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JAFFNA, MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1924.

## THE MOTOR DANGER.

It is to be much regretted that the use of motor cars in this country has made the roads utterly unsafe for the people to pass along. We feel that the increasing number of motor cars in use and the increasing number of accidents which take place, some of which have proved to be of a very serious nature, have given rise to a most unhappy situation. The apathy of the police and the headmen in regulating motor car traffic and avoiding accidents has rendered the situation intolerable. And we are sure that we are not in the least overstating the state of affairs in regard to motor car traffic in this country when we say that the danger which lurks in our roads has become so alarming that people dread to travel by them. Parents and guardians feel particularly anxious about the safety of their children while they are on their way to or from school, as they may at any moment incur the grave risk of losing their lives, or getting seriously injured by being knocked down by passing motor cars. We cannot conceive of a greater misfortune to the people than that they should be constantly under the harassing anxiety of meeting with serious danger from motor cars when they chance to be out on a road. We regard it as a truly calamitous circumstance that our public roads are no longer places along which people may pass in safety and security. We do not know how long this intolerable state in which the people find themselves will be allowed to continue. We are of opinion that the Government has very sadly failed in its duty in that it has not done what it possibly can to free our roads from the dangers of motor car traffic by taking adequate measures. Some of the motor car accidents which have recently taken place show how utterly careless the drivers are in performing their duties which ought to be performed with the greatest care, and on the right and careful performance of which solely depends the safety of the lives and limbs of the thousands of people who use the public roads every day.

In the first place we are of opinion that the number of motor cars in use in this country is altogether too large. Such a number is not at all warranted by the needs of the country. We are sure that many of the cars are used by their owners merely as a means of rapid and comfortable locomotion, and not to save time or help on the efficient or expeditious performance of business. The meaning embodied in the Tamil proverb, "The dog has no work to do, and it has no time to walk" finds a good illustration in the way in which motor cars are used by many people in this country. These do not seem to consider in the least how inhumane and even cruel it is to use motor cars unnecessarily endangering the health, lives and limbs of their fellow creatures, when they can with much thrift and propriety use bullock carts or horse carriages which can more than satisfy all their moderate and reasonable needs of locomotion. The next thing which deserves the serious consideration of the Government is the loss way in which licences seem to be issued to drivers. Many of these appear to be utterly incompetent to do their important work, and to have a great partiality for strong drinks which have the effect of muddling their brains and making them the unconscious perpetrators of horrible doings. We feel perfectly confident that if due care is exercised by those who are entrusted with the very responsible duty of issuing licences to motor car drivers, the people can be saved from much of the ruin and misery which are caused by motor car accidents due to incompetent and unworthy drivers.

We cannot lay too much stress on what we have already said in regard to the apathy of the police in the matter of preventing motor accidents. Breaches of almost every rule which is connected with motor traffic are of daily occurrence, and yet few offenders are prosecuted and punished. In the description given in our last issue about the motor accident which occurred last week, the police apathy we speak of is seen clearly.

We are aware that there is a very strong feeling in the country in the minds of all right-thinking, humane men that there is an imperative need for effective steps to be taken to prevent the occurrence of motor accidents. And we are sure that all persons who have the welfare and happiness of the people at heart will agree with us that the deplorably dangerous condition of motor car traffic in this country should be mended by all means in the power of the Government, and that if it cannot be mended, it must be ended.

## NOTES &amp; COMMENTS

It is a source of special gratification to us that our compatriots in Malaya always manifest a deep

THE TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS IN KUALA LUMPUR. interest in all movements calculated to advance their national interests. The account published elsewhere of the Tamil New Year Celebrations in Kuala Lumpur furnishes a splendid illustration of the great enthusiasm which characterises their national activities. We are very much pleased to note the particular attention paid by those who organised the celebrations to the physical side and the great success achieved in it. Not only in our national day celebrations, but in several other movements connected with our national welfare, the men from Jaffna in Malaya have set a brilliant example which even the leaders of Jaffna can follow with advantage. It is our earnest desire that the sons—and daughters too, of Jaffna should carry with them to any place in which their lot is cast the right feelings and right spirit which will advance the cause of their motherland and uphold the glorious traditions of the race to which they belong.

## LOCAL &amp; GENERAL

THE WEATHER.—Great and oppressive heat prevails in spite of the rain which has fallen in some parts of the peninsula.

CHEAP TICKETS FOR WESAK FESTIVAL.—Arrangements are being made by the Railway authorities for the issue of cheap tickets during the Buddhist Wesak festival. Several special trains will run to and from Anuradhapura, and tickets at single fare for double journey will be issued between stations not less than 50 miles apart.

MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT.—We regret that a serious motor car accident occurred last week near Nellore Kandaswamy Temple, in which Mr. S. Kumaraswamy Chettiar of Vannarponnai the well known merchant, who was going in a rickshaw was rather seriously injured as the result of a collision between the car and the rickshaw.

RAILWAY TO TRINCOMALEE.—The work connected with the construction of the light railway line from Maho to Trincomalee is being expedited in order to complete the railway before the end of the year. The ballast train is likely to travel to Trincomalee within six months and it is hoped that the line will be ready for the formal opening by October.

PERSONAL.—Mr. S. M. Marathu, brother of Mr. S. M. Kandiah of the Customs, Kuantan, is coming over to Jaffna on three months' furlough and will stay at his residence at Narantanal, Kayts.

MATRIMONIAL.—The marriage of Mr. T. S. Thambayah of the Traffic Manager's Office, C. G. R., Colombo, with Miss Kamaladevi, daughter of Dr. Ponnammy, Registered Medical Practitioner, and the well known Proprietor and Manager of the Jaffna Apothecaries Company, took place on the night of the 21st instant at the bride's residence in Jaffna town before a large and respectable assembly of ladies and gentlemen from all parts of Jaffna. After the ceremony, which was according to Hindu rites, the bridal party went in a splendid procession to the bridegroom's residence at Navaly with native music and a fine display of fireworks. The bridegroom is a grandson of the late Mr. S. K. Davison. The reception held at bride's residence on the 23rd instant and the following days was well attended. We wish happiness and prosperity to the new couple.

—The marriage of Mr. N. Sivaguru, H. M. Customs, Colombo, with Srimathi Valliammal, daughter of the late Mr. K. Sivasubramanyam of Brown Street, Vannarponnai, will take place on Thursday the 1st of May, 1924, at 9 p. m.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The next meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Friday the 2nd of May.

THE RAMANATHAN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS, CHENNAI.—The College, which closed for the New Year holidays after the annual inspection, will reopen on 19th May next. We are glad to learn that the College has done well in the last Cambridge Examinations. All the four candidates who entered for the Senior Certificate examination have come out successful. They are Misses: H. Kamalambikal, A. M. Sivakolunthu, P. Poovathi and S. Alagammal. Of the five candidates for the Junior Certificate Examination four have been successful. They are Misses: C. Nagaswari, H. Saraswathi, O. Pathman and N. Nagamma. Miss Nageswari has passed with honours getting distinction in History. —Cor.

VOLLEY BALL.—A Volley ball match was played between the Manipay volley ball club and the 'Home' volley ball club, Kaddu, on the Manipay Hindu College grounds on Tuesday the 15th inst. and ended in a victory for the latter who won the two games that were played. —Cor.

CEYLON ARTIST AND MAGICIAN.—Mr. A. G. S. Amarasekera, the distinguished artist of Colombo, who is also well known as a great magician, left for Europe on Wednesday, the 23rd instant with a view of traveling through the continent in order to visit the Art Galleries in Italy, France etc. He intends visiting the Industries Fair in Switzerland and the British Empire Exhibition, the chief object of his visiting there being to make a special study of the management and administration of Art Galleries in view of the intention of the Society of Arts to start the building of the Gallery for Ceylon this year.

LEAKAGE OF QUESTION PAPERS.—It is reported that two of the papers, English and Arithmetic, set for the Government Clerical Examination which began on Tuesday the 22nd inst. had leaked long before the examination commenced. Fresh papers in English and Arithmetic were set as the result of the leakage.

CEYLON MEDICAL SUCCESS.—The latest Ceylon medical successes include the success of Dr. S. Thambipillai of the Ceylon Medical Service in the London School of Tropical Medicine examination.

THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.—The postal authorities are calling for tenders for the display of advertisements in front of counters and on walls at the G. P. O. Advertisements of alcoholic liquors, lotteries etc. are strictly prohibited.

A BOY CHARGED WITH MURDER.—A boy of about fifteen years of age was convicted of the murder of a step sister of his who was six years old, at the last Supreme Court session held at Kandy. Sentence of death could not be passed on the boy as he is less than sixteen years of age. Judgment has been reserved pending the decision of His Excellency the Governor.

CONVICTION FOR FALSE INFORMATION.—Two boys under 18 years of age were charged with having given false information to the police in regard to an effray at Mulavai in which a large number of Nalavay took part, out of whom eleven Nalavays were arrested. The accused were convicted and given 12 cuts each.

