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NO. 1.

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## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1369

Jurisdiction In the matter of the estate of the late Pandary Saravani of Chandampakkatty.

Cumantampi Sihemparappillai of Chandampakkatty. V.

- 1 Ayakan Very and wife
- 2 Vally of Chandampakkatty
- 3 Anthoni Chinatampi and wife
- 4 Kumpi of do. and
- 5 Thyvai widow of Saravani of do.

Petitioner.

This matter of the Petition of Chinattampi Sihemparappillai of Chandampakkatty praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovementioned deceased Pandary Saravani of Chandampakkatty coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders, Esquire, District Judge, on the 6th day of August 1903 in the presence of Mr. Tambay S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 5th day of August 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 Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 21st day of Sept. 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 6th W. R. B. SANDERS

District Judge

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1397.

Jurisdiction In the matter of the estate of the late Harriet Tankam-wife Charles Ratnasungam Champion of Manippay.

Cyrus T. Mills of Manippay. Deceased. Petitioner.

1 Paul L. Christian and wife

2 Margaret Ponnambal of Manippay

3 J. K. Saravananmuthu and wife

4 Susan Chellamunah of do.

5 K. Modr. A. Curtis and wife

6 Emily Ratnammuthu of do.

Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Cyrus T. Mills of Manippay praying for letters of administration to the estate of the abovementioned deceased Harriet Tankam-wife of Charles R. Champion coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders, Esquire, District Judge, on the 18th day August 1903 in the presence of Mr. Tambay S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 24th day of July 1903 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the next of kin 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 29th day of September 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 18th W. R. B. Sanders

District Judge.

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1398.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Chankapillai Veerakattyar of Karampachiruhiy Deceased

Kathiresapillai widow of Chankapillai Veerakattyar Petitioner

1. Arumugam of Sarsala

2. Arumugam Kanar of Mantuvil

3. Sithamparanar Kanar of Karampachiruhiy

4. Ramannar Maru of do.

5. Ramannar Tamupillai of do.

This matter of the Petition Kathiresapillai widow of Chankapillai Veerakattyar praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovementioned deceased Chankapillai Veerakattyar coming on for disposal before W.

W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

or the said intestate.

Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to her unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 29th day of Sept. 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed the 21st W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

or the said intestate.

W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1403

In the matter of the Estate of the late Maripillai wife of Bemaduttai Kavuriyettillai of Kais west. Deceased.

Saverimuttu Bastampillai of Kais west. Petitioner.

1. Bemaduttai Kavuriyettillai of Kais west.

2. Louisapillai wife of Bastampillai of do.

Respondents This matter of the Petition of Saverimuttu Bastampillai of Kais west praying for letters of administration to the estate of the abovementioned deceased Maripillai wife of Bemaduttai Kavuriyettillai coming on for disposal before W. R. B. SANDERS Esquire, District Judge, on the 2nd day of September 1903 in the presence of Mr. Tambay S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 1st day of Sept. 1903 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the father and next of kin 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 15th day of Oct 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 2nd W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

or the said intestate.

W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1405

In the matter of the estate of the late Sithamparanar wife of Namittamby Kanapattipillai of Changanai, Deceased.

Namittamby Kanapattipillai of Changanai, Petitioner.

1. Kanapattipillai Tilayampalam.

2 Kanapattipillai Kandiyam.

3 Ponnampalam Kanapattipillai and wife

4 Valliammai all of Changanai.

Respondents This matter of the Petition of Namittamby Kanapattipillai of Changanai praying for letters of administration to the estate of the abovementioned deceased Sithamparanar wife of Namittamby Kanapattipillai coming on for disposal before W. R. B. SANDERS Esquire, District Judge, on the 3rd day of September 1903 in the presence of Mr. Tambay S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner dated the 2nd day of September 1903 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the husband 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 15th day of Oct. 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 3rd W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

or the said intestate.

W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

## ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary No. 1407

In the matter of the estate of the late of the Enayatulla Abdulcadu Lebbe of Vannarponni west. Deceased.

Assana Lebbe Meera Muhiyedina Enayatulla of Vannarponni west. Petitioner.

1. Muhamad Muhiyedina Fathuma wife of Enayatulla

2 Enayatulla Muhamad Karim of Vannarponni west.

Respondents This matter of the Petition of Assana Lebbe Meera Muhiyedina Enayatulla Abdulcadu Lebbe of Vannarponni west praying for letters of administration to the estate of the late of the Enayatulla Abdulcadu Lebbe of Vannarponni west. Deceased.

