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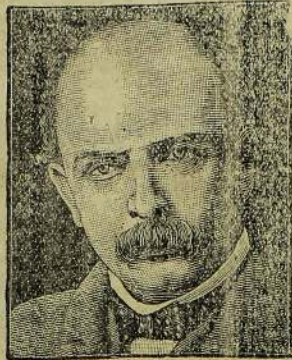
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JAFFNA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1919.

PROPOSED GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN JAFFNA.

We draw the special attention of our readers to the prospectus of the scheme, published in another column, to start a Government Technical School in Jaffna.

In the drafting of the scheme, the Director of Education has well succeeded in presenting its main features in a concise and clear style. It may be found superfluous at the present time to dilate at length on the importance of technical education to the economic prosperity of a people.

In all the productive industries connected with agriculture and manufactures the need of technical skill has been found to be almost indispensable. As more than ninety per cent of our population depend on these manual occupations for their livelihood, it becomes imperative, therefore, to increase their efficiency by equipping them with the necessary technical knowledge.

Moreover, the interests of the country require that the higher appointments in the scientific services of the Government such as Engineering, Irrigation &c., should be largely manned by Ceylonese.

The question of technical education is a large one and requires the outlay of large funds to do full justice to the demand. Manual training, and elementary scientific and technical education in agricultural industries, or in any of those manufacturing industries for which local conditions are found to be favourable, should form a compulsory part in the curriculum of all vernacular schools. Commercial subjects too such as book-keeping and economics of an elementary stage, should form a compulsory subject of study in all Vernacular schools. Again, if elementary technical education of the above-mentioned type is to be effectively imparted to the students, it will be found that elementary education in English should also form an essential part in the educational work of all Vernacular Schools. All scholars in English Schools and Colleges who are found to be lacking in capacity to pursue a University Course should be weeded out and sent to the Anglo-Vernacular Schools of the type noted above. This scheme of general technical education—or as it is called in Mysore and other countries, Vocational education—so the masses must form the backbone or the basic structure of our educational system. And to crown this structure, there should be established, in important centres of the Island, Colleges for higher education in technical and commercial subjects. Those students in the Anglo-Vernacular Technical Schools who show special aptitude must be enabled to pursue

a higher course in any branch of technical or commercial education in these Colleges and get their degrees or diplomas from a local University. Organizers and Managers of industrial and commercial enterprises as well as recruits for the scientific services of the Government should be supplied by these Technical Colleges.

Mr. Denham's scheme is a good beginning to the vast work that lies before us. He has presented in a convincing manner the imprudence and impolicy of providing all our students with a literary education which could only qualify them for the clerical and learned professions. These professions are already over-supplied here. Even in the F. M. S. and the Straits the field is daily growing restricted. Fresh fields may be found in the newly opened African protectorates. But, with all that, the supply would exceed the demand if the education of our youths is not diverted to the channels of agriculture and industries. This could only be done by introducing an efficient system of technical education. From the prospectus he has published it may be seen that Mr. Denham is fully aware of the need of large expansion in technical education, though he is, for the present, compelled through financial exigency to limit his scheme to a modest beginning. It is to the interest of the state, equally for the welfare of the people and the Government, that every one should be supplied with an education that could provide him with a remunerative employment that is best suited to his talents. Failure to do this breeds discontent and unrest, which may be avoided.

It will be seen that Mr. Denham's scheme for the opening of a Technical School in Jaffna depends on the co-operation of the wealthy public for its success. It is right and proper that it should be so. In all civilised countries where the public conscience is virile and moving, public appeals for objects of national importance find ready echo. We have no doubt that Mr. Denham's appeal too will meet with enthusiastic support from all our countrymen, wherever they may be employed.

In progressive countries like England and America, the efforts of the Government in education are largely supplemented by private philanthropy. In his opening address before the Mysore Representative Assembly, a few months ago, the Dewan of that progressive Indian State referred in the following words to the manner in which the people of that country are co-operating with the Government for their advancement:—

"The people are willing to be put in the way and there are unmistakable indications of an awakening among them. The average Mysore raiyat, trader or school master is, each in his own sphere, responding quite enthusiastically to the demands made on him. I have had, in the course of my recent tours, abundant evidence of the public spirit and liberality of the people. There were at least two public meetings I attended in the Tumkur District in the course of last month, at which people brought bags of money, some containing as much as Rs. 1,000 each, to offer for education, charity or other public objects."

