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RECEIPTS FOR THE MORNING STAR

Strait Settlements	Mr. R. Brakenridge	2.00
Kalmunai	Rev. E. M. Weaver	2.00
Dikoya	Mr. A. Suppiah	2.00
Rakwana	Mr. J. Garrett (For 99)	2.00

THE CEYLON STEAMSHIP Co. Ltd.

The Company's Steamer "Lady Gordon" is appointed to sail from Jaffna to Colombo via Paumben on 21st. Feb.

W. MATHER & SON, Agents.

THE JAFFNA COMMERCIAL CORPORATION LIMITED.

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WILLIAM MATHER,

Managing Director

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

The Ceylon mail service between Kankesanthurai and Point Calimere will cease temporarily from the 10th proximo until further notice owing to the prevalence of plague in India.

Correspondence for India will be forwarded via Colombo, Tuticorin.

F. W. Vane,

Asst. Postmaster General

NOTICE.

A TEACHER is needed at the Tellippalai English school to teach English Middle School Standards.

Candidate should either possess the Government Certificate, or be prepared to appear for examination for certificate in 1899 or 1900 as required by the Code.

Application for terms &c may be made to the Manager or the Head Master at Tellippalai.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 955.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Chittampalam Velupillai of Varany Vadakkukkudy Deceased. Valliammal widow of Chittampalam Velupillai of Varany Petitioner.

Chittampalam Chittamparupillai of Varany Respondent. This matter of the Petition of Valliammal widow of Chittampalam Velupillai of Varany praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Chittampalam Velupillai of Varany Vadakkukkudy coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmut Esquire, D.J. on the 25th day of January 1899 in the presence of Mr. A. Hensman Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 25th day of January 1899 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful 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 Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 24th day of February 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed this 25th day of January 1899. Signed C. Eardley WILMOT District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 952.

In the Matter of the estate and property of Sethupillai wife of Kathiriamby of Mirisavil Deceased. Valaathur Visuvanathar of Mirisavil Petitioner.

1. Chinnappillai wife of Visuvanathar of Mirisavil Respondents. 2. Arumakam Kathiriamby of do Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Valaathur Visuvanathar of Mirisavil praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Sethupillai wife of Kathiriamby of Mirisavil coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmut Esquire District Judge, on the 20th day of January 1899 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 16th day of January 1899 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the husband of the above named 1st Respondent who is the only heir 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 9th day of March 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed this 20th day of January 1899. Signed C. E. Wilmut. District Judge.

Local & General.

Weather. The weather has been fine and the people have been busy harvesting. The crop is good this year in most part of the peninsula. Ever still prevails though of a milder type. There has been less dew than usual during this month so far, but we may have enough before the month ends.

Dr. C. S. Rathnam. son-in-law of Rev. J. Backus of Pallai, our Sub-Assistant Colonial Surgeon was the recipient of a handsome Christmas purse from the people of Kalititiya in appreciation of the services rendered to the community during the past year.

At Home. Our Government Agent and his Lady will hold an "at Home" in "Old Park" on Saturday the 18th inst. to which many have been invited.

The plague. We have received from the Government Agent two very important papers on the Epidemic Plague. One is on the construction and equipment of Plague Hospitals, and the other a memorandum for the use of officials. Our Govt. Agent cannot be too highly commended for his activity in guarding our peninsula from the introduction of the plague. A source of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Mr. Wm. T. Wynne. Sir Wm. T. Wynne and Mrs. Wynne arrived at Kalkes on the 15th inst. having been delayed at Paumban for a fortnight. Our notices of their arrival in a previous issue was premature. Sir William looks well and evidently enjoyed his brief stay in England. Our sympathies are with him and his family in their bereavement.

I. S. S. U. The Indian Sunday School Union holds its examination this year some time in July. The subject of examination will be the International Sunday School Lesson for the first six months of 1899. We hope to give further details as soon as they are published. In the meantime let the Sunday Schools of Jaffna who have joined the Union get to work.

Rev. T. S. Smith. A letter dated Jan. 5th from Mr. Smith gives the encouraging news that he is improving in general health and that the doctor under whose treatment he is, seems pleased with the quick response to his treatment and thinks it need not be long before recovery. Still the probabilities to say the least are against hope and I fear I cannot look forward to a return to Jaffna.

