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## THE HINDU ORGAN.

JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1901

### The Loyalty of Non-Christians Dr. Welldon's Utterances.

Dr. Welldon, the state-paid Bishop of Calcutta has, since his appointment to that see, always kept himself on evidence by the surprises he has sprung upon the world one after another. We say *surprises*, because his utterances have been not only unbecoming his exalted position as the Metropolitan of India and Ceylon, but have been also unprecedented and extraordinary. Of his pronouncements, the most notable (or notorious) is the one relating to the loyalty of non-Christian natives of India to the British Crown. The Bishop, who is now in England, "preached" the other day at Oxford that the feeling of the natives of India other than converts to Christianity, for the British Government, was not strong. Nay, he followed this strong expression of his opinion of the natives generally, by the emphatic declaration that whenever a native was converted to Christianity a loyal subject was won to the Government. The Editors of almost all the newspapers in India—Anglo-Indian and Indian—have condemned the words of the misguided and over-zealous prelate not only as having

no foundation in fact, but as not in keeping with his learning, dignity, or position. Hindus and Muhammadans who held in the highest esteem and respect his predecessors in the see of Calcutta, have characterized his utterances as "rank non-sense" and "meaningless twaddle." So much has his Lordship lowered himself in the estimation of the people among whom he has to work, and from the revenues contributed by whom he is paid a princely salary "for his ministrations" which have degenerated into politico-religious disquisitions.

So many European statesmen have ruled India, so many missionaries, divines, merchants, and planters have sojourned among the Hindus, and so many visitors, travellers, and globe-trotters have come and gone, but it has not been given to any of them to discover the disloyalty of the Hindus and Muhammadans as compared with that of Christians, and no ecclesiastic has ever been bold enough, rather foolish enough, to advocate the Christianization of India on political grounds. It has been reserved to the self-constituted politico-ecclesiastical head of India and Ceylon to discover the mare's nest of non-Christian disloyalty—a privilege not vouchsafed by Divine Providence even to such good and pious Bishops like Dr. Johnson and others. Indeed, the ways of providence are inscrutable!!!

Seeing that the Bishop's action has been condemned outright by the press in India, we would not have made any reference to it, if not for the prominence the *Ceylon Observer* has given to his utterances in one of its recent issues. The Editors of the "Observer" with their vast experience of the Hindus, Buddhists, and Muhammadans of the Island, cannot certainly agree with his Lordship in all that he has said. As against his Lordship, they "presume" that "whole-hearted" loyalty exists among non-Christians which is evidenced by the fact that Hindus and Muhammadans have sacrificed much in blood and treasure in furtherance of the British cause in India and elsewhere, but the "Observer" allows religious bias to get the better of its judgment when it says that the loyalty of converts is more widespread and sincere than that of non-Christians. If the loyalty of the latter is "whole-hearted" as presumed by the "Observer", it cannot but be "sincere and widespread". Then what is there to differentiate the loyalty of native Christians from that of non-Christians? Can it be that the *Observer* draws a distinction without a difference in order that the Bishop's words may not be given the lie to?

We shall now proceed to examine a little closely this "loyalty" question. The superior loyalty of native Christians is rested on their profession of Christianity—the religion of their rulers. A little thought would convince even the most stolid that England is not the only Christian nation in the world. As regards religion all the nations of Europe and America stand in the same relation to native Christians as England does. And we may say without fear of contradiction that if Dr. Welldon's theory is correct, the Native Christians the majority of whom are Roman Catholics will have more sympathy with the French, Austrians, and Italians, than with the English, Americans, or Germans. And converts made by the American Missionaries will prefer American rule to British rule. It is not non-Christians whom England will have to fight in the near future, but such land-grabbers as the Russians, French, &c., who are Christians. Therefore, Dr. Welldon's attempt to make political capital of religious profession falls to the ground most hopelessly. According to his novel contention whenever a native was converted to the Roman Catholic religion (Catholic Missionaries are more successful in their operations than Dr. Well-

don's confreres), a loyal subject was won to France!!!