We hope that Jaffnese will not lag behind the Mysorians in giving their support liberally to provide technical education for their sons. Enlightened philanthropists like the Hon. Mr. P. Ramathan, Mr. C. Namaswamy, Mr. T. Karalappillai and Mr. Veerakattipillai have already lent their liberal support to Mr. Denham's scheme and we may be sure that many more gentlemen will come forward with equally liberal support. The two most suitable quotations from our gnomic poets, given in the concluding portion of the appeal must stimulate the spirit of philanthropy and patriotism in every Tamil reader.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

JAFFNA HINDU COLLEGE.—The Annual General meeting of the Board of Directors of this College will be held at the College on Saturday the 25th inst. at 2.30 p. m.

HINDU COLLEGE BOY SCOUTS.—An omission was made inadvertently in our account of H.E. the Governor's Reception at the Jaffna Hindu College given in our last issue. In the decorations and in other arrangements connected with the reception the Boy Scouts of the College under the lead of the Scout Master worked hard to make the function a success. They furnished a guard of honour at the entrance. H.E. the Governor on arriving at the entrance, inspected the Guard and made inquiries from the Scout Master as to the strength and efficiency of the Troop.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT.—Mr. M. W. Cole B. Eng., Chief Engineer, Construction Department (C.G.R.), has applied for leave to go to England. Mr. Cole Bowen will go home on ten months' leave in March during which period Mr. F. W. Bakewell will act as Chief Construction Engineer.

DEATH OF PRINCE JOHN.—London, Jan. 19. The King's youngest son Prince John, died last night. Great sympathy is felt everywhere with their Majesties owing to the death of Prince John last night at Sandringham. He had been very ill for some time.

FOREIGN LIQUOR TAVERNS.—The following are the numbers of foreign liquor taverns sanctioned for the period from Oct. 1, 1918, to Sept. 30, 1919:—Colombo District 38 Kalutara 6, Kandy 23, Matale 1, Nawar Eriya 7, Galle 5, Matara 2, Hambantota 1, Jaffna, 1, Mannar 1, Mullaitivu 1, Batticaloa 1, Trincomalee 1, Kurunegala 2, Puttalam 5, Anuradhapura 1, Badulla 6, Eastnapura 3 and Kegalla 9—Total: 112.

PRESENTATION TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER DOLEENAGE.—The D.M.O.'s Bangalore, Doleenage, was the scene of a pleasant function when the members of the Medical Club met to present Dr. S. Ponniah with a well filled purse in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the members during the past year. In the course of the evening Mr. G. M. A. Perera, President of the club, made a lengthy speech touching on the many good qualities of the Doctor and called upon Mr. T. V. Kandiab the local Postmaster, to make the presentation on behalf of the members. The latter in doing so dwelt briefly on the amiable and cheerful ways of the Doctor and his great services to the members especially during the influenza epidemic. The Doctor thanked the members suitably and concluded by wishing them a happy and prosperous new year. Refreshments were served in abundance and great conviviality prevailed throughout the evening. Among those present were:—Messrs G. M. A. Perera, T. V. Kandiab, A. B. de Silva, G. O. Ponnusamy, C. K. Elyathamby, C. Muttiah, V. Karagasabai, V. Sivathamparam, M. Sheriff, A. J. Christian, K. Sittabalan, A. M. A. Ilawastora, H. de Silva, G. N. Silva, T. Narayanasamy, S. de Silva and a few others.

A PROMOTION.—Mr. Tillambalam Sathasivam, brother of Messrs T. Vaitilingam and Marikandar, Physicians, Madisay, Mr. T. Ambalawanan, Contractor and Planter, Kus'a Kangsar, and Mr. T. Thiagarajah, Assistant Financial Clerk, sometime acting chief Financial Clerk, Colonial Stores, late of the Audit Office, has been promoted to the second class of the clerical service on ground of special merit and appointed as the Secretary of the Mullaitivu District Court.

Y. M. H. A. CHULIPURAM.—At the weekly meeting held on Sunday the 19th instant in the Association Hall Mr. V. Malavarayar, Clerk, Currency Office, Bangalore, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on Salvaism in Tamil. The lecture was highly appreciated by the audience who listened to it with great enthusiasm. The meeting began at 4 p. m. and came to a close at 7 p. m. with the singing of Devaram and Shiva Namam. It was proposed that Mr. Thmbiah, the Tamil Pundit, will deliver a lecture on "Jivakaruniam" in Tamil at the next meeting.

