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EAST-WEST CONFLICT

INDIA AS PEACEMAKER

Her Sympathies With Democratic Nations

INDIAN Ambassador to United States said at Washington that her country's sympathies were strongly on the side of 'democratic nations' despite India's refusal to join either the 'Russian or United States power blocs.'

Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit addressing the Women's National Democratic Club said that India wanted to avoid any entangling connections at this time in order to be in a position eventually to play the role of peacemaker between east and west.

Mrs. Pandit said that "if India tries to keep clear of power blocs such as that of Russia on the one hand and the United States on the other it is so that we may be more effective in aiding democratic forces when necessary. We would like to be free to aid in making peace rather than in promoting war. We hope to explore a new method which we can present to the world to aid in achieving peace.

Planets Indicate Rise of India

By 1965, India will be the most powerful state in the world—that is the prediction made by the Astrological Magazine, Bangalore.

Under the heading "Planets, India and the Commonwealth" the magazine editorially discusses the future of the country and comes to the following conclusions:

The India horoscope is intrinsically strong. Therefore, as we have hinted several times in these columns India will become by 1965, the most powerful nation in the history of modern civilisation. Strange as it may look now, after Saturn entered Libra, the relations between South Africa and India will not only be cordial but of great mutual advantage. India will become a force in the world which will serve as a barrier to war between the nations of the Western and the Soviet blocs. When that day comes, there is a hope of world peace, not perpetual peace as dreamt by our political wiseacres but peace of some long duration. But the Commonwealth as a whole, will remain an illogical conglomeration of different races and political philosophies.

Competition For Best Tamil Book For 1948

Growing interest is being evinced not only by the public of Tamil Nad but by Tamilians outside India also in the annual competitions conducted by the Tamil Valarchi Kazhagam to decide the best Tamil books of the year. For instance, an official of the Kazhagam pointed out that books in connection with this year's competition, had been received from Ceylon.

The Executive Committee of the Kazhagam at its meeting on June 15, after discussion, resolved that any Tamil book published in the year 1947-48 would be eligible for the prize scheme. The books from Ceylon would accordingly be accepted for the competition.

The Committee has resolved to extend the last date for entering the competition to July 15 in order that Tamilians residing outside India might avail themselves of the offer.

Pandaterippu Hindu School

Retiring Principal Feted

Mr. Sabaratnasinghe's Services Appreciated

Toe Staff and students of the Pandaterippu Hindu School together with the public of the area met at the school hall on Saturday 18th inst. at 4.30 p. m. to bid farewell to Mr. M. Sabaratnasingham B. A. their retired Principal. Later on the meeting also took the form of a Parents day of the School. The meeting was presided over by Mr. K. Kumaresu, a retired Overseer.

Glowing tributes were paid to Mr. M. Sabaratnasingham by the students, the staff and members of the public. He was considered to be the architect of the school in that he took charge of it some three years ago when it was at the point of being closed down and succeeded in making it what it is today.

An illuminated address was read and presented to him.

Thirunelvely Y. M. H. A.

38th Annual Meeting

The above Association which was established in 1911 and which is today one of the oldest Associations of its kind in Ceylon, celebrated its 38th Annual General Meeting last Sunday at the newly completed Hall of the Y. M. H. A. with Mr. N. Sivasithamparan the President in the chair.

After the Annual Report and statement of Account, were unanimously adopted, the following office-bearers were elected.

President: Mr. N. Sivasithamparan. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. N. E. Jayasingaram, S. Pathmanathan and P. C. Navaratnam. Secretary: Mr. S. Shanmuganathan. Treasurer: Mr. N. Kumarasamy. Colombo Secretary Mr. R. N. Rajah. Malayan Secretary: Mr. C. T. Arasan and a Committee of 7.

The President during the course of his address after making mention of the untiring efforts and interest shown by the Colombo Secretary Mr. R. N. Rajah, who was mainly responsible for obtaining a new Radio Set with the generous contributions made by outstation members said that the village might feel proud of possessing an up-to-date and commodious hall for the use of its members and the general public and added that the Society has spent nearly

Alleged Murder in Keerimalai Church

A magisterial inquiry was held in the premises of St. Anne's Church, Keerimalai, by Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam, Mallakam Magistrate, into the alleged murder of Thavithu, 75-year-old sacristan of the church. Suspect in the case is Mr. A. G. Rajasuriar, a wealthy planter of Jaffna.

