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RIGHTEDOMENS EXALTETH A NATION BUT SIN IN A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.

NELLOR GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

This Boarding school will be re-opened D.V. on Tuesday Oct. 1st. There will be an Examination for admission on Monday the 30th Sept. Applicants should have passed the III Standard in every subject of the Govt. Code. It is hoped that an advanced class will be formed for Pupils who have passed the VIII standard.

Children coming from other than the C. M. S. schools must bring letters of approval showing the standard in which last passed from the superintending Missionaries of their Districts.

J. I. PICKFORD.

MARRIAGE.

On the 9th September 1895, by the Rev. J.M. Osborn, at the Christ Church, Pt. Pedro, Mr. Kameel pillai David Arunasalam, by Mary Anne Vallipillai, of the Wesleyan Mission Boarding school.

On the 11th September 1895, at the Wesleyan Chapel Jaffna, by the Rev. G. J. Trimmer assisted by the Revs. Niles and Benjamin, Mr. L. Wadsworth to Miss Violet Chellamma Subraman 2nd daughter of the Head Clerk of Jaffna Kachechery.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 629.

In the Matter of the Estate of the Kathirkamari Chintamanthar late of Mankunnam Deceased. Kathirkamari Chintamanthar of Mankunnam Petitioner.

1. Kathirkamari Nagalingam
2. Chintamanthar Kathirkamari and his wife
3. Valliammal widow of Mankunnam Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Kathirkamari Chintamanthar of Mankunnam praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Kathirkamari Chintamanthar of Mankunnam coming on for disposal before Mr. Nevill Esq., District Judge, on the 22nd day of August 1895 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Chintamanthar, Practor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 16th day of Aug. 1895 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is a brother and next of kin of the said intestate and as such is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 15th day of October 1895 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 22nd day of August 1895. H. NEVILL District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 682.

In the Matter of the estate of the late Sithumamparappillai Aiyampillai of Chandanpookkaddi Deceased. Valliammal widow of Aiyampillai of Chandanpookkaddi Petitioner.

1. Sithumamparappillai Kanapathipillai of Thavalai Palatal
2. Sithumamparappillai Arundum of
3. Sithumamparappillai Chinnakumari of Mesalai Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Valliammal widow of Aiyampillai of Chandanpookkaddi praying for letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Sithumamparappillai Aiyampillai of Chandanpookkaddi coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, additional District Judge, on the 9th day of September 1895 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Practor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 3rd day of September 1895 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful widow of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to her unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 14th day of October 1895 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 9th day of September 1895. G. W. WOODHOUSE Additional District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 684.

In the Matter of the estate of the late Pattinayyar wife of Kanthar Sithampay of Kondavil deceased.

1. Naranappillai Ponnampalam and wife
2. Naranappillai of Inuvil Petitioners.

Kanthar Sithampay of Kondavil Respondent.
This matter of the Petition of Naranappillai Ponnampalam and wife Naranappillai of Inuvil praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Pattinayyar wife of Kanthar Sithampay of Kondavil coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on the 13th day of September 1895 in the presence of Mr. T. M. Tampoo Practor on the part of the petitioners and the affidavit of the 1st petitioner dated the 13th day of September 1895 having been read it is declared that the Petitioners are the heirs and next

of kin of the said intestate and are as such entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to them unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 21st day of October 1895 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 13th day of September 1895. G. W. WOODHOUSE Additional District Judge.

Local & General.

PERSONAL. Rev. B. H. Rice, Pastor of the Batticolta church, has gone to Madras on three months leave. We trust that he will be greatly benefited by the change, and return to us refreshed in body and mind. Dr. Alexander went on Dr. B. Scott's medical force at Manipay, met with what might have proved a very serious accident. In opening a bottle of ammonia, the cork flew out and the contents were thrown up into his face. Under the skillful treatment of Dr. Scott he is recovering rapidly. Revs. Amalavayner and Fitch have both returned to their chosen fields of labor in India.

Mr. H. H. Tampoo, Supreme Court Practor, Manar, has returned to Jaffna and will stay here for a couple of months. Mr. A. Edwards, the popular Post Master, Batticolta, has also left for India on five weeks' leave. Mr. G. Dutton has been appointed to act for him during his absence.

