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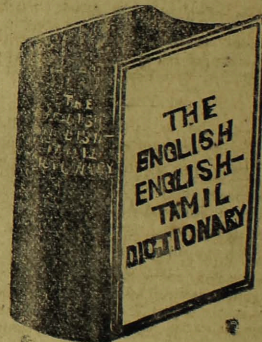
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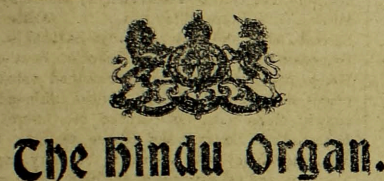
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4. For further information, apply to the Local Board Office, Jaffna.

S. H. WADIA, For Chairman, L. B. S. D. STANISLAUS, Secretary, L. B.

Local Board Office, Jaffna, 26th February, 1917.



JAFFNA, THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1917.

THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT IN JAFFNA.

It must be admitted by all persons who are truly interested in the uplift of this country that at the present moment no movement is more calculated to advance the welfare of Jaffna than the temperance movement. Some of the most vital problems affecting the interests of the country, as indeed of the entire island of Ceylon, are bound up with the temperance movement, and on it depends to a very great extent their ultimate solution. What problem can be of more abiding interest to us than that of freeing this country from the grip of drink with all its attendant evils? And when we consider how very little is actually being done to combat the insidious prevalence of intemperance among our people, we are well nigh driven to the irresistible conclusion that our men of light and leading have not yet become sufficiently alive to their great responsibilities in the matter. We are aware that all over the civilised world the most herculean efforts are put forth in the cause of temperance with astonishing results. Is it not our duty to follow with vigour and earnestness the noble example which has been set us almost in every part of the world?

Without dwelling on some phases and points of temperance work which usually receive due attention whenever the subject is considered, we will point out a new channel along which the temperance activity in Jaffna should be directed. If every educational institution, both Tamil and English, have a temperance association, and if hard, honest, earnest work is done through it to convince our student population of the physical, material and spiritual ruin to which the use of alcoholic liquors is sure to lead them, we do not have the slightest doubt that a great deal of lasting good will be effected. The students of today are the citizens of tomorrow and may be expected to carry with them wherever they go the wholesome temperance lessons they have received in the most impressionable period of their lives. The managers and teachers of schools will be rendering a truly noble service to their country if they will move in the matter with whole-hearted zeal and single-minded devotion. If a real temperance fire can be kindled in the hearts of our students, if they can be

made not merely to pledge that they will abstain from drink but to have an all-consuming zeal in the cause of temperance, we are sure it will grow with their years and bear abundant fruit in the near and distant future. There is then sure to result in years to come the golden era of a wonderful diminution of the drink evil in this country with freedom from the horrors indissolubly connected with intemperance.

It will be readily seen from what we have said that we desire earnestly the inauguration of active temperance work among the young people in our schools and colleges. One bright outlook in such a movement will be the absence of many of the disheartening elements which disturb the successful working of the temperance associations of adults, for the sordid and selfish motives which often sway the feelings and actions of grown up men will have no place in societies organised and conducted by the authorities of schools and having as members students who are naturally free from worldly influences prejudicial to good work, and whose aim is to be benefited in every possible way during their scholastic career. We sincerely hope that our suggestion will receive the attention it is entitled to.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Registrar General in his report says that the rate of infantile mortality in the Estates in Ceylon varies from 182 per 1000 to as high as 459 in some districts and the general average is 256. Commenting on this the Madras "Hindu," says: The mortality rate in the colony for all races was only 194 per 1000. The death rate in towns would necessarily be higher owing to overcrowding, ill ventilation and similar other causes, but in Estates and plantations where such causes are not operative, the death rate among infants being the highest, must be due to hard and unhealthy conditions of labour in the estates. Conditions under which nearly 50 per cent of the infants, born die, will scarcely be tolerated in any other country, and it must be pointed out that the "babies do not die. They are killed."

The Registrar-General's report on infantile mortality among Indian coolies discloses a sad state of affairs indeed. We trust that the Government will cause a careful enquiry to be made into it and, on the strength of it, apply the right remedy.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

THE WEATHER—is cloudy. We had a slight shower of rain this forenoon.

MEASLES—Several cases of measles are reported in Vannarponnai.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The meeting of the Legislative Council fixed for Wednesday, February 28th, has been postponed for Monday, March 5th.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S ILLNESS.—His Excellency the Governor, we regret to state, was taken ill again on Saturday and Drs. Thornton and S. C. Paul had to be called in. On Sunday, there was considerable improvement in His Excellency's condition. It was reported on Monday that His Excellency passed a good night and that his condition was satisfactory.

ATTEMPT AT THEFT AND ASSAULT.—On the night of the 26th instant a thief entered into a house close by our office and seeing an inmate of the house lying down on the verandah felt over him to see whether he was fast asleep. The man woke up and took hold of the thief. Whereupon the thief dealt a blow on the head of the man and ran away. Theft takes place in this locality very often. We think it is very necessary that constables are sent on beat here to watch over the place in night times.

