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BRIGHTENESS REALETH A NATION BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.

## RECEIPTS FOR THE MORNING STAR.

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Batticotta	Messrs. K. Gnanaprasadam, V. Isaac, A. S. Muruganoo S. Vathaparsnam A. Kattigason, A. Chelliah, and E. V. Michael and East school 10.75
Araly	Messrs. D. Ampalvaner V. Valupilly, N. Nagalingam, S. Subramaniam, C. Valupilly 6.00
Moolai	Messrs. B. Sian family, K. Narany N. Vathavayagam 3.25
Sanganai	Messrs. S. Winslow, Narany, A. Kantida and S. Valu 5.00
Valanai	Mr. A. Arumugam 1.00
Pungertivo	Messrs. A. Gnanaprasadam and V. Ramaswami 2.00
Aranavaga Batticotta	Messrs. W. E. Hitchcock M. A. and T. A. Elmer M. A. 2.50
Mauneyay	Dr. T. B. Scott M. A. Mr. C. Mod. Suppiah 2.50
Uduville	Miss. S. Howland, Female Boarding School & Mr. S. F. G. Carpenter 5.00

## OUR SUBSCRIBERS!!!

Please remit all dues &c, at once.

## THE CEYLON STEAMSHIP Co. Ltd.

The Company's Steamer "Lady Gordon" is appointed to sail from Kankesanur for Colombo Via Pt. Pedro on noon of the following dates—August 11th, and 15th.

The S.S. Lady Havelock is appointed to sail from Kankesanur for Colombo Via Paumotu on the evening of the following dates—August 8th, and 22nd.

W. MATHER & SON, Agents

## NOTICE

Messrs. William Mather and Son beg to intimate to the public that in addition to the large and varied business they are doing, they have commenced to do general Auctioneering and Commission Agency business at the spacious building lately occupied by the Jaffna Post Office.

Articles of every description can be entrusted to them, in the shape of household furniture, horses, carriages, and all personal effects including jewellery &c. &c. They also undertake to negotiate sales of lands.

They have also to inform the public that well and ready made furniture of almost every description will be on view for sale at their premises from the 1st of July and that orders for any other articles not in stock will be promptly and satisfactorily executed. They have secured the services of a number of skilful carpenters.

For all further particulars, apply to William Mather and Son.

## AUCTION SALE.

We are instructed by Miss. Blundell to sell at her residence at 'St. Anthony's Sea Beach' Jaffna—all her excellent household furniture and effects, Glass-ware, lamps &c.

We will also offer for sale, a splendid buggy cart for single bullock, a neat dog cart and a lot of other articles.

Sale to commence at 2 p. m. on Saturday the 5th August 1899. Catalogues on application to Wm. Mather & Son Auctioneer.

## NOTICE.

The Wreckage, Anchors Stores &c of the Brig Moulmein will be put up for public competition at the Mullaitive Custom House and Beacon on the 4th August at 12 noon.

For particulars see notices put up at the different Custom Houses throughout the island. C. S. Vaughan for Receiver of Wrecks,

H. M. Customs Mullaitive 12th July 1899

## THE JAFFNA COMMERCIAL CORPORATION LIMITED.

The 3rd annual General meeting of the above Corporation will be held at the Bank Hall Jaffna on Friday the 8th September 1899 commencing at 4 p. m.

S. T. Arnold Secretary

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.  
Testamentary Jurisdiction { No. 995.  
In the Matter of the Estate of the late Nachchipilly wife of Kathirgamar Ramalingam of Elaly Deceased  
Kathirgamar Ramalingam of Elaly Petitioner  
and  
1. Kaelidhar Arumugam and wife  
2. Valupilly of Ponnalaikandavan Respondents  
This matter of the Petition of the above named petitioner Kathirgamar Ramalingam of Elaly praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Nachchipilly wife of Kathirgamar Ramalingam of Elaly coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmut Esquire, District Judge, on the 5th day of July 1899 in the presence of Mr. S. F. G. Carpenter Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 3rd day of July 1899 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful husband 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 August 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.  
Sized this 5th day of July 1899. C. E. WILMOT. District Judge.

## Local & General.

**Weather.** We have had some very hot weather the past fortnight. In the forenoon there has been very little wind, and the sun has been very hot. There has been no rain since May and Jaffna has been parched. A few showers would be very refreshing.

**A Lady Registrar.** The Hindu Organ says that Miss Davidson has been appointed Assistant Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Division of Jaffna. The appointment will remove a great hardship felt by the people of Jaffna in the matter of death registration where inspection of the dead body by the Registrar is made compulsory.

