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ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction { No. 993.
In the matter of the estate of the late Nachchi wife of Velan of Sarsalai Deceased.
Vyravan Kanappilly of Sarsalai Petitioner.

Atanku Velan of Sarsalai Respondent.
The matter of the Petition of Vyravan Kanappilly of Sarsalai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased deceased Nachchi wife of Velan of Sarsalai coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmut Esq. District Judge, on the 23rd day of June 1899 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Gokke, Counsel on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 15th day of June 1899 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the next of kin of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 25th day of July 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 23rd day of June 1899. C. E. WILMOT, District Judge.

ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction { No. 991.
In the matter of the estate of the late Annapalavan Karthikesar of Batticoota West Deceased.
Sajapattiyar Tillanapalam of Batticoota West Petitioner.

1. Sinnachippillai widow of Annapalavan Karthikesar and
2. Sinnachippillai daughter of Annapalavan Karthikesar of Batticoota West Respondents.
The matter of the Petition of Sajapattiyar Tillanapalam, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased deceased Annapalavan Karthikesar of Batticoota West coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmut Esq. District Judge, on the 6th day of June 1899 in the presence of Mr. S. Sittanapalam, Prosecutor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 5th day of June 1899 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the son-in-law of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 17th day of July 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 6th day of June 1899. C. E. WILMOT, District Judge.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that it is proposed to buy and send from specimens of gold and silver jewelry and brass work for the Paris Exhibition of 1900. Persons willing to dispose of such articles are requested to bring them to the Kacheerri on every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 P. M.
Jaffna Kacheerri
29th June, 1899.

J. H. Leak,
For Govt. Agent.

Local & General.

Mr. John Veluppillai. A long and faithful worker of the Wesleyan mission has gone to his reward. Mr. John Veluppillai for 40 years a catechist in the Point Pedro district, after a few days illness, went home on the 20th ult. He was widely known in Jaffna, and his friends and relatives have our sincere sympathy for their loss. We can do no better than to quote from the last Report of the Wesleyan mission in which, by the way, appears an excellent likeness of Mr. Veluppillai. Mr. Restarick writes: "John Veluppillai is the oldest indigenous Christian in the station, and has served God in our mission for nearly 40 years. He is probably the best Catechist we have had in the District, and has been the means of the conversion of young men and women in large numbers. He has been the life of the whole Church as it now exists and greatly used by God and greatly beloved by his fellow workers, still spends the evening of his days in faithful toil. Whenever a missionary gets discouraged he should let John Veluppillai talk for an hour or two of the development of Point Pedro."

Legislative Council. The first meeting of Legislative Council since the Governor left was held on the 28th ult. The Lieutenant-Governor presided and there was a full attendance. In reply to a question concerning the construction of the Northern railway the Acting Colonial Secretary said: "From information received from the Crown Agents it is anticipated that advertisements calling for tenders will be out in about six weeks. Tenders for materials such as bridge work and such like have been invited, and I believe contracts have been entered into."

Rev. Mr. Williams. C. M. S. pastor of Kokuvil church has been transferred to Mullative to carry on the pastoral work there. In the meantime the former place remains without a pastor though Mr. Elyasamy has been appointed Catechist to that district.

Mr. J. R. Cull. The Director of Public Instruction has been granted a pension of Rs. 5,600 per annum with effect from Feb. 19, 1899.

Oxen Oxen. A large drove of cattle from India passed through Jaffna some weeks ago. Many died on the way to Jaffna, and from appearances many were likely to die before reaching their destination at Trincomalee and Rangoon.

Postal. When are the island postal rates to be changed? For 6 cents a letter weighing not more than half an ounce can be sent thousands of miles, but to send a letter to any place in the island costs 5 cents. To be sure the weight allowed is double but very few local letters are over the half ounce. We hope the time will soon come when the rate can be reduced to 3 cents at least.

A singing Missionary. The following account appearing in "The Christian Herald and Signs of our Times" of London refers to Mr. E. P. Joshua who is now engaged as lyrical preacher to the Mission Schools at Manipay and neighbouring villages:—

"The first worker (among the Veddas of Batticaloa) was one who was a very earnest Christian and had several qualifications. He was a fair scholar and a singer and that stood him in good stead. When the Veddas had all listened to his singing he began to preach the Gospel of Jesus. He was a bit of a doctor, too; he had been in a medical school and been taught by Doctor Green of the American Mission and could give them pills and poultices. Some would come for a song, some for a black draught, and by one means or another he managed to get a little influence over the people; so that now amongst these savage races we have today a well established school, a living church and successful Mission in the village."

