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Righteousness Exalteth a Nation but Sin is a Reproach to any People.

BIRTH.

At Araly Jaffna on the evening of the 21st Oct. Mrs. Ratnam wife of Dr. C. S. Ratnam L.R.C. p. & s. Edin. and L.P.P. & s. Glasgow L.M. & S. Madras, District Medical Officer Chilaw, of a son.

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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1251
In the Matter of the Estate of the late Tayalmuttu wife of Chinnampai Chinnampai of Chulipuram. Deceased,
1. Murgesar Mavagannam and wife Petitioners
2. Kudichippillai of Chulipuram.
1. Tayalpakar Chinnampai and wife
2. Muttopillai of Chulipuram
3. Chinnampai Chinnampai of do
4. Chinnachippillai widow of Visuvanatar of do Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Murgesar Mavagannam and wife Kudichippillai of Chulipuram praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Tayalmuttu wife of Chinnampai of Chulipuram coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge on the 11th day of July 1902 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changanappilly, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 1st day of July 1902 having been read, it is declared that the 2 Petitioners are heirs of the said intestate and are entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to them unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or, before the 30th day of October 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 16th day of Sept. 1902 W. R. B. Sanders District Judge

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1253
In the Matter of the Estate of the late Chivakannam wife of Chinnampai Kandiah of Trinavelly. Deceased,
Chinnampai Kandiah of Trinavelly, Petitioner
1. Vela Kasinathar
2. Vela Ramoo
3. Vela Kathirase
4. Vela Chinnappa
5. Vela Chivakura
6. Vela Sivasathi
7. Kannappiyar Vela and his
8. wife Chinnappillai all of Trinavelly, Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Chinnampai Kandiah of Trinavelly praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Chivakannam wife of Chinnampai Kandiah of Trinavelly, coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge on the 24th day of July 1902 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changanappilly, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 21st day of July 1902 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the widow 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 30th day of October 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 16th day of Sept. 1902 W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1292
In the Matter of the Estate of the late Varisaiyar Chittampalam of Meesalai North. Deceased,
Kathiraser Mavagannam of Meesalai North. Petitioner
Thangannupillai widow of Varisaiyar Chittampalam of Meesalai North. Respondent
This matter of the Petition of Kathiraser Mavagannam the above named Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Varisaiyar Chittampalam coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 26th day of August 1902 in the presence of Mr. K. Sivapragasam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 23rd day of August 1902 having

been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the step brother 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 17th day of October 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 26th day of August 1902 } W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1295.
In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kantar Tiliampalam of Tanankilappu. Deceased,
Tankamuttu widow of Tiliampalam now wife of Namasivayam Kantar of Tanankilappu. Petitioner.
1. Murgar Vailingam of Madduvil
2. Murgar Sinnatambay of Tanankilappu Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Tankamuttu widow of Tiliampalam now wife of Namasivayam Kantar praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Kantar Tiliampalam coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge, on the 10th day of September 1902 in the presence of Mr. Tamiyah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 6th day of Sept. 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 respondent or any other person shall on, or before the 15th day of Oct. 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 10th day of Sept. 1902 } W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge

Local and General.

Weather. Showers have fallen very generally all over the peninsula and the farmers have finished their sowing. The paddy plants from the earlier sowing look well in spite of the want of rain. As we go to press a deluge of rain is falling which we fear will drown out the young plants in many places.

Annual Convocation. The annual convocation of the churches connected with the American Mission will be held next week Friday the 17th inst at Batticoala instead of Oodoville as first proposed. Rev. G. G. Brown will conduct the meeting and it is hoped that a large number will be present. Let as many as possible come praying that God may richly bless all those who come together and through them bless those not able to be present.

Missionaries. Messrs. G. S. Eddy, V. Azariah and A. Paramanandam, arrived from India via Colombo, on Saturday evening the 4th inst. Their plan of work is noticed elsewhere in our columns.

Advocates Final. Mr. Kangesapalai of Trinavelly an old boy of Jaffna College, has passed the Advocates Final examination. Also Mr. Balasingham C. son of our retired Magistrate C. W. C. Athiravelupillai Esq.

Public Roads. During the past few months some of the roads in the peninsula have been repaired. We would call the attention of the authorities to the very unsatisfactory way in one or two have been done.

Bible Society Meeting. The Jaffna Auxiliary Bible Society will hold its 64th anniversary at St. Peter's Wesleyan church, Jaffna, on Monday the 13th inst. commencing at 6 p.m. Sir W. C. Tynman K. C. M. G. will take the chair and Messrs. Hanan, Bicknell, Lockwood, Joseph, Solomon and Williams are to handle the resolutions. This society is doing a good work and we urge all its friends to render all needed help.

