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RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.

RECEIPTS FOR THE MORNING STAR

India	Mr. R. V. Parinpanayagam	2.00
Norwood Post	Mr. C. Sinnatamby	2.00
Manipay	Dr. T. B. Scott and	
	Mr. K. M. A. Curtis	2.50
Innuville	Dr. T. C. Curr	1.25
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Batticottai	Mrs. Lee	1.00
India	Mr. R. V. Parinpanayagam	2.00
Jaffna	β. β. ΔΕΛΕΓΗ	1.50

Gentlemen.

Please remit all dues for Star as early as possible.

THE CEYLON STEAMSHIP Co. Ltd.

The Company's Steamer "Lady Havelek" is appointed to sail from Kankasanturai to Colombo via Paumen on Nov. 9th and 23rd.

The Steamer "Lady Gordon" will sail for Colombo from Kankasanturai via Pt. Pedro on the Nov. 11th, and 25th.

W. MATHER & SON, Agents.

THE JAFFNA COMMERCIAL CORPORATION LIMITED.

Bankers and Commission Agents.

The company opens current accounts with sums of not less than Rs 100.00 and interest allowed at 2 per cent per annum on minimum monthly balances of Rs 500.00 and upwards. Fixed deposits received for 3, 6 and 12 months and interest allowed at 3, 5 and 6 per cent per annum respectively.

Remittances both by Wire and Draft made to and from Colombo. Colombo Bankers-National Bank of India Ltd.

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Gray shirtings, Mulls, Jaconettes, Chin's of different kinds, Umbrellas, Hosiery, Boots, Shoes and Harness. Waterbury watches, Printing paper, Swans Fountain Pens &c.

WILLIAM MATHER,

Managing Director

NOTICE.

Giant's Tank Works.

Earthwork contracts, in connection with the above works near Muringan, will be given shortly. For rates and other particulars please apply to...

T. M. CHAPMAN

Muringan

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NOTICE

Applications for the post of Dresser, now vacant in the Friend-in-need society's hospital, Jaffna, will be received by the undersigned till Monday the 14th proximo. As the Committee of Management desire to secure the services of an efficient person, certificates as to character and qualifications should, in all cases accompany the applications. The salary of the office is Rs. 480 per annum, with free quarters in the hospital premises.

Further particulars may be obtained from Jaffna N. S. Subraman October 27th 1898 Act: Hon: Secy F. N. S. Jaffna

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 932.

In the matter of the estate of the late Vallippillai daughter of Ayampillai Murukar of Sarasalai Deceased.

1. Sampanthar Chinniah and wife
2. Chinnappillai of Sarasalai

1. Kartikesar Velauther and

2. Velauther Annasalam of Sarasalai Respondents. This matter of the Petition of Sampanthar Chinniah and wife Chinnappillai of Sarasalai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Vallippillai daughter of Ayampillai Murukar coming on for disposal before C. Eadly Wilnot, Esquire, District Judge, on the 24th day of October 1898 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioners and the affidavit of the Petitioners dated the day of October 1898 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioners are the son-in-law and daughter of the said intestate and are entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to them unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 6th day of December 1898 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed this 31st day of October 1898. C. E. WILNOT, District Judge.

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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 806.

In the matter of the estate of the late Karakasapai Chaperamaniar of Chirupitty Deceased. Ramalingam Malivakanam of Chirupitty Petitioner.

Parupathippillai widow of Chaperamaniar of Chirupitty Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Ramalingam Malivakanam of Chirupitty praying for fresh grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Karakasapai Chaperamaniar coming on for disposal before C. Eadly Wilnot Esquire, District Judge on the 24th day of October 1898 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the day of October 1898 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the brother-in-law of the said intestate and is entitled to have fresh grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 6th day of December 1898 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary. Signed this 31st day of October 1898. C. E. WILNOT, District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 930.

In the matter of the estate of the late Miram-e-yatin Kataru Meyatin of Vannarpannai West Deceased.

