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NOTICE.

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JAFFNA CHRISTIAN PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION.

Notice is hereby given that the 4th Annual meeting of this Association will be held in St. Paul's, Vembadi, on Tuesday the 26th inst. at 6.30 P.M. Speeches on the occasion will be delivered by Revs. J. I. Pickford, T. P. Hunt and T. M. Tampoe Esq., acting Police Magistrate, Jaffna. The Christian Public are earnestly requested to be present at the meeting.

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NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I Ponnampalam of Malakam under instructions from Mrs. Elizabeth Homer of Colombo presently of Pandaterru executrix of the Estate of her minor Child, Jonathan and George Francis Homer, in Testamentary case No. C-41 will put for sale at the spot by public auction on the 2nd of June 2 P.M. the following property belonging to said minors and Mrs. E. Homer.

Description of property.

Land situated at Manippay, called Noheliyolla Parayanpanai and Elpulundi, in extent 16 Lacham V. C. and 17 Kullies with its appurtenances.

K. Ponnampalam,
Jaffna.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary { No. 747.
Jurisdiction. In the matter of the estate of the late Arumgam Changarappilai of Palai in Tellippalai Deceased.
Ponnar Murekku of Palai in Tellippalai Petitioner.

1. Murekha Vichayannar of Palai in Tellippalai do
2. Murekha Arachachalan of do do
3. Chinattampi Vadiyvel of do do
4. Chinattampi Arumgam of do do
5. Tanikam wife of Ponnar Murekku of do do
6. (Minor) Chinattampi Ponniah of do do

This matter of the Petition of Ponnar Murekku of Palai in Tellippalai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Arumgam Changarappilai of Palai 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. T. C. Changarappilai 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 son-in-law 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 the 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 { No. 748.
Jurisdiction. In the matter of the estate of the late Ponnampalam Kanagasabai of Batticotta west Deceased.
Ponnampalam Kayjappilai of Batticotta west Petitioner.

1. Chittamparanachy widow of Ponnampalam Kanagasabai do
2. Chellammittu daughter of Kanagasabai and wife of Navasivayam Tambianther do
3. Thialmuthu daughter of Kanagasabai all of Batticotta west Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Ponnampalam Kayjappilai the above named Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Ponnampalam Kanagasabai of Batticotta 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. Mairiyaganam 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 15th 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

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

In the matter of the estate and property of the late Vechuvanathar Vyttilingam of Punnalikkaddavan Deceased.

Testamentary { No. 742.
Jurisdiction. Muthalikkam; Chinniah of Punnalikkaddavan.

Petitioner, Chellammittu widow of Vechuvanathar Vyttilingam of Punnalikkaddavan Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Muthalikkam Chinniah of Punnalikkaddavan praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Vechuvanathar Vyttilingam of Punnalikkaddavan coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge, on the 20th day of April 1896 in the presence of Mr. S. F. G. Carpenter Proctor on the part of the Petitioner, and the affidavits of the Petitioner, dated 19th and 31st March 1896 respectively having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the uncle of the intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the respondent or any other person shall on or before the 28th day of May 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
This 20th day of April, 1896. H. H. CAMERON, District Judge.

NEWS FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

Russia. It is stated that Russia will undertake no aggression against Afghanistan or India unless provoked, by the Afghans or British. Li-Iling Chang, the Chinese Prime Minister has arrived in St. Petersburg and met with a splendid reception.

Persia. The Shah of Persia was shot through the heart by a fanatic while entering a shrine near Teheran May 1st. His Majesty was at once conveyed to the palace but died in a few hours.

Africa. Mr. Cecil Rhodes who has figured rather prominently before the public the last few months, has tendered his resignation to the Chartered Company Board of Directors. He has also resigned his membership in the Privy Council. It is doubtful whether after all he has really done for South Africa, his resignation will be accepted.

Local & General.

English Schools. It seems that the question of English schools and minimum fees as fixed by the Director has not been settled yet. Two or three English schools have been examined by the Inspector this year but the slips have not been forwarded to the Department on the ground that he awaits instructions from headquarters. We hope the Director will find it possible to rescind the obnoxious rules of Circular No. 11 and give in their place something more agreeable to the Managers of the schools. It is almost impossible to insist on proper fees at this time when so many rival English schools are springing up all over the peninsula. Surely it should be the desire of the Department to promote the cause of education. If it thinks it is not its business to encourage English education let the grants for English be withdrawn altogether beginning with the Royal College.

