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Local and General.

Weather. For the past four or five days there has been a lull in the blowing of the wind, and the heat has been almost unbearable. There has been no rain and it looks as if the South West monsoon was more or less of a failure. We hope that even yet we may have some showers.

Person. Mr. S. Maniam of Jaffna College. Mr. S. Supramaniam of Kanherodai has passed the final L.M.S. examination of the same University. He was given the first honour certificate in Surgery and has gone to Colombo hoping for an appointment in the Ceylon Medical Department.

Coronation. A spacious Pandol is in course of construction in the esplanade in front of the Police Lines under the supervision of Sir Wm. Twynnam. The festivities arranged to take place in the Town will be had in the Pandol and the Court House which will be given over to the Committee on the 25th inst. At Kails and Point Pedro the festivities will be conducted under the supervision of the Magistrates. And Mr. Tampoe has also arranged a programme for Mallagum. Feeding the poor will be the predominant item every where.

A Convict at large. A prisoner convicted at Pt. Pedro Court last week was escorted to Jaffna Jail from Pt. Pedro. And it is said, that at the 6th mile post from Jaffna, he escaped from the custody of the peon, and has not yet been arrested.

Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Restarick. Rev. A. E. Restarick, the Acting Chairman of the Wesleyan Mission, Northern Circuit, paid a visit to Jaffna, arriving here on the 10th inst. Several important and useful meetings were held during his stay here of which the Wesleyan Festival held on the 13th inst. and the special service held in St. Peter's Church on Sunday night, deserve to be specially mentioned. He delivered an effective sermon on "Men of Violence" on Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Restarick returned to Batticaloa leaving Jaffna on the 16th inst.

Kachcheri Shroff. Mr. V. Ampalavana Modr, for the last 14 years Shroff at the Jaffna Kachcheri, is retiring from active service. In the discharge of the late Batticoala Seminary, he entered public service while Mr. Dyke was the Govt. Agent. He has served his government loyally and well for 48 years, and now retires at the advanced age of 73. If we are not mistaken he is the

last one of Mr. Dyke's appointments to leave the service. May he be spared for many years to enjoy his well earned rest.

Mr. Wm. Lyman. This gentleman has severed his connection with the Batticoala English School after 48 years of service under the American Mission of which 43 have been spent in the above institution. He has started an English School at Navaly where a good number is receiving instruction. The building is a commodious one but needs appliances and assistance for which funds are needed. It is expected that his former students scattered over Ceylon, India and the Straits will come to his help in carrying on the work.

Marriage. Mr. J. W. Robertson, Asst. Superintendent of Surveys, Anuradhapura, was married at Christ Church, on the 18th inst. to Miss Ernestine E. Tounssaint, a daughter of Mr. Samuel Tounssaint, planter.

Pastor Changes. The changes proposed and sanctioned at the last Wesleyan Synod in Feb. 1902 take effect from this month. Rev. G. Beebe from Mannar has taken up work in the Batticaloa District and proceeded there from Jaffna on the 16th inst. Rev. C. Parinpanayakar has gone to Mannar. Rev. J. M. Osborne was to take up work at Pt. Pedro this month and Rev. S. Adams from Pt. Pedro has taken up work at Petty Street Vannaroonai. Rev. J. V. Benjamin returns to Jaffna from Batticaloa and he has been granted a year's leave. Rev. W. M. Walton came to Jaffna on short leave and returned to Batticaloa on the 16th inst.

Medical. The Colonial Surgeon Dr. Moraes has been transferred to Batticaloa and Dr. F. G. Spittel, from Anuradhapura has assumed duties as Colonial Surgeon Northern Province.

Court Interpreter Chavagacherri. We are informed that Mr. Usavoorasingham has been requested to retire from service, by the Government.

Marriage in High life. On Monday night the second day of June at about 9 o'clock P.M. Mr. Proctor V. Appasampillai of the District Court of Jaffna was wedded in a most handsomely decorated Pandol to one Miss Sivagampillai daughter of Kanagasapay Esq. of Panimalai in the district of Tellipallai, the son in law of Mr. Sanmugam of Erupallai, who is a descendant of Mannadukonda Modr. of Thandemallam, Kanjevaram District Southern India and about this side Sir James Emerson Tennant's History of Ceylon. The function was ably conducted by our worthy and most respected A. Kanagasabay Esq. Advocate and Senior member of the District Court of Jaffna. Among those present were Mr. A. Ponnampalana of Elavallai who most gladly carried on several things required for the nuptial party and a great many notables from different parts of the country also appeared to be present on the occasion. Besides all Advocates and Proctors of District Court of Jaffna and even the Police Magistrate of Jaffna and Mallagum came there and honored the wedding house and on the very day came the news that peace was concluded between English and Boers in South Africa. May God bless the bride and bridegroom for ever. Com.