SWISS RAILWAY COLLISION.—We understand that a disastrous collision took place between two expresses each drawn by two locomotives on the St. Gothard line near Balizenna. It is alleged that the collision was due to one of the drivers ignoring the signal at the entrance to the station. One of the coaches burst into flames and it resulted in the death of a large number of people. Twenty-one bodies only have been recovered thus far, out of the large number of persons missing. The majority victims are said to be German tourists bound for Italy.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.—This exhibition was opened at Wembley by His Majesty the King on Wednesday the 23rd instant. It will be kept open for the next six months. The representation of Ceylon in the exhibition is considered to be fully worthy of the importance of the colony in the imperial circle. The Ceylon exhibit displayed in the pavilion, which is itself reported to be an object of admiration, make a very attractive and varied collection.

SIR J. O. BOSS IN PARIS.—Sir J. O. Boss is now in Paris giving a series of lectures on his new discoveries, at the Paris Natural History Museum and at the Sorbonne. He is receiving due recognition from the leading members of the French academy of Sciences, who have publicly borne testimony to the fact that the great scientist's important discoveries during the last quarter of a century have evoked the keenest interest and the deepest admiration in the scientific world.

THE DEATH OF A GREAT NOVELIST.—The death has been announced of Marie Corelli, the well-known novelist.

A SERIOUS EARTHQUAKE.—An earthquake equal in intensity to that of Japan has lately been registered in Belgium. The exact locality of the occurrence of the disaster has not yet been ascertained.

OBITUARY.—We deeply regret to record the sad and untimely death of Rasmah, wife of Mr. C. Nagarathnam, Retired Government Servant of the Federated Malay States, which occurred at her residence at Vannarponnai on the 19th instant, after a short illness. The deceased, who belonged to a highly connected family, was the daughter of the late Mr. Kurusagar Thambiah of Navakuli, who was well known for his benevolence. She was of a very amiable disposition and was highly regarded for her great womanly virtues. She was an ideal wife. She passed away peacefully on the day of Chittira Poorani, a very sacred day on which good souls are believed to pass away. Her funeral was largely and respectfully attended. We offer our sincere condolences to her husband and the large circle of relatives and friends she has left behind.

—We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. M. Tisnayagam, Proctor, S. O. an eminent astronomer and astrologer and a valued correspondent to the newspapers for a very long time, on the 24th inst. at 4 p. m. at his residence at Pakai at Kralinagar at the age of 67. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a son; and a host of other relations to bewail his loss. —Cor.

—We extremely regret to record the untimely death of Mr. C. Kanakasabai, Assistant Teacher, Hindu English school, Kralinagar, on the 24th inst. at about 11 p. m. of pneumonia at the young age of 21. He was a promising young man and much sympathy is felt with his sorrowing father and other relations. —Cor.

## KING EDWARD VII. COLLEGE OF MEDICINE SINGAPORE

The following are the results of the successful Candidates in the respective Professional Examinations held on the 27th of March, 1924 at the King Edward VII. College of Medicine, Singapore.

Final Examination for the Diploma:—Abraham C. N., Alfred E. S. R., Markandu K., Nadarajah P., Ponnapppah S. W.

Fourth Year Professional:—Amarasingham J. S., Amarasingham J. T., Miss Ganatilaka S. D., Kanagalingam S., Samugam S., Sivasubram V. D.

Third Year Professional:—Rajanyayagam S., Ramalingam S.

Second Year Professional:—Gopala Pillai N., Miss Ganatilaka R. G., Sivasubram J. D., Sivasubram V. J.

First Year Professional:—Alfred S. H. K., Arumugam O., Balasingam T., Morrow R. T., Moreira A. W., Paracjathy A.

## THE TAMIL NEW YEAR

## CELEBRATIONS IN KUALA LUMPUR.

The annual celebrations of the Tamil New Year by the Tamils of Kuala Lumpur were held on Sunday the 13th April, 1924.

The programme included athletic sports, general entertainment and a Public Meeting followed by musical entertainment.

Two items of sports: Six miles Race and "Boots and Patties race" for Volunteers were concluded on Saturday evening. The remainder of the events were held at Tamilas' Physical Culture Association grounds commencing at 3 p. m.

The grounds and the Association Hall were most tastefully decorated with flags, evergreens and bunting and presented a most beautiful appearance. The Sports concluded at 5.30 p. m. and refreshments were then lavishly served. There was a very large attendance.

