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MY IMPRESSIONS OF CEYLON

THE CENTRE OF CIVILISATION OF ANCIENT CEYLON

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(Special to the "HINDU ORGAN")

[Concluded from our last issue]

POLLANARUWA was a great city and capital covering an area of many miles. But it had become a heap of ruins and dilapidated buildings and even these were buried underground. It was in recent times that the work of excavation, repair, restoration and preservation of the wonderful works of architecture and sculpture of Pollanaruwa was undertaken by the Archaeological Department of the Government of Ceylon and thanks are due to the department for doing the work so well and for putting up informing sign-boards on almost every ruined building. A visitor can now easily do Pollanaruwa in one morning or afternoon. Only he must be prepared to be on his legs continuously for four to five hours and must have the strength and patience to walk over ten miles. Of course with a motorcar the visitor can see the ruins in a much less time but he has to spend a lot of money. I preferred the former cheap and health-giving method of visiting the ruins. The post-master asked one man to take me round all the ruins and I paid him a tip of one rupee and he was quite satisfied.

The architectural and sculptural sights of Pollanaruwa are so many and so varied that it is not possible even to refer to them all by name; what, then, of describing them. Moreover, to do so would be like carrying coals to New Castle, at least in the case of the Sinhalese readers of my article. I can only say they will stand comparison with the most reputed master-pieces of fine art in any country ancient or modern. For instance, take *Vata dag*—circular relic-house. It cannot be described in words better than the following:

"It stands upon a paved platform, approached by four entrances, each with its balustrades and moon-stones. The centre part is circular with a dado of carved stone-slabs and four entrances to correspond to those on the lower platform. At the head of each flight of steps sits a smiling Buddha, one facing each point of the compass. It is impossible to convey in cold words the beauty of this great work. It can only be felt by those who have stood on the sunny pavement. The poorest imagination must respond to this exquisite creation of a brain and heart long since passed away, the embodiment of a spirit that once lived and rejoiced and sorrowed here".

Anuradhapura

But I have lingered long at Pollanaruwa. So I must hasten to the more ancient capital of Ceylon. The road to Anuradhapura is exactly of a piece with that of Pollanaruwa. We drive through thick forest. We here actually experience what we often see on and cinema curtain; the motor car driving headlong on and on through an endless forest. But here in actual reality we sooner or later come to an end. So, when our motor-bus came into the vicinity of Anuradhapura I was delighted to see, again, green shining paddy fields, canals overflowing with water, the ever present, and groves and gardens of plantains, coconuts, arecanuts and palmyrah palms. I felt "here at any rate the old type of civilization has been a living civilization throughout the several centuries or at least it has been recently revived". I came to the city of Anuradhapura and put up in a hotel. Unlike Pollanaruwa which now consists of a single row of huts forming a small village surrounded by deep jungle in which the ruins of the old capital are embedded, Anuradhapura is now a big town with more than one hotel, with many Government buildings and offices and with a big busy bazaar. So the town has the appearance of life and vitality. But the old ruins of Anuradhapura are in a more delapidated condition than those of Pollanaruwa. They are a mere heap of thin those of Pollanaruwa. They are a mere heap of carved pillars, brackets, broken pavements, half-ruined plinths and mutilated statues all indicative, however, of the rich architectural and sculptural master-pieces of fine art. No doubt there are a few entire temples. For instance, *Thuparama* Digoba is entire and is an admirable but simple piece of architecture. Then, the oldest Digoba *Ruwanveli*, which was first built by Tissa Piyadasa, the

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TAMIL RESEARCH

Annamalai University Scheme

STIMULATING HIGHER STUDIES

Annamalai, Feb. 22nd.

An important item in the agenda for the forthcoming annual meeting of the Senate on the 15th proximo at 2 p. m. is a scheme for Tamil research. The syndicate will place before the Senate for consideration and adoption the following scheme for the institution of a separate research department in Tamil in the University approved by the Syndicate, which has sanctioned a lump sum of Rs. 4,000.

Prof. S. S. Bharati will move: (1) That the scheme for the research department be approved, (2) that the institution of the Teaching posts specified be sanctioned.

Mr. S. Satyanurthi will move the draft scheme recommended by the Syndicate be adopted.

Draft Scheme

The following is the draft scheme for Research Department in Tamil:

To foster and stimulate research work on scientific lines in suitable subjects of research in Tamil and promote advanced work and higher studies in Tamil language and literature.

