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

Spectral Notice.

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Government Notification.

PEARL FISHERY OF 1903.

Notice is hereby given that a Pearl Fishery will take place at Marichechikaddi, in the Island of Ceylon, on or about 22nd February, 1903.

The banks to be fished are the South-East Cheral Paar, estimated to contain 490,000 oysters, sufficient to employ 420 boats for forty days, with average loads of 10,000 each a day, each boat being fully manned with divers; the East Cheral Paar, estimated to contain 11,000,000 oysters, sufficient to employ 28 boats for forty days, with average loads of 10,000 each a day, each boat being fully manned with divers; the North-East Cheral Paar, estimated to contain 13,000,000 oysters, sufficient to employ 32 boats for forty days, with average loads of 10,000 each a day, each boat being fully manned with divers; the Penna Paar Karrai, estimated to contain 8,000,000 oysters, sufficient to employ 20 boats for forty days, with average loads of 10,000 each a day, each boat being fully manned with divers.

2. It is therefore necessary that such local workers and divers as may wish to be employed at the said Fishery should be at Marichechikaddi by the 17th February next, and it is notified that the first day's fishing will take place on the first favourable day after the 22nd February.

3. Marichechikaddi is on the mainland, eight miles by sea south of Sillavannai, and supplies of good water and provisions can be obtained there.

4. The Fishery will be conducted on account of Government, and the oysters put up to sale in such lots as may be deemed expedient.

5. The arrangements of the Fishery will be the same as have been usual on similar occasions. Persons attending the Fishery Camp from India will be permitted to travel to Ceylon by either of the following routes:—(1) Tutuoria to Colombo, or (2) Paumben to Marichechikaddi, and by no other.

Arrangements will be made, as at the last Fishery, for travellers to proceed from Paumben direct to the Camp. The only restriction imposed on travellers by the Paumben route will be inspection by the Medical Officer at Paumben.

6. All payments to be made in ready money in Ceylon currency.

7. Drafts on the banks in Colombo or bills on the agents of this Government in India, at ten days' sight, will be taken, on letters of credit being produced to warrant the drawing of such drafts or bills.

8. For the convenience of purchasers, the Treasurer at Colombo and the different Government Agents of Provinces will be authorized to receive cash deposits from parties intending to become purchasers, and receipts of these officers will be taken in payment of any sums due on account of the Fishery.

9. No deposit will be received for a less sum than Rs. 250.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, EVERARD H. THURNS,
Colombo, Dec. 22, 1902. Colonial Secretary.

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NOTICE.

Know all men by this that I, Mark Gabriel Thambo, of Anaicottai, Jaffna, now residing at Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, do hereby give notice that no one is admitted to execute and attest any deeds, transfer, mortgage, etc., or to accept any bonds written by my wife Emily Chellammatt daughter of N. Swaminathan, regarding to moveable and immovable properties belonging to both of us, without a written consent of mine from this date and that any such deeds or bonds executed from 31st January 1901, that the date of my departure to this part of the world, will not be considered as valid.

M. G. THAMBO.

1st Jan 1901, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor.

BIRTH.

At "Leo Lodge" Jaffna Town on Friday the 6th February 1903 the wife of Dr. A. Evans M.B.C.M. Medical Superintendent of Immigration Ammapalam of a daughter. Mother and daughter doing well. Madras paper please copy.

ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction { No. 1320.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Chinnattankam daughter of Chinnappa of Vannarapattai west. Deceased. Pootanatti Chinnappa of Arali North. Petitioner. 1. Nacamatte widow of Nannur of Vannarapattai west. 2. Teyvannai widow of Sinnathurai of Arali North and 3. Chinnacheli widow of Elyattambi of Kockevill.

This matter of the Petition of Pootanatti Chinnappa of Arali North praying for letters of administration to the above named deceased Chinnattankam daughter of Chinnappa of Vannarapattai west coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 12th day of January 1903 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changanapillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 8th day of January 1903 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the heir 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 6th day of March 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed this 12th day of Jan. 1903 } W. R. B. SANDERS, District Judge.

Local and General.

Weather. For two or three days we had a very high wind, unusual for February and no doubt, due to some disturbance in the Bay of Bengal. There have been a few local showers. Since Friday the wind has died down and we are having the normal weather for this season of the year i.e. hot days and dewy nights. The health of the place is very satisfactory.

