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DEVELOPMENT OF THE WANNI.

THE PAPER WHICH MR. W. P. A. COKE, Divisional Agricultural Officer, Northern Division, read at the Agricultural Conference is an interesting and illuminating document. Mr. Coke has shown considerable research and study on the preparation of his paper. Being a Jaffna man he has an intimate knowledge of the country and is competent to treat the subject from the point of view of the Jaffna people.

Mr. Coke first described the geographical and economic conditions of the Jaffna Peninsula and the Wanni District. For the purpose of his paper he divides the Peninsula into three areas viz. Western, Central and Eastern. Land values, interest rates, labour supply, soil characteristics and their relation to agriculture and the character of the people are dealt with in the paper in some detail and precision. Development of the Wanni depends on the people who reside in the three different areas of the Peninsula. Mr. Coke does not believe in the success of any artificial colonisation subsidised by Government. He cites in support of his contention the previous failures in this direction. The attempt made by the late Mr. Dyke to colonise the Kalawewa area did not meet with success. The recent attempt to colonise some areas in the Nachchaduwa Task met with the same fate. It is the considered opinion of Mr. Coke that if the development of the Wanni should be carried out successfully it should be left to the operation of the natural economic causes and that the Government should encourage such development by opening up means of communications and rendering financial assistance to colonists and cultivators wherever it is necessary.

The agricultural possibilities of the Wanni District are ably discussed in the paper. It is stated that coconut, paddy, garden crops and cotton can be cultivated in the various parts of the Wanni District. The coast areas in the Panakkeri Division and Mullaitivu District are suitable for coconut cultivation. The area round Nedunkerni is considered an excellent place for the cultivation of tobacco, orange, lime, pineapple, plantains and chillies. The area round Thunukai which resembles the black cotton soils of India is said to be good for cotton, tobacco and other rotation crop. Mr. Coke makes a special emphasis on the development of the Nedunkerni area. It has a fertile soil and the rainfall there is abundant when compared with the other areas in the Wanni District. Rapid development will take place in this area if Government should come forward to render financial assistance to sink wells. "If the loans are given," says Mr. Coke, "after a careful induction of an agriculturally-trained officer the success of establishing a local development would be an easy matter. I say this with confidence as I know that the crops grown in this area are highly remunerative and the land will pay its development cost within about five years. This is an area admirably suited for small holdings." We hope the Government will favourably consider the strong recommendation of Mr. Coke in this matter.

Mr. Coke concludes his interesting paper, by making the following proposals which in his opinion will accelerate the development of the Wanni District:

1. "The construction of the proposed Keralavu causeway appears to be the most urgent need of the Peninsula. This will bring the Wanni to the very door of the people who may require an outlet for the excess population."

2. "The Nedunkerni section where crops of a highly remunerative character are cultivated is suitable for small holdings. Financial assistance to sink wells will convert a fairly large area into a prosperous colony."

3. "The Karai scheme is under consideration by the Government. Agent and it is safe to leave the matter in his hands."

4. "The area near and about Thunukai covers very rich soil and out has to wait the development of Panakkeri, but the roads from Panakkeri to Maanar, Mankulam and Paranthan require metalling. The

real Wanni begins from Thunukai area. Man has to use scientific devices to conquer the real Wanni. Deep rings have to be undertaken to ensure a failing water supply. Introduction of implements to tackle the hard soil is essential. Supply of credit is required to sick wells and buy machinery."

His Excellency the Governor who presided on the occasion took part in the discussion and complimented Mr. Coke for the able manner in which he has dealt with the subject. From the trend of His Excellency's remarks we are sure that some of the proposals brought forward by Mr. Coke will receive the sympathetic consideration of the Government.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

WEATHER.—Jaffna is experiencing abnormal heat. Even the 28th of Chiththrai was not favoured with a change of weather. At times the sky is overcast. A refreshing shower is much needed.

A LOCAL POST-MASTER IN TROUBLE.—It is reported that the local Post-Master in charge of the Kaithady sub-office, which was opened at the beginning of March last, is suspended and the office temp rarely closed. It appears that the Post-master, Mr. Muttuthamby Velupillai, a local resident, was absent for three days and consequently the office remained closed. The Jaffna Post-Office authorities were requisitioned to attend to the receipt and despatch of mails. It is also reported that an examination of the books revealed a shortage of cash.

CHAVAKACHHERI VILLAGE COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the Chavakachcheri Village Committee was held at the V. C. Court-house on the 15th inst. at 4. p.m. to consider the election of a Chairman. Rev. J. K. Sinnathamby the outgoing Chairman presided. The names of Messrs. P. K. Chelliahpillai and P. Panish were duly proposed and seconded. But Mr. Chelliahpillai withdrew in favour of Mr. P. Panish who was unanimously elected chairman. It was also resolved that the Committee should help the temperance cause by working against the re-opening of the toddy taverns in the sub-division.—Cor.

KATUKURUNDA TRAIN SMASH.—The Octagonal correspondent of the "Madras Mail" writes:—Lieutenant-Colonel F. R. H. Enstone, Senior Inspector of Railways, has completed his report after investigating the circumstances in which Railway disaster occurred on March 12, near Kalotara, in Ceylon, when 27 persons lost their lives and over 50 were injured. Strict secrecy prevails over his findings, which will be communicated shortly to the Government of Ceylon.

