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In the District Court of Jaffna.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1423.
In the matter of the Estate of the late Arumugam Ampalavanar of Karadive west coming for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esq. District Judge, on the 7th day of October 1903 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 7th day of October 1903 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the widow of the said intestate and is entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 7th day of November 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 7th day of Oct. 1903 W. R. B. SANDERS. District Judge.

Amplavanan of Karadive west praying for letters of administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Arumugam Ampalavanar of Karadive west coming for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esq. District Judge, on the 7th day of October 1903 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 7th day of October 1903 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the widow of the said intestate and is entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 7th day of November 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1419.
In the matter of the Estate of the late Swaminathan Kandiah of Chavagachcheri Deceased.
Kandiamer Swaminathan of Chavagachcheri Petitioner. Arumugam Sapagahay of Chavagachcheri Respondent.
This matter of the Petition of Kandiamer Swaminathan praying for letters of administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Swaminathan Kandiah coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 29th day of September 1903 in the presence of Mr. T. N. Veinipillai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 14th day of September 1903 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the sole heir of the said intestate 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 16th day of November 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 29th day of Sept. 1903. W. R. B. SANDERS. District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1424.
In the matter of the estate of the late Espapata Ammah wife of Sangara Aiyar Sapagahay Aiyar of Tolpuraum Deceased.
Chingara Aiyar Sapagahay Aiyar of Tolpuraum Petitioner.
1 Syvasangara Aiyar Sathasiva Aiyar, his wife
2 Chellam of Tampalai
3 Narana Aiyar Mutunusamy Aiyar, his wife
4 Kandeiahmiah of Tunnalai now at Navalapilly.
5 Mutunusamy Aiyar Ramasamy Aiyar of Tampalai Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Chingara Aiyar Sapagahay Aiyar of Tolpuraum praying for letters of administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Espapata Ammah wife of Sangara Aiyar Sapagahay Aiyar coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge, on the 8th day of October 1903 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Cooke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 16th day of July 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 respondent or any other person shall on or before the 20th day of November 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 8th day of Oct. 1903 W. R. B. SANDERS. District Judge.

NOTICES.

An auction sale of about 447 tons of hollow Ebony in 24 lots will be held at Jaffna, close to the Custom House on November 4th, 1903 at 2 P.M. For particulars apply to the Asst. Conservator of Forests, Jaffna

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Local and General.

Weather.—The rainy season is upon us. The rainfall for Oct. up to date has been 5.58 inches, and nearly 34 inches for this year. This is some 10 inches more than the average for 10 months up to the 27th inst. which is considerably in excess of the normal amount. Evidently we are in for an abnormal rainfall for the year 1903. The paddy plants are thriving.
Mr. N. W. Moragappah. Asst. Registrar General is here on a tour of inspection.
The Y. M. C. A. Week of Prayer will commence November 8.

The Sunday School Union. The Annual Meeting of this Union was held at Neli on the 23rd inst.
Mr. Louis Hieb is due in Colombo Nov. 2nd. His wife and children remain in the United States for the present.

Messrs. Alexander Brothers have as usual advertised that the annual share sale of goods will commence on the 2nd proximo and continue for 15 days.
Ceylon Steamers. The steamers will call at Mandaitivu commencing from the 17th inst. instead of at Kankasanturai.

Mr. G. S. Eddy who was to have been here at this time has left for America. It was his intention to go on his first furlough next March, but his brother's serious illness has necessitated his immediate return.

Health.—Diphtheria prevails in many parts of the peninsula. In the island of Pannudutivie ophthalmia is quite prevalent. In quarters fever has already put in an appearance some weeks ahead of the usual time. The authorities should insist upon sanitary rules being observed especially in crowded quarters.

Suicide. A man of Vannaripanni West, called Kanappillai was found dead in a well on the night of the 25th inst. The day previous to his death, he was seen quite drunk and it is believed that he committed suicide by throwing himself into the well.

