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Pessalai	Dr. N. L. Joshua	2.00
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NOTICE.

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Notice is hereby given that an examination of surveyors requiring license under the above ordinance will be held by me at Colombo on March 28th 1898 and following days.

The subjects of examination will be the use and adjustments of instruments, surveying, plotting, drawing, computing, the drawing off of extents and reporting on surveys, the taking of longitudinal and cross sections, plotting and drawing the same and computing quantities from the sections.

Candidates are required to give at least a week's notice of their intention to present themselves for examination and fee must be sent with application.

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(Manager.)

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W. MATHER & SON.

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The annual sale of these hardy and useful ponies will be held at the Jaffna Kachcheri on the 16th April at 2 P. M. or by private sale previously. An exceptionally good lot of fillies is available. For terms apply to R. W. LEVERS,
Govt. Agent.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 887.
Jurisdiction
In the matter of the estate and property of the late Venay Veerakethy of Chandampokkatty Deceased.
Veerakethy Nakamany of Chandampokkatty Petitioner.

1 Venay Marier of Chandampokkatty Respondents.
2 Venay Chinnamany of do Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Veerakethy Nakamany of Chandampokkatty praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Venay Veerakethy of Chandampokkatty, District Judge, on the 7th day of February 1898 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Esq., on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 1st day of February 1898 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the person of the estate 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 18th day of March 1898 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this day of February 1898 SAMUEL HAUGHTON,
District Judge

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 884.
Jurisdiction
In the matter of the estate of the late Chinatankam Vellath of Chintamparanthar Vellath of Neervely Deceased.
Kachcheri of Neervely Petitioner.

1 Vallipillai wife of Kachcheri Katirachar of Neervely Respondents.
2 Chintamparanthar Thangiah & wife Respondents.
3 Tevannapillai Respondents.
4 Katirachar Katirachar Respondents.
5 Katirachar Katirachar Respondents.
6 Supper Tambar and wife Respondents.
7 Chintamparanthar, all of Neervely Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of the above named Petitioner Kachcheri Katirachar of Neervely praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Chinatankam Vellath of Chintamparanthar Vellath of Neervely coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton Esq., District Judge, on the 24th day of January 1898 in the presence of Mr. S. F. G. Carpenter, Esq., on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 20th day of January 1898 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the person of the estate 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 17th day of March 1898 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 24th day of January 1897. SAMUEL HAUGHTON,
District Judge

Local & General.

Weather. We had only a slight shower or two in February, and March opens with little prospect of rain. For two or three days, about the 20th, a strong breeze blew from the southwest a most unusual thing for February. The sun is very hot, but the dews are not as heavy as they generally are at this time of the year. There is fever in several parts of the peninsula. Measles and chicken pox are very prevalent. Cholera is still lurking at Chunnagan.

Correspondents. Several communications reached us just as we were going to press last time which had to be omitted for lack of space. One or two of these appear in this issue, and one or two must be declined with thanks. We shall always be glad to receive short communications and shall endeavor to insert them, if suitable to our columns.

Girls Boarding Schools. The Girls Boarding school at Udupity was examined for grant on the 21st and 22nd ult. and closed for the usual six weeks of holidays on the 1st Inst. Venpadi and Pt. Pedro are to be examined in a week or two. Jod. Odoovill about the 21st. The examination of candidates for a new class for Odoovill will take place on Thursday the 10th inst.

Calcutta examinations. The entrance Examination of Calcutta University will commence on the 7th inst at St. John's College, Chudchudly. A large number of ladies expect to appear. The F. A. and B. A. examinations follow soon after.

Personal. Mr. & Mrs. Hirstbrook and child leave today for Kodaikanal, S. India for a few weeks of much needed rest. The Drs. Scott and Dr. Carr have returned to Maneray. Mrs. Smith & family leave for U.S.A. the latter part of the month.

Mr. M. P. Hallock, Sub-Collector of Pessala Vangale, has been transferred to Colombo Customs on being relieved by the Head Clerk of the Jaffna Custom House. Mr. Hallock has taken charge of his duties from the 1st of March.

The Revised Code for 1899. The changes in the Revised Code for 1899 have been published in the Govt. Gazette of the 11th ultimo, and are long. Managers should have the Code in their hands. We reserve comment until the next issue.

The Governor's Tour. His Excellency was to start on Monday of this week on tour to Batticaloa and Kalutara in the Eastern Province. He expects to be away a fortnight.

Plague in India. During the week ending with Feb. 23rd 1,083 persons died from the plague or an average of nearly 155 per day. Another European nurse has also died.

Paddy. A large quantity of paddy has been imported into Jaffna recently. The largest amount being brought in by a steamer of the B. I. line especially chartered by some of the Chetty firms. She anchored off the port at Mandavelly 10,000 bags of rice and paddy, and since last Friday its cargo has been unloaded.