JAFFNA TO DELFT BY WIRELESS.—The Ceylon Daily News learns that the Post Office has decided to introduce the use of wireless telegraph within the Island at places where it is not profitable to maintain permanent telegraph lines. The first set of this kind which will be open to the public is to be installed at Madras during the next Roman Catholic festival at that place. It has been decided to install a similar set in the Island of Delft. As it is felt that the expense of establishing telegraphic communication between the Island and the mainland would be prohibitive in view of the fact that the traffic available will not be very large.

PERSONAL.—Mr. V. Coomarasamy of the Medical Dept., Sembuw, F. M. S., has come to Jaffna on long leave and is staying at his residence in Vadukoddai.

P. W. D. APPRENTICES' EXAMINATIONS.—Messrs. F. E. Balasubramaniam and S. Selvanayagam are among those that are successful in the P. W. D. Engineering Apprentices' (Sessional) Examinations. The first-named passes in Mechanical Engineering II. (Day) and the other in Mechanical Engineering I. (Day).

NAVATKULY SIDING TO BECOME STATION PROPER.—The Up-night Mail from Colombo Fort usually crosses the Down-day train from Kankesanturai at the Jaffna Station. Sometimes it happens, when the former train gets late, that the crossing has to take place at Chavakachcheri, thereby causing delay by about an hour for the Up-night Mail to reach Jaffna. The Railway authorities having decided to have the crossing at Navatkuly, which has hitherto been only a stopping place, though station-buildings were built about 20 years back are now making the necessary additions and alterations to make Navatkuly a station proper.

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Jaffna Urban District Council.

ECHO OF GRAND BAZAAR TROUBLES.

The following are the Minutes of Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Jaffna Urban District Council held at the Jaffna Kothawala on Saturday the 12th May 1928 at 9 a.m.:

Present:—Mr. R. Sivasubramaniam, Vice Chairman; Mr. R. Subramaniam, Provincial Engineer; Mr. H. R. de Kretser, Provincial Engineer; N. P.; Dr. R. W. Subrahmanyam, Provincial Surgeon; N. P.; Messrs. T. H. Crossett, K. Kanagassabai, B. R. Nalliah, P. Moses, G. Arumugam, V. S. S. Kommarasamy, A. M. M. Abduleswar and the Secretary.

The Minutes of proceedings of the meeting had on the 21st April 1928 having been previously circulated to the Members of the Council were taken read and confirmed.

ADVANCE FOR WORKS INSPECTOR.

Considered application of the Works Inspector for an advance.

Mr. K. Kanagassabai moved that the Works Inspector be advanced an amount not exceeding Rs. 200/- and that he be requested to keep an account as done in the Public Works Department.

Mr. R. R. Nalliah seconded.—Carried. Considered papers re improvements to Oldskirk chassis.

Mr. P. Moses moved that the estimate of Rs. 450/- for the retaining wall be approved and the amount voted under head "B 8" Improvements.

Mr. K. Kanagassabai seconded.—Carried.

EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAX.—Considered petitions received from Mr. M. Venkayagam and others of Chivitaru re exemption from Property Tax.

The Provincial Engineer moved that the petitioners be replied that the Council regards its inability to comply with their request.

Mr. K. Kanagassabai seconded.—Carried.

Considered the question of renewing the fixed deposit of Rs. 15,000/- in the Chartered Bank for a further period of six months from 3rd June, 1928.

Mr. R. R. Nalliah moved that the fixed deposit be continued for a further period of six months.

Mr. K. Kanagassabai seconded.—Carried. EX GRAND-BAZAAR RENTALS POSITION.

The petition dated 10th April 1928 from Mr. E. Sittampalam of Vaenporimal West, Jaffna re Grand Bazaar rent and previous connected papers.

[This item which is a petition from a former reenter of the Grand Bazaar, caused a good deal of discussion. Sittampalam had petitioned the Council to help him to recover some rents which he had not recovered during the period he was reenter owing to interested parties interfering in Grand Bazaar.

The Chairman said that the petitioner was given the rent of the Grand Bazaar in 1926 at a time when certain interested parties were giving considerable trouble. At the end of that year, the reenter applied to the Council to give him the rent as the sum figure for the year 1927 because of his loss in 1926. At the end of 1927 a reenter asked for a similar concession but the Council refused to concede to his request. Then the petitioner applied for a rebate and that too was refused. At one stage of the trouble at Grand Bazaar, the Hon. Mr. Rajaratnam who acted as arbitrator sent a cheque for Rs. 250 being amount of money that he was able to recover from the small holders. This sum the reenter refused to accept as it was far below the amount due to him. That cheque was still with the Council though payment had been stopped.

Mr. Nalliah said that there were two leases before them. Both the third party should be presented and the money recovered or the Council should pay from its own coffers.

The Chairman replied that the Committee had never authorised any one to collect the money but it (the Council) closed its eyes when that was done.

Mr. Crossett said that the matter came before a Committee, the Grand Bazaar Committee. The small holders refused to pay the reenter. The Committee then invited the Hon. Mr. Rajaratnam to arbitrate and he decided to the request. The Grand Bazaar Committee had therefore something to do with the matter. Mr. Rajaratnam was present at one of the meetings and he said that he would be able to collect Rs. 250. That sum the reenter refused to accept. The troubles were partly due to the reenter. The Rs. 250 should be paid to him.]

