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" " the	11th "
" " the	18th "
" " the	25th "

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do do do	4th June

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Nellore
27th May 1901

H. Horsley
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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary } No. 1155.
Jurisdiction }
In the matter of the estate of the late Kanapatinatar Sithamparanar of Meechala, Kanapatinatar Visuvanar, Udhar of Varany, of Manthil, Petitioner.
1. Veyalatchy widow of Sithamparanar of Meechala
2. Theekar Vayalingam of Manthil and
3. Theekar Ponniah of " Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Kanapatinatar Visuvanar Udhar of Varany, of Manthil praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Kanapatinatar Sithamparanar of Meechala coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge, on the 6th day of May 1901 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 2nd day of May 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the brother and one of the heirs 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 Respondents or any other person shall on or, before the 6th day of June 1901 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 6th day of May 1901 W. R. B. SANDERS.
District Judge

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary } No. 1156.
Jurisdiction }
In the matter of the estate of the late Ponnachchi widow of Periyathampal of Palaw, Deceased.
Ponnampalam Manickkavassalam of Vannarponne East Petitioner
1. Kathirasar Nagamuntha his
2. wife Teywanippillai of Palaw
3. Chinnattangam widow of Vallipuram of do
4. Valliyammal widow of Ramalingam of Vannarponne East and
5. Tackumuntha widow of Ramalingam of do Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Ponnampalam Manickkavassalam of Vannarponne East praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Ponnachchi widow of Periyathampal of Palaw coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge on the 7th day of May 1901 in the presence Mr. T.C. Changarappillai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 6th of May 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the husband of the 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 17th day of June 1901 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 7th day of May 1901 W. R. B. SANDERS
District Judge

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary } No. 1157.
Jurisdiction }

In the Matter of the estate of the late Nakayer Coomaraswamy ayyer of Alvai West Deceased.
Veshanayakiammah daughter of Coomaraswamy ayyer and wife of Kanthayer Kanapathiyar of Alvai West Petitioner
1. Nakayer Velantha Ayyer of Alvai west
2. Thavainaniammah widow of Coomaraswamy Ayyer of Alvai west Respondents.

This matter of the petition of Vethanayakiammah daughter of Coomaraswamy Ayyer and wife of Kanthayer Kanapathiyar Ayyer of Alvai west praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Nakayer Coomaraswamy Ayyer of Alvai west coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge on the 13 day of May 1901 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 10th day of May 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the only daughter and heir of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or, before the 17th day of June 1901 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 12th day of May 1901

W. R. B. SANDERS.
District Judge.

Local & General.

Weather. Several showers have fallen during the fortnight and vegetation is green and fresh. These showers were accompanied in two instances by vivid lightning and heavy thunder and trees in different localities were struck but no serious damage done. Evidently the monsoon is upon us though the weather still seems a little unsettled. Yesterday and today there has been very little wind, and the heat has been intense.

Crops. Tobacco is being cut and cured. Dry grains are being reaped and chillies &c are being gathered and carried to market. The reports would indicate a good year for these products.

Calcutta University results. The *Gazette* gives the names of those who were successful in the examination last March. Mr. Louis Ponniah of Jaffna College and Mr. Arnachalem Visuvanar a teacher in Hindu College have passed the B. A.

Of the P. A's one passed from Central College, 2 from Hindu College and 7 from Jaffna College. Both lads from the Colombo Colleges who came to Jaffna to take their examination passed.

Of those who went in for Entrance Jaffna College passes 12, Central College 3, Chetty St. branch 2, Point Pedro High 4, St. John's College 2, Victoria College 4, Hindu College 5. Of the girls Oodoville passes 4 and Vempadi 1. Of the 20 private students 6 passed making the total number of passes 43 out of 104 who presented themselves. We congratulate the successful ones while encouraging those who have failed to try once more.

Only about half a dozen passed in Colombo, Candi and other parts of Ceylon.

Obituary. Mr. S. Hemphill a graduate of the old Batticaloa Seminary and for many years a faithful catechist in the American Mission died suddenly at his post on Monday the 27th. He was for many years on agent of the Native Evangelical Society. This makes the second one who served long and well this Society who has died within a few months; the other being Mr. R. Crossette. Their names will both be long remembered in the islands where they spent so many years of faithful labor.

Jaffna College has opened again after the long holidays. Messrs Hitchcock and Elmer with their respective families have returned from Kodakal and resumed work.