With white Christians, the dark-complexioned Christians have nothing in common save religion. In India, Africa, America, and Australia native Christians are subjected to the same disabilities as Hindus and Muhammadans. In India, a native Christian Magistrate or Judge cannot try a European and in this and other respects he is in the same category with a Hindu or Muhammadan. In Natal, all the laws passed against British Indian Hindus and Muhammadans apply to British Indian Christians. Such is the case in Australia and America. Why, it is only last week that Reuter flashed to the world the Australian objection to the employment of coloured lascars in the mail steamers. Does Dr. Welldon seriously think that native Christians are fools to think that Europeans the vast majority of whom practise no religion whatever, and who accord one and the same treatment to all natives, whether Christians or non-Christians, are more friendly to native Christians than their own countrymen—the Hindus, Buddhists, and Muhammadans.

The Hindus who have watched Dr. Welldon's career as a Bishop know what motives underlay his Lordship's speech at Oxford. A short time after his nomination to the see of Calcutta, he declared before a British audience that the mission of England was to Christianize India. This created considerable alarm in ministerial circles, and Dr. Welldon had to withdraw his words either owing to hints conveyed from responsible quarters or being unable to withstand the fair criticism of the press. Then he spoke of an "Imperial Christianity", as if religion took note of such things as patriotism, self-aggrandizement, territorial accession, &c. The words of his Lordship fell flat upon the public both at home and abroad, as neither the Legal Member of the Government of India nor the Draughtsman to the British Parliament thought of framing a bill to "imperialize" Christianity. This was followed by a few months' coquetting with the leaders of the Hindu and Muhammadan communities as to the educational policy of the Government in which Dr. Welldon's religion had no place. Then came the justification of the South-African war and the prayer for the success of the British arms from the pulpit at Calcutta, when for the first time the non-Christians learned that wars are sometimes pleasing to God as understood by Dr. Welldon. For Dr. Welldon would not have uselessly prayed, and God would not have refused a useful request. Then the Bishop went on touring in India and preached everywhere that the Bible should be taught in the Colleges of India. The people of India were frightened and Government officials were at their wits' end as to what they were to make of his Lordship's words. Both the Anglo-Indian and the native press raised a hue and cry, and the Bishop had to whittle down the meaning of his words to the vanishing point. Having failed in all his attempts to influence the Government to take upon itself the evangelization of India, the Bishop now strikes at a tender chord in the hearts of the British people—He suggests that the Hindus and Muhammadans are not as loyal as Christian converts, so that the Government which has been hitherto neutral in matters of religion may take the propagation of Christianity under the aegis of its protection. In this violent attempt also the Bishop is bound to fail.

While on this subject we cannot but refer to another pronouncement of his Lordship made soon after his appointment to the see of Calcutta and strongly attacked at that time. Intending perhaps to convert the whole world to his religion at oneswoop, he made the astounding declaration that



the power and prowess of Protestant nations are due to the religion they profess, in other words, they have in abundance the good things of this world as a reward for the religion they profess. But it did not occur to the Bishop to say how his doctrine could be reconciled with the asceticism and renunciation taught and practised by Christ Jesus and his disciples. Whatever the Christian teaching may be, there is not the slightest doubt that a greater fallacy had never been uttered by any ecclesiastic high or low, and eminent Catholics, Hindus, and Muhammadans were soon on their legs to expose it. Austria, France, and Italy are more powerful than Holland, Denmark, and Sweden; Russia is more formidable than Germany; Buddhist Japan and Muhammadan Turkey are powers superior to Christian Spain, Portugal, Holland, and Switzerland. There are Christians grovelling in poverty, and Hindus revelling in wealth, and beggars among the former and princes among the latter. If his Lordship is a student of history, he must know that not many centuries ago the Muhammadans, before whom Christians retreated everywhere, were the most powerful people in the world. Adopting the rules of episcopal logic, one has to conclude that Muhammadanism was the true religion in those days. Apart from the practical refutation of the Bishop's theory afforded by historical past and contemporary, the teachings of the New Testament are diametrically opposed to it. "It is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter Heaven." According to this teaching, it is the Devil that supplies riches to the world and not God.

