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**Local and General.**

**Administration Reports.** The Report of the Northern Province by Mr. Levis, and the Report of the Director of Public Instruction, have both been received and will be reviewed in our next issue.

**Missionaries.** Rev. G. J. and Mrs. Trimmer have gone to the Eastern Province on a visit. Rev. E. M. Weaver is expected up in a few days to conduct a special mission in the peninsula.

**Kayts.** Mr. and Mrs. Wouterz have gone to Colombo. The Magistrate having been given leave of absence for a month, Proctor Silverakasam is acting as Magistrate at Kayts.

**St. John's College.** reopened on Tuesday last Sept. 1st. The staff of officials has been strengthened by the addition of Messrs. S. S. Samundram B. A. and L. S. Ponniah B. A. The infant department is being taught by Miss Werkminster.

**XXX Anniversary.** Mr. and Mrs. M. Puvirassingham have sent invitations for an "At Home" to be held on the 9th inst. The function is arranged in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of their marriage. Mr. M. Puvirassingham is the Interpreter Magistrate of the District Court, Jaffna, and his popularity is sure to attract many friends to make the function a success.

**Marriage.** Miss Elizabeth Caroline was married to Mr. R. S. Santiago on the 2nd inst. in St. John's Church, Chanducally. The bride is a daughter of Mr. B. M. Sankarasingham, Proctor, and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. B. S. Santiagoopillai, Proctor. The married party have only good wishes for a happy and prosperous life.

**Steam Navigation Co.** The steam boat "Jaffna" is expected to arrive at Jaffna on the 5th inst. The trial trip to Colombo which has been postponed from time to time is expected to take place finally on the 1st inst. The Directors meet again on the 31st ultimo to appoint an Agent for the Indian ports, Pottopattarai and Adigrampattai. Messrs. M. Ramanarayanan and V. Sivayamamuthu were appointed as agents; their commission was fixed at 50/- on the income of the boat. Till the Indian ports are opened free of Quarantine regulations, the steam boat will ply between Jaffna and Madras.

**Commercial Corporation.** The annual meeting as announced, came off on the 25th ultimo, a dividend at 9% was declared and the distribution of cloth to the poor was sanctioned which will be held on the 8th inst. The Directors for the new year were appointed, as usual, with this general meeting.

**Crime.** A young fellow named Chelliah of the Town was remanded by the Magistrate on the 31st ultimo on a charge of robbery. The facts deposed by the complainant are as follows: The complainant is a boy of about 16 years. On his return from Goldsmith's street to the grand bazaar, he accused who was driving in a carriage and alighted and in his possession at the time some money and jewels. The accused appeared to be drunk. The carriage was driven past the grand bazaar without stopping for the complainant to get down, along the Koddadi road, and the boy was taken to the Navasurai side. This was lonely place and the complainant was compelled to get down, and the accused by criminal force to the complainant took away all that he had. This sort of crime is getting altogether too frequent and here as one might expect drunk is directly responsible for it, or to be more frank a government which encourages the sale of drink as the present one does is in the last analysis responsible, and yet the sale of arrack goes up by leaps and bounds and the government content itself with punishing crime which it has been the very means of procuring.

**Point Pedro.** Mr. J. D. Kreiser, Sub-Collector has gone to Colombo on transfer and Mr. Peera has succeeded him and takes up from the 1st inst. Rev. G. J. Trimmer and Mrs. Trimmer arrived on the 31st ultimo from Batticaloa on the S. S. Lady Havelock and left for Jaffna the same day. Rev. Lockwood, returned from up country on the 30th ultimo, his journey being almost entirely done on his bicycle.

**Water Supply.** Operations on the well at Timmavelli, to deepen it, are going on with the aid of a steam engine. When it is found that sufficient quantity of water is procurable steps will be taken to build reservoirs to supply the Town with water.

**Jaffna Auxiliary Bible Society.** The committee invites Tamil poets and composers to contribute original lyrics for use at the Centenary Celebration of the British Foreign Bible Society.

Selection will be made from the contributions, which should be addressed to the Editor. We shall hope to publish some of these in the Star.

**NOTES.**

—Since the commencement of the Religious Tract Society 3,540,196,440 publications have been circulated.

