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The Company's Steamer "Lady Havelock" is appointed to sail from Kankasanturai on the evening of Friday the 8th April 1898 will sail for Colombo Via Pamban.

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CEYLON TECHNICAL COLLEGE. DEPARTMENT OF TELEGRAPHY AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

An Entrance Examination for admission to the above Department of the Technical College, Colombo, will be held in Jaffna at the Katchcheri on Monday, 18 April and following days at 10-30 a.m. Forms of application with particulars of the examination fees, and appointments, may be obtained of the Government Agent, Jaffna and they should be filled in and sent to him before April 30th.

Candidates must be more than 16 years of age. There will be upwards 32 appointments in the Postal, Telegraph and Railway service of Government offered for competition among the students of the course.

All particulars are given with the form of application.

E. Hurnan,
Colombo, 11th March 1898. Superintendent.

DELFT PONIES.

The annual sale of these hardy and useful ponies will be held at the Jaffna Katchcheri 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 Jurisdiction No. 887.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Katirkamar Chinnampati of Tellipalai Deceased.
Teywanai widow of Katirkamar Chinnampati of Tellipalai Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1 Katirkamar Ilampati
- 2 Velayattar Nallatampi and his
- 3 wife Parupati all of Tellipalai Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Teywanai widow, of Katirkamar Chinnampati of Tellipalai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Katirkamar Chinnampati of Tellipalai coming on for disposal before Samuel Haughton Esq., District Judge, on the 28th day of January 1898 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changanapillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 25th of January 1898 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the widow 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 4th day of April 1898 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 28th day of January 1898 SAMUEL HAUGHTON, District Judge

Local & General.

Weather The heat in the middle of the day is very excessive. There has been no rain and roads are very dusty. A few showers would be very welcome.

George Hutter This well known philanthropist of England has at last been called to his eternal home. He was in his 94th year, and his loss will be deeply felt by a large circle of friends. He was a man of strong faith, and the many wonderful answers to his prayers seem little short of miraculous. He founded an orphanage which grew and expanded until in 1875 it numbered 2,000 children. There was no endowment, and not even a Committee, yet the funds coming in from all parts of the world proved sufficient for carrying it on in an efficient manner.

Calcutta F. & B. A. examinations. These commenced on Monday the 21st and continued until Friday. Seven went in for B. A. Six of whom were from the Jaffna College; and over 20 appeared for the F. A. degree.

Bible Society General Committee. The Semi-annual meeting of the General Committee of the Auxiliary Bible Society will be held at Oodoville, Tuesday next the 6th prox. commencing at 4-30 o'clock. Three papers are to be read on the subjects chosen for presentation at the union moonlight meetings for this year. It is hoped that the delegates and speakers will all be on hand to hear these papers, and to take part in the discussion that follows.

S. S. Convention. A Convention of the S. S. workers will be held in Jaffna some time in June when

it is hoped much interest will be aroused in S. School work. The Committee is to meet on Tuesday next to consider the question of subjects to be discussed and plan for the meetings.

Dr. Ratnam. Dr. Mrs. Ratnam arrived in Colombo on Saturday the 19th, and we hear is to remain there with her husband a few weeks before going over to India.

Paddy Crop. The paddy crop in South India is said to be about a two third crop. The reports from Burma indicate a heavy yield.

Mr. A. M. Ferguson. On Monday the 21st inst. a portrait of the late Mr. A. M. Ferguson was unveiled in the Ferguson Memorial Hall, when a number of his friends and admirers came together and spent a very enjoyable evening.

A big Printing Office. The London Daily Mail has a circulation of over 400,000 copies daily. The proprietors have built new and very large premises on the embankment, the cost of which must be enormous. Machinery to enable them to cope with almost any demand which may arise is now being laid down. There are two 500 horse power engines and four 300 horse power locomotive boilers. There are nine Hoe's Printing machines, the largest of which has cost not less than £7,500. Cey. Obs.

Easter. Easter Sunday comes on the 10th April, and the usual Government holidays will be given.

The Registrar General. Mr. P. Arunachalam returned from Batticaloa by the steamer, landing at Point Pedro on the morning of the 25th inst. He came over to the town and after a short stay at the resthouse, re-embarked for Colombo, the same evening. Com.

