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	thamparapillai, V. Muttuvolu, E. A. Muar-	
	tyne and Rev. J. M. Oloria	11.12
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	uvalingam, N. Arambou, S. V. Supramani-	
	am, S. Maniam, V. Chathannathar, S. Pa-	
	ranthamby, K. Chithamparapillai, V. Muttu-	
	vallu and R. Watson	19.50
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ORDER AID.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testimony [No. 777.]

Jurisdiction.

In the matter of the estate of the late Theyyvanapillai Jambath of Thampoo of Sarasalai deceased.

Valanthur Thampoo of Sarasalai Petitioner.

vs. Tithakar Valanthur of Sarasalai Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Valanthur Thampoo of Sarasalai coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge, on the 26th day of June 1896 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 11th day of June 1896 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the next of kin of the said 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 26th day of July show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 26th day

B. H. CAMERON

District Judge.

Local & General.

Weather. We have had one or two slight showers during the past fortnight which have been very acceptable. There has been very little wind, until the past day or two and it keeps very hot. The farmers are busy harvesting the dry grains.

Missionaries. Dr. Howland writes that they hope to leave America on the 5th of September and reach Colombo before the middle of October. Mr. W. W. Wallace, a former professor in Jaffna College, has, we hear, been accepted as a missionary of the American Board. He expects to spend a year longer in special study in America before coming out. It is probable that he will be appointed to one of the Indian Missions. We wish it might be to Jaffna.

Personal. Mr. J. P. Cooke returned a week ago to-day from his trip to Kandy and Colombo having been about two weeks and a half. He seems to have enjoyed his trip and used his time to good advantage.

At Home. Mr. and Mrs. Levers of the Iron P. Ramanathan and Advocate Brito arrived in town with Mrs. Brito his daughter on the 18th inst. by coach. Mr. and Mrs. Senatharaja have joined them and they are living for the present in a house in Jaffna. Mr. Advocate Tisseverasingham with his family have come to Jaffna on a visit from their home in Batticaloa.

At Home. Mr. and Mrs. Levers give their first "at home" at the Katchery tomorrow. A large number of guests have been invited and the occasion will undoubtedly be a very pleasant one.

Artificial Sunlight. It is claimed that at the Electrical Show in New York last month "the exact counter-foil of sunlight was on exhibition. It illuminates without the blinding glare of the arc or incandescent electric light, and it does not cast dark shadows which are always seen in an artificially lighted room. It is natural light. It seems to penetrate every remotest corner as daylight does."

Decline of seafarer Missions. Speaking of the apparent decline in zeal for missions both the *Indian Witness* and the *Christian Patriot* think that if the need for giving the Gospel to non-Christians is not so strongly held as 50 years ago, it is due to the dissemination of ideas which weaken the authority of the Christian Scriptures and encourage the belief that non-Christians have also the Word of God. This is undoubtedly partly the cause, but may there not be other causes also to account for the decline of missionary zeal which after all is more apparent than real? It is thought by many intelligent and careful observers of the "signs of the times" that we are on the eve of a great missionary revival.

Girls Boarding Schools. The Udappidi Girls Boarding school closed yesterday for three weeks of holidays, and the Oodoville school closes tomorrow for a similar length of time. The Lady Principal, Miss Myers, goes to Kandy and Colombo for a rest and change. Miss Mary Smith accompanies her. They expect to be away about three weeks.

Night and Day. The June number of Dr. Barnardo's paper is full of interesting facts concerning the children rescued by him from the streets of London. Two hundred young emigrants were to sail this week for Canada. This institution celebrates its thirtieth anniversary this year and is deserving of the hearty support of all Christian people.

Inspector Schools. Mr. Lembruggen is not to leave Jaffna we hear, though owing to Mr. Ashley Walker's absence on furlough his salary has been increased. The Inspector at Galle goes to the Ceylon Province, but who is to look after the Southern Provinces has not transpired. We congratulate our Inspector on his increased pay. He and Mr. Tampapillai have been examining the schools of the Point Pedro district.

Westeyan Mission Chairman. Rev. J. West, the Chairman of the North Ceylon District, is expected to arrive from Batticaloa on a short visit the 4th of August. The church at Kadduvai which has been very thoroughly renovated, is to be re-dedicated on the same day. After spending a few days in the Point Pedro and Jaffna circuits, Mr. West goes to Mannar.

