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V The Office and the Printing Works of the "Hindu Organ" vill be closed from Thursday noon, 12th to Monday, 23rd April, 1928, (both days inclusive) on account of the Hindu New Year Holidays. Consequently there will be no issue of the "Hindu Organ" on 16th, 19th and 23rd April, 1928.

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JAFFNA, MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1928

THE BUDDHIST THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

THE ABOVE SOCIETY IS ONE OF THE oldest Buddhist organisations which have rendered valuable service for the promotion of Buddhist education in the Island. Today it has under its management 300 Vernacular schools and a good number of English schools and colleges. Dharmarajah College at Kandy and Ananda College and Nalanda Vidyalaya at Colombo are among the noteworthy of its educational institutions. The Society employs over 3,000 teachers and spends morthly more than half-alakh of rupees on the salaries of

From the report published in the Colombo papers this Society which has filled such a large place in the educational life of Ceylon has fallen on evil days. It is stated that the salaries of teachers in many schools remain unpaid for several months, and that the Society is now faced with a deficit which it is unable to meet without resorting to measures of extreme nature.

It appears that the generality of the Buddhist public is going to lose confidence in the present management of the Society. Serious charges are made in the Press against those who control its affairs. Careless management and lack of foresight in undertaking new responsibilities are mentioned as some of the causes which have contributed to the present crisis. Mr. W. H. W. Perera, who has been connected with the activities of the Society for a period of over eight years, in the course of an interview to the "Ceylon Morning Leader" expressed his opinion that the the "Ceylon Morning arrears have been allowed to accumulate since 1927. Whatever might be the causes that has brought about the present state of affairs, it is a patent fact that unless the Buddhist community rise equal to the occasion the interests of the Buddhist education in the Island is bound to be jeopardised.

The proposals of the Executive Com-The proposals of the Executive Committee to meet the deficit by raising a loan on the security of Ananda College and Nalanoa Vidyalaya is rightly opposed by a very influential section of the Budvery Buddbist public. If the loan is raised by mortgaging these two educational in-stitutions it is the Buddhist public that has to pay for its redemption. The General Manager of the The General Manager of the schools and his supporters will be welladvised if they could postpone the raising of the loan and appeal to the Buddhist public for immediate financial support. No doubt there are difficulties in this way. The public will hesitate to help a society which does not enjoy its confidence. Therefore it is the duty of the General Manager to place all the facts connected with the management of the Society before the Buddhiss public and to re organize it in a such a

way that the difficulties with which it is confronted could be prevented in the future

We hope that the present plight of the Buddhist Theosophical Society will be a warning to organisations which are engaged in similar work to be careful and circumspective in the handling of their figances and assuming financial responsibilities without due consideration and foresight.

EXCISE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

Another important matter which received the consideration of the Commission is the nature of the licenses liable to Local Option polls. Under the present rules a poll may be demanded for the closure of any tavern for the sale of arrack, toddy or foreign liquor, any beer or porter license unless specially exempted by H. E. the Governor, in a hotel bar. It is the opinion of many of the witnesses who were examined on this subject that all licenses should be liable to a poll and they did not make any exception in favour of foreign liquor licenses. It is a matter of common knowledge that the closure of arrack or toddy taverns in any area is followed by an alarming increase in the consumption of foreign liquor. The retail licensee who is permitted to sell unlimited quantities of foreign liquor for consumption off the premises has been the person who is chiefly benefited by such More than 75 per cent. of the closure. foreign liquor trade is in the hands of the retail licensees. They take full advantage of all opportunities for ex-tending their trade in the "dry" areas. The evil of exempting retail licenses from Local Option polls have been brought home to the Commission by some witnesses. We are glad to note that the Commission has recommened that all retail licenses should be liable to poll save those whose holders already possess wholesale licenses for the same

The exemption which the hotel licenses have hitherto enjoyed has been open to a great deal of abuse. The terms under which liquor could be sold in hotels under a hotel license are no doubt very much restricted, but the hotel-keepers evaded the terms of the license by selling liquor to persons who are not bona fide travellers. The Commisson has rightly recommended that the hotel licenses should be liable to a poll on the same terms as hotel bar licenses. Railway refreshment rooms save those of Maradana and Fort Stations and all rest-houses are recommended to be liable to similar polls.

Regarding the application for Local Option polls in the case of estate labour the Commission is of opinion that for the purpose of Local Option village areas and estate areas shall be separately allotted and in defining Local Option areas for villages, estates employing resident labour shall be excluded. If resident labour on an estate or group of estates desire to have reasonable facilities for the supply of liquor estate canteens be opened if the male adults of estate labour should declare by majority in a poll held for that purpose. When such canteens are established they shall be under the control of the estate Superintendents. A canteen established by such a pell shall be closed if a poll held in similar manner so decides.

