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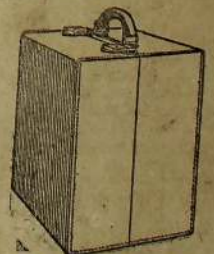
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LIQUOR CONTROL AND EXPENDITURE.

THE HEAVY EXPENDITURE OUT OF THE public revenue that is necessary for the enforcement of prohibition is one of the main objections that have been urged against its introduction in Jaffna.

Experience has shown that the Excise Department cannot be relied upon in the matter of putting down illicit traffic of liquor in Jaffna.

The employment of unofficial agency will, in our opinion, help the Government in not only putting down illicit traffic but also in keeping the Excise officers on the alert.

Rules 11 and 13 in Schedules A and B respectively by which the owner of the land or its lessee or occupier is made liable for any illicit tapping that takes place there is a wholesome provision.

Even if the expenditure that is involved in enforcing prohibition is heavy that should not deter either the Government or the Legislative Council from embarking on a scheme of social benevolence which will have far-reaching effects on the social and material progress of the country.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

OFFICIAL.—Mr. G. De Soysa, C. C. S., is to be, in addition to his own duties, Additional Police Magistrate, Jaffna, from February 27, 1928.

DENTISTRY AND DENTAL SURGERY.—Last Friday's Gazette publishes separate lists of Licensed Dentists and Dental Practitioners who are legally entitled and who are qualified to practise Dentistry and Dental Surgery in Ceylon.

CEYLON MEDICAL REGISTER.—The same Gazette publishes a complete list of Medical Practitioners who are qualified to practise Medicine and Surgery in Ceylon.

PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE.—The same Gazette publishes the Draft Ordinance to provide for Public and Bank Holidays in Ceylon.

ENHANCED DUTY ON FOREIGN LIQUOR.—The same Gazette notifies that by virtue of an order issued by the Governor in Executive Council, the Principal Collector of Customs therein gives notice of the New Customs duties which will be imposed.

D. R. O. MEMBERS.—The following gentlemen are Members of the District Road Committee, Jaffna, for the years 1928, 1929 and 1930.

ORIENTAL LIFE ASSURANCE.—The year 1927 was one of business success with the Oriental Government Security Life Assurance Co. Ltd. of Bombay.

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa

93RD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

The 93rd Birthday of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa was celebrated yesterday (Sunday) in the Ramakrishna Mission, Vaideeswaran Vidyaisala, Vamsaripola West.

Mr. M. E. Kasaranam spoke on "Thondar Lechanam" and dwelt at length on the noble qualities of a servant of God, such as faith, vairagya, unflinching devotion, humility, fearlessness etc.

Mr. Natesapillai speaking on the life of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa laid emphasis on the great characteristics of his religious life which led him to the realisation of seeing Mother Kali face to face.

Service to Man is Lark God on Earth. Swami Avinashanda in his concluding remarks thanked the speakers of the evening for their lucid and learned speeches.

The publication both in English and Tamil of the Ramakrishna Mission was examined at the entrance to the hall for sale and some copies were sold.

Notice to Correspondent.

M. SUPPIAN.—We accede to your request.

Words of wisdom from far & near

(SPECIAL TO THE "HINDU ORGAN")

"Faith is to prayer as the feather is to the arrow. Faith feathers the arrow of prayer, and makes it fly swifter and pierce the thrones of Grace.

"The Burning Bush" of Allahabad.

"Without purity, there can be no sciences, without calmness no comprehension; with comprehension and understanding comes serenity, with serenity comes wisdom which is the acquisition or real knowledge and from these comes perfection and enlightenment."

"E. E. Grieve in Ceylon "Buddhist," Oct. 1927.

"It is of fundamental importance not only that justice be done, but be manifestly and undoubtedly seen to be done. Nothing is to be done which so much as creates a suspicion that there has been an improper influence with the course of justice."

"Justice Dalton in the Gale Grant Land Case.

"Modern history is a harrowing account of ceaseless fight between capital and labour, unscrupulous exploitation of weaker races on the point of bayonet, bloody struggles between advanced nations for industrial booty, systematic culture of greed, indolence, luxury and ferocity among dividend holders, and degeneration of poor labourers into criminal types or human automatons."

"Swami Nirvedanda in "Prabandha Bharata"

"There can be no political advancement whatever when popular representatives in the Legislature act as if they were a law unto themselves and think nothing of breaking the underlings solemnly given by them at election time."

