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DOWRY & DESTINY

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Whatever its merits or demerits, the Institution of Dowry dates back to antiquity. Well-intentioned at the start, the Institution of Dowry, which was expected to give a start in life to newly married couples by providing them with the wherewithals to meet unforeseen exigencies in life, appears to have now deteriorated and become a curse. Starting as a sign of affection, the system has degenerated, consequent to ruinous competition by anxious parents to secure for their daughters a desirable bachelor, who seems to be a rare commodity, nowadays.

Among the Tamils, Spinster-hood is not a recognised state of life in society. Therefore, the social pressure upon the girls here to marry is overwhelming; but the choice of their mates is restricted by barriers of caste, religion, occupation etc. That being so, the few eligible but elusive bachelors within reach, expect to be wooed with a bribe misnamed Dowry or Donation.

While in the western countries, desirable bachelors may be content in marrying the prettiest, the most accomplished girls of their choice, Jaffna bachelors (or rather, their matter-of-fact parents, acting on behalf of their sons) demand hard cash, jewellery and a house here and in Colombo, as dowry.

In Rome

In ancient Rome, it was the duty of the father to maintain his daughter, even after their marriage. This obligation being practically impossible to be faithfully discharged, year after year, people found it convenient to give, once and for all, a dowry in cash or kind. By Lex Julia, every father was compelled on the marriage of his daughter to give her husband a Dos (dowry).

In India

It is interesting to note that the dowry problem had attracted the attentions of two great Royal personalities of medieval India. Firoze Tughlak had actually set up a Department of Dowry. Any needy father could have applied to this department for financial assistance to provide a dowry for his daughter. Noor Jehan, the illustrious wife of Jehangir, also had given grants to provide dowries to poor girls. But in some parts of South India, the procedure remains reversed. It is the groom who has to pay a tidy sum to the bride's parents.

In U. S. A. & U. K.

In America, most of the ladies are self-supporting or are capable of finding husbands themselves, without Dad having to dip in his old-age account or sell his properties to meet the demands of dowry. But in some parts of Europe, Africa and Asia, the conditions are different.

In Europe

In matters of romance leading towards marriage, Portugal is probably still in the dark ages or it resembles some of the orthodox countries in the East. There, no suitor would dare try to spend, so much as five minutes, in private with his fiancée. Many thousands of young Portu-

guese marry without so much as a pre-nuptial kiss. Duenos or chaperones are career women in Portugal, whose duty it is to see that each bride approaches the altar in vestal purity, but well-endowed. This endowment in cash, lands and buildings etc. is often a matter of year-long haggling by parents, go-betweens, lawyers and friends of the parties. The idea is to extract from Dad more than he can pay.

In Africa

In Central and West Africa, a father has to usually pledge the equivalent of two years of his gross income, to get his daughter wedded. In the Cameroons, Mozambique and Togo-land to get one's Lulu Belle settled in marriage in proper style, the father has to provide her husband-to-be with about 6 years of his total pay with no deductions to his (father's) personal expenses.

In Germany

Of all countries, Germany (and the beauty Island of Bali) are said to be the most aggressively feminine today. It is said that handsome, healthy German girls with good education, freely and frankly advertise:

"I want a man (a solid German). I am 32 and well built with chest-nut hair and a good voice. Have cosy well-furnished apartments and a good position—no triflers please."

In Bali

Bali, once the exotic pleasure-Island of Oriental tourists and potentates, is said to have about seven women to every three men. So, these tawny temptresses, upon reaching 12 years, which is old for an oriental bride, draw lots like sweep-stake tickets to see who will have a husband all to herself. "The lucky ones provide the beardless young men of the Island with enough Dowry gifts—least among these being a newly built bamboo and palm-leaf house—and such women!"

In Jaffna

Now let us examine the conditions prevalent in Ceylon or rather Jaffna. Here, dowry was something given by the parents to their daughter at the time of her marriage, as a token of their love and affection towards her; but this conception of dowry has gradually deteriorated to something mercenary. "If I marry this girl, how much would I get?" This is the type of a matter-of-fact question uppermost in the mind of a youngster of today and more markedly in those of his parents.