In this connection we invite our readers to the rider which was appended to the Report published elsewhere. It contains good many constructive proposals for the suppression of illicit traffic and for the control and reduction of sumption of intoxicating lipuor in the Island. The signatories are great tem-perance workers. We hope the views expressed therein will be accepted by

LOCAL OF GENE ---

OURSELVES .- Hindu New Year holi-Gays are the only long vacation given to the staff and press hands. Invariably it extends to a week and the "Hindu during this Organ" is not published during this period. This time the New Year bolidays extend for elevan days as there is no suitable anspicious day for the reno suitable auspicious day for the reopening of the Office and Printingworks before the 23rd inst. The first
issue of the "Hindu Organ" after the
New Year will be on the 26th inst.

OFFICIAL:—Mr. M. Chinniah is to act

as District Judge, Commissioner of Re-quests and Police Magistrate, Batticaloa during the absence of Mr. G. C. Tham-

-Mr. S. Subramaniam is to act as Com-:—Mr. S. Subramaniam is to act as Com-missioner of Requests and Police Magis-trate, Point Pedro and Chavakachcheri during the absence of Mr. L. J. De S. Se-neviratne from April 4 to 16.

:-R. R. Nalliah is to act as Additional Police Magistrate, Jaffan during the absence of Mr. M. A. Arulanandan from April 5 to 21.

april 5 to 21.

:—Mr. V. A. J. Chelvaratnam is to act
as Registrar of Lands, Mullaitivu for 7
days from April 10, during the absence of
the Registrar, Mr. A. Kauagasabapathy, on leave.

CHANGE OF SCHOOL MANAGEMENT: The Hon. Mr S. Rajaratoam has been appointed as General Manager of the Schools that are under the Hindu Board of Education in place of the Hon. of Education in pla Mr. W. Duraiswamy.

:-Mr. K. Ponnampalam has been ap-pointed Manager of the Vaddukkoddai East Mixed School-

DEBARRED FROM PUBLIC EXAMINATION: -U. S Fernando of the Wennappuwa Roman Catholic Boys' School is debarred from entering any public examination for 4 years, for resorting to unfair means at the Vernacular Pupil Teachers' Examination held in February last.

RAILWAY CLERICAL SERVICE:following candidates are among those who have passed the examination held on February 16, 17 and 18, 1928 for admission to Class II. of the Railway Clerical Service:—V. Thambipillai of Kalmunar, Service:—V. Thambipillai of Kalmunai, Batticaloa; C. Sivagnanam of Koddady, Jaffua; C. Rajaratnam of Velanai East; S. Kandiah of Colombo; G.Thillainayagam, I. Rasiah, K. Kandavaoam, A. Somasundram, V. Ganeshapillai, and V. Paranjothy. The six last named candidates are officers in various departments of the officers in various departments of the Ceylon Government Railway

GOVT. BURSARIES IN THE MEDICAL COLLEGE:—Last Government Gazette, published on Wednesday the 4th inst. owing to Friday being a Public Holiday, notifies that Bursaries for poor deserving Medical Students have been instituted by the Government to cover the cost of both the Pre-medical and Medical Courses. Full particulars of the grant of the Bur-saries and the rules are also published in the same Gazette.

JAFFNA U. E. D. COMMITTEE:—The same Gazette publishes the Summary of Accounts of the Jaffaa Urban Education same Gazette publishes the Summary of Accounts of the Jaffaa Urban Education District Committee for the year 1927. The balance brought forward amounts to Rs. 7,989.40. The other receipts come to Rs. 23,858/-. The smouth of payments is Rs.12,192.78. Balance on December 31, 19-7 is Rs. 19,639.69. 1927 is Rs. 19,649 62.

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First Causes Heavy Damags — A first biob is said to be one of the biggest first continued in Colombo, the damage done which is said to be one of the biggest fires experienced in Colombo, the damage done being estimated at Rs 85,000, broke out in the fibre store belonging to Messrs, C. 5. Mitchell in Luyard's Broadway, Colombo in the early hours of last Taureday morning. The whole building was ablaze when the Fire Brigade arrived on the seems. In their efforts to extinguish the flames, many of the men were burk. Some of them fell from the roof where they had olimbed to start operations.

TRAFFIC RUSH ON THE TRAINS -The holiday Tastric Rush on the Tesins — The holiday traffic is reported to have begun on Thursday with an extremely heavy rush to the North. When the night wait to Jaffos left Maradana Station passengers were most uncomfortably packed, especially in the second and third class carriages and were buddled together like oather. Passenger berthe that were booked by this train had to be refused, and most of these passengers traveled in the first least for mathem their reads remerved. The of by this train had to be refused, and most of those passengers travelled in the first class after getting their seats reserved. The trailic on Friday and Saturday were equally heavier than on any day last week. The ruch of trailic is felt even on the Satitudes, section of the Railway and passengers demanded sleeping berths from Batticalos to Jaffon for the first time.

Fall on Phica or Rubber — The recom-mendation of the Commistee on Civil Ra-search to aboliab the Restriction on rubber in Ceylon and Malays as from November I, next, produced an immediate effect in Co-lombo, the priors falling from 65 cents to 56 cents.

The Excise Commission Report.

