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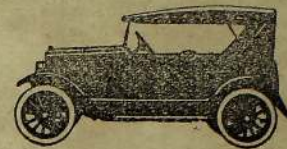
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5111.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Chellachchy wife of Kathiravelu Kandiah of Alaveddy late of Anuradhapura.

Deceased.  
Petitioner.

Kathiravelu Kandiah of Alaveddy  
Vs.  
1. Thangammah daughter of Kandiah of do  
2. Rosammah daughter of Kandiah of do  
3. Sinnappu Kathiravelu of do

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on March 6, 1924, in the presence of Mr. M. Subramaniam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated January 23, 1924, having been read:

It is ordered that the abovesaid Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the 1st and 2nd Respondents for the purpose of representing them in this action, and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased be granted to the Petitioner as her husband, unless the Respondents or any other person shall appear before this court on March 27, 1924 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse,  
District Judge.  
February 11, 1924.  
O. 635.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5163.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Thalaymattu wife of Selliah of Vannarponnai East.

Deceased.  
Petitioner.

Vaittilogam Selliah of Vannarponnai East  
Vs.  
(1) Selliah Kulaveerasingam  
(2) Puvanesary daughter of Selliah and  
(3) Thangamma widow of Sellathurai all of Vannarponnai East

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovesaid Petitioner, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased Thalaymattu wife of Selliah of Vannarponnai East coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on February 12, 1924, in the presence of Mr. K. Sivaprakasam Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated June 2, 1923, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the husband 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 March 25, 1924, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse,  
District Judge.  
February 15, 1924.  
O. 637.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5279.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Sinnatambay Vaittilogam of Vannarponnai West

Deceased.  
Petitioner.

Vairaviar Ponnu of Vannarponnai West  
Vs.  
(1) Sinnappillai widow of Vaittilogam  
(2) Kanaganama daughter of Vaittilogam  
(3) Sinnatambay daughter of Vaittilogam and  
(4) Vaittilogam Subramaniam all of Vannarponnai West

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Vairaviar Ponnu of Vannarponnai West, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased Sinnatambay Vaittilogam of Vannarponnai West, coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on October 15, 1923, in the presence of Mr. K. Sivaprakasam Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated October 14, 1923, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the father-in-law 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 March 27, 1924, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse,  
District Judge.  
February 12, 1924.  
O. 639.

Order nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5385.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Nalliah Nagallogam of Palaly

Deceased.  
Petitioner.

Valliammal widow of Nagallogam of Palaly  
Vs.  
Nagallogam Thevasamy of Palaly

Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of the abovesaid Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on February 7, 1924, in the presence of Mr. R. B. Nalliah, Proctor, on the part

of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated January 31, 1924, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the widow of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before March 11, 1924, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

February 21, 1924. G. W. Woodhouse,  
District Judge.  
This Order Nisi is extended to April 1, 1924.  
G. W. W.  
D. J.  
O. 616.

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JAFFNA, MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1924.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The meeting of the Legislative Council which was held on the 20th instant must be deemed as a very important one not only on account of the very large amount of business transacted in it, but owing to the passing of the University vote and the victory which the Unofficials gained on the Village-Communities Bill. In the absence of His Excellency the Governor, the Officer Commanding the Troops presided over the meeting.

We are glad that the motion by the Colonial Secretary to vote Rs. 3,000,000 out of the surplus balances towards the building and equipment of the Ceylon University was passed unanimously. It is gratifying to note that though the proposal in regard to the vote was opposed by a minority of unofficial members when it was originally made, yet better counsels have prevailed, and the motion received the cordial and unanimous support of the Unofficial members, which will be hailed with delight by all persons who are truly interested in the advancement of higher education in Ceylon and who are on the tip-toe of expectation to see the Ceylon University established as early as possible. Now that the large sum of money needed for the building and equipment of the University has been earmarked for the purpose, we hope that the great work of establishing the University will be expedited and that it will be a *fait accompli* in the near future. We have no doubt that the hope expressed by the Colonial Secretary that there would be benefactors who would endow one or two professorial chairs will be realised, for the people of Ceylon are lovers of education, and those among them who are blessed with wealth will, we are sure, do their part nobly to make so worthy a cause as that of the Ceylon University the success it ought to be. The Colonial Secretary, in the course of his speech, expressed the opinion that with regard to the standard of the degrees that the Ceylon University would confer they should be of the same standard as those conferred in Great Britain. We have nothing to say against this general statement as to what should be the standard of the degrees conferred by the Ceylon University. But we are firmly of opinion that any attempt on the part of the promoter of the University scheme to make the University a mere reproduction of a university in Great Britain will be detrimental to the promotion of the kind of higher education which will suit the genius and requirements of the people of Ceylon. We also feel strongly that the cost of the education given by the Ceylon University should not be prohibitive, as it is feared by some it will be. We are of opinion that the education of the Ceylon University should be as inexpensive as possible, so that it may be within the reach of those who are to be benefited by it and not be the monopoly of the married few.