Missionaries. Rev. E. M. Waser has returned from attending the Synod at Colombo, Rev. and Mrs. Brown, and Rev. and Mrs. Dickson and child leave for Kodaikanal, South India, by the next steamer to Paumben.

Pearl Fishery. From the advertisement in another column it will be seen that the number of oysters estimated as ready for being taken is 80,000,000. This will call for 200 boats fully manned with divers; about 40 clear days of fishing are expected. It is said that an English syndicate has been formed in Colombo for buying up oysters. If so, we may expect competition and a corresponding increase of profit for the Government. We sincerely hope that every precaution will be taken to prevent the introduction of the plague of cholera into the Island.

The counters and other officers selected in Jaffna for work at the fishery left Jaffna on Monday the 16th inst. by sea. Mr. V. Appanavar Mudra, the retired Sheriff has been taken back to do work as sheriff in place of Mr. C. M. Chinnai. A large quantity of articles—mats, baskets, furniture &c.—were dispatched on the 16th inst. to the fishery camp. The N. S. Subraman from Batticaloa was expected yesterday to act for Mr. T. De Nicée as head clerk Kachcheri.

Wesleyan Mission. The following have won scholarships for the current year:—

Senior Miss R. N. Thampoe of Vempadi Girls, Rs. 60.
K. Rajaratnam of Central College, " 40.
Junior M. S. Kanapathipillai, A. S. Kanapathipillai and M. Kandiah, all of Pt. Pedro Rs. 40, 30, 15 respectively.

G. B. School prizes. Tambore scholarship of Rs. 25, winner, J. B. Newman of Pt. Pedro: Rs. 12.50, C. Arumugam of Jaffna.

Newton Scholarship. Rs. 17.50 Ponnammam of Kalmansai; Rs. 15.00 Chinnammam of Trincomalee.

Lecture. Mr. Chelvadurai Nevis B. A. Principal of the Hindu College, delivered a lecture in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Jaffna, on the 10th inst. of which the *Town* men of Jaffna says "The lecture was one of the best delivered in our rooms. It was eminently practical and kept the audience highly attentive."

The Handaramike Testimonial. An effort is being made to raise funds to fund a scholarship in honor of the Maha Mudaliyar. The Government is to be "the custodian of the Fund" and the scholarship will be open to all Colleges and schools in the island. This is a scheme that is worthy of support, and we hope that the sum will soon be collected especially from the friends of the Mudaliyar in the south. Subscriptions are solicited from the general public.

S. T. Chinnappa the Headmaster of the Kopay English School under the C. M. S. for a period of seventeen years, has severed his connection with the school with the middle of the current month, as the C. M. S. Council has elected him as a candidate for holy orders. He was therefore invited for a farewell meeting and address on the afternoon of the 13th inst. by the old and new boys of the Institution. There were also present on the occasion all the missionaries and ladies of the church mission, Revs. George Champion, George Daniel, S. Morse Williams, Messrs. D. Mallaganam, J. P., Thirunani Manigiar, J. Thevaranjanam, retired Sub-collector, A. Channavannam Assistant Mudaliyar of the Jaffna Kachchery S. Olagasegaram, retired Head Clerk of the Provincial Road Department, Samuel Henshaw of Jaffna College, S. Thampapillai of the Kopay Training Institution, K. Visuvanalingam, landed proprietor, Dr. D. Abraham, retired Medical officer, and several other respectable gentlemen of the place.

Rev. Jacob Thompson presided on the occasion, taking his seat on the dais with Mr. Chinnappa on his right. The exercises were commenced with a Tamil Lyric composed for the occasion, prayer by Rev. Mr. Hanan reading of a portion of the Scriptures and the singing of a beautiful hymn by the ladies and others present. Mr. Thompson then addressed the meeting dwelling on Mr. Chinnappa's sterling qualities as a teacher and the golden opinion he has won. He was followed in the same strain by the Rev. Mr. Daniel, Messrs. A. Mallaganam and S. Thampapillai. A short time was given for music after which an address was read by one of the Senior students and it was presented to him signed by the Manager and by an old boy of the school in an influential position in the Kachchery, with a cabinet size photo of the manager, teachers and students of the school, an Oxford Bible and two large volumes of "The Life and Words of Christ." After Mr. Chinnappa's reply, the pleasant function was brought to a close by the singing of a beautiful song composed for the occasion by Mr. Sivapiragasas Panilt and the national anthem.

Supreme Court. There are nine cases for trial of which two are for murder, including Kokuville murder. Of the 3 cases one is from Jaffna court and the rest from Point Pedro and Chavagachcheri. Com.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY IN JAFFNA.