Appeal Rejected. The judgment in the matrimonial case brought against Dr. Peter's ex-wife, Mrs. M. Gnanamuthi, for Rs. 1,000, was given on the 28th of May. It was appealed to the Supreme Court, but the result that the Judge of the Matrimonial Court, Mr. C. J. Jaffna, has given is that the appeal is rejected.

Jaffna Customs. Mr. J. J. Tisseraasingham, Sub-Collector of Mannar, succeeds Mr. Hallock Mody, as the Head Clerk of the Jaffna Customs. Mr. Levers of Jaffna takes the place of the former at Mannar.

Colonial Surgeon. Dr. Thornhill, the Colonial Surgeon of Jaffna, has been visiting the several Dispensaries under his jurisdiction. He has requested the medical officers to carry out strictly the rules and regulations of the Department, especially with regard to vaccination. Dr. Ebel, his assistant was away in Kandy last week in connection with a case where his evidence was required. Dr. Kalliaspillai acts for him until his return.

Steam Boat. The steam boat which Mr. Rajasooria of Manipai brought to Jaffna, after lying in Jaffna for some time, has been taken to Colombo with a view of disposing of it there.

Coach Accident. During the last fortnight two accidents on the Central Road have been reported. Neither of them was of a very serious nature, though in one case the mails were delayed six or eight hours.

Jaffna Intercollegiate Association. The Senior students of St. John's, Central, Hindu and Jaffna Colleges have arranged to form an intercollegiate literary association, to meet once every month to discuss questions of interest and to read original essays, &c. &c. The meetings will be held in turn in all the different colleges. The first one of the series being arranged for in the Hindu College.

Obituary. It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mr. S. H. Knight at Serendib in the Straits Settlements on the 7th inst. He was a son of the late Mr. Knight of Erup and a well-known in-law of the late Dr. McIntyre of the Ceylon Medical Department. It was only a few years ago that he married and went with his wife to the Straits. Much sympathy is felt for the young widow and her two children.

Information by telegram has been received of the death of a daughter of Raj Bahadur Thamparapillai at Colombo in South India.

Rev. Joseph Garrett, father of the Principal of the Central College, we are sorry to learn, died in June last in England.

The Harvey Case. The civil action against Mr. Harvey who is reported to be still of unsound mind, is progressing. The case has been fixed for *ex parte* for the 15th of October next.

Gun Signals. Orders have been given to fire a gun at the Fort at 5 A.M., 12 M. and 5 P.M. daily. The guns in the Fort seem to be in a bad condition from being long unused.

Railway. We gather from the papers that the question of the Railway is engaging the attention of the Government, the Colonists having passed in their reports. Father Lytton, the Chairman of the Jaffna Railway Committee expects to have a personal interview with His Excellency the Governor. It has been suggested that the railway be carried along the sea coast with preference to the central route. This seems to us an unwise suggestion.

Jaffna College. The annual prize speaking and prize giving in Jaffna College will take place on the evening of August 5th.

சங்கீதம், சுரு

ஆவணி மீ 4 ந் உ பிஞ்செனம்
" 18 ந் உ "

21 ஸ்ரீ “

உல்லலயம் மேதா,
என்

എഴുതിയി.

உவாட அன் டேஸ்.
நாவலர் வீடு.

15-5-96. வாட்டி அண்ணாவு.
நாவலர் வீடு.

உதிர்த்தியுயர்மேகம்

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	விலை	ரூப	சதம்
1 திருச்சதம்	-	0	15
2 வெல்வையத்தாதி	-	0	10
3 சதாசுக்கிராம்	-	1	12
4 தீர்த்தஞ்சுக்கிராம்	-	0	25
5 திருவறநெல்லை	-	0	30
6 பாலவரீ சரித்திர தீபகம்	-	1	50
7 சூழிப்பத்திரப்பண்ணை	-	0	50