RIDER NUMBER C.

The following is the text of the rider of the Hon. Messrs. W. A. De Silva, W. Duraiswamy, D. B. Jayatilaka and S. Kajaratnam and Mr. Arthur V. Dias, appended to the Report of the Excise Commission, a summary of which appeared in our last issue:—

peared in our last issue:—

It is conceded that the reason for the necessity for a revision of the local option rules and the taking of measures to control the rising consumption of foreign liquor is to give effect to the general desire of the majority of the people of this Island to check and reduce the consumption of liquor with a view to the plainate abolition of liquor. The late Sir A Kanagasabai, in his rider (which is endorsed by Mr. W. A. de Silva) to the report of the Excise Commission dated September 13, 1917. (?) states: "I desire to add that, if the adoption of the measures recommended with regard to local option throughtuit the Island and prohibition of off sales in two districts does not lead to substantial rebut the seam and promission of oil sales in two districts does not lead to substantial re-duction of drick, it will be most desirable to take steps for the total prohibition of the use of sicohol as least in certain areas or as re-gards certain classes."

In the ravision of local option rules and in taking measures to constrol the consump-tion of liquor a consideration that should be prominently kept in view is the prevention as far as possible, of illiait traffic in liquor With this object we make the following re-

(a) That the duties that are now cast only on the Excise authorities must be au-trusted to the police and the headmen also.

(b) That the Excise rules and regulations ust be so amended as to make the punishment deterrent, by providing minimum fices for the first offence and imprisonment with or without additional fice for the second or subsequent breaches of the regulations by the same offender.

That off sales of arrack, toddy, or any

4 That off sales of arrack, toddy, or any liquor from taverns, restaurants, restaurants, houses, housis, or bars should be strictly probibited.

5. That foreign liquor when imported should be in containers, and such containers should bear the seal of the manufacturers and the source of origin. No foreign liquor should be sold in containers of less than 1/6th of a callon.

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6 That no whisky other than what is manufactured in the British Isles and is certified by a proper authority as fully mature under the regulations in linguand should be allowed to enter the Island.

7. That the importation of brandies which are not distilled from the juice of the grape should be prohibited.

8. That the brands of gin allowed to be imported to Ceylon should be further restricted and confined to a number of English manufactured brands of good repuse and the importation of all other brands prohibited.

9 The Custom duty on all brands of foreign liquor should be doubled.

10. The quantity of foreign liquor imported into Ceylon should be immediately restricted.

restricted.

11 Arrack required for sale at various arrack taveros in the Island is now supplied to the tavern keepers by the Exciss Department, and the Department obtains its supply on contract from licensed distillers. In this connection it is very important that, in entering into contracts, the quantity contracted for anouth be regulated by the actual and prospective demand by the consumers of arrack, so that the manufacture of arrack in the Island might not be in excess of the demand. In view of the closing of a large number of taverns each year, the progressive restriction of the manufacture of the liquor should be kept in view.

12. Regulations regarding the sale of

should be kept in view.

12. Regulatione regarding the sale of liquor at resthouses and railway refreshment rooms should be definitely laid down and more stringently enforced than they are at the present time.

13. A resthouse licence should state that liquor should be served only to bone fide travelers who come from outside the town in which the resthouse is situated, and in every case the names of those who are thus served should be entered in the resthouse books. The present resthouse regulations imply these conditions but as the licence itself is not definite on these points the resthouse-keeper can evade the regulations without subjecting himself to a penalty under the Excise rules.

14. Railway refreshment rooms are in-

himself to a genalty under the Excise rules.

14. Hallway refreshment rocms are intended solely for the use of those travelling by the railway, but often this fact is not kept in ylaw. The itences for such refreshment rooms should require that it our count be sold only to bona not travellers by the railway for their own consumption. The sale of bosics and the sale to other than railway travellers and to those who reside in the town where the refreshment room is situated should be prohibited.

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15. With regard to estate cantisons, the words "groups or estates" are likely to lead to misunderstanding and contains, lustead of using the words "groups" we recommend that estates couldinuous to care other (windows so care other (windows so care other (windows so care other (windows) under too management of the same superintendent should be permitted to have a tayern common to them. In no case should

estate canteens be permitted to sell by bottle, or for removal from the canteen. This provision is very espanial if one new canteens are not to become potential enames for the lifets distribution of arrack and toddy. A superimendate of an estate canous under ordinary circumstances depute an appreciable portion of his time to the running of a savern. The work will have so be entrue of a canteon-keeper who can hardly be paid anything more than Rs. 30 to Rs. 50 a bought. The report recommends the issue of a quantity of arrack to estate canteens calculated at the la gallon a moeth per shift labourer. This, in our opinion is a very excessive allowance. There is hardly more than 10 per cent. of the labourers on any given estate who habitually drink, and not more than 50 per cent who drick occasionally on a holiday or a pay day. The quantity of half a gallon calculated on each isbourer on the estate means that the cash isbourer on the estate means that the estimate of the quantity for each person who drinks comes to over 10 gallons of arrack per head per month 1s as possible, when pour are taken for the establishment of such a cabteen, to fix the quantity of arrack allowed for such a tavern calculated at one bottle per head per month for each person who votes for the establishment of the tavern, and this head per month for each person who votes for the establishment of the tavern, and this should be the maximum quantity allowed. As an estate canteen is intended for the sale of liquor to the adult immigrant labourer and as no one desires that facilities for drink should be allowed during working hours, there should be a deflatte regulation that such taverns should only open between 5 and 7 p. m., and no exception whatever should be made with regard to these hours on holidays or festival days. The avowed object of the recommendations of the establishment of estate canteens is to supply the supposed legitumate demand of the lobourers for drink in moneration, and we presume that no one in moneration, and we presume that no one desires that these labourers should have faci-

