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## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary | No. 1374

In the matter of the estate of the late Parameswaram of Karadive East. Deceased.

Channukam Perumal of Karadive East. Petitioner.

1. Valliammal widow of Parameswaram of Karadive East.

2. Parameswaram of Karadive East.

3. Katiraspillai widow of Parameswaram of do.

4. Ponnupillai wife of Channukam Parameswaram of do.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Channukam Parameswaram of Karadive East praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Parameswaram of Karadive East coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge on the 25th day of June 1903, in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changarapillai, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner, and affidavits of the Petitioner on the 23rd day of June 1903 having been read, it is declared that the said deceased died without a will of his said intestate and as such is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued in him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before the 27th day of August 1903, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 25th W. R. B. SANDERS,  
day of June 1903. District Judge.

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary | No. 1378

In the matter of the estate of the late Teyvi wife of Kanta Nannian of Manippy. Deceased.

Kanta Nannian of Manippy. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Veiyarvan Mirkunai his wife.

2. Sotanarati of Sullivani.

3. Maruthi Nannian of do.

4. Maruthi Pandi of Udumvil.

5. Chinnapudian Kanta his wife.

6. Ponni of Chundikulam.

7. Aiyau Sinnappan his wife.

8. Chetti of Navali.

9. Kanta Nagan his wife.

10. Meenadchi of do.

11. Pandari Ellippoleyan and his wife.

12. Ittyny of Chundikulam.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Kanta Nannian of Manippy praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased Teyvi wife of Kanta Nannian of Manippy coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 14th day of July 1903 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changarapillai, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavits of the Petitioner dated the 13th day of July 1903 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner and affidavits of the Petitioner as such 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 20th day of August 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 14th W. R. B. SANDERS,  
day of July 1903. District Judge.

## Local and General.

**Weather.** A few showers of rain during the past fortnight to keep our peninsula looking fresh and green. It has been an unusual season but none the less welcome. The wind has been fitful.

**Obituary.** Another of our old Christian men has gone to his reward, Mr. Joseph of Udumpidi, who slept on Wednesday the 22nd ult. being over 75 years of age. One by one the old friends are disappearing, and the young men of yesterday are taking their places.

**Chemistry in Tamil.** Tamil Science Primer No. 1 has put in an appearance. It is a small book of over one hundred pages, purporting to be a translation of Prof. Roscoe's Primer of Chemistry, and is the work of Mr. T. P. Muthiah, a native of Villupuram.

In the introduction, Dr. Popa who has done so much for the Tamil speaking people along these lines, says "This is a good attempt to place Roscoe's invaluable work within the reach of Tamil students." The book is well illustrated with engravings prepared by Messrs. S. K. Lawton and Co. Part I of the book is fairly well printed, but the latter part is poorly done which is very unfortunate, for a book of this kind should be clearly and neatly gotten up. The price is 75 cents.

**Dollar and Rupee Exchange Tables** is a very useful book compiled by Mr. C. T. Pampiah of the Posts and Telegraphs department, Selangor.

Its value depends upon the accuracy of its tables, and we doubt not they are all right though we have not tested them for ourselves. The book will be welcomed especially by those who have dealings in the Straits.

**Jaffna Hospital.** The report of the F. J. N. S. Hospital for 1902 is of the usual type. We note that the number of admissions were more than for the previous year, the number of the Paying Wards being 145 against only 67 in 1901. A large variety of diseases was treated and the result was successful. There were 49 deaths in the Hospital. In the Balance Sheet we note that the balance on hand at the beginning of the year was Rs. 8,535.35. The receipts during the year were Rs. 11,864.92 of which Rs. 8,000 came in the shape of Govt. grants, and Rs. 1,263.38 from subscriptions, leaving only about Rs. 2,500 recovered from fees, sales of medicines, rents &c. The expenditures were Rs. 15,621.45 leaving a balance in hand of Rs. 2,778.82 at the close of the year. The Hospital is evidently doing a good work.

**"A Hindoo Criticism of Christ Criticized."** is a pamphlet of over 60 pages written by Advocate Tambyah, and is an examination of the views embodied by Mr. R. Ramanathan, K. C., C. M. G., in his commentary on St. Matthew's Gospel. Mr. Tambyah shows up the fallacies of the Solicitor General's arguments, and has done his work well. It is a book worth reading.

