



NOTICE.

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R. SIVAGURUNATHAR,  
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Jaffna,  
December 12, 1918

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16th December, 1918.

NOTICE.

The Jaffna Hindu College Old Boys' Association.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday the 28th December, 1918, at 3.30 p.m., at the College premises.

BUSINESS:

1. Presentation and Adoption of the Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Balance Sheet.
2. Election of Office-bearers and Committee.
3. Amendment of Rule No. 3 re ordinary Members by the interpolation of the words "and ex-Members of the Teaching Staff of the College" immediately after the word "Principal" - Proposed: Mr. R. Kandiah.
4. Amendment of Rule No. 7 re subscription by the substitution of the words "One rupee" in place of "Two rupees and fifty cents" and the interpolation of the word "Minimum" after the word "Annual".
5. Any other business of which notice may be given.

R. SIVAGURUNATHAR,  
Acting Secretary.

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December 12, 1918.

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The Hindu Organ.

JAFFNA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1918.

POLITICAL REFORMS IN CEYLON.

The past week was an eventful week in the history of Ceylon in regard to political developments. On the 11th of December, 1918, the Legislative Council was engaged for fully four hours in considering and discussing a motion introduced by the Hon'ble Mr. P. Ramanaidyan asking the Ceylon Government to report to the Imperial Government on the desirability of reforming the Executive and Legislative Councils of this Island. This is a very important event, not only on account of the importance of the motion but also owing to the unanimity that prevailed at the Council Board among the Unofficial Members in regard to the necessity of constitutional reforms being introduced into Ceylon.

Not only the Ceylonese Members—the Members representing the Sinhalese, Tamils, Muhammedans and Burghers—supported the motion—but also the Urban European Member on behalf of the unofficial European community said that his community was not opposed to constitutional reforms. Of course there were differences of opinion in regard to details—the Low country Sinhalese Member urging the necessity of territorial representation, the Kandian Member expressing his preference to his community being represented by Kandians, the Tamil Members claiming to maintain the present proportion of Sinhalese and Tamil representation in the reformed Council, the Muhammedan Member desiring to have an additional Member to represent his community, and the Burgher Member while supporting reforms advocating the continuance of racial representation. These are all matters of details which could be settled by a Committee after the general principles of the reforms are decided upon by the Government.

As was pointed out during the debate, at a time when the whole civilized world is re-cast and re-settled as the result of the war, and especially when India is to be given far-reaching reforms and promised responsible Government by gradual stages, Ceylon cannot be denied privileges similar to those which will be granted to our brethren and fellow subjects in the neighbouring Continent.

Again, the second Political Conference commenced its sitting in Colombo on the 13th instant and continued the whole of the following day, under the presidency of Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam. This is an unprecedented and important political gathering such as Ceylon had never seen before in modern times. It will be an annual occurrence in future and is bound to produce far-reaching effects on the future of Ceylon. This is modelled, though on a much smaller scale, on the Indian National Congress. Those who know what the Congress has done for India will realise what the Ceylon Political Conference will be able to achieve for this Island, if its deliberations will be carried on with moderation and persistence. The full details of the proceedings of the Conference has not yet reached Jaffna owing to there being no mails from Colombo to Jaffna on Saturdays. We publish in another column a short summary of the proceedings appearing in Friday evening's issue of the "Ceylon Observer".

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.

JAFFNA DISTRICT COURT.—Mr. J. H. Vanniasinkam, Advocate, has been appointed to act as District Judge, Additional Commissioner of Requests, and Police Magistrate, Jaffna, vice Dr. P. E. Pieris, from December 16, 1918, until the resumption of duties by that officer.

THE JAFFNA HINDU COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at the Hindu College on the 28th instant. *Vide* advertisement appearing elsewhere.

THE CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS.—These Examinations began in all Ceylon centres on Monday the 9th instant. We understand that in all 140 students are taking the examinations from Jaffna.

LONDON MATRICULATION RESULTS.—The following are the passes among the candidates:—A. G. Kanagaratnam, K. Dharmaratnam, N. Sathasivam, V. Sivaganam, J. V. Dharmarajah, S. Ponniah, S. Sivasubramaniam and M. Thuraiasingham.

