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### The Road Committees And The Appointment of a Superintendent of Roads.

Mr. J. N. Sandrasegara's recent illness has necessitated his retirement from office, and a successor has to be appointed. The Chairman of the Committees has the chief voice in the selection of a Superintendent, and he may be trusted to select a fit and proper gentleman.

The Road Committees in Jaffna are not accounted rich. A large part of the recoveries is consumed by the Establishments which, it is said, are either composed of too many or too highly paid officers. Of course, Mr. Ievers is not responsible for the cost at which the Committees are worked. It is a legacy bequeathed by his predecessors. But we hear that in Mr. Ievers' time, an innovation has been introduced which is generally regarded as unnecessary. For many years, the auditing of the Committees' accounts had been done *gratis* by gentlemen selected from among the members, but during the last two or three years a leading clerk in the Kacheherri has been appointed to do the work for a remuneration. If it cannot be said that the members, to whom the auditing of the accounts was previously entrusted, did their work perfunctorily, there seems to be no necessity for the innovation which costs a few hundred rupees every year. We do not certainly call in question the worth or qualifications of the gentleman who does the auditing at present; it is the policy of incurring an expenditure which can be avoided that we take exception to. But it must be said to Mr. Ievers' great credit that as a gainst this small increase in the cost of office-work, he has, by reducing the commission of the Division Officers, set free, for carrying on public works, a portion of the funds which had, before, got into their coffers. On the whole, we believe that in the time of the present Chairman, the cost of the Establishments (including the remuneration of Division Officers) has been less than under previous administrations. What we wish to urge on the Committees, and particularly on their Chairman, is, to consider whether it is not possible to curtail the expenditure still further without sacrificing the efficiency of the staff. We are told that it is possible, but it is a matter which it is the province of the Committees and the Chairman to consider and decide.

In the appointment of a Superintendent of Roads, it is to be hoped that the members of the Committees will not yield to the importunities of candidates without due qualifications. Jaffna occupies a leading position among the districts of the Island, and with the advent of the Railway, it is destined to rise to great prominence. A larger number of public works will have to be undertaken by the Road Committees than at present. Besides, Jaffna, the capital, is neither a Municipality nor a Local Board Town, and many of the works which are generally undertaken by Municipalities and Local Boards, will have to be taken up by the Road Committees. In view of these circumstances and the rising importance of the Town and District, it is imperatively necessary that a duly qualified gentleman must be appointed as Superintendent of Roads.

If a gentleman with the requisite qualifications is available locally, he must be preferred to an outsider. The services of a Jaffnese gentleman can be secured at a lesser cost than those of an outsider. Not only on the ground of economy, but for the sake of encouraging local talent, a Jaffnese ought to be appointed to the post, provided one with the necessary education and training can be found. In the absence of proper qualifications, cheapness ought not at all to count, and the Committees will have to indent on the rest of the Island or elsewhere for a Superintendent. We hope that at the meeting of the Committees, which will be held about the end of the month, the matter will be discussed in all its bearings and a suitable successor to Mr. J. N. Sandrasegara appointed.

While on this subject, we have to point out that an impression is gaining ground



among the people that at present the Road Committees are not prompt or forward in opening new roads or metalling those already opened. The number of roads made during the last ten years or so, is said to be less than that made during the previous decade. If this is true, it is desirable that a comparative statement of the Committees' income and operations during the last two or three decades should be published with such explanation as the Committees desire to afford to the public. Not that we say that the public are entitled to demand an account of their operations, but a statement showing the amount of expenditure and the objects and reasons for which it has been incurred, will, by revealing the position of the Committees' finances and other affairs, be the means of dispelling any wrong impression from the public mind. It may be that a good and sufficient reason for the alleged fall in the number of public works, may be found in the increased cost of labour and materials or in some other fact. Whatever the cause may be, it is advisable that the public should be made to understand it, if the impression current among them has any foundation in fact.

### LOCAL & GENERAL

Our District Judge—Mr. W. R. B. Sanders has been appointed to act in the second class of the Civil Service.

—The District Road Committee, Jaffna, will meet about the end of the month, when the question of appointing a successor to Mr. J. N. Sandrasegara will be considered. We must say that there has been considerable delay in filling up the vacancy.

—The Second Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court for the Northern Circuit will commence at Jaffna in the 22nd instant. Mr. Browne, Acting Junior Puisne Justice, will preside.

