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Jaffna: 23rd Sept. 1896.

## NOTICE.

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Tenders to state the amount offered per bushel delivered near the 40th mile Badulla—Batticaloa Road.

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 799.  
Jurisdiction.  
Kurnatar Nagalingam of Tayiddi Deceased.  
Kurnatar Tampar of Tayiddi: Petitioner.  
Vs.

Achchippillai widow of Kurnatar Nagalingam of Tayiddi Respondents.  
This matter of the Petition of Kurnatar Tampar of Tayiddi praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Kurnatar Nagalingam of Tayiddi 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. Changanappillai, 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.

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 793.  
Jurisdiction.  
In the matter of the estate of the late Kannanpillai wife of Arunugam Chellappa late of Naranthani Deceased.  
Arunugam Chellappa of Karampan Petitioner.  
Vs.

1. Vihavannar Chivassitampam his wife  
2. Vallammami and  
3. Chivakuntai daughter of Chivassitampam all of Naranthani Respondents.  
This matter of the petition of Arunugam Chellappa of Karampan praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Kannanpillai wife of Arunugam Chellappa coming on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, District Judge on the 17th day of September 1896 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changanappillai, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 21st day of August 1896 having been read it is declared that the petitioner is the widow 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 28th day of October 1896 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.  
Signed this 17th day of October 1896. H. H. CAMERON, District Judge.

## Local & General.

**The Weather.** There have been good rains in almost every part of the peninsula with the exception of Pt. Pedro where very little has fallen. In consequence in the vicinity of Jaffna and Cotta the fields are slightly flooded and those who have not sown are grumbling at having too much water.

**Jubilee of Dr. Fairbank.** Last month Dr. Fairbank of the American Marathi mission completed his fiftieth year of missionary service in India. He landed in Bombay September 1846 and has spent a lifetime working for the temporal and spiritual good of the Marathi people. He still retains much of the energy and strength of youth and a ten mile walk is no more for him than half that distance would be to many of our younger native pastors. He has always taken a great interest in the natural sciences spending his moments of recreation in scientific pursuits. Esteemed and beloved by all who know him, he has their hearty congratulations on having reached his jubilee year of service.

**Madura Mission.** We in Jaffna are always interested in the welfare of our sister mission in Madura. Last month the mission had its usual September meetings which passed off very successfully. Rev. Mr. Walker of the U. M. S. and Rev. Mr. Hacker of the London mission were present and helped greatly. The Tamil Evangelist, Mr. V. D. David was also present and held good meetings.

**Memorial to Mr. Fleming.** A movement has been set on foot to erect a dining hall at St. John's College as a memorial of the late Rev. Mr. Fleming of the C. M. S. Mr. Fleming was a man who was thoroughly respected and as he started the boarding establishment at St. John's such a tribute to his memory is eminently fitting.

**General Meeting of the Bible Society.** The annual public meeting of the Bible Society has been fixed for the 22nd in the Wesleyan chapel, Petral. Sir William Twynnam has kindly consented to preside, and we hope the meeting will be largely attended.

**Dr. Howland and party.** Dr. and Mrs. Howland and Miss Susan Howland are expected this evening by the Lady Gordon from Colombo. We extend to them a very hearty welcome and wish for them many more years of successful labor for the cause of Christ in Jaffna.

**Crown Counsel.** His Excellency, the Governor has appointed Mr. Senathiraja, Advocate, to act temporarily as Crown Counsel in the Island.

**Assistant Government Agent.** Mr. H. O. Fox has been appointed to act as Assistant Government Agent for the North-Western Division, during the absence of Mr. J. P. Lewis on other duty, until further orders.

**Threatened Famine in India.** The threatened scarcity in the Bombay Presidency, the North West and the Punjab is creating much anxiety. In some places there have been grain riots and unless good rains fall within the next fortnight, the prospect will be gloomy enough.

**The Chilly Murderers.** Some days ago two murderers who were waiting execution in the prison at Chilly, managed in the night to effect an escape. The event created a great sensation, and the authorities were severely blamed. The men have at last been captured, and will suffer the penalty of their crimes.

**Mr. S. Chellappa Snell.** We regret to record the death of Mr. Chellappa Snell, the Postmaster at Manipay. He has been suffering some time, but it was not thought that he was dangerously ill until a day or two before his death. He died on Friday evening, 21st inst., and was buried the following afternoon. The relatives and friends have our deep sympathy.

