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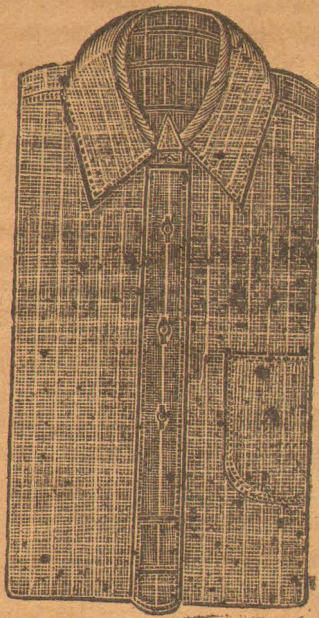
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JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1904.

THE POLICE MAGISTRACY OF JAFFNA.

All speculations and surmises as to who will succeed Mr. T. M. Tampoe as Police Magistrate of Jaffna has been set at rest by the appointment of Mr. T. B. Russell to that office as from the 15th Instant. We, however, learn that Mr. Russell will assume duties of his new office on the 27th Instant, and that Mr. Tampoe will continue to act till that date. The new Police Magistrate of Jaffna has the reputation of being a painstaking and conscientious officer and a genial and courteous gentleman. We have, therefore, little doubt that he will prove a worthy occupant of this Police Court Bench and give satisfaction in the discharge of his duties to the Bar and the public. It is, however, to be regretted that Mr. Tampoe who has proved himself an ideal Magistrate is not to be continued in this office for some years longer, as he is still fit for many years work, or that, when he is retired, his place is not given to another deserving Tamil gentleman. Evidently an anti-native feeling prevails in certain quarters, and every opportunity has eagerly been availed of, under the flimsiest pretexts, to secure the transfer or retirement of high Tamil officials in Jaffna.

Jaffna is the chief Tamil District of the Island. It is but proper that worthy Tamils should be elected to occupy high and responsible offices here. There was hardly a time when eminent Tamils were not occupying high official positions in Jaffna. From the earliest time of the British conquest of the Island the Government has always recognised the claims of the Tamils to have Police Magistrates of their own in, at least, one station in this District. Mr. Muttiah was, we believe, the first Tamil Magistrate of Kaitis. Mr. Ambalavanar, father-in-law of Mr. A. Mailvaganam J. P. and U. P. M. held the same office for many years with very great credit in the middle of the last century. Mr. C. W. Kathiravelu Pillai who retired only a few years ago was an exemplary Magistrate, and was not only the Police Magistrate of Kayts but also acted with very great acceptance as District Judge and Police Magistrate of Jaffna. Another Tamil who served with distinction in this Province was the late Mr. J. J. Casie Chitty who was for several years Police Magistrate of Point Pedro and Chavakachcheri. After the retirement of Mr. Kathiravelu Pillai and the transfer of Mr. Casie Chitty

two other worthy Tamils were appointed as Police Magistrates, viz, Mr. T. M. Tampoe for Jaffna, and Mr. R. W. Allegacoon for Point Pedro. We can safely assert without fear of contradiction that more efficient, conscientious, painstaking and popular Magistrates than these two gentlemen have never served in this District, and that their countrymen, were proud of them and fully appreciated the compliment paid to them as a community by the Government in the appointment of these two gentlemen to those responsible offices in this District.

Mr. Allegacoon's transfer from Point Pedro to Chilaw was brought about under mysterious circumstances, taking advantage of a single judgment of his which was set aside by a Judge of the Supreme Court, and on the one-sided representation of certain high officials here. The sudden transfer of this Tamil officer from a Tamil District to a strange Sinhalese District, about two years ago, was then felt as a great injustice to him and a jobbery on the part of those who were responsible for it. It was then said that the absence of Sir West Ridgeway in England who set a great value on Mr. Allegacoon's abilities as a Magistrate and who never intended to remove him from the Jaffna District was availed of to transfer him to Chilaw. It goes without saying that a European official would not have been similarly dealt with under similar or even more serious circumstances.

