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RECEIPTS FOR THE MORNING STAR.

Ratotta India.	Mr C. D. Kenamally	2 00
	M. R. Ry D. M. Canagaratnampillai	2 00
Sandilippay Jaffna.	Mr C. Ratnasar (94-96)	3 00
	The Govt. Agent, Messrs J. N. Sandacasare, A. S. Arulanpalam (98) and T. A. Edwards B. A.	5 00
Madras	Mr. Sam. Manickam	2 00

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THE CEYLON STEAMSHIP Co. Ltd.

The S. S. Lady Havelock is appointed to sail from Kankasanturai for Colombo via Paumotu on the evening of the following dates—
Oct. 17th and 31st 1899.

The Company's Steamer "Lady Gordon" is appointed to sail from Kankasanturai for Colombo via Pt. Pedro on noon of the following dates—
Oct. 20th, 1899.

W. MATHER & SON, Agents

REQUEST.

It is humbly requested that those who promised to pay the Jaffna Native Evangelical Society for the house building at Vadany at the Annual meeting held at Batticotta on the 1st day of June last, forward their subscriptions to Dr. D. P. Mann, Treasurer at their earliest convenience.

S. Eliatambly,
J. N. E. S. Secretary.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Mullaitivu.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 14.
In the matter of the estate of the late Somanathar Varamuthu of Ollunadu Melpetta East in Mullaitivu Varamuthu Somanathar of Neervely Petitioner.

1. Sithamparappillai Thiamma and wife
2. Chinnachy of Ollunadu Melpetta East Respondents
This matter of the Petition of Varamuthu Somanathar of Neervely praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Somanathar Varamuthu of Ollunadu Melpetta East for disposal before C. S. Vangham Esquire, District Judge, on the 15th day of September 1899 in the presence of the Petitioner and the affidavit 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. Vangham, District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1019
In the matter of the estate of the late Chellammah alias Meenatchy wife of Kanthar Chinnar of Vannarponne East

Kanthar Chinnar of Vannarponne East Petitioner.
1. Naganathar Chinnappoo and wife
2. Ponnapillai of Vannarponne East
3. Kathiramar Valluraman and wife
4. Thannamattu 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 Wilmot 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 Wilmot, District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1015.
In the matter of the estate and property of the late Muna Pena Muna Ravanna Mana Sithamparanchetty of Alankudy in South India deceased Muna Pena Muna Ravanna Mana Raman Chetty of Vannarponne Vs. Petitioner.

1. Meenachy widow of Sithamparanchetty of Alankudy in South India
2. Muna Pena Muna Ravanna Mana Narayanchetty of Kodayoor in Sivakankai and
3. Muna Pena Muna Ravanna Mana Muttiach Chetty of do Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Muna Pena Muna Ravanna Mana Raman Chetty of Vannarponne praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Muna Pena Muna Ravanna Mana Sithamparanchetty of Alankudy in South India coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire District Judge on the 19th 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 14th day of September 1899 having been read it is declared that the petitioner is the brother-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 Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 27th day of October 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 19th day of September 1899. C. EARDLEY WILMOT, District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1008.
In the matter of the estate of the late Veeragattiar Velluppillai of Kandavalai in Karachehi Deceased.
Chappar Kantar of Kandavalai Vs. Petitioner.

1. Chithamparappillai Ramu his
2. wife Chinnappillai of Vedattupalai
3. Arumagan Velluppillai his
4. wife Nakamattu of Kitpali and
5. Karuvai Arumagattian of Vedattupalai Respondents.

This matter of the petition of Chappar Kantar of Kandavalai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Veeragattiar Velluppillai of Kandavalai in Karachehi coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire, District Judge, on the 25th day of August 1899 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Channarappillai Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the Affidavit of the petitioner dated the 21st day of August 1899 having been read it is declared that the petitioner is a next of kin 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 Respondent, or any other person shall on or before the 23rd day of October 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 25th day of Aug 1899. C. EARDLEY WILMOT, District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

In the matter of the estate of the late Sithamparanchetty of Karambaikuruchi Deceased
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1017
Kathirkamer Arunasalam of Karambaikuruchi Vs. Petitioner.

