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In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary ? No 934.
In the Matter of the estate of the late Vaitialinkam Katirkamar of Vannerpunnai West Deceased.
Vaitialingam Katirkamar Valligum of Vannerpunnai, presently of Colombo Petitioner

1. Annapillai widow of Vaitialingam Katirkamar
2. Viyaischippillai widow of Channappan
3. Chinnachippillai widow of Channappan
4. Annuchiam Canapattipillai all of Vannerpunnai West Respondent
This Matter of the Petition of Vaitialingam Katirkamar Valligum of Vannerpunnai, presently of Colombo, praying for Letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Vaitialingam Katirkamar of Vannerpunnai West coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmut Esquire, District Judge, on the 8th day of November 1898 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Channappan, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 30th day of September 1898 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs of the said intestate and such 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 21st day of December 1898 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 8th day of November 1898 Signed C. Eardley WILMOT
District Judge.

Local & General.

Weather. Clear skies, a cool north wind, and pleasant weather during the past fortnight with two or three slight showers thrown in to show that our rainy season is still lingering about. We are likely to get some heavy showers however before the year closes. Fever is very prevalent in many parts of the peninsula, and the hospitals are full.

Travel Hospital. Miss Key arrived last week from Colombo to take up work in connection with this Institution. She will be compounder and general assistant to Dr. Carr, and we trust will prove the right one for the place. Miss Key is a daughter of Dr. Key formerly Colonial Surgeon in Jaffna.

Dr. Fairbairn. This eminent theologian has arrived in Jaffna and commenced his Indian lectureship. The English speaking students of India are to be congratulated on having the opportunity of hearing such a famous Divine.

Queen's Statue. It has been decided to erect the Jubilee statue of H. M. the Queen-Emress in the Gordon Gardens, Colombo, opposite the Legislative Council Chambers.

The Governor. His Excellency accompanied by Lady Ridgeway and Miss Ridgeway leave Colombo in March for England, returning a few months later.

Civil Service. It is rumored that Mr. H. P. Banaganthar is to retire on account of ill health. He was in the second class and his retirement will make room for others.

The decline of Spain. Spain has still as maritime possessions the Canary Islands and Fernando Po—850 square miles and 30,000 people in all—which she would do well to sell to England. She has also a big slice of North Western Africa (243,000 square miles, and perhaps 100,000 people) which there has been some talk of disposing to France in order to round off its vast North and West African territory. Spain, once the possessor and richest of maritime powers, with all the territories and wealth of the Americas and West Indies at its feet, is now without a single over sea dependency. How great the change, how striking the illustration of the rise and fall of national and maritime power. *Key Observer.*

Next number. The next issue of the Morning Star will be on the 5th of Jan: one week later than ordinary owing to the Christmas holidays.

Self support. A gentleman in America writes concerning missions in the following strain:—"If there is any one good thing from which a typical American business man instinctively shrinks it is a movement which seems to give no promise of ever becoming, self-sustaining: or is too slow in approaching that point. And dwelling simply on the evils of entrenchment without saying any thing about the great blessings that lie hidden in the lack of it, tends very strongly to discourage and disorient this very class of your American supporters."

The Hindu Organ. In its issue of Nov. 30th the Hindu Organ has a long editorial in which it criticises a contributed article which appeared in the Star of Nov. 3rd.

Our contributor we feel sure did not mean to leave the impression of a wholesale condemnation of the character of the people of Ceylon and Asia, and our contemporary should not read between the lines what was not in the mind of the writer. We quite agree with the Hindu Organ in thinking that the manners and customs of the East are best suited to its people so long as they are not contrary to the laws of God and this was the reason why quite a number sympathized with the accused in the Abduction case, but we do not think many, Christian or Sinite would say that the accused did right in resorting to force in order to accomplish his purpose, and we cannot see that this he should have been punished. As for the Organ's attacks on Christianity the history of the past 1800 years shows that in spite of foes within and foes without, the religion of Christ has made rapid progress and is now the one universal religion, enrolling beneath its banners

persons from every clime and every race. Jesus Christ is a living Power, in the lives of a multitude of humble faithful disciples, making for righteousness, in spite of the fact that here and there we find those who are Christians in name only.

Boarding School. Vempadi and Pt. Pedro Boarding schools have closed for the holidays and Nellore will be closed next week. Jaffna College closed on the 9th and Central and St John's College close next week for the usual holidays.