**Rev. T. B. Scott M. D.** The steamer Tuesday evening took away Dr. Scott to Colombo for a brief visit of a fortnight. We hope that this little change will give the doctor needed rest and enable him to return much benefited by his trip.

**Women's Missionary Society.** We learn that such a society has been organized at Uduville with the object of carrying on mission work on a small scale in the islands west of our peninsula, or possibly in South India. It is decidedly a step in the right direction, and the Society should receive the support and sympathy of all the Christian women of Jaffna.

**Missionaries.** Rev. J. Carter and children left on Tuesday for Colombo en route for England. Mr. Carter goes on foot and we hope to see him back again after a period of rest. Mr. Ryde will soon be coming up to take his place.

**Tamils in the Straits.** In the Straits the Government are training locally born young men for the various positions in their service, so that ere long the Jaffna men will find an opportunity for advancement there. The Superintendent of Post and Telegraphs in Selangor writes of the Jaffna Tamil "Their handwriting is bad; they are inaccurate as operators; too weak physically, to endure the long hours frequently required of postal clerks; and too nervous to converse rationally with strangers." On the other hand he acknowledges that they are honest and more trustworthy than any other eastern nationalities. Their deficiencies are largely owing to the fact that these Jaffna before they are well educated. A large percentage of those employed in the Straits have had little more than an VIII standard education.

**Presentation to Revd. J. Carter.** The members of St. John's College Chundikuli, of which he was the Principal, presented Revd. J. Carter on the eve of his departure for England with an album containing a large number of photographs of local views, native customs &c. and of the Seminary and Mission. Scenes some of which were specially taken. The students of the Girl's English school Chundikuli presented a large group of the members and the "Band of Hope" made a similar gift. All the photographs were prepared by Messrs S. K. Lawton and Co.

**Personal.** The Inspector of schools, Mr. H. Leembaugh is in the Eastern Province examining the English schools. Mr. Arthur, Postmaster at Batticotta has gone to Colombo for a fortnight's leave.

**Victoria College Magazine.** No 1 of Vol. 11, for July, has reached us and treats of several topics of special interest to those connected with that institution. Sir Arthur Havelock's opening address at the Madras Educational Conference held last December is given and is well worth perusing by all interested in education.

**Mr. Gov. S. Eddy.** Mr. Eddy is holding special meetings this week in Colombo at the close of which he returns to India.

**Russian famine Relief Fund.** Subscription papers have been sent out by the editor of the Ceylon Observer soliciting gifts for this object. We shall be glad to receive any amount that our people may desire to forward to Colombo for this laudable cause. Jaffna sent some help to Armenia and again considerable to India, in time of distress, and we hope something will be done for Russia as well.

**Legal.** The Sensational Case on the question of the right of pre-emption was terminated in the District Court by a long judgment delivered on the 21st inst. in favor

of the Plaintiff who claimed the right. The case is a high class one, conducted at great expense to the parties. The parties are well to do, able to afford an appeal to the Supreme Court, to decide the question once for all. The 2nd. Deft. the vendee of the godown that was in dispute is getting ready for the appeal and retainers have been sent to leading Advocates in Colombo.

**Obituary.** We regret to record the death of Mr. G. V. Williams of the "Central College" which took place at his residence at Nellore, on Tuesday the 18th inst. He died of exhaustion which was brought on by a prolonged fever. The deceased was one of the grand-sons of the late father Niles and he was till the time of his death, for over 26 years, connected with the "Central College" as one of its devoted instructors, and of the present staff he was the senior of all by several years. The funeral took place the next day at Nellore and the attendance there bespoke the esteem his colleagues in work and his pupils had for him. The deceased leaves behind a widow and seven children, for whom and others of his relations who bemoan his loss we extend our heart felt sympathy.

**Police.** Mr. Vyrannik has arrived and taken charge of the work as Sergeant Major in succession to Mr. Kitchell who has been transferred to Mannar. A house in the 1st. Cross Street, in close proximity to the Court House where Mr. Vyrannik has to chiefly do his work has been permanently engaged by the department for the use of the Sergeant Major, and Mr. Vyrannik in the usual course is occupying the same.

**Mr. R. W. Allagankone.** We congratulate Mr. Allagankone, Magistrate of Point Pedro and Chavagacheri, on his success in the last examination held for Magistrates in Colombo. He returns to his work here on the 28th inst.