CONVICT ESCAPED.—A man sentenced to imprisonment escaped from custody last week. It appears that the man, a native of Kuruvai, had been sentenced by the District Court to three years' imprisonment but appealed to the Supreme Court and was let out on bail. The Supreme Court having reduced the term of imprisonment to one year he was ordered to appear before the District Court on a certain day. The person who stood security for him duly produced him before the Court. After a little while he managed to escape from the custody of those who had charge of him.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Wicks and Mr. Robison, Inspectors of Schools are expected here on the 14th instant.

—Mr. M. K. V. Nagasabai, Sub collector, Jaffna who went to Tiruchentur with his son returned to Jaffna last night.

—Mr. M. Chelliah, lately Head Clerk of D. I. B., Passellawa, has now been appointed as Head Towns Clerk and Storekeeper in Sreedib, Badulla.

ON THE SICK LIST.—We regret to learn that Mr. S. Saivadurai, Advocate, is seriously ill with fever.

"PHILOSOPHICAL SAIVAISM"—Our esteemed contemporary of the "Ceylonese" in its issue of the 27th ultimo reviews as follows the mischievous publication named "Philosophical Sivaivism" published by a Catholic of Jaffna:—"We have received for review a book which purports to present a concise exposition of the Saiva Siddhanta system "as worked out in its most authoritative works, accompanied at the same time, by comments that may serve to enlighten the sincere reader." The "concise exposition" is an open invitation to the Hindus to enter into bitter religious controversies and we very much regret that the comments should take the form of abusive and insulting epithets directed against the faith of over 900,000 of His Majesty's subjects in Ceylon. We do not object to legitimate criticism, but we doubt if the book under notice is one such. We cannot commend such a mischievous publication to the public, but will draw the attention of the authorities to its existence."

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.—A copy of the new Railway time table which comes into force on and after March 4th, 1917, after the opening of the new Fort Station, was laid on the Press Table at the Secretariat on Saturday.

MR STEVENSON'S SUCCESSOR.—It is said that Mr. John Scott, C. C. S., will take Mr. M. Stevenson's place as Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary, on the latter's departure for Cyprus.

NEGOMBO O. O. "IMPASSE"—It is stated that Mr. O. E. Karunarato, Auctioneer and Broker, Hultsdorf, has been selected Assessor for Mrs. Bawa and Mrs. Cooke in the case against the Hon. Mr. J. G. Fraser, Government Agent, W. P., over the new Negombo Resthouse site acquisition. Mr. F. L. Daniel remains Assessor for the Hon. Mr. Fraser. The case will be heard about the end of March.

BUDDHIST PRIEST HONOURED.—The title of "Sri Sathdharma-wagiswara" has been conferred on the Rev. Pannalankara Terunnasa, Chief Priest of the Gadana-wansa Sridhamaraksheta Aramaya, Mapalana, Matara, and presently of Jayasekarama. The Rev. Pannalankara has been a student for the last eight years at the Vidyodaya Oriental College where he has distinguished himself.

THE SINGAPORE MEDICAL COLLEGE.—The following resolution adopted at its meeting of the 29th November 1916 by the General Medical Council of Great Britain, and published in the "Lancet" of the 9th December last shows the recognition of the qualification of the Singapore Medical College by the General Medical Council of Great Britain:—"That any person who holds the L.M.S. diploma of the King Edward VII. Medical School, Singapore, granted after examination in Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery and who is entitled by law to practise Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery in the Straits Settlements shall be entitled to be registered in the Colonial List of the Medical Register, provided he satisfies the Registrar of the General Medical Council regarding the other particulars set forth in Part II. of the Medical Act, 1886"

MATRIMONIAL.—The marriage of Mr. R. Sathasivam of the Railway Goods Office, Kuala Lumpur, with Srimathy Manomany Ammal, eldest daughter of Mr. S. K. Sabapathippillai, Travelling Audit Clerk, Railway Department, F. M. S., was celebrated on Friday the 2nd ultimo, according to Hindu rites. A beautiful pandal was erected for the function and there was present a large number of friends and relations on the occasion. —Cor.

—The marriage of Mr. K. Veluppillai of the West Country Estate, Kajang, with Miss Sivapakia Ammal, second daughter of Mr. S. Sabapathippillai, took place at the same time. —Cor.

JANABIVRDHY SANGAM.—The monthly lecture of the above Sangam was held at Sri Parvathy Vidyasalai, Chivituru on Sunday the 18th Feb at 7.30 p.m. when Brahma Sri V. S. Mahalingam Sarma, Teacher, Ramanathan College, gave an instructive and interesting lecture to the accompaniment of Lilylute, Fiddle, Miruthangam &c, on the life of "Nanthanar" (நந்தனார்). The lecture came to a close at about 11.30 p.m. with the singing of Thavaram and vote of thanks to the lecturer. —Cor.