ANCHYLOSTOMIASIS.—Dr. Fitzroy Keyt, Director of the Anchylostomiasis Campaign and Staff arrived here a few days ago and have started work on the estates. Dr. Samugam is on the Staff and Dr. John Baze, M.S., is expected shortly.—Badulla Cor., Jan. 16 —"Ceylon Observer."

NEW RICE SHEDS AT THE PETTAH.—Some new rice sheds were being put up by the Construction Department (C.G.R.) on the tract of reclaimed land along Beira Lake between the New Fort and Old Pettah Stations. The four blocks of these are now complete, and will be handed over to Government about the end of this month.

KANDY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.—At the monthly meeting of the Kandy Municipal Council on the 17th instant the question of photographing Rickshaw Wallahs was discussed. It was decided to photograph all rickshaw wallahs applying for registration by the Council. It was also decided to restrict the number of passengers in pony buggy carts, the limit being three.

THREE MORE ROGUE ELEPHANTS.—The A. G. A. Puttalam and Chitlaw, offers a free license for the destruction of a dangerous rogue elephant having one tusk, and about 7 feet in height, which is haunting the villages Galkulama and Mankulam, in Perawili patu, in Damalahattattu of Puttalam District, damaging chena lands and attacking villagers. The G. A. Anuradhapura officers free license for the destruction of a rogue elephant destroying chena crops in village Kongollewa and other villages near Talawa (9 miles from Anuradhapura) and which has a wide range and is difficult to find; also for the destruction of the leader of a herd of elephants destroying chenas at Tammanawa, near the 25th and 26th miles Puttalam Anuradhapura road.

RATNAPURA TAMIL UNION.—A Special Meeting of the Saviors of Ratnapura District will be held in the Tamil Union Hall on Sunday the 19th instant at 4 p. m. to organize a Young Men's Hindu Association to advance the religious, social, and intellectual interests of the Community. All sympathizers at outstations are cordially invited to lend their support. Small remittances in the name of the Secretary, Organising Committee, will be most gladly accepted. —Cor., Jan. 10, 1919.

THE S.P.C.A. MEETING.—The Committee meeting of the Society for the Prevention of

Cruelty to Animals was held at the Galle Race Hotel last evening. The Hon. Mr. R. E. Stubbs, Colonial Secretary, presided. There were present: Sir James Thomson Broom, Mr. F. J. Smith, Postmaster-General, Mr. W. P. D. Vanderschueren, Mrs. Whitfield and Mr. Lewis Walker (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer). It was stated that the animal refuge at Gampola is nearing completion. The Society proposes to ask for an alteration in the law so that the Local Board at Jaffna may acquire the power of compelling vendors to sell turtles in fixed enclosures. If this alteration of the law be obtained, the Society will then once more consider the question of constructing suitable enclosures.

KANDYANS AND REFORMS.—We are in a position to state that a memorial, representing the views of the Kandyan people, will soon be presented to His Excellency the Governor on the question of Constitutional reforms. The Kandyan, while not opposing reforms others may ask, are we understand, pointing out that in any form of reforms that may be granted, the Kandyan territory in the Kandyan Provinces should be represented by Kandyan. This is exactly what the Hon. Mr. Meedetiya desired—a very just and reasonable request. Any opposition to the legitimate desire of the Kandyans for their own representatives cannot be justified; we fear those who oppose are only showing their hand at their anxiety to "dominate." While agitators have been troubling the authorities on and off during the last four years, the Kandyans waited patiently, not because they wanted no reforms but because the time was inopportune to ask any. We feel sure that Government will respect the feelings and position of the minorities in granting reforms, and the Kandyans can rest assured that Government will not help others to come over them. —"Ceylon Observer."

MENDICANCY IN CALCUTTA AND CEYLON.—Calcutta, Jan. 16.—The Secretary of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce has sent a long letter to the Government of Bengal expressing their views on the question of mendicancy in Calcutta. The Chamber generally supports the steps which have been taken in this respect in Coomoo by the Ceylon Government. The Chamber made recommendations which conclude thus:—That legislation should be undertaken somewhat on the lines of the Ceylon Ordinance to enable Magistrates of the City to order beggars to the house of detention and also to enable the Government to require able bodied to work either in Calcutta or elsewhere in India as may be decided in each case. —"M. Times."

