



NOTICE.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8717.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kanagammah wife of Kanakasabai Kandiah of Vannarponnai East

Deceased.

- 1. Visuvalingam Chellappah and wife Achchikkuddy of Vannarponnai East Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1. Chellam Manicam and wife 2. Resammah of Vannarponnai East Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Visuvalingam Chellappah and wife Achchikkuddy of Vannarponnai East, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased, Kanagammah wife of 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 Petitioners 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 23, 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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The Hindu Organ.

JAFFNA, MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1919

TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN JAFFNA.

In our last issue we commended for public support the scheme published by the Director of Education for the establishment of a Technical School in Jaffna. We need not remind our readers that much depends on the success of the

scheme. The appeal of the Director to the public, or rather to the well-to-do among them, to endow a number of scholarships for the maintenance of students who resort to this Technical School while the Government and the local School Committee contribute the necessary funds for the buildings, equipment and staff, is a practical one. The amount of public support which the appeal has already evoked leads us to hope that further support will be forthcoming from Jaffnese in and out of Jaffna and that the institution will soon take shape and become an accomplished fact. In giving its sanction to the scheme the Government will not, we hope, stipulate that the institution should be started, only when the public support comes up to the extent marked out in the scheme. We need hardly say that the people of Jaffna are deeply grateful to Mr. Danham, the Director of Education, for the deep interest he takes in their welfare, as his proposal for the establishment of a Technical School here would show.

Our Government is primarily responsible for the advancement of the Ceylonese in all departments of education. If the Ceylonese lag behind other nations in educational efficiency, if in the industrial and commercial activities of the Island as well as in the Government services, the people do not take their proper share, and if poverty grows in the land, it is the Government of the country that must first take the necessary steps to improve the efficiency of the people and help their advancement. In fact in all democratic countries the line of demarcation between Government and the public is very thin. The Government in such countries represents the fully organized public opinion, the most centralized power and executive ability of the nation.

The proposal of the Director of Education to establish a Technical School as well as the proposal of the Director of Agriculture to establish an Agricultural School in Jaffna with model farms for effecting improvements in Agriculture and cattle-breeding, will, we hope, soon become accomplished facts. As we have often pointed out in these columns, the agricultural and artisan classes who form the large majority of our population, are getting poorer. With the prevailing exorbitant increase in the cost of living, and with the prospect of no appreciable relief in the near future, they stand in need of substantial help from the Government to tide over the present economic distress. The apparent prosperity of Jaffna, which strikes the visitor, is confined to a limited class while the great masses of the agriculturists are sunk in poverty. Though it is one of the most populous districts in the Island, and is devoid of many natural facilities for agricultural and industrial progress with which the other parts of the Island are blessed, this district has failed in the past to receive due recognition from the Government in the amelioration of its agricultural and industrial condition. Let us now hope for better times and try our best to co-operate with the Government in every scheme of reform that may be introduced for our betterment.

The economic needs of the people cannot be satisfied with the establishment of the Technical School and the Agricultural School alone. The whole scheme of Vernacular education needs to be thoroughly recast so as to make it more practical, and applicable to the vocational requirements of the pupils. The educational system of the whole Island needs such a reform. The proposed Ceylon University should have a publication bureau attached to it, and it should be the function of this Department to write out new text books in the Vernaculars suitable to the modern needs of the pupils. This is the line of action followed by the Mysore University. There should be, at least, elementary text books in the Vernaculars on subjects such as book keeping, economics and civics, which should form subjects of compulsory study in all Vernacular Schools. Elementary English should also be added as a language subject in all Vernacular Schools. The comparative failure of the Ceylonese to profit by the Co-operative movement, as the people in India and in the Native States like Baroda and Mysore, have profited is largely due to the prevailing ignorance of the people on these subjects. Even in our English Schools these subjects are neglected. Few students who pass out of our English Schools have even an elementary knowledge of such subjects as book-keeping, banking, commercial correspondence, economics, and civics. These

subjects though technical in their scope, have also a cultural value. A knowledge of the rudiments or the first principles in these subjects cannot but be of great practical utility to every one, whether he is a petty trader or agriculturist, a day labourer or an artisan. The curriculum of studies followed in our vernacular schools is antiquated, unpractical and quite unsuited to the needs of the pupils; and excepting the religious and ethical subjects, all others need radical improvements by the introduction of new vernacular text books on the lines indicated above. In addition to a theoretical knowledge of these subjects, all students in Vernacular Schools, and most students in our English Schools too, should be made to undergo a course of manual training and technical instruction in one or more crafts, or commercial subjects such as book-keeping &c., to which one has a natural aptitude and on which one could rely to earn his living.

