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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
Testamentary | No. 1344
Jurisdiction

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Veluppillai
Chittampalam of Chandiappai
Deceased
Chittampalam Tampanthi of Chandiappai. Petitioner
1. Chittampalam Sathasivam of Chandiappai
2. Chittampalam Srinivasam of Chandiappai
Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Chittampalam Tampanthi
of Chandiappai praying for Letters of Administration to
the estate of the above-named deceased Veluppillai
Adipillai of Kudatamai coming on for disposal before
W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge, on the 27th 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 Adminis-
tration 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.
Signed this 27th day of March 1903 | W. R. B. SANDERS
District Judge

W. R. B. SANDERS
District Judge

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary | No. 1331.

Jurisdiction

In the matter of the estate of the late Velasuri Andi-
tabay of Kudatamai
Deceased
Kantan Kanapatipillai of Pulole east
1. Kannaki widow of Kaitagies of Tunnalai North
2. Murugai Velopillai of Kudatamai
3. Sadaya Saparai and wife
4. Pathupathi of Kudatamai
Respondents
This matter of the petition of Kantan Kanapatipillai
of Pulole east praying for Letters of Administration to
the estate of the above-named deceased Velasuri Andi-
tabay of Kudatamai 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 Adminis-
tration 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.
Signed this 4th day of March 1903 | W. R. B. SANDERS
District Judge

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary | No. 1337

Jurisdiction

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Veluppillai Tam-
pallai of Tambagamam
Deceased
Viyamurti Appakutty of Periyapallai Petitioner
1. Viliamai wife of Viyamurti Appakutty of Periya-
pallai

2. Thamarai Sithamparillai and wife
3. Theivapillai of do
4. Sithamparillai Ponniah of Tamagamam

5. Veeragatari Nallatampi of do
Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Viyamurti Appakutty
of Periyapallai praying for Letters of Administration to
the estate of the above-named deceased Sithamparillai Tam-
pallai of Tambagamam coming on for disposal before
W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge, on the 19th 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 29th day of March 1903 having
been read, it is declared that the petitioner is the creditor
of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Adminis-
tration 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 April 1903 show sufficient cause
to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 19th day of March 1903 | W. R. B. SANDERS
District Judge

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District Judge

Saturday at Changay there passed

away to her heavenly home Mrs. Tsangamand Bryant
of Madras. She had been invalid but about two years, and though ill
was not thought to be seriously so. Her brother's wife
died only a few weeks previous and Mr. Kandiah's
daughter another close relative a long time. The family
were deeply afflicted and our sympathies go out to them in
their great sorrow. May the Divine Comforter comfort
and strengthen all during their bereavement.

Sir Hector Macdonald who for the past year
has been Commander of the troops in Ceylon, committed
suicide in a hotel in Paris on the 25th ult. He was on his
way back to Ceylon, to answer to grave charges made
against him. A brave soldier, he won distinction especi-
ally in Africa, and his death at the early age of 50 will
be a loss to the army.

Mr. J. J. Castle Cheethy, C. S. I. The death of
Mr. Castle Cheethy, Barrister-at-Law took place at Kandy on
the 25th ult. Many in Jaffna will remember him as the
acting Police Magistrate of Pt. Madura. He retired from the
service about two and a half years ago. The funeral was
held on the following day at Kandy.

Snake bites are easily cured by Dr. Thamo
Thamai Pillai. Dr. Thamo Thamai of the medical
college of Batticaloa Dispensary is well-known as a
general practitioner. He has treated more than a hundred
cases of snake bites without a single failure.

On the 17th inst a woman was bitten by a cobra, she was
brought to him in a semi-conscious state; eye sight was
failing everything appeared to her to be green and dim;
hearing, was partial; margosa leaves put into her mouth
chewed with no taste; whatever the bitten leg was swollen;
she had no power to sit upright; there was no cessation on
the bitten and adjacent part of the leg. In two hours time
the Dr. cured more than half of these symptoms to the
astonishment of all those (about 20) who accompanied the
woman. The next morning she was in perfect health. I
wish that all serious cases of snake bites be brought to
him. He is sure to cure.

He is about to overcome the serious difficulty of curing
snake bites which the medical world has struggled in
rain so long.