We are sure that all persons who are genuinely interested in the working of self-governing institutions in Ceylon will feel very deeply gratified at the victory of the unofficials in the Village-Communities Bill, by which they have secured for the people the right to elect the Chairmen of the Village Committees. It is a fact well known to all who have watched the very unsatisfactory manner in which the Village Committees have discharged the functions expected of them, that without elected Chairmen they have been fast degenerating into institutions which must be considered useless as far as the practice of the principles of self-government is concerned. Every Chief Headman is a little potentate in the district he rules, and for obvious reasons men of true independence who are desirous of serving the country as members of the Village Committees have not relished the idea of membership in them. The Hon. Mr. Duraiswamy, with his usual alertness, led

the opposition, and was supported ably by the Hon. Messrs. Martin, Tambimuttu, James Peiris and Perera. All the Unofficials including the European Unofficial Members voted against the proposal of the Government that the Chief Headmen should be the *Ex-Officio* Chairmen of the Village Committees, and thus the Unofficial side carried the day. The people of Ceylon are under a deep debt of obligation to the Unofficial Members of Council who have gained for them the right to elect the Chairmen of the Village Committees, which, we have reason to hope, will inaugurate a new era in the working of the Village Committees in the Island.

We regard the reply given by the Hon. the Director of Education to the question put by the Hon. Mr. Kannangara on pensions to teachers as highly unsatisfactory and very disappointing to that hardworked and long suffering class of workers who deserve much better treatment at the hands of the Government than they have received. We reserve our comments on it for a future occasion.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Inspector, S. P. C. A., Jaffna, charged before the Police Magistrate of Jaffna, on the 21st instant, CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. a young man of Anaic-coddai with having tortured a pair of cart bulls by twisting the tails and beating them mercilessly. The young man was fined Rs 12. We are glad that those who are cruel to animals are prosecuted in our law courts and punishments inflicted on them at least occasionally. We wish, however, that the prosecutions should be more frequent and the punishments more deterrent. We think that the animals which deserve the greatest kindness and consideration at the hands of our people are the cows which give us milk and the bulls which are so indispensable to the farmers and people in general in many ways. And yet no animals are treated with greater cruelty than our cattle. If one takes a walk through the gardens in many of our villages, during the rainy season, one will see large numbers of cows and bulls tethered in sheds in deep mud, in which highly uncomfortable condition they are kept for weeks. Any keen observer of the ways of those who drive the bulls yoked to carts in this country will constantly see the bulls treated in the most cruel manner. Showering blows on them, twisting and biting their tails, pricking them with sharp pricks fixed in handles and even stabbing them with knives to make them run fast and furiously are means which many inhuman cart drivers have recourse to not infrequently, and the wonder is that though these cruelties are perpetrated on the poor, dumb, defenceless beasts in open day light and in public places, the prosecutions and punishments of the delinquents are very few. This is due, we believe, to the fact that the public conscience has not been awakened to a sense of the responsibility that rests on all persons in the prosecution of cruelty to animals. Even our minor headmen, who are well aware of the cruelties to cattle we have shown above, seem to take no notice of them. We think that in order to effect a much needed change in the situation, sound and effective propaganda work should be done by the S. P. C. A., and until this is done, we are afraid the same old state of things will continue.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

THE WEATHER.—Heavy showers of rain fell on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in all parts of Jaffna refreshing both man and beast.

