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The subjects of examination are as follows:—
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2 English, General and Text as for 7th Standard
3 English Grammar, through Syntax.
4 Tamil Grammar, through *Angakavali*, or Latin Grammar, through *Regulae Verborum*.
5 Arithmetic, to Compound Interest.
6 Algebra: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division.
7 Geometry: Euclid, first 15 propositions.
8 Geography, General and especially Europe and Asia.
9 English History, from 1066 to 1688.
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Arithmetic, Geography and History in the 7th Standard will be admitted without examination.

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Those who have passed the Entrance examination of any Indian University will be admitted to the F. A. class, and those who have passed the F. A. will be admitted to the Junior B. A. class on Monday, the 26th May, the day for re-opening the College.

R. C. HASTINGS, Principal.

NOTICE.

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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction } No. 1263
In the Matter of the Estate of the late Philipppillai Francis of Jaffna Town. Deceased.
Mariyamuttu widow of Philipppillai Francis of Jaffna Town. Petitioner.
1. Francis Joseph of Registrar's office, Batticaloa
2. Francis Philipppillai of Jaffna Town
3. Francis Paul of Straits Settlements
4. Francis Savarinattu of Jaffna Town
5. Anne daughter of Francis of do
6. Elizabeth, daughter of Francis, do Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Mariyamuttu widow of Philipppillai Francis praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Philipppillai Francis coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 18th day of April 1902 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 April 1902 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the widow 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 30th day of May 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed this 18th day of April 1902 W. R. B. Sanders District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction } No. 1264.
In the Matter of the Estate of the late Sivakamipillai widow of Visuvanathar of Manthuvil Deceased.
Visuvanathar Kanthiah of Manthuvil Petitioner.
1. Annasalam Thathapillai of Manthuvil
2. Annasalam Sivakamiam of Varany North
3. Annasalam Sivakamiam of Manthuvil Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Visuvanathar Kanthiah of Manthuvil praying for letters of administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Sivakamipillai widow of Visuvanathar of Manthuvil coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 18th day of April 1902 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 8th day of April 1902 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the son and 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 30th day of May 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed this 18th day of April 1902 W. R. B. SANDERS, District Judge.

ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction } 1265.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kurunai Chivakuru of Karativu Deceased.
Chivakuru Vallupillai of Karativu Petitioner.
1. Valliammai widow of Kurunai Chivakuru and
2. Chivakuru Tampipillai of Karativu a minor under the guardianship of Valliammai the 1st Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Chivakuru Vallupillai of Karativu praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Kurunai Chivakuru of Karativu coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 21st day of April 1902 in the presence of G. N. H. Tampou Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 21st day of April 1902 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the son 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 28th day of May 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed this 21st day of April 1902 W. R. B. Sanders District Judge

Local and General.

We are very glad to learn that Mr. William S. John of Uduville, Jaffna has this year got through his M. A. Degree Examination. It was only a year ago that we heard of his success at the B. A. examination of the Calcutta University. He appeared last December for the College Grade Teacher's examination of Central Provinces, and passed it with honors, coming out first in the Theological Division. Within 3 months of this date, we hear that he has got his M. A. Degree. We rejoice with Mr. John at his brilliant success. Com.

Jaffna College. An American Professor as successor to Rev. T. A. Eimer has been engaged for work in this College. He is Rev. John Bicknell, a B. A. of Yale University in '99 and a graduate this year of the Theological department of that University. He is very highly recommended by Dr. F. R. Sanders, the Dean of the Theological faculty there, who was formerly a Professor in Jaffna College. He is to be married before he leaves America, and is expected to start soon.

Of the candidates for the various examinations of Calcutta University from the College 14 passed the Entrance, 5 the F. A. and one the B. A. examination.

Uduvil Girls English High School. Two girls from this school passed in the first class and two in the second class of the last Entrance examination of Calcutta University.

Native Evangelical Society. The annual meeting of this society is appointed to be held in the Uduvil church on Thursday the 29th inst. beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Evangelistic Meetings. Special evangelistic services are being carried on both in the Church Mission and the Wesleyan Mission. Similar services have been arranged for in the American Mission beginning next month. It is hoped that this form of work will result in a blessing to all the churches.

Government Agent. Mr. J. P. Lewis has arrived and taken up duties as acting Government Agent, relieving Mr. Sanders, the District Judge, who has been acting since the departure of Mr. Lewis.

John Rudd. Mr. Rudd was given a fitting farewell on the eve of his departure to Colombo on the 19th inst. to take up his duties as Inspector General of Police. The public loved and respected him much and some of them travelled with him in the train to Chavagocheri to see him off by the coach. Mr. Bowes succeeds him at Jaffna as the Superintendent of Police.

