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BIRTHEDNESS BRUTETH A NATION BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.

THE NELLORE GIRLS BOARDING SCHOOL
will reopen Thursday September 23rd. Examination of candidates for admission will be held on Monday September 20th. S. A. M. Fees Rs. 21 English Class Rs. 27. Fees to be paid in advance by all, except C. M. S. Agents English Class C. M. S. Agents 27 Rupees, all others 30 Rupees.

THE CEYLON STEAMSHIP Co. Ltd.

The Company's Steamer "Lady Havlock" is appointed to sail from Kangesantural for Colombo on the following date:

Via Paumotu 21st Aug.
The "S. S. Lady Gordon" is appointed to sail from Kangesantural for Colombo on the following date:

via Point Pedro 20th Aug.
W. MATHER & SON.
Agents.

THE JAFFNA COMMERCIAL CORPORATION LIMITED.

OFFICE BANK HALL, SEA STREET, JAFFNA.
The company opens current accounts with sums of not less than Rs. 100 and allows interest at 2½% per annum on minimum monthly balances of Rs. 500, and upwards.
Fixed deposits received on the following terms:—
For 12 months interest at 6% per annum allowed
" 6 " " 5 " "
" 3 " " 3 " "

Approved bills discounted. Money advanced on pledges.
Remittances made to and from Colombo, Colombo Bankers, National Bank of India Ltd. Cheques and foreign drafts and bills of exchange on the Colombo Banks cashed.

Inland and foreign goods imported on Commission.
Office hours from 10-30 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. MATHER.
Managing Director

TO OLD STUDENTS OF JAFFNA COLLEGE

Photographs of the Jaffna College views of buildings, interiors, &c.—groups of students, faculty, portraits of professors &c. &c. about 40 subjects, can be supplied in different sizes and also in all tints. List on application.

Groups of the Alumni photographed on the 25th. Commencement day, size 8½ x 6½. Numerous Rs. 1.25 per copy. Portraits of Rev. S. W. Howland from 25 cts. each.

S. K. LAWTON & Co.
Photographers, Jaffna.

DEATH.

At 10.30 A. M. on Wednesday the 25th Aug. at Manipay Baby Isaac Kularatnam the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Sabapathipillai, of Pannemulla.

NOTICE.

A public meeting will be held in the Jaffna District Court House on Saturday the 11th September 1897 at 3 o'clock P. M. to consider the desirability of establishing a Memorial in honour of the late Mr. Advocate S. Nagalingam.

S. A. Allagakoone Charles N. Puvrajasinghe
A. Kungasabath R. Malivagannam
S. Bastianapillai M. M. Maydeen
C. Strantenbergh
Jaffna 25th Aug. 1897.

WANTED.

Wanted Teacher for C. M. S. Boy's School Neginbo (Tamil and English) salary equivalent to Rs. 17 per month. Apply with copies of Testimonials to Rev. A. E. Dibben, Colombo.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary [No. 854.]
Jurisdiction
In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kannattai wife of Kanappattiar Charavannamuttu of Pandatteruppi. Deceased.

Kanappattiar Charavannamuttu of Pandatteruppi.

Petitioner.

1. Charavannamuttu Tampoo
2. Charavannamuttu Chinnappapillai
3. Arumukam Tampoo and
4. Vallyannamuttu of Pandatteruppi and
5. Chankary Chippar and
6. Chankary Kattavala of Chankanni Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Kanappattiar Charavannamuttu of Pandatteruppi the Petitioner above named praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Kannattai wife of Kanappattiar Charavannamuttu of Pandatteruppi coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton Esquire District Judge on the 22nd day of July 1897 in the presence of S. F. 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 Annamuttu Annamm widow of Chelliah of Chavagachery. Deceased.

Annasala Ayer Swaminatha Ayer of Chavagachery. Petitioner.