Mr. T. H. Crossett moved that the Hon'ble Mr. S. Rajaratnam be written to regarding the Cheque for Rs. 250/- sent by him to be paid to the reenter and the reenter informed that the writer is under no consideration and that a further communication will be sent to him.

Mr. R. R. Nalliah seconded.—Carried. Mr. O. Arumugam one of the members of the Board of Survey submitted the report of the Board.

Mr. K. Kanagassabai moved that the report be adopted.

Mr. R. R. Nalliah seconded.—Carried.

SECRETARY'S E. HANDIC SALARY.—Considered the Chairman's memorandum dated the 25th April 1928 re salary assigned to post of Secretary.

The Chairman moved for the purpose of considering this question the succession of the rule re three months limit for varying a resolution already passed.

Mr. T. H. Crossett seconded.—Carried 9 voting for and one against.

INDIAN & FOREIGN.

A FAMILY BENEFICIARY.—The extension to the Fiji William Museum at Cambridge, which will be completed at the end of the year, is the gift to the University of three members of one family who remain anonymous. The sum presented £70,000 before the building was begun, and since they have added £30,000 having subscribed the who's names required. The benefactor, it is understood, is a father and his two children, and the family has a Cambridge tradition.

VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE IN ECUADOR.—A violent earthquake has taken place in Guayaquil, the principal seaport of Ecuador. The streets were littered with debris. There were no casualties. It is reported from Britain that 7,000 eruptions were recorded during 24 hours of the island volcano of Kilauea.

BIG FIRE IN ELLORE.—Three thousand houses were reported to have been gutted and 20,000 people of all classes have been rendered homeless as the result of a fire which broke out in Ellore, Madras, on May 15 for a cause not yet discovered.

SAFETY FIRST RAILWAY.—The trains on the Parish underground railways are being fitted with an ingenious invention by which it will be impossible for them to leave the station unless all the doors are closed and locked. No signal to start will be given by the guard; he will simply press a button. Unless everything is in order the electric motors will not respond to the starting-hand.

GAS MADE FROM WATER BY NEW ELECTRIC CELL.—Economies in manufacture and transportation of gases are promised by a new high pressure electric cell that manufactures it from ordinary water-vapour. It has long been known that when strong electric currents are passed through water, hydrogen and oxygen gas are produced at the electrodes. The New Cell, invented by two German experimenters, is the first to produce the gases on a commercial scale at pressures up to thousand atmosphere. Recent experiments have shown this compressed gas suited to long distance transmission.

LAUGHTER IN LEAVES.—Plants are odd things. There is no Egyptian lotus (Lotus Arabicus) which, when growing, can be cut and fed to cattle; yet when ripe it contains a deadly poison. Then comes the Indian plant of which the native name is Madar. The leaf, treated and applied like a poultice, will cure a severe sprain or bruise, yet the milky juice has an extraordinary effect if swallowed. The sufferer has fits of terrible delusion alternating with bursts of wild merriment and shrieking laughter. This goes on for some hours. Then if the dose has not been severe enough to cause death, the patient falls into a deep sleep from which he wakes up comparatively well. The coast plant of South America is a shrub with small, light green leaves which have a somewhat bitter taste. The natives powder these leaves and mix them with lime to form what they call "yapa."

The Kayts Association.

The Second Annual General Meeting of the Kayts Association was held on Saturday the 12th instant at St. Mary's Boys English School, Malabar Street, Pettah, Colombo, with Mr. J. N. Chirclebaum, the President, in the Chair.

The Honorary Secretary read the Second Annual Report. The Balance Sheet showed a credit of Rs. 8472 and both these were duly adopted. The Association has forwarded a memorandum to Government requesting the replacement of the present hand worked Ferry by a swifter means of transport such as a steam or motor Ferry between Kayts and Karavita. It has also founded a Scholarship known as "The Joseph Chirclebaum Scholarship" available to the most intelligent and deserving boy in the Elementary School Leaving Certificate class of St. Anthony's English School, Kayts. This Scholarship has this year been awarded to Master N. Munsipillai.

After the election of Office-bearers for the year the meeting came to a close followed by a very enjoyable Social.—Cor.

The Council went into committee and on resumption Mr. T. H. Crossett moved that the scale of salary assigned to the post of Secretary be revised as follows:

Rs. 2400/- to Rs. 3800/- per annum by four increments of Rs. 200/- and a fifth one of Rs. 100/- per annum.

Mr. A. M. M. Abduleswar seconded.

Mr. R. Subramaniam moved an amendment that the scale be revised as follows:

Rs. 2400/- to Rs. 3800/- per annum by 2 increments of Rs. 120/- per annum and thereafter by increments of Rs. 180/- per annum.

There being no second the amendment was declared lost.

The original motion was then put for sec'd 2 against.

Mr. T. H. Crossett moved that the present increment of the post be placed on a salary of Rs. 3000/- as from 1st January 1928 to which salary he would be entitled according to the revised scale by him and that no claim should be made for any arrears of increments that may be due on account of the revised scale.

The Provincial Surgeon seconded.—Carried 7 voting for and 2 against.

