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The Manager

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THE HINDU ZODIAC

BY
A JAFFNA ASTROLOGER.

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In the 15th *Adhyaya* of the same book which treats of the nature of persons born on the different *Nachshetras*, he assigns the first place to *Krittika*. The list of *yogataras* or conjunction stars as given in the old *Suriya Siddhanta* tallies with the above order. This arrangement would have been correct about 2560 B. C., if we assume the *Ayanamsam* (Precession of the Equinoxes) on 1st January 1903 to be 22 degrees and 20 minutes and the Constant of Precession as 50.24 seconds; it would scarcely have been possible after 1600 B. C. Let us compare the above with what Rev. H. R. Hoisington, sometimes Principal of the Batticotta Seminary, says on the subject:—

“The lunar mansions or *nachshetras* are the most ancient part of Hindu Astronomy found on record. They date somewhere between 1528 and 1371 B. C. This may be considered the first epoch in Hindu Astronomy”.

These figures would be almost correct if we substitute instead the Hindu value of the *Ayanamsam* and its annual rate of increase.

Peeping into the prehistoric epic periods of the Hindus we find traditional evidence to show that the series of the Hindu *Nachshetras* commenced at one time with *Rohini*. The following beautiful allegory as given in *Skandapurana* is an apt illustration. There lived a certain king by name Takkar who had 27 daughters whom he named Rohini, Mrigasira, Auridra etc, which are in order the names of the several Hindu lunar asterisms. He gave them all in marriage to Moon who took such a violent fancy to Rohini, the most beautiful among the lot, that he altogether neglected the rest, which made the disappointed ladies to complain of this invidious conduct of the Moon to their father. The father being naturally enraged cursed the moon to wane from day to day till his form dwindled into mere nothing. The total disappearance of the moon was found to be a serious inconvenience to the celestials and others, and Siva, the supreme Being, duly notified of this unforeseen calamity in his infinite mercy ordered the moon to grow up again day by day till he attained his original proportions and to lead a happy conjugal life with his 27 wives one after another without favour or distinction. This

was how moon came to occupy the 27 constellations in regular order and how New moon and Full moon came into existence.

Peeping still further into the remote vedic periods we find that Mrigasira, the beautiful Orion, was originally the first of the series of the Hindu *Nachshetras* and that the vernal equinox coincided with the end of the second quarter of this *Nachshetra*, which according to the Hindus is the last point of Taurus in their fixed Zodiac. This subject is elaborately discussed by Mr Tilak, an erudite scholar and journalist of Bombay, in one of his books. We also note that this tradition had been kept up among the ancient Romans too from the following lines of Virgil:—

Candidus apratis aperit cum cornibus
annum Taurus.* * * *

Now, according to the Hindus, the vernal equinox has receded from the first point of Aries in their fixed Zodiac by about 22 degrees and 20 minutes on the 1st day of January 1903; hence its distance at this time from the last point of Taurus is about 82 degrees and 20 minutes. Assuming the annual rate of Precession to be 59.24 seconds according to the principles of ancient Hindu Astronomy, we calculate that 5003 years have passed since the vernal equinox coincided with the last point of Taurus. This 5003, the Hindus say, is the number of years passed in *Kaliyuga* i. e., in other words, the number of years passed since the evolution of the present world.

We have given our readers a general idea of the Hindu Zodiac and its high antiquity and we now propose to mention some interesting facts connected with the several divisions of the signs of the Zodiac as were in vogue among the ancient Hindus. In dividing the twelve *Rasis* or signs into different groups for the purpose of distinguishing and defining their characteristics, the first method they adopted was to divide them into what are known as the Northern and the Southern signs. The first six signs from Aries (Mesha) to Virgo (Kanya) are called the Northern signs, because when the sun occupies them he is to the North of the equator; the other six signs from Libra (Thula) to Pisces (Meena) are the Southern signs, because the sun is to the South of the equator when he occupies them. The Northern signs they considered to be more powerful than the Southern, as the sun's heat is more powerful in these signs by reason of their country lying to the North of the equator.