Swaminatha Ayer Nadarasa Ayer of Chavagachery. Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Annasala Ayer Swaminatha Ayer of Chavagachery praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Annamuttu Annamm 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.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary [No. 678.]
Jurisdiction

In the matter of the estate of the late Ramasamy Ayer Chellay of Tellipallai. Deceased.

Annasala Swaminatha Ayer of Chavagachery Petitioner.

2. Ramasamy Ayer Krishna Ayer of Tellipallai

2. Tangannathi Annamm widow of Sinnah of do

3. Muttasamy Ayer Nadarasa Ayer of Chavagachery. Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Annasala Swaminatha Ayer of Chavagachery praying for fresh grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Ramasamy Ayer Chellay of Tellipallai coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton Esquire, District Judge, on the 20th 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 13th day of August 1897 having been read it is declared that the petitioner is the guardian of the two heirs of the said intestate and is entitled to have fresh grant of 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 September 1897 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 20th day of August 1897.

SAMUEL HAUGHTON.
District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary [No. 861.]
Jurisdiction

In the matter of the estate of the late C. Vyravannathar Nallathambi of Jaffra late of Cumbakonam deceased. C Vyravannathar Chinnappapillai of Vannarponne Petiti. Lelebum widow of Nallathambi of Kulunnakal in Tellipallai South.

This matter of the petition of C. Vyravannathar Chinnappapillai of Vannarponne praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased C. Vyravannathar Nallathambi of Cumbakonam coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton Esquire, District Judge on the 27th day of August 1897 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 16th day of August 1897 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner

is the brother 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 September 1897 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 27th day of August 1897

SAMUEL HAUGHTON,
District Judge.

GENERAL NEWS.

Gold: Gold: Gold has been discovered in British Columbia and Alaska in sufficient quantities to cause intense excitement in the States of the Pacific slope. Hundreds are rushing to the scene and provisions of all kinds have risen to unheard-of prices. It is thought that the district will prove to be one of the richest in gold in the world.

Medical. The new Principal Civil Medical Officer appointed to succeed Sir W. Kynsey is one Dr. Sison Maxmillian. The Ceylon appointment is a promotion 10 years from Singapore where he was acting in the same capacity. He is said to be a man of over 50 years of age, and with considerable experience.

Plague. The plague still hangs on in the vicinity of Bombay and Poona, and we fear it will not be completely stamped out until the approach of another hot season. In the meanwhile it would be an act of folly on our part to take no precaution whatever against its introduction in Ceylon.

Ceylon Educational Association. A meeting of the Standing Committee has been called for Saturday the 4th inst. The general meeting will be held three weeks later.

Trouble in the North West. Reports from Bombay are of an alarming nature. It is feared that there will be a general uprising among the tribes of the north-west Indian frontier which may prove a very serious matter. Nearly 40,000 troops have been gathered together near the seat of disturbance.

clerical Changes. Mr. S. S. Sathannapillai gets a promotion from Vavunia to the clerkship of the local Kachecheri, and Mr. A. Luby whom he has displaced goes up higher as the 2nd clerk in place of the late Mr. Bailey.

The Governor. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Kidgway and suite are in residence at Nevera-Elva where they will remain until the end of the month.

Crickets. A match game of cricket was played on the Esplanade on the 28th ult. between the Europeans and the "Central College" club. The Government Agent, Mr. Fisher, headed the former and Rev. W. Garret, principal of the College, the latter. The College gained an easy victory over its rival.

The Government Agent publishes for general information the following statements in connection with the collections made on account of the Permanent Memorial Fund, the Indian Famine Fund, and the Fund for Local celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The balance remaining on account of the Local celebration Fund will be used for securing a permanent railing and a record inscription for the Jubilee tree planted on the esplanade. The Government Agent takes this opportunity of thanking all those who interested themselves in making the collection on account of the various Funds.
J. T. FISHER.
Jaffna Kachecheri.
27th August 1897. Govt. Agent.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO	
DIAMOND JUBILEE PERMANENT MEMORIAL FUND.	
Remitted from Jaffna	Rs. 4121.88
" Mannar	473.75
" Mullativu	440.65
" Vavunia	424.32
	Rs. 5,460.61
INDIAN FAMINE FUND.	
Remitted from Jaffna	5102.39
" Mannar	455.54
" Mullativu	761.88
" Vavunia	676.78

In addition to the above a sum of Rs. 33.85 was collected and spent on account of printing and other charges.