Chekn Mukammatu Kapipu Mukammatu of Vannarpannai West Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Muchaluma widow of Mira Meyatin Kataru Meyatin of Vannarpannai West

2. Mukammatu Usantampi, of do Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Chekn Mukammatu Kapipu Mukammatu of Vannarpannai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Mirameyatin Kataru Meyatin of Vannarpannai coming on for disposal before C. E. Wilnot Esquire, District Judge, on the 26th day of October 1898 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changanapillai, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner is the next of kin of the said intestate and is entitled to 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 16th day of December 1898 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed this 28th day of October 1898 (Signed) C. Eadly WILNOT, District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 874.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Ramanathar Kartikechar of Elalai Deceased.

Muthalittampi Veloeppillai of Elalai Petitioner

Vs.

1. Chinnachchipillai widow of Kartikechar
2. Muthalittampi Naganathar
3. Muthalittampi Charavanamutto
4. Muthalittampi Aruppillai
5. Theivani widow of Kanthar
6. Kanthar Isaac
7. Kanthar Chunntharam all of Elalai
8. Achikuddy widow of R. Daniel Changanapillai of Udnuville
9. Changanapillai Tampiah of Udnuville
10. Chinnappillai widow of Nannitamby of Elalai Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Muthalittampi Velupillai of Elalai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Ramanathar Kartikechar of Elalai coming on for disposal before Samuel Houghton Esq. District Judge on the 24th day of November 1897 in the presence of Mr. S. F. G. Carpenter Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 23rd day of November 1897 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is an heir and nephew 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 13th day of December 1898 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 24th day of November 1897 (Signed) SAM. HAUGHTON, District Judge.

Local & General.

Weather. On the 3rd and 4th inst. there was a heavy rainfall which was very general in the Peninsula, the amount in Jaffna town being nearly 13 inches. Such a flood had not been experienced for years. Several mud houses fell in, and the roads had to be cut in many places to let water out. Since then we have had several pleasant days though the skies cloud over towards evening and local showers are quite frequent. The wind is still unsettled. The prospects for a good paddy crop are exceptionally good.

Suspicious death. The body of a young man of Uduppiddi was found floating in a well, in the fields nearly two weeks ago. Whether death was caused by accident or by foul play, has not yet been settled. The Magistrate at Point Pedro is examining into the case.

A few days later a little child less than two years old fell into a pool of water and was drowned.

Missionaries. We extend a hearty welcome to Miss Goodchild of the C. M. S. and Miss Faith Hunter of the Wesleyan Mission who arrived in Jaffna on the 11th inst. by "Lady Gordon." The former is to be connected with the Chundichey Girls English High School, and the latter with Miss G. Nettleship will probably commence work at Puttoor early next year. The same steamer brought back Bishop Joullain of the R. C. Mission after a short absence in Europe. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hastings have also returned to their work in Uduppiddi after an absence of a little over a fortnight.

The Office Assistant. Mr. Leak with Mrs. Leak returned from Colombo by steamer on the 11th inst. A fitting reception was given to him by the officer of the Kachecheri at the Jaffna jetty and Mr. and Mrs. Leak were taken in a grand procession to their residence on Main Street. The house was tastefully decorated to suit the occasion and an address of welcome was read by the Mudaliar of the Kachecheri to which Mr. Leak suitably replied. Com.

The District Judge. Mr. C. E. Wilnot leaves for Mullaitte on the 24th inst, and is expected to be away from Jaffna for about a week, during which time we believe Mr. Bartlett will be requested to do his duties as District Judge. Com.

C. M. S. The fifteenth annual report of the Jaffna C. M. S. Native Missionary Association has reached us which shows that good work has been done for the year 1897-98 by this Association in the Wanny district. The financial statement shows that the expenditure for the year exceeds the ordinary receipt by Rs. 423.08. Thus reducing the heavy balance on hand at the beginning of the year to Rs. 327.94. We judge however that some of the heavy items of expense are not likely to occur another year and therefore that the financial state of the Society is sound and satisfactory. We wish it great prosperity in the year upon which it has now entered.