1. Kunchinachehan wife of Arunasalam of Karambaikuruchi
2. Venaygar Kathirkamer and wife
3. Amuthathai of do
4. Manikkam widow of Paramanathan of do Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Kathirkamer Arunasalam of Karambaikuruchi praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Sithamparanchetty of Karambaikuruchi coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire District Judge on the 29th 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 26th day of September 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 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 29th day of Sept. 1899. C. EARDLEY WILMOT, District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1018.
In the matter of the estate of the late Venasitambay Kanthaiyah of Thannamkerny deceased.
Punniar Kumaraveloe of Thannamkerny Vs. Petitioner.

Chinnachy widow of Sithamparappillai of Periapallai Respondent.
This matter of the petition of Punniar Kumaraveloe of Thannamkerny praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Venasitambay Kanthaiyah of Thannamkerny coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire District Judge on the 30th 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 first day of September 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 respondent 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 30th day of Sept. 1899. C. EARDLEY WILMOT, District Judge.

Local & General.

Weather. The wind, what there has been of it, has blown from the South west. There have been slight dew in the early morning with a very hot sun during the day, typical September weather. On the whole however we have had a remarkably cool and pleasant month. Colds and diarrhoea have been prevalent in some parts of the peninsula. Sowing has been done in many quarters, and the grain is already up.

C. F. B. S. Anniversary. An esteemed correspondent sends us a report of the seventy fifth anniversary of Oodcoville school, but as a full report was given in our last issue, we must decline this with thanks. In the closing sentences he says, "To the many older pupils covered with gray hairs, this would probably be the last visit to the old home, and the last renewal of early friendship at such quarter on semi-centennial celebrations. But to all who are in Christ there is the bright hope of reunion on the other side of Jordan, where Jesus Christ their loving Saviour is all in all to them."

Pt. Pedro and Valvettuturai. From January next these towns will be brought under the control of the Small towns Sanitary ordinance.

Friend in need Hospital. It is generally rumored that the friends of this Hospital have been slow in coming to its support, and that in consequence the Govt. Agent has reported to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor that the time has come for taking over this institution and making it a civil hospital under Government control. Is this another illustration of the inability of the Tamil people to keep up institutions of their own? New enterprises are constantly being started, but the gift of stick to itiveness seems to be sadly lacking.

Annual Convocation. As we go to press the annual convocation of the American mission churches is being held at Manipay. A large number are in attendance and the exercises bid fair to be of more than ordinary interest. Rev E. P. Holton presides. Rev T. P. Hunt will give a review of the work of the American Board for the past year. Rev Wm. Joseph will take up one part of the field of this Society, Africa, and speak of the wonderful changes that have taken place politically, physically and morally in this "dark continent" during the past few decades. The Native Evangelical Society is to be represented by Rev S. Elyatambly, The subject "the missionary spirit the life of the church" will be handled by Mr. A. Mode Curris and Rev R. Bryant will speak of the higher life. These annual convocations are always full of interest and indicate to the outsider something of the numerical strength and intelligence of the Christian Church. The Lord's Supper at the close tends to bind all together in the hands of Christian fellowship and love and stimulates the disciples of Christ to greater activity in his service. The parent society, the American Board, will be confronted with some important questions this week, and we pray that Divine wisdom and guidance may be given it in all its deliberations and conclusions.

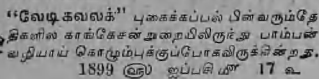
நீதி இராச்சியத்தாரை உயர்த்தும், பாவமோ எந்தச் சனங்களுக்கும் இகழ்ச்சி.

நூல் புத்தகம்.

யாழ்ப்பாணம், தஞ்சைம் ௨௭ ஜப்பசி ௧௯௭௭

வியாழக்கிழமை. [சங்கியை, 20]

இலங்கைப் புனைக்கப்பற்
கொப்பணி (லிமிற்றேட்)



“லேடி கோடன்” புகைக்கப்பல்பின் வருந்தேதிகளில்
காங்கேசன் துறையிலிருந்து பருத்தித்துறை வழியாய்
கொழும்புக்குப்போகவிருக்கின்றது. ஐப்பகிள் 20வ

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விளம்பரம்.