Obituary. Mr. Proctor Livers of the Chilaw Court died on the 26th inst. at the "Bank House" in the town. He had consumption, and for a change of climate, came to Jaffna a few days before his death, with his mother, a brother and a sister. Dr. Grenier attended the patient, but found him in the last stage of the disease. The burial was in the General Cemetery, and the service both in the church and the grave were conducted by Rev. Mr. Carter of the Church Mission. Com.

The P. M. Kaits. Mr. T. M. Tampoe, we hear, has been appointed to act as the Police Magistrate of Kaits from to-morrow. The appointment, we trust, will give satisfaction to the people of the island. Any other than a native judge would not have been a good thing, but an honorable exile. Mr. Tampoe is known to be a good judge, and we congratulate both Mr. Tampoe and the people of the island. Com.

The Railway Commissioners. Sir F. R. Saunders and the General Manager of Railways with a writer arrived in Jaffna, on the 25th inst. by "Lady Gordon". With the Govt. Agent Mr. Ivers, who is also one of the Commissioners, they proceeded to examine witnesses on the 25th inst. The Jaffna Railway Committee had an interview with the Commissioners on the 25th inst. at the residence of the Govt. Agent, whose guests they are. The interview we understand, has been an interesting one, and there was no difference of opinion as to the necessity of a railway to the North. The report of the Commissioners will be limited to the Kankasanturai-Elephant pass section alone. Com.

Police Court Inspection. The Govt. Agent Mr. Ivers with his chief Mudaliar Mr. Bastimampillai, inspected the records of the Police Court Jaffna, on Tuesday the 24th inst. Com.

Proctors and Notaries. There are 27 Proctors who have obtained the certificates to practice before the District Court of Jaffna, on the 25th inst. and with the 4 Proctors of the Supreme Court, there are in all 31 Proctors attached to the District Court of Jaffna. There are 4 Advocates practising in the Jaffna bar. The Notaries who have renewed their license for the year are about 70.

Malipalay M. C. A. A public lecture will be delivered by Rev. W. T. Garrett B. A. Principal, Central College, Jaffna, in connection with the above institution on Friday the 1st April. Subject, "Modern Astronomy." All are cordially invited.

Technical College. The advertisement of this institution appears in another column. Our Government Agent in forwarding some application forms for students desirous of entering this College gives an extract from the letter of the Superintendent as follows:-

"There are some 20 or more vacancies in all from among the candidates who pass this examination to be held in Jaffna. There are valuable appointments in Government service which will be awarded to those who gain the Diploma at the end of the course in this Department of the College."

Mr. J. L. K. Vandort. This well known artist of Ceylon died of heart disease on the 24th inst. Dr. Vandort of Colombo and Proctor Vandort were his brothers. He leaves behind a wife and two children.

Attorney General. Mr. P. Ramasathan C. M. G. has been appointed to act as Attorney General for the island with effect from the 21st inst. during the absence of the Hon. Mr. C. P. Layard on leave. Mr. Joseph Grenier is to act as Solicitor General in the place of Mr. Ramasathan.

It C Bishop of Jaffna. Dr. Jonaiah, Bishop of Jaffna, left Ceylon on the 24th inst. for France where he is to take part in an important conference of the O. M. I. order.

Wreck of a Steamer. The P. and O. Steamer "China" which left Colombo on the 17th inst., went on rocks at Aden a week later. The passengers are all safe. The "China" is one of the newest and fastest boats of the Company.

பாரை உயர்த்தும், பாவமோ எந்தச் சனங்களுக்கும் இகழ்ச்சி.

யாழ்ப்பாணம், தலைகூடம் (ஸ்ரீ) பங்குனி மீ நக க் வ வியாழக்கிழமை.

[சங்கியை, எ.

இலங்கைப் புனைக்கப்பற்
கொம்புனி (லியிற்றேட்)



“லேடி அவுலக்” புனைக்கப்பட்ட 1898 ம் வருஷ சித்திரம் 8 க் வ. வெள்ளிக்கிழமைபின்னேம் காஞ்சேற்றையிலிருந்து பாம்பன்வழியாய்க் கொம்பப்பட்டப்போகிறக்கிணறு.

W^m MATHER, & SON. Agents.

புத்தக விளம்பரம் .

காலஞ்சென்றுபோன மௌ. எஸ். ஜி. டக்ரீயியா
வாலிபநாயக்கர் கண்காணிப்புத் துறை, குடிசை, ஏழாங்கூர்
மாவட்டத்திலிருந்து விலக்குதலாக உருப்படுத்தி அது
வாலிபர்களின் அவசரமான விடத்தில் இருந்து வட்டிக்கப்
பட்டியில் இல்லாததைப் பெற்றுக்கொள்ளலாம்.