Admiral Dewey. left Colombo on Wednesday the 28th as he has announced he would. He refused all public attention on the ground that his medical adviser ordered him to take things as quietly as possible.

J. F. I. S. Society. A public meeting of the subscribers was called yesterday to decide what should be done about the hospital. We regret exceedingly that the outlook for this old and time honored institution, is so bad, and we hope that all its friends will rally to its support. It is an institution which has been carried on largely by the enterprise and efforts of Tamil gentlemen and it would be a disgrace to the whole Tamil community if it were allowed to fall into the hands of the government and become a government institution. Government ownership is a bad thing for the development of independence and enterprise among the people and we hope the Tamils of Jaffna will make every effort to retain this institution in their own hands.

Jaffna Native Evangelical Society. With best thanks I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums for Valany House building Fund.

Miss S. R. Howland	Rs. 5.00
Rev. R. C. Hastings	" 10.00
Mrs. Hastings	" 5.00
Mr. S. Joseph	" 10.00
E. N. Hunt	" 5.00
Total.	35.00

Gazette appointments. Owing to the retirement of Sir F. R. Sanders K. C. M. G. and Messrs. E. A. King and J. B. Gull, several civil servants have been promoted to higher classes. Mr. S. M. Burrows has been appointed Director of Public Instruction, Mr. J. Harward continuing to act for him until the return of Mr. Burrows from England. Other vacancies still remain unfilled.

Dr. A. B. Santiago. The Acting Colonial Surgeon has been away from the station on circuit for more than a month, and he is expected to return from Mannar this week.

Magistry of Point Pedro and Chavagacheri. Mr. R. W. Allegakonsa proceeded to Colombo on the 11th inst. on leave to appear for the qualifying examination as a Magistrate, which will be held commencing from the 17th inst. Mr. K. Sivaprasanna acts for him as Magistrate from this week and he will continue to do so until the 28th inst.

Waylaying and assaulting. On the night of Thursday the 6th inst. the Singhaia tavern keeper at Koddikamam, was, on his way to Jaffna, at Kallidai, severely assaulted and robbed of all the money he took with him to Jaffna.

The New Post Office. The Bank House which is now the property of the Government is undergoing substantial repairs, fitting it with accommodations for the post and telegraphic office. A sum of Rs. 1450, which has been voted for the purpose will be expended on it.

Sales of Furniture &c. The furniture, household goods &c. of Mr. Wallace Tourant, of the 1st Cross Street Jaffna has been advertised for sale for the 12th and 13th inst. Mr. Tourant is going away to Colombo and he has already transferred his shop and all its goods to a son of his brother Mr. S. Tourant. Furniture &c. belonging to Rev. J. Carter, of Chundicherry will be sold on the 15th inst. both at his residence and at the rooms of Messrs. William Mather and Son.

Convict Saravannamuttu. This fellow who broke open the jail and escaped has been arrested in the Vanni by detectives from here. He is now undergoing a trial for escape.

Mohammedan seat in Council. Mr. Ahmadd Lebbe Mohammed Sherif, a Proctor of Batticaloa has been appointed as the Mohammedan Member of the Council in the place of the late Hon'ble Abdul Rahim.

Medical College. The Entrance Examination for admission into the Medical College will be held in Colombo in the first part of September next, and an entrance fee of Rs. 105.00 should accompany the application.

Commercial Corporation. Mr. Tolly from England was here last week, and the Director of the Corporation received him in the Corporation Office. Photographer Mr. Lawton took the photo of the Directors with Mr. Tolly with them.

Mr. Simon Oligasagaram who has been serving as a clerk under the Provincial Road Committee for over 25 years has sent in his papers to retire from work.

Northern Railway. From one of the active members of the Jaffna Railway Committee, we are informed, that seven Railway Engineers have already arrived in Colombo to begin operations for the Northern Railway. Soon may they set to work. The Coastwise line at Jaffna proposed by the Government Agent passing through the Esplanade has been disapproved, and the original plan has been adopted making the locality called "Ariakulam" in Vannarponne as the terminus.

Mr. K. Kulathunkam. We are exceedingly sorry to report the untimely and unexpected death of this young gentleman Mr. Kulathunkam of Kadodai, Maneray of fever in Taiping. He held a high position in the Straits Settlements and during the short time of his official period of three years there, had given the highest satisfaction to the Government as well as to the public and his name shall never be forgotten from the minds of all classes of people who came in contact with him socially and officially. We sympathize with all his relatives and friends.