Lady Gordon. The S.S. "Lady Gordon" has gone to Colombo to be docked and cleared. The Lady Havelock leaves Colombo on this 21st north about.

Commission on Taxation. H. E. the Governor has promised a commission to inquire into the question of taxation in Ceylon. This is certainly generous on the part of His Excellency.

Acting Director. Mr. J. Harward, the Acting Director of Public Instruction, has gone to the Southern Province on a tour of inspection.

Bombay Indian Christian Association.

This Association gave an address of welcome to the Rev. Dr. Fairbairn. The address was read by one of our Jaffna young men, Mr. Chas. T. Asbury B. A. L. L. B. and concluded as follows:—"We are of those who under the Providence of God have been brought into the light, of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. Though distributed among different denominations, we are keenly alive, as a community, to our privileges and responsibilities as Indian Christians, and are endeavouring to realise in our life and work our special function in the evangelization of our land. We, therefore, highly value every influence which tends to strengthen us for our Christian calling, and feel deeply thankful for these lectures which are calculated to help us to convincingly explain to others the reasons for the hope that is in us."

Postal. The Post Master General arrived at Jaffna by steamer on the 6th inst., and visited all the Postal and Telegraphic stations in Jaffna and returned by coach on the 11th inst. He was the guest of the District Judge during his stay at Jaffna. Judging from the inspection made of the old O. B. C. buildings, it appears, that the head office at Jaffna will be removed to the said buildings. The Telegraphic line to Manipay will be opened by the beginning of the new year. The application made at Batticotta for the extension of the line has been postponed for consideration.

Legal news. From the 10th of this month to the 6th proximo no Civil cases for trial have been fixed at the District Court. The members of the bar have arranged for a Christmas picnic on the 26th inst. at the Rest house grounds at Kankeenturai. Mr. Advocate Thirunavakarasoo expects to visit Colombo during the Christmas holidays. The Secretary of the District Court does not appear to be quite in good health. He has been absent from his work off and on and the other officers of the Court accommodate him in his work. The new Ceylon Penal Code shall come into operation on the 1st day of March 1899.

Supreme Court Interpreter. Mr. Muttiah having been appointed to the Batticotta Kachechchi. Mr. M. S. Ramalingam has been appointed to succeed him as the interpreter Mulladar of the Supreme Court.

Public Health. A great deal of fever exists throughout the country. Much of most of it seems to be of a malarial origin of the remittent rather than the intermittent type. It is generally recognized by the medical fraternity that the remedy *per excellence* for malarial fevers is quinine. Native practitioners who claim to disdain Western medicine are not slow to recognize the value of quinine, but they are slow to admit it to their patients. Many of them buy quinine and mix it with some other powder of a dark color to disguise it and thus prescribe it freely. We regret the animosity shown to medicine because it comes from the West or is prepared so as to be called English medicine yet while we cannot but deplore the deceit practised, in prescribing it, we are glad that it is used even thus disguised. St. Paul said of some who preached Christ out of envy and strife—"what then? only that in every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is proclaimed: and therein I rejoice, yea, and will rejoice." As is sung elsewhere in our columns the Wrong shall fail the Right prevail." But let those who are duped into taking quinine unwittingly beware lest they denounce the friend which brought them the victory over illness.

FOREIGN NEWS.

There has been no very startling news from Europe during the past fortnight. It is said that the French are planning to add over 100 new ships to their navy which does not look as if that nation put much confidence in the Russian call to disband armies and reduce armaments to a peace footing.

From America comes the news that the standing army is to be increased from 25,000 to 100,000 men. The treaty with Spain has been concluded. The Philippine and Sulu Islands are to be ceded to the United States for the sum of \$4,000,000. Negotiations are taking place for the purchase of the Caroline group by Germany. Cuba is to be free, but under American protection, until a stable government is assured. President McKinley's message to Congress is considered a sound and statesmanlike document, and deals with many important questions.

நீதி இராச்சியத்தாரை உயர்த்தும், பாவமோ எந்தச் சனங்களுக்கும் இகழ்ச்சி

ஐம் புத்தகம்.]

