

# THE MORNING STAR.

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RIGHTS OF THE NATION BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.

## THE CEYLON STEAMSHIP Co. Ltd.

The Company's Steamer "Lady Gordon" is appointed to sail from Kankesanturai for Colombo Via Pt. Pedro on the noon of following dates:—  
April 7th and 21st

The ss. Lady Havelock is appointed to sail from Kankesanturai for Colombo Via Panambur on the evening of the following dates:—  
April 7th, 18th, and May 2nd

W. MATHER & SON, Agents

## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Applications for the post of Supervisor of Mail between A.) Mannar and Yavandi and (B.) Mannar and Vavilave will be received at the General Post Office up to the 30th March

Security required Rs. 250 salary Rs. 20 a month. Applications should be addressed to the Postmaster General, C. E. D. Pennycuik.

## NOTICE.

M. Suresiden has much pleasure in informing the public that he has just received a large, varied and carefully selected supply of Goods intended to meet all local requirements, which, in quality are so unequalled and in price so moderate as to combine the recommendations of cheapness and excellence, to meet the approbation of his patrons and the public at large.

Special attention is invited to the varied and elegant display of the following lines of goods:—  
Millinery, Fancy Goods, Handbags, Oilman Stores, Glassware, Stationery, Crochet, Lingerie, Toys, Patent Medicines, Toilet Requisites, &c. &c. &c.  
Malabar Street Jaffna. March 1899

## ODDOOVILLE GIRLS BOARDING SCHOOL.

The Girls Boarding School and the English School for Girls at Oddooville will re-open on Tuesday the 15th of April.

The examination of candidates for the new class will be held on the same date, commencing at 9 o'clock a.m.  
T. B. Scott  
Mar. 29, 1899 (Manager)

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 905.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late William Moir Summerfield Twynam of Jaffna Deceased William Crofton Twynam of Jaffna Petitioner

1. Mrs. Mary Mortimer residing at Jaffna and 2. Thomas Twynam Asst. Collector of Customs, Cullis. Respondents

This Matter of the Petition of William Crofton Twynam praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased William Moir Summerfield Twynam coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmut, Esquire, District Judge, on the 9th day of March 1899 in the presence of Mr. T. M. Tampoe-Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 6th day of March 1899 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs 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 10th day of April 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 9th day of March 1899  
C. Eardley Wilmut District Judge.

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 904.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Suppar Iramu of Chankandi, Deceased. Iramu Tampipillai of Chandiruppay Petitioner

1. Iramu Kartikesu  
2. Iramu Sathasivam  
3. Iramu Tillyampalam  
4. Iramu Thiamotharampillai  
5. Maniyar Thillaiampalam and  
6. wife Nakuppillai, all of Chankandi

This Matter coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmut, Esquire District Judge on the 1st day of March, 1899, in the presence of Mr. S. T. Arnold, Proctor, on the part of the above

named Petitioner, and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated the 28th day of February, 1899, having been read. It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the late Suppar Iramu of Chankandi deceased, be issued to the Petitioner as son and heir of the said deceased unless the respondents or any other persons shall, on or before the 3th day of April, 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed C. Eardley Wilmut District Judge

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 929.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Mary Alexander wife of Aiyakkutti Alexander of Kokkuvile Deceased. Aiyakkutti Alexander of Kokkuvile Petitioner

1. Nannampai of Navali  
2. Charles J. Chittampalam, his wife  
3. Achchimutta of Jaffna Town and  
4. Revd. Solomon of Puttur, a Wesleyan Minister Respondents

This Matter of the Petition of Aiyakkutti Alexander of Kokkuvile praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Mary Alexander wife of Aiyakkutti Alexander of Kokkuvile coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmut Esquire District Judge on the 10th day of October 1898 in the presence of Mr. F. C. Changarappillai, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 10th day of October 1898, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the widower of the said intestate and as 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 18th day of April 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary

Signed C. Eardley Wilmut District Judge

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 827

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Alexander Means of Edinburgh in Scotland, Deceased William Crofton Twynam of Jaffna, Petitioner

This Matter of the Petition of William Crofton Twynam of Jaffna praying for fresh grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Alexander Means of Edinburgh, Scotland coming on for disposal before C. E. Wilmut Esquire, District Judge, on the 10th day of March 1899 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Co-ke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 6th day of March 1899 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the General Attorney of Flora Federic Louisa Twynam or Means, executrix dative in Scotland of the Estate of the said deceased, and as such he is entitled to have fresh grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased, in Ceylon issued to him unless any person shall on or before the 7th day of April 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 10th day of March 1899  
C. E. Wilmut District Judge.