LOCAL CELEBRATIONS OF HER MAJESTY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE FUND.

Receipts.	
Amount transferred from His Excellency the Governor's Reception Fund	480.00
Amount of subscriptions collected	825.50
Value of rice contributed by the Naddukkaddai chetties and Moor men	400.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	19.39
	Total Rs. 1625.89

Expenditure.	
Illuminations and Decorations	242.06
Distributed in cash and rice to the poor	548.40
Fireworks	294.87
Stand and platform on Esplanade	174.00
Miscellaneous Charges	138.55
	Total Rs. 1398.88

Balance in hand Rs. 125.00

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W^m MATHER, & SON. Agents.

SCHOOL BOOKS FOR SALE

புத்தக விளம்பரம்.

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உதயதாசை.

கவிகள் ம் (வரு புரட்டாதி ம்) உன் வ.

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சீதாவுக்குச் சந்திரன் (Perum Balthaz) புகழ்ந்ததைப் பத்தி மருகன்களிடமேதான் சொல்லுவது வழிபாடு. கற்றிலுடா டிரிபுலிப் பள்ளிக்குப் பருந்துக் கம்பமார் ஓடித் தந்திருக்கிறார். பின்ன்தவறு நூதமகன், பி.உ. தவறுப் பட்டவகன் எனவும் நீதிசீரெடுத்தகலக்கார்பயன் தவறுப் பாரியதென்கார் எனவெ துறந்தகலக் கொல் லும தத்தி கோபகருவோர் போ நூதமகன்தக. கோ மயாந்நெத கருந தவருக்கத்திளார். வீரகேசரிந் தவரு அலகேசரிப் பருதிப் யாருந்நெதகயார். தம் தி பொன்னபுரத்திற் சாறுப் பருய்யயன்னை வீரகே சரித்தனாரப்பயருக்கத் தவலியிந்நகர், கத்ததார். எண்மயுயின் கத்தியகாரணாருமன் மருபொருமன் லகன்கெய்ந் திருப்பருமருத் தவார்ப்பிசு பிந்நகர்சீவ யுத்தி நககமலிப்பயருநெ லகனாரிசீவருந். சீதந யாவதெய்யாழித் தம் தேருப்பயருக்கெய்காரகார்.

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செயுபாட்டுக்களின்மேல்... Theors of Talking—
மலையர் கலவரங்கள் எவ்வகை ஆகவேண்டுமோ, அப்போது
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கூடுகின்றார்கள். பட்டர் என்னிதென்பதென்பது பக்கம்
மேலுமாகிவிட்டது. இவ்வாறு செய்யக்கூடியவர்களுக்கென
பொருள்தருவது, சம்பாதிப்பதற்கெனவே. சரித்திரம் உரை
கொடுத்த அமைதி தாங்குதலுக்காகத்தான் இவ்வாறு செய்திரு
து. அமைதி உபயோகமுண்டாயிப்போய் சென்றிருந்தது
மே. சரித்திரம், மூலத்தொழில், கருவியை உபயோக
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யாழ்ப்பாணம்.

காலநிலை. — Weather. — சென்ற சிறுமையிலும் தோஷத்தினாலும் ஏறத்தாழப் பாரம்பரியமெடுத்துக் கொண்டிருப்பதால் வெள்ளத்தின்போது துரிதமாகக் கடைபிடிக்கின்றது. சிலகிலோகிராம் மக்களால் வெள்ளத்தினால் தாக்கம் கொண்டு தவிக்கின்றது.

