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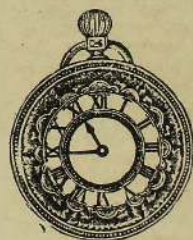
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JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1910.

## THE FRANCHISE BILL.

Elsewhere we publish a summary of this Bill as published by our contemporary of the "Ceylon Independent". It has been drafted closely on the lines of the recommendations of the Reform Commission. But it will be seen that the qualifications of voters for the Ceylonese electorate receives a notable addition by the inclusion of those who have passed the Junior Cambridge Local Examination. The Commission considered the question of including this Examination as a qualification and did not in their report recommend it. His Excellency the Governor is further given the power of declaring by publication in the "Government Gazette" any other Examination to be accepted for the purpose of this Ordinance as an equivalent for either the Senior or Junior Cambridge Local Examinations. It is to be hoped that in the case of Government officers the passing of the Clerical Examination will be held as a qualification to vote for the election of the Ceylonese member, as this Examination is a more difficult test than either the Cambridge Local Examinations or the Examinations which give one the status of an Undergraduate.

The penal provisions of the Bill especially the section relating to "treating" are very acceptable and will have the effect of preventing corrupt practices at these elections. It is in the Southern parts of the Island "treating" is likely to be indulged in to influence voters, and it is to be hoped that the penalties attached to this offence will have a salutary effect in putting a stop to this practice.

The Ceylonese should be extremely thankful to the Secretary of State for having given them at least one elected member, to begin with. It behoves them to use this highly valued privilege newly conferred on them in such a manner as not only to secure the services of the fittest person to represent them in Council, but also to prove that they are fit for the extension of this privilege in the near future. The Ceylonese memorialised the Secretary of State for the granting of the elective franchise and Provincial representation. He has granted one general member to represent the "educated Ceylonese". It will not be long, we have every confidence, before the Ceylonese will be given more than one elected member and that to represent not races and creeds but to represent the Provinces in the Legislature of this Island, if we will only make a right use of the privilege which is conferred on us.

The passing of the Bill will not be long delayed. The election is sure to come before the end of this year, and the reformed Council will come into operation early next year.

## LOCAL & GENERAL.

**THE GOVERNMENT AGENT**—Mr. H. R. Freeman, our Government Agent, who returned from Mannar on the night of the 1st Instant left again on circuit to Thunakai on the 5th Instant accompanied by the Chief Mudaliyar. He is expected to return here on Friday.

**THE JAFFNA LOCAL BOARD**—At the meeting of the Board held on the 3rd Instant, an application of the Jaffna Y. M. C. A. for a building site in a portion of the Esplanade was considered. It was unanimously resolved to grant the site at the Y. M. C. A. Tennis ground between the road and the old cemetery.

**A NEW NOTARY**—Mr. A. Cathiravelu, Proctor S. C. has been appointed a Notary Public at Jaffna and throughout the District of Jaffna to practise as such in the English language.

**THE KARAIYUR RECLAMATION GROUND**—It is understood that about three hundred and fifty prisoners will be sent to Jaffna shortly in connection with the Reclamation Work.

**THE MOHAMMEDAN SEAT IN THE COUNCIL**—It is understood that the Hon. Mr. W. M. Abdul Rahiman who has served his community as Mohammedan Member in Council from the 22nd September 1900 intends to retire from his charge on the 28th inst., on the completion of his second term.

**EUROPEAN POLICE FOR THE PORT**—The first batch of European Police for Colombo, selected in England by Mr. A. C. Godfrey, Superintendent of Police, arrived on Saturday last. This batch comprises two Sub-Inspectors and 22 Sergeants.

**PERSONAL**—Mr. P. Ramapathan K. C., C. M. G., is expected to arrive in Jaffna on the 10th Instant and remain here till the 15th. He will preside at the Hindu College Prize Distribution on the 15th evening.

—Mr. S. Thamby Assistant Master, Hindu College, Jaffna is leaving for Colombo, shortly having been appointed a clerk in the Colonial Auditor's Office.

—Mr. A. K. Somasundaram, son of Mr. Kulandaiveloo of Koddady and grand-son of Mr. A. Namasiyayam of "Nityananda Cottage" Vannarpannai, has been, we are glad to learn, appointed Telegraph Inspector of the C. G. R., and is stationed at Maradana. We wish him success.

—Mr. V. Masilamanipillay, High Court Vakil, Madras, has been elected a Trustee of Pachaiyappa's Charities in the place of Mr. Ratnasabapathippillay who resigned his office some months ago.

—Mr. A. W. Peiris, the last year's University Science Scholar from the Royal College, Colombo, left for England on Saturday last to study Medicine in Cambridge.

—Mr. K. S. Veeravaku, Notary Public, Jaffna, has been allowed to have his office at his residence at Vannarpannai East.

—Mr. R. S. Subramaniam book-keeper of the Treasury, Colombo, has received orders to proceed to Mannar as Accountant of the Mannar Railway extension. Mr. Subramaniam is an old boy of the Jaffna Hindu College.

—Dr. John Rockwood who left Colombo quite recently for England has been appointed to act for Dr. James Burnett M. D., for a period of two months as acting assistant visiting Physician to the Outpatients Medical Department and Chief Vaccinator to the Royal Hospital for sick children, Edinburgh.

—Mr. Ananda Rao B. A., Dewan of Mysore, has been created a C. I. E., by His Majesty the King.

—Mr. S. W. Sane, the son-in-law of Mr. Tilak of Bombay has successfully obtained the degree of D. Sc. of the University of Berlin.

—Mr. Baron Shigeno, a Japanese student, passed last week through Colombo en route to France to learn aeroplaning.

—Mr. Curtiss, an American, has won 14,000 dollars for aeroplaning 60 miles across Lake Erie and back.

—Dr. Joseph Pearson the new Director of the Colombo Museum arrived in Colombo on Monday last.

