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# Self-Respect

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### A Tamil Clerk & his White Boss

"Sir, Sir, Good morning, Sir," serfdom squeaked, then, the same clerk, a respect. Tamil, to his white boss, and bowed A P. V. Tamil, to his white boss, and bowed very low. The white man's face was full of scorn for the creature. "Samy", yelled the white man, "you are like a circus ape. Why in thunder do you keep bowing and scraping and genutlecting like this? When you wish to see me, have yourself announced, get in, greet me and get to talk. Please sit down." But Samy wouldn't sit down. "No, Sir, no, Sir," he whined, and kept standing, till the self-respecting white man jumped out of his chair, held Samy by the shoulder and held Samy by the shoulder and pushed him into a chair, and resum-ed his seat, saying, "Now, Samy, what is it you want?" The poor clerk was hot all over with a clerk was not all over with a supreme sense of unworthiness. He didn't conceal it. He dragged himself to the edge of the chair and then balanced his posteriors at a perilous angle and began his prayer.

### Sir, Sir. Sir ... ad infinitum

"Sir, Sir, there is, Sir, a vacancy, Sir, in the Police Office, Sir, at Maradana, Sir, and I, Sir, shall, Sir, always, Sir, humbly, Sir, thank you, always, Sir, humbly, Sir, thank you, Sir, if, Sir, you, Sir, will, Sir, graciously, Sir, recommend me, Sir, for, Sir, the post, Sir'. Mr. W. was fond of his jokes. He said, "Look, Samy, here, Samy, I, Samy, haven't, Samy, the ghost, Samy, of, Samy, an idea. Samy, as, Samy, to, Samy, what Samy, in hell, Samy, you want, Samy. Tonight I guess I'll have samy. Tonight I guess I'll have samy are samy perchanged. what samy, if hell, samy, you want, Samy. Tonight I guess I'll have awful dreams of a huge Samy perched on the point of a needle and croaking at me, "Sir, Sir, Sir," a million, million times, that I go raving mad."

### Murdering Self Respect.

"I, Sir, am very, Sir, sorry, Sir. that"—began Samy, but Mr. W. stopped him with a fierce oath heard in the whole Kachcheri. Then he in the whole Kachcheri. Then he scribbled on a piece of paper, "Send in your application. I'll recommend you to the I. G. P. in the sure and certain hope that you will speedily 'sir' that official into untimely retirement from the Public Service." The material solution and the property of the property grateful clerk opened his mouth to thank Mr. W when he was gently pushed out of the room. Mr. Reader, do you blame Samy? I pity him. He is the creature of an environment He is the creature of an environment where there is war between the superiority complex of the white public servant and the inferiority complex of the subordinate. There are white men in the Service who expect the Asiatics to shrink and shrivel into abjectness before their august presence, and there are Asiatics who grovel in the dust before the white man. All this is to the bad. Our Samys of the Public

"Good morning, Sir," said the clerk, a Tamil, once to his Irish boss, one morning. "Good morning, pect is, apart from its being a second time to his Irish boss and bowed low.

Service, and elsewhere would do well to remember that lack of self-respect is, apart from its being a personal disgrace, a corporate calamity. The more you cringe and kowtow, there dies the more in your race. in your community, in your race the resisting capacity that keeps serfdom under the heel of self-

### A P. V. Boot-bearer to Mr. Cost

There was a Government Agent in Jafina some years age, who, while out in Thumpalai on inspection of some lanes there, had the P. V. of that place, reputed to be a man of caste, to carry his boots for him. I feel certain that if the P. V., instead of becoming boot bearer to his white lord, had told him, "You be blowed", and walked out of the lane and out of the Public Service, Mr. Cost would have throught immensely of him and of all Tamils generally The matter of the boots formed the subject of a motion before the Jafina Association. A few ardent men. who despite their European clothes and ways have always been Tamils to the 'backbone'—some of them, I believe, are alive to this day, fisrce as of old, zealous for their people, and more national than most rationalists—took the affair up and proposed terrible reprisals. But there were some cautious men in the Association. They believed in seasoning self-respect with the salt of diplomacy, and to please the hot-heads (which I believe are are now bald) they referred the boots question to a sub-committee. The sub-committee like most sub-committees in Jaffna, applied for post-ponement after postponement till everybody forgot everything about the boots and the bearer and the wearer. The Jaffna Association itself died. 'The present J. Association, if it is legitimate child, must be child of a second bed! There was a Government Agent in

### Pleasing the Boss

Pleasing the Boss

The District Engineer at A'pura was a hard-working man. The office hours were from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. But the D. E., Mr. R., would be at work all alone, by 7. a. m. daily. The clerks noticed this, and all they did was, in consequence, to be strictly punctual in attending office at the proper time. There was one man, from Jaffna, who, however, thought he would do something original. He did. He began attending office at 7 a. m. himself. Mr. R. noticed this and wondered what the clerk was up to. He had not long to wonder, for one morning at 8-15 a. m. the clerk went up to Mr. R. and asked him, "Sir, have I your permission to leave the office?" Mr R. was in a towering rage. "Why do you want permission" he asked him, "when you need not attend office till 9 a. m? You want me to see you while early at work take n tice of the fact and be pleased with you? As a matter of fact I hate seeing someone else in the office when I wish to work alone. I can't say I think any the better of you for your intruding upon my quietness. Now, go away please." This man N. M. had less self-respect than the clerks who behaved normally.

