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

Special Notice.

Our subscribers are earnestly requested to settle their arrears without any further delay.

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Shed Settlements	Mr. V. Kandiah	5.00
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Lady Havelock and Lady Gordon are appointed to leave for Colombo on the undermentioned dates:—

	Via Point Pedro.			
S. S. Lady Gordon	4th May	1903		
"	18th "	"		
"	1st June	"		
	Via Pamben.			
S. S. Lady Havelock	12th May	1903		
"	26th "	"		

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NOTICES.

OODOOVILLE SCHOOL.

The Oodooville Girls Boarding School and English school will reopen on May 5th. Candidates for Examination should present themselves at 10 o'clock on that day.

R. C. HASTINGS,
Manager.

VEMBADY WESLEYAN GIRLS BOARDING SCHOOL, ANGLO VEINACULAR.
This school will reopen on Wednesday May 13th at 10 A.M.

Girls desiring admittance should present themselves for examination at this hour.

E. M. WEAVER,
Manager.

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George C. Lee
Acting Principal

April 6, 1903

Notice is hereby given that the Maniagar of Vadamarachy West has been authorised to put up for sale at the spot on the 4th day of May 1903 at 12 o'clock the old fish market ground called Rakkenmanal in extent A. R. P. 1 7/8 & 1 1/2.

Varaku culture situated at Point Pedro and bounded on the East by the property of Puniatur and others, North by lane, West by road, South by the property of Teyvar Nagalingam and others.

District Road Committee office
Jaffna April 23, 1903

Chairman
VEMBADY WESLEYAN GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH

This school will reopen on Wednesday May 13th at 10 A.M. Girls wishing to be admitted are requested to apply on the day of opening. Terms on application.

E. M. WEAVER,
Manager.

ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 145

In the matter of the estate of the late Pampati wife of Velmar Kandiah of Karadive west deceased. Kanagar Kasinair of Karadive west Petitioner. This matter of the petition of Kanagar Kasinair of Karadive west praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Pampati wife of Velmar Kandiah of Karadive west coming on for disposal before W. R. B. SANDERS Esquire District Judge on the 31st day of March 1903 in the presence of Mr. T. G. Changarathil proctor on the part of the petitioner and affidavit of the petitioner dated the 31st day of March 1903 having been read, it is declared that the petitioner is and heir of the said intestate and as such is entitled to have Letters of Administration in the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the respondents or any other person shall on or before the 15th day of May 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Jaffna 31st May 1903
W. R. B. SANDERS,
District Judge

ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1257

In the matter of the estate of the late Achinty wife of Murgesa of Udaville deceased. Sinnatamp Murgesa of Udaville Petitioner.

This matter of the petition of Sinnatamp Murgesa of Udaville praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Achinty wife of Murgesa of Udaville coming on for disposal before W. R. B. SANDERS Esquire District Judge, on the 31st day of March 1903 in the presence of Mr. Tamilah, S. Cooke, proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 31st day of March 1903 having been read it is declared that the petitioner is the husband of the said intestate issued to him unless the respondents or any other person shall on or before the 8th day of May 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

Signed this 4th day of Mar. 1903
W. R. B. SANDERS,
District Judge

JAFFNA COLLEGE.

Admission examination.

An examination for admission to Jaffna College will be held on Monday and Tuesday May 18th and 19th, beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday. Every candidate must bring a certificate of good character from the Manager or Principal of the school where he has been studying. A fee of Re 1 will be charged. Paper and ink will be provided, also board for two days.

The subjects of examinations are as follows:—

1. Dictation and Translation in both English and Tamil from a sixth Reader or equivalent.
2. English, General and Text as for 7th Standard.
3. English Grammar through Syntax.
4. Tamil Grammar, *சொல்லாக்கம்*, or Latin Grammar through Regular Verbs.
5. Arithmetic to Compound Interest.
6. Algebra: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division.
7. Geometry: Euclid, first 15 propositions.
8. Geography, General and especially Europe and Asia.
9. English History, from 1066 to 1688.

Those who have passed in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography and History in the 7th Standard will be admitted without examination.