(Communicated)
—They say that Advocate Thero is coming to defend the prisoners in the Kokuville murder case.
—They say that Supreme Court Sessions at Jaffna paralyze the work of the District Court.
—They say that Magistrate Prins is gaining popularity and that his appointment at Jaffna will be confirmed, and that his assistant Mr. Bayne will be appointed to Point Pedro and Chavagachcheri.
—They say that Sir William Tyngam has declined to accept the office of Supervisor of work at the Pearl Fishery.
—They say that the arrangements at the Fishery camp are as before, and that stricter supervision will be ordered over the divers, boats, and oysters.
—They say that if the fishery fails to introduce plague into Ceylon, the plague restrictions can at once be safely removed.
—They say that election troubles have come to an end and the constituents of the competing candidates are sending up to Colombo papers and signatures of persons exceeding the population of Jaffna.
—They say Magistrate Tampoo has been asked to retire from next month, and that the council seat has been offered to him.
—They say that Magistrate Tampoo declining to accept Advocate Kaunasai will be called to the seat.
—They say that a splendid send off should be given to the Tamil representative from Jaffna when he leaves for his seat in Council.
—They say that Manigiar Tillainathar has provided a suitable place of accommodation for the poor and wayfarer in "Kannamathi Chattram."
—They say that the Authorities must mean that the increase of these "Chattrams" should not mean neglect of sanitation, as in the case of the stinking, stagnant foul water, breeding malaria, from "Vallipuram well" eastwards.

8. பேரெடுத்தச்சயமாவது, தனது எண்ணம்
மற்ற சேட்டிக்கும் மனம்

Foreign News.

Mr. Chamberlain has met with some opposition in South Africa. De Wet and his followers have stated their grievances and avowed their intention of opposing the government by words (not by arms) until they shall have secured their object. Mr. Chamberlain's fearlessness and frankness have done much to clear the air, and England's fairness in treating the conquered country should reassure the Boers that their good only is sought. A united state of South Africa is bound to come sooner or later, and well for the Boers if they recognize this fact and acquiesce in the inevitable. Their lot will be far better off under such conditions than it has been in the past.

The U. S. House of Representatives has passed an Anti-Trust bill, and it must now go before the Senate. The moneyed men who control the Trusts will spare no effort to defeat the bill in the upper house. In fact ugly rumors are already afloat concerning some of the prominent wealthy men of America and it would not surprise one if a great deal of scandal should result. President Roosevelt is convinced that legislation should in some way or other control what threatens to be a growing evil, and we look to see some law passed which will bring these great monopolies under the control of the government.

From the Pacific comes news of a great tidal wave and hurricane. The Society Islands are a group of islands lying in mid-Pacific, half way between Australia and South America between the 15th and 18th degree of latitude south of the equator. The islands are small, the estimated area of the largest being under 600 square miles. The population of the largest is only a little over 10,000, and for the whole group not more than 30,000. By the tidal wave that swept over the island it is claimed that over a thousand perished including 8 Europeans. Thousands of tons of copra and a hundred tons of mother-of-pearl have been lost. The French to whom the islands belong have sent war-ships to their relief. This is one of the most appalling disasters that has taken place in recent years.

The Ceylon Census

We are in receipt of three out of the four volumes of this stupendous work more than three times as bulky as any Census Report previously published. Mr. Arunachalam M. A. has certainly done his work well, and brought together a great mass of facts which will be of great use to the government. Vol. I, deals with the subject of Census operations and results, and contains 8 maps of the Island and as many more Diagrams dealing with important statistics. The Report consists of 260 pages and the appendices of over 200 more. The natural features of our Island, its history and its government take up the first few pages, after which Mr. Arunachalam gives a brief account of the previous Censuses taken in Ceylon, and of the preparations for this last and most perfect of all. Chapters 8 and 9 deal with the population considered statically and dynamically, that is to say of the population as it now exists and of its movement during the past 10, 20, and 30 years. It is interesting to note just here that the population has increased nearly 50 per cent during the past 30 years, and we should not be surprised if 20 years hence we should have a population of not less than five millions. Chapters 10, 11, 12 and 13 take up Nationality, Religion, Sex and Civil condition. One chapter is given to the subject of education, another to Hospitals, Asylums and Jails, another to the Boer prisoners, and two or three to age, life tables and vital statistics. The Report concludes with a number of pertinent suggestions for the next Census. In his

Introduction to Vol. I.