Budget: non-recurring Rs. 1,100; recurring Rs. 2,700; The Principal Branches of study:— (a) Literature and Literary History; (b) Language Linguistic and Philosophy; (c) South Indian History and Descriptions; (d) Philosophy and Religion; (e) Science, Medicine, etc. The other items in the agenda include the following:—

Madura Tamil Sangam Examinations

In pursuance of the motion adopted by the Senate at its meeting held on the 26th October last, recommending that the Madura Tamil Sangam Examinations be recognised as qualifying for purpose of admission to the Pandits' Training Certificate course, the Syndicate reports that it has recommended to the Academic Council for adoption a suitable amendment to the Regulations with a view to recognising the Panditha Examination of the Sangham for purposes of admission to the Pandits' Training Course. (Hindu Cor.)

he has no money".

I suddenly woke at night. It was a fine moonlight night. I opened the front door and looked towards the gate. I was being impelled—some force was guiding me.

There at the gate stood "Buddaji" in his white dress. And then I realised that I was before his spirit. I stood transfixed.

The figure beckoned to me to go to it—once, twice, thrice it beckoned. Perhaps the destination may be the hidden treasure—perhaps—

I swooned and fell. When I woke up my wife and brother were by me—and no "Buddaji".

The clock struck one O'clock. I did not concentrate again on "Buddaji". (Roy's Weekly.)

A TRUE STORY

SPIRIT AND HIDDEN TREASURE

By Rasha

SUMMER—and it was already warm as I sat under the margosa tree to sip my morning coffee. My brother and my wife, my entire possessions on earth below—I consider my children as God's come to life with some message which they must carry through—were chatting and laughing when at the gate, some twenty yards away, appeared a tall, aged but majestic figure, without a stoop, but with a little tottering of the legs. Afterwards I found that his eyesight was dim, in spite of the spectacles he wore.

"Babuji, I am poor. I have an aged wife who cuts wood in the forests and earns a few annas off and on. May I pull the *pankha* for you in the night as you sleep outside in these warm nights. I will take anything you give me—be generous and do not say no".

There was a touch of nobility in what he said, and he stood by me with his hand and his clean clothes.

"Budda—Buddaji"—I corrected, I saw his age and dignity, "I shall employ you on seven rupees a month".

"And knock out the bottle of Johnnie Walker from the monthly expense—" suddenly added the housewife. My allowance had been cut down to one bottle—and that to evaporate?

A thud and a fall—

I looked behind and found the tall figure that was fanning me, as I was working at a file of papers fallen down.

II

Help soon come. His aged wife happened to be near about. He generally got dizziness. "Old age—" commented his partner in life as she sprinkled some water on his face.

"What is the matter?—" the old man asked as he came to his senses and at once took up the fan again.

That was the man. His high ideal of duty was a lesson to me. Not a wink had he of sleep at night; my *pankha* was never dead. Often I asked him to go to bed saying that breeze or no breeze it was impossible to sleep.

"Babuji," the old man would say to me, "why deny me the pleasure of earning my bread? You never wanted my services. You are doing charity in keeping me. But I owe a duty to myself, to deserve what God, through you, has done for me and my wife. That is what the Maharajah has advised me".

He has served a Maharajah, the father of the present Ruling Chief; as one of his Shikaris; he had been closely attached to him. "Buddaji" often spoke of the greatness that has passed away from the land.

III

Winter—and the "Buddaji" was with us still. He had become a member of the household. No work? He watched for work and found it. He knew when my wife would require water—and he was near by. He took upon himself the task of arranging our bed. The house moved round "Buddaji".

"My time has come—" he once whispered as he forgot to do something and I had to call him for what he knew I wanted.

Hence his remark, "No Buddaji—" I said, "you will live long".

"I saw the Maharaja yesterday beckoning to me—I have work waiting for me in the other world—" he said more to himself than to me.

Two o'clock at night. The stars glimmered—else it was a cold and dark night.

As I was peering through the window, I saw "Buddaji," dressed in spotless white, taller than usual, coming towards me from beyond the gate.

Where had he been that night? And then I lost sight of the figure near the door. No sound of any door opening. What can it be?

I switched on the light. In the room where he generally slept was Buddha, his bald head shining from out the heavy *Razai*. He was fast asleep.

Dream? I asked myself.

The sound of a foot on the carpet near my bed! I almost woke up as if some had called me out by name. Again the same figure, tall and dressed in white.

"Buddaji—" I called out. "Babuji"—came the answer from his room. He came, his *razai* folded over him.

"So, it was not you that walked here just now?" I asked.

"Excuse me—I was dreaming" I added and went to sleep again.

Two days hence. The sun was beating on us three, my wife and my brother and myself. The coffee was steaming before us.