Death by drink. On the 24th inst. the 19th inst. a young fellow, at Kankasanturai, held himself out as a champion drinker and drank up, once, it is said, 2 gallons of arrack. Feeling its effects, he retired to bed, from which he never rose.

Who will represent Jaffna. A public meeting was called for the 27th inst. in the District Court House, to appoint a representative for Jaffna, to be present at the Farewell function to be given to His Excellency the Governor on the eve of his departure from Ceylon.

Missionary Ladies. Three missionary ladies are on their way from England to Jaffna, to join the staff of missionaries of the Wesleyan Mission at Jaffna. One of the ladies will be attached to the Girls' English High school at Vennipadi, the other will be stationed at Pultoon, and Point Pedro will receive the third.

The late Mr. W. Tambipillai. We are sorry to record the death of Mr. Tambipillai which occurred on the 26th inst. He had been ill for some time during which he was attended by the Doctor of the Jaffna F. N. S. Hospital. Mr. Tambipillai did large business as a commission agent both in Colombo and Jaffna, and his death is a loss to Jaffna.

Governor's Memorial. At the public meeting held on the 17th inst. in the District Court House, it was resolved, unanimously that the funds collected for the Governor's Railway Memorial be expended in erecting a Public Hall on the Esplanade. The amount already banked in the Jaffna Bank is Rs. 10,000. We trust that a proposition on the Esplanade will be chosen, that the Public Hall may not detract the Esplanade which is one of the most desirable features in the peninsula.

Personal. Mr. Mutiah has assumed duties as interpreter of the Kaitis Court. Mr. Vainipillai is under orders to proceed to Kurunegala. Owing to ill health Mr. Vainipillai has sent a memorial to Government to retain him at Kaitis. Advocate Messrs. Isaac Tambiah and Sandan, who appeared on opposite sides in a case at Vavonia, Dr. Ganapathu, health officer has changed his station from Kaitis to Mandaitivu.

The Indian Young Man in the Battle of Life. The title of a book compiled by Dr. Murdoch and first published by the Christian Literature Society. It is a book of about 175 pages and is intended for young students leaving College. Price 4 annas. Dr. Murdoch is too well known to need any notice from us. The main divisions of the book are as follows:—Moral Duties, Elements of success in life, Home duties, Reform of causes of Indian poverty, Social and Moral Reform, and Religious Reform. We believe that every young man who understands English should read this book.

The late Mr. G. Johnpillai. On the 17th inst. at a meeting held in the District Court house, Mr. Johnpillai became seriously ill. It is the opinion of doctors that a blood vessel in the head ruptured. He never recovered consciousness but gradually sank and died on the morning of the 22nd inst. Mr. Johnpillai was acting as Crown Proctor, Jaffna since his removal from Colombo to Jaffna, about 4 years ago. In memory of his death the District Court was closed on Thursday after the motion roll was gone through. Mr. Kanagasagari, Advocate, on moving the Court for the adjournment spoke feelingly of the loss that has befallen the Jaffna bar. The District Judge in reply expressed his sorrow at the loss. The funeral was conducted on Friday morning at the Catholic cemetery. Mr. Johnpillai leaves behind a widow and four children and a large circle of relations in Jaffna and elsewhere.

The Students' Magazine. has been laid on our tables as the latest addition to Jaffna journals. It is a monthly journal devoted to literary and educational interests—a field quite unmutilated which we are glad to see entered. The first number is well planned and gives promise of being really useful to those for whom it is intended. It is edited and published by Mr. S. H. P. Taylor Headmaster of Telpillai English School. As a piece of literature it is a real credit to its editor—we wish that more of our educated young men were able to use English as well as Mr. Taylor does. We heartily commend the magazine to the students and teachers of Jaffna as well as to all who read English. We hope that it will receive the liberal support of our people. Price one rupee per year.

