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RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We regret the delay in the issue of the *Star*, but it was unavoidable owing to the increased work of getting out the supplement.

The next issue will be on the 9th January because of the intervening holidays.

We feel sure that our readers will feel repaid by a careful perusal of the report of the Y. M. C. A. Convention which fills four pages of a Supplement. A large number of copies have been ordered from Colombo, and over a hundred will be sent to England and America.

RECEIPTS TO THE MORNING STAR.

Udville.	The Boarding school	1.75
Kaia.	Mr. S. M. Thambipilly	1.25
Saravani.	Mr. A. Arumugam	1.00
Batticoita.	Rev. R. H. Rice Messrs. A. Edwards, Thambipilly A friend and the East school	6.00
Manippay.	Dr. Tillampalam and Mr. Albert Soppah	2.50
Araly.	Mr. S. Manageser	1.00
Jaffna Town.	The Library	1.50
Jaffna Kachehery.	The Government Agent	1.50
Kandy.	Mr. G. E. Muttisena	2.00
Colombo.	W. Candappah Mudli.	1.00
Jaffna town.	Mr. J. Mc Intyre The Library and C. Comarlah Mudli.	3.75
Batticoita.	A. Abraham P. Hudson S. Bueh	93.
Udville.	Williams Vyttilingam	6.25
Rattapora.	S. Chelliah	1.25
Jaffna town.	A. Arumugam	2.00
Tolpura.	The Library	1.50
Valay.	M. M. Rangasamy (89-90	2.50
	Mr. S. Sionanthu.	1.00

FOR SALE.

100,000 Old Indian Tea.
Apply to W. Modr. MUTTUWALPILAI,
Kantharody.

NOTICE.

The subscribers of the *Morning Star* who have not as yet sent in their dues are hereby reminded to remit the same at their earliest convenience.

The Jaffna Trading Company Limited undertake to cash Straits Settlements' Bills of Exchange. Drafts on Banks in Ceylon, on easy terms.
M. Vyttilingam,
Managing Director.

THE JAFFNA TRADING COMPANY LTD.

Just received for sale
American day light Kerosine oil
Best Portland cement
Zinc sheets
Slates for schools
Printing papers 14, 20 and 23 lbs. single Demy 40 lbs. Double Demy
Note papers
Envelopes, pen holders and B. B. pencils
Buttons best quality with shoulder buttons do—ordinary good kinds
Price reasonable
21st November 1895,

IN THE PRESS.

Tamil Calendars for 1896 Price 5 cents.
Postage 2 cents.

BIRTH.

On the 4th December, at Thumpally Estate, Pt. Pedro, the wife of J. F. Phillips Esquire of Vettakado Estate, Pailai, of a son.

On the 16th inst. at Pt. Pedro Mission House the wife of Rev. Sheldon Knapp of a son.

DEATH.

At Manippay on Saturday the 7th Dec. 95 Janepillai wife of Mr. Richard Lawton of Dunedin, Estate Yattantota, aged about 42.

Died on the morning of Dec. 17th. at Point Pedro, the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon Knapp "safe in the arms of Jesus."

FOR SALE.

Calicut Tiles—flat, ridge, glass and ventilators and flooring bricks.

William Mather.

NOTICE.

To Stamp collectors.
Wanted to purchase used Ceylon. Postage stamps applying description of stamps and stating price to "D."

Care of PostMaster
Badulla 14th December 1895.

WHERE CAN YOU BUY THINGS CHEAP? GO TO WARD AND DAVY.

Christmas goods will be ready for sale about 8th December. English white shirts, Flannel shirts, Bombay white shirts, Ready made coats for men, young men and boys, Stylish English cheaks for coating, the Best Long cloths ever imported in Jaffna, fancy prints, chintz, Muslin chelays, Muslins, Drills, Kaki Drill of the best quality &c. Canvas shoes of the best quality for men. Kid leather shoes for Ladies, Patent Leather shoes for children, Socks, Stockings, Straw hats &c. Handkerchiefs of the very best quality for Ladies and Gentlemen.
Rubber Dolls and other toys.

WANTED.

For Point Pedro English School an Assistant Master, who can teach any standard in the middle school. Apply to
Rev. S. Knapp,
Manager.

COPY TRAINING INSTITUTION.