The second way was to divide them into two sets corresponding to the two sexes—male and female—observable in nature. In so dividing, every odd sign from Aries was treated as a male sign and every other even sign as a female sign. Thus Aries or Mesha, Gemini or Mithuna, Leo or Simha, Libra or Thula, Sagittarius or Dhanus, and Aquarius or Kumbha became male signs, while Taurus or Vrishaba, Cancer or Kataka, Virgo or Kanya, Scorpio or Vrichika, Capricornus or Makara, and Pisces or Meena became female signs. The male signs were considered to possess positive electrical energies and the female signs negative electrical energies. The former were thus treated as *Kurura* (cruel or aggressive) and the latter as *Sama* (mild or passive) signs. Hence the Hindus astrologically explain that males born in a male sign will be virile and manly in their character, while those born in a female sign will be of effeminate habits and will be without brightness or fame, unless this sign is joined or aspected by powerful male planets, and that a woman born in a female sign will be

gentle and womanly in her character, while another born in a male sign will be a virago and an amazon, unless again this sign is joined or aspected by powerful female planets.

The third method was to divide the signs into sets of three each, representing the threefold manifestations of the Hindu *Pra Brahma* or the Hindu Trinity of Brahma, Vishnu and Iswara. The first sign Aries is consecrated to Brahma, the second sign Taurus to Vishnu, the third sign Gemini to Iswara, the fourth sign Cancer again to Brahma and so on in regular rotation. Of the Hindu Trinity, Brahma is the Creator and as his work involves evolution or movement, the signs sacred to him, viz:—Aries or Mesha, Cancer or Kataka, Libra or Thula and Capricornus or Makara are known as *Chara* or movable signs. Vishnu is the Protector and as his work implies fixedness or permanency, the signs sacred to him, viz:—Taurus or Vrishaba, Leo or Simha, Scorpio or Vrichika and Aquarius or Kumbha are known as *Sthira* or fixed signs. Iswara is the Destroyer and as his part of the work supposes a state of permanence at first and change afterwards, the signs sacred to him viz:—Gemini or Mithuna, Virgo or Kanya, Sagittarius or Dhanus, and Pisces or Meena came to be known as *Ubhaya* or common signs i. e., both movable and fixed. The *Chara* or moving signs—Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricornus also derive their names from the fact that when they are occupied by sun, the important changes in his annual course through the heavens take place and the four principal seasons—spring, summer, autumn and winter—commence in the Northern regions where the Hindus dwell. Astrologically these signs are considered to be the most powerful, the next in order being the fixed signs and the last being the common signs.

The fourth way was to divide them into what are called the *Sirshodhaya* (rising with the head), *Pristodhaya* (rising with the hind part) and *Ubhayodhaya* (rising both with the head and the hind part) signs. The *Rasimandalam* or the Zodiacal belt which consists of the twelve signs and whose position in the heavens lies along the ecliptic is not at right angles to the celestial meridian as it would be if it coincided with the celestial equator, but being inclined to this celestial equator at an angle of about 23 degrees and 27 minutes, the *Rasimandalam* cuts the meridian of any place at an oblique angle and hence the several signs of the Zodiac are said to rise in the East by Oblique Ascension, i. e., at an oblique angle to the visible horizon. The constellations or stellar groups forming the different signs are in the shape of certain animals as is indicated by their names. When certain signs rise in the East, the stars in the heads of the animals representing these signs come up first, while in certain others the stars in the hind part of the animals rise first. The former are known as the *Sirshodhaya* signs and they are:—Gemini, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio and Aquarius; and the latter as the *Pristodhaya* signs and these are:—Aries, Taurus, Cancer, Sagittarius and Capricornus. But when Pisces which is represented by two fish with their two heads and two tails in reversed position ascends the Eastern horizon, the stars in the head of one of the fish and the stars in the hind part of the other come up together. Hence Pisces came to be known as the *Ubhayodhaya* sign i. e., *Sirshodhaya* and *Pristodhaya* combined in one.

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The Manager.