**Removal.** Rev. C. T. Williams Pastor of the C. M. S. church at Copay is soon to proceed to Annadajapura. His people are very sorry to lose him as he has won his way to their hearts in the short time he has been with them. His successor is not yet known.

**Post Office.** Wanted. The residents of Copay are dissatisfied with the postal service they are receiving. At present it is only a receiving office and much inconvenience results to the people who are compelled to go to town for proper postal facilities.

**Evangelistic Services.** Rev. E. M. Weaver and a party of evangelists, will spend 6 weeks in Jaffna for their work from next month.

**The Govt. Agent.** Mr. J. P. Lewis spent the whole of last week in the Thammaratchi Division for the apprehension of some minor bandits. We are informed that the Govt. Agent was very cautious in the matter as he knew that of late some serious crimes were committed in that Division which were not detected.

**Jaffna Railways.** We are informed that the Railways is paying its expenses. A sum of Rs. 1700 was collected as fare for two days during the festival season of the Kandaswami temple at Madidupuram.

—A Christian Endeavour Society has been organized at Salenku (the ancient Thessalonica, where Paul taught), and to which he wrote his two epistles to the Thessalonians. It has thirty members.

—In Thalawady Cochin, there is a Roman Catholic school as well as a Hindu institution. In the latter there are a good number of Syrian Christian students who apparently prefer to attend a Hindu to a Romanist school. The Hindus have engaged two Christian teachers chiefly for teaching Scripture; and the whole school is taught the Bible. Romanism is therefore more backward than partially reforming Hinduism; and one cannot but admire the attempts of Hindus to keep abreast of the times.

—The annual summary of all Protestant Foreign Missions gives the following figures—Stations and out-stations 20,081; Mission workers, European 6,534 men, 7,334 women; native 78,812; communicants 1,445,635; baptised members 3,208,447; under instruction 1,020,069; total income £3,700,000. Last year, 90,890 communicants were added.

—Much interest has lately been aroused in London by surgical operations which have resulted in a marked change of character in the patients. One was that of a boy of good family who had developed strangely brutal instincts. A clever surgeon examined him with care, located what he considered the seat of the trouble, removed a piece of the skull, and thus relieved the deforming pressure. The lad was restored to his parents a normal and lovable child. The other case was that of a soldier who, after an injury in a skirmish, developed a propensity for theft. An operation on the brain cured him.





## "FACING OUR PAST"

Many a man in battle has felt an almost irresistible impulse to right about face and make a hasty retreat. It would be much easier to turn back than to go forward were it not for the shame and disgrace of it. But many a man in the battle of life finds it very hard to turn about and face his past. It is easier to face the future.

We find in studying Tamil that, according to Pope, there are verbs that have a weak past and others that have a doubly weak past. We find also in studying human nature that there are very many men who have 'weak pasts' and not a few who have doubly weak pasts. There may be some men who can look over their past life with satisfaction and say with an eminent aged preacher: "From the days of earliest boyhood, when I went stumbling through the grass, up to the gray-bearded manhood of this time, there is none but has left me honey in the hive of memory that I now feed on for present delight." But for most there are many days in the past that mark wrongs and sins whose memory at present is very far from being a hive from which they draw sweet honey, and for many the past is a constant source of bitterness. It is because of this weakness of their past that it is very hard to face it and yet to successfully face the future such men must first face the past or it will be fatal to them as an unconquered enemy in the rear of an army. The advice is often given to forget the past and push on to the future. Paul says "One thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Such a forgetting of the past is right "Let the dead past bury its dead." Crying over spilt milk is a waste of time. Thinking of what might have been, blasts hopes and brings desolation. "The butterfly does not dress in black because it was once a caterpillar nor should the saint moon and bewail because he was once a sinner. Far too many lives have been spoiled by vain regrets and they, like Hezekiah, after his recovery from sickness have gone softly all their years because of the bitterness of their soul. And yet it is nevertheless true that a man must face his past. It is because men do not face their past that they go in bitterness of soul. Paul before he could forget his past had to face his past. He had been a persecutor of Christians and he could not forget that, until he had stood bravely forth before himself, before his people and before his God and admitted with a penitent heart that all his past life had been wrong. There is nothing that man is more reluctant to do than to admit that he is wrong and it is because men will not admit that they are wrong that the men with weak pasts and doubly weak pasts have weak presents, and weak futures in prospect. Many are lost simply and solely because they have not the courage to say "I have been wrong." Men are slow to perceive that it is a greater disgrace to continue in error than to acknowledge it. Men like Old Sol in Dickens will persist that their watch or clock is right though the sun and all other time pieces show it to be wrong, simply because it is something that belongs to them and they will not admit that they or any of their possessions are in error. Perhaps a man is as reluctant to admit he has been wrong intellectually as he is to admit he has been wrong morally. It is thought to be a sign of mental weakness to change your mind on any subject. Some one has suggested that the man who never changes his mind gives us pretty conclusive evidence that he has no mind to change. Sometimes there is a feeling that if we admit we are wrong and another man right we are admitting our inferiority. Well, even if that be true there is very little hope of our getting out of our position of inferiority if we tenaciously cling to our error while they have the truth. What we have said of individuals may be said of nations. Nations, like individuals, have to face their past and are as reluctant to acknowledge error.