**Coach Accident.** As the mail coach was nearing Valvettilai on its way to Pt. Pedro on the evening of the 7th inst. it collided with an ox cart. The driver was thrown under the wheels, but escaped with but a few bruises. The piece of road near Valvettilai has several sharp curves and the coach ought to be careful in going through such a dangerous place.

**Manipay Post Office.** Mr. Walter John Pillai, son of the late Mr. Solomon John Pillai, Editor of the Ceylon Patriot, has been appointed to act as postmaster at Manipay.

**Notarial.** On the 27th and 28th days of November next candidates for admission as Notarial apprentices will be examined in Colombo at the school of Agriculture. The subjects of examination will be Arithmetic, Language, Dictation, Grammar and Composition. The certificate under Section 11 of the Notarial Ordinance shall have to be produced to the Registrar General to qualify themselves for admission to the examination.

**Hall Coach.** Mr. C. E. Pate was in Jaffna last week to arrange with Mr. Assipillai, the coach contractor for the purchase of the coach establishment subject to certain conditions. The agreement was drawn up by Mr. Sauterberg, Proctor and Notary but on account of some little difference between the parties, has not yet been signed.

**Mr. Simon Phillips.** The Gazette of the 9th inst. contains the appointment of Mr. Phillips as the Registrar of Lands for Vavunia for six months from the 1st inst. Mr. Phillips was a clerk in the Jaffna Kachecherry prior to his departure to Vavunia.

**Legislative Council.** The session of the Legislative Council for the year 1896 will be opened on Monday the 26th at 3 p.m.

**Obituary.** We are sorry to record the death of two Roman Catholic fathers, of whom the very Rev. Father L. Manroli O. M. I. Vicar General of the Jaffna Diocese, died on the 6th inst., and the other the very Rev. Father Dineen, on the 11th inst.





## THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The annual convocation of the American Mission churches was held at Tellipally on Thursday last, the 8th inst.

The meeting was opened at 11 o'clock by the Chairman, the Rev. T. S. Smith, with the singing of a hymn. Rev. Wm. Joseph read the Scriptures and offered prayer. The first speaker was Rev. I. Paul who spoke of Jaffna in the Straits. He showed how these states were over-run with young men from Jaffna who were surrounded by peculiar temptations, and in great need of a Jaffna Tamil as preacher and pastor. In fact, a call for such a man had been sent to Ceylon, but so far no one had responded.

The second speaker Rev. C. M. Sanders of Karadive, spoke of the condition of the Jaffna churches, and discussed the question of how best to develop self-support. The Chairman at the close of this address made an earnest appeal to the independent Christians to give systematically and generously towards the support of the churches.

A hymn and prayer followed, and then the cause of the suffering Armenians was presented and all urged to show their sympathy for our persecuted brethren by contributing something for their relief in this their extremity. Nearly Rs. 50 have already been sent from Jaffna and we hope that other sums will be speedily forthcoming. *What is done should be done quickly.* Contributions may be sent to any of the members of the American mission, and the equivalent will be sent to our missionaries in Turkey for the relief of the multitudes who are suffering from cold and hunger.

Dr. Scott followed in an earnest speech on Jeremiah 5: 1. "Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that doeth justly, that seeketh truth; and I will pardon her." Would that these words might be burned into the minds of every Christian in Jaffna. The salvation of Jaffna may depend upon the consistent lives of the children of God. The last speaker was Rev. S. Elyatamby of Oodoville who spoke of the American Board, its supporting churches and its supported missions. After another hymn and prayer the first session was brought to a close. Following an intermission of twenty minutes came the sacrament of the Lord's supper where a goodly number of Christ's followers celebrated his dying love. By 3 o'clock the service was over and the congregation dispersed to their homes.

The church was well filled, and the meeting one of more than ordinary interest. We feel sure that the Christians who came from a distance felt repaid for coming, and we trust that impressions may have been made that will be lasting. All must have joined heartily in the prayer of thanksgiving that "The Light of Life had been made known in Jaffna so many years ago, and that so many did now rejoice in Christ." Much has been accomplished in the past, but more remains to be done in the future. May all the Christian churches of Jaffna awaken to a realization of their responsibility.