Knits. The acting Police Magistrate Mr. E. Sivaprasadam and his suite proceeded to Delfon on the 4th inst. This is the first time in the island for this year and it will last for a month.

The pearl Banks. Captain Dunsen succeeded on his usual yearly inspection to the pearl banks leaving Colombo on the 24th ultimo.

Road Tax. The Govt. Agent has been chiefly engaged during the past weeks in exempting disqualified persons from the payment of the duty. The Bureau per head was payable on or before the 28th ultimo but the public, we hear, have applied to the "Jaffna Road Committee" praying that in future the payment of the duty may be postponed until the middle of the year. The application is under consideration by the Committee and we trust that the wish of the people will be satisfied, for generally in the month of February money is very scarce in the country.

The Supreme Court. The Sessions opened on the 21st ult. Mr. Justice Withers presided and the members of his staff were Mr. Prince his Private Secretary and Mr. Stok the Registrar with Mr. Mariah Interpreter. Mr. Cooke acted as Crown Counsel. The Sessions closed on 22nd ult. There were four cases of which one was withdrawn and another from Maganor was transferred to the District Court for trial. The third which was one of abduction was heard on the 21st ultimo and the prisoner was acquitted. He was defended by Mr. Advocate Thirumavalavan. On the 22nd ultimo a case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder was heard and the jury found the prisoner of the lesser offence of causing grievous hurt. The prisoner was a stout young fellow of Point Pedro apparently belonging to the class of roudies. He was sentenced to undergo two years vigorous imprisonment. The same evening Mr. Withers inspected the Jaffna jail and proceeded the next day to Point Pedro to embark for Trincomalee.

The Jaffna Railway. The Committee of the Jaffna Railway held a meeting on the 21st ultimo in the Jaffna Library and resolved to hold a public meeting on the 5th inst at 3.30 p.m. to express grateful thanks to His Excellency the Governor, and for his warm aid and advocacy of the extension of the Jaffna Railway, and to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for having sanctioned the immediate construction of a part of the line.

Distinguished Visitors. The last steamer from Colombo had amongst its passengers His Excellency Major General Hobson, the Marquis of Greyham, Mr. F. H. Gifford, Surveyor General, Dr. Perry, the P. C. M. O. and Lord Bishop Colclough.

WAR AND EDUCATION.

Here is an item of fact worth remembering. The United States is the only nation in the world that expends more money for education than for war. England spends \$3. 72 per capita for military purposes and 62 cents for education. France spends \$4 for military purposes and 70 cents for education. Prussia spends \$2.04 for the military and 50 cents for education. Austria spends \$1.35 for military and 62 cents for education. Russia spends \$2.04 for military and 13 cents for education. The United States spends 39 cents per capita for military purposes and \$1.35 per capita for education.

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THE TRIAL OF JESUS.

Contributed.

Copies of Munkacsy's famous painting of "Christ before Pilate" hang upon the walls of Christian homes the world over. This painting is a representation in art of one of the most important events in the life of Jesus Christ, the most influential person in history. A little child one day noticed a copy of this painting hanging upon the wall of his father's house and became very much interested in it. He asked his father who were the persons represented in the picture and what it all meant. His father told him the whole story, that it was Jesus, a Jew, who had been miraculously born of a virgin and had lived in Palestine many years ago and had grown to young manhood. He had claimed to be divine, and many people had seen him raise the dead and heal people sick with all kinds of diseases. Because he had claimed to be divine the Jews had brought him to trial before the Roman Governor, Pilate. They spat upon him and crowned him with thorns and mockingly clothed him in a purple robe. "Here," said the father, "is Jesus before Pilate being tried and judged." The little fellow seemed to be troubled at this account, and the next day not seeming to have quite understood the story said to his father, "Did you say Christ before Pilate?—It must be Pilate before Christ." He had been so taught that he could not understand how that Christ who was God could be held in judgment before the bar of Pilate who was only a man.

This story represents what is taking place in the world everyday. Christ is the most palpable fact in history and is ever being brought to trial before the bar of human hearts who in turn from their judgments and testimonies are being judged by Christ.

Some, like the Jews of old, are witnessing against Christ; but those who have studied his case most thoroughly know that all such are either ignorant of history or else prejudice has led them to base slander. How apt men are to retain what they have imbibed; and how hard it is to get over the prejudices of education. Prejudiced the Jews to murder Christ, and many since this base murder have blasphemed his name because of prejudices or of ignorance. Gibbon blasphemed but he himself confessed that he had not read but one of the Gospels. Voltaire blasphemed but he showed himself deplorably ignorant of Jesus. Pain did not keep a Bible, and Hume never read the New Testament with attention. They have with culpable ignorance testified against Christ and furnished their judge with evidence against themselves.