இதன் விளைவையொப்பப்படுத்தப்படுபவர்கள், முன்யா
ற்பாணைத் தபாந்தரத்தோராய் பாலிக்கப்படுவதை
விடப்படுக. பிரதீதவாழிப்பனவத்தொழில்பட்டிக்கத்
தற்படுசெய்திருக்கின்றனர் மேகை, கதிரை முதல்
ய விடத்தபாணத்தும், குதிரைக்கும் வந்தபலகும்,
நகைக்கும், செறெவந்தச்சாமன்களும் வந்தபலகும்
யப்படுமும், வந்தபலவத்தொழியாமன்கள் வைத்திருப்
போர் இவ்விதத்தொழிப்பதற்கு கூடியவது உயாந்
தனைக்கு வந்திருக்கப்படுபவர்கள்.

மேலும், அனுமாரிசு, மேனசு, கதிரை, கட்டில், கவுச்சிமுதலிய மர்ச்சாமான்கள் மலியான விஷைக்கு விற்கப்படுகிற, கைவசியில்லாதசாமான்கள் இத்தகென்று ஒழுங்குசெய்யப்பட்டிருக்கும் தகுத்தொழிலாளரை கொண்டு கட்டிய அளவுச் சீக்கிரத்திற் செயல்படுத்துகொடுக்கப்படும்.

விதிகள் விற்கவிரும்புவோர் இவர்கள்
தால் ஏலத்தலாமினும் வேறுவகைபாக்க
தவினைக்குவிந் துக்கொடுப்பார்கள்.
William Mather & Son.
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வேண்டிக்கொள்ளுதல்.

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S. Eliatamby.
J. N. E. S. Secy.

உதயதாரைக.

கல்காசு ம் (வா) ஐப்பசி மீ ௫ க் வ.

யுத்த ஆயத்தம்.

nsvall Crisis,

திருநாட்டில் பழநிதேவநகரின் மணக்கி
தென்னுபுரிசாவிலுள்ள திருநெல்வேலி பிரசாதிபதி
நாட்டை நோக்கிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறான். திருநெல்வேலி
நகரத்திலே, சாமிநிர்ணாயம் பிரசாதிபதி அரு
கத்திலேயே, கீழ்க் கீழ்க் அருகத்திலேயுள்ள
ய்யோபா அந்நாட்டில் செலுத்தக்கூடுதல்
ய்யோபா அந்நாட்டில் பிரசாதிபதி அரு
கத்திலேயுள்ள கீழ்க் கீழ்க் பாதாபதிபதி
வந்த பிரமணத்திலுள்ள அருகத்திலுள்ள
வந்தியோபா அந்நாட்டில் கீழ்க் கீழ்க்

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இவ்வகையால் பரிசீலிப்பது அநாதைகளுக்கு உதவிக்கூடியதாகவோ, காட்சிபாட்டுகளில் சிலியவர்களுடனே உறவு கொள்வியாகுமென்று மியஸ்பாடியாரும் சொல்லுகிறார். திருநெல்வேலி வட்டத்துள்ள போகலாறு யார் அங்கேசேற்றப்போல் வந்திருப்பது பரிசேத்தவர்களைச் சீராகியவர்கள் எத்தனது வம்சம்மாற்றித்தான். இவ்வாறுபடுத்தித்தான் கவிச்சந்தனங்கள் போகல் சீர்ப்பார்க்கத்தான் திருநெல்வேலி என்னுமிடங்களில் சீர்ப்பார்க்கல் எதற்படுத்தித் திருவிழாவின்றான். குறவர்க்குமிருக்கும். திருநெல்வேலி காட்டின் தலைப்பெயரென்று பிறிதென்பார். அநாதைத்தாய்க்குக்கும் பெண்களுக்குப் பெற்றோர்க்குமென்பது பொருளெனது. பெண்களுக்குமேயுரிமையோடும் அருவிலேயே அயல்புத்தித் குறப்பெயர் மிகுதியுண்டாயிற்று. மிகுதியுண்டாயிருந்தவையால் தகவல் பிராந்தியப் படிவம் குறவர்க்குமே, திருநெல்வேலி மருமகன் மருமகன் பெண்கள்

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இந்திய ஒய்வுநாட்பள்ளிக்கூட ஐக்கிய
சங்கப்பிரார்த்தனை நாட்கள்.

