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I the undersigned, Parampalam Chandrasegare of Chandrupay, Manipay, late Asst. Surveyor of the Survey Department, Malacca, and a graduate of the Civil Engineering College, Madras, now holding License of the Surveyor General Colombo, to practice as Surveyor, in the Island of Ceylon, will begin to practice on District and Police Court orders and to attend on calls of the Public from 25th May 1897. Works of any description on Surveying Leveling, Estimating and designing for buildings &c. will be carefully attended to with the least possible delay, having all the necessary scientific and Mathematical instruments.

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NOTICE CALLING FOR TENDERS

Scaled Tenders marked on the envelope "Tender for building a market at Chankana" will be received by the Chairman District Road Committee Jaffna up to noon on Friday June 25th, 1897.

2. Plans and specification may be seen at the District Road Committee Office, Jaffna.

3. Every tenderer will be required to make a deposit of Rs. 50 and should any person decline to enter into Contract and bond after his tender is accepted, or fail to furnish security, such deposits shall be forfeited to the District Road Committee, Jaffna.

4. Sufficient securities will be required to join in a bond for the due fulfillment of the contract.

5. The District Road Committee reserves to itself the right to reject any or all tenders or to accept any portion of a tender and is further not bound to accept the lowest tender.

6. The Contractors must notify in their tenders the time required by them for the completion of the work. 7. Persons whose tenders are accepted by the District Road Committee will be required to bear the expenses of having security bonds prepared for the due fulfillment of their contract which bonds will be subject to the approval of the said Committee.

8. Every alteration should bear the initials of the tenderers, and all tenders containing alterations not bearing the tenderers' initials will be treated as informal and rejected.

P. E. Pieris,

District Road Committee's for P. C. Fisher.
Office Jaffna May 26, 1897. Actg. Chairman D. R. C.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 843.

In the matter of the estate of the late Chinmattampi Allappichchay of Vannarponne Deceased
Assankandumma widow of Seku Meyateen Chinmattampi of Vannarponne Va. Petitioner.

1. Allappichchay Miskeen Saibu his
2. wife Sultan Meyateen Nacholia and
3. Chelu Meyateen Paykera all of Vannarponne west

This matter of the Petition of Assankandumma widow of Seku Meyateen Chinmattampi of Vannarponne praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Chinmattampi Allappichchay of Vannarponne coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton Esquire, District Judge on the 18th day of May 1897 in the presence of Mr. T. G. Changanapillai proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 6th day of May 1897 having been read it is declared that the petitioner is the mother and 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 her unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 30th day of June 1897 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 13th day
of May 1897

SAMUEL HAUGHTON,
District Judge.

Local & General.

P. N. S. Hospital. At a Committee meeting of this Institution held on the 31st ultimo, Sir W. C. Twynam K. C. M. G. was unanimously elected as the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The Govt. Agent. Mr. Fisher has gone on a tour to Mannar leaving Jaffna on the 5th inst. He will probably be away till about the 15th inst.

Jaffna Customs. For some years past the duty attached to the office of Assistant Collector of Customs,

was looked after first by the Police Magistrate of Jaffna and again by the office Assistant to the Government Agent. This state of affairs existed and presumably must have worked satisfactorily during the regime of Sir W. C. Twynam and Mr. Jervis. The policy of retrenchment suggested in all probability the withdrawal of the salary of an Assistant Collector at Jaffna without damaging the interests, both of the Government and the public. Our present Govt. Agent, Mr. Fisher has however recommended the appointment of a separate officer at the Customs, and the Govt. has accordingly appointed Mr. C. F. Deutrom to act as Assistant Collector of Customs and Landing Surveyor, Jaffna.

Arabi Pasha. The Egyptian exiles headed by Arabi Pasha, who are at present kept in Kandy as state prisoners, have sent a petition to Her Majesty the Queen praying for release, and to allow them to go back to their native land, as a token of mercy in the Jubilee year.

Indian Famine. At the instance of the Govt. Agent, Mr. Fisher a public meeting was held in the District Court House at 4 P. M. of the 31st ultimo. Mr. Fisher in a short speech explained the object of the meeting and made a strong plea for help to feed the needy and suffering of our mother land. Messrs. T. C. Changanapillai and T. M. Turpin have been appointed as the Secretary and Treasurer respectively. A large Committee was again formed to collect funds for the famine stricken parts of India, and subscription papers were arranged to be given to each of the members of the Committee who are requested to pay all their collections to the Treasurer on or before the 20th inst.