Mr. C. W. Harrison, the Under Secretary to Government arrived at 6 p. m. and was greeted by Mr. M. Chinnayyan and taken to the dais. In his opening remarks Mr. Chinnayyan gave a short account of these annual celebrations and said that it was but quite appropriate that sports did form an important part of the programme. He extolled the T.P.C.A. on whose fine grounds the sports were held and thanked them for their great services to the Tamil Community in providing for the physical, mental and moral needs of the Tamilian youthhood. He then called upon Mr. C. W. Harrison to distribute the prizes.

Mr. Harrison commended the Tamil Community on their elaborate arrangements for the celebration which delighted all who were witnesses thereof. He greatly appreciated the inclusion of the item—Six miles Race—in the Programme which is indeed a very trying event. But he expressed his greatest admiration of the Tamilians' Physical Culture Association which it was, he remembered, that organised and successfully carried out that thrilling race of fifty miles, from Kuala Lumpur to Seremban, an effort which he was sure was the first of its kind in these Eastern countries. It appeared to him that what the Greeks were of old the T.P.C.A. aspired to make the Tamils to be, in these days, and that there was every reason for them to be proud of their achievements so far made. He next gave away the prizes to the successful winners.



At the conclusion of the distribution, Mr. J. R. Vathyanam, Assistant Engineer, Railway Department, thanked Mr. Harrison for having responded to the invitation and called for three cheers which were lustily responded to.

The public Meeting commenced at 8 p. m. Mr. Aruliah Barnabas presided.

Mr. Narasimhaier delivered an interesting address in Tamil on the greatness of the Tamil language which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Mr. R. Vythilingam was the next speaker. He gave a short history of the volunteering movement among the Tamils. He concluded by calling for the enthusiastic support of the community to maintain the existing Tamil Platoon most efficiently and to make efforts to form additional platoons.

He was heartily supported by Mr. S. Arumugam who moved "that this Meeting resolves that a Tamil Volunteer Committee to consist of Messrs M. Coomarasamy, J. K. Chinniah, A. Mahalingam, R. Thambipillay, O. A. Vayupillay and R. Vythilingam (as Secretary) be formed to encourage volunteering among the Tamils. The proposal was seconded by Mr. T. Sivapragasam and carried unanimously by the house.

A representative Committee of Tamil gentlemen were then appointed to take charge of affairs for the following year.

The Chairman in his concluding remarks dwelt on the greatness of the Tamil language and feelingly appealed for the joint co-operation of all Tamils to develop further and to encourage the study of Tamil by all the Tamils.

A band of a dozen girl students under their instructor Mr. Gousemohamed enlivened the audience by select Tamil songs in the intervals.

Musical entertainment followed commencing at 8 p. m.

Very valuable prizes for the winners were donated by Messrs. K. T. Kanapathypillai, R. D. Ramasamy Pillai, M. Gurusamy Pillai, Dr. E. T. McIntyre, Dr. K. Thillaiampalam, Dr. John Ponnapalam, Dr. A. Visuvanigam, W. Ponandurai B. P. Nicholas, V. Suppiah, Central Bakery and Confectionery, Dr. W. Thuraiappah, Messrs. Storch & Co., Pandyan Stores, S. S. Ponniah & Co., Lakshmy Stores, Ramalingam & Co. Chelliah & Co. and others.

The most joyous celebrations of the year concluded at 8.30 p. m.

#### ALL INDIA AYURVEDIC CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION.

A meeting of the Local Working Committee was held on 9th instant at 5.30 p. m. at Ananda College. Mr. Arbur V. Dias was in the Chair, and the others present were:—Messrs. E. A. Abeysekera, P. de S. Kularatne, Dr. Chandraena, A. Ratnasabapathy, J. D. Dharmasena, M. Karunaratne, R. S. S. Gooneratne, A. P. Gooneratne, A. de S. Kanakaratne, D. A. Colonne and Vaidya-chari J. P. Jayatilaka, T. Sadris Fernando, J. F. Rajuunders, M. S. Samarasinghe Pandit, Isaac Dass Pandit, B. L. S. de Silva, M. Ratnayake, N. Sivassamy Ayer and B.M.F. Jayaratne, Secretary.

Letters received from Vaidya W. J. Premaratne, Mr. S. Srinivas Iyengar, Mysore, Vaidya G. W. Nandana, Vaidya J. Bastiampillai, Singapore, Mr. V. V. Srinivas Ayengar, High Court Vakill, Madras, Dr. Walter J. Peris and the Hon. The Colonial Secretary and telegram from Vaidya D. A. W. Prathiraja were read.

List of donations received from the general public to date towards expenses of the Conference and Exhibition were placed before the meeting, and designs for medals, certificates and delegates' badges submitted by Mr. Abeysekera were accepted.