Slave Mentality Martyrs.

There is one thing was affait I alone.

There is one thing we often forget when we consider cases of this land (Continued on page 2.)

## A'PURA HEALTH **EXHIBITION**

VARIOUS COMMITTEES BUSY

### DECISIONS OF COMMITTEES

The Anuradhapura Health Exhibition which will be held in September this year will also include an tember this year will also include an Agricultural and Industrial Show. Various Committees have been appointed to be in charge of different sections of the Exhibition can be had from the proceedings of the various Committees that have now begun to function. begun to function.

### School 7 Display

A meeting of the School Hygiene Committee of the Anuradhapura Heath Exhibition was held a few days back with Mr. H. C Wijesuriya, Assistant Inspector of Schools, in the

It was decided that all the schools in the North Central Province should co-operate and have a schools display at the Anuradhapura Health Exhibition in September 1933. Prizes will be awarded for the following:—

(1) Best health play, (2) Best health song. (3) Best health essay, (4) Best health drill and games (5) Best health poster, (6) Best health procession. (7) Best hygiene dealing apparatus.

Several cups and shields are being offered by the Committee.

### Agricultural Show.

Agricultural Show.

At a meeting of the Agricultural and Industrial Committee held on 17 5·33 and presided over by Mr. W. P. A. Cooke. Divisional Agricultural Officer: it was decided to have an agricultural show along with the Health Exhibition in Anuradhapura in September 1938. It was decided to offer prizes for various agricultural products grown in the North Central Province e.g. paddy, kurakkan, gingely, plantains, oranges, jaks etc: chema produce, various oils and other products of commercial importance, with a view to encouraging local industries. a view to encouraging local industries. It was decided to offer prizes for articles made of fiber and straw, pottery, agricultural implements etc:

The minor headman whose division obtains the largest number of prizes will be given a medal.

### "Clean up"

"Clean up"

At a meeting of the Anuradhapura Health Exhibition Committee it was decided to introduce a novel feature regarding the competitions under the General Sanitation section. Instead of deciding the prizes after the usual "clean up" day it was resolved that the various premises entered for the competition be inspected periodically by the judges for a period of 2 months prior to the exhibition so that the cleaning up efforts may be sustained over a long period instead of being confined to a single day as is usually done. Drs: R. W. Willenburg, E. A. Bulankulame and G. R. Handy were appointed to inspect the premises periodically.

It was resolved to offer the follow-It was resolved to offer the follow-

ing prizes:
(1) Best kept teakiosk, (2) Best kept dairy, (3) Best kept eating house. (4) Best kept sundry boutique. (5) Best kept bakery. (6) Best kept

### Baby Show.

A meeting of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee of the Anuradhapura Health Exhibition was held on the 12th instant presided over by Mrs. C. L. Welkremeeinghe, the wife of the Covernment Agent, (Continued on page 4)

# Studies In Tamil

# LORD OF VITHVAK-KODU

(வித்துவக்கோட்டம்மான் விஷயம்)

# Translated by C. Rajarajeswary, BalaPandithai

பொருமாள் திருமொழி

TRANSLATION

த**ர**துயரம்தடாயேல்உள் சரணல்லால்சாணில்?ல விரைதலவுமலர்ப்பொழிதழ் வித்துவக்கோட்டம்மானே! அரிசினத்தால்சன்றதாய் அகப்றிடினும்மப்றவள்தன் அருள்நினந்தே அழங்குழவி அதுவேபோள்றிருந்தேனே.

கன்டார் இகழ்வனவே காதலன்றன்செய்யினும். கோண்டா?னஅல்லால்அறியாக்

தலமகன்போல் தலமகன்போல் விண்டாழ்மதில்புடைதழ் வித்துவக்கோட்டம்மா! நீ கோண்டாளாய்லுகிலும்உன் தனாகழலேகூறுவேனே.

மீன்ரோக்கும் நீன் வயல் கூழ் மீன்தோக்கும் நீன்வயல்கும் வித்துவக்கோட்டம்பா! என் பால்தோக்காம்றுக்கும்உன் பற்றல்லால்பற்றில்லேன் தான்தோக்காதுத்துமாம் செய்திடினும்தார்வேந்தன் கோல்தோக்கிவாழம் குடிபோள்றிருந்தேனே,

வாளால்அறுத்துர்கடினும் மருத்துவன்பால் மாளாதகாதல்தோயாளன் போல்மாயத்தால் மீளாக்கு நாத்தும் வித்துவக்கோட்டம்மானே! அளாஉனதந்தோபார்ப்பன் அடியேனே.

