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In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1360

In the matter of the estate of the late Kulanthavelu Sittamparappillai of Kankesanthurai deceased Sittamparappillai widow of Sittamparappillai of Kankesanthurai petitioner

This matter of the petition of Sittamparappillai widow of Sittamparappillai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Kulanthavelu Sittamparappillai coming on for disposal before W. R. Sandars Esquire, District Judge, on the 25th May 1903 in the presence of G. N. V. Tampoe, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and affidavit of the petitioner dated the 22nd day of May 1903 having been read, it is declared that the petitioner is the lawful widow of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 30th day of June 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed 25th day of May 1903 W. R. SANDERS District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1357.

In the matter of the estate of the late Vaittanar Kanapathipillai of Matakai. Deceased. Vaittanar Sittamparappillai of Matakai. Petitioner. 1 Ponnu widow of Kanapathipillai and 2 Appannan Thiliampalam both of Matakai.

This matter of the Petition of Vaittanar Sittamparappillai of Matakai praying for letters of administration to the estate of the above named deceased Vaittanar Kanapathipillai of Matakai coming on for disposal before W. R. Sandars Esquire, District Judge, on the 20th day of May 1903 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 30th day of May 1903 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is 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 June 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed this 20th day of May 1903 W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1358

In the Matter of the estate of the late Assana Marakair Sultan Abdulader of Vannarponnai west. Deceased. Mohamud Usman Meerassaib of Vannarponnai Petitioner 1 Mohamud Vakiso Mohamud Sultan and wife 2 Mohamud Mayalade Nachia of Vannarponnai west Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Mohamud Usman Meerassaib of Vannarponnai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Assana Marakair Sultan Abdulader coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sandars Esquire, District Judge, on the 25th day of May 1903 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 23rd day of May 1903 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 30th day of June 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed this 23rd day of May 1903 W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1863.

In the matter of the late Ponnupillai wife of Kandar Tambiah of Maravanpalle deceased. Supramaniam Sittamparappillai as Kaidi petitioner. 1 Sittamparappillai and wife 2 Theivampillai of Maravanpalle 3 Supramaniam Tampoe and wife 4 Chellam of Kottalaim 5 Kandar Tambiah and wife 6 Chinnappillai of Maravanpalle 7 Sellar Kandiah and wife

8. Muttupillai of do
9. Appapilla Nainvillampi and wife
10. Sadaipillai of Kaidi Navatilly Respondents.
This matter of the petition of Supramaniam Sittamparappillai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Ponnupillai wife of Kandar Tambiah coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sandars Esquire District Judge, on the 28th day of May 1903 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke proctor on the part of the petitioner and affidavit of the petitioner dated the 21st day of May 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 10th day of July 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. Signed this 28th day of May 1903 W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

Local and General.

Weather. The wind has been blowing steadily from the south west, and it seems certain that the monsoon has set in. We have had no rain during the fortnight.

Personal. Mr. A. M. Chittaranjan arrived in Jaffna by the last steamer. He has been a successful business man in Colombo for the past 20 years or so, and has now returned to settle down in his home in Jaffna. He was given a Farewell meeting in Colombo at which time he was presented with a gold watch by his many friends. We welcome him back to Jaffna.

Obituary. A telegram was received last Saturday evening announcing the death of Mr. Barr Kumarasingham M.D. of the Governor's Gate. The M.D. was the eldest son of the late Mr. Barr of Tellipallai. He was a man under 50 and seemed to be in robust health. Our readers will remember that his youngest brother died in London two or three years ago while studying as a holder of the Gilchrist scholarship. Of the surviving brothers one is Kutehri M.D. at Tricomania, another Manager of Valikamam North and the third clerk in the Batticaloa Kutehri. One of the sisters married Advocate L. Tanbaya. Mr. Barr has been in Government service for several years, and has been an efficient and faithful official. Above all he was an earnest Christian gentleman and his loss will be deeply felt. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and children and other relatives and friends.

Mr. T. H. Crosette B.A. We note with great pleasure that Mr. T. H. Crosette, Headmaster Canadian Mission College, Indore, Central India, has passed the B.A. examination of Calcutta University with Honours in English Literature. This is the first time a "graduate" of the Jaffna College under the old regime has gained the distinction of having passed B.A. with honours. Mr. Crosette is to be congratulated on his success which shows that the foundation laid in the older era had almost said "goodbye" days of Jaffna College was a solid one.