The above institution will be re-opened D.V. after the Christmas Holidays on Saturday January the 4th 1896. There will be an examination for the admission of students (who should have passed the IV Standard in all subjects) on Saturday morning the 4th at 9 A. M.
J. I. PICKFORD.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary } No. 701.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Samuel Jacob Champion of Jaffna Town Deceased.
Samuel Beadle of Batticoita Petitioner.

1. Rev. George Champion and wife
2. Mary Ponnammah of Chundicherry Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Samuel Beadle of Batticoita praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named Samuel Jacob Champion of Jaffna Town coming on for disposal before F. J. de Livera Esq., District Judge, on the 10th day of December 1895 in presence of Mr. T. M. Tompou, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the said Petitioner dated the 10th day of December 1895 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is next of kin of the said intestate and is as such 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 29th day of January 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 10th day of December 1895 F. J. de Livera, District Judge.

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Samuel Beadle of Batticoita Petitioner.

1. C. T. Mills wife
2. Mary Mills of Manippay
3. Marimuttu C. Sanders, wife
4. Catherine Annammah Sanders of Karadive
5. Arthur Edwards, wife
6. Elizabeth Thankathar Edwards of Batticoita
7. Gorgiana Valpilly, widow of A. Valpilly Respondents.

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Local & General.

—We regret to report the serious illness of Mr. J. R. Arnold, the Tamil Editor of the *Morning Star*. Mrs. Scott, Mills and Paul are in attendance and we are sure all that can be done for his recovery will be done. Our readers will unite with us in expressing the hope that he may soon recover and be spared to continue in his literary work for some years to come.

—CAVE'S CHRISTIAN No. We have received a copy of Cave's Monthly Review for December which is very neatly gotten up and is full of suggestions for the best use of one's money for the approaching Christmas season.

—HIGH WAGES. Mr. Geo. D. Murier has received £10,000 for a story which is to appear in an American Magazine during the coming year.

—FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Rev. Wm. Miller L.L.D., Principal of Madras Christian College, has been re-elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland. It is expected that he will leave India for England sometime soon.

—DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. A number of Managers from Colombo waited upon the Director of Public Instruction on the 10th inst. and made known their grievances. The *Ceylon Observer* says,—"while expressing sympathy with the Deputation Mr. Coll, we believe, informed the gentlemen that it was too late for him to do anything for them as the revisions had been sanctioned by the Government. The alterations however had not become an operative measure and the Director advised the gentlemen to memorialize Government on the subject, and it is just possible we understand that a *via media* will be found out of the difficulty."

—PT. PEDRO MAGISTRATE. From the *Government Gazette* we learn that Mr. W. L. Kinderley has been appointed Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate for Pt. Pedro and Chavagochert with effect from the 12th inst. Mr. J. J. Cassie Chetty will continue to act for the present.

—ILLEGAL SALE OF INTOXICANTS. In regard to illicit sellers the *Ceylon Patriot* says,—"The illicit seller is often an ally of the tavern keeper. He is only an agent who sells for the tavern keeper in places where the tavern keeper cannot sell himself." Too great vigilance cannot be exercised with regard to this matter.

—WELWYAN MISSION. Held a temperance meeting at Vempadi last night. The hope similar agitations will take place at other places.

—ABNORMAL RAINFALL. Batticoita and vicinity came in for something like a cloud burst on the 2nd inst. There was registered the next morning a rain of over 8 inches the heaviest rainfall in 24 hours that we have had in the peninsula for years. It is reported that some damage has been done to the paddy crop in Batticoita and the Islands.

—TEACHERS! TEACHERS! Be careful for it is reported that the New Code for 1896 will require intelligent reading in the lower standards, i. e. being able to give definitions of words, and meanings of phrases.

—MR. H. L. WILSON. The Bachelor member in Council has returned from England and was present at the Council sitting on Wednesday the 11th inst.

—GYMNASIA MEET. The committee appointed to supervise the sports on Christmas met in the District Court House on the evening of the 16th inst.

—EXAMINATIONS. The Cambridge Senior and Junior local Examinations were held in Queen's House in Fort. commencing from the 14th inst. Two candidates presented themselves for the examinations one for the senior and the other for the Junior. The Madras Matriculation examination was held in the "Central College" hall on the 16th inst. and following days. There were only three candidates for the examination. The general rush appears to be for the Calcutta examinations, for we understand that there are about 100 students who are prepared to be enlisted for the Calcutta entrance alone.