As a side show it was decided to exhibit in a separate building on the Ananda College grounds Asoka Forest from King Ravana's story, depicting a link that connects Ceylon with India.

Vaidya Swami Lavanand of Madras was given permission to read a paper in English on Medicinal uses of Common Salts and to Pandit Isaac Dass for a lecture in Tamil on the Use of Sulphur in Ayurvedic Medicines.

An address in Sanskrit prepared by a Committee of Vaidyas for presentation to the President of the Conference on the opening day, 25th April was adopted.

After discussing several other matters regarding decorations, lodging arrangements of delegates &c. the meeting terminated at 6.30 p. m. —Cor.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

Sir,

On the 17th of March 1924. I had an interview with the 2nd Assistant to the Colonial Secretary and informed him that a certain candidate seeking legislative honours was visiting public offices such as the G. P. O. the I. G. P.'s office, the Government factory etc. for the purpose of registering voters with

the help of the superior officers, and desired to know whether the Govt. approved of this and of the practice of the headmen helping candidates to secure votes. The official referred to asked me to present in writing my complaint. I complied with his request.

On the 3rd of April 1924 I received the following reply:—"With reference to your letter of 17th March 1924 and your interview with the 2nd Asst. Colonial Secretary regarding registering of voters in public offices I am directed to inform you that Government does not approve of candidates or their agents visiting public offices, with or without the assistance of their superior officers, and instructions to this effect have been given to the heads of departments.

2 I am to add that headmen have no authority to register voters. This can only be done by the duly appointed registering officers. With reference to your last point raised in your letter under reply you should bring forward a specific case or cases to enable Government to give a definite ruling."

I am Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
(Sd.) L. A. Northero  
for Colonial Secretary

On receipt of this reply I addressed another letter to the Colonial Secretary intimating that at the last elections headmen in the Northern Province particularly in the Mannar District were understood to have taken a keen and active part in securing votes for particular candidates. To-day I learnt from the 2nd assistant Colonial Secretary that instructions have been issued prohibiting headmen taking part in the forthcoming elections.

I am Sir,  
Yours truly  
A. P. Thambyah.

#### A TRUE PATH OF PROGRESS.

By VIOLET CARRUTHERS.  
(Continued from our last issue.)

Arnold Toynbee, a man of rare and delicate soul no less than of high intellectual quality, owed much to the influence of T. H. Green as well as of Ruskin. Thanks to Ruskin the prophet his soul was a fire with the miseries and injustices of the existing social order. But the teaching of T. H. Green, and the conception of the State on which it was based, opened up new vistas of practical citizenship and usefulness to the young and ardent spirit of the day. The dreary fatalism which had dominated the early Victorian view of social questions began to crumble before the challenge of a new generation. Was it indeed necessary for industry to be a Moloch devouring the lives of thousands? Were there not other and more fruitful conceptions of human life than that offered by the industrial revolution, with its wealth and its slums, its great factories and its child labour, its miracles of organization, and its wholesale degradation of the workman? These questions Arnold Toynbee asked himself and his generation in a book the fame of which is world wide. The Industrial Revolution, fragment though it be, is a fragment marked by genius, and the sanity and vision of the views expressed in it remain singularly unimpaired by the lapse of years.

Toynbee stirred the conscience of his time so effectively that since his day it has never wholly slumbered. A generation which regarded state action with horror, and abuses with complacency, was naturally a generation which abandoned itself to the practices of charity. The trial of Hannah More and the precepts with which she bullied the luckless Mendip peasants still persisted as general principles when the great awakening of the nineteenth century took place. The pleasant and comfortable theory of the rich man in his castle and the poor man at his gate held the field. The charity of the period was the uneasy and inadequate sop thrown to had housing, bad education, bad social conditions of all kinds. It was in no sense concerned with an attempt to remove any of these evils. Indeed, that the conditions constituted an evil is an idea which never occurred to many of the charitably disposed.

