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NOTICE.

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MANIPPY ENGLISH SCHOOL.

Notice has been received by the Manager that the Manipay English School is accepted by the Director as a Middle School. Under the careful instruction of the present able staff of teachers, the school is rapidly improving in efficiency.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 691.

In the matter of the estate of the late Chinmally Leelipillai wife of Valappillai Vathavanam of Udaville, deceased Valappillai Vathavanam of Udaville, Petitioner.

1. Valappillai Muttucammam and wife Respondents.
2. Leelchamy of Udaville

This matter of the Petition of Valappillai Vathavanam of Udaville praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Chinmally Leelipillai coming on for disposal before E. J. de Livera Esquire, District Judge on the 29th day of October 1895 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 28th day of October 1895 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful husband 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 28th day of November 1895 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed, this 29th day of October 1895 E. J. de LIVERA, District Judge.

Local & General.

—WEATHER. The rainfall for October has been very heavy. At Jaffna it was 15.74 inches; at Batticoita 17.09 inches; and at Uduppidi on the north coast 17.21 inches. We have not had such a heavy October rainfall since 1887 when it registered over 18 inches at Uduppidi and a about 19 at Jaffna. November starts out well as a rainy month and it looks very much as if we were in for an old-time rainy season. There is very little wind and frequently the air is very close and muggy. On Sunday night there was a terrific thunder storm in Jaffna town and vicinity. The paddy looks finely all over the peninsula.

—DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gull arrived in Colombo on Thursday last. Mr. Gull resumed at once his duties as Director of Public Instruction. The revised Code for 1895 is in the hands of the printers, and in a recent interview with Mr. Walker, the Managers of Colombo and vicinity were informed that no modifications in the proposed scheme for English education could now be made.

—DEATH OF MRS. HENSMAN. A correspondent sends us the following notice of the death of one of Proctor Hensman's daughters. "It is with great regret we record the death of Miss Louisa Thiruvann Hensman, the fourth daughter of Mr. Alfred Hensman, of Uduppidi, on the 30th ult. She was intelligent, amiable and well disposed. To know her was to love her. The funeral took place on the following day at Charvagacherry. The service was conducted by the Revs. Messrs Backus and Daniel. "Not dead, but only gone before." The bereaved family have our sympathies.

—REV. J. J. WOOD. In a letter to one of the teachers in Jaffna College, Mr. Wood who was for several years a Professor at Batticoita, says,—"My work here (at Smith College for young ladies, U. S. A.) is pleasant but very different in its surroundings from what it was in Ceylon. I teach Bible, Hebrew, Greek Testament, and Comparative Religion. We had last year about 800 students, and there is talk of upwards of 1000 this year, but I hope we shall not have so many. The faculty is about 50, both men and women. The standard of admission and the courses are practically the same as at Yale or Harvard or any other man's college." Mr. Wood has entered his third year as professor in this large and flourishing Ladies' College and seems pleased with his work. We wish he could see his way clear to return to Jaffna.

—PROF. FRANCIS SANDERS Ph. D. Another name held in great esteem at Jaffna College both for his own as well as for his father's sake, is Mr. Sanders. We quote a few lines from a recent letter of his to the Editor of the Ceylon Observer. Speaking of the intended visit to Ceylon of Mr. John K. Mott, M. A. the representative of the Y. M. C. A. movement in the Colleges of the United States and Canada he writes—"I would make one suggestion regarding him, and that is that whatever is done, by way of preparation for his coming should allow him a very large share of his time for conferences with the leaders of the active Association work and for suggestions as to organization. He is the ablest man I ever knew for discovering the weak points in any organization and for remedying them."

We believe a convention is to be held some time in December, similar to the one held three years ago at Nellore, at which Mr. Mott will be the leader. We hope to publish the program in our next issue.

—ONE GOVERNOR. The Hon. Sir Arthur Havelock and party left Ceylon for Europe by the S. S. Massilia on the 24th ult. Sir Noel Walker, Lieut. Govt. has assumed the administration of the government. The Governor's time does not expire until the 23rd January next, by which date we shall hope to welcome our future Governor Sir Joseph West Ridgeway.

—KODAKS IN INDIA. The corner stone of what will be the chief observatory in India was laid by Lord Wellesley Governor of Madras at Kodakalank, the popular sanitarium of South India on the morning of the 21st ult. with imposing ceremonies.

