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In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1331.

Jurisdiction.

In the matter of the estate of the late Velanar Andiamy of Kudatanni.

Kantaparama Pillai of Puloli east Petitioner.

1. Kannakai widow of Kaligeng of Tunnalai North

2. Murgar Velopillai of Kudatanni

3. Sadayar Sapapathi and wife

4. Parupathi of Kudatanni Respondents.

This matter of the petition of Kantaparama Pillai of Puloli east praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Velanar Andiamy of Kudatanni 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.

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 Velupillai Tam-

parapillai of Tambagamam Deceased

1. Valliammai wife of Vayannattup Appakuty of Periyapallai

2. Thamar Sithamparipillai and wife

3. Thevayappillai of do Respondents.

4. Sithamparipillai Ponniah of Tambagamam

5. Veeragattiar Nallattampi of do

This matter of the Petition of Vayannattup Appakuty of Periyapallai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Velupillai Tam-

parapillai 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 3rd day of March 1903 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 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.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1338

Jurisdiction.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Kantappap Sapa-

ramam of Karadivo west Deceased

1. Thevayappillai wife of Paramanatar Kandiah and

2. Amminipillai widow of Kalikramam both of Kara-

divo west Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Paramanatar Kandiah of Karadivo west praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Kantappap Sapa-

ramam of Karadivo west coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge, on the 20th 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 17th day of March 1903 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 30th day of April 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 20th day of March 1903 W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1344

Jurisdiction.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Velopillai Chittampalam of Chandiappi Deceased

Chittampalam Tampinnattu of Chandiappi Petitioner

1. Chittampalam Sathuvam of Chandiappi

2. Chittampalam Sathuvam of Chandiappi Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Chittampalam Tampinnattu of Chandiappi praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Velopillai Chittampalam of Chandiappi 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 26th day of March 1903 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the son and one of the heirs 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 30th 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.

Local and General.

Weather. The heat is intense, and the rain still holds off. We have had a light wind from the south for several days past.

Obituary. Mr. William Sinnatamby, for some years past Tamil Fundit to the American Mission died at his home in Maneyap on the 24th ult. He was a man of deep learning in Tamil, and an excellent teacher. For years he was connected with the Petitioner. As a student, and his clear polished Tamil was very much admired. He prepared the Sunday school lessons also and was the writer of several tracts. Some months ago he lost his only son by consumption, and he himself would have contracted this disease at that time. For four or five months he has not been able to do any work, as he has been afflicted and his dear wife, he died, as he had lived, an earnest, and sincere Christian. His funeral was largely attended. Rev. W. P. Nathaniel, the Maneyap pastor taking sympathy. We offer the family and friends our sincere sympathy.

On Saturday at Changanay (the) passed away to her heavenly home Mrs. Tangamann Bryant Nallatamby, daughter of the late Rev. Abner Bryant. She had been married but about two years and though ill was not thought to be seriously so. Her brother's wife died only three weeks previous and Mr. Kantavannam's daughter another close relative not long ago. The family is sadly afflicted and our sympathies go out to them in their great sorrow. May the Divine Comforter comfort and strengthen all these sorrowing ones.


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 especially in Africa, and his death at the early age of 50 will be a loss to the army.

Mr. J. J. Castle Chetty, C. S. The death of Mr. Leese Chetty, Barrister-at-law, took place at Kandy on the 25th ult. Many in Jaffna will remember him as the acting Police Magistrate of Pt. Pedro. 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 Mr. Thamo Thammam Pillay. Dr. Thamo Thammam Pillay the medical officer of Batticaloa Dispensary is well-known as a specialist in snake bites. He has cured 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; mangled 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 erection 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 vain so long.



புனைக்கப்பட்டவர்கள் பின்வரும் தேதிகளில்கொ
ழும்புக்குப்போகவிருக்கின்றன.

கோடன் காங்கேசெயன்றறையி	1903. செப்டி. 6உ
லிருந்து பருத்தித்துறை வழி	" " 20
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அவலக் காங்கேசெயன்றறையிலி	" " 14
ருந்து பாம்பன் வரியாக	" " 28

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விளம்பரம்

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ள்ளலாம்.

அப்தானகோசம்.

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ஆ. முத்துத்தம்பிப்பிள்ளை

நாவலர்கோட்டம்.

யாழ்ப்பாணம்

KAVIRAJA, N. SEN'S

Ayurvedic Pharmacy.

