Registrar-General (Sir Sylvanus Vivian), records 104,333 marriages. This figure was 26,921 below that for the third quarter of 1940, and 19,044 fewer than the third quarter average for the previous five years.

A birth rate of 14.1 per 1,000 compared with 14.3 in the corresponding quarter of 1940.

There was a fall in the death rate - 9.7 per 1,000, against 10.7, the rate for the third quarter of the previous year, and 9.8, the average for the third quarters of the five years prior to 1940.

There were 6,411 deaths of infants, giving a mortality rate of 43 per 1,000 live births, or two below the average of the 10 preceding third quarters.

Deaths during the quarter fell by 10,396 to 101,337. The births registered exceeded deaths by 46,069. Of the total of 147,406 live births, 75,366 were boys and 72,040 girls.

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