**MATRIMONIAL**—The marriage of Mr. V. A. Nadarajah Head Clerk, Forest Office, Trincomalee and son of the late Mr. V. Arumugam, tobacco merchant, Vannarpannai, with Miss Annaledchumy, grand-daughter of Mr. S. Veerakattippillai, retired Odeyar of Kockivil took place on Monday last with great éclat.

—The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place at Lindula on Thursday the 8th instant, the contracting parties being Mr. V. Canapattipillai of St. Clair Estate and Miss Ramasammah Murgasampillai, second daughter of the late Mr. V. Murgasampillai of the P. W. D., Ratnapura. The wedding ceremony will be according to Hindu rites. Prior to the occasion, Mr. Canapattipillai will be "At Home" to his friends and relations, for which invitations have already been issued.

**RESULTS OF THE P. W. D. EXAMINATION**—Of the eight Candidates who presented themselves for the Junior Examination Messrs. F. B. Toussaint and T. Mutukumar have passed as Inspectors, P. W. D. In the Senior Examination Mr. W. J. de Silva is the only Candidate who has come out successful.

**A MANUAL OF AGRICULTURE IN TAMIL**—We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of this book from its author, C. M. Sinnayah Mudaliyar, Shroff of the Jaffna Kachcheri. It is written in simple Tamil to be easily understood by the general public and students in Vernacular Schools, and embodies all up-to-date theories and practices of Agriculture. This work is well adapted for use as a school Reader. In our opinion the Department of Public Instruction should make the subject of elementary knowledge of Agriculture compulsory in all Vernacular Schools, and in that event, Sinnayah Mudaliyar's work would excellently serve the purpose of a Reader in Tamil Schools in this Island.

**AN INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**—An Indian Chamber of Commerce has

been formed in the Punjab with the headquarters at Lahore. The objects of the movement are to promote and protect trade, Commerce and manufactures in the Punjab and consider all questions connected therewith, as well as arbitrate in Settlement of dispute and facilitate transaction of business and maintain uniformity in rules, regulations and usage of trade.

## A BIG SCHEME TO IMPROVE CALCUTTA

—A Bill was introduced last week in the Bengal Legislative Council to provide for the improvement and expansion of Calcutta. The Bill provides for fifteen miles of new thoroughfares, the clearing of all the congested parts of the town and the provision of new dwellings in the Suburbs for the displaced population. It is anticipated that the Scheme will make Calcutta in every sense the finest city in the East and justify its being called the "Queen of the East." The Scheme is to cost Rs 822 lakhs and the money is to be met by taxes on property transfers, Jute and railway passengers. Fifty lakhs will be Government Contribution and the remainder is to be raised by loans. The Scheme has been already sanctioned by the Secretary of State.

**THE JAPANESE FLOODS**—The recent floods in Japan caused much greater havoc than was at first supposed. Official estimate shows that 112 persons were drowned, 150,000 houses flooded and 3,900 houses swept away. In Tokio alone 200,000 persons are receiving relief.

## A MIDNAPORE POLICE TORTURE CASE

—Mr. Justice Harrington and Mr. Justice Chatterjee have confirmed the decision in the case in which a Sub-Inspector and two Constables of Midnapore were convicted of torture and sentenced respectively to three years and two years rigorous imprisonment.

## THE PHYSICAL DEGENERACY OF THE RACE.

(Communicated).

The duty of all duties which we owe to ourselves and to our posterity is to preserve the physical vesture given to us by God in its natural and perfect state and transmit it to our posterity unimpaired. The greatest national asset is the physical strength of the individuals composing it. All intellectual attainments will be of no avail as factors in individual or national development if they are not founded on the solid bed-rock of sound physique. Hence it becomes our chief duty to make every endeavour, and to take all necessary steps to promote physical culture in the country. That this most important work is not now properly attended to, especially among the classes that pass their lives in intellectual pursuits and sedentary occupations will be admitted by all. It should, therefore, engage our serious attention to organize ourselves and make an endeavour to remedy the evil. But before we set ourselves to the task we should try to find out the several causes that have brought about the physical degeneracy in the community, so that the remedy may be suited to counteract the evil. We will therefore set down here a few suggestions to meet the requirement.

First and foremost should be placed the precocity of boys in their sexual side, as the chief contributory cause to their physical decadence. "All posterity slumbers now in our bodies as we did in our ancestors" says an eminent professor. "The basis of the new biological ethics of today and of the future is that everything is right that makes for the welfare of the yet unborn, and all is wrong that injures them, and to do so is the unpardonable sin—the only one nature knows" It will thus be seen, that not only our own welfare, but the welfare of all future generations is committed to our honor and virtue. Sexual evils and abuses unknown to our forefathers, two or three generations ago, have now been introduced into our country, and if not checked betimes, and their horrible after-effects revealed before it is too late, they may take root in the country and cause the decadence of the race. The old sentiments of delicacy and false reticence observed in such matters must now give way and a mission should be started in right earnest to preach to young men and boys individually and wherever needed, the appalling nature of the evil and the prophylactic to wean them from it. All the best qualities of man—bravery, independence, patriotism, and in fact every quality that goes to the building up of perfect manhood—are founded on the basis of sex and it goes without saying that any weakening of that foundation will surely be followed by a corresponding weakness in his physical structure if not its premature collapse.

