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In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 924.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Lukken Chrusippillai of Chiruvilan Deceased.
Chrusippillai Antonippillai of Chiruvilan Petitioner.

1. Mariaippillai wife of Chrusippillai Antonippillai and
2. Anappillai widow of Lukken of Chiruvilan

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Chrusippillai Antonippillai of Chiruvilan praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Lukken Chrusippillai of Chiruvilan coming on for disposal before C. E. Wilmet Esquire, District Judge, on the 25th day of August 1898 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changarapillai, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 23rd day of August 1898 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the husband of the said deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 24th day of October 1898 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 25th day
of August 1898.

C. E. Wilmet,
District Judge.

Local & General.

Weather. Frequent showers have been the order of the day in the Peninsula and in some places it looks as if the sprouting grain would be drowned out. Not in years have we had such a cool September, and October is not likely to give us any unbearably hot weather. The signs all point to the early burst of the monsoon, and also to a heavy rainfall during these three months. The amount of rain for the past 9 months has been up to the average neither much more nor less.

Ceylon Educational Association. This Association held its annual meeting on the 24th, the Bishop of Colombo presiding. Of the many motions proposed one or two were defeated, and action concerning one or two others postponed. The majority however were passed and we hope will be accepted by the Director of Public Instruction. The meeting lasted 4 hours.

Murder. On Saturday evening the 1st inst. a Moorman residing at Gold Smith Street, Vannaponne, stabbed his wife causing her death. The man was at once arrested and is awaiting trial.

Mr. T. M. Tampoe. A public meeting was held on Thursday the 29th ultimo in the District Court House at 4 p.m. to know the views of the public as regards memorializing His Excellency the Governor to retain and confirm Mr. Tampoe in his present appointment as Magistrate and Commissioner at Kaitis. There was a unanimous opinion in favor of the memorial, which was at once prepared and signed by the leading men of Jaffna and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor. The inhabitants of the islands have, we hear, forwarded another memorial, numerous signed praying for the retention of Mr. Tampoe in his present appointment at Kaitis. Mr. Tampoe has been the leading lawyer in Jaffna and commanded a large practice and influence. It was a personal loss to him when he accepted the acting appointment to the Police Court at Jaffna, now about three years ago, offered to him by the Govt. unsolicited. As a Judge he gave proof of his superior ability. The people of the islands exulted in his appointment as a fitting successor to Mr. C. W. Catheravalloppillai, retired. Native magistrates have for several years occupied the Kaitis bench, and the condition of the people will not admit of other hands, for satisfactory administration. The public, and in particular the islanders, have felt their situation in the rumoured change of the Kaitis magistracy, and they have, in justice to Mr. Tampoe and to themselves, and in the interest of justice, and public welfare done what was in their power to do—to approach His Excellency the Governor praying to do what is reasonable and just. The said public meeting was by vote preside over by Rev. C. M. Sanders with Mr. Allen Abraham B. A. as his secretary.

[We hope Mr. Tampoe will be retained in his position. Aman with the brilliant law record that he has is surely far better fitted to administer Justice than one who has had little or no legal training. Ed. Morning Star.]

Missionaries. Rev. H. Horsley returned last week from the Central Province where he had gone for a period of rest. Rev. A. E. Restarick and family were expected back yesterday from Newera Eliya. Mr. L. Hieb has gone to Batticaloa but expects to return to Jaffna next week. Mrs. Hieb and children are at Manepay.

Inuvil Hospital. We make no apology for using so much of our space in an account of the opening exercises of the McLeod Hospital at Inuvil. It is the largest hospital in Jaffna, and the only one of its kind. It was a matter for regret that the letter of the Misses Leitch which was meant to be read on that occasion did not reach Jaffna until some days after. We publish it on our last page.

Annual Convocation. As we go to press the Christians connected with the American mission churches are holding the annual convocation at Uduvil. The meetings this year take up two days and the object has been the deepening of spiritual life. Yesterday at 10.30 the first session was opened, Rev. T. P. Hunt giving us a Bible reading on the Divine call to work and Rev. S. Veerakatti following it up with some of the hindrances to most effective fruit bearing. This was followed by remarks from Proctor Carpenter and earnest prayers were offered that the obstacles to our being successful workers for Christ might be removed.

At 2.30 the afternoon session commenced, Rev. I. Paul speaking of the conditions for bearing much fruit and Rev. D. Valupillai emphasizing our great need of the indwelling Christ. This was followed by a season of prayer and consecration.

