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NOTICE.

JAFFNA PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION.

A General Meeting of the members of this Association will be held at St. Paul's School Room, Vempadi, on Thursday the 17th inst. commencing at 4 P. M. Proposed amendments in the rules are to be discussed. All the members are hereby requested to be present at the occasion.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 879.
Jurisdiction
In the Matter of the Estate of the late Vettiveloopillai
Tampippillai of Manipay Deceased.
Tampippillai Chinnambramy of Manipay Petitioner
Vs.

Tampippillai Karatappillai of Manipay Respondent.
This matter coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton, Esquire, District Judge, on the 30th day of December, 1897, in the presence of Mr. S. T. Arnold, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner, and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 30th of December, 1897, having been read: It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the late Vettiveloopillai Tampippillai, of Manipay deceased, be issued to the Petitioner as one of the heirs of the said deceased, unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 9th day of February, 1898, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 30th day of December 1897

SAMUEL HAUGHTON, District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 878.
Jurisdiction
In the Matter of the Estate of the late Valayutar Chinnambrami of Araly South Deceased.
Parupattipillai widow of Chinnambrami Valayutar of Araly South Petitioner
Vs.

1 Murakelkar Namaohivayam Respondents.
2 his wife Telveenappillai of Araly South
3 Annankam Vattillagan and his
4 wife Chinnambrami of do. Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Parupattipillai widow of Chinnambrami Valayutar of Araly South praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Valayutar Chinnambrami of Araly South coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton Esquire, District Judge, on the 9th day of December 1897 in the presence of Mr. T. G. Changarampillai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 6th day of December 1897 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the mother of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to her unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 14th day of February 1898 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 9th day of December 1897.

SAMUEL HAUGHTON, District Judge.

Local & General.

District Synod. The District meeting of the Wesleyan mission was convened at Jaffna on Tuesday the 25th ult. The missionaries and native ministers from the Eastern province were in attendance in full force.
Y. M. C. A. The annual public meeting of the North Ceylon Union of Y. M. C. A. S. was held at St. John's College, Chundickully on Thursday the 27th ult. The General Committee meeting was held at 4 P. M. and the public meeting came two hours later.
Mr. Eddy, Secretary of the Students Volunteer Movement for India, was expecting to be in Jaffna during

January, but was advised to postpone his visit until June as being a more favorable month for doing work among the Colleges. The officers of the Y. M. C. A. Union for 1898 are as follows:—President W. E. Hildrebeck Esq. Vice Presidents Rev. J. Carter and Rev. W. Garrett. Secretary Mr. Vyanantun, Treasurer Rev. C. Handy.

Eclipse. The day was cloudy at the time it would have been total in the line of totality. It was a great disappointment not to have clear skies.

Day of Prayer. Mr. Karl Fries, Chairman of the World's Student Christian Federation and Mr. John R. Mott, its Secretary, have issued a call for a day of prayer for students in accordance with the decision of the Federation in July last. The day fixed upon is Sunday, Feb. 13th, and the following suggestions are given for the observance of the day:

1. Bring the matter by various means to the attention of as many students as possible and hold one or more meetings on that day for the purpose of united prayer on behalf of the students of the world.
2. Request pastors to preach sermons calling forth united and individual prayer for students from the members of their congregations.
3. Let special prayer be made for the World's Student Christian Federation that it may be used greatly by the Spirit in answering the prayer of our Lord "that they all may be one."
4. Let praise and thanks giving for what God hath already wrought among students have a prominent place in all meetings and prayers.
5. Expect great things from God during the coming year as a result of the conscientious observance of the day.

This is the first time that Christian students of all continents of the world have been called to unite in prayer for a great object, and we hope it will be very generally observed in Jaffna.

Personal. Mr. K. Nagamathar, son-in-law of Mr. Poley Thambu and an officer of the P. W. D. Mannar, has returned on pension owing to ill-health. Mr. V. Changarampillai B. A., a former student of the Jaffna College, has taken the M. A. degree of the Calcutta University. He intends choosing law as his profession. Mr. Brown Sinnatambly, father of the late Jaffna Kuchery, died on the 27th inst. at his residence in Vannarpance. He was Crown Counsel for many years. He is one of the students of the late Baticulotta Seminary. He studied under Dr. Foot along with Judge Appalavannar. Sub collector Rockwood, Surveyor Riggs, N. Strong Esq. &c. The death of his son, Advocate Nagalingam, was a great blow to him in his declining years and hastened his end. Mr. C. Sundarampillai, late Sheriff of the Jaffna Kuchery, died on the 28th inst. at Vannarpance. He belonged to a very respectable family and had very great influence in Jaffna. He cut a prominent figure in bringing to light the forgery in the well-known "Brahmin's Lost Will" case. Mr. K. G. Kadikamer who arrived here from Baticulotta by the last steamer, has taken charge of his duties as Head Clerk, Fiscal's Office on the 26th inst. He is residing at Manipay. Mr. J. Niles B. A., a son of the Rev. D. P. Niles, has resigned his appointment in India with a view to study law at Colombo.