"Queen May Bell" the smallest woman in the world, has died in New Jersey. Born in 1863, she was only 31 inches high and weighed but 50 lbs.

In Switzerland a machine has been invented which is able to thread needles at the rate of 30,000 an hour. The machine is automatic and works by steam.

The Hon. Charles Rothschild has fitted out an expedition for the purpose of getting a specimen of the flea of the Arctic fox. He has also offered a reward of £ 1000 for a specimen.

An American company is being formed to convert the whaling sharks of Central America into useful commercial products. The company will make jelly and turned oils from the shark's liver, fine machinery oil from their livers, handsome leather from their skins, walking sticks from their back bones and articles innumerable from their jaw bones and teeth.

The high tide of immigration to the United States was reached in the year ending June 30. Estimating the last month at 130,000, the total is 888,245, which is 100,000 more than in 1882, when the largest previous number came.

At the recent annual meeting of the China Inland Mission it was stated that there is a widespread desire for Western education and an unparalleled demand for Western books including the Bible, now manifest in China. The Bible Society alone issued last year, from its Shanghai depot, 1,084,000 copies. The income of the Mission for the year amounted to Rs. 1,060,575.

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society of the Church of the Disciples is planning to open a new mission to Tibetans on the West China frontier. Mrs. Rijkhart, whose husband was murdered in Tibet, is advising the leaders of the movement.

A novel method of preaching the Gospel has been adopted in New York by the East Side Visitor Mission. At an expense of Rs. 750 it has placed one hundred cards containing Scripture texts among the advertisements in the elevated cars on the Sixth and Third Avenue lines. The latest report of the American Sunday School Union just issued shows that during the past year the number of new schools organized in desolate districts was 1,811. The number reorganized was 682. During the year 107 chieftainesses were organized as the outcome of the Union's schools.

**Correspondence.**

Point Pedro, 22nd Aug. 1903.

A public farewell meeting in connection with the departure of Mr. M. W. Ropes, Apothecary in charge of the second O. D. Dispensary, and Health officer for this port, was held at the Rest House on the 18th inst. at 5 p.m. The Rev. J. M. Osborne, chairman, explained the object of the meeting in well-chosen words, and then called upon Mr. J. C. Sierard, Head Master, Central school, to read the address. This being done, a well-filled purse together with the address was presented to Mr. Ropes amidst applause as a token of the regard for and appreciation of his services at Point Pedro for about five years. Messrs. S. A. Paulipillai n.z., Principal W. M. H. school, S. Subramanian Proctor; and V. Karapathipillai, Proctor, also called upon to address the audience. The Doctor was much affected and he replied in fitting terms, thanking the ladies and gentlemen present for the great honor they had done him. The party thereupon retired to another hall in the Rest House, where refreshments were served and the company than dispersed.

Mr. A. Basiamipillai, Fisca's marshal here, having obtained an exchange of duties with Mr. L. S. Schenckel, Clerk, Fisca's office Jaffna, has been relieved of his duties here by the latter and is proceeding to Jaffna.

Dr. A. Sannamby, the late medical officer at Pallai and the present successor of Mr. Ropes, having assumed duties here, is gaining the confidence and esteem of the public by his professional skill and ability to all alike.

Dr. A. S. Chandrasegara who was employed as a Port Surgeon in Penang has come down here on a visit to his relatives after many years of successful stay there.

Mr. William Mather, the managing Director of the Jaffna Commercial Corporation, with Mrs. Mather and daughter came up here on the evening of the 19th inst. and was in residence at the "Gordon Villa" with Mrs. Strong. He inspected the J. C. cloth store here the same evening and after a few hours stay, returned to Kangesantrai.

K. Paraniyath, of the Irrigation department Colombo is also in our midst having come here on a visit to his sister Mrs. Arumampandy.

**Congregationalists are Christians !!**

The above delightful assurance comes to us from no less an authority than the supreme court of Austria. In 1897 a member of a Congregational church in Bohemia married a member of the old Reformed Catholic church. The marriage was solemnized by the civil authorities and then by a Congregational pastor. A few years ago the family in question moved to Prague, when it became necessary to show the marriage certificate to the Mayor. He at once declared the marriage illegal because Austrian law allows no marriage between a Christian and a non-Christian.

