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JAFFNA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1918.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR ON THE PROPOSED CEYLON UNIVERSITY.

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His Excellency the Governor presided at the prize-distribution of the Colombo Royal College and delivered an important address on educational matters which, we are sure, will be widely read with interest by the Ceylonese. Our readers will find this address, as well as the addresses delivered on the occasion by Mr. E. B. Denham and the Hon. Mr. K. Balasingam, published in this issue. What gives special importance to the address of H. E. the Governor is the reference to the proposed Ceylon University which it contains. This is the first pronouncement of the new Governor on education—on University education specially—which is of the most vital importance to the advancement of Ceylonese national interests, in the Imperial reconstruction that is about to take place. Ceylon contributed her quota of help for the achievement of the great victory over German militarism and autocracy and naturally expects to get her share in the fruits of the victory. In the near future, therefore, our Island will be called upon to take, along with India and the other parts of the Empire, her due share of political I berty and administrative responsibility for which she had been continually agitating and praying for a long time. It is of special importance, therefore, that in future, she should have increased facilities for higher education in all departments of knowledge. A University, well equipped to meet every modern requirement in education, is an indispensable institution for the great the growth of a convention of the great which are a conventioned in the great when the great when the great with a convention of the great with the great with a convention of the gre equipped to meet every modern require-ment in education, is an indispensable institution for the growth of a community. The pronouncement of His Excellency on a subject of such vital importance is sure to be closely scanned and scruti-nized by all Ceylonese.

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At the outset, it will be seen that the Governor is in deep sympathy with the demand of the Ceylonese for a University. But when it comes to the means for establishing a University the words of His Excellency seem to be somewhat faltering and falling short of popular expectations. In the report of the address published by our daily contemporaries His Excellency is found to invite the generous support of the public for the University. No one can gainsay the force of his words in this connection. But he says further on that: "if we can get them (the public) to come forward and put up a sum which shall be sufficient, first of all for the buildings and then for the endowments, I have no doubt Government will also come forward and do its share." If these words imply that the responsibility of the Government in this question is to be confined only to the extent of supporting private munificence, then, we are sure these words will carry a feeling of sad disappointment throughout Ceylon. This version of His Excellency's words which, we find, is also adopted by our Ceylonese contemporaries, is totally at variance with the past declarations and promises of the Ceylon Government on the subject. We are, therefore, inclined to the belief that this portion of the address may be badly reported. What His Excellency really meant may be that the Ceylon Government while fully accepting its responsibility to provide the people with a University, appeals also at the same time to private munificence, which is to be utilised to supplement the Government's effort by providing endowments for effecting desirable extensions in the University, aspecially in the direction of post graduate studies and researches in the history, philosophy and archaeology of the Island as well as in the development of her potential wealth through scientific researches.

We refuse to believe that His Excel-lency had any intention to shelve the question of a University until private mu-nificence comes to its aid.

No Government of the present day can dispute the proposition that education is one of its primary duties. Whether private benefactions come to its aid or not, the Government is bound to attend to this. As the efficiency of the people in the religious, political, industrial, and commercial sides of their national life depends entirely on their education, no Government which feels its responsibility to the people can afford to neglect this under any pretext. Even the most embarrassing financial burdens and distractions consequent on the most devastating War, did not prevent the British Government enlarging its expenditure on education. The historic Education Act of Mr. H A. L. Fisher, the Minister for Education, enunciates in the preamble that its aim is "the establishment of a national system of education available for all perenunciates in the preamble that its aim is "the establishment of a national system of education available for all persons capable of profiting thereby." In introducing the Bill Mr. Fisher is reported to have said:—"The Bill claims the principle of the right of youth. We hold that young people have a right to be educated, and that youth is the period specially set apart for that purpose." It is estimated that when Mr. Fisher's Scheme is in full operation, the total anaual outlay on education, out of rates and taxes, will be between £50 and £70 millions. It is held in England that the Educational Highway should be kept millions. It is held in England that the Educational Highway should be kept open and free for all her citizens. In the British Colonies and in Iudia the same principle is upheld by their respective Governments. Those who have read the addresses of H. E. The Maharaja of Mysore and of Sir Ashatosh Mukerjee at the first Convocation of the Mysore University, which were publish in our columns, will remember how highly the Government of that Native State values the higher education of her subjects. It is remarkable that, in Mysore, University education in the Arts course has been made free for all students of that State. In urging the importance of the Go-

In urging the importance of the Go-In urging the importance of the Government's responsibility to establish a University, we do not intend to be little the need of private benefications for education. In the field of Vernacular education the vast majority of Ceylonese children who are Buddhists and Hindus are abliged to receive their education in children who are Buddhists and Hindus are obliged to receive their education in schools which are conducted by religious bodies who subject them to their proselytising influence. The growth of religious indifference and scepticism among the students, which is an indirect result of the exercise of this proselytising influence on the immature minds of children in schools, threatens to become a national danger. Private benefactions should come in to rescue the Hindu and Buddhist children from these proselytising schools and to establish insituations Buddhist children from these proselytising schools and to establish insituations
for the education of these children without detriment to their faith in their national religions and ideals of life. In
Secondary and University education too
there will be great need for the munificence of our wealthy men to safeguard
the religious interests of their students
by establishing hostels and by founding
chairs in the University for promoting
the study of their ancient literature and
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philosophy.

We are on the eve of great changes, not the least important of which will be the admission of India as a self-governing unit of the Empire. We earnestly appeal to the Government of Ceylon to champion the cause of the the Ceylonese who have been so long under its tutelage, and gain for them the same political rights as may be conceded to India.

