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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary { No. 854.
Jurisdiction {
In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kannattai wife of Kanapattiyar Charavanamattu of Pandateruppi, Deceased.
Kanapattiyar Charavanamattu of Pandateruppi, Petitioner.

1. Charavanamattu Tampoo
2. Charavanamattu Chitamparappillai
3. Arupukam Tampoo
4. Vailayammattai wife of Pandateruppi and
5. Chankary Chappur and
6. Chankary Kattavulu of Chankanni Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Kanapattiyar Charavanamattu of Pandateruppi the Petitioner abovesigned praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesigned deceased Kannattai wife of Kanapattiyar Charavanamattu of Pandateruppi coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton Esquire, District Judge, on the 22nd day of July 1897 in the presence of S. E. G. Carpenter Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 20th day of July 1897 & his Petition having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful husband of the said intestate and 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 6th day of September 1897, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 22nd day of July 1897. SAMUEL HAUGHTON, District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary { No. 855.
Jurisdiction {
In the Matter of the Estate of the Annamatti Ammal widow of Chelliah of Chavagachery Deceased.
Arumasa Ayer Swaminatha Ayer of Chavagachery Vs.
Swaminatha Ayer Nadanna Ayer of Chavagachery Respondent.
This matter of the Petition of Arumasa Ayer Swaminatha Ayer of Chavagachery praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesigned deceased Annamatti Ammal widow of Chelliah of Chavagachery coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton Esquire, District Judge, on the 3rd day of August 1897 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 3rd day of August 1897 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the father and next of kin of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before the 16th day of September 1897, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 3rd day of August 1897. SAMUEL HAUGHTON, District Judge.

Local & General.

Medical. Dr. D. P. Nicholas arrived here from Pannai on the 11th inst, and assumed work in the Govt. Dispensary and the jail, displacing Dr. Kalaisapillai who has since gone to Negombo.

The District Court. Repairs in the office rooms of the Court are in progress. The northern end of the Court House is occupied temporarily by the officers. No accommodation, it appears, has been made for witnesses who hitherto have taken shelter in the verandah of the office rooms. The District and Police Court of Jaffna, it is surprising to see, have no proper accommodation for witnesses. Respectable persons who are summoned to appear in one or other of these Courts, deem it a disgrace to squat on the floor of the verandah of the District Court office rooms, or that of the Jaffna Library. Now that the roofs of the former are being pulled down, we do not know where the witnesses who attend the District Court are seated when the action in which they are summoned to give evidence is being tried. The unused well which breeds more or less illness could be filled up and the tea shop lying between both the Courts could furnish a desirable locality to erect a witness shed for the use of both the Courts.

The Govt. Agent. Mr. Fisher our Govt. Agent is expected to go to Jaffna on the 20th inst starting from Colombo by steamer on the 18th inst.

Mr. H. Thwaites. Twenty copies who contracted by postmaster Thwaites with Mr. Silva the local Post and Telegraph Master, to serve on the Mannar-Putalam telegraphic line deserted work. Mr. Silva sued the contractor to recover the balance of the advance. On the 13th inst Mr. Haughton gave judgment for the P.H. Mr. Thwaites, the inspector of telegraphic lines, came from Auradulaya to give evidence for the P.H. in the case.

Mail Service. Since last week, we understand that mails to and from Jaffna are carried by the coach run by the old contractor Mr. Aspinwall. The mails are closed at 8 P.M. Until the railway, which rumour has it, has been sanctioned, brings in our Colombo mails, late and irregular delivery of mails will be the ruling order.

Obituary. We deeply regret to record the death of Adv. Nagahugam on the day before the issue of our last number. The deceased was ailing for several months from what was thought to be consumption. The progress of the disease was however very rapid, and his robust body was preyed upon very mysteriously. Jaffna in him lost a warm patriot and a popular lawyer. We extend our sympathy to his widow and children and his relations and friends. What is man to peep into the mysteries of God. Whatever He does is for good.

Jaffna Trading Company. In a meeting of the Directors of this Company recently held Mr. Ayampillai of Tellipallai was appointed the Manager of this Company.

A New Ceylon Geography. We have received a copy of a new geography of Ceylon in English issued from St. Joseph's Catholic Press. There are 68 pages neatly printed. It contains a large amount of information in a concise form and up to date. It seems well adapted to the use of schools.

