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THE CONGRESS AND REFORMS.

III.

IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE CEYLON National Congress the administrative difficulties created by the present constitution are pointed out and a scheme of responsible government which can remove the existing difficulties is put forward for the consideration of the Commission. No member of the permanent population can share the great moral and material advantages accruing to the people from a scheme of government in which they will have controlling and directing voice. In a scheme of responsible government the minorities who live in the country have right to expect the provision of certain safeguards against the vagaries of the majority. But we see that in the Memorandum there is no constructive proposal which will allay their fears or will be a safeguard against hasty or ill-considered legislation.

In every country that enjoys responsible government there is a Second Chamber with powers to delay or revise any legislation or measure which will injuriously affect a section or community. The Congress Memorandum does not do justice to the value and importance of a Second Chamber in a constitution of responsible government especially in a country where the population is of a heterogeneous character. The theory of the Congress that a single official like the Governor can discharge the functions of a Second Chamber is really a moonshine.

In our opinion it is in the Second Chamber that the minorities can find adequate safeguard and security for their interests. The existence of a few communal members in an enlarged Lower House cannot materially influence the decision of that house. Their presence there cannot be of any great service to the communities concerned. But if the minorities find a place in a small compact Second Chamber they can exercise considerable influence in shaping the policy of the Government and in preventing any legislation which will affect them injuriously. Therefore a Lower House with members elected entirely on a territorial basis and a Second Chamber composed of members elected by communal electorate will not only facilitate the smooth working of responsible government but also will afford adequate safeguard for the minorities.

The question may arise regarding the basis of representation in the Second Chamber. In every self governing dominion under the British Empire a uniform principle has been adopted in the constitution of the Second Chamber. In the Commonwealth of Australia the Second Chamber is called the Senate and it consists of six members from each state irrespective of their population and importance. In the South African Union the Senate is composed of forty members of whom thirty-two are elected. Each of the four states has a right to return eight members irrespective of population or importance. The same principle can be seen in the constitution of the Senate in the dominion of Canada. Equality of representation for each state is recognised in all these dominions. But in Ceylon we have distinct and separate communities and not states, corresponding to those in the self governing dominions. In the event of the Second Chamber being established in Ceylon it is but fair and reasonable that each community should have equal representation in that body irrespective of its number or importance. Thus the Low-country Sinhalas, the Kandyan, the Mohammedans, the Tamils, the Indians, the Burghers and the Europeans would be equally represented in the Second Chamber. Any deadlock arising between these Houses can be removed by dissolution or by joint session of the two Houses and if a bill is passed by an absolute majority of the total number of both Houses the disputed bill should become law. In our opinion the establishment of a Second Chamber on communal basis is necessary under the existing circumstances in Ceylon. We commend this suggestion to the consideration of the All Ceylon Tamil Conference which meets in Colombo shortly.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

THE SARASWATHI POOJAH—Saraswathi Poojah was celebrated throughout the length and breadth of Jaffna on Tuesday night in private (Hindo) residences and on Wednesday at public (Hindo) institutions.

WEATHER—Varuna Buggavan has totally disappointed the expectant farmers. The time-old custom of Kodumpatti funeral celebration, too, was resorted to in different parts of the town. Yet the God of rain seems to be calling and firm in his determination. Anticipating rain many farmers have finished their sowing operations. In several parts the tender paddy plants are withering owing to the intense heat.

OFFICIAL—Mr. C. T. Namavivayagam of the P. W. D. Head Office has been transferred to the Colonial Secretary's Office from the 1st instant.

—Mr. V. Canagaratnam, the Farm School Officer at Tinnevelly, Northern Division, has been transferred to the Southern Division.

—Mr. K. S. Arulandy Asst. Inspector of Schools is transferred to Point Pedro from the 1st of October.

CASUALTIES IN THE RAILWAY—According to a return prepared by the Railway authorities, there were 87 accidents to persons on the Railway during 1926, as against 107 in the previous year. As regards animals, 250 were run over during the year.

FAREWELL TO A RETIRING MUDALIYAR—A Garden Party will be held at the Old Park, Jaffna Kachcheri, between 5 and 6.30 p.m. on Saturday the 15th inst in honour of Gata Mudaliyar M. S. Ramalingam, Gravata Mudaliyar, on the eve of his retirement from the Public Service.

NEW GRVAT'S MUDALIYAR—We understand that Mr. G. Subramaniam, Second Interpreter, Jaffna Kachcheri, between 5 and 6.30 p.m. on Saturday the 15th inst in honour of Gata Mudaliyar M. S. Ramalingam as the Chief Mudaliyar. Mr. Subramaniam is a member of the General Clerical Service in Ceylon and by this appointment he will be promoted to the Special Class. Mr. Subramaniam comes of highly connected family of Pudiy. St. Pedro. He received his education in the Jaffna Hindu College. After passing the Clerical Examination he held various posts in different stations in the Island. His integrity and capacity for work and his simple and unassuming ways have won for him the esteem and regard of his superiors, his brother officers and the general public. We congratulate Mr. Subramaniam on his well merited promotion.