Obituary—We extremely regret to record the death last week of Mr. S. T. Supiramaniamudaliyar, who was for many years Udayar of Karaiyoor, and who retired from the post owing to ill-health. The Udayar belonged to a leading and respectable family.

—Mr. Aiyasamy Aiyar, the Vice-Principal of the Hindu College, gave a musical entertainment at the Hindu College Hall last week. It was very amusing, interesting, and enjoyable. Mr. Aiyasamy Aiyar is an excellent musician, and we wish that we had such entertainments oftener.

The Northern Railway—M. F. E. Bowden has been appointed as Foreman of the Northern Railway Extension.

A Serious Accident—We understand that Mrs. Ievers, while out shooting at Vavuniya, was attacked by a bear which seized her and was biting her in the neck and shoulders, when a Police Constable who was close by went to her rescue and freed her from the bear's hold. Either when the constable was engaged in freeing her or after he had succeeded in it and was struggling with the bear himself, the constable is said to have been shot accidentally. The shot was aimed at the bear or fired at random to frighten it away, but it hit the man. Another report says that the man was shot at by accident after he had freed himself from the hold of the bear, and was walking about. As other versions also are given of the occurrence, we cannot vouch for the truth of what we say. We sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. Ievers in the mishap sustained by the latter, and hope that the injuries are not severe and she will be herself soon. As the constable had to give up his life in doing a gallant act, it is hoped that some provision will be made for his wife and children to whom we express our heart-felt condolences.

—Mr. K. Chinnatamby Pillai, B. A., L. T., an Assistant Professor in the Madras Christian College, who was in our midst for a few days, left for India on Monday last. Mr. Chinnatamby Pillai is known as a very able and efficient professor.

—Mr. K. Kanagasabai, Proctor, is to be married to the second daughter of the late Mr. C. Muttiah of Vannarponna. The marriage has been registered, but the solemnization will take place a few months hence.

—Mr. Henderson of the firm of Messrs Tarrant, Henderson, & Co., paid a visit to Jaffna last week. The local agent of the Company is Mr. S. K. Lawton with whom Mr. Henderson

had a conference on matters relating to the business of the firm. In Mr. Lawton the company has secured a most trustworthy, upright, and conscientious worker.

M. A. Mc G. C. Tampoo—The Pass Lists published at Cambridge on Monday the 17th June include an exhibition of £ 30 to Mr. A. Mc G. C. Tampoo, at Clare College, for Mathematics. Mr. A. C. Tampoo is a son of Mr. T. M. Tampoo, the well-known Police Magistrate. We congratulate both the father and son on the distinguished success attained by the latter whose career has been always brilliant and promising.

—Mr. Henry Martyn of the P. W. D., Colombo, is on a visit to Jaffna.

The Matale Kachcherri—It is reported that the Government is about to abolish the Assistant Agency of Matale. Matale was created a separate district, when the Badulla district, now converted into the Uva Province, was included in the Central Province. Badulla being now administered as a separate Province, the Government think perhaps that the Government Agent at Kandy has ample time at his command to himself administer the district of Matale, and that there is no necessity at present to maintain it as an Assistant Agency.

Our Chief Justice—The Chief Justice of Ceylon is returning in November next. It is said that the Colonial Office medical advisers are of opinion that his Lordship's health is not so bad as to preclude him from resuming his duties in Ceylon.

Mr. F. Dornhorst—This gentleman will return to the Island in October next.

The Batticaloa District Court—Mr. R. A. Hoole, Clerk and Storekeeper, Technical College, has been appointed as Secretary of the District Court of Batticaloa.

—The King's Coronation is fixed to take place in June 1902.

—Mr. G. P. Greene, Assistant District Superintendent of the London and North-Western Railway Company, has been appointed General Manager of the Ceylon Government Railway and will leave England shortly to take up his appointment.

The King's Coronation Oath—The Imperial Protestant Federation have protested to Parliament on behalf of 27 organizations against any alteration being made in the King's declaration in regard to the abjuring of certain Roman Catholic doctrines. One may be called upon to affirm one's faith in one's own religion. But why the King of England or any other ruler should be obliged to declare against the alleged falsity or untenability of the doctrines of another religion we fail to see.

—The American Deputation has left Jaffna for India. We here that they were quite satisfied with the way in which Christian work has been carried on by the American Missionaries in Jaffna. They have promised a large contribution from America for the promotion of higher education in the Peninsula.