Candidates for the Entrance class will be examined in the subjects studied by the last Preparatory class.

Those who have passed the Entrance Examination of any Indian University will be admitted to the F. A. Class, and those who have passed the F. A. will be admitted to the Junior B. A. class on Monday May 18th, the day for re-opening the college.

R. C. HASTINGS
Principal.

Local and General.

Missionaries Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Hitchcock report from Port Said that they have had a very pleasant voyage. Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Hastings Miss Susan B. Howland and sister Faith Hunter are expected to return to Jaffna by the next steamer.

Rev. W. J. Hanan and family have gone to Kodaikanal for a vacation.

Jaffna in the F. M. S. The Senior Clerical Examination was held on 31st March '03 in the different centres of the Federation. There appeared 56 candidates, Perak contributing 46. The following are those who came off successful in Perak:—

Mr. V. Manu Mudalyar Chellia	Secretariat-Perak.
" S. Sittampalam	"
" S. Candiah	Audit office-Taiping
" V. K. Pillai	"
" S. Kanapathy Pillai	District office-J. Tapah
" C. T. Daniel	Land Registry-Batu Gajah
" J. Thambithurai	" Matang
" S. Aracitty	" Taiping
" V. Sandford	" Municipality-Batu Gajah
" S. Mylraganam	" Kuala Kangsar
" A. C. Ponnampalam	Indian Immigration office-Parit Buntar
" R. Chinnay	" Treasury-Kuala Kangsar
" A. Valupillai	" Taiping
" S. Salapathy	Trigonometrical Survey-Taiping
" S. Salapathy	Police office-Batu Gajah
" C. S. Nagalingam	" Taiping
" N. Mannal	" do
" C. Appay	" Ipoh
" Selladurai	" do
" Karthegasso	" do
" Saravanamuttu	" do
" S. Seenivasagam	Courts-Taiping
" S. Subramaniam	" P. W. D. Kuala Kangsar

Senior Grade Clerical Examination

Among the successful candidates nearly three fourths are Jaffnese. Special mention should be made of Mr. M. M. Marsh of Oodooville who came out first in the examination and is the only candidate who got an excellent pass. J. P. Tharmalingam and S. Sittampalam (both of Araly) passed as second and fourth respectively.

Warning! Warning! Our young men who come here for employment in Jaffna, should have at least a fair knowledge in writing and speaking in English distinctly. Especially the hand writing of the Jaffnese is utterly bad and this defect is due to the bad training in writing in the early part of a boy's school life. Straits Settlements are progressing daily. The 7th or 8th standard knowledge will not serve the purpose hereafter. In every department officers are required to pass certain examination. Soon these settlements will be brought to the basis of Ceylon in this respect.

Closing of the 'Ridgeway' Pearl Fishery Wednesday evening, April 15th the fishery was officially closed because of the small number of oysters brought in. The fishery this year has been one of most successful ranking sixth in total receipts that will amount to Rs. 325,000. In 1891 receipt were Re 1,445,625. The 'Ridgeway' fishing lasted only 36 days while in 1891 it was 43 days. It is proposed to have a fishery next year and the buildings will be let standing or use at that time.

Personal. Intelligence has been received by wire that Mr. C. N. Vathavanam was successful in the final examination for the degree of Licentiate in Medicine and surgery of the Madras University. He is the eldest son of the Rev. R. V. Vathavanam.

—Mr. F. W. Hatlock of St. Thomas College has won the Mathematical Prize having secured a place of honour in the first class at the last Cambridge Local Examination.

—It is with regret we learn of the sudden death of the Rev. J. P. Parippanayagam, Wesleyan Minister at Mannar 18th April.

—Mr. V. Vythilingam of Mallagan has passed the Junior Second Professional Examination of the Ceylon Medical College and obtained a silver medal awarded by Barister Theagarajah for Material Media.

—Mr. C. J. Ashbury B.A. L.D. was on a visit to his friends and relatives in Jaffna and returned to Bombay by the last steamer.