But since early morning Buddaji had not been seen. He never went out without leave. The little odds and ends he did—and they were many—remained undone.

"Budda was not well yesterday night—" put in my wife.

"Search for him—" I said, remembering what he said to me about his days being done.

Two servants went out of the house. The first that went to the gate stopped dead and screamed.

Three yards away from the gate lay the corpse of "Buddaji".

I saw his dead body being taken to the mosque. It resembled the white figure that had haunted me. The corpse dressed was exactly the figure I had seen, white cloth and all.

I was serving a Prince. The Prince had no finances. My Master, as I called him, was sorry one evening because he had no money to pay.

I had faith in spirits. I had read about spiritualism. I concentrated on "Buddaji". I fasted in the morning and beckoned to "Buddaji". He had served the late Ruler. All sorts of talks were about the State that hidden treasure existed and that the late Ruler knew of it. Why not "Buddaji" ask his late Master and tell me? Every pie would I place at the feet of the present Ruler, his son.

"My thoughts are un-fish—" I spoke to "Buddaji" in my thought "I will not touch a pie out of the hoards that you may show me. It goes to the father's son who is sad because

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1934.

AN APPEAL TO THE TAMILS.

WE PUBLISH IN ANOTHER COLUMN today the statement read by Mr. A. AMBALAWANAN, Manager of the Jaffna Hindu College, at a conference last Sunday of Directors, teachers, old boys and other supporters of the College. The statement traces the history of the institution and the many vicissitudes it has had to pass through before it reached the present level of efficiency and usefulness. The opportunity is availed of to pay handsome tribute to the founders and managers who sacrificed not a little to place the College on a sound financial basis. It is within the recollection of many of our readers that Mr. V. CASIPILLAI, J. P., U. P. M. the veteran Proctor who is happily still with us, headed a party consisting of a few Directors of the College on a successful collection tour in the F. M. S. and S. S. and received support that exceeded all expectations. Many useful improvements to the College were made with the funds collected and a decent amount was set apart to form the nucleus of a permanent fund. Of the amount thus set apart, a sum of Rs. 7,500 was lost to the College as the result of the crash of the AR. AR. SM. Chetty firm which was admittedly one of the safest firms in Jaffna at the time. Another sum invested on the mortgage of a coconut property in Jaffna is not recoverable immediately owing to the depreciation in value of coconut estates. The needs of the College have been growing steadily with the result that the authorities of the College were compelled to borrow money to meet the pressing demands. The statement gives a summary of the improvements and extensions made to the College building and the urgent needs for which provision should be made without delay.

It will be clear to our readers that if the College finds itself financially embarrassed, it is not due at all to any lack of care or forethought on the part of the management. The situation is the result of misfortune for which no one is to blame. Almost every institution in the Island is hard put to it to find funds to provide for its increasing needs. The Jaffna Hindu College is no exception.

The times are hard, as was pointed out by Mr. AMBALAWANAN, but we trust that the depression will not stand in the way of the entire nation girding up the loins to pull the College out of the morass into which it had slipped for no fault of the management. We cannot refuse to respond to the appeal of the Collection Committee without

doing a grave injustice to the youths of the country. If educational institutions are allowed to suffer for lack of funds, the country will be visiting the sins of the parents on the heads of their sons. The Tamils can never hope to maintain their dominant position in the Island if they neglect to support their educational institutions.

We have no doubt that the appeal of the committee for funds will meet with ready response not only from parents and old boys but also from well-wishers in Ceylon and elsewhere. In the task of organising a collection campaign the services of old boys should prove invaluable to the committee. One recalls with pride the efforts of Old Boys in the Malaya to come to the aid of their *alma mater* when she asked for their support. The amount needed to place the College on a satisfactory footing is Rs. 50,000. If an honest effort is made by every old boy to do his bit to his old school it should be possible to collect the amount in a year's time. We endorse the appeal of the Manager and trust that he will receive the co-operation of his countrymen wherever they may be.

THE COMING ELECTIONS

The decision of Government to offer another nomination day to the boycotting constituencies in Jaffna does not seem to have evoked the least enthusiasm among the people in general. It is not that people have suddenly lost all interest in the political life of the country or the depression has robbed them of their public spirit. Many people imagine, not without grounds, that Government now consider it opportune for the Tamils to step on to the stage and act well the part assigned to them by the European Association. To act as obstructionists and brakesmen to the Reform Movement may be a task for which certain individuals in Jaffna and Colombo might feel themselves well qualified. But it is asking too much to expect the Tamils, who boycotted the State Council because the reforms forced down the throats of the people were inadequate and even retrograde, to take kindly to the part assigned to them in the new cast. There is not the least doubt that people are now alive to the need for closer co-operation and better understanding among the different communities inhabiting this Island, and the communalist is not a little perturbed at the opposition provoked by his egocentric overtures.