Our religious bodies have a duty in this respect which they cannot shirk; for it is religion alone that can effectively wean young men from all sexual aberrations. During the trying period of adolescence youths always hanker after excitements and if they could be guided to seek it in worthy and noble objects they will not be tempted to seek it in the baser forms. Every glow of religious fervour, every act of noble self-denial in the cause of religion or country, to which impressionable youth is readily susceptible, will weaken the potentiality of all low desires. The Saiva Paripalana Sabai or the Saiva Educational Sabai which are doing and have done immense good to the country in the field of religion and morality should take up this work too, and engage the services of some educated pious men of undoubted purity of life to help them in this work. The Y. M. C. As. in England and America have an organization to cope with this evil and are doing immense good to their respective countries. To preach to our young men a right knowledge of the *Brahmacharya Dharma* with its vows of celibacy and purity in thoughts, words and deeds, is certainly a religious duty, the performance of which should reward the agents with untold merit and be the means of securing the grace of the Lord. It is the negligence of our *Dharmas* graciously laid down by the old Rishis of transcendental knowledge and experience, for the proper guidance of humanity, that has brought about our downfall; and it can only be by returning to the old path adhering strictly to its spirit though not to the letter, that we can ever hope to regain our lost position.

Besides the one mentioned above there are other causes that contribute to physical degeneracy. Absence of suitable provisions for physical exercise in most of our Schools and Colleges is another cause. Parents as well as teachers should here co-operate, and the educational authorities may well compel students to pass an annual physical test just as they are required to pass the intellectual, before they qualify themselves to earn a grant. A register may be kept in all educational institutions where the physical development of each pupil ascertained by proper medical examination may be recorded quarterly, defects noted and the attention of parents drawn to them, so that timely precautions may be taken to check or eradicate the cause. Such a system is followed in many European countries and we may well follow their example in this respect.

For all effective work in this direction much depends on the creation of a strong public opinion on the question. All of us are convinced that we are physically declining, that the physical constitution of the present generation is not as strong as that of the past and the future shows tendencies of further decline, and that the average longevity of the race is dwindling. In all seriousness, these are signs that should cause the utmost alarm in the community, and set them all to work with a grim determination to root out the evil.

## THE KANDY TAMILS' LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

### FAREWELL ENTERTAINMENT.

The members of the Kandy Tamils' Literary Association entertained Mr. M. T. Ponnuthurai (of the C. G. R. Kandy) on Wednesday evening 31st August, 1910, at a farewell lunch on the eve of his departure to Matale to assume duties as Forest Ranger. By the time appointed there was a large gathering of members and in the unavoidable absence of the President Mr. C. Suppiah was voted to the Chair. Messrs. M. Carthigesu and N. Kanagaratnam sang a few merry songs suitable to the occasion to the accompaniment of music. Next the Chairman in a few well chosen words congratulated Mr. Ponnuthurai on his appointment as Forest Ranger and expressed the regret of the Association at his departure and referred to his long and useful connection with it. He wished Mr. Ponnuthurai on behalf of the Association every happiness and prosperity in his new sphere of life. Messrs. Aiyathurai, Arulpragasam, Coomarasamy, Cruse, Velupillay and Anupiah also bore eloquent testimony to the regard and esteem in which Mr. Ponnuthurai was held and referred to his sterling qualities and unassuming nature.

Mr. Ponnuthurai feelingly replied and thanked the Association for their congratulations and good wishes and reciprocated the feeling of regret at the departure from Kandy. Refreshments were then served and the party entertained to select songs and music. They dispersed late in the evening.

—Cor.

### TAIPING.

—Mr. S. Carthigesam, Chief Clerk, State Treasury, Taiping, has been granted 6 months' leave. He is one of the oldest and most trusted among the servants of the Govern-

18-9-10.



ment. He was held in high esteem by all here. Prior to his departure he was entertained at farewell dinners by his numerous friends. In his honour, Mr. R. Raja of the District Office, Taiping, entertained a number of influential friends at his residence. I wish Mr. Carthegatan a pleasant sojourn in his native land.

—Mr. R. Raja, Chief Clerk, Education Office, Taiping, has been promoted to the second class of the Clerical Service and appointed Chief Clerk of the District Office.

—Mr. K. Murugasoo, Financial Clerk, Medical Department, Perak, has been transferred to Ipoh, with the removal of the Medical Headquarters to that centre. Under the new regime Mr. Murugasoo becomes the Chief Clerk of the Medical Department in Perak.

—Mr. V. James, Sanitary Inspector, Kampar has been transferred in a similar capacity to Taiping. His place in Kampar has been taken up by Mr. G. S. Everts.

—Mr. K. Chittambalam, Chief Clerk, P. W. D., Batu Gajah who has been ailing for some time with an affection in his eye has been granted 6 weeks' leave to undergo a course of treatment at the Madras Eye Hospital. We trust that he will recover soon.

Cor.

#### THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ORDINANCE.

The following is an epitome of the principal provisions of the Ordinance:—

##### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

This Ordinance is intended to give effect to Royal Instructions for creating electorates and for the admission of elected members to seats in the Legislative Council.

Provision is made for the election of members to represent four electorates, which are respectively named:—

- (a) The European Electorate (Urban).
- (b) The European Electorate (Rural).
- (c) The Ceylonese Electorate, and
- (d) The Burgher Electorate.

As regards the European (Urban) Electorate, the Municipal towns of Colombo, Kandy, and Galle are declared to be electoral districts, the Government Agents of the respective Provinces to which these towns belong being made the registering officers for the districts.

As regards the European (Rural) Electorate and the Ceylonese and Burgher Electorates, each revenue district of the Island is declared to be an electoral district, the Government Agents and Assistant Government Agents of the respective districts being made the registering officers for the different districts. In the case of the Burgher Electorate, a person to be appointed by Governor will be the registering officer, and he will act with the assistance of an advisory board composed of not more than three persons, also to be nominated by the Governor.

Provisions are made for the preparation, publication, and revision of registers of persons entitled to vote for the election of members to represent the several electorates, and for the appointment, respectively, of returning and revising officers.

The qualifications necessary for voters and candidates in respect of the different electorates are set out.

Penalties for "treating," bribery, false personation, exercise of undue influence, and cognate offences commonly associated with elections are provided for.

The Schedules contain the necessary rules for the preparation of Registers of Voters and rules to be observed in proceedings at the elections.