## HIGHER EDUCATION FOR OUR GIRLS.

A correspondent complains in the last issue of the *Star* of the higher education given to the girls of our peninsula. He thinks that the study of Latin and Greek and the higher Mathematics, tends to unfit a girl for her proper sphere in life. In the first place the number of girls studying these higher branches is very small; we wish it were much greater. And in the second place he does not seem to make out a clear case against the study of these and kindred subjects.

What is woman's sphere? "A woman's duty is to manage the home, the kitchen, nursery and drawing room," says our correspondent. Apparently he lays the most stress on her duties in the kitchen. Man must be fed or he will be cross. Man must have tasteful dishes set before him or he may become abusive. Has he not been busy all the day in toiling for the support of his home? Has he not earned the right to be tired, and cross, and abusive to his servant, his wedded wife? Pray what has *she* been doing all day. "Managing the home, kitchen, nursery and drawing room"—mere trifles compared with what her lord and master has been doing! "She should be a help meet," he cries. Yes, a help to *man*. Or in other words, woman's chief end in life is to administer to man's physical needs, and by judicious stuffing keep him from getting out of

patience with her, the partner of his joys and sorrows. Surely this is a very low view to take of one created to be a true help-meet to man, and we feel sure that our correspondent did not mean to give this impression. In attempting to point out what may in time become an evil, he has taken too low a view of the ideal woman.

There are, we repeat to say, parents so foolish as to *help* their boys and girls and to teach them to look down upon honest labor. Not long ago certain parents in bringing their girls to a boarding school requested that their daughters be exempted from duties in the kitchen. They did not care to have them learn to cook, because, as they said, "when our daughters marry they will be rich enough to employ cook women to do the cooking and the work of the house."

Granted that they are rich enough to employ all servants they need, would it not be of immense advantage to the mistress to know how to cook and how to keep her house in order, so that her servants may be properly trained? Does the girl make the better woman for not knowing how to prepare a dish of rice and curry? By no means. She learns to look down upon house keeping as something beneath her notice, and in an emergency is perfectly helpless. What will be the future of Jaffna, if loving parents rear their children so delicately? The sallow faced boy must have an umbrella when he goes out; the pretty girl must not be allowed to walk a step, while the old grandmother walks her five or ten miles without remonstrance. There is something radically wrong when such a state of things exists.

To return to the subject of higher education. It will be generally conceded that when woman was created she was created to be man's equal, differing from him in physical attainments, but his complement,—the twin were one flesh. It has been very beautifully said that God in creating Eve took her not from man's foot to be his slave but from his side to be his equal. She was endowed with like mental powers and was in the truest and highest sense his help meet. Why then should not our girls receive the same mental training as our boys? Why are the stores of knowledge for her as well as for her brother's? Geometry and Greek discipline the mind and make her the more competent, other things being equal, "to manage her nursery and drawing room." Man's savage nature may be soothed by the melodious strains of music which the wife learned as a girl in school. His pocket book may be more carefully guarded and his hard earned savings more wisely invested, by the knowledge gained by her study of mathematics when a school girl. And what a blessing to the true man to find in the wife of his choice, an ability to understand and to enter into his thoughts and aspirations.

Let us have higher education for our girls, an education which will fit the girl to be a poor man's wife if need be, able to cook as well as to write in clear grammatical Tamil, clever in economizing in dress and living without loss to health, as well as an adept at keeping accounts; kind and firm in the management of her children as well as skilled in the use of the organ or piano.

"If a girl's sphere is her home, an education which unfits her for its duties is to miseducate her." True, but what is home? Where wife and children are. The wife should be the husband's companion, understanding his business and entering into his pursuits and his pleasures. In other words she should be his equal.

In eastern countries woman is looked down upon, and is the veriest slave of man. She works, suffers, and dies in order that man's lower nature may be satisfied. She has no part in his studies, she enters not into his pleasures, she does not even look forward to an entrance into his heaven. But as civilization and Christianity open up these dark places of the earth, the condition of woman improves until at last she will take her true place by the side of man. To this end we missionaries are working in Jaffna in our girls boarding schools. May we ever keep in view the true aim of education.