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DR. AND MRS. HOWLAND.

The departure of Dr. and Mrs. Howland to the home land with no expectation of returning to their work here in Jaffna is a matter of sincere regret. Their loss will be deeply felt not only in the American mission, but elsewhere as well. They have resided for a longer or shorter time at every station in the American mission except Pandeterip, and consequently know more about the field than any of the other missionaries. On their arrival in our peninsula in July 1873 they were stationed at Manippay and then at Oodoville where they remained for four years studying the language and carrying on evangelistic work in the surrounding villages. Early in 1878 the mission stationed them at Uduppiddi to take charge of that station with its Boarding school for girls, and also of the district of Chavagacherri. Here they labored for over five years, touring among the villages by the aid of a tent, and doing some of the best work of their lives. In August 1883 they removed to the station of Chavagacherri which had been without a resident missionary for many years, but Mrs. Howland's health failing soon after, they were obliged to take their first furlough to America in December 1884.

On their return, June 1st 1886, they took charge first of the work at Telipally for a year and a half and then for about the same period of time resided at Manippay. In July 1889 they went to Batticotta to take up work in the College where they have been ever since. During these eight years many changes have taken place in this institution of which we need not speak now. Suffice it to say that the numbers have risen from 60 or 70 when Dr. Howland first took charge, to more than double that number when he left. Affiliation with Calcutta University has been secured, and the College has taken a high rank among similar institutions in Jaffna. Dr. Howland's historical sketch of the College read at the recent Prize-giving has been reproduced in full in the *Ceylon Observer* of the 23rd ult. and will be read with interest by all friends of this Institution. The College in losing them receives a serious blow—one from which it will not soon recover. It is not likely that any one will be appointed in their places just at present as the mission is too short-handed to spare any of their number for this work. The "Star" loses him from the editorial chair, but hopes to retain him as a regular correspondent. We know that they will not forget Jaffna, but will labor for it, though so far away, and ever remember it in their petitions at the throne of grace. That God will grant them journeying mercies and spare them for many years of useful service in the home land is our earnest prayer.

NEW SAYINGS OF JESUS

For 14 years scholars specially fitted for the work have been making explorations in Egypt, and have brought to light many remnants of the by-gone centuries. One of the most remarkable discoveries was made in January last in a village about one hundred miles south of Cairo. According to one of the religious papers published in America, "the find consists of several thousand papyri, nearly all written in Greek and dating from the first to the eighth or ninth century. Many of them are contracts, wills, accounts and other official and private documents, but there is an unusual proportion of classical and Christian literature. After the usual delays incident to the adjustment of the claims of the Egyptian Government the discoverers were able to carry with them to England no less than 280 boxes of manuscripts. They include portions of Sophocles, Euripides, Thucydides and other classical writers, while in the line of New Testament literature there are precious fragments, beginning 'Jesus said' and apparently closely allied to the famous 'Logia' on which Matthew's Gospel is based. Besides these there are portions of the Gospel of Matthew itself, including the first chapter with the exception of two verses. This chapter is declared on good authority to be in a third century hand and as such is 200 years older than any other extant version or manuscript."

The fragment containing the "sayings of Jesus," is a small page containing only eight sayings, three of which are incomplete or undecipherable. Of the remaining five, we give three as being of special interest viz., (1) "Jesus said except ye fast to the world ye shall in no wise find the kingdom of God; and except ye keep the Sabbath ye shall not see the Father." (2) "Jesus said where I am there are..... and there is one..... alone I am with him. Raise the stone and there thou shalt find me; cleave

the wood, and there I am." (3) "Jesus said no prophet is accepted in his own country: neither doth a physician work cures upon them that know him."

The two first mentioned will excite the greatest interest, and probably arouse controversy. The first appears to teach that fasting would give one entrance into heaven, and also that the observance of the Jewish Sabbath was necessary. The second might be said to be pantheistic in its tendency, but is it not possible that the latter clause only emphasizes what goes before and perhaps indicates also that we, for our part, should be anxious to meet Christ if we would see Him in our assemblies?