Kangesanturai. This port is now soon to be closed for the north monsoon. The next island steamer north about is expected to call at Mandait.

Salt rent for 1903. The Govt. Agent put up for sale on the 5th inst at the Jaffna Kacheri the monopoly of selling salt for next year. There was a keen competition and the Chetty firm of Anna Ravanna Mana. Anna by its Agent Sannumachetty was declared the purchaser of the rent for Rs. 60,620. About Rs. 3,000, over and above last year's sale.

Obituary. With much regret we record the sad news of the death of Dr. D. P. Nicholas Medical officer at Kalmud on the 1st of this month. The deceased had his education in Jaffna College, from where he received his medical College Colombo. Having finished his medical studies in Colombo he was employed by Govt. for about 15 years at several stations in the island. His health failing, he obtained three months leave with a view to returning to Jaffna. And it is indeed sad that the disease to which he was a very appears to have been of so serious a nature, that he rapidly succumbed to it. The deceased was married to the first daughter of the late Dr. Wm. Paul of the Jaffna F. N. S. whom and her two sons he has left behind to bemoan his loss. Our deep sympathies are with the unfortunate widow and child. May the Lord give them His peace in his prayer.

"S. S. Claverley" arrived from England at Kangesanturai about a week ago with Railway materials. The landing of the materials by Messrs Mather and Sons will be over by to-day. The sea at Kangesanturai is very unfavourable and Messrs Mather and Sons are doing all in their power to expedite the landing in spite of the unfavourable weather.

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MR. G. S. EDDY'S MISSION IN JAFFNA.

The following dates have been finally fixed upon for the Conventions:—

October 7 and 8	Church Mission field.
Do. 9 " 10	American Mission field.
Do. 11 " 12	Wesleyan Mission field (Pt. Pedro)
Do. 14, 15 and 16	United Convention in Fort Church, Jaffna.

It was resolved that detailed arrangements for all the Conventions except that in the Fort Church be left to the various Mission bodies, the representatives of those bodies on this Committee being responsible; and that copies of the programme of meetings to be held in each field be distributed in good time among the Pastors of all the three Missions.

It was resolved also that two meetings daily be held in the Fort Church, between 8 and 9 a.m. and at 6 in the evening—these meetings to be in Tamil and any arrangements for English meetings to be left over until the Missioners have been consulted. [We learn that a meeting in English and Tamil will be held at 3 p.m. and another meeting at 11 a.m. *Ed. Star.*] The Committee authorised the printing of 50 posters and 1,000 hand bills for these services.

Again it was resolved that entertainment for visitors from a distance be provided on each field at a charge of 5 cents for a morning and 10 cents for a noon or evening meal.

It was announced that the names of the Missioners are George. S. Eddy, Ph. B., Y. M. C. A. Secretary for Southern India, V. S. Azariah, Tamil Secretary of Y. M. C. A. and Mr. Paramanandam.

The purpose of a convention is to meet with God. It is not so much to meet with men. We receive little from men, but if we go to this convention Oct. 14-16 to meet with God, life may be changed for us. Jacob met God for a night—and he blessed him there—then and there. His nature and his name were changed. Shall God bless us here these days? It will depend upon whether we come to meet Him in faith with the determination "I will not let Thee go except thou bless me", or whether we go to hear and criticise men. A critical spirit cannot receive a blessing. George Herbert says "Deign to pick out treasures from an earthen pot." Men are vessels of clay but God's treasures may be had for the asking this week. Think of it three days with God. What shall they mean to my life? Do I need blessing? God is asking, "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" What shall be my reply? The crowds heard the Master's words, but one touched Him and power flowed forth. Shall I touch God this week? Let us hear up these meetings in prayer. Let us attend every session and secure the attendance of all we can, for "surely God is in this place." If I go I may meet with God. If I bring some one else he may be blessed.

THE POWER OF PRAYER.

(Contributed.)

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." For prayer is the most potent force in the universe, the greatest power given to man to wield. It is prayer that receives the Spirit, conquers sin, receives labourers and funds for our work, gives power for service and turns defeat to triumph. It was in prayer that wrought the mighty works of the apostolic church. Prayer was the power of the reformation, and by it Luther broke the spell of ages. John Knox in nights of prayer cried "give me Scotland or I die," and God gave him Scotland. The revivals under Wesley in the 18th century were born in hours of prayer, and the great awakening of that century in America was preceded by the prayers of men like David Brainerd, and by Jonathan Edwards call to prayer. The revivals of 1830 under Charles Finney began in days of prayer and fasting. The great revival of 1857 in America originated in a prayer meeting in Fulton street of only six young men. The mighty revival in Ireland and Scotland in 1859 has been traced to four young men meeting in an old school house for hours of prayer. In the recent awakening in Japan over 20,000 converts and inquirers were added to their previous 40,000, the movement began in prayer. In Australia the present revival with its thousands of converts began with a little praying band who held on for ten years for "a big revival". In India also a spirit of prayer is spreading in every presidency among the missionaries and thousands of native Christians are praying for the awakening of India. And He will do it.