Mr. T. R. Elin Eliyatham, Telegram master of Sandakan, British Borneo, has come to Sanitully on a well earned leave of absence for 6 months. He is one of the enterprising Jaffna young men who gained golden opinions in the Straits and Borneo.

WEATHER. We have had some delightfully refreshing showers during September and the month has been cooler than usual. In low grounds the paddy is already up and looks promising. Much sickness prevails. Fever and diarrhoea, with severe colds are very common.

OUR STAR GOVERNOR. Sir West Ridgeway K. C. B. has been appointed Governor of Geylon. He is a man of middle life being 51 years old. He served about 25 years from 1881 to 1886 in the army in India. From 1886 to 1884 while retaining his position in the army, he was Under Secretary of the Government of India. In 1887 he was appointed Governor of the Isle of Man which position he still holds. His appointment is likely to give satisfaction.

TEACHERS LICENSE EXAMINATION. Of over 350 candidates, only 87 have passed. Of these 20 have passed for the First Class and 67 for the second. Twenty two of the 87 are Tamils, the rest being Sinhalese. So far as we are able to ascertain the only successful candidates in Jaffna are the following—M. C. Vyanathas and P. Arundum to the I class; and S. N. Arundum, John Joseph, J. S. Tambiah, J. N. Valliparam and D. A. Velupillai in the II class. The greatest number of failures in any one subject was in Arithmetic. Either the paper set was unusually stiff, or Arithmetic is very badly taught in the island.

OUR PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION. A meeting of the Magistrate Committee was held at Vambadi on Monday the 19th inst. Present, Revs. T. S. Suddhi, G. L. Leander, P. Niles, G. Channappillai, J. V. Benjamin, J. T. Appayilal, S. Morse, Isaac Paul, Messrs J. Fitch, A. H. Ponnampalam and S. Abraham. Among other business the letter of Mrs. Hanna Moore, the widow of the late Mr. E. D. Moore of the C. M. S., was considered. The Committee decided to write her in accordance to the rules of the Association. Five new applicants were received and admitted. The membership of the association numbers 87.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS with the Provincial Engineer, is inspecting the works of the department. A CIVILIAN RUSSIAN MARINER. Rumours having been current in Colombo that a well known member of the Civil service had abandoned Christianity and had been converted to Mahomedanism, we made inquiries today and found that it was so. C. J. R. Le Mesurier being the gentleman in question. No reasons were given by the convert for embracing the new faith.

PERSONAL. Rev. G. J. Trimmer, Chairman of the Wesleyan Mission, left Jaffna by last Monday morning's coach and reached Colombo on Tuesday evening. Spending Wednesday and Thursday in Colombo on business, he started back on Thursday night reaching Jaffna Saturday noon. Quick work this. When the railway is completed, however, it will be nothing to start Monday morning spend a day or two in Colombo and be back Thursday.

MONTHLY MEETING OF MISSIONARIES. The usual monthly meeting will be held at Tellicooley on Monday the 30th inst. in order to give Pastor Stockley of Colombo a chance to meet all the missionaries together before he returns to his home. He expects to leave Jaffna by coach on Wednesday morning.

NEW PROCTOR FOR JAFFNA. Mr. Sivakolanthu has been engaged to transfer from Manar to Jaffna. Of the three Tamil advocates who have passed the Proctor's final examination, Messrs. Kanapathipillai and Supramaniam, it will, it is said, practice in Jaffna.

THE CYCLOS. This vessel which was wrecked at Kankasanthar has been repaired and launched on the 16th inst. The owner resides in India, but his managing agent celebrated the occasion by a grand entertainment to his friends. It is said that he was allowed Rs. 2000 for this purpose.

MEETING OF MANAGERS. A meeting of School Managers has been called for Nellore this afternoon at 4 o'clock to discuss the various charges proposed by the acting Director. A meeting of Managers is also to be held in Colombo this week.