LICENCES LIABLE TO A LOCAL OPTION POLL. The present practice of granting foreign liquor retail licences to the same person should be discontinued and a system of selling them by tender should be adopted.

hues for getting drunk.

The exempting of foreign liquor retail licences held conjointly with wholesals deences will nutlify the effects of local option in areas where such licences exist, We are, therefore, unable to egrees with the recommendation to exempt all such retail licences from the operation of local option.

- 16. We recommend that, in preparing lists of those qualified to vote at local option polis, there should be provision:—
- (a) For the inclusion of the address and coupation of the voter in the lists that are
- (b) For the exemption of those over 55 care of age who are suffering from physical disablity.
- (c) For the elimination, at the final counting of a poll, from the names appearing in the final dist in addition to those marked in the old Rele 9, of those who are certified as unable to attend the polls owing to legal rest raint, and those who are duly certified to have left the area.
- (d) Further, it will be found in practice, where the number of persons qualified to be entered on the polling list is a large one, thus she verification of such lists for the lodging of objections will necessarily take a long is and we recommend that, where the number a given list exceed 5,000, the period the revision of such lists should be extend to two months instead of one month. extended
- 17. The question of areas as far as pos-sible should be deficitely decided. We recom-mend that in no case should any part of a Municipal Council, and Urban Council, or a Municipal Council, and Urban Council, or a Local Board area be included in an area outside such limits for the purpose of local option polis. We recommend that a dry area anound se deficed to include any chief headmen's division, (4) where since the granting local option 85 per cent. of the licences have been closed either through local option polls or the action of Advisory Bords or Both and (b) where no taverns have existed at all. Any group of such divisions contiguous to each other should form one single dry area. The system as recommended for Jaffos District should be applicable to dry areas as defined above.

 We feel that if in any revenue district 85

We feel that if in any revenue district 85 per cent of such licences as have existed since the granting of local option are closed by local option or by the Advicory Committee or both, then that revenue district must be declared dry.

Whonever any revenue district is declared dry, no diseases should be granted in that area, except on a referendum of the whole revenue district.

DRAFT NOTIFICATION FOR LOCAL OPTION.

18. As regards section 1, paragraph (2), we recommend the inclusion of the words "and have resided up to the date of the final revision of the list" after the words "January 1.

In sections 3 and 4 we renommend the omission of the words "or any."

Where the inhabitants of any dry area as defined above desire the re-introduction of sale of fiquor, the whole area should be taken as one polling division. Cortinued up.

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(SPECIAL TO THE "HINDU ORGAN".)

"I lay claim to nothing exclusive y divine in "I lay claim to nothing exclusive y divine in me. I do not claim prophotehip. I am but a humble seeder after Truth and bent upon finding it. I count no sacrifice too great for the sake of seeing God face to face. And as I know that God is found more often in the lowliest of His creatures than in the high and mighty, I am struggling to reach the status of these. I cannot ac so without their service. Hence my passion for the service of the suppressed classes".

-Mahatma Gandhi in "Young India." "A monopoly is always calculated to be evil in its influence, and to have a deadening effect on enterprise and efficiency A monopoly in any business concerned with the collection and distribution of news has greater potentialities for mischief than any okind".

-Editor, "Pioneer" of Allahabad.

The talk about phionthrophy in politics is nonsense and rank hypocrisy. The rule one country by another can never be

-Editor, "A. B. Patrika" of Calcutta.

—Editor, "A. B. Patrika" of Calcutta.

"If I were magically transported back to my boyhood I should not vex myself with dreams of westin or fame or any kind of glory I should set myself the task of governing my own little track of consciousness and conscience. I should train my will to behave more sanely and more sensibly from moment to moment, from hour to hour and from day to day, for a well behaved will is far more important than any bank halange of any fire than any bank balance of any flare of success'

-Editor, "Sunday Express" of London. "Dame Europa's school is much like the school of our byhood. There is gener some rude and egotistic boy who defies d pline and keeps the place in turmoil and order. Louis XIV. was one instance, Na order. Louis XIV. was one instance, Napolean was another. The Ex Kaiser was the latest of these bullies to come to grief. And no sconer than Dame Europa's school got rid of the Kaiser than another bully turns up in the person of Signor Mussolini".