வேங்கட்டிண்களிறடர்த்தாய் வித்துவக்கோட்டம்மானே! எ நிதப்போய்உய்கேள்உள் இணேயடியேஅடையினல்லால் எங்கும்போய்க்கரைகானு தெறிகடல்வாய்மீண்டேயும் வங்கத்தின்கூம்பேறும்மாம் பறவைபோலாளேன்.

சேந்தழவேவந்தழஃவி செய்திடினும்செங்கமலம் அந்தாஞ்சேர்வெங்கதிரோம் தல்லால் அலரவால் வேந்துயர்வீட்டாவிடினும் வித்துவக்கோட்டம்மா! நின் அந்தமில் சீர்க்கல்லால் அகம்தழையமாட்டேனே.

எத்த?னயும்வான்மறந்த சாலத் தும்பை பிசு முகள் மைத்தெழந்தமாழகிலே பார்த்திருக்கும் மற்றவைபோல் மேத்துபர்வீட்டாவிமுறைம் வித்துவக்கோட்டம்மா! என் சித்தமக்க வைப்பவள்அடியேனே.

தோக்கிலங்குயாறெல்லாம்பாத் தோடித்தொடுகடலே புக்கன்றீப்புறநிற்கமாட்டாவாம் புக்களுப்புறந்தங்காட்டாளம் மற்றவைபோல் மீக்கிலங்குழகிலீந்றத்தாய் வித்துவக்கோட்டம்மா! உள் புக்கிலங்குசீரலிலால் புக்கிலங்குசீரலிலால்

நீன் வே பேதான் வேண்டி. நீள் செல்வம் வேண்டாதான் தன்னேயேதான்வேண்டும் செல்வம்போல்மாய்க்கால் செல்வமபோல்காயத்தால் மீன்ஊயேரேர் நிகிரி வித்துவக்கோட்டம்மானே! நீன்ஊமேதாள்வேண்டி நீற்பன்அடியேனே.

Lord of Vithvak-kodu, girt with fragrant flowery groves, If my sorrows thou forestall not refuge save thy feet I've none; Though the mother in killing rage her babe forsake, It cries for her rememb'ring only kindness done.

Though he lead a worthless life, the laughing stock of all the world, A true wife knows none but her wedded lord, so I,

Though you accept me not still praise thy conqu'ring feet, Lord of Vithvak-kodu, girt by ramparts

rising high.

Lord of Vithvak kodu, girt by fields that swarm with fish

Though you regard not me to thee alone I cling, Even if regardless of their welfare

he oppress them still,
The loyal subjects look for safety
to the sceptre of their king.

Though he cut with lancet keen and brand with sed hot iron yet,

A patient's regard for his surgeon does not bate:

Though you send me endless sorrow,
Lord of Vithvak-kodu still,
I, thy slave in faith shall

Of Vithvak kodu, Lord that killed the

tusker strong with fiery eyes, Where shall I find refuge unless it be at thy feet twain ? I am like a crow that returns to the

A vast expanse of surging sea explor-

Though the fire gives warmth, the

lotus blooms not but In the radiance of the bright sun's

heavenly flame;

Though my sorrows thou efface not, Lord of Vithvak kodu still, My heart is thawed by naught but thy eternal fame.

Though the draught be ever so long the crops in field,

In patience wait for the blackening rain clouds;

Though my distress thou relieve notated of Vithvak-kodu still,

On thee alone I fix my constant thoughts devout.

All the numerous rivers with their swelling floods Cannot end their lengthy

course but in the sea; Of Vithva kedu, Lord, of colour like

the shining rain cloud,
In nought but thy resplendent glory
can my self immersed be.

Him that, seeking thee alone, does not seek wealth, Wealth does seek; so,

Lord of the mystic Discus lightning bright,
Gendam.

Of Vithyak kodu, Lord, still
should I pursue thee.

(From the Ramanathan College Magazine.)

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of Alavetty

of Alavetty

Deceased.

Sinnatambar Murugesapillai o

Alayetty
Vs. Petitioner.
(1) Murugesar Ambalayanar and

wife
(2) Chellachchippillai of Alavetty

(2) Chellachchippillai of Alavetty
Respondents
This matter of the Patition of the
bovenamed Petitioner praying for
letters of Administration to the estate
of the abovenamed deceased, coming
on for disposal before before D. H.
Balfour Esquire, District Judge, in the
mesence of Mr. M Vythialingam,
Proctor on the part of the Petitioner,
on the affidavit of the Petitioner,
naving been read, it is declared that
he Petitioner is the lawful heir of the
and intostate and is entitled to have
betters of Administration to the estate
of the said intostate issued to him
muless the Respondents or any other
person shall on or before the 31st
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ause to the a isfaction of this Court
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Sgl. P. H. Balfou,
District Judge,

pril 5, 1938.