The case was brought before the highest court. Experts were called, prominent lawyers, the Roman Catholic professor of theology at the University, the pastor of the Catholic Reformed church and the pastor of the Congregational church. The confession of faith used by the Congregational church was carefully discussed, and the judge decided that "Congregationalists are Christians" and that the marriage was legal.

For the Australian division of the American Board this decision is of far reaching importance, for Austrian officials can no longer class the 1500 Congregationalists as they have hitherto done as atheists.

We rejoice in this evidence that light is gradually penetrating into one of earth's dark places—a place from which the light has been shut out for centuries almost as effectually as it was excluded from India prior to the opening of the last century.





## EMERSON THE IDEALIST.

A few months ago the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ralph Waldo Emerson was celebrated. It was the occasion for many tributes to the work of this eminent American thinker and writer. It was shown that he had been to some extent the source of the intellectual life of many great men of the past century and the inspiration of their lives.

Emerson was an idealist. He was a prophet sent to America to reveal to her her future and help prepare her for it. He says, "I see in all directions the light breaking." He saw in the "Future of America a greatness which the imagination fears to open." He was to the intellectual life what Jefferson was to the political, the frame of our 'Declaration of Independence' as his address 'The American Scholar' has been called. He says "The spirit of the American freeman is already suspected to be timid, imitative, tame. . . . The scholar is decent, indolent, complaisant. See already the tragic consequence. The mind of this country, taught to aim at low objects, eats upon itself. There is no work for any but the drowsy and the complaisant. . . . Not so, brothers and friends, — please God, ours shall not be so. We will work with our own feet; We will work with our own hands; we will speak our own minds. The study of letters shall be no longer a name for pity, for doubt, and for sensual indulgence. A nation of men will for the first time exist, because each believes himself inspired by the Divine Soul which also inspires all men."

Again in his essay "Literary Ethics" he says in speaking of the scholar "He is a revealer of things. Let him first learn the things. Let him not, too eager to grasp some badge of reward, omit the work to be done. Let him know that though the success of the market is in the reward, true success is the doing; that, in the private obedience to his mind; in the sedulous inquiry, day after day, year after year, to know how the thing stands; in the use of all means, and most in the reverence of the humble commerce and humble needs of life,—to hearken what they say, and so, by mutual reaction of thought and life, to make thought solid, and life wise; and in a contempt for the gabble of today's opinions the secret of the world is to be learned, and the skill truly to unfold it is acquired." He said to young scholars going out into the world, "Gentlemen, you will hear every day the maxims of low prudence. You will hear that the first duty is to get land and money, place and name. 'What is this Truth you seek? What is this Beauty?' men will ask, with derision. If nevertheless God have called any of you to explore truth and beauty, be bold, be firm, be true" "Be content with a little light so be it your own. Explore and explore."

We believe that here is a message for Jaffna. Jaffna needs prophets. She needs idealists. Not mere vision seers, those who see a future for Jaffna resplendent with the glorious rays of the sun of progress, and greatness, a Utopia when all the world shall look on with awe at the prodigious achievements of the Jaffnese. Of such there is no lack. You can find them at any public gathering. Sons of Jaffna are not as a class pessimistic in regard to their future. No, it is not the work of a prophet to dream dreams of a fairy land of splendor and plenty from which he shall soon awake with a start to find himself in a world of ugliness and want. The prophet is a preacher to his own age not merely a foreteller of what is to come. He preaches that the future of promise and glory can be realized only by idealism. The prophet is one who faces fairly the folly of the present and points out the only road to the splendid future. Istia told the Israelites that they were sunk in sin and that the only road to the glorious future was the road of repentance. Emerson told the American scholar that he was "timid, imitative, tame" and the only road to an intellectual future of any success was the road of independent thinking and work.

Jaffnese may dream of their future splendor but just so long as they excuse themselves for doing what they know is not the highest and best by saying "it is the way of the country," or "we have not risen to that yet," just so long as they sneer at that which is ideal and ask in derision "What is this Truth you seek? What is this Beauty?" or yield to the maxims of a low prudence and listen to the claim that their first duty is to get land, money, place, name; just so long their visions of future splendor will be nothing but idle dreams. The splendor will not come.