It is easily understood that vigorous and ardent minds which had become sensitive through the permeation of new ideas to a whole chord of human misery could find no outlet for their activities in the philanthropic ventures of the time. The new, or rather the restored, conception of citizenship which followed from the practical application of the teaching of T. H. Green opened up a widely different field. The importance of education for working men had long since been stressed by the labours of Kingsley and Maurice. Arnold Toynbee flung himself into this particular cause with the zest of an apostle. Under his influence a new movement started in the Universities, thanks to which under graduates, in many cases men of means and leisure, started what were in fact educational missions in the East End of London. To many of the young men who thus penetrated for the first time into crowded centres of population, where working class life is herded together under conditions far removed from joy and beauty, and revelation was poignant indeed. These disciples of a new idea were neither philanthropists nor superior people. They were not concerned with soap and blankets. They focused their problems from a standpoint of citizenship. Realising that

in better education lay the root of social reform, they were anxious to share with working people the educational advantages conferred on them by happier circumstances. Toynbee's span was brief. His life was cut short at the early age of thirty-two. The mark he left on his generation proves that quality of mind is some thing quite independent of length of years, and that its influence persists when the mortal presence is no more. His death left withal a terrible gap in the ranks of the men who realised vast changes were at hand and were anxious to see an orderly development of democratic consciousness.

The foundation of the first settlements, Toynbee Hall, in 1884 was the tribute paid in concrete form to Toynbee's memory by friends and fellow workers who had found in his character and ideals the inspiration of their own days. Among the mean streets and crowded thoroughfares of Whitechapel a group of buildings was erected which in design recalls a college of one of the older Universities. No one who passes from the turmoil of Commercial Street into the quadrangle of Toynbee Hall can fail to notice the extraordinary change in atmosphere which results from those few steps. Here a community life is carried on which in that best meaning of the term translates the old University ideal of teaching and knowledge into modern social practice. Yet Toynbee is no mere academic refuge where men fly from the wilds of an outside world too bad to be endured. It is a centre of vigorous intellectual life and practical action in the neighbourhood. Its residents are not recluses, but in many cases busy men of affairs who contribute some measure of their leisure to the general concerns of the community. Classes, lectures, debates, clubs dancing, amusements a score of practical activities are carried on. The settlement is no less concerned with research work and inquiries of the kind which are the foundation of legislative reforms. It is a laboratory of spiritual experiment and experience. It is grounded as every settlement must be grounded, on belief in human nature and in its powers of ultimate perfection, it stands for ideal of a common brotherhood of men bound to one another ties of love, not of hate.

Toynbee in its foundation drew a double strength not only from the man whose name it bore, but from the inspiration and guidance of its first warden, Canon Barnett. Clear in vision, will in judgment, few men of our generation have exercised so great and far-reaching influence over minds of many types. A personality of singular wisdom and beauty, Canon Barnett who wholly free from the illusion that human nature, however debased, can ever be robbed of the divine possibilities which he dormant within the heart of man. Such a faith was a call to action of no uncertain kind amid surroundings so grim, and at times apparently so hopeless, as those of East London. All settlement work is in effect to call to the building of the City Beautiful. Well and truly did Toynbee Hall, the pioneer settlement, under its pioneer warden lay down principles which have spread far beyond its walls and been applied in widely different fields. Toynbee Hall has been sensitive to many changes which have marked social thought since 1884, and has known how meet them constructively. Present warden, Mr. J. J. Mallon, inherits in no small degree not only the ability but the powers of sympathy and vision which are built up with the tradition of Toynbee. The vigorous life which life which permeates the settlement to day is a very real force in East London.

From the first there was nothing staidly-typed about the settlement idea. The spirit of the movement may perhaps be summed up in two words neighbourliness and service. Settlements of all types and kinds have come into being during the last forty years. Essentially English in origin and conception, the movement has now spread throughout the world. Settlements exist to day in Europe, America and Asia. At an International Settlement Conference held at Toynbee Hall during July 1922 no less than 230 representatives attended on behalf of settlements in Great Britain, the United States of America, France, Germany, Holland, Austria, Japan, Canada, Norway, and Sweden.

The loosely-constituted bodies, federated spiritually as they are by certain broad ideals, represent an infinite variety of social theory and practice. Some are based on religious principles, others are wholly un denominational. One Settlement concentrates on certain definite branches of work, another ranges over a wide field of general social activity. The organization of clubs play a large part in the programme. Some deal principally with boys, others with girls, others again with adults. Some presents the spectacle of a chain of clubs stretching from the cradle to the grave, with a baby clinic at one end and a club for patriarchal mothers at the other. Social research and the training of students is a side to which the larger Settlements devote much time. Indeed, the limits set to the activities of any given settlement are only those of its finances and the capacities of its residents. A Settlement worth its salt becomes the centre for enterprises of many kinds. The residents live in the Districts as friends and neighbours sharing a common life of work and effort with the inhabitants.

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#### "POLITICAL APOSTASY?"

CHARGE AGAINST MESSRS. RAO AND RAJU.

MR. SASTRI ON PARTY DISCIPLINE.