Foreign News.

Serious volcanic disturbances are reported from different parts of the world. The Soufries eruptions are increasing, lava and stones being ejected with greater force than before. Parts of Martinique and St. Vincent have again been devastated. Great alarm is felt and the inhabitants are fleeing to places of safety. From Saxony comes the report that violent shocks have taken place at Karlsruhe. Vesuvius is increasing in activity. Even in some parts of England there were severe shocks of earthquake though fortunately no lives were lost.

In India there were terrific hail storms which did much damage to tea.

A serious outbreak took place at Trinidad when 14 were killed and 40 wounded. The mob set fire to the Government buildings, and it required the presence of blue jackets from the warship to restore order. The cause is said to be an obnoxious Water Bill. The people are becoming the rulers in all civilized countries. If a law is passed which meets with their disapproval, they immediately rise up against it with the result that the law becomes a dead letter as far as its enforcement is concerned, or a repeal is insisted upon.

In Macedonia there is a great unrest and fears are entertained that the discontent may result in revolution involving other nations in the outbreak.

The Ceylon Census.

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In the chapter on Age, Life Table and Occupations, we get some very interesting facts. The difficulty of getting at the age of a person, is considerable even those who are intelligent are often unable to give their age. The statistics show that 32 per cent of the population are under 11 years of age; 53 per cent are under 21 years. The population over 60 forms only 3 per cent, while that over 50 less than 8 per cent. Nearly 40 per cent are between the ages of 21 and 50. In India the number who are over the age of 50 is proportionally larger. On the subject of centenarians we quote from Mr. Arunachalam.

As many as 145 persons, of whom 71 were males and 74 females, returned ages of 100 years or more. Extragonism or their ages is one of the ways in which the vanity of old people finds expression and no credence should be given to stories of abnormal longevity, unless supported by more trustworthy evidence than uncertain tradition or the memories of the old people themselves..... In some cases their horoscopes were found to confirm their statements, and in one case an extract from an astrologer's record was produced in evidence. As many as 41 persons of either sex well remember the capture and deportation of the last Kandy King and other contemporaneous events. One old man in Madras who is said to be 107 years of age, declares that he was employed in the royal household and witnessed the capture and execution, which occurred in 1814, of the children of the ex-Prime Minister Ehelepola, who had taken refuge with the English in Colombo..... A Tamil of the Jaffna District, aged 102, professes to have been born in the year when Jaffna was taken by the British (1795) and his astrologer confirms his age.

Mr. Arunachalam goes into the history of Life Tables, which hardly seems necessary. The average life time is 36.41 years for the man and 34.16 for the woman. In England it is 43.66 and 47.18 which is considerably higher. This is accounted for partly by the climate and partly by the character of the people. Ceylon is better off than India "due to the immunity which Ceylon happily enjoys from droughts, famines, and epidemic diseases, by which India is periodically devastated." Mr. Fernando, Instructor in Mathematics in the Ceylon Technical College, has prepared a very elaborate set of Life Tables which are instructive but rather too deep for the comprehension of the ordinary mortal.

The most laborious work of the whole Census was the tabulation and compilation of the occupation statistics. The arrangement of occupation is as follows—Government, Pasture and Agriculture, Personal services, Preparation and supply of material substances, Commerce, Transport and Storage, Profession, Unskilled labor not agricultural, Means of subsistence independent of Occupation. This may be a more scientific division but the old divisions of Professional class, Domestic class, Commercial class, Agricultural class, Industrial class &c. seems much more intelligible. According to the above classification however, there are 60883 persons who are in the service of the Government and 71431 who are claimed as Professional persons. The bulk of the population (nearly two thirds) comes under the

Agricultural class. Almost every one owns a piece of land—in fact not to own land is considered rather disgraceful than otherwise. The farmer holds a high place in the social scale.

The foreign trade is mainly in the hands of the Europeans and Tamils. The Nattukottai Chetties, sometimes called the "Jews of India and Ceylon" are the bankers of the country. They lend money, cash cheques, and drafts, and are the chief importers of rice. They have grown to be an influential caste and have done much to restore old temples, as well as to build new ones. Mr. Arunachalam has much to say on the subject of Caste which is deeply interesting but for which we have not space in this number but we cannot forbear quoting one short paragraph.

