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

THE CEYLON STEAMSHIP Co. Ltd.

The Lady Gordon and Lady Havelock are appointed to sail from and Kangasanturai for Colombo on the undermentioned dates:—

Via Paumban.
Lady Havelock, from Kangasanturai 7th May
Via Point Pedro.
Lady Gordon from Kangasanturai on 10th May
W. MATHER & SON, Agents

THE CEYLON STEAMSHIP COMPANY Ltd.

Weekly Service.
In addition to the usual steamer service, the company has engaged the S. S. "Amra" to run a weekly service between Colombo and Jaffna or Kangasanturai.

On her first trip S. S. Amra is appointed to leave Colombo on the 6th and to sail back from Kangasanturai for Colombo via Paumban on the evening of Wednesday 8th May 1901.

DRAFT TIME TABLE.

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24 மீ, 25 மீ தேஜிஸிஸ் முஞ்சுருக்குங் லேன
எருக்குங் இடையிலாகலிபியுண்டாக் கெந்து
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JAMES RICHARDS, MISSIONARY AND HERO.
(Contributed)

Full of inspiration are many of the lives that were lived in the early days in Ceylon, when missionary work was anxious pioneering. One of these lives which our time ought to bring out into the light of a cordial recognition is that of James Richards, one of the first American missionaries to lay down his life for Jaffna and for Christ.

We begin to hear of him away back in 1807, a time before the birth of the grand-fathers of the most of the generation of College students. With four other young men then studying in Williams College, he became awake to the needs of the world. These five together walked away in the fields one day and stopped to pray near a haystack. Five men alone with God, dared to undertake in His name, the great unknown work of foreign missions.

It was nearly eight years afterwards that James Richards with his young wife, set sail for Ceylon. The intervening years had been filled with earnest work. The missionary himself had to be fitted for his unknown future by the study of theology and of medicine; a Board to stand behind the individual and rally the churches to the support, had to be made out of very unpromising materials, and God used this earnest fellow in its making; fellow-students had to be set on fire for missions and recruits for foreign service enlisted. So, well ripened in experience, James Richards entered upon a most promising, though untried, life work.

During the long journey from America the little band of workers organized itself into a mission, and chose Richards as president, an arrangement afterwards continued in Jaffna. As soon as they found out a little about their new surroundings, Richards was appointed to take charge of the station to be opened at Batticotta; and having hired a house in town for a temporary home, he began the double work of getting a house ready to live in, and a language ready to talk in.

However, as early as January 1817, less than a year after his arrival, the long struggle against ill health began. And from then to the end the story is varied only by occasional days or months of hope that God still had a long service for him in Ceylon. The first great disappointment was the recognition after some months that he could not keep at his study of Tamil, because of weakness of the eyes. Accordingly he gave up his formal study contenting himself with preaching through an interpreter and making a vigorous effort to acquire the spoken language of the people.

In 1818, both having been weak and ill for a long time, Richards and Warren together started on a long sea voyage. Through the weary weeks of this companionship Richards watched his friend growing weaker and weaker until finally he went home, and his body was laid away on the shores of Africa. An extract from a letter written the course of this most melancholy journey reveals the calmness of a spirit grounded in God, and not afraid. "I find great delight in committing my family and all my concerns into the hands of God. May the Lord continue His goodness, and, if it be consistent with His will, raise us to health again, but the will of the Lord be done."

Returning to Jaffna, to be as the record says "our physician and comforter," Richards took up again heartily all the service possible to his feeble health. Daily he visited the schools under his charge and "spoke in a whisper and by the aid of an interpreter, pointing the hearth to the Saviour of sinners." After a number of months he recovered enough to take a more active part in the work of the young mission. He not only shared the labors of the other missionaries by prayer and counsel, but from day to day he received strength to warn and instruct the heathen about him.

To be continued.

CONGREGATIONALISM.

We have read with interest certain articles in recent papers touching upon Congregationalism in America and England. A few extracts may prove interesting and instructive to the Christians of the American mission churches. It may be said at the outset that there has been 'growing unrest, dissatisfaction and anxiety' in the Congregational body, and meetings are being held in England by prominent leaders of this sect, to devise means to remedy the troubles that exist. Not that there is anything very serious as yet, but the tendency to extreme independency will work great harm to the church if not checked in time. Let us hear first from England.