The committee of the Tamil Conference who always held their confabulations behind closed doors have appropriated to themselves the credit of securing another nomination day for Jaffna and have set about the task of dividing the spoils. They have already allotted the four seats among four of their own tribe. These lucky, or should we say unlucky, men are already out canvassing support for their candidature.

An esteemed correspondent examines in another column the claims of these gentlemen to represent the people in the State Council. We feel sure that the electors will not allow themselves to be deceived by the importunities of electioneering agents but examine the merits of each candidate bearing in mind the fact that the State Council is not an asylum for the aged or a happy hunting ground for youthful adventurers.

The Coming Elections

DUTY OF VOTERS

A Running Commentary on Some of the Candidates

(BY A CANDID CRITIC)

The local organ of British bureaucracy has put forward candidates for the four Jaffna constituencies to contest the forthcoming bye-election. It is the British imperial policy to divide and rule and the local advocate of this policy is supporting candidates who will be tools in the hands of the European Association and the Government and fight against the Sinhalese for imaginary political power and act against the real interests of the Tamils.

The Jaffna Seat

The candidate for the Jaffna seat (Mr. A. Mahadeva) is called a great champion of the Tamil cause. This great Tamil champion voted against a motion introduced in the old Legislative Council in favour of Tamil education. The prosperity of the Tamils depends on the colonization of the Wannai and the "Free Press" has always been pleading the cause of the colonists but the "Free Press" candidate for the Jaffna seat was against the late Mr. A. Canagaratnam's dry area colonization scheme.

The same great Tamil saviour who is now busy canvassing the Karaiyoor votes voted against financial provision being made for the improvement of the Karaiyoor slums. This gentleman in whose hands Tamil interests are supposed to be safe was responsible for the rejection of the Karaiyoor vote. He also voted against provision for a water-tank for Kayts hospital.

Other Candidates

Mr. Nevins Selvadurai J.P., M.B.E. is well-known as a supporter of Government. He will reflect the opinion of the Officers of State and be a sort of fourth Officer of State.

Mr. Natesapillai is a good man but he is not a politician.

The Pt. Pedro Seat

Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam is hailed in some quarters as the modern saviour of the Tamils. He has saved the Tamils by contributing freely towards the expenses incurred in publishing the "Free Press". This modern saviour of the Tamils publicly characterised the Tamils as a race of liars who were adepts in sharp practice. Mr. Kantawala's book of Thesawalanai was consigned to the flames because he called the Tamils liars but I cannot understand why Mr. Ponnambalam is tolerated in Jaffna.

Tamils and Reforms

The reform movement in Ceylon was inaugurated and carried on by Tamils and it is nothing but a disgrace to Tamils if Jaffna returns reactionaries. Jaffna always stood for progress and we must return candidates who will stand for progress. It is easy to rouse communal or racial feelings but we must consider every question dispassionately. Are the candidates rousing racial feelings sincerely for the purpose of safeguarding Tamil interests or for the purpose of entering Council and achieving their selfish aims?

We must return candidates who will really promote the interests of the Tamils, and with the co-operation of

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"Bihar Needs Your Hearts"

The following are further contributions received to the Fund: Previously acknowledged 809 69 Collected by the Sanmuganatha Vidyasalai, Karatamp: Mr. N. Ampalawanar 2 00 Mrs. P. Ragupathy 2 00 " N. Chelliah 1 00 " N. Suppiah 1 00 " S. Kandiah 1 00 " S. Sundarampillai 1 00 Mr. V. Naganathay 1 00 " V. Kasinambay 1 00 Miss. Rukmani 25 3 Children, 10 cts each 30 45 " 1 ct " 45 Total. 11 00

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New Treatment for Cancer?

A treatment known as the "Protracted Fractional X Ray method" for cancer of the larynx is being used with considerable success at the Middlesex Hospital. Some remarkable cures are reported to have been effected.

other members get money voted for the improvement of the Northern and Eastern Provinces. Political power is a means to an end. Tamils should have political power not merely for the sake of having political power but so that political power might be wielded for the material progress of the Tamils. In exercising our right to vote for a candidate, we must consider who will really promote the material interests of the Tamils. It is not the candidate who after getting a job with the help of the Sinhalese turns round to attack the Sinhalese for not giving jobs to Tamils; it is not the candidate who pretends to win political power for Tamils and is against Tamil education, improvement of Karaiyoor, colonization of the Wannai

The duty of the electors is to choose a man who will stand for progress and save the reputation of the Tamils which is being tarnished by self seekers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State Council Elections.