RECEPTION TO MAHATMA GANDHI BY THE Vivekananda Society, COLOMBO—At a meeting of the managing committee of the Vivekananda Society held on the 20th ultimo, it was unanimously resolved that a reception be accorded to Mahatma Gandhi at the Society premises on his forthcoming visit to Ceylon and that steps be taken to collect funds from the members and well-wishers of the Society for the presentation of a purse to him on the occasion. Oustituted members are kindly requested to send their contributions to the Honorary Secretary. The date and time of the reception will be notified when the programme has been finally arranged and announced by the General Reception Committee, Colombo.—Cor.

GANDHI SANGAM ACTIVITIES—In connection with the celebration of the 53rd Birthday anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi a mass-meeting and procession took place on Saturday the 8th instant at about 5 p.m. at the Colombo Prince Park. Mr. Goonasinghe, President of the Sangam, presided and several leading gentlemen, among whom were the Honble Mr. C. V. V. Cooray, Dr. J. David, Messrs. V. A. Aruvalam, Advocate; K. Balasubrahmanyam, Lawyer, Advocate and J. B. Emanuswari, Proctor & Co and Pandit K. C. Nambiar, Proctor & Co, addressed the gathering.

INDIANS AND CEYLON REFORMS—It is understood that the Indian Community in Ceylon has submitted in advance a memorandum to the forthcoming Special Commission urging that according to their numerical strength and trade importance in the Island they are entitled to more than two representatives in the Legislative Council. It is also being urged that the voting power should be extended so those who are literate in other languages such as Malayalam or Gujarati.

T. C. P. A. BODINAYAKANUR—The Association Day of the Travancore Cardamom Planters' Association was celebrated on Friday the 7th October, 1927 under the Chairmanship of Mr. T. V. K. Komarajapandia Naicker, Zamindar of Bodinayakanur when a varied programme was gone through.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE—There is a proposal to award the Nobel Peace Prize next year to the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden Powell.

D. W. WITH AGGRESSIVE WING—The Assembly of the League of Nations has unanimously adopted the Polish resolution in favour of outlawing war of aggression.

COMPULSORY PHYSICAL EDUCATION—A system of compulsory physical education in the College students has been advocated by the Syndicate of the Bombay University.

Christian Protest Meeting

EXHIBITION OF
"CHRISTIAN SPIRIT" OF THE
CHRISTIAN LEAGUE.

BIDGEWAY HALL MEETING A FIASCO.

(REPORT OF AN EYE-WITNESS).

On Monday last long before the hour fixed for the commencement of the Protest Meeting auto mobiles were seen emptying groups of tollers of the deep, tappers of trees and rollers of charcoals near the precincts of the Ridgeway Hall. Mr. Solomon, the correspondent of the Ceylon Daily News was seen frantically busy marshalling the dumb driven human cattle who were brought in the carts while Mr. Alvines, the correspondent of the Ceylon Morning Leader, was also very busy distributing propaganda sheets which seemed to incite and spur up Mr. J. K. Channukam, one of the convenors of the Protest Meeting. Soon the hall began to fill and Mr. Channukam was seen at a distance. There was a flutter in the doors. Those near the platform talked in whispers. Then all of a sudden jumped Mr. P. Moses and proposed Mr. J. H. P. Vijayarathnam, a Police Court Proctor, to the chair. Mr. D. C. Anketell, retired I. C. S., rose up and protested. Mr. Vijayarathnam was seen moving towards the chair Mr. Anketell protested at the top of his voice. Then one of the roused gents signalled to the crowd of persons in ushritis and their voices drowned the voice of Mr. Anketell. During this hubbub someone had seconded and the supporters of the proposer clapped their hands and yelled and vociferated and Mr. Vijayarathnam occupied the chair with alacrity and in ceremony baste. Mr. Anketell stuck to his guns and protested and implored the Quairians *defecto* to do the right thing, the proper thing, to act constitutionally. His was a voice in the wilderness. The convenors of the meeting as well as those who had come to sweep it and capture it began to speak. There ensued a veritable pandemonium.