தபாந்தேசலவு முறையே, சதம் 2.2.5-2.2.10-2
S. T. Arnold

D. C. DENNIS

செய்ததும் @ஸ்ரீ ஜி. பி. உருத்

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கிறதும் பரிசீலனை நடத்தவதும், டிரான்ஸ்பரன்ஸி காலம் மாக உபத்திரவியற்றுகின்றனவெனும். டிரப்பிங் சேர்மன் பிரதமராகவுள்ள (Mr. R. P. Bryant) என்பவரின் சேர்மன் உபத்திரவியற்றுகின்றதற்கு கவிர்தவம் உடையது என்பது உத்தரவு. சந்திரன் தலைவரின் கருத்து பற்றியும் பராமார்த்தம் கருத்துக்கள் பெற்றிருப்பவர்களை வேண்டுமென்றதற்கு உத்தரவு அளிக்கவும் சேர்ப்பு. சேர்ப்பு தகுதிகளையுடையவர்கள் சார்பாகத் துறைகளில் விண்ணப்பித்துச் சென்று அவர்களுக்குத் துறைகளில் விண்ணப்பிக்கின்றதற்குச் சென்றும் அனுமதியளிக்கப்படும்.

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பாழ்ப்பாணம்

பிழைநிர்நூதம்.—Erratum.—சேகர சக்சிப
யினே "வத்தியசககத்தவசின் வேற்றி" என்ற முகவுரை
யின்கீழ் நம் வரைந்தவற்றில் "ஐம்பது வருடத்துக்குமே
வே" என்பது "ஐதவருடத்துக்குமேவே" என்றுநித்தல
வெண்ணே.

காலநிலை.—The Weather.—சிறு தூறலையென்றப் பெருமழையைக்காணுந் சலாக்கியத்தை இன்னும்விடை

“வேடி துவையினம்” — The Sienn Launch.—இப்பெயரிடான புகைவள்ளம் அதன் சேர்த்தக்காரை ந கொழும்புக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. மத்தியத்தின் யாழ்ப்பாணத்திற்குரிய இம் சேர்த்துப்போதிய வீரமானியின் மையே அனுப்பப்பட்ட காரணம்.

மேஸ். அத்வ. திசைவரசிங்கம்.— Mr. Adv. Tisseverasinghe.—மட்டுகாளப்பிலே அங்கத்தாய் குக்கும் இல்லை. திசைவரசிங்கம் என்பவர் எட்டுவருடக் காளமாக இவ்விடம் வராதேயென்று இப்போது தமது கற்றறித்திரர் மத்தியில் வந்திருக்கிறார்.

யாழ்ப்பாணம் அயற்குறி — The Jaffna Railway.
மத்திய செட்டிமேற்கு கரையாவல் எமது தலைநகரத்தைப்
பொறுமாய் அடர்வதனிப் போடாவைச் செட்டிமேற்கு சிலர் சொ
ல்லிய ஆதாரமைய பலர்க்கு வேறையவையில்க்கக் காண்ப
து திருநீதிநோம் காத்தனியை நகரம் மத்தியத்தே போர்
கரையாவல் நிலையிற் சீக்கெல் திருக்கையிடுபென்குபு எமது
பிச்சை. எமது தேசாதிபதி புதுமையுந் துரித்தத் தி
யோற்கு லிசெல்கல்பெற்றயின் னென்றில்தென்பதற்கு எம
க லாயினி

எழுதாதகன்றம்மனைவி.—Mrs. Tevera At Home—
எழுதாதகன்றம்மனைவி. கன்னல் பழத்தில் மணன்
யாப்பில்லாததுண்டு பழதையானது இவ்வீட்டுப் பழத்தில்
தந்தம் சூட்டாமல்கொண்டு கொண்டுபோட்டுப் பிடி உடல்
பிடுகுமென்று கடிதமுண்டாயினதால் நான்மட்டமட்டமும்
வறு மாறினேன் என்று அனுப்பப்பட்டபடிபுலனாகி விட்டிருந்
தது தகிப்படுத்தெடுப்பதற்கு சமையல் உண்டாகு
து. துணைகளில் நான் சிவந்த காலாலும் கடிதம்கூடப்
பிரிவிடப்படாமல் உண்டாகி

மெஸ். யோசுவா — Mr. K. P. Joshua — மட்டக்
களப் பிலே அமிர்தலி என்னுமிடத்திலே உபதேசி-
யிருக்கும் மெஸ். பெர்யதமி யோசுவா அனெக்சிய கார்
ணை நிலை உத்தரவபெற்ற இவ்விடம் வந்திருக்கிறார்.