In reply to "Endeavour to unite" the following letters have been received for publication:-

MR. V. S. PONNIAH, Debiowita gives the following list:- Messrs. K. Balasingham, H. A. P. Sandrasekara, W. Duraiswamy, Nevins Sulladarai, S. Rajaratnam and J. Tyagarajah.

MR. E. KUNARETNAM, Thorolmanai:- Messrs. K. Balasingham, W. Duraiswamy, H. A. P. Sandrasekara, S. Rajaratnam, R. Sri Pathmanathan, and G. G. Ponnampalam.

MR. R. RATNAM, Petaling, Selangor:- Mr. H. A. P. Sandrasekara, Rev. Dr. Isaac Thambiah, Messrs. A. Mahadeva, S. Rajaratnam, V. Veerasingham, S. H. Perinpanayagam, and M. S. Eliahthambay.

MR. V. W. THAMBYIAH, Kuala Lumpur:- Messrs. W. Duraiswamy, K. Balasingham, H. A. P. Sandrasekara, A. Mahadeva, S. Rajaratnam, T. R. Nalliah and G. G. Ponnampalam.

MR. C. SINNAPPOO, Sanditipay:- Messrs. H. A. P. Sandrasekara, W. Duraiswamy, K. Balasingham, S. Rajaratnam, A. Mahadeva and J. V. Chelliah.

MR. P. ELANKAYAR, Kayts:- Messrs. K. Balasingham, W. Duraiswamy, S. Rajaratnam, H. A. P. Sandrasekara, J. C. Amarasingam and S. Natesan.

Mr. M. M. ALEXANDER, Jaffna:- Lady Ramanathan, Barristers F. A. Tisseverasinghe and G. G. Ponnampalam and Mr. Nevins Selvadurai M. B. E., J. P. etc.

Personal

Mr. Edwin T. Nicholas of the Banking Firm of Messrs. B. P. Nicholas & Sons, Kuala Lumpur, will be arriving in Jaffna week and relieve Mr. S. P. Joseph, the manager of the Jaffna Branch, who would be taking a short trip to F. M. S. Mr. Joseph will probably be away for a month or so.

Mr. J. P. Kandiah who succeeds Mr. R. Chintamani as Chief Clerk, Jaffna Kachcheri, assumes duties today.

Dr. J. M. Somasundaram District Medical Officer Negombo, succeeds Dr. T. S. Nair, Judicial Medical Officer, Colombo as from the end of this month.

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8491. In the matter of the estate of the late Vairavy Sinnathamby of Kopay North Deceased.

Sethuppillai widow of Vairavy Sinnathamby of Kopay North Vs. Petitioner.

1. Sinniah Thambipillai
2. wife Vallipillai
3. Veluppillai Sathasivam
4. wife Sinnappillai
5. Sinnathamby Sinnappah
6. Achchipillai widow of Karthar Sinnathamby
7. Sinnathamby Kandiah
8. wife Theivanappillai
9. Ponnammah daughter of V. Sinnathamby
10. Sinnathamby Thambiah ill of Kopay North Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the abovenamed petitioner praying that Letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to the Petitioner coming on for disposal before C. Coomaraswamy Esquire, District Judge of Jaffna on the 29th day of January 1934 in the presence of Messrs. Sivapiragasam and Kathiresu Proctors on the part of the petitioner and on reading the affidavit and petition of the petitioner.

It is ordered that Letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to the petitioner as the widow of the said deceased, unless the abovenamed respondents appear before this Court on the 12th day of March 1934 and shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 24th day of February 1934. Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy, District Judge.

THE JAFFNA HINDU COLLEGE

APPEAL FOR FUNDS

A Conference of Directors, Teachers, Old Boys and well-wishers of the Jaffna Hindu College was convened last Sunday in the College Hall for the Purpose of considering ways and means for raising a fund to meet the immediate needs of the College and provide the nucleus of a permanent Fund. Mr. A. Ambavanan, Manager, presided and presented the following statement.

I thank you sincerely for so kindly responding to our invitation this afternoon. I am certain you have done so at some inconvenience, but your presence gives me great encouragement and inspires me with hopes of success in the great task we are embarking on today. I feel confident that with your kind and earnest assistance, we shall be able to place this premier National Institution on firmer financial footing and perhaps some of you may feel that I have chosen an inopportune moment for the purpose, in view of the country being in the throes of financial depression. No one at the present moment is able to predict the day when normal conditions will be restored and therefore I feel that it is not a day too soon for us to put our shoulders together in the matter. If we have met together to devise ways and means to provide for a luxury we might have waited for better and more prosperous times; but bare necessities cannot be suffered to wait too long except, may I say, at our own peril.