It is divided into parts as follows:—

- Part I.—Preliminary.
- Part II.—Qualifications and Disqualifications of Voters and Candidates.
- Part III.—Elections.
- Part IV.—Penal Provisions.
- Part V.—General.

The Governor may appoint a Returning Officer and one or more persons having judicial experience as "Revising Officers".

The Register of Voters shall be conclusive evidence of the right to vote.

No person shall be entitled to have his name entered on any register of voters if such person—

- (a) Is not a British subject;
- (b) Is a female; or
- (c) Is not of the age of twenty-one years; or

(d) Has been adjudged by a competent court to be of unsound mind.

No person who is in the permanent employment of Government or who is serving the Government for a term of years shall be entitled to have his name on any register of voters relating to the European (urban) or the (rural) electorate.

The following persons shall not be deemed to be in the employment of Government, namely:

Persons in the employment of Municipal Councils, Local Boards, the Board of Health and Improvement of Nuwara Eliya, Sanitary Boards and Boards of Health, Provincial and District Road Committees and Village Committees;

Crown proctors;

Crown advocates not being Crown Counsel.

Where any person, being qualified to be registered as a voter for the Burgher electorate under section 14 (b) and also for the Ceylonese electorate has applied to have his name entered on the register relating to one of such electorates, or has suffered his name to be entered in such register without objec-

tion, he shall be deemed to have made his choice in favour of such electorate, and shall thereafter be debarred from being registered as a voter for the other electorate.

##### EUROPEAN VOTERS FOR URBAN ELECTORATE

Any person of European descent, not otherwise disqualified, shall be qualified to have his name entered on the register of voters for the European (urban) electorate, if he—

- (a) Is resident within the Municipal limits of Colombo, Kandy, or Galle; and,
- (b) Has on the first day of January of the year in which the register of voters for the time being in operation is published, been resident in Ceylon for a period of three years, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to three years; and
- (c) Possesses an annual income, or receives an annual salary, of not less than one thousand five hundred rupees.

##### EUROPEAN VOTERS FOR THE RURAL ELECTORATE.

Any person of European descent, not otherwise disqualified, shall be qualified to have his name entered in the register of voters for the European (rural) electorate if he—

- (a) Resides in Ceylon outside the Municipal limits of Colombo, Kandy, or Galle; and
- (b) Possesses the qualifications mentioned in sub-heads (b) and (c) of the last preceding section.

##### QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS FOR BURGHER ELECTORATE.

All persons, not otherwise disqualified, shall be qualified to have their names entered on the register of voters for the election of a member for the Burgher electorate if they—

- (a) Are the descendants in the male line of Europeans who, on or before the fifteenth day of February, 1796, were in the service or under the rule of the Dutch East India Company in Ceylon, or if they are descended from any such descendant in the female line by marriage with a European; or
- (a) Are of legitimate birth, and are descended in the female line from any such descendant as aforesaid, and claim to be entered on the Burgher register, are able to read, write and speak the English language.

##### THE CEYLONESE ELECTORATE.

Any person, not otherwise disqualified, shall be qualified to have his name inserted on the register of voters for the Ceylonese electorate, if he—

- (i) Was born in Ceylon, or if either of his parents was born in Ceylon; and
- (ii) Is not qualified to be registered as a voter for either of the European electorates or for the Burgher electorate. And if he also possesses any of the following qualifications, namely, if he—

- (a) Is a barrister or advocate; or
- (b) Is a proctor of the Supreme or District Courts; or
- (c) Is a notary authorized by warrant to practise in the English language; or
- (d) Is a registered medical practitioner; or
- (e) Is a licensed surveyor; or
- (f) Is an engineer who has been employed as such in the public service of the Island, or is a member of the English or Irish Institutions of Civil Engineers, or is an Associate Member of the English Institution of Civil Engineers, or holds any qualifications which is accepted by the Institution of Civil Engineers in lieu of examination for Associate Membership, or holds a diploma in Civil Engineering issued by any English, Irish, Scotch, or Indian University, or has served under Articles of Indenture, and for a period of not less than three years a Member or Associate Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, England or Ireland; or

(g) Is or has been a member of a Municipal Council or Local Board in Ceylon; or

(h) Is a commissioned officer on the active or retired list of any Ceylon Volunteer Corps; or

(i) Is a Government pensioner who at the time of his retirement was in receipt of an annual salary of not less than one thousand five hundred rupees; or

(j) Is on the list of persons who are liable to serve as special jurors; or

(k) Is a graduate or undergraduate of any British, Indian, or Colonial University; or

(l) Has passed the Senior Cambridge Local Examination or any other examination which the Governor, by notification in the "Government Gazette", may declare shall, for the purposes of this Ordinance, be accepted as an equivalent for the Senior Cambridge Local Examination.

(m) Is or has been a member of a Municipal Council or Local Board in Ceylon; or

(n) Is a commissioned officer on the active or retired list of any Ceylon Volunteer Corps; or

(o) Is a Government pensioner who at the time of his retirement was in receipt of an annual salary of not less than one thousand five hundred rupees; or

(p) Is on the list of persons who are liable to serve as special jurors; or

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##### QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL.

Any person not otherwise disqualified, and who is qualified to be registered and is registered as a voter for any electorate, shall be eligible for election for that electorate.

##### DISQUALIFICATIONS TO BE ELECTED AS A MEMBER.

- If such person,
- (a) Is under twenty-five years of age; or
- (b) Is an uncertificated bankrupt or an undischarged insolvent; or
- (c) Has been dismissed from Government service; or
- (d) Has been sentenced by criminal court to imprisonment for an offence punishable

with rigorous imprisonment for a term exceeding three months, such sentence or order not having been subsequently reversed or remitted, or the offender pardoned; or

(e) Has been debarred from practising as a legal or medical practitioner by order of any competent authority; or

(f) Is in the permanent employment of Government.