வாணலித்தை முதலாம்பாகம்.
The Pyrotechnist's Pocket guide.

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S. Ponnusamy.
Navaly.

விளம்பரம்.

நெடுகல் பாலத்தின் தென்புறப்பகுதியை நாம் பார்க்கும் போது வட்டிசைத் தழிப்பித்தோராகக் காண்கிறீர். ஸ்ரீ. ஆ. உபயோகித்தபாலமாக யான வில்லிபுத்தூரிலுள்ள மகாபாலையிலும் ஆரூரில் பழையும், பழம்பெருந்தூரிலும், கங்கப்பேரலையில் காரைக்காலம், திரைமலைகளில் சீர்தன் வண்டியுடையும் எவ்வாறு பழங்கால சிங்களவர்களால் பரிசீலிப்பதென்று சொல்லுவதற்கு உதவியாகப் பரிசீலித்தல் வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. இப்போதுதான் அப்பாற்பகுதியில் ஸ்ரீலங்காப் பாலச்சாத்தாகக் கொடுத்த பரிசீலித்தல் பரிசீலிப்பாலத்தின் உணர்வுமயச் சித்திரத்திற்குள்... அதில் ஒதுபாகம் அச்சிட்டு லேண்டிங் வெளிப்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது.

சிறீ. ஸ்ரீ. உபாத்தியாயர்.

விளம்பரம்.

1893-ம் ஆண்டு மார்ச் மீட்டர் மாற்றப்பண்ணம் வட்டுக்குடோட
உடைய பிரதிக்ஷணத்தினால் என்னவென்று கேட்கும்படியான
குறையினால் வேறொரு வருஷப்பின்னராக குறையால் மேற்பெரிய
கணியத்தினால் குறுகுறுக்காக நாகனில் கொடுத்த தகவல்
உடைய பிரதிக்ஷணத்தினால் வட்டுக்குடோட வேளையாக குறுகுறு
கத்தினால் மேற்பெரிய தகவல் கொடுத்தால். ஆகையினால்
நியாயத்திற்கு காரணப்படுகின்ற தகவல் கொடுத்தால் மேற்பெரிய
உடைய தகவல்களானால் வேளையாக குறுகுறுக்கால் மார்ச்
உடைய எவ்வளவுக்கு யுத்தியினால் பண்ணக் கொடுத்தால்
நிறுத்தப்பட்டு வருவது கொள்ளவேண்டியது.

யாழ்ப்பாணம் வட்டுமேற்கிலிருந்து தற்காலம் கோலாலம்பூர் சிலாங்கூரில் வந்திருக்கும் 1. ஆறுமுகம் சுப்பிரமணியம்.
2. சுப்பிரமணியர் பென் பொன்னுச்சிபிள்ளை ஐக்கீழ் +

Kuala Lumpur.
Selangor
11th March 1898.

விளம்பரம்.

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இப்படி 4-ம், 5-ம் தேசம் இருக்கலாம்

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உதயதாரைக.

கனகசபை ம் (வரு) பங்கு, மீ நகர்வ

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இயல்புகளும் சமுதாயமும் சிந்தாயத்தினையாய் அமரிக் காசோன்று பின்வகவள அக்குலிட்டு இவ்விடத்தக்காண ஸுயற்சிறிற் கையிட்டு அணுகுமடைவததக்புதப்பெ லுப்பெற்று மீசுலும் சேவிலும் வந்து தும் ஸுயற்சித்தை சி ஸ்மரவேற்றுக சிசுப்பலிணைக தேவைய தமது கருவணை

ப் பாஸிப்பாமாக.

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யாழ்ப்பாணக் கரையோர கல்லூரிகளிலும் இத் தேய்வீகம் கத்துவ ஊழியத்துக்கென்று சல வாலபா தம்மை மேல்க கட்டடது சுகபோஷமணை காரியமே. அவர்களுந் னத் தியப்படுத்தினாலும் மேலுமனைகமேழ்ப் புத்திறப்பது ச் றிஸ்தசகாயத்தார் கடமை.