Mr. Tampoe, however, remained as the only Tamil occupying in this Province a high and responsible office under the Government. It is reported that Mr. Tampoe's retirement also has been brought about, by the same agency which had effected the transfer of Mr. Allegacoon, and that, on a special representation lately made from here with the object of preventing another Tamil officer from being appointed Police Magistrate of Jaffna, an English Magistrate has been appointed to this Police Court Bench. If that report be true, we cannot but view with the greatest concern and anxiety the policy of the Government which has resulted in weeding out all Tamils from high offices in this District. A few years ago all the Police Courts in this District were presided over by Tamil Magistrates viz, Mr. Kathiravelu Pillai at Kayts, Mr. Tampoe at Jaffna and Mallakam, and Mr. Casie Chitty at Point Pedro and Chavakachcheri. If it was considered desirable to employ so many Tamils in those offices in Jaffna at that time, surely the Tamils are entitled to have now a larger number entrusted with positions of trust and responsibility in Tamil Districts. Instead of which, when Mr. Tampoe retires, there will not be one Tamil Police Magistrate in the Jaffna District, though there are five Police Courts presided over by three Magistrates. The present condition of affairs may be a matter of perfect unconcern, or even of satisfaction to a few persons, Tamils though they be, who cannot bear to see their own countrymen, however eminent and qualified they may be, occupying higher positions than themselves; but all right-thinking persons must deplore that the Tamils as a community have lost, instead of gaining ground, in the matter of being entrusted with high and responsible offices. Evidently some persons have, unwittingly, played into the hands of English officials, who, however just and conscientious they may be in other respects, have been pursuing a policy of seeing natives of the soil not being employed in high offices which they consider to be preserves for the ruling race. If trial by Jury or by our peers is a great boon conferred on His Majesty's subjects, how much more should we value the privilege of being tried by Judges and Magistrates who belong to our

own nationality—men worthy of the trust imposed on them and intimately acquainted with men and things in the country in which they administer justice—instead of by alien Magistrates who are young and inexperienced and are not generally as successful as native Magistrates in shifting the evidence and finding out the truth of a case. It may be said that the advantage of having an English Magistrate is that he will be free from all personal bias and prejudices and family influences and connections of which a native Magistrate cannot divest himself. This is equally true of Judges and Magistrates in all countries and climes. Yet foreigners are not imported to administer justice into independent and self-governing countries. Even in Jaffna, as we have already shewn, Tamil gentlemen have filled high judicial appointments among their own countrymen with great credit to themselves and to the community to which they belong. We earnestly hope that His Excellency Sir Henry Blake, our new Governor, who has the reputation of being a ruler who is just and fair in his dealings with native races, will not encourage this anti-native policy on the part of British officials in Ceylon.

Mr. Tampoe gave up a large and lucrative practice as a Proctor and Notary Public to become Police Magistrate of Jaffna, and he was pecuniarily a loser by accepting that appointment. He now retires, having been called upon by Government to do so, after a highly meritorious service, by which the Government and the public have been benefitted. Having been, however, only an acting officer he is not entitled to pension. We, therefore, hope, as we were the first to suggest in a previous issue, that he will be granted a gratuity, as was done in the case of officers similarly placed, especially in the case of Messrs Northmore and Eaton, who acted as Police Magistrates respectively of Hatton and Matale.

LOCAL & GENERAL

The Public Health—Fever prevails here to an alarming extent and mortality is abnormal. This is undoubtedly due to the recent heavy rains and floods in all parts of the country. But if there be proper flood outlets the state of affairs would not be so bad as it is now. Most of the water channels have been filled up, and the Government has not taken any steps to re-open or repair them. We would strongly urge on the authorities the necessity of improving the sanitary condition of the country.

S. S. "Jaffna"—We learn that this little Steamer has been repaired by Messrs Walker Sons & Co.; but the Jaffna Steam Navigation Company decline to take delivery of her as they consider the repairs to be of an unsatisfactory character. It is believed that an interesting lawsuit will be the outcome of the fitting and repairs of the Steamer by Messrs Walker Sons & Co.

The Supreme Court—The first criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court will commence here on the 15th proximo, the Chief Justice presiding.