Soosanam (25) said the deceased was his uncle. Last Saturday afternoon she was at the church. She saw three cars arrive at the front compound. The occupants, men, women 18 and 20, then sat for their meals in the northern verandah of the church. Some of the men were taking drinks.

About that time the deceased came up and told the party that he would talk to them after they had their meals. A middle-aged man asked him what harm there was if they had their meals there. The deceased replied that it was a sacred place and that it would be better if they had their meals elsewhere.

Then the other man said: "Who are you to question our right to have our meals here. Is this your church? We can demolish it and rebuild it if we want." An altercation followed. Two others from the party, of whom the suspect was one, came up to the deceased. The suspect hit the deceased on the head with his closed fist. Another man kicked the deceased, who fell.

Witness raised cries and ran towards the front compound. The man who had kicked the deceased ran towards one of the cars and drove off. The others in the party, including the suspect, entered the other two cars but the people who collected in answer to witness's cries prevented them from driving off. When the police arrived witness pointed out the suspect and the middle-aged man who had started the altercation.

The magistrate remanded the suspect to fiscal's custody and postponed further evidence for Friday.

Can The Heart Be Broken?

Is there any such thing as a broken heart?

Scientists are agreed that there is. Life insurance statistics show, according to scientific analysis, that there is a higher mortality rate among people who have suffered severe disappointment in love than among those who have been fortunate. Frustration in love appreciably lowers physical resistance to illness and often brings about bodily disturbance.

—(Globe)

Rs. 7000 on this new building so far, and another Rs. 3000 would be required to complete the office Room and plastering of the entire Hall as planned.

ATOMIC CLOCK IN ATOMIC ERA

RECENT news flashes announced that Dr. Harold Lyons of the National Bureau of standards U. S. A. has invented the atomic clock as if to confirm the general cry that the present is the atomic era.

Since early times man has striven hard to find fixed invariable standards against which he could measure time. From the days of the hour glass all improvements like clock and watches were meant to measure fractions of this "day" in hours, minutes and seconds.

Clocks are instruments that count the number of swing of some oscillating or vibrating object. In the case of the modern atomic clock the vibrating objects are the atoms, which in combination form molecules, the building blocks of all matter. The inventor Dr. Lyons used the molecules of ammonia, the pungent smelling gas that is used in some of our refrigerators, for this purpose. Research on the absorption of a type of radio waves by this gas is what led the scientists to believe that inside the ammonia molecule could be found the invariable standard for which they had looked up to the heavens in vain. They found that it absorbed one

and only one particular frequency out of a whole band of these radio waves called microwaves. This was because inside the molecule sheltered against changes in outside conditions like temperature and pressure, the atoms led a merry cloistered dance beating out the rhythm with uncanny regularity. The clock built around this invariable molecular system proved to be so accurate that the variations in the apparently constant period of rotation of the earth could be measured clearly. Tidal friction in shallow seas is slowing down the earth and there are other irregular variations, in the period for as yet unknown reasons. All these, however, are of an extremely minute order.

The actual clock is a maze of electronic devices occupying the volume of a rather large book shelf. It required some of America's leading radio engineers to build it. In electronic engineering the new clock will be used as an unparalleled frequency standard. Your kitchen clock perhaps ticks twice a second but the little nitrogen heart of this new time-keeper beats out time at the amazing rate of 25,000 million times per second.



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Treasure These Thoughts

Virtue in a rich person is the ability to give, in a poor man it is the refusal to beg, in a man of high position it is a humble attitude toward fellow men, and in a man of low position it is the ability to see through life.

—CHINESE PROVERB.

FREE SCHOOLS

MANAGERS AND PRINCIPALS of Free Schools in Jaffna in meeting assembled have passed a resolution requesting the Minister of Education to implement the recommendations of Mr. K. Kanagaretnam, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister, regarding equipment and maintenance grant paid to Free Schools; it is expected that similar requests will be made by Managers and Principals of Free Schools in other parts of the Island. The request is reasonable and deserves the sympathetic consideration of the Minister.