Agent Cey. S. S. Co at Point Pedro. We learn that the appointment of Mrs. Dr. Strong Modras, agent of the Ceylon Steamship Co. for Pt. Pedro, has been made permanent. This is the first instance of a Tamil lady being appointed to such a responsible position in the island and we heartily congratulate Mrs. Strong on having secured the post.

Secretary of the Indian S. S. Union. The wife of Mr. Burges the secretary of the Indian S. S. Union died at Dargueeling on Oct. 30, within a year of her marriage. Many who met Mr. Burges last year when he visited the island will sympathize deeply with him in his great sorrow.

Jaffna F. N. S. Hospital. The Committee of this society met on the 15th inst to consider the appointment of a successor to the late Dr. S. Kanthavaram. The new appointment has not been made and apoplexy has been passed to give further notice inviting more applicants for the post. A decent pay has been promised to the post and extension notices will be given in the local and Colombo papers. Com.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

The Legislative Council was opened by His Excellency the Governor on Monday the 7th inst. It was the good fortune of the writer of this article to be present on the occasion and to witness the pomp and ceremony attending one of the most important functions of the year. The Council Chamber was well filled with officials and the general public. The Judges of the Supreme Court in their official robes, the Kandyan chiefs in their gorgeous array, and the Governor and his suite in their Windsor dress presented a spectacle of color and magnificence that is seldom seen outside of the Orient. The contrast between this and republican simplicity was very marked.

His Excellency delivered his address in a clear strong voice, referring occasionally to notes before him. He omitted portions of his full address as printed and distributed that same afternoon, as being perhaps unnecessary. The address has been characterized as one of the best yet delivered by the present Governor, and is interesting reading. We have space for only a brief review.

The revenue from the Island for 1897 exceeded the revenue for 1896 by over two millions of rupees, and His Excellency expressed the hope that there might be a similar increase this year. This, of course, is very satisfactory and it gives rise to the question whether or not the tax on certain articles might not well be dispensed with. Of this gain Rs. 727,815 came under the head of Customs.

The debt of the Colony amounts to Rs. 56,323,882 a decrease of two millions in the year. "This reduction has been mainly due to the rise in exchange. In other words, our debt represents the revenue of about two and a quarter years—by no means an excessive charge when you consider the magnificent property in the shape of Railways and Harbour Works which it has purchased for us."

His Excellency considers the financial position of the Colony as eminently sound and satisfactory. He says, "Last year I expressed the hope that the revenue of 1897 might show an increase of one and a half million over the revenue of 1896. That hope, as I have explained, has been more than realized. The revenue of 1897 exceeded that of 1896 by over two million rupees, and I shall be much disappointed if the revenue for 1898 does not show an increase of nearly one and a half million over the revenue of 1897."

But expenditure has also increased, and unless we suddenly halt in the path of progress it must continue to increase. What is the nature of that increased expenditure? It is mainly due to Public Works. There has of course been an increase under other heads—for instance, under the heads Survey, Education and Hospitals—but the bulk of the increased expenditure, as I have said, has been on Public Works. Take for instance, the actual revenue for 1896 (my first year of office) and the estimated revenue for this year: the increase is Rs. 1,437,000. On the other hand, the allotment for Public Works in 1898 exceeded that of 1896 by Rs. 1,343,000. Any loss of revenue must, therefore, be met by a curtailment of your expenditure on Public Works, and this is a consideration which you should carefully bear in mind."

The Governor goes on to speak of the tea industry and the grave fears entertained that it had received a severe check and was likely to be severely crippled. Though for two or three years back there had been a depression in this industry he thought the lowest point had not only been reached, but the turn had also been made towards renewed prosperity. But he was "not one of those who consider our prosperity to be entirely dependent on the tea industry. Coffee, and then tea, was once practically our only industry, and tea is still our staple industry. Any disaster to tea must entail great loss and privation on the Colony, but not ruin—not even the partial ruin which temporarily followed the fall of the coffee industry. The Colony is far more wealthy than it was twenty years ago, and its wealth is much more widely diffused. The country is more developed, new industries have sprung up; all branches of our revenue—our savings banks, the railway traffic, the consumption of luxuries and the adoption of higher standards of living by the masses, the purchase of land by natives—are certain indications of increased and diffused wealth and prosperity."