A "Second course in Translation" The author of the "First steps in Translation" has written this book to meet the requirements of Translation in the Fourth and Fifth Standards of English Schools on a vernacular basis. One of the chief features of the book is clearness. Mr. B. Chelliah, has produced a work which is alike a credit to himself and to the Hindu College of which he is an Assistant Master.

சங்கியை, சி

விருட்டண்டப்பகுதோர் பலர் அரசாட்சியாளர்
 ஸ்ரீரங்கத்திலுள்ள உத்தியோகவல்லியை இவ் வசியேயப்
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 விருத்தானம். அண்டைய, எனம். யாழ்ப்பாணம் என்
 ம் பண்டத்தாமிசை சாசியதரிசினோம் நாயுப்பண்டத்து
 குத்திரத்தினிசை யோதனையிலேகம் பெற்றோம்,
 ஸ்காசியதரிசினிசை யோதனையிலுப் அநரிச்சமிக்க
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 னைச்சு உயர்நில இல்லியெல்லவ் கற்புதையோர்

இவ்வருடத்தில் குளிப்பு கடைபிடிக்கப்பட்டது.
36; ஆகையால் நான் விதவருமானல் 1528 பவுண
ம் 1881 இல் 1274 பவுணம், 1888 ல் 191
ம் 1891 ல் ஆண்டு கடைசியாய்கடைபெற்ற
பில் 2241 பவுணம் நான் விதவருமானல்தனாய்
கடைசியாய்கடைபெற்ற முத்துக்குரியின் செல்

Rev. Thomas P. Hunt.

Rev. Thomas P. Hunt died at his residence in Chavagacherry the 23rd of April after a short sickness. Mr. Hunt was connected with the American Mission and has been pastor of the Church at Chavagacherry for many years. He was born October 20th 1826, entered the American Mission Seminary at Batticotta in October 1841 and graduated in Sept. 1850. During this time he was convinced of the truth of Christianity and was baptized the 7th of December 1845 by Rev. H. R. Hoisington at Batticotta. After graduating he joined the Theological class to prepare for the ministry. As one of his friends writes "If he had sought a Government position like most young men of Jaffna, he could easily have procured a lucrative post. Like Moses of old who preferred to serve the Lord rather than enjoy the honors and powers of the Egyptian court Mr. Hunt chose to serve his Lord and Master."

In June 1852 he was married to Huldah Little. Under the date of May 17th 1855, in his diary we find this entry "I have received this day my License to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. O Lord make me faithful in this most responsible work." Here we have the record of his work. From that date he has been preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Part of the time he was teacher in Jaffna College and for 23 years he has been pastor of the church at Chavagacherry. His prayer was surely answered for he has been eminently faithful in his work and has felt the responsibility of it. His sense of responsibility is shown by a resolve written in his diary "not to use tobacco or betel any longer, if for no other reason than for the sake of a good example." Whatever one may think of the use of tobacco and betel, to abstain from their use because of example shows a truly Pauline conception of the responsibility of a Christian teacher. But his faithful work and sense of responsibility are attested by the earnest Christians he has gathered about him to whom he has been "as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." He has kept back the sands of ignorance, idolatry and superstition from drifting over the young Christian plant until there is an oasis of righteousness in a desert of sin.

Mr. Hunt found time for work outside his own parish showing his breadth of interest. He will be remembered as one of those most instrumental in founding Jaffna College, as the originator of the Jaffna Trading Company and Jaffna Provident Association and the author of a book on "Evidences of Christianity." All of these show his great interest in the Tamil people. He helped to organize Jaffna College as a college not only for the Tamils but largely of and by them. This organization came at a time when it meant much more than one might think at present when there is no scarcity of colleges.

His book on "Evidences of Christianity" one of the very few Christian books by Jaffna Tamils has been of much help to Christian workers in defending Christianity. As Mr. Hunt says in the Preface to his book "Having been born and brought up in a religious Hindu family, I had to accept Christianity on its evidences. Subsequently when I was called to be a preacher of the Gospel, I was among a people who wanted to know a "reason of the hope that is in us" and I had to continue the same study trying to find the best way of presenting the subject. It was a very commendable attempt to put Christianity in a form to present to Hindus in the strongest way. Mr. Hunt has been the pioneer in a work which other Christian workers in Jaffna should carry on. There ought to be a Tamil Christian literature written not for India, but for Jaffna.