All Bible students will be greatly interested in this fragment which it is said must have been written not later than 200 A.D. Yet it would be well to bear in mind that when this was written the Gospels, as we now have them, had been in existence over a hundred years. It is interesting as indicating the condition of the early church, and their veneration for all the traditions concerning our Lord which had been passed down from one to the other. We get no new facts concerning Christ, and if we interpret Scripture by Scripture, we get no new doctrine. But the Christian world is eager for any little stone, or leaf, or page, that speaks of the times when the founder of our blessed religion lived on earth, and to this must we attribute the great excitement produced by this remarkable find of ancient manuscripts.

THE ENUIL HOSPITAL.

This institution is rapidly approaching completion and it is hoped will be ready for occupancy before many more months pass. It will be remembered that the contractor, Mr. Sinnappoo, signed a contract in December 1894, in which he promised to have the buildings completed in about a year; provided there were no unforeseen delays either on his part, or on the part of the builders. This contract was not for a lump sum, though what might be called an estimate of the total cost was given. Room was left in the contract for alterations and additions, and from the very outset advantage was taken of this condition to make many desirable changes. The general public has not been in possession of all the facts of the case, and there has been criticism of an unfriendly character, some of which would not have been made had all the facts been known. Mr. Ward of the P. W. D. has been the superintending engineer, though his removal from Jaffna to Colombo before the buildings were much more than half finished has proved a serious inconvenience to all concerned. His careful interest in the work and his desire to have everything completed in a creditable way has been greatly appreciated.

The buildings should have been handed over, completed, six months ago but complications arose which prevented an earlier settlement. We are glad now to be able to say that they were passed over by the contractor, Mr. Sinnappoo, on Saturday the 21st ult., and immediate steps will be taken to put the different wards into habitable order. That every thing has been done in a satisfactory manner is not claimed, but on the whole the buildings are well worth the money expended on them.

The Zenana Society of England has quite recently sent out the necessary papers for transferring the property to the American Board, and we trust that in a few weeks the land and buildings will legally belong to the American Mission. It will, no doubt, be a surprise to many that the property is still in the possession of the Zenana Society, no representative of which has been in Jaffna since the Misses Leitch left nearly two years ago, but it is nevertheless a fact and it has helped not a little to complicate matters. "All is well that ends well," and we feel confident that when the hospital is at last opened there will be very little said in the way of adverse criticism.

The buildings consist first of a Dispensary of three large rooms, just in front of the entrance to the compound. A short distance away are the Medical and Surgical wards running parallel to each other and to the Dispensary. These are built according to the plans usually adopted in Ceylon and India with one general ward and three or four small rooms for special cases. The one serious defect is the lack of a properly lighted operating room, but this is to be remedied before the hospital is opened. These three buildings are connected with each other by covered pandals as also the building back of the Surgical ward which is designed for the nurses' quarters. Suitable kitchens, bath rooms &c. &c. are connected with all these houses.

Away in one corner of the large compound is the Maternity ward, and near by the Isolation and Disinfecting wards. The mission house for the occupancy of the Lady Doctors stands well back, away from the other buildings, and yet connected with them by a covered pandal. The Carriage house and stables have not been erected yet, but will be, in all probability, before long. The approaches to the buildings will be by winding drives, as soon as they can be constructed.

We shall have more to say about this institution later on. We congratulate the Misses Leitch on the near completion of their long cherished plan for giving the women of Jaffna a place where their bodies can be healed, and their souls fed with the "Bread of life." May it stand a fitting monument of their untiring labors for the people of Jaffna, and be a constant source of life and blessing to the women for whom these ladies devoted several years of their lives.

Local & General.

Weather. There have been splendid showers all over the peninsula and farmers are busy ploughing their fields, and in low lands sowing the seed. The heat which has been unusually severe for August has been greatly mitigated by the rains. About 7 inches fell during the month at Uduppiddi, the average for 12 yrs being 1.88 inches only.