YELLS AND BOWDS FROM THE UNBULY MOB

At this juncture Mr. Channukam hurried in with the propaganda sheet in his hand. He was howled down by the mob and his utterance was not heard. During this howling the people who had captured the hall elected a Secretary and he too hurriedly took his seat on the platform. Mr. Patriot, late of the Police Court, Jaffna jumped up from his seat and began to denounce Mr. Channukam as a disgrace to the Xmas and as a traitor. Mr. Anketell continued his loudest and most emphatic protest. Mr. Channukam also piped up. But the howling mob at a sign from one of the wirepullers drowned their voices. Mr. J. A. J. Tisserasinghe, ex member of the U.D.C.O., stood up and fiercely denounced Mr. Channukam. The *de facto* Chairman and Mr. Channukam exchanged hot words. Mr. Tisserasinghe became abusive and vituperative in his language. Mr. Channukam also uttered something but whenever he opened his lips the howling mob in the body of the hall drowned his voice by their yells and catcalls. Some one of the convenors was seen talking excitedly to Mr. Nevin Selvadurai. Soon afterwards the latter beat a retreat, it seemed, having had enough of everything or perhaps the vulgar demonstration of his "depressed classes" shocked his sensitive soul. Mr. Channukam told the hostile audience that those who were not in sympathy with the object of the meeting had no right to be in the hall rented out by the convenors. He proposed Mr. Crossette to the chair and some one seconded it but Mr. Crossette declined to budge from his chair. Then Mr. Channukam rushed up to the platform and went to the *de facto* Chairman and had words with him. In the heat of the moment he allowed the word "yellow", to escape from his lips and was called upon by the Chairman to withdraw it. Then up rose Mr. L. P. Spencer and denounced Mr. Channukam as a traitor and it looked as if he was going to pounce upon Mr. Channukam and tear him to tatters. All this time Mr. Tisserasinghe was haranguing from his part of the rostrum. Mr. Channukam moved up to him and standing side by side began to bawl out. Each of the two speakers tried to drown the voice of the other. The crowd took up to howling and booting and Mr. Channukam desisted from bursting his windpipe and turned his back to the audience. Then from somewhere in the body of the hall a paper ball fell on the platform. Then someone from the audience told Mr. Tisserasinghe who was shouting

about on the platform that their methods were unconstitutional when Mr. Tisserasinghe replied that he would stop at nothing to expose Mr. Channukam. Mr. Channukam sat on a chair next to the Chairman for sometime while Mr. Anketell tried in vain to make the *de facto* Chairman adopt the proper constitutional procedure.

CONDONING HOOLIGANISM

Then after attempting several times unsuccessfully to make the Chairman and his supporters to do the correct thing Mr. Anketell gave up his praiseworthy attempt to have the meeting conducted properly. Finally Mr. Channukam stood up bawled out at the top of his voice that the meeting in the hall was dissolved and asked his supporters to walk out to hold the meeting elsewhere. As soon as those who were against the request for a Christian Council Seat cleared out of the hall the mugwump of the toddy drawers and anti prohibitionists and bacchanalians put in his appearance and jeered at them. Thus did the Protest Meeting of the Christians end in a fiasco at the Ridgeway Hall owing to the presence of some unruly elements and some respectable people who condoned hooliganism to gain their ends. These continued their meeting in this hall rented by others but captured by their blustering and bragging while those who were sane and sober mastered strong under the banyan tree in the Esplanade and held a quiet and orderly meeting.

The following account was sent for publication by the Secretary of the Protest Meeting, Mr. R. C. Caoagasingam, Proctor S. C., Udawal.

Pursuant to a notice signed by many leading Christians of Jaffna to protest against the action of the League for a separate representation in the Ceylon Legislative Council, a large and representative gathering assembled on Monday the 3rd inst. in the Ridgeway Memorial Hall. As the proceedings were about to commence at 4 p.m. Mr. J. K. Arnold, the Secretary of the Christian League, Messrs. A. P. Tambiah of the Workers' Union, Nevins Selvadurai J. P., L. P. Spencer and a few other committee members of the League followed by a large contingent of the Workers' Union and a goodly company of Karaiyam gentry and of Navalys, the head quarters of Mr. Arnold, filled the Hall. The League's emissaries voted to the chair Mr. Phillips Vijayarathnam, a young criminal lawyer of the Jaffna Courts. The convenors of the meeting elected Mr. T. H. Crossette M. A., to be their Chairman. But as the members of the League and the crowd that came with them were uproarious, he refused to occupy the chair. At the request of the promoters of the meeting Mr. J. K. Channukam appealed to the good sense of the gentlemen like Mr. Nevins Selvadurai not to cause disturbance, pointing out that the hall was engaged by the convenors to protest against the action of the League, and that only those that were interested in the protest meeting were invited to attend. As the appeal had no effect on the rowdy spirit and as there was likely to be a disturbance of the peace he advised those that had come for the protest meeting to retire to the Esplanade and hold their meeting there and leave the hall to the violent League men, to use it for any purpose they chose. All those that came to support the Protest Meeting adjourned to the Esplanade and held a quiet and orderly meeting in front of the District Court,

SEPARATE REPRESENTATION OPPOSED.

There were about 400 persons in attendance. Mr. A. R. Subramaniam, M. A. Advocate, was voted to the chair and Mr. D. C. Campbell, Proctor, was appointed Secretary. Mr. D. C. Anketell, retired Indian Civil Servant, moved the following resolution:—"That whereas it has been proposed by the League of Christian Citizenship that there should be a separate representation in the Ceylon Legislative Council for Christians in the Northern Province and whereas this proposal (1) would introduce religion in politics, (2) would create differences and divisions between the Hindus and the Tamil Christians while their interest in matters political are identical, (3) would retard the progress of responsible Government, and (4) would adversely affect the cause of Christianity; it is hereby resolved by the Christians of Jaffna in public meeting assembled that they as a body strongly oppose any proposal to have a separate representation for Christians in the North."

It was seconded by M. T. H. Crossette, M. A., and was supported by Messrs. J. W. A. Arunagasingam, M. A., J. K. Channukam, M. A., L. P. Spencer, and the Rev. A. E. Welch.