Mr. Smith is at a Sanatorium in New Hampshire, where they are having "great success in treating cancers and malignant tumors by hypodermic injections of a remedy which was discovered some three or four years since."

The doctor does not promise a cure, but is sure he can help him greatly and so far the treatment is meeting with success. Mr. Smith sends his love to his friends both missionary and native, and closes his letter with the sentence, "God willing I hope to do something still for Jaffna ere I die."

Personal Items. Mr. W. B. Bartlett, a son of the late Mr. D. Bartlett C. M. S., Jaffna, we are glad to hear, has passed the Junior Examination of the Survey Department. He is now qualified to rise in the Department up to Rs. 3200 per annum. We are glad to note also the creditable success of Messrs. A. Rajakar and W. Hitechock at the final examination in the Ceylon Technical College. The former is a nephew of A. I. Jagannatha Mudli, Manager Waligama West, and the latter is a son of Dr. Hitechock of Udsville. We wish them further success in their professional careers.

Egyptian Exiles. Touba Pasha one of the exiles from Egypt has been granted pardon by the queen. He has been residing in the Island as a state prisoner for about 16 years, and by reason of his ill health Her Majesty has been pleased to pardon him and to allow him to return to his native country.

Jaffna S. C. Sessions. The sessions have been fixed for the 27th inst. and Mr. Justice Withers will leave Colombo by steamer on the 25th inst. to preside at the sessions. There are about six cases committed from the Jaffna Police Court and one from the Kalkes Court.

The Jaffna Railway Meeting. A protest meeting against the action of the Ceylon Association in London with reference to the Northern Railway Scheme was held on Thursday the 9th inst. in the District Court House commencing at 4 p.m. The meeting was presided over by A. Maivakanam Esq. J. P. and unofficial Magistrate, and the attendance was large and influential. Much enthusiasm prevailed and five resolutions were proposed and carried as follows:—

1. Thanking His Excellency the Governor for warmly advocating railway extension to the north, and obtaining the sanction of the Secretary of State.
2. Cordially thanking the Right Hon. the Secretary

of State for the Colonies, for sanctioning the northern railway.

3. Condemning the opposition of the Ceylon Association in London as interested and belated, and prejudicial to the interests of the Island in general and the northern half in particular.

4. That a memorial praying for the early commencement of the Northern Railway notwithstanding the opposition of the Ceylon Association in London be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor.

5. That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded to the Secretary of State through His Excellency the Governor.

Pearl Banks. Captain Donnan expects to proceed for the inspection of the pearl banks on or about the 1st of March next in the bark "Rangasamy Paray."

Mr. C. L. Tranchell. From the 3rd inst. Mr. Tranchell is on leave for a month and Mr. J. H. Leake acts for him as Deputy Fiscal and Superintendent of the Police.

Sale of House. The house on Main street, the property of the late Mr. Advocate Nagalingam, was sold by public auction to Mr. C. Arunachalam, District Engineer.

Plague at Galle. A case of plague was reported to the authorities at Galle on the evening of the 12th. The Patient was removed to the hospital, and the other inmates of the house segregated. It seems that it is a doubtful case the doctors not being sure that it is the genuine disease. He is a Sinhalese man who has recently returned from Bombay where he had been staying some months. We wonder if he was quarantined for a sufficient length of time. The authorities cannot be too particular. While this may not prove to be real plague, yet it shows how it can easily be introduced into the island if all due care is not exercised.

Gravestone. His Excellency is to cut the first sod of this important work on the 22nd February at 5 o'clock.

The Governor. His Excellency is on tour in the Eastern Province but expects to return to Colombo on the 20th inst. to be present at the session of the Legislative Council on the following day. The Governor is meeting with a total welcome in the Eastern Province.

SPRINGER'S PROVERBS.

1. He can't drink too much who drinks not at all.
2. More are cured by diet than by lancet.
3. A man of means may be a mean man.
4. He who does most is the one to do more.
5. A man in debt—a bird in a net.
6. One vice is one too many.
7. A aimless man hits nothing.
8. He who goes to law may come back with a straw.
9. A good conscience is better than a good income.
10. Though God steers the ship we must pull the ropes.

GENERAL NOTES.