BATTICALOA NEWS.

Weather. Heat continues unabated all the south-west monsoon blows strongly now and then. People dread the approach of the wind *asio* which is the driest wind and which makes people to appear with parched lips, and the wells in town to dry up.

Evangelists. 6 of the candidates have been picked out. They are as under:—

Messrs. J. K. Kandiah and Edward Kanagasabay from Jaffna. Messrs. J. Cartigues, Jos. Chinnappillai, Kun chaimay and Saravanamuttu from Batticaloa.

A PARIAH VILLAGE AND EVANGELISTIC WORK. There is a place called Pariah quarters in the large village of Kalthevalai in which there are about 75 families belonging to that caste. There is a C. school in that village. Evangelistic meetings are regularly held for both men, women and children. Most of them go away for work. We are glad to note that there is a stir among most of them to give up their old idea of devil worship and to accept Christianity as a body. Also they are asking for a place of worship, i.e. a church for themselves.

In the last number of the "Star" we have read something about "caste." "Caste" is a subject which we Tamil Christians have cast away, and we are in sympathy with our missionaries. But then as to social position there is some difference between Western views and Eastern views. We must note the cursed caste distinction radically. [We are glad that there are those who agree with the missionaries on the caste question, but we have our correspondent not making the mistake that others are making of confounding caste with social position.—Ed. Star.]

SPECIAL MISSION. It is arranged that we should hold some special services at Amirthagall from the 15th to 19th inclusive.

PERSONAL. Rev. A. E. Restarick, the acting chairman (or Bishop) makes a Northern circuit to see his see in Trincomalee and Jaffna and expects to return (D. V.) in a fortnight.

THE CHARTERED DHOKEY. This vessel starts from Pt. Pedro on the 16th inst. with Rev. and Mrs. Walton, Rev. and Mrs. Beebe and some other workers and arrives here on or about the 20th and will return to Point Pedro on the 23rd inst. with Rev. and Mrs. Ahamparam, Rev. J. Parinpanayager, Messrs Vathianayagam and David.

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THE NORTHERN PROVINCE.

The report of the Govt. Agent, Mr. Ievers, lies before us and is of more than usual interest. The ordinary revenue for 1901 was Rs. 783,656 or Rs. 150,261 in excess of that for 1900. This increase has been chiefly in customs, salt and toddy. In fact the increase in these three items amounts to over Rs. 145,000. There has been a considerable increase of revenue in warehouse rents, and also in the sale of postage stamps.

The increase in customs was due to large importations of grain; in toddy to higher rents, and in salt to a good fishing season at Mannar and Mullaitivu.

CROPS.

"The grain crops of the Jaffna District for the year 1901-1902 were very satisfactory, and would have been more but for the untimely rain during the harvest season. In the Vanni the case was otherwise, as the cultivation suffered for want of timely rain and from long droughts, especially in such portions of the Mannar District as are not served from the Gaint's tank reservoir.

According to the headmen's reports the out-turn of the paddy crop of the Province was estimated at 876,545 bushels of paddy, which would produce 438,273 bushels of rice.

The varago crops amounted to 20,310 bushels, and the other dry grains yielded about 103,800 bushels, making in all 1,000,655 bushels local crop."

This is less than half the amount of grain consumed in the peninsula, the balance coming from outside.

HEALTH OF PEOPLE.

"Fever, which generally prevails during the latter part of the year, was less virulent than in the previous years.

There were 12 cases of smallpox at Kayts in September and October, 1901, of which two proved fatal. One case was reported from Valtitturai in April.

Towards the close of the year cholera broke out at Acheveli, a village halfway between Jaffna and Point Pedro, and later on at Kayts. Fortunately the disease was confined to the localities where it appeared. The cases were 95 in number at Acheveli and Kayts. In the former village 23 persons died and 37 in the latter, including a police sergeant on duty in charge of the party told off to assist the Medical Department.

During the existence of cholera at Acheveli and Kayts many unfounded rumours of cholera in various places gave trouble in investigation, but I am glad to say that all were found by the medical officers to be merely ordinary cases of illness. Tamils have at first a horror of cholera, quite out of keeping with their seeming contempt of precaution and carelessness about it once the disease has spread.

The medical authorities and head men were unable to decide how cholera was introduced into Acheveli.

The quarantine regulations were duly enforced in the Province. They are undoubtedly irksome and a hindrance to trade. As no cases of plague have occurred, south of Salem District, I think the Plague Committee may consider the advisability of removing the prohibitions in 1902, if the state of health in South India warrants this."