At 6.30 in the evening a service of song was conducted by Rev. E. P. Holton followed by two stirring addresses on the subject of Salvation by Rev. C. M. Sanders and Allen Abraham Esq. B. A. Today there was a prayer meeting at 7.30 conducted by Proctor Carpenter and at 10.30 the usual annual meeting commenced, Dr. T. B. Scott presiding. The speakers are Rev. E. P. Holton, T. C. Changarapillai Esq., S. Hensman Esq., Rev. S. Elyatamby and Rev. D. Stickney. The work of the A. B. C. F. M. for the past year, and the work of our own Native Evangelical Society are two of the subjects to be presented. The service will be followed by the communion which closes the two days meetings.

We hope much good has been accomplished and that we all have been drawn nearer to our blessed Master.

Jaffna Auxiliary Bible Society. The annual meeting of the General Committee was held at Nellore on the afternoon of the 5th inst. Less than the usual number of pastors and delegates were present owing to the rain. The reports showed that good work had been done by the Society during the year. The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

A General Committee For Inuvil Hospital.

The Misses Leitch write on the subject as follows:—

Just as in the case of the Lady Havelock Hospital, it would greatly promote the furtherance of the enterprise if a general and representative committee could be formed as an advisory and co-operating committee, having for the object the promoting of the interests of the institution and forming a connecting link between the workers in the institution and the general public.

(a) They might devise measures for making the institution widely known.

(b) As trained nurses are greatly needed in every part of the Province, and as the training of nurses should be an important part of the work of the institution, this Committee should aid in seeking out suitable young women to enter the nurses training class.

(c) They could use their valuable influence in securing a Grant-in-aid from Government. The Indian Government gives generous Grants-in-aid to such institutions even large building grants, and there is every reason to expect that the Ceylon Government will give Grant-in-aid toward the support of this work.

(d) They could make plans looking toward the securing of an adequate endowment fund and annual subscriptions toward current expenses.

This Committee could invite representative and reasonable persons in different parts of the island to form local Committees who would assist this general Committee in the above mentioned and other lines of work. If this were done the usefulness and permanency of the institution would be assured and God's blessing would assuredly rest upon all who had sought to help the suffering and the needy.

நீதி இராச்சியத்தாரை உயர்த்தும், பாவமோ எந்தச் சனங்களுக்கும் இகழ்ச்சி.

யாழ்ப்பாணம், தஞ்சாவூர் (வா) ஐப்பசி ஈ கல் உலியாழக்கிழமை.

[சங்கியை, உயி]

இலங்கைப் புகைக்கப்பற்
கொம்பனி (லிமிற்றெட்)



“வேடிஅவலக்” புதைக்கப்படல் பின்வரும்
தேதிகளிற் காங்கேசன் துறையிலிருந்து பா
ம்பன்வதியாய்க் கொழும்புக்குப்போகதிரு
க்கின்றது. 1898 ம் வருஷ ஐப்பசி மீ 11 உ

“லேடி கோடன்” புனைக்கப்பல் பின்வரும்தேதி
களில் பருத்தித்துறையிலிருந்து திருக்கோணத்தம்பலை
யியாயக் கொழும்புக்குப்போகவிருக்கின்றது.

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யாழ்ப்பாண வியாபார
சமுதாயம்.

திச்சமுதாயத்தவரிடம் பின்னூற் சொல்லப்படும் சாமா
நூதன் லுற்பனாவக்கிதக்கின்றன.

சட்டைகள் தொப்பிகள் மலிக்கைகளுக்கேற்றதும், பல வித பூக்களுள்ளதுமான கேர்த்தியை வெவ்வேற வெவ்வேறு பச்சை, மோசாப்பு, கிறங்கொண்ட

உயர்த்தப் படுவோரைகள்.
ஆண்கள் பெண்களுக்கேற்ற கால்மேல் சப்பாத்துகள்.
சட்டைகளுக்கேற்ற சூத்தர்மமான கன்னூர்ச்சீலைகள்.
காரிகர்கள், சவ்வைமல், கோடிமல், என்னும் பலதீர்
ப்பானைகள்.

நேர்த்தியான சீததைப்புடைவைகள்.
வாட்டர்பரி, நாழிகைவட்டங்கள். வெள்ளை உட்சட்
பைகள். வணியுண்டைகள்.

வெள்ளச்சரிதைச்சேலைகள், பஸ்தினாசரிதைச் சாலைகள்.
கடநாசி, பேண்டி, பெகிசி, மைமுதலிய எழுத்துச்சாலைகள்.

