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## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary | No. 1378

Jurisdiction |

In the matter of the estate of the late Tayvi wife of Kantan Nannian of Nanipatty, Deceased.

Kantan Nannian of Nanipatty, Petitioner.

Ns. 1 Vayiravan Nannian his wife

2 Selampatti of Sulipuram

3 Marutani Nannian of do.

4 Marutani Pandian of Udivil

5 Chinnapoona Kanian his wife

6 Ponni of Thulipuram

7 Aiyani Sivannan his wife

8 Chetti of Naval

9 Kantan Nagan his wife

10 Meenadach of do

11 Pandari Elluppooyam and his wife

12 Ilttuy of Chettipalayam. Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Kantan Nannian of Nanipatty before the Letters of Administration to the estate of the late named deceased Tayvi wife of Kantan Nannian of Nanipatty 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. Changavillai, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 13th day of July 1903 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the widower of the said testate and as such is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said late testate 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.** The Ceylon Observer thinks that the South west monsoon wind has been largely a failure. It has not blown with force for more than a few days at a time. We have had several showers during the fortnight. For the past week the wind has blown steadily.

**Bengal and the monsoon.** In Bengal there has been a deficient rainfall and a famine is feared.

**The Vicerey.** Lord Curzon's term of office has been extended to May 1904 and probably for two years longer after that date. This is to give him time to carry out many of his plans for reform.

**Correspondent.** A long communication from Perak is of too personal a nature to find room in our columns.

**Mr. R. Arunasalem.** has been raised to the 1st class in the Civil service. This is a well-merited promotion.

**Y. M. C. A. Secretary.** Mr. Hieb has taken Mrs. Hieb and the children to the mountains with the hope that they may be sufficiently benefited to warrant their starting back to Ceylon next month.

**Jaffna College.** The annual Prize-giving will take place tomorrow. We hope it will be largely attended. Mr. Ward the new professor leaves Marseilles on the 27th inst. and should reach Colombo on the 13th prox.

**Young Jaffna.** Dr. D. Appadurai Joshua L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin) L.R.P. & S. ( Glas) returned by the "S. S. Pelens" to Ceylon after obtaining British qualifications. On his homeward voyage he visited Australia, Java and the Straits and he is at present spending a few weeks with his parents at Hatton prior to assuming duties.

"**S. S. Jaffna.**" The small steamer for the Jaffna Steam Navigation Company fitted up by Messrs. Walker Sons, Colombo, will be ready for a trial trip at Colombo on the 20th inst., and thereafter she will be taken charge of by Captain Maclean and will sail at once for Jaffna. The officers and crew of the boat leave Jaffna on the 18th inst. by steamer to Colombo to work in the vessel.

**Jaffna Commercial Corporation.** The annual meeting of the shareholders will be held in the office room on the 27th inst.

**Mr. J. Pigot.** Conservator of forests is at present at Jaffna on his periodic visit. He went to the Vanni District last week on inspection.

## NOTES.

**A MAMMOTH WATCH** will be one of the features of the coming St. Louis World's Fair in America. It will have a polished metal case, and will be large enough to allow people to walk inside it and inspect the machinery. Its diameter is to be 75 ft. and height 40 ft. with neat stairways running all about. The huge wheel will weigh a ton, and the hair spring will be 300 ft. in length and made of ten steel bands, 2 in. thick bound together. The watch will be wound by steam regularly at a certain hour during the day.

**ENGLISH IN JAPAN.** Professor Linden, the chief teacher in English in the Japanese schools says that the Japanese Government is about to import 250 teachers from the United States to teach English throughout the empire.

The most Northern Post office in the world has been established at Spitzbergen.

Twelve million acres of land have been made fruitful by irrigation from artesian wells in the Sahara Desert.

The moon moves round the earth at the rate of 2273 miles an hour.

The British Museum is to have a phonograph department in which will be stored, in cylinder form, the voices of eminent people.

The longest clock pendulum in the world is at Avignon, France. It is 67 ft. long, and requires 44 sec. to swing through an arc of 9 ft.

The small town of Werdan in the kingdom of Dahomey, is celebrated for its temple of serpents, a long building in which the priests keep upwards of 1000 serpents of all sizes which they feed with birds and frogs brought to them as offerings by the natives.