Mr. Arunachalam says, "It has been said that half the circle of sciences and all the circle of human interests are open to a Census reviewer, and that the perfect Census report can be written only by that rare and fortunate individual who is at once a facile and elegant writer, a good mathematician, an authority on vital statistics, well versed in economic problems and linguistic science, and thoroughly acquainted with the history, the religions, the literatures, the customs and superstitions of the people enumerated, and the intricacies of their caste and tribal divisions. I cannot lay claim to such qualifications. Nor have I been able to give my undivided attention to Census work owing to the claims of another important charge—the Registrar-General's Department. I trust, however, that the Report now submitted will, in spite of its imperfections, be found a not unworthy record of a great decennial undertaking."

The Report speaks for itself and clearly shows that the Government made no mistake when it

asked Mr. Arunachalam to undertake the work. We have not space for any reference to the natural features of the island however interesting it might be. Nor may we take up at this time the History and the Government of Ceylon.

Population.

The total population of the island excluding the military, the shipping and prisoners of war was 3,565,954. The number of towns was 28 and of villages 12,870. Of the nine provinces the Western is the most densely populated, and the North Central the most sparsely. To quote:

"The unequal distribution of the population in the Island is chiefly due to the presence or absence of large towns or centres of industry—which, again, are mainly the result, direct or indirect, of European enterprise—and to the proportion of mountainous area. The Western Province, which contains the metropolis and four other important towns, has the high average of 643 persons to the square mile, and is more than twice as densely populated as any other Province."

He might have added that the population was 30 times more dense than the population of the North Central province. The island has been divided into 20 districts or 21 including Negombo. The population of each is as follows:—

Western Province.	
Colombo district (including municipality)	542,577
Negombo "	148,249
Kalatura "	229,857
Total.	920,683
Central Province.	
Kandy district	377,591
Matale "	92,203
Newara Eliya district	153,038
Total.	622,832
Northern Province.	
Jaffna district	300,851
Mannar "	24,926
Mullaitivu "	15,159
Total.	340,936
Southern Province.	
Galle district	258,116
Matara "	203,750
Hambantota "	104,870
Total.	566,736
Eastern Province.	
Batticaloa district	145,161
Trincomalee "	28,441
Total.	173,602
Northwestern Province.	
Kurunegala district	249,429
Poggalim "	20,779
Chilaw "	74,418
Total.	353,626
North Central Province.	
Anuradhapura district	79,110
Province of Uva.	
Badulla district	186,674
Province of Sabaragamuwa.	
Ratnapura district	132,964
Kogalla "	188,791
Total.	321,755

Mrs. John Ferguson.

Mrs. John Ferguson, wife of the Senior Editor of the *Ceylon Observer*, passed away suddenly at her home in Colombo last Friday evening. She seemed as well as usual Friday morning but had an attack at about 1 o'clock P. M. and before 10 in the evening had passed away. Mrs. Ferguson arrived in Ceylon nearly 34 years ago, and has been known as one deeply interested in all forms of religious and philanthropic work. She will be missed in many a home and her place will not soon be filled.

A daughter had just recovered from a severe attack of fever and the mother was preparing to accompany her to Kandy when she was summoned to her heavenly home. Another daughter was married to Rev. Bruce Elthrington only three weeks previous.

Her sons are also in Ceylon, one assisting his father in the *Observer* office and the other on a tea estate. Our very deep sympathies are with these friends in their sore bereavement.

INDIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

We give place to the following from the General Secretary and heartily commend the cause to our readers. Any further information wanted will be gladly furnished by the Editor of the I. S. S. Journal, Calcutta.

I. S. S. U. CENTRAL OFFICE, CALCUTTA, 5-2-03.

The year 1780 is regarded as the one in which Robert Raikes established the first Sunday School. The movement grew apace and created a need for literature which resulted in the foundation of the *Religious Tract Society*. The phenomenal growth of Sunday Schools created also

a need for Welsh Bibles, at a low cost, which resulted in the founding of the *British and Foreign Bible Society*. In 1803, exactly 100 years ago, the British Sunday Schools were organized into the *Sunday School Union*.

This is therefore the Centenary year of that great organization and it proposes, in the British Isles, to enlist the services of 100,000 new teachers, and secure a million new scholars, besides the raising of Rs. 1,500,000 for the consolidation of its home and foreign work.

The first Sunday School in India was established in Serampore, Bengal, in the year 1803. Thus, the two centenaries fall in the current year.