விளம்பரம்.

மாட்டுக்கோட்டைச் சபையின்மீதாய்ச் சவீசேஷஸ்திரியுஞ்செய்ததற்கு ஓர் வேதனத்திற் கேள்வ. மாதவீசம் ஐந்தருவாய்க்குக் குறையாமற் சம்பவம் நடெடுக்கப்பட்டம். அவ்வேஸியேற்படுநிறுத்தகுப் பிரியமானவர்கள் இதன்மீதக் கையொப்பமிட்டிருப்பவர்க்கு அறிவிக்கவம்.

J. P. Cooke,
Batticootta.

அறிவீதீதல்.

கொக்குவிய சிற்பம்மேயும் அம்பலவணர் தும்பலவணர் வேறுபட்டுள்ளனக்கும், அம்பலவணர் துறையுடையவருக்கும், அம்பலவணர் திரவேலுவுக்கும் அம்பலவணர் கணத்தினுக்கும், யாழ்ப்பாணம் சிறித்த கொத்தாசிகாரருக்கும்; மேற்படி அம்பலவணரும் காலஞ்சென்ற எளையாதாரமும், மேற்படி அம்பலவணர் மனையாணன் மனையிலிய நாசுருத்துவும், கூடியும தனத்தம் எழுதியு சரி, ஒற்றி, என்கொடை, அம்பலவணர் தும்பலவணர் பெற்றவர்களுக்கும், அம்பலவணர் தும்பலவணர் பெற்றவர்களுக்கும், மறையுமெய்தி கொடுக்கையகல்சொர்க்குக்கும், சீரேன்கொடைபெய்யப்பெற்றிருக்கும் அம்பலவணர் பொன்னம்பலவிய கணத்தினுப்பிடும்; மேற்படி அம்பலவணர்தும்பல காலஞ்சென்ற காதருத்தலினும் கருத்திய கணம் சரிசெய்த கண்களியமும் யாழ்ப்பாணத்திற்கு மத்திராத்தன் இருப்பதிலும், யாழ்ப்பாணத்தின் உட்பெருதலும் என்கு அயிரவாணர் தும்பல, யாதொரு காதருத்தன் சித்தநாசிக, மறையுமெய்தி, சாட்டிதல்செய்ய, ஒற்றி, என்கொடை எழுதியு அம்பல முகப்பலவணர் தும்பலவணர் தும்பலவணர் எய்தி கோபாட்டல் பெரிய முகமுறும் மனத்தருமுதி அல்லது துற்றியென்க சம்பந்தியுமெய்தியுமெய்தியெனும். (அப்படி செய்வதில் வரும் செவ்வகையென்க கணம் உத்தரவாணருக்குநென்றும் அம்பல வணர்நியா உத்தரவணர் என்மனர் அம்பாப் பெய்யும் வல்லிதமானவரும் சரியானவன் என்கென்றப்பெய்யப்பட்டது. அன்றியும் அம்பலவணரும் இருக்கையாருக்கும் விரோதமாய் சதியுலோகன் அங்குப்பெய்தி என்னும் பிரிவுகளியையுமருகுகள் எண்கப்பெய்தும்.

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களுக்கும் தூற்சிசெய்யப்படுமென இத்தாலிவிக்கி
றேன். இங்ஙனம், Am. Ponnambalam Pillai.

Subordinate.
P. W. Department.
Meyithyina.
24-8-98. Up, Burmah'

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விளம்பரம்.

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இப்படிக்கு, நாகமணி கைம்பெண்
+ சின்னாச்சிப்பிள்ளை கைக்கீறு
கடிகாரம் ஆண்டு புரட்டாதி மீன் 30 உ

உதயதாரைக.

குகுகுகும் (வரு) ஐப்பசி மீ கங் வ.

கீழைத்தேச நோயாளி.

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வாக்குடையவர்களாய் வருவது பிரித்தனிய வர்த்தகத்துக்கு ஸ்டாம்பாடுதொடர்பு அத்தனையிலும் அங்கிலேயேயர் களின்மேல் அதிகாரத்தையும் குறைந்ததெய்திரமானதாயல் அங்கிலேயர் ருதியார்க்கிடங்கொடுப்பதற்குடைய தகாரியும். சகல சித்யவர்க்கையு மொழங்குகரைத் தாலேய்க்குமுறது ஒன்றிற் ளோராச்சியமுதில் அத்தனையு மென்கிலையடைதற்கான சிபேஷு மாயுதல் கள் கருமெய்தும். அனாதையர் அதுமற்றும் ராச்சிய வந்தன்கள் பகர்தெடுதெடுக்கப்படுமென்பது தின்னும்.