Jaffna Christian Provident Association

The 5th Annual meeting of this Association was held on Monday the 31st ultimo at 8-30 P. M. in St Paul's school room, Vampadi. The business meeting of the Committee preceded the Annual meeting, and at the appointed time Sir William C. Twynam K. C. M. G. occupied the chair. The devotional exercises being over, the Secretary Rev. S. Abraham proceeded to read the minutes of the last annual meeting which was very interesting for its details. The annual report of the Association which was also read by the Secretary was indeed very encouraging, and we shall be able to see it in print in a short time. The Treasurer's report which also will be seen in print was read by Rev. W. T. Garrett the Treasurer. Revs. F. Anketell, Trimmer and Horsely addressed the meeting on subjects bearing on the Provident Association showing forcibly the necessity of joining the Association. The Chairman Sir William spoke at length very feelingly, and his whole speech betrayed his kindly feeling which rises his mind on behalf of the native Christians. The meeting closed at about 8 P. M. with benediction by Rev. G. J. Trimmer.

Obituary. It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. M. Vaitilingam of Batticocha, which occurred on the 16th ult. at his home. He was one who will be greatly missed and deeply lamented by all. He was often called "Singapore Vaitilingam" because he was the pioneer of the large number of Jaffna youth who have found employment in the Straits, and done so much for the development of that country. He studied in the Batticocha English School, and from there went to work for five years in Kandy from 1866. At that time the Straits government was seeking through the Ceylon government suitable men to be over-seers. Many who were personally invited declined. Mr. Vaitilingam was the first to accept from these parts in 1871, and through his influence many Jaffness have found lucrative employment in the far east. He retired with a competency in less than two decades, and has since made his home in Batticocha, and devoted himself to good works. For several years he has been the Managing Director of the Jaffna Trading Company, going in regularly day by day, and giving most of his time and thought to it. Indeed this was continued until the third day before his death. Whatever opinion we may have as to the success of the Company certainly all will admit his energy and push have much extended its business and its usefulness. He was much interested in the Jaffna College and besides contributing to its funds, was chiefly instrumental in raising in the Straits the Birch Scholarship now amounting to Rs. 2000. Only a few weeks since he began the superintendence of the erection of the new Hospital building at Manipay.

Two tavern keepers in Court. A certain man named Saravanan of the tavern No. 2 and a certain Thampo of the tavern No. 3 in the town of Jaffna, were brought up by the police for keeping tavern open after hours. The Magistrate warned them of the serious consequences of repetition of the offence and fined them each Rs. 10 upon the plea of guilt.

Diamond Jubilee. It is reported that a sum of Rs. 550 has been set apart for illuminations, and that a large quantity of unboiled rice of which one hundred bushels have been supplied by the local charities, will be distributed among the poor at one measure a bush with conical five. The distribution, it is said, will take place at the Police lines. We would suggest the desirability of distributing the cooked rice and curry rather than unboiled rice. The latter commodity, we are afraid, will offer a temptation to make a bad use of it. One may indulge in a drink of toddy for the jubilee day and another will invent another excuse for it. The poor class in Jaffna are not all outland Indians but a majority of them are an idle set. Cooked rice and curry cannot be turned to any other purpose than eating, and we can safely presume that every receipt of cooked rice and curry will make the use of it which was intended by the giver.

EVOLUTION AS FACT.

The evidences for the fact of Evolution, or the production of all species of plants and animals from simpler and lower species are various. Some have more weight with some minds, and others with others. With some a strong argument lies in the evident fact that the Author of Nature always works in accordance with the laws of nature which he himself established unless he has good reasons for doing otherwise. He did otherwise when he wrought miracles to establish the authority of those who revealed his will. This was an important and worthy purpose. But as we understand it these miracles were nearly all confined to three periods of about 70 years each, at the times of Moses, Elijah and Christ. Therefore it would be in accordance with his way of acting to perfect the earth through the laws of Nature. We can see no reason for a miracle in the process, except in the bringing into existence, the first plant life, the first animal life and man. In fact there is good evidence both in Nature and in Scripture that a good part of the bringing of the earth to a state fit for man, was by natural laws, and we might expect that the rest of it would follow the same rule, with the three necessary exceptions we have mentioned. The presumption is so strong in favor of this that we would need very strong evidence against it to make us give it up. But in fact there is no evidence against it. It was formerly supposed that the Scriptures were against it. But this was because people came to read them with preconceived ideas. Our contemporary, who opposes Evolution as a fact admits that it is not contrary to Scripture. Properly speaking "Evolution" describes not merely the production of new species, but the whole process, a part of which is admitted by every one. And to be consistent we should admit the other parts also. The Bible says that the continents and seas were formed by God's command, and yet we all admit that they came into their places by the working of natural forces. So when God commanded the forming or appearing of plants and animals, we should admit natural processes unless evidence is given to the contrary.