## THE BIBLE IN THE HOUSE OF GOD.

At the annual Committee meeting of the Jaffna Auxiliary Bible Society held at Nellore on the 6th inst which was largely attended by delegates from the three Protestant missions, the question was asked whether our native Christians generally brought their Bibles with them to the church services on the Sabbath? It was said that while this was the practice in a few of the churches, in many others the attendants

came without their Bibles. The excuse was made that the Tamil Bible was so large and bulky that it was difficult to carry it about. We trust that in addition to this there may not be a feeling of shame to be seen carrying a book and especially the Bible. It is fitting that we should take God's Word with us to His house and follow the preacher as he reads the lessons. It will help to impress the portions read upon our memories.

There is now a pocket edition of the Bible and we are promised, in the near future, an even more convenient size to carry about. Every Christian man and every Christian woman should have a small Bible of his or her very own, besides the large family Bible at home. It should be for his own use with marks and words of explanation here and there which will help him to understand the meaning and the special message it contains for him.

Another suggestion made was that the parents make it a practice to give their children each a Bible, when old enough to read and appreciate one. In Christian countries Christian parents often give a New Testament or Bible as a birthday or Christmas gift to their child. The writer still possesses a copy of the New Testament given to him on his 11th birthday by his father, and it is one of the most precious possessions he has.

These are both good suggestions and worth serious consideration. If the Bible is God's Word let us honor it as such. If it is our rule of faith and life, let us make it a very familiar book to each one of us, young and old. Let it become for our spiritual needs, what food and drink are for our physical wants.

## JAFFNA FRIEND-IN-NEED SOCIETY.

We have received a copy of the twenty first report of this Society, a few extracts from which we give for the benefit of our readers.

Dr. Grenier writes:—

"The number of new admissions during the year 1895 was 2101 as compared with 1974 in the previous year. There remained on the 31st December 1894, 79 patients, giving a total of 2180 cases treated during the year. Of the number treated 2051 were discharged and 65 died.

In the out-patient Dispensary, the total number of new admissions during the year was 12,314."

Of the water supply Dr. Grenier writes:—"Drinking water is neither boiled nor filtered. The necessity of the general use of boiled and filtered water was officially pointed out by me to the Hospital Committee of management, but no steps have been taken to provide filters. In a Hospital where caste prejudices and distinctions are respected the use of a common supply of water is impracticable, and the self supporting patients and even paupers prefer to draw water for their own use."

The Secretary of the Society, Mr. Van Houten writes:—"The most important event which the Committee desire to permanently chronicle is the inauguration of the Victoria Lying-in-ward. This function took place on the birthday anniversary of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; and the occasion was availed of to celebrate the official Jubilee of the Company of the most respected Chairman, W. C. Teynam Esq. C. M. G. on which occasion he was presented with a contribution of Rs. 7000 to be devoted to the completion of the Lying in Hospital.

The Committee desire to take this opportunity to tender to Government their grateful thanks for the liberal contribution received during the past year, and would venture to hope that the same encouragement would be accorded the Society in the future, and so long as the Society continues efficiently to carry on its good work in a manner acceptable to the people who support it.

The Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the long, indefatigable and unselfish service rendered by Sir William Teynam C. M. G. who at the close of the year retired from being Chairman of the Committee. It has been mainly owing to his unsparring labour that the institution has been so successful, and the Committee is glad to find that, although he ceases to be chairman, he continues to give his aid and experience as a member of the Committee.

## NEWS FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

**France.** The Czar of the Russians and the Czarina entered Paris on the 6th inst, and were enthusiastically received. A grand banquet was tendered them and there was an exchange of complimentary speeches. Two days later he laid the foundation stone of a new bridge over the Seine to be called Alexander the Third bridge. A large crowd of visitors are in Paris estimated by some as high as three millions.

**Cuba.** Latest advices from Cuba state that the Spaniards have sustained three sharp reverses at the hands of the insurgents.

**England.** Lord Rosebery has resigned the leadership of the Liberal party.

**India.** Ninety-seven seizures and seventy-six deaths from plague have occurred at Bombay between the 2nd and 8th inst. Quarantine has been declared at Aden. A case of plague has occurred in Calcutta. There is a distinct falling off in the cases at Bombay.

**Turkey.** Great Britain, Russia, and France have agreed to the immediate despatch of a vigorous note to the Porte demanding the adoption of reforms which will secure the safety of the Armenians.

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