Y. P. S. C. E. On Friday the 6th inst. meeting was held at the Christ Church school room when Rev. J. Thompson occupied the chair and spoke at some length of the necessity of organizing the Young People's Christian Endeavour Society. The annual domestic was over, the following office bearers were elected. President Mr. J. Thompson, Secretary Mr. J. G. Muttiah, and Asst. Sec. Miss Irene Leunbuggen. The appointment of a Treasurer was postponed for the next meeting, and the meeting terminated with prayer by the chairman. **Calcutta Results.** In the B.A. Jaffna College passed 3 out of the 4 sent in which is creditable. Only one other in the whole Island passed and he is a teacher in Trinity College Kandy. In the F.A. Jaffna College passed 11 out of 15 sent in, Hindu College 5 out of 11 and Central College 4 out of 11. Three teachers passed, one connected with Hindu College, and two Jaffna college boys who had been teaching a few months in the Batticaloa East English school. Four passed from Trinity including a teacher.

In the Entrance the results were as follows:—
1. Central College 11 out of 15
2. Hindu " 9 " 12
3. Jaffna " 7 " 21
4. P. P. S. Wesleyan " 6 " 6
5. " " Hindu " 7 " 8
6. St. John's " 6 " 8
7. Victoria " 4 " 7
8. Trinity " 4 " 8
9. Private " 6 " 21
10. " " " 2 " 3
11. Vempadi " 1 " 2

The results in Entrance were good in all the institutions except Jaffna College where for some reason, unexplained as yet, there were a large number of failures. The report that Calcutta University has cast off the Jaffna Colleges is untrue. The Govt. of India has not yet taken up the report of the Universities Commission though it will probably do so before the close of the year. As yet Calcutta is bound to give us her examinations for 1904 and 1905.

Our two steamers. Both the steamers 'Lady Havelock' and 'Amra' will leave Colombo on Friday and arrive at Kankesanthurai on Saturday—the former on a special trip returning to Colombo from Kankesanthurai on Monday following.

Jaffna Y. M. C. A. The Tennis Court in connection with the Y. M. C. A. in the Esplanade near the sea side has been opened for use by the members of the Y. M. C. A.

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மேலும், சாண்டேவ் இரண்டாம்வகுப்பிற் சித்தியடைந்து உடுவிற்பாடசாலை கொள்ளும் அச்சுவெகுமதியும் பெற்றனரென திறிசுத

தேவநாம்பு, T. A.

The N. E. S.

The annual meeting of this Society was held in the Uduvil church, on Thursday the 28th ultimo the building being crowded with people from all parts of the Peninsula. At least 900 were present including children, though some estimated the audience as over one thousand. Mr. Wm. Mather took the chair as President and after giving out a hymn called upon Pastor D. Vallupillai to read a portion of Scripture and offer prayer. The report of the Secretary showed that there had been some changes in the staff of helpers during the year. Rev. I. Paul of Pungudutive went in July to Tondy, South India, and Mr. Danforth was sent to fill his place at Pungudutive. The catechist at Delft had resigned, and for 7 months the Society had been without a catechist in that distant island. The Society had been seeking for a man to go to Delft, but had not yet found one.

The Treasurer reported an income of over Rs. 1100 and a debt of only Rs. 8.33 resting on the Society at the close of the year. But the house for the catechist at Valany had not been finished and several hundred rupees additional were needed. Moreover many of the churches did not give regularly, thus compelling the Treasurer to borrow money to meet the monthly obligations.

After a stirring address from the chairman, speeches were made by Messrs S. Veerakutti, A. Abraham, A. K. Modir Curtis and J. Bicknell. The speakers all showed signs of careful preparation, and their earnest appeals made a very good impression upon the audience. The officers for the new year were elected as follows:—

President	Wm. Mather Esq.
Vice president	Rev. C. M. Sanders
Secretary	" S. Elyatamby
Treasurer	" S. P. Lawton Esq.
Auditors	Rev. J. M. Sanders
	Mr. A. K. Modir Curtis

After a recess of 15 minutes the Lord's Supper was celebrated, Revs. W. P. Nathanael and R. C. Hastings officiating.

On the whole the meeting was a success. Hearts were cheered by the report of the work, and a new impetus we trust has been given to all to give, to pray and to work for this time honoured Society.

Man's Place in the Universe.