E. S. L. C.—The Elementary School Leaving Certificate examination which began on Tuesday the 18th instant was over on Friday the 21st instant.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.—Mr. W. T. Brindley, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Galle, has been transferred to Jaffna to succeed Mr. A. Jackson, who is to leave for England shortly.

CHEAP TICKETS FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS.—The usual concession of single fares for double journey from all stations will be granted to people travelling over fifty miles, when cheap tickets are issued during the Easter vacation.

PERSONAL.—Mr. P. Chinnadura, of Kuala Lipis, who was on a pilgrimage to the South Indian shrines arrived in Jaffna on 16/3/24.—Cor.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE.—Major H. L. Reed, M. A., the Principal of the Royal College, will leave for England on (surlough on the 2nd proximo). He will return to Ceylon in November next.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—A man named Nagunathan, aged about 45, residing in the village of Pattaimany in Achchelvally was struck dead by lightning on Friday the 21st instant at about 10 a. m. when he was working in his tobacco garden. There were sharp peals of thunder accompanied by lightning at the time, and it was raining. Soon after the thunder and lightning ceased, the deceased was found lying dead, and on examination the hair on his breast and head was found to be scorched.

STILL THEY COME.—Five gentlemen were admitted as Proctors on the 20th instant. Of these one is a Tamil.

RETIREMENT.—We understand that Mr. S. Kasipillai of the tutorial staff of the Jaffna Hindu College is shortly to retire from service. We are glad to know that Mr. Kasipillai has served 44 years as a teacher, during 34 years of which he has been connected with the Hindu College. His services have always been appreciated by the authorities of the College, the Inspectors of Schools and the public. It is gratifying to know that his faithful and efficient services are to be rewarded with a pension which he so well deserves. The faithful services of a veteran like him in the teaching profession should be duly recognised not only by the authorities of the College but also by the very large number of students whom he has taught. We wish him many long years of happy and prosperous retired life.

ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS.—The Board of Selectors met on Friday the 14th instant with the Director of Public Works in the chair and has recommended to Government for the engineering scholarships Messrs. C. B. P. Perera and K. Rajasantharam, who were the only candidates who presented themselves, owing to lack of others qualified for the scholarships. The candidates will be granted the scholarships, only if they satisfy the requirements of the education authorities and are passed by the Medical Board.

COLOMBO SCHOOLS SINGING COMPETITION.—The annual singing competition among the schools of Colombo, which is managed by the Education Department, will take place in July, and entries will close on 31st May.

VICEROYALTY OF INDIA.—We learn that there is a likelihood of the Rt. Hon. Mr. Montagu being elevated to the Vicerealty of India when Lord Reading retires. Mr. Montagu is one of those who favour the idea of a Round Table Conference.

SEPARATION OF PANDATERUPPU.—Mass meetings of the residents of Pandateruppu parish were held on the 17th instant at Sillalai and Pandateruppu under the Presidency of Mr. K. Vaittilogam with the object of informing His Excellency the Governor that the separation of Pandateruppu Udaiyar's division from the rest of Valukkam West has caused great dissatisfaction among the people, so that the Governor may revise the Western Division by adding Pandateruppu parish before the list of voters are published.—Cor.

THE INDIAN ELECTORATES.—Under the auspices of the Indian Electorate Association, a meeting was held on Saturday the 16th instant at 5-30 p. m. at the Loreoz College hall protesting against the exclusion of Gujarati, Malayalam and other Indian languages with the exception of Tamil, as literary qualification for inclusion in the Indian Electorate. The reply given by the Government for the protest that had been made in this connection, being unfavourable, it was decided to make an appeal to the Secretary of State for the Colonies stating clearly how the Panjabis, the Sinds, the Maharattas, the Telugus and the Malayalams who were all efficient in their mother tongues had no place in the Electorate.

A FAREWELL FUNCTION.—The Hospital bungalow at Dolosbage was the scene of a pretty function on Sunday the 16th instant when Dr. Panchihewa, the D. M. O. and Mrs. Panchihewa were entertained to a farewell send off on the eve of their departure to Maturata on transfer. There was a large gathering present. Speeches were made by Messrs. John Silva, V. Chunterampillai, Donald Mack, J. H. G. Samarasinghe, Y. M. R. Banda, and V. Sivasingharam, dwelling on the good qualities of their departing friends and expressing regret in losing the Doctor. They wished Dr. and Mrs. Panchihewa all prosperity in their new sphere of life. Dr. Panchihewa replied suitably and thanked all for their kind presence. The gathering dispersed late at night after spending an enjoyable time.—Cor.