If every citizen in our Island is to be trained to become an efficient, physically, industrially and politically, as the citizens of other parts of the Empire, great and far-reaching reforms should be introduced involving the outlay of enormous expenditure. The Government must lead the way and set up the necessary ground work in the shape of a University with affiliated Colleges in all important centres for imparting instruction in the literary, scientific, commercial and technical departments. The reform and extension of Vernacular education is of still greater importance to the people's welfare. If the Government leads the way we have no doubt that the well-to-do among the public will also contribute their quota to the sacred and noble cause of Education.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

ROAD TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR 1919.—The Government Agent accompanied by the District Road Committee staff will hold exemptions on the following centres commencing from the 29th instant viz.—Puttur, P. Pedro, Kankasaturai, Chakkalai, Kayts, Chavakachonari, Palai, Elephant Pass, Pookary and Dait. The G. A. and party will return to Town on the 22nd February.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.—The results of this Examination held in October last, is published in the last Government Gazette. 217 candidates have passed. The following have passed from the Jaffna Hindu College:—E. Rathnamy, M. Jekasanthipillai, S. Jugganath Iyer, S. I. Kanadasamy, K. Kandeewamy, K. Kandiah, V. Namasivayam, B. Thambydurai, S. and V. Appillai, S.

LAWYERS AT HOME.—The Members of the Jaffna Bar are making preparation for an At Home to meet Sir Anton Bertram on the occasion of His Lordship's stay here to preside over the next Supreme Court Criminal Sessions. A Committee with the Hon'ble Sir A. Kanagasabai as Chairman, and Mr. K. Kanagasabai, as Secretary, is busy with the necessary arrangements.

A NEW CEYLON INDUSTRY.—The Ceylon Mills Rubber Company has begun the industry of rubber manufacturing.

GENERAL MANAGER OF RAILWAYS.—Mr. G. P. Green, General Manager, will go home on leave shortly and Mr. Duncan MacMillan is appointed to act.

JAFFNA COLLEGE.—Mr. Max Hunter Harrison, B. A., S. T. M., has arrived from America to join the teaching staff of Jaffna College. The teachers and students of the College gave him a hearty welcome on his arrival on the 22nd instant.

RECEPTION TO AN INDIAN CIVIL SERVANT.—On Monday the 20th instant the Central College gave Mr. T. C. Jayaratnam I. C. S., Assistant Commissioner, Central Provinces, a reception which took the form of a Garden party. Many friends and O. d. Boys of the College assembled in the garden square. Mr. Jayaratnam was received by the Principal and the Senior masters of the College. He was introduced to the several guests present. Refreshments were served on a large scale, after which speeches were made by Rev. H. Bulough, Mr. J. K. Channungam, Rev. J. V. Banjamin, Rev. G. J. Trimmer, Hon. Mr. Sapapathy, Mr. R. Nalidab, and Mr. H. Vanniasingham. The speaker dwelt on Mr. Jayaratnam's brilliant scholastic career, and said that they felt very proud of his position, which was an encouragement to the younger generation. While Mr. Jayaratnam rose to reply, he was garlanded by Mr. L. P. Spencer, one of his old teachers. He thanked the College for the honors it had done to him, and the ladies and gentlemen who had graced the occasion by their presence.

PERSONAL.—Mr. T. Karapillai, Broker, Colombo, who was in Jaffna on a visit is leaving for Colombo this evening.

