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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1297.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Velanthar Murgesa of Thambagamata. Deceased.
Superannuar Thambiah of Thambagamam Petitioner.
1. Chinnappillai wife of Superannuar Thambiah of Thambagamam
2. Murgesar Thakkarasar of do
3. Kasappaiah Kathirkamer and wife
4. Vallipillai of do Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Superannuar Thambiah of Thambagamam praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Velanthar Murgesa of Thambagamam coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge, on the 16th day of October 1902 in the presence of Mr. Tumbiah, S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 3rd day of October 1902 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the son-in-law 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 24th day of November, 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 7th day of Oct. 1902. W. R. B. SANDERS, District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1299.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Marypillai wife of D. Patrick Muttatampi of Karair. Deceased.
David Patrick Muttatampi of Karair. Petitioner.
James Muttiah Solomon of Karair. Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of David Patrick Muttatampi of Karair praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Marypillai wife of D. Patrick Muttatampi coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge on the 16th day of October 1902 in the presence of Mr. Tumbiah, S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 16th day of October 1902 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the husband 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 28th day of November 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

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

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1300.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Vallipillai wife of Mootar Arampar of Palaly west. Deceased.
Mootar Arampar of Palaly west. Petitioner.
1. Vallar Kasappaiahpillai and wife
2. Nacappaiah of Palaly west
3. Ponnar Samangam and wife
4. Chinnappaiah of do Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Mootar Arampar of Palaly west, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Vallipillai wife of Mootar Arampar coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge on the 16th day of Oct. 1902 in the presence of Mr. Tumbiah, S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 16th day of October 1902 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the husband of the said intestate and 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 25th day of November 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

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

Local and General.

Weather. There is no reason to doubt the advent of the North monsoon. Commencing with the 4th we have had rain every day at Batticaloa for seventeen days though only a little over 10 inches has been registered. The wind has been very light, but from the North. The farmers have been busy and so far the outlook for a good crop is very promising. We shall probably get more rain in a few days.

Obituary. Mr. MacDonald, Provincial Engineer, died at his residence in Jaffna on Friday the 10th inst. after a very brief illness. A few days before, he took a chill and fever set in followed by other complications which took him off very suddenly. He was a faithful and efficient officer and the Government has lost a valued public servant. We extend our sympathies to the mother and other relatives and friends.

Bible Society. The annual public meeting of the Jaffna Auxiliary Bible Society was held in St. Peter's Church, Jaffna, on Monday the 13th inst. A large audience was present and excellent speeches were made by Revs. W. J. Hanan, J. H. Bicknell, Wm. Joseph, E. Solomon, C. J. Williams and A. Lockwood. The report of the Secretary showed that there had been an increase in the distribution of the Scriptures during the year. The Treasurer reported a slight falling off in the subscriptions from the churches. The balance in hand was needed for the immediate purchase of Bibles and portions, the stock in hand at the Depot being very low. Sir Wm. Twynan K. C. M. G. presided and in his usual impressive manner spoke of the work of the Auxiliary the past year, and of the importance of giving it our loyal support. The same officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Kangesanturai. This port has been closed owing to the north monsoon, and the island steamers have commenced to call at Mandaitoe off Jaffna. One of the steamers goes for docking purposes in about a month.

Coach. The coach service between Pallai and Matla needs to be looked into by Government if the reports of passengers are to be believed. The railway is not yet completed, and trains will not be running through for two years at least, so the coach service ought not to be allowed to run down.

Annual Convocation. The annual gathering of the Christians of the American mission churches was held in the Batticaloa church on Friday last. In spite of the inclement weather the people turned out well about 600 being present.

Rev. G. B. Brown presided and after the usual introductory exercises during which the rain came down in torrents, called upon Mr. P. L. Christian to give a resume of the work of the American Board for the past year, and Mr. G. Danforth to report anything of interest of the work of the N. E. S. in the islands.

Rev. C. M. Sanders spoke of what the American Church expected of us in Jaffna; Mr. Ramalingam Hitchcock spoke of the spiritual growth of the Am. Mis. churches and Mr. G. S. Eddy taking the place of Mr. Albert Curtis who was unavoidably absent, spoke very earnestly of the next forward step.

After a brief intermission Revs. T. P. Hunt and B. H. Rice conducted the communion service. Owing to the illness and death of the child of Dr. and Mrs. Scott, a number of the missionaries were absent as well as several of the Tamil Christians.