Crown Proctor. Mr. Johnpillai having taken leave of absence for a month Mr. Proctor Cooke has been appointed to act for him, and he conducted the first criminal sessions of the District Court for the current month on the 14th and 15th inst.

Railway. The income being disproportionate to the expense the Department has stopped the midday train and reduced the staff of officers. For the convenience of passengers the train will take and land passengers at Telipalayi.

Coronation Festivals in Jaffna. A public meeting was held in the afternoon of the 10th inst. on the invitation of W. R. B. Sanders Esq. Mr. Sanders who was voted to the chair explained fully the object of the meeting. Mr. T. G. Chaggarapillai was appointed Secretary of the Committee, appointed to carry out the plans for the celebration of the coronation. The Committee appointed is a large and influential one. Rev. W. T. Garret was appointed Treasurer and on the spot a sum of about Rs. 350 was collected. The 26th, 27th and 28th day of June next will be observed as public holidays and the Committee, we are sure, will arrange a long and interesting programme for the three days. A sum of over Rs. 1400 with a large number of medals which in the year 1887 was collected for an agricultural show to be held in Jaffna was laid by Sir Wm. Twyman in the hands of the committee to be spent by them, for any fitting purpose during the coronation time. We learn that the subscribers of the fund were notified to ascertain the object for which the fund is to be expended. We trust that the money and the medals will be used for the purpose for which they were first intended. We will in a future issue, give in detail the programme for the three days, and we trust that the public will observe the said days with such honour and dignity as the occasion calls for. The first meeting of the committee was held on the 20th inst. in the Police Court House.

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NEED OF THE GOSPEL.

The following words are from the report which the Deputation made to the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M.

"We return from our work upon the Deputation profoundly convinced that no country in the world ever needed or more sorely needs today the saving gospel of Jesus Christ than do India and Ceylon. We seized every opportunity to investigate the religions of those countries and to study the public and private life they produce. They have utterly failed to inspire the people to anything that is uplifting and ennobling. Three thousand and more years of Hinduism have fully demonstrated its lack of ability to hold a mighty race from sinking lower and lower in ignorance and immorality. This condition is observed by the intelligent Hindus who are free to confess that India's only hope is in the Christian religion. It is impossible for the foreigner to appreciate or understand the utter lack of unity or co-operation among the native peoples of India. With their more than one hundred languages and races, with their minate subdivision into thousands of castes, with their perfect chaos of nature religions and diversity of cults, there seems to be no ground on which this great and really capable people can meet or hold fellowship, unless Christianity can come in with its one God, its one human fraternity, its one tongue, and its one blessed hope for all, high and low, rich or poor, male and female. And this one meeting place and one helpful bond of fellowship our missionaries are presenting and establishing. Hinduism confesses itself powerless, and, in its helplessness, turns to the West, from which the light of Christian civilization sheds its inspiring rays upon caste-bound, hopeless India. The light has only begun to penetrate the dense darkness of that land. We must not expect that, as the darkness of India's physical tropical night is suddenly converted into day without any intervening hour of dawn, so will its spiritual night be dispelled. Rather must we anticipate the gradual approach of the morning, like that which marks the change from the long, cold and gloomy night of the Arctic Circle as it gives way to the steady onward march of the king of day, who ultimately claims the field as his own and floods it with his light. The dawn is appearing in India and Ceylon; we can see its headlands begin to glow and the reflection is penetrating into the depths of its valleys. As this light deepens and strengthens, India's life springs into a thousand forms of beauty, unknown before, and the land resounds with countless voices attuned to new songs of gladness and hope. India needs the gospel of salvation as Palestine, Asia Minor, and Rome needed it. India's only hope is in Him in whom alone is life and salvation."

We add also the following extracts from the conclusions and recommendations of the Deputation, which we deem it important for our churches to know and act upon.

THE CHURCHES.

"It is important, for the sake of the native churches themselves, that they become independent, self-governing, and self-supporting, as soon as possible. This does not mean that the missionaries shall then cease to co-operate with them in all departments of their work, but it does mean that the churches of India and Ceylon should assume as soon as possible full responsibility for the direction of their own affairs. No efforts should be spared to raise the spiritual standard of the Christian communities. Systematic instruction of the different congregations in Biblical truths, a more direct and persistent effort to teach the Christian women to read, and special evangelistic movements in the churches and for Christian communities are suggested for careful consideration."

CASTE.