When Free Education was introduced in October 1945 it was stated that equipment and maintenance grant would be paid according to certain rates; schools which entered the Free Scheme were aware of the rates; the Minister of Education therefore thought that any relief which is given would not have retrospective effect; and any relief given would be in the nature of interim relief from October 1948 till the end of September 1950 when the long term plans regarding the Free Scheme would be introduced. We have in these columns urged reasons for impressing upon the Minister that the relief should have retrospective effect.

The Minister accepted the position that the present rates of equipment and maintenance grant are utterly inadequate; he accordingly directed his Parliamentary Secretary to meet Managers and Principals of Free Schools in the different provinces of the Island and draft a scheme. Mr. K. Kanagaretnam, Parliamentary Secretary, met in conference Managers and Principals of Free Schools in October and November last year and submitted his recommendations in last April. Details of the Scheme were set out in Mr. Kanagaretnam's statement to the Press published some months ago. It is needless to state that the recommendations are reasonable. Mr. Kanagaretnam deserves to be commended for the care with which he prepared statistics regarding the financial implications of his recommendations; he has pointed out that the amount payable by Government will be less than five lakhs per year in excess of what was being paid. Considering the

CONFERENCE OF MANAGERS & PRINCIPALS

EDUCATION MINISTER'S EQUIPMENT GRANT PROMISE

Grave Concern Over Non-Fulfilment

PROPOSING the following resolution at a meeting of the Managers and Principals of Free Schools held at the Jaffna Town Hall on Wednesday evening, "That this meeting of Managers and Principals of Schools within the Free Scheme in the Jaffna District urges the immediate implementation with effect from 1-10-48 of the Scheme of interim relief in equipment grant promised by the Minister of Education and outlined by his Parliamentary Secretary. It expresses grave concern at the delay and silence of the Ministry of Education on that matter". Mr. T. Muttusamipillai Secretary of the Managing Board of the Jaffna Hindu College said that many schools had got into debts as the result of the grant system and expressed surprise that no definite action had been taken by the Minister who had earlier accepted the contention that the grant was inadequate and had promised relief. He further declared that there was apprehension in the mind of managers and principals that the report which the Parliamentary Secretary is said to have submitted may be shelved altogether. The Ministry owed a duty to the schools that worked the Government Scheme.

Education becoming shoddier

The very Rev. Father T. M. F. Long, Rector St. Patrick's College seconding the resolution said, "The position now is that we are twelve months worse off than we were in June 1948. The shoddy education the Minister is out to combat is becoming shoddier and we are concerned that the Free Schools the poor

fact that Government is spending 90 million rupees a year on education we think it reasonable that the Kanagaretnam Scheme can be implemented without risk. We also think that it will be a good gesture if Government would pay the enhanced rates of grant with retrospective effect.

The Cabinet seems to think that because Managers and Principals of schools were well aware of the rates at which grant would be paid to Free Schools it will not be necessary to give any relief with retrospective effects. It should be stated that schools entered the Free Scheme in a spirit of co-operation; in course of time it was found that schools could not be conducted without incurring deficits which were large in the case of the larger schools. Many schools have run into debts by joining the Free Scheme. It is therefore imperative that relief should be given to schools which have co-operated with Government in working the Free Scheme. If retrospective effect is given to Mr. Kanagaretnam's recommendation the cost to the country will be about Rs. 1 1/2 millions. We would therefore urge that the Kanagaretnam Scheme be implemented without further delay not only as from October 1948 but also with retrospective effect as from October 1945.

schools should not become the ragged schools. All that we ask is that the relief outlined in the Kanagaretnam Report be included in the estimates now being prepared. We understand that the Kanagaretnam Report was presented on April 19th. We should welcome a word from the Minister, two words rather viz; that the Kanagaretnam's Report is being kept separate from the White Paper and is to be implemented immediately.

"One last word. It is to be regretted that the delay in granting relief and the stress put on the White Paper have created the lamentable impression that the real concern is to guarantee the wealthier schools in an unchanged and unchallenged existence while the bulk of the poorer schools are to be thrown to the wolves.

"Nothing I am certain is further from the Minister's mind. A word from him would undo more mischief."

Mr. A. R. Subramaniam condemned the delaying tactics adopted by the Ministry.

Mr. K. Pooranampillai, Principal Hartley College said that the children and the teacher have been handicapped at every turn by the inadequate grant.

