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RIGHTNESS IS ALTHOUGH A NATION BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.

NOTICE.

The examination for the admission of girls into the Jaffna Vernacular girls' Boarding school will be conducted on the 7th of May commencing at 10 o'clock.
A. E. RESTARICH,
Manager.

RECEIPTS TO THE MORNING STAR.

Strait Settlements	Mr. E. Vallipuram	5.00
Mallagan	Mr. C. Wyanathan	2.00
Kalpanpura	Mr. C. Chittamparappillai	2.00
Pelmadula	Mr. S. Nallatambay	2.00
Batticocha	Mr. M. Gnananuttu	1.00
Tellippalai	Messrs S. Kriehner, C. Winslow, W. D. Ponnangaliam, and S. Seevaratnam	5.00
Jaffna Kachchery	Messrs Sinnambay and Lawrence	2.00
Odooville	Mr. L. H. Lee	1.25
Yannarponny	The Victoria Reading Hall	1.50
Jaffna Kachchery	Mr. Thillampalam	.50
Jaffna Kachchery	Mr. Thillampalam	1.50
Colombo	Mr. V. R. Papp	2.00
Jaffna Kachchery	Mr. Thillampalam	1.00

NOTICE.

Holders of scholarships in *Female Seminary* are warned that unless they are in their places at Odooville before the close of this week (Sat. May 2nd) their scholarships will be forfeited and such vacancies will be promptly filled by the appointment of other beneficiaries among those who shall have returned promptly at the opening of the new term.
T. S. SMITH,
Manager.

NOTICE.

Candidates for the new English Class in *Odooville Female Seminary* should present themselves at the school at Odooville. Terms rupees twenty per term of four months for board and tuition including instrumental music; text books to be purchased by the pupils and fees to be paid in advance.

N. B. As no English class can be formed unless adequate number of suitable candidates apply, all who have been demanding more English at Odooville should now make every effort to rally their forces for the formation of such a class as will be worthy of the School and of their own insistent demands.
T. S. SMITH,
Manager.

NOTICE.

The undersigned *Cartographer*, Arumugam David of Kappashany Odooville (late Surveyor and Estimator and Permanent Way Inspector of Railway for many years in India and Engineer Assistant to Provincial Engineer Eastern Province) now holding License of the Surveyor General Colombo, to practise as Surveyor and leveller in the Island of Ceylon, will begin to practise on District and Police Court orders and to attend on calls of the Public from the 23rd April 1896.

Books of any description on Surveying, Levelling, Estimating and designing for buildings will be carefully attended to with the least possible delay, having all scientific and mathematical instruments to carry the different kinds of works.

Orders from distant places such as Paim, Chavagachchery, Paim, Paim, Katis can be communicated 2 days prior to the date fixed to execute the work either by letter or by any other means.

District and Police Court works will be very punctually and very carefully attended to without any delay. Orders from Proctors, Advocates and the public are earnestly solicited.
C. A. DAVID,
Odooville, Kappashany.

JUST IMPORTED FROM ENGLAND.

HAPPY NEWS

to sufferers from Bilious complaints, Constipation, Acidity, Headache, Giddiness, Dizziness of Sight &c. and to Ladies who suffer from painful Menstruation, Liver complaints &c.

Scoble's pearl coated pills. Easy to swallow and pleasant to the taste.

Antibilious pills each.....5 cents
Demerollic pills each.....5 cents
Purgative pills mild each.....5 cents
do do strong each.....5 cents

TO HORSE OWNERS.

Horse Balle Theriac.....75 cents
do do Alterative.....75 cents

WARD & DAY,
Jaffna.

THE CEYLON STEAMSHIP Co. Ltd.



The Company's Steamer "Lady Havlock" is appointed to sail from Kangesanturai for Colombo on the following dates.

May 12th.

26th.

The Steamer "Lady Gordon" is appointed to sail from Kangesanturai for Colombo via Trincomalee on the noon of the following dates.

May 25th.

29th.