**FAREWELL FUNCTION**—A farewell function was held on Saturday the 15th instant at 4.30 p.m. at the Valigamam North Library in honour of the retirement of Mr. A. Kanagasabai, Chief Clerk and Interpreter Mudaliar of the Mallagam Courts. There was a good number of lawyers, Government officers and friends and well wishers of Mr. Kanagasabai present on the occasion. The retiring officer was taken in procession with native music from the court house to the Library, where he was garlanded. Mr. R. H. Bissett, Police Magistrate, who presided over the function, spoke in highly appreciative terms of the long and faithful services of Mr. Kanagasabai, and wished him many years of health, happiness and prosperity during his retirement. Messrs. Suppiramaniam, J. P. Proctor, A. R. Suppiramaniam, Advocate, and V. S. Ponnampalam, Proctor, also delivered speeches testifying to the good and noble qualities of Mr. Kanagasabai and his long and faithful services under Government in various capacities. Songs specially composed for the occasion were sung. Mr. Kanagasabai replied feelingly, thanking the lawyers, the officers of the Mallagam Courts and his friends for the honour they had done him and for their great kindness. Refreshments were served lavishly to those present. A group photograph was taken with the Mudaliar as the central figure, and the function terminated at about 6.30 p.m.

**FAREWELL FUNCTION AT SEREMBAN**—The many friends and well wishers of Mr. S. Seenivasagam, Sanitary Board Officer, Seremban, assembled at a tea party at the Negri Sembilan Club on Saturday 8th March 1924, to bid him good bye on eve of his departure to Ceylon, on his long leave. The very large and representative gathering which assembled there bore ample testimony to his popularity and the esteem in which Mr. S. Seenivasagam was held. A group photograph also was taken.

**OBITUARY**—We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. K. S. Ponnampalam late of The Colonial Photographic Studio, the eldest son of the late Mr. K. Sapapathy, Notary Public, Sathumalai, which occurred at his residence at Neraly on Friday the 14th instant. The funeral which was held on the same day was largely and respectably attended. An interesting feature of the funeral procession was that it was moved with the singing of Thevaram and other religious songs instead of the customary beating of Tom-tom. This very desirable change we think, will meet with the approval of all Sivaitees who have the courage to put their convictions into practice.

**PROSPECT OF NO CONTEST FOR THE VALIGAMAM WEST SEAT**

The friends of Mudaliar T. Karalappilly were invited by Mudaliar K. V. Makkandan, Messrs. S. Ponnusamy and Edward Mather for a private conference on the 17th inst. to consider the advisability of his contesting Hon. Mr. Duraiswamy in the forthcoming election. Mr. Edward Mather who was voted to the Chair, in declining the honour on account of illhealth requested Mr. V. Veerasingham to occupy the Chair.

Mr. V. Veerasingham, having been duly proposed and seconded reluctantly occupied the Chair. In his opening speech, he lucidly explained that Mudaliar T. Karalappilly had no mind to contest the Valigamam West Seat and that having been invited by residents of Valigamam West, he wanted his friends' advice in this matter. He urged upon the audience the necessity of expressing their honest opinions untrammelled by any favour or prejudice. Having requested the audience not to allow private grudges to hold sway over matters of public interest, he called upon the representatives of the various villages and those who invited the Mudaliar to tell definitely why they were inviting him and what amount of support they were prepared to give as he would not like the Mudaliar to contest unless there is a reasonable chance of success.

Messrs. Edward Mather, J. K. Arnold, V. Thillainathan, V. Valuppillay, M. Marugappilly and many others spoke in favour of Mudaliar T. Karalappilly and promised to render all help.

In inviting Mudaliar T. Karalappilly to express his views, the Chairman remarked that the allotment of seats should not be allowed to rest in the hands of a few self-constituted leaders and that the people should use the privileges of electing their representatives to send to the Council only men of character whose object in getting into the Council should be really to serve the people and not themselves.