Provided that in cases (c), (d), and (e) the disqualification may be removed by an order of the Governor in Executive Council on that behalf.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS.**—After the registers of voters have been completed the Governor shall fix by notification in the "Government Gazette" a date and a place in Colombo for the election of members for the electorates. Such election shall be by ballot. Each candidate shall be nominated by a proposer and seconder and separate nomination papers. The signature of these nomination papers to be attested by a J. P. and to be delivered to the returning officer before one o'clock p. m. of the day of election. If by one o'clock on the day of election the name of only one candidate is duly nominated, the returning officer shall forthwith declare such candidate to be elected and shall report such election to the Colonial Secretary, who shall publish the fact in the "Government Gazette".

If more candidates than one duly nominated the Returning Officer shall report to the Colonial Secretary the names of the candidates, upon receipt of which report the Governor shall notify the date and place at which a poll shall be taken and appoint a presiding officer to preside at each polling station and supply him with a copy of the register of voters. The poll shall open at 9 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. unless otherwise ordered by the Governor. The ballot box shall be so constructed that the ballot papers can be introduced therein, but not withdrawn therefrom, without the box being unlocked. Before the polling commences the presiding officers shall show those present that the ballot box is empty and lock it and place a seal on it. A ballot paper will then be handed to the voter with an official mark on it, and the voter's name will be called and the number of such elector shall be marked on the counterfoil and a mark put on the register to denote that he has received a ballot paper. The elector shall then retire into a screened room and place the mark X opposite the name of the candidate he prefers and fold the paper so as to conceal the name and put the paper in the ballot box. At the close of the poll the Presiding Officer shall seal up the ballot box and other papers and after all the ballot boxes have been received the Returning Officer shall fix a day for counting the votes with notice to candidates or their agents. When the counting of the votes has been completed the Returning Officer shall declare as elected the candidate having the greatest number of votes. In case of equality of votes, the Returning Officer shall cast lots as to whom the additional vote should be deemed to be given. The voting papers shall be sealed up and destroyed after a period of six months.

**PENAL PROVISIONS.**—Ample provision is made for the punishment of fraudulent practices and the phrase "corrupt practice" includes treating, undue influence, bribery and personation and invalidates an election.

**PREPARATION OF FIRST REGISTERS.**—A notification will be made in the "Gazette" calling upon persons desirous of registering, to send in their names within three months, and the registering officer shall duly prepare the register and copies of them shall be published. Any person whose name is omitted may apply to the registering officer to include his name, and on his being unsuccessful may apply to the registering officer to have the omission supplied.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### VOX CLAMANTIS.

#### I.—THE NORTHERN RAILWAY.

How long shall the Northern Line remain the Cinderella of the C. G. R. system?

A bird whispers: "The line is not very paying, you see." "May be," I answer "but if it is prevented from paying, it will never pay."

Why should there not be a night service of mail trains? It cannot be that the line is not safe enough for a night service. Surely the Government did not scamp the construction work. On worse lines in India and elsewhere there are even faster night services, and we have not heard of accidents happening there on that account. A night service on the Northern Line of the C. G. R., would

##### (1) Increase passenger traffic:—

To mention only one instance how, "week-enders" both from Colombo and this northern capital will become quite a feature of the night service.

##### (2) Give a fillip to business:—

The mercantile community will not be slow to take advantage of the increased facilities. Business will largely increase.

##### (3) Increase railway earnings.

A necessary result of the above two effects.

##### (4) Improve postal facilities:—

As it is, it takes over three days to get a reply from Colombo here or vice versa. With

a night service less than half the time will suffice. And an improved postal service will increase the volume of postal traffic and thus increase the postal revenue too.

(5) Bring more of the refinement of Colombo here:—

A more frequent intercourse will bring Jaffna and Colombo closer together, and the closer contact cannot fail to refine the less progressive town.

(6) Tend to increase the population of Jaffna town, as a result of increased business.

These are only some of the benefits anticipated from the suggested reform in the train service on this line. Others will suggest themselves to any thinking man.

In every way thus, Jaffna is bound to improve greatly by the introduction of a night train service, and nobody will lose anything. Why, then, is there among the powers that be a disinclination to effect this salutary change? Echo answers—Why?

S. V. D.

## THE HINDU UNDERTAKINGS IN JAFFNA.

The Editor, "Hindu Organ".

Sir,

The valuable contributions appearing from time to time in the Tamil issue of the "Hindu Organ" over the well-known initials of Kurai M. S., on the above subject, are indeed worthy of being read, swallowed and digested by every Hindu, who has some interest of his country and of his religion. His contributions are not only very interesting to read, but contain some useful practical suggestions, which, if put into practical shape Jaffna will undoubtedly be in an enviable position. In spite of his earnest appeals, he has made more than once in the columns of the "Hindu Organ" the Hindus of Jaffna are still bent on organising and starting societies and schools unconstitutionally and unmethodically. His last article on the management of schools by the Hindus, should engage the attention of not only the Board of Directors of the Jaffna Hindu College, but also of the respective Managers of the schools in the various parts of the Peninsula. If the schools are started in the various centres of Jaffna with the common object of safeguarding the younger generations from being prejudiced towards their own religion, we do not find any reason why the respective Managers of the schools, should not abide by the decision of a vast number of enlightened and educated Hindus.