அமெரிக்க பாரியர்.

Noted American Wives

நிலவார்துருக்கில் இருக்க இல்லாததற்கான காரணம் என்று சொல்லுகிறார். “அருகாஸிபாந் ஸ்விதிகை” கண்டு பிடிப்பவன் யார்? “அருகாஸிபாந்” முத்தக்கிப்பார்க்கிறான் என்றதால், அவன் பருகலன் தேர்த்திருப்பார்களோடே சிபியரத்தலங்கலில் உட்காரத்திருக்கையில் போட்டுவைத்து இருக்கிறான்” என்பது தான் இது எ ளை வ ரு சி பி ய ரு சி ட் ட ரு யி டு யா ளு ளை வைத்து, தற்காலம் பிரித்தானியா மந்திரிசபையினரின் பதங்கத்தில் அங்கியோவா மந்திரிசபையினரின் தேர்தலையி விளக்குபார் சிலிபன் மண்டலக் கிளையினரின் தேர்தல்கள் இவ்வாய்வுக்குத் தக்கவர்கள் அல்லாதுகின்றனர். இவ்வுத்தரம் மண்டல யுத்தம் மகதவாஸ்தவத்தில் அவர்கள் கணயங்கள் உள்ளதெனியுத் தகம் உயிப்புமடைவதோடு அங்கியினிற்றிப்பாட்டுக்கொடுப்பினாரைக்கவர்ந்திருக்கும் மையுத்தரத்தைக்கொண்டு, நான்,

பிரித்தானிய கல்விக்கிகள் இராசமங்கிதகாயி
மென், யோசேவ் சேம்பரென் அவர்களின் பாரியார்
ஐக்கிய சேத்திரத்தில் கீழ்க்கண்ட பகுதியைச் சேர்
ந்தவர். இவரின் உறையல் மலர்ந்த பட்டணத்தில்
உள்ள அறிவுரீத சமுதாயங்களுவோம். சமுத
வாக்கிய இயல்பின் ஆராய்ச்சியாகிய உரு
குள்ள இராசமங்கிதகாயி, பட்டாந்திரிதன், உய
ர்த்த சமுதாயத்தின் சேந்திர அமைச்சரின்மலர்
மயங்குவிருந்தனர். ஒருகாலத்தில் இவர்களின்
சதமமத்திரியாயவர்களும் உயவாயி மென். சேம்ப
ரென் ஸ்தேதம கருத்தியாகிய காண்குள்ள அநிதம்
அநிதம சமையலியாயவர்களும் உயவாயி அநித
தது அவரின் பாரியாரும் யேசுவ வதகணமாயிரு
கின்றனர்.

ஸ்தலத்தினைக் கைத்திறம் சிறந்த வகைக்கும் இன்னொரு
தகைப் பொறியார், பிறதேக்காரியை உபகாரணத்தையொழி
படுத்த இப்பொறு இறுதியில்தேச பிரதிகாவலாராய் நிய
மனப்பொறுத்திருக்கும் செலவு ஜோகர் கேட்குண்ட அவர்
களினைமணிய். இவார் ஐக்கியத்தேசத்திற்குமுள்ளிக்கொ
க்கொககதாரத்திலுள்ள அன்பு சவுதந்திரிகளோராவ
ர், மெஸ். கேவோஸ் அதன்பிறத்தின்க்கை சையையி
அந்தத்தலவான தவுகத்தந்திற் மரபெயர் திறத்தயினப்ப
தேத்தந்தன பசேக்கி, டேட்டெனயர் துறப்பாருமுட
யார், ஆனல் இப்பொறுத்தாரைமும் வசிக்கமடைத
ற்குரிய கையையும் செவ்வாய்க்குமுடையவாரியுக்கி
தனார். அதார் தம் போக்குகளிற் திருத்தமடையும்
ள்ளவாரியும் மத்தப்பபடவும் இவாரைக்கை பத்தம்க
கதகளில் வாய்க்கப்படவயவும் அவரார் அபிய பதனைய
யின் மாரபெயர் போக்கும் விவகாரமாத்த்தயமுக்கா
ரணத்தாரியின.