COMMITTEE FORMED TO TAKE ACTION.

The second resolution proposed by Mr. J. C. Arunagasingam, M. A., seconded by Mr. S. S. Gunasekera and supported by the Rev. J. W. A. Kadirameram was "That this meeting authorizes the Chairman, Secretary and the convenors of this meeting to form a committee with power to add to forward the above resolution to the Colonial Secretary, the Ceylon National Congress, the Secretary of the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council and the Tamil League, and to nominate persons to give evidence before the Royal Commission in support of the above resolution."

With a vote of thanks to the chair the meeting came to a close at 6 p.m. It is unfortunate that certain partisan reporters of the Colombo dailies, who are members of the League have sent telegrams to their respective papers giving a distorted account of the meeting.

Co-operation in Malaya.

UNITED ENTERPRISE OF JAFFNA E.

STEADY INCREASE IN PROFITS.

The following items were in the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of October 2, 1927:

THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

To read and confirm the Minutes of the last Half Yearly General Meeting. To receive the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account together with the Committee's report for the year ended 30th June, 1927, and if approved to pass them. To consider the Committee's recommendation for honours to the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer for past year's work. To consider the Committee's recommendation for honours to the Hon. Auditor. To declare dividend of 7% on fully paid up shares on 31st December, 1926. To consider amendments to Bylaws recommended by the Committee of Management. To consider amendments to Bylaws proposed by certain members. To increase the capital of the Society from \$300,000 to \$500,000. To consider contribution to "Maxwell Memorial Fund." To elect Members of the Committee as provided for in Bylaw 43 (i). To elect a President and Vice President as provided for in Bylaw 48 (i). To elect Hon. Auditors as provided for in Bylaw 67. To pass Estimates of Expenditure 1927-1928.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

The following are the chief items which constituted the Report:-

Six hundred and sixty five new members were enrolled during the year as against 708 during the previous year. One hundred and forty six (18 due to death, 85 due to removal from the Federated Malaya States and 48 due to transferring their shares to other members) ceased to be members as against 44 in the previous year. The total number of members on the register on the 30th June, 1927 was 2,227 as against 1,708 on the 30th June, 1926.

The number of women members was 118 as against 73 during the previous year.

The desirability of having all the eligible members, both men and women, of the Community enrolled as members of the Society cannot be too strongly stressed. It is the duty of every member, both in the interest of the community and the Society, to persuade his or her friends, who have not yet enrolled, to do so at the earliest possible opportunity.

The number of members on the 30th June, 1927, who failed to maintain their membership by not contributing towards a fresh set of shares was 114. One hundred and eighteen new members have not yet started contributing.

The total of monthly subscriptions on the 30th June, 1927, was \$9,755 and the average per member was \$4.38 as against \$9,172 and \$5.87, respectively, on the 30th June, 1926.

The decrease in the average subscription per member is probably due to the increase in the number of members who contribute to the minimum number of shares. The success of the Society depends on thrift and it is therefore the bounden duty of every member to save monthly in proportion to his means. The Committee hope that members will immediately consider the advisability of increasing their monthly contributions.

The total amount of contributions due on shares already allotted amounted to \$6,778.95. The Committee urge the members on the necessity of paying the arrears as early as possible.

The total number of shares issued on to the 30th June, 1927, was 29,117 out of 30,000 shares authorized. The number issued during the period under review was 12,748 as against 10,508 during the preceding period.

The net amount collected on Capital Account during the year amounted to \$110,142.05. This, together with the amounts collected in previous years, brings the Capital Account on the 30th June, 1927, to \$229,818.05. The average amount per member was \$108.19.

Five hundred and fifty three loan applications were received during the year and loans amounting to \$272,127 were granted as against \$83 and \$171,626, respectively, during 1926. The total amount of loans granted since the Society commenced operations in 1924 was \$487,406 out of which \$281,901.28 has been repaid. A balance of \$205,508.72 was outstanding on the 30th June, 1927, making an average of \$92.28 per member.

The total amount received during the year under review on account of interest was \$17,680.07 as against \$7,928.03, during the preceding year.

The net profit for the year amounted to \$12,885.50 which, together with the amount carried forward from last year, amounts to \$15,423.50. The Committee recommend disposal of the profit as follows:-

Reserve Fund under Bylaw 36 at 25% on \$14,883.50 = \$3,683.12; Honorary for the Secretary (\$700) and the Treasurer (\$950) = 1,650.00; Honorary for the Auditors = \$50.00; Dividend at 5% on \$130,250 being the total of fully paid up shares on 31st December, 1926 = \$11,750 and Balance to be carried over = \$10.94. Total R. \$15,493.50.

MANAGING COMMITTEE.

The Managing Committee met 41 times during the year. Messrs. V. Kanagaratnam and J. R. Sambaram resigned their seats on the Committee and their places were taken by Messrs. V. Thambiah and K. Chelviahur. Mr. V. V. Vairamuthoo ceased to be a member of the Committee under Bylaw No. 22 and his place was taken by Mr. V. V. Thambiah. Mr. V. Chinniah resigned at the end of June on his departure to Ceylon and was succeeded by Mr. S. Kandiah.