Mr. V. Veerasingham also spoke.

The resolution was unanimously carried.

A working committee consisting of the following was elected to take further action in the matter. Mr. T. Muttusamipillai, Rev. F. T. M. F. Long O. M. I. Messrs A. Kumaraswamy, C. Subramaniam, J. C. Charles and Lyman Kulathungam.

Govt of India Scholarships

Ceylon Wins Six

In pursuance of the recent decision of the Government of India to award scholarships for higher studies in India, to students of foreign and Commonwealth countries, as a means of promoting goodwill and understanding between India and those countries, the following students have been selected from Ceylon:—

M. Swaminathan, Parameshwara College, Jaffna.

K. Lakshmana Iyer, Royal College, Colombo.

S. R. Thurairaj, 281, Ward Place, Colombo 7.

D. A. David, 21, Leechman Lane, Slave Island.

Miss. Swarooparani Kamala Bhatt, 4, Fountain House Lane, Colombo.

Bhikkhu Sri E. Hemarama Sudharmaramaya Woodagama, Bandaragama.

The selection of the last three candidates is subject to their passing the respective examinations for which they have appeared.

Courses for which scholarships are granted and the institutions where the candidates will be admitted, will be announced in due course.

Jaffna Health League

Mahatma's Anniversary As Mothers' Day

Jaffna Mayor's Appeal

A Variety Entertainment organized by the Jubilee Health League in aid of the "Jubilee Health Centre" building was very successfully gone through at the Town Hall on 18-6-49 under the distinguished patronage of the Mayor of Jaffna.

The variety entertainment which consisted of music, songs and dances was according to public opinion, of a very high order, the trilingual item contributed by Dr. and Mrs. St. John Puvirajasinghe, calling for special mention. Hindu Ladies' College, Jaffna, The Holy Family Convent, and the Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai contributed six out of the 14 items on the programme for the evening.

During the interval the Mayor is his address, said that the Jaffna Health League was organized in 1924 by Miss Symons the then Registrar of Births and has come to be unique in that it is the only voluntary organization in Jaffna that has survived for twenty five years doing useful work. He assured the League of the support of the Municipal Council and congratulated the members of the League on the good work done so far. He added that Dr. P. Rajasingham, M. O. H., Jaffna has made a brilliant suggestion that Mahatma Gandhi's day be observed as mothers' day in Jaffna. To his mind there was no better way of remembering the Great Mahatma. The large gathering present expressed its unanimous approval of the suggestion.

Education Officer's Enthusiasm

Mr. E. P. Rasiab, Secretary of the Jubilee Celebration Committee, thanked the Principals and pupils of the 3 Institutions for contributing classic items. He said thanks were particularly due to Mr. S. P. Sateunan the E. O. of Jaffna for arranging the 7 out of the 14 items on the programme, the Municipality for their generous gesture in giving the use of the Town Hall FREE.

While thanking Dr. P. Rajasingham M. O. H. and Dr. Koshi W. M. O. H. for the very valuable assistance rendered, Mr. Rasiab made an appeal to the D. M. and S. S. to defer for an year at least the proposed transfer of Dr. Koshi, who was enthusiastically fostering the growth of the Health League.

Mr. P. Nadesan, Propaganda Officer, Jaffna Municipality thanked all concerned for their Co-operation and appealed for more support for the League and its future activities.

The Entertainment came to a close with the singing of the new National Anthem of three students of the Hindu Ladies' College Jaffna.

Manipay Village Committee

ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. V. Chuntharampillai Retired Postmaster was returned to the Anaicodai Ward No. 5 by a majority of 63 votes.

Mr. S. Kanagasooriar General Merchant was returned to the Peechavil Ward No. 7 by a majority of 59 votes.

ONE THING AND ANOTHER

By YALPADI

This America!

Figures given from statements the Federal Bureau of Investigation reveal that in 1948 one serious crime was committed in the United States every 18.7 seconds. Every day an average of thirty-six people were murdered, and two hundred and fifty-five women were raped. Every twenty-four hours 163 motor-cars were stolen and 9,672 other crimes committed. In 1948 the number of people arrested reached a record figure. The number of crimes increased in 1948 considerably over pre-war. Number of cases of rape increased by 49.9 per cent, of thefts by 16.7 per cent, murders by 14.1 per cent. And this.