கோஞ்சன் தயிவம்.—இது தலை மயிருக்குச் சிறு
தண்ணீர். தோலுக்கு, வேலி மயிறுமேற்பு இவை
களைத் தயிவம். இதின் மணி மலர்மயிர்மயினைத்
செவையி வளர்ச்சி சீராம். குளிர்நீர் குறையும்; நிறம்
கொழுந்து வளர்ந்து காம்புபோல் மூஞ்சுத்து மயிறு
மேற்புந் கூட்டலாம். வசீரத்தோலி பிரகாசிக்கும் அது
யி மூஞ்சு, மிதமுய் பரப்பாயினும் சருமனும், இ
தனாலும். இதன் கண்ணுத்து யாசிசும் நனப்பு,
உமருத் பையிசும் மயறு தோலுந் தயிவந்தை உ
யோகிசும் நெயிசும்மலர்ஞ்சும். புட்டி ஒன்றுத்
தயிவ குபா 1—10, சிண்பு 1—2, கறுதெனெட்ட
மெய்யு 1—2, கசைக்கல் வினா 1—2, 3—4

3. கார்ப்புரேஷன் - இது வாரியார்பேற்றத்தைக் கட்டுமறுத்து, வாரியார்பேற்றம், வீதிப்பேற்று, இராக்கெட்டி அல்லாதவர்கள், வறியறப்பேய், அடி மயிற்றுக்கொண்ட இளைஞர்களுக்கு இது மேலான தளவடிமென்று கொஞ்சமும் ஸ்டியூடியோக் கூடலாம். இவ்வியாபாசுநெய்ச்சிறை தளவடிமென்று பல வயதில்லாமல், குழுவில் கோவை சிதிரைச் சிவமும் சம்பந்திதேவமும் விராணம் உண்டாக்கும் மேலான அமைச்சர்சம்பந்தமும் இவ்விராக்கெட்டி கண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்டபோல் இரா தளவடிமென்று கண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்டபோல் மேலான சந்தேகம், புட்டி வாரியார்பேற்றம் அது 0-8-0.

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மும் அங்கீகரிக்கப்பட்டது. தஞ்சை குடைச்சல் கட்டப்பட்ட குடைச்சல், சகலவித நோய் வேதனை உறுபுகளிலும், சந்திகளிலும், சரணேற்ற வீச்சும், பாசாவயும், சஞ்சு உணர்ச்சியும், இடுப்புபுலி, வெண்ணை குடைச்சல்களில் பல ரோகம் குணப்படும். இது புட்டி ஒன்றுக்கு விலை ரூபா 1—0—0.

மேற்கண்ட எல்லா மீருத்துகளும் அடியிற் கண்ட
விலாசத்தாபிடம் பெற்றுக்கொள்ளலாம்.

கவிராஜ நாகேந்திரநாத் சேனனுடைய

33. ஆயுர்வேத வைத்தியசாலை
33. ஆயுர்வேத வைத்தியசாலை, சென்னை, India.

யா, கி. சம்ரட்சணசங்கம்.

அங்கத்தவர்க்கறிவிப்பு.

1902 ம் ஆஸ்பத்தியாய்வின்றபணம் வரும்சித்திரை
மீ 9 ன் திசுதிக்குமுன் கொடுக்கப்படவேண்டும்.

1903ம் ஆண்டு தை—பங்குனி மாதங்களின்பணம் வைக்காதி என்று 9 க்கு திசுதிக்குமுன் கொடுக்கப்படவேண்டும்.

1903 ம் ஆம் ஆண்டு—ஆணைமாசங்களின்பணம் ஆ
டி மீ 9 க் திகதிக்குமுன் கொடுக்கப்படவேண்டும்.

1903 ம் ஆண்டு ஆடி—புரட்டாதிமாசங்களின் பணம்
புரட்டாதிமீ 9 ந்திகதிக்குமுன் கொடுபடவேண்டும்.
1903 ம் ஆண்டு அக்டோபர்—புரட்டாதிமாசங்களின் பணம்

1903 ம் ஆண்டு ஐப்பசி—மார்கழி மாதங்களின் பன்னம
கார்த்திகை மீ 9-ந் திகதிக்கு முன்னொடுபட்ட நேண்டும்.
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உதயதாரகை.

ககூரு ம் (வா) சித்திரை ம்^௨ ௨ ௩

இவ்வுலகம் எவ்வாறு முடிவுறும்.

How Our World might End.

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முத்துக்குளிப்பு

Pearl Fishery

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யாழ்ப்பாணம்

காலநிலை.—Weather.—இடைக்கிடை சுற்றுச்சூழல்
முகத்தொண்டலாய்விடும்பொழுது, வீசுகின்றதாயினும், ப
சுவலில் வெய்யில் அது அகோராய் நிரூபிக்கிறது. இரவு
மப்பதும் புழுங்குமனாகும்.

தங்கப்பாலை—Sovereigns—தங்கப்பலகைப்ப
திணைகள் ரூபாய்க்குச் சம்பந்தமானவைகள் ஆகும். 10
படிவெர்தகப்பலகைப் பதார்த்தமாய், தங்கமேயுமா
காணுதலுக்குக் கற்றுத் தரும் விலைத். 90 ரூப
படிவெர்தகப்பலகைப் பதார்த்தம் ஆகும். அவைச் சம்பந்த
தின் துறையினராகுமாறுத் தங்கப்பலகையின் செலவு
கவலை, செலவையிலிருக்கின்றவைகளைத் தவிர்த்துப் பரவ
பாடலுக்குப் பயனாகுமாறிச் செலுத்தப்படுவனவையே
தென்கைத் தங்கப்பலகைச் செய்யுமா, செலவையிலிருக்கின்றவை
களைத் தவிர்த்துப் பரவப் பதார்த்தம் செய்யுமா.