Mr. J. Hensman B. A., son of Mr. Edward Hensman B. A. of Madras, has been appointed Mathematical Professor in Wesley College, Colombo.

Pl. Pedro Notes. The young man who lately at Point Pedro, killed another in a drunken quarrel, has been committed to stand his trial at the ensuing sessions of the Supreme Court. A man of Poley who accused another of having stolen 3 Bagen brooms, & plates from his garden, was ordered by the Magistrate to pay a fine of Rs. 10, half of which was to go to the alleged offender. Proctor S. Subramaniam, practicing at Point Pedro, having passed his Notary Examination, has been ordered by the Registrar General to have his office at Poley West. Mr. V. Kanappillai, another Proctor of Pt. Pedro has gone to Colombo to appear at the Notary Examination.

The Supreme Court. The first Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court at Jaffna for the year will be held on the 21st inst. and the following days. The cases committed for trial are not many, and the sitting is not expected to be long.

Plague Commission. His Excellency the Governor has appointed Messrs. J. P. Lee, P. R. Ellis, W. E. Davidson and Surgeon Major Perry P. G. M. O. to form a Plague Commission to guard against the introduction into Ceylon of the Bubonic Plague.

The S. S. Lady Brunel. The 25th ultimo was an exceptionally busy passenger day at the Jaffna jetty. The steamer sailed straight to Colombo and took on board from Jaffna port alone 12 Cabin passengers, 218 Deck passengers and 12 boat loads of cargo.

Deft Horses. Four horses have been sent from Delft by the Govt. Agent on his last trip to the said island. These horses are for sale. A few more of the horses which we captured with the said four horses are left the island of Elmavotte which we are informed will be converted for the purpose of breeding horses.

Dr. Wm. Paul. We are much pleased to hear that Dr. Paul is making progress towards recovery. He has been laid up with an ailment in the kidneys which was cleverly operated upon by Drs. Scotland Greiner. We hope that he will soon come round and be himself again. Com.

The District Engineer Pallai. Mr. E. Hibbel who is in charge of works at Pallai was transferred to Colombo and Mr. Keltner, District Engineer, Jaffna, attends to the work at Pallai in addition to his own at Jaffna.

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நாடுகளிலும், அடுத்ததொன்றில் குடிசைகளில்... மரபியல் உருவகத்தை செல்ல அப்படி கருவியை...

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சுப்பிரமணியம் அம்மாள்.—The Late Mrs. Supramaniam.—சென்னை...

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NEWS FROM AMERICA.

United States and Hawaii. President Mc Kintley has recommended to Congress the annexation of this island though Congress may not sustain him if it has not already taken action. There are two opinions in the United States as to the wisdom of such a policy. There are those who contend that it should not be the policy of the United States to annex territory so far away from its shores. Yet Alaska is almost as distant from the nearest point of the Republic as Hawaii. Again it is said that the true policy would be to let the life island (or group of islands) maintain a separate republican form of government, while the United States might constitute itself a guardian to watch over the interests of its little sister.

But on the other side many are anxious for annexation on the ground that since the principal men of Hawaii are demanding it, and since the United States has greater interests there than any other nation, it is no more than right that the United States should take possession before any other power forestalls it.

Cuba. There is thought to be on some accounts, more reason for annexing Cuba than Hawaii, for it is not only nearer to the mainland but has the closest commercial relations with the great Republic. Nearly all the sugar manufactured in the island goes to the United States and a good share of the other products. The financial status of the island is anything but satisfactory, and the great rebellion of '95 and '97 (which is still going on) seems likely to be productive of very serious results as to the prosperity of the island. President McKinley's attitude towards the "Queen of the Antilles" is one of neutrality more than anything else. Much Spanish money has been spent, and thousands of lives sacrificed in the vain attempt to subdue the uprising, and the end is not yet, though hopes are entertained that Spain may soon grant it autonomy.