18-8-03

LOCAL & GENERAL

The Sowing Season—A Timely shower of rain fell on the 5th Instant and farmers are busily engaged in ploughing, manuring, and sowing their fields. Since then the sky has been overcast with occasional drizzles.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT HINDU COLLEGE, JAFFNA—The distribution of prizes at the Hindu College, Jaffna, came off on Monday the 7th Inst. at 6 P. M. Mr. W. R. B. Sanders, District Judge, Jaffna presided and gave away the prizes. The College hall was tastefully decorated and there was a large and representative gathering of gentlemen from all parts of Jaffna. The District Judge was on arrival conducted to the dais by Mr. Nevius Selvadurai Pillai B. A. Principal of the College. The Proceedings commenced at about half past six when the Chairman called upon the Principal to read the annual report of the college which he did after addressing a few words of welcome to the Chairman. The reading of the report over, the Prizes were given not only to the first two boys in each class but also for efficiency in special subjects such as Science, Mathematics, Logic, Latin, and Religious Knowledge and for character. The gathering was entertained to music and recitation at intervals. The Chairman seemed to have been very well pleased with the music which was of a most exquisite kind. At the conclusion of the prize giving, remarks were offered by Messrs. Tambyah, Kanagasabai, and Tirunavukkarasu, advocates, Mr. T. C. Changarappillai, Proctor, Mr. Edward, Head Master of the Chetty Street High School and the Rev. Mr. J. Appappillai, Wesleyan Native Minister. The proceedings terminated after the Chairman made his observations which were most pertinent and appropriate to the occasion.

The Government Agent—The Acting Government Agent, Mr. J. P. Lewis, has gone from Mullaitivu to Matara to give evidence in a waste land case.

The Jaffna Commercial Corporation—The annual general meeting of this company came off on the 27th Ultimo. The report was adopted and a dividend of 9 per cent was formally declared. The distribution of cloth to the poor which was sanctioned at this meeting took place yesterday.

The Honourable Dr. Rockwood—We extend a hearty welcome to the Honourable Doctor Rockwood who arrived here by the last trip of the Lady Gordon.

Personal—Mr. A. Sapapathy, Editor of the Hindu Organ, left for Batticaloa on Saturday last on a visit to his friends and relations.

The Northern Railway—Mr. H. Oliver, Resident Engineer, arrived here on the 5th Inst. by the S. S. Lady Gordon to inspect the Northern Railway. Previous to his departure Mr. Oliver had a conference with the General Manager C. G. R. The laying of the rails downward from Pallai is going on apace. Good progress has also been made from the Kurunagala end. The rails have been laid within twenty miles of Anuradhapura.

Notaries' Preliminary Examination—An examination for candidates intending to enter into articles of apprenticeship with a view to become Notaries Public will be held in Colombo on 25th April 1904.

Peelgung a Gilt Jewel—A man of Vannarponnai who pledged a gilt jewel and got Rs15-00 for it was the other day charged with fraud in the Jaffna Police Court and the Police Magistrate after trying him has sentenced him to three months imprisonment with hard labour.

Matrimonial—Mr. Thuraiappah, the second son of late Mr. Appacuddy, Shroff of the Batticaloa Kachcheri, and brother of Mr. Sivagurunathar, Head Clerk, Fiscal's Office, Jaffna, was married on the 3rd Inst. to the daughter of the late Mr. Appacuddy Chellam of Vannarponnai, son-in-law of the late Mr. Muttutamby of Kanderamadam. We wish the young couple all happiness and prosperity.

Mr. S. Sampandar—This gentleman has been appointed to act as Additional District Judge, Commissioner of Requests, and Police Magistrate Anuradhapura. He acted in the same capacity on two or three occasions before this, and we hope he will soon get a permanent appointment.

Mrs. K.C.R. Kumarakulasinghe—Government has undertaken to pay the cost of passage to America of Mrs. Kumarakulasingha and her two children.

The St. Louis Exhibition—Exhibits are now being collected in Ceylon by the Commissioners appointed to represent Ceylon in this Exhibition. Mr. Paul Piris, one of the Asst. Commissioners to this Exhibition, among other things he collected, has got on loan a sapphire worth Rs 40000 and a cat's eye valued at Rs 1000 for exhibition at St. Louis.

Obituary—We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. V. Chellappa which took place at his residence at Navaly on the 19th Ultimo. He was an overseer in the P. W. D. and belonged to a respectable family at Navaly. His eldest daughter is married to Dr. S. Hallock Asst. Colonial Surgeon, Anuradhapura. The Head Clerk of the Minor Courts at Panwila is his son. Mr. Chellappa was a pious and devout man and well read in Hinduism. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved son and others who bemoan his loss.