SIR S. P. SINHA.—It will be found, we believe, (says the "Madras Mail") that the honour to be bestowed on Sir S. P. Sinha will be that of a Law Lord, so that he will not be a member of the British Peerage. This probably tends to support the contention originally advanced that the appointment has been made for the special purpose of assisting the passage of the Montagu scheme through the Upper House, and that it will turn out to be of a temporary character. In any case, there is no pretence that Sir Sanyendra is expected to represent British opinion in any degree. It will be for India that he will be expected to speak. —"Ceylon Observer"

DEATH OF MRS. V. COOMARASWAMY.—We deeply regret to record the untimely death which took place at 2 p. m. on Monday, at her father's residence at "Cousiston", Kynsey Road, of Mrs. V. Coomaraswamy, wife of Mr. V. Coomaraswamy, C. C. S., Police Magistrate of Negombo, and eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. Srinnetambay of Colombo. The deceased lady was only 20 years of age and was married about eight months ago. She contracted influenza a few days ago and as there were no signs of her recovery she was brought down to her father's residence from Negombo about two days ago and passed away despite the best efforts of her medical advisers and attendants. She leaves behind beside her husband, her parents and three sisters and two brothers with all of whom much sympathy will be felt. Her remains were cremated on Tuesday afternoon at the General Cemetery, Borella, before a large gathering.

MEMORANDUM SHOWING THE RELIEF MEASURES TAKEN BY THE FLOOD RELIEF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNT OF THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE FLOODS IN THE JAFFNA DISTRICT.

As a result of an unprecedented rainfall and serious flooding which took place in Jaffna on the 17th of November, 1918, a special meeting of the Jaffna Local Board was held on Monday the 13th of that month to consider what steps should be taken to start immediate relief work to alleviate the distress caused by the floods. It was resolved at that meeting that in addition to its members a number of prominent inhabitants including the officials of the several charitable organizations, be formed into a Committee to raise funds and to work for the relief of the distress caused.

The Local Board Secretary was appointed Secretary and Treasurer of this General Relief Committee. A sum of Rs. 100/- was at once advanced to each of the unofficial members of the Local Board from L. B. funds for immediate relief work. The sum so advanced was refunded by the Members from the subscriptions collected for the purpose.

On the 19th of November, 1918, a meeting of the General Committee was held at which it was decided to raise funds and organize relief for those who had suffered damage. A subscription

List was circulated among those present at the meeting, and a sum of Rs. 2112/- was subscribed on the spot.

8. The Committee met again on the 22nd of November, 1918. The Government Agent who had meanwhile completed a rapid inspection of the Town and of the Peninsula, explained to the members the results of his tour.

4. The next meeting of the Committee was held on the 27th November, 1918. Arrangements were made with Government for the free supply of jungle timber from the Poonakary forests, for rebuilding the fallen houses of the distressed.

5. On the report of the Government Agent to the flood and the action taken by him, His Excellency the Governor expressed His appreciation of the efforts of those who assisted him to alleviate the situation.

6. Mr. T. Karalappillai of Colombo sent 100 bags of rice for free distribution among the distressed, and another 900 bags for sale at a reduced rate.

7. Meetings are being held frequently to carry out and regulate the work of relief.

8. The Committee is now engaged in affording relief to those who stand in need of help to rebuild their fallen houses. After this is done, if funds will permit, other measures of relief, chiefly assistance to those who have lost their cattle and are unable to replace them, will be considered.

9. The subscriptions in aid of the Flood Relief Fund so far received amount to Rs. 18,527/43 of which Rs. 5638/65 have already been spent.

10. The following is a list of the names of the subscribers:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like 'Previously acknowledged Rs. 10687 8/8', 'Local collection made by Maniagar Rs. 300 00', 'Mr. T. Karalappillai's free gift of 100 bags of rice 2800 00', etc.

Total 20891 3/3 (To be continued.)

B. D. STANISLAUS, Secretary & Treasurer, Flood Relief Committee, Jaffna, Jan. 13, 1919.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED BY ME FOR RECEPTION TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like 'Amount already acknowledged Rs. 1003 00', 'B. Madhavan, Esq. 50 00', 'S. Sambanthan, Esq. 5 00', etc.

Total 1127 00. K. KANAKASABAI, Hon. Treasurer, H. E. the Governor's Reception Committee.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

AT KAYS.

