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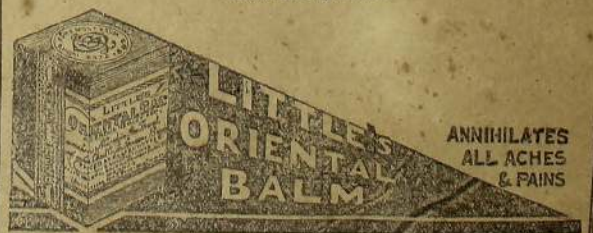
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Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 65/19.

In the matter of the estate of the late Sellammah widow of Rama Aiyar Ramalinga Kurukul of Vannarponnai East.

Deceased.

Rama Aiyar Nagenthira Aiyar of Vannarponnai East.

Petitioner.

Vs.

Nagenthira Aiyar Ramasamy Aiyar of Vannarponnai West.

Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Sellammah widow of Rama Aiyar Ramalinga Kurukul coming on for disposal before A. Chattervelu Esquire, District Judge on August 8, 1927, in the presence of Mr. R. Sivaganesan, Petitioner, on the part of the Petitioner, and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated August 8, 1927 having been read; it is declared that the Petitioner is the brother and sole heir of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before September 22, 1927, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge.

August 26, 1927. O. 1816.

NOTICE.

A PUBLIC MEETING.

Under the auspices of the Jaffna Saiva Paripala Sabha, a public meeting of the Hindus of Jaffna will be held at the Jaffna Hindu College on Saturday the 17th instant at 4.30 p.m., to protest against the remarks of Mr. T. B. Russell, Government Agent, Northern Province, Jaffna, in his Administration Report for 1926, imputing the temple burglaries to the Hindu priests.

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JAFFNA, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1927.

THE COLOMBO VIVEKANANDA SOCIETY.

THE TWENTYFOURTH ANNUAL REPORT of the above Society which has been sent to us for review gives a valuable account of its many and varied activities. The Society has done during the last 24 years yeoman service in the cause of Saiva religion and Tamil literature and it is the duty of the Saiva public to keep itself in touch with its work and to support it in every possible way so that it may carry on its work efficiently.

In this report there is a comparative statement of the membership and of the subscriptions collected for the last three years. It is said that in 1924 there were 399 members and that Rs. 1631 were collected as subscriptions. In 1925 membership stood at 545 and subscriptions amounted to Rs. 1931. In 1926 there were 661 members and subscriptions were Rs. 2288. No doubt there has been for the last 3 years a steady increase in the membership as well as in the subscriptions collected. But in our opinion this progress is not commensurate with the notoriety, strength, wealth, and importance of the Hindu community in the Metropolis. Earnest and vigorous efforts should be made to develop its financial position and to extend the scope of its activities. The honorary officers who are either busy professional men or hard-worked Government officers cannot be expected to devote enough of time for the work of the Society. We agree with the Committee on the necessity for the appointment of a full-time paid Secretary. Lack of funds should not stand in the

way of such an appointment as we are sure that by such appointment more money will come into the hands of the Society. We regret that the debt which the Society has incurred still remains unpaid. A good portion of its annual income is being consumed by the interest payable on the debt. We hope that this state of affairs will not be allowed to continue long and that early steps will be taken to pay off the debt.

We are glad to note that the magazine "Vivekananda" under the able editorship of Srimath Swami Vipulananda has become a popular monthly. At the commencement there were 765 subscribers. Now the number has increased to 1176 and it has become a self-supporting paper. It is stated that many difficulties have been experienced in getting the magazine through the press and that it had to be printed at four different presses during the year. The acquisition of a press for the Society as suggested by the Committee will not only obviate the present difficulties but also will make the publication of the magazine a profitable concern to it.

The portion of the report that deals with the Vernacular school is very instructive. We are sure that many gentlemen in Colombo will realise the value of the education of Hindu children in Hindu schools from the progress made by the children in the Vivekananda Vidyalaya. This institution has within a short time become so popular that it has now on the roll 169 children while more others have been refused admission owing to lack of accommodation. The school has now been registered for grant and the first examination will be held in next month. "The religious training and instruction", says the report "imparted in the school and the results achieved so far are very encouraging and the Committee has the satisfaction to state that the undertaking has proved well worth the money spent on it."

Lectures and Kathaprasangams form an important feature of the work of the Society. Kathaprasangams were delivered on every Sunday and were all well patronised. No less than 45 lectures were delivered during the year and a good number of Hindu ladies attended these Kathaprasangams. Nineteen ordinary lectures also were delivered during the year. The literature classes were held on every Saturday. Thirukkural and Nannal formed the subjects of the study. We will suggest to the Committee to open classes for the study of Periyapuranam. In our opinion no book in Tamil Saiva literature can better promote piety and devotion among the people and deepen their moral and spiritual life than this sacred book.