## Local & General.

**Health** There is less fever about, though we hear of chicken pox and measles in one or two localities. The days are very hot but the nights are cool. The wind is variable.

**Colleges.** The Colleges have closed for the Easter holidays and the students have scattered to their homes. **Girls Boarding School.** Uduppidol Girls Boarding school opens on the 13th inst. Candidates for a new class to be examined on that day. Uduppidol opens five days later on the 18th notice of which is given in another column. The Girls English school opens on the same day. Those intending to join are requested to be present on the opening day. Vempudi and Pt. Pedro have closed for the Easter holidays.

**Exchange of duties.** It is rumored that Mr. Tranchell of Jaffna and Mr. Rudd of Galle are to exchange duties, but keep their salaries. Mr. Rudd is well known in Jaffna and will be warmly welcomed.

**Pearl Banks.** Captain Donnan is at the Pearl Banks on his annual inspection, and expects to finish

in about a fortnight. There is no prospect, we fear, of a pearl fishery this year.

**His Excellency the Governor.** Sir J. West Ridgeway, Lady Ridgeway and Miss Ridgeway left Colombo on the 19th inst. for the S. S. Barbados for the home land. His Excellency will return after a few months (unless he is changed to some other post) to finish out his time of service; but it is said that Lady Ridgeway and daughter are not likely to return. In the meantime Sir E. Noel Walker, K. C. M. G. will act for the Governor and Hon. W. T. Taylor, C. M. G. for the Colonial Secretary. Other changes are as follows:—Hon. Lionel F. Lea to act as Auditor General, Mr. G. E. D. Pennycuik to act as Treasurer and Commissioner of Stamps, Mr. J. D. Mason to act in the office of Postmaster-General and Director of Telegraphs.

**Easter.** The coming Sabbath is Easter Sunday, tomorrow being Good Friday.

**Bible Society Committee.** The semi-annual meeting of the General Committee of the Auxiliary Bible Society will be held next Monday at Manepay commencing at 4.30 p.m. Papers on the subjects for the forth-coming union Bible month-light meetings, are to be read by a member of each mission.

**Calcutta Examinations.** Thirty candidates presented themselves for the F. A. examinations; 2 from St. John's, 5 from Central, 10 from the Hindu College and 13 from Jaffna College. Two students went in for B. A. from Jaffna College and one from Wesley College. There were two teachers also who presented themselves for this degree making 6 in all.

**Colonial Surgeon.** It is rumored that Mr. Moraes Asst. Colonial surgeon, is to take Dr. Thornhill's place at Jaffna.

**Missionaries.** The Drs. Scott return to Manepay this week. Dr. Carr returns to her work at Inuvil also in a day or two. We are glad to learn that Miss Key has consented to remain another six months at Inuvil. She has won the good opinion of all during the few months she has been there.

The latest reports from Mr. Smith would indicate that he was increasing though he says that his physicians do not promise a complete cure. Many prayers are being offered for his recovery, and we shall continue to hope for the best.

**Crime.** In the course of a quarrel between a Vellala man and a dhoby at Karadiroo, on the 19th inst. the latter took his death by drowning. The proceedings have been taken by Mr. Tampoe and it is not quite clear whether the deceased was pushed into the well or whether he fell into the well by accident. The Vellala man is under remand. Another case of homicide was reported from a place called Panakani in the Chankandi district. The deceased who was of the mendicant class had a quarrel with another of the same class. In the course of the quarrel a blow given in that portion of the body where the spleen lies brought on death. Another case of brutal assault has been reported from Niraville in which three brothers are charged to have inflicted nine wounds both by knife and clubs. One of the accused has admitted the crime and all the three are under remand. The assaulted is a brother-in-law of the accused and he is still in the hospital. The today season having now fairly set in, it will not be surprising to hear of many more crimes of a similar nature.