# Important Notice to Our Subscribers.

As we are reprinting the Addresses of Subscribers, and as we understand that there are some cases in which our paper is sent to wrong addresses owing to the failure of some of our Subscribers to notify to us the change of their address, we invite them to communicate to us instances of such mistakes so that we may amend them.

## LOCAL & GENERAL.

THE WRATHER.—The sky is continually overcast and it is drizzling off and on with nold breezes typical of the Karthigai month.

Personal —Mr CT Rajab of Neuchatel, has been appointed Head Clerk, Putupaula E-tate, Neboda He assumes duties on the 10th inst.

THIRUVEMPAVAI PUJA.—This special religious service which commenced in all Hindu Temples on Tuesday will conclude on Thursday the 19th losts. It with the Thiruvathiral Darsansm. Many pilgrims bave left Jaffoa to attend the Darsanam at Chidambaram which takes place on Thursday.

The Rice Marker —There is an appreciable reduction in the price of paddy which is selling at Rs. 3 to Rs. 3.25 per bushel. Rice from Indian paddy locally busked is now largely sold in the market at 34 cents per measure. Rangoon rice which sells at a higher rate is not much in demand.

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JAPPA SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE — A very interesting lecture on "Temperance" was delivered under the auspices of the league and the College Y M C A by Rav. J Bicknell, Mr. N Selvadurais B A, occupied the chair. The lecturer ably dealt with the subject discussing the abolition of the liquor traffic through Legislation, and the testimony of Scientists Dostors, Employers and teachers in favour of abolition. Remarks were offered by Messra, J H P Vijershnam and O Arulambalam, Advocate, who also proposed a vote of thanks to the chair. The chairman after a few remarks seconded the vote of thanks. The meeting terminated with a few words of introduction by the Secretary to his tract on Temperance Reform and a vote of thanks to the chair and the Principal of the College.—Cor.

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THE GOVERNOE AT THE ORIENT OLUB—H. E. the GOVERNOE WAS the guest of the Orient Olub, Colombo, at dinner on Saturday last, when about 100 members sat down. The Hoa. Dr. H. M. Farnaudo presided and gave the loyal toast and then the health of the Governor which was drunk with great cordiality, His Excellency replied at considerable length, going fully into the several questions that Dr. Farnando had raised and creating a most excellent impression upon his hosts. Both before and after the dinner, a number of members were introduced to the Governor, who chatted pleasantly with all whom he met, manifesting a most encouraging interest in local affairs and delighting everyone who had the privilege of conversing with him. It was quite a late hour when His Excellency left, amid vigorous declarations, musical and otherwise, from the members, that he was "a jolly good fellow."

—"M. Lasder."

Arrival of Postage Stamps.—A large

ARRIVAL OF POSTAGE STAMPS.—A large consignment of the 6 cents Postage Stamps was received on Saturday from England and was removed to the Treasury. The consignment is said to be worth Rs. 36,000.

Assistant Postmaster-General — Information has been received that Mr. John Fox, Assistant Postmaster-General, who went on long leave, owing to ill-health, will be returning to the Island next month.

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Alleged Smuggling of Rubins into Colombo.—Inspector Hay de Saram of the C I D produced on the 9th instant M Mohideen, an Indian Moore trader, before the Police Magistrate, Colombo, on a charge of smuggling rubies and other precious stones into Colombo and thereby obeating the Principal Collector of Customs. The Inspector said proceedings would have to be non-summary as the amount involved was Rs. 4 600 000 (duty). The stones weighed some 46,000 carrats, at Rs. 100 per carrat, Mr. Pereira for the accused applied for a postponement till the 16th inst., as he wished to see the Principal Collector of Customs, but he had not paid the fine hence this prosecution. Possibly the case mas postponed for the 16th bail being allowed in Rs. 2,000.

Reception to a New Recistral —The re-

REGETION TO A NEW REGISTRAB—The residents of Kopay, Irupalai, Kaliankedu, Urelu and Urumpirai met at the Kopay Navalar Sohool on the 5th instant to congratulate Mr. V Thamotherampillai on his appointment as Registrar of the Division. The half was crowded before the appointed hour and the New Registrar, came in accompanied by the leading residents of the place. Mr. O Velauthampillai, Government Pensioner, was voted to the chair and Mr. S Cumarasuriar was appointed Secretary, Srimat V. Kumaraswamy Pulavar spoke on the sterling good qualities of the New Registrar and was followed by Mr. Christian A Chinnippah, Mr. S Appapillai of Neervali proposed and Mr. V Saumogalingam, Surveyor, Irupalai seconded that the Secretary be authorised to convey to the Government Agent and the Maniagar the sincere thanks of the residents for having made such a choice. The proceedings were enlivened with select Indian music at intervals and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair. The New Registrar was then taken in procession with music to his residence where all the visitors were treated to light refreshments. The gatharing dispersed at a late hour with serving of betal and saudanam and the sprinkling of rose water.—Riot Prisoners Rellassed—In accordance with the announcemet made by H. E. the RECEPTION TO A NEW REGISTRAN

RIOT PRISONERS RELEASED —In accordance with the announcemet made by H. E the Governor at the last meeting of the Legislative Council about 50 riot prisoners were released from the Welikade Jail on Friday

THE REVENUE OF CEYLON—for the first 10 months of the last financial year has totalled R 53,256,486 compared with R 54,823, 123 and 54,226,641 for the same period in the provious two years.