யாழ்ப்பாணம், தஞ்சாவூர் (௨௩) மார்கழியிற் கடுங் வ வியாழக்கிழ

வியாழக்கிழமை. [சங்கியை, ௨௫]

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இலங்கைப் புனைக்கப்பற்
கொம்பனி (லிமிற்றேட்)



“வேடிஅவலக்” புனக்கப்பல் பின்வரும்
தேதிகளில் யாழ்ப்பாணத்திலிருந்து பாம்ப
ன்வதியாய் கொழும்புக்குப்போக இருக்கி
ன்றது. 1898 ம் ஆஸ் மாகாத்தி யு 16 உ,

“லேடி அவலக்” புனைக்கப்பல் பின்வரும்தேதி
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 க் கொடும்புக்குப்போகஇருக்கின்றது.

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யாழ்ப்பாண வியாபார
சமுதாயம்.

இச்சமுதாயத்தவரிடம் பின்னூற் சொல்லப்படும் சாமான்கள் வற்புறுத்தித் தூக்கின்றன.

சட்டங்கள் தொப்பிகள் மலிகைகளுக்கேற்றதும், பல வித பூக்களுள்ளதுமான மேத்திய"ன வெவ்வெற். வெள்ளை, பச்சை, மோசாப்பு கிறங்கோண்ட

உயர்ந்த பட்டேவைகள்.
ஆண்கள் பெண்களுக்கேற்ற கால்மேசு சப்பாத்துகள்.
சட்டைகளுக்கேற்ற சூதற்ற மானகண்ணாட்சிலைகள்.
காரிக்குன், சலவைமயில், கோடிமயில், என்னும் பலதிற
ப்பட்டைகள்.

நேர்த்தியான சித்தைப்புடைவைகள்,
வாட்டர்புரி, நாழிகைவட்டநூல், இவ்வென் டி.கீ.

வேள்வணச் சரிதைச் சேவைகள், பலதீனுசான சரிதைச் சரால்வைகள்.

கடதாசி, பேணை, பேச்சிஸ், மைமுதலிய வழித்துச்சா
ரண்கள்.

மகாபாரதவுரை.

சபாபஞ்சம்.

இது விளம்பி ஐஸ் கார்த்திகை மீ முதல், மாசந்
தோறுஞ் சங்கியையாக விந்ருவருகின்றோம்.
சங்கியை ததபார்தெலவு ன் ததம் 28

சுவாமிநாயக தீபாந்தரசலவுடன் சதம், 28.
சூசிபருவஉரை உரையாசிரியர் படத்தோடு ரூ. ௩௦.

இங்ஙனம், ஸவ. சுப்பிரமணியபிள்ளை.
விவேகானந்த யந்திரசாலை, மாணேச்சர்.

உதயதாரைக.

கனகசபைம் (வா) மார்கழி மீ ௧௫ வ.

கிழிஸ்த மீஷூரரி.

Christian Missionary.

இந்தியா, இலங்கையாபிப்பிடங்களில் கிரீஸ்வழியும் சட்டபித்தம் ஐரோப்பிய அமரிக்விதனாபிப்பிடங்களில் சட்டச்சங்கைட்ட சண்டைப்பற்றி, யோகாபிப்பிடம் ஆயிவாபிப்பிடமும் இந்தக் கெண்டை அப்பிராயமுடையவர்களைபித்திரித்தல்பற்றி பல்லுதனமும் வெவ்வேசன்களும், வாய்ப்பு நேற்றேகேட்ட சீமையத்தாத்தாசென்றிருவரும், சட்டபித்தம் சங்கச் சங்கத்தவரும், ஐரோப்பிலுண்ட ஆயிவா இந்திய ஆயிவாபிப்பிடங்களிலுடையவாய் பிராந்தத்தகமாய் என்னும் மாரிக்கிப்பிறந்த சங்கத்தினங்கத்தையுமொரு செவ்வாயிராய சண்டைவர்க்க சிலநாளினின்றுமுன்பு வாய்க்குண்ட, தந்தை இந்தசமையபிரமையன் தமியன்விரகிற் பிப்பிரகித்ததற்குண்ட.

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கலைவரவரது எடுத்துக்கூறு வழியமைக்க காட்டுவதற்கு
நம், கனம், ஜேம்ஸ் சிபித் மல்லாபுரம் மெசேஜ்ஸிபி,
நிற்றி ஊக்குத்தெரிப் பாட்சாவிடம் எமக்குப் படிப்பிற்
குப் பாடமெனவந்தென, அதாவது எடுத்துக்கூறு
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கொள்ளைச்சூரம்.