Madura Mission. In the Madura Mission there are 24 ordained Native Pastors, 221 Catechists, 19 Evangelists, 70 Bible Women, 318 School Teachers and 25 Medical Agents, making a total of 577 native agents. There are Christians living in 461 villages, and there are 327 congregations with 15,438 adherents. The total number of communicants is 4654. The amount of contributions, besides for education, was Rs. 22,253.

The World's Student Christian Federation. Among the results of the Federation during the first three years of its history are the following:—

The Federation has made the various student movements acquainted with each other and also with the vast extent, the need, and the possibilities of the student world.

It has organized six great national student movements and facilitated the organization of two others.

It has established helpful means of communication between the various movements in all parts of the world, and has thus led to a broadening of their scope and an improvement in their methods.

It has broadened the horizon and enriched the sympathies of all its members.

It has helped signally to answer the prayer of Christ "that they all may be one."

Khartoum. The latest news from Khartoum shows that the building of the city is proceeding at a rapid pace. At the present time no less than 1,500 convicts are engaged on this work. It is worth noting that when Sir Samuel Baker first went there, in 1882, the place contained about 30,000 inhabitants, exclusive of troops. Sir Samuel Baker found Khartoum to be "a wretchedly unhealthy town," though he himself had remarkably good health during the six months he spent there, while trying to get to the sources of the Nile. The new Khartoum that will rise under Lord Kitchener's inspiring direction cannot fail to be a great improvement on the old and insipid town.

A Travelling Post Office. In Maryland, U.S.A. the first "travelling post-office" starts on its rounds from the beginning of the year. It is a stout covered wagon manned by a driver and a postal clerk. The travelling postmaster carries mail to villagers and receives it from them. He sells stamps, registers letters, and issues money orders.

Selfishness. As there is taught that wounds the tender heart of Christ more than the countless forms of selfishness on the part of the people whom he came to save, so there is nothing that more truly commends the gospel to the world than the quiet self-denials of Christ's followers. He who was incarnate unselfishness see something of his own image in every deed of Christian self-denial.

உதயதாரைக.

நீதி இராச்சியத்தாரை உயர்த்தும், பாவமோ எந்தச் சனங்களுக்கும் இகழ்ச்சி.

கூடும் புத்தகம்.] யாழ்ப்பாணம், தஞ்சாவூர் மாசியர் குகை வலியாழக்கிழமை. [சங்கியை, ச]

THE JAFFNA COMMERCIAL
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யாழ்ப்பாண வியாபார
சமுதாயம்.

இச்சமுதாயத்திற் பின்னற்சொல்லப்படுஞ்சாமான்கள் புதிதாய் அழைக்கப்பட்டு இப்போ வற்புணவுக்கிருக்கின்றன.

பட்டுச் சேலைகள்.
சரிவைச் சேலைகள்.
பலநிறமான படிச் சேலைகள்.
சிறுநடைகா.
ஆவாக உயிப்புக்கேற்ற ரோசாப்பூ, வெள்ளைநிற
தங்கநூல்கள் பட்டுகா.

நேர்த்தியான பலன்த் தலெலவெந்.
பலதனுசான கோடிமல், சலவைமல், காரிக்
கன்.
பிசுவம் நேர்த்தியான பலனாகக் 'சித்ததை' ம்

பெள்ளை 'ஒறகீஸ்' சீலை.

பேடி. துடைகள், சப்பாத்து, கால்மேசு, துநீரை

அச்சுபரதார்த்தககித்தி கடநாடி, மை.
எழுத்துமை. பேனை. பென்சில் Fountain
பேனை

‘காஞ்சட்டை, கோற்று’களுக்கேற்ற கள்ளனு
ரீகீழிலைகள்,

புத்தக விளம்பரம்.

Works by the late Mr. J. R. Arnold.

இப்பத்திரிகைக்கு ஏதாக்குறைய நேரத்தில் வருஷத் தளராகத் தமிழ்ப்பத்திரிகையாகியவாயிருந்து காலஞ்சென்ற ப்ரீ மத். அ. சதாசிவம்பிள்ளை அவர்களால் (J. R. Arnold) இயற்றப்பட்டு நவமாய்ப் பிரசுரிக்கப்பட்ட பின்வரும் புத்தகங்கள் விற்பனைக்கு ஆயத்தமாயிருக்கின்றன.