The Refrom Conference.—The Reform Conference of the political associations of the Island, including the National Association, the Reform Lasgue, and the associations of the provincial towns, will take place on Friday and Saturday next as already indicated. It will be held at the Public Hall, commencing on Friday at 2 p. m. and Saturday at 9 a. m. An organising Committee has been working for some time now, in order to adjust the many details necessary for the been working for some time now, in order to adjust the many details necessary for the success of the Conference. An influential Reception Committee has been elected with Mr. James Pieris as Chairman. A large number of delegates from the different associations in Colombo and the cutstations are expected to attend. The Conference will open with an address from the Chairman of the Reception Committee, followed by the Presidental address. Eir P Arunasalam is President elect. The resolutions are of a very important nature.

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ENGINEERING APPENTICES TO THE P W D.—An amended set of rules for admission of engineering apprentices to the P W D are published in Friday's "Gazette." The number of apprenticeships is limited to 25, between the ages of 16 and 18 and the period of apprenticeship is five years. Those admisted as apprentices will have to work for the first two years without any remuneration, but may receive pay during the 3rd year at a rate not exceeding 50 cents per diem, during the fourth year at R 1 per diem and during the fifth year at R 1 50 per diem.

CRICEGET AT KANDY —An interesting cricket

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CRICKET AT KANDY—An interesting cricket match was played at Kandy on the 7th inst. between two teams captained by Messrs S Sabaratnam and S P Rasanayagam. The match ended in victory for the former's team. The chief feature of the game was the excellent batting performances by S P Selvadural and L Ratnasabapathy, who scored 59 runs between themselves. S P Selvadural's score included 2 sixers.

The Private OF Walks To, Vicin Large.

The Prince of Walles to Visit India—
The "Empire" learns from De hi that there is a strong rumour at Army Headquarters that H R H the Prince of Wales is coming out to India in January to hold a big Durbar,—"M. Mail."

cut to India in January to hold a big Durbat.

—"M. Mail."

Colonial Secretary Going on Leave.—
The Hon. Mr. R. E. Stubbs, c. M. G., Colonial Secretary, is going on leave next year, and the Hon. Mr. A. S. Pagden, Controller of Revenue, will act. This is Mr. Stubbs first trip Home since he assumed duties six years ago. We do not know when Mr. Stubbs is leaving, and an enquiry at the Secretariat on the subject of his leave elicited the usual reply that there was "no information to give.", On Saturday, Mrs. Stubbs, at a prizegiving made the announcement that she was leaving next year and it is known that she will be accompanied by her husband. Incidentally we might mention that Mr. Pagdon has closed his 60th year and has acted as Colonial Secretary before. Now that normal times are approaching he will no doubt be able to retire from the Service, with which he has been so long connected. As on previous occasions the Hon. Mr. J. G. Fraser, Government Agent, Western Province, will doubtless act as Controller of Revenue.

—The "Caylon Observer."

The Taxation Obdinances—We understand that the two Taxation Bills referred to Select Committee a fortnight ago—the Stamp Ordinance—have both come to grief. Recasting Bills which have aiready passed the second reading is no easy task, and the "Grastic alterations" of which the Governor spoke have probably necessitated the wiser course of dropping the present Bills and in-

"drastic alterations" of which the Governor spoke have probably necessitated the wiser course of dropping the present Bills and introducing new ones in their stead. Neither of these is on to day in the Agenda, which probably means that these Taxation Bills will not come on before next year unless there are to be further sessions of the Council, outting into the Members' Christmas recess and holiday. We doubt whether the Council will meet again after today, for this year.

—"M. Leader." Dec., 11.

The Supreme Court.—It is now an open

year. —"M. Leader." Dec., 11.

The Supreme Court.—It is now an open secret that both Sir Anton Bertram and Mr. Justice Shaw are going on leave shortly, so that there will be three Ceylonese on the Bench, Mr. Justice de Sampayo and the two acting Judges. Of these latter, it is of course, a certainty that Mr. G. S. Schneider will be one. He has acted before and Sir Anton Bertram has great confidence in his ability. As to who the other acting Judge will be, the Government has probably not yet arrived at any decision and our inquiries at Hultsdorf are fruitless. There is no question that Mr. Justice Ennis will act as Ohief Justice.—Ibid.

The Aeroplane Flight To Instance.

Justice.—Ibid.

THE ARROPLANE FLIGHT TO INDIA.—
In connection with the aeroplane flight to India to it an open secret in Karachi that the Military authorities, after inspecting various likely sites, have selected the ground adjoining the Mugger Pler road and are now preparing it as a landing place and Military aerodrome. Similar preparations are also being made at Delhi.

Observance.—We described the connection of the conn

OBITUARY.—We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. K. Mailvaganampillai, Notary Public of Malliddy, Valigamam North, which took place at his residence at Varuthalaivilan on the 5th instant. He was a Tamil Scholar and was the author of a few tyric poems in Tamil. He was also the president of the Y. M. H. A., Mailiddy South. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to his prothers and others who bemcan his loss.

# THE LATE SRIMAT S. PONNAMBALAPILLAL

The sad intelligence of the death of this well known Saivite worker and Tamil scholar on Sunday pight last at Chidambaram will be received with deep regret throughout the Tamil world. Among Saivites of India and Ceylon the news will cause special regret. The late Poncambalampilial's life was entirely spent in the cause of Saiva education in India and Ceylon. Born in Jaffna in a family noted for religious zeal and scholarship he received his early training and education under the immediate care of Sri-la-Sri Arumuga Navalar Ave-gal, the great path t and Saiva Revivalist of Jaffna, who was also his grand-uncle. GranaprakasaSwamiga of Tiruceiveli in Jaffna who was famous throughout India and Ceylon as a zealous Sanyasin well versed in Sanskrit and Tamil, and the author of several learned commentaries or Siddhanta Shastras, was one of the ancestors of his family. It is mainly from these he acquired his scholarship and imbibed the inspiration for the unselfish service to which he dedicated his life.