-A. G. Gardiner, in "John Buil".

"The use of prayer is to assert neither our own will not our judgment, but to place both in barmony with the Lord's. And the Lord ever has eseraal ends to view, and temporary comforts only so far as they will serve those ends. We must not, however, think of prayer as a substitute far the religious life. It is useless without the life of abstaining from thinking and doing evil;

-Rev. Holmes, in "Indian Daily Mail." "Fear not, if a trouble comes up you; keep your spirits, though the day be a dark one. If the sun is going down, look up to the stars. If the earth is dark, keep your eye on heaven. With God's promises, a man or child may be cheerful."

-From "Oeylon Independent" of 6/4/28. "Unless you determine, you cannot succeed; unless you succeed you cannot be happy; and unless you are happy, what is the good of living at all."

—Pro. Thompson, M.A. in "John Bull."

Letter To The Editor.

MAHATMAJI'S VISIT TO JAFFNA.

Sir,

Will you or any of your readers let me know through the medium of your valuable journs! why the Secretarise of the Mahatma Gandhi Reception Committee in Jaffna have falled and neglected to publish a statement of collections received and expenses incurred while all the other Reception Committees in other parts of Ceylon have taken particular care to publish their accounts immediately after his departure from Ceylon.

Yours atc.

Yours etc.,

Continued.

Excise Advisory Committees.

19. As regards the constitution of Excise Advisory Committee, we recommend that in tural areas each Committee should consist of seven members, as follows:—

Three to be commissed by the Governor,

Two to be selected by the Elected Chair-man of the Village Committees,

One to be nominated by the Colombo Total
Abstinence Central Union, and

One Member of the Legislative Council representing the district. In urban areas each Committee should

consist of five members, as follows:— One to be nominated by the Governor,

One to be nominated by the Colombo Total Absticence Central Union,

Assumence Contral Union,

Mamber of the Legislative Council representing the district,

One to be selected by the District Council,
Chairman of the District Council, who
should be the Chairman of the Con-

We further recommend that the powers of these Commistees about the extended so as to give them full power to deal with all ques-tions relating to liquor licences,

Mahatmaji's Autobiography

REMINISCENCES OF S. AFRICAN BAR.

This is spotter instalment of Gaodiji's autobiography as taken from "Young India" Batore coming to a narrastve of the course my life took in India, is seems uccessary to recall a few of the South African experiences which I had deliberately lefs out.

Some lawyer friends have asked me to give my reminiscences of the Bar. The number of these is so large, that if I were to describe them all, they would occupy a volume by themselves, and would take me out of my scope. But it may not perhaps be improper to recall some of those which bear upon the practice of truth.

So far as I can resolved, I have already said that I never resorved to untruth in my profession, and that a large part of my legal practice was in the interest of public work, for which I charged nothing beyond outpractice was in the interest of public work, for which I charged nothing beyond cutof-pocket expenses, and those too I sometimes met myself. I had thought that in saying this I had said all that was necessary as regards my legal practice. But friends want me to do more. They seem to think that if I were to describe, however slightly, some of the occasions when I refused to swerve from the truth, the legal profession might profit by it.

As a student I had broad that the

As a student I had heard that the lawyer's ofession was a liar's profession. But this d not influence me, as I had no intention earning either position or money by inc.

My principle was put to the test many a time in South Africa. Often I would know that my opposents had sutored their witnesses, and if I only encouraged my client of his witnesses to lie, the case would be ours. But I always resisted the temptation. I remember only one coession when, after having won a case, I suspected that my client had deceived me. In my heart of hearts I always wished that I always wi had deceived me In my heart of hearts I always wished that I should win only if my client's case was right. In fixing my fees I do not recall ever having made them conditional on my winning the case. Whether my client won or lost I expected nothing more or less than my fees.

I warned every new client at the outset that he should not expect me to take up a false case or to coach the witnesses, with the result that I built up such a reputation that no false cases used to come to me. Indeed some of my clients would keep their clean cases for me, and take the doubtful ones cleawhere. olean cases for ones elsewhere.

There was one case which proved a severe trial. It was brought to me by one of my beet clients. It was a case of highly complicated accounts and had been a prolonged one. It had been heard in parse before several courts. Ultimately the book keeping portion of it was enterested by the court to the arbitration of some qualified accountants. The award was entirely to favour of my client, but the arbitrators had inadvertently committed an error in calculation which however small was serious inasmuch as an entry which ought to have been on the debit side was made on the credit side. The opponents had opposed the award on other grounds. I was junior counsel for my client. When the senir counsel became aware of the error, he was of opinion that no counsel was to ind to admit anything that went against this client's interest. I said we ought to admit the error. There was one case which proved a severe

But the senior counsel contented, "In that case there is every likelihood of the court cancase there is every likelihood of the court can-celling the whole award, and no sane coursel would imperil his client's case to that extent, At any rate I would be the last man to take any such risk. If the case were to be sent up for a fresh hearing, one could never tell what expenses our client might be let in for, and what the ultimate result might be!"