A man shot in a quarrel—We hear that in a quarrel which ensued between two parties at Sandirippay on the 19th inst, a man was shot and seriously wounded. The bullet passed through the mouth of the man and got out by the side of his ear.

The New Police Magistrate of Jaffna—Mr. T. B. Russell has gone to Colombo to stand the Civil Service Examination and Mr. Tampoe continues to act till his return on the 27th Instant.

The Jaffna District Court—Mr. W. R. B. Sanders, the District Judge, shortly proceeds home on leave. It is not known who his successor will be. It is rumoured that local arrangement will be made for doing the duties of D. J. for three months.

The Provincial Engineer—The Provincial Engineer Mr. Pole Fletcher is going home on leave next month. He will be succeeded here by Mr. Waddel.

Water supply to the Town of Jaffna—The work in the Tinnavey well from which it is intended to sup-

ply water to the town of Jaffna is suspended now owing to rains.

Teachers-College—Mr. Evans Principal of Teachers Training College, Colombo, came here during Christmas holidays and held an examination for those willing to join the College. Three have been selected from Jaffna, of whom two are Teachers of Hindu College, viz. Mr. Kanagasundram and Mr. Ponniah, who leave for Colombo today by the "Lady Havelock."

Vannarponnai assault case—The case instituted by Mr. R. Raguathan against two young men of Vannarponnai for having assaulted him while he was asleep at his house was tried in the District Court, Jaffna and the accused were discharged. But the Attorney-General appealed against the Judgment and the Supreme Court set aside the judgment of the District Judge and finding the accused guilty, sentenced each of them to one year's rigorous imprisonment.

Obituary—We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. R. O. ThuraiRajah which took place at his residence at Anaiappanthiyady on the 14th Instant. He was a son of late Mr. OSKwood Chellappah who was Mathematical Professor in Wesley College Colombo, and grandson of Mr. Mervin Murugasapillai, retired second Clerk, Jaffna Kachcheri. The deceased was only 21 years old and was an intelligent and promising young man. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved mother and others who bemoan his loss.

The late Sir William Kensey—Death is announced of Sir William Kynsey who was for several years P. C. M. O. of Ceylon. He retired from the Head of the Medical Department of the Colony in 1897.

BATTICALOA.

5th January 1904.

The Weather—Heavy showers of rain have fallen in almost all the parts of the District during the past fortnight, thus filling all tanks, ponds, and wells. The weather has now cleared up. Fever has made its appearance.

Judicial—Rumour has it that Mr. A. de Seneveratne, our newly appointed District Judge in the place of Mr. T. B. Russell transferred to Jaffna as Office Assistant, will shortly be transferred to Colombo as District Judge.

Personal—Mr. T. Sinnatambay Mudaliyar, our Deputy Fiscal, who has discharged his duties with great acceptance both to the Government and to the public has been promoted to the second class of the Clerical Service. Mr. A. Thuraiappah, Agent Jaffna Commercial Corporation here has left this by the last trip of the "Lady Havelock" on a short visit to his friends and relations in Jaffna.

An Appointment—The vacancy caused by the demise of Mr. Sinnatambay Vanniah, the Millionaire of Kallar, has been filled up by the appointment of Mr. I. Kulasekarampillai—a gentleman of great influence and respectability. He belongs to a respectable Hindu family at Piddarappu, where he is very popular and influential. There were many applicants for this post including some Government officials. Yet our Government Agent has selected Mr. Kulasekarampillai as the fittest candidate for the post. We congratulate Mr. Kulasekarampillai on his appointment to this high office and the Government Agent for having made an excellent selection among a large number of applicants.

P. W. D.—Mr. F. J. Pigot, the Provincial Engineer, Eastern Province, has gone on leave and Mr. T. H. Chapman from Kandy will act for him.

Local Board Election—Advocates Tisseveerasingam and Nagappan, and Mr. Victor Covington, the sitting members, have been unanimously re-elected Members of the Local Board here for the years 1904—1905.