Nations, confident that their philosophers and wise men know as much as those of any other nation refuse to accept the truth brought from other nations. National pride has no doubt been a hindrance to the spread of Christianity. Individuals are kept from accepting Christianity because they feel that by so doing they are detracting from their nation's glory.

Society has been largely responsible for the individuals failure to face his past because it has

made it very difficult for him by its distrust. It judges him by his past and refuses to believe in his present purpose. The individual knows that as soon as he acknowledges his failure he has a hard task to regain the confidence of society. A man should have the courage to face his past without regard to society, he ought not to fear that society will find out a wrong more than he fears that God will; but society should aid him by making it as easy as possible for him to face the past. Jesus made it easy for sinners to face their past by his confidence in them.

## LEO. XIII

The death of the Pope occurred at Rome on the 20th ult. at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, but we failed to receive the tidings in time for a notice in our last issue. Leo. XIII. was born March 2, 1810, and was therefore in his ninety-fourth year when he died. He was a man of great learning, taking honors as a young man in both Mathematics and Philosophy and later on writing a number of poems of more or less merit. He became a priest in 1837 and in the next ten years occupied several important positions, being made a bishop in 1846. In 1853 he was created and proclaimed a Cardinal by Pius IX.

Twenty five years later at the Conclave of Cardinals he was elected Pope, and has been the head of the Roman Catholic church from that time to this—a period of 25 years.

His personal character has been above reproach. Pure and simple in his life, benevolent and wise in his aims, refined in his tastes, he won the respect and admiration of many who would not accept the tenets of the church he represented. He was a man singularly broad and liberal, far in advance of his church in dealing with every problem that came to him. A striking evidence of this is found in his authorization of the printing and public sale of the Bible in the Italian language about a year ago. In his preface to this book he refers to Protestants as "brethren"—if this term is to be found anywhere else in Catholic literature in reference to Protestants we would be glad to know of it. His attitude toward the liberal movement in the Catholic church of the United States was most tolerant and the men in the highest positions in the Catholic church in America today are representatives of the "Americanization" of the Catholic church.

His successor will soon be elected by the college of cardinals, if he has not been already; but it remains to be seen whether his reign as Pope will be as favorably spoken of at his demise as that of the one just called upon to lay down his earthly duties and to enter into the heavenly rest.

## Foreign News

The troubles in Bulgaria seem to be increasing rather than diminishing. Prince Ferdinand, its ruler, is apparently making every effort to restrain his subjects from going to war, but the atrocities committed by the Turks on the Bulgarian border and the massing of Turkish troops close by, would seem to show that a very little matter would precipitate war.

Bulgaria has a constitutional government, but is under the suzerainty of Turkey. It has a population of about four millions and a standing army of 40,000 which would be increased to four or five times as many in case of war. It has for its neighbours Rumania on the north and Servia on the west both of which kingdoms would in all probability ally themselves with Bulgaria in event of war.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra have just made a visit to Ireland. Leaving England on the night of the 20th July they arrived at Dublin on the 21st and were accorded a hearty welcome. During the four days spent there, they visited the principal places of interest and were the recipients of many addresses. The King expressed the hope that there might be a "revival of social peace and industrial and commercial prosperity in Ireland during his reign." He also expressed his deep regret at the death of the Pope, and his expressions of sympathy have made a profound impression upon the Roman Catholic section of his Irish subjects. Before leaving for Belfast on the 25th, their Majesties gave a donation of a thousand pounds to the poor of Dublin. At Belfast the welcome was no less enthusiastic and after a day spent in this place, they went on to Londonderry, visited for

the first time in its history by a King and Queen of England. On the 29th they embarked on the royal yacht for a cruise down the western coast of Ireland.