மரணசங்கதி. — பிரபுவர்.—தவணலியிலிருந்து ஈர
லத்சேன்றுமோன டாக்ஸ் மெக்ஸிஸ்தைப்பகுதி மதுகர
ன மென். இராசசமா கபீர் எப்போது (Mr. S. R. Knight
சிங்கப்பூர்ப்பகுதியிலே: காலத்சேன்றுமியடமருந்து கே
ள்லிப்பட்டு மிகவுந்துத்சலமடைக்தோம். இவ்வாலிபன்
அவ்விடத்திலுள்ள அயநதப்பகுதியிலே வேலையாற்றுக
வர்.

உத்தியோகம் மாறுதல்—The Customs.—யாழ்ப்பாண ஆங்கிலத்தொழில் சேர்ட்டு கேகாரியரித் துறைமுகப் பாரம், அவசர ருரேகையினைத் துடைப்ப திட்டத்தின் மூலம் அவசரவசையித்தம் மெஸ். துறைமுகத்திற் வந்திருக்கின்ற மெஸ். லெகர்ஸ் சிலத்தையும் திட்டத்தின் மூலத்துக்கேட்டுக்கொண்டு யேஸ் கோமகத்திற் மெஸ். லெகர்சைகையே திட்டத்தினுடனாகக் கொண்டு வரவேண்டும் கோரியபெற்றதோம்.

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மெஸ். ஜே. பி. குக்.— Mr. J. P. Cooke.—
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கொழும்பு வண்ணார்—The dhoobies.—சுற்றிலே
கொழும்பு வண்ணாசில் இருந்துதான் மேற்பட்டோர் பத்வ
செய்யப்பெற்றார்கள். மகாமதலியாரின் ஆலோசனை
படி தட்டிச்சுது அங்கு இருந்தது.

சிற்பட்டுத்தனமாறும் பிரதிநிதி. — M. T. N
 திரிபுடை—செவ்வாய்க்காணம் சட்ட சீலபணச்சபையி
 லே டேர்ட்டத்தனமாறும் பிரதிநிதியாயிருந்த செல்வ கயி
 லை உடாக்கர் (Mr. Gies Walker) தமது பேரவையு
 ல்லியேட்டிலுள்ள சட்டநடவடிக்கைகளைப் பரணாஜியோகி
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 சங்கசெவ்வாய்க்காணம் செல்வ கயிலை உடாக்கர்
 திரிபுடை நெய் நெய் நெசும்பு சிற்பட்டுத்தனமாறும்
 பணச்சபையிற் பிரதிநிதியாயிருந்த அனுபவசாலை.

தோட்டத்துமை ரீதேரீலீபபடி தேசாதிபதியும் மேஸ். சிறிஸ்ரீ எண்பவனாயே கியமனஞ்செய்து கசேற் பத்தர் லையிலீ லீளம்பாற் செய்குசுகிண்கூர்.

மேஸ், எட்டுவேட்ஸ், — Mr. D. Edwards. — கற்ற
ன் வற்ற இடத்திலே நெடுங்காலமாக வியாபாரிகளாகவும்
வந்தத்திலாவராவர வீடுகூட இத்தரை மகன் ஆய்விட்டுத்
திலுள்ள துது தொழில் முடிவடையும் ஏற்றின் ஸ்பென்ஸ்
இடத்தவர்க்குக் கொடுத்தலிட்டுச் சீமைகத்தென் லு
கின்றார்.

துணிந்த மளவன் - A bold thief. - நெல்மாசா
 ண ஈசர்நாண டோசத்தையுடைய விட்டுப் பிடித்த
 ன் ஸ்திரீகைவட்டினதும் மீது உற்பபகனையு சனவ
 முன் ஓயாளிள் என்னு சி கனகனவன் ஆமாதமற்
 யுறழியர் விதிக்கட்டு நியு. - சீதிரி - சீதிரி -

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விவாகப்பதிவு. — Registrar of Marriages.
 யாழ்ப்பாண மாவட்டம். — District of Jaffna.
 திருவாரூர் மாவட்டம். — District of Tiruvarur.