The Straits Settlements has the cheapest post office in the world. Post cards available in the colony and to the Federated Malay States, are sold at one and one-fifth of a (Ceylon) cent each; the letter rate of postage throughout the same area is slightly over 3 cents. The postage on letters to any place (with very few exceptions) in the British Empire is less than five (Ceylon) cents.

There are about 3,120,000 cyclists in Germany each of whom must pay a yearly tax of Rs. 1.62.

Heroism always bears a cross before it wears a crown.

Two Brahmins were recently baptised at Visagapatam, in South India, and one of them told how he had been given a Bible thirty years previously, and he said he would never forget the prayer which had been offered up by the missionary who had given it to him.

In all Europe, the finest home that any Young Men's Christian Association possesses is that at Stockholm. It was built in 1896, at a cost of nearly 400,000. Its lecture hall will hold 500 persons, and its library contains 6,000 volumes.

The wheat crop of India this year, according to official estimates, will be the largest ever known. Thus compensation comes for the years of famine.

The deaths from the bubonic plague in India are increasing in number. In 1897 they were 56,000. Last year they were 577,000, and during the first three months of this year the number mounted to 331,000.

The Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia, who some time ago prohibited intoxicating liquors in his dominions, has caused two of his generals to be arrested for drinking gin.

Rev. J. E. Hamington, son of the famous missionary at the mouth of the Ganges, has resigned his living and has entered the service of the Church Missionary Society. He asks to be sent to labor in Uganda, where his illustrious father was murdered.

The statement is made in the Christian Express, of Lovedale, Africa, that the missionary ranks have received a large addition from the Boer prisoners, who, during the course of the war, were held in the Great Britain, were kept at St. Helena, Ceylon, India, and the Bermudas, and have during their exile 175 of them were converted, and have been made missionaries to the heathen. Returning home they have been received by the Dutch Reformed Church, and great preparations have already been begun to assist them to an education, that they may be fitted for their work. One congregation has subscribed 130,000 rupees for land and buildings, another has undertaken to support twenty-one students at an annual cost of 7,500 rupees, another to support ten, and so on.





## PEARL FISHERIES OF CEYLON.

In the year 1902 Prof. W. A. Herdman, B. Sc., F. R. S., made a visit to Ceylon at the request of Mr. Chamberlain to investigate the condition of the pearl fishery banks.

In the July number of the Popular Science Monthly there is an abstract of a discourse on this subject before the Royal Institution of Great Britain. [He made a preliminary report to the Governor of Ceylon in July 1902.] Some of the points made in this discourse are:

1. The Fisheries are of very great antiquity. They are referred to by various classical authors. Cleopatra is said to have obtained pearls from Arripi on the Gulf of Manna.

2. The fisheries have been very uncertain. During the Dutch times there was one period of 28 years without a fishery and other long intervals.

3. By an investigation of the Periya bank or paar he was convinced that millions of young oysters are overwhelmed and destroyed by "natural causes, due mainly to the configuration of the ground and its exposure to the Southwest Monsoon." There is no basis for the belief that the Periya Paar is a mother paar from which the young oysters migrate inwards to supply insular paars.

By investigation it was found that there were "not less than hundred thousand millions" of young oysters on this paar in March, that had been buried in sand or carried down the declivity into the deep water outside, before November. This shows that oysters should be removed from this bank to one less exposed.

4. There are other minor causes however working with these. "Star-fishes, boring sponges that destroy the shell, boring molluscs which suck out the animal, internal protozoan and vermean parasites and carnivorous fishes" are its enemies.

Some of these however are an aid in pearl production.

5. There are several causes that lead to the production of pearls. Boring sponges and burrowing worms by the irritation lead to the production of pearls. "Minute grains of sand and other foreign bodies gaining access to the body inside the shell, which are popularly supposed to form the nuclei of pearls, only do so, in our experience, under exceptional circumstances." This happens only when the shell is injured.

The majority of pearls contain remains of parasites. "So that the stimulation which causes eventually the formation of an 'orient' pearl is, as has been suggested by various writers in the past, due to infection by a minute lowly worm, which becomes encased and dies." It is suggested that oysters might be infected by these worms and more pearls produced. The parasite worms are of various kinds and widely distributed about the coast of Ceylon.