Universal Prayer for India S. S. Union

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ஒய்வுகாட்பள்ளிக்கூட ஊழியமும் நடத்தும் முறையும்.

Sunday School Work and Method
A paper read by K. C. Kaufman Esq.

(75 ம பக்கத் தொட்பு.)

4, அவர்கள் கடமை.

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கடந்த ஆறு வருஷங்களாகிய அந்நாட்டில் மிகவுருந்த அமைதி முடிந்ததாக இப்பொழுது சில வருஷங்களுக்கு முன்னர் தொடங்கிய தோளில் பிச்சுவிட்ட இவ்வுயிர் உத்தேசமாகச் சில வருஷங்களுக்கு முன்னர் வந்துவிடுவதாக இறையியான் இரண்டாம் பத்திரம் அனுதூசுகாமர நாயனியைப் போன்றவையையுடைய இவ்வுருள்கள்கண் அனாதையாகச் சம்பாவித்த இவரால் உபாஸித்த பிறெருத்தம் பிறிதொன்றும், ஆகவே பிறிதெவையென்பதில் விவசாயத்தையாழையியை இறையான் சின்னப் பாவிலியை ஆள்களின் மரிப்பை அந்நாட்டியான் கவனித்த பொய்ச்சொந்தூறுதனமும், உமணியாய்ப் பண்புப் புகைகொந்தூறுதல் உலகைப் பகலியியாய்ப் பிறையாருமியையுடைய சிபியத்தையும் பிரி அணித்தா ளுமலந்திட்டுப் பொருத்தி மிகவுருந்த அமைதி முடிந்தா

JUSTICE IN JAFFNA.

The *Star* has been criticised for not saying any thing editorially concerning the results of the recent sessions of the Supreme Court, and especially of the perjury-forgery case. We were not present during any part of the sessions, and heard no part of the evidence; and the reports of this trial in particular were so conflicting that it seemed the part of wisdom to refrain from comment. Moreover the case is now finally settled by the highest Court of the land, and whether in accordance with one's own convictions or not the decision must be accepted. There has been a great deal of foolish talk about the whole matter and it is more because of the existence of what we consider wrong ideas concerning certain questions than for any other reason that we take up the subject at this late day.

First of all there seems to be a wide spread feeling among our Christians that ministers of the Gospel have no business to go to law, or be connected with any case in Court. Some have gone so far as to say that if a minister saw a wrong committed he should shut his eyes to the fact and keep still. This is not only cowardly but contrary to the whole spirit of the gospel. It is the minister's part to promote righteousness in the land; and to be utterly oblivious to wrong when it occurs is to deny the very principles which as a minister of the gospel he is bound to uphold. In England and America the clergy have a great influence in moulding public opinion. Ministers sit as members in the halls of legislature, and play an important part in political agitations. If it is wrong in a common man to connive at crime by keeping silent, it is doubly wrong in a minister for he is supposed to be a leader of the people and must set a good example. It is not meant that for every little personal affront, the minister should rush into court,—it would be more Christ-like to forgive. But when a crime against the state occurs, or lawlessness (which is the same thing after all) prevails, he is bound by his very position to do all in his power to expose the wrong.

Again, it has been said that Jaffna with all its enlightenment is not ready for the Jury system. That is to say with all our highly educated and prominent men there are none who can be trusted to give an impartial verdict. If this is so, there is something wrong in the higher education imparted. But we believe that this is too sweeping a statement. There are scores of good men in our peninsula who are not afraid to stand by their convictions. The Government is largely to blame for the present unsatisfactory working of the jury system. In America and England too, we presume, the jurors are not allowed to hold any communication with outsiders until the case on trial is finished and a verdict has been given. In a case prolonged for several days the jurors are supplied with accommodations and every effort made to keep their minds unbiased by any outside influence. Here in Jaffna the jurors were allowed to go to their homes and it is rumored held communication with friends of the parties in the case. It is claimed that their sympathies were worked upon. It would be a strong man indeed who could withstand such influences, and be true to his honest convictions. Let the jury system be retained by all means, but let greater precautions be taken by those in power to keep the jurors from being unduly influenced from outside.