We are glad to find that the Guru Poojas of the 63 Saiva Saints as well as the birth-day celebration of Swami Vivekananda and the death-day celebration of Sri Sri Arumukanavalar Avarkal were duly performed. The reference to the Guru Pooja ceremonies is rather scanty. We hope that the public will be informed in the next report of the nature of the Guru Pooja celebrations of the Saiva Saints.

The Society rendered help to the Kathirigama pilgrims at Colombo on their way to and from the sacred shrine. By the intervention of the social workers of the Society the hardships and inconvenience which the pilgrims had generally to undergo at the stations were removed and that food and lodging were found for them during their sojourn in Colombo. We hope that the scope of the Social Service of the Society will be extended to other 'apharas' and will form a permanent feature of its activities.

THE MAILS.

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DESPATCHES.

London Mails per the P & O "Malaja" will close on Thursday, September 15th; per a P & O Steamer leaving from Bombay will close on Tuesday, September 20th and per the R. L. "Patric" on Thursday, September 22nd.

Strait and China Mails per the M. M. "D'Artagnan" will close on Wednesday, September 14th and per the P & O "Kashmir" on Saturday, September 17th.

RECEIPTS.

London Mails per the P & O "Narkunda" will arrive on Saturday, September 17th and per the O. L. "Orvieto" on Saturday, September 24th.

Strait and China Mails per the M. M. "Checoncoeur" will arrive on Tuesday (tomorrow).

LOCAL & GENERAL.

WEATHER.—As last there has not in a change in the weather. There was a drizzle yesterday in the noon. The sky is overcast at times. Rain is expected in a day or two. The farmers are waiting for a down pour to start paddy sowing.

PUNJALAKADUVAN GOVT. SCHOOL.—Invitations have been issued by the Punalakaduva Y. M. H. A. for the Stone Laying Ceremony of the Punalakaduva Government School by the Hon. Sir P. Ramaswami today (Monday).

BUDDHIST TEMPLE IN AFRICA.—A meeting was held at the New Cinema Hall, Dar-es-Salaam on the 6th ultimo, at 5 p.m. to discuss what measures should be adopted to erect a Buddhist Temple in British East Africa. The National Congress President—The Morning Leader learnt that a Knight who since his retirement from office has been devoting his time to the welfare of the country has been suggested as the best candidate.

Y. M. H. A. UDUVIL.—The weekly meeting of the above Association was held on Sunday 4th inst. with Mr. Kattim in the chair. The chief item for the day was a speech by Mr. Naghan on "The aims and ideas of the Uduvil Y. M. H. A." The lecture was very interesting and thought-provoking. At the close of his speech the lecturer, very strongly appealed to the members to start to do the following three things immediately, viz.—(1) To start a branch of the Co-operative Society for Uduvil; (2) To start a public library at Uduvil; and (3) To work for the religious initiation (ආරාධනා) of all the lower class agents. The meeting came to a close at 8 p.m. with Thevaram—Uduvil Cor.

NAVALAPITIXA YOUNG MEN'S HINDU ASSOCIATION.—Under the auspices of the above Association, Brahma Sri T. Nadaraj, Iyer of Inuvil, delivered an interesting Kathaprasangam on the life of Thiruvalluvar on Sunday the 4th inst. commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Kathiresan School before a large gathering. Mr. T. Marimuthu of Jaffna assisted him with lovely music and later entertained the audience with flute music. The meeting terminated with Thevaram at about 9.30 p.m.—N'pitiya Cor.

IMPERIAL BANK AND DUPED PROCTOR.—At the Chief Appellate Court, the judgment was delivered of a Divisional Bench of three Judges in the case in which the Imperial Bank of India (Colombo) sued Mr. M. D. A. Abeyasinghe, Proctor and Notary, Colombo, for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 2,000 alleged to have been paid to the defendant on a cheque purporting to have been drawn by one Mr. D. S. P. Abayewardene, but on which the drawer's signature was forged. The District Judge delivered judgment for the plaintiff (Bank) as prayed for with costs. The defendant appealed against the finding of the District Judge and the appeal was argued on July 20 last, before a Bench of two Judges, but they were unable to agree as to the decision. The argument was then referred to a Divisional Bench, of three Judges who have delivered separate judgments, the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Schneider agreeing that the appeal should be dismissed and Mr. Justice Garvin holding that it should be allowed plaintiff's action dismissed with costs.

BURSARIES AT MEDICAL COLLEGE.—Bursaries, applications for which were recently called for poor deserving Medical students, have been instituted by the Government to cover the cost of both the Pre-Medical and Medical courses. There were 16 applicants, including two lady students for these Bursaries and the College Council have nominated Messrs G. J. L. Mico, O. L. Bartholomew, S. Nadarajah and J. F. W. Balasandra subject to the approval of the Government.