# Kindu Organ.

Monday, May 29, 1933.

AT "PARNAKUTI" TODAY.

THE CLOUD HAS LIFTED AND THE sun of Sabarmati shines bright as ever. The apprehensions of ex-pert medical opinion and the opinion and the dismal forebodings of astrologers have been belied. The frail body of the Mahatma will be lifted at noon today from his cot of penance at "Parnakuti" and the most rigorous fast of recent times will be broken. Millions of people the world over, who were on tenterhooks during the 21 days just past will heave a sigh of relief at the successful termination of the fast. The many thousands who, against his express declaration, have fasted in sympathy with Mahatmaji will cease their austerities. The tension which seized the heart of every man and woman when the fast was announced will relax and give place to wonderment and thankfulness to the Almighty for the deliverance. Let not the miracle of the achievement overshadow the Author of it. Praise be to the Divine Presence which is nearer to us than our innermost self and let us cry mightily in the silence of our being to help us to become It to know It.

'No atom moves but by His motion,"
The sages say. What follows then?
What is knowing, and what

What is knowing, and what unknowing?
Who knoweth, knoweth not, of men?
Who are the silent, who the babblers All-mouthed and babbling such as If Whence cometh mind the soul's

Hardness and mercy, whence and

Whence is creation, whence is action And elemental changes whence?
Falsehood and truth, fruitage and

Evil and good in consequence, Whence come? Whence patience and impatience Who are the great and who the

Who are the foes and who the friendly?
Without Thee none, in Thee are all.
O Life of life That all sustainest
For time that is and time to be,
And all-where Fulness That remaines
For time that is and time to be.

(Thayumanavar

Our readers, we have no doubt. will join in the general rejoicing and feel proud that man is not after all the poor and lonesome and sinful creature on earth as the knock-kneed, and spectacled professors of learning love to tell him. If man will but drop the scales of ignorance which blind him and desist from his egocentric move-ments, he will find himself in the lap of that Power which transmutes his will into the Divine Will and his action into Divine Action.

By his heroic self-surrender to God, Mahatmaji has achieved his own self-transcendance and at the same time furnished to the the same time furnished to the world lusting for power, the divine way of supermanhood. The mystic Will-worship of Nietzsche is at best the deification of the rare and brilliant and haughty ego which surpassed the rest of its class or group in human qualities. Men of Power have created empires or destroyed them and organis'd an age or a century But the level of humanity has remained ever the same No attempt has been made to lift humanity above its imperfections. manity aboye its imperfections.
The man of mere Power cannot

do it for he can influence only external arrangements which deterioate with the passage of time. The man of Love alone cannot accomplish it either: he rejects the discords of the world or tramples them under foot in rejects the discords of the world or tramples them under foot in the exaltation of joy. Only a Karmayogi like the Mahatma could successfully attempt the task of giving an impetus to the upward urge in humanity. The world's discords have to be understood, seized and transmuted and Power itself transform. In the world and Power itself transform. understood, seized and trans-muted and Power itself transformed into Protection by the subtle alchemy of Love before the Karmayogi can do any real good to the race. To complete self-surrender must be added the heart tranquilised into calm ecstasy by knowledge, strong hands that labour in joyous sacrifice for the world and an intellect lighted up by the obscure intuitions of the heart and working withal in obedience to the high-seated Will. Living in unity with the world and labouring as the servant of God, the Karma-yogi achieves his self-transcen-dence and shows the world the divine way of supermanhood.

The Mahatma has created an empire with the hearts of the people—an enpire which knows no frontiers, needs no golden trappings to embellish its glory,
—an empire which lives and grows by an inner compulsion which realises the essential unity of Being in the diversity of Becomings. Its wealth consists in the commerce and exploita-tion of hearts and its estate is Divine Freedom.

AT PUNGUDUTIVU.

No Jaffna Thamil, be he Hindu or Christian, could have read the terrible details of the clash last between some Catholics of the Harijan class and some Vellalis of Pungudutivu without a feeling of horror and shame. We do not pretend to know the genesis of the feud which resulted in the deaths of a Vellali by gun-shot and a Harijan of burns. It is a that the thrifty and hardworking people of Pungudutivu should have allowed themselves to smirch the fair name of that progressive Island. We do not know which party provoked the clash and for what reason. If defence of religion was the cassus belli for the affray then we are bound to say that the perpetrators of the tragedy did a grievous disservice to themselves and the religion they sought to defend. Religion cannot be defended by irrelgious methods. Moreover, there is no religion so crude as to condone the use of violence on the part of its followers. Hinduism and Catholic Christianity alike and, indeed all religions. enjoin love towards all creatures. Is it caste feud? If the Hindus had only bethought themselves of the spirit of "Parnacuti" and if for no other reason but solely for, the veneration in which they hold Mahatma Gandhi who staked his very life for the cause of the un-touchables, the social insolence, if indeed there was any, on the part of the Harijans might have been overlooked in much the same way as an elder brother overlooks the improprieties of a younger brother. If the elder brother was enough to lose his temper 'nd was betrayed into violence, it would have put to shame the peccant brother if the words uttered from the Cross at Calvary had been recalled. This was not to be. The parties yielding to primitive impulses have brought disgrace on themselves. We have no doubt, the law will take its ourse and the offenders get their