"Editor, Madras "Swarajya"

"I have always held the view that a member of Parliament should place himself in the same relation to the people he represents in political and social affairs as the Parish Priest occupies in spiritual matters."

"J. S. M. Crooke, M. P. in "John Bull."

"India is the pilgrim of Eternity who has set out on her search for the eternal. She has laid aside the glory of the world and taken up the robe of the Saayasi. Others might despise her in her poverty, in her tattered robes, but the true children of India who are themselves searching for Truth will reverse even the tattered robes of their Mother as she goes on her pilgrimage seeking not earthly prizes but vision of God himself."

"Mr. O. F. Andrews at the Gujarat National University Convocation.

Allagalla Estates Staffs' Assocn

FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The First Annual General Meeting of the Allagalla Estates Staffs' Association was held at the Railway Reading Room, Kottagamwala, on Sunday 19th ultimo at 9 a.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.

The following Office-bearers were elected for the year 1928:—

Chairman: Mr. P. G. D. S. Seneviratna, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer: Mr. A. K. Valupillai, Auditor: Mr. V. Balakrishnan, Managing Committee: One member from each Estate was elected to serve on the Committee in addition to the Office-bearers.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. A. S. Lebbe brought forward a resolution re his Publication Scheme now under discussion with the Patrons Association.

Mr. A. K. Valupillai's resolution regarding a deputation to visit Mr. S. R. Hamer to discuss the acquisition of a site, as donation to the Association from the Proprietors of Farm Estates, through his influence as Patron of the Association was accepted.

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With a vote of thanks the Chair the Meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

Carpenter:—"Have you ground and sharpened all the tools I told you to do this morning?"

Boy (apprentice):—"Yes, Sir, but I can't get the edge of this (showing a saw) quite straight."

"Everybody's Weekly, London.

REVIEWS.

THIRUKKURAL CBS 39-43

One of the Tamil Texts for the Cambridge Senior Certificate Examination, 1928 is 'Thirukkural Ten Chapters (39-43). Mr. V. T. Sambandan, Tamil Examin, Jaffna Hindu College and Editor, 'Inthushathanan' has edited these selections with introduction, explanatory notes and English translation.

The ten Chapters v.z. The Greatness of the King, Learning, The neglect of learning, Hearing (Instruction), Wisdom, The correction of faults, Practising the aid of Great men, Non Association with evil persons, Acting with fire-thoughts and The knowledge of resources, are from the civica entitled 'Pondich: Regal Dates.

The publisher is Mr. S. Sabaratnam of the Livid Registry, Jaffna and a copy is priced at cents 50.

IMPERIAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

The Sixth and Seventh Reports of the Imperial Economic Committee on Marketing and Preparing for Markets of commodities produced within the empire deal with Poultry and Eggs and with Honey respectively. The Reports were presented by the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs to Parliament by Command of His Majesty in January, 1928.

The following is a summary of conclusions and recommendations as embodied in the Report on Honey.

"Bee play an important part in the fertilisation of the flowers of pastures and orchards; true beekeeping has a significance for agriculture beyond the fact that a marketable product—honey—is derived from it.

For this and other reasons the consumption of Empire honey should be encouraged and we have recommended research to determine whether such consumption could not also be urged on the ground that honey possesses special nutritive value.

Great improvements have been effected in recent years in the marketing of honey, but further improvements are possible, especially in regard to the manner in which Jamaican honey is prepared for and sent to market.

Beekeeping is a minor occupation and though research work is in progress in different parts of the Empire, large funds for its prosecution are not readily forthcoming.

We think that the producer in the United Kingdom might, by suitable methods of packing and advertising, find a remunerative market for the disposal at good prices of an increased quantity of honey in the comb."

The Reports have been printed and published by His Majesty's Stationery Office in England and are priced at 1s net per copy.

"THE TAMIL NESAN"

(English Supplement)

The only weekly Tamil Newspaper that has been published in the F. M. S. for more than three years is "The Tamil Nesan." Being inspired with sincere desire to work for his countrymen in Malaya and with his usual devotion to duty, the Managing Editor, Mr. K. Narasimha Iyengar, has converted the Tamil Weekly into an Anglo-Tamil publication from the third week of January last.

The English portion which runs into four pages is published as a supplement to the Tamil edition and is priced at cents 5 a copy. The Managing Editor hopes to detach the English portion at a later date to be published as a separate edition if his present attempt wins the appreciation and support of the public. It is our wish that his hope will truly and a first class English Weekly, which will in course of time be converted into a Daily, will see the light of the day in distant Malaya.