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Srimat Ponnambalapillal spent the greater part of his life at Chidambaram as the Manager of the Salvaprakasa Vidyasslar founded by the Navalar. The late Srimat Sathasivampillal, the premier disciple and successor of the Navalar in the manage-Sathasivampillal, the premier disciple and successor of the Navalar in the management of his educational institutions, showed a wise discrimination and se fless devotion to his Master in entrusting the management of the Saivite School to the care of Ponnambalampillal. Under his able management the school has considerably grown in influence, and its endowments in landed property have also largely ingreased. In the depart. have also largely increased. In the department of Tamil publications and in improving Tamil literature the late Ponnambalapillal continued the work of his predecessors with great efficiency.

Besides his educational activities, the late Ponnambalapilial also took great interest in reinstating many of the Madalyams and the connected charities which were formerly established at Chidambaram by devout Jaffnese. The reconstruction of the Northern Gbat of the great Gnanaprakasa Tank at Chidambaram which he accomplished with the aid of contributions from many devout Saivites of Colombo, Jafina and other parts, remains as one of his monumental works. In his early days while he was working in Jaffna, he took great interest in preaching Saivaism and in publishing religious tracts defending Saivaism. He was one of the founders of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabai and was for some time its Assistant Secretary. Besides his educational activities, the late

The late Ponnambalapillai was a man of generous nature, deep piety, profound learning, indefatigable energy, exemplary character and unselfish patriotism. May he take his everlasting rest in the blissful abode of Siva.

### THE RICE SITUATION.

Enquiries today show that supplies of rice are regularly being landed at Colombo from Rangorn and Calcutta, and though no large shipments are arriving at present, the situation is more hopeful than it has been for some time.

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During this week two or three small shipments are due frem Calcutta, and in about ten days' time is expected the large shipment from Rangon of 80,000 bags, for the transport of which freight was secured as amounced in the "Times of Ceylon" on Friday, at the rate of Rs. 50 per ton. The authorities confidently believe that when this shipment arrives prices will drop further about Rs. 3 per bag. On top of the fall of Rs. 3 per bag which has already taken place in consequence of the elimination of the middlemen at the Chalmers' Granarles, this further drop will mean a total reduction in prices of Rs. 6 per bag or between Rs. 2 and Rs. 3 per bushel. In other words it is expected that prices, which ten days ago when top rates were ruling were Rs. 9 60 a bushel for the best quality Rangoon rice, and are at present Rs. 8 40 per bushel, should fall when the big shipment arrives to about Rs. 7 20 a bushel. It is understood that last week a number of Fort firms bought estate rice at Rs. 7 60 a bushel, and today Rs. 7.50 was paid in at least one instance.

A still further fall in prices is expected at the A still turther fall in prices is expected at the beginning of January when the new Burma crop begins to come in. The Indian Fool Controller is said to have this crop under effective control, for which he has fixed prices, though details are not yet known locally.

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Local authorities who are best qualified to judge the situation, however, do not count on prices, even when the new crop comes in going down to normal. There will undoubtedly be a world shortage of food for some time to come and increased supplies of Burma and Indian rice will go to European markets as soon as more freight is available. Meanwhile, there is a rice shortage in Japan and that country is known to be buying largely in the Rangoon market. Freight rates, too, are very high; for though by checking the activities of Rangoon freight speculators the Shipping Controller has ensured the importation of one large shipment into Ceylon at a freight rate of Rs. 50 per ton as against the speculative rate rating till a few days ago of Rs. 80 to Rs. 103 at on, it must be remembered that the rate before the war was Rs. 12.

It may be noted that three or four months ago when freight rates were about Rs. 50 a ton, Rangoon rice was sold in Ceylon at Rs. 5 70 a bushel, but at that time Mutbusambar rice was being imported, and there was not the same demand as now exists for Rangoon rice either from Ceylon, or from India, owing to the failure of the arop in the latter country. — 'Times of Ceylon', Dec. 9,

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT BUDDHIST GIRLS' COLLEGE.

This function came off on Saturday last at "The Fire," Turret Road Colpetty, at 4:30 p. m., and was largely attended. It was the first prizegiving at the College, which is just entering on the second year of its existence. Those provided with seats on the platform were:—Mrs. R. E. Sudbs, Miss Carter, Miss F. Mason and Miss Garguli, the Principal.

The distribution of prizes began with the Principal reading the report. The Hon. Mrs. Stubbs, who presided, then addressed the pupils as follows:—Ladies and Gentlemen,—Miss Gauguli has requested me to say a few words. As a matter of fact, I have not come prepared to say anything to-day as I have a general excuse which is, that I have not been to this school before and also that as I knew nothing of the work of the school until I read the report. Of course the school is in the infancy now and I suppose that the war, as it has affected everything else, has also affected the school. Now, I am sure the school will go ahead in all its branches of training. I am very glad to see in the Principal's report that Cooking is a part of the Curriculum as I think that cockery should be taught to every girl. It is as important as any other subject. I see further in the same page of the report that outdoor games are not kindly taken to by the girls. It is a pity that such is the case as games are of equal importance to girls as to how. The distribution of prizes began with the Prinnot kindly taken to by the girls. It is a pity that such is the case as games are of equal importance to girls as to boys. If she girls are going to work well they must also play well. I should be glad to present a set of games to the school and I hope before I leave tor England next year, to pay a visit to this school once more when I am sure I shall see great progress made in this direction. (Applause.)—"Ceylon Morning Leader", Dec. 9.

### YOUNG CEYLON IN EUROPE

ASSOCIATION OF CEYLON STUDENTS.

