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"	19th "	"
"	24th "	"
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ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1306.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Murugappa Theedhanamorthy of Puloty west Deceased
 Theivanaipillai widow of Theedhanamorthy of Puloty west Petitioner

3. Valappar Somanathar and wife
 2. Valupillai and
 3. Valar Alvar of the Puloty west Respondents.
 This matter of the Petition of Theivanaipillai widow of Theedhanamorthy praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovementioned deceased Murugappa Theedhanamorthy of Puloty West coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge, on the 20th day of November 1902 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 17th day of November 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 12th day of January 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
 Signed this 20th day of Nov. 1902 W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1307
 In the Matter of the Estate of the late Thamotharar Velloppillai of Meesalai Deceased
 Kantar Murukar of Meesalai Petitioner.
 1. Valliammai wife of Kantar Murukar of Meesalai Respondents.
 2. Suppar Kadirgamer of do do
 This matter of the Petition of Kantar Murukar of Meesalai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovementioned deceased Thamotharar Velloppillai of Meesalai coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge, on the 20th day of November 1902 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 12th day of November 1902 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the next of kin 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 12th day of January 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
 Signed this 20th day of Nov. 1902 W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1308.
 In the Matter of the Estate of the late Parupathipillai widow of Suppar of Meesalai Deceased
 Subenampillai Velloppillai of Meesalai Petitioner.
 1. Suppar Kadirgamer of Meesalai
 2. Kantar Vettiar of do
 3. Kantar Suragar of do
 4. Kantar Sadyar of do Respondents.
 This matter of the Petition of Subenampillai Velloppillai of Meesalai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovementioned deceased Parupathipillai widow of Suppar of Meesalai coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge, on the 20th day of November 1902 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 12th day of November 1902 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the next of kin 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 12th day of January 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
 Signed Jaffna W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge
 20th Nov. 1902

ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1310.
 In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kanthavannam Kanappathipillai of Meesalai Deceased.
 Nanupillai widow of Kanappathipillai of Meesalai Petitioner.
 1. Venasitampi Varitambay and wife
 2. Chinnachi of Meesalai.
 3. Periyatampi Kanthavannam and wife
 4. Thevanai of Meesalai.
 5. Arunugam Kudditampi of Meesalai and
 6. Muttipillai widow of Varitampi of do. Respondents
 This matter of the Petition of Nanupillai widow of Kanappathipillai of Meesalai praying for letters of administration to the estate of the abovementioned deceased Kanthava-

nam Kanappathipillai of Meesalai coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 28th day of November 1902 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner 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 him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 12th day of January 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.
 Signed this 28th day of Nov. 1902 W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge

Local and General.

Weather. We have had a number of rainy days this month, the fall any one day has not been heavy. In some places the paddy is looking very finely.

The Star. We have delayed issuing this number of the STAR, so as to have it appear near Christmas. The next number will be on January 8th.

Manipay Hospital. Some seem to have the idea that because the Doctors Scott have left, the Hospital at Manipay will be closed. This is not true. The doors will be open to all patients, and careful treatment will be given. For the present Dr. Curr will visit the Hospital and Dispensary three times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Dr. Young will probably be back from India in June next, and a year later we hope to welcome the Doctors Scott again to their work in Manipay. The doctors had a smooth voyage down to Colombo and hope to sail from Colombo in the S. S. Lancashire, a week from tomorrow.

Test Examinations. The different Colleges of the peninsula have had their test examinations and we understand a large number are to appear for the Entrance and F. A. examinations of Calcutta University next March. A larger number than usual appeared for the Cambridge Locals a fortnight ago.

Chundeen Girls High School. Two pupils of this school—Celestine Hensman, and Mercy Palerwandrem—have passed the 3rd class English Teachers' certificate Examination this year.

Refreshment Stall. Mr. P. Vyttilingam of Vannapornne has started a refreshment room at the Jaffna railway station. It is a neat looking room built on the north adjoining the office room with the sanction of the railway authorities. The opening function was held on the 11th inst. The going public will find it a great convenience. **Com.**
Suicide. At Kudditi, in Vannapornne on Monday the 15th inst. a young girl, committed suicide by hanging. The girl we learn was engaged to be married in a couple of months. **Com.**

Life Chart. Mudaliar K. C. Kadirgamer of the Supreme Court has prepared a "Life Chart" and sent a copy of the same. The paper has been prepared with careful research to regulate the progress of life in relation to four-fold activities—moral, intellectual, business and physical. It is intended to be a diary and dedicated to "Young Ceylon" in particular. **Com.**