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காணப்பட்டான். உடையிலி, நீர்தம் முழுதும்
மென்மையான மயிலாக் முட்டப்படுகின்றது. காண்
தற்காலத்துக்குரியான் அகல வளங்கொடுத்த
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ந்து சதையுமையிலிருந்தெனும் செறிந்நொய்தை
பெருங்கை பெருநெய்துட்கொண்டு கையிலிருந்திருந்
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THE SPIRIT OF DR. HALL'S MESSAGE TO INDIA.

It is evident that Dr. Charles Culbert Hall made a very favorable impression upon the Indian people during his visit some months ago. We believe that impression was largely due to the spirit with which he approached the people. That spirit is set forth in the dedication of his printed lectures, "To those in India, Ceylon and the far East to whom the study of religion is precious, this endeavour to set forth the religion of Jesus Christ is dedicated in the spirit of brotherhood and with true respect for the various faiths of men." His attitude towards the people at once won their hearts. He came to them as students of religion and brought them a religion which he asked them not to reject simply because it was relatively young, standing like "a guileless youth surrounded by the older faiths of mankind," as Jesus when a boy stood in the temple the center of a group of venerable doctors of the law. He brought this religion to them not presuming that they knew nothing about it nor that he knew all about it and was to teach them. He endeavored to set it forth that they might study it and believe that if they would study it they might become his teacher. He says: "From time to time, the conviction has recurred with increasing definiteness that the East could, if it would, give more magnificent expression to Christianity than the West ever has given; that India might, if it would, express the innermost secret of Christ with an exaltation of truth, an emancipation from the thralldom of things visible, a grasp on the eternal, the invisible, the imperishable, never yet attained by the average thought of Europe and America. Firmly I believe that the greatness of essential Christianity has not yet been adequately expressed and never can be, until the East co-operates in that expression, and, as the teacher of the West, contributes elements of thought and feeling comparatively lacking there." "The Christianity of the West has been in many ways an inadequate and imperfect illustration of the uncorrupted essence of the faith of Christ." "In the day when the vigour of the West and the insight of the East shall be joined by a true union of hearts for the interpretation and practice of the faith of Jesus Christ, then and not till then, shall the Unspeakable Gift of God be understood, appreciated and expressed on earth."

Dr. Robert A. Hume of Ahmednagar in an article on "Suggestions from Dr. Hall's service in India" has spoken highly of the courteous way in which the lecturer presented his message. "Hearin" he says, "is a most valuable suggestion for the missionary and the Christian preacher." He came with "true respect for the various faiths of men" not claiming that no truth is found outside Christianity. The text on the cover of the printed lectures from Acts 17: 26-28 indicates his position on this point. It is expressed more definitely in his third lecture. "It is not in accord with the spirit of Christianity that any should claim for it a monopoly of revelation, or deny that God has communicated also with the seers and prophets of other religions. To claim that the Bible contains the totality of revealed truth, and that God has not communicated with the seers of other faiths, would be an act of bigotry indefensible on philosophical and moral grounds. Not only would such a claim be incapable of proof, but it would be opposed to the spirit of Christianity, which is not provincial and exclusive, but universal and assimilative. The true Christian spirit neither claims nor desires monopoly of revealed truth. He rejoices "to think that the idea of the Divine Abiding in the heart of man is one of the favorite religious conceptions of the Upanishads."

He calls upon the East for "no stultifying surrender" of their intellectual inheritances nor for a hasty commitment to what he presents. What he desires is a "philosophical adjustment" on the part of both parties, a sympathetic, open minded consideration of truths presented. "Some of the purest and loftiest philosophical pre-suppositions of the East and some of the purest and loftiest philosophical pre-suppositions of the West are like two mighty rivers bending toward one another from the Eternal Hills in which are the springs of both; rivers which may meet, con-

verge and flow onward in one broader channel, toward the sea." But does this mean that Christianity is one river and Indian religions another? No. Christianity is something far greater than Western philosophy. The West doesn't know all of Christianity yet. If it did the river could not be swollen by any tributary from the East.