**Twentieth Century fund.** The Ceylon Methodists have joined in the great benevolent movement, of raising a fund to form what is called the "Twentieth Century fund." The fund is for local use, and a sum of Rs. 25,000 has been proposed to be raised in the Island. The donations to the fund have been freely and willingly promised, and we trust that this charitable endeavour will be a signal success.

**The Jaffna Sessions.** The second sittings in Jaffna will be on the 14th prox., and it is expected to be a long one on account of its numerous cases of a very serious nature.

**Another Successful Youth.** We are glad to find that C. B. Kumarakulasingham has carried off this year's English University Scholarship. The competitive examination was held in May last and the result was given out a few days ago. Mr. Kumarakulasingham is the brother of the late Mudaliar Mr. Barr Kumarakulasingham and Tamil Interpreter to the Governor. We congratulate the young man and wish him all success.

**The Jaffna Commercial Corporation.** The Company has just passed a very successful year. The Directors met to consider the result of the Company's working of its past year, on the 24th inst. The Managing Director, Mr. Wm. Mather showed very encouraging results. The company declared a dividend of 15 per cent for the year, and there was so large a profit shown that the Directors were pleased to recommend handsome donations to the working staff as well as a sum of Rs. 500 for distributing cloth to the poor. Branch Agencies are opened at Batticotta and Trincomalee. A large and prosperous business is carried on by the Company in cloth goods.

**The Christian Provident Association.** A meeting of the Association was held in the Town on the 19th inst. The Secretary, Rev. S. Asham resigned as he has decided to accept a call to the parish of the Straits. Mr. Edwards M. A. of the Cherry Street School, was appointed Secretary in his place.

**Marriage.** A very pretty and quiet wedding took place at Pallal on Wednesday the 19th inst. the contracting parties being Mr. J. J. Patterson, Planter, and Miss Saul, Missionary. A neat pandal was erected at the entrance of the church and clothed with white cloths. Both the church and pandal were beautifully decorated with flowers, ferns and palms, by teachers of the Sunday School of which the Bride is the energetic superintendent. The Bridegroom arrived preceded by the organ of the Church, and the Bride followed a few minutes later leaving on the arm of the Rev. H. Horsley. She looked charming in her very pretty wedding dress with a beautiful bouquet in hand. They were married by the local Pastor, the Rev. J. Hackins. The Bride was given away by the Rev. H. Horsley, who also very kindly assisted in the service. Miss Goodchild who presided at the organ rendered the music very acceptably. The Registrar was signed in the vestry by the Bride and Bridegroom and by Mr. Horsley and Miss Blundell as witnesses. Immediately after, the party repaired to "Thorny Field" the residence of the Bride. Mr. Backus proposed the health of the Bride and Bridegroom, and it was duly responded to in suitable words by the Bridegroom. Both the Bride and Bridegroom were recipients of most of the pretty presents from friends in England, Ceylon and Jaffna. After the photos of the new couple and their sisters were taken, amidst loud cheers and throwing of rice and flowers the Bride and Bridegroom drove to Elephant Pass Rest House in a landau drawn by a pair. Among the guests of the day there were the Rev. and Mrs. Horsley Miss Case, Miss Goodchild, Mr. and Mrs. G. Geddes, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Geddes, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Todd, Mr. D. S. Tambiah, Dr. A. Sinnatamby and the Rev. J. Backus, besides all the Mission Agents, many members of the Tamil congregation and conductors who were in the church. We trust that these friends may be greatly prospered in their married life, and be a source of blessing to all in their neighbourhood.

நீதி இராச்சியத்தாரை உயர்த்தும், பாவமோ எந்தச் சனங்களுக்கும் இகழ்ச்சி.

நகம் புத்தகம்.]

யாழ்ப்பாணம், தருகும் ஒரு ஆழியை என்வ

வியாழக்கீழமை.

[சங்கியை, ௧௫]

இலங்கைப் புனைக்கப்பற்  
கொம்புனி (லிமிற்றேட்)

“லேடி கோடன்” புறக்கம்பல் பின்வரும்  
தேசிகரில் காங்கேசன் துறையிலிருந்து பருத்  
தித்தறைவழியாய் கொழும்புக்குப்போகவிரு  
கின்றது. 1899 ஏப்ரல் துணைம் 11 வ.

"**லேடி கவலக்**," புனக்கப்பல் பின்வருகின்றதிகளில்  
காங்கேசென்றுறையிலிருந்து பாம்பன்வழியாய் கொழும்புக்குப்போகலிருக்கின்றது. ஆவணி 1886  
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புத்தக விளம்பரம்.