Magistrates. Mr. T. M. Tampoe is attending to work at Point Pedro and Chavagacherry Courts and Mr. G. Prins at Jaffna and Mallingam, and this exchange of duties will continue three months ending 15th March next **Com.**

Railway. We are informed on good authority that from 1st march next the section between Pallai and Aranthu will be opened for traffic. **Com.**

Personal. The holiday season has shifted and will shift several times, owing to a change to the sea side. Mr. A. Visuvanagar Proctor has gone to Keerilalai Mr. Adv. Kaangessai to Kangassanurai **Com.**

Mudaliar K. C. Kadirgamer and Mr. J. R. Thuraiingham returned by the last steamer to enjoy their holidays in Jaffna. Mr. Thuraiingham, we learn, will be connected with the P.W.D. in Colombo till he takes charge of a District as Engineer. **Com.**

DISASTROUS FLOODS IN SERENDAH.

The town of Serendah, Selangor, and the surrounding districts were visited by disastrous floods on the 19th inst. (November.)

About 5 p.m. on that day there was a sudden rise of the river and within the space of ten minutes the whole town was submerged to a depth of 2 to 4 ft. It is reported that three persons were drowned within the town itself and several others in the neighbourhood. Two houses collapsed in the town while others are in imminent danger of falling in. The traders have suffered heavily, since their shops were submerged, and their property damaged. At 10 p.m. the floods subsided. **Straits Times.**

"And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and worshipped him; and opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

MERRIE CHRISTMAS.

Once more the holiday season is with us, and all over the world it is being celebrated with joy and mirth. It is a striking proof of the wide spread prevalence of Christianity that the birth of Christ its founder, should be so universally observed. We hope the readers of the *Star* will not lose sight of the real significance of Christmas observance. It is a day of peace and good will, a day of exchange of gifts, a day of feasting and merry making, but above all a day of consecration. Let us then on the day we celebrate as the birth day of the Christ, renew our allegiance to Him and consecrate ourselves anew to His service.

The greatest gift of God to man was the gift of His Son, and a better way to commemorate this event can not be found than to give ourselves to God in loving service. Let us yield ourselves to His control, and find in serving Him a joy and blessedness which nothing else can give. To one and all of our readers we extend the greetings of the season, wishing them a

"Merrie Christmas"

AND A

"Happy New Year."

A CHRISTMAS CARMEN.

Sound over all waters, reach out from all lands,
The chorus of voices, the clashing of hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born!

With glad jubilations

Bring hope to the nations!

The dark night is ending and dawn has begun;
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun.
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

II.

Sing the bridal of nations! with chorals of love
Sing out the war-vulture and sing in the dove,
Till the hearts of the peoples keep time in accord,
And the voice of the world is the voice of the Lord!

Clasp hands of the nations

In strong gratulations:

The dark night is ending and dawn has begun;
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun.
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

III.

Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace;
East, West, North and South let the long quarrel cease:

Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,
Sing of glory to God and of good-will to man!
Hark! joining in chorus

The heavens bend o'er us!

The dark night is ending and dawn has begun;
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

John G. Whittier.

CHRISTMAS MORN.

1. As the virgin mother mild
Bends above her new-born child,
Kalls upon her list'ning ear
To us, so sweet, so dear,
Chorus.

"Peace on earth" the angels sing,
"Good will to men" the echoes ring,
For the Christ, the Lord, is born
On this glorious Christmas morn.

2. Little children, 'tis for you
Christ is born, to make you true—
True in thought, in word and deed—
Ever more to him give heed.— Chorus.
3. Happy lads and maidens bright,
Do you love the Lord of light?
Heart and mind with voices raise,
Gifts of service, as of praise.— Chorus.

4. Men and women, far and near,
Lay aside all doubt and fear,
Christmas morn to you doth bring
Christ your Master, Lord and King—
Chorus.

WHAT CHRISTMAS REALLY MEANS.

Much as we hear and read about Christmas, and often as we celebrate it, the great majority of us still have only a very uncertain and incomplete idea of the full significance of the holiday and its ancient usages and customs.

Even its very name implies more than most of us realize. The statement that it is called Christmas because at the dawn of the Christian era the "mass of Christ" was celebrated on that day is hardly an adequate explanation.