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இங்கிலிஷ் தமிழ் அகராதி.— English Tamil Dictionary.— ஊனாண்டி அகற்றொகுதி மூலம் ஏனாவே ஐயாற்றி புகலணையெழுத்துமேலும் 2 ம் பதத்தினைப் பெருகெண்ணெய்மூலம் 1 ம் பதத்தைச் செய்யப்பட்டுப்பதப்பதமாகவே எழுதிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறது. இக்காலம் பாலகை நிற்கின்ற துறிகளும் துறையெழுத்துக்கும் இன்றையமையாதவையையும் சம்பந்தப்படுத்தியும் துறியுத்தரணம் நோக்கிப்போய் சம்பந்தப்படுத்தொருக்கையதும் தவறாமல் துறியுத்தரணம் படைக்கப்பட்டு சித்திரிக்கப்பட்டுருக்கின்றன. மேலும் வலது பக்கம் 1.

வைத்திய விசாரணி.—Tamil Medical News.
இப்பெயரிடப் பத்திரமொன்று யாழ்ப்பாணம் வாட்டிஸ்

கருகட்டிச் சென்றிருந்தார்.—கனம்மாரசெயிலில் சென்றமே
கட்டுவனெயிலுடம் வலவாய்ந்திட்டுப் போவதற்கு எட்டியபு
புறத்திக்குள்ளேக் காகக்கூட்டுப்பேரவாய் மறுக்கக் கூடிய
தனதுவாய்ப்பாகாகவாக்காமல்செய்துக்கொடுக்க வேண்டியதே
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நடையிலிருந்தோளி லிலவரோட்கூட அலவகவந்த சாட்சி
வலவது வழங்கித்திறைந்தது. எந்தி குற்றவாளியென நிறை
வந்த கண்ணுற் ற மாகப் புகாரமளிச்செய்தார்.

EASTER.

(Contributed)

The word Easter suggests to the mind at once a strange combination of poetry and religion, superstition and knowledge. It has a heathen, a Hebrew and a Christian reference which admirably illustrates the progress of human thought from the lowest naturalistic religion to the highest spiritual concepts. We could say of the remarkable evolution which Christianity has wrought in the conception of Easter what St. Paul says of the influence of Christianity on human character and conduct in general,—"The old things are passed away, behold they have become new."

If we should trace back the history of the religious festival which we celebrate every year on the Sunday following that fourteenth day of the calendar moon which falls upon or next after March the twenty first, we should note a most remarkable transition from superstition to knowledge, from a celebration of the festival of *Ostara*, the Teutonic goddess of spring to the greatest festival of the Christian year, observed in commemoration of the resurrection of our blessed Lord. In the childhood of the race as well as of the individual the human mind tends naturally to endow the phenomena of nature with divine or human attributes. Easter in its primitive form was a feast of the East. The Vedic Aryans were charmed by the East, and their poets sang of it as have the poets of all other peoples since the beginnings of literature. The return of light as the first streaks of morning appeared in the East was a very wonderful and beneficent event. Lustrous and lovely were the beams that heralded the dawn, and the Dawn herself,—ever young, ever fresh, ever fair,—was a marvel that drew from the Hindu poets their strains of sweetest song. The old Vedic lines to the dawn maiden arouse our sympathies still.

"The lissome heavenly maiden here,
Forth flashing from her sisters' arms,
High heavens' daughter now is come
Filling the sky, thou openest wide
The gates of night, thou glorious dawn
Rejoicing run thy daily race!
The heavens above thy rays have filled,
The broad beloved room of air
O splendid, brightest maid of morn."

The dawn aroused the religious consciousness of the old Aryans, and gradually acquired a spiritual significance as the precursor of the returning sun who changed the darkness into light and death into life. Homer sings of the rosy fingered Eos, Virgil sings of blushing Aurora dragging her golden chariot across the morning sky. Shakespeare of "Yon gray lines that fret the clouds as messengers of day"; but the Hebrew poets sing more beautifully than them all of lifting up the wings of the morning and flying away with the swiftness of the light to the uttermost part of the sea. And our Teutonic ancestors, being impressed by the sun which came forth in spring time with renewed vigor in his daily path from the east, putting a cloak of life in the dawn face of nature, set apart a festival for the worship of *Eostre*.