"Both the Velas and the castes which dispute his precedence are often very unjust and arrogant to the castes below them, and are open to the retort which Iphikrates made, when upbraided by a young aristocrat for his low birth: 'my family begins with me, yours ends with you.' It is compatible with 'high caste' in Ceylon to seek not only to exclude members of the other castes however worthy, from public offices, but in the rural districts to prevent them from adopting modes of dress, living, or manners hitherto used by the higher castes. Serious breaches of the peace and riots have even occurred from these causes to a small extent of family has caste been restored, and they constitute one of the difficulties of administration in Ceylon."

Of the persons returned under "Professional class" we have 28,317 who belong to religious orders, 10,289 who are educators, 6,716 who are following the Law and 15,116 who come under the medical profession. The remainder are placed under Literature, Engineering and survey sculpture, music, dancing &c &c. Of the 28,317 reported under Religion, nearly half belong to the Buddhist religion. About 3500 are classed as Christian and the rest belong to the Hindu and Mohammedan. There are nearly a thousand who are called astrologers thus showing how important astrology is considered in the island. Over 5500 are returned as devil dancers, which shews the depth of superstition in which the masses of the people are still sunken. Under Law, Barristers, advocates and proctors numbered 1655 including dependents.

Under medicine, the large proportion are native medical practitioners with little or no training in European drugs and methods.

Local and General.

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The University Scholarship. The acting Director of Public Instruction, we understand, has issued a circular letter to a number of public men relating to a change in the basis whereon that scholarship is now being awarded. The questions in the circular are said to enquire whether the present system was open to objection, whether the scholarship examination should be substituted as the test, whether Cambridge Local (senior) should be reverted to or whether the scholarship should be discontinued, and the value applied in giving free tuition to boys selected by examination to prepare them for the London S.A. The present scholarship costs the Government £5000 a year.

The Rev. R. V. Vedhanayam, was to be ordained on Sunday the 29th of March as Priest of the S.P.G. Tamil church at Kuala Lumpur, Selangore, where there are good many Jaffna Tamils and which consequently is sometimes called "Little Jaffna." The Bishop of Singapore was to perform the ordination at St. Andrew's Church, Singapore. Mr. Vedhanayam had been connected with the S.P.G. M. S. Jaffna in various capacities for about 23 years and was much respected for the active interest he took in many fields of religious movement. He has now long called through various unforeseen and unexpected circumstances to a position of great usefulness and his character and other qualifications peculiarly fit him to be the shepherd of a flock of Jaffna in a place where, cut off from their relations and guidance, they are generally exposed to many evil influences. Com.

Water supply. Plans and estimates have been made and forwarded to Colombo, by Mr. R. W. Smith. It is estimated that 5600 gallons of water per day will be required to supply Jaffna Town alone with water. For the present the Town alone will be supplied with water. The wall to be constructed, of which it is said will be in the line of the other three Yanarponne near the town. The wall at Yanarponne will first be used and to experiment as to its capacity to supply water a steam engine will be brought from Colombo in a few weeks.

Home Mission. The Wesleyan Church in the town celebrated its semi-annual meeting at "Home Mission" at Karisai in Mannar on the 25th ultimo. Evangelistic work has been carried on there for the last 17 years by the Jaffna Church with much success. Proctor Cooke presided at the meeting and addresses were delivered by Rev. Wilkes, and Messrs. Edwards, B. A. and Winslow. The financial condition of the society is good with a balance of Rs. 4000 for the year ending 31st March 1903.

Pearl Fishery. We learn from private letters from the Fisher folk that the fish will continue till the 15th inst.

Pearl Oysters. People who go and return from the Fishery bring into Jaffna pearl oysters for purposes of trade. They make a good profit on it but the stench rising from the oysters is unpleasant and unbearable.

The Jaffna Trading Company Ltd. The annual public meeting of this company was held in its

office room at Vannarponne on the 26th ultimo. It is satisfactory to learn that the present manager Mr. V. Aiyarappillai has brought the company to a good footing. A dividend of 7 1/2% was declared and if not for the reduction of the net profit for bad debts which were struck off the account, the company would have declared a high dividend. The bad debts accumulated from the time of Mr. Aiyarappillai's predecessors in office. We wish well for the future of the company and its officers. Com.