The Deaf Hear. No. 466 of *The Illustrated World* of 6th Chiswick High Road, London, W., England, contains a description of a remarkable Cure for Deafness and Head Noises which may be carried out at the patients' home, and which is said to be a certain cure. This number will be sent free to any deaf person sending their address to the Editor.

The Philosophy of Hand writing. We have received a copy of a pamphlet containing an original thesis on the above-mentioned subject, written by Prof. J. W. Small F. C. S., F. G. S. of Victoria College. Taking specimens of hand writing the author endeavors to show that character can be rightly estimated from the peculiarities of penmanship. The whole article is interesting and well worth reading even if one cannot agree with all the conclusions of its author.

Central College. The new science Master for this College, Mr. Cooke, has arrived and commenced work. We welcome him to Jaffna and congratulate Central College on this addition to its teaching staff.

Railway crossings. A correspondent complains of the very careless way in which the contractors have left the crossings. No pains have been taken to fill up the space between the rails which cross a public road in each a way as to prevent accidents happening to horses and oxen.

THE DEPUTATION. [Contributed.]

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, of blessed history for more than eighty years, represents a constituency of more than four thousand churches, a large part of whose members share by prayer and gift in the great missionary enterprise. The corresponding Secretaries of this Board, located in Boston, Mass. are three, Rev. C. H. Daniels, D.D. Rev. Jas. L. Barton, D.D. and Rev. Judson Smith D.D. The first is in charge of all the correspondence relating to the home field, so diligently to be cultivated that it may yield the missionary candidates, the money, and the zeal the cause demands. The other two divide between them the work relating to the twenty missions under the care of the Board. India and Ceylon are included in Dr. Barton's share, and it is both fitting and fortunate that the Secretary long bound to them by ties of sympathy and interest should be the head of the deputation sent to visit them. Besides Dr. and Mrs. Barton representing the Board itself, the Deputation includes Rev. J. F. Loba of Evanston, Ill, representing the constituency of the Board particularly the churches of the great middle section of the United States, and Mr. William F. Whittemore, for many years the owner and publisher of the Congregationalist, an influential religious weekly paper.

The object of sending the Deputation is partly that they may get a better personal knowledge of the mission field, its problems, its needs, its possibilities, than can ever be gained from letters; then, that they may help the missionaries and Christian workers by counsel and prayer; that they may bring to the Christian people of these lands the inspiration of a personal greeting from the great Christian organization over the seas; and certainly that they may go back to give to the Christian public of America a real and living vision of the work of God and of the need of Him in non-Christian lands.

The visit is to the three Indian missions of the American Board, first to the Jaffna mission, then to the Madura mission and finally to the Marattih mission. It will extend through several months. It is hoped that the Deputation will arrive in Colombo June 3rd, and proceed to Jaffna at once. It remains for us to ask what we can do to make this visit a success. First and most effectively we can help by prayer for God's blessing on their coming. Then we can help by a consideration of their very limited time while here. It is hard work at best, this trying to study patiently and carefully a mission field where language, thought, and customs all are strange. We can help them greatly by making them sure of their welcome, by giving them ready entrance to our hearts. Again we can help them by showing a desire to carry out any suggestions that may be made which seem wise in the interests of the work.

So far as we can tell at this time, the Deputation will arrive at Kangesenturai on Saturday the 8th proximo and proceed at once to Manepay and Oodoville. It is expected that they will visit all the stations of the American mission giving two or three days to each station. On the 20th the N. E. S. are hoping to hold their annual meeting at Batticotta when the Deputation will be present. A public meeting of all the living graduates of the old Batticotta Seminary will probably be called some time during their stay. Also a meeting of the Oodoville and Uduppity graduates. After visiting all the stations they will settle down to work holding meetings with the mission and discussing the problems of mission work. They expect to remain in Jaffna about a month.

FIVE YEARS PROGRESS.

Five years ago the Church Missionary Society began the issue of a monthly letter to the "Leaders" of Missionary Prayer meetings. The monthly letter dated March 16th, 1901, is most interesting. For the information of the readers of the "Morning Star" we append the opening paragraphs.