The Richest Woman in America. Mrs. Betty Howland Green has this reputation. The amount of her wealth is not generally known but it is estimated by some to be \$100,000,000. Her father was a wealthy ship owner, and made a large fortune in the whaling industry. Her aunt Sylvia Howland left her another fortune, and these have increased to the present dimensions, through shrewd investments. Two of her cousins John and Jonathan Howland are heirs of a part of the property but most of it is to go to the daughter Sylvia.

Medical. The medical officer at Panakari Mr. N. L. Joshua, of Chavagachery has been transferred to Mannar.

Y. M. C. A. Calcutta. The College association in Calcutta has a very fine building which was formerly the Lady Dufferin Victoria Hospital. Last August this building was offered for sale for Rs. 150,000 and the College Y. M. C. A. at once planned to buy it. In four months only Rs. 150 was raised toward the required amount. They then planned to send their Secretary to England to raise the money. It was necessary to raise half the whole amount before April 15 in order to secure the building. The Secretary reached England near the end of March. Lord Overton gave £1000 and interested himself in the work but until April 14th nothing more was received. Then a cablegram came from Mr. McConaghy in New York pledging £4000 the exact sum needed to secure the building. He was trying to get funds for the Madras building, but as soon as he heard of the pressing need at Calcutta, he stopped his own and worked for that and secured this large sum from his friend Sir Crawford. Since then other sums have been sent, amounting to Rs. 175,000 for the purchase of the building, and its alteration and furnishing. Lord Overton gave another £1000 and helped to collect much more and for this reason the large hall which can seat 1000 people is called "Overton Hall." In many ways the success of the enterprise has been very markedly in answer to prayer, and the following motto has been inscribed on the building: "Bought by the Power of Prayer."

Sabbath Rest. Mr. Moody said recently "The day of rest is a necessity. I look forward to my Friday. I used to think because I was engaged in God's work that I could work seven days in the week and I was older at thirty than I am now at sixty. I had not the spring or the vigor that I now have." Mr. Moody has to work so hard on Sunday that he takes his day of rest on Friday because that day is the most convenient for his work.

முஸ்திபித் கிதவான்.—Colombo District Judge.—
கொழும்பு முஸ்திபித் கிதவான் மெஸ். பிறவுன் சுப்பீரிக்
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யாணஸ் மெஸ். எச். ஆர். மயஸ் சியமனமாயினர்.

சுதாபதி, 1897 ஆகஸ்ட் 13.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

We have received the Report of the Director of Public Instruction for 1896, and as usual it is full of interesting information. He gives a few figures to show the progress in the last half century. There were in '54 130 schools with 5160 children or their lists, while now there are 3572 schools and 175,658 scholars in the Island, nearly 35 fold increase. The increase of over 5000 children over last year. He well says that "the work of educational activity has been progressive and continuous." A quarter of a century ago in '70 the pupils in grant-in-aid schools were about the same in number as in government schools, 8000 each, the latter have increased five fold and the former nearly twelve fold. It is a little astonishing to read that there are over 6000 boys in paraisa schools averaging only four boys to a school. That means that many of them have only one or two pupils each. A curious kind of "school," and showing a curious apathy toward education on the part of those who conduct such schools.

We note that in the schools examined considerably more than half are in the first two standards and if we add the third standard, we include three fourths of all the children. It is said to think that while only one in seventeen of the population is in any kind of a school, only half of those go as far as the second standard which hardly means simple reading. There are 776 schools requiring certificated teachers, and nearly three times as many certificates have been issued. But many schools have two certificated teachers, and many of those having certificates have died or gone into other occupations, so that there is not now an extra supply of certificated teachers and there is still room for the graduates of our training schools.