The Mullaitivu Beacon—The site of the present beacon at Mullaitivu having been encroached upon by the sea a new site has been selected for it. The site chosen is two or three miles south of the present one.

Some Speedy Speakers—As a general rule speedy speakers do not exceed the speed of 200 words per minute. Of such at present in the House of Commons, stands prominent Mr. Marshall Hall, K. C., the member for the Southport Division of South-West Lancashire. He is a great terror to reporters. Another speedy speaker is Lord George Hamilton, but he is not so audible as the former. Mr. Charles Scott Dickson, K. C., the present Solicitor-General for Scotland, at one time held the record as a rapid speaker in Parliament. Indeed he won in those days the reputation of being the fastest speaker in Great Britain, but in more recent years he appears to have "slowed down" somewhat. It is said that only in one solitary instance did a stenographer ever succeed in giving an accurate verbatim report of his speech. This unprecedented performance of the reporter so delighted the late Sir Isaac Pitman, of shorthand fame, that the latter presented him with a gold watch as a memento of the achievement. The late Robert G. Ingersoll, the freethinker was a great American orator with a wonderful rapidity of speech. But the fastest talker in America, or, indeed, on the face of the earth, was the late Secretary of State, Mr. John Sherman. He is said to have uttered in 1892 during the agitation of the "silver question" the really extraordinary number of 300 words per minute. Among female orators, the fastest speaker is Mary Elizabeth Lease of America who has several times exceeded the rate of 250 words per minute.

COLOMBO.

Miss Lilian Edger M. A.—This talented lady of America, who had been in Calcutta for the last two years learning Hinduism, is a member of the Theosophical Society. On her way home, she touched Colombo the other day, and delivered a most admirable speech before a large audience in the Theosophical Lodge at Cinnamon Gardens. On a special invitation to her by the Vivekananda Society, there were many Hindus present. Her ideas are purely Hindu, and, her oratory, we dare say, is more exquisite even than that of Sir West Ridgeway. Since Mrs. Annie Besant visited Ceylon, perhaps such a fine speaker as this lady has never appeared in the Colombo platform. And yet the local papers disposed of her in a few words simply because she is Hindu in her ideas. Nevertheless the lecture will soon appear in book form.

Personal—Mr. A. S. Arambamoorthy a leading Hindu of Pt. Pedro, who had been in our midst for some time past, has left for Jaffna.

An "At Home"—Mr. C. Dias of the Royal College staff, once the Head Master of the Ananda College, held an "at home" to his friends on the 29th Instant in anticipation of his forthcoming marriage. Among the speech-makers on the occasion was Mr. A. Padmanaba, the eldest son of Mr. P. Arunachalam. We understand that his maiden speech created a most favourable impression in the minds of the hearers. The speech was splendid and the delivery was grand.

The Anuradhapura Riot Case—This case has been committed to the Supreme Court, and is to be tried in Kandy on the 21st of September.

PROVINCIAL ROAD COMMITTEE.

Jaffna, 18th August 1903 at

2-30 P. M.

Present

The Chairman

C. Stratenburgh Esq
S. Sabaretam Mudr. &
The Secretary.

Proceedings and Resolutions.

1. Read and approved proceedings of last meeting.

2. Laid on the table letter No. 30 of 14th May 1903 from the Chairman D. R. C. Mannar forwarding copy of proceedings of the D. R. C. meeting held on the 12th May 1903 previously circulated and approved by the members of the P. R. C., N. P.

8. Laid on the table letter No. 14 of 23rd May 1903 from the Chairman D. R. C. Mullaitivu re watering cooly previously circulated for information among the members of the P. R. C.

Resolved that enquiry be made as to how and why the experiment is not a success.

4. Laid on the table letter No. 40 of 15th June 1903 from the Chairman D. R. C. Mannar annexing estimate for repairing Veliappulam madam previously circulated and approved by the members of the P. R. C., N. P.

5. Laid on the table Letter No. 48 of 6th August 1903 from the Superintendent of Minor Works submitting revised estimate for Rs 400/- for the erection of covered ways in Pallai Rest House.

Resolved that the estimate be approved.