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செய்துப்பயிர்செய்தல். உதவிகள் தரத் தகுமாறு தரக்கூடிய நீக்கனை வெளியாகவேண்டுகிறதென்ற ஒரு விண்ணப்பத்தைச் செய்ய வேண்டியது சமுதாயத்திற்கு மேற்படுத்தப்பட்ட உத்தரவை நமது விவாகரத்தினால் பதிவுசெய்யவில்லாததன்காரம்.

அரசாட்சி உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் (Government) officers,—ஒருத்தியே செலவு வெளிப்பட்டு சென்ற பத்திரிகையிலே அரசாட்சி உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களில் பலவர்களுக்காக கொ

ORDINATION AT NAVALLY.

On Thursday the 16th inst the Naval Church ordained and installed its third pastor. The first pastor Rev. F. Asbury is still living and the pastor emeritus of the church, but sickness prevented his being present on this interesting occasion. Rev. Samuel Veerakutti succeeded Mr. Asbury as pastor, but about two years ago he was asked by the Native Evangelical Society to be their missionary to the islands, ever since which the church has been without an ordained man. A year and a half ago Mr. Robert Bryant, a member of the last English Theological class, was asked to go there as temporary supply, and the members of the church liked him so well that they gave him an unanimous call to be their pastor. It was to ordain him to the Gospel ministry and to install him as pastor of Naval Church that the Ecclesiastical Association of the American Mission (Congregational) churches convened on Thursday last.

The examination of the candidate took place in the church at Navally and was conducted by the Revs. Rice, Nathaniel, Smith and Hastings. As the candidate had been examined in some of the subjects last year when applying for license to preach, it was not thought necessary to make it as thorough as it otherwise would have been. It was unanimously voted to proceed to his ordination and with this the preliminary meeting closed. The members of the church, had very kindly provided tea and cakes which were served in the adjoining school room between the afternoon and evening services.

At 6.30 the evening service was opened by devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Wm. Joseph. Rev. T. P. Hunt preached an interesting and instructive sermon on 2nd Peter 1: 16. "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His Majesty." Rev. S. Elyatamby offered the ordaining prayer after which Dr. Scott gave the charge to the young pastor basing his remarks on Hagga 1: 13. "Then spake Hagga the Lord's messenger in the Lord's message unto the people, saying, 'I am with you, saith the Lord.'" Rev. Daniel Valupilly, Pastor of the Pandeterippu church, gave the right hand of fellowship, and Rev. R. C. Hastings (in place of Rev. D. Stickney who was unavoidably absent) said a few words of counsel to the members of the Naval church. A prayer by Rev. C. M. Sanders, and benediction by the newly ordained pastor, brought the exercises to a close.

The church was full to overflowing. Many Christians from the neighboring churches were also present. Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Restarick of the Wesleyan mission were also among the missionaries in attendance. The lyrics proclaimed for the occasion were the work of Proctor Arnold and were well spoken of.

We congratulate the church on having secured an active pastor once more and pray that pastor and people may work together harmoniously and enthusiastically for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in that vicinity. The church is not merely a self improvement Society or social organization, though both of these objects should receive our attention. It is preeminently a band of earnest Christian workers intent on the salvation of the men and women all around them. May Naval church play its part in the conversion of Jaffna to Christianity.

REPORT OF THE NORTHERN PROVINCE FOR 1895.

The report of the Government Agent of the Northern Province for the year 1895 lies before us. The year under review was on the whole a favorable one. The total amount of rainfall was considerably more than in the previous year and consequently the paddy fields gave promise of larger crops which have since been realized. The tobacco crop was the largest yet recorded being 6420 cwt in excess of the previous year. The prices obtained were better than usual, and farmers were encouraged to plant even more heavily in 1896 with, we are told, not so favorable results.

