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

RECEIPTS FOR THE MORNING STAR.

Upper Durmah	Mr. S. Rajah 99	1.50
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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 Valany at the Annual meeting held at Batticotta on the 1st day of June last, forward their subscriptions to Dr. D. P. Maun, Treasurer at their earliest convenience.

J. N. E. S. Secretary.

FOR SALE.

A large commodious house and premises situated in the 1st Cross street Town, Jaffna, belonging to Mr. G. W. Toussaint is intended to be sold. For further particulars apply to the owner or to his agent Mr. Alex. Mutukishna, Jaffna.

FOR SALE.

A pair of Gentleman's ear rings set with brilliants mounted in gold.

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Jaffna.

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WANTED.

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Vettukardoo Estate.

Oct. 15th, 1899.

Pallai.

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 Engineering 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.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1015.

In the matter of the estate and property of the late Muna Pena Muna Ravana Mana Sithamparanchetty of Alankudy in South India deceased Muna Pena Muna Ravana Mana Raman Chetty of Vannarponne Vs. Petitioner.

1. Meenachy widow of Sithamparanchetty of Alankudy in South India
2. Muna Pena Muna Ravana Mana Narannachetty of Kollayoor in Sivakankai and
3. Muna Pena Muna Ravana Mana Mutiah Chetty of do Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Muna Pena Muna Ravana Mana Raman Chetty of Vannarponne praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Muna Pena Muna Ravana 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 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 | C. EARDLEY WILMOT
of Sept. 1899. District Judge.

ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1008.

In the matter of the estate of the Late Veera-gattiar Velluppillai of Kandavalai in Karachchi Deceased.

- Chuppar Kantar of Kandavalai Petitioner.
1. Chithamparappillai Ramu his
 2. wife Chinnappillai of Vedattalpalai
 3. Arumugam Vellupillai his
 4. wife Nakanamm of Kitalai and
 5. Karuval Arumugattar of Vedattalpalai.

Respondents.
This matter of the petition of Chuppar Kantar of Kandavalai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Veragattiar Velluppillai of Kandavalai in Karachchi 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. Changarappillai 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 | C. EARDLEY WILMOT
day of Aug. 1899. District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

In the matter of the estate of the late Sithamparanchathar Paramanathar of Karampalkurichi Deceased

Testamentary No. 1017

Kathirkamer Arunasalam of Karampalkurichi Vs. Petitioner

1. Kunchinacuban wife of Arunasalam of Karampalkurichi
2. Venayagar Kathirkamer and wife
3. Ammathathai of do
4. Manikkam widow of Paramanathar of do Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Kathirkamer Arunasalam of Karampalkurichi praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Chithamparanchathar Paramanathar of Karampalkurichi 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 | C. EARDLEY WILMOT,
day of Sept. 1899. District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1018.

In the matter of the estate of the late Venasitambay Kanthaiyah of Thanmakerny deceased, Punnair Kumaraveloe of Thanmakerny

Chinnachy widow of Sithamparappillai of Periapallai Respondent.

This matter of the petition of Punnair Kumaraveloe of Thanmakerny praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Venasitambay Kanthaiyah of Thanmakerny 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 | C. EARDLEY WILMOT,
day of Sept. 1899. District Judge.

List of those who have paid to the Ubudipity Church Jubilee Fund, is hereby acknowledged with thanks,

	D. Stickney.	Rs 10 00
C. W. Kathiravelupillai Esq.		5.00
S. P. Lawton Esq. Proctor		5.00
Mr. Samuel Joseph		5.00
Mrs. Laura Anderson		2.00
Mr. A. C. Hammer		1.00
S. T. Arnold Esq. Proctor		1.00
Mr. D. P. Adams		1.00
" L. Santhiapilly		1.00
Mrs. Chelliah Cooke		.50
" P. Thillaiampalam		.50
" Esther R. Sinnatambay		.50
" Joanna Valupilly		.25
" Pererah		.25
" Sarah Ponnammam Paul		.50
" Margaret Pillai		10.00
" Emily Strong		.50
A friend [Navaly]		10.00
Wm. Mather Esq.		5.00
Miss Susan Sinnachy		2.00
Mr. Russell		

Local & General.

Weather. Plentiful showers have rejoiced the hearts of the farmers. Those who had not sown before have done so now and must take their chances of having the young plants drowned out by the heavier rains that are still in store for us. The health of the peninsula remains good with the exception of a few cases of diarrhoea and fever.