**Personal Items.** The news of the death of Dr. A. Ponnampalam, at Panang was received here by wire with much regret by all those who knew him.

The Government Agent, Mr. Jeyaraj, is now on tour in the Panakani District.

It is reported that the Jaffna Maniagar, Mr. Tampapillai Mudir, is shortly to retire from public service.

Mr. Adv. Triunavakarasa with her mother Mrs. Rockwood were passengers to Jaffna on the last trip of the Colonial Steamer.

Mr. T. C. Changarappillai succeeds Mr. Tampoe as Crown Proctor. Mr. C. Struendberg has gone to Colombo on some private business.

Mr. R. Kandiah has been appointed as the Secretary of the District Court of Jaffna. This is the first time that a Tamil officer had the Secretaryship of the Jaffna District Court.

The Chief Justice Sir W. Bonser goes home on leave. The Hon'ble Mr. Lawrie will act as Chief Justice during his absence.

Sir F. R. Saunders the late Treasurer of our Colony has been allowed a pension of Rs. 13,333.33

**Robbers.** Sheriff Ramalingam of the Madras Bank, is committed to the trial before the Supreme Court on charges of Criminal breach of trust in the sum of Rs. 117,936 and forgery. He now stands out on a bail of Rs. 100,000.

**Proctors and Vectors.** The number of Proctors who practice in the District Court of Jaffna is 30 for this year and the number of Notaries practicing in the Jaffna District is 37 for this year.

**The Jaffna Trading Company.** The annual meeting of the shareholders has been fixed to be held at 4 p.m. of the 30th inst in the Company's Room at Vannarponi. The Balance sheet would indicate a prosperous year just passed.

**C. M. S. Centenary.** Special services in connection with the celebration of the C. M. S. Centenary will be held in Nellore on Tuesday the 4th inst. All Christians are cordially invited to be present.

**Motor Car.** A motor car has been ordered for the Colombo Post office which will be here by July. It is to run between the General Post office and the stations. If it prove a success other cars will undoubtedly be ordered.

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நெருவன் வண்ணநெருவனையடிக்க அவன் ஒழுப்  
போய்க் கிணற்றுள்ளிழை துயிர்மாய்த்தனரும், கா



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"Now is Christ risen from the dead,  
and become the first-fruits of them  
that slept."

## EASTER HYMN.

"Christ the Lord is risen today,  
Sons of men and angel say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heavens; and earth reply!  
Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! our Sun's Eclipse is o'er  
Lo! He sets in blood no more  
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids His rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise,  
Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died that He might save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?  
Sear we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies;  
Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to Thee by both be given!  
Thine we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

## THE Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. in Colombo sent a deputation, some weeks ago to the Governor asking for a building site within the limits of the Fort. The Governor refuses to grant a site within the Fort but promises to consider the question of granting a site on some Crown land elsewhere, or of giving a pecuniary grant, when the number of the members of the Association has increased, and the probability of funds for the required buildings has been absolutely assured.

As the Committee asked only for a lease of about a acre, and pledged themselves to erect the buildings the reply of the Government seems decidedly ungracious. We believe that no question was raised as to whether such a vacant lot could be secured. It was a simple refusal to do a graceful act, for the good of the people of the island and especially for the benefit of the young men of Colombo. After all that the Madras government has done for the Y. M. C. A. it seems strange that the Ceylon Government should be so narrow-minded that it could not lease a site in the Fort for this purpose. We fail to see the justice of the criticisms made against the request of this association. The critics can have very little knowledge of the workings of a Y. M. C. A. The association is not sectarian. To be sure members must be connected with some church, but young men of all sects and creeds can become associate members and enjoy the benefits of the association. How often have we heard parents in Jaffna complain that when their sons go to Colombo for work, they are subject to severe temptation and fall into bad habits. What a blessing it would be for our Jaffna lads (to mention no others) to have a home in some central place to which they could go and spend their evenings. Instead of resorting to questionable places for amusement they would find in such a home a well furnished reading room with several kinds of in-door games with which they could improve or rest their minds as they need might be. It was a very short-sighted policy on the part of the Government to refuse all aid and we think that they have made a serious mistake. The Y. M. C. A. will have its building whether the Government assists or not, and we shall be very much surprised if this refusal does not result in raising up many friends for the association who otherwise might have withheld their friendship and sympathy.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

No. 3, 1819-1829.