Vital Values of Gurukula Ideal

The following is the verbatim report of the Convocation Address delivered by Prof. T. J. Vaswan:

(Continued from our last issue)

What is the result? Scholarships again and again used for research and science or destruction rather than reconstruction of human life. Modern chemistry has produced gases which can destroy an entire regiment in a few minutes. Such knowledge indeed is a power but a curse. In ancient times they studied and meditated in Ashrams and Gurukulas to purify their mental bodies and so to make them vehicles of higher reason. When Megasthenes visited India about 300 B.C., he saw some Aryan students spending each one over a generation in pursuit of knowledge. A suggestive little story is told us in the book—a story which is to me more than a story. Bharadvaja spent 8 successive lives as a ascetic. Then said Indra to him "If I give thee a fourth life, what will thou do?" And Bharadvaja said—"The fourth life too, I shall dedicate to knowledge." Indra said to him "In 8 lives you have studied 3 Vedas, in your fourth life study the Universal Science"—so profound love of truth, the Universe is the crown of culture. It is the Guru's privilege to develop this love and help the students to realize that he is a servant of truth—a servant of the Universal. As far as Knowledge in our schools and colleges today is often proud. For it is knowledge unaided from vision. Knowledge is ancient India was enriched by reverence.

THE LIFE DAY

The physical and spiritual—magistic centres, too, must be purified. That ray concerning the purification of these centres is the doctrine of "brahmacharya". It is the very essence of the ancient philosophy of education.

Brahmacharya must not be confounded with asceticism. The ancient sages recognized the hygienic value of chastity. Man asks the teachers not to awaken fear among their pupils. Fear checks the flow of blood; fear may even poison blood; laughter accelerates circulation. Brahmacharya is reverence for the Creative "Shakti". Brahmacharya is control of energy. Brahmacharya's regulation of Life-force. The medieval mystic of the Christian Church, Jacob Boehme, saw the secret of life of "Brahmacharya" when he wrote:—"The art of living is to harness fiery energies to the service of the light". And Saint Paul expressed the truth of "brahmacharya" in the language of a mystic when he said,—"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a "living" sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Miss Mayo accuses Hindus of teaching their boys to indulge in immorality. Miss Mayo is an American novelist. Miss Mayo forgets all about the Hindu doctrine of Brahmacharya. Preserve your vital force—is the supreme teaching of Hindu education. And the Science of Yoga emphasizes the truth that the body must be pure and refined and controlled. "Brahmacharya," says an ancient text, "is anaviveka-nimitta". In another text we read:—"The pilgrimage of all religions is purity of heart". A continental doctor, Antônio Pato, announces that he has discovered a new system of rejuvenation by X-rays. The ancient Rishis discovered the science of rejuvenation by Brahmacharya. It is the life ray of man. "Be hard,"—said Nietzsche. The Gurukula students asked to train himself in the school of hardness. Hindu society suffers today from the sto of softness. Love is not softness. There is no true love without "shakti" and self-control. Life is not a "soft job"; and the spirit that will save society and the nation is the spirit of the athlete. Brahmacharya is spiritual athleticism. Brahmacharya was the basis of social life in ancient India. Child marriage was unknown. The present disgraceful spectacle of steaming husbands and baby wives was unknown. Not the least service of this Gurukula is its persistent and practical campaign against the evil of early marriage which is largely responsible for the heavy infantile mortality in India.

GUARDIANS OF THE HOLY TEMPLE.

To strengthen the spirit of "brahmacharya", a system of "Yam" and "Niyama" was taught to the student. It trained the soul life through purification of nerves and senses and the rhythmic system expressing itself in the flow of breath and blood and the metabolic system expressed in limb and organ of digestion. Precise rules were prescribed as to dress and diet, exercise and daily conduct. Simple was to be the "brahmachari's" dress consisting of a cover for the upper part of his body and a "dhoti" made of hemp flax or wool for the lower part. Simple was to be his diet. He was to refrain from meat. What poisonous material was put into our stomachs in the name of "civilization"? And what an insult we nourish in thickening that vegetarian diet for the weak! We forgot that vegetarianism had produced a number of athletic champions, some of them record breakers in running, cycling, wrestling, weight-lifting, swimming and mountain-climbing. The Gita classifies food as "satvic, rajasic and tamasic," and "satvic" foods are defined as "foods which foster vitality, life, strength, health". The "rajasic" foods are described as "vitikas" and this word may be interpreted to mean "stimulating". The "brahmachari" was asked to avoid all stimulants. Spirituous liquors were forbidden. "Satvic" food was recommended; it is rich in vitamins. It includes whole-meal wheat bread, "dal", vegetables, ghee, butter, milk. All these contain these wonderful organic substances which we call vitamins and which are essential to nutrition. The "brahmachari" was asked to eschew luxury, dancing, opium, tobacco and intoxicants as being debaseing. Here is modern testimony taken from an authoritative book named "How to Live" by Professor Elmer and Dr. Flit:—"Among the pillars which must be kept out of the body, should be mentioned the habit-forming drugs such as opium, morphine, cocaine, alcohol. The best thing for those who wish to attain mental efficiency is total absence from all substances, including "dal", wine, beer, tobacco.....even coffee and tea." The rhythmic system must be purified. Hence the value of "pranayama" and sun baths. The West is beginning to appreciate them today. A Solarium has been started in England. Many believe today in the sun-bath, and the importance of "surya shakti" or solar force is being increasing recognized. The Gurukulas and Ashrams are open air institutes situated on river banks or in the midst of forests. The symbol of Western civilization is the crowded city; that of India is civilisation in fellowship with her health—physical, mental and spiritual. (To be continued.)