But what is it that Dr. Hall brings in this spirit? Not Western civilization. Not Americanized or Europeanized Christianity. Not Christianity which the West has saturated with its genius, surrounded with its institutions, bearing its signs, armed with its weapons. It is the "Religion of Jesus Christ," neither Eastern nor Western but Universal. A religion that is not political, ecclesiastical nor sectarian. "The essence of the religion must be disentangled from the acts of civil and military government adapting the official name of Christian, from the inevitable controversies that follow in the train of all general ideas, and from the unworthiness of those whose nominal connection with Christianity has been one of its most stubborn embarrassments."

While Dr. Hall shows a most tolerant and teachable spirit, ready to learn from all who have anything to teach him, he also shows strong conviction that the "Religion of Christ" is not a religion to be ranged along side other religions. It is the absolute Religion. His last lecture was on "Reasons for regarding Christianity as the Absolute Religion" and while he tries to avoid extreme claims he is eloquent in his portrayal of those elements in the Religion of Jesus Christ that make it a universal religion.

He is convinced that the religion of Christ judged by the tests of suitability of origin, breadth of philosophical method, strength of moral initiative and the spirit of hopefulness is prepared to furnish a basis of belief and action for men of diverse training and tradition. "It may be contended that the study of Comparative Religion has revealed such a measure of truth in the faiths of others as to undermine the reasonableness of believing that there is one faith which is above every faith, one Divine Name which is above every name given under heaven among men." But not so does he interpret the growth of tolerance. He presents "the Lord Jesus Christ as the supreme manifestation of God." We must "differentiate between essential Christianity which involves the worship of Christ as the Incarnate Manifestation of the Eternal Principle of Sonship that is in the Deity, and that admiration of Christ as a religious leader and social guide which has been so generously expressed by many Indians." "The Christian religion is built upon the conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of the living God; the manifestation of the eternal under the form of time and in terms of human action."

The Religion of Jesus Christ is sufficient in itself and needs no additions from other faiths. Dr. Hall finds all the elements which he deems essential for a universal religion in the Religion of Jesus Christ. He does say that he has been helped to a better understanding of this Religion by a study of other religions. "The most impressive experience of my intellectual life has been this discovery, during these three years of humble preparation for this Eastern lecturership, that I, a Christian of the West, scarcely had begun to realize the absolute scope of the fundamental ideas of the Religion of Christ until I beheld them illuminated by Eastern philosophy and stated in terms of Oriental thought. Then it dawned upon me that the West needs the East, quite as much as the East needs the West, if humanity is to measure the depth and height and breadth and length of the Gospel of the Son of God." The fundamental ideas in Christianity are illuminated by Eastern philosophy but they are not borrowed from it. There is no reading of Hinduism into Christianity.

IRRIGATION.

The success or failure of the Northern railway will depend very much upon the development of the country through which it passes. It is pretty generally conceded now that the passenger traffic to and from Jaffna and Anuradhapura will not pay for the construction of the railway. It must depend upon goods traffic created by the opening up and settling of the large tracts of country now over-run by jungles. But in order that the farmer may be sure of his crops he must first be sure of his water supply. And it is just here that the construction of tanks throughout the North central and Northern provinces will play an important part in making the railway a success. From the report of the Director of Irrigation for 1902 we learn that very satisfactory progress has been made in constructing new tanks and repairing old ones. No less than Rs. 113,733 were spent in the Northern province and Rs. 179,429 in the North Central Province (a large sum has also been expended in the Eastern Province). e. R., 136,836.