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News From Temerloh.

PAHANG RIVER RISING.—From 15-2-28, the Pahang River has been steadily rising. The people at Pekan, Temerloh and Kuala Lipis are fearing a second flood.

A POLICE OFFICER FINED.—Mr. R. M. Fry, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Bentong, stood charged before Mr. G. W. Hawkins, M. C. S., the Secretary to the Resident, Pahang, at the Magistrate's Court, Temerloh, on 15-2-28, for having used criminal force on Mr. S. Negalingam, Sanitary Inspector, Temerloh. After a lengthy trial the accused was convicted and fined \$10/-.

SHOOTING A TIGER.—A Malay man at 2nd mile Temerloh—Monsasa Road shot a tiger (leopard-killer) and when it was trying to escape some of the P. W. D. coolies closed it to death and brought the carcass to the Temerloh Police Station for reward. The Malay man also claimed reward. The District Officer, at Temerloh, passed a wily order, that the coolies should have the carcass and the Malay man should get the reward.

A NEW CADET.—Mr. M. O. Sheppard, the new Cadet appointed for the State of Pahang is attached to the District Office, Temerloh.

—Occ. Cor., Temerloh, 19-2-28.

SIR SANKARAN'S WAR PREDICTION:—Sir C. Sankaran Nair, in an article in the "Contemporary Review" believes that 'the next world-war already looming on the horizon will make India master of the situation. She will get back not only what she may have lost during the interval, but more, in fact, practically Home Ruls.'

By The Way.

Beware the sign of the poor rather than the wrath of the rich. How I wish I could bring home to the readers of the "H. O." the fact...

"Many a mickle makes a muckle" is a saying with which all of us are familiar and those who have been good beggars men in the cause of the public...

Of course the local Government will attempt something. A conference will be held and a committee of workers will be appointed...

A training: Except in one or two very vital and personal matters we have been long accustomed to the royal method of redress—namely petitioning the powers that be...

Letters To The Editor

PROHIBITION IN JAFFNA.

Sir, Is prohibition to be, or not to be, in Ceylon? That is the question. We have been told...

In the first place it proposes practically to re-introduce a system by which there will be a tavern under each tree, and wishes to supply arrack and foreign liquor by means of a permit granted by a committee of one...

The following scheme cannot be very expensive. The Government has proposed to have four bases to control abuses.

The last one, not mentioned by Government, is to prevent smuggling of exciseable articles by land. These stations must be connected by telephons with a flying corps stationed in Jaffna.

Even if the coast is not properly guarded, the preventive work will be most effective so long as stringent legislation is enacted for detecting and punishing the seller and the consumer of liquor.

It is also necessary to establish a Central Committee with the Govt. Agent as Chairman, & Vigilant Committees in important villages, consisting of headmen, members of the Village Committees and temperance workers as Honorary Inspectors.

"EQUAL SEATING IN SCHOOLS"

Sir, I am sure that you have heard of the recommendation to be made to the Director by the Board of Education with regard to the seating of children in schools.

Even a change for the better in the existing order of things in any department of life cannot be brought about by compulsion, which seriously wounds the feelings of the individuals concerned in it.

That the depressed classes should be elevated is the opinion of most of the thinking people in these days. But this elevation cannot be effected with success by adopting rash, premature and unreasonable methods.

The custom prevailing in Jaffna with regard to the seating of children in schools is neither meaningless nor of recent growth. It is absolutely impossible to make all people equal at once by law.

what Mr. H. A. Laljee, a member of the prohibition Committee observed about the Excise Department of Bombay as recently as 1927. "One cannot help stating that this estimate of the Excise Department of the cost of the preventive staff leaves the impression that the Excise Department can never be relied upon to suggest ways and means to enforce prohibition."

Memorials from Jaffna against prohibition are meaningless. If the Government has faith in them, it has only to publish its intentions to receive memorials, and it will have numerous memorials against the judgment of the Supreme Court in every case of capital punishment for murder.

If prohibition is the declared policy of the Government, an experiment on prohibition in Jaffna, which is officially "dry", is a natural corollary. Ad Ceylon is closing down taverns and will soon knock at the door of the Council Chamber for a prohibition law.

Vivekananda Society, Colombo.