One hundred years. With this issue the series of articles on the history of the greatest of all missionary societies, that have appeared from week to week in the Star for the past four or five months closes. We feel sure that the articles have been appreciated, and those who care to do so would find it of profit to cut out the articles and preserve them as a bit of missionary history.

Church Mission. Miss Payne has arrived in Jaffna and taken up duty at the Chundicherry Girls High School. Miss Anna Horsley comes out shortly to assist in the conduct of the Nellore Girls Boarding school. Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Ryde have been appointed to St. John's College. Rev. J. Carter M. A. starting for home in about a fortnight.

உயர, சென்றக்கனியாயில் சண்முகப்பாடி சி. தம்பி ராசாவென்பார் தனது தாயாருக்குப்பயித்தியமென்று தந்திருக்கும்படி கூறியிருக்கிறார். அதுவென்றொன்று நோக்கினாலும்கூட வித்திப்போடப்பட்டுள்ளது என்று கிரிவினம்பாடி இருக்கக்கூட வித்தமெனினும், அந்தப் பாவன்பிரிவினக்கு முன்னோன்று தாயாருள்ளனும் ஒருக்கூறும் மரபுதலகடையில்லி, கந்தக்கதெய்யரத்திருக்கி, பின்னெய்வித்தனத்தாலித்திப்போட்டாரகாரனோ தானியியன், இப்பக்கத்து, கர் அயரனார்.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS

No. 10. 1889-1899.
(Contributed.)

The last decade of the 100 years of the history of the C. M. S. is as it ought to be, the most remarkable in development.

The year of the new policy 1887 was the year of the Queen's Jubilee. In that half-century the society added 700 names to its roll of missionaries. In the eleven years ensuing to May 1898, it added 975 names (including wives). Again the net number, after deducting deaths and retirements rose in the eleven years from 302 to 777 (or including wives to 1,036). The increase in particular fields is still more noteworthy. West Africa from 11 to 46 East Africa (including Uganda) from 26 to 90 Mohammedan Lands (Egypt, Palestine, Persia &c.) from 17 to 78 India from 33 to 244; China from 30 to 123; Japan from 14 to 69. Part of the total increase is due to the enlarged employment of Christian single women who increased in the eleven years from 22 to 254 but the number of clergymen rose from 247 to 337 and of laymen from 40 to 126. Of course these figures include no Natives of whom there are 310 ordained 4,596 lay and 166 females.

In 1890 it was suggested the anns be collected with a special head to be called "Appropriated contributions" one branch of the appropriated contributions is especially worthy of notice—those for the support of "our own missionaries." Many parishes, branches of the Gleamers Union or other similar bodies, bands of friends, families or individuals now support (in whole or in part) a missionary of their own in addition to their ordinary subscriptions, church offertories &c. This practice has rapidly grown and in June 1898 over 300 individual missionaries were thus wholly or partly provided for besides 63 honorary.

The most important change in the officers of the society has been in the chief office of the society, the Hon'ry clerical Secretaryship. From 1881 to 1894 Mr. Wigram worked most untiringly in that office. When his health gradually gave away, and in the summer of 1895 he definitely resigned. He hoped still to be useful in the committee, but he did not regain strength and died in March 1897 leaving two sons and a daughter in the foreign service of the Society. On August 13th 1895 the fifteenth anniversary of Henry Wright's death, the Rev. Henry Elliott Fox became Hon'ry Secretary.

In Eastern Equatorial Africa the progress in the decade has been remarkable. At Wombasa and Freetown the advent of women missionaries has given a great impetus to the work. New stations have been opened at Taveta Taita and Jilore, the last by a Cambridge man closely associated with Stanley Smith and C. T. Studd in the days when they went forth with so much zeal to China, the Revd. Douglas Hooper. It was Hooper also who commenced a station a few years ago on the south east shore of the Victoria Nyanza at Nasa where the work is still carried on with promising results. It was he also who visiting England in 1888, enlisted the services of three other Cambridge men, two of whom Pilkington and Baskerville have since become widely known in connexion with Uganda. It was his party that was taken leave of along with Graham Brooke's for the Niger at the memorable Valdeictory meeting before referred to in January 1890.

But at the very time when men's hearts were glowing with interest as these two parties sailed for East and West Africa the most famous African missionary of recent years was dying, all but alone on the banks of the Victoria Nyanza. Alexander Mackay was at Usamiro, south of the Lake, where Bishop Parker and others had died; Cyril Gordon and R. H. Walker being on the north side in Uganda. In response to a suggestion sent to Mackay to come to England and enlist recruits, he wrote in that very January, "But what is this you write come home? Surely now in our terrible dearth of workers, it is not the time for any one to desert his post. Send us only our first twenty men, and I may be tempted to come to help you to find the second twenty." A few weeks after writing these words on Feb 8th he entered into rest after just fourteen years' service without once coming home.