The restoration of the Giant's Tank which was commenced in 1895 was completed this year. The total cost was nearly six lacs of rupees,

About 13,000 acres of paddy land were irrigated in 1902 and the water supply is sufficient for another 7,000 acres. It is the largest completed tank in the island though there are two others in process of construction, one in the Northern and the other in the North central provinces, which when completed will be equally large. Karachi scheme was started this year (1902) and will take 4 or 5 years for completion. Of the results of irrigation Mr. Ward writes:

"The country most altered by irrigation is that around Anuradhapura. When I first went there in 1880 the inhabitants were existing only, and barely that; they were poor in goods, poor in physique, and eaten up by parangi. They had many of them paddy fields, but the tanks were not restored, and the crops they succeeded in raising were often scanty for want of water and infrequent, and they depended as much on their chena crops as on their paddy crops for their food.

Now the inhabitants are well-to-do, well-nourished, and parangi has comparatively ceased. On my last visit to the Yoda-ela I heard from more than one source that in most of the villages a supply of grain was stored for future use sufficient for from two to four years to come. The disposition of these villagers, however, is conservative and jealous, and they have the greatest antipathy to any strangers, even of their own race, settling amongst them, and at once combine to drive him out. The position they take up is indefensible, and the railway will, I hope, speedily bring them to their proper level. I attribute the small increase in actual numbers, as disclosed by the last Census, in the past decade to this jealous conservatism; they require fresh blood among them and new ideas, and every encouragement should be given to strangers to settle everywhere in the villages. They are also so well off that they do not care to work for wages, and if they work they are bad workers. They have repaired their tanks, it is true, not of themselves or of their own will, but in spite of themselves, and because they have been compelled to do so, and they deserve no credit for what they have done; the credit is due to the officers who have made them work.

The country under Giant's tank is the most recent example of the benefits conferred and not appreciated, and the rupee per acre rate is paid with reluctance, and the benefit accepted with ingratitude."

The Jaffna man who invests at once in land around these large tanks while land is procurable at such cheap rates, and goes to work to clear the jungle and cultivate the soil, is the man who ten years later will have great cause to rejoice at his forethought. Money invested now will bring a large return a few years hence, and we hope our moneyed men will not be slow in making a venture.

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CHITAW.

We have had rain for the last few days. The tobacco crops are maturing. The sale of Crown lands held at the Kachcheli by the New A. G. A. realized a little over Rs. 1800.

Mr. S. W. Arulampalam, of Araly, who was suffering from an attack of fever is progressing. The engagement of the youngest daughter of the late Mr. S. Samurakone, the wedding is fixed for 11 November.

Two coast men were charged with assaulting one Muniandy, while they were having an altercation over some fishing matter. The injured man is lying in the Hospital in dangerous state.

There is no Educational Institution here for Protestants and Christians, but the Roman Catholics have one of their own. This is a matter requiring earnest attention.

NOTES.

The new Pope Pius X has ordered the distribution among the poor of Rome of Rupees 60,000.

At Wirtz's Taberna, London, the coffin-plate of Topley, the author of "Rock of Ages," has been found.

Mr. M. A. Hollin, the famous swimmer, says that the man who wants to be a stayer and keep his physical powers unimpaired, must not on account touch alcohol.

During the last hundred years the Bible has been translated into more than 350 languages. Ninety-nine of the human race now have the Bible in whole or in part in their own tongue.

Among the Doctors degrees just conferred by the University of Leipzig, Germany, was one on a deaf and feeble student, who has written an exceptionally brilliant treatise on agriculture.

The Ranchi Mission undertook what was considered a hopeless task when it began work in the island of Nias, one of the west coast of Sumatra. The people were 171 persons have been converted. After three years' labor, of the most wicked chiefs.

A training school for boys and girls is conducted in Jerusalem by the Friends, and two Americans, Mr. and Mrs. A. Edward Kelley, have agreed to take charge of it.

The Sunday School at Stockport, England, which claims to be the largest in the world, is receiving an additional report of the Lunacy Commission that Great Britain gives the number of demented persons of significant fact that country at 113,904, and adds the certificates but their dementia was due to drunkenness.

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