For it is God's memorial that in every age he hears and answers prayer. Why then have we prayed so little? Behold He will work a work in our day, if we will but believe. Is an awakening needed in Ceylon? Is it His will? Is it God's will that men should be saved, that Christians should rise to the full privilege of life in Christ, that they should be awakened to service for the unsaved? This is an awakening, and this is God's will revealed in his word. But if we ask anything according to His will He heareth us. Shall we ask then for Ceylon at this time? The various missions of the churches to the Islands and to India, the new evangelistic movement, and the churches themselves all need more prayer. The special meetings of this month in the churches and colleges and the united convention in the Fort Church Oct. 14, 15 and 16 are opportunities for calling down the power of God upon our work. The coming day of prayer for India and Ceylon on *Sunday Nov. 16* which will be observed by thousands in missions all over India and Ceylon will be a signal, opportunity to prove whether we believe in the power of prayer. God waits to fulfil His promise "Ask and ye shall receive." If we have failed the cause is not far to seek "ye have not because ye ask not," for "this kind cometh out by nothing save by prayer." Let us pray and pray daily for the awakening of Ceylon. Let us pray for men by name until we see them saved. Let us pray and pray till we prevail; for prayer is power, it is the chief method of accomplishment, it is the missing link between us and God. Do I believe it? Am I doing it? Shall I from to day?

CRIME IN CEYLON.

The report of the Solicitor-General, Mr. P. Ramanathan, C.M.G. for 1901 is full of statistics some of which may be of interest to our readers. For example, the nationality of those convicted and sent to jail is seen by the following figures Sinhalese 4,911 or 212 in every 100,000, Tamils 1,420 or 141 in every 100,000, Moors 392 or 189 in every 100,000, Burghers 56 or 133 in every 100,000. According to these figures the Sinhalese are the worst and the Burghers next while the Tamils are much better off. We omit the European and Malay population as being too small to draw comparisons with. The large majority of the criminals are male, only about 2 per cent of the total being female.

We note also with surprise that the number who suffered capital punishment last year was 47 which is four less than for 1900 but considerable higher than the average for the past ten years. The number sentenced for 5 years and above was 115 which is a much larger number than for any year since 1892, on that year the number reaching as high as 130.

Again the number of murders, culpable homicide and attempt to murder mounts up to 223 which is 50 per cent higher than for any previous year of the decade. So taking other crimes for the decade and comparing the statistics for 1901 with them, we find an alarming increase of crime the past year for which the Solicitor-General gives no explanation. Why is it that it is so? Are those whose business it is to look after the law breakers more active in urging offenders to justice than formerly? Or are the headmen too lax in keeping order? Or are the inhabitants of our fair Isle really growing worse? Something is wrong, and the sooner we find out the causes and remedy them, the better for us as a people.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Indian S. S. Union has sent out a call for universal intercession for Sunday Schools on Sunday and Monday, the 19th and 20th. Special services will be held in Jaffna where Mr. G. S. Eddy has promised to take part, and in other churches of our peninsula. We give in full the "appeal" of the committee. "Assuredly we have much for which to thank God. Ninety and nine years ago the Sunday School cause in India was but a small and single seedling. Under the blessing of Almighty God we now have 8,000 Schools with an aggregate membership of 12,000 Teachers, and 321,000 Scholars. And still the great tree shows no sign of decay: on the contrary it gives evidence of infinite future usefulness and expansion. While fully conscious of many defects in our Sunday School Movement we also see very much for which to thank God most devoutly.

Our thanksgiving should be co-mingled with supplication and prayer. In the petitions neither pastors, parents, officers nor teachers should be forgotten. All of them need a fuller consecration to Christ, a stronger passion for souls, and a more intelligent knowledge of Scripture. Intercessory personal prayer, in solitude, is perhaps the mightiest means of usefulness this side of the grave. Pastors and parents will surely pray for the young belonging to the Church and the home. To reach each Sunday

School member *via* God's throne of grace is a work which should engage the special attention of officers and teachers. Let the Sunday School Superintendent write out a list of his teachers and his knowledge of each will give reality to his supplications. Let the teacher make a similar list of his scholars *answering for each in turn.* The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working." Who can measure the far reaching results of personal wrestling with God in secret for those whom we are trying to direct to Christ?