The Hon. Auditors during the year were Messrs. T. Kanjiah, S. Vellupuram, V. Pecthamparam and T. Subramaniam.

Under Bylaw 43, Messrs. A. Mahalingam, V. V. Thambiah and V. Thambiah, are due to retire from the Committee. Mr. Mahalingam has however resigned with effect from 17th August, 1927. These make up the number of vacancies to be filled by the General Meeting.

The Office of the Society is now located at No. 31, Old Market Square. A permanent clerk was appointed on 1st March, 1927. To cope with the growing increase of the volume of the work, additional staff is required and it is proposed to employ another permanent clerk in place of the two temporary ones and provision is made in the Estimates for the next year to give effect to this recommendation. Provision for the payment of monthly allowances to the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and the Auditor is also made in the Estimates for the consideration of the members.

The District Committees and Sub-Treasurers in negotiations have, as usual, been of great assistance.

Religious Education in Schools.

NEED FOR UNITED ACTION.

DEPLORABLE STATE OF LETHARGY.

At the Conference of the Saiva students held on Sunday, the 25th ultimo, at the Jaffna Hindu College; Mr. S. Sivapadasundaram, B.A., Principal Victoria College, Chulipuram, delivered in Tamil an eloquent and inspiring address on the necessity of Religious Education in (Hindu) Schools before a crowded audience of students and non-students. The address was highly appreciated by one and all. The following is an English version of the address:-

He said that their praise was primarily due to the intelligence and public spirit of those who had inaugurated the Saiva Students Maha Sabha about a year ago. The Editor of the "Hindu Organ" had sounded the note and said that such a work should be taken up by the students directly responsible for the education of the Hindu children.

THE FOUR VARNAMS (DIVISIONS).

The speaker remembered what the Hon. Sir P. Ramanathan used to say of the different types of men; some had the qualities of a Brahmin, some of a Kshatriya; while others of a Vaishya and yet others of a Sudra. About the Sudra, the Knight used to say, that if he was asked to carry a parcel home he would do so, but would be keeping it on his head and would not place it down until he was asked to do so. (Laughter) The speaker also belonged to one of that type. He was asked by their Chairman to attend the meeting and he had done so. He carried out one's orders exequitiously. From the time he heard of that evening's meeting he had been thinking of its growing nature and was feeling extremely glad of it. He met a student that day and asked him if he was not going to the meeting. The boy replied in the negative and said that he generally never attended meetings. Once in a way he attended a meeting if it was convenient for him. When asked for his reason why he could not attend that evening's meeting, the boy had no reason in explanation. The speaker then told the boy that it was very easy for one to hate one's parents for no reason. It was the duty of every Hindu to attend the meeting. That was to show that they as Hindus could come together, sit together and that they were not a small number. It was in order to know and learn about the advantages of a corporate life that such Sabhas were held. That reluctant student had therefore come to that meeting.

ASSEMBLY OF STUDENTS.

All that time the Hindus had been doing things, each for himself, and not unitedly. It was like a set of musical instruments placed apart and played separately. The result was heterogeneous medley of sounds. It was a collection and concentration of that set of instruments which would produce a harmonious melody. In like manner it was the coming together of them all the Hindus' with one object that would be productive of some thing, harmonious and useful. That assembly was a Sabha of the students and it was proper that was convened by them (students). On previous occasions such meetings had been convened by non-students and they met with little success. Since the present meeting was convened by students that itself was a sufficient reason that it would have a glorious future.

If a Physician took upon him the responsibility of such an association, it was bound to fail since the Physician would have to spend most of his time in attending on his patients thereby neglecting the other work. It was equally true of any one who had no direct interest in the association. Since that Sabha was organized by the students and encouraged by the teachers there was no doubt that its foundation was laid well and strong enough. He found that there was no room in that big hall for some students. If those numbers increased they would require a larger hall for their next meeting. On his way to the meeting the thought came to his mind how from a tiny seed sprang the massive banyan tree and that this Sabha might likewise have such a growth.

NON-HINDUS FORTIFYING THEMSELVES.

The non-Hindus had begun to organize themselves to strengthen their religion in the land. The Bishop's message to the Catholic Diocesan meeting held a few weeks ago enjoined upon every Catholic to summon all courage and strength to guard his religion if an occasion arose when Catholicism needed protection. The non-Hindus never suffered any reverse, but still they felt the necessity for such organizations. But the Hindus who had been suffering much never felt that they should have many strong organizations throughout the country to work in the cause of their religion. Whereas the Catholics in Negombo, Colombo, and Jaffna had organized Diocesan Unions and the Protestants also have done likewise. But they (Hindus) like Kumbak-ruas are sleeping when they should be stirring them up. He was glad that they were now opening their eyes a little.