Braur—This small village which is some 6 or 7 miles away from the Town, on the way to Kalkuda where steamers touch during winter season has of late become very notorious for daring high way robbery. Though many daring robberies have taken place, yet we are sorry the Government have not taken steps to put them down. Merchants here who go to Kalkuda to remove their goods have often been molested and robbed. It is indeed high time for the Government to establish a punitive Police force to curb the violence of those people.

NOTES FROM SELANGOR.

(From a Correspondent.)

His Highness Sulaiman Shah the Sultan of Selangor—In honour of his coronation which took place recently at his (Istana) residence at Klang two prisoners of every nationality, it is said, are to be released. The Inauguration of his grand new palace erected for him by the Government in a purely Arabic style was another important event that happened at the same time. The rulers of the adjacent States, Perak, Pahang and Negri Sembilan and the elite of all the

leading communities graced the occasion by their presence. Coronation ceremonies according to Mohammedan religious customs were performed for a period of 40 days. Deputations from different nationalities were in regular attendance to pay homage to the Royal personage. At a dinner given to the high European officials, His Highness eulogised in high terms the great many advantages the State and its various races have derived under the benign British protection. The Federal conference of the four Native States with their British Residents, the Resident-General and His Excellency the High Commissioner (President) held some time back in the Metropolitan town of Kuala Lumpur for the second time, since Federation, gave convincing proofs of the appreciation of the rulers of the British advice in as-much-as the Sultans and Native Chiefs had in addition to other advantages free opportunities of exchanging thoughts, aspirations etc. His Highness is a very sympathetic ruler of the State and it is hoped that he would follow in the foot-steps of his illustrious father.

Supramaniaswamy Kovil—There is a case pending in court between the Chetty community and the Indian Hindus about the management of this Temple. It would appear that the late Mr. Tamposampillai a Hindu Millionaire of the place had a share in the Temple, but since his death, the Chetties refuse to give the same share of privilege to his son, Mr. Parimalampillai. In the event of the Chetties not winning the case, they have an idea of giving it up altogether and in all probability another Temple will spring up soon. The usual grand festival of God Supramanar and the religious feasts that take place in connection with the Thirukarthikai were not celebrated this year owing to the Court having suspended any public demonstration until the case is settled. Seeing that a Hindu Temple in the heart of the metropolis is well managed by the Indians, and the Chetties' temple being situated at the third mile close to the Central Workshop, the necessity for another one does not come in for the present. Mr. M. Coomarasamy (Indian) the Chief Tamil Interpreter of courts, Selangor, being a gentleman of character, intelligence and influence will, it is hoped, bring matters to an amicable settlement. He is endeared by all who come in contact with him and He is also a linguist.

Mr. Saravanamuttupillai of Jaffna—This gentleman is a Tamil Pandit and was once the editor of the late "Uthiappan" and came to this place about 18 months ago; his presence amongst us was not utilised for any good purpose at first as our people are generally backward to value really deserving men; but through the influence of some gentlemen, his vast study of Tamil literature such as Siddhantham etc. which are the rarest productions of time-honoured Hindu philosophy explaining the nature of Soul, God and Karma in their high conception, was made use of in this place by numerous lectures he delivered in the usual meeting hall. His preachings have besides being instructive, impressed his hearers with a love to study the Hindu religion, which is widely spreading in the far West. Briefly it may be stated without a shadow of doubt that he is a Tamil scholar, but unfortunately our community has to learn a good deal before they are capable of valuing things in their true light. Men who keep others in terror, succeed in collecting large sums of money with many fabricated stories. It would be astonishing to know that a certain man was able to raise a sum of 8,000 dollars in Selangor in the short space of a month. It gives pleasure to this venerable pundit to see that his labours do not go in vain but will bear fruits sooner or later. It is only proper here to state that Mr. Tamotherampillai (of Urumpirai) is the only gentleman who rendered genuine help to this pundit.

—His Excellency W. T. Taylor, Acting Governor of Straits Settlements and High Commissioner of the Federated Malay States, paid an Official visit to Kuala Lumpur. His time was fully occupied in looking into the system of Financial Department.

Mr. Supramaniam—The Head Overseer P. W. D. returned from leave and resumed his duties. He was the President of the S. C. T. Association and carried out his duties acceptably.