HEAVY PENALTY IN GANJA CASE.—Thammar, an ex-trooper to H. E. the Governor, was charged at the Colombo Police Court yesterday with being in possession of a slab of ganja. It was alleged that the accused, who was seized on suspicion, thrust the ganja into the coat-pocket of another man and ran away. The accused denied the charge. It was submitted that the man was partly blind and it was not possible for him to have run away. Dr. A. Nell was examined with regard to the man's eye sight. He said that the man could see with difficulty. The Magistrate convicted the accused and, in view of previous convictions, sentenced him to six months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 1,000. Ceylonese, Feb 28.

INDIA'S RICE OUTPUT.—for 1916 —is announced elsewhere as showing a most appreciable increase on that of 1915. In this connection we note that the latest annual Re-

port on the Progress of Agriculture in India shows the cultivation of rice has been extended in an even greater ratio than that of wheat. Within twelve years the area under this grain has risen from 54 million acres to 76 million acres, but, although India stands first in the list of countries exporting rice, her total shipments amount only to 9 per cent of her production, so large is the internal consumption. Here, too, efforts are being made to improve the yield, and success in this direction would mean an enhancement of the internal supply of food as well as an increase in the surplus for export. Seventy five per cent of India's exports of rice emanate from Burma. Types suitable for the European market selected in that province have been favourably reported on by the mills and the multiplication of seed has accordingly been taken in hand. In other areas progress was effected in the matter of the economical transplantation of seedlings, the adoption of this method in the Central Provinces involving an increase of from 400 lb to 500 lb per acre. —Observer.

A FASTING CURE.—Remarkable success was recently achieved by Lt. Col. Waters, I. M. S., Civil Surgeon of Howrah, in his treatment of diabetes. Colonel Waters has had several cases under his care in the Howrah hospital and has applied in each case the simple remedy of a fast of two or three days. The treatment is not original. It was initiated on the Continent of Europe and has been worked out in the Rockefeller Institute. Colonel Waters sums up his results in the statement that in most cases of diabetes sugar will disappear after two or three days' fasting, and, with a properly regulated diet, will remain absent. —Observer.

MR. BEPIN CHANDRA PAL AND THE PUNJAB GOVERNMENT.—The Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab has warned Mr. Bepin Chandra Pal not to enter that Province. The order which is signed by Mr. French, Additional Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, was served on Mr. Pal on Friday night and is to the same effect as that recently served on Mr. Tilak. Mr. Pal writes to the Press, saying that he did not intend to visit the Punjab, nor was he invited to do so.

OBITUARY.—We deeply regret to record the death, which took place at "Chandrasa" (Point Pedro), on Monday last, of Mr. A. S. Chandrasegare, late Medical Practitioner, Point Pedro, Medical Officer on Board the S. S. "Haldia" of the Indo Chinese Line, Veterinary Inspector, Johore Bharu, and Sanitary Inspector, Port Dickson, and Author of a Hard book of Practical Hindu Medicines for horses and cattle (in Tamil) and "Notes on the management of cattle in India and Ceylon" and their diseases (in English). He was the brother of Mr. A. S. Arumugam and of the late Mr. A. S. Arambamoorthy, Steamer Agent, Pt. Pedro and Batticaloa. We extend our heartfelt condolence to Mrs. A. S. Chandrasegare, Messrs A. S. Arumugam, A. S. Athamparappillai, Proctor and Notary S. C. Batticaloa, and to the other relations of the deceased.

Y. M. H. A., JAFFNA.

BRANCHES.—A branch Association has been started at Sandirupay.

CONFERENCE.—The monthly Conference of branch Secretaries will be held at Keerimalai on Sunday 4th March 1917 at 2 P.M. at Keerimalai.

THE MAGAZINE.—Work in connection with the Magazine is going apace. —Cor.

PROVINCIAL ROAD COMMITTEE, JAFFNA.

24th February, 1917, at 9.50 A.M.

Present:— The Government Agent, N. P., Chairman The Provincial Engineer, N. P. J. M. Hensman Esqr. M. S. Ramalinga Mudlr. J. Cherrumbil Esqr, and The Secretary.

(Proceedings and Resolutions.)

- 1. Read and confirmed minutes of meeting held on 9th September, 1916.
- 2. Read and approved minutes of D. R. C., Jaffna held on 9th September, 1916.
- 3. Considered estimated receipts and expenditure for 1917. Passed.
- 4. Considered estimate for Rs. 150/- for providing latrine to Kankesanural Resthouse verandah. Resolved that the Superintendent, Minor Works, may be requested to enquire and submit separate estimates for good wire netting and expanded metal.
- 5. Considered estimate for Rs. 8880/- for additions and improvements to Pallai Resthouse. Resolved that the proposed repairs be carried out save and except the new bed room and that the S. M. W. be asked to submit amended estimate accordingly.
- 6. Considered letter No. 126 of 9-11-16 from the Assistant Government Agent, Mannar, to transfer Rs. 75/- from equipment-vote to repairs to Resthouses vote. Passed.
- 7. Considered estimates for 1917 of D. R. C. Mullaitivu. Passed.
- 8. Considered estimate for Rs. 60-50 for repairs to Mankulam R. H. Passed.

