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RIGHTDOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.

Take Notice.

Sample Copies of the Morning Star have been sent for several weeks to quite a number of persons, who have not directly asked for it. This was done with the expectation that many of them would like to subscribe. We hope that those who have thus received copies will at once write subscribing for the paper.

If we do not hear from them the paper will be discontinued.

J. P. COOKE, Manager.

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Dickoa	Mr. C. Managacer	2.00
Ramanella	Mr. S. Ramalingam	2.00
Colombo	Mr. A. M. Chittambalam	2.00
Ramanella	Mr. S. Ramalingam	2.00

THE JAFFNA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association will be held at Otley Hall, Batticotta, on Monday the 9th of November, 1896 at 3 p.m. Members of the Association and all former students of Jaffna College are hereby invited to be present on the occasion.

S. T. ARNOLD

NOTICE.

I Aranganam Sinniah of Sulapuram, Jaffna, now in Batu Gajah, Perak, cancel the Power of Attorney given by me to Aranganam Sinniah of Sulapuram, from this date and I will not be bound by any deed or agreement made by him on my power.

A. SINNIAH

CEYLON ALMANAC FOR 1897.

will be ready for publication on or before November 30th. A copy of the above Almanac will be sent free to each of the out station subscribers who have settled all Star dues before November 30th.

As the number of copies to be published is limited, the intending purchasers are requested to send their orders before October 31st.

Price 5 cts. per copy; 20 per cent discount will be allowed for 50 or more copies.

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November 11th.

“ 25th.

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“ 27th.

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BIRTH.

On Thursday the 15th inst. at 9.30 A. M. Mrs. Gnammah, J. V. Joseph, wife of W. H. M. Joseph at her residence Pottanagama, Yatiyantola, of a daughter.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 793
Jurisdiction.
In the matter of the estate of the late Kannanpillai wife of Aranganam Chellappa late of Naranthani Deceased.
Aranganam Chellappa of the Aranganam Petitioner.
Vs.
1. Vichevanthar Chivassampam his wife
2. Valleemmal and
3. Chivassampam daughter of Chivassampam all of Naranthani Respondents.

This matter of the petition of Aranganam Chellappa of Aranganam, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Kannanpillai wife of Aranganam Chellappa came on for disposal before H. H. Cameron Esquire, Judge on the 17th day of September 1896 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changanapillai Esquire on the part of the petitioner and the alidavit 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 29th 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.

Weather. We have been having some awfully bright days with dews at nights. Very little rain has fallen up to the 24th inst. The sun appears to be shining more and more. The weather is up and looks well. The wind what there is of it, is frequently from the north west, though not settled.

Death of Dr. Trimen. The late Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, died at Peradeniya on the 16th inst. He was born in 1843 and was only in middle life at the time of his death. He was appointed Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Ceylon, in 1880 and retired on pension early this year. He was busily engaged in compiling the third and last volume of his "Flora of Ceylon," (a work which is spoken of in the very highest terms by those competent to judge), when his summons came.

Drowning at Batticaloa. As Mr. Thamocharanpillai Inspector of vaccination, was crossing the ferry on his way to Kalmunai on the 19th inst., the boat capsized and he was drowned.

Prof. Sattanathan. From a home paper we take the following:—"We have had no more interesting visitor this summer than Prof. S. Sattanathan of India, who favoured us with a brief call last week. He occupies the chair of logic and moral philosophy in the Presidency College, at Madras, India. The professor came to this country to attend the annual retreat of the international secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. and to visit the larger American cities. On his return to India he will stop long enough in England to receive his M. A. degree in Cambridge. As we conversed for a few moments with this Christian Hindu, whose use of the English tongue is as accurate as it is easy and whose deep and bearing pronunciation is that of a gentleman and a scholar of the first rank, we realized afresh how incidental are differences in complexion when compared with qualities of the mind and heart that render their possessor at once a citizen of the world and of the Kingdom of heaven."

Mr. Frank Anderson B.A. has been appointed by the Presidency National Council of Y. M. C. A. to work among educated natives in schools and colleges throughout the Bombay Presidency.

Cam. The total of fees and travelling expenses paid to Medical men on account of post mortem, ascent &c. during the past year was Rupees 17,592.

Jaffna Ports. On account of the plague in Bombay all Officers in the Jaffna ports are ordered to be vigilant in their inspection of vessels arriving from India.

Mr. J. Francis of Point Pedro is under orders to

proceed to Kraits as extra Landingwaiter. Mr. T. Mallock goes back to Point Pedro from Valattiturai. Mr. Joseph, Head Tidewater of Point Pedro, retired on pension. Mr. Martinize, sub Collector Point Pedro, retires from his service in June next year after a service of 50 years in the Customs. His pension is fixed at about Rs. 80 per month.