by itself remove them out of the pale of protection of the general community who may be of a different faith. Economic community who may be of a different faith. Economic necessities which press more urgently than spiritual needs bring the parties into closer relations than religiousness could keep them apart. We trust the bitter memory of the conflict will be soon forgotten and the parties persuaded to settle down in peace to work for their in peace to work for mutual good.

In this connection, we feel bound to say that the duty on the part of the Hindus is great indeed. For, we hold that to love God and serve man it is not necessary for any one to change the faith into which he is born. There are, of course, rare exceptions of men who find the religion of their parents unsatisfying and these may have their parents an excuse to change their faith. But conversions, more often than not are prompted by temporal considerations. In the case of the Harijans in Hindu society, let us confess with shame the fact that in almost every instance fact that in almost every instance the secession is traceable to social intolerance or tyranny on the part of caste Hindus. We are today paying for our own sins in the past. By our intoler-ance towards the depressed classes today we are laying up trouble for the future. Let us hope the Kombayanmanal Crematorium Committee will bear this in mind in dealing with the claims of the Hindu tappers to dispose of their dead. Those Hindu tappers have only to consent to accept Christian baptism and they are certain to be provided with a decent burial ground so as to avoid the indignities their dead are exposed to now. The interests of no section of Hindu Vellalis should at any time or anywhere override the interests of Hindu society as a

It is the duty of every Hindu reader to recognise his own share of the moral guilt in the inhu man and terrible tragedy which took place at Pungudutivu last week and search his heart and make peace with his Maker.

### Ceylon University College

CHEMISTRY LECTURESHIP

We understand that We understand that Dr. A. Kandiah, D. Sc., (Lond) has been appointed Lecturer in Chemistry in the Ceylon University College. He is expected to take up duties in July.

### Personal

Mr. K. S. Arulnandy

orders to take up duties as Divisional Inspector of Schools, Central Pro-vince, vice Dr. Iau Sandeman who is appointed Chief Inspector Schools.

### Victoria College, Chulipuram

We learn that Mr. S. Shivapathasundaram B. A., Principal, Victoria College, Chulipuram, is retiring by the end of this month, and Mr. V. Muttucumaru, M. A., Principal, Randerodai English Institute, succeeds him as Principal.

### TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT

FOR ENGLISH EDU-CATED YOUTHS

A Committee consisting of some of the leading gentlemen of Jaffna are prepared to co-operate with English-educated young men seeking employment. Young men desirous of taking advantage of the offer would do well to communicate with Mr. S. Rajaratnam, Advocate or Mr. M. S. Eliatamby of Vannarponne, stating full particulars of their age, education and station in life.

### Self - Respect

(Continued from page 1)
and that is, that these Tamils whe,
through want of a sense self-respect,
cultivate a slave mentality, are
martyrs. To their subordinates and
underlings they are insufferable bullies.
They are terrible slave drivers, inconsiderate and uncompassionate. It is
a kind of karma that the clerk who is
a tyrant to Murugan and Velan and
Sinnapodian—these poor devils have
had their self-respect stripped off their
backs,—finds a super-tyrant in Mr.
Cost or Mr Watt of the Civil Service.
At any rate the clerk creates his own
tormentors, and the worst of all is he
is glad to have a white God. Just as
he does not think that Murugan might
possess a sense of self-respect, even so
he sets up for himself an environment
in which Mr. White thinks that his
clerk could have no idea of self-respect.
And Mr White is really not altogether
to blame. "Caesar will not be a wolf
if Romans are not sheep."

Disgracing One's Own Community

Hindu society, Disgracing One's Own Community

One of the gravest results of lack of self-respect is the decline of greatness One of the gravest results of lack of self-respect is the decline of greatness among the Tamils of the North. We refuse to recognise fellow Tamils whose official position is high or who are otherwise deserving to be deemed men of consequence. This is lack of corporate self-respect. We fail to honor our own community when we do not give due honor to a deserving fellow Tamil. Let me illustrate. There was a purely Tamil function, a wedding. Among the invited guests were the English Office Assistant to the G. A., and the Tamil Office Assistant with his wife. The English O.A. was met at the entrance by half adozen "managers", and very deferentially ascorted to a high place. The arrival of the Tamil O.A. with his wife both used to good European society, was scarcely noticed by the "managers". The two waited at the entrance for a few minutes, and found seats to which a fellow-guest had invited them. Those responsible for the function dishonored the Tamil community in so signally slighting a high Tamil official and his wife.

