

# THE MORNING STAR.

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RIGHTOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.

## RECEIPTS FOR THE MORNING STAR.

Madras	Ras. Bahadur C. W. Thamotharampillai	2.00
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Mannar	Rev. J. Beelee and Messrs. A. Chinnappaiah and J. B. Tiruchelvan	6.00

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## NOTICE.

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T. B. Scott,  
Sept. 19, 1899.  
Manepay.

## NOTICE.

I the undersigned Joseph Machado Peris, now of Jaffna, beg to inform the public that, the District Court of Jaffna having committed to me the administration of all the property and estate, right and credits of the late Joseph Innasi Cross Peris of Jaffna, I am authorised to recover all monies due to the said deceased, and I hereby call upon all debtors to pay their respective amounts with as little delay as possible.

JOSEPH MACHADO PERIS.  
Jaffna, 12th August 1899.  
ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction } No. 1001  
In the matter of the estate and property of the late Veyalatchipillai wife of Kathirkamer Kanagasapai of Nallore deceased  
Kathirkamer Kanagasapai of Nallore Petitioner  
and  
Theivanaipillai widow of Vytialingam of Nallore Respondent

This matter of the Petition of Kathirkamer Kanagasapai of Nallore praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Veyalatchipillai wife of Kathirkamer Kanagasapai, coming on for disposal before S. Eardley Wilmut Esquire District Judge on the 1st day of August 1899 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 26th 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 Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 5th day of October 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.  
The 1st day of August 1899  
(Signed C. Eardley Wilmut District Judge)

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Mullaitivu.

Testamentary Jurisdiction } No. 14.  
In the matter of the estate of the late Somanathar Vyanmuto of Ollumadu Melpattu East in Mullaitivu Deceased.  
Vyanmuto Somanathar of Neerely Petitioner.  
Vs.  
1. Sithamparapillai Thamoos and wife  
2. Channacherry of Ollumadu in Melpattu East Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Vyanmuto Somanathar of Neerely praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Somanathar Vyanmuto of Ollumadu in Mullaitivu coming on for disposal before C. S. Vaughan Esquire, District Judge, on the 15th day of September 1899 in the presence of the Petitioner and the affidavits of the Petitioner dated the 6th day of September 1899 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the only son and 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 31st day of October 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.  
Signed this 15th day of September 1899.  
C. S. Vaughan,  
District Judge.

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction } No. 1010  
In the matter of the estate of the late Chellammah alias Meenatchy wife of Kanthar Chinnar of Vannarponne East Deceased.  
Kanthar Chinnar of Vannarponne East Petitioner.  
Vs.  
1. Naganathar Chinnappoo and wife  
2. Ponnapillai of Vannarponne East  
3. Kathirasear Vallipuram and wife  
4. Thannamutto of Vannarponne East. Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Kanthar Chinnar of Vannarponne East praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Chellammah alias Meenatchy wife of Kanthar Chinnar coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmut Esquire, District Judge on the 7th day of September 1899 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 4th day of September 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 12th day of October 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.  
Signed this 7th day of September 1899.  
C. Eardley Wilmut,  
District Judge.

## Local & General.

**Weather.** Showers have fallen in different parts of the peninsula and those who had not sown previously have been busy in their fields.

The prevailing wind is still from the southwest, and like last year September has proved thus far a very agreeable month.

**A. B. C. F. M.** Recent mails brought the tidings of the death of the President of the American Board of Lausanne had been serving for nearly two years as the President of this great missionary society and was in the prime of life being but 56 years of age, when he was called up to "higher service." A new President will be elected in all probability at the October annual meeting.

**Annual Convocation.** The annual convocation on the churches in the American mission is to be held at Manepay on Thursday, October 5th, Rev. E. P. Holton will have charge of the meeting, and all are most cordially invited to be present.

**W. M. C. A.** Mr. Louis Hieb leaves Colombo for Jaffna October 4th to spend some days in visiting the associations of the Northern Province.

**The Auxiliary Bible Society.** The Semi-annual meeting of the General Committee of the Bible Society will be held on the 3rd October when reports of Colportage, Bible Women, and Union moonlight meetings will be read by the Supt. in each of the three Protestant missions. Subscriptions from churches and individuals should be paid in before that date.