Strikes. The telegraph tells us of a serious strike among the workmen on the cotton mills. Owing to the reduction of wages 25,000 men, women and children have left work, and the dissatisfaction is still spreading. The prosperity which seemed about to return to the country with the abnormal rise in the price of wheat, has received a check. Prices of food stuffs are higher than a year ago, while wages have not materially increased. The masses of the working people, outside of the agricultural classes are worse off than they were in 1895 in spite of the changes of administration and the revision of the tariff. The farmers are getting better prices for their produce. Wheat still keeps very high, potatoes and fruit are 50 per cent dearer than in 1895. On the other hand cotton goods have shown a tendency to downward rates in price which amounts for reduction of wages, and the general strikes resulting therefrom.

Personal. Many readers of the Star will be interested in learning of the whereabouts of those who have been in Jaffna at one time or another as missionaries and educators. Mr. F. K. Sanders Ph. D. is still professor in Yale University and retains a warm attachment for Jaffna. It was he who started the Y. M. C. A. work in Jaffna which now takes such a prominent position in Christian work carried on in our peninsula. It would be eminently fitting for him to complete his labours for our young men by raising funds for the erection of a suitable central Y. M. C. A. building in Jaffna. Prof. and Mrs. Wood (nee Miss K. E. Hastings) are at Smith's College for young ladies, and show their interest in Jaffna by their frequent inquiries after the welfare of their many friends here. Mr. Wood is an ordained man and preaches occasionally as opportunity occurs. The Star has already printed an article from his pen and hopes to hear again from him. Mr. Wallace has returned to his native country, leaving his studies in America, and is engaged in mission work in connection with the Madura English High School. We regret that he could not have returned to his former field of labour while we congratulate the Madura mission on having secured his services. Mr. Silver who was connected with the Jaffna College for two years has married and settled down as a professor in some institution in the north west. Mr. Walsh has charge of the central Y. M. C. A. building in Jaffna. Mr. Chaitin is reporter for some prominent newspaper in New England. Mr. Lowe is Dean of the faculty in Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. I. L. Best who left us a year ago is pursuing his studies in Hamilton College. The Misses Leitch and their brother are still on "silver dollars" bent having raised a large amount for the Armenian Relief fund, they took up with their customary zeal, the cause of the famine-stricken sufferers in India. That they are busy in helping several good causes and with every hope of success. They write that a visit to Ceylon during the year is not beyond the reach of probability.

Dr. and Mrs. Howland are comfortably settled in a flat in New York City. They are situated only three or four minutes walk from the little chapel where Dr. Howland expected to commence work with January 1st of this year. His writings have a Bible class in Sunday school Sunday morning, conduct Friday night meetings, and help or supervise in all else that is going on. There is a boys' club, and a men's club, a girls' club, and a Junior girls' club, several of them at a time and something every evening, a Y. P. S. C. E. Sunday evenings before service, Helping Hand Friday P. M., Sewing school Saturday A. M., a daily Kindergarten, an industrial school of the Home of the Friendless, a Gymnasium in use every evening etc. etc. There are over 600 in the Sunday school and 200 in church. It is one of the most densely populated parts of the city, and almost of the whole. I can tell you more about it when we get into it. ...

Dr. Grieco is living near here with her mother and sister. We have got her to take a class in the Helping Hand.

Dr. Howland speaks of having a call from Miss Julia Green, elder daughter of Dr. S. F. Green. Dr. J. Sanders, elder son of Rev. M. D. Sanders who died in the harness at Batticaloa in 1871, is in attendance on Mrs. Howland as for physician, and pronounces her very much better.

"We have not had much cold weather yet," he continues, "Monday night rain had fallen and frozen, and as I went out, I no sooner stepped on the edge of the upper step than I found myself on the sidewalk five steps below than I found myself on except a little bruised. The same the worse however with Christmas goods and decorations stores are very gay with Christmas goods and decorations and electric attractions, and crowds of sight seers as well as buyers. We often, about every thing, for we do not

lose our love for Jaffna." The Doctor seems likely to keep up his reputation as a very hard working man, but all we can do is to hold him to his promise to write again and tell us more about it." Many in Jaffna and in Ceylon as well are interested in him, and we feel sure that he will gratify their desire to hear of the welfare of himself and Mrs. Howland.

The Ceylon Observer of the 21st ult. gives an article from the New York Tribune which gives a report of an interview with Mrs. Howland. The reporter, like many of his class, has not been very accurate in reporting the results of his interview, but has nevertheless given a very interesting article.

THE MISSION TO THE VEDDAS.