In the matter of higher education the efforts of Government do not seem conspicuously successful. The Royal College is over 300 students, who cost Govt. Rs. 33 each nett,—or Rs. 11,000 in all, above receipts. The grant-in-aid High schools cost the Govt. only Rs. 5 per pupil. We cannot say that the Royal College is needed to keep up the standard. The Govt. can keep up the standard by examinations or in other ways. The London University Matriculation examination does not seem to grow in popularity for only one candidate appeared in January and no one in June. Yet the Director says that the advent of even girl candidates "in the near future to this test also may confidently be expected." We do not see on what he bases his sanguine expectation, when the boys respond so little. It would be interesting to compare this solitary candidate with the hundred and odd candidates for the Matriculation of Indian Universities, who by the way, get not the slightest notice in this report. In the Cambridge Locals the Seniors seem to be comparatively few and not well prepared. Of 54 candidates only 16 passed and only one of those in honors. The reason for this is plainly in the taking away of the incentive heretofore offered. The Government scholarship is awarded on a special examination. We have repeatedly said that the interest in this Cambridge examination was artificial, bolstered up by the contest for the scholarship, and unhealthy in that students who passed went in repeatedly in order to gain honor for their school. In the girls' boarding schools, Udavi leads the list in the total amount of grant earned and Udappity leads in the amount of grant, earned by the average pupil, except one school of five in Kotte.

The Director speaks appreciatively of the development and improvement of English high schools for girls. We have seen something of this in Jaffna within the last year or two, and it is an encouraging sign of progress. It is not long since it was said, Why do girls need English? Just as 80 years ago it was said Why do they need education? and the answer to one question is substantially the same as to the other. He says "the appreciation of these possibilities by the community is thus sufficiently indicated. In the development of these high schools for girls the main factor has essentially been the Mission agency." Both these statements have their truth exemplified in Jaffna. A paragraph given to the proposal to reintroduce Anglo-vernacular schools. The reasons given seem sound. It is only a pity that they were not brought forward years ago. He also gives a paragraph to the subject of certificates for English teachers. It would be well, as it seems to us, if he had been more explicit. He proposes to give service certificates to headmasters who have obtained an average

of 75 per cent of passes for five years. But the ability of a headmaster is not always gauged by the per cent of passes of the school. He does not do all the teaching, and he is in many schools good work is done with boys who are not presented for passes, or who appear in standards too high for them and so fail. Of course such a school is not perfect, but where the income from tuition is much more than the grant-in-aid it is natural to consider the former first. Mr. Deembruggen says of the schools in the Northern Provinces that "they are in every way improved. The examination results are higher, the methods of teaching appear to be better, and education as distinct from instruction is more the teachers' aim."

THE RECENT VISIT OF THE REV. E. T. HIGGINS SECT. OF THE CEYLON MISSION.

The Christians in connection with the C. M. S. congregations in Jaffna have lately been privileged to receive a visit from the Sect. of the Ceylon Mission and one of the oldest and most honored of the C. M. S. Missionaries. It was indeed a pleasure to meet Mr. Higgins and a privilege to hear his words of fatherly advice. As those of a Missionary of long experience his words carry much weight. During a stay of ten days he visited the various Pastorates in Jaffna and found time also to pay a short visit to Pallai where he was warmly welcomed. At Nellore an address was presented to Mr. Higgins to which he replied at great length and in the course of which he referred to his visit to Jaffna in 1864 when he came as Superintending Missionary for a few months. His visit then was in the rainy season. After describing the ceaseless down pour of rain he spoke of the effect of the rain on the country, and then applied it to the rain of God's blessing and the importance of constant prayer that God would open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing upon the work in Jaffna. During his short stay Mr. Higgins preached four times, twice to Tamils by interpretation and twice to the English congregation at Chundicully and we feel sure that his sermons will long be remembered by those who heard him.

We append the address already referred to, which is as follows:—

Rev. and Dear Sir,

We the Christians in connection with the C. M. S. Tamil congregations of Jaffna desire to take this opportunity of welcoming you once more among us. You come at a time when your visit is particularly welcome for as you are probably aware, this mission has now reached a crisis in its history.

Some of us are able to look back on the past when the C. M. S. had 3 Missionaries in Jaffna, and we are of opinion that three Missionaries are more than ever needed, if the work is to be efficiently maintained.

During the past 20 years the work has been developed in the Vanni District. A third Missionary is therefore urgently needed to superintend the work in that District. It is impossible to provide a third Missionary we request that a Native Assistant Missionary be stationed in that District whose duties would be chiefly evangelistic.

The Missionary at Nellore has for many years been overburdened with work and responsibility; the result is it has been quite impossible for him to attend efficiently to duties so multifarious and the work has accordingly suffered.