ELECTION OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, LOCAL BOARD ANURADHAPURA.—The following gentlemen have been elected Unofficial Members of the Local Board of Anuradhapura, for the years 1919 and 1920:—Messrs. S. Navaratnarajah, Advocate, V. Ramasamy, Proctor, and D. L. C. Jivadasa.

PERSONAL.—The Hon'ble Mr. A. Sapapathy has returned to Jaffna on Saturday last.

—Mr. T. Kailasapillai, Manager, Saiva-prakasa Vidayasalai, Vannerponnai, has gone to Chidambaram on a visit.

—Mr. R. N. Sivasambu, Draftsman, Singapore, who was on a visit to Jaffna has returned to his station on Thursday last via Madras.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON STAMP AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.—The above Committee met on the 13th instant in the Council Chamber, the Hon. Mr. H. O. Gollan, Attorney-General presiding. Present: The Hon. Messrs. Bernard Senior, E. R. Williams, K. Balasingham, Chas. Vander Wall and the Hon. Dr. H. M. Fernando.

CEYLON CADET BATTALION, C. D. F.—The present Cadet Companies and Cadet Battalion affiliated to the C. L. I. will be discontinued and re-formed as the Ceylon Cadet Battalion, consisting of Senior and Junior Cadets. The Cadets will drill at their schools as platoons, and as companies or as a battalion at such times and places as the O. C. arranges in conjunction with the authorities of various Colleges.

NEW RICE SHEDS IN COLOMBO.—The work of constructing the remaining blocks of the rice sheds along Norris Road was suspended a short time ago owing to War restrictions, but a start has again been made and the whole pile of buildings will shortly be completed. These are the smaller rice sheds and are not included in the Raquet Court grain shed scheme. The work is being carried out by the Railway Extensions Department and some of the buildings, which have been handed over, are already in use by rice merchants.

THE RICE SITUATION.—In accordance with the reply of H. E. the Governor at the meeting of the Legislative Council, held on the 4th instant, Government has appointed an Advisory Board to advise the Hon. Mr. F. Bowas, Principal Collector of Customs, with regard to the rice situation and the food supply. The Board consists of the Hon. Mr. F. Bowas, (Chairman), the Hon. Dr. H. M. Fernando, Messrs. O. Namasiyayam and E. G. Adams, two members from the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. C. Sutharam (Secretary).

NEW PHYSICAL DRILL INSPECTOR FOR ENGLISH SCHOOLS.—With a view to better the physical instruction in the English schools, Government has just created a new post of Inspector of Physical Drills and Games of the English Schools in the Island. A man has already been selected for the post, the education Department being successful in securing the services of Mr. M. S. Samarasinghe, of St. John's College, Panadura, an experienced Drill Instructor. He is also Lieutenant in the Cadet Company of that School.

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD, JAFFNA BRANCH.—A Christmas Tree and Sale of Work in aid of the above Guild will be held at "Airydale" (in Sir W. Twynam's compound) Beach Road, Jaffna on Saturday, Dec. 21st, 1918 at 3 p.m. Tea, Ices and other Refreshments will be on sale. Swings, Musical Chair Competition, Lucky Bags, Bran Tubs and other attractions. Contributions for the sale will be thankfully received by Miss Twynam, Hon. Secretary of the Guild. Admission to the sale Twenty five cents.

PYTHON SHOT AT KALUTARA.—On the night of the 9th instant the watcher of Mr. R. E. S. de Soyza's teak stores at Palatota was attacked by a large python near the stores gate. It wound round the man's legs. The watcher hit the snake with his club, and having freed himself, ran crying into the store. Mr. Hugo A. Pieris, Manager, came with a broach-loader, and failing to secure the snake with a noosed bamboo, shot it in the head. Next day it was found to measure 14 ft. Six from nose to tip of tail. The skin was mounted by a local taxidermist for Mr. V. Ekasayake. —"Ceylon Observer."

LOCAL OPTION.—The Polling for Horetuduwa Tavern (Panadura, Totamune), began on Saturday last at 8 a.m. at the Government Boy's School at Horetuduwa. The total number of tax payers is 527. The total number who voted for abolition is 475. Total number against abolition nil. Percentage 90.