The Y. M. C. A. Secretary for Ceylon. Mr. Louis Hieb has been spending a fortnight in our peninsula working among the associations in the town and vicinity. His presence has proved of great benefit and the town association especially has received an impetus to greater activity. We regret that he had not time to visit the associations in the country, and stirred them up to more aggressive Christian work. Mr. Hieb returned to Colombo by Lady Havelock on the 17th.

T. S. A. (இன்னும்புறம்)

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The opening of the session for 1899 took place on Wednesday the 4th inst. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor giving the address. It was thought best not to delay the opening two months until the Governor could be present. So Sir Edward Noel Walker, K.C.M.G. gave the usual annual review of the colony's progress and mapped out its policy for the ensuing year. The receipts for the year 1898 were Rs. 25,138,669 while the expenses were but Rs. 22,843,852 or a surplus of revenue over expenditure of Rs. 2,294,817.

The trade of the island has also increased both in imports and exports. Tea is the principal export, the products of the coconut coming second. Concerning the former His Excellency writes:—

The Tea industry may, I believe, claim to be a sounder and better position financially than it was a couple of years ago. Though a large area of tea land has still to come into bearing, the energy and success of those interested in increasing the consumption of Ceylon tea in foreign lands has contributed much in keeping the demand well abreast of the supply. While any appreciable fall in price would probably throw some less productive estates out of cultivation, as was the case in India last year to our possible advantage towards equalizing of demand and supply, there are happily not wanting indications of a rise in the market, at any rate to some slight extent. From an agricultural point of view, there would appear to be cause for some anxiety and for a continuance of vigilance and activity in repressing blight, the ravages of which may in time reduce the productiveness of the tree but will never probably destroy it.

Under the head of Harbour works the Lieutenant Governor shows that accommodation for ships in the harbour at Colombo will be increased by about 50 per cent thus greatly enhancing its value as a harbour. Other improvements are being made at the docks &c, which will be a great convenience, as well as expedite the transaction of business.

Under Sanitation attention is called to the fact that during the past year no cases of cholera have been reported from the island. "This freedom from cholera, which in former years was almost always with us, can only be accounted for by the closing of the North road coolie route, and by the special arrangements that exist for the introduction of coolies and other like immigrants via Tuticorin, Colombo and Ragama camp." Special attention has also been given to sanitation in villages and small towns. The water supply in many instances is very bad, but unfortunately very little has been done to remedy this evil. With regard to plague, most careful precautions have been taken to prevent its introduction, and an elaborate system of segregation camps and hospitals has been prepared ready for any emergency. Naturally enough the Lieutenant Governor dwells at length upon this topic, and it gives a feeling of security to have the Government so wide awake and active in its measures to prevent the introduction of this dread disease.

Of Malaria he writes,—

During the last quarter of 1898 there were severe outbreaks of malarial fever in the Northern and North-Western Provinces, notably at Jaffna and in the Kinnegalla District. These virulent outbreaks were widespread and occasioned much distress and mortality. Their cause cannot be definitely traced, and in this connection it may be mentioned that this government has complied with the request of the Secretary of State to co-operate with the object of studying the alleged connection between malaria and the mosquito. The necessary apparatus has been sent to about a dozen notably malarious districts for the medical officers to work at the subject, and it is hoped by the medical profession, as a result of these experiments which are being undertaken throughout the whole of the British Colonies and India that that dread disease-malaria, which has caused more havoc among colonies than anything else, will be eradicated, or at any rate controlled.

His Excellency does not indicate just what connection there is between malaria and the mosquito, nor how the experiments that are to be undertaken will tend to the eradication of malaria. We suppose that the mosquito carries the infection and possibly bears the original germs in its own body, but how is this to be controlled. We confess to being very curious as to the *modus operandi* to be employed in order to eradicate or control this disease. The results of the experiments will be looked forward to with great interest. In the meantime it might be as well for the Government to lay in a good stock of quinine for use in the next six months if found necessary.

[Since writing the above, our attention has been called to a circular of the Medical Department requiring Dispensaries and Hospitals to have on hand a fresh and sufficient supply of quinine. This order is timely, though we hope to be spared another such visitation of malaria as we had during the last rainy season.]