Dr. Latimer. Medical Officer of Chempianpattu Dispensary is asked to retire on account of age, and we understand, he will join the planters as their Medical man.

P. Pedro. A large quantity of paddy was landed at Point Pedro during the last five months. All the godowns are full.

Prof. S. Kandiah. has taken his oath before the Chief Justice, and is expected in Jaffna to practice his profession.

Health Officer of Batticaloa. Mr. E. H. Casanador, Father-in-law of the late Dr. Kanagaratnam of Batticaloa, died at Batticaloa.

C. M. S. The list of Missionaries leaving England this month and next, in connection with the Church Missionary Society comprises 47 clergymen, 7 doctors, 16 laymen, 26 wives and 38 women workers, making a total of 134.

The Harvey Case. This case is being tried in the Badulla Court, and is exciting considerable interest. It will probably last for some days.

Y.M.C.A. Secretary. Mr. Louis Hieb and Mrs. Hieb left New York for the case on the 19th of last month. They go first to India to see something of the work there, and then will come over to Ceylon to take up their work in our island. It is probable that Mr. and Mrs. Hieb will spend considerable of their time in Jaffna where there are so many colleges. They will be heartily welcome to our shores, and we trust a long period of usefulness lies before them.

The Registrar General. Mr. P. Arunachalam has been in Jaffna for over a week and was expected to leave on the 28th inst. He stayed in the Queen's house in the Town. He inspected the Land Registry Office and the Office of the Registry of Marriages, Births and Deaths at the Kachcheri, and held interviews with the notaries and the Registrars of Marriages, Births and Deaths. It is apprehended that a few of the notaries will be compelled to resign as the result of the interviews of the Registrar General with them.

The Courts. According to the existing practice the trial cases which are to be disposed of by Mr. Cameron will not be held in the hall between the 17th December and 4th of January next. The trial cases will be held up to the middle of December next.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Jaffna Auxiliary Bible Society was held at the Wesleyan Chapel on the Esplanade last week Thursday the 22nd inst. Sir William Twynan occupied the chair, and made an excellent opening address, in which he recounted some of the blessings which have come by the Bible. The Report of the Secretary Rev. A. E. Restarick was most encouraging. According to this Report there had been a distribution, mostly by sale, of more than 11,000 copies of Scripture or portions, which is more than ever before. The financial report was also very gratifying. The year closed with a handsome balance in hand although much more had been paid for Scriptures than before. Until two years ago Tamil Scriptures were bought from the Government and sold at one-third of the cost. From that time the rate has been doubled, the Jaffna Society paying two-thirds of the cost. 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REPORT OF DR. W. R. KYNSEY C. M. O.

The report of the Principal Civil Medical Officer for 1895 lies before us and is full of interesting facts. The year under review was not a bad one for health for our island except in the Galle District where there was a severe outbreak of fever lasting for four months and resulting in many deaths. The cause of the fever is said to be owing to the turning of the soil in constructing the railway from Galle to Matara. The Government took vigorous measures, establishing temporary hospitals, dispensaries and a soup kitchen; and sending several medical practitioners; and finally succeeded in stamping out the disease.

In June a few cases of cholera were reported from Pessalai, an immigrant station. The disease was undoubtedly introduced from India, and when the Ceylon-India railway is completed there will be greater difficulty in keeping this pestilence out of our island. For the year 1895, 156 cases were reported, of which 99 proved fatal. Smallpox has not been prevalent in epidemic form. There were only 23 cases and 2 deaths brought to the notice of the authorities. The wholesale vaccination that is being carried on now ought to insure our island in the future from any serious epidemic of small pox. In view of the fact that arm-to-arm vaccination is largely practiced in Jaffna it seems strange to read that "there are two animal vaccine depots—one at Colombo and the other at Anuradhapura—for the preparation of calf lymph which is stored and distributed in sufficient quantity to meet all the wants of the Island." In a country where skin diseases are so prevalent, it seems strange that so much arm-to-arm vaccination is carried on.

Dr. Kynsey reports 61 hospitals and 2 asylums under the supervision of the medical department which is three more than last year. Five new dispensaries were opened during the year, making 211 in all, of which 28 are in the Northern province. Of the special hospital for diseases of women and children, he writes:—"In this institution which is in charge of the Lady Doctor, Miss Lucille Leslie, there were treated during the year 132 patients, of whom 129 were discharged, 1 died, and 2 remained under treatment at the end of the year." The new Lady Havelock hospital has now been opened, and will no doubt prove a great boon to Colombo.

We learn from the vital statistics that while Jaffna compares favourably with other parts of the island as to health, the high death rate in the districts of Mannar, Mullativu and Yavuniya makes the average death rate of the Northern province larger than it otherwise would be. The rate for the Western province is the lowest while the Central province, the sanitarian district of Ceylon ranks about the same as the Northern province. This speaks well for our part of the island.