The Plague.

இல்லங்கத்தேசாத்திபதி அவர்களும் சட்டவிரும்புக் கருவியுள்ளும் ஆத் தித்திரதேசேரி அநேகசனங்களும் வரும் விதமாகத்தான், தென்னிந்தியாவிலே வந்து லாவதாதிபயகொன்னச்செருமொன்று. அதுகன் னதான் இக்கொடிய கோய் மையமாய் பருத்திப் தேநீர் வகுமொகங்கத்த விளையிப்பகம் மண்ணிராதி அநேகசன் இல்லங்கத்திற் பற்றிப்படியாத பத்திராண் பிரமாளண்கன் எனவே யுண்டதையித நிர், அப்பிரமாண்கன்னையொரு அநேகன் கம்முற் றிகாலவக்குககல் அத்தையொருக் கணித்தொன் னுயத்தத்தொருமுறா, டாகுத்தத்தமர் கிவ்வா இப்பிராதித்தபுத், அநேகன் அநேகையி னுண்கன் கன் பரிசியிப்புருண்கையி, கருந்தாற் சென்னையித் தயிடக்கன் அத்திரேசிராட் செய்யப்படுமாயுத வக்கையுறக்குத் வருமுகு. சேய்தகர். இந்தியாவை னு இல்லங்கத்தாட்டியிடுவென் போல் போசுரு வரவு, சாரமகன் ஏறாமகன் இல்லங்கத்தியிருக்கத் தியிரன் இல்லங்கையி இதுவொராய் தேரூருதாதிந் தக்கப்படுதல் கன் தேசாந்நிதியவகன் இன் னியிபி தேர்வேயெ பெண்ப்பன் மயக்கியிவ், மயமாபியிதேந் தியியேய் கங்கிருத்த பஞ்சாப்பு, கம்முத்தா, சென் னிர், மைமுர், ஆதியிடக்கனொரு பரந்த கடைபித் தயி வடதேசக்கல் திச்சென்கன் னுமாய் மடகச்சாதித் துக்குற்றிப்பயட்டாயிது. இந்தியாவில் இருப்பதெ ன்னையிற் போவனையி இந்நேசாந்நிற் பீடக்கப்பட்டுத், இருப்பதிராயிரமேவனையிற் மாண்டநேசியினையித் தியிப்பதாயிரமே இல்லங்கக்கு யி அண்சிறந்தய்த் துக்குருகு வறையி வந்துவந்திடுதல். இல்லங்க அர சாட்டியார் மறையுமாய் அருகிரிகொன்ன சட்டிரபு பண்கச்சத்திரொனேசாதிசெய்தல், இச் சத்திராஸப பியதிற் தந்திரோனெபயாய் கன் குற்றித் தியியுமாய் கரியுதல் தையாம் தியியித்தெ ன்கன்னிர், இதுவியத்தத்தல் கன் தேசாதிபதி சேர் போசெல் வடெல்லிற் திடசவே அநேகன் கவ்வனவு ஆத் திரபுண்கையிப்பயாய் கிருத்தித்தெருதகிண்கன் னென்னுண்டெரிமுற் றி விருத்தியி, அவரேயொய் பிர சாரணத்தியினிது விளாடுகின்றார், அந்நேரார் பாகத் தின் சாரதகத் தியில்கண்குருவேமர்.