—Mr. Seenivasagam of the Survey Department returned from leave and took up his duties. He is an intelligent and hardworking Officer.

Messrs. Ponniah and Canapathy Pillai—The former a Relief Clerk and the latter a Station Master F. M. S. Railways returned from leave and resumed their respective duties.—Cor.

Kuala Lumpur, 31st December 1903.

(From Another Correspondent.)

—Municipal Buildings and Town Hall, Kuala Lumpur, which are fast approaching completion is commanding a great appearance on account of its being situated on the other bank of the Gombak River and its proximity to the Government Offices. The cost of the building is estimated at 137,500 dollars.

Capture of rats—As a preventive measure against Bubonic plague, the Sanitary Board Authorities continue to offer 4 cents for every rat that is taken to the Sanitary Board Incinerator.

Electric Light Installation—The Town of Kuala Lumpur will be lighted with electricity during this year.

Port Swettenham—This is the Port of Selangor which was formerly known as Kuala Klang and it derived its present name in 1900 in honour of the late Governor Sir Frank Swettenham's valuable ser-

ices to the State as British Resident and Resident-General. This place is now turned out a busy Port of call and at a monthly average 135 local steamers call at this Port with a large number of passengers and cargo. Port Swettenham which was once a hot-bed of malaria is now a health resort with sea-breeze and pure water supply.

—Mr. C. Ramalingam of Araly delivered an instructive lecture at the last religious Meeting pointing out what connection Astronomy has with Hinduism and explaining what the Symbols of different Hindu Deities represent on a scientific basis. He further impressed on the hearers the necessity for Religious Meetings as many Hindus have a very feeble notion of their true Religion. He concluded with a few encouraging remarks. He trained a number of students in singing Devarams and held a Pajanai on Thiruvathirai day. Many of his students are employed in the State. I congratulate the youngsters on their new move.

Mr. Ramalingam is a brother of Mr. Sittampalam of the General Post Office Kuala Lumpur and has been a seeker after truth for a considerable time.

Mr. Nambyar B. A.—A Hindu Barrister of the Madras Presidency has given notice of practising in the Federated Malay States. He is the first native lawyer to practise in these Courts. It may not be too long before we can expect a number of other native legal professionals follow suits.

Mr. Letchmanapillai—The Clerk of Works P. W. D. is a sympathetic gentleman always taking interest in every public movement.

Mr. Sinnappah of the Chief Accountant and Auditor's Office Railways who has for a long time acted as Traffic Inspector is one of the patriotic gentlemen of the place. The existence of the S. C. T. Association is chiefly due to the disinterested work he has done as Treasurer of the Association but the opposition caused by some irresponsible critics discouraged him in his laudable effort.

Mr. Thamby Rajah of the Survey Department, brother of Mr. Kallapillai, late of the Police Department, is another gentleman who along with the other Committee Members of the Association has worked honestly in the national undertaking. Spirit of patriotism which has been latent in many is awakened since the opening of the Religious meeting.

Mr. Thambapillai, Tamil Interpreter of Courts, Selangor, being a gentleman of intelligence and influence has well done his portion of duty in the Association; in short if the patriotic gentlemen, mentioned in my occasional notes which you have been kind enough to give publicity in your widely read paper, will work with one heart the affairs of the Association which are in a deplorable state may be improved a good deal. Committee members may set an example by their actions instead of framing rules which they consider as the panacea for all the evils. It is hoped that a thorough revival is inevitable.

Kuala Lumpur, 7th January 1904.

PERAK NEWS.

Mr. S. Supramaniam of Kukuvi, Clerk and Store-keeper, Kuala Kangsar, who was recently on leave in Jaffna, has now returned to Perak and resumed his duties.

Mr. E. C. Daniel, son of Revd. George Daniel of Chundickully, who was acting as office Assistant in the General Manager's Office, Federated Malay States Railways, has now been transferred on promotion to the Divisional Engineer's Office Perak. Mr. Daniel has been of great assistance to the Church work in Kuala Lumpur and his transfer from Selangor is a direct gain to Taiping.