Since writing the above, we have learned that Sir Anthony MacDonnell, the Lieutenant Governor of the North Western Provinces and Oudh, one of the most experienced and popular proconsuls of His Majesty in India, has, with the authority and sanction of the Supreme Government, at a speech delivered at Allahabad contradicted in the clearest terms the statement of the Bishop that true loyalty and attachment to British rule are to be found only among the native Christian subjects of the Crown. His Honour expressed his absolute dissent from the view of the Bishop, who he said had small experience of India, and "regretted that a statement in the cause of religious propagandism, which is disapproved even by wellknown facts of current Indian history, should have gone forth to the world with the authority which attaches to the Bishop's office." On the words of the Lieutenant-Governor being telegraphed home, the Bishop lost no time in replying to it in the English papers to the effect that the meaning conveyed by his words was not the meaning he intended to express. This is about the hundredth time the Bishop has had to eat his words.

## LOCAL & GENERAL

**Weather**—The heat has been intense since a fortnight. The skies are overcast every now and then. There was a fairly good shower of rain last week.

**Mr. T. Chellappapillai**—This gentleman who is the retired Chief Justice of Travancore and the President of the Saiva Paripalana Sabha, Jaffna, has left with his family to India on a visit to the Maha-rajah of Travancore who is expected shortly at Cuttalam. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Chellappapillai a happy voyage.

**Mr. H. A. Bell** has been appointed to supervise the clearing of the Northern Railway trace and the preparation of timber for buildings, &c.

**Sir Charles. A. Brooke. G. C. M. G.,** Raja of Sarawak, was on a visit to Colombo last week on his way to England. Sarawak is a territory in the North-West of Borneo, which was reclaimed from piracy and barbarism by Sir James Brooke, who converted it into an independent and prosperous state. The British Government acknowledged Sir James as Raja. The present ruler is a nephew of Sir James Brooke.

—The Parliament has voted a grant of £100,000 to Lord Roberts.

**The Civil Medical Department**—Dr. Hugh de Mel who holds a British qualification has been appointed as medical officer, Dolosbage, Mr. Seemientry as medical officer, Pulad yirakkam, and Mr. Lovell as medical officer, Madawachchi.

—Mr. A. Aseervatham, Proctor, Anuradhapura, is on a visit to Jaffna.

**A Guide to Colombo**—The Government Printer has issued the fifth edition of this publication which is very useful both to visitors and residents in Colombo.

—Mr. Streenivasa Rao of Madras has now been declared successful in an examination for the Teachers' Diploma granted by the Incorporated Phonographic Society London, held at Trevellore, on the 26th May last at which Mr. Streenivasa Rao answered a set of question papers specially sent out from England. He is the first Indian Diplomaed teacher of Phonography.

**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 dry, but in the expectation of the August festivities the highfolks are unmindful of the heat, and are busy in the shops making purchases for a show in the Race course.

**Mr. J. J. Thorburn**, the Principal Asst. Colonial Secretary, paid an official visit to the Maldives and returned on Wednesday. H. H. the Sultan was shown over the war-vessel "Pomone" which took Mr. Thorburn to Maldives and was much delighted when the action of the guns in the vessel was explained to him.

The later telegrams say that **Mr. im Thurn** has been gazetted as the Lieutenant Governor of Ceylon.

**Mr. Green**, the Government Entomologist has taken up the case of the Lake flies and was seen rowing on the lake with the sanitary officer. His report is awaited with interest.

A constable on beat at Norris road noticed a bag floating in the lake near the Pettah Station, which appeared to be pretty full. He got a cooly to haul it ashore, and on causing the bag to be opened was startled to find a corpse of a child about 12 months old bundled inside. The Police are making enquiries.

Much dissatisfaction appears to exist among the Government clerks and their sympathisers about the new clerical scheme which is now in operation. The stagnation complained of in the old system exists in the 3rd class to a great extent and it is feared that most of the clerks will have to retire on Rs.1100, the minimum salary of the 3rd class. The number of appointments in the special, the first, and the second classes are so few, and in the 3rd so many, that the chances for promotion from the latter are very little. The new circular that one in five promotions may be made on the ground of exceptional merit recommended by the Head of a Department from his *personal knowledge* has also occasioned complaints from all quarters.