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ஞ்ஞவாயு செய்வதை நிறுத்திச் சகலபொருளுவாயுக் களையும் கொழுந்துக்கட்காடைய நடைமெற் செய்வாயு த நிராமமன்னைவின்கொண்டோம், இதுதவறாமுத் தலை ஏறும் பூசை பெல்லுப்பன் னவளாக யிருந்திரோ மும், நாம் நமசி தெய்வநிதிரைப்பட்டணையா முந்தியோ டுய்யத்தந்தித் தவளாக யிருந்திரோம், ஆயத்தந்திசெய் வதற்குப்போது நோவந்திரைக்கப்பட்டடியால் கா ழும் நல்லவர்தத்தோடமுருக்கின்றோம், கூடிய அள வாய் ஆயத்தங்குறும் சாவல்குறும் நடைமெற்றிருக்கி ற்தனைவென்பதன் அடும்பிக்கையாவதாகித்திதிலி ல்கொளேய பெருவாரியாயுண்டிருமென்று காண் கொ ள்ளமும் பயப்பட்டிலிழ், அப்படி வாயாழந்திந்க்கண் ணற் கிடிகொண்டே என்னை அபிப்பிராயம், அருமையாய் வ் அருங் கிருமும் எப்போதுதலவொவ்வொருங்கு அந்நோயுண்டித்தக்கிரும், அந்நதக் காதலசெய்ய ஒ ருளவாழும் முடியாது, இந்நோய் அதுதன்மையின் தன்கையால் அது எப்போது எப்படியுண்டித்தந்தினை தற்குமும் மடித்தபயிலிழ், எப்போதுவாரும்த் அருமையாய் ஒவ்வொருங்கு நோய்க்கணப்படுகின்றது அது எப்போது எச்சரிக்கையென்ற நடத்திக்கொ ண்டற் பெருமொளும் யாதுஞ் சம்பந்திழ்கைய மட்ட டோது, அப்படியுச்சரிக்கையென்ற நடத்தித் கொள்வ டேய்மெய்த நிராமமும், பெருவாரியாய் இந்நோயு ண்டனகாது பாப்பது தாருச்சிமயாவதாய் கம்மெத் பொதுத்தகையம், நாமாழ்ந்தவரையிதனைச், துறந் தத்தினை ஒவ்வொருங்குஞ் இடைக்கிடை இந்நோய் ண்பபடுமென்பபோது குருகண்டுகொ ண்மத்தந்தியெய் யின்வண்டியவர்களாயிருக்கின்றனர், பிசைசகன் யா வரும் சமத்தந்திவர்களாகிராதி, இக்கொடிய நோயின் கு ப்மெதிரு தற்கும் மானசகாரணம் யெதிர்நிதிந் தரு எவ்வொளும் மானசக்கிதந்தி ஆயுபவர்களையப் போடியாயினகொண்டக் காத்திருக்கற் றும்,

நம் பத்திராபிமானிகட்கு.

To Our Subscribers.

தகவலும் ஆய்வுகள் கடைசியாற்றியதற்குப்பின், கம்பத்தினிகளின் கையொப்பப்பார்க்காகச் சுவைமா தந்திரியோடா தயாராகத் தந்த கிடைக்கவேண்டிய கையொப்பப்பண்ணத்தக்க தீயனவையோடு சேர்த்துத் தந்திருமோர் கிறிப்பூட்டியிருப்பாரோ. ஏனென ஆட்டமுஞ் சகலவிதமேயிப்பெய்த பத்திரியோமளிகள் யாவரோ. வினங்கியவர்களோ. பத்திரிகையுமியலு. யங்கனியொழுங்கியுமியல் வெளிப்படுத்தவாறுந் வேண்டிய கதாநயி, முத்திரை, அச்சகவியதாய் சுவை யொழுங்குமுதற்குமகையொப்பப்பார்க்காகவேண்டியதாம் ஆவனொழிபாத்தக்கொண்டிருக்கிறதென்பதற் றம் பத்திரியோமளிகள் மனத்திற் றியான்குமாறு யென்கிறின்றோம். வருந்தோறும் தாசனியொ ப்பப்பண்ணக்கூங்கித் தவறாத முந்தியப் பண்புரிதென்கு நம்மீட்டேர் பலர் சேர்த்திருக்கின்றோம். பத்திரியும் ய் விதமுறிகின்றோம். வேறெவரோ பத்திரிகைகளையொழுங்கியாய்தம் இயல்புப்பண்ணத்தேர்ந் முன்ய் யொருபுண்ணத்தயும் இன்னொருபுப்பாடுகின்றோமென்கு. அப்படியொரு தயவுசெய்த தாக நமக்கேவே ன்னடிய முருதொருகையையும, உனதொரு கடித்தொருகையைய அறுபதுபுவங்குமே யென்கின்றோமென்கு.