THE DEAF HEAR.—No. 463 of *The Illustrated World* of 626, Chiswick High Road, London, W. England, contains a description of a Remarkable Cure for Deafness and Head Noises which may be carried out at the patient's home, and which is said to be a certain cure. This number will be sent free to any deaf person sending their address to the Editor.

### COLOMBO.

The weather is good, the heat is tempered by occasional rains, the flies in the Lake is a veritable nuisance; the passengers by the train or tramcar are exposed to the same inconvenience as the pedestrians near the Pettah Station. It is a difficult task to walk with closed eyes and lips while a host of them hover round you as bees round the comb: the sooner a doctor condemns them as playing the same part in the health of the city as rats in plague, the better for the poor citizens.

H. E. Lady Ridgeway and Miss Ridgeway who were seriously indisposed for about a fortnight left here for upcountry on Tuesday to recoup their health. They were received by Mr. Perman at the Fort Station and were accompanied by Captain Gooch and Dr. Perry.

Another of the educational lectures was delivered by Mrs. E. Human on the 'kindergarten system.' The lecturer explained the ways adopted in England and wished that they were introduced into Ceylon schools, but the D. P. I. pointed out that the adoption of the system would entail heavy expenditure. He thanked the lecturer for her able discourse. A class of infants was taught before the audience addition, subtraction, and some letters of the alphabet, with the aid of sticks.

The Brokers and the Chetties—The Chetties have held a Nagaram and decided to alter the

existing system of making pro-notes in favour of European Firms which are "on demand" notes. The Brokers taking umbrage at their decision have held a meeting and passed resolutions to uphold the present system. They have also sent the proceedings to the Importers' Association for their support in the matter.

Judicial—Mr. Justice Lawrie has publicly announced his retirement from service from 29th August next. He has at the same time informed the bar that no public function should be held in his honour. The Attorney-General speaking on behalf of the Bar said that there has never been an occasion so painful as the departure from their midst of such an able and energetic judge and a thorough gentleman. Mr. Browne, the acting Junior Puisne Justice, is to remain in service till 1903 though he has passed the age limit. Mr. F. J. de Livera the District Judge of Galle also retires this year. The memorial of the inhabitants of the Southern Province to the Secretary of State, praying for the retention of his services as District Judge for some years longer has not been favourably considered.

The Boer-Colts Match. This cricket match which was arranged with great difficulty was played on Friday and Saturday. It was the subject of talk during the week; and the people at large and the lovers of game alike took a deep interest in the matter as was evidenced by the large number present to witness the contest. The colts had the victory as was expected, and C. E. Perera played a dashing game in the first innings, in the second he was caught out before he could attempt his boundary hits. The Boers were very good in fielding and H. E. Governor congratulated Villivis the Captain on the excellent fielding of his men. As batsmen they made poor show.

The Y. M. B. A. and Mr. Wilton Hack.—Mr. Wilton Hack of Adelaide addressed a meeting of the Y. M. B. A. on Saturday on the need of circulating the knowledge of the Dharma among the Buddhists in the Island. He said he was a missionary himself, and when he was brought in contact with the Theosophical Society, he learnt the grand principles of the Eastern Religions and found the untenability of the theory of vicarious punishment. He earnestly desires to spread the Dharma among the masses and proposes to form a Tract Society. He also produced at the meeting a sovereign given to him by a gentleman in Freemantle to be devoted to publishing tracts for the spread of the Dharma. The Y. M. B. A. undertook to publish a tract and received the sovereign into its Treasury. A society has been formed and the work is to be put in hand as soon as possible.

### VAVUNIYA.

Weather—The heat of the sun is unbearable during the day. No rain for a very long time. The small hours of the morning are a little cooling. A kind of cattle disease is prevalent in the whole of the Vanny owing to the want of rain.

Personal—The Government Agent after staying here a few days has gone to Periya Ollukulam accompanied by the Rata Mahatmaya of Eratperiakulam, the veteran huntsman of the Vanny.

The A. G. A. has gone to Mullaitivu after a long stay.

Mr. Rajakaaiar has returned to his station after spending a few days in Jaffna in connection with the wedding of his niece to Mr. V. Murugasapillai, Chief Inspector of Roads, Municipality, Singapore.

Annual earthwork in the Village Tanks—The work is very slow this year owing to the scarcity of coolies—The Jaffna coolies being engaged in the railway works. There are Indian coolies at work at different places; at any rate the works will be delayed a good deal.