Mr. Hunt died as he had lived, courageously, with strong hope and enduring faith. His wife and children survive him.

Services were held at the house and church in Chavagacherry April 24th at 4 p.m. and a large number were present to pay respects to the departed one.

The dust closing over the coffin does not mark the last of such a man. He will live on not only in the life into which he has entered but here among us he lives. His influence will go on for years among those who have known him.

"And is he dead whose soul lifts ours on high.
To live in those we leave behind is life to die."

REV. T. P. HUNT.

(Contributed.)

Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, Pastor of the Church at Chavagacherry, died the 23rd inst. at his residence at Chavagacherry. The deceased was prominent in the American Mission in Jaffna. He was educated in Batticotta Seminary, where he distinguished himself for his scholar-

ship attainments, especially in Mathematics and science; and he graduated in the year 1850. Some of his classmates were Gurus Kanakakarna Mudr. the 2nd Interpreter of the Jaffna Katchery, and Chikering, uncle of Mr. of the Jaffna Katchery, the head clerk of the District Court of Jaffna. When he was in the Seminary he was convinced of the truth of Christianity, and he made public profession of his faith in or about the year 1845, and soon after he graduated, he joined the Theological class and studied for the Ministry and became a Minister. When the Deputation from America, consisting of the Revs. Rufus Anderson D. D. the foreign Secretary of the American Board, at that time and the Rev. A. C. Thomson a member of prudential committee, visited the Churches in Jaffna in the year 1855, Mr. Hunt was appointed a pastor and from that time to his death he was always a faithful, earnest and zealous Christian.

One great feature in his character, was his patriotism. The Deputation mentioned above after consulting the Missionaries in Jaffna abolished the Seminary which had done immense good to Jaffna. They thought the object of the Mission was evangelization, but not education, and that the latter should be left to local enterprises. The pioneer Missionaries, such as Rev. Daniel Poor D. D., Minon Winslow, B. C. Meigs and Rev. Levi Spaultering D. D. who established the Seminary acted on the principle that education was a hindrance to religion. After the abolition of the Seminary the want of such an institution as the Seminary was keenly felt by the Jaffna public.

In all religious and educational meetings he was very pious in his attendance and in giving his advice and benefits of his experience. The American Mission has lost, in his death, a very valuable assistant, and the Christian community at large, a sincere friend. His end was peaceful. During his last few days Rev. S. Elydampi was present at his bed-side and bore a very complimentary testimony in his address at the funeral service.

WHAT THE BIBLE COULD DO FOR JAFFNA.

Continued.

SECOND. "What does the Bible propose to do?" The Bible contains a progressive revelation of God to man culminating in Christ. This revelation is marked by three outstanding facts which underlie the relation of God to man. (1) that God has placed man in this world and created for him his surroundings, that he is in a real sense a part of God himself, that man partakes of His nature, that God enters into toward his offspring only feelings of love, that he is in a word his Father and that no act of his can ever change the fact of that relation. This naturally implies the brotherhood of men and their absolute equality in the sight of God.

(2) That the inherited divine nature has been sadly marred by man's own sin, done in defiance of God's most earnest endeavors to induce him to abandon it and that so long as man persists in sin he can never please God, that the penalty for persistence in sin is banishment from the presence of God.

(3) That to save man from sin and its consequences he has revealed himself to man in Christ, in order to give him tangible evidence of his love, to show him how to live the perfect life without sin and in constant communion with God; but most of all to provide in the death and resurrection of Christ for the forgiveness of man's sin and his entrance into personal relation with God.

The Bible proposes then, to bring men into a close and intimate, a heart to heart, soul to soul relationship with God in which man's communion with God shall be as real and far closer than the communion of earth's choicest friendships, but it says sternly and uncompromisingly that this freedom from sin and communion with God can be obtained only as men acknowledge their sin, forsake it and accept Jesus Christ as the one through whom alone we can approach God.