கண்மப்பத்திரிகையோ மிகப்பெரித்திரகையுமியுரு, தயவந் சில கடித்துக்கண் அப்படுத்தினதுள்ளார் கம்பத்தினிகளைய சுவையு ஆவனொடு கத்திரியுத்தேர்ந்த வாய்க்கின்றனவென்பதை மறுக்குவதற்குத்தேர்ந்த, தவறுக்காலகையொரு துறாகையுமியலும், சகலவியலும், கயமலியலும், சகலசக வியலுக்கையும, யாழ்ப்பாணம், இலங்கை, மெய்கோட்டம், பிரெஞ்சுகளின் புரண்கையப்பலக்கையும, உட்பத்திரிகை யிடமாகொ ிருக்கும்வாய் மரபிதொழுங்குமே சேர்த்துத் தந்திரிமடித்த வறது வெண்புத்திரியுத்தேர்ந்தபுறந் பத்திரிகையுக் கையுறியுத்திரேயு சட்டி. திணைப்பாற்றமான்,வரவா ற்தமமேயுத்திரிகையுத்தேர்ந்தபுறந் பத்திரிகையுத்தேர்ந்தமையொம் உட்கைத்தட்டுணை தத்திரி யெமையிலும் அயற்கறபெயலும் யவரித்த மேரிக்க தத் சாராம்மையே மரபுத்தொருமுறையு வர்க்கும் பயன்திரியெய்த தத்திரியெய்த தமையுமியல்க்க, கம்பத்திரிகையோர் "ஐயவையெய்திரு குத்தொ" யென்பகையாம். "மெய்க்கை முறுப்பி" தென்பகையும்கம் மியிப்பூட்டியவையெய்தத் தய் கையொப்பப்பண்ணக் கையொழுங்கியுப்பண்புத்திரியுத்தேர்ந்தமையுத்தேர்ந்தமையு மேயும் யென்கின்றிறின்றோம்.

புத்தகங்கள்.

Books Reviewed.

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பட்டையிலே—தீம்தயைபட்ட கரங்கையும்கந்தி
 லும் இரங்கையும்க்கும் வெட்டிபட்டதெப்போடு
 கரங்கையிலே—வியாதிபட்டதன்மைகார்த்திய
 கணிப்பாதிபட்டோடு, ஒருதிருக்கையும்க்கும்
 னுள்கையிலும் கிண்கையும்க்கும்கார்த்தியும்க்கும்
 கய்தெப்போடும்க்கும், அதிபட்டியும்க்கும்பட்டா
 வெட்டியெழ்தெப்புகளின் பாயலும் வியாதிபட்ட
 தாய்க்களின் தோய்க்களும் எரித்தெப்போடு—எரி
 ப்புதெப்பின் தோய்க்களையும்க்கும் ஆற்றத்தின் மேல்பட்ட
 யையும் தோய்க்களையும் பாயத்தெப்புகள், அவற்றின் மேல்பட்ட
 யையும்பட்டெப்புகள் எல்லாம்

J. B. C.

A WORD TO OUR READERS.

We would remind our readers that the year 1898 will soon be a year of the past, and that they have but a fortnight left to settle up their dues for the old year before commencing on the new. Many of our subscribers are in arrears for the *Star* and we hope that they will consider this a reminder and promptly settle their account. A paper cannot be published without the wherewithal to pay for the printing, and the printers' bills for the *Star* have not been fully paid yet.

No one need fear that the Manager, or Publishers, will grow rich on the subscriptions received. A little calculation should convince the most skeptical that the very low rate of subscription is barely sufficient to meet expenses. In fact the very smallness of the subscription price is one reason why it is not more promptly paid; it is so easy to neglect to pay a rupee or two that we may owe, while we are more careful of the larger sums.

We hope that our readers will come to our help, and pay their dues at once before the close of the year if possible.

Another thing may we ask that items of news be sent promptly to the Editor, so that we may make our paper more interesting to the general public. We shall continue to make the religious element a prominent feature, and shall be glad of any contributions that friends may send in. Pay your dues, tell us your news, and give us your co-operation in improving the *Star*.

Our next issue will be in the new year, January 5th. Christmas is still some days off but we venture to publish a poem by one of America's greatest poets. We add also Lord Tennyson's lines on the closing of the year. In the meantime we wish all our readers a very

Merrie Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHRISTIAN BELLS.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
And thought how, as the day had come,
The bellmen of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
Till ringing, singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols downed
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep;
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

H. W. Longfellow.

THE DYING YEAR.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The false slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Alfred Tennyson.