Concerning taxation His Excellency has no-

thing to say except that a communication from the Secretary of the Colonies will be laid upon the table. This certainly is not satisfactory whatever one's views may be in regard to the general subject of taxation. There are many who think that the burden of taxes falls unequally upon the different interests represented in the island. On the other hand the officials seem to think that there is no real need of reducing taxes or even of readjusting them. All must rejoice however in the general prosperity of the island which it is hoped will long continue.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

An article by Mr. W. T. Stead in the *Review of Reviews* on the "Hague Conference in its outcome," gives some interesting results of this the first great Peace Conference. We have room for but a paragraph or two. He commences by saying:—

August 1, was a red-letter day in the history of humanity, for on that day at the Palace in the Woods the representatives of the powers signed the final act which sums up the story of the achievements and aspirations of the first parliament of the world. It was a good work well done, and it is one of those things which in the midst of discouragements and disappointments enable us to thank God and take courage, to live more cheerfully in the present, and to contemplate the future with more trusting faith.

Mr. Stead then goes on to quote from certain eminent persons as to the conference and its results and finally mentions some things that have been gained.

"Opinions differ as to which is the great gain of the conference. Personally, I am inclined to believe that the conference itself is its own sufficient justification and its own exceeding great gain, for its assembly marks an era in the shrinkage of the world and indicates the beginning of the organization of the world-unit. Its indirect effects will probably be greater than the direct; and the mere fact of its existence, of the coming together of the picked men of all nationalities and clothing them together in the beautiful Palace in the Woods to discuss what things make for the world's peace, cannot fail to have a great and abiding influence on the progress of events. One well informed delegate said to me that he believed that the extent to which the conviction had penetrated all those present that the day for continually increasing armaments was over and past, was likely to have a more immediately valuable result than any resolution or convention that could have been formed."

Another indirect gain of the conference has been the creation of a new reputation in the country that needed it most. Before the delegates met at the Hague M. Bourgeois was known to be one of half a dozen clever Frenchmen, parliamentarians and others, who have for a brief season held the post of prime minister in France. Today he occupies a unique position in Europe. By universal consent there is no reputation which has yet been made at this conference so great as that of M. Bourgeois. So far as new reputations go, he has been the man of the conference. His skillfulness, his extraordinary receptivity, his consuming energy, and his faculty of grasping the drifts of a dozen currents of opinion and forging in a moment a formula which will embody all the different shades of sentiment, has been a revelation to many men.

Among the indirect and altogether unexpected results of the conference has been the discovery that it has created a new international center. I do not refer to the permanent bureau and the permanent court of arbitration, of which the bureau will act as head quarters. I refer to the council of administration, composed of the representatives of the signatory powers accredited to The Hague.

The foregoing are some of the results, the last mentioned being as important as any. It virtually makes the council "a standing committee of all the governments of the world." It is no doubt true that with England and the United States to set the example nations will resort more and more to arbitration to settle their difficulties. That universal peace will brood over the earth undisturbed by any warlike preparations, or by actual conflict, cannot be expected. Much will have been gained if in the majority of cases resort is made to a council of arbitration, rather than to open war.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Ceylon National Association. We have received a copy of Mr. Ratnayake's paper on this subject and will notice it more fully in some future issue. In forming such an Association it would be well to move slowly, and start it on a firm basis.

Missionaries. The Society of the A. B. C. F. M. is sending out this fall 18 new missionaries. Four of these only are ordained men, two of whom come to Jaffna. Three are wives, and the remaining 11 are single ladies going to many lands. A very large number of old missionaries also are returning to their respective fields of labor.

The Government and Quinine. We understand that the Government are supplying all the dispensaries with a stock of quinine for use in case fever breaks out again next month as it did in November of last year. This will be a great boon to the people in case we have malaria. Now let the headmen see to it that all compounds and wells are properly cleaned and all that can be done by the authorities will have been done. Disinfectants might also be used here and there as may be found necessary.

Children's Sunday. Last Sabbath was very generally observed as Children's Sunday in the churches of the peninsula, and in many instances the exercises were of great interest.

Children Sunday. Sunday the 15th inst. was observed by the Wesleyan church in Jaffna as "Children Sunday." Special services were held on the day, and in the afternoon over 800 Sunday school boys and girls belonging to the circuit, assembled in the Pettah Church, to observe the Children Sunday. It was a day of rejoicing to the children. On the 16th inst. an annual meeting was held in the same church presided over by Mr. T. M. Tampoon.