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(A Short Life Sketch)

Gate Mudaliyar A. Nagamather who was elected President, Board of Directors, Jaffna Hindu College, is one of the notable names in the public life of the Island during the last three decades. Mudaliyar Nagamather after completing his education joined the Public Works Department as a clerk in the revenues of the last century. Failing that his Department did not give him scope for his abilities he resigned this post and accepted the Sheriffship of the Oriental Banking Corporation at Nuwara Eliya. After the winding up of this Corporation the National Bank of India availed itself of the services of the Mudaliyar by appointing him Sheriff for its Branch at Nuwara Eliya. Nuwara Eliya was the principal scene of his labours and philanthropic activities for a long time. As the Sheriff of the National Bank he came into intimate contact with the planting and mercantile communities whose regard and confidence he always enjoyed. The irrepressible energy of the Mudaliyar could not be quelled, engaged and enabled by the routine work of his office. He made his investments in agricultural enterprises which made him one of the most prosperous planters in the Island.

The Mudaliyar is a man of wide sympathies. He has always taken an abiding interest in the public activities of the Nuwara Eliya District. There is no movement whether official or unofficial with which he was not associated and for the success of which he has not contributed his share. The activities of such a gentleman could not long remain unrecognized. He was invested with the rank of Mudaliyar in 1903 and was made a Justice of Peace and Unofficial Police Magistrate in 1907 and was made a Governor's Ga. Mudaliyar in 1917.

The Mudaliyar spends the evening of his life in Jaffna among his own people. To him retirement is not a period of idleness but it is an opportunity for a rest. He always willingly participated in all public undertakings in Jaffna. The fact that he was elected Vice President of the Hindu Board of Education and President of the Jaffna Hindu College Board of Directors, testifies to the great popularity of the Mudaliyar. We hope that the Mudaliyar will always be a tower of strength to these two public Institutions and will put forth his best endeavours to promote their welfare.

Christian Cruelty to Buddhists.

SEQUEL TO WEAK OBSERVANCE,

A suit has been started at Maggona yesterday when the parents of the Buddhist children attending the Roman Catholic Girls' School at Maggona were informed by the children that the school authorities had cruelly ill-treated them as they had failed to attend school on Weak day. It is alleged that various kinds of punishment had been inflicted on the children.

The matter was immediately brought to the notice of Mr. U. A. Jayawardene, the Manager of Budhi's Schools, in Kattiar, who inquired into the matter this morning and despatched the following telegram to the Director of Education:—"Alleged cruel treatment Buddhist children attending Maggona Roman Catholic Girls' School for keeping away for Weak Buddhist feeling roused. Questionnaire inquiry" O.M.L 10.5.28.....It is reported that the authorities of Maggona Roman Catholic Girls' School warned the Buddhist students against keeping away from school on Weak day, in spite of which Buddhist girls kept away on that day, which was a great day to them.

As a punishment for absence the teachers are alleged to have snatched the faces of the girls with lamp soot and adorned them with "fool's" caps made of "babbar" leaves. The display does not appear to have ended there as it is further alleged that headed by a senior girl, with a plumed round her neck, bearing the indictment, the girls numbering about 40 are said to have been made to march round the school.....

Ibid. 11.5.28.

Ibid. 11.5.28.

Ibid. 11.5.28.

ChiththiraPurana in Seremban

CELEBRATING A TEMPLE FESTIVAL

"Chiththira Purana" (Full Moon in the Tamil month of April) fell on Friday the 4th of May, 1928. The Hindus of Seremban observed this day by celebrating a festival at the Temple of God Subramaniar. The beauteously adorned Image of God Subramaniar was carried enthroned in procession through the important streets in Seremban. The procession left the temple premises at 8.30 p.m. and grandly glided off to Rehang area, where there were erected nicely decorated floral pandals. The procession halted in front of those pandals. The usual ceremonies were officiated and the procession returned with pomp and show, the lighted torches adding charm and dignity to the celebration. A band of Oriental musicians was in attendance throughout the procession.

On its way back homage was paid to the Image by the various Hindu priests there. It made its way to Broh Road where the staff of the Electrical Department under the leadership of Messrs S. Nadarajah, A. N. Varnakusasinghe, P. Thiruvilakam and others erected a pandal which was illuminated with evergreens, festoons and electric light. The procession halted here for a pretty long time. Puja were performed by the Brahmins. Here the Electrical Engineer, Mr. T. E. R. Murphy, who was present witnessing the celebration was garlanded by Mr. S. Nadarajah, the Chief Clerk of the Electrical Department, and was presented with a bouquet by Mr. Thiruvilakam. This being over the procession wended its way towards the Temple where the Image of God Subramaniar was enthroned back on its Seat—Oor.

FLY CYCLES.—At a lecture given recently before the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers it was announced that flight will be within the reach of everyone. The new idea was described for a machine, fitted with flexible, bird-shaped wings, which will act just like those of a bird. As in the case of a bicycle the power will be provided by pedals. This idea is just being experimented and if the machine is a success it is estimated to cost £25.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6759.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Parupathipillai wife of Marugal Alvar Vallipuram of Karavetti West.

Decceased.
Marugal Alvar Vallipuram of Karavetti West.

Petitioner.

Vs.

Minor 1. Valliparam Nadarajah of Karavetti West.

2. Ampalvar Alvar of Do.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, on May 1, 1928, in the presence of Mr. K. Munkunam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the Plaintiff and of the Petitioner having been read.