PLAGUE PRECAUTIONS.

The plague has made such havoc in Bangalore that Southern India is not so confident as it was a year ago that the disease would not be likely to cross a certain degree of latitude. In Madras and vicinity there have been but a very few cases so far, but enough to make us in Ceylon anxious lest it visit our shores. The government will, we are sure, take every precaution to keep it out, but it remains to be seen how far our people will come to the help of the officials whose business it is and will be, to exercise a strict watch. We believe it is a wise precaution to stop traffic with India except through Colombo. Yet we fear that there are many who will do their best to elude the vigilance of the government and keep up communication with the continent. All such are traitors to their country, and are seeking not the country's good but their own selfish ends. If public sentiment would only assert itself strongly on the side of those who are seeking the public good, there will be no trouble about quarantine, or inoculation, or segregation if that should prove necessary. At the St. Andrew's dinner which took place at Colombo on the evening of the 30th ult. and at which the Governor was an honored guest, His Excellency referred to the danger from plague as follows—

"Plague is daily coming nearer to us; it may be said to be knocking at our very door, and under these circumstances it is desirable to have only one door—shut up your back door, and have that door safely barricaded and guarded with the drawing and portcullis complete. In other words we have decided to close the northern route either for immigration or emigration from Ceylon and concentrate at Colombo upon which we have a firm grip. We have been forewarned and we are forearmed. We have had plenty of time for preparation and we are prepared. I believe our precautions and our safe guards are as elaborate as they can be made. For my part, I don't fear any general outbreak of the plague in this island, and I believe we can keep it out. I certainly hope so; but there may occur occasionally, probably, isolated cases here and there, now and again. No one could guard against that. No one can tell, so mysterious is this disease, how and when it shall appear. Well, what I want the public to understand is that there is little danger in these isolated attacks so long as they are vigorously and properly dealt with—and vigorously and properly dealt with they will be—I undertake. As regards a general outbreak, that is when several cases occur, the Government is responsible. The Government take the responsibility; they will deal with it, whether by segregation or otherwise; but in isolated attacks, they look to the public to assist them and I am quite certain you will assist them. I have no doubt whatever that when the hour of danger strikes and when you are face to face with death in the shape of that horrible disease, every one, the most obstructive, will gird on his armour and fight desperately, and the excessive energy instead of being extended and wasted in attacking the Government, which is your friend and ally and protector, will be used against the common foe."

These are wise words and we hope they will be heeded. Ceylon is perhaps not a favorable country for the growth and spread of the Plague, but we cannot be too careful in taking necessary precautions. Filth of all kind should be removed and burned and wells cleaned if possible. Fresh air and sunlight must have easy entrance into the houses. There should be no concealment of suspicious cases, but report should be made at once to the proper authorities. Above all there should be absence of fear, for it is well known that fear kills more victims than disease. A calm trust in the protecting care of the Divine Father, and a careful observance of all ordinary rules of sanitation, with a strict watch of our seaboard, will go a long way towards keeping this dreadful disease from our fair isle.

In the meantime what the people need is information. The masses know nothing about this disease except that it is something dreadful and if Fate sends it to our shores, we must accept it. Let some general rules, i.e., of the importance of cleanliness, of the danger of concealment, of the need of taking every necessary precaution &c. &c. be printed and circulated through the Headmen. Above all let it be understood that there is no cause for a panic, and that, if only watchful and careful, we can keep it from spreading should it appear in the Island.

CORRESPONDENCE.

REMINISCENCES OF REV. F. ASBURY.

Please allow me to add a few lines to your editorial on the late Rev. Asbury. It was in 1865 or thereabouts, I first had the pleasure of knowing the reverend gentleman. I was then a small boy attending the Manappay English Free School, started and supported by the late Shroff Ponnampalam of Manappay. His son, the late Robert Asbury was then the Head Master of the said school and conducted the school in a very exemplary manner. At the request of Rev. Asbury the boys were ordered to attend Sabbath school at Navay, and as one of