இப்பத்திரிகைக்கு ஏறத்தாழ நூற்பது வருஷங்  
களாகத் தமிழ்ப்பத்திராதிபாயிருந்து காலஞ்சென்ற  
புரீ மத். அ. சதாசிவம்பிள்ளை அவர்களால் (J. R.  
Arnold) இயற்றப்பட்ட நவமாயப் பிரசுரிக்கப்பட்ட  
பின்வரும் புத்தகங்கள் விற்பனைக்கு ஆயத்தமாயிரு  
க்கின்றன.

பஞ்சரத்தினம்	விலை சதம், உடு
ஞானவெண்பா	" கஉ
சுகமாணாபிஷ்டம்	" கௌ
தபாற்செல்லு	" உ

முன் பிரசுரிக்கப்பட்டவற்றுள் இப்போது விற்கப்  
படுவன.

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நன்னெரிக்கதாசுக்கிரகம்	" "	சஉ
குருமபதகுப்பனம்	" "	60
இல்லறநொண்டம்	" "	60
சீர்த்தலுக்கிரகம்	" "	60
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கத்தொகை.	S. T. Arnold,	

## விளம்பரம்

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மேலும், அனுமாரிசு, மோகசு, கதிரை, சுட்டில், சுவ  
ச்சிறுதலிய மரச்சாமான்கள் மலிவான விலைக்கு விற  
்ப்படும், கைவசியில்லாதசாமான்கள் இதற்கென்று  
ஒழுங்குசெய்யப்பட்டிருக்கும் தகுந்ததொலிவாளரை  
க்கொண்டு கூடிய அளவுக்குறித்திற் செய்வித்துக்கொ  
டுக்கப்படும்.

நிலங்கள், வீடுகள் விற்கவிரும்புவோர் இவர்களிடமொப்புவித்தால் லைத்திலாயினும் வேறுவணிகமாகவாயினும் தகுந்தவிடக்குவிற்றுக்கொடுப்பார்கள.

William Mather & Son.  
& Commission, Agents.

விளம்பரம்.

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யாழ்ப்பாணம் கச்சேரி, }  
கடிகாக்கி ஐயுனிஸ் உளவு }

அறிவீர்த்தல்.

வட்டிமேற்குக்கும், வினாடித்தமிழ் வயிரவதுராசி  
யாள் இத்தாற் கணுநெழுமியிதய வட்டிமேற்கு  
யிற்றுத் தம்பபுத்தி பரப்பித் திலிளைச்சம் ஈது  
என்கி கிழக்கு குறையோளே ின்னதம்பிக்கு பங்  
காணுநெழுமிய ஆதனம், வட்டுறு வினாடித்தமிழ்  
வயித்திலிசுத்தையபுதுதனமும் ஒழங்கையும், மே  
ற்கு வினாடித்தமிழ் வயிரவதுரதனய ஆதனம், தெ  
ற்கு வினாடித் தம்பயாவதுய ஆதனம், இத்த  
வயிரவதுரத்தோளே தோட்டம் எதுதனய காணி  
யாய்பு ஏறஞ்சுவர் இருபதுவரும்எனையதுதிப்ப  
யிருக்கின்றது, ஆனலி இப்பெருநகரில் அத்தத்  
காணுநெழுத் கன்னையமேறும்க் பேரகரத்திப்பெருந்  
கெனது காண் தோழியிப்பிநிபாடிமயம் என்னுடைய  
மயம்மமியினி எந்நெடுந்நாசிரகி அத்தகாணலி  
யின்பெயர் எய்கிதநாசிரகி பிறப்பிக்கத்தகாண  
யைக்கே யித்தாற் பிசிரகிப்பித்தெனது, வட்டிமே  
ற்குத்தெனட்டை, இப்பயத்தமிழ், வயிரவதுரதாற்

AUCTION SALE,

ஏல வீற்பனவு.

ஆவணி மீட்டுத் திகதி சனிக்கிழமை பிற்பகல் உடனடிக்கு யாழ்ப்பாணம் கடற்கரைத்தெருவில் பிள்ளைடேல் அம்மாவடைய சேன்ற அந் தோணிஸ் வங்காளில், அதிகம் நேர்ந்தியான லீட்ச்சாமாலைகள் இறக்கித் தைவோப்பியிற் றுப்பவர்களால் வித்தப்படுமும்.

சாமான்களின் விலைகள் உயர்ந்துவிட்டதால், பத்தகங்கள் இதன்கீழ்க் கையொப்பமிட்டிருப்போரிடம் பெற்றுக்கொள்ளலாம்.

WILLIAM MATHER & SON.  
Auctioneers.

உதயதாரைக.