From Mr. E. O. Walker, Superintendent of Telegraphs, a representative of the Observer has obtained some particulars regarding the laudable endeavors which are being made by the Rev. J. West, Wesleyan Missionary in Batticaloa, or behalf of the Veddahs. It was in October last, that Mr. West undertook the establishment of the Evangelical Mission to the Veddahs, with a promise of 500 rupees of yearly subscription. Mr. West, with the assistance of a native catechist, established his mission station in the settlement of Kaloddi village about fifty miles off Batticaloa. At the very start, however, he found two difficulties, one the almost chronic distress of the people, whom failure of crops, disease, hunger and exposure are thinning down year by year, and the other their rambling habits. In the last season of privation, Mr. West relieved the needs of the people by having two cart-loads of provisions conveyed to the sufferers. He has managed a scheme by which he proposes to teach the villagers the rudiments of commerce; at the same time indirectly bringing them more in touch with civilization. His idea is to barter rice and other food stuffs for bees wax, wild honey, chillies, dried deer flesh and the like which the Veddah can easily procure. This year the unforeseen distress has resulted in a larger expenditure, and though some little money has been collected for relief operations, the funds in hand will fall far short of meeting the year's requirements. There are a good many invalids whom the Mission nurse has to provide for. There is a dispensary at Maha Oya, but disease is widespread and the death rate largely outbalances the birth-rate.

Among other plans of Mr. West, is that of discouraging the roving habits of the people which renders steady missionary work difficult and instruction almost impossible. He proposes to move a large section of the people down to the vicinity of the Lugam tanks, where a plentiful supply of water will irrigate their lands and obviate the distress caused by long droughts, dry river beds, &c. But here new land must be purchased and that means larger funds. The work so far bears good promise, but it is too premature yet to prophesy anything. A good deal has been done among the children, both in the way of character-building and religious training, and the three years' schooling at Kalavayal, 14 miles north of Batticaloa, where the population includes an admixture of Tamils, has benefited them much. It is remarkable how very docile and pliable the children are and how comparatively readily they learn. Among the adults, progress in religious instruction is not so ready but quite as sure. The advantages which the Missionaries possess in dealing with the Veddahs is that there is no religious belief to be eradicated before the seed of the Gospel can be sown. Crime of small kind, of course, prevail regarding the nearness of departed spirits, the dread of malignant spirits, &c. Regarding the disposition of the people, Mr. Walker thinks them timid, readily susceptible to kindness, capable of strong faithful attachment to individuals kindly, peace loving, gentle, and docile. They are never known to be vindictive even in retaliation, and there is only one Veddah in jail just now. On New Year's Eve a feast was given by the missionaries to 20 people at which about 300 men and women were present. Mr. Jordan gave a magic lantern exhibition, which delighted the people. Later on prizes were distributed to the Sunday School children, for there is already a fairly prosperous institution of this sort. Work is being carried on at the village of Kaloddi, about 50 miles from Batticaloa but no reports have been received from here.

Ceylon Observer.

CHOLERA IN JAFFNA.

Jaffna 27th January 1898.

The Editor "Morning Star"
Sir—In continuation of my letter of 10th inst. to the Catholic Guardian in case of Cholera has occurred since the 5th inst. at any place except Chunnagam. The last case at Chunnagam was in the 5th inst. and no fresh case occurred there till the 21st inst. by another fatal case occurred and was followed on the 17th inst. by another; the surviving patient and all the "Suspects" i. e. the occupants, 29 in number, of the possibly infected house, were at once removed to the cholera Hospital and house of Observation at Kankesanthurai on the 20th inst. another case occurred at Chunnagam and the patient and "suspects" 7 in number, were also at once removed to Kankesanthurai. The first of these patients recovered but the second a very old man, died; all the suspects have since been released after thorough disinfection and no fresh case has since occurred i. e. there has been no fresh case since 20th inst. This subsequent outbreak has thus been limited to 3 cases with two deaths. Seeing the long interval from the 2nd inst. to the 18th inst. those subsequent cases must have contracted the disease from cholera bacilli contained in clothes or other foldable articles which were concealed and thus escaped the disinfection which was carefully carried out with Jeyes' Fluid and exposure to sunlight, or from bacilli that were still passed from the intestines of those who had recovered from cholera and which it is now known can be so contained in and passed on for months and which can of cholera convalescents even at remote places or through long intervals, as occurred at Hamburg in 1891-92 after being introduced by immigrants from Russia where the epidemic was originated by immigrants from where the epidemic was first introduced by immigrants from Russia who of course had left Russia long previous to their arrival at Hamburg.