Far-seeing Founders

You are all aware of the small beginnings of this great institution and of its slow and steady growth to its present stature. The founders of this institution did not hesitate to act even at a time when national solidarity had not become so shaped and fashioned as consciously as it is today. They were great far-seeing men of whom we can be justly proud and to whom we cannot be too sufficiently thankful. The names of Advocate Nagalingam, Pasupathy Chettiar, Proctor V. Caspillai, Mr. A. Sabapathy and of Sir Ambalavanar Kanagasabai will find a permanent place when the history of this institution and of national education in the country comes to be written. I am also certain that there are among you today some who as young enthusiasts in the early days of the foundation of this institution, assisted the founders so far as juvenile efforts would go. Some of these have now become older, matured with age and experience and I am happy to state, are continuing to assist the growth of this institution by good counsel and otherwise.

Present Financial Position

Standing as I am in the midst of such company of friends and well-wishers of the College I shall unobtrusively place a short account of the financial position of the college today. A sum of Rs. 9000 was in deposit with AR. AR. S. M. Chetty firm which crashed and the college was able to recover only Rs. 1800. Further, a sum of Rs. 10,000/- was invested in a mortgage on the security of a coconut estate. Owing to the prevalent depression the mortgagor is unable to redeem it, and steps are being taken to have the estate transferred to the college. Certain sums of money were expended to erect new blocks of buildings to improve or add to existing blocks and to buy pieces of land. A new dormitory that was found necessary was erected at the J. H. C. at a cost of Rs. 29,000/-; the Kokuvil school grounds were purchased for the value of Rs. 4000/-, a piece of land with a small house to the south of the J. H. C. was purchased at Rs. 6000/- with a view to providing residential quarters to the principal. The Tamil school attached to J. H. C. was built and equipped at a cost of Rs. 3500. Further, 2 lakhs of land were added to the Karsinagar Hindu Eng.

School and I thank the Malay Union of Karsinagar for the assistance rendered in this matter. Certain additions were made to the Hindu English School at Uramparai and some furniture were purchased for Sathrothaya Vidyasalai. The Malay Union of Uramparai deserves our sincere thanks for helping us in this respect. The school grounds of Chavakachcheri School were extended and I am glad to be in a position to state that an influential local committee, subject to our control, has undertaken the responsibility of successfully plotting that school. The Vaddukoddai Hindu English School leaves us some deficit every year, and I hope in the near future, some arrangement similar to the one at Chavakachcheri will be made regarding it. I earnestly invite the cooperation of the local Hindu gentlemen and of the Malay Union of Vaddukoddai to help us to make the scheme a success.

I need hardly enumerate to you the list of immeasurable property donated to the college by well-wishers of Hindu Education. Though they are worth considerable sums of money, yet in the light of annual income they are inconsiderable.

Moneys Borrowed

On account of additions, improvements and purchase of lands to which I have referred, the Board of Directors of the Jaffna Hindu College found it necessary to borrow money. Two sums, of Rs. 3000 and Rs. 2000/- were borrowed on Promissory notes, and a third sum of Rs. 3500/- was borrowed on mortgage. The total amount the Board owes is Rs. 8500/-.

Now in view of the arrangements we have made with regard to the Hindu School at Chavakachcheri, and those that we hope to make with regard to the School at Vaddukoddai, I am in a position to state that the future liabilities of the Board will not exceed the income. But the Jaffna Hindu College, though it has at present large and commodious rooms, which speak to the credit of its founders and its later supporters, yet requires further equipment. You are already aware of the urgent necessity of providing it with suitable playground in close proximity to the college, and this long-felt want should engage our immediate and urgent attention. I am glad to say that the Jaffna Hindu College Old Boys' Association are stirring their elves to remedy this defect, and I feel certain that if we all put our shoulders to gether, we should be able to provide the college with the playground it so sorely needs. Further the Principal is keen on connecting the two detached blocks on the south and expects thereby to add two more classrooms to the existing ones. He also feels the urgent necessity for another Science lecture room as the present laboratory accommodation is insufficient. Again the house which was bought to be used as residential quarters for the Principal requires slight repairs and extension before he could take up residence there. These have yet to be done and I need hardly add, that they should be taken on hand without delay.

