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" " from Kangesanturai	20th April	
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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testimony No. 1328
Jurisdiction

In the matter of the Estate of the late Valliammaipattai wife of Veerakatti Ponnappa of Saravani deceased.

1. Ninnamby Kattiravale and his wife
2. Vairavipillai of Saravani

Plaintiff Respondent

This matter of Ponnappa Saravani and wife Vairavipillai of Saravani playing for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Valliammaipattai wife of Veerakatti Ponnappa, coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge on the 10th day of February 1903 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Chongprapattai, Proctor on the part of the Petitioners and affidavit of the Petitioners dated the 6th day of February 1903 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioners are the heirs of the said intestate and as such are entitled to have Letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to them unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 31st day of March 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Jaffna 19th Feb. 1903

W. R. B. SANDERS,
District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testimony No. 1331
Jurisdiction

In the matter of the estate of the late Velanar Andiam of Kudatani deceased.

1. Kankai wife of Kankai of Kudatani North
2. Muzer Vairavipillai of Kudatani

3. Salayar Sappapillai and wife
4. Pampathi of Kudatani

Respondents.

This matter of the petition of Kankai Kankaiipillai of Palay east paying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Velanar Andiam of Kudatani coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge on the 4th day of March 1903 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke proctor on the part of the petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 27th day of February 1903 having been read, it is declared that the petitioner is the creditor 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 17th day of April 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Jaffna 19th day of Mar. 1903

W. R. B. SANDERS,
District Judge.

Local and General.

Weather. The hot weather is upon us in earnest, and lundare the complaints to be heard on every side.

Missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hitchcock and children left by the steamer on Tuesday for Colombo and for America. They leave for London on the S. S. Derbyshire which sails from Colombo on the 24th. They hope to reach the home-land before the middle of May.

Christian Literature Society. Mr. T. Grace Secretary of this society has been spending ten days in Jaffna visiting the different stations and many of the larger schools with a view of promoting the interests of the Society. Rev. H. Guilford has been appointed Secretary of the Madras branch, in succession to the veteran Secretary Dr. Murdoch.

Calcutta Examinations. The examinations for F. A. and B. A. are being held in Central College Hall in Jaffna. There are 42 candidates appearing for F. A.

and 7 for B. A. from the following colleges:—

	F. A.	B. A.
Central College	11	
Hindu	11	
Jaffna	15	4
St. Thomas		1
Teachers	5	2

Judging by the numbers presented these examinations are not losing in popularity among the Jaffnese.

Ceylon S. S. Co. The steamers of this company begin calling at Kangesanturai from the 30th inst. and thence on the railway ought then to increase. The Lady Gordon which is due here Saturday night, will not be along until Tuesday owing to unavailability of the steamer.

Prof. Hitchcock. A farewell meeting was held in City Hall, Batticaloa, last Friday to bid good bye to Mr. & Mrs. Hitchcock. The College have read an address and a poem of over Rs. 100 was subscribed to a fund to be called the "Hitchcock Prize Fund." Mr. Hitchcock has been out over 12 years and well deserves his farewell. We wish them bon voyage, a happy reunion with friends, and a speedy return to renewed health and strength to their work in the college.

In the meantime it gives us pleasure to announce that the 30 authorities in America are sending out a man to fill Mr. Hitchcock's place in the college during his absence.

Tamilis in Kwaia Lumpur. The report of the American Methodist Episcopal Church of Kwaia Lumpur for 1902 shows that 25 have been admitted to the church, three fourths of them as Probationers. Excluding these the number of full members is 48. The grand total raised for all objects was \$514.7. Rev. S. Abraham, formerly pastor of the Tamil congregation in the Straits.

Arithmetic for standard III. Mr. S. A. Edwar, A. A. L. C. Headmaster of the Chetty St. branch of Central College has published an arithmetic for the III standard in English which it seems to us is well adapted for our English schools. The book has evidently been carefully prepared, a special feature being the mental exercises. It is neatly printed (in Madras) and strongly bound.

No third standard child can hereafter make the excuse that because he had no book he was unable to pass in the third standard. Its price (25 cents paper cover) is within the reach of all, and it ought to be in the hands of every student.

Photography. During his stay in Jaffna, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. L. Wendt who is himself an amateur photographer of long experience paid a visit to the photographic establishment of Messrs S. R. Lawton & Co at Manayap and expressing a wish to be photographed by the best wet collodion glass positive process, a sitting was given and the picture finished mounted and delivered within about twenty minutes. This is an old method of photography very rarely practiced at the present time, but the results are absolutely permanent, some specimens of forty years standing remaining as fresh as on the day they were produced.