Mudaliar T. Karalappilly when called upon to express his views thanked the audience in a very diplomatic speech and requested the people to give him two more days to give any definite reply. The Chairman in thanking the audience, expressed his great satisfaction at the decision of the Mudaliar and hoped that the Mudaliar's future activities would always be characterized by this spirit. Better counsels prevailing to my withdrawal in favour of Mr. Duraiswamy.—Cor.

**TEMPERANCE.**

(By Pandit S. Ratnasamy Iyer)

For the preservation of health every man requires a certain quantity of food. This food varies according to the man's young or old, and strong or weak. But there is with every man a certain amount of food, which may be called enough; and when this amount is exceeded in the case of any man he is said to be intemperate. It is also worthy of note that no one should subsist upon a large proportion of animal food, or of very finely dressed or spiced food, for all such excesses are productive of bodily distemper, and if inordinately indulged in, do the most serious injury to health. In all matters connected with eating and drinking we should be strictly guided by prudence. A man who eats more than he requires is called a glutton, and he who is too fond of delicious dishes is an epicure. Therefore, if any person seeks enjoyment in eating and drinking, he greatly lowers himself in the estimation of the people. It should also be borne in mind that there is scarcely any vice so much despised as gluttony. Its objects are low and vulgar, and its inevitable effects are to make its votaries no better than despicable creatures. The effects of drinking intoxicating liquors are still more injurious to the constitution and the character of men. Under the influence of intoxicating drinks men commit the most outrageous actions, and even when they take a little of it their talk becomes disconnected and foolish, and they often say what they afterwards hesitate not to repent of. All young men should be always on their guard against intoxicating drinks or drugs, for taking a little will induce them to take more, and eventually a very obstinate habit will be acquired by them. Any man under the influence of liquor is despised as a drunkard by sober men and women alike. He cannot work steadily and can scarcely perform what he undertakes. He therefore loses his employment and becomes very poor. His expense of buying liquors adds to his poverty. He gradually loses the esteem of his neighbours, and also the love and respect of his family. His home becomes a scene of misery, poverty and vice, and his days are outshone by disease and most objectionable vices.

**THE SARASWATHI LITERARY ASSOCIATION, WELLAWATE.**

The weekly meeting of the above Association came off on Sunday the 16th inst. at No. 311, Pooneryn Road, Wellawatte with Mr. M. M. Kulasegaram, B. Sc. President in the Chair. The chief item of the day was a debate on 'Political franchises should be extended to the women of Ceylon'. The proposer, Mr. S. Thiruvannarasari, in the course of his speech, brought in many good points, strongly urging the necessity of the extension of franchise to the women of Ceylon. He advocated his cause very strongly emphasizing on the point that when women are granted the benefit of voting, the competition among them would grow keener, and the thirst for education would be very great. He was ably supported by Mr. S. Thilliar, who appealed to the house to look at the subject from a broad point of view and not from the narrow angle of vision that women should be confined to the hearth alone. The opposer Mr. E. Raviiah, explained very precisely the meaning of the word 'franchise,' and introduced the subject in such a way as to show the members present that even in a country like England which is politically far ahead of Ceylon, franchise was given to women with no little difficulty. He clearly defined the functions of a woman enumerating the many household duties she has to perform. He further added that even Ruskin, the eminent writer, agreed with him on the point that a woman's functions are quite different from those of a man and that even the education to be imparted to women should be such as might help them in their domestic duties. Mr. K. Chentiah, the supporter of the opposition, in his usual humorous speech convinced the audience not a little, and though his arguments appeared to have only a glossy surface, yet they were at the bottom very deep. Messrs. V. Thillainathan, S. Amarasingam & S. Ponniah in offering remarks unanimously supported the opposition. Then the Chairman put the question before the House for decision, and the opposition carried the day. The Chairman then made an eloquent speech in the course of which he encouraged the proposer whose part he himself admitted though, very difficult was done well. He said that it is always advisable to choose the difficult side of a debate since that will enliven the debate by bringing in fresh points. On coming to the subject he impressed the audience that franchise should not be given to women in any part of the world. After giving out in detail the ideals of the Easterner he showed by a mathematical illustration the fact that he would consider woman as a zero without the man, and that man to whom he gave the value 1 when placed before the zero will make ten and when two zeros are placed after 1, the result would be 100. His able and logical reasoning appealed to the audience very much. The meeting terminated at about 9.15 p.m. with the singing of Thevaram.—Cor.