The Saiva Paripalana Sabai, the Hindu College and the "Hindu Organ" are the first fruits of the indefatigable and disinterested labours of the Hindus of Jaffna. These were chiefly instrumental in saving a great many of us from being drifted away by the tide of materialism, which was at a time flooding the whole country of Jaffna. If not for these Institutions in Jaffna, we would have been easily enticed by the missionaries and our time-honoured religion will be nowhere to be found. It should therefore be the duty of every Hindu to see these three are placed on a better position before they divert their attention on some other undertakings. There is no doubt great national and religious awakening in Jaffna at present, which is mainly due to the existence of the College and the Organ, but the way how some Hindus start schools independent of the Sabai, and manage its affairs individually more with a speculative view is not at all appreciable. In the various centres of Jaffna, schools may be established, the founders may be the local Managers, but they should be affiliated to the Hindu College and the management should be entirely left in the hands of the Directors. Unless we try to work jointly and constitutionally we shall not be able to carry out our object by establishing schools. We have very often seen how schools started single-handed have found their grave prematurely owing to want of unity, or pecuniary help from the local residents. The main point we have in view in writing this, is to have all the undertakings of the Hindus connected with the Sabai, either directly or indirectly. Any school or other undertakings conducted independent of the Sabai should not be recognised or encouraged by the Hindus. This will be the easiest way to make unity exist among us, and to carry out successfully all the objects we have in view. We do not at all appreciate the idea of organizing a Ceylon Saiva Union, nor are we in sympathy with any other undertakings as we feel the Sabai can be made to answer all purposes.

It is also very sickening to find that since of late so many newspapers have sprung up like mushroom, which after sucking a good deal of our finances that can be utilized for other Papers of long duration and usefulness, burst all on a sudden like a bubble in rain water. How foolish it is on our part to encourage such Papers. For journalistic etiquette, I believe you will not raise your voice against the pestilence of these papers. Will not even our friend Mr. M. S. with his pleasant and powerful appeal approach the respective Managers of the so-called news papers, and save us from the unnecessary taxation they levy on us. Only one "Organ" for the Hindus will do, and it should be the duty of every Hindu to have it enlarged and to make it appear daily if possible.

Batticaloa, Yours sincerely,  
26th Aug, 1910. Possible.



## "HINDU IDEALS AND THEIR PRESERVATION". V.

The Editor,  
"Hindu Organ".

Sir,  
When I wrote my last, I had not the advantage of perusing Mr. Phelps' informing reply to the Editor of the Jaffa "Catholic Guardian". Mr. Phelps therein states the three classes of *Jivas*, so well known to us as,

- (1) *The Pralayakalaks*
- (2) *The Sakalaks*, and
- (3) *The Vignanakalaks*.

I must first acknowledge my indebtedness to Mr. Phelps, for the information that "the first two of these classes constitute, no doubt, almost the whole body of the Roman Catholic Church, since the right of private judgment is denied to its members." That's news to me, and pretty good and precious to boot! It throws a flood of light on the attitude of mind of the Rev. Father Gnani Prakasar, on whom I was rather hard, in my last, for I could not account for his falling foul of "the Sacred Books of the East" and the Vedas! If the information given by Mr. Phelps is true, and I have no reason to question his knowledge of the Catholic Church or his veracity as a witness, then it is no wonder that "Mr. Phelps' allusion to the Hindu tradition, that the Vedas are eternal is amusing" to his "critic"; and he says (in bold black type again) that "It would be putting educated Hindus back, by at least half a century, to speak to them of the Vedas as eternal and *anupurushaya* i.e., having no human authorship whatever." I have explained the true meaning of Mr. Phelps' statement in my last, and I can well afford to pass by the critic's recommendation to read works like the "Civilization in Ancient India", by R. C. Dutt and others, especially since the 3rd class of *Jivas* known among us as *Vijnanakalaks* and corresponding to Mr. Phelps' third class of people, are proscribed as not coming within the fold which owns the Reverend Gentleman as an ordained minister of the Church.

I would only remark *en passant*, that if Mr. Phelps or any other genius, good or bad, could and would succeed in "putting educated Hindus back by at least half a century", I would welcome it as a God-send, and put up with any little inconvenience or dislocation of business, as of no moment, compared with the gigantic "spade-work" done by him at it, in clearing the ground of all nasty growths and tares of half a century!

It took me individually ten years of hard, very hard, trial with bitter experiences followed by another twelve years of concentrated attention at weeding, to unlearn all that was put in to my young and inexperienced head and warm, glowing heart, by the "cheap and nasty" literature concerning "yoga" and other practices by the officious zeal and perverse ingenuity of certain missionary propagandists. And though I must acknowledge that I have met with sterling men of worth in the Christian fold whose goodness of heart and honesty of purpose have ever touched a responsive chord in my heart, I could never forget the struggle against wrong notions, which, imbibed when the mind was fresh and eager and ready to take in impressions, was hard to wipe out of existence and my Spiritual Guide and Guru often shed profuse tears in pity and sorrow, that such an earnest soul should have its early purity soiled and sullied by such "wrong notions", which having long lain in the mind and become one with it imparting its own colour to it, has now become such a taint or *mala* of evil *vasanas* as to make it difficult and painful to uproot without injuring the true Ideal that the Guru was building up within to replace those wrong notions. In his parable of the Wheat and the Tares, Christ Jesus mentions this difficulty and illustrates it most clearly. That which is a *fact* to be seen and grasped and realised by the clear vision of the Seer, and is literally true to him, becomes a *parable* to the veiled understanding of the unregenerate soul.

In the light of my own personal experience and by the clearer and purer light of Spiritual Experience, let me warn the *Saibittes* of Ceylon, how they allow the tares to be sown in the young and tender hearts and unsullied souls of their young hopefuls. Such a mixed sowing of the tares with the Wheat, when the mind is plastic and ready to take impressions and retain them, often mars the prospect of the Soul's reclamation for a lifetime and the progress of the race in its straight and onward march towards the Goal is thereby hindered making the Path of Social and Racial Progress a zig zag one at the best, instead of its proceeding in a straight line as it ought to! The *Saiva Paripalana Sabha* and its public Organ, which is described as "the only newspaper in Ceylon for the Hindus" have a heavy load of responsibility to understand, realise, and discharge towards the community, the guiding of whose *Samat* life is entrusted to their sacred keeping. It is their duty to be alive to their high responsibilities and I have no doubt that they will utilise to the full, the opportunities for re-statement of our ancient ideals in terms of modern thought and keep them abreast of the times. And the greatest and most sacred of all, let them not neglect to look after their young hopefuls, for the Ideal *lives* in the pure and purged hearts of men and women and not otherwise.