NEED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

He need not speak to them much on the subject of religious education in schools. Nor should he emphasize the necessity of such education. It was also plain question to need any comment. There were many uneducated men who were really pious and religious. What the people wanted was some education and that they had. Every one who wore the Holy Ash understood the essential principles of Saivism; they knew what *vividhi* (life) is; of *pavam* (sin) and *punyam* (righteousness). He had no sooner come across one Hindu who was ignorant of that. While standing on the verandah of his house he observed two market women returning home. One of them had been lamenting over the untimely death of a brother of hers, who had been a source of great help to her. The other gave her the timely consolation that everything happened according to one's *vividhi*, and that there was no use to exert anything against that law of nature. That simple uneducated market woman knew about the essential truth of religion.

SAIKAI, KIRIKAI AND YOGA.

Shiva once preached to Sanatkumar on Saikai, Kirikai and Yoga. The Sanatkumar prayed to know what *Gnanam* was. Shiva had told them that *Gnanam* was not a thing to be known through preaching. It was to be known and realized by one's efforts and practice and tested as if examination. What the Hindus now wanted was *Sadhana* (oraction), love for good and right action. Besides a knowledge of the truths of their religion, what would help them most in practice and would increase one's *Bhakti* were the *Psalms*, *Thavaram*, *Thiruvakam*, *Kandaralangaram* etc. These should be taught to the children. The force and piety of these songs could be known only by one who had learnt them. They had a marvelous power in them. The speaker gave an instance. He happened to come across a Hindu boy who had become a Catholic. He talked to the boy on the merits and greatness of Saivism and explained how Catholicism was not a true religion. The boy would not change a bit in his love for Catholicism, for he had entered into the practices of that religion and had got into a groove. The speaker then thought that words and arguments could have no effect. So he gave him a book of *Thiruvakam* and asked the boy to memorize the songs. The boy was very reluctant to do it. The speaker at last succeeded in making the boy memorize at least a song a week. Some time later the boy had given in to writhing to the speaker the reasons why he was not at first in a position to give up his faith in Catholicism; the boy had come radish from Catholic atmosphere and Catholic practices and anything that was different seemed repulsive; but after reading *Thiruvakam*, a great transformation arose and the Catholic faith disappeared. It was because of that power and force in it that *Thiruvakam* was called as *Arudha* and it is powerful enough to achieve or overcome anything. If they wanted any weapon to defend their religion, *Thiruvakam* alone was enough. It must be taught in schools. Even if one could not understand the meaning of the songs it was enough for one's upliftment to repeat them daily.

MEDITATION AND RELIGIOUS INITIATION.

The next thing he would urge on them was that the children should be made to meditate and should be initiated into the practice of religious life. Here the speaker gave the instances of Thakkan and Sooran, the former despised God and His worship and had to be condemned to wear an animal over his shoulders, while the latter, devout in worship and well meaning had the enviable gift of becoming the servant of God Murukan, even though he waged war against Devas and Murukan. That showed them the greatness of worship. Every child must be made to practice worship and then he would come to know of the greatness of worship. Even if a child was not willing to study, he must be made to attend school regularly, for in course of time he would develop a taste for at least one subject in which he would become proficient and be a Pandit. In like manner, if one had not the love for worship, one would do well to devote some time regularly for worship and for studying Arudpa (religious songs). As time passed, he would get into the practice and the proper aptitude for worship would be evolved in him.

RELIGIOUS ATTITUDES OF OLD.

Continuing, the speaker said, how much they felt wounded when they read of the religious persecutions carried on by the Dutch and the Portuguese; a Hindu had been whipped in public for studying the Hindu literature *Kandapuram*. Though it was risky and an offence to profess one's religion in those atrocious days, yet the love a Hindu had for his religion then was much greater than it was now. The Hindu society had now reduced itself to a husk and the kernel of the Saiva religion was being lost. Saivism was in danger of losing its hold on the people. The other day a Hindu gentleman occupying some position had remarked to a friend of the speaker "Mr. Shiva-padasundaram has been in the good graces of the officials; why is he trying to spoil it? Why did he speak so badly of the Government Agent?" What did they think of the mentality of that gentleman of his self-respect. There was a serious unfounded charge

Farewell Function in Colombo.

A farewell function was held on Friday the 30th of September, 1927, at about 4.30 p.m. in the P. W. D. Head Office, Colombo on the eve of the transfer of Mr. Vairamuthoo (an old boy of the Jaffna Hindu College) from the P. W. D. Head Office to the Audit Office, Colombo. Mr. L. E. Emmanuel, Office Assistant, presided over the function and almost all brother clerks were present.

Mr. Emmanuel spoke in high and glowing terms of the departing officer, and said that as a clerk in the P. W. D. for the past 7 years, Mr. Vairamuthoo's keen sense of duty, sincerity, loyalty towards his superiors, deep sense of brotherly feeling towards the other clerks, cooperation and above all his integrity have endeared him in the hearts of all his superiors. Mr. G. Sivasubramaniam, a senior clerk of the Department, in wishing Mr. Vairamuthoo all luck and prosperity in his new sphere of activity, said that "what is Audit Office's gain is P. W. D.'s loss." Then the Chief Clerk, Mr. H. A. P. Fernando, voiced his sentiments in a fluent style and spoke very high about Mr. Vairamuthoo's efficiency.