கனகசபை ம் (வா) ஆடி ம<sup>ஸ்</sup> உளக் உ.

இலங்கை அரசாட்சியும் பாளிமேந்து சங்கமும்.  
Ceylon Government and the Parliament.

இலங்கைத் தேசாதிபதியாகிய சேர் யோசெப் உ. பெருந்திருநீசுவர மாகாண் ஸீஸீஸ் இவ்விதவகையிற்  
நிகழ்த்துகின்றவகையிலேயும் முன்னர் சரஸ் தீனம்  
யுடைய திருநீசுவர அபிப்பிராயத்தை இவ்வகையிலேயே  
யானவையையும் நீதி நடப்பிடுவதென்பதும், சன  
ங்களுக்குப் பேரிழைபதாகத் தயக்கமின்றும், மேல  
ம பத்திரிகைக்குஞ்செழுத்துத் தவறாமல்செய்தாண்ட  
யுடைய திருநீசுவர அபிப்பிராயங்களைக் கருதும் முறை  
யுக்குச் சேர்மகாலியும் இவ்விதங்கையிலே குற்றமாய்  
தருகின்றிருக்கின்றவர்களைப்பற்றி யென்ப, செரும  
னியார், மென், காந்தியார் க்கிறவரும் எப்பாற்செய்த  
இம்விஷயத்திற்கு நிலைமைக் கிசாப்பிவிட்டுக்கொண்டிரு  
க்கின்றவரென்பதையும்பற்றித் தவறும், வெறு  
காடப்படுகிறது. வன்செருங்கிக்குடைய புனைந்த  
பேரெழுத்துத்திரையாமை எப்படி எனச் சேர் ஜார்  
கோண்டைத் தலைமையாக்கொண்ட "இலங்கைத் தே  
சாதிபதி" மேலும் மேலும் முடிந்த, பாதிமேலும்  
சேர்க்கைகள்செய்தபிறிதிலுள்ள சங்கத்திலேயென்ப, கார்  
ன் என்பவருக்குத், செருமனாட்சாதிபதியாகக்க  
பட்ட காப்பெருந்தொண்டம் எனிய பிரகாசன்கள்  
நிலைமைத் துருட்சியிற் நிதியியாயின்த் பிடித்த  
க்கொள்வதற்குக்காரியம் செருங்கிக்குடைய  
உடனும், பிற் செரு தேசாதிபதியிலுள்ள நிதியிய  
ருக்கின்றவியென்பதும் செருக்கித்து, பாதிமேலும்  
யுடன்கள் சையியிலே ரோடெழுத்துக்கிப்பென்ப  
யென்ப, இலங்கையாரோடும் மேலியியருத்த மென்  
லெடுகொடியருக்கு அசாட்சியார் பெரும தளியிய  
ருக்கியியுள்ளவரும், இலங்கையிலே யாகமுறை  
செல்லையியார் கண்டபெருத்தபயற் கொண்டுள்ள அ  
சுதிரையருக்கும் காட்டுமெனவென்பதும், சேர்,  
யோசெப் உ. பெருந்திருநீசுவர இலங்கைத் தேசாதி  
பதியியருக்கத் தருத்தவல்லென்பதும் சிற் யாரப்பிய  
ததன், அம்மட்டில் இவ்விதமின்றி மகாந்திர  
நிலை திருநீசுவர தேசாதிபதியாகக்கொண்டிருக்க  
யென்ப, செருமனியார் ரோயல்துக்குத் செருநீசுவர  
ததன், தமனம் யனியியார் யோர்ந்திருந்திருந்  
தன்பெருத்தருக்காரியம், யோசெவனையாரப்பிய  
ருக்கத்தொன்றிச் சையியிரத்திற்செய்யப்படு மென்,  
காரியொன்றிச் சிற் செருநீசுவர அபிப்பிராயம்

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புகைவீதி விவசாயத்தி லிவ்வளவு தரிசனையுடையவராய் எவ்வளவுவோ வெதிரிடைதருத்திடயிலதைத்தொய்து முடிக்கப் பிரயாசப்பதும் சேர் யோசெவ் திடனவே தேசாதிபதிக்கு வீசேவதமாய் யாழ்ப்பாணத்தவர் மி குதியுய் கடமைப்பாடுடைபொன்பதை யாம் கூறவே ன்ருய்தில்லை.

## யாழ்ப்பாணம்

காலநிலை. — Weather. — பகலிற் கடுமையெய்திக்  
கும் வெப்பம், அதி கடுமையாய் வீசுங் சோழங்க  
காற்றினால்: குவாச சாந்தியாகிவந்தது.