It was to be regretted that the bad state of the church roof resulted in several getting wet who were in attendance, but there seemed no other place convenient in which to hold the meeting. Before another rainy season it is hoped that the roof will be put in thorough repair. And the completion of the fine church at Navaly will give us another place in which to hold these large gatherings.

The Comet. The comet may be seen any clear night after sunset in the north west. As observed at Batticaloa through the telescope, Monday evening, it appears like a nebulous mass with a flattened head and a very short fan-like tail. To the naked eye it appears only as a very small hazy star. According to all accounts it will be a much more striking object ten days hence.

Baby Organ. For sale at Pt. Pedro cheap. Inquire of Rev. A. Lockwood.

Marriages. Mr. Charles R. Champion son of Rev. Champion of Chundicully was married to Miss H. Tangumamah. Mills a daughter of Dr. C. T. Mills of Mannipalay, on Wednesday the 22nd inst. in the C. M. S. church at Kockville. The parties from the church repaired to the bridegroom's residence at Chundicully to receive friends.

On the 27th inst. Monday, Mr. G. N. H. Tampoor Proctor will marry Miss. Ratnam Paul. The ceremonies will take place in the Wesleyan Church, Pettah, and the wedding will be a quiet one owing to the late bereavement in the family of the bride.

P. W. D. Mr. W. C. Price has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. J. MacDonnell as Provincial Engineer. He has already assumed duties Mr. N. M. Walker employed at Giant Tank, Mannar is at Jaffna on route to Irranamadai to act for Mr. W. Browne as Irrigation Engineer in charge of the tanks in the Karachi District, Com.

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மு. நுமருசைபாத்தியாயர்.

PERCY SCOTT.

The second son of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Scott was taken suddenly ill on Thursday the 16th inst and within twenty four hours was gathered by the Saviour into His loving arms. Born March 23, 1900, he lived but 2 years and 7 months in this earthly home and then went to join his brother in the "many mansions." Percy was a bright, lively little boy, with winning ways that endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He spoke Tamil well and English so little that the parents wondered how he would be able to get along when the time came for their return to America on furlough. He seemed well and strong, and his death was as unexpected as it was sudden.

Every thing that loving hearts could think of was done to check the disease, but the Great Physician ordered otherwise. The Master had need of him and he left at the summons. The next morning after brief services at Manipay and Udulvil his body was laid away amid ferns and flowers by the side of his brother, in "God's acre" at Udulvil.

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Scott will pray that comfort and peace may be given from above. Rich in heavenly treasures, the sorrowing parents miss the absent faces, and our sympathies and prayers are with and for them. God is love, and God only can comfort.

THE JAFFNA CONVENTION.

As previously announced the Annual Convention for Christian workers, was held in the Fort church on the 14th, 15th, and 16th inst. Great credit is due the Committee for getting friends and arranging the seats so that all could see and hear well. The arrangements for music, lighting the church at night, showing people to seats &c, were all that could be desired. There must have been considerable expense in connection with the printing of hymns and notices and in the bringing and returning of forms, and we hope that any who have received help from the meetings will send in contributions toward the defraying of these expenses, to Rev. E. M. Weaver, Wesleyan Mission, Jaffna.

There were four meetings held each day the one at 8 A. M. being attended principally by those from the town and vicinity, and the one at 11 A. M. by many from the stations outside Jaffna town. These meetings were designed especially for Christian workers and the themes presented by Mr. Eddy and his colleagues, all in the vernacular, were of great practical benefit. Between four and five hundred attended these meetings daily, once or twice the number reaching 600.

At 3 o'clock each day Mr. Eddy gave a Bible reading on Ephesians in English, Mr. Azariah translating the main points in Tamil. On the last day after finishing the Bible reading, Mr. Eddy spoke for half an hour on the subject of caste. Very plainly yet kindly did he point out the great wrong the Christian church was doing in Jaffna in tolerating this great evil. The church was deceiving itself when it said caste was dying out. The time has come for us to come out openly and boldly and to show by practice as well as by word that all followers of Jesus Christ belonged to one great family. In some churches the low caste still sat upon the floor, and everywhere, he was treated as an inferior. Would to God the Christian church would listen to the voice of God speaking again and again by the mouths of his messengers, on this great subject.

The evening meetings were held from 6 to 7.30 and partook largely of an evangelistic character. The church was crowded, full 900 being present the first evening and about 1,200 the last evening when every available space was filled with chairs and benches. The Gospel was presented with all boldness and earnestness and many were touched, and determined with Divine help to live better lives in the future. How many were newly converted we have no means of knowing, but we believe not a few accepted Christ as Saviour for the first time. It is for pastors and others to get hold of these who have newly come out and instruct them in Christian truth.