**Jaffna Railway Survey.** The required survey for acquiring land for the Railway extension having been made in the interior the staff of surveyors with the coolies arrived at Jaffna on the 15th inst. prior to their departure to Colombo on the following Tuesday the 19th inst. The officers found their quarters in the Jaffna Rest House and the coolies pitched their tent in front of the Rest House. On Saturday the 16th inst. the surveyors played a game of cricket against the "Town Club," in which the latter had an easy victory. We hope that by the middle of next year, contractors to lay down the rails will work in Jaffna.

**The Govt. Agent.** Mr. R. W. Levers left for the island of Ceylon on the 18th inst. to inspect the breed of horses there.

**Kaits Magistrate.** Mr. H. J. Woutersz went to Colombo on the 19th inst. for his examination and Mr. T. C. Changarapillai has been appointed to act for him as the Magistrate of Kaits till the 1st day of November next. Our popular Crown Proctor Mr. Changarapillai has our congratulations that Government has been pleased to recognize him as qualified to fill the vacancy temporarily created by the absence of Mr. Woutersz. Proctor Tambiah S. Cooke acts for Mr. Changarapillai as Crown Proctor.

**Legislative Council.** The new session of the Council for 1899-1900 will be opened by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the 4th prox.

**Personal.** Rev. E. P. Holton who took down on the S. S. Lady Havelock Mr. G. Miles a young planter who had been spending some weeks in the Jaffna peninsula, returned home on his bicycle via central road last week.

Rev. W. T. Garrett is off for a few days of rest and change, having been working beyond his strength.

Rev. H. Horsley has been spending a fortnight at Mannar and Mullaitivu visiting the stations of the U. M. S.

**Boarding schools.** The Girls Boarding schools at Veypudi and Nallure have opened again after brief holidays.

**Globe Trotter.** Mr. J. Logan Sample of Pittsburg U.S.A., nearly 70 years of age, is visiting the missions of India and Ceylon.

Mr. Adv. Isaac Tambiah was married to a sister of Barr Kumarakulasingham Modr. on Friday the 8th inst. The ceremony of the marriage took place in the American church at Telipallai. Mr. Tambiah since his arrival from Colombo is practicing in our Courts and we expect that he will continue his practice here for some time.

Barr Kumarakulasingham Modr. arrived in Jaffna on leave to attend the marriage of his sister with the Mr. Adv. Tambiah and returned to Colombo on the 19th inst.

Mr. Paul Francis of the Jaffna District Court was married to the daughter of the Udar of Achuvallai on the 12th inst. We wish joy to the newly married pair.

Mr. S. S. Mathiaparanan chief clerk of the Municipality at Taiping, returned to Jaffna on sick leave for six months on the 24th ultimo. He first entered into service in Colombo and resided there for several years until about 12 years ago when he was persuaded to go to the Straits where he prospered. We trust that he will soon be himself and return to his work.



நன்றாயும். அயிர்மங்கராயவேலிப்பார்க்கும் டக்தர் ரத்  
தின்மன்பல நிலையாய் நியமிக்கப்படாததெனோ?

வட தேசம்.

எல்லைச் சைரியம்.— Frontier Army.— இ  
ந்திய பிரதிகாவலராகிய லோட்கேஷனாய்கன் இத்தி  
யானில் வடமேற்கெல்லியே மதுபாய்ச்சு நீழ்ப்பா  
கன் இளமரபதம. தந்திர்த்தேய அத்திதையுள்ளா  
கத்தின்கணிகுந்தே ஓர் கேணையத்திராட துஞ்சு  
சிதத்திரிகுந்தெனார். இது வாய்ச்சுமோ வெள்ள  
த காலகந்தம் விரங்கும். இது அங்கிலேய ஆஸ்த  
தகத்திர்ப்பங்கமாய் முடியுமெனப்படும். இத்திதன்  
தியுள்ள எதிர்கொள்கைக்காரரென்னும். போ  
ரீரீர கதெதிகளாயினும் உத்தியோகஸ்தர் அங்கி  
தெயேர.

தற்காலவாஸ்பர்வெடுத்தற்கு நியாயமென்னெனவுந்  
நிறுத்தநேற்ற உத்தரவாதம் யாரிடத்துந் தங்கியிருக்கி  
ன்றதெனவுந் மறுமுறை கவனிய்ப்பாம்.  
இவ்வாறாம், T. S. A.



## THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE O. F. B. S.

On Friday the 15th inst. the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Girls Boarding school, was celebrated at Udavil with appropriate exercises. About 500 women and girls were present including those now in the Boarding school, and perhaps 30 or 40 more who were from outside, having had no connection with the school at Udavil. The body of the church was well filled, a few forms at the back being reserved for the men, pastors and masters connected with the school, and who for once had to be contented to remain in the back ground and hear the ladies. Including the men and children there could not have been less than 600 or 650 in the building. The boys and young men of Udavil church had very kindly decorated the front of the church and the mission house with cocoanut leaves, and festoons of colored paper. Add to this the festive throng of women and children, all in gala dress, and it was a brilliant and imposing spectacle and one not soon to be forgotten.

The exercises commenced at a little before 11 o'clock, Mrs. R.C. Hastings presiding. Mrs. Eliza Hensman read the 103rd Psalm and Mrs. Dr. Mills offered prayer. Miss S. R. Howland in a clear voice and in a few well chosen sentences, welcomed all those present to the 75th anniversary exercises of the school; and Mrs. W. E. Hitchcock followed very appropriately in the words of "the Apostle of love" in a song of thanksgiving that the testimony was strong and clear that those who had left the school were holding fast to, and walking in, the truth. It seemed very fitting that words of welcome should come from one who had been the Principal of the school for nearly 19 years, and that she should be followed by another who for over 5 years before coming to Jaffna, labored for the Tamil women in South India. Jaffna and Madura were thus brought near to each other.

Miss Martha Stewart who had been connected with the school as teacher for 25 years or more read an interesting paper prepared by Miss S.R. Howland giving a brief history of the institution from the beginning, a few facts from which paper we give later on. Mrs. Arumugam gave some pleasant and brief reminiscences of the past. She herself was admitted to the school in 1841 when it had been in existence but 17 years, and she portrayed very vividly the manner of teaching in those earlier days. Girls were admitted into an alphabet class, and kept on until a suitable marriage could be secured for them. They sat on mats on the floor and at first learned to form their letters in the sand. Later on lessons were written on slates. Mrs. Spaulding would pet the children and give them bread and plantains, for in those days there was very little desire for female education and children had to be coaxed to come, and induced to stay. She spoke of Miss Agnew's care and thoroughness in all that she undertook. In those days more was made of Bible study, and the girls were able to locate passages of Scripture as she feared they could not in these latter days. Christian doctrine was also taught, and some botany and astronomy.

Mrs. Arumugam was followed by Mrs. Betsey King who briefly bore testimony to the worth of her Principal Miss Agnew.

Mrs. Dr. Strong then came forward and proposed in appropriate language that the greetings of "the old girls" be sent to America to those now living who had labored for the school while here or had been connected with it, namely Mrs. E.P. Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. T.S. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. W. Howland, Misses M. and W. Leitch and Miss K. L. E. Myers. The audience voted this proposition unanimously and heartily, and Miss. Howland was asked to convey the greetings by letter.

The present headmaster of the school Mr. Henry Lawrence then spoke briefly of what the "old girls" were doing in the world—administering to the needs of the body and of the soul in the communities where they dwelt whether in Jaffna, or in other parts of the island, or in India or far away in the Straits.

Rev. D. Stickney one of the very few remaining links that connect us with the earlier times of the old missionaries, spoke of the Richards, Winslows, Apthorpes, and Spauldings. Jaffna was steeped in superstition and darkness brooded over the land but the light had dawned. A girl in America 12 years old had consecrated herself to mission service. She never lost sight of that purpose and Jaffna today paid a loving tribute to her self-sacrificing, devoted work for her daughters. In olden times woman was the foot of man to be his slave. As the light shone brighter and brighter she rose in the social scale until she sprang from his side and became his equal, his helpmeet and co-laborer, and now she had gone up still higher and was the neck that supported the head and controlled its movements.

Mrs. Chelliah Cooke in a carefully written paper spoke of the duties of mothers in their homes and of the great influence they might exert for good in their families. It was an excellent paper, well read, and closely listened to by the audience.

Messrs Hastings and Scott then spoke of the thankoffering to be made and asked that those giving designate the purpose for which they gave, whether for the Endowment Fund, or for the Udavil Memorial Church where so many had been "born again." The collection was then taken up and amounted to about Rs 250 in cash besides about Rs 100 in promises. About Rs 50 had been received previous to this time from friends who could not be present, and other sums will no doubt be coming in during the next two or three weeks.