It really signifies nothing. But when we learn that "mass" was used in the sense of a sacrificial offering and "Christ" in the sense of "One anointed" as kings were with oil in ancient times on being crowned, only that instead of oil it was with the Holy Ghost and with power" and that this anointing signified a "consecration" or setting apart for a special design, then the solemn and sacred meaning of "Christmas" as "the sacrificial offering of one consecrated by God for a special purpose" at once becomes clear to us, and is ever afterward associated in our minds with St. John's sublime declaration, "For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." This stupendous event, the greatest and most glorious that ever occurred, is yearly commemorated by us on December twenty-fifth. But how many know why we celebrate it then? No proof exists that Christ was born on that particular day.

In fact no one knows exactly when He was born. No mention of the day or the season or even the year of His birth can be found anywhere in the Gospels.

No credence is any longer given to the ancient assertion that the date was recorded in the public archives at Rome. No shred of evidence shows that it was even preserved by oral tradition. Indeed, it seems never to have been known by the early church, and for centuries no special attention was paid to it.

When, therefore, the need of observing the anniversary at last became apparent in the fourth century there was nothing by which the date could be positively fixed. So at first January sixth, the day of Christ's baptism by the prophet John, was selected. But eventually December twenty-fifth was chosen, when the days begin to grow longer and the nights to grow less, that then according to one tradition, might be symbolized John's prophecy as the forerunner of the coming of the Sun of righteousness "He must increase, but I must decrease." Selected.

AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS.

The Midnight Whits & the Morning Carols.

The house stands hushed and dark in a silver sheeted world of snow and moonlight, "all silence and all glister." But soon mysterious creakings and stealthy whisperings disturb the perfect stillness, and dark figures steal from a rear door and gather on the open lawn in front. A moment more and the brooding night is filled with strains of exquisite, soaring sweetness, that tell of "angels bending near the earth to touch their long hairs of gold." Higher and still higher swell the fresh young voices until they seem to the white-robed listeners clustered at the moonlit windows to be floating down from some angelic choir singing far above in "the starry vane of space."

"Oh! lovely voices of the sky

Which hymns of gladness sing,

Are ye not singing still on high,

Ye that sang 'Peace on earth'?

To us yet speak the strains

Where'er, in time gone by,

Ye blessed of the Syrian swains,

Oh! voices of the sky!

In dreams we hear the voices still. No, not in dreams,

For 'tis broad day, brilliantly clear and cold, and the thin

December sunshine is streaming in at the windows. Yet

still the air is vibrant with song.

"Can it be the wails of woe or is it Cherubim? or children?"

"Rejoice, our Savior He was born

On Christmas Day in the morning."

It is the carol singers, of course. We open the door a crack

and peep out. Yes, there they are, clustered about the

Lord of Mistle on the stair-landing, coat and hat and

starry-eyed, their sun-kissed heads thrown back as they

pipe out the inspiring strains in their pure little trebles

until every crack and cranny of the house is flooded with

the joyous melody.

It is the best of preparations for the fervent and uplifting

church service which later all attend. Afterward, skating

and sleighing parties occupy the time until Christmas

dinner, when the two great Christmas candles again shed their

light on successive courses of royal fare, from the barren

of leek and savory goose to the plum pudding and mince

pie, the goodly feast being ceremoniously begun with the

formal bringing in, as a substitute for the ancient boar's

head, of a crisp little brown pig, garnished with rosemary

laurel, and small, bright colored bunnies and having a golden

lemon in its mouth. Selected.

FAREWELL TO DR. & MRS. SCOTT.

On Saturday the 13th inst. a number of Christians from all parts of the American Mission field gathered in the Manayap Church to say "good-bye" to Dr. & Mrs. Scott. The Pastor of the Manayap Church, Rev. W. P. Nall, presided and after the hymn "He leadeth me" called on Rev. R. Bryant to read a portion of Scripture and Rev. D. Stickney to lead in prayer. Proctor Changarapillai then read the address which we give in full:—

To Rev. T. B. Scott M. D. & Mrs. M. E. M. Scott M. D.

Dear Friends,

We, the Christians of the different Churches of Jaffna

are assembled here to bid you good-bye on the eve of your

departure to your home land on a well-earned furlough.

Though it is painful for us to be separated from you, even

for a short period, still when we remember the fact that

you have stayed in Jaffna for our good beyond the assigned

time, and that in consequence your health has been

affected, we hold our peace and wish you God-speed.