THE CYCLOS LAW OF EVIDENCE. The Govt. Gazette of

the 13th inst. publishes the draft of the proposed ordinance on evidence. It embodies 173 long sections on the subject. Judging from the tone of the Colombo papers this venture of the Attorney General will be strongly opposed by the public.

CHURCH. On Saturday last a match game was played between the Junior teams in the Jaffna College and Central College, resulting in a victory for the latter by 24 runs.

ANNUAL CONVOCAION. The annual convocation of the churches of the American Mission will be held at Batticolta on Thursday the 17th October.

MEETING IN RE C.R. ORDINANCE. A well attended meeting presided over by Mr. Mylvaganam of Kopy was held on the 14th inst. in the Jaffna Law Library. The meeting was, to one man, against the introduction of the proposed C. R. Ordinance. The raising of the jurisdiction of the Court, personal appearance of parties in Court, and the restriction of appeal, were condemned to be thoughtless innovations of the franks of the code. Few other meetings are also proposed to be held of which one will be by the members of the Jaffna bar.

POINT PEDRO.

REV. T. J. STOCKLEY of Colombo arrived here on Friday last and left this on Wednesday morning for Udappudi. During his stay here he has fully engaged in holding meetings and visiting schools &c. On Sunday the services were conducted by him. The meetings were very well attended and his addresses were listened to with rapt attention by an appreciative audience. Christians from all parts of the district were seen to pour in to the meetings which took a variety of forms to meet the requirements of the place. Exclusive of the Sunday Services, we had Evangelization meetings, meetings for workers, children and an after meeting at the close of the English Service on Sunday. His earnest appeals to the hearts of the Christians of this place have not been without good results. Many have been moved and awakened to a sense of the danger of neglecting their salvation. We are sorry that he has had to leave us so soon.

We have had two rainy days this month. This with the showers we had during the last part of August, has cooled down the place a bit. The farmers have begun to get in right earnest their cultivation. We want more rain.

MR. NEVILL, the District Judge of Jaffna, arrived by coach yesterday evening. It is reported that he will stay here for four or five days. The object of his coming here is, we understand, for a change. We hope that he will soon be able to himself and be able to return to his duties.

DR. FURNACE of the Physic Hospital is doing a good work and giving much satisfaction.

Paddy is coming in in large quantities from Batticolta.

BATTICOLTA NOTES.

EXECUTION. The two men who were convicted and sentenced to undergo the extreme penalty of the law at the last session, were executed on the 12th inst.

ANSON. A house belonging to Mrs. Purrell was burned down on Tuesday night. The incendiaries have not been caught as yet.

ANUSAL. Mr. William Allagakone Mudr, who has been for about 6 months acting as village Tribunal President at Batticolta South, has returned to Pulaniveto, Mr. Sithamparanathan having returned.

MR. S. WESLEY ARUNNATHAM with his new bride has returned to Batticolta. We wish them all happiness. Rev. C. M. Sanders of Karadive, step-father of the bride, accompanied them, but now returned to Jaffna on Saturday.

REV. THOMAS COOKE. The Rev. Mr. Cooke arrived here on the morning of the 11th and immediately commenced his mission. Meetings were held mornings and evenings, the former being chiefly for Christians, and the latter for non-Christians. Crowds eagerly listened to what was said, and during the week many of those who attended the meetings were led into richer and fuller enjoyment of the Christian life. Our Christian young men have been bold to confess Christ and to consecrate their lives more fully to Him. Many children have been led to Jesus. We believe also that many of the heathen who have listened to him from evening to evening have been deeply impressed with the truth, and that further fruits will appear later. Mr. Cooke went to Kalmunai and held meetings on Monday and Tuesday the 16th and 17th, and during those two days nearly a hundred men, women and children decided for Christ. To-morrow, the 19th, he is to address men only here in Pulaniveto church and tomorrow his farewell meeting will be held. He leaves for Trincomalee on Saturday the 21st: Mrs. Cooke accompanies him, and her presence has been of great service especially to the ladies.

VICTIMS LYING IN WARD FUSED JAFFNA.