The total revenue of the Province was higher than the two previous years, but less than that reported for 1897, 1888, 1890 and 1892. It must be remembered, however, that in these years a large amount was recovered from the paddy tax. If this were deducted, it would leave the revenue for 1895 the largest in Sir William's long term of service. The abolition

ment of the grain tax cut off a large share of the income of the Province, but there has been a steady increase ever since and it looks as if ere long the amount collected would be equal to those years when a heavy grain tax was included. The principal items of increase have been in Customs owing to a larger importation of grain from India, and to Arrack and Toddy rents owing to greater competition among bidders. Salt also brings a larger revenue owing, it is said, "to good fishing seasons both at Mannar and Mullaitivu districts."

With regard to the food supply the Government Agent writes:—

The estimated out-turn of the paddy crop of the Province amounted to 600,000 bushels, the varaku crop amounted to about 37,000 bushels and the other dry grains yield about 35,000 bushels, making in all 672,000 bushels local crops. The figures given are those furnished by the headmen. There are no means now of checking these figures, the only check that existed, defective though it may have been, being no longer available since the abolition of the tax on paddy and dry grains. The yield of coconuts during the year was on the whole fair. The markets were well supplied with fish, turtle flesh, vegetables, fruits, and other stuffs throughout the year. The crop of palmyra fruit was indifferent."

We note that the salt pans near Jaffna were not in operation at all because more salt was already stored than was needed for some time. Nearly 90,000 cwt of salt was collected at Karanavai.

Rewards were paid for the destruction of 73 chetals and 55 bears. Only 6 elephants were captured and sent to India, valued at Rs. 6,000 and for which Rs. 1,200 royalty was paid. A larger number of chanks were fished and dug out of the sand than the previous year, on which nearly Rs. 5,000 of duty was levied. This industry on the islands of Nainativu and Pungudivute seems to be quite a profitable one.

We are glad to note that the palmyra fibre industry is steadily going down, as the reckless way in which young trees were being stripped was very injurious. The highest quantity of fibre shipped was in 1892 when over 12,000 cwt valued at Rs. 156,672, was collected and sent to Colombo. Since then it has been decreasing until in 1895 only 3,106 cwt was shipped valued at Rs. 39,513. The value per cwt fell from Rs. 12.55 in 1892 to Rs. 12.56 in 1895.

The number of vessels reported belonging to the Northern Province is 99 of which 55 belong to Valvedditarai and Pt. Pedro, many of them being built at these ports. Judging by the number and tonnage of the vessels calling at our ports, Kankasanturai is our first sea port, and Point Pedro the second. Large vessels cannot come very near Jaffna which prevents that port from attaining to the importance it otherwise would.

The Government Agent objects strongly to the suggestion that has been made that solid embankments be thrown across the lagoon at Elephant Pass and at the palmyra bridge in case the railway ever comes to Jaffna. He thinks "it would interfere with the natural drainage of the country and cause the destruction of lands in their neighbourhood by flooding them with salt water."

Concerning the public markets the Government Agent writes:—

"The revenue from the markets has amounted on an average for the last three years, to Rs. 3,249.87 and this sum has been collected without a cent of additional taxation, or I may say taxation at all having been imposed on the people, or in any way—taking on the rights and privileges of those frequenting the open air markets, whilst they (especially the poor women) have been protected from the levy of blackmail to which they had been subjected by certain rowdies who were in the habit of infesting the markets. Rules for the regulation of the markets have been framed; market keepers have been appointed for the principal ones; and a general supervision is exercised on the whole of the markets by the Magistrates of each division."

The reports of the Assistant Government Agents in the Mannar and Mullaitivu districts are appended, and deal with many interesting facts which we have neither time nor space to mention.

In conclusion, Sir William calls for certain improvements in our province among which we notice a demand for water supply for Jaffna. He adds "a sum of Rs. 2,000 has been voted in the Supply Bill of 1896 for experimental pumping at the Puttur well." Another need is a new Post and Telegraph office for Jaffna town. The present building is quite unsuitable and we trust a new one will soon be erected. For ourselves, we should prefer a site where the full force of the south west monsoon would not be felt. A steel mast, lantern, and light for Point Pedro is also called for which would be a great boon to mariners.

THE MOON.

Some sixty years ago while Sir John Herschel was prosecuting his valuable researches at the Cape of Good Hope a newspaper article appeared describing a momentous discovery which he had made on the moon with a telescope twenty-four feet in diameter. Among the absorbing details a hint was given of beings somewhat human in appearance whose manner was "peaceful." It is said that sixty thousand copies of the newspaper were sold in one day before people realized that they were being duped.