Another line of argument which has more weight with some lies in the fact of there being in man and animals rudimentary organs, which now serve no purpose, but which correspond to important organs in lower animals. Most remarkable of these is the vermiform appendix in man. Its uselessness is proved by the many cases where persons have had it removed and had better health afterwards. The disease called appendicitis has become common in America as one of the results of influenza, and there are now hundreds of operations for it in a year in New York city alone, and almost everywhere successful. This useless appendix is the shrunken remnant of an important organ in the lower animals.

Again there are six muscles in the ear. Most persons are unable to use them in the least. Some however are able to move their ears, though it is of no use to them. But in some animals, such as the horse, these muscles are very useful in enabling them to turn the ears to catch slight sounds. There are many other such instances, which have no other explanation, and are of themselves a sufficient proof of evolution.

Another evidence of much weight is the fact that different animals in their life before birth go through all the principal forms of animals below them. The force of this argument becomes greater when we become familiar with the details. It is quite remarkable for example that a man has at one time gills like a fish. The only explanation advanced for this curious and wonderful series of facts is that each individual has to go through somewhat the same process in epitome that the species has gone through.

Another argument distinct from the preceding is found in the fact that different species of plants and animals both modern and fossil are related to each other very much according to their geographical distribution. Those that resemble each other are near each other while those far apart in space and time also, are far apart in character. They are like the branches and twigs of a tree. This is the more noticeable in such a case as the Malay archipelago, where a great difference was found in the animals on the sides of an irregular line; afterwards by soundings this line was found to be deeper sea than in other parts, showing that this division had been earlier in geologic time. A

fact like this has no other explanation than evolution of species.

We have thus four arguments, each distinct from the others, embracing the principal facts of nature, and each a conclusive proof of evolution, in that this is the only rational explanation. While it was supposed that species are fixed and unvarying, this was considered an important fact on the other side, which was a conclusive argument. But now that this has been shown not to be a fact it has lost all its weight. There are multitudes of other minor considerations which, not conclusive in themselves, all fall in with the doctrine of Evolution.

THE NATIVE EVANGELICAL SOCIETY.

The Jubilee of this Society was celebrated with much interest at Batticotta on the 26th and 27th ult. This is the first time such a meeting has been held on two successive days, but the several Conventions held in the past few years had set a good precedent, and the interest was maintained through the six meetings. The Officers of the Society, although not securing as much in the way of funds as they hoped, were yet well satisfied with results of the meetings, spiritually, socially and financially. Thursday being a public holiday there was a larger attendance, quite a number of friends being present from the town. The total number in attendance was not far from a thousand, though there were perhaps not more than 800 present at a time in the church.

Wednesday forenoon after devotional exercises Rev. D. Stickney of Udappity, preached from the text, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and gave many interesting facts and incidents connected with the origin and history of the Society. He claimed that although it had been fifty years since the reorganization of the Society and its taking up a definite field of work in the Islands, it was in fact begun sixteen years earlier, and did good work in that earlier time. Thus it has existed for not merely a half, but for two-thirds of a century, and the memory of the venerable preacher covered the whole time. Rev. Mr. Chamption of the Church Mission followed with reminiscences. He well remembered his first contribution to the Society in those early years while at the Seminary at Batticotta. In the afternoon meeting the report of the Society was read. The burning of the pastor's house at Pangadutiva was specially referred to, and the generous gifts to rebuild it and in part make up the Pastor's personal loss. Also the loss to the work by the call of Pastor Veeragatty to Tiliipally to take the place of the late Mr. S. S. Jeremiah as headmaster of the Training School.

The Treasurer's report showed a debt of about Rs. 500, but it was hoped that this would now be cleared off. A self-denial week had recently been observed in most of the churches, and from this over Rs. 100 was secured, and many had made special Jubilee offerings. Together with the collection made the following day these sums amounted to more than Rs. 830.

After the financial report there were stirring addresses by Mr. S. Hensman of Jaffna College, and Rev. S. Veeragatty, and the meeting closed a little before five. In the evening beginning at 6-30, was a prayer meeting led by Preceptor S. Carpenter, which was well attended, with many earnest prayers and helpful remarks.