Daughter Unwanted

Marriage or no marriage is decided upon by the ability of the parents to pay the dowry demanded. Thus, dowry decides the destiny of Jaffna's marriageable women. This makes the birth of a daughter to be looked upon, more or less, as a tragedy in many homes in Jaffna.

To a newly-wedded couple, a daughter is an unwanted baby. The happy Jaffna father would lay out a month's salary in wiring to all his relations and friends, the advent of a boy. In the case of a girl, a couple of post-cards suffice—"My wife has had a daughter, inform others." More than disappointment accounts for this postal economy. The disappointed parents, have to forego all luxuries and start saving money from the moment of her birth, for a dowry.

Demand for Dowry

There is a tendency on the part of youngsters and their parents to demand a dowry and

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Easy Way To Rapid Progress

(Swami Sivananda)

Keep a notebook for introspection. That is intended to eradicate the negative qualities in you. Killing out the evil, on the one hand; and giving birth to divine thoughts and feelings on the other. Rapid progress is possible only then.

When one good thought arises in the mind—say, the importance of truth—you must dwell on the glory of truth, the lives of great men who have adhered to truth, the nature of truth, the pitfalls and snares on the path of truth, the obstacles that have to be overcome, the subtle ways of the mind which deceives you and takes you along a side track to falsehood, then dive into the mind and find out in what form, falsehood lurks in your mind, in gross or subtle form. Drive it out from there. Record the evil tendencies that you note in yourself.

If a man does this, he will soon find out the easy road to constant introspection. He will ever live in inner life. There will be no time for his mind to externalise. He will never think of others. He will have no evil thoughts.

He will not care if anyone spoke ill of him, if someone refused to give him milk or food or if anyone criticise him. There will be no time for his mind to think of all these.

The above passage is also an example of sound, practical psychology. Introspection or self-analysis is a great soul-sweetener if it is conducted in a positive manner for a constructive purpose. The message also reminds us that when we fill our minds with healthy thoughts, there is no room for petty resentments of other bad and negative thoughts. If we find it easy to recognise and correct our faults, we are undoubtedly on the right road to progress.

NOTICE

The offices of the 'Hindu Organ' & 'Inthusathanam' and of the Saivaprakasa Press will be closed on Monday the 1st of May on account of May Day.

Manager



செய்தல்கள்.

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Hindu Organ

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1961

Treasure These Thoughts

It is the will of God that we should pass through various kinds of disciplines of self-purification before we can stand at His altar.

PILAWA NEW YEAR

In this our first edition after the New Year, following the traditional practice, we wish our readers to cherish hopes of a better future. Belief in God emboldens us to hope for progress. But hope by itself cannot bring about the desired result. Let us therefore pray to Parameshwara for the requisite peace of mind that will enable us think of noble ideas and ideals. Man requires Divine Aid to remove the darkness that prevents him from acquiring true knowledge.

Pilawa can become the year of peace and progress if only man can firmly resolve to seek Divine Assistance for achieving mental calm. God's grace is 'the supreme Love that desires the welfare of all creatures'. To be entitled to enjoy God's Grace let us cultivate love for one another and create a congenial atmosphere of harmony.

Let us in the very beginning of the New Year resolve to work for achievement of peace and progress. The practice of religion is the surest way to help man become spiritually and morally disciplined. Mental discipline leads to self-control. The lack of self-control causes indiscipline and consequentially restlessness. Let us, therefore, endeavour in true religious spirit to make Pilawa Year significant for peace and progress based on harmony and justice.

Heredity And Disease—New Discoveries

Eight years' research by a team of 10 scientists at Queen's University Belfast, has borne fruit in the shape of important discoveries in the science of genetics. These discoveries are expected to open the way to new experiments in heredity and the transmission of character.