—PHOTO-ENGRAVING. We have received a copy of a photo-engraving of Sir Arthur Havelock the work of our much esteemed photographer Mr. S. K. Lawton. It re-

flects great credit on Mr. Lawton's skill, and we trust it is but the beginning of similar experiments on the part of one of our enterprising Jaffnese. In the meantime, Mr. Lawton is prepared to do work of this kind at reasonable rates.

—AN INDIAN LADY DOCTOR. From the "Christian Patriot" (Madras) we learn that one Miss Rosa Govindarajulu, L. R. C. P., and S. E., M. D., &c., has returned to Madras after a singularly successful career as a Medical student in Edinburgh, Brussels and Dublin. It is three years since she left the Mysore service to proceed to Scotland with a view to secure a British qualification in Medicine and she has employed her time there in the most useful manner possible; for not only has she succeeded in securing the double qualification in Medicine and Surgery of Edinburgh, but she has also obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine of Brussels, and has specially qualified in Midwifery at the Dublin School of Medicine. She is the first Native Christian lady who has thus distinguished herself.

—Mr. Geo. Dutton who was acting for the Postmaster at Batticoita has been ordered to relieve the Postmaster at Pottor. While at Batticoita Mr. Dutton has given entire satisfaction to the Public and we wish him all success.

—PRESENTATION AT THE F. N. S. HOSPITAL. It was resolved unanimously at a meeting of the subscribers for the completion of the Lying-in-ward, held in the District Court Jaffna at which Mr. Cassi Chetty P. M. of Pt. Pedro presided, on the 26th Oct., that the sum collected amounting to over Rs. 6,000 be handed over to our Govt. Agent N. P. on the 9th Nov. with suitable ceremony and demonstration in his honor and that he as Chairman of the F. N. S. Committee be requested to expend the money in the completion of the Lying-in-ward.

It was further unanimously resolved that a mural tablet be placed in that building as a token of the respect and good will entertained by the subscribers for the Govt. Agent who has done so much for the good of the Province.

All subscribers and friends and well wishers of Mr. Wynnam are expected to be present on the occasion, a special pandal being put up for their accommodation. The ceremony will be in the afternoon between 3 and 6 P.M. Votes of thanks were also passed at the meeting for the interest taken in the matter by Messrs. Tampoo, Sandrasagaram, Aitiasakone, Tonsappi, Patterson, Meiyadin and several other representative members of the town and of the outstations, too numerous to mention.

Mr. Adv. Homer was elected the Hon. Sec. The Maniagars and other headmen are also doing their best. Mr. Karthiravainpillai P. M. of Kaits handed in a list with Rs. 150. The Bishop of Jaffna and clergy of the province have joined cordially in the movement. Mr. Adv. Nagalingam has subscribed very liberally.

—CLERICAL EXAMINATION. On the 15th of January 1896, an examination for admittance with the second class of the Government Clerical service is gazetted to be held and all the requirements necessary for the said Examination are published for general information in the Gazette of the 1st inst.

—MERCANTILE. We hear that the following changes are to take place owing to the death of the Medical Praet at Batticoita, Mr. William Kanagaratnam.

The Tricorneal Health Officer, Mr. Supramaniam goes to Batticoita, and Mr. Joshua now at Varany goes to Trincomalee while Mr. Margent of Jaffna takes Mr. Joshua's place.

—COACH ACCIDENT. We hear that an elderly woman was run over by the Point Pedro Private Coach one day last week, and so badly injured that she died in a short time.

NEWS FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

—RUSSIA. It is said that Russia has concluded a treaty with China securing special advantages for itself above other nations. If this is true (tho' there is reason to believe that it is partly false) Great Britain especially will be bound to object. On the other hand it would be but natural for Russia to secure certain concessions in view of the Great Siberian railway that she has under way.

—ARMENIA. It is stated that on the 8th Oct. a brutal murder of a number of Armenians (estimated at 600) was committed at Trebizond. At Balbec the Turks killed 150 Armenians and outraged and mutilated a number of women. Many houses were burned. At another place over 60 were killed. In the meantime the Sultan has ordered the British Consul and Madagascar the Queen accepts an absolute protectorate under the French. A Resident General has been appointed at Antananarivo. France will control the foreign relations and the internal financial affairs. She also reserves the right to maintain adequate military forces. France, however, assumes no responsibility for anterior treaties or concessions made by the Queen.