It is hereby ordered that the 2nd Respondent abovesigned be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minor the 1st Respondent to represent him in Testamentary proceedings to be instituted by the Petitioner and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to take out Letters of Administration to the above Estate as the husband of the testate and that Letters of Administration be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents above-named or any other persons appear and show cause to the contrary on or before the May 29, 1928.

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V. R. VENKATARAMAN, M.A.,
Principal.
Mis. 1211

NOTICE.

Village Committee, Udappidu.

Tenders are invited to do the following Village Committee Works at Udappidu. The full particulars can be had from the Village Committee Office, on or before the 10th June, 1928.

THE WORKS REFERRED TO ARE:

1. Deepening, Repairing and Re-building Thuvaiyakerey at Loniyaankurichchi.
2. Deepening and Repairing, Koddalyankurichchi at Tanakkarakkukurichchi.
3. Deepening and Re-pairing, Poovareekkuam at Karavelli South.
4. Re-building a well at Valla at Tanakkarakkukurichchi near the 14th mile post on Karavelli South.
5. Deepening, Repairing and Re-building Karunankuladdai Mullaiyapuwo well in Karavelli South.
6. Deepening, Repairing and Re-building Kaluvathidai well in Tanakkarakkukurichchi.

R. DAMODARAMPILLAI,
Chairman, V.O.

Village Committee Office,
Udappidu, May 14, 1928.

Mis. 1209.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6511.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Chellappah Vinayagamoorthy of Mandai Deceased.

Vinayagamoorthy Chellappapillai of Mandai.

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Vinayagamoorthy Navaratnam of do.

2. Parkiam daughter of Vinayagamoorthy of do.

3. Marumtai widow of Marugal Alvar Vallipuram of Karavetti West.

Decceased.

4. Chellipath Matto of do.

The 1st and 2nd Respondents are minors appearing by their guardian ad litem the 4th Respondent.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of abovesigned Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesigned deceased, coming on for disposal before J. D. Brown Esquire, District Judge, on December 15, 1927, in the presence of Messrs. Sivapragassu & Kaliress Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the affidavit and Petition of the Petitioner. It is declared that the Petitioner as one of the heirs of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before January 26 1928, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. D. Brown, District Judge.

Further time to show cause allotted for 21st May, 1928.

M. A. Arulandam, Addl. District Judge.

O. 1457.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MANNAR.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 894.

In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Mohaisaleepichchai Kathiravasal, late of Povarassankulam in Nanaddan East.

Deceased.

Meeranina Asanina of Povarassankulam in Nanaddan East.

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Mohaisala Patumma wife of Asanina.

2. Kathiravasal Meerasaboo.

3. Mohaisaleepichchai Kathiravasal, all of Povarassankulam in Nanaddan East.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the Petitioner abovesigned, praying that the abovesigned 3rd Respondent is a minor, and that the 3rd Respondent is a fit and proper person to be appointed guardian ad litem over the said minor, and that the Will of the said Mohaisaleepichchai Kathiravasal be declared proved, coming on for disposal before P. O. Fernando Esquire, Additional District Judge, Mannar, on May 6, 1928, in the presence of Mr. S. Mudaliar Anantham, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated April 19, 1928 having been read. It is ordered that the abovesigned 3rd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interest and of representing them in this case and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Testator as his lawful widow unless the Respondents or any other persons interested shall appear before this Court on May 29, 1928 and state objection or show cause to the contrary.

It is further declared that the said Meeranina Asanina, the Petitioner abovesigned, is the executors named in the said Will and that the probate of the said Will be issued to him accordingly.

P. O. Fernando, Addl. District Judge.

May 9, 1928.

O. 1460.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6743.

In the Matter of the estate of the late Murugesu S. Enivasagam of Udawil.

Decceased.

Nallamuthu widow of Murugesu S. Enivasagam of Vannippongal East.

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Anton Abivassgam.

2. Anton Annarajahvassgam.

3. Mano Basivassgam.

4. Hari Manivassgam.

5. Murugesu Sivaguruvarai all of Jaffna.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on April 20, 1928 in the presence of Mr. M. Asipillai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated April 19, 1928 having been read. It is ordered that the abovesigned 5th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interest and of representing them in this case and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Testator as his lawful widow unless the Respondents or any other persons interested shall appear before this Court on May 29, 1928 and state objection or show cause to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge.

April 27, 1928.

O. 1460.

Jaffnese Co-operative Society.

HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING.

The half-yearly general meeting of the Jaffnese Co-operative Society was held at the Town Hall, Kuala Lumpur, on April 22, with Mr. R. N. Thamby-Thurai, President, in the chair. Others present were Mr. A. Cavendish (Registrar of Co-operative Societies, S. S. and F. M. S.), Mr. L. Gammans (Assistant Registrar), Dr. E. Thiiliampalam and Mr. T. Arumugam.

The minutes of the last General meeting were read and confirmed, after which, in proposing the adoption of the committee's report for the half year ended Dec. 31, 1927, together with the financial statement, the Chairman said that during the half-year 343 new members were enrolled as against a similar number during the corresponding period of last year; share payments collected amounted to \$85,135, against \$60,294; loans granted \$14,511, against \$114,726; instalments recovered \$103,927, against \$88,546; interest recovered \$18,681, against \$7,585; establishment charges \$4,046, against \$1,481; and share capital withdrawn \$7,546, against \$1,630. The total number of members on April 15, 1928, was 2,590. Of the 50,000 shares authorized 40,628 shares had already been allotted. At the end of last year the amount invested in Municipal Bonds was \$32,580. Bonds for a further sum of \$51,000 had since been purchased. In the circular letter which accompanied the report he had endeavoured to give a general idea of the present position of the Society. If the requests contained in the circular letter were complied with by each member, it would make the work of the committee easier.