They will also, it is hoped, have an important bearing in the fight against cancer, virus infections, rheumatism and arthritis. The advances are discussed by the leader of the Queen's University team, Dr. Ian Leslie, in an article in Britain's leading scientific magazine "Nature".

Dr. Leslie states that the discovery of the structure of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) was the basis of the new development.

"It should be emphasised that our ideas are only the beginning of new attempts to understand living processes. What are their practical consequences? In the case of viruses the next step is clear. We now know something about the virus of which we were not aware before. "One type of virus the RNA virus, does not seem able to multiply in bacteria and protozoa, the microorganisms. Perhaps we are on the verge of understanding why, and this knowledge may produce new ways of controlling epidemics.

"The next question is — what has this to do with cancer? Is it a hereditary disease or is it caused by viruses? In animals and plants which both suffer from cancerous diseases, the activity of DNA is under control of the histone-proteins. In some way, which has yet to be discovered, these histone-proteins change and the cells run amok if our inherited resistance is not good enough to get rid of them.

"We intend to pursue these ideas, and try to discover ways of treating cancer which depend upon the natural resistance mechanism of the body and on the changed nature of the chemical substances which control the expression of heredity."

(B. B.)

THY WILL

வேண்டத் தக்கது அறிவோய் நீ, வேண்டமுழுதும் தருவோய் நீ,
வேண்டும் அயன்மாற்கு அரியோய் நீ வேண்டி.
என்னைப்பணிகொண்டாய்,
வேண்டி நீ யாது அருள்செய்தாய், யானும் அதுவே
வேண்டின் அல்லால்,
வேண்டும் பரிசு ஒன்று உண்டு என்னில், அதுவும்
உன் தன்விருப்பு அன்றே.
—Thiruvachagam

It is Thou, Oh, Lord, that knowest what I should wish for. It is Thou that grantest all such wishes. It is Thou that wast beyond the reach of Brahma and Vishnu who in vain sought for Thee (in their egotism). But thou didst come and enslave me of Thy own accord. Whatever Thou dost grant, even they constitute my wishes and nothing else. If there be anything else for me to wish for, that too depends on Thy will.

The Late Swami Sathianantha

The passing away of Swami Sathianantha, Founder of the Pure Life Society of Kuala Lumpur, has created a big void in the field of religious and moral sphere of service. Dr. Sathianantha, a Jaffna Tamil by birth devoted his entire life time to religious activities in Malaya. Some years ago the

Swami founded the Pure Life Society where religious minded persons of all faiths congregated in spiritual association.

The society also established a school and published books on religion and philosophy.

Swami Satyanantha lately visited India and Ceylon on a lecture tour and delivered a series of instructive addresses on religion and religious unity.

GREETINGS TO GOD FOR GRATEFUL ASSISTANCE

Let us concentrate our minds on the one and only method of seeking redress, the method of service based on truthfulness.

Prof R. P. Sethupillai Passes Away

We regret very much to record the death of Professor R. P. Sethupillai the well known Tamil Scholar of South India. Prof. Sethupillai was reputed to be one of the most eloquent and versatile speakers of Tamilakam. As a writer he was ranked among the foremost. His services to Tamil, as Professor in the Annamalai & Madras Universities were invaluable.

Astrological

WEEKLY FORECASTS

'SRI PATHY'

FROM 30-4-61 TO 6-5-61

ARIES Aswini, Barani, Kartikai 1st part [Medha Rasi]

You will have no peace of mind throughout the week. Health upsets specially abdominal complaints and clashes with relatives likely. Troubles through vehicles also shown. Spend Monday evening Tuesday and Wednesday with care.

TAURUS Kartikai 2, 3, 4, Rohini, Mirugasirisha 1, 2 [Idapa Rasi]

Gains through lands and landed properties promised this week. Younger brothers and sisters also will be very helpful. But indications of minor accidents shown. Spend Thursday and Friday with care.

GEMINI Mirugasirisha 3, 4, Thiruvathirai, Punarpusam 1, 2, 3 [Mithuna Rasi]

Some of your personal worries will disappear this week. Friends will help you out of difficulties. But there will be no peace of mind. Spend the last day of the week with care.