(continued.)

In passing from 1819 to 1829 we do not find such a marked change in the position of the Society as we did in passing from 1809 to 1819. There was growth, but the general note of the period was consolidation rather than extension. Josiah Pratt, the wise and large-minded Secretary, had retired, just half way through the period, in 1814, and had been succeeded by his Assistant the fervent and large hearted Edward Bickersteth.

The chief events of the decade are as follows:—the occupation of Tinnevely, and the establishment of missions at Bombay, in Egypt and in the far West of North America.

Islington College (known then as Islington Institution) for the training of Missionary Agents was opened in 1820.

Ninety men had been sent out during the decade, making 145 from the beginning, the funds also had doubled during the ten years under review.

In West Africa the work had almost collapsed owing to terrible mortality.

In the West Indies during the decade two more Bishops lent their aid to the Society, viz, Charles and John Bird Sumner, Bishops of Winchester and Chester respectively.

The year 1822 is memorable for the first attempt to give a little teaching to Hindu girls by Miss M. A. Cooke. She went out in 1820 to Calcutta at the request of an independent local committee, but after a few months their funds failed, and she was transferred to the C.M.S. On January 25th 1822, a date worth noting, this "European female", as the Annual Report quaintly styles her, was visiting a Boys' school in order to catch the pronunciation of Bengali. The importunity of a little girl, who wanted to come in, led Miss Cooke to begin next day, when fifteen girls, with their mothers, assembled. It is a far cry from this simple beginning to accomplished Christian Indian ladies who are graduates of the Universities; yet the one has led on, step by step, to the other.

The next year witnessed the consecration of Bishop Heber. He put the evangelization of the heathen in the forefront of the Church's duty; he at once gave licences to the missionaries; and he ordained two native Christians, one a Tamil from Ceylon for the S. P. G. and Abdul Masih, Henry Martyn's convert from Mohammedanism for the C. M. S. When Bishop Heber was found dead in his bath at Trichinopoly on April 2nd 1826 a wail of sorrow burst forth both in India and in England.

Taurah Boy college in West Africa was founded in 1827 and one of the first students was Samuel who afterwards became the first African Bishop of modern times.

The first public baptismal service for adults was held in New Zealand when Taiwhanga himself took upon him the vows of a Christian.

The efforts for the reformation of the Syrian Church in Travancore were not destined to be crowned with success. At first Bailey Baker and Fenn were received with open arms by the bishops and priests of the Syrian Church there, who affectionately wrote to the society of them as "Priest Benjamin, Priest Henry and Priest Joseph" and all through the decade now under review—indeed for twenty years altogether—they went on training the clergy seeking gently to influence the Church in favour of much needed reforms, and meanwhile regularly attending the Syrian services, although the ritual was distasteful to them. But the Metrans (bishops) who had welcomed them died and were succeeded by men who only cared for "filthy lucre" for example ordaining untaught lads of twelve years in order to get the ordination fee; and year by year the enterprise seemed less promising.

Among the missionaries of the decade are two names worthy of notice viz John Perowne of Burdwan and the father of three distinguished brothers. The other name is that of C. P. Farrar of Bombay and the father of Dean Farrar of Canterbury.