The annual general meeting of the Association of Ceylon Students in Great Britain and Ireland, was held on Saturday, October 5th, at 43, Penywern Road, Earl's Court, London, S. W., at 230 p.m. The Rev. Fr. D. J. N. Perera, O.M.I., Vice President, occupied the chair, till the arrival of Dr. V. Gabriel, the President.

The minutes of the special general meeting of September 21st, were read, by Mr. F. L. Fonseka, Hony. Secretary, and confirmed.

Messrs. Manicasothy Saravanamuttu and Sagarajasekaram Thiagarajah were elected members. The letter received from Mr. O. Sittampalam, rajasekaram Thiagarajan were elected members. The letter received from Mr. O. Sittampalam, Hony, Secretary, Camb. Univ. Ceylon Society, was discussed and the Committee's finding with regard to the relations between the two Societies was read: This was supported by the meeting.

Mr. H. O. Gunawardene, next moved the alteration of Rule No. 13, viz, to replace the words
"any officer shall be eligible for re election" by
"no office-bearer shall hold the same office for more than twelve months." Mr. H. C. Gunssekara seconded.

Mr. M. Saravanamuttu, proposed the following amendment, "No office-bearer except one of t Secretaries, shall be eligible for re-election." The was accepted by Mr. Gunawardena and passed.

Mr. A. W. P. Jayatillake, Hony. Secretary, read the report of the work for the year 1917 1918, which was adopted.

Mr. C. Sittampalam, proposed a vote of thanks Mr. C. Sittampalam, proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers. Mr. C. Sunthralingam seconded. It was supported by Mr. A. W. Pieris and was unanimously passed. Mr. D. B. Jayatillake, was voted to the chair on Dr. Gabriel vacating it. Mr. R. M. Brito, was elected Secretary, pro tem. The Election of Office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

President: The Rev. Fr. D. J. N. Perera,

Vice-President: Mr. C. Sunthralingam, B. sc., (Lond.)

cretaries: Messrs. A. W. P. Jayatillake and R. M. Brito, B. A., (Cantab).

Treasurer: Mr. F. L. Fonseka.

Committee (besides the above officers): Dr. V. Gabriel, FRCS., M.R.C.P., Dr. N. R. Nalliah, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Dr. Hallock Ratnarsja, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Messrs. D. E. Wijeywardene, B.A., (Cantab.), H.O. Gunswardene, R. G. de Silva, O. J. C. de Silva, W. W. Joseph Fernando, A. W. Peeris, C. Sittampalam, I. L. C. Rodrigo, B.A., (Lond.)

The Social Function was held immediately iter. Those present were:—

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(Gueste): Mrs. A. Kotalawela, Mr. Bupendra Nath Basu, the Hon. and Mrs. Eric C. F. Collier, Mr. N. Chunder Sén, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bontwood, Mr. and Mrs. William Giles, Miss Nma Corner, Miss E. A. Copping, Miss Everett, Mr. A. D. Howel Smith, Misses Linan and Clarice Potter, Misses E. M. and A. M. Gould, Mr. T. Fie, Mr. Henry St. L. Polak, Miss C. Jennings, Mr. F. and Miss Balls, Messrs. C. Bancrice, N. A. Khundkhar and D. Seele.

(Members from Oxford): Messrs. D. B. Java.

(Members from Oxford): Messrs, D. B. Jaya-tillake, M. Saravanamuttu, C. Sunthralingam, and I. L. O. Rodrigo.

(From Cambridge): Messrs. T. C. S. Jayarat. am, R. M. Brito, C. Sistampalam and I. L.

Kotelawala.

(From London): Messrs, E. W. Perera, Drs.

V. Gabriel, H. Ratheraja, G. F. Cooke, Rev. Fr.

D. J. N. Perera, O.M.I. D. E. Wijeywardene, F.

L. Fonseka, R. G. de Silva, C. I. C. de Silva, A.

Padmanaba, K. U. S. Rowther, W. W. Joseph
Fernando, A. W. Peerls, Somasunderam Thiagar
raja, T. Risjendra, Segarajasekaram Thiagar
L. R. Wijeysekista, H. O. Gunewardena, H. O.

Gunasekara, G. D. I. Soneviraste, V. E. Rsjakarier, and A. W. F. Jayatillake,

FLOOD DISTRESS IN JAFFNA.

MEETING IN SINGAPORA.

Meeting in Singaport.

Responding to a telegram received by Dr. J. M. Handy to the effect that there had been upprecedented floods in Jaffaa recently, a well attended meeting o' the Ceylon Tamils resident in Singapore took place under the anspices of the Ceylon Tamils' Association at 5 p. m. on the 28th ultime. A substantial amount of Re. 3,700, at the present rate of exchange was subscribed.

Dr. J. M. Handy (Treasurer), Messrs. M. V. Pillay, P. Nadarsiah, K. Ampalavanar, S. Muthukumaru, H. M. Toisington and Dr. K. Kiramathypathy (Secretary) were elected to form "The Jaffas Floods Relief Committee", Singapore. The above Committee has solicited the co-operation of sister Associations in Malaya, who are all very anxious to know the details of the floods. It is hoped that the enthmosam and patriotism with which the funds are subscribed for will be adequately appreciated by the methods adopted to utilise the funds, by the gentlemen "on the spot" to whom the funds will be actuated.

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K. KIRAMATHYPATHY,
The Secretary, Jaffina Floods Relief
Committee, Singapore.

### PRIZE DAY AT ROYAL COLLEGE.

2-12-18.