CANCER Funarpoosa 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

You will have to shoulder some new responsibilities. Your mind will not be at rest. Health upsets also shown. But professionally a fairly good week.

LEO Maha, Pooru, 1, Uttirasi [Singha Rasi]

Domestic affairs will continue to be in a muddle. Father's relatives will land you into some trouble. But triumph over enemies shown. Eye troubles likely week end.

VIRGO Uttirasi 2, 3, 4, Attai, Chittirai 1, 2 [Kanni Rasi]

You will be able to gain much through your old investments. Ruin to enemies also shown. But domestic affairs will be in a mess. Health too will not be very satisfactory.

LIBRA Chittirai 3, 4, Swati, Visaka 1, 2, 3, [Thula Rasi]

Troubles through secret enemies likely this week. Be careful in your dealings with people of the opposite sex. Father's relatives also may create some unpleasantness. Old investments will bring in good results.

SCORFION Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

You will be able to steer clear of obstacles and opposition this week. Gains through agricultural products shown. Friends of the opposite sex will be very helpful. But minor health upsets likely.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thanu Rasi]

Financially a good week. Friends will be very helpful. Gains through vehicles also shown. But minor health upsets shown. Don't exert yourself very much.

CAPRICORNUS Uttiradam 2, 3, 4, Thiruvonam, Avittam 1, 2. [Makara Rasi]

Your mind will not be at rest. Clashes with relatives and friends also shown. Domestic affairs will be in a muddle. But younger sisters will be very helpful.

AQUARIUS Avittam 4, 5, Satayam, Pooraddati 1, 2, 3 [Kumbha Rasi]

Some improvements in your health promised this week. Ruin to enemies also shown. Professional success also promised. But there will be no mental peace.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revati. [Meena Rasi]

The first two days must be spent with care. Minor health upsets and expenses likely. But rest of the week will be favourable for new deals. Financial gains and gains through agricultural products also promised.

BOOK REVIEW

National Education
—Its Concept & Content

by
N. Sabaratnam B.A. (Lond)
Publishers:
S.S. Sanmuganathan & Sons
Jaffna

Price Rs. 1-75

Very few practising teachers in this country set down to collect their thoughts or order their own experiences in the form of a book. The average parent and the general public need to be stirred into interesting themselves on current issues in the education of their wards. No one can perform this task of educating the generally apathetic public on this country better than the mature classroom teacher.

This book is particularly valuable on this score. It is a stimulating survey of various aspects of education — primary secondary, technical, teacher - education. The author has gathered a mass of information and condensed it in a most impressive survey, making it colourful with his own introspection. The book is readable and the readers interest is maintained throughout the book by the quality of the writing and the clarity of the exposition.

The book prevents the classic dilemmas confronting educationists in this country today, though the suggestion for escape are not always impressive. The plea for national unity is appropriate and even eloquent; for it is maintained that there can be no system of national education without a clearly defined people living together as a society; and the national characteristics of a nation will find their expression in the nation's schools. The author has rightly stressed that the character of a people and not its intelligence that determines its future. His comments on 'the democratic way of life' are relevant to our present crisis: Democracy as we know it today is extremely vulnerable because of its "reverence for majorities". Even when a majority decision has been taken, the minority have the right for a reversal of the decision. Obviously such a way of life, as the author puts it, casts a great responsibility in education, finally, the author prescribes 'Tolerance as the remedy for what he describes as "the teething trouble" our one infant democracy.