—ENGLAND. The betrothal of Princess Maud of Wales to Prince Charles, second son of the Crown Prince of Denmark, is announced. The Princess of Wales will not only have one unmarried daughter left, the Princess Victoria now is her 28th year.

—FRANCE. The French Cabinet has resigned owing to complication of certain deputies in the Southern Railway scandals. The defeat of the ministry was brought about by a coalition of Socialists and Conservatives.

THE TILLIPALLY INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

[Contributed.]

The new steam plant of this institution has just arrived and is to be installed at once. The ten horse power engine and 15 h. p. boiler when installed will cost about 3250 rupees, the sawmill about 1250 rupees. The new building will be 140 by 21 feet, and two storeys high with one storeyed verandah rooms twelve feet wide on both sides. It will include a dining hall, kitchen, store-room, well and bath room and cistern for storing rainwater, a boiler room, machine shop, wood working room, composing room, forge and iron working room, with a shed for the saw-mill extending to the west; and up-stairs, a book bindery extension, a room for storing manufactured furniture, and a room for training large classes in drawing.

The building will cost about 5000 rupees thanks to the fact that most of the work is doing by the pupils themselves of the Industrial School. The machine shop still needs for its complete equipment a planing machine costing rs. 400, an emery wheel costing rs. 100 a combined drilling and mortising machine for rs. 600 a screw-cutting lathe for rs. 300. The complete re-equipment of the school will thus cost about rs. 10,000. Of this sum it is desired to raise rs. 2000 in India and Ceylon in addition to any special grant which the Government may be induced to bestow.

The old students of the Training school responded very generously a few years since to an appeal in behalf of a memorial of the late Mr. Sanders the founder and first Principal of the school. Nearly every "old boy" contributed a month's income towards the building of Sanders Hall and with some help from private friends in America and a grant of one thousand dollars from the American Board, Sanders Hall, a two storey building measuring some 45 by 100 feet and containing some 14 rooms besides the school room of 24 by 30 ft. was erected at an actual cost of about 8000 rupees and a real value at current rates of 1200 rupees, more than two thirds of the labor on the building being done by the pupils.

The general public of Jaffna and Ceylon contributed but little to that earlier enterprise nor was their aid particularly sought. Now, however, we do need the help of all in providing a really adequate building and plant for the Industrial School. The old dining hall and kitchen have been quite outgrown and will be taken the former for a store-room and the latter for a boiler room while a new dining hall 30 feet square and a good kitchen and godown will be provided in the north wing of the new building.

Five hundred dollars have been raised for this north wing by the efforts of a venerable old lady in America Mrs. Mae Coll as a memorial of her son recently deceased who was specially interested in the work in Jaffna through the reading of Miss Leitch's book "Seven Years in Ceylon." One hundred pounds sterling have been given by another generous but unnamed donor towards the erection of the new "Hall of Industry." Other sums have been promised from England and America but they will not be enough to complete the buildings and plant without generous aid from the people of Ceylon and especially of Jaffna. But few Tamil boys can hope to enjoy the benefit of a training in the Technical school in Colombo but when this re-equipment has been completed there will be ample chance for a thoroughly practical training at far less expense in the Industrial school at Tillipally.

The first considerable local donation to this object was the generous gift of fifty rupees from the late Mr. Ranganathan of Tillipally. A gentleman in Madras has given a similar sum, so has Dr. Abraham of Rukwana. We are hoping to add many more names to this 50 rupee list. Mr. A. M. Sittambalam is collecting funds for this object among the Tamils, chiefly Jaffna men, in Colombo, and will, it is hoped, be able to secure some hundreds of rupees. Donations of any amount will be most gratefully received and we hope that many even who are not ready to aid ordinary forms of missionary enterprise will be willing to respond generously to this appeal in behalf of industrial training for the boys of Jaffna.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE J. A. B. S.

The annual public meeting of this Society was held in the Wesleyan chapel in Jaffna on the 29th ult. A large audience was present and listened most attentively to the various addresses of the evening. Our Govt. Agent W. C. Twyman Esq. c. m. a., occupied the Chair, and

after the preliminary exercises made a stirring speech on the importance of distributing the Bible among the people. The Bible was God's revelation to man. It showed man his condition; taught him his needs; and offered him salvation. This no other book did. How important therefore that it should be carried to every individual, &c. &c.