Death of a Veteran Missionary. Rev. Chas. Harding for 42 years a missionary of the American Methodist mission in Western India, died on the 29th September aged 73. Mr. Harding was an earnest, conscientious Christian missionary. He believed in the self-support of the native church and did all he could to promote it. He used his musical talent in publishing two or three Hymn books with notes. His long experience and wisdom will make his loss deeply felt in the mission.

Bible Society. The annual public meeting of the Jaffna Auxiliary Bible Society was held in the Wesleyan church, Jaffna, last evening. Sir Wm. Twynan K.C.M.G. presided and the church was well filled with a large and appreciative audience. Several resolutions were presented and discussed. The Secretary's report showed that in the past year the number of scriptures distributed was less than for the previous year; nevertheless there was no cause for discouragement. God's word is being circulated throughout the length and breadth of our peninsula, and His Word will not return unto Him void. We beg to thank the interest of all Christian friends on behalf of this Society and hope it may not lack the funds necessary for the prosecution of its work.

Jaffna Railway. Final surveys have been made of the railway bed from Kangesaturai southwards to a distance of four or five miles, and the Govt. will soon be purchasing the land preparatory to commencing the actual work of laying the rails. The station at Kangy will be a short distance east of the old Dutch bastion; the line passes about 1/4 of a mile east of the Tellicherry station and then on towards Mulligam. It is expected to pass directly behind the Hospital grounds at Enval.

The Governor. His Excellency Sir West Ridgeway, it is expected will arrive in Colombo on or about the 22nd November next.

The Chief Justice. Sir J. W. Bonser and Lady Bonser arrived in Colombo on the 13th inst.

Execution. The two men who were sentenced to be hanged in the last Supreme Court sessions, were executed in the Jaffna Jail on the 16th inst.

Obituary. Mr. A. Philippari for many years connected with the postal department, and for some years past postmaster of the Jaffna Telegraph office died on Wednesday the 4th instant. He was always kind and obliging and his loss will be deeply felt.

We much regret to record the death of the well-known physician Mr. Ramojillai on the 9th inst. By his death the public loses the best native physician. He was 82 years of age, when he died, and he lived a noble life, which was testified to by the attendance of a large number of friends at the funeral.

Cey. Educ. Association. The annual meeting of this association was held on the 7th instant the Bishop of Colombo presiding. There was a great deal of discussion as to the use of Proxies, but no discussion whatever apparently as to the legality of demanding an annual subscription fee from members too far away from the metropolis to be ever present at an annual meeting. If those of us who live in the extreme north are not to be allowed to vote, we fall to see why we should pay an annual fee or even belong to the Association. To some of us it has seemed as if the Ceylon Educational Association existed largely to look after the interests of Colombo and the Southern half of the island. We deprecate any such sectionalism and hope something can be done to make this association more truly representative of the interests of all parts of the island. In the List of the members, Sep. 1899, there are 84 names, less than a dozen of which come from the Northern Province. Evidently members are admitted who are not managers of schools. A few of the names should be omitted as no longer residing in the island.

Mr. J. L. Mudrillinaether. It is with much pleasure we record the appointment of Mr. Tilmather as the Manager of Valigamam West. He will act for about a month for his father, A. I. Irragunnaia M.D. and when he retires, Mr. Tilmather it is expected, will be appointed permanently.

Attrack. The attrack rents for Mullative and Vavonia for the next year have been bought by Mr. S. Assapillai, the late Mail coach contractor.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Transvaal. Very little has been accomplished towards the peaceful settlement of the difficulties between this government and Great Britain, unless the sending of troops to South Africa by England may be said to be a measure that will force peace. The Transvaal government sent an ultimatum to England demanding the withdrawal of all British troops from the frontier within 48 hours. England has replied expressing regret that President Kruger has taken the serious step of addressing such a communication to Great Britain, and concluding by stating that England has no further communication to make. The feeling in South Africa is very strong for war, and it will be almost a miracle if war is averted. Many in New York, U.S.A. sympathize with the Boers, and some in England as well. The Orange Free State will side with the Transvaal if war is declared. In the meantime thousands of pounds sterling have been spent in getting ready for war, for which England will demand compensation.

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