Yesterday was "Prize Day" of the Colombo Royal College, but the distribution of prizes took place in the Training College Hall, owing to want of accommodation in the former building. His Excellency the Governor for the first time since his arrival in the Island presided at such a function, gave away the prizes himself and made an important address.

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H. E. the Governor-riving amidst cheers—said:—Mr. Hartley, the Staff of the Royal College, ladies and gentlemen and boys.—I am very pleased to have been able to be present at the prizegiving today and to have heard the remarks which Mr. Hartley has made in regard to the school generally. Mr. Hartley has mentioned that it is his hope within a short time, I may have the pleasure of laying the foundation stone of the new premises for the Royal College. New I may say that I have looked over the plans and looked through them, and from my scant architectural knowledge, I should consider that they are well worthy of the institution, which they are destined to house. (Applause.) I always say that the study of a plan upon paper is a very difficult matter; what appears in the plan very fine when it comes into reality, looks different. But I believe they are excellent from an architectural point of view, and a very good looking building has been planned, and I trust that I shall very shortly be able to lay that foundation stone. (Applause) I must congratulate Mr. Hartley and the Staff of the school upon their numbers. It is always a sure test that a school is doing good work, when its numbers keep up and though I presume that there are reasons why the numbers his year are less than they were last year, still the falling off is not so serious as to make one believe that there is any other cause for it, but, some temporary matter which no doubt will be rectified in the coming year.

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Now in regard to Athletics, I was very interested in what your Principal had to say. I believe myself in athletics, I believe that you will find that usually the best boy in the school is also one of the best boys in athletics. Athletics in my opinion are such a training of character that even though I would not go to the extent of saying that I would sacrifice intellectual training to athletic training still I greatly believe in all sports for boys, where they have to meet together to play for their side instead of for the individual, and such training is in every way of value to them in after life besides which as your Principal has said it is an accepted axiom that a sound mind in a sound body is an excellent thing for work in life. I am also glad to see that a Boy Scott Troop has been formed here. The Boy Scotting System is in my opinion also one of those excellent aids to tha training of character which in later years has done so much for our youth throughout the Empire. (Hear hear, I have been informed that it has been of immense value during the past War. Many of the boys, who had had pravious training in Scott Troops so quickly took to the discipline which others found irksome, because they had been accustomed from their youngest days to that discipline and training which they received in their Scott Toops so quickly took to the discipline which others found irksome, because they had been accustomed from their youngest days to that discipline and training which they received in their Scott Toops so quickly took to the discipline which others found irksome, because they had been accustomed from their youngest days to that interest and I am sure it must be not only a pride to this school, but also a pride to the Islan price to the scott for the order. The problems affecting the educational Staff

us go slowly plodding along, and we carry cut that work in life which is set before us. Therefore I always desire in effering my consolations to those who have not won prizes, I slaways desire to beserve the horizon to won prizes, I slaways desire to beserve them by eaving that it is not always the beillinatumen in the world that it is not always the beillinatumen in the world have do the greatest work in the world and it is not always those who take prizes, who evenually come to the front, but it is those who sheadly throughout life, steadily throughout livel's school life and in after life bear in mind that there is work to be done, to be done well. (Applause) Therefore, though the essentials of life are the same-sheady perseverance, honourable conduct, straight lor swadness and honesty—all these essentials are the asme whether for the brilliant has the plodding bey or for the boy who is a list! backward. If you carry out these axioms, though you may not find yourself on the top of the tree you will still find yourselves honoured citizens, and that after all is the thing which every boy and every man must try for. (Applause) Now I shoold mention that it is my inbention to give a prize to he competed for annually. (Cheera.) Your Principal and myself have not vet been able to agree as to what that prize shall be given for, but I have no doubt that we shall be able to come to some common understandin, and I shall have great pleasure, I hope this time next year in giving this prize to the boy who wins it. (Cheers.) Now in conclusion, I can only wish every success to this school and am deeply interested in all problems of education. You will find me a sturdy supporter in all matters that may require my interference or my help in regard to this school. (Cheers.) I should like to see very much in my interference or my help in regard to this school. (Cheers.) I should like to see very much in my interference or my help in regard to this school, and mechany shortly, a similar University, and I see no possible reason w

Mr. Denham's Remarks.

Mr. E. B. Denham—also received with applance—said they were all very proud to welcome His Excellency. Their only regret, one shared by all members of the Royal College, past and present, was that they were not able to do so in the Royal College building. They had to leave that solemn abode and find a hall in the Training College, where saidents learnt by reflection how to teach. They wished they had trees and gardene in the Royal College such as they saw around them, but he hoped, after what His Excellency had told them, it was only a question of a few years, and in time to come. His Excellency would distribute prizes in the New Royal College Hall.

Mr. Hartley had not told His Excellency the many difficulties he had to put up with daily in his work in that building and in the Royal College. Mr. Hartley's time and that of Mr. Walker's was spent in searching for classes in parts of both Colleges.