A splendid reception was accorded to His Excellency at Kays on the evening of the 17th inst. The ferry boat which presented a fine appearance of a moving palatial room over waters.

AT KANKESANTURAL.

H. E. the Governor attended by the Hon'ble and Mrs. Trefusis and Mr. Harbough, the Government Agent, N. P. visited Kankesantural today and was received to the accompaniment of Indian music in a Pandal erected by the Maniagar.

AT POINT PEDRO.

His Excellency the Governor and suite arrived at Point Pedro at 4 p. m. on the 18th inst. and were entertained at tea by Mr. E. Vythilingam, Police Magistrate, at his bungalow which presented a gay appearance.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the inhabitants of Vadamaradchy, beg to offer Your Excellency a hearty welcome on the occasion of Your Excellency's first visit to this place and to express to Your Excellency our sentiments of loyalty to His Most Gracious Majesty King George V, whose worthy representative Your Excellency is, in this Island.

We beg leave to submit to Your Excellency some of our pressing needs which we humbly trust will receive Your Excellency's sympathetic and favourable consideration.

1. The opening of a branch railway to connect Point Pedro with the main line either at Jaffna or Kodikamam.

Point Pedro is one of the biggest towns in the Jaffna District, and also ranks in point of revenue and importance as the second port in the whole peninsula.

2. The inhabitants of Vadamaradchy East desire to lay before Your Excellency the great hardships which they suffer owing to the road from Kuddattasai to Champianpatti not being metalled.

We desire to express our appreciation of the appointment of a Ceylonese as our Police Magistrate, and indulge the hope that this practice will be further extended by Government in the near future.

We beg to remain, Your Excellency's most obedient and faithful Servants, THE INHABITANTS OF VADAMARADCHY.

H. E. replied manifesting sympathy with the requests of the residents and said that he would ascertain whether the traffic would warrant the opening of a branch railway.

about base. It was mostly done. His Excellency and party left amidst cheers and passed under covered stages at the entrance. The Manager of Vadamaradchy West and the Sub Collector of Ceylon were largely responsible for the decorations.

GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN THE JAFFNA PENINSULA.

There is little need to commend Education to the Jaffna man. Compulsion was not necessary to make him realize the value of securing a good education for his sons and an education which should obtain for them remunerative employment not only in Ceylon but abroad.

But a point has now been reached where the Jaffna man has seriously to consider whether he is not putting all his eggs into one basket and that basket a very small one.

The consequence in time will undoubtedly be that a large number of unemployed youths will be thrown on the world of the faded B. A. class, who form an Educational and Social problem in South India.

The exodus to the Straits and Malay States has prevented this state of affairs from being fully realized, but these countries will not for ever remain the happy hunting ground of the Jaffnese.

Competition for posts here is becoming daily keener and the Jaffnese have now to compete with the people of the country, who are being better educated, and the Chinese.

As the demand slackens so will there be more youths in the Jaffna Peninsula and in Colombo seeking employment.

It is therefore very important that the Jaffna parent should look for other fields for the employment of his sons—as he was one of the first to realize the Commercial value of English so will he, I am sure, appreciate now the importance of a Technical or Industrial Education.

All the signs of the times point to the increasing importance of these branches of education, which not only fit those who have had a training on these lines for employment in the Technical Department and in all branches of Engineering but also improve their general Education and make them better equipped for success in all branches of work.

The offer which is now made to the people of Jaffna is the first given to any district—it deserves their full support and it has already received the generous and hearty assistance and approval of a large number of their leading men.

It is proposed subject to the approval of Government:

- 1. to build a Government Technical School in the Jaffna Peninsula the cost of which will be met from the District School Committee funds. 2. to equip the school with a manual training centre on the latest lines, which have been approved for all the leading schools in England and America and are now being adopted in India and an 'odd job' workshop. To appoint a trained instructor who has passed the London City and Guilds Examination and an artisan for the practical workshop training—the provision under this head to be made by the Education Department. 3. to afford courses of instruction under an efficient staff provided by the Education Department, for boys between 12 and 16—it is useless to admit boys below 12 to a Technical School—For the first year the instruction will be given in the Vernacular but English will be taught at the same time so that the boy before he leaves the school will receive all his instruction in English—other subjects will be Elementary Mathematics, Science, Drawing, a manual training course and odd job work in a shop where repairs can be done and in which the boys will work in charge of a skilled workman, and will be taught to do such odd jobs as patching a tyre, mending a puncture, retreating the seat of a chair, repairing a look or a bicycle, &c., which will be useful preliminary training. There will also be garden work and drill to maintain the physical efficiency of the boys. 4. to arrange for a limited number of scholarships annually from this school to the Technical Schools in Colombo and to address the Technical Departments such as the Public Works, Irrigation and Survey to secure a number of posts being reserved annually for youths who pass successfully through the courses at this school. The Director of Public Works will be prepared to consider reserving a certain number of posts of apprentices at the Government's Factory if suitable candidates can be trained at this School.