Legislative Council. A meeting of the Legislative Council is summoned for Tuesday the 24th inst.

Correspondents. We have received two or three contributions for the Star on the subject of the Tamil seat which we must decline to publish as the matter has now been finally settled.

We would also remind all that communications sent for publication should reach the editor's hands at least ten days before the issue of the paper. Such contributions as the editors may deem unsuitable for these columns will be rejected, but they cannot be responsible for returning manuscripts.

Gold Sovereigns. Government has issued a circular to the different Government Agents urging upon them the desirability of bringing gold notes into use in the Island. We take the following from the circular referred to:—

1. It is a coin which will readily be accepted at its full value, not only in India and all other British Possessions, but also in every country in the world.

2. It cannot be destroyed.

3. It is extremely difficult to forge.

4. It represents a large sum of money in a small compass.

Jaffna Town Y. M. C. A. The Executive met in the rooms on the 17th inst. and on the request of the London committee, have decided to request Rev. Mr. Hensley to represent them in the annual conference to be held in England. Reports of the work of the association will be sent to Mr. Hensley to be submitted before the conference. The association has arranged to start a tennis club shortly and tennis materials have already reached the hands of the Secretary, Captain Goddard of the Salvation Army gave entertainments to the young men, two nights, with his gymnastic one.

Obituary. We regret to record the death of Mrs. Mary Ratnam wife of Mr. Ratnam Solomon of the Jaffna Petala General stores. The deceased lady was the only daughter of the late Mr. Kandavaram of the F. N. S. and married to Mr. Ratnam a few years ago. She belonged to the Petala church and in his funeral address the pastor of the church testified to the good work and Christian character of the deceased lady. She was ill for less than a week and died on the 13th inst. of typhoid fever.

Pearl Fishery. The fishing thus far has been very successful. In ten days the total receipts to Government amounted Rs. 103,598.00. The prices of oysters has gone up to its 37 per thousand.

Magistrates. From the 16th inst. Magistrates Tampua and Pina have exchanged duties, Mr. Tampua returning to Jaffna, and Mr. Pina to Pt. Pedro.

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An interesting table is the one in which is shown the progress of education in Christian communities. For males the proportion per cent of Christians able to read and write is nearly double that of the non-Christians while for females the proportion is six times as great. Twenty eight per cent of the males and twelve and a half per cent of the females among the Buddhists are able to read and write English and 13 per cent of the male and 2 per cent of the females among the Hindus. Of the Christians 51½ per cent of the males and 84½ per cent of the females are able to read and write English. This shows the educational strength of the Christians and as is said is largely due "to the educational activity of the Missiary bodies."

The following is the letter addressed by His Excellency the Governor to Dr. Rockwood on the subject, as reported by the *Ceylon Observer*.

Your term of office as member of the Legislature representing the Tamil community terminates in a few days and I write to ask you whether you are willing to be re-nominated for another term of five years. In ordinary circumstances I am not in favor of reappointing a member whose term of service in the Legislative Council has expired by effluxion of time, even when, as in your case, there appears to be a large majority of the community

I am Dear Dr. Rockwood yours &c
(Signed) West Ridgeway

That the Governor by ignoring the many Memorials that have been forwarded to him has treated the Tamils shabbily, will be admitted by all. But this is a small matter compared to the causes which have called forth this snub. If the lesson has at least been learned, it will more than compensate for all the disappointment.

In the meantime we offer our congratulations to Dr. Rockwood on his appointment to serve a second term in the Legislative Council of Ceylon.

year the post of visiting Surgeon was abolished and the Colonial Surgeon was appointed to supervise the Hospital. Sir William Twynnam resigned the post of Sec. and Treas. in 1897 and Mr. Ruidi who took his place retained the position but a short time. All these changes have no doubt seriously affected the institution tho the Hon. Sec. seems to think that the falling off in the number of patients was owing to the establishment of Hospitals in Maneyap and Lucil. These doubtless had something to do with it, but it has appeared to us that the Society has lost somewhat the confidence of the public. The staff at present consists of Mr. S. Aroomangiam, L. M. and S. Resident surgeon, Mr. C. Dutton, Dresser, Mr. D. P. Bartlett, Dispenser, Mr. C.T. Chittanampalam Steward; Mr. V. Ampalavanan, Treasurer's clerk, and a number of orderlies, coolies &c.

We trust that with the present year the Society has entered upon a new period of prosperity.

NOTES.