பஞ்சபந்தனம்	விலை சதம், ௨௫
ஞானவெண்பா	௧௨
சுகமரணபீடம்	௧௫
தபாநெல்செயு	௨

முன் பிரசுரிக்கப்பட்டவற்றின் இப்போது விற்கப்படவில்லை.

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நன்னெறிக்கதாச்சங்கிரகம்	"	"	௧௨	௧௦
குடும்பதருபுபணம்	"	"	"	௧௦
தூலஹரொணம்	"	"	"	௧௦
கீர்த்தனசங்கிரகம்	"	"	"	௧௨
தெல்லையந்தாதி	"	"	"	௧௦

இவற்றிற்குத் தபாற்செலவு முறையே க0-
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க்கொள்க.

S. T. Arnold,
Proctor, Manippay.

உதயதாரைக.

கல்கலம் (வா) மாசி ம^{ஸ்} ககா வ.

ஐக்கியதேசமும் பிரிப்பை அனதீவுகளும்

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தொண்டைப்பட்டினர், கல்வாலுரில் சென்னை
என்னும் குதிரைப்படி, கல்கத்தாநகரில் தலைவன் அக்கு
யிலுல்டோ என்பவன், அங்கத்தொப்பதுபுரியு தென
து ஒற்றிற் னன்புமரோடு சம்பாஷணதேசிய யென
டுகொள்பன்னம்பு மறுத்தப்பட்டினர், கல்கத்தாநகர
சுதித்த அயர்களைத் தலைவரானபட்டிபுட்டித்தப்புகு
ம், நேயரின பட்டினத்தைச் சென்கனிபுத்தபுரியோ
லுவிநதாராமய்க்கப்படுதப்படுமபுகும, ஜெனா
லு ஒற்றிற், ஜெனா லு மிஸ்பர் னன்னு தளபதிகு
கு உயர்வியுநதநகர ததிலிருந்து கட்டின மறுப்பப
ட்டிபுடுகிநது

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யாழ்ப்பாணப் புகைவீதிக் காரியஸ்தர்.
Jaffna Railway Committee.

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தத்துவத்திற்கிய தேசாதிபதி கோர் மோசேஷ் உலெஸ்த் றிதிக்கலேயுவர்களுக்கும்புலகவும் பண்திகுறுகிறார்கள்' என்னும் நின்னாயத்தை பிறத்தர் சங்கரப்பிள்ளையவர் சன் பிளேரிக்க,மெஸ், எஸ், எட்வேட் லீ, ஏ. ஆசிரியர் அலுவல்திக்க, மெஸ், எஸ், எம், இராசகாரியர் சார்பு கூறினர்.

2. "தேசாதிபதியவர்களின் சேவையில்கிணங்கி வ
ருந்தோர்ப்பு புனவூதி நீட்டப்படுவதற்கு தேசசேவ
கொழிநோக்கி இரட்சமாவதிதர் மெஸ், குந்தசேவ
சம்பளமே அவர்களுக்குச் சனங்களுக்கும் கனம் கனம்
பெயர் இச்சம்பந்தத்தவர்களுக்கில்கிநோக்கி" எனவெ
ய்யபத்த மெஸ், லி சந்தியாருப்பினை பிரதேசக்,
கனம், காட்டி ஐயர் ஆறுவதிக், மெஸ், உய்கிணம்
மேதர் சார்புகுதினர்.

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சு. "இலங்கைச் சர்க்கர்தவர்கள் நெதிரினையைப் புகை வளியாக வடமாலைப் புகைவிதேவியைப் கூடிய சீக்கிரத்தில் வரும்பிக்கொண்டுவெண் வண்ணப்படுகெய்த இக்கூட்டத்தின் ஜீர்மானத்தையடைகி, சபையாக நமர் விதிநம் கைகொப்பப்பிடிக் தேசாபதித்திசைப் பதிரிமாறுபடவெண்மீ" எனநம் பின்னையத்தை அபுக்காந்துத் திருநாலுக்கரசு பிடுகிசை, பிறநர் கா கியப்பின்ன அனுலுபம், செச்சிமுதலியார் மெல், வண் தியமப்பின்ன சாராபுக்தினர்.