(To be continued)

THE VIEWS OF MODERN SCIENCE.

(Concluded)

"THE WORLD'S IMMORTALITY." Whilst on this subject, an article in the *Pall Mall Budget* for March 17th, 1897, may be recalled, entitled, "The World's Immortals." Of these, fourteen were scientific men who had been distinguished by honours granted by the Institute of France and other European Academies. Of these only one was an agnostic, whilst twelve were men "known to have a reverence for God." Throughout all these remarks it should be borne in mind that the object of this paper is not to press Christianity by force of numbers, but only to discover how far the religious views of the workers in science are affected by their studies.

MY UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE.

To descend from the lofty scientific regions of the Royal Society to my own limited experience of ten years at Cambridge, is a descent indeed. Still, personal experience is sometimes interesting.

I entered the University with an idea that evil companions would surround me on every side, a prospect, I regret to say, which at that time filled me rather with pleasurable anticipation than with alarm. I was disappointed; for in a year I found myself for the first time believing in Christ as my Saviour; and soon after I had taken my degree, the influence of the place was such that I decided to become a missionary, an idea which I should have regarded as grotesque and ridiculous three years before.

In my own College there still exists a club, whose object is to study and pray for missionary work, which now

exceeds in size any other social club in the College; and yet, I know not why, Christ's College has a reputation outside for being atheistical! What false ideas may get abroad! I know of no place in this world where the Love of God and the claims of Jesus Christ are so lovingly and persistently brought before men as they are in the University of Cambridge. Nor is this mere youthful enthusiasm, for six members of that club are now missionaries in India, four of whom got First Class Honours, Mathematics or Science, a fifth got a University prize for Classics, and the sixth was also an Honours man.

EXPERIENCE AS A FELLOW.

When I became a Fellow, I came among those who were less demonstrative, but not, I judge, less sincere in their faith in Jesus Christ. Of ten Fellows then living in the College, five were regularly present at the morning chapel prayers at 7.30 a.m., and of the remainder three came at other times, one of the two science lecturers being in each number. Outside my own College, I had the privilege of knowing eight of the Professors who presided over the various departments of Science in Cambridge. Four of these were engaged in various kinds of Christian work in their spare time, three others I have seen preside at very distinctively Christian meetings and one I have never heard speak upon religion.

CORONATION SPORTS, JAFFNA.

Programme of Events, commencing at 3 P.M. sharp on 27th June.

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| 1. One Hundred yards (Heats) | 1st Prize |
| 2. Veterans' Race (75 yards) | 1st " |
| 3. Three legged Race do. | 1st " |
| 4. Sack Race do. | 1st " |
| 5. 100 yards Handicap for boys 1st & 2nd | " " |
| 6. Potato Race | 1st " |
| One hundred yards (Final) | 1st & 2nd |
| 7. Boot Race (Police) | 1st & 2nd |
| 8. 75 yards Handicap for girls | 1st & 2nd |
| 9. Thread and needle Race | 1st " |
| 10. Quarter mile | 1st & 2nd |
| 11. Bicycle Bending Race | 1st " |
| 12. High jump | 1st & 2nd |
| 13. Obstacle Race | Five Prizes. |
| 14. Tug of War | |

Entries close on 20th inst. Intending competitors are requested to send in their names on or before that date to.

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We still require Rs. 1000.

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Coronation Fund.

[We are surprised that subscriptions to this Fund do not come in more rapidly. Every Jaffnese ought to show his loyalty by doing all in his power to make these three days red-letter days in the history of Jaffna. In order to make the festivities a success, money is needed. Large sums are not solicited, and so no one can say it is a burden. We are sure that there are at least five hundred persons who would consider it a privilege to pay Rs. 5 each. Let them come forward and subscribe at once, so that there may be no hitch in the proceedings.

Ed. Star.]

REV. GEORGE CHAMPION.

Rev. George Champion who has been one of the most acceptable pastors of the Church of England Parish, has, of his own accord, given up his pastoral duties to the great regret of the congregation and other friends. He has been obliged to take this course owing to old age and consequent infirmities. Though his mind is still vigorous his physical strength is in the way of his usefulness. Born of Hindu parents of respectable, he was, with his parents, baptised at Trillick as a result of the saintly labours of Rev. Mr. Woodward of the American Mission. He was edu-