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Mr. Hartley was like the heroine in the nursery rhyms who had so many children that she did not know what to do, and like another heroine, who had so meny children that she did not know wheat to find them. The difference in numbers retaired to in the report was due to one of those many changes which had taken place in the Royal College during the last two years. There had been no reduction in numbers, actually, in the Royal College during the last two years. There had been reamferred to the Training College and had become a separate exhool. Hence, it was only a removal to a part of the building where they were before. Mr. Hartley had during his time—he had been 22 years at the Royal College (applause)—seen a great many changes is the College, but he had always kept the flag of the Royal College flying. For that, and for everything else he had done, they owed him a deep debt of gratitude. (Applause.) A valedictory note had been struck by Mr. Hartley in his speech, and all he could say, on behalf of every one connected with education in the colony—and with sailing and other pursuits—was that they would always look forward to his return—whether he satived on the top of the Royal College tower he sacroplane or preferred to return in that yacht of his which he would no doubt re-christen "Old Royalit." (Applause.) They, however, would live to make one condition, and that was that Mr. Hartley's strey in England would restore him completely to health. On behalf of the teachers, he wished to thank His Excellency for his reference to the necessity of improving the pay of teachers in order to secure experts. He did not think that there was anything that a teacher appreciated now than sympathy and interest in his work. His Excellency had shown an abundance of those qualitates, for which had been obtained by a victory of right over night. He wished to think that he new

had been an annua mirabilis with the new College, and he hoped that for many years it would be remembered that it was at the end of 1918 that the plans were approved and what the end of 1918 that the plans were approved and what the end of 1918 had meant to them all. (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. Balasingham—on behalf of the Old Boys of the Royal College, congratulated the prize winners on their success and their good fortuneln received those prizes as His Excellency; hands. They might be jurily proud of the distinctions they had gained, but as a modern writer said, nothing that was worth knowing could aver be taught. Much to be learnt could never be tested by axaminations. It was by neglecting that part of their education that many boys who distinguished theenselves as priza-winners, fell back in the race of life. A cynical writer had said that a college did not make fools, but developed them, it did not make prize-boys but developed them. It was necessary to cultivate grit and perseverence to carry them through life. To His Excellency, he extended a welcome on behalf of the Old Boys. (Aplause.) They had been long waiting for a prophet to guide them out of their wilderness they had been collierased by so many Reports of Education Commissions, that they did not know where they were. Even though the now Director, with the energy and indomitable perseverance that characterised him was most anxious to move them, the withering blast of retreachment had stood in the way. But how, in His Excellency they saw a prophet who would take them to the promised land of a University (laughter and applanse.) He hoped, however, that that establishment would sait local conditions—and that the University would be not the replice of Oxford or Cambridge, but one taking loss consideration the requirements of cutstations and Colombo. They were indobted to His Excellency for his cheering words. He democratic institutions were to be established in Ceylon, they realised money would have to be epent liberally on education. They were indobted

### TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

# The War.

GERMANY.
London, Nov. 6. Amsterdam,—German frontier reports mention a Bolshevist outbreak in Berlin with serious street fighting. There are no details.

London, Dec. 6,
Amsterdam.—A meeting at Cologne decided to
proclaim an independent Republic of Rhineland
and Westphalia. The Spartaces group seized the
Essen Krupps organ, Westfalische Zeitung.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Ottawa.—Mr. Rowell, President of the Privy Council, in a speech at Port Hope (Ontario), strongly demanded direct Canadian representation at the Peace Conference. He added that if only one Oversea representative were able to participate he should be Canadian as Canada way the largest and oldest Dominion.

FOLES TO BE REPPERSIMANT

London, Dec. 5.

The Government has intimated that they will favour Pollish recresentation at the Peace Conference where Pollish interests are involved.

THE CHINO-TIBETAN PEACE.

Shanghai.—The conclution of Chino Tibetan Peace after a year of fighting, in which the Chinese were consistently worsted, was largely due to the skillful mediation of Mr. Tichman, the British Vice Consul in West Sze Chuan. The Tibetane recovered a good portion of East Tibet which the Chinese had soized.

### THE TURKISH WARSHIPS.

The Tobatch Wandings,

London, Dac. 5,

The Admirely announces that all the Turkish warships have surrendered and are interced at Constantinople. The "Goeben", four German Submarines and the Russian Black Sea Fleet consisting of the dreadnought "Volga" and six destroyers were also handed over to the Allies.

### THE WAR PROGRAMME.

The War Programme.

London, Dec. 2.

The Hon. E. S. Montagu in a speech at Cambridge, on Nov. 30th, urged Liberale, Conservatives and Labourites to urite and salve problems. The position which our acidiers and salves won must be kept proud and accure by men and women of all Parties. The men who ill-treated our prisoners or ordered them to be ill-treated must stand for punishment. "I want to

see the Kaiser piaced on his trial." Germany roust pay for the War according to her ability and capacity. Those in Ireland who want Home Rule should have is but to must not be forced on those in North Ireland who did not wish it. Government pledged to bring about the solf-government of India in due course.

The Railway trouble is settled. The Board of Trade conceded the Railwaymen's demand for an eight hour day. It is applicable to all railway wage sarners in Britain and Ireland, numbering half a million, and operates on Feb lat. Existing conditions of service are unaltered pending the report of a Committee to be set upsa soon as possible to review the wages and other conditions of service and other conditions of service of the Railwaymen of Great Britain. Mr. Thomas declared that the settlement was emineutly, satisfactory and a good angury for the future.

# MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S MEASURES.

Mr. Lloyd George concludes a statement, describing the provisions for soldiers and sallors with measures for increasing the production of housing and other reconstruction problems. He emphasizes that the mutual confidence of all classes is necessary to increase the output. He declares that capital shall not be plundered, and and labour shall not be sweated.

-The Ceylon Observer.

#### MASSACRE OF JEWS IN POLAND.

Stockholm.—The Jewish Press Bureau announces that hitherto 256 victims of the Pogrom have been buried at Lemberg. It is impossible to estimate the number buried in the ruins of houses and synagogues.

SWEDEN BREAKS RELATIONS

WITH RUSSIA.

London, Dec. 8.

Stockholm.—The Swedish Government has recalled its congular and diplomatic efficials at the Legation, and has also withdrawn the privilege of despatching to and receiving couriers from Vorowsky, the Soviet Government's representive at Stockholm, because he abused the privilege by importing Bolshevist literature from Bussia. The Government has suggested that Vorowsky and other Soviet legationers should leave Sweden. Sweden in Russia are advised to return home.