His Excellency goes on to speak of the new industries that have been started in the Island within the past 20 years, of which we may have more to say in a future issue. He next takes up the question of taxation and attempts to prove

that our taxation cannot be considered excessive. But it is a sound principle of political economy that the necessities of life should not be taxed; and salt and rice are certainly necessities. Our system of taxation certainly is not ideal though it may be true that "taxation is as light as, if not lighter than it ought to be."

The Governor has much to say about Railway extension for which we have not space here. It would be a great pity if after the Kankesanthurai—Elephant Pass line and Matale—Anuradhapura line were completed, it should be decided to carry the line from Anuradhapura to Mannar first, and let the Anuradhapura—Elephant Pass section be postponed indefinitely. We should much prefer to see the railway completed from Matale to Elephant Pass before taking up the Jaffna peninsula line, for this is what we need, i. e., connection with the metropolis.

"The re-organization of the Civil Service has proved a complete success," says His Excellency, and now he proposes to apply the same system to the Clerical Service.

"It is proposed to divide the Clerical Service into four classes. The highest class will include appointments of Rs. 3,000 and upwards, and the lowest class appointments beginning at Rs. 500 and rising to Rs. 1,100. For each class a system of increments will be adopted. By this the following advantages will be gained. Every clerk who works satisfactorily will receive at the lowest a salary of Rs. 1,100 at the end of nine years' service. At present there are many clerks of that length of service who are still drawing, and would never draw more than Rs. 660 per annum. Promotion will be equalized, and there will be no longer cases of great stagnation in one Department, whilst in another it is exceptionally rapid. Above all frequent transfers and changes will no longer be necessary and the State will be saved great trouble and income hence."

There are many other points of interest in this notable State paper which are well worth considering some of which we hope to touch upon at some future date. The Governor evidently studies these questions himself and forms his opinion from personal observation and investigation. Once having made up his mind as to what is the right policy it is well impossible to bring about a change in his views, so tenaciously does he cling to them.

Y. M. C. A.

The recent visit of Mr. Louis Hieb M. A., the Y. M. C. A. Secretary of Ceylon, to our peninsula has brought into prominent notice the work of the Young Men's Christian Associations. Mr. Hieb was appointed Secretary for the whole island by the International Committee of Y. M. C. A's., and arrived in Ceylon about two years ago. After visiting Jaffna in November 1896, he returned to Colombo as being the better place in his opinion for organizing and carrying on what could properly be called a Y. M. C. A. He had many difficulties to contend with, but worked steadily on until now there is an association in that metropolis numbering over 200, one third of whom are associate members. A nice building has been secured in Slave Island in the Soysa block for the use of the Association. The two large rooms on the ground floor are used as Reading room and Library. Opening out from one of these rooms is the Private room and office of the Secretary while adjoining the other are the private apartments of the Librarian. Up stairs on the second floor, is the audience room where the Bible classes and meetings are held. There is also, adjoining, a little room used for the convening of Committees &c. On the other side of the same floor are three or four little rooms to let to Christian young men who may desire them.

The reading room is open every day from 8 or 9 a. m. to 9, or 10 p. m., and is well stocked with English, American and local papers and magazines. Two or three almirahs contain a loan library for the use of the young men belonging to the Association. Prayer meetings, literary meetings and Socials are held the two former every week, and the latter not so frequently.

Over in the Pettah the Inter-Colligate Y. M. C. A. has a small reading room where lectures are delivered and meetings held. This is right opposite the Royal College and is looked after more particularly by two masters of the College. On Thursday evenings certain of the European members of the Association meet at the home of the Secretary for a prayer meeting. The general Secretary Mr. Hieb is a very busy man indeed and is doing a grand good work in Colombo.