An average of 2250 new business enterprises have opened in the United States of America on each business day of the last three years. This is the commercial growth in the nation's history.....

With one world, more or less, America naturally becomes the "Chetty" for it, so no wonder business is growing apace in that land of skyscrapers. And the other underworld activities go hand in hand too!

Spelling Trouble

In the tension of the age anything can lead to a quarrel. A slight difference of opinion about the spelling of a name in Chittagong has led to a case of stabbing. The pilot of a launch insisted that the word 'Plassey' began with P when his companion maintained it was F. From letters to words and then to blows the pilot was finally stabbed and taken to hospital. It's a queer world.

That Sri Bilash

Speaking about spelling and pronunciation it is said that in certain districts of East Bengal the letter P is generally pronounced as F and CH as S. The Bengalis have other peculiarities. Chakravarti becomes 'Chakra borti' in their mouths. Vasu is Bose. Sri Vilas is Sri Blas. A Jaffna house whose owner was a Calcutta graduate bore the name Sri Bilash, and intrigued many as to what it could be or mean. He simply copied the name from his Bengali association, and revelled in it, perhaps not himself knowing what it was. In Bengal Sadhana Bose is Sadhna Bose. Vijaya is Bijoy.

Mammoth Papers

We must thank our stars that here in this Island we can handle our day's newspapers without strain to hands and eyes and finish them off in a few minutes. "My arms ache every morning when I try to read a full issue" said Mr. Devadas Gandhi of American daily papers, at Lake Success. He is there as India's representative on the United Nations Economic Commission on Freedom of Information, and has pleaded that American papers should cut down their issues to 16 or 32 pages to enable India to have more newsprint for freedom of information. One New York paper I learn, has 128 pages a day! Could even the Americans who swallow big things read the stuff? I think they just read whatever they fancy and have the rest. But here when we pay (or don't pay) for a paper we must

read the whole print to get value for money (or the opportunity). Anyhow mammoth issues are not to our taste. The early American conductors of the "Ceylonese" nearly thirty-six years ago tried to take Ceylon by storm with 48, 72 and 96 page special editions. Their sheer weight brought them down!

So many places and persons are changing their names. I don't advocate this practice if the change is because we have come into power and position, but there is reason to consider change of some names. Jaffna, though so well-known, somehow looks curious. When I see Jaffna oranges advertised how I wish they were from Jaffna! Former editor M. S. Elavathamby, in the thirties, took the cue from some historical studies and advocated the substitution of Yalpanam for Jaffna. Many issues of the Hindu Organ of those days bore this name on the title page, and the idea seemed to catch. But Father Gnana-prakasas seemed to think Yalpanam was the name of just a small locality in Nallur and never applied to the peninsula. This and other reasons dropped the name Yalpanam from usage, and we reverted to plain old Jaffna. But, now I ask, why should we not have Yalpanam? It at least looks more straight forward and when I say I am Yalpadi you will know I am from Yalpanam but not from Jaffna!

Pooja at Polonnaruwa Sivan Temple

Performed After 8 Centuries

Almost after the lapse of eight hundred long years, the ancient capital of Sri Lanka, Polonnaruwa of historical fame, bustling with activities reminiscent of the days of Hindu Queens and Sinhalese Kings, when an imposing Hindu Pooja Ceremony was performed at the famous Sivan Temple at Polonnaruwa. The special permission of the Archaeological Department had to be obtained for this purpose. A large number of devotees both Hindu and Buddhist attended the Pooja.

Sacred Water

The water used for the occasion was from the ancient Temple well which has been preserved all these several centuries. The Chola type of architecture is prominently seen in all the buildings of the Temple testifying to the fact that the construction should have been somewhere about 1000 A.D. Compared with the Buddhist temple, which for no accountable reason is in ruins, the Sivan Temple is in good preservation and it cannot be denied that this was made possible only by the efforts of the Archaeological Department.

Procession From Vinayaka Temple

After the commencing ceremony of Pooja to God Pillayar at Topawewa Tank Bund was over, a procession was conducted to the Sivan Temple. The ceremony lasted several hours. It is proposed to have a Festival on July 2 when devotees from all over the Island are expected to take part in the ceremony.