"This being the sixtieth letter that we are addressing to you, reminds us that it is now just five years since we first invited you to join with us in this regular monthly intercession. The extent to which our prayers have been answered is, of course, only fully known to God Himself, for who can say how much of the blessing which has rested upon the work, and how many of the souls that have been brought to the Lord during the five years, have been due to your special prayers? But even a very superficial respect helps us to see how truly we may thank God and take courage. The Annual Report of five years ago shows that, without counting the wives of missionaries, there were then 671 European missionaries on the roll. This was an increase of 235 during the previous five years for ten years ago there were but 436 missionaries. Now,

however, though the figures for the year have not yet been finally made up, the total number is about 925, which means an increase of over 250 since the first monthly letter to leaders of prayer meetings was sent out. Again, the Annual Report of years ago pointed out that the rapid increase in the number of missionaries had caused the expenditure to outrun the annual income, and that there was a heavy deficit of over £17,000. That deficit was a challenge to faith and prayerful help; we foresaw that the increase of missionaries in the next five years would be still more rapid, should we have dared to go on? But God has year by year met our need; your prayers have been answered; not only have many more missionaries been added to the roll, but the means for their support has also been provided; and though we do not yet know whether this year's income will cover the whole of the year's expenditure, we do know that up to the time of writing the outlook is encouraging, that the Society is not in debt, and that its financial position is on a sounder business footing than it was five years ago.

Once more may we not believe that it is largely in answer to your prayers that the five years have seen an increase of more than 1450 Native Christian workers added to the roll abroad of those who are seeking to win their fellow-countrymen to Christ, and an increase of at least 53,000 more Native Christian adherents during these five years of special prayer? "Oh, Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come!" Undoubtedly God has heard and answered our prayers; let us therefore "come" to Him with still larger petitions, and let us do so remembering, as we readily shall in view of the past, the injunction "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

The monthly letter concludes with requests for prayer under three heads—the third head being "the church of Christ and Missionary work abroad," under which division special prayer is asked for the widow and relatives of the late Rev. R. T. Dowbiggin, a missionary in Ceylon for more than thirty three years. H. H.

CEYLON AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

The report of the conduct of the Ceylon section of the Paris exposition is interesting reading. It seems that the total cost of being represented there was £16,500 all but £2,000 of which was met by the Government. The pavilion in Paris is still unsold, and when the money for that is realized the total cost will be lowered. This seems a large sum to spend on an exhibit, but it has resulted in a much wider knowledge of our island at our trade will sooner or later be benefited. Tea especially has been brought into prominence. As much as 12,000 lbs were sold in small packets, and 134,257 pots of tea were served in the Tea House.

The success of the Ceylon exhibit was largely due to Mr. Davidson who was sent by the Govt. to be its delegate and executive officer. The official Handbook and Catalogue of the Ceylon Court is a book full of beautiful illustrations and crammed interesting with facts about our island.

GOVT. PRINTING OFFICE.

The printing office connected with the Government owes its present very satisfactory condition mainly to the wise management of Mr. William Skeen who was appointed the first Government printer in the Colony in 1849, and of his son Mr. G. J. H. Skeen who became Govt. printer in 1881. To quote from the report for 1900 recently received: "Its employees have risen from 31 to 241; its expenditure from Rs. 22,730 to Rs. 196,156; the number of pages of bookwork printed in a year from 1,698 (the equivalent at the most of 750 pages of foolscap folio) to 22,378 (in foolscap folio 18,319); the number of printed forms from a little over 34 millions to nearly 29 millions. Until 1854, when a small steam engine was obtained, manual labour had to be solely depended upon. The first cylindrical printing machine (and the only one until 1868) had been introduced in 1851. There are now 32 power machines for different purposes, 14 of these being printing machines. Of the various branches of work which have been added to the only two—Bookwork and Jobwork—which existed in 1849, railway ticket printing was started in 1867, stereotyping in 1876, bookbinding in 1886, type-casting in 1891, stamp-work in 1892, and electrotyping in 1895." An important part of its work is the printing of stamps. Our Local and Foreign post cards and reply cards, our Local Letter cards, Local and Foreign stamped envelopes, Local and Foreign newspaper Wrappers and the Telegraph stamps—all are prepared in Colombo at the Govt. printing establishment.

THE LATE ROBERT HOISINGTON.

By Grace Jecks.

When he came to London in November, 1897, he was very kindly met and cared for by a Mr. Davies; after a week he went to Cambridge; and in the Xmas vacation was brought by Mr. Redlich to Homeleigh, which was his home from the Easter vacation of 1898 till he left for Ceylon in October 1900.

As I first knew him he was of a very gentle, retiring disposition, and always kind and unselfish. He took up the History Trips at Cambridge, and though it was not a subject to which he was naturally drawn, yet he plodded on and did his best, taking a third in his first year. He was always upright and true in all his dealings, and at Cambridge stood true to his colours as a follower of Jesus

Christ, often at the expense of much ridicule and petty persecution, but his motto was "no compromise," and by God's help, his pure life as a Christian, a total abstainer, non-smoker, upholder of all that was right and good, was like Timothy's, an example to all believers.