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Signed this 26th)
day of March 1903) W. R. B. SANDERS
District Judge

Foreign News.

Serious volcanic disturbances are reported from different parts of the world. The Soufrier 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. Exaggeration of their ages is one of the ways in which the vanity of old people finds expression and no evidence 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 ancient baptismal record was produced in evidence. As many as 41 persons say that they well remember the capture and deportation of the last Kandyan King and other contemporaneous events. One man, a Kambayan Sinhalese who is said to be 107 years of age, declares that he was employed in the royal household and witnessed the cruel execution, which occurred in 1814, of the children of the ex-Prime Minister Elakgala, 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 horoscope 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, Commerce 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 Vellala 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 occupation inferior to those of the higher castes. Serious breaches of the peace and riots have even occurred from these causes, to such a level of fatuity has caste been refined; 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 shows the depth of superstition in which the masses of the people are still sunk. 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 be, quite whether the present system was open to objection, whether the London Matriculation 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 B.A. The present scholarship costs the Government £2000 a year.

The Rev. R. V. Vethanamm. was to be ordained Sunday the 29th of March as Priest of the S.P.G. Local church at Kvalalumpur, Selangore, where there are a 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 Cathedral, Singapore. Mr. Vethanamm had been connected with the C. M. S. Jaffna in various capacities for about 22 years and was much respected for the active interest he took in many forms of religious movement. He has now been called through many unforeseen and unexpected circumstances to a position of greater usefulness and his character and other qualifications peculiarly fit him to be the shepherd of a flock of Jaffnese at a place where, cut from their religious and guardians, they are generally exposed to many evil influences.

Water supply. Plans and estimates have been made and forwarded to Colombo, by Mr. R. W. Smith. It is estimated that 5000 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. Four reservoirs will be constructed, one of which is said to be in the Fort and the other three at Vanarapone near the town. The well at Tinnavelli 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 of the "Home Mission" at Karali in Mannar on the 25th ultimo. Evangelists have 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, A. A. and Winslow. The financial condition of the society is good with a balance of Rs. 400 for the year ending 31st March 1903.

Pearl Fishery. We learn from private letters from the Fishery that fishing 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 trade out of it but the stench rising from the oysters is unpleasant and unwholesome.

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

office room at Vanarapone on the 26th ultimo. It is satisfactory to learn that the present manager Mr. V. Aiyarapillai 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 were accumulated from the time of Mr. Aiyarapillai's predecessors in office. We wish well for the future of the company and its officers.

Telegraphic line to Pallai and Chavagacherry. From the 1st April inst, the telegraphic line used by the Railway Department will be utilized by the public for sending messages to Chavagacherry and Pallai.

Registrar General. Mr. P. Arunachalam Registrar General has been appointed District Judge, Kurnnagalle and Mr. H. White has been appointed Registrar General from 30th March 1903.

A Government Grant. Government have granted a sum of Rs. 3900 towards the restoration of Wolfendahl Church.

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

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Purchase of a Volcano. The Standard Oil Company has bought Popocatepetl, a volcano in Mexico, for the purpose of extracting sulphur from its crater. The price paid for the mountain was 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 Ducal house 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.

A 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 publishers, are the convict inmates. From beginning to end the work is carried out solely 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 factors.

Lighting up the Sea. An Italian professor is said to have invented a remarkable instrument which completely solves the problem of lighting up the depths 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. On his heredity the child exerts a influence but his environment he unconsciously creates. Environment spreads clouds and upon his choice his character at maturity largely depends. The noble work allowed to parents and children, in an attractive form the surroundings of experience and knowledge he believes to be most important for the development of body, intellect and character.

Old Testament in Hebrew. A manuscript copy of the Pentateuch in Hebrew said to have been written in 735 A.D. has recently been discovered in Syria, and is now in Cairo. If the date recorded in Syriac text is the oldest manuscript in existence of any part of the Old Testament in the Oriental Language. The fourth and fifth centuries are in Greek.

The blind shall see. A marvellous discovery due to Professor Peter Steins, is made public by Dr. Caze in the "Sec." 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 blind.

Dr. Caze explains how the professor put his invention to the test by taking him into a dark room and bandaging or walking backwards and forwards, till he heard the professor's lighting lamp. Then he felt him fix his apparatus round his temples and instantly he saw a dim light, by which he could distinguish the surrounding objects. By-and-by the light became stronger, and Dr. Caze could count the fingers of his hand held up before him and tell the number of chairs in the room. Just as he was feeling that the experience were continued he was receiving his first clearness of vision, the professor suddenly removed the apparatus, and the Dr. was plunged in total darkness.

Professor Steins 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 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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