### How they Disgraced Tamil Community

An equally bad case comes from another Tamil social function. The G. A. and his wife, on arrival, were promptly pounced upon by a detachment of the numerous prowling M.C's, and swept off their feet to seats rightly accordable to the first gentleman and the first lady of the province. That was all proper, except of course the manners of doing it.But who is this hovering helplessly near the crowded entrance? It is the Chairman of the Urban Council, a man in all but name of equal as the Mayor of a City Municipality. And the lady? That is his wife. And they are both Tamils. And who are those important looking men, hurrying to and fro, with faces oily with fussiness? They are the masters of ceremonies, "managers", all eleven. The U. D. C. Chairman's wife is rescued by a friendly lady passing into the building, and accommodated in a humble seat by her side right about the middle of the many rows of seats. A pompous M. C. grinned his greetings to the U. D. C. Chairman still waiting unnoticed, and had the brass to impart the valuable information. There may be room in one of the sides at the bottom. The "may" was not encouraging. The U. D. C. Chairman, however, took the plungs. Room was made for him in a row occupied by three Proctors. It was two places from the bottom. The moral is obvious: In not honouring the famil U. D. C. Chairman and his wife, those responsible for the seating of quests dishonoured and disgraced the Tamil community. An equally bad case comes from another Tamil social function. The C

Need I say more? Verb. Sap. Sat.

# MAHATMA GANDHI **BREAKS HIS FAST TODAY**

# End of Twenty-One Days' Jajna

## AT 'PARNAKUTI' TO-DAY

"On the noon of Monday, 29th of May, you come with an orange and I shall break my fast with its juice ....."



THIS noon Mahatma Gandhi breaks his Twenty-one Days' Fast, with the orange which he had requested a Harijan boy to bring him on the termination of the Fast.

One can imagine the scene in and out of "Parnakuti" at noon to-day to be somewhat as follows.

Near and about the Mahatma are his devoted disciples and Doctors, heaving a sigh of relief at the termination of the twenty-one days' ordeal, which the Mahatma has undergone so wonderfully.

Outside, thousnads await with anxious hearts the announcement of the successful termination of the fast.

Inside "Parankuti" the nearest disciples of Gandhiji offer prayers and chant his favourite hymns. This over, Srimati Kasturibai Gandhi with trembling hands offers the cup of orange, juice to the Mahatma. The lips that zealously kept out nourishment for 21 days now sip the juice and there is jubilation and thanksgiving all round.

Reviving Lost Beauty Of Village Life

(Continued from our last issue.)
Some Industries.

While all these are essentially necessary for the health and sanitation of the Villages some provision must need be made for enabling the villagers to earn an honest and adequate living. The Institute has been doing all that lies in its power to sufficiently equip the villagers in this direction. Imbued, perhaps, with "the better farming, better business and better living" ideal of Sir Horace Plunkett, the Institute has been trying to introduce amongst the villagers scientific and improved nethods of agriculture and to train them, as an insurance against the days of agriculture and to train them, as an an insurance against the days of agriculture and to train them, as an appropriate on in "Siksha-satra" by Dr. Prem Chand Lal, a distinguished scholar, and it is hoped that his experiment will succeed in formulating an approgramme of education best suited to the needs and circumstances of rural life. The Circulating library, about the usefulness of which there cannot be an iota of doubt is highly appreciated by the villagers, and if their enthusiasm for making use of its terminate the same it is sure.)

Social Service

But what would strike one most is

## TEACHERS OPPOSE CODE **AMENDMENTS**

NEW SUGGESTION FROM NORTH

### PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT COMMITTEE

This association is opposed to the proposed amendments to the Educational code as failing to safeguard adequately the rights of teachers now in service and as calculated to lower the quality of future entrants into the teaching profession and thus jeopardising the best interests of education in Ceylon; and urges upon the Government the desirability of satting up a Joint-Committee, one half of which shall be elected representatives of teachers and the other half of representatives of Managers and of representatives of Managers and the Department and presided over by an independent public man, to consider the scheme in all its aspects and submit recommendations to the Government in due course. Government in due course.

The above resolution was unanimously passed at a special general meeting of the Northern Province Teachers Association held on Saturday at St. John's College with Mr. V. Veerasingham, the President, in the chair. Mr. J. C. Handy, the General Secretary, explained the purpose of the special meeting and stated that the Executive of the All-Ceylon Union of Teachers had been called to meet at Kandy on June 10th. The President then called upon Mr K. Nesiah to move the resolution on behalf of the executive of the association.