The late Mrs. B. C. A final dividend has been paid which brings the total up to between 54 and 55 per cent of the whole. This has proved to be a very serious failure, more so than was at first anticipated. To lose nearly half of one's earnings is not a slight matter, and the Liquidator has been a long time in making even this settlement.

Smacked by Lightning. A woman of Nelliadi while pounding rice under a tree was struck by lightning on Saturday the 21st ult., and instantly killed.

Convention at Kadduvai. Meetings are to be held for two days in the Wesleyan chapel at Kadduvai on the 8th and 9th inst. for the benefit of the Christians living on the other side of the Salt river. There will be a session at 9.30 and again at 2 each day for the benefit of the Christians while the evening meetings will be for all who will come. The speakers are to be the pastors and missionaries in charge of the work in that section of our peninsula. The general topic to be discussed from several aspects is "What Christ is to the Christian." May the Spirit of God be present, and much good result.

Missionaries. Jaffna loses Dr. & Mrs. S. W. Howland of the American Mission who sailed from Kangesanai on the "Lady Havlock" on the afternoon of the 21st ult. They leave Colombo in the Bibby liner S.S. "Chester" about the middle of this month. In a week or two Mrs. A. Paul of the C. M. S. leaves for England via Colombo on account of ill health.

On the other hand we are glad to welcome a new missionary to join the Wesleyan mission, and hope she will be spared in health and strength for many years of active labor for her Master in this part of the viceroy.

S. S. Union of India and Ceylon. Rev. R. Burgess, the travelling Secretary of the S. S. Union is expected up here on Saturday of this week. He will probably remain several days in Jaffna holding meetings in the interests of Sabbath schools at the different stations. A S. S. Convention was to be held in Colombo on Monday and Tuesday which bid fair to be of more than usual interest.

Photographs. Our esteemed photographer Mr. S. K. Lawton has taken a number of views of the college and surroundings at Batticotta, and will be prepared to furnish copies to all who may wish for them. We can heartily recommend them to the public.

Coach. It is said that the new proprietors have bought up the horses, coaches &c. of the former contractor, and that in future only one coach will run between Jaffna and Matile. We trust that it will not be long before the evils of our central road coach system will be remedied.

The District Judge. Mr. Samuel Haughton has applied for a vacation leave of one month from the 13th inst. The name of his *locum tenens* has not yet been made known.

Personal. Mr. Cascherry, Magistrate of Pt. Pedro and Chavagacherri, has not been well, and has applied for a short leave. Dr. Wm. Paul of the F. I. N. S. Hospital has not been in the best of health for some time, and is clearly in need of rest and change.

"Wesleys Guild." An organization which bears this name was started for the young folks by Rev. G. J. Trimmer. A public meeting to organize this association was held in St. Peters Chapel on the 23rd ultimo and Mr. Trimmer explained the object of the association. Many joined the "Guild" by pledging their names as members.

Late Mr. Nagalingam. As advertised in another column, a public meeting will be held in the District Court House on the 11th inst. at 3 p.m. to consider the memorial to be adopted in honor of the late Mr. Advocate S. Nagalingam.

Marriages. At St. Peters on the 27th ultimo Mr. Chinappah of the Vampadi boys Training school was married to Miss Chellammah a daughter of Rev. J. V. Benjamin, the pastor of the church. Yesterday the late Mr. B. Niles of Walker sons and Co. of Colombo was married to Miss Cattiarina a daughter of Rev. W. M. Walton. The ceremonies took place in the chapel at Pt. Pedro of which the father of the bride is the pastor. The happy parties united in holy wedlock have our best wishes for their prosperity.

Mr. Muttiab Niles. We are glad to hear that this gentleman got an appointment as clerk in the Indian Money Order Department of the General Post Office, Colombo, after an examination. We wish him a successful career.

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