One of the most interesting questions for speculation among all peoples has been the question of man's place in the Universe. Is man so important as to have all the universe made for him or are the inhabitants of the earth only one of many races of human beings. Whether the question will ever be settled or not it is not idle to speculate about because it stimulates thought and imagination. There is hope too that it will be definitely settled some day. It is not safe to predict what will not happen when the scientific world is making such progress as at present. Already there are reports that in the western part of the United States they have discovered that Mars is trying to communicate with the earth. Such a report is of course ludicrous. We have however a definite theory recently brought forward by Alfred Russel Wallace, that may form the foundation at least for the solution of the problem. Mr. Wallace is not an astronomer but is one of the greatest of scientists. He was the joint discoverer with Huxley of the theory of natural selection and has done much work outside the field of biological research. He takes up two questions. "The first is, what position does our earth hold in the universe. The second is, could the higher forms of organic life such as we find on earth have originated and been developed on any other planet."

To the first question he gives the answer that in all probability it is in the centre of the whole material universe and the solar system to which we belong is of the greatest significance in the universe. There was a time when the earth was considered the centre about which every other body revolved. When it was discovered that the earth was only a small part of this system of which our sun is the centre and that our system was but a very small part of the universe, only one of many systems, and that our sun was very small compared with some other suns being as much smaller than Canopus and Arcturus as our earth is smaller than our sun, it was felt that we were insignificant and our little speck of earth was being reduced in importance almost to the vanishing point. "But during the last quarter of the past century the rapidly increasing body of facts and observations leading to a more detailed and accurate knowledge of stars and stellar systems has thrown a new and unexpected light on this very interesting problem of our relation to

the universe of which we form a part; and although these discoveries have, of course, no bearing upon the special theological dogmas of the Christian, or of any other religion, they do tend to show that our position in the material universe is special and probably unique, and that it is such as to lend support to the view held by many great thinkers and writers of today, that the supreme end and purpose of this vast universe was the production and development of the living soul in the perishable body of man." These are the words of Mr. Wallace. He says the Agnostics and Materialists may object that the end to be reached, by the development of man as a spiritual being is not great enough to justify the size of the whole universe for the accomplishment of that but he believes the end to be so great and noble that such a use is justifiable. The arguments brought forth to support the contention made are well established but have never been brought together before. They are in brief.

1. The stars are not infinite in number. If, as many have claimed, the stars are infinite we cannot assign any particular position to the earth for in infinity there is no difference of position. Infinity is a sphere whose centre is everywhere and circumference nowhere. The argument in favor of the contention that the stars are not infinite is that as we increase the size and efficiency of the telescope the number of new stars discovered is diminishing. The so called coal soles or dark patches where no stars are visible also indicate that the number of stars are limited. We could hardly find such long tunnels of darkness were the stars infinite. Again if the stars were infinite we should receive much more light from them according to the theory of the concentric spheres even making allowance for stoppage of light by interfering bodies. We should receive as much light from them as from the sun at times whereas we really receive only about one-fourth of moonlight and one five-hundred thousandth of sunlight.

2. The second point is the distribution of stars in space. We find that probably all stars have a proper motion of their own as our sun does. These motions have been determined by astronomers also the distances of stars from us. It is only in those very near us however that we are able to detect motion. Those at a distance appear stationary. They do however it is believed, have a motion. The motion of the different stars probably does not differ greatly in rapidity. We know that those that do not appear to move must be at a great distance. Thus we get an idea of the way we can learn of the structure of the universe.

3. The next point considered is the Galaxy or "Milky Way." This is a vast nebulous mass very conspicuous in the heavens that divides them into two hemispheres. In this mass there are very small stars closely packed together but also large stars more numerous here than elsewhere in the heavens. This then is the region where the great mass of stars are found and it forms a great circle or ring. This ring is not flat or compressed like Saturn's rings. If so we could not see through it whereas we find we can see through at the irregular dark streaks and patches. Sir John Herschel the great astronomer says "we see fairly through the starry stratum."

Now the important point is we must be situated not in any part of the Milky Way but at or near the very central point in the plane of the ring that is, nearly equally distant from every part of it. If we were not equidistant from the circle one side would appear narrow i.e. the side farthest away and the side nearest would appear broad. Such is not the case. The Milky Way is irregular and some parts appear brighter but it is noticed that the north and south poles are both equally narrow while the parts 90° from them are both very broad which suggests that we are in the centre.

Sir John Herschel testifies that the Galaxy is very close to a great circle as seen from the earth. 4. The fourth point is our star cluster. We find from our second point that in the apparent motion of stars we have a test of nearness. Judging by this means we find that the stars nearest us have no connection with the Milky Way. Again they are spread out uniformly. This has led to the conclusion that they are spread about in a globular mass which is called the "solar cluster." Our sun is immersed in this cluster; at or near the centre, for it were not we should find the stars with measurable motion more numerous one side than the other, as we should be nearer one side. We come then to the conclusion that the Milky Way is a huge ring, that in the centre of this is a cluster of stars in the form of a globe, that our sun is in the centre of this cluster, and that therefore our sun is the centre of the whole material universe.