The book deserves to be read by every teacher and parent and perhaps for this purpose its price is quite cheap for the fare it contains.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 958/T

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Rasammah widow Marimuttu Kartigesu Appaccuddy of Navaly South
Deceased

Saraswathammah widow of Marimuttu Kanagaratnam of Navaly

Vs. Petitioner

1. Saravanamuttu Rasiyah and wife
2. Nagaratnam
3. Mylvaganam Nadarajah and wife
4. Manonmany, all of Navaly and
5. Pathmanathan Benedict of Union College, Tellippalai and wife
6. Jayaledchumy of Soodampattai, Tellippalai

This matter coming on for disposal before N. Krishnadasan Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 7th day of March 1961 in the presence of Mr. S. Rajendran Proctor for the Petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner and of the witnesses having been read:—

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased be declared proved and that probate thereof be issued to the Petitioner as the Executrix named therein, unless the Respondents or any other persons, appear before this Court on the 26th day of April 1961 and show sufficient cause to the contrary.

The 7th day of March 1961
Sgd. N. Krishnadasan
District Judge

Drawn by
S. Rajendran
Proctor for Petitioner
(O 2, 21 & 28)

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA

No. 957/Testy.

In the matter of the Intestate estate of the late Maheswari wife of Vaitilingam Ratnasingham of Kokkuvil East, Kokkuvil

Deceased.

Sinnathamby Karthigesu of Kokkuvil East, Kokkuvil.

Petitioner.

Vs:

- 1 Pakkiam wife of Sinnathamby Karthigesu of Kokkuvil East, Kokkuvil.
- 2 Vaitilingam Ratnasingham of Chapel St, Jaffna.

Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before N. Krishnadasan, Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on the 3rd day of March, 1961 in the presence of Mr. S. Kanagaratnam Proctor for Petitioner and the affidavit of the above named Petitioner having been read.

It is declared that the abovenamed Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to him as the father of the deceased abovenamed and that he is entitled to have Letters of Administration issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 19th day of April, 1961 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 3rd day of March 1961

Sgd. C. Thanabalasingam
District Judge, Jaffna.

Drawn by
Sgd. S. Kanagaratnam,
Proctor for Petitioner.
Extended For 10th May 1961

Sgd N. Krishnadasan
District Judge.

(O. 22+ 7 & 14)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 949

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of the late Veerasingham Kulathunga Sundharam of Vannarponnai.

Deceased

Ratnammah widow of V. K. Sundharam of Vannarponnai East

Petitioner

Vs

- 1 Nageswary wife of R. S. Nadarajah
- 2 R. S. Nadarajah of 38, Francis Road, Wellawatte
- 3 Bhuvanawary wife of
- 4 S Kathirkamanathan of Post Office Quarters, Vavuniya
- 5 Pathmavathy wife of
- 6 T. Senathirajah of Vannarponnai East
- 7 K. S. Kumaramingham of Irrigation Office, Puttulam
- 8 K. S. Balasingham of Vannarponnai East
- 9 Thilagavathy daughter of Sundharam
- Minor 10 K. S. Muttuonmaraswamy
- 11 Seetadevi
- 12 Kamaladevi
- 13 Amirthambikai daughters of Sundharam all of Vannarponnai East, minors appearing by their Guardian-ad litem
- 14 Veerasingham Saravanamuttu of 55, Vivekananda Road, Wellawatte.

Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before N. Krishnadasan Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 13th day of March 1961 in the presence of Mr. M. R. Karalasingham, Proctor on the part of the petitioner abovenamed and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the 14th Respondent be and he is hereby appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 10th to 13th minors Respondents abovenamed for the purpose of representing them in these Testamentary proceedings.

It is further ordered that the Petitioner be and she is hereby declared entitled as widow of the abovenamed deceased to have Letter of Administration to the above estate issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 3rd May 1961 show sufficient cause to this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the Petitioner should produce the 10 to 13th minor Respondents in Court on the date.

This 13th March 1961
Sgd: N. Krishnadasan
District Judge.

Drawn by
M. R. Karalasingham
Proctor for Petitioner
(O 5, 28 & 5)

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
POINT PEDRO

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 697

In the matter of the Intestate estate of Kanagasabai Sellamuttu of Thondamanar.

Deceased.

Annammah widow of Kanaga-

Order Nisi

No. 961/T

In the matter of the Intestate estate and effects of late Sinnadyyar Thambiayah of Punnalaikadduvan North, Punnalaikadduvan.