## NOTES.

—In Burma there are now about 36,000 Karen Protestant Christians. At Rangoon their educational centre, a beautiful church is being built which will hold over 2,000 people. It will be called "The Winton Memorial Church," as the Winton family—third generation—is now working there. There are 115 Christian Churches with about 8,000 members in this division of the country.

—The Rev. James Duthie, South India, Nagapet, says that forty years ago when he joined the Mission, there was not a single Indian Pastor. Now, there are 350, in the ordination of whom he has assisted. Then there were 100 converts; now, 8,000; then 2,500 baptized adherents; now 30,000. There are 15,000 Indian Christians; now 63,000. Last year the number of cases treated in connection with the Travancore Medical Mission was upward of 100,000.

—Miss Small, daughter of Dr. Small of Poona, has written a monograph on the conversion of a Brahmin by name of Narayan Raghunatha Rao who had never seen a missionary, but to whom a native Christian had given the Gospel of St. John. A marvellous story of his experience as a Christian is given in the book.

—A Public Meeting was held in Simla, on the 1st July, under the patronage of the Viceroy, with the Lieutenant-Governor of Punjab presiding, to raise funds for a Simla Young Men's Christian Association. Donations of Rs. 1,000 each have been made by Mr. J. M. Macpherson and Sir James Wal-er.

—The late Major General F. Eardley Wilmot once mentioned the following incident: An officer in the West Indies asked any man among his men to stand out who was a teetotaller, and out of 200 men, only one man stood out. When the regiment embarked for home the officer said, "Fall out any man who has never been in hospital," and only one man did so, and he was the very same teetotaller.

—"If any encourage drunkenness for the sake of the profit derived from the sale of drink, they are guilty of a form of moral assassination as criminal as any has been practised by the bravos of any country or any age."

John Bucklin.

—Dr. Barnardo says that 99 per cent of the suffering children who appeal to him for shelter are the victims of drinking on the part of either one or both parents.

## Did not Know Its Value.

The managers of a Young Men's Christian Association in England have just discovered that they have missed an excellent opportunity to add to the funds of the institution. For several years they have had a large picture on the wall of their Association building. It was lent them by a friend of the institution, who had no room in his own home suitable for it. About a year ago he suggested that they buy the picture, and they agreed to do so for Rs. 150. The donor, however, before he reduced the price to Rs. 75, but they would not give so much as that for it. Since then the owner died, and his executors took the picture when they restored his estate. They sent it to a picture master in London, where it was at once recognized as the work of a famous master. One hundred and five thousand rupees was bid for it, and that offer has since been raised to one hundred and fifty thousand. The men who refused to give twenty five dollars for it must feel deeply chagrined. How many men there will be at the law who will realize that the offer of salvation which is now made to them true, and which the reject, is worth more than the whole world.

"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give for exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8: 36).

## Vegetable Magnetism.

There has been discovered in the forests of India a plant which possesses astonishing "magnetic" power. The hand which breaks a leaf from it immediately receives a shock equal to that which is produced by the induction of an induction coil. At a distance of 20 ft. a magnetic needle is affected by it, and it will be quite deceived if brought near. The energy of this singular influence varies with the hours of the day. All powerful about two o'clock in the afternoon it is absolutely annihilated during the night. At times of storms its intensity amounts to striking proportions. Birds and insects never alight on this plant, and instinctively warn them that they would meet with sudden death. None of the magnetic metals are found where this plant grows, which is proof that the electric force belongs exclusively to the plant.

—A curious story connected with the assassination of the King and Queen of Servia comes from Belgrade. A friend of the late Queen Draga says that the royal pair received warning several days before the outbreak that a dangerous plot was being organized, and that their lives were in imminent danger. They determined to seek safety in flight, and there were no difficulties in the way. The King accordingly seized all the available funds in the safe investment. He was then eager to leave immediately, but Queen Draga urged delay. She expected a costume especially she wanted, as it was a rich traveling dress, and would be particularly becoming for her to wear on her journey. The goods were already on the way to Belgrade, and the Queen was waiting only for their arrival and then she and her husband would flee. But before the parcel had arrived, when the murderers broke into the palace, how of dress to delay her flight. She must have realized then, as many will do at the last, that the love of finery may entail a fearful cost.

"The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment" (Luke 12: 23.)

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