We desire to see the work efficiently maintained in all its departments, Educational, Evangelistic and Pastoral, and we trust that one result of your visit will be that you will take immediate steps to secure such efficiency. Today we wish to bring before you more especially the needs of the Native Church in Jaffna.

At present our congregations are made up, for the most part, of mission agents and their families; the number of independent Christians being comparatively small. The agents are poorly paid, and the number of well-to-do Christians is by no means numerous. We would point out also that the expense of living in Jaffna is becoming greater every year as the price of articles is steadily increasing. Moreover the rising generation of educated Jaffnese, finding it impossible to support themselves and their families in Jaffna are seeking their fortunes elsewhere. Under these circumstances it is increasingly difficult for us to support our Pastors adequately.

We are resolved, however, to do our utmost in the direction of self-support for we consider it to be the sacred duty of Christians to maintain their Pastors as far as it is possible for them to do so. We do not therefore shrink from what we deem to be our plain duty as Christians. But we ask that the Parent Committee should clearly be informed of our circumstances that they may know how to act.

We would take this opportunity to thank the Parent Committee for the special grant of Rs. 64 lately sanctioned towards the Native Church Council Fund. We are especially thankful for this timely help for it is a proof to us that the Parent Committee are willing to listen to the reasonable representations of those who are entrusted with the management of the Native Church connected with the Society.

Praying that God's Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts leading the Parent Committee to act wisely, and inclining the hearts of us Christians to give

willingly towards the support of our Pastors and the repair of our Churches.

We are Revd. and dear Sir,
Yours respectfully.

SIMON OLAGASAGARAM &c.

THE MORNING WATCH.

We are glad to publish the following letter, and to second the invitation therein. Many persons have found it very helpful to set apart a half hour or twenty minutes every morning before beginning the duties of the day to meditation and prayer. A few words of Scripture are like daily food, and give strength for the day. Meditation not only helps us to get all the benefit of the Scripture read, but it is also important as helping us to plan the work for the day, from a spiritual point of view, to be on our guard against temptations, and to realize better the presence of God in order to prayer to Him, and communion with Him. "Prayer and providence hinder no man," and no one is too busy to take a right start each day.

I shall feel much obliged if you will kindly enroll me as one who will keep the morning watch.

I think if you will only make a call through the "Morning Star" many will join in this pledge who are like me in distant lands almost deprived of the privileges of the Church. And such unfortunate people will find indeed in this a great comfort.

THE MILLIONAIRE AND HIS CLERK.

Girard, the infidel millionaire of Philadelphia, one Saturday ordered all his clerks to come on the morrow to his wharf and help unload a newly arrived ship. One young man replied quietly:

"Mr. Girard, I can't work on Sundays."

"You know our rules."

"Yes, I know. I have a mother to support, but I can't work on Sundays."

"Well, step up to the desk, and the cashier will settle with you."

For three weeks the young man could find no work, but one day a banker came to Girard to ask if he could recommend a man for cashier in a new bank. This discharged young man was at once named as a suitable person.

"But," said the banker, "you dismissed him."

"Yes, because he would not work on Sunday. A man who would lose his place for conscience's sake would make a trustworthy cashier." And he was appointed.

Thackeray said there is a law of spiritual destiny. We sow a thought and reap an act; we sow an act and reap a habit; we sow a habit and reap a character; we sow a character and reap a destiny.

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. To reach the port of Heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it; but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.

HE GAVE HIMSELF.

Many years ago in Scotland a boy went one day to a missionary meeting. His heart was deeply stirred when he heard about people who did not know of Jesus. He determined that he would be a missionary himself when he grew up. When the meeting was about to close there was a notice given that a collection would be taken at the door. Now the boy had not a cent in his pocket, and as he was ashamed to go out and not make any contribution, he hung behind the rest of the people, hoping that the collectors would do their work and depart before he should appear. But as he was sliding toward the door one of the men heard him, and turning back held the plate toward him. The boy stood still for a moment and then looked at the man, and said quietly:

"Please hold it a little lower, sir." The man complied with the request.

"Lower still," said the boy again. Again the man did as requested, half amused, half curious.

"You'd better put it on the ground," persisted the boy; and when this direction was followed he stepped into the plate and glanced up with a smile.

"It's all I have to give, sir," he said; "but if God will let me, I will be a missionary some day."

And there was nobody in all the church that day who gave so much as the lad with nothing in his pockets!