Such is, in outline, the Scheme which I propose to place before Government for approval subject to two conditions being fulfilled, viz:—

- 1. that a site for a school be provided free of cost to Government, 2. that the people of Jaffna—in Ceylon and abroad—and the school with the Jaffnese which will secure that every boy at this school is a scholar—viz. that his board and lodging are provided for during the four years he should attend the school.

I am glad to say that the first condition has already been fulfilled through the generosity and public spirit of the Hon'ble Mr. P. Ramaswami, K. O., C. M. G., who has offered five acres of land at Kopai—an excellent site for the school.

The importance of the provision of Scholarships lies in the following considerations:—

- (a) it is desirable that the school should be a boarding school—if the boys live in the immediate neighbourhood of the school much better work will be done, regular attendances will be secured and the best days for manual training work is early in the morning.

(b) there must be some guarantee that the boys will take the full four years' course—certificates will only be awarded on the examinations held at the end of the course—Very little technical or industrial education of any value is likely to be imparted if boys are only kept at the school for a year or so to learn a little English and are then removed to a secondary school. If the boy's board and lodging are provided for during the period of four years the parent has an interest in keeping his son at the school and a bond may be taken as security for attendance throughout the course.

(c) it is desired to secure the right type of boy—the best boys from the vernacular schools, most of whom could not afford to attend a school away from home. Once a boy gets a scholarship he will be likely to continue to be industrious and to go on from one scholarship to another.

(d) the provision of scholarships should also appeal to members of all religious bodies in Jaffna for it will enable them to encourage the work in their vernacular schools and to open up professions to boys of their religion who can be maintained during their four years' course at hostels of the religious body to which they belong.

(e) there is great and urgent need to improve primary education in the Jaffna Peninsula and if these schools have before them the stimulus of scholarships for boys of 12 at the Government Technical School their standard of work is likely to be greatly improved and the good boys will be kept on longer at school.

I propose that each scholarship shall be of the value of Rs. 100/- per annum tenable for four years—open to boys from vernacular schools between the ages of 12 and 13—to cover cost of board and lodging at a hostel adjacent to the school—tuition will be free. These proposals have been considered by the Jaffna District School Committee and have received the approval of the Chairman, the Government Agent, and the members of the Committee. Mr. T. Karalappillai has generously subscribed Rs. 1,500/- to the Scheme, Mr. S. Veerakathipillai, Rs. 400/-, Mr. Namastayam, Rs. 200/- have offered three scholars and Dr. A. Nell one so that practically scholars are already provided for.

I hope to start the school with at least scholars and now appeal to all who are interested in Jaffna to support the scheme and to assist in providing scholarships.

There are many ways in which subscriptions can be given:—

- 1. A lump sum may be given to the Scholarship fund for the provision from the interest thereon of an annual scholarship or scholarships of Rs. 100/- per annum—to be called after the donor. 2. Payment may be made of a scholarship in four instalments of Rs. 100/- per annum on the donor undertaking to provide this amount annually for four years. 3. The Manager of a school may offer a scholarship open to the boys of his school which will be a great encouragement to the work of the school. Such an offer would be accepted with the condition that the scholarship would only be awarded if there is a candidate of sufficient merit. 4. A Mission can offer scholarships to be confined to the schools belonging to the mission on the same condition as given above. 5. The inhabitants of a district or town can combine together to offer a scholarship open to boys of the District, e.g., if 20 inhabitants of any Karativu or Valvettilai agree to subscribe Rs. 5/- each annually for four years they can offer a scholarship for a boy from Karativu or Valvettilai. In such a case one of their number must be responsible for the annual collection of the subscriptions. 6. Scholarships may be given in memory of benefactors, patrons or relatives who have died, &c.

Contributions are not limited in amount—it is hoped that every Jaffna man will say on the words Madalamadura Kumarasari in the "Purananuca".