Thanksgiving Meetings. These gathering meetings are being held in the churches of the American mission, and we hope they will be unusually successful this year. The year has been a prosperous one, and we have every reason to render thanks unto the Lord for all his mercies. We wish that those who are away in Colombo, Singapore and elsewhere, would remember this season and send in their offerings of thanksgiving.

Evangelist David. Very good reports are being circulated about the work of this laborer for Christ, especially of his work among the Syrian Christians of South India. We hope that the good work will go on until multitudes are brought to a saving knowledge of Christ Jesus. Would that the Christians of Jaffna might receive a blessing.

சங்கீரைய, கௌ

விவாகம்.—Marriage.—மேன். அகவ. திருநாவுக்க
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பேதச்சிவர, கௌரவ பெண்பாடசாலையிற் கல்வித்து
சேவினவர். நாயகனும் நாயகியும் பூவும் மணமும் போல
நிழிந்தாங்கும். வாழ்க. (கடிதம்)

THE DEBT OF THE A. B. C. F. M.

It will be glad news to many friends of the American Board that the heavy debt which has been so long a burden, has at last been cleared away. At the last annual meeting this debt was placed in charge of a special committee with instructions to collect from individuals only who were able and willing to pay any sum above their usual contributions. A special gift of £ 5,000 was promised by D. Willis James Esq. of New York provided the balance of the debt i. e. £ 18,000 was paid in before March 1st of this year. The debt was portioned out to the different districts and the Secretaries and others commenced work. About the 10th of February it was found that at least £ 7,000 still remained to be collected before March 1st or the greater part of that already collected would be lost. The *Missionary Herald* says, "under these circumstances members of the Prudential Committee and the Executive officers of the Board agreed to join the special committee in undertaking to raise each a specified sum, through personal solicitation or by correspondence. Calls were made and scores of letters were written to laymen, and pastors were addressed with the thought of reaching the few in each locality who were able to contribute in this exigency, without trenching upon regular gifts. Cordial responses soon began to arrive, with some drafts and pledges, but it was not until the last week of the month that the fountains seemed to be broken up and the streams of benevolence flowed freely. During these days each mail brought its report of gifts from all parts of New England and the Middle and Western States, many of ten, twenty-five, fifty, and a hundred dollars each, several of £ 250 and £ 500, and some of £ 1,000. It was clear that the debt was swept away."

The whole amount promised has not been paid in yet, but making due allowance for a certain proportion of failure in fulfilling promises, enough remains to guarantee the liquidating of the debt before September 1st. All but about £ 6500 of the total debt of £ 23,000 has been paid in to the Treasurer of the Board. We have every reason to be profoundly grateful for this result. In the meantime the regular receipts for the first six months of the year i. e. September 1st to March 1st are less than for the corresponding months of last year by the alarming amount of £ 32,275. Unless therefore the receipts for the next six months show a very considerable gain over the amount for the closing six months of last year, the cut down in the appropriations for the different missions, are not likely to be restored. The Misses Leitch have organized a movement for increasing the regular contributions of the Congregational churches to the American Board, and it is hoped their efforts will meet with enough encouragement to warrant the Prudential Committee in restoring a part at least of the appropriations. In fact a recent mail brings the welcome intelligence that a part of the cut down in the appropriations for our mission in Jaffna has been restored. We hope this will not put a check to the spirit of liberal giving which is being developed in our churches. There is no better time than the present for assuming self-support. For 80 years we have been receiving the help of the parent Society and it is time we were standing on our own feet. The times are propitious. The crops have been good. The outlook for the future is encouraging. We rejoice that so many are realizing these facts, and are increasing their gifts to the Lord's treasury. We fully believe that every church in this American mission, with perhaps one or two exceptions, could support itself entirely if it only thought so. May we all be filled with the spirit of self-sacrifice, and give liberally of our means, for the carrying on of the Lord's work. Especially at this time when ingathering meetings are being held in the different churches, may our hearts and our purses be freely opened.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS.

We have received a copy of the report for 1895 of Dr. Trimen the Director of the Peradeniya gardens. The year has been a successful one in spite of the drought. Several improvements have been made, a number of new plants and trees received which are apparently thriving, and "much has been done to improve the general upkeep and culture of the various classes of plants."

We read that damage was done in some of the gardens at out-stations by wild animals, i. e. monkeys, sambar deer and elephants. Owing to the war between China and Japan, the price of camphor gum rose so high that efforts were made to introduce this plant into the island.