CALCUTTA 3RD DECEMBER.—Sir Gurudas Banerjee passed away last night at about 11 o'clock at his riverside residence, where he had been removed at his desire. He was well known as one of the most popular Indian Judges of the High Court and as an educationist. For about half a century he was associated with Social, religious and educational movements in country. He lived the life of a Hindu saint and never mixed in politics. —"M. Mail."

AVIATION DEVELOPMENTS.—Many interesting points connected with future developments of aviation are touched on in the Report of the Civil Aerial Transport Committee of the Air Board. The Committee urges the immediate commencement of preliminary work such as enquiries regarding routes, landing grounds and the immediate establishment of a Research Bureau regarding Commercial Aviation. The Committee declares that, given proper facilities, there is nothing impossible in sending mails aerially from London to Calcutta in four days and from London to Johannesburg in six days. The Report urges preliminary discussion with the Dominions and Allies on the broad questions of principle and Empire wide propaganda in order to convince the whole Empire of the vast importance and possibilities of aerial transport. The Report also emphasizes the importance of uniform legislation as far as possible throughout the Empire on aeronautical matters and of avoiding any appearance of dictating to the Dominions or in any way infringing their autonomy. Dealing with overseas traffic, the Committee points out that the Dominions and India, owing to their great geographical area and wide distances, which in many cases separate their important centres of population, offer a fruitful field for the development of civil aeronautics. The Committee emphasizes that an improvement in inter-Imperial communication is likely to have an important bearing on the problem of future inter-Imperial relations.

FROM CAIRO TO DELHI

Calcutta, December 13.—Delhi.—The overseas aeroplane completed its journey this afternoon when it sighted on the landing-stage prepared for it in the new cantonments at Delhi at about 2.45 p.m. Colonel Tennant, Commandant of the Royal Air Force in India, went up from the new cantonments in a small biplane, accompanied by General Rose, Inspector General of Imperial Service troops. Both machines were steering in a North-Eastern direction and executed a circular flight over Delhi City and the civil lines and at 3.20 the two returned and made direct tracks for Raisina, the little machine flying over and in front of the big one. They both came along wonderfully steadily and smoothly and both flew over the assembled crowds. The little machine then flew towards the hangar, looping the loop two or three times, to the intense excitement of the spectators. The big machine next made a faultless descent, striking the ground quite quietly and taxiing along, slowing towards the spectators. It was only then that the enormous size of the machine was fully appreciated. Its gigantic planes have a span of over 100 feet. Loud cheers greeted the travellers as they came to rest.

Karachi, Dec. 12.—Forty-three letters and postcards were brought by the aeroplane to Karachi and handed over to the Postmaster. They have been stamped with a special stamp with the wording, "Brought by the first aerial mail, Cairo to Karachi, 10th December 1918."

EUROPE TO INDIA BY AEROPLANE.—Karachi, Dec. 10.—At exactly two minutes past five today the first aeroplane to fly to India from Europe, touched Indian soil, amid the cheers and applause of the crowd of spectators, numbering well over ten thousand. The great Handley Page biplane was first sighted at 145, at a height of about 7,500 feet, approaching at a rate of about sixty miles an hour. A faultless landing was made, the huge machine then taxiing along the ground close in the front of the lines of spectators, before turning to proceed in the direction of the tents where it came to rest. The crowd streamed across the ground to see General Salmond and Burton, as spick-and-span as if they had merely travelled a few miles in a motor, alight to be welcomed by Brigadier-General Fowler, commanding the Karachi Brigade.

Karachi.—Dec. 11.—General Salmond and party in the Handley Page biplane left Karachi at 8 a.m. today and expect to reach Nasirabad about 3 p.m. The actual flying time of the aeroplane from Cairo to Karachi was 36 hours. The aeroplane brought a quantity of mails, which have been handed to the Karachi Postmaster for despatch to their destinations. The epoch-making flight does not end in India. It is proposed to fly to Australia, and it is understood that the route to be followed will be selected after the arrival of the party at Delhi.