லந்தைமரக் குடும்ப அங்குலம் அமர்ந்திருக்கும் வே
தோர் அங்குலக் குணவதி, அங்கிலோ மரங்கடையிற்
ததகால வணிகச்சித் தலைவரான கோர் உயிலியும்
கார்த்திகேயமும், இவர்க ளுடைய சித் இதிரக
ராவிய மெல்ல, தமையி னபையுடைய திதி இரிசுர
கணம் மீ திதியும் தம்மேசரினுமும் போகத்தொ
தங்குஞ் சாதுவாந்தரன் டோடகிக்கொன்றும் வழ
கத்தெதெதையையும், ஆயினும் இம் மாதகிரமணி
யின் தும்கத்த அயிலும் குவர பசாருநர், தெம்மத்த
ன்மதயும் அவரின் குணத்தெதெதையும மரற்றியோ
பலர் அவர்க்கு தினைதொருதகுபுரிசும்தயிலி
காலுதென்துபோன லோட ருண்டோலும் கோர்
தில் எய்யபலரும் இரிசுரகல்லியுமபுரிசுச்சியுன
தருத் தவாந் அமரிக்க மனையிலுக் காரணமாயிருந
தார், தமதகநிலையும் வெல்லத்தெதெதோர்க்கமப
லோட கோச்சில் தரவென் திரிந்து உபயச்சுங்கண்
செய்யும்பரிதெனயும் அவரது மனையிலு உச்சிசு
யுத அவரது தேசுகன் அக்கோரம் துருத்தகன் அ
தருத்தகன் செய்வது வழங்கும், அங்கிலோ மரிசு
ரவையிபுரவாச்சியுமசோர்வாந் தன் கூடமொடி
யுபிரிமி நெல்லிக்'என்னும் உங்கத்தெ துறையிப்ப
தருத்ததையகரயகரத்தான்னும், அந்நாடும ஒழுங்கு
த்திடக்கணத் தவச்சுக்குறும்வரே, இக் குணவதி
இப்போதும் லந்தைமரங்கரகனகத்தெதெதோரல்வகா
ரமாய் விளங்குந்நிரை.

இவ்விதமாய்க் கணவர் மேனியைடைத்ததும் ஆவர் குடும்பத்தினுயர்ச்சிபெறுதற்கும் மிகுதியும் பெண்களோடாணராகின்றனர். நம்மூர்ப் பெண்கள் கல்வி நாகரிகங்களில் மேம்பட்டு இவ்வித உதயம் வாய்க்காததுணையினாலாகும்தான் என்போவருமோ?

மெக்லியட் வைத்தியசாலை.

McLeod Hospital

பாழ்ப்பாணத்திலுள்ள பெண்கள் பிள்ளைகளின் நன்மைக்காய்ப் பரோபகாரம்நிறுத்த சீமாட்டிகளாகிய யமின்செஸ் லீச் அம்மார்மாரின் முயற்சியால் இணுவிலிற் கட்டப்பட்ட பாரதித் தைத்தியசாலி சென்ற மாதம் உடர் திருத்த பகிர்ந்தகாய்ச் சனஞ்சுநின்பாவி

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கொலை. — Murder. — சிதாபதியுள்ளனகொலைகொலை
ருவன் பென்சாதினயக்கத்தியாற்குற்றிக்கொலை
யாதோர் எதினிடையின் தந்தனைப் பொலிசர்க்கை
யிலொப்புக்கொடுத்தனை. பென்சாதினின் கடை
யிலிருந்திருந்த கொலை. ஸ்பெஷல் இன்ஸ்பெக்டர் மாமான் (M.)

THE OPENING OF THE MC LEOD HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AT INUVIL.

The opening exercises of this Institution took place on Saturday the 24th ult., just seven weeks after the dedication of the General Medical Hospital at Manipay. The large ward of the Medical Building was tastefully decorated with flags and flowers and was filled to overflowing. Seats placed on the verandahs also were well filled, and numbers who took no special interest in the exercises wandered about the spacious grounds. The heavy rains of the previous day prevented the pandal which had been erected by the kindness of friends from being used.

Rev. G. J. Trimmer, Chairman of the Wesleyan Mission, presided. The devotional exercises were led by Revs. T. P. Hunt and J. V. Benjamin. The Chairman referred most appropriately to the work about to be inaugurated suggesting among other things that we all exercise the utmost kindness and charity towards the Lady Doctor called to conduct such a great work single handed. Many seemed to think that a Doctor was to be blamed if he could not cure a patient brought to the Hospital when past all hope. This was not an institution for raising the dead. God worked miracles in apostolic times by the hands of his servants. In these days we might not have the apostolic gifts of healing, yet God blessed human instrumentality to the healing of diseases and often in a miraculous manner. He congratulated all concerned in the final opening of the work after long and vexatious delay, and wished for the Institution great success in healing the sick and alleviating distress.