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I haven't wealth to enable me to give as freely as I should wish. I am not so mean as to refuse to give, and that the rich will follow the example of Ay of whom we read in the same work:

இவ்வளவு செய்து மறவைச் காடுமறும். தருவின வரணி—குடியவன் மிடுகு சான்றோ சென்ற தெருவேன குடுகுப்பட்டு நகனவைவன் மையே.

Ay is liberal not with the expectation of reaping reward in the next birth for what he has given in this in the spirit of a teacher, but with the desire to follow in the path of duty after example of the virtuous.

E. B. DENHAM, Education Officer, Director of Education, Colombo, January 11, 1919.

CORRESPONDENCE.

JAFFNA FLOOD RELIEF WORK.

Sir, The Flood Relief Committee in Jaffna will do well to publish in the papers exactly what they are doing with the money sent to them giving account, name, address and full particulars of each individual to whom relief is given.

There is much speculation here as to how the money is being spent and a story is current that the relief did not extend to any appreciable extent beyond the Local Board limits. People coming down here from Jaffna give currency to these stories and that has given rise to a step to what appeared to be a very promising collection when it commenced.

In addition to publishing these particulars now in the papers, a report in a pamphlet form as issued from time to time by the many Sevashrams of the Ramakrishna Mission will undoubtedly be much appreciated.

Kuala Lumpur, Yours faithfully, "Neebiketta", 27-12-18.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The War.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

London, Jan. 15. A telegram from Paris says: Mr. Lloyd George brilliantly fought the case for the separate representation of the Dominions, India and the Native States. He urged that the principal basis of representation should be actual War efforts and the same ratio in the matter should be observed.

London, Jan. 18. A message from Paris to the "Morning Post" says that the feeling of Germany and the question of an indemnity are two points where any difference of opinion among the Plenipotentiaries now centres.

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THE FOOD SITUATION.

London, Jan. 16.

Paris.—The Supreme Food Council has come to the conclusion that eighty millions sterling are required to feed the peoples of the liberated regions and Armenia until next summer.

Washington.—In the Senate the Appropriations Committee reported favourably on the proposal for the appropriation of \$100,000,000 for famine relief in Europe.

FREE LOVE IN RUSSIA.

London, Jan. 14.

Major-General Poles, the Allied Commander on the North Russian front, in a message, dated Jan. 8th, states:—Evidence shows that the Bolshevik decree for the nationalisation of women has been put into force and Commissaries of Free Love have been established in several towns.

London, Jan. 17.

Amsterdam.—According to a Berlin message the renewed Armistice terms provide that Germany shall deliver 58,000 agricultural machines of various kinds by Feb. 1st.

THE IRISH REPUBLIC.

London, Jan. 14.

A telegram from Dublin says:—Apparently the Sinn Feiners are determined upon forcing the pace. They have assumed the title "Irish Republican Party," and have announced that a Constituent Assembly will be opened at the Mansion House on Jan. 23.—The Ceylon Observer.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8718.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Sivapakkiyam daughter of Vaitilingam Subramaniam of Vaddukkodai East Deceased.

Sabapathy Vaitilingam of Vaddukkodai East Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1. Annappillai wife of Sabapathy Vaitilingam of Vaddukkodai East
2. Vaitilingam Subramaniam of do, presently Raub Pahang in Federated Malay States

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Sabapathy Vaitilingam of Vaddukkodai East, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Sivapakkiyam daughter of Vaitilingam Subramaniam, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on November 26, 1918, in the presence of Mr. M. Ganapathi Pillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated November 25, 1918 having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before January 30, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

November 28, 1918.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8715.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Tayalnayakiammah wife of Vaitilingam Subramaniam of Vaddukkodai East Deceased.

Sabapathy Vaitilingam of Vaddukkodai East Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1. Annappillai wife of Sabapathy Vaitilingam of Vaddukkodai East
2. and Vaitilingam Subramaniam of Vaddukkodai East presoply of Raub Phang in the Federated Malaya States.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Sabapathy Vaitilingam of Vaddukkodai East, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Tayalnayakiammah wife of Vaitilingam Subramaniam, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris Doctor of Letters, Acting District Judge, on November 25, 1918, in the presence of Mr. M. Ganapathi Pillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated November 25, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before January 30, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

November 28, 1918.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8716.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Valliammal daughter of Kanakasabai Kandiah of Vannarponnai East Deceased.

