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Jaffna S. T. Arnold,
 15th Sept. 1896. Secretary

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Tendances? No.791

Jurisdiction No.791

In the matter of the Estate of the late Kannanpillai wife of Murgessapillai of Vannarponne Deceased.

Hanthalaisvinga Iregunata Modilar Tillanator of Vannarponne Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Hanthalaisvinga Iregunata Modilar Tillanator of Vannarponne praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Kannanpillai wife of Murgessapillai of Vannarponne coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge, on the 10 day of September 1896

in the presence of Mr. T. M. P. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 8th day of September 1896 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the father 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 30th day of October 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 14th day of September 1896.

H. H. CAMERON,

District Judge.

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BIRTH.

Ratnapillai. On Thursday the 3rd Sept. 1896 Mantota, the wife of Dr. C. Ratnapillai, Sub. Asst. Colonial Surgeon, of a daughter.

NOTICE.

The Steamer Agency and other business which I carried on under my name, will from henceforth be conducted under the name and style of William Mather & Son. Wm. MATHER. Jaffna: 23rd Sept. 1896

ORDER.

Telam Jurisd. Petitioner. Kari Ratnapat Tambar of Taiyad.

Aechupillai widow of Kurestatar Nagalingam of Taiyad Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Kurestatar Tambar of Taiyad praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Kurestatar Nagalingam of Taiyad coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge on the 7th day of September 1896 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Chingamallai, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 4th day of September 1896 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the next of kin 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 Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 20th day of October 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed the 7th day of September 1896. H. H. CAMERON, District Judge.

Local & General.

Weather. Jaffna experienced some hot weather last week. There was very little wind, and the slight showers that fell here and there in the peninsula instead of cooling the air, only seemed to make the heat more unbearable. Good showers have fallen this week.

Personal. Rev. A. E. Reswick of the Wesleyan mission left Valvettilur for Madras via Negapatnam on the 28th ult. He goes as the Secretary and representative of the Jaffna Auxiliary Bible Society to attend a conference of Secretaries of the different Auxiliaries of India. He expected to be absent about a fortnight.

Mr. R. S. Muttatamby, the head master of the Batticaloa Girls' Boarding school has returned to Jaffna, the school being closed for six weeks vacation. Mr. Muttatamby is visiting his many friends and relatives at Jaffna.

Annual Convocation. The annual convocation of the American mission churches will be held at Telipilly on Thursday next, the 8th inst. During that week the American Board will have its annual meeting in the city of Toledo, Ohio. It is hoped that the year will close without debt, but there is so much uncertainty and depression in business circles in America that the outlook for the next year is not very bright.

Let it be a week of prayer in all our churches, that the meetings held in Toledo may be more than usually uplifting and inspiring. Let us pray also that our own churches may receive a rich blessing as we gather together next Thursday.

Bible Society. The annual meeting of the General Committee of the Jaffna Auxiliary Bible Society will be held at Nellore on Tuesday the 6th. All contributions should be paid in at once. The general public meeting will be held in Jaffna about a fortnight later.

The Legislative Council. The Council met on Wednesday the 23rd September, and after transacting some business, adjourned to October 14th.

The Church of England Synod. The eleventh annual Synod of the Church of England in Ceylon was opened in Colombo on the 22nd and was well attended. Of the opening address delivered by Bishop Coleston, it is said that it was "most effective and scholarly." Considerable discussion took place as to the introduction of a Greek phrase in the Revision Committee into the Singalese creed.

Armenian Relief Fund. In several of our Churches collections are being made for the relief of the Armenian sufferers. While the total amount raised will be but a very little compared to sums sent from England and America, it at least indicates a lively interest in and a deep sympathy for our persecuted brethren in the Turkish empire. Never in the history of Christianity has there been a more terrible persecution. The numbers who gave their lives for the Lord Jesus may have been greater in the times of the Spanish Inquisition, or in the reigns of the Roman Emperors, but we can hardly conceive of more diabolical cruelties than have been practiced in the past two years or so, upon the poor Armenians.

In Memoriam. We have received a Tamil pamphlet of poems sent to us by Mr. A. T. Modir. Tillanator of the Jaffna Kutchery composed and circulated in memory of his lamented daughter the late Kannanpillai the wife of Mr. V. Murgessapillai Municipal Inspector, Singapore. She was the only daughter of Mr. Tillanator and the grand-daughter of the Manager of Vallikamam West. Com.

Dr. Howland. By the time the next number of the Star goes to press, we hope to welcome Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Howland and Miss Susan Howland back to Jaffna. They left New York on the 5th Sept. and, crossing over to France from England embarked on the "S. S. Cleve" on the 22nd of the same month at Marseilles. They hoped to reach Colombo about the 10th inst.