The annual report of the work of the Society was of more than usual interest, and showed that commendable progress had been made in every branch of the Society's work.

The report of the Treasurer showed a balance in hand that was satisfactory. It was said however that owing to the increased prices which the Auxiliary hereafter would have to pay for all Bibles, Testaments and Portions purchased, there would be need of all friends of the Society contributing liberally to its funds. Four resolutions were moved and seconded by missionaries and native pastors of the three Protestant missions, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for kindly consenting to take the chair on this occasion.

We rejoice that this Society has been permitted to do so good a work in the past, and pray that it may be even more successful in its labors in the future. It is a Society which appeals strongly to every Christian, and we trust that funds will be liberally provided for the carrying on of the work vigorously in the year to come.

FAULT FINDING.

It is a common evil. We are constantly finding fault. Either there has been too much rain and the growing grain has been submerged, or there has been too little, and the plants have been scorched. We find fault with the weather, forgetting that it is God who sends the rain, and causes the sun to shine. We look around on our little fields and complain if we are losers, though all the world besides may be the gainers. It shows a small, unkind, unthankful spirit to be ever thus complaining against our Maker and His dealings with us.

Again we find fault with each other. Instead of remembering the commendable qualities in a person and the good things he has done, we pick out all the unpleasant characteristics; and dwell on his mistakes or slips of omission. We condemn such and such an action neither knowing the motive that influenced it, nor sometimes even knowing aught of the deed itself except that we have heard that others said so and so. We should exercise great care in judging others simply on hearsay, lest it be the old story of the three black crows over again. Not less careful should we be in attributing motives for action where none such existed in the mind of the doer. Suppose the act is against our preconceived ideas of what is right and proper. Suppose in our opinion it does violate our conception of the proprieties. We are not called upon to pass judgment, and even if we were our judgment might be quite different if we knew his motives, or all the circumstances of the case. Let us not find fault. Let us not misconstrue motives. Let us not be so quick to take up every little act of apparent wrong-doing, and put the very worst possible construction upon it. May we be slow to pass judgment.

Y. M. C. A. WEEK OF PRAYER.

The following are the topics proposed by the Central International Committee for the Week of Prayer to be held from Nov. 10th to 16th inclusive.

Sunday, Nov. 10th. Faithfulness in Thanksgiving and in Heedfulness. Prayer that we may love God with a whole heart, and that His Word may become more precious to us.

Monday, Nov. 11th. Faithfulness in communion with God, individual and collective. The place God's Word should take in our lives; His action of the Holy Spirit in our souls, &c. Prayer that in all these points God's mind and will concerning us be fully realized.

Tuesday, Nov. 12th. Faithfulness in striving against sin. Prayer that we may be delivered from all wickedness; that our hearts may be purified from selfishness; that sin in every shape and form may become more and more hateful to us. Prayer also in behalf of Purity and Temperance work.

Wednesday, Nov. 13th. Faithfulness in the Inner Life of the Association. Prayer for the increase of brotherly love, mutual submission, of the spirit of intercessory prayer.

Thursday, Nov. 14th. Faithfulness in the missionary spirit. Prayer that the love of souls may inspire each member.

Friday, Nov. 15th. Faithfulness in the family and in society. Our duties toward relatives and employers; conscientiousness & uprightness in business, &c. &c. Prayer that in all these things we may glorify God more and more.

Saturday, Nov. 16th. Faithfulness in the church; zeal without narrow-mindedness. Activity in Sunday Schools and other branches of church work, &c. Prayer for all the children of God.

THE MOST IMPORTANT MAN IN CHINA.

Rev. Gilbert Reid who is a missionary among the higher and official classes in China writes to an American paper as follows:—

The most important man in the Chinese Empire, next to the Emperor, is Prince Kung. According to usage and experience the Prince should be at the head of the Government, while the young man who now sits on the throne, the son of a younger brother, might well hold some minor office, learning, statesmanship from older men.

Prince Kung was the man of power from 1860 to 1884. When the Emperor, his older brother, died from Peking of the appearance of the English and French soldiers, he remained behind to receive the enemy and arrange the terms of peace. His ability then as a young man of thirty was recognized on all sides, and today as a man of fifty-five he commands the respect of foreigners and the veneration of the Chinese.