W. MATHER,
Agent.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
In the matter of the estate of the late Achelippillai wife of Chinmatampi Kanakarattinam of Chankuveli Deceased.

Testamentary Jurisdiction. No. 745.
Chinmatampi Kanakarattinam of Chankuveli Petitioner.

1. Tankam wife of Tamparampallai Chippiramaniar & 2 Kuddippillai wife of Kantanayyar Tambrath both of Mannippr Respondents
This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration for the estate of his abovenamed wife Achelippillai deceased, coming on for disposal before H. H. CAMERON, Esquire, District Judge on the 31st day of March 1896 in the presence of Mr. S. E. Arnold Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the said Petitioner, dated the 30th day of March 1896 having been read; It is ordered that the Petitioner be, and he is hereby declared to be entitled as widow of the said deceased late Achelippillai, to have Letters of Administration for the estate granted him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 5th day of May 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 31st day of March 1896.
H. H. CAMERON,
District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
Testamentary Jurisdiction. No. 747.
In the matter of the estate of the late Arumugam Changanappillai of Pallai in Tellippalai Deceased.
Ponnar Murukchea of Pallai in Tellippalai Petitioner.

1. Muruk Vichuvastar of Pallai in Tellippalai
2. Muruk Arnachalam of do
3. Chinnattampi Valiveth of do
4. Chinnattampi Arumugam of do
5. Tankam wife of Ponnar Murukchea of do
6. (Minor.) Chinnattampi Ponniah of do
Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Ponnar Murukchea of Pallai in Tellippalai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Arumugam Changanappillai of Pallai in Tellippalai coming on for disposal before H. H. CAMERON, Esquire, District Judge on the 9th day of April 1896 in the presence of Mr. P. C. Changanappillai proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 20th day of March 1896 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the sole heir 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 May 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed the 9th day of April 1896.
H. H. CAMERON,
District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
Testamentary Jurisdiction. No. 748.
In the matter of the estate of the late Ponnampalam Kanagasabai of Batticocha west Deceased.
Ponnampalam Kalyayappillai of Batticocha west Petitioner.

1. Chithamparanchy widow of Ponnampalam Kanagasabai
2. Chellammattu daughter of Kanagasabai and wife of Navasivayam Tambinathar
3. Thilamattu daughter of Kanagasabai all of Batticocha west Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Ponnampalam Kalyayappillai the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the abovenamed deceased Ponnampalam Kanagasabai of Batticocha west coming on for disposal before H. H. CAMERON, Esquire, District Judge, on the 10th day of April 1896 in the presence of Mr. R. Mallaganam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 30th day of March 1896 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is brother of the said intestate and 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 18th day of May 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 10th day of April 1896.
H. H. CAMERON,
District Judge

Recal & General.

TO THE BELOVED MEMORY

MARTHA ASBURY

The dearly beloved and deeply regretted WIFE OF

Rev. Francis Asbury;
Her great and loving heart,
Her noble soul,

Her clear, powerful, original, and comprehensive intellect,

Made her the guide and support,
THE INSTRUCTOR IN VIRTUE,
AND THE EXAMPLE IN GOODNESS
AS SHE WAS THE CONSTANT DELIGHT

OF THOSE WHO HAD THE HAPPINESS TO BELONG TO HER,—

Who earnest for all public good

Who she was good and devoted

Who all who surrounded her.

Her influence has been felt

In many of the earnest Christian

endeavours of the Church,

And will be in those still to come.

WERE THERE MORE FOND HEARTS, AND

INTELLECTS LIKE HERS,

This earth would already become like unto

THE HOPED-FOR HEAVEN.

SHE DIED

At Gordon Villa, April 3rd, 1896.

THE JAFFNA COMMERCIAL CORPORATION, LTD.