6. Prof. Herdman left his assistant Mr. Howell in Ceylon to carry on investigations and it is hoped that much more information will be obtained in regard to the life of the oysters and production of pearls. A small laboratory has been built at Galle where conditions are most favourable for study. He hopes this laboratory will be put on a permanent basis.

## Foreign News

Russia seems to be stirring up trouble in the far East. Just now interest centers in Manchuria. The great trans-continental railway has its terminus in Vladivostock, and it must be conceded that Russia has some right to insist that her influence be paramount in Manchuria. But this does not mean that she has a right to take formal possession of the whole country and annex it to her empire against the protests of China and Japan. Apparently this is what she wants and is trying to bring about, though it is denied at St. Petersburg. England and the United States are indignant because Russia is closing the open door for trade in spite of the pledges given by China that the country should be thrown open to the trade of all nations. Japan is gaining influence in China, and seems fully alive to the fact that she may be forced into war before Russian aggression can be stopped. This in brief is the situation at present.

In the meantime the Kishineff massacres have aroused feeling in England and America against the Czar. The *London Times* correspondent

in St. Petersburg has been expelled from the country because of his outspoken utterances at the atrocities committed against the Jews. Protest have been forwarded to the Czar, but apparently with little effect. It is reported that the troubles in his Empire are wearing upon him and that he realizes the seriousness of the situation. It is not likely that there will be war, however, but a peaceful settlement will ere long be brought about.

Turkey in the near East has its hands full. In the last issue reference was made to the feeling of unrest in Bulgaria, and now comes news that four battalions of Turkish soldiers, supported by artillery defeated in pitched battle 1,700 Bulgarians on the 6th inst. Turkey declares that the movement in Macedonia has become general and is sending forward troops to suppress the rebellion. An insurrection has broken out among the Albanians also. A big fight has taken place at Monastir and the rebellion is spreading. The Powers are watching the situation very closely and grave and wide-reaching consequences may result.

South Africa is passing through a transition state and has its troublesome questions which threaten to make discord in its government. General Botha has come out in a tirade against the government, though much of what he says amounts to very little. Among the complaints which seem to have foundation in actual fact are the following:—The placing of a War Debt on the Colony which has aroused the antagonism of the burgher population; the new educational system so distasteful to the Boers; the importation of cheap Chinese labor; and the increasing power of the mine owners, proving so offensive to many. Such difficulties are to be expected until things become finally adjusted and the government wins its way into the hearts of the people. Ere long we shall have a powerful and prosperous country in South Africa.

Mr. Chamberlain's proposal for preferential tariffs is meeting with strong opposition in England and there is very little likelihood of his project being carried through. Sir Michael Hicks Beach is the leader of a new organization among the Unionists who have arrayed themselves against Mr. Chamberlain and his policy. The *Spectator* says of this organization that "if it succeeds in its work, it will have saved the Empire from a policy which would have shaken its foundations the principle upon which the Imperial fabric rests—the principle of non-interference with the fiscal independence of the component parts of the Empire."

On the other hand the *London Times* publishes a manifesto from some prominent Liberals in support of Mr. Chamberlain's policy. These gentlemen argue that it is foolish to revive the old arguments against Protection when the times have changed and the issues are no longer the same. If we wish to keep the Empire together, we must not legislate for England alone, but for all its colonies as well. Canada and Australia with a joint area of nearly seven million square miles and a population of about 10,000,000 have surely a right to be heard. Mr. Balfour is supporting Mr. Chamberlain and the fight promises to be an interesting one.

A terrible disaster has taken place in Paris. A train on the underground railway took fire and in spite of all that could be done 84 persons lost their lives. Most of these died of suffocation while trying to get away from the place to one of the stations.

## FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE

## "Go in Peace."

The Rev. Mark Guy Pease tells us in one of his charming books that on a very hot summer day he had been riding along a quiet country road when he overtook a poor woman carrying a big, heavily-filled basket. With characteristic kindness he stopped his horse and invited her to take a seat.

Of course she gratefully accepted it.

As they proceeded, however, Mr. Pease observed that she still kept holding the basket upon her arm.

"Had you not better put down your basket in the bottom of the carriage?" he suggested; "you will be much more comfortable without it."

"So I will!" she exclaimed; "thank you, sir! I never thought of that!"

"Often do the same," remarked Mr. Pease.

His puzzled fellow-traveller looked inquiringly for explanation.