**Mr. W. E. Davidson, C. C. S.,** has been appointed Assistant Colonial Secretary of Transvaal.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE TAMIL ASSOCIATION.

The Editor  
of the Hindu Organ

Sir

Of all the languages spoken in South India, Tamil is the most cultivated and polished, besides being, according to the opinion of the learned Sir Monier Williams, the only language in the East except Sanscrit, which possesses an ethical literature of its own. It is co-eval with Sanscrit, and is perhaps the oldest living language on the face of the earth. It is a language "which", in the words of Dr. Winslow, "is more copious in its vocabulary than Latin, and in its poetical dialect more exact and polished than Greek". Dr. Pope, the greatest living Tamil Scholar in the West, does not appreciate less the excellence of the Tamil language.

Whatever the Tamil language may be to the educated foreigners, there can be no question as to its preciousness and importance to those who acknowledge it as their mother tongue. A nation and its language rise and fall together, live and die together. For, it is a common medium of thought that holds together individual men in a racial union, and forms the basis for all national

progress. The vitality of the Tamil race is such that it has maintained its individuality among the nations for several thousand years, in the past, and if it is to preserve its entity in the future, there is no alternative to any Tamilian, but to join in a union for the noble purpose of rescuing his mother tongue from degradation and impoverishment. We need hardly point out that, as in other languages, the basis of the Tamil language exists in its classical literature; and it is a fact of which every Tamilian should be proud, that, in spite of the manifold misfortunes that have befallen our literature, we have still a remnant left to us which is worthy of a place among the literatures of Greece and Rome. But this remnant is preserved in a most perishable form in old manuscripts which do not possess much resisting power against the attacks of the moth and the white ant.

How sad it is that two of the five great epics Vizi:—"Valayapathy" and "Kundalabey" have now been irretrievably lost to the Tamil world, although there is sufficient evidence to show that one of them at least existed a few decades ago. The imperative necessity that exists, therefore for devising some means to preserve our old literature, needs no further advocacy, and I propose that a meeting of all loyal and patriotic Tamilians be convened in Jaffna and in Colombo by the leaders of our community with a view to concerting measures for the carrying out of this national undertaking.

A. Tamilian  
Colombo 2nd August 1901.

## SELECTIONS.

### A NON-KISSING CLUB.

Married men who never kiss their wives! And yet they claim to love them! Such is the state of affairs at Mount Hope, a small town near Wichita, U. S. A. The wives are all mad, of course, and some of them threaten to sue for divorce. It is a pretty mess, and it all came about by forming the club habit. There were thirteen married men in Mount Hope, who emigrated there from Chicago, some years ago. They came at different times, and when they met on the soil of Kansas they formed an everlasting friendship. These men read about the Chicago professor who claims never to have kissed a woman, and it inspired them. They believed like him, and in consequence the Mount Hope Married Men's Anti-kissing League was formed. It is rather a long title, but the men pondered a great deal before they completed it. Their first meeting was held some three weeks ago. No reporters were allowed in the hall, of course, but they later gave out a declaration something like this, only much longer.

"Believing that true love can never run smooth when a man continually kisses the woman of his affection, we have, after due deliberation arrived at the following agreement:

"That henceforth we will not kiss our own wives or any other women but that we will still hold the same deep affection for our wives and retain our admiration for the feminine beautiful. We do not believe that kissing is right, and therefore we agree not to practise it. Any member of this organization who is found guilty of disobeying the order will be dismissed at once."