6. Laid on the table file of papers re encroachment at Anaicottai in Valigaman West, previously circulated among the members of the P. R. C., N. P.

Resolved that the Bishop be written to asking whether he will accept Mr. Ingles' Survey and remove the encroachment on the lane therein disclosed as a matter of grace and to avoid further litigation and without going into the question whether there is or is not an encroachment.

7. Read letter No. 49 of 15th August 1903 from the Superintendent of Minor Works Jaffna forwarding an estimate for Rs 16-40 for painting the ceiling of Elephant Pass Rest House dining room.

Resolved that the estimate be approved.

8. Laid on the table the following estimates:—

(1) Estimate for Rs 130-87 for extending the verandah of Elephant Pass Rest House.

(2) Estimate for Rs 105-61 for connecting verandah and kitchen of Elephant Pass Rest House with a covered way.

(3) Estimate for Rs 29-90 for fencing Kaits Rest House compound.

(4) Estimate for Rs 16-50 for painting green Kankesaturai Rest House dining-room.

Resolved that the estimate be approved

9. Laid on the table estimate for Rs 111 78 and Rs 77 25 for improvements to Kaits rest house and for metalling road through compound of Pallai rest house.

Resolved that the estimates be referred to the Provincial Engineer for his opinion.

W. A. Weeraoon

Secretary P. R. C.

District Road Committee:

Jaffna August 18, 1903 at 2. P. M.

Present

The Chairman

The District Engineer Jaffna

C. Stratenberg Esq.

A. Sapapathy Esq.

C. M. Sinniah Esq. and

The Secretary

Proceedings and Resolutions under Road Ordinances

1. Read and approved proceedings of last meeting.

2. Laid on the table Letter No. 23 of 4/5 May 1903 from the Superintendent Minor Roads Jaffna forwarding an estimate for raising and metalling Asaipilly road previously circulated among the members of the D. R. C. Jaffna.

Resolved that the work do stand over for the present.

3. Laid on the table letter No. 21 of 4/5 May 1903 from the Superintendent Minor Roads Jaffna forwarding estimates for Rs 551 60 and Rs 2 83-39 for gravelling Arialai road and for metalling Valipuram-Marutenkeni road respectively previously circulated among the members of the D. R. C. Jaffna.

Resolved that the estimate for gravelling Arialai road be passed.

Resolved further that the estimate for metalling Valipuram Marutenkeni road be passed, subject to revision by the P. E. The chairman recommends that, in order to develop Vadimirachy East the most backward division in the Peninsula, the Committee do take up sections of

this road year by year, and push on the work steadily until Marutenkeni is reached, to which point, it is hoped, the Railway Feeder road in course of construction will be carried across the lagoon.

4. Read letter No. 51 of 15th Augst 1903 from the Superintendent Minor Roads Jaffna forwarding an estimate for Rs 3138-34 for opening and constructing a new road from Changanaivalai road to Tellipalai-Pandaterupu road, together with connected papers.

The application of the inhabitants of Allavedi and Tellipalai being for relief from floods it did not appear to the Committee in what manner the proposed road could be of benefit to them, unless an outlet was found to carry off the flood-water from the drains on either side of the road.

5. Proposed by Mr. Sapapathy.

That in future all new works involving an expenditure of over Rs 100/- should be given out on contract.

Seconded by Mr. Chinniah

There being no objection on the part of the other members the motion was carried without discussion.

W. A. Weeracoon
Secretary D. R. C.

District Road Committee.

Jaffna Augt. 18, 1903 at 2 P. M.

Present

The Chairman
The Dist. Engineer
C. Stranborough Esq.
A. Sapapathy Esq.
C. M. Sinniah Esq. and
The Secretary.

Proceedings & Resolutions
(under Markets Ordinance)

1. Read and approved proceedings of last meeting.

2. Laid on the table file of paper are repairs to fish market Pr. Pedro previously circulated and approved by the members of the D. R. C. Jaffna.

Resolved that, when temporary repairs are next reported necessary, the desirability of erecting a suitable permanent building be considered.

W. A. Weeracoon
Secy D. R. C.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FAREWELL TO MR. AND MRS. JOHN DE KRETZER, SUB-COLLECTOR.

Pt. Pedro, 31st August 1903.