In July 1898, he went with a party of friends to Keswick, and while there the Lord spoke to him very definitely as to yielding himself wholly to God for his service, and there he took the step which brought him into close touch and fellowship with God, and from which time his Christian life took a deeper and fuller experience; truly for him to live was Christ, and the testimony of the friend whom God had raised up for him in England, and who knew him best, is that in everything he sought on God's glory and the salvation of his fellow-students and friends. From this time he was much exercised as to God's way for him, and in September 1899 after much prayer and careful thought and consultation, he decided to drop the History Trips, and to enter as a medical student at Cambridge, intending, God willing, to go forth as a medical missionary. No doubt in this field his talents found their true scope, as in the nine months following he passed the first part of his B.A. his M.B., in addition to also taking up the appearance of the work he had worked very hard all through the winter, spring, and part of the summer of that year, till God laid His hand upon His young servant and called him to a higher and grander service above.

He began gradually to lose strength, and Dr. Goodheart, an expert on phthisis, said the only course was the return of Robert to his native land. The news of all hopes being shattered, his young life to all appearance cut down, met with one answer, viz.: God's will be done, right and best, I am satisfied with Jesus. Can we for one moment think what this means, young, bright, clever, winsome, winning the love and respect of all who knew him, and to be told he had a hopeless disease rapidly eating his life away! The grace of God alone can keep one calm and trustful at such times, but God's grace did help him unto the end. The testimony of the nurse who tended him and went with him to Jaffna was this:—not a word of complaint or impatience passed his lips through all his sufferings. Oh that we also, when our turn comes, may thus glorify our Lord as he did.

He was a very merry boy and enjoyed real honest fun. At tennis he excelled, and the spirit of his Lord came out even in this. Though so good a player he was always ready to seek out the weakest one to all appearance cut down, and leading them patiently and untriflingly, not seeking the best player as a partner to show off his own skill. The Bible was his constant companion, and having a deep rich voice, to hear him sing the praises of God was a real enjoyment.

When it was settled that the journey home was to be attempted, he attended by a trained nurse, sailed from England on the 9th October, 1900. He bore the journey very well and landed at Colombo on November 9th fairly well. A week later he was taken to Jaffna, where he rapidly failed, and on January 22nd, 1901, he passed into the presence of the King. Two hours before, his brother Henry read to him the 23rd Psalm, which was always a great comfort to him, and after another attack of hæmorrhage he fell asleep in Jesus. *Malaysia Messenger.*

OUR FRIENDS.

(Contributed)

Of all the privileges we enjoy we ought to be most thankful to those moral books which are our real friends. The debt we owe to them is one which we cannot repay in our life.

They are the masters who instruct us without rods, hard words, or anger, and not for money. If we go near them they are not asleep; if we examine them and interrogate them they hide nothing; if we make mistakes in our study they never grumble; if we are ignorant they do not laugh. Therefore they are more precious than all the riches in the world and few things that can be wished for are worthy to be compared with them. Therefore whoever wishes to be a follower of truth, happiness and wisdom must make himself a lover of books.

This feeling that books are real friends is constantly present to all who love reading.

Our friends are of all ages and of every country. They are extremely agreeable to us and we delight in them. They can always be at our service. Southey in his poem says of which

"My never failing friends are they."

With whom I converse day by day." So some of us just overhear and some the secrets of nature, some how to live and some drive away our cares and quicken our spirits.

Says Isaac Barrow "He that loveth a book will never want a faithful friend, a wholesome counsellor, a cheerful companion, an effectual comforter." And another says "Books are a guide in youth and an entertainment for age." Therefore let us engage our leisure hours in reading books and enjoy our friendship.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Taipeng 1st May 1901

To the Editor of the Morning Star.

Please insert the following few lines in your periodical and oblige.

"Friends and countrymen of Mr. A. Barnabas of Karadive, Draftsman Public Work Department, Perak, who was temporarily spared from the head office at the special request of the Resident Engineer to assist him in his great irrigation works at Krian District will be glad to welcome him back to Jaffna on his holiday trip. He has firmly established a good name here in the Department as to his professional attainments and on such recognition he was promoted to the post of a draftsman in the head office over many of his seniors in so short a service as 4 years. According to the scheme now in force approved by the Secretary of the Public Works Department, he has a very bright future. Altho many rumours are current here amongst his friends as to the object of his present visit to Ceylon yet we fully hope in the interest of the Jaffna public here that he should return to Perak to resume his duties."

I am, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully, K. L.

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