சுப்பிரீம் கோர்டு. — S. Court. — இவ்வருடத்துத் துற்  
நிய இரண்டாம் சுப்பிரீம் கோர்ட்டு விசாரணை ஆவணி  
மாதம் பத்திலாதித்தித் யாரம்பமாகுமெனக் குறிக்க  
பட்டிருக்கின்றது.

ஸ்திரீ கோரம்.—Kidnapping.—காவர்த்துற  
பாடுவென்று பதின்மூன்று வயதானவோர் பெண்  
பிள்ளையை யனுப்பித் தனவாழ்வுப் பருந்தித்தொடங்கு  
த கொண்டுபோய் ஒன்றை வைத்திருந்து, பெண்கள்  
நாள் தாய் உடனே கோட்டைக்குவந்தும், வண்ணுர்  
பண்ணையில் விதானை தருப்பிடித்த விரூதுடன்கொ  
ண்டு பெண்களின்மேலும் கனவாழ்வு சென்றவனையும்  
பிடித்துவந்து கோட்டையுள்படுத்தாள்.

**பருத்தித்தறை நீதவான்.—Police Magistrate.**  
பருத்தித்தறை கவுவச்சேரிக்கு போகவேண்டிய தீயானு  
யிருந்து, பீட்டைச் சென்றிருப்பது சொல்லும்படிப்பட்ட  
கவாயியுடைய, ஆள்களைக்கொண்டு, பீட்டைச்சுக்கு ருதி  
வெப்பிட்ட பாதங்களையுடைய பீட்டைக்கொண்டு பட்டைச்  
சட்டத்திலும் சாட்சி விளக்க கிபாயியிப்பாண்டத்திலும்  
திறமான பீட்டைச் சென்றிருந்தும் கிதியுடைய  
பெண் குழியை சந்தித்தவருமே காணியும்.

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ஆட்கள். — Personal — மனிதப்பாய் ஆஸ்பத்திரித் தலைவராகிய கனம், ஸ்டீபர் வைத்தியரவர்கள் சென்னை செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை கொடும்பக்கத்தை. மாண்புபாய் அங்கிள் வித்தியசாகிதகசகர் ஸினைதரில் சிலரில் சந்திர பனம் வரங்குவது, கொடும்புலியார் தனது வைத்தியமுறைகள்க் கவனிப்பதுமே அங்கு ஆஸ்பத்திரிகாகமாம். இரண்டிலார்த்தித் திரும்புவர். வித்தியசாகி மேலம், செம்புலங்கன் கீழ்மகசாய் பதவிநிலுண் அங்கிளர் வித்யசாகிதகசகரின் பீ

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REPORT OF THE NORTHERN PROVINCE  
1898.

The report sent us was delayed in transmission so that a review of this important document was not possible in an earlier issue. Mr. Ievers report is not only interesting but instructive, and our readers need no apology from us for giving extensive quotations. The revenue shows a commendable increase, the largest gains being in Customs, Warehouse rent, and Salt. The crops for 97-98 being unfavourable there was a larger importation of grain, and the increase in duty, and in warehouse rent was a consequent result. The increase in revenue from salt was owing to the failure of salt formation at Hambantota, by which over Rs. 20,000 worth of salt was sold to released districts. Against this there was a falling off of Rs. 2,600 in salt rent. The decrease in the arrack and toddy rent is to be deplored if it is meant thereby that these articles are more easily accessible to the people. If it comes by a falling away in the number of those who indulge in these drinks, it is a cause for thanksgiving. Two other items of decrease are in timber and sale of crown land. The cause of the former is attributed to the depletion of the depots and the failure to re-fill in time to admit of the proceeds of sale being credited in 1898.

Of the crops and food supply, Mr. Ievers writes,—"The crops of all kinds were of average quality and yield. The prospective harvest of paddy for 1899 is exceptionally good. The tobacco crop was a good one, but the prices realized were not very remunerative, owing to lack of demand in the Travancore market. The rice cultivation of the Province is conducted on two completely different systems; that in the peninsula and Karachchi, and partly in Punakari, is by rain water alone; in Mannar and Vavuniya by tank-supply; and in Mullativu partly by tanks and partly by rain water. According to the headmen's reports, which are based chiefly on their opinion, the out turn of the paddy crops of the Province amounted to 775,400 bushels of paddy of which Jaffna is down for 535,700. The varaku crop amounted to about 28,000 and other dry grains yielded about 91,000 bushels. The import of grains both coastwise and beyond sea was greatly in excess of that of the previous year, in which the Chetties restricted the imports in order to raise the price. I may mention that owing to this action of the rice dealers there were threatened riots in Jaffna town early in the year. I interviewed the dealers and pointed out the risks which they ran, arising from their own action, and the imports speedily recommenced and the price fell to its ordinary amount."