A writer in a recent Spectator says of New Zealand "no Emerson has yet appeared above our horizon to bid us 'hitch our bandy to a star.' When he appears in Jaffna we shall find men less eager to grasp some badge of reward without the work to be done."

## Foreign News.

England has lost one of her greatest statesmen Lord Salisbury. He was born in 1830 and was therefore over 73 years of age when he died. He served twice as secretary for India and was 14 years Prime Minister. He was called "the last great statesman of the Victorian era," and according to one of our contemporaries "no Prime minister in the United Kingdom has ever secured in a larger measure the confidence at once of the Crown, the Parliament and the people than did Lord Salisbury in his closing years of office." He retired from public office last year owing to failing health, and did not long survive his resignation. The King while deplored his loss said "his invaluable services would ever dwell in the memory of his compatriots." It would be difficult to mention a man who could take his place in the esteem of the country.

In Turkish possessions the revolution is extending. Three villages were bombarded and over 500 Bulgarians killed. Over 200 were slain in a fight near Florina. In the meantime Russia has sent a fleet to a port near Constantinople and has made certain demand on Turkey to which the Porte has acceded. It ensures the removal of certain causes of friction in Bulgaria while not giving the insurgents all they were fighting for. The prospects are that peace will be secured which will last only until the progressive party is strong enough to attempt another insurrection. The sooner the present Turkish government is overthrown, the better for the world. It is a disgrace to civilization and a constant menace to the peace of Europe.

Manchuria Russia and Japan are watching each other and the situation is still critical. It is not at all likely that the reports of the large numbers of Russian troops massed in that neighborhood, are true. The reports have been circulated in order to intimidate the Japanese. America has wrung a reluctant consent from Russia to open certain ports to the trade of all countries, and thus the danger of friction between Russia and the great Powers has been lessened. But Japan still stands in an aggressive attitude and no one can foretell what the outcome will be. Peaceful measures, however, are likely to prevail.

The American Consul at Beirut, Syria, has been assassinated by rebels in whose hands, now known, the American Mission College at the same place has been set on fire and general lawlessness prevails. There is a movement over these outrages in the United States which has demanded immediate satisfaction and ordered three warships to Beirut. It is probable that the outrages have been perpetrated by Armenians desperate at prolonged Turkish cruelty, and desirous of compelling the attention of the United States to the situation.

## THE NEW POPE.

The portraits of the fourteen most prominent candidates for the Papacy are now before us, and it is a pleasure to note that the choice of the conclave has fallen upon by far the most winsome and pleasing of the fourteen if one may judge by appearance. Cardinal Sarto, was Patriarch of Venice and as such gave abundant evidence of firmness, tact and ability. Except for his attachment to the fetish of temporal sovereignty, or the restoration of Papal rule over the former Papal states, of which Rome was the center prior to 1871, he seems to be a thoroughly well balanced man—a worthy successor to Leo XIII. It has often been a matter of surprise that so sagacious a man as Leo, should not have seen clearly that the Papacy freed from all direct responsibility for the conduct of the Papal States, is infinitely stronger than a Papacy embroiled with political squabbles of every sort. But temporal sovereignty is dead—absolutely dead—and that doubtless, is one reason why Leo left the Papacy stronger than he found it—he emphasized its spiritual side.

Cardinal Sarto has taken the name of Pius X, Leo's predecessor having been Pius IX. In connection with the death and election of Popes many quaint customs are in force dating back more than 600 years. On the death of a Pope it is customary to tap his forehead three times with a small hammer calling him by name each time—when no response is made he is officially pronounced dead. In Leo's case it is said the tapping with the hammer was omitted. On the Pope's finger was the famous fisherman's ring—this was taken off and broken in the presence of the Cardinals. The stone though of little value, but of great antiquity, is reset and presented to the next Pope. The stone is cut with a scene representing Peter drawing in fishing nets. It was first used about 1265. It is one of the symbols of office most prized in the church and though

lost two or three times has always been restored. It is used for sealing secret documents. On the 10th or at latest the 12th day after the death of a Pope the conclave of cardinals assembles in the Vatican. Each cardinal is allowed a secretary and attendant, the meals are delivered through a wicket gate or "casement" let into the great door. From the moment the conclave assembles no one is allowed to pass in or out until a new Pope is elected.

## FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE

## "In the Path of Duty."

Bishop Patteson had landed on Nukun, in the Vera Cruz islands, with two young men, Fisher Young and Edward Nobbs, and had come to gain a foothold for the Gospel among the savages of that place.

Surprised by the hostility of the natives, the people had gathered around the little group, and showed no hostility.

On regaining the boat, however, the natives treacherously shot arrows at the party, hitting Young and Nobbs.

Both brave fellows died, from their wounds—martyrs of Christ.

Fisher Young was seventeen years old, a Norfolk Islander.

His last message was—"Tell my father I was in the path of duty."

What heroic words! Not a hint of reproach or resentment against the men who had shot him. How beautiful and Christlike was this spirit.

We may not be called upon to face such dangers; and it is not necessary we should, because we can prove our loyalty to Christ by being obedient to His will in the details of everyday life—at school, at play, in the home, or at work.

"I was in the path of duty." Had not the Saviour words something of this meaning when He said, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do?"

## A Convict Inventor.

Wealth to a large extent has come to a convict in the United States. He was convicted of burglary some years ago, and as it was his fourth conviction for the offence he received a heavy sentence. He was already no stranger to the bars, for nearly twenty years of his life had been passed behind them. He was set to work in the prison tailor-shop, where he proved himself a good workman, when he had once mastered the details of the trade. He had been an ingenious mechanic, and had applied his skill to devise and construct in the sewing machine. The result was a blind, loose stitching arrangement, which was at once recognized as a valuable device. Local capitalists heard of it, and furnished the funds for patent the invention. It was introduced in America with remarkable success, and arrangements were made to patent it in other countries. Thirty-four governments have now granted patent rights upon it, and large sums have been given by manufacturers for the right to use it. By one deal alone, the inventor gained one hundred and fifty thousand rupees, besides royalties. He has now been released on parole, and has accepted an appointment, at a large salary, to superintend the construction of machines embodying his invention. It is a pity he did not learn before his trial that such a disgraceful experience, that it would be better for him to turn as well as for the world, that he should turn his talents to a good instead of an evil purpose. "He that smiteth against me smiteth his own soul." Prov. 8: 36.

## To Save a Baby's Life.

A journey of four hundred miles on a special train was made a few weeks ago to save the life of a child. The parents of the family is a baby, about seven months old. In some way the child obtained possession of a safety pin, which, child-like, it put in its mouth. Before it could be taken away the child swallowed it, and as it was unclosed, it passed into the throat, and could not be dislodged by the nurse. The mother also did her utmost, but without avail, to the nearest doctor, who also failed to extract the pin. He advised her to lose no time in taking the child to a New York hospital. Trainmen were running at that hour, but the mother ordered a special train at a cost of a thousand dollars. In this she speeded to New York, where she arrived in eight hours. She went immediately to Roosevelt Hospital, where the house surgeon extracted the pin in two minutes. Except for some soreness in the lining of the throat where the pin stuck, the baby is robust. It would probably have died, if the mother had not been so loving and so rich as she was. We may hope that the life thus saved will be a happy and useful one. When, in time to come, the story is told of that great sacrifice should also be inscribed of that infinitely greater love and sacrifice by which eternal life may be secured.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only beloved Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

## A Circus Girl Spoiled.

One of the young undergraduates of Oxford, England, version, during his visits to Abingdon Fair, before his convalescence, so delighted to go there again, and so did he, that he could get along well among the crowds of people who congregate in the streets and squares. He took a number of Testaments with him and hired a booth. He sold about 100 and gave the remainder away. The following year close of the day a man who, from his garb, was evidently in the show business, called at the booth and the undergraduate asked him to have a Testament. "Not I," said the man, "but I have half-a-mind to punch the head off and ask him why." The undergraduate looked at him in amazement. "You spoiled the best circus girl I ever had. She bought one of these here books of you last year. Before that she was a first-class performer, and made lots of friends of used to give her money and treat her to drinks and they money to the show; but after she got that book, she changed altogether. She quit drinking and would not show and went to some religious woman in London, and her book, she'd have been with me now." It had not been for giving testimony to the power of the Word.

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