Nearly a thousand plants were distributed and have been planted for trial, and it is too soon to say whether they are likely to thrive in the island. Of the fruit trees it is said that figs and peach trees bore well, but the fruit was badly damaged by the high winds before they were ready for plucking. A few apples were picked which were exceptionally fine. The English blackberry did well but thrives only at a high elevation. The loose-skinned orange has also been introduced during the year and promises well. Why should it not do for Jaffna?

The Government has found it necessary to prohibit the collecting of certain wild orchids for exportation "without a special permit from the Government Agent which will be issued only on the recommendation of the Director of the Royal Botanical Gardens and with the concurrence of the Conservator of Forests."

We regret that the report of the garden at Andradhapura is so discouraging. "It is becoming a question" writes the Director, "whether the attempt to keep up this garden any longer is worth making. The utter want of sympathy on the part of the people, the indifference and even opposition of some officials, the very scanty funds, and the distance from headquarters involving great expense and difficulty in transport, all tend to make me think that there is little to be done on the present lines, and to contemplate abandoning the attempt. The trees and plants, both ornamental and useful, have grown well during the year, but it is disheartening that although numbers of plants have been raised for distribution very few have been applied for."

It is possible that ignorance on the part of the people as to what plants and trees could be procured, may account for part of the apparent indifference. It certainly would do no harm to advertise widely, and see if there would not be calls for new varieties of plants and trees that would be likely to do well in the Northern Province for example.

THE WANNI.

A correspondent to the *Ceylon Observer* "believes that the restocking of this district will never be accomplished" by Tamils from the Jaffna peninsula. Their effort of it has been an unmitigated one and if they refuse to settle in it from that cause, and the Sinhalese equally object to doing so, it is manifest that the only resource will be to import the settlers from India from among the Tamil race there. And the population of Southern India must yet much increase before it will have a surplus that will leave agricultural work in its own districts to settle to it in a country so relatively remote from the place of their birth." Yet the coolies come from Southern India in crowds to work on the estates in central Ceylon. Would it not be more of an inducement for them to come and make a permanent settlement on a place so capable of being developed as the Wanni appears to be?

Whoever finally does settle in this district will do so only when certain inducements are offered. It has the name of being a very feverish place, and the Government should take steps to open up the country. Much is being done along this line in the repairing of the tanks &c. Dispensaries should be located at convenient centers; roadways built; grants of land be made; and the whole district put under careful and thorough supervision. A railway to the North would undoubtedly do more than any other agency in opening up the country, but even before the railroad is an accomplished fact much can be done. Let the new settlers be encouraged by gifts of seeds and plants; and every facility be given for quick and easy transportation of the produce to the market centers, and we do not see why even the Tamils of Jaffna should not avail themselves of the privilege of settling in the Wanni.

LOCALS—Continued.

Weather. The wind is blowing strongly from the south west and the indications all point to an early burst of the big monsoon. We have had two or three slight showers, and the clouds are banking up as if they meant to give us more rain. It is very dusty.

Eravil Hospital. The buildings are approaching completion under the energetic supervision of Mr. Chinnappa. It is hoped that they will be ready for occupancy by October 1st. The Misses Leitch have sent two names of lady doctors to the Prudential Com. of the A. B. C. F. M. but we have not heard officially whether they have been accepted and appointed as yet. If properly managed, the hospital cannot fail of being a great boon to the inhabitants of our peninsula.

The Steam Boat. Mr. Rajasooriar, a son of Notary Mr. Murgasoor of Mannappur, has brought to

Jaffna a steam boat which now has at the Jaffna port. It is said that the boat is to ply between Jaffna and Mannar though nothing has yet been definitely settled so far as we know. We congratulate Mr. Rajasooriar on his success in having brought down a steam boat to ply in the Jaffna waters and we wish him good luck.

An Exam. for Railway Probationers. It has been notified that an examination for the Railway Probationers will be held on the 22nd and 23rd Prox. in the Agricultural school, Colombo.

N. E. S. The annual meeting of the Native Evangelical Society will be held two weeks from today. The Society is in need of money in order to successfully carry on its work in the islands. We hope all its friends will rally to its support. Let this meeting be one of the best it has ever held because of the help and timely interest shown by the supporters of the Society. Fructer T. C. Changanappilly will preside and there will be several speakers.