English Procedure. The above resolution was unani-

### English Procedure.

Mr. Nesiah said that in England Mr. Nesiah said that in England they had arrived at a sound procedure with regard to the salaries of teachers. Questions relating to salaries were considered by the Burnham Committee which was a standing Joint - Committee of teachers and Education authorities presided over by Lord Burnham, Salaries were paid there according to the Burnham awards of 1925, as required by the Burnham Committee Report of 1927. Any revision of salary regulations was to be considered by this committee and be considered by this committee and be considered by this committee and the Cabinet acted on its recommendations. In Ceylon, the speaker said, the Minister of Education would be following the healthy English precedent if he took teachers into confidence. The speaker was sure that as teachers and as citizens they would adopt a reasonable attitude and assist the Minister to formulate schemes that would be in the best interests of the country as well as of the teaching profession. On the other hand, it was unfair to teachers in assisted schools and it would provoke opposition to ask Officers in the Education Office to draw up scales of salaries for teachers. There were also the Managers who should be invited to help in the matter; the Department too should be represented on the proposed committee as a number of schools was under its management; an independent public man, say an ex-judge of the Supreme Court, should be secured as Chairman. the Cabinet acted on its recommenda-

the Institute has been making special efforts to revive the cottage industries and to introduce such other new industries for the development of which local conditions are particularly favourable. The Institute has a Tensection where instructions are gain in leasther crafts. Attempts are also hoing made to revive the lacquer industry for which the locality was once noted and the products of which are restill in demand. The Institute has recognised the need of the inclusion of cottage industries in the programme of rural reconstruction and has accordingly given the idea of the development of these industries a "high honourable, dignified and an permanent place" in the scheme of things.

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# Boad of Indigenous Medicine.

RECONSTITUTED BOARD.

The Governor has approved the termination of the existing Board of Indigenous Medicine with effect from May 31, 1933 and has approved its constitution from June 1, 1933.

The following have been lappointed to be members of the reconstituted Board of Indigenous Medicine for a period of two years with effect from June 1, 1933:

Messrs K. Balasingham (Chairman

June 1, 1933 :—

Messrs. K. Balasingham (Chairman, W. A. de Silva, A. Ratnayake, S. P. Vytilingam, Donald Obeyasekera, K. W. Y. Atukorale, U. B. Dolapinilla, Pandit M.S.P. Samarasingha, V. Sivasubramaniam, Mr. P. M. P. Abhaya singhe, Veda Mudaliyar, W. Daniel Fernando and Pandit G. P. Wickremarchehi.

### Chittankerni School

Mr. M. Sabaratnasinbe, B. A. Vice Principal, Jaffna Hindu College, has Vaddukeddai, a branch school of the Jaffna Hindu College. He will assume duties on the 1st proximo. We have no doubt that his wide influence with the people of Vali West will stand him in good stead to make the school in his charge, a thoroughly popular institution.

Mr. K. Thuraiaprah (of Ayanar Kovilady) of the local Land Registry and son-in-law of Mr. S. Alyampillai, Udayar, Vannarponnai, has been transferred to the Provincial Registrar's Office with the right to officiate as Registrar of Marriages in the Jaffna Division. been appointed Headmaster of the

proposals were not intended to secure any saving in the near future. It was declared that the objet was to secure the employment of more highly qualified teachers and their better distribution throughout the Island. It was only in the remote future that the scheme would help to limit the liabit on hear force of rushing through the scheme the proposals should be examined from all points of view before being placed in the code. Generations may suffer on account allowed of a hastily conceived measure. The Government did not ask teachers, to contribute any further towards retrenchment and one has a salaries, teachers were already contributing more than their share towards retrenchment. The Minister for Education publicly accepted this view when he proposed in Council though unsuccessfully, a reduced levy on the salaries of teachers in assisted schools.

The question of retrenchment did not arise now. The scheme must there-

So multiply a reduced revy of the salaries of teachers in assisted schools.

The question of retrenchment did not arise now. The scheme must therefore be examined from the point of view of the future. Existing teachers were safeguarded by the scheme only so long as they continued in their school continued in its present scale. This was hardly any safeguard. But the speaker thought the prospects were distinctly gloomy for future entrants as well as for the rank and file of teachers. They were not actuated by any self-interest but prompted by the goest interests of education when they pleaded that no misguided economy should bring in cheap or bad teachers in the future. That would be a poor bargain for the nation. Some people, seemed to think that Ceylon spent too much on education. That was not correct, Great Britain's educational bu'get accounted for nearly 10% of total expenditure; Germany's figure was 15% Russia's 24% U.S. A's 19% and Japan's 17% the speaker, it must be remembered that all these countr'es spent so generously on education in spite of a very high percentage of their total expenditure being eaten up by their armies and navies. The per head expenditure being eaten up by their armies and navies. The per head expenditure was Rs. 41 (22, \$11) in England compared with Rs. 2.77 in Ceylon. Education was a matter for statesmanship. It called for a farsighted policy. The speaker commended the Resolution to the house.

Mr. A. M. K. Cumaraswamy seconded. After Mersers. A. E. Tarber and S. I. Gunassgramm, had offered a few time to explains his case to the Magis-The question of retrenchment did not

# HINDU BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

It is gratifying to note that the fol-lowing gentlemen 34 in number, have joined the Hindu Board of Education

lowing gentlemen 34 in number, have joined the Hindu Board of Education as members.