**THE RECEPTION TO HONBLE MR. H. W. THOMSON, BRITISH RESIDENT, PAHANG, AND MRS. THOMSON.**

The members of the Hindu Reception Club entertained the Honble Mr. H. W. Thomson, British Resident, Pahang, and Mrs. Thomson, on the eve of their departure to Europe. The Club was as usual joyfully decorated in the Oriental fashion, which was much admired. All European ladies and gentlemen, and leading men of Chinese and Malay nationalities of Kuala Lipis were invited. The gathering was a distinguished one which included all Heads of State Departments.

Major H. S. Paterson, a District Officer, Lipis, and Executive President of the Club, presided and had the distinguished guest of the evening on his right.

A few toasts were served, Major Paterson on a few well chosen words thanked Mr. and Mrs. Thomson for their kindness in accepting the invitation of the Club and called upon Mr. S. Sivadurai (Souravara) to speak.

Mr. Sivadurai rising amidst applause said: In obedience to the call from the Chair, I wish to say a few words on this memorable occasion because on the 22nd February in a Friday which is an auspicious day and which also happens to be the birthday of our distinguished guest to whom it is our privilege to offer our respectful congratulations and pray for many more returns of the day. (Applause).

Mr. and Mrs. Thomson have been in our midst for about 18 months and it might be said without the least fear of contradiction that they have, by their simple, genuine, unostentatious and loving nature, endeared themselves to all with whom they have come in contact (applause).

In his official capacity, our worthy guest has nobly upheld the best traditions of the honourable service and the highest ideals of the illustrious race to which he belongs. Always steadfastly firm, patient and courteous to the extreme, exceptionally sympathetic and gently anxious to hold the scales of justice evenly without distinction of caste or creed, ever ready to carry out with exactness and precision any undertaking, to have won the love and admiration of all classes of people in this country. (Applause). His decisions on all matters touching the State and the welfare of the people have not only been eminently fair and just, but also have made the people to feel that they were so.

In his private life, he is entirely selfless. He is the humblest of the humble and a genuine friend of the poor. One of our great sages said that Reason is our Light, Love is our Path and realization of the Highest is our Goal. Our distinguished guest can therefore look back with pardonable pride that he has done his duty to God, His King and Country with a clear conscience. (Applause).

He has been nobly assisted in his work by Mrs. Thomson (applause). The highest charity any man can perform in this material world is to serve humanity. One can well imagine the generosity of the heart and the wide sympathies of Mrs. Thomson when she in company with Mrs. Ayris was doing a noble work on the last Poppy Day for our brothers and sisters in distress. She will be badly missed on the coming Poppy Day in Kuala Lipis but the spirit of Love and Service she has displayed will live for ever and be an inspiration for all of us. (Applause).

We respectfully wish Mr. and Mrs. Thomson 'Good bye' and in doing so, we do not wish to hide our feelings that we are extremely sorry to lose them from our midst even for a time, for we have the highest confidence in their love of Justice and Fair play. That they will return back to this country with renewed vigour is our consolation. (Applause).

Honble Mr. Thomson who was visibly moved rose to reply amidst applause. He thanked Major Paterson, Mr. Sivadurai and the members for the honour done to Mrs. Thomson and himself and said that they did not deserve it and that he did not possess an eloquent tongue as Mr. Sivadurai had to thank them suitably. Therefore it must not be thought that he was waiting in gratitude to them. During the last few days he was very much tired owing to numerous engagements, but he felt very lively that evening. Also he had no opportunity to be so constant to the members of the subordinate service, he had their welfare in his heart. He hoped to return back to Pahang.

The party then retired to the lawn where a group photo with Mr. and Mrs. Thomson as central figures was taken.

When Mr. and Mrs. Thomson were about to depart after wishing good bye, Terco Officers were called for which were heartily responded.