Jaffna College. The first term of the new year commenced on the 4th inst. Most of the old boys are back and a new class of 38 has been selected. The College needs new buildings and if it were the "very best" building it is claimed to be by a correspondent in a recent issue of the *Ceylon Observer*, there would be no excuse for not erecting substantial and commodious buildings. But as its wealth is nearly all tied up in bursaries for the aid of poor students. We wish the "old boys" would realize the needs of the College and remember it in the days of their prosperity. One graduate has recently called attention to a crying want which, we believe, has been met to a certain extent. The College needs its 20,000 for a new hall and class-rooms, and a Library Building. The annual meeting of its Directors is to be held for Saturday the 23rd inst.

Mathematical Prize.

We congratulate Mr. K. K. Theroosingam who is a Senior B. A. student in Jaffna College on his winning the Ceylon Mathematical prize of the value of Rs. 100 given to the best student in Mathematics in the Colony in this year's Local examination. He moreover won the Miller Mathematical prize of the St. Thomas' College, which is also of the same amount. He is the only student who gains a distinction in science this year. These results, besides reflecting great credit on the winner, show what the Jaffna boys can do when they come in competition with the Colombo boys, which we would now commend to the field. Would it not be better for the Jaffna College to compete with those of Colombo without living as they do, in a small world of their own?

Mr. M. S. Sellappa of Messrs M. S. Sellappa and Co., General Merchants, Commission Agents, Colombo, has come here to purchase a printing press to establish a business in connection with the firm.

Dr. Dias. We are glad to know that the Veteran Colonial Surgeon of the North is not to leave Jaffna for some time. Dr. Dias during the short time that he has been in Jaffna, has won the esteem and good wish of all parties and it was a matter of deep regret, when his news came that he was to be transferred to another station, by the middle of this month. He received a telegram lately asking him to postpone his departure.

Mr. S. S. S. Mr. S. S. S. is now the Registrar of the Jaffna College, and who is now a teacher in one of the colleges in Bombay, is among us.

Mr. S. Ponnampalam. Medical Officer in the Straits Settlements, is now at Melkayam on six months leave, and expects to be married shortly.

Mr. James Hensman is on a short leave of absence on account of the illness of one of his children.

Mr. Sagaratnam Hensman B. A. is, the eldest son of Mr. Charles Hensman B. A. is, we are glad to know, provided with a Government situation.

Mr. S. Kandiahpillai M. B. C. M. of the Madras medical service is now at Pt. Pedro, having come home on a few months sick leave, and is now fast recovering his health.

Advocate Theroosavarakas. now practicing in Colombo, is married to the daughter of Dr. Rockwood. The eldest son of Dr. Rockwood, who is now prosecuting his studies in London, has been successful in one of the Intermediate Examinations for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons. We hope he will be equally successful in his final. We congratulate Dr. and Mr. Rockwood on these happy events.

Wesleyan F. H. School. The school opened on the 7th inst. and the first day. The authorities of the school have decided upon giving a good English education to the girls, and special classes for that purpose will be formed from this school term.

On Leave. Dr. Strong M.D., Point Pedro, is now staying at Mannappur on a leave of one month. Mr. Paulpillai B. A. and Mr. Sinaratnam Medical practitioner aid for him at Point Pedro the Registrar of births, deaths and marriages and health officer respectively.

Mr. G. B. Hallowood M.D. head clerk Jaffna Customs, retires from public service on the 1st of July next. He is a graduate of the late Batticotta Seminary and was made Mudalar during the administration of Governor Gordon in Ceylon as a token of his zeal and fidelity to Government. We wish him long life to enjoy his well earned pension. Mr. Hallowood has married Mr. Arumugam of Valvettilai, it is reported, will also retire shortly.

Missionaries. Rev. R. C. Hastings and family, Mr. Best, Misses Sall and Myers returned to Jaffna from the Palney Hills, India, on the 2nd inst. Rev. and Mrs. Pickford preceded them by a fortnight. The Drs. Scott and Miss Henny are expected back by the close of the month. Recent letters report Mr. Howard and his wife, and we all hope to see him back at his post in two or three months.

Godaville School. This School opened a new year a fortnight ago under favorable conditions. A large number of new girls have been admitted and it is proposed to take an advanced class in English if enough candidates can be found willing to pay the required fees. Miss Pego so long connected with the school, has retired from her post, and two others have married. Qualified graduates have been appointed in their places on the teaching staff. Miss Susan Howland is expected back before long to resume her duties in the school.

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