Sale at Chundicutty. The sale for the benefit of the Girls English High school came off on Tuesday the 22nd ult. and was a very successful affair. There was a large assortment of articles offered for sale, and the place seemed well patronized. Sir William and Lady Lytton were present as well as Mrs. Levers, and a number of others.

Jaffna Christian Provident Association. The fourth annual report has reached us and deals largely with the proceedings of the annual meeting. From the financial report we learn that the whole amount on hand and collected by calls during the year was Rs. 1487.69. On Mr. Moore's death Rs. 91.65 was paid to his nominee; the other expenses amounted to Rs. 71.38 leaving a balance in hand of Rs. 1324.54. The total membership at the close of the year is 112.

Advocates' Examinations. Mr. S. D. Tampoo, the eldest son of the Police Magistrate of Jaffna and Thalangai, was one of the candidates. Examination for advocates, held in August last, has also been informed of the success of Mr. D. Thalangai. In the preliminary Examination for admission as advocate students, held in the same month, Mr. Thalangai was the first son of the late District Engineer Mr. Armstrong.

The Commercial Corporation. In addition to banking business this company has arranged to carry on substantial trade. The Directors have engaged the services of Mr. C. T. Tittley, an experienced Commission Agent to supply cotton goods from England. Mr. Tittley was in Jaffna about the 17th ultimo, before his departure to England and conferred with the Directors and settled with them this portion of the business. More than 700 shares have been sold and we trust that the working of the company will be very successful. Com.

The Government Agent. Mr. Ivers left for Poonar on the 28th ultimo on official duty.

A Public Meeting. A meeting has been arranged to be held in the D.C. House on the 3rd instant with a view to memorialize the government to retain Mr. C. W. Kathiravelupillai, Police Magistrate of Kaitis, in office and to exonerate him from the operation of the "sixty years' minute" Com.

The Supreme Court Session at Jaffna. Mr. D. F. Browne, the Commissioner of Assize, with the Private Secretary Mr. E. F. Privis, with Barrister Santha Rajah as Crown Counsel and Mr. E. Dewan as Registrar opened the second session for the year on the 18th inst. In the first case a Singalese man was alleged by the crown to have murdered a police man while on his way with others to a temple in the Vanni from Lunella. The deceased was said to have been assaulted by the prisoner with his company of fishermen, by the sea coast. The cause of the assault appears to be the impudent and indecent request made by the prisoner to some of the women of the company. The deceased remonstrating with the prisoner on behalf of the women raised a quarrel which resulted in the murder of the subject in the charge. The judge concurred with the verdict of the jury, and a capital homicide not amounting to murder, and sentenced the prisoner to 7 years hard labor. On the same day was taken up a case on robbery and hurt, No. 3 in the roll. This was a case from Kocknivil and the prisoner who was found on the next day to give security for good behavior for a term of 12 months and to pay a compensation of Rs. 30 to the complainant the first witness for the prosecution. On the 19th the next day a man of Alavetty was charged for an attempt to break in the house at night, and for being in possession of an instrument for that purpose. The jury found him not guilty and he was acquitted. On the same day two men of Mathakal stood their trial for causing grievous hurt and they were respectively sent to jail for 18 and 9 months.

On the 21st ultimo the first case was the case of riot against eight people of Kocknivil and they were severally found not guilty and acquitted. The last case was No. 3 in the roll. The parties are from Chulipnam. The prisoner who is a man of the Cova caste was charged with having committed the offence of culpable homicide not amounting to murder. The deceased was a man of the Nalava caste, and several women were called as witnesses for the prosecution. The jury found the prisoner guilty and he was sentenced to three years imprisonment with hard labor.

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CHURCH DEDICATION AND ORDINATION.

Thirty three years ago not a Christian could be found in the limits of what is now called the Nunavil parish. On Thursday the 17th ult. 47 communicants formed themselves into a separate church, dedicated a new building to the worship of God, and ordained and installed their first pastor. With the 30 baptized children and the 20 or more nominal Christians there is now in that vicinity a Christian community of not far from 100.

There are six village schools in the Nunavil field with about 500 children. The place is 9 miles from Jaffna on the Central road and less than two miles from Chavagacherri. The chapel is 45 feet in length by 22½ feet in width, and is a neat little building. The parsonage is in the same compound and is a very nice and comfortable house. About Rs. 1,500 have been expended thus far on both buildings, Mrs. S.W. Howland and the Misses Leitch having collected a generous share of this. The native Christians have all given liberally of their means, and others have contributed something.