Mr. R. Chelliah of Naval, acting Post Master, Taiping, has now been transferred to Kuala Kangsar. Mr. Chelliah has been of utmost value as Postmaster to all in Taiping and his absence will be keenly felt by all his compatriots in Taiping.

Mr. A. E. Clough who was temporarily sent to act in Kinta some time ago has come back to Taiping and resumed his duties in the Revenue Service Office there.

Mr. C. V. Bonney of Telipallai who was acting in Teluk Anson has been transferred back to Parit Buntar.

The Ipoh Jaffnese have succeeded in Establishing a Reading Room there under the name of the Kinta Ceylon Association. Much credit is due to Mr. Arumugam the original promoter of the undertaking, and it is our earnest hope that he should bring up his patriotic undertaking. Throughout the whole Federated Malay States only three Associations of the kind exist, one in Taiping by far the best, the other in Ipoh, and the third in Kuala Lumpur.

Mr. V. Muttuvelu, Clerk in the Taiping Treasury is proceeding on seven and a half months leave to Jaffna.

Mr. M. Nallatamby of Thunavy, who is the Station Master at Tapah Road, is shortly to proceed on six month's leave to Jaffna.

The Ceylon Association, Taiping, continues to progress well; and very recently the Government has granted a land for recreation purposes to the Associ-

ation together with \$150 to put it in proper order.

The Taiping Young men's Improvement makes rapid strides in the direction of advancement; Its members number about 25 now; and they have a weekly Newspaper by the name of "The Y. M. I. S. Guardian".—Cor.

THE VIVEKANANDA SOCIETY, COLOMBO. INAUGURATION OF THE LIBRARY.

The consecration of the Vivekananda Society Library took place on the morning of the 19th Ultimo, and the Society Hall at No. 63 Wolfendahl was tastefully decorated by Messrs M. S. Murugesu and A. Kandiah and the little sons of Mr. V. Thamboo (of the P. W. D.). The hall presented an attractive appearance and at about 11 a. m., the religious ceremonies were gone through by Srmat Appaswami Kurukkal officiating as priest. In the evening at 4. p. m., a large and representative gathering of about 400 persons composing the well-wishers of the Society assembled at the Price Park Theatre Hall, where the formal opening was performed by Mr. Proctor H. Tiruvilangam M. M. C. in the unavoidable absence of the President Mr. N. Tiaga Raja Barrister-at-law. The proceedings commenced with the singing of Devaram by Mr. V. Murugiah to the accompaniment of the violin.

Mr. Tiruvilangam, who was voted to the chair, called upon the Secretary to read the report of the Society's work since its formation. The Secretary in a lengthy report alluded to the liberal contributions of the Public towards the formation of the Library and made special mention of Mr. M. Sanmugam Irrigation Engineer Kannkenni and Mr. A. Chinnappa Chief Clerk Trincomalie Kachcheri, for their assistance in collecting subscriptions at outstations. He also referred in eulogistic terms to the ability with which Mr. P. Arunachalam M. A., C. C. S., the Patron and Mr. V. Karalapillai the originator of the Society, have guided that institution.

The Chairman rising amidst applause said Gentlemen, After the exhaustive report just now read by the Secretary of this Society there is hardly anything for me to add regarding the work of the Society. This society was started some eighteen months ago in commemoration of the late lamented Srmat Swami Vivekananda. It was this sage who proclaimed to the world that "That which exists is one and the sages call it variously." This was a blow to religious bigotry and encouraged one to follow his own religion and to respect the religion of his neighbour. The object of the Society, we are told, is to promote the study and practice of the Hindu religion and philosophy. You were told how vigorously and earnestly the study of the standard works on our religion and philosophy has been prosecuted, and how a special class for this purpose has been organised. All this work could not have been done without the necessary materials. An appeal was made to the Hindu public and it was responded to, to some extent. Out of the collections and contributions that were forth-coming books were bought and the result is this handsome Library, a long felt want is now almost an accomplished fact, (applause). The Society is no doubt indebted and should be grateful to all those who had sympathised and rendered their assistance, I mean, pecuniarily. On the contrary the Hindu public in general ought to be thankful and grateful to the promoters of this Society for the yeoman service they have rendered to the Hindus, especially in Colombo. Generation after generation passed away, every one acquired property and wealth looked after himself and his wife and children, but did not provide for the spiritual wants of himself or his children. But at present some energetic and pious Hindu youngmen have come forward and strenuously worked and brought about an institution which not only requires the support of all of us but is worthy of imitation by the young and the old. This institution is on its infancy and requires maintenance and support till it can shift for itself. I earnestly hope that all of you, gentlemen, who can afford will come forward and support this noble work until it can be made to stand by itself. When this institution with the Library then attached is an accomplished fact it is no doubt a boon to the present generation as well as the generations yet to come. Without proceeding any further, I shall proceed with the work of the day. I declare the Library of the Vivekananda Society open (Loud and continued applause.)