Diego J. August 1903 in the presence of W. R. B. SANDERS Esquire, District Judge, on the 14th day of August 1903 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the son-in-law 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 15th day of Oct. 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 3rd W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

or the said Intestate.

W. R. B. SANDERS District Judge.

## Local and General.

**Weather.** We have had several showers. On Saturday morning the 5th inst. 3-40 inches were registered at Vellukkoddai, which is a heavy rainfall. Most of this fell within two hours. We have had considerable rain the past two days and very little wind. The farmers who sowed in low lands, are complaining of too much water. The work of sowing has been somewhat retarded owing to the low grounds being flooded. We are having a very unusual season.

**The Bishop.** Rev. E. A. Copleston has been ap-

pointed Bishop of Colombo. He is a brother of the Metropolitan the former Bishop of the Island, and is a gentleman of learning and piety. He went up to Calcutta for his consecration and returned to the Island this week to take up his duties as Bishop, first being enthroned. The Synod also meets in a few days.

**Peral Jaffnese.** Another long communication from the Straits entitled "Parak Jaffnese and Fancy Correspondents" is declined with thanks as unsuitable for our columns. Undoubtedly a mistake was made in inserting a long communication as far back as July 10th, but it will not make matters right to publish what our correspondent has now sent. We would be glad to receive short articles for publication, and "bona fide" items of news, but personal matters are not wanted.

**The Cup Race.** The contest between the American yacht "Reliance" and the British yacht "Shamrock III" for the cup resulted in an easy victory for the latter.

**Y. M. C. A. Colombo.** Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hieb are expected back in Colombo next month when the new Y. M. C. A. building will probably be commenced. The money aimed for nearly all will be secured by the indefatigable efforts of Mr. Hieb.

**Personal.** Dr. T. B. Scott has been spending the summer on a farm in Manitoba with his mother and brother. He regards himself as improving in health. Mrs. Scott and children have remained at Kingston, Ontario, with her father and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock and children have been spending the summer at Denmark, Iowa, but are now in Oberlin, Ohio, where they expect to remain during the winter.

**The Model Christian Worker** is the name of a booklet in Tamil of over a hundred pages published at the American Mission Press, Pusamalai.

The seven chapters of the book take up

1. The model agent's personal life.
2. His teaching (with hints to school teachers).
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6. His personal Bible study (with methods and suggestions).
7. His prayer life.

The price of the book is 14 as. per copy; 2 as. stiff, 2 as. cloth, reduction for 50 copies and over.

The book is well arranged, and full of suggestive thoughts. It ought to be in the hands of every Christian worker, for it shows one very clearly just how to go to work as a follower of Christ.

**Correction.** Mr. A. S. Chandrasegara, an old boy of Jaffna College, was employed as a Medical Officer on the S. S. "Haldie" of the Indo-Chinese line, and as Port Surgeon in Penang as our correspondent from Pt. Pedro reported in our last issue.

**Jaffna College.** Mr. A. A. Ward B.A., the new Professor for Jaffna College, arrived in Colombo Sunday evening and is expected in Jaffna by the "Lady Gordon" day after tomorrow.

**Rockwood.** The Hon. Dr. Rockwood, the Tamil representative in the Legislative Council, spent a few days in our peninsula in much needed rest. We hope his stay was a profitable and pleasant one, and that he learned something of our present condition and needs.

**Weddings.** Two weddings took place in the Vaddukoddai church yesterday afternoon. In one, the contracting parties were Mr. Alfred Nathaniel B.A., son of Pastor Nathaniel of Manippay, and Miss Emily Hensman, second daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Hensman. Mr. Nathaniel has just accepted a position as teacher in Trinity College, Kandy. The other couple were Mr. Joseph Seeyaraman and Miss Grace Nalliamman Arunasmal.

At the same time in the Karadav church the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Sanders was married to Mr. Richard Subramanian B.A., who is at present teaching in St. John's College, Chundikulam. We wish all these young people a bright and happy future.

**"S. S. Jaffna."** This steamer was expected to be in Jaffna by the first week of this month, but at the trial trip she did not score the speed guaranteed by the builders in England. The steamer is still in charge of Messrs. Walker and Sons, who are doing their best to secure the guaranteed speed. The Agents here are daily expecting the telegram of her success fulfilling all the details guaranteed by the builders in England.