On the 17th April 1896 at 4.30 P.M. was held at the office of the Ceylon Steam Ship Company, Jaffna, a meeting in connection with a proposed Joint Stock Company to be started in Jaffna. Mr. Advocate Kanagasabai was in the Chair and Mr. Proctor Arnold was appointed Secretary pro tem. A sub-committee was appointed to draft regulations for the company. Fifteen gentlemen were appointed as the first Directors. Their names are as follows:—Messrs. M. Geddes, Alex. Toussaint, A. Kanagasabai, Wm. Mathar, S. Nagalingam, G. W. Toussaint, M. B. Swaminathan, S. Manneappillai, R. M. Valumillai, V. Casipillai Modir, Comaravayappillai, S. Venasintambay, S. Nagasather, Bassanando, and Matiasamappillai of Paitoor.

Mr. Alex. Toussaint has been appointed Treasurer, and Mr. Proctor S. T. Arnold Secretary. The capital of the company will be Rs. 100,000 divided into 1000 shares of Rs. 100 each. About 300 shares have been booked.

The objects of the company are to carry on trading and general banking business. The company will soon be registered under the Joint Stock Companies' Ordinance.

Dr. L. Spaulding. This gentleman who holds testimonials of a high order from several distinguished medical men, and who had practised his profession for about twenty years under the Government to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, has we are glad to say, accepted an appointment under Government at Sinayoor Estate, Veyangode, on a salary of Rs. 1600 per annum, with free quarters and servant.

Dr. Spaulding was a very distinguished student of the late Dr. Green, and belonged to the same class as Drs. Paul, Mills, Strong, Modir, and Sivaprakasam. He is a brother of Mr. D. P. Adams of Navally, retired sheriff of the Bazar of Madras, Rander.

Mr. E. B. Redlich of the Wesley College won the University Scholarship of £ 120 sterling per annum tenable for four years.

A Telephone. Preparations are being made to connect Mount Lavinia with Colombo by a telephone.
New Books. A supply of a hundred new books by the most popular authors of the day has arrived for the Colombo Library.

Calcutta University. In the Entrance Examination of this University 2896 candidates were successful, of whom 467 were placed in the first class, 1155 in the second and 1074 in the third. Those who passed in Ceylon number 62 distributed as follows:

Jaffna College	15	Buddhist H.H. School Rander	4
Trinity College	10	St. Thomas' College	3
Private Students	7	Wesley College	2
Hindu College	6	City School, Colombo	2
General College	6	Prince of Wales College	1
St. John's College	5	Teacher	1

In the P. A. Examination 1141 were successful, of whom 60 were placed in the first class 234 in the second, and 847 in the third. Nine of these were from Ceylon, 6 from Jaffna College, 2 from St. John's and 1 from Trinity.

A WORTHY LIFE.

Mrs. Asbury, the wife of the senior native pastor (emeritus) of the churches of the American Mission, who has recently passed away at the ripe age of nearly 80 years was in many respects a notable woman. She was one of the earlier graduates of the Ooderville Female Seminary. The from a heathen home she gave her heart to the Saviour while a pupil in that institution. She was married in 1844 to Francis Asbury a young graduate of the Batticotta Seminary and went at once with him to engage in missionary work in the Madras Mission in Southern India. For more than twenty years they labored together in various capacities in connection with several stations in India, only returning finally to Jaffna in 1860. From the formation of the church of Christ at Navaly as a colony from the Manipay church in 1860 it was under the care of Mr. Asbury who was ordained as its pastor at the time of its organization as a separate church. Mr. Asbury remained in full charge of this pastorate till the increasing infirmities of age led him in 1887 to seek the appointment of an associate pastor, to whom, on the occasion of his ordination two years later, he resigned all the responsibilities of the office the he still continues to be pastor emeritus and as such to receive a small stipend from the church. During this long and happy pastorate Mrs. Asbury was always an helpmeet to her husband. The never receiving compensation as a Bible Woman she was always active in co-operating with her husband in every possible way. Even more valuable than her active services was the silent influence of her character and example.