The Hebrews did not defy the east or the dawn as most of the other peoples have done, and therein has appeared their religious genius. Their superior spiritual insight recognized a distinction between God and nature, and between God transcendent over the world and God immanent in the world. The Hebrew poet recognizes Jehovah as a spiritual person under whose immediate intuition and control the whole universe exists and from whose presence he cannot escape even with the wings of the morning. The Hebrew religious consciousness clashes on this point with the ignorant superstitious nature worship of the heathen. The Hebrew reference then in the word Easter is a mere chance coincidence, and in no way does it countenance the idolatry or the nature worship of the heathen. Animal sacrifices were being offered to *Eostre* at about the time of the Jewish Passover, and the name became attached by association of ideas to the Christian festival of the resurrection, which happened at the time of the Passover: hence we say *Easter day*, *Easter Sunday*, but very improperly as we by no means refer to the old festival once kept to the goddess of the ancient Saxons. Yet it is possible to see a fanciful analogy between a feast celebrating the spring of nature into new life after a kind of living death, and a feast celebrating the deliverance of a people from a captivity which was to them a living death. Easter is a joyous time of transition from

bondage to freedom, from darkness to dawn, from superstition to knowledge, from sorrow to happiness, and from death to life; and the Hebraistic idea of God has wrought a great change in the heathen conception of these things.

The Christian festival of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the commemoration of a historical fact born witness to by no less than ten different parties of eye witnesses who were persons of unbiased motives and unimpeachable character. This fact is freighted with ideas of the profoundest spiritual import, and our celebration of it is not opposed to but a culmination of the celebration of the Jewish Passover. It is the celebration of a deliverance from a spiritual oppression which is the worst of all oppressions. The resurrection of Jesus proved his final conquest over our last enemy death. Every seed that is planted in the earth dies before it springs forth into newness of life, so these bodies of ours which are sown in corruption shall be raised in incorruption. The fact of the resurrection which we celebrate at Easter time submits itself to our senses, and almost necessarily kindles the imagination to explore the unseen world; and seems to overcome the main difficulties in the way of Christian faith. Reason is not left to struggle with the horrors of the tomb. The assurance that Jesus Christ who lived on the earth, who died on the cross and was committed a mutilated bleeding frame to the receptacle of the dead, rose uninjured, and then exchanged an earthly for a heavenly life, puts to flight the sad auguries which rise like spectres from the grave, and helps us to conceive, as in our present weakness we could not otherwise conceive of man's appointed triumph over death.

DEPARTURE OF MR. & MRS. SMITH.

A representative gathering of the Christians belonging to the American Mission field was held at Telipally on Saturday the 9th inst. Proctor Changarapillai, J. P., presided. An address was read which we give below in full and a watch presented to Mr. Smith as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the people. After some short speeches by prominent men, several songs were sung very nicely by three children, and the meeting terminated with thanks to the Chairman.

Miss Mary Smith, her sister and brothers left for Chavagacherri that same evening, to take the coach on Monday. Mr. Smith accompanied them as far as Chavagacherri, and on Sunday a union communion service was held when the members of Chavagacherri, Nunavil and Vannu churches were present. After the service "goodbyes" were said, and the congregation dispersed. The next day a number of them gathered together and presented Mr. Smith with a purse containing Forty rupees.

Mr. Smith returned to Telipally Monday evening and together with Mrs. Smith left Jaffna on Friday the 25th in S. S. "Lady Gordon". They leave for Europe in S. S. "Ormuiz" on Tuesday next, April 5th.

The address was as follows:—

Rev. and Dear Sir,

As you are about to visit America on a well-earned holiday, we, the members of the American Mission Churches in Jaffna, Ceylon, among whom you have labored profitably for about 27 years, have met together to pay you our grateful tribute for your meritorious services rendered towards the cause of the moral and religious elevation of our country. On an occasion like this it is impossible to enumerate all your distinguished acts, which have made us permanently indebted to you, yet you will permit us to refer to a few of them.

In the educational department your well-directed labours have produced very good results. You made it a point to study the different Codes prepared by Government from time to time and your thorough acquaintance with the rules of the department of the Director of Public Instruction, has made you eminently qualified to regulate the educational system of the Mission agreeably to the Codes. In no period of the Mission history, have the vernacular schools flourished so well, as they have during your management.

The Telipally Training and Industrial School, which was practically established by you in 1878 and which has flourished under your fostering care, will be a monument of your skill and enterprise and of your desire to benefit the country. We know how much time and labour you bestowed in founding this institution at a time when technical education was unknown in the Island, and under what adverse circumstances you have had to work to raise it to its present status.

Permit us, sir, to publicly acknowledge that your work in connection with the Auxiliary Bible Society, the Tract Society and other institutions, has been of inestimable value and we shall always gratefully remember the interest you took in them and the sacrifices you have, at times, made of your personal comforts in doing your duties.