"This conclusion is no doubt a startling one, and all kinds of objections will be made against

its being accepted as a proved fact. And yet I am not acquainted with any great inductive result of modern science that has been arrived at so gradually, so legitimately, by means of so vast a mass of precise measurement and observation and by such wholly unprejudiced workers. It may not be proved with minute accuracy as regards the actual mathematical content. That is of not the least importance. But that it is substantially correct in the terms I have stated there seems no good reason to doubt, and I therefore hold it to be right and proper to have it so stated and provisionally accepted, until further accumulations of evidence may show to what extent it requires modification."

Objections have been made as Mr. Wallace anticipated but so far as we are able to judge none that preclude our accepting this provisionally, until more evidence is brought forth.

The second question will be considered later.

(To be continued)

Correspondence.

AKKARAPATTU BATTICALOA.

WEATHER. We have had very good showers which served to refresh us and to benefit the harvest. The mosquitoes are undesirable all over Batticaloa and all round the year.

DEATHS. The house of Mr. Valasodram Head teacher of Kalmattai Eng. school was set on fire on 4 occasions, the house is under the nose of the Wesleyan Mission House there. On the 4th occasion, the whole house was reduced to ashes and the in-mates were obliged to quit the site.

DEATHS. Mr. C. M. Lushington A. G. A. Tinco: acts for Mr. H. G. A. Batticaloa from the 29th May. A son of Mr. H. G. A. Batticaloa on a grand scale before Mr. H. G. A. left for Kandy. —Rev. E. M. Weaver and family are expected to arrive at Batticaloa 1st week of June.

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A CIRCULAR FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Department of Public Instruction, Colombo, 28th April 1903.

My attention has been called to the increasing prevalence of smoking among young boys in many parts of Ceylon, especially in the towns and coast districts. It is becoming quite common to see not only boys but children of 6 or 7 years of age smoking cigarettes or Jaffia cheroots. The habit of smoking during childhood and boyhood is most prejudicial both to health and character. It produces a weak and enervated race of men and helps to develop vicious and criminal tendencies. Stringent laws dealing with juvenile smoking either have been, or are being passed in all countries where there is a desire to produce a vigorous and healthy race of men, as Great Britain, the Australian Colonies, the United States, Japan. It is the duty of Teachers to use all their influence to stamp out this habit among the young. They should impress on parents also the necessity of forbidding the practice.

J. HARWARD.

Acting Director.

Local and General.

Reception to Rev. and Mrs. Trimmer. The Rev. and Mrs. Trimmer with Sister Hottel returned from England on the 9th inst. They travelled by land from Colombo out at Pallai via Trincomalee and Mrs. Tampoe all coming down to Jaffna by the evening train. Several friends received them at the station and a coach and pair awaited to take them to the church when a lunching service was offered for their safe return from England. On coming to church, Mrs. Trimmer in front of their school and Mrs. Miss. Joining in honor their arrival in Jaffna. All the members of the church, and clergies of Vannapattai, Puttalam and Mr. Trimmer crowded the church to see the respected and the demonstration testified to the esteem and reverence Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer had in the hearts of the church and the public. Mr. T. M. Tampoe the senior circuit steward of the church occupied the choir. The devotional exercises began by a hymn and prayer by the pastor of the church, Mr. Tampoe and prayer by the Rev. and Mrs. Trimmer copies of which were distributed to the audience. Mr. Trimmer replied by a short address in the address by the pastor and soliciting the presence of their work for the extension of the Kingdom. After the quiet and imposing proceedings in the church were over, of their friends, and it was indeed a most interesting meeting. A large light procession with music and to take Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer to the Mission House, the street from the church to the Mission House was girls of the Boarding school centered as they were the reception song and Mrs. Trimmer joined them. Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer and Sister Hottel were accorded a cordial welcome and may the Lord grant them all temporal and spiritual blessings in their fourth period of service at Jaffna to their Master.

Medical Charges at Jaffna. Dr. Gnanamuttu health officer of the port. Dr. Duttanathi from Mandavali took charge of work at Point Pedro from Manantur, a tamilar who will proceed to Vavonia in a few days. Mr. James Hennessey, A. Principal of Ramcatt College has returned to Jaffna from India on a short visit and rest and is present staying at Sandilipai, com.

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