"What is the root of the trouble from which Congregationalism is now suffering? Unquestionably the application of the principle of extreme independency. This is responsible for a whole progeny of evils. First, entrance to the ministry is not sufficiently guarded. The newest, smallest and feeblest church, jealous of the right of absolute choice of its own minister, calls whomever it will to the pastorate, and in this way not a few unqualified or unduly straitened men find their way into the ministry. Many educated young men shrink from the Congregational ministry because they do not relish the idea of being 'at the mercy of the individual church.' The point on which the ablest and most experienced men in the denomination are agreed is that if Congregationalists are to maintain that extreme independency which some hold together, that extreme independency which some value so much has got to go. 'I would warn you,' says you must yield something that independency is something less than the service of Christ, and if by limiting our independency we can serve Christ better we are bound to do it." Dr. Parker the foremost pastor in the denomination said, "you cannot do two contrary things at one and the same time. There is no such freedom in society, in citizenship, in marriage; it is a theory, an ideal, an impossible conception; you must yield something that you may get something bigger. We do not give up independency properly construed; we enlarge it into brotherhood, consolidation, sympathy, gathering our scattered forces into one tremendous and beneficent strength."

The questions of salary to pastors and pensions have been fully considered and efforts are being put forth to introduce a system of pensions. The question of a central body having some legislative and governing power is also being agitated. In America too the subject is receiving attention. One of the leading papers of the denomination says, editorially:—

"With a complex twentieth century social structure it is folly to expect the Independent principle to use the same machinery for making its principle effective which it used in the seventeenth century with success, and even so recently as the early half of the nineteenth century. Principles aside but forms change. Our National council and state associations would do well to consider whether we need anything less than an episcopized or presbyterianized democracy, the measure of each element of the compound to be determined solely on the grounds of promoting the kingdom of God in the world, and the living of the gospel. This need, should not, lessen one iota the independency of the church in matters of doctrine and the administration of local affairs; but would it not aid much in conserving and extending the educational, philanthropic and missionary work of our churches, and as well better the status of the ministry?"

CORRESPONDENCE.

PRINCE CHRISTIAN VICTOR MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the Morning Star.

Sir, Will you allow us to appeal for assistance in carrying out the following project which was organized towards the close of last year?

The sympathy evinced by our lamented and revered Queen Victoria in all the personal sorrows of her people arising from the South African War had awakened a warm and grateful response in the hearts of the public, and it was then resolved to give expression to this all-pervading sentiment, and in some measure respectfully to reciprocate the sympathy which had been shown, by establishing a permanent Memorial of the Grandson of the Queen, Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, who died in the service of his country in South Africa.

Although the circumstances under which this tribute would have been paid are so sadly altered, the love and gratitude of the Nation are only intensified, and the fact that our beloved Sovereign took the greatest interest in the proposed Memorial, and that it was one of her last wishes that it should be a success, not only makes it impossible to withdraw the plan of a Collection, which might otherwise seem inappropriate at the present time, but adds a pathos to the appeal which cannot fail to ensure its favourable reception throughout the country.

It is proposed that the memorial shall take the form of a Fund for founding and endowing Beds in the Princess Christian Cottage Homes for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors. This would be in harmony with the spirit and aims of the young Prince, who always had the interest of soldiers at heart.

Donations and offers of assistance in collecting may be sent to the Hon. Organising Secretaries, Office of the Prince Christian Victor Memorial, Horse Guards, Whitehall, S.W., or to the Memorial Fund at Messrs. Lloyd's Bank, 16, St. James' Street, S.W. Donations and Collections will be acknowledged in the Press.

(Sd.) Roberts, F. M.

President of the Gen. Com.

(Sd.) Reeves, Butler, General.

Chairman of the Executive Com.

Office of the Prince Christian Victor Memorial,
Horse Guards, Whitehall, s.w., March 14th, 1901.

TRINCOMALEE.

The Weather is fearfully hot and boiling Fever prevails here and there, although not so much as in past years.

—Y. M. C. A. In connection with this association here, a largely attended meeting was held in the English school on the night of the 18th April, being presided over by Mr. Griffith, a son of the late Rev. E. M. Griffith of Nellore. The lecturer was Rev. Knapp, the subject was "Mohamet" The lecturer dwelt much on the bright side of "Mohamet" and said, considering his time of ignorance, he did splendidly well.

—Mr. Charles Appachandy of Irupalai, who has been a teacher in the Girls Boarding school Vembadi, Jaffna, has been transferred to the Wesleyan Girls Boarding school, Trincomalee on promotion. He is a graduate of the Clarendon Seminary (now St. John's College) and a teacher-natural License. His wife also takes some English class for 2 hours a day in the same school.

We congratulate the new comers and wish them all sue.

cess and prosperity in their new sphere of work. We are greatly pleased to see that this Institution is prospering under the able management of Mrs. Knapp.

—Mr. Jno. Chinnattamby was in the same school, being teacher for the past 7 or 8 years in the same school, being moved by Mr. Appachandy, goes to Nellore circuit as a catechist, relieving in his turn Mr. Catherasu David to go to Batticaloa.

Pioneer coolies. A vessel from India brought 300 coolies or thereabout to be employed in the irrigation works in Trincomalee.