Proctor Changarapillai, J. P., then read a paper which we print in full though much of what he said has already appeared in another form in a previous issue. Rev. R. O. Hastings read the financial statement from which it appears that including the price of the land and purchase made in America by the Misses Leitch for the Hospital the total amount expended was over Rs. 64,000.

The Chairman called on Miss S. R. Howland to open the Institution which she proceeded to do. Miss Howland was born in Jaffna and has labored here for 25 years for the women and girls of the peninsula and a more fitting person for opening the Hospital could hardly have been chosen.

Dr. T. B. Scott then spoke of the proposed method of conducting the work. He paid a glowing tribute to Dr. Cur's character and worth, and urged that she be loyally supported in her work. It was not a free hospital. Persons would be expected to pay a very small fee of 25 cents, and also for the medicines. The very poor would be helped, of course, but he thought most of those attending could well afford to pay the trifling sum asked. Again, it was a hospital for women and girls and he hoped, and he spoke for Dr. Cur also, that when patients were brought arrangements would be made to have only female relatives or friends remain with the sick. If they allowed a man to remain as help in one case, they would have to in other cases, and that would soon give dissatisfaction. Dr. Scott's rousing speech was greatly appreciated by all. Dr. Cur then in a few words thanked the friends for their presence and asked their help and co-operation in the future.

The Chairman then called upon several to speak. Mr. Grant of the P. W. D. congratulated all on the completion of the work. Rev. J. Carter of the U. M. S. spoke of this Hospital and all similar institutions as the outcome not of civilization but of Christianity. Proctor Carpenter wished that our people might love and respect their women, as was done in Christian countries. Dr. Rajasingam, the newly appointed Visiting Surgeon of the P. I. N. S. Hospital in Jaffna said that the word "impossibility" was not a word in the vocabulary of the Misses Leitch. He congratulated all concerned, and predicted that the institution would be a great blessing to Jaffna. Advocate Trinavakarasu said that when he asked permission of Justice Brown of the Supreme Court to be absent for this occasion, he not only gave him permission but expressed his regret that he himself could not be present. Proctor Tamm, Acting Magistrate and Advocate Kanagasabai also sent their regrets.

Mr. Chinnappa, the Contractor, spoke of the work &c, and finally Pastor Elyatambi made a few earnest and appropriate remarks in Tamil.

The audience by this time were getting restless and when the collection was being taken many rose and left the room. The singing of the National Anthem and the Benediction by the Chairman brought the services to a close.

The occasion was one of great interest and our only regret is that the Misses Leitch could not have been present in person. A letter from the Misses Leitch intended to be read on the occasion came a few days late. Of the three Senior missionaries whose advice they sought and followed in the inception of the work, only the Chairman Mr. Trimmer was present and he by his able and graceful conduct of the exercises added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

PROCTOR CHANGARAPILLAI'S

Report of the building of the new Hospital for women and children at Inuvil.

A hospital for women has been a long felt want. We have had, in Jaffna, Colleges and seminaries, hospitals and male doctors, but no lady doctor, until the arrival in Jaffna of Mrs. Dr. Scott, and no hospital specially designed for the benefit of women and children as is the case in more civilized countries.

The state and condition of the people in Jaffna, is such, as to require special provision for sick and suffering women. The population in the District of Jaffna is about 300,000, of whom half the number are females. The native women are shy and bashful and when they are ill, and require medical treatment, they are not easily accessible to any but their own sex. You are well

aware of the exclusive habits and manners of the Tamil and Mohammedan women. In confinement, they strongly object to be treated by male doctors, so much so, that they would rather die than be treated by them. To quote one or two instances, where hundreds may be given. There was a Brahmin woman in good circumstances who, in child birth, strongly objected to be treated by a male doctor, urging that she would prefer death to that. A similar case occurred within the very precincts of this land where we have met today to celebrate the inauguration of the women's hospital. It is this—a respectable lady of blooming youth and health came to her death in a manner most heart rending. The cause of death was none other than the ignorance and stupidity of the quacks and her own relations. The science of midwifery is not well understood by the native midwives. These women called midwives, to quote Pastor Elyatambi's report are dirty in their dress, profane and indecent in their language, of brutal appearance, drunken and stupid. I can safely assert without fear of contradiction that if there is one thing more urgent than any other in Jaffna it is a woman's hospital. Not one hospital but as many as are required according to the number and need of the people. Among those who have deeply felt this great want are the Misses Mary and Margaret Leitch, former Missionaries of the American Board. They, be it said to their credit, have been eminently blessed by God in whatever charitable works, they have undertaken. Whether it has been to raise funds for the Uduvil Female Boarding Seminary or the Jaffna College or the General Medical Mission or the Women's Hospital at Inuvil. To raise the required funds for building the hospital, they appealed to the good and charitable ladies and gentlemen in Christian Scotland and America, many of whom cheerfully responded to the appeal and contributed the required funds for buying lands and building this hospital.