When these Resolutions were handed out to the women a great sensation was created and the wife of the president threatened to leave her husband at once. The thirteen wives of the thirteen members at once held a meeting and decided that they would leave their husbands within one month if they did not break up the club. But after two weeks had passed and the club still retained all of its original members, the women agreed not to leave their husbands, but to await development. In speaking of the purposes of the club, President Wilson said:

"I am now fifty-one years old and I have never kissed my wife or any other woman more than a dozen times in all my life. I will tell you why I think it is a dirty and filthy habit—one that is apt to spread disease and against the true principles of love. One does not need to kiss to show their affection. The grasp of a hand is sufficient to do that, and as for loving I think one's actions speak for that and not by the number of times you kiss your wife. I have not kissed my wife for five years, and I do not intend to, but I love her just as strongly as I ever did."

Mrs. Wilson says, however "It is true my husband has not kissed me in five years, but I did not want it known. I am ashamed to have him act so, but I do not believe, however, that he does not love me I have threatened to sue for divorce several times, but he treats me so well in other ways that I would have no grounds for action against him. And then I do not care to leave him, for I love him despite his peculiar belief on kissing."

—The



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In the Matter of the Estate of the late Viyaladchi wife of Mailu Veeravagu of Kantarmadam in Vannarponnai East Deceased

Mailu Veeravagu of Kantarmadam in Vannarponnai East

Petitioner.

Vs

1. Veeravagu Ponnampalam now employed under Messrs Walker & Co. Colombo
2. Vallipuram Sivakuru of Neeraviadi in Vannarponnai East and wife
3. Sivakkolunthu of do
4. Sinnappu Sapapate of Kantarmadam and wife
5. Annaladchume of do

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Mailu Veeravagu of Kantarmadam praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Viyaladchi wife of Mailu Veeravagu of Kantarmadam coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 24th day of July 1901 in the presence of Mr. A. Canagaretnam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 24th day of July 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful husband of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or, before the 27th day of August 1901 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 24th day of July 1901

Sig/ W. R. B. SANDERS

District Judge.

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. ORDER NISI**

Testamentary }  
Jurisdiction } No. 1177

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Ponniah Chettiar Veluppillai Chettiar of Vannarponnai East Deceased

Annappa widow of Veluppillai Chettiar of Vannarponnai East

Petitioner

Vs

Gnanampal daughter of Valuppillai Chettiar of Vannarponnai East

Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Annappa widow of Veluppillai Chettiar of Vannarponnai East praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Ponniah Chettiar Veluppillai Chettiar coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders, Esquire, District Judge, on the 1st day of August 1901 in the presence of Messrs Casippillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 31st day of July 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful 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 or persons shall on or, before the 30th day of August 1901 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 1st day of August 1901

W. R. B. SANDERS

District Judge

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MULLAITTIVU. ORDER NISI,**

Testamentary }  
Jurisdiction } No. 10

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kantan Ponnai and wife Valliyammai of Chilavattai Deceased.

Konar Sinnatturai of Chilavattai

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Ponnachchi wife of Suppaiyah and
2. Ponnai Sitamparan both of Chilavattai

Respondents

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner, praying for Letters of Administration to the Estate of the abovenamed deceased Kantan Ponnai and wife Valliyammai coming on for disposal before J. O. K. Murty Esquire, District Judge on the 15th day July 1901 and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 15th

day of July 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner 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 23rd day of August 1901 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

Signed this 15th day of July 1901

J. O. K. MURTY  
District Judge.

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MULLAITTIVU. ORDER NISI**

Testamentary }  
Jurisdiction } No. 20

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kasinathar Thamu Udaiyar of Omandi Deceased

Thamu Udaiyar Nallatamby Udaiyar of Omandi

Petitioner

Vs

1. Thambu Udaiyar Thambu
2. Thambu Udaiyar Chellaiyah
3. Puthiyal daughter of Ariyar Sanmugam
4. Sinnamma daughter of Ariyar Sanmugam all of Karmalpuliyai Kulam

Respondents

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the Estate of the abovenamed deceased Kasinathar Thambu Udaiyar coming on for disposal before J. O. K. Murty Esquire, District Judge on the 24th day of July 1901 and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 24th day of July 1901 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the eldest Son of the deceased and as such 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 21st day of September 1901 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

Signed this 24th day of July 1901.

J. O. K. MURTY  
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