In return Mr. Vairamuthoo suitably replied and thanked the Office Assistant, and said that he was very much indebted to him for the good training which he had had in his hands during the past 7 years. In addition he said that wherever he lot in life he cast he would ever remember the P. W. D. and would ever speak in praise of it. —Cec.

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DESPATCHES.

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RECEIPTS.

London Mails per the P and O "Mooltan" will arrive on Saturday, October 15th and per the O. L. "Ormonde" on Saturday, October 22nd.

Straits & China Mails per the P & O "Kidderpore" arrived yesterday (Sunday); per the M. M. "Athos" will arrive tomorrow (Tuesday) and per the P & O "Khyber" on Wednesday, October 12th.

NOTICE.

Know all men by these presents that I, son called and known as Robert Newton in the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States and that I am called and known as Supramaniar Rajasooriar in Ceylon and that I am called and known as Rajasooriar Poniah in Sandilipay, Jaffna and that hereafter I shall sign my name and be called and known as Robert Newton alias Supramaniar Rajasooriar.

Jaffna, Ceylon. R. Newton alias Mis. 1077.

Continued. made against the Hindu priests. The speaker criticized the Official for that statement. The speaker would have taken the insult lying down if he was hunting after a Mudaliyarchip or some such title. Perhaps that gentleman thought that he (the speaker) was an infidel and one without a respect. That gentleman was a Hindu who wore Holy Ash regularly. Would a Hindu in the time of the Dutch or the Portuguese have made such a remark?

In conclusion the speaker said that they (Hindus) had led things to drift and were not doing what they ought to. They had become lazy and insensitive and weak. They must get out of that groove, shake off their lethargy, gain courage and strength to do the needed. They must take stock of their assets and liabilities and see what they could do for their religion. They (the Hindu teachers) must make it a point to ask the children in their schools what new things they could do for their religion and thus urge them and inspire them for service to their religion.

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* S. P. G. S. Secretary,

Jaffna, 210 27.

(Mis. 1071.)

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Tamblegam.

Schedules of rates are hereby invited for building a Married Teacher's quarters, kitchen and stores for Tamblegam Government School in Tamblegam Patta, Trincomalee District.

The whole of the work to be undertaken on agreement to be entered into with the Chairman Rural Education District Committee and the Contractor on the basis of his accepted tendered schedule of rates.

The plan, specification, bill of quantities form of Agreement etc., can be seen in the Office of the Chairman Rural Education District Committee, Trincomalee Kachcheron any week day between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. (Saturday 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.)

Schedules of rates should be forwarded in securely sealed envelopes, so as to reach the undersigned at 2 p.m. on or before 31st October, 1927.

Any alteration made in the quotation should bear the initial of the tenderer and all quotations containing alterations not so initialed will be rejected.

The accepted tenderer will be required to complete and hand over the works to the Superintendent of Minor Roads, Trincomalee on or before a date agreed upon.

The Chairman Rural Education District Committee does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any of the schedules of rates submitted nor to give all the work included in the whole scheme or in one item to any one contractor.

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W. G. VALLIPURAM
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Trincomalee, 3rd Oct., 1927. Chairman R.E.D.C.O.
G. 817.

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 - (h) Permanent school and teacher's quarters at Nallira.
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- Items (a) to (h) are in the Poosakari Maniyagar's Division.

Subject to the approval of the Jaffna Rural Education District Committee, the works are to be commenced upon an agreement to be entered into between the Chairman, Jaffna Rural Education District Committee, and the contractor, on the basis of the tendered and accepted schedule of rates.

The drawings, specification, bill of quantities, and form of monthly agreements can be seen, and all other information obtained from the Superintendent of School Works, at College House, Ramanathan College, Coonoor.

The schedule of rates must be submitted on form obtained from the Superintendent of Works, duly signed and dated, and forwarded in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Chairman, Jaffna Rural Education District Committee, endorsed on the outside "Schedule of rates for building,".

Tenders may be sent to all the buildings or for one only, but separate schedules of rates should be submitted for each of the items.

All tenders should reach the office of the Chairman on or before 12 noon, on 20th October, 1927.

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

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

No contract shall be entered into with any person whose name is on the list of defaulting contractors, either individually or jointly with any other person, nor shall the contractor employ any other person whose name is on the list of defaulting contractors, or any other person to whom the Committee objects for reasons which appear to him sufficient.

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

P. RAMAIAH,

Chairman, Jaffna R.E.D.C.O.

Jaffna, 8th October, 1927.

G. 818.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MANNAR.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 382.

In the Matter of the Estate of Alappichchel Asanar, late of Koolankulam in Mussy South

Deceased.

Asanar H. Meedu Mohabideen of Koolankulam in Mussy South

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Mohabideen Nachchia widow of Asanar
2. Asanar Meemaloaladeen
3. Malimorummah wife of Mohabideen
Suleiman of Koolankulam in Mussy South

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Asanar H. Meedu Mohabideen of Koolankulam praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Alappichchel Asanar coming on for disposal before C. H. Jones Esquire, District Judge, on September 30, 1927, in the presence of Mr. S. M. Mir, Asanbar, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavits of the Petitioner dated September 30, 1927, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before October 20, 1927, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Manipay, September 30, 1927. C. E. Jones, District Judge.