### SITUATION IN GERMANY.

A German official Note states that Germany in on the verge of famine. The bread ration will not exceed 80 grammer daily after the middle of February.

The Austrian situation is even graver. Vienna is coal-leve, and railways and street lighting will shortly cease. Food supplies will not last beyond December 31st.

The "Weserzeitung" states that the President of the Soldiers' Council, at Hamburg, has positively declared that he knew that 20 bags of minted gold had been despatched to the ex-Kaiser.

Paris.—A Zurich correspondent states that the German Government has decided not to oppose the Allies' demand for the extradition of the ex-Kaiser and ox Crown Prince for trial by an Inter-Allied Court.

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The papers state that Mr. Lloyd George will amounce todaday that the cash reparation demanded by Great Britain and the Dominions from Germany will be \$8,000,000,000. The claim was prepared by a Committee presided over by Mr. Hughes and including Lord Cunliffe (Governor of the Bank of England).

## A PITCHED BATTLE FOUGHT.

A PITCHED BATTLE FOUGHT.

London, Dec. 8.

Paris.—A message from Zurich says:—The Bolshevist coup d'etat in Berlin which was planned by Liebkmecht and the Spartacus group failed plitfully. The Government troops used weapons especially machine guns, iruhlessly. Liebknecht's forces, who were also armed with machine guns and bombs, were utterly routed and fied in disorder, abandoning a great number of killed and wounded. The losses of the Government troops were slight. Liebknecht stated that he intends to rally his forces, so that possibly fighting has been resumed.

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# LINE OF THE RHINE REACHED.

General Haig, in a communique states:—
Our troops are continuing to advance and have reached the line of Bheinbach-Weilers, Wist Bergheim, and Wevelinghoven.

London, Dec. 8.

General Haig later says:

Our advanced troops entered Cologne on the night of December 6th.

London December 6th.

London, Dec. 7.

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The British have entered Cologne.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Leeds, announced that the British Army was now marching across the Rhine.

The speech was largely devoted to a defence of his two years' administration. He referred to the hesitation, delay and nervousness of the Government at the end of 1916. There was no scramble for the chief-place when the Government fell; all were anxious to pass it on to someone else. He claimed that it was impossible for a government of business men to have been more successful. He justified the side shows in the Balkane, Palestine and Mesopotamia. He declared that the two years were more fruitful of progressive legislation than any two years of the last half century.—

A Belgian communique;—

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The advance in Rhenish Prussia continues. The selgians occupied the left bank of the Rhine at lours and occupied Gladbach and Hellbach, piet reins.—

### WOMEN'S PLACE IN THE SUN

London, Dec. 7.

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OUR FLEET OFF THE KIEL CANAL.

Amsterdam.—The "Rheinische West faellache Zeitung" states that a British squadron under admiral Browning arrived at Wilhelmshaven on December 4th, Owing to the fog it anchored in the Schilling roadstead. Admiral Browning wirelessed refusing to negotiate with the Soldiers, and Workers'.

# GREAT STRIKE IN LANCASHIRE. IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER. London, Dec. 7.

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Efforts to prevent the Cotton Strike in Lancashire have failed. 100,000 workers will strike to-day on a question of wages.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ARRIVAL DELAYED.

London, Dec. 7.

Paris.—President Wilson has asked permission to delay his arrival. He will disembark at Brest on December 13th.

# KING AND PRINCES WITH OUR FIRST ARMY.

The King and Princes are visiting the First Army. They were welcomed in Mons and Valenciennes and many other towns, and evated by the troops and inhabitants.

# LABOUR THREAT TO ALLY WITH SINN FEIN.

At a meeting in Glasgow, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald said.—Labour must be the official opposition to the Government, which was not coalition but rampant re-action.

Mr. Robert Smillie said.—It 300 Labouriter, were returned they would invite help from the Sinn Feiners.

-"The Times of Ceylon."

#### Notice.

### Our Grand display of the Novelties of the Season

Now on

An early visit is solicited. A. S. ABDULCADER & Co. Main Street, JAFFNA.

# Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8712.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Sellamma wife of Apputhurai of Vannar-ponnai East

Pillayinar Thampipillai of Vaunarponnai East

Thampipillai Apputhural of Vannarponnal

Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Pillayinar Thampipillai of Vannarponnsi East, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Sellamma wife of Apputhurai, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on November 22, 1918, in the presence of Mesers. Sivaprakasam and Katirean, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner, and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated November 22, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the brether of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before December 17, 1918, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris,

December 8, 1918.

P. E. Pieris

# Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

THE DISTRICT COURT
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3626.
In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Arumugam Balasubramaniam of Alvay
Deceased.

(dead) Sellamuttoo widow of Balasubra-maniam of Chalipuram Katirasippillai widow of Granamuttoo of do.

Minor. 1. Balasubramanism Arumugam of do, a minor by his Guardian ad-litera the 2nd Respondent 2. Sellam widow of Arumugam of do. Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Katirasippillaf widow of Gnanamotico of Chulipuram, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Aruungam Balasubramanam of Alvay, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Dector of Letters, District Judge, on November 29, 1918, in the presence of Messrs, Sivaprakasam and Katiresu, Proctore, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the sald Petitioner, dated November 14, 1918, having been read: It is ordered that the Petitioner be and she is hreeby declared entitled as such grand-mother of the sole heir and next of kin to administer the estate of the said deceased and that Letters of Administration do issue to her accordingly, unless the Raspondents abovenamed or any other person shall, on or before December 19, 1918, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris,

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