The Wolfendahl Church Repair Fund
Following the handsome contribution made towards the Wolfendahl Church Repair Fund last year by Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, Dr. K. Kayser, D.D., LL.D. Prime Minister, has just sent a contribution, amounting to Rl.964 53, through the Dutch Consul in Colombo. The fund now stands at something like R10,500.

South Indian Christian News. The Rev. James Duffie, Nagercoil, writes that about forty years ago when he joined the Mission, there was not a single Indian Pastor. Now, there are 350, in the ordination of 31 of whom he had assisted. Then there were 800 communicants; now, 8,000; then, 2,500 baptized adherents; now, 30,000. Then 15,000 Indian Christians; now 63,000. Last year the number of cases treated in connection with the Travancore Mission was upward of 10,000. *Christian Patriot*

Christianity in Japan. The Bishop of Hokkaido, addressing a missionary meeting at Cambridge, dwelt upon the great advance in fourteen years of Christianity in Japan. The creed was now placed on the same footing as Buddhism or Shintoi-m, and freed from liability to persecution. The president of the Japanese House of Commons, several members of the House, one Cabinet Minister, two Judges of the Supreme Court of Appeal, several Commanders of warships, and the editors of some of the leading daily newspapers, are now Christians." *Times of Ceylon*

Royal Christian Workers It may not be generally known that Prince Oscar Bernadotte, the fourth and favourite son of King Oscar II of Sweden and Norway, is a man of deep piety, and his wife the Princess is equally pious and the pair have a strong love for souls, and like to teach classes. The Prince is also Chairman of the National Council of the Swedish Y. M. C. A. and is keenly interested in young men. The Rev. F. B. Meyer, who recently visited Sweden, says that their names are "sunk in with love and honor."

The greatest Work in the World. Teaching of any kind is a great work; to teach the young is even a greater work; and to teach the Word of God to the young is the greatest work in the world.

What are Pearls? Pearls are made by little grains of sand or atoms of shells getting inside the shells of the pearl-oyster and there lodging. Around this little grain the real pearl grows. It is formed of carbonate and phosphate of lime and gelatine. Men cannot make the beautiful pearl of great price, they must be sought for in deep sea water.

The most Eminent Men. According to a list recently prepared by an American professor, who has made a Special Statistical study of eminent men the ten most eminent men in the order of their standing are Napoleon, Shakespeare, Mohammed, Voltaire, Bacon, Aristotle, Goutte, Caesar, Luther, Plato.

Jerusalem 1944. The next World's Sunday School Convention is to be held in the city of Jerusalem April 18-20, 1944. America proposes to send a carefully selected delegation of 800. Before and after the Convention this delegation will visit various places of biblical and historical interest in Egypt, Italy, Greece, Turkey &c. Courses of study for the delegates are being arranged so that the trip may be intelligently undertaken.

Influence of Astronomy on Civilization.
Professor Asa Hall, one of the world's great astronomers in his address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science said "one needs only a glance at history to see how useful astronomy has been in the life of the world. It has wonderfully enlarged the universe and widened the views of men. It shows how law and order pervade the world in which we live; and by the knowledge it has disseminated and by its predictions it has banished many superstitions and fears."

A bird hospital, exists and flourishes in New York under the charge of a lady, who not only visits sick birds professionally at their own homes, but receives them in her establishment to the number of nearly a thousand a year as boarders, "paying guests," and patients.

Weighing a Perfume. An Italian* physicist has devised a microbalance of such extreme delicacy that it clearly demonstrates the loss of weight of musk by volatilization. Thus the invisible perfume floating off in the air is indirectly weighed.

An electric farm. The most wonderful farm in the world is situated in Canada. Its peculiarity lies in the fact that everything is worked by electricity. Two waterfalls within the bounds of the farm, some 60ft. and 180 feet high, furnish the motive power, a central power house being erected near, and the current is transmitted by wires to every available place on the farm. The owner declares that he saves some £500 in labour annually.

The Era of the Waterfalls One of the most notable things in the rapid march of mechanical civilization is the increasing use of waterfalls for the production of electric power. This is going on in all parts of the world and has resulted in an enormous increase in the value of the falls. Some one has estimated that Niagara Falls, as a producer of power, is worth \$1,000,000. Waterfalls are now driving tram-cars, lighting cities, running factories, irrigating farms and performing innumerable other services, often at a cost of only a few cents per unit of power. Italy, abounding with waterfalls on the slopes of the Alps and the Apennines, is among the leaders in this advance. In India it is proposed to derive leaden horse power from the Dooch-Sagar River, at a distance of 500 miles where its waters descend about 2,500 feet.

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