God, even our God, is the great Healer. Encourage and Answer of prayer. He loves to hear His children pray and in response will not be stoned for bread. Does God hear prayer? Prove Him and see! It is declared that the Bible contains irrespective of the Psalms, 667 cases of direct personal prayer for a specific purpose, and 454 answers to those prayers can be traced. Does the Bible encourage belief in answered prayer? Study and see!

We call upon God's Remembrancers in Southern Asia, to unite with God's Remembrancers in other parts of the universe, to take no rest, and give Him no rest, till he establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Thus, on October the 19th and 20th, as the sun goes forth from his chamber, bathing successfully each section of our sphere in light, he will awake Christians from sleep to fill the ear of God with intense, definite and persistent intercession for the world-wide Sunday School Membership of 25 millions."

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The third annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held at Udavil on Friday the 25th Ult. There was a good audience present and the exercises passed off very pleasantly. The President Miss S. R. Howland made the opening address and then called upon the Secretary and Treasurer to give their reports. It seems that the membership is now nearly 300 and the amount of money raised including a large balance of last year's was Rs. 1,87.17. The expenditure was Rs. 405.29 leaving a large balance on hand at the end of the year. This was due partly to the fact that for some months there was no one employed by the mission.

With the new year a Bible Woman has been sent to Tondi, and a teacher is soon to be employed.

The audience then listened to some very earnest and good addresses from Mrs. S. Hensman, Mrs. John Bicknell, Mrs. Mutiah, Mrs. Edith David, and Miss Faith Hunter, after which officers were elected and the meeting brought to a close. We pray that the year upon which this Society has now entered may prove to be one rich with blessing.

BATTICALOA.

WEATHER. The weather here is yet very hot and dry. The scarcity of water is felt especially by the poorer classes.

SCHOLASTIC. The schools here have all commenced work after the mid-summer holidays.

PERSONAL. Mr. A. Eliot, Chartered Accountant of Colombo, who was here for a few days, left for Colombo by the "Lady Gordon" on Wednesday.

Rev. W. M. Wilkes, Principal of the Wesleyan Central Institution has gone to Trincomalee for a short change. The members of the Batticaloa Cricket and Athletic Club, who went to Trincomalee on a cricketing tour, have returned.

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Ceylon Steamer. The next steamer to Jaffna will call at the Jaffna Port instead of at Kangesantrai, and they will so continue till the south west monsoon. There is much traffic by the steamers from Colombo to Jaffna and vice versa, in so much that very often 25 per cent of the cargo is shunt out to the great convenience of the shippers.

Karikal Mission. The Jaffna Wesleyan church held its 17th annual meeting of the "Home Mission" to Karikal, on the 30th ultimo. Mr. T. M. Tampoe presided. The report of the secretary reported over 40 conversions in the field and the income for the year to the society was about Rs. 1400.

Neervalli. We learn that a dozen police men with a sergeant are stationed at Neervalli, and it is said that arrangements are being made to tax the villagers for the upkeep of the force. We are glad to report that Mr. Rudd is on the alert to suppress all rowdiness.

Correction. Our Jaffna correspondent in the *Star* of Sept. 11th made a mistake in calling Dr. Appapudi Joshua a planter. He is the son of Mr. Joshua of Udavil Jaffna (now a planter at Hattori). His brother Mr. Ayadurai Joshua was one of those, who was successful in the Proctors Final examination.

The Jaffna Christian Provident Association. The Tenth Annual Meeting of the members of this association was held at the Jaffna Central College Hall on Thursday the 18th instant at 5 p.m. A very large number of members was present. The Rev. W. T. Garrett B. A., President of the Association was in the chair. After devotional exercises the Rev. J. T. Appapillai was called upon to move the first Resolution, which was the chief item of business on the Agenda, viz—"This meeting resolves that the nominees of members who pay yearly eight calls at the old rate be entitled to a bonus of Rs. 250 each; and the nominees of members who pay four calls be entitled to a bonus Rs. 125." The mover in a lucid speech, pointed out by facts and figures, that the Association would certainly collapse in another ten years or so if the proposed change in the constitution could not immediately be effected. The Rev. S. Mune seconded. The President, the Secretary, Rev. T. P. Hunt, G. Champi, on Messrs. G. T. Thampapillai, R. A. Kunanayagam, Jacob Vallupillai and several others spoke in support. The Resolution was carried by a large majority.

Although a motion for the winding up of the Association was introduced by some, the attempt was feeble, and consequently it failed to enlist the sympathy of the meeting.

After attending to other minor items of business, the meeting came to a close with prayer and benediction by the chairman.

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