The Ideal is a *Hamsa* (Bird signifying Soul) living in the pure hearts and minds of *Munis* and *Bhaktas*.

"*Aum Muni-manasa-Hamsikayai Namah*."  
"*Aum Bhakta-manasa-Hamsikayai Namah*"

Amo among "the Sacred Names of Devi" which are more potent for good when rightly meditated upon than, all the wealth of the World. Money is needed, but it is needed to serve man and his purpose and not to be served by him as in the land of the Almighty Dollar! Everything in the World is an object of Worship to the Wise. Worship Mammon if you please, but worship it as an instrument which you would use according to your will—as the workman worships his implements on Ayutha puja Day! The Western civilization worships Mammon and Matter (or Machinery) and make of them that are merely instrumental and material causes, an efficient cause! The East knows God to be the only Efficient Cause—the Cause of causes, and knowing God or *Siva* (the Supreme Good) to be the only Efficient Cause distorbs the Soul of all its coverings one by one that it may stand alone in its own essence, "*monogenese*", and in that alone become state (*monogeneis*) discover its own identity with the One only Efficient Cause of the Universe. Thus doth the Soul of Man in its Naked Majesty finds itself to be at-one-with-God, and inheritor of all His powers, and it is this experience of the *alone-become* Soul which makes Jesus Christ declare: "I and My Father are one." This is in reality "*what comes out of the Sublime Ideal*" which Mr. Phelps placed before his Hindu audience, in terms and in language best calculated to reach their hearts and make them respond to his touch, which response Mr. Phelps seems actually to have felt, as he is bound to if his heart is attuned to those of his audience. And no wonder, that we are able to catch him making this confession, in his reply to the "Catholic Guardian".

He says:—"I have invariably been conscious of a powerful response from the hearts of my hearers, in which I have found an inspiring assurance of the wisdom of the course pursued."

As to the critic's mockery of the Sublime Ideal of *Renunciation* and the teachings of the Lord in the *Bhagavad Gita*, I think it would be cruel on my part to take the Rev. Father to pieces (I mean to analyse him as he shows himself to be in his silly statements concerning the Lord's teachings in the *Gita*) and expose him to public view. His apology to the "Catholic Guardian" is exquisite in its taste, expression, and discrimination. He begins it with saying: "If by the statement of these facts of my experience the first two classes of Churchmen (*s.e.* *Pralayakalaks* and *Sakalaks* as we understand them) have been offended; I can only say that such offence is unavoidable in this age of publicity..... The pearls which I gave having been thrown before swine by the intervention of the Press, I must not be surprised if the *Swine* endeavour to rend me".

Mr. Phelps, as a human being and a *Siva-bhakta* (or, "Worshipper of the Hindu Ideal"), to state the same in the language of modern thought) can but face the *Swine* unafraid; but the Lord *Parama Siva* (the Hindu Ideal of Supreme good) in his infinite compassion not only released a *bhakta* by tearing to pieces the body of a *Swine*, but Himself became one to succour the young of the deceased! (See *Tirumalayadal* or Sacred Sports of *Siva*). This is only a parable, a story but its inner meaning could hardly be comprehended by a "critic" who foolishly interprets Sri Krishna as teaching that "*human souls and God are one*", whereas what Krishna taught Arjuna Christ Jesus also taught to his favourite disciple John, who expounds the doctrine of "*monogenese*" which has confounded so many who are merely of the Church, which has well been defined by some one as "*Christianity without Christ*".

In one of my previous articles I quoted at length Professor Huxley's description of the way in which the Western conception of Ethics has grown. The Rev. Gentleman's handling of the sacred teachings of the *Gita* is ridiculous in the extreme. It looks like a clown playing the role of Atlas carrying the World on his shoulders! I would fain have passed it by but the grunting of the *Swine* in its wrath is so offensive that I am almost tempted to empty the sty of its contents of filth and fill it with clean earth from the sandy beach! Here is my first bucket of filthy solution of dirt and filth in its inky blackness! Get away all ye that could not like to be besotted and be-smirched by the stinking filth I bale out from the sty! There await! and hear me sing the Swan's song of Love and Labour as I with "*bated breath*" and Power drawn from High, bale out the sty of its liquid *semi-solid filth*.

### I. The Renunciation of *Dehopadhi*.

Song:— "*Hamsah!*—*Soham!*  
"*Hamsahsoham,*  
"*Hamsaham!*"

There falls out the first bucket of liquid filth from the sty which in swinish glee makes of the noble ideal of *Renunciation* and *non-attachment* taught by Sri Krishna, a dirty mess that would

"Subvert the whole Moral order".

### II. The Renunciation of *Mayopadhi*.

Song: *Hamsaham!*—*Soham!*  
+ *Kevala Kumbham,*

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*Soham Asmi!*  
"*Hamsaham!*"

There falls out the second bucket of Swinish words from the sty which makes a muddled mess of the noble and pearly doctrine of "*Undifferentiation*" taught by Sri Krishna, trampling it under its foot and converting it into a "monstrous iniquity" which

"goes against all the notions of moral distinction".

### III. The Renunciation of *Jivopadhi*.

Song: *Aham Asmi!* *Soham Asmi!*  
"*Hamsahsoham!*  
"*Sivoham!*"

Here I bale out the third bucket of filthy-matter from the sty (the *vasana-mala*) which makes of the "*Highest Philosophy of Action* in Inaction, and Inaction in Action" propounded by the Lord Sri Krishna in the *Gita*, with Swinish liking for filth (*malam*) without the *Swine's* capacity to digest the same, an undigested stuff called the

"philosophy of apathy",

which is to "leave things to take their own course".