In Jaffna a town association was started some months ago under the leadership of Sir Wm. Twynam which was practically reorgan-

ized during Mr. Hieb's stay in the peninsula. About Rs. 600 was collected in cash and promises, the Govt. Agent Mr. R. W. Ievers heading the list with Rs. 50. Messrs. Alex. Toun-saint, Olegassagaram, Swampillai, Allagako-en, Homer Vanniasingham, Carpenter and Dr. Rajasinghe,—all gave Rs. 50 each, making Rs. 400 in all. Mr. Sathupillai and Advocate Casipillai gave Rs. 31 and Rs. 25 respectively, and several others gave smaller sums. The officers for the year are,

President, Sir William Twynam
Vice President, T. C. Changarapillai J. P.
Treasurer, T. M. Tampoe J. P.
Secretary, Rev. W. T. Garret
Asst. Secretary, Mr. Vyrarnuttu

The Board of Directors consist of the Officers and Revs. Trimmer Horsely and Carter and Messrs. Rajasinghe, Olegassagaram, De Kretser, T. Cooke, E. B. Hunt and A. Arulampalam. We trust that now that the Association has really been started, every effort will be made to bring it to a successful issue. We understand that a reading and reception room is to be opened at once, which we trust will be largely patronized. Every one interested in young men should take a deep interest in the establishment of this non-sectarian institution.

This week is being observed as a week of prayer and we trust much good will result from its faithful observance.

THE SOLDIER BOY.

A recent letter from one who spent a year or two in our Peninsula in Christian work as a physician, gives us some idea of the "Soldier Boy" of the American Spanish war, as well as a picture of the arduous and wearing duties of those engaged in the Red Cross work. Many a one in Jaffna who was helped body and soul by the ministrations of our correspondent, will be glad to get this little peep into her life in the home land.

She writes,—
"I have been away on the Red Cross work. I was at Sag Harbor, Montauk, the 9th Regiment Camp in New York, and have just come back now from Camp Black, Long Island. I might go with the government to Porto Rico, or some place else, but don't want to sign the contract for two years. I have been learning a little bit about the soldier boy in general. He is a queer mixture of maleness and boyishness, of bravery and sentiment, of fun and sadness, with patriotism tingling in every nerve and love of home and mother swelling up with every heart throb. I have laughed with him in his fun, and tried to comfort him in his sorrow. I have seen him march away to gay music and see him come back and fall into the arms of mother or sweet heart. In his hours of loneliness I have tried to point him to the Ever Present Friend. I have travelled with him in the dusty trains, and shared his food and tended him in his delirium and fever, and stood by his coffin and seen the little cross that marks his grave. The north and south are all mixed up somehow. The New York lawyer, the Western Cowboy, the Southern gentleman, have all come under my care... Into every camp the Christian Commission has carried the white flag of peace with God. There are things we cannot comprehend. Only a few fell in battle, but so many have died of disease. Perhaps as Mr. Sankey said the other day, every thing that is most precious is bought by sacrifice, and before we can free oppressed Cuba God requires a sacrifice of us. However that may be our boys are gladly giving themselves and if there are any braver, nobler, truer soldiers on this wide earth than our boys in blue, I would like to meet them."

FOREIGN NEWS.

England. At the banquet on Lord Mayor's day, the Prime Minister, the Marquis of Salisbury made an important speech in which he referred to the threatened war between England and France, now so happily averted. He explained the continued activity in military and naval circles as due to a desire to be in readiness should any danger threaten. "The entry of America among European nations was a grave event, not conducing to peace, though likely to conduce to British interests. Our armaments imply no dangerous enterprises and we abhor war, but we must transmit the Empire unimpaired to posterity."

United States. The election returns show great Republican gains. Mr. Roosevelt, the leader of the "Rough Riders" in the late war, has been elected Governor of the State of New York.

Spain. Spain opposes the annexation of the Philippines by the United States. The Washington Cabinet has instructed the American Peace Commissioners at Paris not to admit any further discussion on the right to consider the disposition of the Philippines. Admiral Schley has been appointed to the command of the European squadron which will shortly be established and which will include some of the finest cruisers of the American navy.