—JAFFNA NOTES. District Court Mr. F. J. de Livera, our District Judge, has been promoted to District Judge of Galle, with effect from 16th inst. During the short time, he was in Jaffna, he earned the respect and esteem of the bar and the public for his good qualities.

—MR. H. L. CAMERON of Anuradhapura succeeds Mr. Livera in Jaffna but he has not yet arrived and the work of the Court is at a stand still.

—MR. COURTIS Mr. G. W. Woodhouse, Police Magistrate of Jaffna, has been appointed assistant Collector of Customs and additional Commissioner and Police Magistrate of Trincomalee, but he will continue to act as Police Magistrate &c. of Jaffna until further orders.

JOTTINGS FROM POINT PEDRO.

—WEATHER. After heavy down-pours of rain during the month we are now enjoying fine, clear weather. The nights are rather chilly.

—Our Police Magistrate was laid up with malarial fever during the week, but we are glad that he is now getting better.

—Mr. Samuel George, Head Master of the Welwyan Mission School at Trincomalee, who came for his daughter's wedding is still here. Owing to the high sea we had when the S.S. "Lady Havock" passed this way on her trip north-about, no passengers were able to go on board. The two boats that ventured out fared all the worse for it.

—SERVICE OF SOLO. A Lyric Concert was held on the night of the 18th inst. in the "Central College" hall, and the proceeds of the entertainment were given to the Welwyan Female Boarding school building fund. Much credit is due to Mrs. Trimmer and Miss. Lamb for the successful disposal of admission tickets. About 300 tickets were sold.

நீதி இராச்சியத்தானே உயர்த்தும், பாவமோ எந்தச் சனங்களுக்கும் இகழ்ச்சி.

இதில் பந்தம்.]

யாழ்ப்பாணம், துஷ்டம் (ஸ்ரீ) மார்க்ஸ் டீ' கக் & வ. வியாழக்கிழமை.

[சங்கியை, உத.

இலங்கைப் புகைக்கப்பற் கொம்பனி (லிமீற்றேட்)



இந்தக் கொம்பனி யாரின் "தெய்வகவலக" என்னும் கப்பல் பீய்வலும் திகழியில் பீய்...

வினாவிலுள்ளதும் கலன சமாலுக்குமே வேண்டுமாலுள்ளதே வினாப்புகைப்பற் கொம்பனி...

கொம்பனி வித்தியாசம்.

இவ் வித்தியாசம் கந்தர்வ விநாயகமேயுடைய மறுபுகை...

முடிக்குரியகனரி விநாயக விளம்பரம். இதனால் சுவஸ்தமும் அறிவிக்கிறதெனவேண்டும்...

அறிவித்தல். மத்தியில் கதிர்வாழ் இராஜாசன் கச்சிப்பின்னையாய்க்...

பிரபம்.

மாண்புமாய்மை மார்க்ஸ் டீ' 1 & 2 லுயிற்றுக்கிழமை...

1896 ம் (ஸ்ரீ) பஞ்சாங்கம்.

அச்சிவித்தல். 1905, 1 சந்தம். தபாற்செவ்வாய் 2 சந்தம்.

விளம்பரம்.

பால்க்கப்பட்டு இலங்கைத் தபால்முத்திரைகள் வரக்...

புத்தக விளம்பரம்.

- 1 திருச்சந்தம் - - - - - 0 15
2 வேலையங்கநாதி - - - - - 0 10
3 தளபதாயகம் - - - - - 1 12

J. R. Arnold.

உதயதாரகை

துஷ்டம் (ஸ்ரீ) மார்க்ஸ் டீ' கக் & வ.

நம் வகுடாந்தப்பிரம்.—The 39th Editorial Year.—இப்பகுதியில் கையெழுத்தான உதயதாரகை...

சங்கியைக்கக் கவனிக்கிறதும் அவர் தாமே நடத்திகொள்ள...

புதினமென்ன?—What is the News?—ஒரு சிறுமைக்குள்ளே வடதேசத்திலே இலங்கைக்கு வந்த அச்சி...

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பன்னித் தினங்களான பழையோருடன் சென்றவிறும் பவ்...