Manager's Appeal

Now, gentlemen, I have placed before you a short account of the past and of the immediate future before us. We have to find means not only to pay up the debts and equip the J.H.C. more efficiently, but also for a permanent fund on the interest of which the Board of Directors may find occasion to lean on. This is the premier Hindu National Institution, I say "National" advisedly, for it is an institution built

CEYLON IN HOUSE OF LORDS

Grave Defects in Constitution

LORD HALSBURY'S QUESTION

London, Feb. 27.

In the House of Lords tomorrow, Lord Halsbury will call attention to the grave defects alleged to have appeared in the present Constitution of Ceylon and will ask the Government whether they propose to take any steps in the matter. ('Times' Cor)

Peerage For Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister?

London, Feb. 28th.

There are strong rumours that Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Secretary of State for the Colonies, will be offered a peerage during the impending Cabinet reconstruction.

99th Birthday of Sri Ramakrishna

CELEBRATION IN COLOMBO.

The Ninety-Ninth Birthday Anniversary of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa will be celebrated at Sri Ramakrishna Mission School, 41st Lane, Wellawatta Colombo, on Sunday the 4th March 1934.

The Daridra Narayana Seva (Feeding of the Poor in connection with the celebration will be held on Sunday the 11th March 1934.

Sinnathamby Pulavar Memorial Fund

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Amount Received	100	40

Do not overlook Your Duty

—M. S. Ehatamby.

in the name of and with the support of the Hindus of Ceylon. The administration of the institution must necessarily devolve on a small body of men who on that account will not be so silly as to claim the institution as their own. We must all be proud of the college for the reason that it is our own. It is ours whether we happen to reside in Jaffna, Colombo or Malaya. It is the mother who fosters the Education of Hindu children. The teachers are her agents. The French Minister Guizot once said, 'It is the teacher who makes the school'. Great therefore is the responsibility that is placed on him. The aim and object of the managers is identical with those of the teachers, and no manager is likely to dispute this proposition. I am also certain that no teacher will say that his aim is different from that of the Manager. In the close cooperation of the teachers and the managers lies the success of Education in the country. I am confident that no teacher employed by the Board of Directors of this college ever entertains the idea that his interests are different from those of the Board. I am not trying to flatter, but I say the plain truth. Cooperation is our watch word. We must prove ourselves worthy of the founders who bequeathed this great institution to us as a national trust. It has steadily grown and embraces within it many Branch Schools both English and Tamil. It is up to us now to place it on a sound financial basis so that we may ensure the security and safety of Hindu Education in the Peninsula. I appeal to you who are present here and to those who are unavoidably absent to contribute their mite to the fund which we are about to collect in aid of the Jaffna Hindu College.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

Mr. Rajendra Prasad's Fund 17 Lakhs: Viceroy's 2 1/2 Lakhs.

Patna, Feb. 26

The Central Relief Committee Fund totals Rs. 17,47,897.

Bhan Rajendra Prasad cancelling his tour to Darbhanga as the roads are reported to be impassable in the affected areas on account of excessive rains, returned here this evening.

Viceroy's Fund

New Delhi, Feb. 26

The Viceroy's Earthquake Relief Fund totals Rs. 24,62,091. Subscriptions received include Rs. one lakh from the Maharaja of Darbhanga, Rs. 95,000 from Ramgho Wards Estate, Hazaribag, and Rs. 10,000 from the Maharaja of Gondal.

A Judicial Drama

The members of the Vaddukoddai Reading Room and Library successfully staged a Judicial Drama, composed by Mr. S. D. Tambao, at the Rita Hall on Saturday, the 10th of February 1934 under the distinguished patronage of Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, C. C. S. and Mrs. Coomaraswamy.

GRAND CONCERT

BY THE GUIDES ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 17TH 1934 AT 6 P. M. IN

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All-Ceylon Tamil Medical Practitioners' Conference

Mr. S. M. Ponniah, General Secretary, The Ceylon Indigenous Medical Association, writes:—

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ceylon Indigenous (Tamil) Medical Association was held on Saturday the 24th of February 1934 at 3 p.m. at the Kurumuni Medical Hall, Vannarponnai, and it has been decided (1) to have the "All-Ceylon Tamil Medical Practitioners' Conference and Exhibition" during the second week of April 1934, for 3 days at the Jaffna Hindu College Hall, Vannarponnai. (2) To have the special general meeting of the Ceylon Indigenous (Tamil) Medical Association on the 17th of March 1934 at the Jaffna Hindu College Hall, to elect the President elect, Reception Committee, and the Managing Committee for the coming Conference and Exhibition. (3) It has also been decided to request the Hon. the Minister for Health to open the Exhibition and Conference.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF CEYLON

(Continued from Page 1.)