Once more, it has been argued that a man should not be too hard on his own relatives, but should overlook in them what he would not in strangers. Within certain limits this may be true, but it is the highest kind of justice which ignores ties of kinship for the sake of righting a wrong. Rowdiness is becoming very prevalent in Jaffna and should be put down with a strong hand, even where it occurs in highly respectable quarters for Jaffna is not anxious for a reign of terror and the way to avoid lawlessness is to honour the law and to see that it is obeyed.

Whether justice was done in this particular case or not, is quite another question and one that we are not discussing. Men who do wrong may escape the punishment due them from the state, but they cannot escape the wrath of an angry God. Retribution will surely follow every wrong doer, if not in this life, at least in the life to come.

But radical changes must be made in the administration of justice. Perjury is so common that it defeats the ends of justice, and as we have said above jurors should be kept from all contact with the outside world during a trial.

We question, too, how far it is right to allow those advocating a cause to bring in extraneous questions to cover up with a show of legal superiority the issue at point. Justice and justice alone should be the aim of the executors of the law, and in the name of justice we plead for reforms.

A WOMAN'S WONDERFUL WORK.

In the country there are some 25,000,000 child-widows and deserted wives, who know little happiness; who are often half starved; who are doomed to widowhood; and who look upon their departed husbands practically as gods to be worshipped.

A Hindu woman, herself a widow and daughter of a cultured Brahman priest, looking upon this sorrowful sight, part of the horrors of which she had experienced, was moved with pity, and determined to do all in her power to alleviate this poverty and misery.

Pundita Ramabai, having lost father, mother, sister, brother, and husband before the age of twenty-four, and being left with a babe, yet determined to see what she could do. She was converted to Christ, and baptized in 1883. About twelve years ago she found a few friends inclined to help her start a school for high caste widows in Bombay.

Amidst opposition and ridicule she began with two pupils. Now there are more than 400 pupils, and a property of about Rs. 190,000. About 225 girls have been brought to Christ, many have been trained for useful work, been happily married, or profitably employed.

In nine years Pundita Ramabai received more than Rs. 2,80,000 for the work, and through help obtained she built at Poona a building, and opened a school called Shanada Sadan (Abode of wisdom).

While the famine of 1896 was raging, she saved 300 girls from death, and within two years nearly one third of these had accepted Christ. These were placed on the farm at Kedgaum, about thirty-five miles from Poona, which is now a regular hive of industry.

During the late famine, when Poona was abandoned, Ramabai was supporting 372 girls.

When she first bought her 100 acre farm at Kedgaum Pundita Ramabai wanted to build dormitories, but Government objected; however, the opposition was overcome, and a large building put up, which sheltered 200 famine widows.

This building has been used as school-house, chapel, dormitory, etc. Temporary shelters were also erected, and the new settlement called Mukti (Salvation).

The work at Mukti is constantly growing, there being insufficient accommodation already, so that new buildings will be put up as fast as the Lord will send the means.

Miss Abrams, who superintended the work in Ramabai's absence, had only to suggest a pledge like that of the student volunteers, and 35 at once offered to follow any leading of God into mission work. A score of villages are already within reach of the Gospel, and crowds gather around Miss Abrams and her Gospel women.

Some five or six years ago 12 or 13 widows were won to Christ by Ramabai's unselfish love, renounced heathenism, and were baptized into Christ. This naturally caused very great opposition at Poona, and it seemed for a time as though the home itself would be reduced to a ruin. Ramabai called a public meeting, and without a sign of anxiety told the excited crowd why these widows had accepted Christ.

The storm passed away. More than Rs. 250,000 have been received for the work.

About 350 high-caste widows have already enjoyed the benefits of her school, and are now filling various places of self-support and service. She has proved the promise true "My God shall supply all your need." If for Ramabai why not for us? What a wonderful work the Lord has done through one woman!

What a splendid example for other women, who themselves have the light of the Gospel shining in their souls. Let us pray that the Lord will send many more women to carry the glorious news of the Gospel to the poor, degraded, unhappy women of India—or go ourselves.

(Contributed)

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Health—The rains of a fortnight ago were just enough to start colds and fever among the people. It is surprising how readily fever seems

to attack children especially. Several have died from diarrhoea and dysentery.