யாழ்ப்பாணம்

கால சங்கம்.—Weather.—அடுத்த சிறு "அதிவிதஷ்டம்"...

நத்தார்ப்பெருகாரன்.—Christmas—சமீபத்தில் பௌத்த...

முனிப்திசு நீதிபதி.—The District Judge.—யாழ்ப்பாணம்...

பெருந்தகை.—அடுத்த சிறு "அதிவிதஷ்டம்"...

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THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Before the next issue of the *Star*, the Christmas holidays will have come and gone. We wish all our readers, (though several days ahead of time) a very "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year". May Christmas be a happy day,—a day of receiving and giving gifts, a day of much social enjoyment, and above all a day when the Christ-like spirit will predominate in our hearts and find expression in our lives.

Christmas is the great holiday of Christendom. It is the one day which is almost universally observed. In Europe, America and Australia, and in some parts of Asia and Africa, the day is kept as a public holiday. Every Christian country celebrates the day; and in every non-Christian country it is a day of joy and gladness to those who call themselves the followers of the lowly Nazarene. Even those for whom the day has no significance whatever, come in for a show of its pleasures. It is the one holiday that is common to all.

The origin of Christmas is obscure, but we may trace its growth through many centuries. As our readers are aware, it is celebrated as the birthday of Jesus Christ. Scholars may be divided in opinion as to whether December or a subsequent month was really the month of the nativity. It makes little difference whether we hold the exact day or not, so long as we observe one day as the natal day of our Lord.

The first traces we find of the observance of Christmas as a special day, were at the close of the second century. Tradition tells us that less than a hundred years from that time, in the reign of Diocletian, he heard that many Christians had gathered together in the city to observe the birthday of Jesus Christ. Ordering that the doors of the church in which they were assembled be closed, be set fire to the building, and thus perished a great multitude. Surely in this instance at least it was a day of sorrow and mourning. From the fifth to the eighth centuries interest was awakened in all the festivals of the church which resulted in a more systematic arrangement of the time of these festivals. Dec. 25th was not chosen by chance. There were many reasons for fixing upon that day, the most powerful one being that it was about the time of the winter solstice, the most important part of the year according to the notions of that age, the "beginning of renewed life and activity." The nations of Europe held this day in special esteem; for instance Germany held its Yule feast on that day.

That Christmas day had in its earlier history many of the elements of heathenism is undoubtedly true, but as time passed on Christianity exerted a purifying influence until to-day it is suggestive of none but the highest and purest thoughts. Christmas carols and Christmas trees bring to our minds the Christ child, and awaken feelings of generosity and good will. It is the day of gifts,—a day when all the nobler feelings in the heart of man are aroused,—a day that brings a ray of light and gladness to many a sad and discouraged member of the human family. Above all, it is a day of glad tidings,—a day when we hear the echo of the angelic refrain "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

In England and America for days and weeks before the 25th there is great activity in the business world. Every department of trade almost gets into the spirit of the days and puts its best foot forward, springing into new life and activity. In one of the large cities the two or three days before Christmas are very busy ones. Every shop window is fairly resplendent with its stores. Crowds of people pass along the streets, their arms filled with bundles. Every where you come across fir trees, some large, some small, and nearly all destined to play a most important part in the festivities of Christmas week. Vehicles of every kind are rushing about hither and thither laden with boxes and bundles suggestive of Christmas cheer. It makes an animated and interesting scene and one not soon to be forgotten.

We wish Jaffna might participate more generally and heartily in the observance of this day. We wish it might be observed more as a day for the interchange of gifts, however trifling they might be. It is looked forward to by many a child in Jaffna as the time when he or she expects some little gift from the lady missionary. Would that it might be a day when all the members of the family could meet in glad reunion to partake of Christmas cheer. Not for anything extravagant do we plead, but for some difference in the day,—an extra curry for example, or a dish of sweetmeats. Above all let us make it a

day of gladness, a day of calling to mind the babe in the manger at Bethlehem, a day of loving remembrance of all the blessings we have received from the Christ child.

*Carol, brothers, carol,
Carol joyfully,
Carol the good tidings,
Carol merrily,
And pray a gladsome Christmas
For all your fellow-men;
Carol, brothers, carol,
Christmas day again."