Yours Faithfully,
HAYMAN THOMAS
Senior Medical Officer.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Obituary. We regret to hear of the death of Mr. A. Sinatampai of Vannaipponnai, the Senior Proctor of the Jaffna Bar at his residence on the 27th inst. He lived to a good old age of 82 years. The deceased gentleman was the father of Mr. Advocate Nagalingam and grand father of Mr. Proctor Kandiah. He was also known by the name of A. Brown, which was given him in the famous educational institution, the late Batticaloa Seminary, where he received his education, graduated in or about the year 1838. Shortly after he had graduated, he was employed as a teacher for some years in the Jaffna Central School, which is now called Central College. Having a taste as well as talents for the profession of law, he resigned his teachership in the School and studied law and entered the profession in the year 1844, and practised as a successful lawyer until the year 1895, for a period over 50 years, and then retired owing to failing health. His colleagues were Messrs. P. Bastiampillai, S. Vayalingam and P. Sinnakudidi, who formed the first batch of lawyers from among the Tamils. Before these gentlemen became lawyers, the law profession had been confined to the Burgher community at Jaffna. The subject under notice distinguished himself for his honesty and upright character as well as ability during the career of his professional life. He was grateful to the Missions and especially to the American Mission in whose Seminary he received his education. They were faithful in their appeals to him for charitable contribution, whenever there was an occasion. He leaves behind a large circle of relations and friends to whom his loss is a great bereavement.

Y. M. C. A. Annual Meeting. The annual public meeting of the North Ceylon Union of Young Men's Christian Association was held at St. John's Cottage Hall on Thursday, the 27th Jan. The hall was well filled, mostly with young men, though a few ladies gauged the occasion with their presence. The report of the Secretary, Mr. W. S. Vinnayanti, showed that there are 20 Associations in the Union with a total membership of about 500. The work carried on is varied, the greatest prominence being given to Bible classes and religious meetings, while some Associations have other departments such as literary and athletic and boys departments. Four addresses were given, each of which held the attention and interest of the audience. The Rev. H. Horeley spoke fittingly on our anchors; the Rev. W. M. Wallon about the study of the Bible; the Rev. L. A. Elmer on the true end of work by our young men; and the Rev. J. West dealt on the subject of how we live in our work.

St. J. J. College. Mr. J. A. Muttavala who is now reading in St. John's College has creditably passed the last Clerical examination. He is a son of Mr. S. Muttavala, ex-chief G. M. S.

Council Seat. It is rumored that Mr. C. B. B. Advocate, has been offered the seat in Council by H. B. the Governor, and that he is likely to accept.

The Wesleyan Mission. The Annual District Synod of the ministers of the Northern and Eastern Provinces has been held this year at Jaffna. The strength of the 25th ultimo, brought to our shores the ministers from the Eastern Provinces. Special services and several meetings have been held for 12 days from the 26th ultimo, according to the programme printed and circulated for the information of the churches. The visit of the ministers and the special efforts in those 12 days, we trust, will be attended with special blessing in all our deliberations and plans for their work of the year before them. We hope, will be crowned with success.

Personal. Mr. David Tamihah, Govt. Surveyor has retired on pension and returned to Erana to take up his post to establish himself as a planter in the Province of Palu returned from Colombo on the eve of the severe illness of his father, Dr. Wm. Paul. Mr. Jordan spent a week in Jaffna and interested us with Magic Lantern entertainments.

Ceylon Educational Association. A meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ceylon Educational Association the question of Vaccination was considered, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted.—We recommend that a Manager, if no vaccination has been held within 2 miles of his school since the last examination, should inform the D. P. I. thereof at least one month before the date of examination, and request him to move the Medical Department to appoint a vaccination within that distance."

FOREIGN NEWS.

China. Li Hung Chang, the great Chinese Statesman who made a journey round the world a year or two ago has been called back in power by the Emperor. While declaring that Germany is in the wrong in the recent troubles, he at the same time expresses the wish to see the Chinese ports open to all nations on equal terms. England is insisting upon the opening of the ports, and the United States has agreed to back her.

Nine Japanese warships are about to sail for China, and it looks also as if Russia would ally itself with Japan. France has also sent war galleons to China, to protect its own interests in that Empire.

India. Plague still continues to increase in western India. From a private letter from one who speaks with a careful knowledge of facts we learn that the plague has been awful in Sholapur, bad in Sirion, and increasing in Ahmednagar and Bombay. Out of a population of 37,000 in Ahmednagar it is estimated that only 4,000 remain, so great has been the exodus. More stringent measures are being taken and a fresh supply of doctors and nurses have been called for.

Telegrams from Buxar, Sadhol, and Jerr report clear weather during the eclipse. The corona and four masses of streamers were plainly visible to the hundreds of thousands of people who had come from all over India to witness the sight. Totality lasted about two minutes. Mercury and some stars were seen. A large number of photographs were taken and the astronomers expect to remain on several days in order to develop their plates.

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