On the following morning at 6-30 was another good prayer meeting led by Rev. D. Veluppilly of Pandatortipo. At 10-30 came the special meeting of the series. Rev. Daniel Niles reported the work of the similar society connected with the Wesleyan Mission. In the course of his address he said that their society was organized so long after this one because it was thought that the churches ought to be able to support their own pastors before pushing work beyond. The American churches have generally held that home work is more successfully carried on when outside work is also undertaken. Mr. Veluppilly of Nellore spoke for the Church Mission. A representative of the society connected with the Madura Mission in southern India was hoped for but not secured. Among other addresses was one by Mrs. Chelliahpillai of Oodoville, on holiness. It was a new departure in these meetings to have a public address by any but one of the brethren, but though modest in manner, it was earnest, and effective, and listened to with the deepest interest by all. Although she did not especially raise her voice and though there was a strong wind blowing

through the church she was heard distinctly in every part of large building.

Mr. Hastings followed with an address on sowing and reaping. There were also other speakers including Dr. Wm. Paul, Mr. Wm. Mather and Mr. T. M. Tampoo.

In the afternoon communion service was conducted by Rev. S. Eliatambu of Oodoville and Dr. Howard. During the meetings two telegrams of congratulation were received. One from Mr. Aspinay and the other from Mr. Anketell at Alhew Lodge Rs. 100 for the Anketell Jubilee Post Fund. It is expected that still other gifts will come in. The intervals between the meetings were improved by many for social intercourse, and friends from all over the peninsula had opportunities for renewing old acquaintance.

One of the speakers suggested a change of name for the Society, dropping the word "Native." This might be well if there is thought to be anything invidious in the word. But it seems to us to imply its indigenous origin and to be an honor. The principal objection to it is that it makes the name more cumbersome. It was suggested also that all the Protestant Christians of Jaffna form a Christian Association on the lines of the one in Madras. This suggestion is quite worthy of consideration, and then the three Evangelistic societies in the three missions might be affiliated with this, as well as the Provident Association. One great advantage of this would be the united front that would be presented by the whole community in this way. The speaker said that he had himself been connected with the churches of the three missions in turn, and that there were many others like him, and that they felt as much at home in one as in another, and that in reality all were one in Christ, and had most of their interests in common.

To the Editor of the "Morning Star."

Dear Sir,

I shall be much obliged if you will publish the following list of sums collected in the Wesleyan Tamil Mission (North and East Ceylon) in aid of the sufferers from the Indian Famine.

The money will be forwarded to the Rev. J. Brown, formerly of this District, who will, I am sure, use the money so as to secure the maximum of good from its expenditure. The collections in the Churches were decided on early in the year and were made on May 29th, but it has taken some time to get in all the details and accounts.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE J. TRIMMER.

Jaffna Station.	
Collections St. Peter's Jaffna	97.88
" " Manar	10.00
" " Puttalam	3.25
" " Wesley Chapel	2.11
" " Chermia street	.51
Girls Boarding School	31.09
Boys Training school	5.00
Vernacular Day school	27.78
Educational Dept. English school	10.21
"Sundry subscriptions	69.14
	262.98
Point Pedro station	50.00
Trincomeale Station.	
Col. Trincomeale (Wesley)	105.00
" " Puttalam	8.84
Sunday School	10.00
Girls Boarding School	10.80
Central English School	12.04
	142.68
Batticotta Station	415.00
Kalamann Station	130.00
	Rs 1000.00

* The principal subscribers to this amount are Mr. Chelliahpillai Rs. 50, Mr. S. S. 10.00, Mr. Swaminathai 15.00, Mr. Aspinay Rs. 5.00, Mr. Valupillai 5.00, Mr. Abdulkader 3.00, Mr. Muhammeda 3.00.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Greco-Turkish War seems to have come to an end, although peace has not been settled. The foreign ambassadors have begun peace negotiations. It has been agreed that M. Nollhoff is to arrange the plan for the settlement of the frontier, Mr. Gaudin for the capitulations, and Sir Philip Currie for the indemnity.

The Cretans have established a provisional government under the lieutenant Chief Michalis.

The Monsoon. The final forecast has been made and states that a heavy snow fall on the Himalayas will slightly delay and weaken the Bombay monsoon. Sea-dragon telegrams show that it is advancing only slowly. The Punjab monsoons are slightly more hopeful.

The recent attitude of Great Britain, France and Italy oppose the annexation of Thessaly to the Turkish Empire. This is considered very important in view of the fact that Russia and Germany seem to agree in favor of Turkey. The Porte claims that the conditions on which Thessaly was formerly given to Greece were not observed, and he says the victor is entitled to have his losses made good. The Turks are preparing for a long occupation of Thessaly, and are appointing governors, judges and schoolmasters.

Soudan. There has been some fighting with the derwishes 60 miles north of Dongola. Twelve Egyptians were killed and wounded.

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