SELECTION OF SITE.

From Chavagachecherri on the East, and Vannarponne on the South, the whole country was canvassed with a view to select a suitable site. The Rev. Mr. Hunt pleaded the cause of his parastate at Chavagachecherri. Mr. A. V. Kanagasabai of the Jaffna bar pointed out Kangasaurai, a rising spot in this district, as the fittest locality, and other leading men suggested certain other places. But the consensus of opinion of the majority of the men of light and leading was in favour of the present locality. The reader of this report was an eye witness to the fact that one day, the said Missionaries were going about from the 2nd mile to the 3rd on the Kangasaurai road and on the 1st mile road from Attapahar Madam to Kalliankaddu and again from Kallipiddi junction to Tanakoddai to find out suitable localities. The lands on the road sides were inspected, and the water of the wells tasted, with that object, but the expedition was unsuccessful. Another day, they went about from morning till noon on the same errand, and being almost discouraged and despairing, reached the place called "Tachan Madam," and there in company with the pastor of Oduvilville fell on their knees and prayed to the Lord for His help and guidance in the matter. Within a few days, the 25 owners of the ten acre lot where the hospital now stands came to a decision to sell it to the Missionaries. Very great difficulty had been experienced in persuading the large number of owners of the tract to sell. Some owners held parts of the tract dividedly, and others, undividedly. Unless all the owners were induced to sell, and so secure the whole tract, it would have been of no use to have bought any part of it. They had to surmount the strong superstitious prejudices which some owners had against selling their homesteads. After all, success was the result; and the ten acre lot was bought, and purchase deeds completed. There was some delay in securing plans and estimates. His Excellency, the then Governor of Ceylon, was graciously pleased to allow the application to permit Mr. Taffs, the chief government Architect, in Colombo, and Mr. Grant, the Civil Engineer in Jaffna, to prepare the plans and the estimates, and they agreed to do the work. They began the work in June, and finally completed in December 1894. It has been reported that they both took great pains and trouble to complete the work.

In the course of preparing the rough plans and estimates they were submitted to the Senior Missionaries of the District, namely, the Rev. Mr. Smith of the American Mission the Rev. Mr. Trimmer of the Wesleyan Mission, and the Rev. Mr. Pickford of the Church Mission, for their suggestions which they made. The plans were also submitted to Dr. Kynsey who was then the Principal Civil Medical Officer in the Island, and who had great experience in building Government Hospitals. He helped to perfect the plans and when he had done with them he pronounced them to be perfect and adapted to the country and work.

TENDERS.

The next step taken was calling for tenders. Some 30 applicants came forward, among whom, Mr. Mylvaganam Chinnappa of Moolai who had much experience in building public works both in Ceylon and Singapore was accepted. In December 1894 Mr. Chinnappa entered into a written contract to build and complete the building for Rs. 37,000. After the contract was executed, some alterations in the plan were found necessary, and in consequence of the alterations and other unavoidable causes the buildings which ought to have been completed at the end of 1895, were actually completed in the year 1897. By reason of the alterations and improvements the Contractor has been paid Rs. 53,000,—that is to say Rs. 16,000 over and above the original contract. Including the cost of various small improvements incurred subsequently by the Mission and also the value of the land the hospital has already cost the round sum of Rs. 64,000.

A well qualified lady doctor Dr. Cur arrived in Jaffna nearly two years ago and studied the Tamil language in order to be able to speak to the patients in their own language and to be understood by them easily and accurately without the medium of an interpreter. Another lady doctor is expected to arrive from America at the end of next year.