The client was present when this conversation took place.

took place.

I said: "I feel that both our client and we ought to run the risk. Where is the certainty of the court upholding a wrong award, simply because we do not admit the error? And supposing the admission were to bring the client to grief, what harm is there?"

"But why should we make the admission at all" aid senior counsel.

"Where is the surety of the court not detecting the error or our opponent not discovering it?"

said I.

"Well then, will you argue the case? I am
not prepared to argue it on your terms," replied
the senior counsel with decision.

I humbly answered: "If you will not argue, then I am prepared to do so, if our client so deciros. I shall have nothing to do with the case, if the error is not admitted."

With this I looked at my cliont. He was a little embarcased. I had been in the case from the very first. The client fully treated me, and knew me through and through. He said: "Well then, you will argue the case and admit the error. We will lose, if that is to be our lot. God defend the right."

I was delighted. I had expected nothing less from him. The senior counsel again warned me, pitted me for my obderacy, but congratulated me

all the same.

What happened in the court we thall see in the next chapter;

A Demon's Love Episode.

SINHALESE LASS IN TRANCE.

SINHALESE LASS IN TRANOE.

The quietude of the Easter holidays in Kandy was disturbed but evening by the remour, teach a demon known to Sinhalese have corrected and the love of a Kandyn main and Kalu Kumaraya (Black Prince) have curaptured une love of a Kandyn main and Kirl, living in a hut at Lady Hortoni Road close to "the "Uplands."

A Mona Lissa.

Kirl, who was a perfect Mona Lissa, was in a trance when the pressman appeared on the seeme where there were hundreds of villagers using obseeme language and threats to drive the devil away.

They oung Kandyan woman, keps on crying out "I am coming my prince, but these people woulds's allow me to do so."

The Black Parkon.

On being questioned, the girl's mother related the following story:—"My daughter, who is about sixteen years of ago, had her midday mes!, and went into the thicket to collect firewood as usual. She returned home without firawood staggering and fell down on the door step with foam in her muth crying out mage Kalu Kumaraya mama then enava (I am coming presently my Black Prince). She has seriously injured her f. e.g., as you see Sir, and I don't know what to make of it."

An elderly woman who was living next door to Kirl, stated that when Kirl came home she saw the apparition of a handsome young man with ourly hair, standing in the thicket and she heard him say "Lisave her go, else I shall eat you all up."

Even as she was narrating this story, she yelled out "Sir can you not hear him"

When our representative replied in the nogative, a number of people who were there, asserted that they too heard a voice come from the valley below (Dumbara Valley) "Leave her go, else I shall eat you all up."

The young's woman was taken to a well-known vedarals, and judging by the seriousness and sincerity of the people, it is apparent that there is something mysterious surrounding this incident.

Kandy Cor.-Ceylon Independent of 6 4-28.

Kaluyaba Train Tragedy:—It is reported that the public or quiry by a Committee appointed by the Governor into the Kalutara railway disaster will remain in aboyance pending the receipt of the report of an independent Railway Expert whose services are lent by the Railway Board of Iodia.

Allwerd Polick Churriy and High Handredness:—A villager named Elias lodged a complaint 'before the Kalutara Police Magistrate a few days back charging the Police Sub Inspector of Wadduwa and the Police Sergeant of Angurators with assaulting bim. The Magistrate after hearing the complainant allowed summens on the defendants returnable on the 10th instin narrating his pathetic ordeal to the Magistrate. Elias is reported to have said that he was arrested by the above mentioned two Police officers and the Police Sub Inspector of Tebuwans. The Police Sergeant struck bim on the face. On the way to the Matingama Police in a car the Sub-Inspector of Wadduwa struch him. Then ha was taken to a jungle and was assaulted, dug on his chest and his hands twisted by the same officer. The provocation for these cruel and highhanded actions of the "Preservers of the Peace" are said to be the refusal of the complaint to abide by their dictions, which in his opinion were not true and which he was not aware of.

"Eservants of Kataragama Phenns".—The second annual general meeting of the Servants of Kataragama Pilgrims Society. Colombo, was held on Sunday, the let inst. at 64, Ferbes Road, Maradana. The Hon. Mr. A. Mahadeva presided. The reports and accounts were read and confirmed. Of now members were enrolled. The house discussed at length the measures to be adopted regarding the estifactory water supply at the 6th mile poet (Arasadi) and the bos service between Matara and Tiessumaharama and the matter was referred to the Committee. The following Officy. bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—'resident—Hon. Mr. A. Mahadeva; Vice-President—Hon. Mr. A. The Malley.

THE MAILS.

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April 18.
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The Salaries Committee.

INTERIM REPORT ISSUED.