**Jaffna Agricultural Co.** The purchase from the Government of the 3000 acres applied for has not been completed. The Govt. Agent has requested Mr. Mather to interview him on the subject. We are informed that the Government declines to sell the portion of land adjoining the road to a width of five chains. The company desire their land to abut the road. This difference we think will be easily adjusted by the interview to be had shortly with the Govt. Agent with Mr. Mather the Managing Director.

**The Govt. Agent.** is expected to return to Jaffna on the 17th inst. from his tour to the south of the Province.

**Railway.** A steamer direct from England is expected to arrive at Rangasenturai on the 25th inst. with materials for the railway construction.

**Murder.** On the night of the 12th inst., a case of cruel murder was perpetrated at Anaiacal. A dispute between two brothers, in which their wives also had a hand, about some palmry fruits, led the brother-in-law of the younger brother to strike the elder brother and his son. The elder brother died immediately and his son, seriously wounded, is now lying in the Jaffna F. N. S. Hospital for treatment. Prompt steps were taken by the Police Magistrate and initial proceedings are being taken by him.

**Suicide.** A young woman of the dhaby caste is said to have committed suicide by hanging herself to a beam in her house, on the 12th inst.





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## ENGLISH EDUCATION IN JAFFNA.

If the progress of education in a country is to be gauged by the number of schools of which it can boast, then surely Jaffna may well be considered as having made wonderful progress in the matter of English education within the past decade. School after school has sprung up during the last few years with the rapidity of the prophet's gourd. Some of these, we are glad to say, have been started where there is actually a need for them, with fair prospects of permanency and success, while the others serve only to vitiate education, and act like a brake to the progress of the successful schools.

The multiplicity of English schools in Jaffna must, in the opinion of every experienced Jaffna educationist, be an unmixed curse to the cause of English education. Good and careful teaching in English can be given only by intelligent and well educated men, whose services cannot be secured unless they are adequately remunerated. Schoolmasters are as a rule very poorly paid in Ceylon, so poorly indeed, that a gentleman, not of the teaching profession, recently spoke of them in a lecture, as "worked like horses and fed like asses." In Jaffna the scanty salary of the schoolmaster becomes scantier, because the parents and guardians of students care far more for cheapness than for soundness of education. Moreover, the multiplicity of schools keeps up a constant and unpleasant rivalry among them—a rivalry which means a heavy loss to the schools in fees, for to show a high average in attendance and to present a large number of boys at the annual Government examination, students who pay full fees in one school are frequently admitted free in another. Now the Government grants, however liberal they may be, will not at all be sufficient in themselves to meet the expenses of maintaining a school at a high standard of efficiency. It therefore naturally follows, that the school fees should be made to form a good supplement to the grants. This, we are sure, can never be done until the Government comes to the rescue and takes some measures by the strict enforcement of which the income from school fees will, with the Government grants, be quite sufficient to furnish the school with an efficient staff of teachers. The first step for the Government to take towards effecting a reform will be to keep the number of English schools as low as possible and to see that existing ones are managed by really competent men. It is passing strange to find that a Government which seems to be so intent on raising the standard of English education in this country—the introduction of a system of certificates into the English schools is an instance of this desire—should, while taking effective measures of reform in some respects, unwittingly undo what it does by recognising English schools managed by men who are either utterly ignorant of English or are possessed of only a smattering of it. How a school staffed by well qualified English teachers can be managed with success by incompetent men with little or no knowledge of English is a thing we do not understand. We can only say that no reason, however plausible, can justify such a state of things.

It seems to us that the best and, in our opinion, the wisest and most reasonable thing the Government can do under the circumstances is to require it as a principle and never-to-be-lost-sight-of condition in giving grants-in-aid, that the schools applying for registration should be managed by a committee, the chairman of which must be a well educated and otherwise fit man. We would even go one step further and suggest that, in the interests of sound education, it would be advisable for the Government to demand that every school already registered should be managed in like manner. Such a rule would work a great change in the matter of English education in this country, and what we might lose by its destructive nature, would be more than amply compensated for by its constructive and reforming power. When this is done, the task of adjusting the tuition fees to supplement the grant will become simple, and English schools will then be in a position to act according to any rules the Government may make to the effect that the sum

of money realised as school fees should bear a certain reasonable relation to the grant received by the school. We shall revert to this subject again.

## PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The report of the Director of Public Instruction for 1902 is written by the late Director, Mr. S. M. Burrows, and is interesting reading. The grant-in-aid schools number 1,424 an increase of 17 over the number for the previous year. The Government schools number 516, which is 12 more than for 1901. The Govt. schools averaged 115 pupils each, while the grant-in-aid averaged about 90 pupils. The total amount of grant paid to the aided schools was Rs. 497,953.63 leaving Rs. 407,626.95 nett expenditure for Govt. schools, cost of Direction and Inspection &c. This is an excess in expenditure of about Rs. 45,000 over that of 1901, though we note that Rs. 20,411.32 was paid out of votes for 1903 whatever that may mean. According to Mr. Harward in an Addendum entitled "The Census and Education" we need more than double the amount spent last year in order to carry on the work of elementary education in a proper way. Turning now to special schools we notice.

## TRAINING SCHOOLS.

The Director says, "a useful work on a small scale is also done by the Grant-in-aid Vernacular Training schools." The number of scholars in the whole island who passed their first year's examination was 30, male and female, of whom 14 were from the Jaffna peninsula (10 boys and 4 girls). The remaining 16 were boys from other parts of the island. Twenty-two passed their second year's examination of whom 16 were from Jaffna (13 boys and 3 girls), leaving only 6 for the rest of the island.

An English Training school has been started in Colombo which will meet a long-felt want. The Director thus writes of it:—

"That this subject need occupy but a few brief lines in the present report is a subject for warm congratulation, for this arises from the fact that the long-wished for Training College for teachers is an accomplished fact. The new Principal, Mr. Evans, with very high credentials from England, arrived in November, and was occupied during the last two months of the year in gaining such practical experience of the existing state of affairs as the time permitted. The College will actually begin operations early in January. To guess beforehand what Mr. Evans' recommendations will be, what opinions he has formed, what he can and will do, entirely be out of place here and now. It may suffice us to know that a new era has dawned, and that, whatever long penance we may have to do for the sins of the past, it will lead to our educational regeneration."

## CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS.

In the examination for English certificates 32 out of 41 presenting themselves passed in the Second Class, and 51 out of 92 candidates passed in the Third Class.

In the vernacular, the examinations were evidently much stiffer. In the second class 35 passed out of 78 and in the Third class only 20 out of 181. Of Tamils there were only 2 in the Second class and none in the Third.

The subject which has taken much time for consideration the past year is the one of HIGHER EDUCATION.

and the Director writes as follows:—

A further stage has been reached in the development of this question. Early in the year we were informed by London University that their existing colonial centres would be continued; and thus it becomes possible for Ceylon youths who desire a degree, but cannot afford to go to Europe, to obtain an excellent degree locally. We in our turn have given the other two alternatives: a Ceylon University, which would eventually be ridiculed, and affiliation with one of the Indian universities. What the results of Lord Curzon's Committee may be as regards these seats of learning, it is difficult to say; but it is impossible to read the report of that Commission without rejoicing that we have so far battled successfully against a closer connection with them. But the whole question of higher education in Ceylon was by no means settled by this one decision. It bristles with difficulties (as, indeed, is the case in most countries, not excepting the Motherland), and it is a truism to say that it is a question which requires the best attention of the best brains in the Island. Connected with the general University question is the question of the University Settlement, referred to on page B 3 of last year's report; the question of the Cambridge Local, and their future relationship to the London course and the Scholarships; the question of finding an appropriate examination to take the place of the "pliitieres of matriculation" which I deplored last year; and many others. It therefore seemed to me advisable to bring the whole matter before a qualified Committee consisting of the Board of Education with an added member or two, with the view of bringing out a report that could be laid before Government. The preliminary steps were taken in July: a series of meetings was proposed and circulated among members; and a meeting was held in October, at which several of these questions were fully discussed and the scheme of future operations more or less formulated. It was then proposed to invite expressions of opinion on the various topics from teaching educationalists and residents; but at this stage I left the Department, and it will remain for my successor to state next year what conclusions have been arrived at. It is an inquiry that will necessarily take time, nor is there any instant cause for hurry. The state of our higher education is certainly open to criticism in many ways, but there is nothing desperate about it. On the whole, the education given in the upper forms of our best colleges is quite as good, as can be expected under the circumstances; and the demand for something better, though intelligible and admirable, is of comparatively recent origin. In our process of development we must avoid the dictates of noisy impetuosity and rhetorical ex-

aggeration, and guard above all things against flooding the country with "failed B. As." and graduates whose knowledge of the "logics is in inverse ratio to their knowledge of English.