Lines In The Palm Do Not Lie

Huxley Believes In Palmistry

It astonishes me to find how many there are who believe that the lines in the palm are creases caused by opening and closing the hand. It is obvious that such people have never scrutinised and compared prints and observed the enormous differences which exist in almost every hand.

It is therefore all the more refreshing to pick up *Sankhya*, the Indian Journal of Statistics, and read that a scientific test was made to correlate the three major lines in the hands of 600 people in order to find a common denominator. However ridiculous this might appear to the palmist it proves that scientists are wondering at last whether there is a modicum of truth in Palmistry, and if so, how it can be used to assist mankind.

The Editor states that a rough census of Calcutta, a city of nearly three millions, reveals that 63 per cent possess horoscopes and 60 per cent have had their hands read. It is illuminating to learn that the proportions is highest among professional men and lowest among those engaged in petty trade. Moreover, fifty per cent claim that they have been given successful revelations!

Based on Comparison

Economics is supposed to be a science but the predictions of most economists are so hopelessly awry as to make them suspect. There are schools so conflicting as to be diametrically opposed, which is not so with Palmistry, where all reputable exponents agree on fundamentals. Text-books published on Economics are usually out of date a couple of decades after publication, but Palmistry seems to have weathered the centuries without appreciable change. This is because Palmistry is scientific. It is based on comparison; it is developed by trial and error. It is mathematically computable. If gas, for instance, expands at a certain rate under certain conditions, the scientist who observes this establishes a formula. In the same way if persons with a certain line or mark on the palm invariably meet a certain fate, then a law is laid down that such a line or mark gives a specific result, and there is no deviation unless conditions alter. The same applies to gases, where if the temperature of pressure is raised or lowered, the gas behaves in a different way. These and other factors are taken into consideration in Palmistry, just as they are in Physics. But in Economics all the factors change so rapidly all the time that no accurate science has yet been developed, and serious students of Economics blithely propound theories which are refuted almost before the ink is dry on the paper it is printed on.

Correlation Between Hands And-Character

A Mr. N. T. Mathew, who carried out a piece of research on lines in the palm seems to have been encouraged by a pronouncement by Aldous Huxley, who says "It cannot certainly be denied that Palmists do succeed in finding out a great deal about the history of a person by examining his hands. How is it done and why should the doing of it be possible? Is there a correlation between the hands, their peculiar shape, colour and consistency, on the one hand, and the character, medical history, and biography of

the person to whom the hands belong, on the other hand?"

Huxley believes there is. The fact that many palmists make mistakes does not disprove their science. If all the doctors who made faulty diagnoses were placed end to end they'd reach from here to the equator. The doctor asks his patient for symptoms, but one question from a palmist and the client instantly suspects him to be a fraud of the worst kind.

In 1937 Mr. Matthew selected 200 college students from Madras and 400 labourers from Parur, North Travancore, and took measurements of their heart, head and life lines. Experienced palmists will smile, for they realise that mere measurements mean little. But length—or the lack of it—does convey some meaning, and Mr. Matthew's researches were revealing enough to prove that there is a substratum of truth in the science.

The lines were measured in millimetres, but no importance was placed on thickness, or whether they were forked or islanded. Where forked lines were observed, the longest fork was measured. Here again, the palmist gains much information from forks and the direction in which the ends point.

Broader Lines on Workers

Mr. Matthew discovered that only rarely is the heart line tied to the head and life lines. Also, that the palms of the students bear far more fine lines than those of the labourers and that the lines on the hands of the latter were coarser and broader. All this corroborates what palmists already know—that students are more highly strung and sensitive than labourers.

The idea that manual work rubs lines away was not substantiated, for in almost every case, the labourers had longer lines of life, but the students had many criss-cross lines which were absent in the labourers' hands. The students, however, had longer heart and head lines, as was to be expected.

Mr. Matthew went to the trouble of working out equations of the various Pearsonian frequency curves for every line of each type of hand and he concluded that while the heart and life lines in both types are fairly similar, the "distributions" of the life lines in both types "are very skew". He writes: "L3 (life line) is claimed to be proportional in length to the span of life which the subject may be expected to live, and if this be true, it throws some light on the skewness of this line." He continues: "The principles of Palmistry suggest an easy explanation".