King who adopted and spread Buddhism in Ceylon, is now being rebuilt by the Buddhist Society. This stupendous work which has been going on for years, is now on the point of being completed. But as the scaffolding and the temporary staircases made for workers are still in place I could ascend the top of this huge and high Dagoba. The dome of this is now complete and the upper square too is nearly done. Only the tapering cone is to be built. From this high dome and square a panoramic view of Anuradhapura is obtained and I was able to see simultaneously the three great Dagobas partially repaired and restored as also the great tanks, and the forest of old ruins of the great and ancient capital. For, Anuradhapura is probably the oldest city of Ceylon. The foundation of this city was contemporaneous with the conquest of Ceylon by Prince Vijaya. But later kings made Anuradhapura the capital of Ceylon and thereby it acquired political importance. After the introduction of Buddhism in Ceylon and its adoption as a state religion and after the plantation and growth of the Bodhi tree (known by the name of Pimpal in Marathi language) from a branch of the Bodhi tree under which Gautama Buddha received his revelation and enlightenment, Anuradhapura held, in the Buddhist world, the position which Rome held in Christendom.

That two thousand years old tree with its three tapering terraces with its big compound containing over a dozen bodhi trees, off-shoots from the original tree, is a sacred and venerable object even now and I must confess that I was myself impressed by that sacred site of Buddhism. I was particularly struck by the image of Ganapati, the Hindu God of learning, placed at the entrance to the terrace of the Bodhi tree. It speaks volumes about the tolerant spirit of Buddhist faith and its followers. I am being unawares led into detailed description of the ruins and sights of Anuradhapura. So I must now conclude this article by simply repeating that as at Pollanaruwa I met with the kind hospitality of the Excise Inspector of Anuradhapura who had been informed in advance about my arrival at Anuradhapura. In fact the Inspector arranged a sort of a party of his friends in my honour. At this party a few veterinary surgeons who were all educated in Bombay and who were all sent to the district of Anuradhapura to combat and check a cattle disease which was doing havoc among the cattle of the district. They were educated Sinhalese and I was glad to spend my time in their company. Only as in Colombo I noticed that the habit of drink was very common even there. As the limits of an article are already exceeded I must halt here.

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3. The specification, bill of quantities and form of agreements can be seen, and all other information obtained from the Office of the Supdt. of Works, U. D. C., Jaffna, any week day between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4.30 p.m. (Saturdays 9 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.)

4. Schedule of rates must be submitted on forms obtained from the Supdt. of Works, U. D. C., Jaffna, duly signed and dated and forwarded in securely sealed envelopes addressed to the Chairman, Urban District Council, Jaffna, endorsed on the outside "Tenders for the supply of materials" so as to reach the office of the Chairman on or before 12 noon on Thursday the 8th March 1934. Schedule forms will be issued on a deposit of Rs. 10/- for each form. The deposit will be refunded on the successful tenderer entering into agreement.

5. Any alterations made in the quotations should bear the initials of the Tenderer, and all quotations containing alterations not so initialled will be treated as informal and rejected.

6. The Council reserves to itself the right to supply the contractor with any materials, including any imported articles which may be necessary in the execution of the work included in any agreement.

7. No contract shall be entered into with any person whose name is on the list of Crown or Council defaulting contractors, either individually or jointly with any other person, nor shall the contractor employ any person whose name is on the list of Crown or Council defaulting contractors, or any other person to whom the Chairman, Urban District Council, Jaffna, for reasons which appear to him sufficient, objects after giving due notice of his objection in writing.

8. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any of the schedule of rates submitted, nor to give all the work included in the whole scheme or in any one item to any one contractor.

9. The successful tenderer will be required to pay one-tenth of the amount of tender as cash security.

R. R. NALLIAH,

Chairman, U. D. C.

Office of the Urban District Council, Jaffna, February 22, 1934.

Mis. 221. 1.

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8155. In the matter of the estate of the late Ambalavanar Rajaratnam of Vaddukoddai East.

Deceased.

Sivanayagipillai widow of Ambalavanar Rajaratnam of Vaddukoddai East.

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Rajaratnam Sivaprakasam of do- by his guardian ad litem.
2. Kanagasabai Chelliah of Karaitive presently Cigar Boutique, Changanai.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before C. Coomarasamy Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on the 6th day of February 1934 in the presence of Mr. M. Kathiravelu Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed petitioner is the widow of the deceased abovenamed and as such she is declared to be entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the deceased abovenamed and that letters of administration be issued to her unless the respondents abovenamed shall on or before the 16th day of March 1934 shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 20th day of February, 1934.

Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy

O. 41. 26 & 1. District Judge.

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