One noteworthy characteristic was her quiet, modest and unadorned attire, especially in the house of God. No poor woman in the Navaly church was ever kept from the house of God because she felt unable to appear there as well dressed as the pastor's wife. Jewelry was conspicuously absent from her neck and head and ears. Her dress too always in good taste was always, in church at least, very simple and plain, in refreshing contrast to the average type of the Jaffna Christian ladies' attire.

Mrs. Asbury's personal adornment was that recommended by the Apostle Paul, the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. Her outward appearance was but the fit expression of her inner self. The very neck lace, the beauteous of the sermon on the mount, which Dr. Poor once gave as his parting gift to a little missionary girl, was God's own gift to dear Mrs. Asbury and it had become so truly her own that it seemed only natural for her to be meek, and merciful, hungry and thirsty for all that is good, pure in heart and a peace maker among all her neighbors and friends; and when at her burial one looked about on the great company of evidently sincere mourners and listened to heartfelt testimonies to her worth and warm expressions of esteem and love for her from those who had known her long and well, one could but feel that the promises of the beatitudes had been fulfilled to her and that a true child of God had only left a goodly heritage here for an even more precious heavenly inheritance.

Such a life is not only a precious legacy to surviving children and friends but also an eloquent witness to the power of Christianity to lift those born in heathenism to a high plane of Christian life and attainment. It is also a beautiful ideal to place before all the women and girls of this land. May all who cherish her memory be faithful to this ideal and seek to become more like her in all that was Christly in her character and life. So shall she the dead yet speak to many and inspire them to imitate her beautiful example.

For the bereaved husband and only surviving child all must feel much sympathy. Father Asbury now nearly 87 years old is very feeble and cannot long be separated from his companion of so many years. We know that he has long been waiting eager to depart. In due time may he also have an abundant entrance into the joys of our Lord.

HIGHER FEMALE EDUCATION IN JAFFNA.

The starting of an English high school for girls at Chunduddi has its natural stimulating effect on other centers of female education in Jaffna. All can but rejoice in the success of the effort to promote higher English education among the women of Jaffna. It is very encouraging that so considerable a number of pupils have already joined the Chunduddi school and that so many Jaffna parents are willing to pay comparatively liberal fees for the education of their daughters.

Udupitty Girl's Boarding School has reopened on the 23rd inst. with a membership of not less than 50 boarders. The minimum rate of fees in this school has just been increased twenty-five per cent and still a larger number of candidates sought admission than ever before. The brilliant record of the past year must give great satisfaction to all the friends of the school. 45 girls earned a grant of no less than 1254 rupees, an average of Rs. 28.50 per pupil, while one fortunate lass, Siella by name, earned no less than 61 rupees for the school and proved herself in very deed the star of the school. This school has been permanently endowed by the payment of a legacy of \$5000 from a Miss Douglas in America and it may be that the school will be re-christened in honor of this generous benefactor. A new school room is now preparing for this school as the old room is required to furnish sufficient sleeping room for the increased membership of the school. The prompt return of all pupils on the very day of opening with tuition fees in hand is worthy of mention as showing the love of the girls for their school home.

THE NEW PHOTOGRAPHY.

Professor Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen, in making his report upon his discoveries before the Physico-Medical Society of Wurzburg, appears to have been inspired with that fine, unselfish spirit that characterizes the true man of science. There is no hint of patents or copyrights, no discussion of the commercial value of his discoveries. All is given free to the world. "We observe," he modestly says, "it is to be observed," he repeats, that under new conditions old and familiar materials behave in a new way that completely upsets all our previous ideas concerning them. Under such conditions new laws appear, familiar materials behave in wholly new ways, and common things exist in a manner of which we had no conception. Fortunately it is not necessary to examine minutely or to consider in detail all the complicated apparatus and methods used by Professor Roentgen in the researches that resulted in his discoveries. We can apprehend the value and import of his discoveries, without comprehending his methods. It is only necessary to understand clearly a few definitions. A vacuum tube is a glass tube or vessel from which the air has been exhausted. Some forms of vacuum tubes have received the names of Crookes tubes, Geissler tubes and Crookes tubes. Newer forms have been made in whole or part of metal in place of glass. Vacuum tubes are used to examine the behavior of electrical currents under high vacuums and a great field of scientific research has been occupied through the use of these tubes. The details of the construction of these tubes and the long list of remarkable phenomena they exhibit need not now be considered. We have only to direct that light rays flow from the tube when in operation. There are other rays that radiate from such tubes that do not behave exactly like light, though they produce some of the effects of light. These have received the name of cathode rays (from the cathode or negative terminal of the wires used to connect the current to the tube) and they have been made the subject of long and exhaustive study by men of science.