Nothing of the sort. Their explanation is not the easy one. It is the result of centuries of observation of millions of cases, or repeated trial and error. All the same, Mr. Mathew, being an honest observer, states that according to his researches on the lengths of these three lines only, the students have better quality brains are more sensitive; the labourers tend to have a longer spell of life and are more bucolic.

If such a result can be drawn from measurement of three of the main lines on the hands of 600 subjects, it is not surprising that palmists with the experience of centuries behind them, can tell far more,

Mr. Matthew has investigated three lines with a very limited end

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1048

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Dr. Chinnappah Kanagaratnam of Vannarponnai West, Jaffna

Deceased,
1. Sivanayagi and her husband
2. Thambay Sivarajah both of Vannarponnai West, Petitioners.
Vs.

1. Dr. Kanagaratnam Sivagnaretnam of Vannarponnai West presently of Matale
2. Kanagaratnam Kandasamy of Vannarponnai West, Jaffna Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the abovenamed Petitioners praying for Probate to the Last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased Dr. Chinnappah Kanagaratnam coming on for disposal before William Gunam Spencer Esq., Acting District Judge, Jaffna on the 10th day of May 1949 in the presence of Mr. M. R. Karalasingham Proctor on the part of the Petitioners and the affidavit of the Petitioners and the attesting witnesses and the Notary to the Last Will and Testament No. 1117 dated the 3rd day of May 1947 and attested by M. P. Karalasingham N. P. having been read:

It is ordered that the Last Will of Dr. C. Kanagaratnam dated 3rd May 1947 and attested by M. R. Karalasingham under No. 1117 be declared proved and that Probate with copy of Will annexed be issued to the 1st Petitioner as the Executrix named in the said will to the estate of the abovenamed deceased unless the Respondents or any other person or persons shall on or before the 4th day of July 1949 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

Jaffna this 10th day of May 1949
S. S. J. Goonsekera,
District Judge.
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in view. If he has prints of all the hands measured, he should examine them for other signs, compare the shapes, lengths of fingers, mounts, nails, whorls, texture of skin and so on. What a monumental work he would produce, and what value it would be to all practising palmists! It is to be hoped that his limited investigation has whetted his appetite for further research.

By HARVEY DAY
(From the Hindu)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1055

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Murugesar Sinnathurai of Colombuthurai

Deceased,
Mankayatkavay widow of Murugesar Sinnathurai of Colombuthurai, affia
Petitioner
Vs.

1. Sinnatemby Segarajasingam and wife
2. Pathmawathie of Station Road, Telippalai
3. Paramanathar Veerasingam and wife
4. Manickavally of Colombuthurai
5. Pathmakomathy alias Ruby of do
6. Thangaratnam daughter of Sinnathurai
7. Sinnathurai Somanathan and
8. Sinnathurai Sethurajah all of do Respondents

This matter of the petition of the petitioner abovenamed praying that the 1st respondent abovenamed be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 6th to 8th respondents, that the Last Will dated 9th March 1946 and attested by C. T. Kumarasamy Notary Public under No 7823 and filed of record in this case be declared proved and that the petitioner be an Executrix named therein declared entitled to probate, coming on for disposal before S. S. J. Goonsekera Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 8th day of June, 1949 in the presence of Mr. C. T. Kumarasamy Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavits and petition of the petitioner having been read, and the respondents being present in court.

It is ordered that the 1st respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 6th to 8th respondents for the purpose of representing them in this case, that the Last Will filed of record be declared proved and that the petitioner be as Executrix named therein declared entitled to probate, unless the abovenamed respondents shall show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary on the 13th day of July 1949 at 10 a. m.

This 8th day of June, 1949
Sgd. S. S. J. Goonsekera
District Judge,
Sgd. C. T. Kumarasamy
Proctor for Petitioner
(O 31 24 & 26)

NOTICE

I, John Arudpragasam Ponniah, Conductor Terentang Estate Sungeigadut, Seremban, do hereby inform the public that my wife Harriet Thanganmah daughter of Velauther Sinnathamby of Urumpiray in the District of Jaffna is not entitled to pledge my credit and that I shall not be liable for any contracts entered into by her for necessities supplied to her.

A. PONNIAH
(M. 56. 21, 24 & 28)

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