10. "இச்சமீதத்தின் வரலாறுகையடைக்கிய தூர் பிரதிசுக்கு சபாநாயகரும் விதிதரும் தகவரப்படிப்பிட்டுத் தோசா திபி ஸூலமயக் கலனினின் இராசமயா விதரக்கன்னுபுதல்வேனல்"மெனனும்பின் கையணத்தையிதர்த்து விசயவின்கம் பிரேரிக்ச, மென், எஸ். முத்துசாமி அனுலலகம், வல்காரம் மேற்குணய்யம் இராசுநாதமுதலியாரும் மென், எம், சின்னப்பா, மவர்க்குருசாப்பலினர், சபாநாயகரும் தனநிபு திந்துதலா மணியலாயிடு தட்டம் சமாப்தியாயிற்று.

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காலநிலை. — Weather. — பதலில் வெம்மையும் இர
லிற் பனியும்கூடும். காய்ச்சலாதிய ரோகங்கள் குறை
வு. வெட்டுமிதிதப்புச் சிலவிடங்களில் முழுவாசினரது.

வாலிபர்சங்கம்.—Y. M. C. A.—மூன் குறித்த படி யாழ்ப்பாண வாலிபர்சங்கங்களின் வருடாந்தக் கூட்டம் சென்ற மூன்றாந்ததி வட்டுக்கோட்டைத் தேவாலயத்தில் வைக்கப்பட்டது.

பிரதேசத்தின் மூலமணிவாய்வுப்பித்தம், ஐக்கியகட்சித் தலைவரின் மென், இரத்தகோக்ஷம், தலைகளை சமராயகரவிருத்த கட்டத்தின் நினைவு, இக்கியகட்சித் தலைவரின் மென், வயிற்றுடன் தா பொது நிப்போடேர் வாய்ந்ததன், கணம், காட்டிலும், கணம், கணப்பிரிவினப்பதற்கு, கணம், கோலத்தின் இயம், கணம், காப் இயம் என்பதன், யாழ்ப்பாணத்தின் பதப்பதன்களின் மூன்று ந்தையலிபை சங்கபிமினி தனேற்புத்தலத்திரை இயலயைப்பிற்சொன்னிதன், மிம்மண்காரியிற் கட்டப்படுத்தும்

உருக்கன் பிடிப்பு - Capture of Vessels.
வடகரைக்கரையிலுள்ள திறந்த "காசி"யு, "புருமதி"
என்றவை ராசசக புதுகவுளம் மீதான வடகரையிலிருந்
த சாமணர்களோடு துக்கனியெற்றதற்கு பூண் த
மேதே உருக்கப்பிடிப்புக்குள்ளான. இராசசகவு
ளம் வடகரையற்றது - காசியாதிப்பாலை மயங்குந்
த சாமணர்களையு துக்கியுள்ள சாமண்களுக்கு
மாமம், இரத்தியகரையிலிருந்து சாமண்களையெறிவரு
வ உருக்கன் குறித்தவர்களுக்கு ஊர்காவற்றிதற்குக்
கடலை மதியையிருந்து பின் இணங்கிவடகரையிற் சா
மண்களப்பிக்கத்தவரையொக்கிப்பவர்களுக்கன்ற
பெட்டிப்பன் மரமாய் விவரப்பாடுகளுக்கிட வேன்
டுகோணியுமே இவ்வுத்தரவு தெரிப்பதற்கு.

சுபாஸ் சங்கம் - Wsleyan Synod - இலு

குறியைக் கொண்டு வந்தவர்கள் கைமுடித்து முன்ன உட்கொண்டிருந்த சங்க
கொண்டுவந்தார். யாழ்ப்பாணத்தில் காணப்பட்டிருந்த
நிலைநிறுத்தியிருந்த பரிசீலனைக்குரியவர்கள்
இவ்வாறு நிறுத்தியிருப்பதற்கு, சாட்சியுடைய
கூடத்தில் இருந்து வந்திருந்த சிறப்பினால், அவர்
யாழ்ப்பாணத்திற்குச் சென்றபோது, வந்திருப்பதற்கான
தரப்பட்டது என்று அறியப்பட்டது. வெள்ளை, சங்க
கூடியது, திரைக்கோலம் கிழிந்திருந்ததால்
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நகரமண்டபம்.—Public Hall.—யாழ்ப்பாணப் பட்டினத்திலே பிரசித்த கூட்டங்கள் நடைபெறுவதற் கேற்றவோர் மண்பயில்லாதிருப்பது எம் இதரரிக்குஞ் பெருங்குறையாகியிருக்கின்றது. பொதுநன்மைக்காக னவிலையுங்கனிற் கூட்டங்கள்எவக்குமரது பலமுறையும் டிஸ்திரிக்டீதவரனிட முத்தரவுபெற்றுத் தோ

இங்குனம், D. J. சின்னையா.