Jaffna C. P. Association. What is the present condition of this association, we the distant members are quite unaware of, altho, death calls are regularly calling at us. Some who are desirous of joining this association hesitate to do so or are waiting to do so until the unsettled state of things come to a standstill. We are altogether in the dark. Will you kindly enlighten us, Sir, on the subject.

A LETTER FROM THE HIMALAYAS.

Darjeeling, April 10.

We stopped over Sunday in Calcutta, but thought it not wise to remain longer as red flages were hung out in many places indicating cases of plague. We came on Monday to this place. The railway was seemed like a toy; its carriages are so small and low. It is only a two feet gauge; and by far more crooked than the trail of a serpent. We had to remain at Darjeeling a week. The sublime beauty of this place would induce us to stay much longer, but it is too expensive. The evenings have been misty but we can see the snows for some hours during a clear day. Kanchenjunga towers so high above it that it is difficult to realize that it rests on the clear blue sky. It looks more like the mirage of a great white cloud floating in the heavens. We are more than 8,000 feet high here, and can climb up to peaks over 10,000 feet. We climbed up a peak about 9,000 feet high yesterday. The winds were dry up there and we had to keep on a foot. It is hard to realize that the peaks 40 miles away are twice as high as the Alps or Rockies. The town of Darjeeling itself with its quaint lazar filled with Bhutians and Thibetans exposing their wares for sale is more picturesque than the Alpine villages.

Local & General.

Weather. Showers accompanied by little or no wind have fallen frequently during the past fortnight. The first week the weather was extremely hot and sultry, but the rains cooled the air and the past few days a slight breeze has sprung up from the south which makes life more endurable. It is evident that the Little Monsoon has set in.

Obituary. The mother of our esteemed retired Magistrate C. W. Catherasuveling, Esq., died at her home in Nellore nearly two weeks ago. She was said to be nearly 101 years of age. Her remains were removed to Vaitilly for cremation. She was the widow of Mr. K. C. Catherasuveling Esq.

Mr. Fisher's Successor. Mr. C. A. Murray has been appointed Gov. Agent of the North Western province, in place of the late Mr. Fisher.

Wedding Cards. A recent mail from America brought the announcement of the marriage of Dr. Nathan W. Green (only son of the late Dr. S. F. Green of the American Mission) to Miss Anna Louise Harrington of Worcester, Mass. Many of the friends of Dr. Green will join us in extending good wishes to the happy pair.

Correspondent. A young man entitled "In memoriam Victoria Recalled" concluded with thanks.

Indian Famine. A general report of the American Indian Famine Relief Com. of Bombay has reached us which shows how the help contributed from America and elsewhere was used to relieve the distress caused by famine. A letter of thanks to America is also signed by a very large number of people in the Bombay Presidency.

Comet. A comet is reported from Australia and South Africa. It is said to have three tails, and ought to be visible here.

Eclipse of the Moon. There will be an eclipse of the moon to-morrow night, partly visible in Ceylon. The first contact is at 9 25 p.m. and the middle at 11 50.

Missionary. Miss. H. J. Root has returned to Jaffna and taken up her duties in connection with the Oodooval English school.

Deputation. The Deputation expected to arrive in Colombo in S. S. Staffoullaire and leave 5th. A third number of this committee is Mr. William F. Whittemore, a former publisher of one of the leading religious papers in America. "His large business experience and excellent judgment will make him a most valuable member of the deputation."

Telegraph for Batticaloa and Knys. When we have the long promised extension of the telegraph line to Kayts from Maneyva via Batticaloa? The port of Kayts is growing in importance from year to year and it is surely time it was connected with Jaffna by wire.

Cambridge Local. The Mathematical prize was won by V. Joseph of St. Thomas College, and the Gilbert scholarship by H. M. H. Hoxington of the College. A few boys have won the scholarship for some years past, which speaks well for them as students.

Magisterial. Mr. R. W. Allegancom Magistrate of Pt Pedro and Chavagacheri left Jaffna on the 29th ultimo for Batticaloa, on three months leave. During the last three months Mr. A. Maitragan of Koyai Unofficial Police Magistrate has been appointed to act. We congratulate Mr. Maitragan on the recognition of the Govt. of his abilities and fitness to act in this capacity. His long experience in Jaffna will make him a popular and successful magistrate.

Christian Convention. The Wesleyan Church at Jaffna had a three days convention meeting in St. Peter's Church at Jaffna, commencing on the 29th ult. The meetings were very interesting and useful and we trust that much good will result.

Jaffna Y. M. C. A. The Directors of this association are arranging to buy a building lot for a Y. M. C. A. House in Jaffna. Steps are being taken by the Directors for the purpose, and we trust that the scheme will be successful.