THIRD. "What would result in Jaffna if the teachings of the Bible were universally accepted?"

"The change in the moral and social life of Jaffna would be almost complete; instead of lying, stealing, cheating, false witness, immorality, slander, back biting, hatred, envy, maliciousness and idolatry, there would be in place of these "love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance." The man or woman whose heart is filled with love to God has no room for anything evil. Sivism thought that is most deplorable: sin is slurred over, excused, covered up and never acknowledged unless the one guilty is caught red handed only the grossest sins are thought of as sin and never for one moment are the unnumbered sins of the heart (that fountain of all evil action) regarded as sin.

Jaffna needs to awaken to its awful degradation and the sin in which the false and loose standards of Sivism have steeped it. It is one thing to tell a man what is right to do; it is

another thing to give him the power to do what is right.

The Bible not only clearly indicates what is right to do but the precise way in which the power to do that right thing can be obtained. To become a Christian is to come into personal touch with the living God and to receive from Him day by day the power to do that which is right. Sivism has no such power and its followers while knowing to some extent what is right to do are powerless to do it. Christ and Christ alone can give the human soul this victory over sin.

So long as Jaffna remains under the domination of Sivism so long will she be powerless to live that life which alone can please God and bring that peace and joy which every human heart craves.

THE WESLEYAN MISSION REPORT FOR JAFFNA DISTRICT 1901.

We take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of this report of a corner of the great world parish of John Wesley. The contents are interesting as the cover is neat and artistic. As the report itself says, in the preface, it is a series of papers dealing with their aims and methods of work and the materials with which they are working rather than a detailed account of the various stations. The departure from the usual detailed account is fully justified by the interesting and discriminating treatment of the subjects. There are thirteen papers written by Missionaries and native workers. The subjects treated are First Impressions, Evangelistic Methods, Progress of English Education, Bazaar Preaching, The Tamil Boy, Industrial work as Mission Agency, Bible women, The Tamil Girl, Village Churches, Our Mission to the Moors, A View of the Medical Work, East and West, The Story of the Year. Rev. W. T. Garrett traces the progress of English Education in Jaffna during the last decade. He says owing to affiliation with Calcutta the number of students in English colleges in Jaffna is three or four times as great as ten or twelve years ago. He expresses his disapproval of the Government's purpose to make the colleges take up the Cambridge Local and London University examinations, that are not at all suited to Jaffna students. Rev. E. M. Weaver says the same sad confession can be made about the Moors today as was made in 1722 "It is observable that there is not a single instance on record of a Moor or Mohammedan who has been induced to embrace Christianity." There are 246,118 of them in the island of Ceylon for the most part in the north and east. These people can be evangelized. It must be done by men who have specialized in their sacred literature and religion.

Rev. A. E. Restarick in telling the Story of the year speaks of the many changes in workers "In no year of our history have we lost so many European workers" he says, "Success in this historic district has been real but not rapid; the pace is faster, but we are not overtaking the needs of the people, the possibilities of extension, or the promises of God"

Foreign News.

FINLAND. Great efforts are being made to relieve the famine stricken Finns. Contributions are being sent and South Africa in large numbers. They have bought 300,000 acres of land in America.

RUSSIA. The Czar of Russia has issued an edict respecting religious liberty and political reform. This is considered by some a matter of profound significance. Others do not trust the Czar and believe this is a move discontented and bold in their expression of disapproval of the Government. The past eight years have been years of oppression. Self government has been nearly Siberia. The czar's past holds out little promise for a beneficial reform but the people may force it upon him.

King Edward VII is continuing his visits to Italy and France.

INDIA. The incident noted in the last Star that colonel considerable interest in Northern India. Col. Yate is still detained and it may result in some trouble.

BRITISH DISASTER IN SOMALILAND. There was a serious disaster to the British troops in Somaliland the 17th. A small force of 220 men was attacked by a large force of the enemy. The British fought stubbornly but were finally almost annihilated. Eleven officers including one colonel, seven captains and three lieutenants were killed. Thirty seven of the men escaped.

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