Bishop Tucker was consecrated the third Bishop for Eastern Equatorial Africa in 1890, and has done good service. On Trinity Sunday 1893 he ordained 6 Deacons. In Dec. of the same year occurred an event which, looking back upon it and judging it by its fruits, must be thankfully described as a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon some of the missionaries and native Christians. The work now rapidly extended from the capital all over Uganda, to the neighbouring countries of Usoga and Toro and to the numerous islands on the Lake. Within a few months 130 Native evangelists were posted at 85 stations the Native Church supporting them; and 200 buildings for public worship were

erected, the Society not paying a penny for any of them. In 1894 over 800 adult converts were baptized; in 1895 nearly 3000; in 1896 more than 3700, in 1897 more than 2700. Bishop Tucker's third visit in 1896 was signalized by the ordination of five more deacons, and the confirmation of 2000 candidates. Such rapid growth is necessarily attended by serious spiritual dangers. Christianity has become to a large extent the national religion, and that means inevitably a preponderance as in Christian countries of a merely nominal profession of religion. Uganda never needed more prayer than it does now, that the nucleus of faithful Christians may be a power in the land.

The recent revolt of Mwanga and his disaffected followers and subsequently of the Sudanese troops has tested, and proved the loyalty and faithfulness of the Christian chiefs and people. Many of the most devoted and consistent Christians have fallen in defence of the British regime and its law and order, and greatest loss of all. George Pilkington, scholar and saint, translator or reviser of the whole Bible into the language of Uganda, and in many ways a leader of men among the missionaries to whose initiative the spiritual movement of 1893 was due under God, fell in the same cause fighting not for his own life or for the mission, but for the State, and under the orders of the State, like any other Englishman.

The Indian Episcopate has been increased by the addition of two bishoprics, one of Lucknow for the North West Provinces to which a C. M. S. Missionary, the Revd. A. Clifford was consecrated in 1893 and one of Tinnavally to which the Revd. S. Morley chaplain to Bishop Gell of Madras was appointed in 1896. Both these sees have been formed as had been the case of Chota Nagpore previously under special arrangements, as in strictness the bishoprics of Calcutta and Madras could not be divided except by act of Parliament. Another C. M. S. Missionary was raised to the Episcopate when Bishop E. N. Hodges succeeded Bishop Speckly in the diocese of Travancore and Cochin in 1890.

In Japan the Anglican Church grew stealthily. In no country has women's work proved more effective, and the Mission has had a good share of the ladies who have joined the Society in the last eleven years. Excellent work has been done well among special classes, such as soldiers and policemen. Much interest has attached to the mission of Mr. Barclay Buxton who maintains a party at his own expense at one of the C. M. S. stations and whose spiritual influence, with that of some other labourers in Japan, has been a blessing among the missionaries. In the northern island of Yezo there has been a large ingathering of the Aino aborigines, some hundreds having been baptized in the last three or four years. The single bishopric in Japan has multiplied into four (besides two American)—The North West America Mission (now called North West Canada) has seen three more C. M. S. missionaries raised to the Episcopate. In 1890 Bishop B. Mansueto huge diocese was again divided he taking the remoter half, Selkirk, and Archdeacon Reeve being appointed to Mackenzie River. In 1893 Bishop Hordur of Vancouver died after forty two years of devoted labours, and was succeeded by Bishop Newnham. In 1896 Dean Grisdale formerly in the Society's ranks was elected Bishop of Qu Appelle. The venerated Bishop Machray of Ruperts Land has become Archbishop and all the work of the Ecclesiastical Province has prospered in his hands.

Thus the work amidst difficulties and discouragements has gone forward and now the great centenary celebrations are passed and we enter with courage and hopefulness on the years to come. (End)

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

The famine is assuming large proportions in Russia, and the *Observer* has a special appeal for help. From all accounts it is more severe than the famine in 1891-92, and there exists a terrible condition of things. The Czar and Czarina have both contributed largely to the Relief Fund, and help from England especially, has been liberally supplied. About £36,000 has also been granted from public funds but all this seems "inadequate to the demand for help."