As the chairman concluded the speech flowers were showered from above in front of the glass almirah which contained a selection of books and which represented the Library. The almirah was placed in the centre of the stage.

Mr. Hector Jayawardene Advocate, spoke in praise of the noble work done by the Society as

was told in the Secretary's report. He said he felt embarrassed to stand on the occasion to address a meeting composed for the most part of Hindus, and on a subject which was quite foreign to him, but for him to be asked to express his views of the work of the Society, he took it testified to the liberality of thought of the members of the Vivekananda Society, a quality which was prominent in Swami Vivekananda himself. Swami Vivekananda was a great exponent of Hindu Philosophy, he was not only a spiritual teacher but he was also an intellectual teacher and he inculcated the necessity of intellectual attainment. The late Swami advocated that all Hindus should have perfect freedom and should travel everywhere. He travelled to America to preach the Hindu philosophy and the Americans admired and appreciated his teachings and he (the speaker) understood that there were several converts made by the Swami. The speaker thought that no better posthumous compliment could have been paid to such great man than by founding such an association in his honour and attaching to it a Library replete with works on the philosophy of the ancient world which gave them ample scope to investigate into the history of it. He expressed the wish that that Library might have a long and prosperous career. (applause)

Mr. S. Nadarajah, Advocate, followed with an eloquent speech in which he attributed the vitality of Hinduism to the spiritual treasure stored up by the Hindu sages in their sacred Books.

Messrs. V. Karalapillai and K. Sundaramurtipillai addressed the meeting in Tamil.

Mr. C. T. Ambikapati one of the Vice-Presidents proposed a vote of thanks to those who had addressed the meeting and also to the visitors, which was carried.

Mr. S. Vythianathan the Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. J. Chinniah Pillai for having lent the use of the hall which was also carried.

A vote of thanks to the chair and the singing of Devaram brought the proceedings to a close.

A band of musicians then treated the audience with a selection of some fine Tamil and Hindustani airs and the gathering dispersed after an enjoyable evening.

Among those present, besides the speakers were Messrs. W. Sangarapillai Broker, C. Namasivayam, T. Sockanadan and K. Thambiah, Shroffs S. Saravanamuttu Shroff Mudaliyar, C. Balasingam Advocate, P. Narayanaswamy, D. Muttusamy and K. Chelliah Proctors, Mudaliyar A. Tillaiampalam, S. Sivejoti, C. S. Kandiah, K. S. Kandiah, D. Nicholas B. A., S. Vythialingam B. A., Martinus C. Perera, V. Canagasaby, P. Wimalaseuri, D. A. de Silva, V. Thambipillai, T. Canapathipillai and others.—Cor.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The birthday anniversary of Srmat Swami Vivekananda the Patriotic sage was observed by the members of the Society on Sunday the 10th instant. The hall was tastefully decorated with flowers, ferns and flags and with the pictures of Ganesha, Sarasvati and Lakshmi and the photos of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Swami Vivekananda, Swami Abhedananda and others; "Om" in sanskrit was artistically designed from fern on the front wall and appeared amidst a profusion of flowers, bearing a contrast to the other designs in evergreens. Hangings in tender leaves of the coconut and the mango added much to the solemn appearance of the hall that evening. Despite the bad weather there was a fairly good gathering of the admirers of the Swami, when at about 7. p. m., Mr. C. T. Ambikapati vice-President took the chair. A very long programme of Readings and Recitation was gone through with intervals of music, instrumental and vocal, contributed by Messrs. E. Sreenivasan and V. Murugiah two well-wishers of the Society. The chairman recited portions from the sacred Vedas. Ganesha Atharva Saras, which was followed by recital of Devaram by Mr. Murugiah and the reading of the Isavasya Upanishad by Mr. R. S. Subramaniam. Special songs in Tamil composed for the occasion by the Secretary were sung to the accompaniment of Music. Mr. M. S. Murugesu recited the song of the Sannyasin and Messrs. C. Arulambalam and A. Chellappa read selections from the Gita and sayings of Sri Ramakrishna respectively, before and after the second recital of Devaram. The chairman then recited Paramacharya stuti in sanskrit and garlanded the photo of the Swami, the whole gathering standing.