Amount previously acknowledged Rs.	1670.28
Amounts received from subscribers.	95
Rev. J. Carter, Chundilly	25
S. Naganathan Esq. Advocate	100
G. W. Katheravallappu Esq. P. Manigatara Kaitis	150
Paul Nicholas Modallai, Velankulam [Collected]	260
Hallakum Murgesa Modai, Jaffna Customs	100
M. P. Hallack Esq. Sub. Collector Pessali [collected]	65
C. M. Chinnai Esq. of the Jaffna Kachechery	20
M. Comaraswami Esq. Royal	100
M. Mudr. Kanapathipillai, Mullaitivey, further collection	75.20
W. W. Livery Esq. Jaffna Customs	40
V. Chinnappu Esq. Manager of Valigamo North	150
Messrs. Manikann and Naganathan Merchants Pt. P.	100
C. Arunnam Esq. Sub. Collector, Velavetty	50

19th Sept 1895.

Total Rs. 2874.48
T. M. TAMPDOO
Honry Treasurer

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REV. T. I. STOCKLEY'S MISSION.

At the suggestion of one or two of the missionaries who had met and heard Rev. T. I. Stockley of Colombo, an earnest invitation was sent him to visit the Jaffna peninsula and hold meetings at different mission stations. It was thought that one who had been for several months in the island, and had become more or less acquainted with the ways of the people, would be specially suited to conduct a mission among the educated people of Jaffna. Mr. Stockley's past record in England, and especially his work among young men was felt to be an additional reason for extending to him a cordial invitation to spend a few weeks in the north. The original plan was to have him here for two weeks only, but as the meetings went on and many seemed interested it was thought best to extend the time, and at the request of the missionaries, he was induced to give our churches another week.

Mr. Stockley came up by coach reaching Chavaguerri on Thursday the 12th inst. His first meeting was in the bazaar at that station where he had crowds listening to his words. The rain on Friday prevented the carrying out of the programme for the morning but he took that opportunity of visiting Nunavil in company with the missionary in charge and calling on the Christians of that place at their homes. In the afternoon 400 children came together in the Chavaguerri church for a children's meeting, and in the evening there was a large audience of adults.

Saturday morning, Mr. Stockley spent an hour with the Varany Christian *en route* for Pt. Pedro. Of his work in the latter place under the supervision of Revd. Sheldon Kuapp, a correspondent writes in another column. Three days were given to Pt. Pedro, and then he came to Uduppidi where a meeting was held in the morning for Christian workers another in the afternoon for the Girls of the Boarding school when several expressed their wish to commence the Christian life, and the final meeting in the evening when about one hundred Sivites came together to hear what the Colombo missionary had to say.

Thursday morning he held a brief service at Achevaly and then went on to Tillipally where another service was held at 10 o'clock for Christian workers. In the afternoon a large number of children and women came together, and in the evening the church was filled with an appreciative audience.

Friday, after a brief service at Pandeteripoo Mr. Stockley went on to Batticotta where meetings similar to those held at the other stations were conducted.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday he spent with Rev. G. J. Trimmer in the Wesleyan mission. Yesterday he spent the day at Oodoville and today he is holding services in Manipay.

Sunday he will preach D. V. at Batticotta both morning and evening, and as it noticed elsewhere, Monday evening he hopes to meet all the missionaries at Tillipally.

Mr. Stockley is simple and practical in his address and is an earnest and effective speaker. He had dwelt especially on two points, viz. 1st the need of realizing how terrible sin is in God's sight, and how important that His children should be free from it; and 2nd the importance of consecrating oneself wholly to God. We fear that too many of our Christians are only half in earnest about the Christian life. They are afraid to be known as out and out Christians. They fear lest they may appear peculiar or ridiculous in the eyes of the world.

To bring the Christians to a thorough realization of the joy and peace they were losing by "living at a dying rate" was one object of the preacher. And along with this appeal to the followers of our Saviour he aimed to bring those who were intellectually convinced the truth of Christianity to an immediate decision for Christ. Mr. Stockley has none of the sensational methods of some evangelists, and we feel sure that he is moved in all his utterances by the Spirit of God.