The service commenced at 3 P. M. on Thursday, Rev. T. S. Smith presiding. After a song, the introductory exercises were conducted by Rev. D. Valupilly of Pandeteripoo and then the Pastor elect gave a brief and very interesting account of the formation of the church and the building of the house of worship. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Pastor Elytamby, and the chapel declared opened for the worship of God. The members of the Ecclesiastical Body then proceeded to organize the Christians of the place into a separate church after which they took up the examination of Mr. S. Abraham who had been called to be its pastor. The examination was brief but thorough and the candidate was accepted and his ordination and installation arranged for the evening session. All this took time and it was not until 5-30 that the first session was brought to a close.

At 6-30 the evening exercises were opened with Pastor Elytamby presiding. Mr. Smith baptized the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham at their request before the ordination services proper commenced. Rev. I. Paul preached the sermon and Rev. B. H. Rice made the ordaining prayer. The recently ordained pastor of Navaly gave the right hand of fellowship and Revs. T. S. Smith and T. P. Hunt gave the charge to the Pastor and to the people respectively. With the pronouncing of the benediction by the new pastor, the service was brought to a close. The chapel was crowded, many not being able to get in. Christians came from all parts of the peninsula and from other missions as well. The special friends and relatives of Rev. and Mrs. Abraham remained after the service for a social time.

The origin of this church is interesting. In 1862 a certain young man of Nunavil had occasion to meet Mr. Gomez, head master of Nellore Girls Boarding school, who gave him a New Testament to read. Rev. J. Bates of the American mission was in charge of the Chavagacherri district at the time. Rev. T. P. Hunt being pastor and Mr. Simon the catechist. It was told these two, that a young man of Nunavil had a Testament and was reading. This led to their seeking him out and giving him help. In 1863 he was admitted to the Chavagacherri church, the first convert from the village of Nunavil. He now holds the position of Medical officer under Government at Pambien. Two years later a farmer who had become interested became a Christian who still lives in the same place and is a prominent member of this little church. And so the work went on, here one and there another until, in 1882, Dr. Howland who was then in charge decided that ere long a chapel should be built at Nunavil and a separate church organization formed. Five years later the mission sent one of the most promising members of the recently graduated theological class to organize the work there, but the Lord called him higher. In 1890 Mr. Abraham was sent. Two years later a compound was bought and work commenced under the superintendence of Mr. Smith, and a fortnight ago the organization was completed.

We wish the church a bright future. It has but one great work to do, the salvation of souls and the building them up in Christ Jesus. May pastor and people work together for this end, and be richly blessed by the Spirit of Power in multitudes of souls born into the kingdom of God.

THE CEYLON EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held in Colombo on Saturday the 12th of September, when the Bishop of Colombo presided and several important measures were introduced and discussed. About twenty members were present and the meeting, which lasted three hours, was characterized by harmony and moderation. It was thought best not to send in too long a list of proposed changes in the Code, but to mention to the Director only a few suggestions that seemed more important. Among the topics discussed and voted upon were the following:—

1. That the examinations in English and in vernacular in anglo-vernacular Girls Boarding schools be not necessarily concurrent, or in other words that English be examined in stages rather than in standards. This will meet our wants here in the north where we have so many Girls' Boarding schools, and be a great advance over the old system. We should be glad also to see the old scale of grants for the vernacular restored; otherwise a Girls' Boarding school is bound to get less grant than before.

2. That as there are three stages in specific subjects, scholars of the Vth standard be eligible for presentation in them. This seems no more than reasonable.

3. That children in the IIIrd standard be not required to explain what they read in order to obtain a pass in reading. If Inspectors would ask meanings of simple words such as children of this standard would be likely to know, the rule would not be a bad one. The difficulty however lies in the fact that words which would puzzle a Vth standard child to explain, are asked. Several other proposals were either withdrawn, or when introduced negatived, whether wisely or not remains to be seen. An important Committee was appointed to consider the subject of higher education, and if necessary to memorialize the Governor for more freedom in the choice of a curriculum.

Very cordial thanks were voted to His Excellency the Governor for his kind reception of the deputation that came upon him as well as for the concessions which he has secured in re English instruction. The very fact that His Excellency gave such careful study to the questions brought to his notice shows that he has a Governor whom we can trust to listen to any just grievance, and from whom we may expect kindness and sympathy where deserved. Cordial thanks were also extended to the Director of Public Instruction from whom the Deputation had received such courteous treatment and through whose aid, the concessions made by the Governor were secured.

In the matter of the petition from the school Managers of Jaffna to be recognized as a Branch Association, it was thought to be unnecessary especially in view of the fact that heretofore outstation members are to be allowed to vote at a General meeting, by proxy, on any specified motion not affecting any rule of the Association. The reluctance with which this was conceded can be understood only when we remember that the majority of members are from outside of Colombo. On the other hand it should not be forgotten that one great cause of dissatisfaction among Managers outside of the metropolis is, that the Department is too apt to legislate in the interests of education in Colombo at the expense, very often, of work in outlying provinces. Of the 74 members enrolled, at least one sixth are in the Jaffna peninsula, and we presume Galle, Kandy and Batticaloa each are represented by a like proportion.