The I. S. S. U. Central Committee, anxious to commemorate the two events, has passed the following important resolution which, through the generosity of a Bombay gentleman, is being posted to-day to every Missionary in the Empire.

"The Central Committee of the India Sunday School Union remembers with profound thankfulness to Almighty God that this year 1903 is not only the Centenary year of the foundation of the Sunday School Union, London, but also the formation of the first Sunday School in India."

The Committee considers that among other ways of celebrating these important and far-reaching events, none could be more profitable than special endeavour by prayer and effort, to lead children and young people to exercise personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Committee would therefore earnestly urge parents, pastors and teachers to co-operate prayerfully and practically in making the year 1903 especially fruitful in definite conversions among the young.

We respect the help of each recipient of this post card to give its subject matter every possible publicity and sympathy.

RICHARD BURGESS,
Gen. Sec. I. S. S. U.

Farewell Address to the Rev. S. and Mrs. Morse.

The Rev. S. and Mrs. Morse had an At Home to their Parishioners and friends before leaving for their new sphere of work at Palali. There was a large gathering at the Nellore Parsonage. Refreshments were served on a lavish scale.

The members of the Nellore Church among whom they worked faithfully and successfully for the last 15 years availed this opportunity to read a farewell address and present them with a purse. The address was read by Mr. N. S. Lawrence, Head clerk of the Church Council.

The Rev. W. J. Hannan in a good speech spoke very highly of the abilities and qualifications of Mr. Morse. In short speeches Revs. Chapman and Daniel and Messrs. Baily, Tisseraceringam, Sinnappin and Guchanayagam praised the sterling qualities of Mr. Morse as a man and a minister. Mr. Morse in returning thanks said that he had not devalued to do his duty and that he rejoiced to see that his work was appreciated. He thanked them for the honor done him and Mrs. Morse. He earnestly requested them to pray for him and his wife who is not in a position to accompany him on account of a carriage accident.

Another farewell address was also read to Mr. Morse by the Nellore Girls' Boarding School with the presentation of a Tamil gilt Bible neatly-bound.

Marriage of Miss Rockwood.

On Monday the 9th inst. Miss Sarah Alagamma Rockwood was married to Mr. Adam Muttukumarasamy, Proprietor at St. Michael's church, Polwatta, Colombo. The bride is the daughter of the Hon'ble Dr. and Mrs. Rockwood. The Rev. Mr. Healy officiated and the service was choral. The *Observer* writes as follows:—The bride's wedding was very largely attended, showing the esteem in which the bride's parents are held. The bride's dress was a very attractive original costume consisting of a cream colored *Berthe* *robe* richly embroidered in gold and her jacket was of white silk brocade. She wore a string of red and gold jewellery. The Band of the West Kennis was present at Dr. Rockwood's home and the grounds were specially laid out to receive the very large company of guests who attended. The large cake standing about 15 feet occupied a good portion of the large dining room and its design was original and gigantic. The champagne and other delicacies were served in abundance. At night the customary Tamil ceremony of tying the *Thali* was held. A very large number of presents was given. We congratulate the parties and wish them all happiness.

NOTES.

Japan Christian News. The president of the House of Representatives in Japan is a Christian. At the time of his candidacy for that position, politicians went to him and asked him to renounce his faith. His reply was, "I would rather be a Christian than president of the House of Representatives." And he remained a Christian and got the office also. *London Christian Herald.*

Indian Christian Council. We are glad to hear of the formation of the above council under the presidency of the Hon'ble Sir Hanuman Singh K. C. S. I. (an Indian Christian Prince). The object of this Council is to promote the interest of the Native Christians throughout India. *Calcutta Patriot.*

Progress of Christianity in India. The number of converts in the Hyderabad Wesleyan Mission has been great. Hundreds of converts have been won in and around Medak, and in numbers of villages Christ's praise is sung where only five or six years ago His name was unknown. The workers' hands are more than full. *Christian Patriot.*

Temperance Notes. The following are the sayings of some remarkable men about drink: "I never use strong drink; I am more afraid of it than of Yankee bullets." Stonewall Jackson. "Abstinence is favourable both to the head and to the pocket." Bruce Grey. "For the fifty years I have been a temperance man, and I am too old to change." Abraham Lincoln. "What a drunken man like? Like a drowned man, a fool, and a mad man." Shakespeare. "At last it hath like a serpent, and singh like an adder."—Solomon.

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