It would be impossible, perhaps, to count the results. That many Christians have been led into a purer and higher life by his helpful words, all will acknowledge. A few have for the first time expressed a wish to be Christians, but we believe more have been led to make a decision as to whom they would serve. They have been nominal Christians only but under the influence of the Spirit have been led to see their false position and to decide for Christ. We regret that the meetings were not more systematically arranged. More would have been accomplished if he had spent three or four consecutive days

at one station before moving on to another. As it is, much good has been accomplished and we hope greater results even will follow in the near future. We feel sure that Mr. Stockley will hereafter always be interested in Jaffna, and that he will look back to the days spent here with much pleasure. It has been good for us to have had him here. To God be all the glory.

MEDICAL REPORT.

A copy of the report of Dr. W. R. Kynsey, C. M. G., Principal Civil Medical Officer, has reached us from which we learn that in the year 1894 there were no less than 58 hospitals of all kinds and 306 dispensaries in operation in the island. Of the latter 28 are in the Northern Province; and of the former 8—4 civil and 4 immigrant hospitals. The medical staff for these institutions were 4 Colonial Surgeons, 22 Assistant Colonial Surgeons and 73 assistants, 1 Lady Doctor, 3 Govt. Medical officers, 5 Medical Practitioners, and 80 assistants besides all the Dispensers, hospital assistants and others. This does not take into account all the private hospitals and dispensaries connected with the missions in the island.

Of the Women's hospital in Colombo the Report says:—

"In this institution, which is in charge of a Lady Doctor, Miss Lucille Leslie, L. R. C. P. and L. R. C. S., there were treated during the year 90 patients. The accommodation being limited, the admissions had to be restricted as far as possible. Of the 90 cases treated, 85 were discharged after treatment, and 4 remained under treatment at the end of the year. There were no deaths."

Of the Lady Havelock Hospital for women and children we learn that upwards of Rs. 46,000 had been voluntarily subscribed by the general public, and that the building is expected to be ready for occupation early in 1896.

Dr. Kynsey in writing of cholera says:—"Cholera is not endemic in Ceylon. There are periods of perfect immunity. The disease occurs as an epidemic every five or ten years, each outbreak lasting three or four years. The history of every epidemic demonstrates that its origin is due to importation from India, and its diffusion to bad water. The influence of a pure water supply is shown in the case of Kandy, with a population of upwards of 22,000, and Colombo with 130,000 inhabitants. In the former town a pure water supply was introduced in 1878. Previous to that outbreaks of cholera were frequent; since then, a period of sixteen years, only 25 cases have been registered. In Colombo, passing immigrants. The city of Colombo has had a pure water supply since 1887. Before that outbreaks were frequent; since its introduction not a single case of cholera has occurred, notwithstanding the fact that thousands of immigrants arrive annually, and that our sanitary arrangements are by no means perfect. The disease may be introduced any day, but it will never spread in either town. Cholera is entirely limited now in Ceylon to districts where the drinking water is obtained from wells or tanks liable to pollution."

surely if a little care in keeping the water supply pure is all that is needed to keep cholera away from our doors, how necessary that the people understand this and be made to take the proper precautions.

We learn, we confess to our surprise, that Ceylon "is one of the most malarious countries in the world." Dr. Kynsey is not sanguine that malaria can wholly be eradicated from the island in the near future, but thinks that more might be done by the Government to reduce the suffering and mortality from this cause. He says:—"A scheme has been sanctioned by the Governor, and is in course of being introduced, for the sale at dispensaries and post offices throughout the island of quinine in small packets at a little over actual cost price. I anticipate that much good will result. If the scheme proves a success, this valuable drug will be placed within the reach of the poorest villager at trifling cost."

Concerning leprosy Dr. Kynsey makes the statement that we can readily believe, that "the disease is not considered contagious by the natives, and lepers are not shunned by their relatives and friends for fear of infection, but are often maintained by them in their own houses."