"The recognition of caste in mission work and in the Christian church is unworthy the name of Jesus Christ. We are gratified to see that our missionaries take this position, and are doing all in their power to discountenance caste recognition everywhere. We are certain that the Christians in America who support missions would prefer to have the schools closed and the churches deserted than to have them refuse to the humblest and lowliest the privileges and blessings they offer. In the effort to carry the gospel to the needy no caste should be overlooked. A Christian community drawn from the various existing castes will necessarily be stronger

than if made up of any single class, trade or caste."

FREE EDUCATION.

"The time has passed when Missions should provide a free education to all who are willing to attend mission schools. The good of the people themselves, and the best interests of the schools, as a rule, require that those who enjoy the benefits of a school shall have an increasing share in its support. As the course of study rises so as to include English, which already has a recognized commercial value, the fees demanded should be increased so as to cover, in a large measure, the increased expense of the higher courses."

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

"It seems to us that there are today few mission fields more ready for a spiritual harvest than is the peninsula of Jaffna, or more needing it. There is a widely extended knowledge of the gospel, and many freely give intellectual consent to its demands who yet withhold open confession. There seems to be a lack of direct evangelistic effort, followed by personal appeal, to bring those people to an immediate decision. In one church that has been aggressive in this direction during the past two years, marked spiritual results have followed. We urge upon our missionaries, and all associated with them, to unite in an earnest, persistent effort which shall arrest attention and extend over the entire field. The first result to seek for is the revival of the mission and the churches, and the second the gathering in of the many who seem to be waiting just outside. The churches are well united, with many able leaders, and the time seems ripe for a new and great harvest of souls."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Udupity, Jaffna, May 6th, 1902.

My Dear Editor,

A few days ago I received a letter from a Tamil Christian worker in which the following sentence occurs, "In my humble opinion mission work has not been such a large success; and one reason, if not the main reason is the lack of comradeship between the Foreign Missionary and the Tamil worker." I am inclined to think, with this worker, that this lack of comradeship is a hindrance to our work. To what extent I am not prepared to say. May I use your columns to invite our Tamil brethren to suggest to me in writing how there can be more comradeship between them and us? What must the Missionary do and what must the Tamil worker do in order that we may more successfully co-operate as companions in Missionary work? I am sure there is no Tamil worker more anxious for a more intimate companionship between them and us than I am.

Yours,

G. G. BROWN.

The Editor "The Morning Star"

Sir,

From an extract culled from "The Maharrata" and published in the current issue of the "Hindu Organ," it is patent that there is, at present, a stir in the headquarters of Brahminism as regards the success of the Christian Propagandists' Movement in the "Punniya Bhumi" of the Hindus. It is stated that the Missionaries, by means of promises of cheap education and other advantages that pertain to this evil world, are yearly drawing off to their side persons for whom "the loss of caste has no terrors." However unscrupulous or unfair may be the methods adopted by the Missionaries for converting people to their faith, the Brahminists should be the last people to make any complaint against them. When wounded almost to death by the Sakyan Buddhism, Brahminism did not scruple to make use of the stake and the sword in its defence and hunt to very death the followers of one of India's greatest men. The circumstances connected with the execution of several thousand Jains by King Pandian at the instigation of Thirugnana Sampanandar are well known to every reader of the Puranas and if to day, we Tamils, have lost much, if not the whole, of our ancient Jaina Literature, we have only to thank our Brahminism for it. In the opinion of the Brahminists, no manuscript which did not possess the power to swim, bask, against the rapid currents of the river Vajrai, was worthy of pursuit or preservation. The Literature of Jains, the oldest and the best that ever existed in the Tamil Language, was consigned to the flames and the leading Jains of the time put to cruel death in the interests of modern Brahminism. It is a hopeless task to set about any work of persuading the lower castes from falling off from the religion which is mainly responsible for their present state of degradation. No such attempt will be successful till the Brahminists come down from the "pedestal of caste" and meet their so-called "low caste" brethren on terms that may be called rational. It may be that, as stated, a low caste man becomes a Christian because he gains a worldly advantage thereby; but it is in any way creditable to a high-caste man if he does not become a Christian simply because he runs the risk of losing any temporal advantage thereby? The one is as good or as bad as the other. If, as has been admitted, it is the terror of losing caste that prevents many Hindus from embracing Christianity, may it not be justly and rightly said that the greatest opponent of Christianity in India is its caste system and not the sober judgment of its enlightened intellect. The social pre-eminence of the Brahmin is an axiom of modern Hinduism; and it is anything wonderful then that the wily Brahmin is unwilling to be passively looking on the destruction of the religion that has secured to him exclusive privileges in Indian

society? Moreover it does not seem unreasonable to say that, in this respect, the Pariah who becomes a Christian and the Brahmin who strikes to Brahminism are on a par, and the one is no more guilty than the other. The caste system and Brahminism stand or fall together, and I warn the Tamils not to be deluded by the illusions of Brahminism which is inwardly a purely social fabric designed by the nations of Northern India to give their upper classes a standing in the Dravidian society similar to that enjoyed by them in their own communities. "Accept the Truth," "and the Truth shall make you free."