Others are giving no testimony at all in this trial. They do not therefore escape responsibility. Just as certainly as good is opposed to evil and sin is opposed to holiness the world would oppose Christ. The burden of proof is on those who know about him, and silence gives testimony against Christ. It may be that some are cowards and are afraid to take sides in this issue; but God and man alike hate cowards. It may be that some are indifferent to the whole matter or could as easily give testimony for as against Christ, and therefore are silent; but Christ despises the indifferent he abhors the noncommittal spirit. "I know thy works that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

Others are bearing witness in the trial of Christ to only a part of the truth. They are confessing that he is great and good or even divine, but not that he is their Savior or the Savior of the world. They know Jesus with the head, in the Greek sense, and bear witness to his power and excellence; but they are absolutely ignorant of him in the Shemitic sense of to know him with the heart. Some eminent names among these witnesses are Carlyle who bore this testimony, "Jesus is our divinest symbol; he is the greatest of heroes"; and Corbet "Christ is the Savior of humanity in the philosophic sense"; and Rousseau "If Socrates was a saint, Christ was a God", and Renan, "Jesus cannot belong exclusively to those who call themselves his disciples. He is the common honour of all who have a human heart. His glory consists in not being banished from history; and render him a truer worship by showing that all history is incomprehensible without him"; and Napoleon "He is proclaimed loved, and adored over all the earth." To such Christ is a great figure in history; and a mighty moral influence making for righteousness, but

not the Savior of the world. Even the Mohammedans bear witness that Christ is the greatest of the prophets next to Mohammed. So do bad men believe, so do depraved spirits confess. "The devils also believe and tremble."

Many within the fold of the visible Church are bearing false witness against Christ. They are traitors despised alike by God and men. To ignore Jesus is the supremest insult and the greatest sin, and if there can be any thing worse than that it is to bear false witness against him. All members of the church are reckoned by the world as the body of Christ; but many prostitute this holy body bringing it into disrepute before the world and becoming responsible for the unpardonable sin against the Holy Ghost. To one who loves God and goodness, there can be nothing so odious as to be suspected of hypocrisy and to know that he is believed to be perpetrating crimes at the opposite extreme from his public profession; yet for such accusations against the church such persons are responsible. Jesus was believed to be in collusion with the powers of evil and to cast out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of the devils. For such judgments of Christ hypocrites are responsible, and such judgments are the sin against the Holy Ghost which cannot be forgiven. The tares and wheat shall grow together until the harvest when the tares shall be sorted out and burned with unquenchable fire.

Lastly, Christ's own true disciples, the members of the invisible church of God are to-day witnesses for Christ, and their witness bearing is attended with power from on high as much as it ever was. Christians are God's witnesses for Christ necessarily because the world will not read the Bible but they will read the lives of Christians, and upon the report these give, will very much depend their belief in the divine nature of the religion we profess. This is an age of facts and inquiries are being increasingly turned from speculations to realities. If our religion is to make any headway now it must be proved to be more than a theory, and we must present to the critical minds of our age the realities of lives transformed by the mighty power of God working in them all the good pleasure of his will.

The Holy Spirit records in the Apocalypse by St. John, the Divine biography of a humble disciple in the church at Pergamos in these words "Antipas my faithful martyr". We have searched the Apostolic records for accounts of this man and have found none; we have read the church fathers to see if we could not find an allusion to him, but we have found none. The only record of him is contained in these words, "My faithful martyr" or "my faithful witness". He was an obscure, humble, faithful disciple about whom nothing is now known, but in the day when the books are opened he will be assigned a higher place than many about whom volumes have been written.

"Finding, following, keeping, struggling,
Is he sure to bless?
Saints, Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs
Answer, Yes."

THE VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF COLOMBO TO JAFFNA.

Contributed.

The late visit of the Bishop of Colombo will long be remembered with pleasure. Although the visit was short in duration a good deal was accomplished. The Bishop arrived on Friday February, 18. The next day he and Mrs. Coplestone breakfasted at Nellore and received a kind welcome from the Christians connected with the four Jaffna Pastorates. In honor of the occasion an arch was erected before the church with the words "Welcome to our Bishop", while at the Nellore Boys school bungalow there were handsome floral and other decorations, which reflected credit on those who spared no pains to make the room look bright. An address of welcome was read in which it was pointed out that there are signs of growth since 1895 both in the number of Christians communicants and contributions. In his reply, the Bishop, who spoke by interpretation, dwelt on the importance of growth not merely in numbers but also in spirituality.

Immediately after the reception the Bishop presided at the half yearly meeting of the C. M. S. Native Missionary Association and delivered a long address in Tamil. Other speeches followed which were listened to with interest by a good congregation, notwithstanding the fact that the meeting was held at an unsuitable hour, necessitating a walk in the heat of the day.