The arrangements for the function were in the hands of the indefatigable Honorary Secretary of the Club, Mr. S. J. Cyril, who spared no pains to make the function a great success.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

COLOMBO SEA STREET PILLIAR KOVIL.

Dear Sir,  
May I crave the hospitality of your columns to bring to the notice of the

Hindu while the chaotic condition in the State of affairs of the Hindu K. V. I. at sea Street, Colombo? It is a matter of common knowledge that this temple has a long tradition and noble history behind it, as to readily warrant such reverence and admiration of every Hindu who is devoted. The present management of this temple is simply intolerable in matters both financial and commercial. There is no gainsaying the fact that this Temple enjoys the unique distinction of an enormous income much more than any other temple in the district of Colombo. Perhaps, your readers are aware that the Board of Trustees composed of the late P. Gopalan, O. N. Sivasayam, J. P. Proctor, M. Thiruvannarasari and Messrs. T. Muttanarasari and N. Ratnasabapathy was appointed some years ago by the District Court of Colombo to administer this temple. But since some prominent members of this Board are no more, the remaining members owe to the public the duty of properly conducting the affairs of the temple and keeping a correct account of the temple's disbursements and expenditures. But, as one in the know points out to me, Sir, that not only there is no proper record of the expenditure but what is worse there is absolutely no supervision of the functions and duties of the officials of the temple. I am also, given to understand that as a result of inefficient management the officials of the temple and his assistants show a lamentable lack of co-operation. The complete chaos which prevails in the financial arrangements of the temple's indisputably results in great annoyance and inconvenience to its numerous devotees who look to it with a just right to speak of the concomitant earnings that follows this chaos.

If the Board of Trustees does not decline to manage the temple, may I respectfully suggest, Sir, that they do appoint a reliable Kanakapillai and a well-qualified Manager to supervise the temple. As such a person will have to deal with large sums of money, a security may be insisted upon him. I am sure if my suggestion is carried into effect it will greatly help to clean the Augean Stable and restore the temple to its pristine purity.

May I expect you, Sir, to awaken the members of the Board to a sense of their responsibilities and the public to a sense of their religious duties?

Rosmead place,  
11th March, 1924.  
Yours faithfully,  
"A Devotee."

**THE WORK OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.**

Sir,

We are glad to see the "Hindu Organ" allowing us a little space to bring to the notice of the general public the 'well intentioned' activities of the Christian Missions. Now it must be very clearly understood by the people here in Ceylon, that the Christian Missions have come a long way with one definite purpose in view, and that is to convert us poor heathens. Some of our Buddhist as well as Hindu leaders have failed to realize with what motive they have come here, or at least they do not seem to be so realized this. For if they really knew what these missionaries are doing in our villages in the interior, they would not be so easily and ignorant about their duty towards their religion as they are now. It is from recent times some of our educated people of the North and the South entered greater enthusiasm to crush the Ahi-Buddhist and Ahi-Hindu activities of missionaries, owing to their reported duties and their long exposure of the tactics of the missionaries the people seem to have generally looked at present to safeguard their religion.

What I know they wish to improve the social state of our country. They ask for Government support to open up British institutions, they open up schools to educate our children. We might now tell these missionaries that we have already understood them, and that we know that opening up schools etc. are only means to an end.

What importance they attached to schools can be seen from the following which appeared in the 'Ceylon Herald' in 1838. 'The schools are all important as wresting a weapon from the hands of the enemy, and it is necessary to secure every advantage. If the mission schools were not in operation, who's provinces would be without a single memorial of Christianity?' '33 These mission schools are memorials of Christianity in this land of ours. If you Hindu brothers do not want any sign of Christianity to be amongst you or people, if you see the vast gain between your Hindu philosophy and that of the Christian Missionary, and if you want to preserve your high culture and morality, if you know the wonderful powers the Xristos of your India obtained by Jesus' Christian mission, then spare no pains to open up Hindu schools for Hindu children.

These missionaries always work amongst the 'untouchables' whom you Hindu have neglected. They reap rich harvest amongst the depressed classes. Therefore, bury the idea of high and low caste, and open up various institutions to improve the food of the so-called 'untouchables'.

Yours Truly,  
H. M. de Silva.