O 1825

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TINCOMALIE.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 162.

In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Kathiravelu Ambigapagar late of No. 2, Division, Tincomalle

Deceased.

1. Paivalampi Paranjithai of No. 5, Division, Tincomalle
2. Kathiravelu Kandiah No. 1, Division, Tincomalle

Petitioners.

Vs.

Thengayanthi wife of Kandiah of No. 1, Division, Tincomalle

Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before George Crosette Thambiah, Esquire, District Judge, Trincomalee, on August 23, 1927, in the presence of Mr. M. M. Subramaniam Proctor, on the part of Petitioner, Paivalampi Ramapillai and Kathiravelu Kandiah of Tincomalle, and the affidavits of the said Petitioner dated August 17, 1927, and of the attesting Notary of the Last Will having been read,

It is ordered that the Will of the abovenamed deceased dated May 31, 1927 and now deposited in this Court, be and the same I hereby declare proved unless the Respondent or any person or persons interested shall, on or before September 21, 1927 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the said Paritalampi Ramapillai and Kathiravelu Kandiah, are the executors named in the said Will, and that they are entitled to have probate on the same issued to them accordingly, unless the Respondent or any person or persons interested shall, on or before the said date show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

August 28, 1927. G. O. Thambayah, District Judge.

21st September, 1927. Order Nisi extended to 4th October, 1927. G. O. Thambayah, District Judge.

4th October, 1927. Order Nisi extended to 25th October, 1927. G. O. Thambayah, District Judge.

O 1826.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6558.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late R. Kannan wife of Sampanthanar of Chunnegam

Deceased.

Miyagamam Vethavasum of Chunnegam Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Nagantha Sampanthanar
2. Miyagamam Cheilam
3. Cheilam Miyagamam
4. Cheilam R. Kannan
5. Cheilam R. Kannan
6. Cheilam R. Kannan
7. Miyagamam R. Kannan

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minors 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 17th Respondents and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate be granted to the Petitioner in respect of the assets of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on August 23, 1927, in the presence of Mr. T. Kumaraswamy, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the affidavits and petition of the Petitioner.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 17th Respondents and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate be granted to the Petitioner in respect of the assets of the abovenamed deceased appearing before this Court on October 25, 1927, in the presence of Mr. T. Kumaraswamy, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the affidavits and petition of the Petitioner.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minors 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 17th Respondents and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased appearing before this Court on October 25, 1927, in the presence of Mr. T. Kumaraswamy, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the affidavits and petition of the Petitioner.

September 24, 1927. G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge.

O 1824.

NOTICE.

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16, 1927.

Office of the Conservator of Forests,
Kandy,
September 20, 1927. J. D. SARGENT,
Conservator of Forests.
G. 810.

NOTICE.

I, Thambapilly Sellathurai of Manipay,
late of Batu Tiga in the Federated Malay
States do hereby revoke the power of
attorney I gave to Sammegam Sinnah of
Udivil, Jaffna, on the 16th day of November
1921.

Manipay, September 30, 1927. T. SELVADURAL,
District Judge.

Mis. 1070.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6541.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Kathiravelu Arumugam of Karampam

Deceased.

Nagammah daughter of Kathiravelu of
Karampam

Vs.

Aiyampillai Earsamp of Karampam Petitioner.

Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Kathiravelu Arumugam, coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on September 1, 1927, in the presence of Mr. V. Ramanilangam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavits of the Petitioner dated August 29, 1927, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the sole heir of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before October 11, 1927 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge.

September 19, 1927. O. 1822.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6536.

In the matter of the estate of the late
Ponnammal wife of K. Sithamparanar
Suppiah of Anakkoddai

Deceased.

Nagammah widow of Vyaramuthi of Anakkoddai
Vs.

K. Sithamparanar Suppiah of Anakkoddai
presently of Moundal, in Chilaw District

Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Ponnammal wife of K. Sithamparanar Suppiah, coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on August 29, 1927, in the presence of Mr. V. Ramanilangam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavits of the Petitioner dated August 24, 1927, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the sole heir of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before October 11, 1927 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge.

September 19, 1927. O. 1821.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6529.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Chellammah wife of Murukar Marikam of
Inuvil

Deceased.

Murukar Marikam of Inuvil Petitioner.

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Pooram daughter of Murukar Marikam

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner, praying that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minor the abovenamed 1st Respondent and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate be granted to the Petitioner in respect of the assets of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on August 23, 1927, in the presence of Mr. T. Kumaraswamy, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the affidavits and petition of the Petitioner.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minor the abovenamed 1st Respondent for the purpose of protecting his interests and of representing him in this case and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him as the husband of the said intestate, unless the abovenamed Respondents or any other person shall on or before October 11, 1927, appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge.

September 17, 1927. O. 1823.

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