Had it not been for Mr. Ievers prompt and vigorous intervention there would undoubtedly have been serious trouble.

Mr. Ievers considers that tobacco is the backbone of the Northern Province, and so has been in communication with the Director of the Botanic Garden for seed of better varieties and for better methods of curing. He seems to be very confident that tobacco can be raised in the Vanni for export to Europe. Of the collection of salt he says that it was one of the largest on record. The manufactured salt was exceptionally good.

It was to be expected that the Government Agent should spend much of his time in preventing the introduction of plague in the peninsula, and Jaffna owes to Mr. Ievers untiring vigilance, the immunity from plague which she has enjoyed, though there have been several cases of this dread disease in Southern India. Kayts was made a quarantine station and two steam launches patrolled the coast. Of the outbreak of fever in December he reports,—"The mortality was great. Fever powders were as far as possible distributed through the headmen, and I am informed with the best results. But unfortunately the supply of quinine was soon exhausted, and further supplies were not available from Colombo. The fatness of the peninsula is a serious natural defect. It is physically impossible to run off a heavy flood; the water lodges, floods houses and compounds, and results in a type of malaria more deadly than is found in the Vanni." He reaches the conclusion that drainage is not practicable to any great extent but that the Govt. must give the people quinine.

The palmyrah fibre industry has improved during the year. The total amount shipped has increased from 3,926 cwt. in 1897 to 8,367 cwt. in 1898, the value having increased also by

over one rupee per cwt. Many other statistics are given, all of which are interesting and many curious. The total value of trade amounts to over Rs. 9,000,000, of which six millions are imports and three millions exports. This is an increase over 1897 by over a million rupees. Of wild beasts 81 leopards and 8 bears were killed so far as reported.

This is what our Govt. Agent says about the railway, and his words are worth considering. "The connection of Jaffna with the Southern Railway system was the chief topic of interest during the year. A Committee, of which the Government Agent was a member met at Jaffna in April, and its opinion was that while the population and traffic of the peninsula was sufficient *prima facie* to warrant the construction of a line from Kankesanurai to Paranthan, it would *per se* be of little or no advantage to the people. What is essentially required is a connection with the south. A line, upon any practicable gauge, to effect this would satisfy the people. With a steamer calling once a fortnight (for both steamers call within a day of each other in contrary directions) with an unsatisfactory road transit, Jaffna is at present less accessible to Colombo or Kandy than Singapore is to Colombo. Many people have expressed an opinion that a first class steam-tram would pay, if laid down on the line of the existing road.

That the railway should be a line made on the most economical type as regards stations, equipment, and working, is the opinion of the writer of this report—an opinion expressed also in the Administration Report of 1896. Any one who has endured the misery of a coach journey on the North road would prefer a railway cattle truck; and as regards sea-transport for passengers and goods, it should be borne in mind that at Jaffna the steamers lie five miles from the port, and at Kankesanurai the steamer is ten miles from Jaffna with half a mile to be traversed in the open sea. The Committee also recommended a divergence from the original trace in order to have the Jaffna station in a more convenient site for traffic and passengers. The original trace and site is a better one from the engineering point of view: the proposed site is better for securing revenue."

The successful raising of Delft horses is referred to as follows:—

"The expectations which I held in 1896 have not been disappointed. The regulations framed by experience for the breeding and general treatment of the establishment are now completed. The experiment for removal of the fillies and young colts to Iravativu has been most successful, and if the business is carried out in future on the present lines I anticipate a fair profit to Government on the expenditure and maintenance of a breed of hardy 'galloways,' which can stand a climate in which Australians and Indians cannot be kept without much risk of loss."

## FOR MANAGERS.

There seems to be great carelessness in observing the rule, that pupils leaving one school for another should bring a note from the Manager of the former school showing that the dues had been settled. Managers must trust their Headmasters, but the latter are very careless about this and other rules. A boy or girl is admitted to a school without any reference to the Manager of the school in which he or she previously studied. The age is asked from the pupil who of course does not know, but who gives a guess at it which may or may not be nearly right. An example of this came to the writer's notice not many days ago. A lad had left the school to attend another under the same management. He was put down as 11 in 1897 in the first school and the same age two years later in school No. 2. This is a slight matter, but suppose he had been 19 in 1897, and 19 again two years later in another school and the same a year later in a third school. What would be the inference of the Inspector should he discover it? So with regard to standard passed. The lad says he passed the IV standard, for example, whereas in reality he had passed the V. Or the teacher in examining the boy finds him very deficient in some of the subjects of the IV standard and naturally concludes that the boy has made a mistake in saying that he had passed the IV, and so puts him in the IV again. Again the Headmaster asks the boy if he has settled his fee and gets an affirmative answer, whereas the truth is that he is still owing the former school a small sum.