Professor Roentgen's discoveries begin just here, where until now, it seemed as if the limits of knowledge had been reached. Professor Roentgen reported that he had been experimenting with a vacuum tube and paper screen covered with some phosphorescent material. As a matter of fact, the experiment he conducted was in a black cardboard, thus cutting off all the light it gave out and leaving the room totally dark. In this darkened room the phosphorescent screen glowed with light. Here were absolutely new conditions and new results. What caused phosphorescence? Light would cause it and there was no light. Clearly there were undiscovered and invisible rays passing from the vacuum tube through the cardboard and through the dark air of the room. The next fact was even more startling. If the cardboard was transparent to these rays, might not other things also permit them to pass? Might not other things besides paper be thus transparent to these unknown rays? Paper, tin foil, leather, wood, and other things that to our own sight are opaque or light proof were found to be transparent to these rays.

Wishing to prove that these unseen and hitherto unknown rays (happily called "X rays") really existed, Professor Roentgen experimented in another direction. He examined the action of the X rays upon photographic plates. The results were most extraordinary. The sensitive plate included in its wooden holder, and therefore shut off from all light, behaved in the new rays precisely as if in ordinary day light. In other words, photographs could be taken by the invisible rays. The X rays could be used to make a picture and with the most remarkable results. To understand this it should be observed that the photographic plate is enclosed in its wooden holder. The object to be photographed is placed upon the holder in the path of the X rays. We may suppose the object is a leather purse with a metal part and a metal button and some coins. After the exposure has been made in this simple manner, in full daylight, the plate can be developed, when a negative is produced that gives the metal parts of the purse and the coins and nothing more. Clearly the X rays give a photographic plate precisely as does light with this difference; the peculiar transparency of certain things to the X rays is shown in the photograph.

It is evident these remarkable discoveries give us entirely new facts concerning the properties of things. We could not imagine that leather and wood are transparent to anything or that glass can be opaque to any rays. When the presence of new and unseen rays that have the photographic power of light with new powers of passing through different materials as light passes through glass is announced, we see at once that a long series of experiments must now be made to discover the relative transparency of wood and paper, horn, flesh, bone, and other things. Living flesh is transparent, bone is less so. This means that we can photograph the bones of a living hand. Such a photograph of a human hand seems at first glance strangely ghostly

and uncanny. The hand is faintly yet clearly photographed and right through the shadowy fingers shine the white bones, showing their perfect form and articulation exactly as if the flesh were a transparent jelly clothed about the skeleton.

The immediate practical value of these discoveries is plainly pointed out by the boy's fingers of this transparent hand. If the flesh is transparent and certain metals are opaque to the X rays, a bullet or needle in the flesh is visible to the eye, perhaps beyond the reach of the surgeon's probe, may be pictured in a photograph. Photographs of hands and feet have already been made showing shot buried in the flesh, fractured bones, and malformations in the bony structure of the limbs.

The vacuum tube has opened up a new country and yet the X rays may be only new manifestations of the law of motion that extends from sun to sun and, however strange these new things appear, they are yet a part of the Creator's universe.

The Chautauquan.

Local and General—(Continued)

Rev. Dr. Howland—We are very sorry to learn that at the time of the last letters, March 26th, Dr. Howland was lying in the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, seriously ill with typhoid fever. We hope by this time he is well on the way to recovery, but his return to Jaffna will probably be delayed two months at least.