In Marine Villa, the late P. W. D. Bungalow at Point Pedro, there was a very large and representative gathering composed of officials and merchants yesterday evening, the occasion being the entertainment given to Mr. and Mrs. J. De Kretzer on the eve of their departure from amongst them. The Bungalow was very tastefully decorated. The music was supplied by the Jaffna Vannai Hindu Vinodha Sabha, and they also gave a very successful performance of Harichandra and Tara. Mr. George Prins, the Police Magistrate presided and spoke in most eulogistic terms of the good qualities of Mr. and Mrs. De Kretzer and the golden opinions they have won during their stay here both officially and socially. Speeches were also made by Messrs. Armstrong Talavasingam Advocate, and Theyvar Nagalingam, merchant and shipowner, which were suitably responded to by Mr. Kretzer. The gathering dispersed at about 10. p. m., (after light refreshments were partaken of) with a fine display of fencing and boxing sports by some native youngsters of the place. Among those present were Misses Quinie, Loo, and Alice Stewarts, Doctors S. F. Danforth and S. Arumugam, Messrs. W. A. Perera, Sub-Collector, N. M. Venayagam, Post and Telegraph Master, V. Modr. Sivasidamparam, Maniagar, J. S. Philips, Chief Clerk, Courts, S. Nakalinkam, Interpreter, M. Subramaniam, S. Subramaniam, K. Kanakasabai, Proctors, A. Sinnatamby, D. H. Margeant and A. S. Chandrasegara, Medical Practitioners and L. S. Scharenquibel Fiscal's Marshal, S. T. Chittampalam, shroff, V. Vadivelu, Registrar, C. Kanapadipillai, Signaller, S. Manikkam, A. S. Arumugam, A. S. Arambamoorthy, V. Nagalingam, S. Canagarayer, V. Culandaivelu, C. Velayuther, K. Venasatamby, A. Cadiraman, M. Poothathamby, and several other Merchants, land-lords and headmen too numerous to mention. The same ladies and gentlemen met again this morning and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Kretzer to the steamer S S Lady Havelock in specially decorated boats where they were bidden good-bye and a bon voyage to Colombo.—Cor.

A MEETING AT ANURADHAPURA.

Minutes of a Meeting held by the Tamil residents of Anuradhapura at 5. p. m. on the 24th August 1903.

Present:—

Messrs. S. Sampander, C. Kanagasuriyam, S. Navaratnaraja, M. Philips, K. Chinnatamby, H. Joseph, J. I. Guanamuttu, B. J. Lawrencepillai, S. Sittampalam, W. S. Chunterampillai, S. Sathasivampillai, M. Chelliah, S. Appucuttu, S. Mattiah, S. S. Saravanamuttu, and many others.

On the motion of Mr. Kanagasuriyam seconded by Mr. Joseph, Mr. Sampandar was elected Chairman and Mr. Navaratnaraja as Vice Chairman.

On the motion of Mr. Sittampalam seconded by Mr. Kanagasuriyam, Mr. K. Chinnatamby was elected Secretary and Mr. Joseph as Treasurer.

On the motion of Mr. M. S. Chellappa seconded by Mr. K. Chinnatamby it was resolved that it is desirable for the Tamil Community to accord a special welcome to His Excellency the Governor on his forthcoming visit to Anuradhapura in view of the great boon conferred upon them by the Northern Railway.

On the motion of Mr. Yesudasen seconded by Mr. Chunderampillai it was resolved that the welcome should take the form of a Pandal to be erected on a site to be hereafter selected where an address shall be presented. The Tamil residences shall be decorated and illuminated on the night of His Excellency the Governor's arrival.

On the motion of Mr. M. Chelliah seconded by Mr. Sittampalam, it was resolved that a subscription list be circulated amongst Tamils throughout the Province.

On the motion of Mr. H. Joseph seconded by Mr. Sittampalam it was resolved to form Sub-Committees to carry out the different resolutions. Thereupon the following Sub-Committees were elected.

1. *Collections.* Proposed by Mr. Sittampalam and seconded by Mr. Philips that the following gentlemen be appointed for this purpose.