Deceased

Sivaganam widow of Sinnadyyar Thambiayah of Urelu North, Chunnakam.

Vs, Petitioner.

- 1 Ramadevi daughter of Thumbiayah of Urelu North, Chunnakam appearing by her G. A. L. the 2nd respondent.
- 2 Chellappah Rajanathan of Urelu G. A. L. of 1st respondent. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before N. Krishnadasan Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on this 8th day of March 1961 in the presence of Mr. R. Sivassupramaniam, proctor on the part of the petitioner and the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 2nd day of March 1961 having been read;

It is ordered that the 2nd respondent be and he is hereby appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st respondent and that the said petitioner be and she is hereby declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased abovenamed and that the same be issued to her as widow of the deceased unless the respondents abovenamed or others interested shall on or before the 26th day of April 1961 show sufficient cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of this Court.

This 8th day of March 1961.
Sgd C. Thanabalasingam
District Judge, Jaffna.

Drawn by
Proctor for Petitioner
(O. 1, 7 & 14)

sabai Sellamuttu of Thondamanar,
Petitioner.

Vs,

1. Manual Dharmathas Electrical Foreman, Municipal Council, Dehiwela,
- 2, and wife Thangarany of Thondamanar.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before N. Sivagnanasundaram Esquire, District Judge, Point Pedro, on the 30th day of March 1961 in the presence of Mr. S. Ponnudurai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner, and the Petition and Affidavit of the Petitioner having been read;

It is ordered that the Petitioner be declared entitled to obtain Letters of Administration and that Letters of Administration be issued to her as she is the widow of the deceased and an heir of the deceased, unless the Respondents or any other person appear before this Court on the 13th day of May 1961 at 10.0' clock in the forenoon and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.

This 30th day of March 1961.
Sgd. N. Sivagnanasundaram.
District Judge

Drawn by
Sgd: S. Ponnudurai
Proctor for Petitioner,
(O 6, 28 & 5)

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JAFFNA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Supplementary Budget No. 1 of 1961

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 214 (2) (b) of the Municipal Councils Ordinance No. 29 of 1947 that the Supplementary Budget No 1 of the Jaffna Municipal Council for the year 1961 will be open to public inspection at the Municipal Office for seven days from 21st April 1961.

T. S. DUBAIRAJAR
Mayor,
Jaffna Municipal Council
Municipal Office,
Jaffna, 14th April 1961.
(G. I. 21)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

No. 959/ Testy

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Gnanammah wife of Ambalavanar Kumaravelu of Nallur, Jaffna. Deceased.

Ambalavanar Kumaravelu of Nallur, Jaffna. Petitioner.

Vs:

- Minor. 1 Kumaravelu Gnanakumar,
- " 2 Kumaravelu Thevakumar,
- " 3 Kumaravelu Anandakumar,
- 4 Ramasi alias Annam widow of Lazarus, all of Nallur, Jaffna.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before N. Krishnadasan, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 7th day of March 1961 in the presence of Mr. S. Kanagaratnam Proctor for Petitioner and the affidavit of the abovenamed Petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the 4th Respondent above named be appointed Guardian-ad.litem over the 1st to 3rd Minor Respondents abovenamed and that the said petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 26th day of April, 1961 show sufficient cause to this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the Petitioner do produce the said minors in Court on the said date.

This 7th day of March, 1961.

Sgd. C. Thanabalasingam District Judge, Jaffna
Drawn by
Sgd. S. Kanagaratnam Proctor for Petitioner.
(O 225 7 & 14)

ORDER "NISI" DECLARING WILL PROVED

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

No 962/Testamentary

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Dr. Rickman Arianesan Mather of 56, Third Cross Street, Jaffna

Deceased.

Noeline Retnamanie Mather widow of R. A. Mather of 56, Third Cross Street, Jaffna.

Petitioner.

Va.