THE NORTHERN RAILWAY.

A public meeting in connection with Railway extension to Jaffna, was held at the District Court House on Thursday the 9th inst., a report of which is given in our Local News. It would be the part of wisdom for Jaffna to press for railway communication with the metropolis without specifying gauge or route. All we want is a railway, and the cheaper the line the better at least for the present. There seems to be no question that the line on a broad gauge through the center of the Island will not pay *ab initio*, if ever. Let us not press for this, but take up the next best plan. It seems to us that all our peninsula needs is an electric tramway such as been recently introduced in Colombo. A starting every three hours from Kangesanturai to Jaffna and the same from Jaffna to Kangesanturai would accommodate the people much more satisfactorily than one train only a day. Then for traffic two or three goods cars could be run through daily to Elephant Pass to connect with the main line, which we believe, would be all that would be necessary except once or twice a year when there might be a rush of traffic for which other provision might have to be made. There is the objection that such a scheme would involve the transferring of goods from one car to another at Elephant Pass; but who is there bold enough to claim that there, is or ever would be, enough goods traffic between Jaffna and the south to warrant the building of a broad gauge line through the center of the Island and the peninsula? If an electric tramway does not commend itself to the public let us press for a cheap railway on some such plan as that suggested by Mr. Ferguson in the *Ceylon Observer*. What we wish to emphasize is that we are losing time by sitting too high. Let us be content with a more modest demand and we will be much more likely to get it.

As we have more than once intimated it is not at all probable that the Government will stultify itself by refusing what has already been sanctioned. It is the question of expense that is retarding the work, and it behooves us to assent to any plan for the reduction of the first cost of building such a railway. We quote below from the *Observer* and hope that some such scheme as the one suggested may be pushed through. It is refreshing to read in a recent paper from America (Cuba) "have passed into the hands of a syndicate of American capitalists, who will revolutionize the system." Such promptness and speed in dealing with public interests, can hardly be understood in the "slow-moving East," but how it would transform Jaffna, making her up from her lethargy and infusing new life and vigor.

"We believe that Lord Stanmore himself is still in favour of a West Coast line Northwards and we feel sure the same thought was in many minds at the London meeting; but how it did not find a voice, passes our comprehension. We think it a thousand pities that some one member present did not propose some such addition or rider to Mr. Skrine's motion, as the following:—but this meeting is prepared to approve a judicious scheme of Railway Extension on a cheap narrow-gauge from Colombo northwards, that portion between Anuradhapura and Elephant Pass being specially adapted to the comparative absence of population and goods traffic." Such an addition, we feel almost certain, would have commended itself to the majority present at the London meeting if it were explained that a profitable traffic could be counted on to Puttalam and probably to Mannar and Anuradhapura; while the line beyond should be made on the most economical—we may almost say primitive fashion—until such traffic developed as would warrant a more expensive line. By "primitive" we mean the type of railway that our American cousins send into a sparsely populated country in advance even of a road. For instance why should there be a single "station" with its expensive group of buildings, sidings, &c. &c. (in Mr. Watling's sense) between Anuradhapura and Jaffna to begin with? Within twelve miles of the rich capital of Ceylon we (in 1884) stood at the side of a "pukka" railway waiting for the train to come up, and the only station accommodation for 20 or 30 intending passengers altogether, was a wooden shanty to shelter them from sun or rain! Fancy the thousands upon thousands of rupees (or dollars) which would have been lavished in Ceylon at such a point! There was no Station-master, clerk nor porter at the place we refer to—not a solitary signalman to tell the train to stop, or not, as traffic offered, *while the necessary tickets were bought on "board" the train from the conductor.* Now, surely this American plan with a speed of 12 to 15 miles an hour—which was all we made afterwards on a 4 feet 8 1/2 inch line through the prairies of Kansas—is admirably adapted for the comparatively unpopulated Northern and Eastern sections of Ceylon? And the result would be a cutting down of the existing estimates of cost for a Northern Railway probably by about one-half. This would constitute an enormous saving in the interests of the whole Colony; while giving Jaffna all it wants in one locomotive train a day both to and from the metropolis."