Now let me fill in the sty with clean earth from the sandy beach (*Subha Vasana*) with its eternal sound of roaring waves in ceaseless murmur rousing the *Pranava Nadha*, and cover up the remainder of the pit before the *Swine's* habit of wallowing in the mire seizes it again and it begins to grunt at "me and mine!"

"I must not be misunderstood!" I am no enemy of the *Swine* tribe. The Kith and Kin of the Scriptural *Swine*, the "*Pralayakalaks*" have a place in the philosophy of my religion, which is your religion and everybody's religion whose one Religion is Truth. "There is but One Race (the Human Race), and One only God" teaches that ancient *Saiva Saint, Sage and Siddhar*, "*Tirumoola Deva*" in his *Tirumantram* known as the tenth *Tirumurai* or the tenth Book of the Sacred Mysteries.

"அன்பும் கிவமும் மீறல் செய்யத் தரிவினார்"

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Among miscellaneous exhibitors the British and Foreign Bible Society had in their stall copies of the Bible and the Testaments.

The show which lasted four days was the source of much enjoyment and gaiety in Singapore; especially on the first day. The Hotels had their "Show" dinners and tiffin, the cinematograph companies had their "Show" films, which is but natural the Clubs had "Show" dances and balls, and in fact everything in Singapore had the word "Show" added to it. The Indian granseller had "show" grans as the Chinese ice-drinks vendor had some "show" in his drinks.

The venue of the show being changed every year Singapore has to wait for a few years before being able to be the centre of attraction again.

The Weather in this small town is always very cold, colder than in many other towns of Malaya. There is rain almost always and it is welcome, for whenever there is no rain the dust which makes itself especially obnoxious by its colour plays havoc. The nights are chilly, a cold breeze blowing all through. The rapidity with which clouds gather and disperse is remarkable. A new arrival told me the other day he once got out of his house in clear, bright weather and reached the Railway Station, close by, fully drenched. He might have returned home his skin all blistered.

Johore Bahru, "Lanka".  
21st Aug. 1910.

## THE POINT PEDRO VIDYA THERCHI SANGAM.

A general meeting of the above Sangam was held on the 21st instant at the Vasantha-mandapam of the Pillar temple. Proposed by Mr. V. Muttuvale, the Hon. Secy., and seconded by Mr. A. S. Sathamparapillai, Brama Sri Muttuswamy Karukal was unanimously elected President of the Sangam, vice Mr. S. Manicam deceased. A vote of condolence was passed on the death of the late President. A brief sketch of the work done by the Sangam during the last six months was given. It was found that besides several general and committee meetings where questions of interest were discussed six musical lectures were delivered by Sri Sankara Subba Ayyer, two musical lectures by Sri Nakalinga Swamy, a lecture on "Piety" by Sri Kumarswamy Pulavar of Palohy, and a lecture on "Tatvams" by Kandasamy Upathiar, and four Guru Pujas were performed. It was unanimously agreed at the meeting that a Saiva Reading Room be established in memory of the late President, and Messrs. N. Mudir. Sathamparapillai and K. Venasantham promised to present all the religious books of Mr. Manicam to the Reading Room. The question of the disorderly state of the Temples was next taken up. A desire was expressed by some to leave the management of the Temples into the hands of the Sangam. But the question was postponed for another special general meeting. Messrs. V. Muttuvale, N. Mudir. Sathamparapillai and A. S. Sathamparapillai were asked to temporarily supervise the Temples. Among the speakers were Messrs. K. Velupillay Upathiar, M. Kandasamy Upathiar, K. Velupillay, A. S. Arumugam, S. Kandasamy and the President.

—Cor.

## TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

### AMERICAN LADY TOURIST FALLS INTO A CREVASSE.

Lahore, Aug. 29.  
A dangerous accident occurred last week on the road between Baltai in the Sind Valley and Amarnath Caves, to an American lady, who fell into a crevasse while crossing the snow. The lady was lucky saved by her servants, who let down their puggarees to her and pulled her up.

### THE ANNEXATION OF KOREA.

London, Aug. 29.  
Tokio telegrams state that the annexation of Korea has been promulgated. The new Colony is named Cho Sen.

### HIS MAJESTY'S SHOOTING PARTY NARRED BY ACCIDENT.

London, Sept. 1.  
His Majesty's shooting party near Balauchal has been marred by an accident, which fortunately was not serious. A gun went off accidentally, three pellets hitting Lord Kinnaird in the face, and two in the arm, at a distance of forty yards. Considerable alarm was occasioned. A ghillie was also hit.

### A LUCKY INDIAN.

Calcutta, Sept. 2.  
On the recommendation of King George when touring India as Prince of Wales the Punjab Government is paying off the debts, amounting to Rs. 80,000, of Shahzade Mahomed Kiwan, a direct descendant of Bahadur Shah, the Emperor of Delhi.

### ANOTHER ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

Dacca, Sept. 2.  
Last night, while Sarat Chunder Chose, Inspector, Criminal Investigation Department, was going down the road near the Church, two young men, who were evidently watching his movements, confronted him; one of them fired a revolver, the shot brushing past his left ear. The Inspector caught hold of the would be assassin by the hair. On this the other man fired two more shots at him, one striking his left hand and the other entering the body a little above the waist. The Inspector fell unconscious, bleeding profusely, and the two men fled, but were subsequently arrested. One is Sahi Chakravarty, and the other Hiranya Gupta, son of Doctor Harkumar Gupta. The injured Inspector is likely to recover.

### GERMAN ROYAL VISIT TO CEYLON.

London, Sept. 3.  
Reuter wires from Berlin—It is semi-officially announced that the Crown Princess will accompany the Crown Prince on his tour as far as Ceylon. After the return of the Crown Princess from Ceylon, the Crown Prince will proceed to India, Siam, Tsing-tan, Peking and Tokio, returning according to present arrangements, via Siberia.

—The "Ceylon Observer".