The telescopic view of the moon is not very different. The light and the dark portions are alike crowded with objects of rare interest. The gradations of light and shade are due to the varying lines of the surface material. Galileo believed that the darker portions were watery wastes, and therefore he called them "seas." There are twelve of them and they bear such names as the Sea of Tranquillity, the Sea of Serenity, the Ocean of Storms, the Bay of Rain, &c. They are really plains, though they are by no means smooth. There are great mountain ranges, yet these might be studied for a lifetime without weariness; but of the volcanic craters, once amazingly active, there are thousands, some of them of immense size—a few being over one hundred miles in diameter. There are also deep valleys, which may have been river beds; and cliffs, which seem to be eroded from the surface. The moon's speed is about one-thirtieth that of the earth's. The region which it traverses was divided by the ancients into twelve parts, and the twelve corresponding groups of stars were called the constellations of the zodiac. The earth passes through these constellations once a year, but the moon makes the circuit every month. The moon is a comparatively small body, only about one-fourth the size of Saturn's moons are much larger, it is, in proportion to its primary, the largest satellite of the solar system. Its diameter is twenty-one hundred and sixty miles, which means that it would take forty nine moons to make a globe the size of the earth.

The moon is a mirror which reflects the sunlight to us. An examination of moonlight with the spectroscopic shows of course, the same spectrum as the light of the sun. The quality of the reflection is indicated in the announcement that it would take no fewer than six hundred and eighteen thousand full moons to supply to us an amount of light equal to that which we get from the sun, and only sky room for, say, seventy five thousand of them. Some heat comes from the moon, but ordinary methods will not measure it. However, it is estimated that it is about one eighty thousandth of the amount which the sun supplies to us.

In the absence of all indication of any sort of life whatever on the moon, with no air nor water, together with the fact that no change of any description has been noticed by the keen and trained eyes which have jealously scrutinized its surface from the time of the first telescopic observations to the present, we are compelled to conclude that there are no people who live in the moon. The wonderful combination of mountain and crater, valley and peak, is after all, only a vast graveyard, and the mountains ever roamed over its plains and navigated its great seas, now dry, or frozen with appalling cold, they have been gathered to the nation of the dead, and the mountains, having vanished, the tall shafts of the mountains watch over their last resting place. Selected.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Morning Star.

Sir, As the many friends of Misses Leitch in Ceylon will be anxious to know what they are doing at present, I hope the following extract from a letter, dated New York 11th. June, received by me will be interesting to them.

"We are at present very deeply engrossed in self work in behalf of the Armenian. While widows and orphans of men who have suffered martyrdom (having endured the most cruel forms of death) are still to be seen daily dying for lack of food, we feel that we cannot devote our energies to work in behalf of other causes however good, and important, until this pressing need has been supplied. This effort in behalf of the Armenians will doubtless cause us at least a year of steady work. This work is draining our strength and energy to the last degree. You will no doubt be glad that we are doing this work and you will wish us to go right on with it without turning aside to help any other cause." Subscriber.

(We hope the many friends of these ladies will realize how severe a drain all these work must be, and not trouble them for constant appeals for money. No one is starving in Jaffna, and surely the needs of the persecuted Armenians are greater than ours. Ed. Star)

NEWS FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

France. President Faure was shot at a man on the 14th inst. The assassin was arrested, but is thought to be insane.

United States. The Democratic party in its convention at Chicago was controlled by the Socialists and Silverites. Mr. Bryan of Nebraska was nominated for the Presidency. Those of this party who believe in a gold standard are likely to split off and vote with the Republican party unless indeed a third party should be organized. It seems unlikely that the Democratic party will ever gain the ascendancy again in American politics unless a radical reform set in.

Egypt. Cholera is still prevalent in Egypt though decreasing. Several deaths have occurred among the British troops.

Japan. The results of the tidal wave which took place not long ago show that 27,000 perished and 25,000 were injured.

Crete. This island is still in a very disturbed state. The Greeks and Turks are jealous of each other, and it is feared that serious complications may arise.

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