THE WESLEYAN SYNOD.

The annual synod of the Wesleyans of Ceylon took place at Jaffna this year commencing on the 8th and closing on the 10th. The following missionaries and ministers were present i.e. Revds. T. Moscrop, J. Passmore, B.A. Mendis and C. Wijayasinghe of the Colombo district; Revds. W. H. Rigby, A. Triggs, D. Ferdinando and C. Wijayasinghe from the Kandy district; Revds. R. Tebb, J. H. Darrel M. A., J. H. Spaur and D. Ferdinando of the Galle district; and Revds. G. J. Trimmer, A. E. Restarick, M. A., J. West, S. Knapp, D. P. Niles, W. M. Osborn, W. M. Walton, and R. W. Sethukavalar, M. A. from the Jaffna—Batticaloa district, a total of ten missionaries and ten ministers from the whole island.

The presence of Rev. Marshall Hartley, one of the secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, who is on tour visiting the missions of China and India, made these sessions the most interesting and important yet held in Ceylon.

Wednesday afternoon was given up to the public reception of Mr. Hartley. He was met at Chavagachcherri by Rev. and Mrs. Trimmer and conducted as far as the Kachcherri where several other missionaries, and principal men among the laity, accompanied by 400 boys from the Central College, and a band of musicians met the party and accompanied them to the mission compound at Venbadi. Here a tastefully decorated pandal had been erected, and with T. M. Tampoe Esq. as Chairman an address of welcome was read by Dr. Wm. Paul. Rev. Mr. Hartley responded at length making a most admirable address and one that made a happy impression on the minds of those present. The singing of some Lyrics concluded the exercises. On Thursday, Mr. Hartley presided over the sessions of the Synod and in the afternoon an entertainment was tendered by T. M. Tampoe Esq. In the evening two Sinhalese brethren were ordained i.e. D. T. T. Wijayasinghe and C.E.P. Wijayasinghe. The charge was delivered by Rev. Marshall Hartley and was very impressive.

On Friday afternoon at 4.30 there was a social gathering at the Mission House, followed by a missionary meeting at St. Peter's at 6 p.m. when a number from other parts of the island addressed the audience. The sessions of the Synod having closed several left for their stations on this day and Saturday. A meeting for Christian workers was held on Saturday which was fairly well attended. Addresses were made by Mr. Hartley and others. In the afternoon there was a meeting for women, and the Girl's English, and Girl's Boarding schools were visited. Owing to a slight indisposition, Mr. Hartley was unable to give the promised lecture at Chetty Street.

(On Sunday Mr. Hartley spoke by interpretation in the morning and again to the children in the afternoon. In the evening he preached in English to a crowded house. On Monday morning the College and Chetty St. High school were visited and in the afternoon Mr. Hartley addressed the union monthly meeting of missionaries and ministers from the three missions. The description of the work in China was very interesting and was greatly appreciated by the company assembled. He gave striking instances of how the people started and carried on successfully Christian work without any foreign help. Mr. Hartley evidently is a firm believer in self-support and his words on this subject were very timely. He acknowledged to having a feeling of disappointment that the work had not made greater progress in Ceylon. This feeling is not confined to him however. We believe the majority of missionaries in the island are in sympathy with him. Nevertheless there have been great changes in the past 50 years and we look forward confidently to even greater changes and more rapid growth in the near future.

On Tuesday, Mr. Hartley visited Puttoor and held a noon meeting after which he went on to Pt. Pedro via Udappity. The same evening a meeting was held at Pt. Pedro, and the next day there were meetings in the out-stations. On Thursday accompanied by Rev. Mr. Rigby he left for the south via Kodigamum. Rev. and Mrs. Trimmer went with them as far as the latter place, and then returned to town.

We rejoice that Mr. Hartley has visited Jaffna and seen with his own eyes what has been and is being done. We feel sure that he will return to England not only with a greater knowledge of the work but also with a broader sympathy for all mission work. And the Wesleyans are not the only ones that have been benefited by his presence and addresses in Jaffna. A fresh impetus has been given to

Christian work throughout the peninsula, which we pray may result in a great out-pouring of God's Holy Spirit.