### SELECTIONS.

THE BOER, HIS CHURCH, AND HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE BLACK RACE. THE RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

BY CHARLES D. PIERCE (AMERICAN CONSUL TO THE ORANGE FREE STATE).

So much has been written and said, for and against the Boers, since the beginning of the present war that any further treatment of the subject would seem like threshing very old straw. However, the following letter, received from one of the large cities of the interior, furnishes sufficient reason for once again coming into Court in their behalf:—

"I have great doubts about securing any help or sympathy from the churches because there was a missionary here from South Africa who made a speech before a ministers' meeting, in which he said that the Boers held the blacks in slavery, and that they (the



Boers) would not allow missionaries there at all, and that when Stanley was in Africa trying to open up the country Paul Kruger offered a reward for his head. The ministers here think that President Kruger kept missionaries out of his country, and that if England controls the South African Republics they will be opened up to missionary work."

To fully place before the reader the exact position of the Boers toward the natives of South Africa would be to restate their history for more than a hundred years and apportion the position of the white and black races in the economy of nature. No one claim the omniscience for such a task. The ultimate goal towards which the future of South Africa is tending, and the solution of the race problem which must there be worked out, is beyond mortal ken; for the present it must needs be a matter of speculation postulated on certain known facts. The purposes of this article is to look at some facts in the perspective of history, and to correct some misrepresentations as to missionary work in South Africa.

#### NO SLAVEHOLDING SINCE 1834.

In the first place, there has been no slaveholding in South Africa since the so-called enfranchisement in 1834, by the terms of which England agreed to pay the Boers £16,000,000 as the price of their slaves, but of which, by financial chicanery, only £6,250,000 was actually paid. The act of magnanimity was accomplished while England was seeking the practical enslavement of the Boers, and she used the forced enfranchisement of the blacks as a lever to accomplish that object. For twenty years the Boers endured English oppression. "The government exaggerated their love for the slaves while they trampled under foot the rights of the colonists." Smarting under acts of most flagrant injustice, a band of emigrant Boers turned their faces toward the wilderness of the north, forced thither by British intolerance and the enactment of vexatious laws which placed them at a serious disadvantage in relation to the blacks.

In the new territory where they sought to found an independent State they were brought face to face with the problem which has ever confronted the pioneer—the occupation of the country by a race, differentiated by various tribes, still in a savage condition. Between these tribes there had been an unceasing warfare, and the fierce and bloodthirsty Zulus had nearly exterminated all others. After many encounters the Boers eventually broke the power of the Zulus, secured the protection of their property and the safety of their families, and enabled other tribes to return from hiding places. The Rev. A. Merensky, at one time Superintendent of the Berlin Missionary Society in South Africa writes: "Even in the year 1844, when the Boers settled in the districts of Waterberg, Lydenberg, and Zoutpansberg, they met with small parties of natives who were only too glad to see them (the Boers), and be protected by them against the assegai of the Zulus." Thus it will be seen that the Boers rendered a very real service to the less fierce and warlike tribes in ridding them of an enemy whose ferocity and savagery has scarce ever been equalled, and who defiled the land with the most hideous and atrocious outrages.

#### BOERS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE NATIVE.

The Boers are not dreamy sentimentalists. Above all else they are practical men. They recognised that the natives of the country, though in the main well-disposed towards them, were nature's children yet in a state of tutelage, who could not, by the very essence of things, be placed upon the same footing as themselves. Races, like men, must pass through a period of infancy and childhood before reaching adolescence, and the black race of Africa has not yet grown up to the perfect stature of a race. This has been the attitude of the Boers to the blacks; they have treated them as children—race children to whom they gave care and protection, counsel and encouragement, and, when necessary, discipline. Besides, the Boers were engaged in founding a State, laying out a form of government, devising a means of protection against enemies at home and abroad, in short in the establishment of a commonwealth with all that appertains thereto. It can, therefore, scarcely be a cause of reproach that they did not at once indulge in the philanthropic excesses which England permitted herself after many centuries of stable government.

To the everlasting honour of the Boers, it can be affirmed that their personal relation to the blacks is, and has ever been, beyond reproach; association with negro women is an unknown thing—it would be regarded as one of the unnatural sins, to be contemplated with horror and avoided as a plague.