When he first appeared on the scene of action in 1860 he displayed a keenness, courage and energy which saved the Empire from destruction and the dynasty from collapse. He adapted himself to the new conditions with remarkable facility for one representative of a conservative people and a retreating Government. He displayed a progressiveness superior to that of most of the princes and mandarins, and was ably seconded by the energetic and enlightened Grand Secretary, Li Hung Chang. He was revered by many as a follower of the foreigners, probably it was his progressive tendencies more than anything else, which caused the Empress Dowager to seek his retirement in 1884, at the close of the hostilities with France.

On his re-appearance, with reëffected health and with probably a degree of moribundness over the fourhardness of others and the mess they had made, he hardly displayed the courage and progressiveness of former years. He has been circumspect not only as to the country but as to his own interests and reputation. If he favored peace and the appointment of Viceroy Li, he set refrained from conspicuous insistence on the ratification of the treaty, and so saved himself from the reviling which others received. He has called the storm well with no disaster to himself or the dynasty.

Prince Kung is by far the most intelligent man I have met in Peking. His equal would be Li Hong Chang, who lives at the treaty port of Tientsin. He is more outspoken abrupt and direct, than most of the officials, and at the same time is courteous, respectful and cordial. He is not bound down by formalities, but is quick to see the first claims of business and the necessities of passing events. Whether he will at his age espouse the much-needed reforms is very doubtful. He realizes their importance, but knows the task to be one of many years and of stupendous difficulty.

RESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Morning Star."

DEAR SIR,

In view of what may be called the experimental attempt that is being made by an Italian gentleman in Colombo to grow the vine on a large scale, and what the Colon papers testify to be a successful one, it will not be uninteresting to note down a few facts about the prospects offered by Jaffna for a like attempt. That Jaffna is gaining ground, and I might almost say come to the front, in the field of vine-growing is evident from the fact that in districts like Matthalak, where the vine a few years ago was unknown, families are now being chiefly, if not entirely, supported by them. This vine grows here, so far as the writer has been able to ascertain, learned to regulate the periods of its yield, to suit their requirements. Apart from the nature of the soil which has been admitted on all sides to be peculiarly suited to it, the absence of frequent rains—rain at stated seasons only of the year—frees Jaffna above all other parts of the Island as the most favorable for this promising and still much-to-be-done industry. I will not be far wrong in saying that the benefits realized by the experimenters who have been deeply impressed with the issue of this undertaking, and more than supplied an impetus to others to follow in their wake.

As an instance worth recording I might mention the success achieved by the Police Vedhan of Valvettrani in his attempt at growing the vine. His plant is now three years old. At the end of its first year it is said to have reached a height of 8 feet. In its second year it was pruned when it yielded a crop of 30 bushels of grapes. As attention to pruning is essential in the third year, it was well manured with castling and bone dust. The tree is now seen spread out on a "Pothai" 24 by 10 paces. Its trunk measures one foot in circumference. The owner now expects a yield of 100 lbs or more which there is every likelihood of his realizing. Instances of this kind can be multiplied if further proofs are required as to the peculiar suitability of Jaffna for the vine culture. The case of the gentleman mentioned is an instance illustrating how the growth is facilitated by the soil and climatic conditions of Jaffna, notwithstanding the paucity of ears bestowed on it. Labour and land being cheap and favourable in Jaffna for a successful venture, it will not be a bad idea for the Italian gentleman who is now experimentally disposed in the south to turn his attention to the north, where, as he tries his luck, he is likely to be more successful. As the people of Jaffna are interested in it, and as the industry is not one likely to die a natural death, and with the easy steamer service between Jaffna and Colombo, where locally produced grapes find a ready and large sale, it will not be premature or unwarranted to predict that very desirable proportions could be attained in a trade which has till now been confined to a few districts.

If he is at all disposed to act upon the writer's suggestion and wishes for further information on it, may I request you to be good enough to furnish him with the names of the parties who are best able to deal with the subject.

Yours truly,

"VINUS."

[We have already dealt officially on this subject in a recent issue of the Star, and shall gladly be coming interested in the subject of fruit growing. We believe that much could be done on a small scale in Jaffna; along these lines, and we hope that there will be some ready to take up the industry in real earnest. E.M.S.]