The following are the recommendations of the Salaries Committee on the Cadre of Class III. of the General Clerical Service: Class III. of the General Clerical Service:

The personnel of the Committee:—Houmir W. W. Woods, Chairman; and the Hon.
Messrs. W. Duratawany, E. K. Tambimuthu,
C. W. W. Kannangaro, C. H. Z. Fernando,
D. B. Jayahiaka, H. M. Macan Merikar, A.
hialadeva, A. F. Molamuro, A. H. E. Molamuro, F. A. Oneyseekers, D. S. Senanayake,
G. A. H. Wille and M. T. Akbar.

We have the honour to recommend (a) that 244
poats at present graded in Class III. of the General
Cletical Service be transferred to Class II.; and
(b) that the posts so transferred to Class II.; and
(b) that the posts so transferred to Class II.; and
(c) that the posts so transferred to filled, where
possible, by the promotion of selected officers
from Class III. at the rate of SI promotions per
asnum. We further recommend that the first
group of promotions shuld be made with effect
from Cotober I, 1928.

L. In framing these recommendations we have had
the advice of Government, which was consulted
at an early stage in our deliberations on this
subject. The Government is therefore fully acquanted with our reasons and has expressed the
option that the recommendations set out in (a)
and (b) of the preceding paragraph are reasonable
interim report explaining with reasonable fullness
the grounds on which our recommendations are
based,

"Transitional Esperateness to Be Maintained.
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importance to justly the Issue of a separate interim repert explaint g with reasonable fullness the grounds on which our recommendations are based.

"Traditional Especateness to be Maintained. Esim 1906 the body of clerks now known as Class III. of the General Clerical Bervice, was for tas first time classified as a definite appendage of tas first time classified as a definite appendage of tas first time classified as a definite appendage of tas first time classified as a definite appendage of tas first the instance of the Slater-Blevenson Salaries Committee the designation of Class III. In 1912 et the instance of the Slater-Blevenson Salaries Committee the designation was coanged to "Subordinate Clerical Service," which was again altered in 1934 to Class III. Although Class III. shares with the higher classes a common designation, its full remains in effect a reparamental selection and not by teneral competitive examination. It is primarily inheaded to cone with elevated which is assigned to members of the higher classes. Although limited provision is made for the promotion of deserving clerks to Class III, the vast majority of Class III. officers must under present conditions remain content with the prospects which service in that class affords. Originally Class III, was almost entirely local in character, i., elerks generally served in their native places and were not transferred from one station to another, and this feature all to some extent pretists, transiers being far less frequent in Class III, than in the regular classes. Although the members of Class III, desk both in reference in their native places and were not transferred from one station to another, and this feature all to some extent pretists, transiers being far less frequent in Class III, than in the regular class affords. Originally Class III was almost entirely local in character, i., elerks generally with the classes bove them, we think that the traditional separateness of the two groups must be recognized and retained, We agree generally w

regard to their salaties will, of course, be empodied in our general report on the salaties of all public servents.

EFFICIENCY OF THE SUBGRINATE SERVICE.

In approaching the other aspect of the subject we ware at the outset led to inquire whether the number of posts graded in this class might not be disproportionately large. According to the 1827-28 Estimates there are in Class III. 1764 clerks as against 1114 clerks in the higher classes. We note that in 114 clerks in the higher classes. We note that in 114 clerks in the higher classes. We note that in the other Clerkal Services the proportion of subordinate clerks is much lower than in the case of the General Clerkal Services. It is, of course, possible to overrate the significance of shis fact. The conditions which regulate the numbers in the subordinate class messesarily differ widely in the various departments. The figures may, however, the of some interest. In the Survey Department thege are 80 clerks in Class III. of the Clerks' and Draughtsmen's Scheme as opposed to 390 in the higher classes. In the Postal Clerical Service, there are 85 clerks in Class III. and 190 in the higher classes. In the subordinate class and 1,180 in the higher classes. The interest of posts in Class III. and 190 in the higher classes. The interest of the sale way Clerks in Class III. and 190 in the higher classes. The interest of the sale was a survey of the class. We ware the work which can be adequately performed by clerks recorded and remunerated in the manner laid down for this class. We ware clower assured from several quarters that not a few clerks in Class III. of the General Clerical Service, were doing work no less responsible and difficult than that which is commonly done by passed clerks in Class III. of the General Clerical Service. The appear to have gained a similar impression for in section 90 of their report (See stood Paper XIX. of 1921) they saked that we consider that it should be the settled policy of Govarnment as to regulate admission to either section of

produced in the Appendix. The replies to this objective confirmed our supposition that there were a considerable number of Olsse HI. posts which require from their holders a degree of responsibility, initiative and intelligence not lower than is possessed by passed circles of Clase HI. In all 32 posts were stated by Heads of Departments to answer this description. We considered, however, that it was advisable to subject their recommendations to a careful scruliny, and this work was at our request undertaken in the Secretariat. As a result of this secretary, and mumber of "recommended" posts has been reduced to 244, the figure which has been adopted in our recommendation. Construents Promotrons.

which has been adopted in our recommendation.