The roll was then called of those who had studied in the school for the first twenty five years and several responded.

The last speaker was Mrs. S. Chelliahpilly who spoke of our responsibility as Christian women in a few earnest words and the meeting was brought to a close with prayer by Mrs. B.H. Rice and the benediction by Rev. E. P. Holton. The guests then adjourned to the school where dinner had been provided for all and where from the hum and buzz of so many voices it appeared that all were enjoying themselves. The exercises passed off without the slightest hitch and the occasion was one of great enjoyment. The principal Miss Howland is to be congratulated on the successful celebration of the day.

We quote from her paper:—Oodooville school was commenced in 1824 under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Winslow with 29 pupils. In 1825 the school was moved to Manepay on account of the ill health of Mrs. Winslow. There it remained three years under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding. It was then removed to Oodooville where it has been ever since. On the death of Mrs. Winslow in 1833 Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding were called to Oodooville to take charge of the school, and it continued under their care excepting during their visit to America, for forty years till the death of Mr. Spaulding in 1873. Miss Agnew became connected with the school in 1840 and at the time of the Jubilee had been in charge uninterruptedly for 34 years.

In 1879 the plans were made and the work begun for the construction of new buildings. The building was the gift of the Woman's Board of Missions of U. S. A. In January 1880 a meeting was held of the friends of the school for the ceremony of laying the foundation stone. At this meeting Rev. W. W. Howland presided, and the prayer of dedication was made by the Rev. S. W. Howland, Dr. Hastings and Mr. Breckenridge laying the foundation stones.

In October 1880 Miss Agnew feeling the need of rest resigned her connection with the school having completed 40 years of service. We do not need to add that she retained her interest in the school until she went to her Heavenly Home. "She has entered into rest, and her works do follow her." Hers was a truly consecrated life, which won the love and respect of all. She will never be forgotten by the Christians of Jaffna.

In January 1878 Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Howland came to Oodooville. Mrs. Howland entered into rest in 1887 and five years later Father Howland was called home. Since then there has been no resident missionary at Oodooville.

The Girls Training school was registered February 19, 1885 and the first pupil Miss Sarah Daniel passed the second year's examination in 1887 and received her certificate from Government. Sixteen have successfully finished the course of study prescribed by Government and received Government certificates. All of these save one, have engaged in teaching and two have received First class certificates after teaching the required number of years. In 1893 a class for the study of English was taken. In June 1893 Miss Myers arrived and for two years took entire charge of this class besides being Associate Principal in the school. In 1897 the Oodooville Girls English school was started through the efforts of Miss Myers.

The number of pupils admitted into the school during the first fifty years is 532 and during the last 25 years 668, besides 11 from other schools in the Training school and 22 new pupils in the English school making 33; or a grand total of 1233. Of these 840 are known to be living. During the last 25 years, 254 pupils have graduated of whom 4 were non-church members. Of 194 marriages of graduates there have been 18 Sinite marriages of whom 15 were church members. This is a record of which any school may be proud. Truly God has done great things for this institution. To Him be all the glory.

## CAPE TO CAIRO RAILWAY.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes is a man that has done more for Africa and the British interests there than any other living man. Just now he is busy building a telegraph line from South to North of the Dark continent. The total length will be about 6,600 miles and nearly half has already been completed. It is estimated that the cost will be not less than £ 500,000 sterling, and the cost of cabling from London to Cape Colony will be reduced 30 per cent or to 3s. 6d. per word.

This is an advantage and will be of practical use. It is not so clear however that Mr. Rhodes's project of connecting the Cape with Cairo by rail will be equally useful to Africa or to the world at large. It is a stupendous project connecting these two points by rail and will cost a large sum of money. Whether traffic will ever develop sufficiently to make it a paying concern is looked upon as doubtful by experts.

From Cape Town to Bulawayo in the South, and from Cairo southwards about half this distance, the railway has been completed, but this is only about one-third of the whole distance to be traversed. For some distance more the line has been surveyed, but for more than a third of the distance through Central Africa no preliminary survey has been made. Yet Mr. Rhodes hopes to have the railway finished by 1909, or about the time when our much-talked-of Northern railway will be in working order at the present rate of progress.