But when he goes on to say that there is no evidence that the disease is communicable by direct contact, we confess to a feeling of surprise. We had always thought this foul disease was very contagious. Dr. Kynsey says:—

"None of the attendants of the hospital have contracted the disease, one of whom at least has been engaged for over thirty years in handling and dressing the sores of the patients of the very worst cases with impunity. It is noteworthy that although the asylum has been in existence nearly two centuries on its present site in close proximity to several villages, communication with which till recent years had not been by any means restricted, leprosy does not appear to have affected the healthy inhabitants or their descendants; the families living are still enjoying a singular immunity from the disease. As regards the communication of leprosy by vaccination, there is no known instance on record which it has been communicated, nor has the disease been attributed to it by any of the patients."

The population of the island at the end of 1894 is estimated at 3,336,070, being an increase of 59,599 during the year.

THE NEW SCHEME FOR ENGLISH SCHOOLS.

The Director of Public Instruction has sent a Circular to all Managers of schools informing them of certain changes that will take place with Jan. 1st 1896. This is rather sudden, and it will be difficult for Managers whose schools are examined the first half of the year, to make the required changes; but we presume some leniency will be shown in such cases. The new rules are substantially as follows:—

1. A minimum fee must be paid in each standard of English schools as follows:—

For Jaffna town:	Standard	I.	Rs.	1 st	per month.
"	"	II.	"	1	"
"	"	III.	"	2	"
"	"	IV.	"	2	"
"	"	V.	"	3	"
"	"	VI.	"	3	"
"	"	VII.	"	4	"
"	"	VIII.	"	4	"

For all other English schools in our province:

Standard	I.	Rs.	0.75	per month
"	"	II.	"	0.75
"	"	III.	"	1
"	"	IV.	"	1
"	"	V.	"	2
"	"	VI.	"	2
"	"	VII.	"	2
"	"	VIII.	"	2

2. No scholar will be eligible for examination unless it has been certified by the Manager that such scholar has duly paid the proper fee for the twelve months preceding the date of examination.

3. A Manager should not admit a scholar from any Government or Grant-in-aid school who does not produce a certificate showing that no fees are due to the Manager of the school at which such scholar was last in attendance.

4. Managers will be authorized to present for examination a certain proportion of free scholars.

5. From Jan. 1st 1897, no English school will be eligible for a grant unless all the teachers employed in the instruction of the primary standards either hold certificates granted after examination by the Department, or possess such other qualification as shall, in the opinion of the Director, satisfy the requirements of the Government.

After January 1st 1898, no grant will be paid to an English school unless the whole teaching staff of such school consists of teachers either holding certificates granted after examination by the Department, or possessing such qualification as shall, in the opinion of the Director, satisfy the requirements of Government.

These are radical changes, and we fear will not commend themselves to those who are especially interested in English instruction. The Director commencing with next year proposes to pay more liberal grants—about 40 per cent increase over the rates that are now being paid.

We predict trouble in one or two directions in the actual carrying out of these changes, but think that it is high time something was done to improve English instruction, and therefore would welcome any suggestions that will bring about a change.

NEWS FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

—CHINA. It is understood that Lord Salisbury intends to insist on the Viceroy and other high officials who are answerable for the Kueichang massacre, being brought to account. The American government has resolved to hold a separate enquiry into the Chinese riots, and have selected a consul and an American naval officer to conduct it. Latest advices state that 18 of those implicated in the massacre of Kueichang have been executed. The Chinese have looted one of the German mission stations.

—ARMENIA. The Porte has notified the foreign ambassadors of various concessions which will be included in the Armenia reforms, comprising the admission of Christians to the smaller offices, the creation of rural police and permission to the dragoman to communicate directly with the Russian Supervision Com. sitting at Constantinople.

Two Armenians strangled a Turkish soldier on the 18th inst, when they overheard boasting of having tortured their relatives. The British, French and Russian ambassadors addressed a strong note to the Porte, repeating their demands for payment of the indemnity at Jeddah.

—AFRICA. A serious native rising is reported to have taken place in different parts of the Congo State. The news from Madagascar is conflicting, but it is probable that the Hovas are being defeated and will soon sue for peace. On the other hand the report of the sufferings of the French army are terrible. Nevertheless the French advance guard hope to reach the capital before Oct. 1st.

—CUBA. A Spanish cruiser was sunk off Havana and an admiral, 4 officers and 36 of the crew were drowned.