- 1. Visuvalingam Chellappah and wife
2. Achchikaddy of Vannarponnai East

Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1. Chellam Maniccam and wife
2. Rasammah of Vannarponnai East

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Visuvalingam Chellappah and wife Achchikaddy of Vannarponnai East, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Valliammal daughter of Kanakasabai Kandiah, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on November 26, 1918, in the presence of Mr. K. Arulambalam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated November 21, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to them unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before January 29, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

December 5, 1918.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8769.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Visuvanather Thamotharampillai of Vannarponnai West Deceased.

Visuvanather Arumuga Ramalingam of Vannarponnai West Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1. Yokamma widow of Visuvanather of Vannarponnai West and
2. Visuvanather Thamby of do.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Visuvanather Arumuga Ramalingam of Vannarponnai West, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Visuvanather Thamotharampillai of Vannarponnai West, coming on for disposal before J. Homer Vanniasingam, Esq., Acting District Judge, on January 8, 1919, in the presence of Mr. K. Sivapirakasam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated January 1, 1919, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is an heir of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before January 28, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

January 9, 1919.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8771.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Theivanaipillai wife of Thamotharampillai Muttucumaru of Vannarponnai East Deceased.

Valliammal widow of S. Vairamuttu of Vannarponnai East Petitioner.

Vs.

Thamotharampillai Muttucumaru of Vannarponnai East Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Valliammal widow of S. Vairamuttu of Vannarponnai East, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Theivanaipillai wife of Thamotharampillai Muttucumaru, coming on for disposal before J. H. Vanniasingam, Esq., Acting District Judge, on January 8, 1919, in the presence of Mr. K. Sivapirakasam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated December 31, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the sole heir of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to her unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before January 28, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

January 9, 1919.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8782.

In the Matter of the intestate Estate of the late Sathasivampillai Kanagaretnam of Vannarponnai West Deceased.

Kanagaretnam Retnayakam of Vannarponnai West Petitioner.

Vs.

Thankam widow of Kanagaretnam of Vannarponnai West Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Kanagaretnam Retnayakam, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Sathasivampillai Kanagaretnam, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on January 8, 1919, in the presence of Mr. K. Sivapirakasam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the said Petitioner, dated January 8, 1919, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled as the sole heir of the said deceased, to administer the estate of the said deceased and that Letters of Administration do issue to him accordingly, unless the Respondent abovenamed or any other person shall, on or before January 30, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

January 18, 1919.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8717.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kanagamamah wife of Kanakasabai Kandiah of Vannarponnai East Deceased.

1. Visuvalingam Chellappah and wife Achchikaddy of Vannarponnai East Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1. Chellam Maniccam and wife
2. Rasammah of Vannarponnai East

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Visuvalingam Chellappah and wife Achchikaddy of Vannarponnai East, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Kanagamamah wife of Kandiah, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on November 28, 1918, in the presence of Mr. K. Arulambalam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated November 21, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner are the heirs of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Intestate issued to them unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before January 29, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

December 5, 1918.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8735.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Sirthamanikurukkal Muttiakkurukkal of Kerudavil Deceased.

Muttiakkurukkal Aiyathuraikkurukkal of Kerudavil Petitioner.

Vs.

Sornammah widow of Muttiakkurukkal of Kerudavil Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the late Sirthamanikurukkal Muttiakkurukkal, coming on for disposal before J. Homer Vanniasingam, Esq., Acting District Judge, on December 10, 1918, in the presence of Mr. S. Subramaniam, Proctor, for Petitioner, and the affidavit of the Petitioner, having been read: It is ordered that the Petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled, as the sole heir of the intestate to administer the estate of the said deceased and that Letters of Administration do issue to him accordingly unless the Respondent abovenamed or any other person shall, on or before January 28, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

January 9, 1919.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8777.

In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of the late Theyvanaipillai wife of Canapathippillai Tambippillai of Manippay Deceased.

Canapathippillai Tambippillai of Manippay Petitioner.

Vs.

Nannippillai widow of Kathiravelu of Aisveddy Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Canapathippillai Tambippillai of Manippay, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Theyvanaipillai wife of Canapathippillai Tambippillai, coming on for disposal before P. E. Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, on January 7, 1919, in the presence of Mr. E. Murgesaipillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated December 31, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful widow 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 January 28, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

P. E. Pieris, District Judge.

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