Yours truly,

Colombo 12th May 1902.

Historicus.

BATTICALOA NEWS.

PERSONAL. Mr. F. A. Rehder who arrived here lately from Australia, has joined the Batticaloa Commercial Company. Mr. E. S. Chellamrai, Apothecary of the Hospital here, has left this for Vagani, having been transferred to that station.

THE MOTOR CAR COMPANY. The mail and passenger service commences on the 15th inst.

SCHOLASTIC. The leading schools of the place have all been reopened.

THE WEATHER. at present is very hot and dry.

MULLAIVIVE NEWS.

A public meeting was held in the afternoon of the 7th inst. in the Court house under the presidency of the Asst. Govt. Agent to consider what steps should be taken to celebrate the coronation of the King locally.

The Chairman after explaining to those assembled the object of the meeting gave a few suggestions as to how the celebrations should be conducted. It was resolved that the following should form the various items of the programme.

1. Holding Thanksgiving services by all denominations.
 2. Planting a memorial tree on the 36th.
 3. Distributing food and clothes to the poor.
 4. Sports for children.
 5. Erecting of pandals and decoration of all houses.
 6. Illuminations.
- The 4th inst. was Lords supper day at Tannynony and the Rev. C. T. Williams preached his farewell sermon. The Text selected by him for the occasion was Titus II, ch. verses 11 to 14.

Mr. Williams left this for Jaffna on the 8th inst. Previous to his departure his Christian friends and other religionists about 300 in number assembled in the mission house on the evening of the 6th inst. and escorted him to the Tannynony School bungalow which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, amidst the din of native music and firing of guns &c. After sending him there, a farewell address was read and a surplus of love was presented to him by the members of his congregation as a token of their love. Mr. Williams replied in fitting terms and thanked for the kind offer. The leading among those assembled, spoke very highly of the general manners, popularity and kindness of the minister. Mr. Williams was deeply moved and thanked all present for the honor done to him.

Mr. M. Sivapirakasam who was lately married in Jaffna arrived here with his bride on the 14th inst. His brother officers and other friends did great honor to him by going in a procession in the evening and meeting him in the beautifully decorated house of Mr. Tampapaya his cousin with whom he is staying at present.

Cor.

FOREIGN NEWS.

WEEB ISLANDS. A terrible disaster has occurred in Martinique owing to the eruption of a volcano. The town of Saint Pierre was entirely destroyed at about one o'clock on Thursday the 8th inst. Not one of the 20,000 inhabitants, who were in the town at the time, escaped. Thirty were rescued from the wreckage in port. It is estimated that 40,000 perished in Martinique, three large communities besides St. Pierre being annihilated. 450 were saved by a raft of rafts. These had taken refuge at a high point and were surrounded by torrents of lava. Eighteen vessels were destroyed in the harbour. The ruins of destruction in Martinique was four miles. The cloud of ashes, dust and smoke extends 150 miles. 5000 refugees who gathered in the hills around St. Pierre are being gradually removed. The American Congress has passed a bill appropriating 200,000 dollars for the relief of the sufferers at Martinique and two ships have been sent to their help.

Volcanoes are active also at St. Vincent and Dominica. The Governor of Barbadoes called that reports resembling artillery were audible at Barbadoes proceeding from St. Vincent. Showers of dust have covered Barbadoes inches deep. It is reported that 1600 perished at St. Vincent. A British vessel has been sent that is said to have been the terror and misery on these islands is appalling. There is a scarcity of food and 50,000 are homeless.

The king has subscribed 25,000 francs to the French relief fund. President Loubet 20,000, and the Kaiser 12,500. The king of Italy has subscribed 25,000 francs and the Pope 20,000.

For the sufferers at St. Vincent a Mansion House Fund has been opened by the Mayor of London, which already amounts to £5,000, the king contributing £400 towards it.

The Canadian Parliament has voted \$25,000 for the sufferers in Martinique and \$25,000 for those in St. Vincent. 700 tons of stores with some doctors and nurses have arrived at Martinique from Barbadoes.

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. The results of the conference on terms of peace have not been made known, but representatives from all sections had met at Vereeniging.

AUSTRALIA. The Earl of Hopetoun has resigned the Governorship of Australia. It is understood that Lord Tennyson will act during the interregnum.

SPAIN. King Alfonso, having reached the age of sixteen was crowned on the 17th inst. with great ceremony. He has been invested by the Duke of Concomit with the order of the Garter.

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