The Treasurer, Messrs Kanakasuriyam, Ponnusamy, Chelliah, Ondatje, Sivakolunthu, Thambipullai, Sittampalam, Chunterampillai, Sathasivampillai, and Vairamuttu

2. *Pandal and Decorations.* The following gentlemen were elected for carrying out this object.

The Secretary, Messrs. Sathasivampillai, Chunterampillai, Philips, Chelliah, Thilliampalam, C. A. Valooppillai, V. S. Sethukavalar, Muttiah, Appucuttu, Ponnusamy, Ehatamby, Chellappa, Gnanamuttu, Joseph, Lawrencepillai, and Thambiah.

3. *Address.* The following gentlemen were elected to draft and submit an address.

The Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, Messrs. Kanakasuriyam, Philips, Gnanamuttu, Sethukavalar and Dr. Vettivelu.

The Meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A SEND OFF AT NEWARA ELIYA.

A select and representative body of the numerous friends of Dr. Suppiramaniam, Aset. D. M. O. Nuwara Eliya, met last evening at his residence to bid him good-bye prior to his departure to Badulla. By his professional skill and courteous and unobtrusive manners the Doctor has made himself very popular during the short space of six months he had been here. The Kachcheri Head Clerk who presented a purse on behalf of the residents referred eulogistically to the Doctor's highly respectable connections in Jaffna and his great and well merited popularity at Nuwara Eliya. Being a layman he was afraid to venture an opinion on the Doctor's professional abilities, so he quoted the opinion of Dr. J. G. Woulters who he said assured him that Mr. Suppiramaniam was the best Assistant he ever had and that he would entrust any of his cases however serious safely to his treatment. The Gravets Mudahyar also was glad of the opportunity offered to him to bear testimony to the many sterling qualities and professional abilities of the young Doctor. The Doctor thanked the company for the honour in suitable terms.

Light refreshments (non alcoholic) were served and the company was treated to some instrumental music. The party broke up at 10

P. M. after a cordial shake of hands, many assurances of lasting friendship, and hearty good wishes for the Doctor's future prosperity. Dr. Suppiramaniam left this for his destination this morning. Cor.

PERAK JAFFNESE AND FANCY CORRESPONDENTS.

Sir,

A publication entitled "Correspondence—Perak", appearing in the "Morning Star" of the 10th July has roused great excitement in Jaffna Tamil circle here.

It is true that the Secretary of State on the recommendation of the High Commissioner of the Federated Malay State sanctioned a sterling scheme mainly intended for the European officers of the Federated Malay States Service. In which, accidentally, the 2nd Grade Draftsmen of the Revenue Survey Department were also included. But the Correspondent to the "Star" by the position of his words, would have us believe that the Secretary of State specifically selected those Draftsmen for this generous treatment, which is not a fact, but an unfounded fancy, and which is in contravention of all principles of Government. If that comes to the knowledge of the F. M. S. Government it is nothing but throwing a slur on the Jaffna Tamil community here and confirming the prevailing idea that the "Jaffna Man" is pompous and vain-glorious. Again it is quite useless to write to a News Paper in Ceylon about the emoluments of Jaffna Officers in the Straits Settlements. Cor.

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

ORDER NISI.

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 1395
Class II.

In the matter of the estate of the late
Chinny widow of Murugan Karanavay South
D. ceased.
Murugan Chinnappillai of Karanavay South
Petitioner

Vs

Murugan Chaidayan of Karanavay South
Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Murugan Chinnappillai of Karanavay South praying for Letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Chinny widow of Murugan of Karanavay South coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esq. District Judge, on the 26th day of August 1903, in the presence of Mr. S. Subramaniam, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs 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 6th day of October 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 26th day of August 1903

Signed. W. R. B. SANDERS
District Judge.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

ORDER NISI.

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 1401

In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Manikkam wife of Vaittilinkam of Kockuvil
Deceased.

Appakkuddy Vaittilinkam of Kockuvil
Petitioner.

Vs

1. Supper Aramukam and wife
2. Theivanai of Kockuvil West
Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Appakkuddy Vaittilinkam of Kockuvil praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Manikkam wife of Vaittilinkam coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 28th day of August 1903 in the presence of Messrs Casippillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 27th day of August 1903 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful 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 30th day of September 1903 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 28th day of August 1903.

Sigd. W. R. B. SANDERS
District Judge

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