ENGLAND AND ARMENIA.

The question has frequently been asked of late whether there is any likelihood of England's espousing the cause of Armenia and involving herself in a general European war. It is very evident that the great masses of the English people are in sympathy with the suffering Armenians, and that the conscience of the English nation has at last been aroused. Mass meetings are being held all through the country, and Mr. Gladstone and other prominent leaders are bringing all the force of their logic and rhetoric to bear upon the minds of the people to convince them of the justice of the Armenian cause and the necessity of immediate action. And when the people are aroused, it will go hard with those in power if they refuse to listen to the judgment of the nation. The recent demonstration on the anniversary of Trafalgar, is a straw showing the direction in which the wind of public opinion is blowing. It looks very much as if Armenia had at last found her knight to take up her cause.

But with all this agitation, one fact remains clear. England has no intention of being drawn into a great continental war until all other means have failed. Here-to-for while the sufferings of Armenia have aroused the deepest indignation in England and called out all her sympathies, it nevertheless has not resulted in England's being willing to give up anything which she thought should belong to her of right in the East. But opinion has changed. Mr. Gladstone's ringing utterances have shown the people that the God of Justice demands that they should make some sacrifice for those who are

their brothers and sisters in Christ. The consensus of opinion seems to be that England must be willing to sacrifice some of her coveted possessions and let Russia have the lion's share, if need be, rather than that these shameless outrages should be continued because the lion and the bear could not agree as to a fair distribution of the spoil. If Russia is unwilling to come to terms on these conditions it is not unlikely that war will follow. The result, if it should come to war, none can foretell. It depends largely upon the attitude taken by the other great powers. The King of Kings will not suffer a righteous cause to be overthrown, of that we may rest assured.

That the rule of the Turk is near its end few will doubt. The question is how this is to be brought about. Great changes are likely to be made in the maps of South eastern Europe and Asia Minor in the near future. All eyes are turned towards Constantinople and news from that quarter is awaited with anxious interest. The world has never witnessed a more heart-rending scene than the merciless, dastardly, butchery of innocent men, women and children in that land, and we hope the end is nigh. May God defend the right!

RAILWAY TO JAFFNA.

The Commission has made its report, and the papers are full of rumours and plans for the great northern railway. One would think that it was a gigantic undertaking like the Russian Siberian railway, instead of a line less than 200 miles in length. It is said that within a short time we shall hear the puffing of the iron horse on our peninsula, and then good times will have commenced for Jaffna. It would be well for us to bear in mind that a railway in the east even tho' it be for a short distance is not built in a day. It will probably take two or three years to make out all the necessary surveys, before a single sod is turned. A railway from Colombo to Paumben is bound to come, now that the Indian government has sanctioned railway extension southward, but we shall be surprised if it is completed under ten years. It may take another five or six years to get the branch line northwards to Jaffna, so that we need not dream of jumping into a railway carriage and rushing down to Colombo just at present. It will be years before the line is completed, if sanctioned. Meanwhile experts may continue to give contradictory testimony as to gauges, it will hurt no one, and will no doubt throw much light upon the whole subject.

Another thing that we in Jaffna should bear in mind is that being connected by rail with Colombo means that the railway should be loyally supported. Our Jaffna merchants must be content to take smaller profits, or they will find themselves unable to compete with the larger firms of the metropolis. The price of food stuffs will undoubtedly go up, and possibly the price of labor may rise. But on the whole the railway will work good to Jaffna, of this we are sure. For one thing it will help to do away with caste prejudices. Brahmin and pariah will be thrown together if they travel by rail, and no more consideration will be shown to one than to the other. Again it will bring Jaffna into closer touch with civilization, and thus help to elevate her. It will undoubtedly furnish many positions for our young men, and it will open up backward districts and make them flourishing and productive.

We wish that while the question of a railroad is being discussed and plans are being formed for commencing work at an early day, the Government would experiment with an electric tramway or motor carriages in the peninsula itself. A line from Jaffna to Kangesanturai and thence to Pt. Pedro and on to Kodigamam to connect with the central coach might be worth trying and not involve any very heavy expenditure. It would certainly be a great convenience to the public, and there might be enough traffic to make it pay.

LECTURES ON COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS.

FORTHCOMING INDIAN TOUR OF DR. BARROWS.

The Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893 was such a unique event, and one so far away from India, that quite naturally racial impressions about it are prevalent here. Some Indians imagine that the people of America had become somewhat dissatisfied with Christianity, and were in search of a better religion, and that when they heard about Hinduism and Buddhism from persons who profess those religions, many became convinced of the excellence, and a few became convinced of the superiority, of these religions. Another wrong impres-

sion has been that that Parliament convinced the Christians of America that all religions are much alike, that they differ mainly in minor details and in words, and that it is not important whether people follow one or another religion. Perhaps it is not strange that such ideas have gained currency. What Indians, who went to Chicago, have circulated such reports. Also among Europeans in India, from the first there have been a few who discarded the Christian name, some who, while nominally Christians, have had no personal Christian faith, and others who had no interest in spreading it; while some have made active efforts to give it to Indians. Just so in America, there are some diverse classes, on which the Indian members of the Parliament of Religions doubtless made differing impressions. Both at the Parliament, and subsequently in many places, the Indians spoke as if philosophy was the chief religion of India. No one brought idols on to the platform to demonstrate their helpfulness in the worship of God, and no one attempted to practise caste restrictions in Chicago. Therefore, to say the very least, people who depended solely for their information about the actual religious condition of India on the statements of Indians in Chicago, must have got a very inadequate idea of the subject.

However, the Parliament had its conception in no such ideas as those indicated above. The true inspiration of that unique gathering was this. The United States was asking the nations to send to an international exhibition specimens of their best material and intellectual products. But since the spiritual is the noblest part of man, why should not the nations be asked also to send statements of their religions, and to see the spirit and the fruits of Christianity? The authors of the Parliament fully expected that such mutual conference would be helpful by strengthening faith in God, and that eventually it would help in the diffusion of the spirit of Christianity.

One of the first practical results of this expedition was the giving by a Christian lady, Mrs. Haskell, of a fund for a lectureship in connection with the University of Chicago, by the proceeds of which fund eminent lecturers should be regularly sent to give lectures in Calcutta and other Indian cities on the relations of Christianity to other religions of the East. The conviction of the usefulness of this lectureship is that a scholarly and wise study and presentation of the subject would promote the spread of Christianity. This is also emphatically the conviction of the first lecturer. Naturally the president of the Parliament, the Rev. J. H. Barrows, D. D., of Chicago, was selected to give the first course of lectures. He was the pastor of the first Presbyterian Church in Chicago. He had previously given some study in comparative religion; but on receiving the new appointment he resigned his pastoral charge, and has spent nearly a year in Germany in special study on the subject. He is soon to come to India, and will deliver a series of six lectures in Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras, and at least a part of the series in Lahore, Poona, Bangalore, and perhaps other cities. He is to arrive in Bombay on or about the 15th of December. First he will go to Calcutta and will deliver his lectures there in the latter part of December, when the National Congress will bring thousands from all parts of the country; from Calcutta he will go to the North-West and Lahore, and will return to Bombay in the latter part of January. After lecturing here and in Poona he will go to Bangalore and Madras, and then to Ceylon, from whence he is to sail for China about the middle of March.

Rev. Dr. Hume in
Progress.

NEWS FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

India. The marble statue of the Queen at Bombay was outraged by some miscreants with a tin of tar over the head, and with a sackful of old native shoes around the neck. The plague is decreasing at Bombay. Several affected persons have been detected trying to make their way out of the city, and it is feared that the plague may be carried to other cities in India.

Famine is threatened in Northern India, or at least great scarcity if the rains fail as it is feared they will. But Government has taken measures to prevent the great distress that prevailed at the last great famine in this country in the years 1877 & 78. Railway schemes are to be pushed forward as famine relief works, and wheat is likely to be imported from America to meet the needs. There is very little ground for despair as the Government will do all in its power to avert the distress and suffering of 20 years ago.

A serious riot occurred at Nagapatnam last week in consequence of a labour dispute. The police fired into the mob killing two and wounding many.

Turkey. There is a rumour that Britain, France and Russia will endeavour to secure the opening of the Dardanelles to foreign warships.

The foreign ambassadors at Constantinople have threatened serious measures in the event of the Porte's failing to release the Armenian, whose release was promised, but who has since been condemned to death.

The Sultan has imposed a poll tax and has increased sheep duties &c. These increases are estimated to yield one million and a quarter pounds sterling which will be used for military preparations. The pretext is made that the Christians are preparing to attack the Turks.

The Queen's Descendants either now occupy or will in due course sit upon seven thrones, namely those of the British Empire, the Russian Empire, the German Empire, the Kingdom of Greece, the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, the Grand Duchy of Hesse, and the Duchy of Saxe-Meiningen—an amount of territory ruled by her descendants which must comprise at least half of the whole globe.

A Prince of Siam. Prince Dairong of Siam was expected to arrive in Ceylon this week for the purpose of being ordained as a Buddhist monk by the High Priest Sabbati. The ceremony is to take place soon after his arrival, and will be a grand function as the event is unprecedented in the modern annals of Ceylon.