Rev. J. D. Thomas. We regret to record the death of this veteran missionary of the Church Missionary Society in Colombo.

Mr. Allen Abraham, a teacher in Jaffna College, has passed the B. A. Examination of the Calcutta University. This is the first time that the B. A. degree has been gained by any one without leaving Jaffna. We congratulate him on his well earned success.

Personal—Bro Bahadur C. W. Tharmatharampillai B.A. B.L. arrived at Keerimala on the 15th inst. for the purpose of spending the first season. We understand that he will remain there till the middle of August.

Mr. V. Namasivayam and W. A. Clough who were away from Jaffna for several years have returned from Straits Settlements to Karadive their native place.

Dr. Greiner College.—It is announced that the Central College sent candidates for the P. A. Examination of the Madras University and passed both; two for the Matriculation Examination and passed one. Two of the Central College boys have also been successful at the late Clerical Examination.

Local Events. Judging from the last report of Captain Bowman, we see that there is a good prospect of a big fishery in the Bay.

Mallakam Magistrate. Until Mr. Tampoo will be provided with additional work in Jaffna, he has been requested by the Govt. to do duties at Mallakam, in addition to his work in Jaffna. Mr. Tampoo had his first sitting at Mallakam on the 28th inst.

Dr. Greiner. This gentleman is expected to arrive in Jaffna on or about the 1st Proximo, and resume duties in the P. N. S. Hospital. Dr. Ponnampallai who acted for Dr. Greiner in Jaffna, left for his station by steamer on the 28th inst.

Mr. Adv. Sumantharajah. For a change Mr. Soma Sumantharajah is in Jaffna. He is Sumantharajah and he is expected to remain here for a fortnight. He is at present staying in the house opposite to Albedulla's shop in the Main Street.

Dr. Copstone. The Lord Bishop on Colombo held confirmation services in Christ Church and at Nellore on the 24th and 25th inst. respectively, and preached at Christ Church on Sunday the 26th inst.

Going on leave. The Provincial Engineer Mr. Grant expects to proceed to England shortly on leave. Dr. Elhatant goes home to Trichumali on leave on the 1st Proximo.

A Coach. A double horse coach is to run between Manipay and Town from May 1st. The charge will be five cents a mile.

For the Eye of the Govt. Agent. The fish market on this side of the grand bazaar is an intolerable nuisance to the public. It is so very near to the crowded thoroughfare, that it will not be wrong to say that the market is held almost on the road. And as the fish are obstructed, and at times one has to elbow his way through the dirty crowd that frequent the market. Considerable trouble is experienced by conveyances even. The noise the uncleanly fish women make in their endeavor to dispose of their commodities is so alarming as to frighten even the tamest animals. The most objectionable portion of the fish market is the trucks and carts coming from the things, persons and ground which constitute the market. Need we go beyond the fish market to account for half the cause of human illness. That such a nuisance should exist in a street so much frequented by a people appears to us inexplicable. And we trust, that the Government will see its way to remove this objectionable place by building a fish market, a large and extensive one, away from public thoroughfare.

NEWS FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

South Africa. The whole Matabelle nation has risen against the Government. Fifteen hundred men at least will be required to quell the disturbing. Several engagements have taken place and the Matabelle were driven back. The garrison at Bulawayo is confident of being able to hold out. One battalion and a body of Mounted Infantry have been sent to the Cape in order to replace the troops sent to Matabelleland. The Hon. Maurice Gifford has been made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George for services rendered during the fighting.

Eastern Africa. Two encounters took place between the Dervishes and Egyptians in the neighborhood of Tokar. The Dervishes lost rather heavily. Eighteen Egyptians were killed. The French bondholders have brought a case against the Caisse de la Dette for granting funds for the Douglah Expedition without unanimous consent. A group of Egyptian capitalists is legally opposing the French bondholders' offering of the grant was justified by the necessity of the Expedition.

Correa. A Corsea vessel has been despatched to Russia to raise a loan of eight million dollars, giving the province of Hang Yang as security.

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