"Yes, my good woman," he continued; "the Lord Jesus has taken me up into His chariot, and I rejoice to ride in it, but very often I keep carrying a big burden when I ought to have put it down; for if the Lord is willing to carry me, He is willing, likewise, to carry all my cares!"

How true! What a number of excellent people, whom we cannot possibly doubt are Christians, dislodge God by their constant flurry and worry! The tender, loving Saviour has assured each of us: "Thy sins are forgiven ..... thy faith hath made thee whole"—and He has, if we have really come to him—shall we forget His immediate added "Orcis gracious words, 'Go in peace!'"

Now remember, this "peace" is not a thing of life and death; it is a settled, permanent possession.

Let us not forget our Saviour's parting legacy to His disciples of all nations and throughout all ages, the priceless legacy of PEACE—"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

## A Crook's Self-Sacrifice.

A dramatic story of heroism, is told by the *Daily Times* of California. It says that two men were caught recently in a crafty plot to defraud an old man of his property. They realized when they were arrested, that the evidence against them was conclusive. The police did not know how strong a case they had, but the prisoners were aware that it would come out before the trial. Bail was fixed at two thousand dollars each. One of the prisoners was a young man, while the other was far advanced in life. The younger man, had twelve hundred dollars in all at his command. The elder about a thousand. "There is not enough for us both to go to prison for three years. But it will be no use for us both to go to prison for three years. I will let you have a thousand dollars, and that will enable you to put up the bail for yourself. Then you can skip, and I will stay and face the music." The elder man protested against deserting his companion, but the other insisted. "You would die before your sentence ran out," he said, "while I could bear it." Finally, it was so settled. The elder man left for parts unknown, while the younger man, having given up his money, has gone to prison for three years. It is strange that a man capable of such self-sacrifice should be a criminal. What a pity that a nature so fine should be spoiled by yielding to evil propensities! If he would only take advice of the apostle, he might be saved.

"If a man purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor prepared unto every good work" II Timothy 2:21.

## Virginian Heroines.

A beautiful story of devotion to humanity comes from the United States. A Northern settler in the South some time ago. Recently he was attacked by smallpox and died. His wife, who had tenderly nursed him through his illness, was stricken and died, and finally a woman who had been helping in their household affairs. The three sisters lay there in their coffins, no one daring to go near them. Dr. Fischer, who had charge of the case, sought vainly for some one to nurse them. He mentioned his quest at home and there was a prompt response. His two daughters volunteered to undertake the task. He told them, as was his duty, of the danger they would run, but they did not shrink from it. They went to the house from which all others fled in terror, and attended to the patients. In spite of their care and attention, the child died, but the other two patients are recovering. The young ladies did not leave their good offices to the living, but when no one could be found to bury the child they took charge of the little body and even helped their father to dig a grave for it, and one of them read the burial service when it was committed to the grave. Such noble conduct deserves special honor, and we may be sure that even if it does not win it from man, it does not miss the approval of heaven.

"Pure religion and undefiled be our God and the Father is that to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

## A Pest and its Antidote.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., is engaged in an interesting experiment. It is hatching a few bugs which were brought from Northern China by Mr. Mariat, an American entomologist. During a recent visit to that region, he noticed on the trees of a plantation, the gray scurf or waxy secretion known in America as the "San Jose scale." Mr. Mariat recognized it only tons of thousands of insects. The owner of the plantation in China, however, was not worried about the pest. He means of the hedgehog bugs, which like to live on the waxy secretion. Mr. Mariat soon had an opportunity of witnessing the proof of the boast. On his next visit to the same plantation had almost entirely disappeared, and the trees were in normal condition. Knowing the havoc wrought by the pest, he secured a large number of the hedgehog bugs, which he brought back with him. All of them, except twelve, died on the voyage, but the dozen survivors arrived at once set to work, and proved their ability to clear a tree of its destroyers, in a short time. They have been carefully preserved in cages, and are multiplying at an enormous rate. It is believed that in a short time, there will be a sufficient number for a flat to be sent to any district affected with the pest. When a farmer whose trees are being destroyed by the pest, sends it in, he can obtain a remedy how quickly he will apply for it. Unhappily there is not the same promptitude on the part of men, whose condition is far worse—men who are sin, yet who do not seek the remedy which God has freely provided.

"Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? recovered?" Jer. 8: 22.

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