Your ministrations in the pulpit have always been accepted to the hearers and profitable to their spiritual

well-being. We may here add that you took active interest in making several of the churches, self-supporting. We cannot let this occasion pass without referring to your estimable lady, who has worked with you during the whole period of your labours. We do not use a formal panegyric when we say that she was always devoutly fond of doing good work for her Great Master amongst our women and children. Her earnest addresses have conducted very much to their spiritual advancement and we sincerely hope that her example will stimulate many to follow her methods and adopt her work. We take this opportunity to thank your daughter, Miss Mary Smith for the very useful work she has done in the Training School.

Sir, we have one request to make of you. You are well aware that the evangelical work done by the agency of the American Board in this country has borne good results. We beg to submit that it is a mistake to suppose that the labour bestowed has not borne encouraging fruits. Much has been done to which we are sincerely grateful to the Board, but there remains much yet to be done. We are unequal to the task. We need aid and support. Therefore we beg of you to join our cause and to represent to the Board the great necessity of continuing its work here in Jaffna and of not withdrawing its Missionaries or its grants-in-aid from the field.

It now remains to ask you to kindly accept the accompanying small but sincere gift as a token of the esteem in which we hold you. We fervently wish that God may give you, your wife and family a safe voyage to America and you may return to your sphere of labour after a happy sojourn there.

We remain Sir,

Your sincere friends,
T. G. Changarapillai, J. P.
S. Eliamunni
S. F. G. Carpenter
Mannal Veerakatty
V. E. D. Thillapalaian
Committees

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS.
166, Bow Bazar Street,
Calcutta.
1st. March 1898.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Allow me Mr. Editor please to state the following facts in the hope that an interest may be kindled in our Examination Scheme for 1898.

Aspirants.—The India Sunday School Union will conduct a Scripture examination on Saturday July 23rd, 1898. Eligible Schools.—The examination will be open to all pupils of Sunday Schools affiliated to the Union, or its Auxiliaries. Conditions of affiliation may be learned from Secretaries of Auxiliaries; in most cases the only condition is that Sunday School statistics be furnished annually to the Auxiliary Secretary.

Subject.—The subject of the examination will be the International Sunday School Lessons for the first half of 1898, all of which are in the Gospel of Matthew.

Divisions.—There are four Divisions:
I. Senior for candidates of 18 years and over.
II. Middle " " from 13 to 18 years.
III. Junior " " under 13 years.
(The age to be reckoned on the day of the examination.)
IV. Viva Voce for candidates unable to write their answers.

Teacher's Examination.—This is a new department. There will be a special set of questions for Teachers to whom Certificates and Prizes will be granted according to marks gained.

Questions.—The Questions for the Junior Division will be such as can be answered from the passages of Scripture named. For the Middle and Senior Divisions there may be Questions on points of Geography, History and Customs, &c., but the chief importance will be given to the passages of Scripture selected and references thereto.

Examination in English.—An Examining Board will prepare English Questions and examine the answers.

Examination in the Vernacular.—Examiners will be appointed for each Division in each Vernacular.

Certificates.—We will grant a third Class certificate to those who obtain 40 per cent., a second to those who obtain 50 per cent and a first to those who obtain 75 per cent, of the marks. Maximum obtainable: 100. The answers may be in English or the Vernacular.

Prizes.—We offer a prize to each of the three who secure the greatest number of marks in each Division, and in each language in the First Class.

Subscriptions to the Prize Fund will be thankfully received and will be acknowledged by post and in the "Sunday School Journal." Such Subscriptions should be sent to our Treasurer, H. S. Cashman, Esq. 19-1, Bow Bazar Street, Calcutta.

Further information.—All correspondence in reference to this examination should be made with—

Yours truly,
R. BURGESS.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Africa. There has been fighting in the Sudan and the rebels are retreating. British troops are pressing forward, and the disturbance are soon likely to end.

Turkey and Bulgaria. Turkey is moving large bodies of troops to the Bulgarian frontier, and the latter are greatly excited. Russia has sent a strong warning to Bulgaria to refrain from hostilities with Turkey.

India. The war in the north west has ended, and 70 hostages have been taken.

The plague still continues. On March 19th and 20th there were 322 deaths; on the 22nd there were 181 deaths. The total number for the week ending on March 23rd was 1,250 including four Europeans. The cost of the plague for 1896-97 is Rs. 4,300,000. For the same period the famine cost Rs. 14,240,000 and the earthquake Rs. 5,300,000.

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