#### THE ACCUSATION OF SLAVERY.

Now, bearing in mind the relative position of the two races, the circumstances of the occupation of the country by the Boers, the condition in which they found the native tribes when they went from Cape Colony to found cities in a wilderness; remembering that they had to build their homes, found their commonwealth, protect themselves and the natives against a common enemy; that they were at every turn confronted with the practical problems of existence—is it to be cast up against them that they adopted the only course possible; that they assumed a patriarchal supervision of the natives, holding them in a sort of wardship, often made necessary by the abandonment of their women and children, who would have died of neglect unless cared for by the Boers? Under such circumstances children were apprenticed for a period of years, sometimes until their majority, but they were never under absolute bondage, nor was there trading in slaves. The system, made necessary by

the circumstances, was patriarchal and beneficent, and rather resembled the English apprentice system, where a master was "in loco parentis" to one bound to him until the apprentice reached the age of twenty-one. However, this all belongs to the past history of the people of the Transvaal. As far back as 1869 the Dutch Reformed Church in the Transvaal adopted the following resolution in its Synod: "Church discipline will be applied to all members of our denomination found guilty of buying or selling, or exchanging, or accepting in exchange, Kaffir children contrary to the laws of the State." Later this was repealed because the abuse against which it was aimed was found not to exist.

But perhaps the best refutation of the slavery slander is the attitude of the natives toward the Boers during the present war, when they have not created the least disturbance, notwithstanding their numerical preponderance.

That this accusation of slavery has had so long a life is because the Boers have not until recently attempted to prove its falsity. They had already been prejudiced in England, and to the larger court of the world they had not appealed. So great is the power of steady misrepresentation, however, that this calumny has gathered strength with the years. It emanated from purely English sources, and was propagated for ulterior reasons. It has been amply confuted by Dr. Theal who has written the most reliable histories of South Africa extant; also by Mr. F. W. Reitz, State Secretary of the South African Republic now in the field with DeWet, in a pamphlet "A century of Wrong"; by Professor A. Knyber, D. D., L. L. D., member of the States General of Holland, in a pamphlet "The South African Crisis"; and in a pamphlet published by a number of ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church in Cape Colony, members of the Moderamen, of the Synodical Mission Board and Professors of the Theological Seminary, entitled "The Truth about the Boer and his Church."

#### THE BOERS AND THE MISSIONARIES.

As to the charge of the missionaries being hampered by the Boers in their work in South Africa, the difficulty is met and overcome if the whole case is reviewed with an unbiased judgment. Long ago some missionaries of the London Missionary Society, under the cloak of religion, fomented the disturbances which led to the Boers leaving Cape Colony. They sowed the dragon's teeth, and both Briton and Boer have ever since been harvesting the crop.

When the British flag became the symbol of power in South Africa the Boers, who had never consented to place themselves under its authority, became restive and made unsuccessful efforts to throw off the undesired yoke. In the van of the finally conquering British came agents of the London Missionary Society, foreign in birth and sympathy, with minds already prejudiced against the Boers, who had been variously described as stupid, lazy, bigoted and intolerant in religious matters. The very name "Boer"—literally peasant, and attaching to them because of their agricultural pursuits—was made a term of reproach. Coming as these missionaries did, with preconceived ideas, tinged with British insular prejudices and seeing all things through Anglican spectacles the inevitable happened—a breach between themselves and the people whom they would neither understand nor propitiate. Without taking the trouble to get the fact and the conditions which gave rise to them—perhaps, too, from misguided zeal—they fanned the flame of an already smouldering race-antipathy by the false and outrageous reports which they sent to London concerning the alleged ill-treatment of the Hottentots by the Boers. All England was aroused, a court of inquiry was held, and, although nearly every charge was proved to be baseless, yet the irritation caused by these false charges was never allayed, and the result has been a feeling of unfriendliness, which remains to this day, towards the prime movers in the affair—the representatives of the London Missionary Society. Yet it is not disputed that among these missionaries were many good and self-sacrificing men, and the Boers themselves have not been slow to give credit where credit is due.—The New Age.

### NOTICE.

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

##### ORDER No. 1

Testamentary

No. 1171

Jurisdiction

Class. V.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Ampalavanar Supperamaniam of Copay

Deceased

Ampalavanar Mailvaganam of Copay

Petitioner

Vs

Valliammaippillai widow of Superamaniam of Copay

Respondent

This matter of the Petition of Ampalavanar Mailvaganam of Copay praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed Ampalavanar Supperamaniam of Copay coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 29th day of June 1901 in the presence of Messrs Casippillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 29th day of June 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the brother 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 9th day of August 1901 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

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