I cannot conclude the report without paying a tribute of thanks to the Contractor for the energy, zeal and promptitude with which he completed this great work and to

Mr. S. F. G. Carpenter our popular proctor, and the Rev. S. Elyatambi devoted pastor of the church at Uduvil for their patriotic and valuable services rendered in buying the land, as also for their general interest manifested in the cause of this hospital. In this connection, I cannot omit to make mention of two individual men of Inuvil namely Mylvaganam Siampananar, a headman formerly Uduvil, and presently a Police Vidan, and also teacher, Elyatampi for the great assistance given by them in the purchase of property. Above all, grateful thanks and praise are due to God for His blessing upon the work. It is remarkable that in doing the great work of building there being nearly 20 buildings, large and small, not a single serious accident has happened to any of the artificers or coolies concerned.

Now that the women's hospital at Inuvil in Jaffna has been built and completed and is this day to be opened for the relief of the sick and suffering, we cannot do better than pledge ourselves to support not only by contributions but by making use of the means it affords to bring relief and help to our suffering sisters.

LETTER FROM THE MISSES LEITCH.

Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

Aug. 26th 1898.

To the friends assembled on the occasion of the opening of the Woman's Medical Mission Hospital in Jaffna—Greetings.

Although absent in body we are with you in spirit. We rejoice and thank God that this institution, so long desired by you, is about to be opened. May God bless and prosper the work which shall be carried on in it.

We wish on this occasion to convey to you greetings from many loving hearts in Great Britain and America who have contributed toward the founding of this institution.

Among leading contributors we must ever remember with deep gratitude, the Rev. and Mrs. John McLeod who initiated the movement by a gift of \$10,000.

We should also make grateful mention of the following:—Mrs. Alexander Mackie who gave \$2,500, Mrs. Anson Phillips Stokes who gave \$2,000, and Lord and Lady Overton who gave \$1,000. A large number of others contributed smaller sums. Over \$20,000, in all have been contributed toward the establishment of this work.

Not a few of those who gave made real self denial, some giving money which they had laid up for old age, some curbing their ordinary living expenses, and children fore-going sweets and toys. Others freely gave time and effort.

These gifts from God's children, given to you in His name, are really gifts from His hand of love. He who saw your need, inclined the hearts of His children to give aid to labor, and now He has placed the gift in your hands. Will you not receive it from Him with thanksgiving and let it ever remind you of His compassion and love.

This institution, which is located in a central part of the Peninsula, is intended for the good of the whole community, and patients from any part of the island, desiring to avail of its benefits, will doubtless be welcomed, as far as the capacity of the institution will admit. Its doors will be opened to all nationalities, castes and creeds.

Its usefulness will largely depend upon the co-operation of the people for whom it has been established. There are many women and children throughout the Province, and in the regions beyond, who are suffering and need such aid and care as can be given in this institution. Those who appreciate the benefits of Western Medical Science should feel it to be a sacred duty incumbent upon them to make this institution known, and to encourage sufferers to avail themselves of its advantages without waiting until their cases become chronic or hopeless.

How to promote its permanency.

The friends in Great Britain and America who have provided the land, buildings and equipment of the institution, and the support of the lady doctor, may reasonably feel that they have performed their part in this enterprise, and that their efforts should in future be directed to the more needy fields of India, China and Africa.

It now devolves upon the people of Ceylon to develop and perpetuate this institution. This might be done in the following ways:—

(1) By securing endowments for beds. The institution is capable of accommodating over forty patients. As yet the endowment of only two beds has been secured. The endowment of a bed is Rs. 1,500 (i. e. Rs. 1500) The endowment of a bed has been promised by a young lady as a thank offering, and the other has been promised by a father and mother in memory of a little child who will bear the name of this dear child, and will be a perpetual memorial.

A tablet, bearing his name will be affixed to the wall at the head of the bed.

Are there not many individuals in Ceylon who would count it a privilege to endow a bed, either to bear the name of the giver or some name selected by the giver, as a name in memoriam? If the whole amount could be paid at once, it could be paid in instalments through a period of years. Various branches of a family might unite to endow a bed, to bear the family name. Not only might persons in Jaffna be invited to endow beds, but persons of means in other parts of the island.

Others, possessed of small means, might like to devote some needed articles as furniture to the hospital on which the names of the donors could be marked.

Others might like to be share-holders in the work by becoming annual subscribers. Surely money expended in alleviating suffering and saving human life would be money well expended.

We deeply appreciate the invaluable services gratuitously rendered by the missionaries and by several distinguished Jaffnese in connection with the purchase of the land and the erection of the buildings and we know that many have helped us through their sympathy and prayers.

May we, as a final request, ask that all praying souls would remember the Woman's Medical Mission in their daily prayers for we know that all human efforts will be vain without the blessing of God.

With cordial salams, we remain,

Very sincerely yours,
MARY and MARGARET W. LEITCH

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