The one fruitful field in India during the decade was Tinnevely. It had been fruitful before under the labours of the Lutheran Missionaries of the S. P. C. K. who visited it from Tanjore. Thousands had been baptized. No less than 5035 in three months in 1802. But from 1806 to 1816, no Missionary visited Tinnevely; there was in fact no one to go and the work fell to pieces. Perhaps the baptizing had been too rapid; certainly the caste customs tolerated were themselves enough to eat the life out of the Christian community and in 1816 when one of the good chaplains James Haugh, was appointed to Palamcottah, and diligent inquiries about the Christians in the province were made he could only find 3000 scattered among sixty villages without schools, and without Tamil Testaments even for the few who could read. He applied to the S.P.C.K. for men, but the S. P. C. K., had none to send. At length he turned to the C. M. S. Corresponding Committee at Madras; and in 1820 two Lutherans were sent to Tinnevely. One of them was Rhenius, who had been taken leave of at that memorable first public Valedictory Meeting at Freemasons' Hall mentioned in

our last chapter. He proved himself a most devoted and able missionary. He supervised the old S. P. C. K. congregations which grew and revived under his influence, until in 1829 the year in which our decade closes, the S.P.G. which has now taken over all the S.P.C.K. missions in South India was able to spare a man. But Rhenius also preached the Gospel with great success among the heathen in villages previously unoccupied, and his converts, who numbered 5000 in 1829, he grouped in new congregations under the C. M. S. Palamcottah was his headquarters, and there in 1826 he built Trinity Church, which has witnessed many inspiring services since then, ordinations, confirmations, special missions &c.

In 1829 the C.M.S. Anniversary meeting was for the first time opened with prayer! At first sight this is a startling fact, but it must be remembered that in those days, and indeed down to 1853 Public prayer was illegal, except in Church or in a licensed Dissenting chapel.

From that time the Church Missionary Society has never met without united praise and prayer to the Lord whose work it essays to do; and we may be sure that fresh and enlarged blessing will mark the period still to be reviewed.

## THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT.

The French Parliament is not what it was during the first decade of the third republic. There has been in its members a decline in political capacity, debating power and representative character. When a general election takes place, there is intense interest in public affairs, but small politicians force their way into prominence as candidates and are chosen by universal suffrage. The Chamber of Deputies does not, therefore adequately represent the country, and consequently does not command its respect. The majority of its members are journalists, advocates and minor politicians; noisy and excited talkers who possess neither the mental qualities essential in statesmanship, nor an adequate knowledge of public affairs.

Heinl gives an explanation of the comparative indifference with which the struggle between civil and military governments in the Dreyfus case has been regarded in France. The army recruited by general conscription, is directed by parade ground warriors and a corrupt staff of intriguers. The government of the day is at the mercy of a mob of small politicians who do not possess the confidence of the country. If the general average of character and ability of the Deputies were higher than it is, the struggle between rival powers in the state would be short and decisive. Rural France now cares little whether the wire pullers in the army or the wire pullers in parliament secure supremacy in the nation's councils. Selected.

## GENERAL NOTES.

**A Language of 300 words.** In the more inaccessible parts of the Sierra Madre mountains, in Northern Mexico, live a curious people called the Taulamarians. Many of them dwell in caves but they have also small villages all of which are situated about 8000 feet above sea level. Their only food is maize. Their language is limited to about 300 words and they cannot count beyond ten.

**Paper Floors.** In Germany paper floors are coming into use and are liked because having no joints they are more easily kept clean; they are poor conductors of heat and of sound and they cost less than deal floors. They are put down in the form of a paste which is smoothed with rollers and after it is hardened painted any desired color or pattern.

**Rome.** The population of Rome has nearly doubled during the last 30 years. At the close of 1870 it numbered only 274,000 while on January 1st of this year it was said to be over 500,000.

**Royalty.** At a recent competition in designs for book covers in London, prizes were awarded for two which had been submitted by a "Miss Matthews." It was not until sometime afterwards that it was revealed that "Miss Matthews" was the Princess Victoria of Wales, daughter of the heir apparent to the British throne.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

**United States.** A disastrous fire took place in New York City when the Windsor Hotel was burned to the ground in only a few minutes. A number of lives were lost.

**India.** There is no abatement of the plague in Bombay and the outlook is serious. The total number of cases in Calcutta up to the 20th inst from last April was 531. Of these 449 died—a large proportion. Many of the inhabitants are leaving and local labourers are getting scarce.

**The Philippines.** Desperate fighting has taken place to the northwards of Manila. The American troops drove the insurgents back to Malabon, which they bombarded. The Philippines evacuated the place, an attempt to intercept their retreat having failed. The losses on both sides were severe but the Philippines lost twice as many as the Americans.