## Foreign News.

The King of England has been in Europe for a few days. He reached Vienna on the 21st inst., and was received by the Emperor Francis Joseph and a number of Archdukes. He held several conferences with the Emperor which it is thought may have an influence in settling the Macedonian question. King Edward was most cordially and enthusiastically received and on the 3rd left Vienna for England. These visits of the King among the people in his own domain, as well as to foreign courts, will tend to increase his popularity and strengthen the Kingdom.

The troubles in the Balkan peninsula still continue. The Porte has sent a note to the Embassies and Legations at Constantinople warning them against the insurgents. As a result many of the Legations are protecting themselves by bands of marines from the warships. Several battles have been fought and the losses have been heavy. A steamer was blown up in the Black Sea and 29 killed. Four hundred Bulgarians were killed in the fighting at Lake Rapcha. A band of 15,000 villagers has taken refuge in the mountains. A rising on an extensive scale is expected in northern Macedonia in a few days.

The report that the American consul was assassinated at Beirut, Syria, proves to be false. He was only shot at. The American cruisers "Brooklyn" and "San Francisco" have arrived at Beirut, and the American government is prepared to demand full satisfaction for all losses sustained. The wily Turk will undoubtedly hasten to make full reparation as in the case of the murder of the Russian vice-consul.

LATER:—A fierce struggle took place between the Mohammedans and Christians on the 7th when several were killed and wounded on both sides. The Turkish authorities have promised to send thousands more troops to Beirut. The outlook for the Christian population in the Turkish dominions is very dark.

## Correspondence.

Pt. Pedro, 31st Aug. 1903.  
Marine Villa (the late P. W. Dr. Bungalow) at Point Pedro, was the scene of a very large and representative gathering composed of officials and merchants yesterday evening, the occasion being an entertainment given to Mr. and Mrs. J. De Kreiter on the eve of their departure from amongst us. The bungalow was very tastefully decorated. The music was supplied by the Vanni Hindu Venkudu Sabbath and they also gave a very successful performance of Harechandra and Tana. Mr. George Pius the Police Magistrate presided. Speeches were made by Messrs Armstrong, Talavasingam, Advocate, and Thirav Nagalingam, merchant and shipowner, which were ably responded to by Mr. Kreiter. The gathering after light refreshments dispersed at about 10 P.M. with a fine display of fencing and boxing sports. Many ladies and gentlemen met again this morning and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Kreiter to the steamer in specially decorated boats where they were bidden good bye.

## NOTES.

Members of English Christian Endeavour Societies to the number of 11,687 became members of churches last year.

The Church Missionary Society proposes to send out 500 more missionaries this year. Its annual income is now 6,000,000 rupees.

Recent statistics show that Egypt is the most densely populated country in the world, with an average of 722 persons to the square mile.

An expert physician, after a wide survey of cancer areas, concludes that this disease is most prevalent in districts where beer and cider are largely drunk.

The number of Chinese converts baptised at the various stations of the China Inland Mission last year in China is given as one thousand.

Japan has the cheapest postal system in the world, the ordinary postage on a letter from any town in Japan to any other is two sen (one cent).

A Christian Scientist of Toronto, Canada, has been convicted of manslaughter, he having neglected to obtain the Court of Appeals has confirmed the verdict.

The Stockwell Orphanages established by the late Pastor C. H. Spurgeon are still carried on by his son. At the 15,000th anniversary celebration, a lady laid a check for always a Way of Escape.

There is a place on the Hudson river where, as you sail, straight on toward a rocky wall, and it seems as though it must either stop or be dashed to pieces. But just as you are about to despair, the boat passes out into one of the grandest bays on the river.

So it is with temptation. You are not to seek it, not to yield to it; you are to be entirely hemmed in on such a case. But stand on though you see no way out. God does not promise "a way of escape" until the temptation actually comes. The way will reveal itself in due time if you only keep on, your way being the way of duty. And remember that as in the river, the beautiful bay lies just around the frowning rock, so often your sweetest and best experience of life lies just behind your most threatening temptation.

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