The same officers were elected for the ensuing year. A better set could hardly have been chosen.

THE GYMKHANA.

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The Gymkhana meet held on the esplanade in Jaffna on the 19th of last month was more of a success than the one of last year, inasmuch as it was to some extent more orderly, the preparations were more complete, and more interest was taken in the intercollegiate contest for the challenge cup. With the exception of St. John all the Colleges in Jaffna were represented, and some had made previous preparation. The different events were decided as follows:—

Broad Jump... St. Patrick's College
High Jump... Jaffna College
Central "

Hurdle Race... 1st Jaffna College
2nd St. Patrick's "
3rd Central "
100 yards Dash... 1st Jaffna College
2nd Hindu "
3rd St. Patrick's "
300 yards race... 1st Jaffna College
2nd Central "
3rd Jaffna "

Tug of War... Jaffna College

No second and third prizes were given in the jumping contests; why, it is hard to tell. The number of points given for a first prize was five; for a second, three; for a third three. So when the sports were finished, the Colleges stood

Jaffna College... 27½
St. Patrick's College... 10
Central College... 7½
The Hindu " 3

and Jaffna College keeps the cup for another year. If it is won again at the next meet, the College will be entitled to keep it permanently, as it was given with the understanding that it should become the property of the College winning it for three years in succession.

Besides the events for the Colleges only, there were a number open to all. There were the Greasy Pole, Threellegged race, Sack race, Pig-a-back race, and Obstruction race, besides the 300 yard race for policemen only. The prizes were given away by Mrs. Ievers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

JAFFNA GIRLS AND HIGHER EDUCATION.

Dear Editor,

It is to our Christian Missionaries that Jaffna naturally looks for guidance with regard to female education and rightly we find that they are making every effort to educate our girls, establishing many a girls' boarding school in different parts of the peninsula. But the question of higher education for our girls has yet to be taken in right earnest by our educated patriots in spite of the stringent rules and regulations of Government, and it is then only we can look forward to the day, perhaps it may seem far off at present, when some of our girls schools will be classed in the same rank of proficiency with those in the metropolis.

While all endeavours are made for the higher education of our girls, it is not to be undervalued that they should have a good instruction in Domestic Science. Our educated patriots, who have the higher education of our girls. What do they mean? Is attending at literary classes and attaining University Degrees the higher education or the neglect of the education of our girls? If a girl's sphere is her home, any education which unties her for its duties is to miseducate her. What advantage is there that she passes from the examination hall into business, that she endeavours to enter the learned professions, and that she seeks admission into Public Boards? While attempting to accomplish such aims she comes in contact with man in the way of cooking, and in the world where she loses her feminine nature and man does not pay her the deference she naturally demands of him. Consequently her finer nature gets blunted and she deteriorates.

What advantage is it to a Jaffna girl that she can handle the spoon and fork and is unable to cook a meal, that she can solve a problem in Geometry and is unable to manage her home, or that she can conduct a Greek lesson and is unable to train her children in the way they should go? Is it not absolutely necessary then that our girls should be grounded in a sound knowledge of Domestic management and cookery? For there is no time when a man is so touchy, uneasy and disagreeable even to his wife, though she may in many ways be accomplished, as when he returns home to find her cooking by the tools and troubles of the day and finds before him an unattractive and badly cooked meal. How much domestic sorrow and wretchedness is the result of bad cooking. If a girl were to be judged by her cooking in the same way that she is estimated by her dress we should soon see an improvement. To my mind an educated girl is the world where the knowledge of the English language deparls from the fundamental observances. A man's duty is to fight, hunt, govern and trade; a woman's to manage the home, the kitchen, nursery and drawing room, to love her husband and children and to be loved by them in return. Such has prevailed since the world began and cannot therefore be radically wrong, and she should not seek to be a substitute for, and not a helpmeet to man.

Hence it would be unwise to advocate the higher education of our Jaffna girls merely for the sake of University Degrees or to imitate the Western fashion and fancy, but for the proper instruction in a knowledge of domestic management and cookery; and that teaching should be given on scientific lines, that they may be more useful in the sphere where they are to live.

An old Boy of St. John's College, Jaffna.
[We shall have something to say on this subject at another time. Ed. M. S.]

NEWS FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

England. London Sept. 23rd. The Queen to-day exceeded the longest reign of any former British sovereign, and received congratulations from all parts of the world.

India. A serious outbreak of the plague has broken out in Bombay and proved fatal in nearly 300 cases. It has been caused by the filthy condition of the sewers which have killed all the rats in that locality.

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