INVESTING THE EPIC SYSTEM.

A thorough examination, the first since the Society commenced operations, undertaken at the latter part of last year, revealed a not altogether satisfactory, though not very alarming, state of affairs. Loan instalments had in many cases fallen into arrears; principals and trustees had after raising loans failed to maintain their membership as provided for in the by-laws; the accounting system of the Society, which was considered ideal at the time it was introduced, had become out of date, cumbersome and difficult; and the volume of the work had outgrown the capacity of the honorary and half-time staff. Re-organisation was immediately decided upon; a permanent staff was appointed; new books were introduced; and everything as far as possible done to improve matters.

A very careful analysis of the outstanding loans made it painfully apparent to the Committee that unless prompt and effective measures were taken to recover the arrears the stability of the Society was in some danger of being shaken. The revelation was a rude shock to the committee, who hitherto had held the view that it was better that a member of the Society should be in debt to the Society than to anyone else, and had therefore been reasonable lax in the matter of the granting of loans. The Committee, being alive to a sense of their responsibility, decided to be firm at the expense of personal feeling, and revised their loan policy, and had since subjected all loan applications to a thorough and searching scrutiny, the result being that fewer loans were now issued.

In the matter of the recovery of loan arrears, the patience of the committee had been more than severely strained. The disappointed applicants for loans and the defaulting borrowers were showering on the committee一个个子 containing all kinds of vituperation and abuse. It was his unhappy lot to deal with them, and, in order to give an idea of the attitude adopted by some members, he would read extracts from a few letters and explanations received revealed a very unfortunate state of affairs—that the members' genuine interest in the Society was the getting of loans, and that there was no other disregard of the fate of the Society beyond the members' personal matters. The committee were ashamed of the conduct of certain members, conduct which was not conducive to the better working of any Society, least of all a co-operative society. That educated members, members who ought to know better, were acting in this manner, and that the majority of them belonged to the Government Service, was a matter for regret and disappointment. At the conference of Co-operative Societies held the previous week the Director of Co-operation suggested that the names of members who gave trouble in the matter of payment of loans might be considered, with a view to their being expelled from the Society. Unless things improved the committee would have to consider the advisability of taking action accordingly. The conference of Co-operative Societies had decided also to recommend to Government the repeal of the Public Servants' Liabilities Bill, a motion.

HOW TO BETTER THE SOCIETY'S STATUS.

He asked each member to realise, before it was too late, that the Society was passing through a critical time, but that loyally and complete allegiance could see it emerge successfully out of danger.

He assured them that he was making these statements because he realised the responsibility of his position; because he was satisfied that strong and concerted measures were required to educate the general body of members to a sense of their responsibility. There was nothing like healthy, honest, hard criticism, and be invited public discussion of the matter with a view to remedying the evil which, unless nipped in the bud, would certainly have disastrous effects.

It had been whispered to him by certain members, who alleged they were well-wishers of the Society, that there was a growing dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Society was being managed. His informants had, however, refused, to tell him whether the dissatisfaction was of a personal nature, or related to the policy adopted by the committee. Whatever the nature of the dissatisfaction might be, he suggested that it would be dignified, proper and very desirable, in the interests of the Society, that such dissatisfaction, if any, should be expressed in an open meeting like that, so that an opportunity might be given for an explanation, instead of being whispered about. When at the last annual meeting he was elected President, he gave an assurance that whenever he felt that he had lost the confidence of the majority of the members he would not hesitate to ask that he be relieved of his duties, and he reiterated that statement now. They were, continued the speaker, grateful to Mr. Cavendish in particular, and to all the members of his staff in general,

Continued up.

Ceylon University College.

The next academic year commences on July 17, 1928. Admission forms should be applied for and returned completed not later than 17th June, 1928, to the Registrar, University College. On receipt of application for admission, candidates should pay fees for the first term as illustrated therein.

University College students who desire to continue their courses should pay their fees as usual and send the receipts to reach the Registrar on or before 5th July, 1928; those desirous of changing their courses or of withdrawing from the College should inform the Registrar of such intention by 2nd July, 1928.

Students are required to pay the terminal fee of Rs. 6/- for the Union Society and Annuity Fund Club into the Mercantile Bank of India, Colombo, only, and to produce the respective passbooks when they call for their admission cards, which will be issued by the Registrar on Monday, 16th July, 1928, to Arts students between 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m., and to Science students between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Students who have applied for admission to the College but find themselves prevented from presenting themselves for admission on the appointed day will not have their fees returned, unless they have not fled their desire to withdraw their application for admission before the first day of the term.

Colombo, R. MARKS,
10 May, 1928. Principal, University College,
G. 902.

Katukurunda Railway Accident

All claims for loss of and damage to property in connection with the above railway accident should be forwarded so as to reach the General Manager of the Railway not later than the 31st May, 1928.

Claims received after that date will not be entertained.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, 12th May, 1928.
G. 908.

NOTICE.

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Mr. T. B. Isubra. manam, April 27, 1928.
Legal Board Office, W. G. VALLIPURAM,
Trincomalee, May 15 1928 for Chairman L. B.
G. 904.