The exquisite music contributed by Messrs. Sreenivasan and Murugiah was much appreciated by the audience and a vote of thanks to these gentlemen was adopted on the motion of Mr. R. S. Subramaniam.

The meeting terminated with prayer, the distribution of Sandanam and Pausupari and the springling of Rosewater. The able amateur musicians kindly kept on the music even after the termination of the proceedings and it was 9-30. p. m., when the gathering dispersed after having spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening in paying their respects to the hallowed memory of the Patriotic sage.

A. Chellappa
Asst. Secretary.

63 Wolfendahl,
Colombo 12th January, 1904.

NOTICE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

ORDER NISI.

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 1443
Class I.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Thaiyalmuttu wife of Kartigesar Nakamuttu of
Chundichilly

Deceased.

Veluppillai Nagalingam of Karampan

Petitioner

Vs

1. Kartigesu Annamalai of 95 Chekku Street Colombo and wife
2. Annappillai of do
3. Sivakamippillai wife of Kantaiya of Karampan and
4. Kartigesu Nagamuttu of do

Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Veluppillai Nagalingam of Karampan praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Thaiyalmuttu wife of Kartigesar Nagamuttu coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire District Judge, on the 22nd day of December 1903 in the presence of Messrs. Casippillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 22nd day of December 1903 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is a creditor of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or, before the 19th day of February 1904 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 22nd day of December 1903.

Sgd. W. R. B. SANDERS

District Judge

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

ORDER NISI.

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 1444
Class I.

In the matter of the estate of the late
Arumugam Sinnattamby of Chunnakam

Deceased.

Valliar widow of Sinnattamby of Chunnakam

Petitioner

Vs

1. Aiyattai Vairamuttu of Chunnakam and his wife
2. Tangam of do

Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Valliar widow of Chinnattamby of Chunnakam praying for letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Arumugam Chinnattamby coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esq. District Judge, on the 30th day of December 1903, in the presence of Messrs. Casippillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 29th day of December 1903 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 Respondents or any other person shall on or, before the 8th day of February 1904 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 30th day of December 1903

Signed. W. R. B. SANDERS

District Judge.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO.

ORDER NISI DECLARING WILL PROVED.

Testamentary }
Jurisdiction } No. 2030.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Suppramaniam Arumugam Ponnambalam deceased, of Vadducoddai East Jaffna and of Colombo.

This matter coming on for disposal before Joseph Grenier Esq. District Judge of Colombo on the 16th day of December 1903 in the presence of Messrs. Perumalpillai and Chelliah on the part of the Petitioner Veluppillai Sellachippillai and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 14th December 1903 having been read,

It is ordered that the aforesaid petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the Estate of Suppramaniam Arumugam Ponnambalam issued to her as his wedded unless Sinnathangam wife of Valupillai Sittambaia 2 Valupillai Sittambalam 3 Parupillai wife of Valupillai Thambiah and 4 Valupillai Thambiah all of Vadducoddai East Jaffna shall on or before the 4th day of February 1904 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. JOSEPH GRENIER

District Judge.

The 16th day of December 1903.

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