The missionaries are now working in the three Protestant colleges for a few days. They leave for India by the next steamer sailing from Jaffna on the 29th inst. We thank God for their visit and hope that much permanent good may result from their labours.

LAWLESSNESS IN THE NORTH.

A correspondent in the *Ceylon Observer* of the 11th inst. makes out a bad case against Jaffna. While we do not share altogether in his pessimistic views we do think that the attention of Government might well be called specially to two of the causes which he points out as conducive to the increase of lawlessness in the peninsula. One is the increase of intemperance. Now the best way of checking the growth of intemperance is to educate the public against the evils of drinking, and this can best be done by enlisting the sympathies of prominent men and inaugurating a vigorous campaign against the saloon. But the Government is certainly bound to initiate and carry out vigorous measures against the illicit sale of arrack. It is a fact well known to the Headmen that places exist which are not licensed, and where toddy and arrack are freely sold. If some zealous reformer points out such a place to the authorities, all traces are at once removed and it becomes impossible to prove the fact.

Whether the headmen actually connive at such a proceeding or not is perhaps not so clear, but that they are apathetic in detecting such places and persecuting the offender is quite evident.

The second point is the headmen themselves. A lot of young men have been appointed vidahus who have no power whatever to stop disturbances and preserve order. They jump out and arrest a carriage which on a bright moonlight night has no lamps lit, but they let any number of carts pass by on the darkest night without a light. We now speak of course of the country. It is not only the question of salary, it is as much the question of appointing fitting men who have influence in the community in which they live and who might easily become a terror to evil doers. Let the Government appoint honest men to this post—men who have the respect of the community, and pay them fair salaries and they will become much more efficient.

WHAT IF CHRISTIANITY IS NOT WANTED.

A young man once applied to a dry goods merchant for the position of clerk. The merchant asked him if he was a good salesman: he replied that he could sell goods when people wanted to buy. The merchant said: "I want a clerk to sell goods to people who do not want to buy." It is very easy to interest people, in preaching in Bible study, in Christian work, who want to be interested. But there are many people who do not want to be interested, who are afraid, if they do get interested, that they will be obliged to give up some of their pleasures.

There is in our time too much lamenting over the fact of the fewness of those who come to prayer meeting and church services and too little laying of wise plans for those who do not want to come, for fear they will be interested and converted. Our need today is to interest those in Christianity who do not want to be interested. The drummer for a commercial house must continually talk to men who are reluctant to buy his goods; he must seek for new customers; he cannot go to a town, send out notices and wait for customers to seek him; every means is used to attract attention to his goods and his house.

Our Lord in His short ministry went about continually seeking men. His activity and preaching were persistent and incessant. He continually laid hold upon men who did not want to be laid hold upon; then they became His best disciples.

Men are often discouraged because they feel that Christianity is not wanted here and there or by this one and that one; but there is just where it is most needed and if carried with the presidency of a Paul, it is just there that it will win its greatest victories. *Selected.*

MULLAITIVU NEWS.

The port is now closed and the Subcollector has received orders to proceed to Jaffna as usual.

The Asst. Govt. Agent will return to the station from circuit with Mr. Ariyakuddy, Kachcheri Mudaliyar on or about the 10th inst.

The Asst. Govt. Agent was specially appointed as District Judge, Mannar, to try a case there on the 10th inst. The selection of Dr. J. R. Jesuriah as medical officer to the station gives much satisfaction to the public. Within the short time he was here his amiable ways has won for him much popularity. It is believed that he will prove to be the right man in the right place. In thanking the authorities for sending him here, we sincerely hope that his stay amongst us will also be a long one. The appointment of a Christian Medical Officer to this station is very rare.

Mr. R. Rasingam Govt. Surveyor was indisposed a few days ago and is now doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tambiappa celebrated the 3rd anniversary of the birth of their eldest son on the 9th inst. Master Tambiappa was the recipient of many presents.

Mullaivu
17th Oct. 1902

NOTES.

—Among its many curious products, South Africa includes the "Snoezwood" tree which takes its name from the fact that one cannot cut it with a saw without sneezing, as the fine dust has exactly the effect of snuff.

—Mr. P. N. Wenzler who played the National Anthem at Axminster Parish Church when Queen Victoria was crowned did the same at the coronation of Edward VII.