Continued.
for their counsel and advice, assistance and encouragement given to the Society at all times. He also thanked Mr. Boyd, who unfortunately was not present. It was Mr. Boyd, who impressed upon the committee the necessity for a complete revision of the loan policy.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Thiiliampalam and carried.

The revised estimate of revenue an expenditure for the year 1927-1928 was approved.

FIVE GREAT EVENTS IN MAN'S LIFE.

Mr. A. Cavendish, addressing the meeting, said that the first thing that struck him was the meagreness of the attendance. He hoped to see a full house at the coming annual general meeting, when an increased address would be given by a European officer of the Co-operative Dept. He also hoped that the 500 members of the Society resident in Kuala Lumpur would turn out, not only to pass a dividend but to learn something about co-operation. If the Society was to be a success, there ought to be closer co-operation between the members and the community, and he would like to emphasize the fact that the main object of such societies was to encourage thrift and not to make loans. The Com. had drawn their attention to several abusive letters from members about the granting of loans, &c., and had read extracts from these letters, as the worse of them he had not read. It was ignorance of co-operation that made persons like that. He was glad the Society was taking the advice of Mr. Boyd and not granting many loans. The membership was composed of 85 per cent. of Government Servants and 15 per cent. of non Government Servants, and it was the former who were causing all the trouble by not paying their dues. There was plenty of money in the co-operative, and if the committee did not make an advance in any instance it was because they thought that it would be a source of danger to the borrower and cause financial embarrassment. At the present time many people were living beyond their means. That would never do. He wished to say that he was going to ask the Government to repeal the Government Servants' Liabilities Enactment, as he thought it was not fair for Government Servants to hide behind this Enactment and get the protection of the law courts. In conclusion, he urged them to "put something by" for the five great events in man's life—birth, marriage, sickness, old age and death. He would also suggest the enlargement of the committee to work at the question of overheads, which he hoped would be much less before the annual meeting.

CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING.

Mr. Gammans, who spoke next, said he wished to draw the attention of the members to a few matters of interest which were discussed at the Co-operative Conference on the previous Sunday. The question of co-operative housing was one which concerned very intimately every co-operative in the country. It concerned non Government Servants more than Government Servants as the latter were provided with houses, but even they would come to a time when they would have to give up these houses and live in retirement on lower incomes. It was decided at the Conference to appoint a committee to make recommendations as to a scheme. The duty of organizing a co-operative society was not Government's, and he hoped soon to see in Kuala Lumpur a Co-operative Organisation Society, with a big building where everything of a service to Co-operative Societies could be had. He hoped to have the influence of the Conference circulated, as many important matters were discussed.—*Cont.*

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6701.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Annaledchumy daughter of Vallipuram of Kockuvil East

Died. K. S. Appapillai of Kockuvil East Petitioner.

Vs. 1. Vallipuram Kanessappillai of Kockuvil East
2. Appapillai Ponnamthurai and wife
3. Veeradechumpillai of Do.

This master of the Petition of K. S. Appapillai of Kockuvil East praying for letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased, Annaledchumy daughter of Vallipuram of Kockuvil East coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Eggle, District Judge, on March 2 1928, in the presence of Mr. K. Sivapakasam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 16, 1928, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the uncle of the said testator and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said testator issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before April 24, 1928, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock,
District Judge.

Time to show cause is extended to 22nd May, 1928.

J. C. W. Rock,
D. J.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6564.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Miskin Umma widow of Pichobai late of Vazharpalai West, in Jaffna

Died. Mohamed Sabih Hamed of Vazharpalai West in Jaffna Petitioner.

Sultan Mohamed Yousef of do. Respondents.
Add. Respondent.

This master of the Petition of the Plaintiff abovesigned praying that the above-named 1st Respondent is a minor and that the 2nd Respondent is a fit and proper person to be appointed Guardian ad litem over the said minor and that the Will of the said Miskin Umma, widow of Pichobai deceased, proved, among, on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on November 9, 1927, in the presence of Mr. S. M. Abschuck, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated September 17, 1927, having been read. It is ordered that the said 2nd Respondent be and shall be hereby appointed Guardian ad litem over the said minor the 1st Respondent and that the said Will of the said Miskin Umma, deceased, dated May 27, 1927 and now deposited in this Court as the same is hereby declared proved unless the Respondents above-named appear before this Court on December 5, 1927, and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the said Mohamed Sabih Hamed the Petitioner abovesigned is entitled to have Probate of the said Will and Testaments annexed issued to him accordingly.

G. W. Woodhouse,
District Judge.

November 9, 1927. This Order Nisi is extended to 8th May, 1928.

Extended to 5th June, 1928.

O. 1454.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6754.

In the Matter of the estate of the late Kanapathir Vizvannathar of Tholpuram

Died. Vizvannathar Kanapathippillai of Tholpuram Petitioner.

Vs. 1. Vizvannathar Krishnan of Tholpuram, native of Kuala, Johore, in F. M. S.
2. Elakkupillai Ampalavanar of Tholpuram and wife
3. Mutupillai of Tholpuram Respondents.

This master of the Petition of the Petitioner praying that Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased be issued to the Petitioner as one of his heirs—unless the Respondents or any other persons interested shall appear before this Court on May 24, 1928, and make objection or show cause to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock,
District Judge.

May 14, 1928.

O. 1455.

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