It would of course be possible in course of lime to coffeet the proposed and proposed and patternet without promoting Class III. cleiks. It might be argued that arrively the prota should be added to the cafee of Class III. only as Class III. cleiks retire and can rigid meshod of selection by whether this course would be whelly fair in view of the fact that there are in Class III. a sufficient number of clerks who in adents and experience are qualified to perform the work of these posts. We have recommended, therefore that as these posts are transferred, they should be filled by deserving Class III. clerks, the this must not be taken to ensure that the posts a post in qualitation of the course would be the course of the course of

Order Misi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFPNA. Tenamentary Jurisdiction No. 6705.

In the Matter of the entate of the late
Nailapillst wife of Thommalppillal Samuel
of Conthumalal

Kuddiyar Muttutamby of Chuthumalai Petitioner,

Kuddiyar Muttutamby of Chuthumalai

Vs.

1. Thommsippillat Ramuel of Chuthumalai

2. Kuddiyar Nallathamby of do

3. Kuddiyar Simnathamby of do

4. Kuddiyar Williams of do, presently of KualaLumpur in F. M. S.

5. Kuddiyar Williams of do, presently of KualaLumpur in F. M. S.

This matter of the Petition of Kuddiyar Muttutamby of Chuthumslai praying for Letters of
Administration to the estate of the abovenamed
deceased Nallaplilat wife of Thommsippillat Samuel
coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock
Esquire, District Judge, on March 9, 1928 in the
presence of Mr. P. K. Equasondram Proctor
on the part of the Petitioner and the sfillavits
of the Petitioner dated March 2, 1928 having
been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is
a brother and one of the heirs of the said intersise
and is catified to have Letters of Administration
to the extate of the said intersite issued to him
nuless the Respondents or any other person shall,
on or before April 26, 1928 how sufficient cause
to the saidsfaction of this Court to the contrary,
March 21, 1928.

District Judge.

O. 1435.

March 21, 1928. O. 1485.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6711.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Achchimusta widow of Kathirithamby Vythilingam of Punnalsikkaddavan Deceased, Vythilingam Thambyrajah of Punnalsikkaddavan presently of Thavady

Ve,

1. Vythilingam Kandiah of Punnalaikkadduvan
2. Vythilingam Ponnampalam of Mepondente,
This matter of the Petition of Vythilingam
Thambyrejan of Punnalaikkadduvan presently
of Thavady praying for Letters of Administration
to the estate of the abovenamed decreased, Achahimitur widow of Kathirithamby Vythilingam
coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Kock
Require, District Judge, on March 12, 1928, in
the presence of Mr. P. K. Someondram Proctor
on the part of the Petitioner and the afflication
the Petitioner dated March 12, 1928, having
been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is one
of the hoirs of the said intestate and is entitled to
have Letters of Administration to the estate of
the eadd intestate issued to him unless the Respendents or any other person shall on or before
April 26, 1928, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock,
March 22, 1928.

District Judge,
O. 1487.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6709.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Ambalayanar Santhirasegarampilial of Thavady

Kanthar Siveprakasam and his
 wife, Yohammah, both of Thavady
 Petitioners.

Vs.
Sellammah widow of Ambalavanar Santhira-tegarampiliai of Thavady

Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Kanthar Sivapirahasam and his wife Yohammah, both of Thavady, the aboveneme Petitioners praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed decased Ambalavanar Santhirasegarampilist of Thavady coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, on March S. 1928 in the presence of Mr. P. K. Somsandram Froctor on the part of the Petitioners and the affidavit of the 1st Petitioner cated March 7, 1928 having been read, it is declared that the 2nd Petitioner is the sole heiress and lawful daughter of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate lesued to the 2nd Petitioner unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before April 26, 1928 show smilleient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

21st March 1928, O, 1486,

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge,

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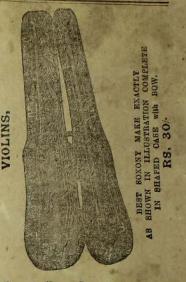
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
Tostamonary Jurisdiction No. 6427.
In the matter of the estate of the late
Anthonipulai Bastiampillai of Kayts Wees Deceased Anchalenappillai widow of Manuelthamby of Kayte West

Manuelshamby Jacob of Kayls West
 Mariams wife of A. F. Savirimuttu of do and
 Anthony Fernando Savirimutto of do

2. Mariama wife of A. F. Savirimuttu of do and 3. Anthony Fernando davirimuttu of do Respondents. Respondents. Respondents. Respondents. Respondents. This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner, Anchalenspillat widow of Manuelthamby of Kayts West, praying for Letters of Administration to the seiste of the abovenamed deceased, Anthonipillat Bastiampillat of Kayts West, coming on tor disposal before Hon, Sir Akanagsashat Kt. Acting District Judge, Jaffas. on May 2, 1927, in the presence of Mr. A. Ratnashapathy Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the sililativi of the Petitioner dated April 80, 1927, having been read. It is ordered that the Petitioner and she is hereby decleared entitled as one of the daughters and heirs of the said deceased and that Letters of Administration do issue June 7, 1927, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagsashat, May 18, 1927.

Order Nisi extended for 7.7 27.

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