—**FELINE TIES.**—TELLERS. Few persons are aware that it is possible to tell the time by the eye of a cat. This is done by a close study of the feline pupil, which contracts and expands with great regularity each day. Thus at noon the pupil of a cat's eye is contracted into a mere slit, a mere horizontal line and at midnight it is at its large points of expansion being then as big and round as a grape.

—**THE KING'S TUESDAYS.** The principal event in the life of His Majesty King Edward VII have been on Tuesday, Nov. 9th 1841. His Majesty was born, on Tuesday, Jan. 25th 1842 he was baptized, on Tuesday March 10th 1863 he was married.

—The cheapest postal service in the world is that of Japan, where for two set, about seven tenths of a penny letters are conveyed all over the empire.

—**DARKNESS OF OCEAN DEPTHS.** "How far does sunlight penetrate beneath the surface of the sea?" has been asked many times, and now the camera has answered the question. By exposing the most sensitive photographic plates at various depths it has been ascertained with definiteness how much sunlight there is in the water with each descending foot. There is a point at which no action of light is found, and that point is 600 ft. under the surface. Below that is absolute darkness.

—The British Museum owns the largest book in the world and the smallest. The largest is an atlas of the fifteenth century. It is seven feet high. Between its generous leaves a tall man's head is hidden. The smallest is a tiny "Bijou Almanac"—less than an inch square and easily to be concealed in the finger of a lady's glove.

—Fifty million white people in Great Britain and her colonies have on their hands the gigantic work of keeping a quarter of the globe and a third of its population permanently under control.

—In a letter dated on coronation day King Edward made a gift to the British people of the royal estate of Osborne, on the Isle of Wight, which was the favourite residence of the late Queen and the scene of her death. It is one of the conditions of the gift that the people will always have access to the house and the special use to which it will be put will be that of a temporary home for invalided officers of the army and navy.

—The crown Prince of Sweden presided at the recent World's Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations at Stockholm. There are now 6355 Y. M. C. A.'s in the world.

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—**Mr. H. Oliver.** The Chief Resident Engineer was in Jaffna last week arriving by land and left by steamer after inspecting the works.

—**Central College.** Mr. Eddy has been holding this week a series of meetings in the "College" morning and evening, and we are glad to hear that the addresses have been effective and several students have decided to be on the Lord's side. *Com.*

—**Children Sunday.** Sunday the 19th inst was observed at Jaffna Pettah church as "Children Sunday." The Morning service in Tamil and the Evening service in English was conducted by Mr. Eddy. In the afternoon at 3 P. M. the children of all the schools connected with the church assembled in the church and appropriate addresses were given by Mr. Eddy and Mr. Parmananthan. *Com.*

—**Dr. C. T. Griffin** acting P. C. M. O. arrived at Jaffna on the 16th inst. by land. On the 17th he proceeded to Pt. Pedro and returning to Jaffna left by coach for Colombo the following day. During his stay here he visited the Jaffna F. N. S. Hospital. *Com.*

—**Alleged Cholera at Karavetty.** Five persons died of purging and vomiting at Karavetty last week. The medical opinion of the said cases is that the said deaths were the result of "fish poisoning." The medical Department is however alert about the alarming news at Karavetty and strict orders have been given to headmen and others concerned to keep fish markets and other public places and compounds clean and tidy. *Com.*

—**The Govt. Agent.** We understand that Mr. Lewis is leaving Jaffna on the 25th inst and will proceed to Galle as Govt. Agent. *Com.*

—**Death by drowning!** On Monday morning at Nallore a pupil of the Central College aged about 12 years fell accidentally into a well while drawing water and died. The boy was alone at the time and no immediate help could have been given. The unfortunate child was a grand nephew of Mr. C. W. Cathiravalupillai. *Com.*

—**Judicial.** Mr. J. P. Lewis as additional District Judge heard on the 15th inst. the case specially fixed to be tried by him. The charge against the accused was under section 190 of the Penal Code for giving false evidence. He found the accused guilty and sent him for a year's rigorous imprisonment. *Com.*

—**School Inspector.** Mr. R. H. Leembruggen is going on leave to India for three months and Mr. Fernando B. A. has come to Jaffna to act for him. *Com.*

—**Day of Prayer for India and Ceylon.** Sunday, November 16th, has been selected as a general Day of Prayer for India and Ceylon. We hope all churches will make it special day of intercession. In our next issue we will print the call in full.

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