Now all these statements the Headmaster gets either from the pupil, or evolves them from his inner consciousness. It is too much trouble to seek the parents, or to see the teacher of the former school with whom he may not be on good terms possibly. The result is that some one is guilty of fraud—let us say that it is unintentional—it is fraud all the same. Of course the Government lays the blame upon the Manager, but often the Manager has not time to investigate the records very closely, or has been deceived. There should be some remedy, for such mistakes as mentioned above are not uncommon.

We fail to understand also why Managers of different sects should not be on friendly terms with each other in the matter of education.

For example why should a Christian Manager hesitate to ask a Hindu Manager for information of this kind; or why should not a Roman Catholic Manager feel free to seek this information from a Protestant Manager. In matters of religion we may differ, but in education there should be unity of action and a mutual respect for each other's rights.

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN  
MISSIONS.

A conference on foreign missions representing all the Protestant missionary Societies and Missions of the world, will be held in New York City from April 21st to May 1st 1900. It will be a conference—and a council. It will lay down no laws and settle no methods. The workers in many lands will come together to compare notes. There will be free interchange of ideas and much information of great value will be put at the service of all. The results expected are: A clearer apprehension of the principles and methods of mission work drawn from a century of experience. A vindication of Christian Missions by an array of testimony as to their influence and results that will convince all thoughtful men of their utility and power. A great practical advance toward unity. "That they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that Thou didst send me."

The plan of meetings will be as follows:—

The conference will be formally opened, Saturday afternoon, April 21, with a meeting in the main hall, at which addresses of welcome will be made and the delegates introduced; and will close with a farewell meeting on Tuesday evening, May 1.

On the two Sabbaths a large number of stirring missionary addresses will be given by members of the Conference in the churches of New York and vicinity. It is possible that there may also be special Conference services on Sabbath afternoons in the main hall.

Delegates' Meetings in the mornings, attended by the whole body of delegates, will be held in the main hall to consider the fundamental principles and discuss the chief departments of mission work.

Specialists' Meetings, in the afternoons will be held in smaller halls for the more technical and detailed discussion of topics appealing especially to workers along specific lines.

Each topic will be presented in a carefully prepared paper not to exceed twenty minutes in the reading, the remainder of the time being devoted to discussion by speakers, who have sent in their names in advance, who will be strictly limited to five minutes each. Those taking the leading parts in these discussions will be experts in their several departments, who are selected with reference to their knowledge of and experience in specific phases of missionary activity. Every effort will be made to secure the very best, and the result will be a consensus of testimony of the highest value.

Prayer Meetings will be held in the afternoons and evenings. At these the most prominent speakers and workers from all parts of the world will vividly portray the conquests of the cross in all lands, the appalling state of the heathen world, the need of unity and co-operation and of an understanding of the problems involved in the task of discharging the nations.

Some of the subjects to be presented and discussed will be as follows:—

Authority and Purpose of foreign missions; Conservation of the church to foreign missions; Review of one hundred years of mission work; Self support by the Native church; Evangelistic work; Educational work; Medical work; Literary work; Comity; Native agency; Women's work &c &c.

This conference is really a successor to the one held in London in 1888, and at Midway ten years earlier. It will differ from them in being more complete in its range of topics; and we trust in its choice of speakers as well.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

**America.** The Secretary of War, Mr. Alger, has been compelled to resign owing to the strong feeling against him in the States. He has never been popular and the President has been severely criticised for retaining him in office so long. Sibley Root, a prominent lawyer of New York City has been appointed Secretary of War.

More troops are being sent to the Philippines. It is proposed also to send steam launches to patrol the coast. Eight troops of cavalry and a regiment of the Rough Riders are also likely to be sent.

**Africa.** Affairs in the Transvaal are quieting down. President Kruger has made concessions with regard to the franchise, and though they are not satisfactory to a large number of the inhabitants it is hoped that these will lead to still further concessions are long.

**India.** There seems to be an outbreak of ruffianism in Lahore. A number of Europeans have been attacked and robbed. The Police are on the lookout for the offenders.

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