STATE BANK AND LAND COMMISSION.—The Land Commission has decided, in regard to land irrigated under the Karschohi Scheme, (a) That Government should be advised to exempt this scheme from the provisions of the Government circular of August 1, 1927, prohibiting the sale or lease of areas exceeding 20 acres in extent, and (b) That the question of a scheme of State-aided colonization on the lines proposed by the Hon. Mr. E. Jayaratnam should be deferred for consideration along with the scheme outlined in Sir Hugh Clifford's Message of the 18th May, 1927, and other proposals of the same type. It is also stated that it was the intention of Government to refer to the Commission the question of a State Mortgage Bank for Ceylon and that, if the Commission so desired, a memorandum on the subject for issue to members would be prepared. The Chairman stated, on behalf of the Commission, that they would appreciate a memorandum from Mr. Brayce on the subject.

COLOMBO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.—The number of those who make use of the above Library which is far from busy haunts, it is said, is on the increase. The lending Library has become very popular while the reference Library is also freely used; but the Reading Room attracts the largest.

JAFFNA ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Jaffna Association was held on Wednesday last to consider the appointment of a sub-committee to draft a memorandum on reforms to be submitted to the forthcoming Royal Commission. We understand that some prominent and active members were not present as they have not been served with notices of the meeting.

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MATRIMONIAL.

KANAGARATNAM — KANMANYAMMAL.

The engagement is announced of Dr. K. Kanagaratnam of the Ceylon Medical Department with Srimathy Kanmanyammal, eldest daughter of Mr. V. S. S. Kumaraswamy, Advocate and Vice Chairman, Jaffna Urban District Council.

Northern Province Boys' Scouts

PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING CAMP.

Dr. A. N. Ooamaswamy, District Commissioner, Jaffna, sends us the following for publication:—

A Scout Patrol Leaders' Training Camp will be held at the Old Park from Friday the 23rd September to Sunday the 25th idem. All the Scout Masters are expected to see that all the Patrol Leaders of their respective troops attend this camp.

All the Scout Masters are also expected to attend this camp and to take part in all the activities of the camp.

Each person attending the camp will pay a fee of Rs. 1.75 to meet the expenses of the camp.

The names of the Scouts and Scout Masters attending the camp must be submitted to the District Scout Master, Mr. T. M. Mathias, St. John's College, Jaffna on or before 17th of September.

OBITUARY.

Mr. M. SELVADURAI.

We regret to record the sad and untimely death of Mr. M. Selvadurai, Inspector of Works, Urban District Council, Jaffna, at his residence at Vannarponnai East on Thursday last. The deceased gentleman who was in the best of his health and was attending to his work complained of an acute pain in the chest at the end of the week. He was removed to the Manipay Green Hospital where his case was pronounced hopeless as he suffered from cerebral hemorrhage. The following day in the forenoon he passed away peacefully surrounded by his friends and relations. The funeral took place the following day and was well attended. He leaves behind to himself his late his widow, children and a host of relations.

Notice to Correspondents.

NON-VELLALA HINDU.—After careful consideration we are of opinion that your articles will not promote the object which you and we have in view.

V. SOMASUNDRAM.—Unsuited for publication.

Continued.

MARKET WOMAN WAYLaid AND ROBBED.—The case was taken up for trial by the District Judge of Jaffna, in which a woman named Sithiravidevula, of Pa. Pedro, was charged with having robbed a woman named Ponnammah of her "thalkody" valued at Rs. 75, at Pa. Pedro. While the complainant was returning from the market late in the evening she accused waylaid her and robbed her of the amount. The accused was found guilty and sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment, in addition he was fined Rs. 150, in default an additional period of six months' rigorous imprisonment.

SPECIAL COMMISSION ON REFORMS.—The Special Commission, which is to report on the working of the Constitution and to consider proposals for its revision, is expected to arrive in Ceylon on the 12th November, 1927, and to spend about two months in the Island. It is anticipated that the Commission will sit first in Colombo, and will later visit Kandy, Jaffna, Batticaloa and Galle. Associations and individuals, who wish to make representations to the Commission, are requested to forward their names to the Colonial Secretary before the 15th September. Written representations may be forwarded for transmission to the Commission. It is thought, be desired that any such communications should be transmitted to the Commission unopened, they should be sent under sealed cover addressed to the Secretary of the Commission on the Constitution c/o the Colonial Secretary's Office, Colombo. Such communications, if received before the 15th September, will be transmitted to the Commissioners in England before they embark for Ceylon. The sender's name and address should be given in a covering letter addressed to the Colonial Secretary and should also be marked on the envelope addressed to the Secretary of the Commission. It is suggested that associations and individuals who are unable to prepare their full statements before the 15th September should forward by that date brief summaries for transmission.—Press Communication.