- 1 Dayalen George Rajasunderam Mather
- 2 Sewendrene Doreen Mather
- 3 Jayapalan Rickman Mather all of 56 Third Cross Street, Jaffna by their Gurdian-ad.litem 4th Respondent.
- 4 William Bertram Kanagaratnam Mather of 60/14 Ratnakera Place, Dehiwela.

This matter coming on for disposal before N. Krishnadasan Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 13th day of March 1961, in the presence of Mr. N. T. Sivagnanam Proctor on the part of the petitioner, and the affidavit of the abovenamed petitioner dated 9-1-1961 and of the Notary and witnesses to the Will dated 9-1-1961 having been read.

It is ordered that the Will of Dr. Rickman Arianesan Mather, deceased, dated 20th day of October 1960 and now deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the Respondents shall, on or before the 26th day of April 1961 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court.

It is further declared that the said William Bertram Kanagaratnam Mather, 4th Respondent, be appointed Gurdian-ad.litem over the 1st to 3rd Respondents minors and that the said Noeline Retnamanie Mather widow of R. A. Mather, Petitioner is the Executrix named in the said Will and that she is entitled to have Probate of the same issued to her accordingly unless the respondents or others shall on or before the 26th day of April, 1961, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 912

In the matter of the estate of the late Ulaganayagavally widow of Mailvaganam of Nallore, Jaffna.

Deceased

Mailvaganam Manoharan of Kanthermadam Jaffna.

Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1 Mailvaganam Maheswaran of Annavasa Kaithadi, Chavakachcheri.
- 2 Mailvaganam Mahalingam, Electrical Superintendent, Town Council, Kalmunai,
- 3 Mailvaganam Mahenthiran of General Officer Inland Revenue Department, Colombo.
- 4 Mailvaganam Mahadava of Fiscal's Office, Jaffna
- 5 Mailvaganam Maharatnam Preventive Section H. M. Customs, Colombo.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before N. Krishnadasan Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 17th day of March 1961 in the presence of Messrs. C. C. & S. Somasegaram Proctors on the part of the petitioners and on reading the affidavit and petition of the petitioners

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased dated 15th October 1947 and attested by C. T. Kumaraswamy Notary Public under No. 8333 be declared proved and that Letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to the petitioner with a copy of the said Last Will annexed, unless the abovenamed respondents or any other person or persons interested appear before this court on or before the 5th day of May 1961 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 17th day of March 1961.

Sgd. C Thanabalasingham District Judge
(O 3 21 & 28)

Court to the contrary. The Minors to be produced in court on the date aforesaid.

This 13th day of March 1961

Sgd C. Thanabalasingam District Judge
Drawn by,
Sgd. N. T. Sivagnanam, Proctor for Petitioner.
(O 226 7 & 14)

Dowry & Destiny

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insist on amounts running into five figures. The system, as in practice now, does not seem to be a free-will gift of the parents to their daughters but something extracted, akin to a painful tooth extraction. It is something extracted from the parents by force of one kind or other. And why is it that parents vie with one another to pay heavily for a son-in-law? One does not really know the cause for this: -

- (a) Could it be that there is a dearth of decent, desirable young men here?
- (b) Could it be that young men consider the present-day young girls as expensive playthings only fit for decorating the drawing-rooms and needing plenty of powder and paint for polishing and making them presentable.
- (c) Could it be that the education imparted to them, nowadays, is mere embroidery and not sound useful training?

Training

Our girls, no doubt, learn to speak with a refined accent, to play the piano or the veena, to drape themselves attractively and to dance all to perfection. These may be necessary up to a limit; but the essential part of education seems to be not adequately emphasised—Practical training in house-keeping, sewing, domestic science, motherhood, child-welfare etc. Till our girls attain a fair degree of proficiency on these and allied subjects in order they may be able to render that assistance to a young husband, with moderate means, battling his way through life, the irresistible demand for dowry—and a fat one at that—to maintain a servant, a cook, an ayah, a boy and a chauffeur, will continue to remain.

(To be continued)

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