The Rt. Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastri writes to the "Leader" under date Cawnpore, April 8:—

You traverse nearly all the arguments advanced by Dewan Bahadur Ramachandra Rao and Mr. Venkatasubbi Raju in defence of their conduct during the last session of the Assembly, and you sum up, if I may say so without offence, by administering a gentle and reluctant reprimand. The contention is just that it should not be open to individual members of a political party to take action contrary to a principle or established practice of the party without agreement amongst the leaders or at a general meeting. Messrs. Rao and Raju apparently maintain that there was no agreed policy from which they deviated. Without admitting this plea altogether, I believe there was sufficient of an unexpected nature in the circumstances of the last session to require an exercise of independent judgment. The great demand for Indian Home Rule, now happily common ground among political parties, had come up on the agenda, and the almost universal feeling was that the demand should have the backing of all the progressive elements in the Assembly. The Swarajists, under the skillful lead of Pandit Motilal Nehru, ceased all talk of wrecking and made the comparatively mild proposal of strictly parliamentary obstruction to be adopted only in case of a three fourths majority of the coalition party declaring that the answer of Government was unsatisfactory. My calculation from the beginning was that this three fourths majority would be secured in any event by the determined and disciplined Swarajists corps of forty six. But there were others, of influence among the Independents, who felt hopeful of being able to prevent a three-fourths vote after having prevented the demand in full force. All aspects of the question being under continual discussion day after day and appeals to patriotism and united efforts for once being incessant, it is any wonder that the Independents tumbled over one another into the new organization? Our friends of the Liberal Party, as it said to their credit, were among the last to fall, and Mr. Ramachandra Rao held out till some of his electors actually called upon him to join. Through a morbid dread of being outnumbered by adherents of doubtful quality, members of the Council of State and nominated members of the Assembly had at an early stage been barred out of the Nationalist Party. Messrs. Rao and Raju were thus the only two slightly Liberals. Remember too they both come from the Andhra country, where extremism and non-cooperation have long found firm lodgment. It is easy to understand why they let themselves be dragged by the main current more than their compatriots who owed their seats to the favour of Government. I did not and do not approve of their course. But having been a daily witness of the happenings in Delhi, I know how difficult their situation was. I know also that they shrunk from the great lengths to which their Swarajist colleagues were prepared to go, and that to their firm stand as to that of some others must be ascribed the reversion, after the first day's indelicate rejection, of grants, to the normal course of discussion on the merits. The rejection of the Finance Bill was a manoeuvre adopted almost at the last moment as on the whole less damaging to the reputation of the party than the passing of the numerous amendments which would have made very large and indefensible reductions in the revenue.

#### NO POLITICAL APOSTASY.

Taking all these circumstances into consideration, I am not prepared to hold that Messrs. Rao and Raju have committed an act of indiscretion or political apostasy. But I applaud your having criticised their conduct with candour and in public. It is the ill-ustured whisper going round in private which does harm to the coherence of the party. I have had some experience in this line. Open criticism is met with open explanation and the residue is an honest difference of opinion which we may well allow to one another.

Our friends complain, in the course of the self-defence, that while at one end they are taken to task for action which is too advanced there are some at the other end who are responsible for action which is distinctly backward and who escape judgment. Your answer is adequate in substance. One cannot, however, get rid of the impression that you are much more mild to the latter than the former case. For some reason or other, it is considered by some Liberal gentlemen that their creed to agree occasionally with their extremist countrymen than to go, as a matter of settled habit, with the views of Government. One almost suspects there is some regulation standards, known only to irresponsible few, of strength of language, even tone of utterance beyond which criticism and indignation cannot go on Liberal platform without incurring the charge of being tinged with non-cooperation. Bigger natures are bound recoil from such standards and go a little beyond the border line, when they find the really liberal and progressive programme of Liberalism has been capped in execution by executive timorousness consideration for the susceptibilities of the pot that be.

#### THE MALADY OF THE LIBERAL PARTY.

Dear Editor, the malady of the Liberal Party is deeper than most of us are willing to hold. Events have moved on in their heedless way left the old Liberals a little behind. Instead of keeping in step with the rest of the world, orthodox champions of the creed would, if could, begin to cast out the heretics, prefer the straight and narrow doctrine to a true apprehension of the environment and a wider apprehension of the energy and patriotism which in this we seem to reproduce with exact fidelity the old ceremonial spirit of caste and continually drew its boundaries closer in never-ending pursuit of an imaginary purity. England Liberalism and Socialism and every other school of social and political thought has taken a name and individual form that has been the same from decade to decade. Indian Liberalism, as a definite party, has things to learn, many lessons to assimilate, and not so soon erect a stake for the heretics amongst us. We are too few to divide the Tolerance, not rigidity of faith, should be more; greater, not less, response to the forces around should be our aim. —The "Hindu"



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## Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5440.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Pooranam daughter of Eliathamby of Elalai

Deceased.