25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The Twenty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of the above Society was held at the Society Hall on Saturday the 25th ultimo at 4 p.m. with Mr. V. T. Obier, There were over 200 members and several visitors including Mr. D. F. Bracken and several C. A. were present.

LECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS, The other Office Bearers elected were as follows:— Vice-Presidents: Messrs. M. Moolalambay, A. Sallamathu, S. Mahadeva, K. Mahadeva, and A. Arumugam; Secretary: Mr. V. T. Obier, C. Anandhan; Asst. Secretary: Messrs. B. Ganasegaram and K. Ponniah; Treasurer: Mr. D. A. Gounaraswamy; Asst. Treasurer: Messrs. K. Sivaprasadam and T. Sappiah; Librarian: Mr. B. Perisaramadaya; Asst. Librarian: Mr. S. T. Rajasingh; Members of the Committee: Pandit M. Tambiah; Messrs. C. Perumalpillai, K. Kanagasabam, K. K. V. Somasundaram, K. Kanapathipillai and K. Sishamparappillai.

The members then adjourned for refreshments to the lawn where seats were provided. After enjoying a variety of Eastern delicacies and cool drinks the members assembled again in the Hall and the proceedings continued.

The drawing of the Lottery for repayment of 10 Debenture bonds then took place.

The Draft estimates for the year 1928 were presented and passed with a few amendments.

The meeting was then adjourned for Wednesday the 29th ultimo at 5.15 p.m.

The Khadi Exhibition held by the All India Spinners' Association in the Society grounds on the same evening also attracted many members and visitors.

Jaffna Wedding In Muar.

MARAGALINGAM—SIVAGNAM. The marriage of Miss Sivaganam Ponnampalam, the eldest daughter of Mr. S. Ponnampalam of Kadu, Manipay, presently of Muar, Johore, with Mr. V. Narsingam (also of Kadu) of the Telegraph Engineer's Office, Kuala Lumpur, took place in Muar on Friday, the 10th ultimo at the residence of the bride's father, which was tastefully decorated with bunting, festoons, and evergreens to befet the occasion.

At about 8 a.m. the solemnisation of the marriage was conducted according to Hindu rites to the strains of Indian music in the presence of a large number of friends and relations.

There were held receptions on the following two days by the father of the bride. Several leading gentlemen, officials and unofficials, were present.

The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many presents and congratulatory telegrams from friends and relations in this country and from different parts of Malaya—Co.

Continued. imagination, but are realities, the force of which can be realised only by students of psychology and men of vast experience. It is a well known fact that the children of the Western missionaries and British officers in Ceylon and India are sent to Western countries for their education or to separate schools, like the one in Nawara-Eliya, and are started for them, simply because the Westerners feel that their children will be corrupted by associating with our children. They are right from their point of view. What do we gain by asking the Government to make a law, compelling European and American children to study in the same schools as our children and mix with them freely? The total failure of the attempt made by the authorities of the Jaffna Government Training College last week to give equal seating to all children is worthy of consideration.

It is true that the time has now come for low caste people to enjoy equal opportunities, wherever possible. In the matter of education the best thing that can be done is to start separate schools for the children of the low caste people, and appoint as teachers young men of high caste, of whom there are many in Jaffna, fully prepared to sacrifice their own interests and do all in their power to elevate the depressed classes. These young men will naturally do their best to make the children of the low castes assimilate unconsciously the edifying influences of education, and at the same time set a noble example to other young men of high caste, who are now not interested in the elevation of the depressed classes. This state of things, if continued for some time, will naturally lead to the giving of equal seats to the children of all classes of people in the existing schools. Things of this kind should not be acceded to forced by law, but must be slowly introduced without giving offence to anybody.

In view of the above facts, we hope, Sir, that you will use all your influence to represent the true state of the Jaffna customs which have been in vogue for centuries, to the members of the Board of Education, so that they may not be a party to the enacting of any law compelling Managers of schools to give equal seating in schools to the children of the different communities, contrary to the custom of the place. We also hope that our representatives in the Legislative Council will guard our interests by not introducing any revolutionary changes, which are likely to disturb the peace of the country. It is their duty to make it clear to the members of the Board of Education that the low caste people are actually advancing year by year, and that it is very unreasonable to compel people by law to change long standing customs, as a time when they are not prepared to do so. We can prevent the gulf between the high do so. We can prevent the gulf between the high and the low castes from widening. If we do not ferret the proverb, "slow and steady wins the race."

Jaffna, Yours etc., 19 Feb. 1928. Common Sense.