It is a good thing for Ceylon and India to have these visits from time to time from prominent Christian workers of the West. They come to us fresh and unbiased, and their words must have all the more power. True the visitors are liable to receive a wrong impression of the people and their religions but the effect on the people themselves cannot be other than salutary. The mission also is greatly helped by the visit of one of its Secretaries from the home land. The workers are brought into closer relations with the officials of the Society and both are mutually benefitted.

Our best wishes go with Mr. Hartley in his visits to the Missions of India, and may great good result from his ministrations.

Y. M. C. A.

The annual meeting of the North Ceylon Union of Young Men's Christian Association was held at Batticocha on Friday evening Feb. 3rd. The General Committee met in the Orley Hall of Jaffna College at five o'clock and heard reports from the various associations and transacted the business of the Union for the ensuing year. All the associations of the Union with two exceptions sent in reports of the past year's work and nine were represented by one or more delegates. Jaffna town and Mannar associations had been added to the Union while Point Pedro association had ceased to exist making in all twenty associations in the Union at the present time. The reports of the delegates showed the work of the Union to be in a prosperous condition. Some reported a forward movement in the establishment and management of Sunday schools, Bible classes and evangelistic work. The treasurer's report showed that all expenses had been met and a balance of over three rupees was left in the treasury. All the officers of the Union were re-elected, namely:

President, W. E. Hirschcock Esq. M. A.

Vice-Presidents, Rev. J. Carter M. A. and

Rev. W. T. Garbutt B. A.

Secretary, Mr. W. S. Vyrannanthu.

Treasurer, Rev. C. C. Handy B. A.

The Executive Com. consists of the officers together with Mr. D. A. Rajasingham, Mr. James John B. A. and Mr. J. K. Sinnatambiy.

Immediately after the business conference a very profitable meeting was held in the Batticocha church, W. E. Hirschcock Esq., the President of the Union presiding. The Secretary, Mr. W. S. Vyrannanthu, read a report, which showed that the society had completed the most prosperous year of its history. The total income of the Union which expense amounted to Rs. 270. The rest, with the exception of Rs. 62, procured from America, was raised by local subscriptions.

The total membership now numbers 650. The most important forward movement was the establishment of an association in Jaffna Town. This association has a reading room, a meeting room where Bible classes and religious services are held, and a boarding and lodging establishment in the rear. The meeting, numbering upwards of 200 was very profitably and earnestly addressed by Rev. J. Carter on Unity, Rev. D. Velupillai on Development, Rev. E. P. Holton on Opportunity, and Rev. S. Knapp on Work.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Philippines. The Filipinos attacked the Americans at Manila on the 4th inst. The American loss was 20 killed and 125 wounded. The Filipino loss was heavy. The American warships in the bay shelled the enemy. Instructions have been sent from Washington to crush the revolt. In the meantime the leader of the Filipino forces, Aguinaldo, has formally declared war against the Americans. The latter will make a vigorous campaign against the islanders, and we look for a speedy settlement. It looks however as if the islanders were not ready for self-government.

England. Sir H. Campbell Bannerman has been elected Liberal Leader in the House of Commons.

Prince Alfred of Coburg, the eldest son of the Duke of Edinburgh, and a grandson of the Queen, has died.

Parliament was opened on the 7th inst. Her Majesty referred especially to the brilliant campaign in the Sudan, and to the restoration of order in Crete. Of India it was said that the plague had spread to fresh places in the South and North, but unremittent efforts continue to be made to relieve the sufferers, to check the spread of disease, and to prevent its transmission to other lands.

United States. The Senate has ratified the treaty with Spain by a majority of three only.

The United States Ambassador at Berlin has strongly protested against the conduct of the Germans in Sancho. The German Minister for Foreign Affairs repudiated in the Reichstag, the designs on the Philippines attributed to Germany, and said that he believed that German and American interests would nowhere clash in the future.

India. The two brothers David who gave information last year which led to the arrest and execution of a man charged with complicity in the jubilee Poona murders, were assassinated on the night of the 8th inst. at Poona. The act has made a profound sensation throughout Western India. None of the murderers have been identified, but it is suspected that it was the work of a secret society in India. Several arrests have been made. There is only one way of dealing with assassins, and the sooner they are discovered, tried, and executed the better for India. Two of those suspected have confessed their crime.