THE CEYLON EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

This Association has been formed, and a number have been enrolled as members. A deputation waited upon H. E. the Lieut. Governor on Tuesday the 17th inst. and presented a memorial touching upon the proposed changes in the Code. Individual members of the deputation also said a few words in support of the memorial. Sir John Grinlinton who introduced the deputation, also urged its claims.

H. E. the Lieut. Governor, (says the Ceylon Observer in reply stated that while he was prepared to give the views of the Deputation his most careful attention, he could not well reverse the decision of H. E. the Governor, which had been arrived at after due deliberation, nor could he make any alteration in the Code without the advice of the executive Council. He deprecated the idea that there was any intention on the part of Government to rush the proposed changes, and assured the deputations that when the alterations were proposed it was with the view of strengthening their hands. His Excellency concluded by expressing the hope that the deputation would be satisfied with his assurance that the memorial would receive every consideration.

The Editor of the *Observer* in an editorial comment, fears that this answer is not a very encouraging one for Managers.

We append the rules of the Ceylon Educational Association for the benefit of those who may wish to become members.

The officers elected are Rev. Philip Read M. A. President; The very Rev. Father Collin O. M. I. Vice President; Rev. J. Passmore, Secretary; and the Rev. G. Arndt, M. A. Treasurer.

Applications for membership should be sent to the Secretary.

RULES.

1. The Association shall be called "The Ceylon Educational Association," and its objects shall be to advance by virtue of being Managers of Schools, Heads and Principals Teachers of Schools and Colleges, Missionaries or Heads of Missions, shall be eligible for membership.
2. Such persons as are named in rule 1 on application to the Hon. Secretary and upon approval of the Standing Committee of the Association, shall be enrolled as members thereof.
3. The object of the Association shall be to watch over and promote the interests of "Grant-in-aid" schools, and churches generally in Ceylon.
4. Each member on being enrolled shall pay, an entrance fee of not less than Rs. 5.
5. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
6. A Standing Committee shall also be appointed at the Annual General Meeting, to consist of sixteen members representative of the different educational bodies in the island, together with the officers of the Association.
7. Seven to form a quorum.
8. The Standing Committee shall meet not less than once in 3 months, and a General Meeting shall be summoned once a year, in the month of September.
9. No motion shall be brought before the General Meeting which has not been previously submitted to, and approved by, the Standing Committee not less than three weeks before such General Meeting.
10. The work of the Standing Committee shall be to act on behalf of the Association during its term of office.
11. The Standing Committee is empowered to summon an extraordinary General Meeting on its own motion, or upon the requisition of at least one-fifth of the members of the Association.
12. No rule of the Association shall be rescinded except by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at the Annual General Meeting.

TREATMENT OF HYDROPHOBIA BY VAPOUR BATH.

(Contributed.)

As some space was given in your columns a short time ago to draw attention to a method of treating hydrophobia your readers may be interested in the following. On Nov. 2nd a patient was brought in our dispensary. Manipay, who the history that eight days previously he had been bitten by a dog, and it was feared that he was developing hydrophobia. He was in a state of severe mental anxiety, had not slept for some little time, and was suffering great pain in the leg. He had received a punctured wound in the foot five days after the bite of the dog, and this wound was very painful and the foot much swollen. No definite symptoms of hydrophobia were present but as a possible prophylactic he was given a vapour bath lasting for twenty minutes. This was repeated in the evening of the same day. He slept well, and seemed so much better in the morning that we directed attention only to the punctured wound, thinking that he was unduly frightened by the fact that he had been bitten. On the thirteenth day after the bite the patient became much worse and soon delirious

symptoms of hydrophobia appeared. The spasm of the muscles of deglutition and inspiration was very well marked, and the anxiety on the face of the patient was most pitiable. He was given a bath for half an hour at 8 P. M. This was repeated four times, at intervals of four hours, on the following day, Nov. 6. By this time the patient was perfectly quiet, but very weak, as was to be expected. Stimulants were given, and the bath repeated thrice for a somewhat shorter period on the 7th. Twice more, on the next day was the bath used. All symptoms, however, disappeared, simple tonic treatment was resorted to, the patient remained in the hospital for eighteen days longer during which time attention was given only to the wound previously mentioned, and to building up his strength. On the 26th of Nov. he went home quite well. He returned several times to the dispensary to show the injured foot but all trace of hydrophobia had entirely disappeared.