Personal—Mr. W. S. Vyrnatt, Secretary of the Ceylon Union Y. M. C. A. has been at Batticaloa, visiting the association and taking a change and rest. He returned Tuesday in time to be with Mr. Louis Hieb who comes tomorrow to spend a fortnight in Jaffna with the Town association.

Manipalay English school. A new building is in course of construction which will when completed meet a long felt want, and be a credit to the place.

The Jaffna Railway. Judging from the speedy steps taken by the Government in this matter we are confident that the actual work will be taken up by the next year. Materials are being brought from England and the other day 631 pieces of iron and 400 coils of corrugated wire were landed in Colombo for the construction of the railway. On Tuesday the 3rd inst., six Engineers are expected to arrive here by the steamer for land acquisition purposes. Mr. F. D. Michel has come out from England to inspect the place with a view to make his tender for the construction of the Northern Railway. Mr. Michel will come to Jaffna by coach and he will return leisurely in private conveyance along the Central road, to be able to examine the route carefully. He will return to England in December and make his tender on or before the 5th of January next. All the Railway materials will be supplied by the Crown Agents and the earth work and general construction will be left to the contractor. The work will be carried on rapidly as much as two miles per day of earth work being completed at both ends namely at the Kumbalage and Kumbasantal termini.

Personal Items. The Vaniagar of Velligam West is laid up with serious illness at the residence of his son Mr. Pillanathar at Vannaripund. Dr. Wm. Paul is attending on him. Mr. Philip, priest of the Kachcheri Post office is also laid up with dropsy.

Mr. Justice Withers returns on the 31st March 1900. On 1st Jan. next he will go to England on three months full pay leave. Sir John Bower the Chief Justice will return to Ceylon at the end of this month.

Messrs. A. Kaugaretnam, V. Comaraswamy, A. M. Valudipillai, and S. J. Benjamin passed the Final examination for the Proctors and six months hence they are entitled to practice the profession. The first is a nephew of Proctor V. C. Appillai and brother of Proctor A. A. Atharavale, the second is a nephew of Proctor Ponnampalam of Tellipallai, the third is a son of Shroff Amalavama Moali, and the fourth is a son of Rev. Mr. Benjamin (senior) of the Wesleyan mission.

Mr. N. G. Gaud has sued at Madras charging the editor and proprietor of the "Ceylon Independent" with publishing and circulating in Malate a series of libels against him in their paper of Saturday July 8th 1899.

The Govt. Agent Mr. Jevors with his Madeliar Mr. S. Bastiampillai returned from Delft last week. Mr. Jevors is much interested in horse breeding and he has found hopeful results in the experiments made by him in that direction. Iracatavoe and Deft are selected by him for breeding horses.

Heavy fines. A fine of Rs. 520 was imposed on a set of rowdies numbering about 16 at the Madras Court for disturbing a Catholic funeral at Vasaviam. The accused themselves are Catholics and created the disturbance at the burial ground itself. A set of thirteen rowdies were fined the other day Rs. 435 for attempting to take forcible possession of a land belonging to the Nelloru Kandaswamy Temple. This sort of rowdiness should be strictly put a stop to by severe punishment for it tends to breed bloodshed and even murder.

Indian S. S. Union. Sunday and Monday, Oct. 15th and 16th have been set aside as days of universal prayer for Sunday schools. The following arrangements are suggested:—

—That on Lord's day morning Oct. 15th, at sunrise, private intercessory prayer be offered on behalf of Sunday schools. That special sermons be preached on the claims of the Sunday school and the necessity for thorough preparation and consecration on the part of teachers. That the ordinary engagements of each school be suspended, and the scholars unite in a devotional service. To this service, the parents of the scholars may be invited.

—That on Monday morning, October 16th, teachers again let go their scholars, one by one, in private prayer before God.

—That in the course of the week the teachers of each school hold a meeting for united prayer and thanksgiving, and that the Sunday school form the theme of the prayers and addresses at all the ordinary meetings of the church and congregation. That where practicable a collection be taken for the Indian Sunday school Union, which needs help at this time.

Send such sums to Rev. E. P. Holton, Secretary of the Jaffna Auxiliary who will forward to Calcutta. We hope that these suggestions will be carried out as far as practicable. No work is more important than this work of Sunday schools, and no work can be carried on more successfully if done in the right way.

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