A correspondent to one of the London journals writes as follows:—

"The daily Press is forbidden to publish details of the frightful ravages of scourge in the famine districts, claiming thousands of victims daily. Private advices tell me that the situation in certain districts is terrible. In several villages the peasants have no clothes, and cannot leave their huts. The wheat and rye crops sown before the winter have, owing to the unfavorable spring, been completely ruined. Hunger again awaits the peasantry. The farmers have not the least idea of the wants of the peasants. This, in many cases, happens that much valuable time is squandered in useless formalities, the framing of copious reports, and statistical investigations,

whilst the peasants themselves starve, or die of typhus or scurvy."

There seems to be as severe a type of distress as existed in India two or three years ago. The great trouble in Russia is that nothing can be done without passing through certain formalities. The Government might have prevented much of the distress if they had been more willing to listen to the reports that came in, and to let those who could, go to the relief of the starving.

The help that is being given now is too late in a multitude of cases and some person or persons will be held responsible at the bar of Divine Justice for the frightful mortality. While Jaffna may not be able to do a great deal, it certainly can do something towards the alleviation of the suffering. We doubt not that Mr. Ferguson would be willing to receive contributions and pass them over to the proper authorities.

COMMUNICATION.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly allow me to express to the Christian public in Jaffna and elsewhere, and especially to the old boys of the Jaffna College of whom I am proud to be one, my humble opinion on the following important subject.

Jaffna Students Mission!

"A grand ideal! A splendid mission!" said every man I met who had read the article on "Missionary Spirit" in the *Star* of the 29th ultimo. But it is asked is it practicable? O for more faith in God! for more love to Christ! for more sympathy for perishing heathens! for more readiness to self-denial! for more courage! Why not? Have not about three hundred and fifty Christian young men gone out from Jaffna College alone? Can not each of us in addition to what we already give— spare a single ditty duty rupee each month for the carrying out of this grand ideal, this splendid suggestion? Yes, much more than a rupee in the case of many whom God has so abundantly blessed, 350 rupees a month is not practicable? If some cannot pay so much as that, are there not others who can pay more? We have got the money then. Have we the men to go with? The writer can guarantee that we have. He shall we get and make the noble enterprise? Where is the delay? Remembering that our present position is more or less due to the few dollars that some foreign individuals so lovingly spared for us (in addition to supporting their own native churches) sacrificing some of their own comforts and interests—many of them living under no better circumstances than our own—shall we not in turn, move forward to send the Gospel to the dying souls in South India for whom Jesus gave nothing less than His Life. Ye are Christ's and Christ is God's! 1 Cor. 3: 28.

Trusting Sir, that others also will give expression to their own opinions on this inspiring scheme through the *Star* from time to time.

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[There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it rendereth poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that withholdeth shall be watered also himself.]

GENERAL NOTES.

Convictions of Master Williams.

(1) That human nature is created with a tendency to evil, which Christianity alone can supply, and (2) that Christianity is Christ. As the work on these two truths became increasingly clear to him, and shone out in his public speeches.

Artificial Dreams. Psychologists have undertaken the scientific study of dreams. When the attention of a sleeper is startled by an object, not only does he dream of "nothing in fact," but strange images of flowers appear to him. If the experiment is prolonged the dream visions become complex and filled with strange imagery. A vibrating tuning-fork held near a sleeper's ear made him dream of a lion roaring and when a little salt and water was put on his tongue he dreamed that he was eating olives.

How to Keep Young. The Rev. Theodore L. Carter D. D. suggests several practices and methods in ward off the infirmities of a premature old age. Among the most important are (1) Keep the commandments (2) Repair the resources by sound and sufficient sleep (3) Every man or woman should endeavour to graduate their labours according to their age. (4) Keep your hearts in the love and walk in the warm sunshine of Christ's countenance.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Hague Peace Conference. The Russian proposals for the limitation of armaments has been declared to be unacceptable. A new Code of Laws to be observed in the time of war has been adopted.

France. Canadian Dietrich has returned in France and the scandals that arose out of this whole affair will now be allowed to rest.

Africa. In the Transvaal affairs are still in an unsettled state, the probabilities are that a peaceful solution of the difficulties will be reached. The President of the Orange Free State has declared his belief that if war were it would be the fault of the Transvaal.

Argentina. From Cabot comes the news of the attempted assassination of the Amer. which proved futile.

India. Plague is decreasing in every part of India, and it is hoped that this is the end of the visitation. Bombay is claimed to be normal as to deaths rate, for the first time in some years. There is still great unrest in northern India. At Lahore there were two attacks on Europeans and deeds of violence are getting common. No motive is given for the crime, and no clue of its perpetrators.

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