Sunday Feb. 20th will long be remembered as marking the ordination of the Rev. A. Mathias of Yavonia to Priests' Orders. The service which was held at Christ Church, Jaffna, at 9 A. M., was well attended and the Bishop

preached in Tamil to the great satisfaction of all who heard him. Rev. Horsley acted as Archdeacon and presented the candidate to the Bishop. Eight clergy assisted in the laying on of hands. The Offertory was devoted to the church which is in course of erection at Yavonia.

At 2 P. M. the Bishop held a Confirmation Service at Nellore when 38 were confirmed in the presence of a crowded congregation.

On Monday the Bishop held another Confirmation Service at Chundicully for the students of St. John's College and the girls of the C. M. S. English High School.

In the evening the Bishop distributed the prizes at St. John's College. Rev. Carter, the Principal, read a most encouraging Report, after which His Lordship delivered a long and interesting address on educational matters. Speeches were delivered by Mr. Casie Chetty and others. Some amusing recitations were also given by the students.

Thus ended the Bishop's visit which will long be remembered.

A VILLAGE Y. M. C. A.

Last Tuesday the 8th Feb. at 4.30 P. M. a joint meeting of Udupity and Alachavely Young Men's Christian Association was held in the Udupity church. The exercises of the first part of the meeting were an essay by Mr. Clarence on "How to bring non-Christian young men into the Association," and after a short discussion on the above mentioned topic the business part of the meeting followed. The exercises of the second part of the meeting a social hour, held at the Mission House were an interesting game introduced and explained by Mrs. Hastings, while Mr. Hastings engaged himself in showing a lot of instructive pictures of the late Columbian exhibition. Tea and cake were served to all those present on the occasion, about 20 in number. At the close a few Christian lyrics were sung by the members, each one repeated a Bible verse and the meeting terminated with a short prayer. We should not forget just here to note two of the results of this meeting.—The first being that the members of these two Associations have resolved to start at once two Tamil circulating libraries, and the second being that these two Associations having seen the usefulness of such joint meetings have resolved to hold it once a quarter at least in different parts of their Association Field.

There is no doubt that such gatherings will tend, under the guidance of the Lord God Almighty, to bring the Christian Young Men closer together, and that they will be the means of increasing the needed Christian love and fellowship among the young men of our dear land.

In His Name
Yours sincerely
The Secretary, North Ceylon Union
Y. M. C. A., Jaffna.

CORRESPONDENCE.
KOPAY TRAINING INSTITUTION.

The annual prize giving to the boys of this Institution came off on Friday the 11th Feb. under the presidency of the Revd. H. Horsley and was a most successful function. Many were present on the occasion. The school room was tastefully decorated with, in Oriental style with elegant leaves and artificial wreaths of flowers.

Mr. S. T. Thamapillai the Head Master of the Institution and his assistants Messrs. Marikam and Kunnayyambam took a lively interest in making the occasion as enjoyable as possible. Promptly at 4.30 P. M. took place the gymnastic exercises in the open air. Both wands and dumbbells were used. The dumbbell exercise was exceptionally good. In the variety of movements given, and the precision with which time was kept all the students showed careful training and good practice.

Sharp at 7 o'clock P. M. all the available space in the schoolroom was filled. The number of the audience was unprecedentedly large, composed of Mission Agents, some Sivite friends, and a great many others from various parts. Among those present were the following: the Revs G. Daniel, Williams, Morse, Abraham, and Mr. Smith and the Misses Case, Smith and Horsley. A Lyric composed for the occasion was promptly sung to the accompaniment of fiddle and muthalam. This was followed by Scripture reading and prayer was offered by Mr. Daniel. Then the boys began to sing in competition one after another for prizes. Afterwards lessons selected from some of the best specimen English reading books were recited for prizes. The recitations and songs were extremely delightful and bespoke the very efficient manner in which the school is conducted. Then two elaborate essays written in Tamil were read by the two senior students who were graduates. The nature of the education imparted in the school was also sufficiently illustrated in the nicely written and read essays and in the training of the pupils in sundry other minor subjects which were manifest on the occasion. This over a dialogue in Tamil composed by the Head Master was carried on by two junior students, one in favour of Christianity and the other in favour of Hinduism. Then followed the giving away of prizes to the successful students. Mrs. Smith kindly gave away the prizes. The prizes consisted of readable books, Biblical works, money &c. The giving away of prizes being over, Rev. Mr. Morse & Messrs. Wordsworth and Moothathamby made some remarks as to the progress of the Institution. The Chairman at length having thanked the Head Master and his assistants for their warm interest in making the occasion as happy as possible, spoke a few words touching the progress of the school in the past year. On the whole the festive occasion was a thorough success. The proceedings terminated exactly at 9.30 P. M. with the benediction by the chairman, and the company dispersed.

A Wellwisher.

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