This method of treatment is so simple, that should it prove as effective in further cases, it is well worth knowing. If those who are in a position to do so would test the efficacy of this line of treatment, and prove its curative value, it would be a boon to our island, where this horrible disease is comparatively common. T. B. SCOTT, M. D.

THE VICEROY AT TANJORE.

TANJORE, December 5.

The Viceroy and party arrived here and were received at the Station by the Collector who made the principal presentations, whereupon the Municipal address was read by Mr. Murugasam Pillay, Deputy Collector. Referring to it, his Excellency said that he confessed that he always had with some feelings of regret recollections, melancholy though they may be of memories of the past. If he might be pardoned to introduce an individual experience on an occasion of this sort, he would say that they had a motto in his family which recalled to him somewhat similar recollections. They had always been taught not to regard fallen glories with regret but as stimulants to resolute action, to adapt themselves to altered circumstances. What was true of a family or of individuals might also be true of communities like themselves. With proper changes rendered necessary by altered circumstances, if they face life men the altered circumstances there might be a bright future, not unworthy of their past greatness. If their position was not one of great oriental pomp to-day they said that they recognised that they shared in the blessing of British rule, its peace and security. At that hour and with such limited time as had been at his disposal, he did not propose to detain them with any detailed observations, but with their permission to proceed to see the sights they had to show him. An address such as theirs couched in terms of loyalty and cordiality could not but evoke sentiments of appreciation and he begged to assure them that he would carry with him the warm recollections of their welcome to Lady Elgin and himself. The Viceroy then proceeded to the temple and Palace.

NEWS FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

—TURKEY. The situation still remains critical. The Sultan disregards the repeated councils of the Powers. Fresh massacres of Christians have taken place at Aintab. The entire population of the village of Jortian numbering upwards of 200 souls, has been killed.

—ITALY. A party who were recently in Sicily, was ordered to reside in the Sultan's palace, but having murdered a man took refuge in the British Consulate. The Sultan sent ministers and his Private Secretary to try to induce him to return, promising that nothing should happen to him. Finally after several days he yielded returning home on the 9th inst. A change of the Turkish ministry is expected. The Sultan, who appeared thrice from the Powers has allowed the extra guardships to pass the Dardanelles.

—AUSTRIA. There has been some fighting between the Italians and King of the leader of the Slovaks. The fighting lasted for six hours, the Italians being defeated with heavy loss, 17 officers, 40 non-commissioned officers and several hundred men were killed including the massacred wounded soldiers. The Italian government has ordered the despatch of 4000 men from Naples as reinforcements. The Slavic army numbers some 35000 men.

—RUSSIA. Cholera is prevalent in Russia, no fewer than 100 deaths being weekly recorded.

—SPAIN. The Spanish government will send next month another reinforcement of 10,000 troops to Cuba.

—MADAGASCAR. An anti-European mob attacked the Quaker's mission station at Arivonimamo on the 22nd Nov. and massacred and mutilated the missionary John besides his wife and child.

U. S. A. There has been a terrible fire in Chicago. The premises of 10 business firms were destroyed. The loss was estimated at \$2,000,000 sterling. A large fire in New York city is also reported, with heavy loss.

—HEAVY GALES & STORMS. Heavy north east gales were experienced in the English Channel last month, and many shipping casualties, and deaths have been reported. In South Russia also terrible storms were experienced in the Black Sea, the damage done being estimated at \$2,000,000. At least 60 persons are reported to have been killed.

Local and General.

—JAFFNA TRADING COMPANY. A meeting of the Directors of this company was to be held yesterday the 18th inst. in the town.

—JAFFNA MARKETS. The by-laws relating to the markets of the Jaffna district have been published for general information in the Govt. Gazette of the 6th inst. They consist of 24 clauses, and will be interesting and useful reading to the traders of Jaffna.

—NEW ORDINANCES. His Excellency the Governor has given his assent to the Court of Requests ordinance No. 12 of 1895 and to the Evidence Act No. 14 of 1895. The Government has found a way to carry through these ordinances in Council against strong opposition by the members of the Ceylon bar and the public in general.

—JAFFNA SHOPS. The number of the Jaffna shops has of late considerably increased, and more than six Christmas New Year circulars have been sent out. There is a large and new supply of goods exposed for sale, and every shop vies with the others in splendor.

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