MATRIMONIAL.—We are exceedingly glad to announce the marriage of Mr. A. Ariyanayagam of the G. R. B. presently at Ambalangoda, with Miss Selammah Ambalavanar of Urumpsey, which took place on the night of Monday the 20th instant. The ceremonies were conducted at the bride's place according to the Hindu rites, in the presence of a large circle of relatives and friends. The bridegroom is an old boy of the Jaffna Hindu College. He is a son of Mr. S. Appaicutty who was a teacher at the same College for a long time and a brother of Mr. A. Ratasasbapathi of the Motor Registration Office, Colombo, who is also an old boy of the same College. The bride is a sister of Mr. A. Karapillai of the P. C. M. O.'s Office, Colombo and A. Nagalingam of the Colombo Customs. Both parties are from the same place and are related to one another. We wish the new couple long life, health, progeny, prosperity and all blessings in their future life.—Cor.

SALUTE TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—On the 18th instant at 4 p. m. the Students and Scouts, numbering about 275, were marched out of the Puloly Boys' English School (or Velsayutham School) in 4 sections, each section being in command of 2 scouts. They were posted on the road in front of the School in two lines to form a Guard of Honour. The lines covered a distance of, at least 400 yards. Five Union Jacks were hoisted with the School flag, each of which was guarded by 4 scouts. Section commanding scouts were posted in front of each division of different sections. The Scout master, Mr. V. A. Kumarasamy, in his full uniform and the Head Master, Mr. J. S. Kumarasamy in full uniform, were arranging and commanding all the lines of Students and Scouts. At 5 p. m. His Excellency's Car appeared at a distance and neared the beginning of the line. A firing signal was given by the Head Master, when all the Students came to "attention" and were in Salute in a smart way while the Scouts were presenting staves. Now the Car was driven at a very slow speed, His Excellency returning the Saluts by continually raising his hat and smiling all the time. When the Car passed through the lines and emerged on the other end, another firing signal brought all the Students to "attention" position and the Scouts to "alert". Now each section was dismissed in order. The members of the Staff of the School were posted at the School entrance in different steps.—Cor.

PULOLY BOYS' ENGLISH SCHOOL SCOUTS.—At 3 p. m. on Saturday the 18th instant, a big cadjan shed near the Puloly Sivan Temple was seen on fire, clouds of smoke were reaching the premises of the Puloly Boys' English School, where preparations were going on for His Excellency's visit. Yet it was all the same. Here was an opportunity for a young Scout to show his pluck, bravery, and sense of social service even at the risk of life. There was a thrilling danger signal from the Scout master of the School and all the Scouts were seen in front of the School. An "advances" whistle signal saw the Scouts on double with their Scoutmaster behind them. In an incredibly short time the Scouts were round the burning shed, pulling out cadjans, quenching fire by pouring bucketfuls of water, beating down fire, and adopting means to prevent the fire from extending to the other sheds which were very closely situated by the one on fire. Thanks to the Scouts, the other sheds were saved. Special mention should be made of the Scout, V. Velupillai, for his bravery on this occasion. Once or twice he actually jumped into the fire to pull off some things which were liable to carry fire to the other sheds. This does not mean that the other Scouts were cowards. Far from it.—Cor.

SCHOOL OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE: VISIT TO ANURADHAPURA.—The students of the Agricultural School, lecturers, registrar and acting Manager of the Experimental Station (Mr. H. A. Deutrom) left for Anuradhapura on Monday on a visit of instruction to the Dry zone Experiment Station. The latter place was visited the next day where the students were divided into groups with a lecturer in each group and were shown round the different plots. They were given valuable instruction in the course of their tour on the cultivation of paddy etc. in dry climates and under disadvantages. The students then assembled in one place and Mr. F. A. Stockdale, Director of Agriculture, addressed them giving valuable hints and explaining a number of things pertaining to paddy cultivation. From here the party proceeded to see irrigation works, the lecturers explaining the different methods employed to irrigate the land. The next day was observed as a holiday, the students getting permission to visit Mihintale whither they proceeded on bicycles. The rules were visited and the party including both lecturers and students, were much interested in what they saw. Here they were the guests of Mr. Thuriappa, D.E. In the afternoon the Anuradhapura Sports Club was "At Home" to the party and a very pleasant time was spent. Several of the party indulged in tennis in the different courts, including those of the Railway. The party returned to Peradeniya yesterday.—Kandy, Cor. Jan. 17.