the students there, I came to know of him more intimately. His strong majestic figure, his punctuality at school and the strict control he had over the teachers and students are still fresh in my memory. After the Sabbath school came the service and now and then some of us boys stayed behind to hear the preacher. The service then was held at the School Bungalow and chairs and benches were then unknown. The most important part of the service, some of us, frolicsome boys enjoyed much was in the course of the delivery of the sermon. The congregation was then composed mostly of people with scanty education and it was but natural that some were in the arms of Morpheus while the sermon was being preached. Nothing daunted, Mr. Asbury called the sleeping culprit by name and forthwith questioned him, on some part of his sermon. This drove the careless man to a corner and gave us boys a good deal of merriment. But this open chastisement, was not without its good effects and the sleeping members in time shook off their dull slough and began to hear him with open ears. For some years after I ceased attending the Navay Sabbath School heing educated elsewhere. It was in 1880, I found Christ and was admitted a member of the Navay Church. Then I found the church greatly improved. The number of members had increased, a stone built church had been erected through the efforts of Rev. Asbury, and what is more beautiful seats had been promised for the congregation, and a new bell, the second in importance in Jaffna had been put up in place of the hand bell once rung by a certain Charles. The bell was the gift of some American friends and was procured at Hastings, Ohio the Navay church record says, was the first Pastor of the church. The only thing wanting to complete the church was a suitable house for the pastor and family. Mr. Asbury lived in a mud-house and during winter, it got so damp and unwholesome, that he had to make himself to the church. He never complained of this, but thanking God for the great mercies showered on his small church believed for still greater things in the near future. During his life-time a new stone built fine house had been erected where the present pastor now resides. Taking him as a whole he was the proper man for the times he lived in and flourished. Amiable, courteous, rigid but loving, open in his acts, he was loved by all with whom he came in contact. Surely a great man has fallen in Israel. Peace be to his memory.

A Christian

To the Editor.

The following may be of some interest to the readers of the Morning Star.—A little child of a poor Armenian family in Marash, Turkey in Asia gave to the missionary in that city a small thank-offering for recovery from illness. This amount (Rs. 2.54) has been forwarded to the Poor Fund of the Manappay Hospital. This same missionary who is a brother of Mrs. Dr. Scott, had on occasion to tell of this thank-offering to his group of poor orphan children who had been collected after the massacre of their parents by the Turks. The next morning a donation was handed in by them to be forwarded to the Poor Fund. This sum amounted to Rs. 3.42. As their way of obtaining the money is not uninteresting I give this letter for publication.

Marash, Nov. 1st 1898

Dear Sister:

Last week I sent you thro Mr. Peet 26 piastres for use in your hospital. It is a gift from one of our orphanages and they want it for an orphan if possible. Their home was full of bed bugs and they earned this money by killing a few of them. 26 piastres represents the destruction of 10,400 bugs!

Yours as ever

F. W. Macmillan

The interesting feature in these donations is the mutual helpfulness it manifests. A short time ago some of the Christians of Jaffna sent help to the sufferers from the massacre in Turkey. Now these helped, in turn offer help to the poor sick children of Jaffna.—Such spirit needs no comment.

T. B. Scott.

CASTE.

To the Editor of the Morning Star.

Sir,
Your Correspondent X. Y. Z. says "any attempt to bring reforms in churches before their full time would be rendered futile and be the source of many evils. Permit me to make a few remarks on the audacity of this attempt to throw dust in the eyes of a Mission paper. The attempted reforms are (1) that those who drink wine from the same cup at the Lord's Table should be allowed to draw water from each others well, (2) that children of all Protestant communicants should have the privilege of joining schools and colleges founded, built, conducted and controlled by the American, Wesleyan and U. M. S. Missions with the help of funds raised for the purpose of evangelizing the people of Ceylon, and a few other things of the same nature. It is clear that certain mistakes were made by the founders of these missions. But the sooner these mistakes are corrected the better. It is admitted these mistakes are wrong. It is only urged now by some who do not like to fully obey Christ in this matter these reforms must be delayed. In other words they say these are not wrong now, but by and bye they will be wrong. Can X. Y. Z. point out the time when these evils should be forsaken. "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another and seek not the honour that cometh from God only." John 5: 44.

Yours Truly,

Reformer.

[The time has come when no caste distinctions should be allowed in our churches, but we question whether the people as a mass are ready for any great social reform. Still nothing will be accomplished unless some one makes a start and we are glad that some of our Christian young men are alive to this great evil of Caste. Let us however discuss this question in a kind and candid spirit, and not judge others harshly who do not agree with us. Ed. M. S.]

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