The re-organization of the Medical mission work, after a lapse of 20 years, soon after your arrival in 1893, was very opportune. It is needless to mention the great boon you and your noble wife, the first lady physician to Ceylon, have conferred on the people of Jaffna by your able and skilful treatment. The excellent hospital you built which is fully suited to the needs of the Tamils has brought people of all classes and creeds under the same roof, and thus has served the two fold purpose of healing their physical ailments, and bringing them to know of the great Physician and His cure for sins. The Hindis speak lovingly of you as "praying doctors," and are ready to entrust their lives to your hands.

The training of nurses, unprecedented in Jaffna, is a unique feature of your work. The opening of the dispensary at Karadive erected to the memory of the late Dr. Green is an additional blessing to the distant islanders.

Unlike many a medical missionary you have much to the detriment of your health, taken a full share in all the departments of mission work.

By your indefatigable labours you have housed the Manayap Memorial English School in a commodious building and strengthened it by an efficient staff of teachers so that over 250 boys are brought under direct Christian influence and daily Bible teaching.

The successful management of 20 Vernacular schools, the supervision of the Uduville Girls Boarding school with its well opened English department—which fills a long-felt want—and the duty which you had to perform as Secretary of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College have abundantly proved to us the keen interest you have taken in the cause of missionary education.

The active interest you took in building the church at Anafan, your strenuous efforts to make the churches self-supporting, your counsel and guidance in the deliberations upon church matters, your stirring words uttered in public meetings, will live long in our memories.

We desire you to convey our feelings of gratitude to the American Board; and the various churches that support it, and request them to continue to help us, until our churches are able to stand independent of foreign aid.

In conclusion, we earnestly pray that our loving Father may sustain and comfort you in your afflictions, and grant you and your dear ones a pleasant voyage, and restore you speedily to your former health. Fully hoping that you will return to this land as soon as your health permits, and resume your work of love in our midst, we with one accord, say, "God be with you."

We are,

Most Respectfully yours,

Dec. 13th 1902.

Manayap.

Dr. Scott in reply thanked them for the address, and expressed the hope that he might soon be back to take up

the work again at Manayap. He regretted that owing to poor health he had not been able for a few weeks to look

after his work as usual, but he was feeling much better and hoped soon to be quite himself again. In the 9 or 10 years

he had been in Jaffna he had tried to do what he thought God wished him to do. One object he had kept steadily

before him was the development of the Christian community. At first many thought it hard that they could not

get all the pecuniary help from the missionary that they wanted, but he thought that they were glad now that they

had been taught to stand upon their own feet. He wished

them progress along the lines of self support and independence. He hoped that they would do the best they

could and that he might one long be permitted to have a share once more in their labours.

After the singing of "God be with you till we meet again," the Rev. George Champin pronounced the benediction, and the people came forward to bid them Good-bye.

Dr. and Mrs. Scott will be greatly missed in our community. They have endeavored themselves to do good

people and all will be glad to see them back. They go first to Smyrna, Turkey, where they will visit Mr. Scott's sister

and probably remain some weeks there. They plan to reach America in May or June. We join with a host of others in wishing them *bon voyage* and a speedy return in health and strength to their chosen field of labor.

CITY COLLEGE, COLOMBO.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The Distribution of Prizes at the City College came off in the College Hall on Friday afternoon, the 5th inst. at 1.30. The hall was profusely decorated with ferns and evergreens, and the College motto "The truth shall make you free" was emblazoned on the wall behind the platform. In spite of the inclemency of the weather and Municipal excitement, and other Prize distributions at the same time, there was a creditable attendance of the parents of the students and sympathisers of the College and there was a very good proportion of ladies present.

Proceedings began with a hymn, scripture reading and prayer and the Principal's report was then read.

The Report was as follows:—

The City College was opened on the 26th of April 1894,

with nine pupils and two teachers.

During the past nine years nearly 1,400 pupils gained admission. One eighth of this number is with us now.

In September 1894 it was recognised by the Calcutta University as a High School, qualified to send up candidates for the Entrance Examination.

In 1897 it was made the Colombo Centre of the London College of Preceptors.

Our students have been successful in obtaining two Senior and ten Junior Certificates and one Junior Honour Certificate of the Cambridge University, six Entrance Certificates of the Calcutta University, and eighty-two Certificates of the London College of Preceptors. Thus, the total number of Certificates awarded to our students is one hundred and one.

The prizes were next distributed by Mr. Harward the recipients being loudly cheered by their fellows as they came up to receive them.

[We regret we have not space for more of this report.]

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