Mr. Stead concludes his article on this subject with the following sentences:—

"It is the first great trunk railroad ever designed to span a continent from North to South. It is the first railroad projected to cross the equator at right angles, and the only railroad in the world which has ever been designed to cross territory across which no road, trade route, or human track-way has yet existed. No Government is at the back of it. No financial syndicate hopes to make money out of it. That it should exist even in the realm of imagination is due solely to the creative genius of one man, and that the man who only three years ago was stripped of all his official positions and solemnly censured by a Parliamentary committee. But the greatness of Cecil Rhodes is not dependent upon official positions. The Cape to Cairo railroad is only the shadow of the African Colossus falling athwart the continent which is dominated by his personality."

When this railway is finished it will be an easy matter for any who can afford it to go from London to Brindisi by rail then across to Alexandria, and from there to Cape Town by rail again. It will certainly shorten the time between London and Cape Town though there may not be very much travel on account of the expense. It will help to open up the interior of Africa and in time develop traffic and most likely in paying quantities. Germany, Holland, England, France and other European countries will have an interest in this railway and construct branch railways from the main line to the seacoast through their respective territories.

## JAFFNA COMMERCIAL CORPORATION LTD. JAFFNA.

9th Sept. 1899.

The annual general meeting of the share holders of the Jaffna Commercial Corporation Limited, was held at their registered office on Friday 8th inst. commencing at 4.30 P.M. Those present Messrs. Wm. Mather, C. C. Alexander, M. B. Swamipillai, A. Sapagathy, S. T. Arnold, S. Venustambay, S. Ramapillai, S. Tambimuttu, T. S. Cooke, C. T. Mills, C. H. Cooke, A. Toussaint, W. Bayant, M. S. Abdul Cader, S. Naganathan, R. M. M. S. T. Ramani Chetty, S. Kasay, P. T. Tambapillai, S. Vellupillai, J. K. Channingsam, and A. Kanagasabai.

Mr. Mather held the proxies of Captains J. C. Whitley, A. Harvie and Messrs. C. Parsons, J. P. Tampoor, R. Lawton W. Sagarapillai, M. M. Pulli, G. S. Sivanthambay, S. M. Chintappa, R. Sittampalam, V. Tambo, W. Vellupillai, N. Catheresapillai, N. B. David, S. Sagarapillai, S. M. Culasagarapillai, J. A. Gunasagaram, R. Rellaiy, V. Visuvanathan, K. Visuvanathan, S. Sapagathy, S. Sagarapillai, R. A. Naganathan, S. Maenath, S. N. Strong, J. Mather, Geo. Veerasingam, S. Vellupillai, E. M. Kanagasabai, and C. M. Samuel.

Mr. S. T. Arnold held the proxies of Messrs. R. N. Samuel, E. C. Muttaralan and C. Daniel.

Mr. R. C. Alexander, held those of Messrs. C. Murugan and C. Veeragathipillai.

Mr. Alexander Toussaint was voted to the chair.

The Secretary, Mr. S. T. Arnold, read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were duly confirmed. On the motion of Mr. Sapagathy seconded by Mr. Mather the Report of the Directors and the Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th June 1899 was taken as read. The dividend of 15% payable to the share holders who have met all their calls was declared payable forthwith.

The election of the Directors next ensued, and as the result the following gentlemen form the Board for the year that has just commenced viz. Messrs. Wm. Mather, M. B. Swamipillai, A. Toussaint, S. Naganathan, S. Venustambay, A. Kanagasabai, V. Casipillai, A. Sapagathy, C. T. Mills, T. S. Cooke, J. K. Channingsam, A. Sagarapillai, S. M. C. Changanapillai, S. T. Arnold and S. A. Alagaikoen.

The date of the next annual meeting was fixed for the 10th Sept. 1900 and Mr. W. E. Hitchcock M.A. was appointed auditor for the next year.

The meeting closed at 6.20 P.M. with a vote of thanks to the chair.

The newly elected Board held a meeting shortly afterwards when Mr. Wm. Mather was re-appointed Managing Director and Mr. S. T. Arnold Secretary.

Messrs. Wm. Mather, V. Casipillai, and A. Toussaint were re-appointed the committee to authorize loans and Messrs. J. K. Channingsam and A. Sapagathy, were appointed to verify the cash and other accounts of the Corporation occasionally.

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