Telegraphic line to Palla and Chavagacherry. From the 1st April inst. the telegraph line used by the Railway Department will be utilized by the public for sending messages between Chavagacherry and Palla.

Registrar General. Mr. P. Arunachalam Registrar General has been appointed District Judge, Kurnool and Mr. H. White has been appointed Registrar General from 30th March '03.

A Government Grant. Government have granted a sum of Rs. 3000 towards the restoration of Woffendall Church.

Viceroy of India. It is rumoured that Mr. Brodrick will become the next viceroy of India. It is not unlikely however that Lord Curzon will be offered another term of service.

NOTES.

Purchase of a Volcano. The Standard Oil Company has bought Popocatepetl, a volcano in Mexico. The purchase is estimated to cost from its crater. The price paid for the remaining volcano is about Rs. 15,000,000.

Palace of Peace. Mr. Carnegie is said to be entering into negotiations for the purchase of an estate at the Hague formerly belonging to the Grand Duke of Saxe Weimar, with a view to the erecting upon it of a "Palace of Peace." Mr. Carnegie's present income is stated to be Rs. 30,000,000 a year.

Service through the Telephone. Intense cold has prevailed in Finland and the people could not go to church. Consequently service was held at the pastor's house through the telephone, which is connected with the system throughout the whole parish.

Musical Insects. More than 3000 persons in Japan make a good living by breeding, training, and selling what are known as "singing insects" The music which they make resembles that of a silver bell, and though rather monotonous is very clear and sweet.

Prison Newspaper. The "Star of Hope" newspaper is published twice a week in the famous Sing Sing prison of New York. Its contributors, editors, artists, composers, and engravers, are the convict inmates. From beginning to end the work is carried out by the prisoners. The first issue appeared three years ago, and the journal is now acknowledged to be one of the most educational and reformatory actions.

Lighting up the Sea. An Italian professor is said to have invented a remarkable instrument which completely solves the problem of lighting up the depth of the sea. Even with a cheap apparatus the inventor is said to have lit up with astonishing brilliancy the bed of the sea at a depth of 290 feet for a distance of a furlong, and it is claimed that with more efficient instruments this distance could be enormously increased.

The Training of children. Heredity and environment are the materials from which the web of child life is woven. Our heredity the child exerts a influence but his environment unconsciously creates. Environment spreads out before the child innumerable objects from which to choose, and upon his choice his character at maturity largely depends. The noble work allowed to parents and children, in an attractive form into the surroundings of experience and knowledge he believes to be most important for the development of body, intellect and character.

Oldest Manuscript in Hebrew. A manuscript copy of the Pentateuch in Hebrew is said to have been written in 735 A.D. has recently been discovered in Syria, and is now in Cairo. If the date ascribed to it is correct this is the oldest manuscript in existence of any part of the Old Testament in the original language. The fourth and fifth centuries are in Greece.

The Blind shall see. A marvelous discovery due to Prof. Peter Stetus, is made public by Dr. Caze in the "Revue des Revues" under the title, "And the blind Shall see." The Professor claims to have found out the secret of restoring sight to the blind by a wonderful apparatus of his own invention, which not only restores sight to those who have lost it, but gives it to those who have never been.

Dr. Caze explains how the professor put his invention to the test by taking him into a dark room and bandaging his eyes. He could see nothing, but he heard the professor lighting a lamp. Then he felt him fix his apparatus round his temples and instantly he saw a dim light, by which he the light became stronger, and Dr. Caze could count the number of chairs in the room. Just as he was feeling that the experience were continued he would recover his normal keenness of vision, the professor suddenly removed the apparatus, and the Dr. was plunged in total darkness.

Professor Stetus shows that a man sees not with the eye but with the brain. The eye only serves to receive the image the optic nerve transmits to the seat of perception. If then of the eyes, a blind man will see as well as any one else. The professor's apparatus has the same scientific basis as the telephone, and in the transmission of light plays a part identical to that performed by the telephone in the transmission of sound.

Several other medical men have experimented with the apparatus, but none can explain how the astounding results are obtained.

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