Marimetta Kethirigam of Elalai

Petitioner.

vs.

1. Sinnathamby Kethirigam and wife
2. Sinnathamby both of Elalai

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased, Pooranam daughter of Eliathamby of Elalai, coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on March 27, 1924, in the presence of Mr. M. Subramaniam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated March 27, 1924, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the wife of the said deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to him, unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before May 8, 1924, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse,  
District Judge.

April 15, 1924.  
O. 653.

## Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5443.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Paranthipillai alias Sinamma wife of Kethiravatepillai of Pulci West then of Koda Lumpur

Deceased.

Pooniah Kethiravatepillai of Thampalai

Petitioner.

vs.

1. Kanapthy Pillai Sammogam of Pulci West
2. Manomaniammal daughter of Kethiravatepillai of Thampalai
3. Annaporani ammam daughter of Kethiravatepillai of do.
4. Paravasevariammal daughter of Kethiravatepillai of do.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner praying that the above-named 1st Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minors the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents and that Letters of Administration to the Estate of the above-named deceased Paranthipillai alias Sinamma wife of Kethiravatepillai be issued to the Petitioner coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on March 31, 1924, in the presence of Mr. K. Subramaniam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated March 30, 1924 having been read. It is declared that the 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents for the purpose of representing him in this case and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to him as her lawful husband unless the 1st Respondent or any other person shall, on or before May 20, 1924 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse,  
District Judge.

April 11, 1924.  
O. 657.

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J. D. Sargent,  
Conservator of Forest.

Office of the Conservator of Forest,  
Kandy, 17th April 1924.  
O. 680.

## Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5391.

In the Matter of the Estate of J. W. Kohloff of Kodaikul late of Payi, Penang

Deceased.

S. Dullug Poonammah widow of J. W. Kohloff

Petitioner.

vs.

1. S. B. Kohloff of Federated Malay States
2. Murgappa D. Ratnam and wife
3. Lily Padmalam of Kodaikul
4. Paul Braudard and wife
5. Mercy Sornam of Johore Bahru, F. M. S.
6. Mary Ratnam daughter of Kohloff
7. C. D. Kohloff and
8. Emily Kanagammah, daughter of Kohloff, all of Kodaikul

Respondents.

The 6th, 7th and 8th are minors by their Guardian ad litem the 2nd Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of S. Dullug Poonammah widow of J. W. Kohloff of Kodaikul, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased John William Kohloff of Kodaikul, coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on March 19, 1924, in the presence of Mr. P. K. Sornam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 7, 1924, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the widow of the said deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to her unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before May 6, 1924, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse,  
District Judge.

March 29, 1924.  
O. 661.

## Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5378.

In the Matter of the estate of the late Mohamed Meeru Uzan Nachchia of Moor Street, Jaffna

Deceased.

Sulaiman Lebbe Marikar Sagu Sultan Eickath of Moor Street, Jaffna

Petitioner.

vs.

Mohideen Nachchia wife of Mohamed Sultan of Perinthorn Moor Street, Jaffna

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased, Mohamed Meeru Uzan Nachchia, coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on February 1, 1924, in the presence of Mr. S. M. Aboobacker, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 1, 1924, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the father of the said deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before April 3, 1924, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse,  
District Judge.

March 11, 1924.

Extended to 6th May, 1924.

G. W. Woodhouse,  
District Judge;  
O. 660.

## Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5436.

In the Matter of the Estate of Maragappan Kandiah of Vaddukoddai East in Jaffna late of Klang Selangore in F. M. S.

Deceased.

Thalayammal widow of Maragappan Kandiah of Vaddukoddai East

Petitioner.

vs.

1. Parupatapattini daughter of Kandiah
2. Kanagammah daughter of Kandiah
3. Langanammah daughter of Kandiah
4. Kandiah Sandaravattil
5. Kandiah Saravaganathan
6. Maragappan Ramanathan all of Vaddukoddai East.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on March 25, 1924, in the presence of Mr. A. Madie Velupillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated March 13, 1924, having been read, it is ordered that the above-named 6th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the said minors the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5th Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interest and of representing them in this case and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to her as his lawful widow unless the Respondents or any other person appear before this court, on May 8, 1924, and state objection or show cause to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse,  
District Judge.

January 22, 1924.  
O. 659.

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