cated at the famous Baticottia Seminary under Professors Housington, Cope, Wyman and Dr. Ward of America. Graduating in 1844, he was employed by the C. M. S. as a teacher first in the English High school at Copay and then for seven years at the Nellore Girls Boarding school. He spent five of his years as a Catechist at Mandavate and two at Nellore. Immediately after his ordination in 1861, he was stationed at Kocknivil and continued there till 1885 when he was transferred to Clondlichy Parish. The pretty little church at Kocknivil is a standing monument of his indefatigable labours. He was married in 1848 and it was only a few years ago that his golden wedding was celebrated. The late Mrs. Champion helped her husband very much in his pastoral visits by accompanying him and earnestly pleading the cause of Christ with the people. Rev. Mr. Champion was ordained with the late Messrs. Handy and Hoole who have been called away to their eternal rest some years ago. We find that during his lifetime as a clergyman, Mr. Champion baptized 101 heathen adults, 285 Christian children and had been instrumental in leading 204 adults to be confirmed by his Lordship the Bishop. His knowledge of medicine made him quite acceptable in his ministrations among the heathen. He leaves the church at Clondlichy quite vigorous and able to support well a pastor, the income at present being about Rs. 1200 a year. He is succeeded by the Rev. George Daniel of Copay who, it is hoped, will be as useful and exemplary a clergyman as Rev. Mr. Champion has been. *Cor.*

OBITUARY IN THE STRAITS.

It is with profound regret we have to chronicle the sudden death of Mrs. Elizabeth Daniel, a noble and beloved wife of Rev. George Daniel, C. M. S., Copay, Jaffna which happened in Taiping at the residence of her eldest son Mr. C. F. Daniel of the Perak Secretariat, on Wednesday the 15th ult.

She came to the Straits on February last on a visit to her children and grandchildren. She was ailing for a fortnight and was weaker and weaker and while she was on her way to recover, a sudden collapse of the cardiac region rendered all possible medical aid unavailable. She quietly passed away in the arms of our Beloved Saviour leaving behind her "foot-prints on the sands of time" by her good actions and munificent deeds which are no doubt living monuments of her past and forgotten life.

When this noble lady was drawing near to her heavenly Jerusalem, she sent for the Minister, conversed with him for an hour, sang a hymn, which she had always in her memory and requested him to pray for her assuring him that her inexorable heavenly summons has come.

Her remains were removed next day to the "All Saints" Church Cemetery with a large number of Christian and non-Christian attendants to pay their last tribute to the deceased. The Burial Services were conducted by Rev. Guannam Tamil Chaplain; at the close he preached a short but impressive funeral sermon on II. Timothy, iv. 7, alluding to the deceased.

Eliza was a devout Christian—a model wife and mother—descended from a noble lineage. She was the daughter of the late Mr. H. Mudalay Tamby White and a cousin of the late Mr. Robert Breckenridge of Moulay. She was the mother of eight children of whom two have entered eternal rest; three are in the Federated Malay States Service; one is in Burma and two are with their father in Jaffna.

It is, indeed, needless to describe the high esteem and honor in which she was held by the Christians of the G.M.S. churches and other ecclesiastical bodies in Jaffna. She always evinced her Christian piety, kindness and help towards her Master's cause by her promitence in doing anything connected with her congregation. The C.M.S. church has lost in her a valuable ornament, the female circle an ever living figure, her children a loving mother, her friends a counsellor and the Rev. Daniel a good helpmate—his partner in life.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy towards and condole with the bereaved ones.

"Blessed are they which die in the Lord" Rev. iv. 13. *Cor.*

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AT ARALY.

Araly which is a few miles from Jaffna has not had an English school for a very long period. Several attempts have been made at different periods by some of the prominent residents of the place to establish a good school but they failed for want of support. In fact there was not a proper leader with liberal views and the want of funds frustrated the scheme.

Recently, however, Mr. S. W. Aralampanam, a retired P. W. D. officer who has been generous in his acts and Mr. S. A. Tampoe had a building constructed for the purpose of opening a school, and using their influence invited the support of the leading members of the community and managed to raise a fund to start the school. Mr. S. A. Tampoe who had been a teacher in Baticottia High school helped by Mr. S. S. Aralampanam jointly opened the school, and it has now been in existence for one year with an attendance of 140 boys. The school is gradually progressing.

Although the school has supplied a great want yet the funds are not sufficient to effect improvements and supply many other requirements of the school. Mr. S. S. Aralampanam the Secretary is using his best endeavours to better the prospects of the school. He has been in correspondence with friends in Ceylon and outside Ceylon interested in the welfare of the school with the view of raising funds for the upkeep of the school and it is expected that his hopes would soon be realized as he had received encouraging replies to his letters. If the people of Araly would only endeavor to display a greater interest in the education of their children they would ultimately find that their liberality has not been misplaced or misused. *Cor.*

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