Parameshwara College: Messrs V. Bala-aundarafe, S. Ponniah, V. M. Assipillai, A. S. Sundara Rajah, N. S. Muttuswami, M. Ambalawanar, C. Cumaraswamy, V. Thuraisampyillai, T. Muttukumaru, T. Mylvaganam, C. Mylvaganam, T. Kumaraswamypillai, N. Selvamanickkam, N. S. Rajah, Urumpiray: Messrs G. Assaipillai, M. Chelliah, A. Chelliah, A. Thampoo, K. Seenivasakam, K. Kokuvil East: Messrs S. Kandiah, C. Candapillai, C. Muttuvelu, A. Sundaram, N. Rasiah, K. Appapillai, V. K. Gna asundaram.

Thalayali: Messrs V. Chellappah, N-Sabapathy, N. Ponnampalam, V. Manickavasagar.

Hindu English School Kokuvil: Messrs A. Amirthalingam, A. Nagalisgam, M. Arumugam, M. Karthikesu.

## Registrar of Marriages

### Acknowledgement.

Messrs T. V. Sabhanayakam of the Colombo Commercial Co. Ltd., Colombo, and A. S. K Ltd., Colombo, and A. S. K. Kumariah, Manager of Messrs A. Durai and Co. Moulmein, beg to thank all their friends and relatives who have sent them telegrams and letters of condolence during their recent bareavement. bereavement.

Mis. 25. 29th.

### Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8121.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Sivakolunthu wife of Sinnathamby Arianayagam of Urumpiray

Sinnathamby Arianayagam
Vs. Petitioner.

1. Achchikkuddy widow of Vallipuram of Urumpiray
2. Vallipuram Che'lathurai Guard
F. M. S. Rly., Ipoh
3. Sinnathamby Mailyaganam and
wife

A Lawyer was labouring for some time to explains his case to the Magis-

time to target trate.

Magistrate: I don't see your point i Well, S'r, I will clear you cut in a minute what, what are you going to do Mr.?

Lawyer. S.c. I will clear you out. Sir, only a minute

### A'PURA HEALTH **EXHIBITION**

(Continued from page 1)

It was resolved to have a Baby Show at the forth-coming Health Exhibition in September and to offer prizes for the following:—

(1) Best breast fed baby, (2) Best artificially fed baby, (3) Champion clinic baby (4) Best clinic mether, (5) Best little mother. (6) Best exhibit of mother craft, (7) Best exhibit of father

The ladies decided to carry out propaganda work by visiting all the mothers and infants in the area. Ar rangements were made for staging two plays relating to maternity and child welfare by the clinic mothers and little mothers.

All the prizes required for the com-pititions have been kindly offered by some of the ladies serving on the Committee. (Cor.)

### Order Nisi,

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8099. In the matter of the estate of the late Parupillai wife of Saravanamuttu Nagalingam of Chulipuram

Saravanamuttu Nagalingam Chulipuram Vs. Petitio

Petitioner Vs. Petitioner.
Vinasithamby Thambiah of
Chankansi presently Alor
Star, Kedah, and his wife
Annappillai of Chulipuram
Nagalingam Kandasamy appearing by his Guardiat, ad-Litem
the 4th Respondent
Ambalayanar Sannugam both
of Chulipuram
Respondents.

4. Ambalavanar Sanmugam both of Chulipuram
Respondents.
This matter of the petition of the Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Parupillai coming on for disposal before K. Kanaga sabai. Esquir, Additional Distric Judge, Jaffna on the 29th day of July 1932 in the presence of Mr. R Candiah, Proctor for Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 3rd day of May 1932 having beer read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the 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 23rd day of November 1932 shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. D. H. Balfour,

November 4, 1932. District Judge. Extended till 9-6-1933.
O. 9. 25 & 29.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Order Nisi.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8282 In the matter of the estate of the late finnappo Mathavar of Thol-

Deceased
Thangamuttu widow of Sinnappr
Mathavar of Tholpuram
Vs. Petitioner.
Mathavar Ginanapiragasam
Mathavar Sivapragasam
Mathavar Arulpiragasam
Mathavar Pararajasingam appearing by their Guardian-adSinnathan by Sinnathan by Arumugam of Tholpuram

Respondents

Respondents
This matter of the Petition of the Petitioner praying for Letters of Ad ministration to the estate of the above named decessed Sinnappo Mathava coming on for disposal before D. H. Balfour Esquire, District Judge Jaffor on the 3rd day of February 1933 in the presence of Mr. R. Candiah, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated he 3rd day of February 1933 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the wife of the said intestate issued to her unless the Respondents or any other person, shall on or before the 5th day of May 1933 shew sufficient cause to the contrary.

May 4, 1933. Sgd. D. H. Balfour, District Judge,

Extended till 31st May 1953.

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