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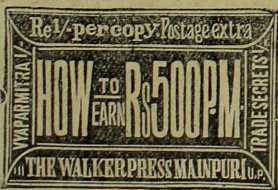
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## The Hindu Organ.

JAFFNA, MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1919

RAMANATHAN COLLEGE  
FOR BOYS.

The "Ceylon Patriot" of the 9th inst. contains a long editorial on the proposed establishment of this College at Tirunelvely by the Hon'ble Mr. P. Ramanathan, justifying the opening of that institution in such close proximity to the Hindu College. It is practically a reply to our article of the 3rd instant on this subject.

Our contemporary had a bitter controversy with us about four years ago in connection with this proposed College and School established in Vannarponnai known by the name of Vyadeshwara Nayam by some seceded teachers of the College, under the patronage of a few men. Our contemporary at that time championed the cause of that school and invited the public to believe that it was not opposed to the Hindu College. That our opposition to the registration and recognition of that school by the Government was unjustified. But the Board of Directors of the Hindu College, composed of the most prominent and leading Hindu gentlemen of Jaffna, thought otherwise, and unanimously passed Resolutions on two occasions to the effect that that school was founded with the object of doing harm to the Hindu College and was being conducted with that object, and authorised the Manager of the College to make representations to the Director of Education to prevent the registration of that school. On the Manager showing convincing reasons to the Department of Education why it should not be registered, successive Directors of Education, Mr. Harward and Mr. Denham, were fully satisfied that it was an unnecessary opposition school and refused its registration, three times. While it was in a state of collapse and negotiations were going on for its transfer to the Roman Catholic Mission, Swami Sharvananda of the Ramakrishna Mission appeared on the scene and got the school only a few months ago registered without grant at present, on the Hindu College Board, trusting the assurance of the Swami that it would not in future be conducted hostile to the College, withdrawing its objection on certain conditions which include the following:—The authorities of the school "undertake not to admit any boys into the school from the Hindu College, except with the consent of the Standing Committee or the Principal of the College, nor to do anything inimical to this College". Is this not a tacit admission, we ask, on the part of the authorities of that school who have agreed to those conditions, that it was conducted in opposition and inimical to the interests of the Hindu College? Similarly our contemporary may, in his enthusiasm for the new College, shower his blessings on it, ignoring the interests of the existing College, and attack those who conscientiously believe that it should not be established at Tirunelvely but somewhere else. But experience alone will show whether his views or ours are sound and reasonable.

Even our bitterest enemies cannot say that we are opposed to the establishment of another Hindu College by Mr. Ramanathan. We welcome any number of Hindu Colleges, provided they are established at a respectable distance from the existing national institution and from each other. We would have no objection to the proposed College being established in the site now chosen or even nearer to the Hindu College, if it will be a Residential College confined to higher education. Such a College would be very much welcomed not only by the Hindus but also by the non-Hindus of Jaffna. But Mr. Ramanathan is going to establish a College with an elementary department and day scholars in a locality which supplies a large proportion of students to the Jaffna Hindu College. It is for this reason and for no other we

object to the proposed College being established at the site now selected.

In our last article we made an earnest appeal to Mr. Ramanathan to transfer his Girls' College to the land purchased by him at Tirunelvely and to utilise his Girls' College buildings with such innovations as are necessary for the proposed Boys' College. Our contemporary studiously makes no observations on that suggestion, but goes on instituting comparison between Jaffna and Calcutta as places which should be on the same level as regards the number of Colleges and the distances between each other. We leave our readers to say whether this comparison between the "City of Palaces" containing lakhs of people and the Town of Jaffna with its 40,000 inhabitants is an apt or reasonable one. Again, our contemporary says that in the Town of Jaffna itself there are Colleges close to each other without any evil results. He means the Christian institutions which were established long before the Hindus were able to provide for the education of their youth, to supply mainly the wants of non-Christians. To share in the labours of educating them and carrying out, what the Christian Missionaries think, the laudable object of their mission—conversion of Hindu students to Christianity—each denomination of Christians wanted to establish an educational institution of its own, in the Town of Jaffna, and this was done without any opposition from the others. That is the history of the coming into existence of the Central College, St. John's College and St. Patrick's College. The Jaffna Hindu College has been established in Vannarponnai, the most important Hindu portion of the Town, to supply the wants of the Hindus. The villages which supply day scholars to this College are Vannarponnai, Kokuvil, Tirunelvely and Nallore. In spite of the existence of the Hindu College, there are hundreds of Hindu boys who are receiving their education in Mission Colleges in the Town and elsewhere, but with great amount of religious toleration on account of the existence of the Hindu College. If Mr. Ramanathan's object is to provide for those boys who are now reading in Mission Schools, Tirunelvely is not the place to establish his College which will have the effect chiefly of interfering with the importance and usefulness of the Hindu College. Mr. Ramanathan's Boys College, if established at Maruthanamadam or in any other centre than Tirunelvely will not only have a good number of day scholars for his Elementary and Secondary Departments but, if it is a First Grade College, worthy of the name, the Boarding establishment connected with it will be full to overflowing with boys from all parts of the District, if not the Island. But the Editor of the "Ceylon Patriot" says with intimate knowledge of Mr. Ramanathan's ways that the latter is not the person to desist from an undertaking on account of opposition. We have simply performed what we honestly think a public duty on behalf of the Hindus. If Mr. Ramanathan, however, is determined to establish his Boys College at Tirunelvely we know we cannot prevent it. We are not going to write any more on the subject, unless it be in reply to unjustifiable and unwarranted attacks on us. We leave it to the good sense of Mr. Ramanathan and his advisers not to do anything detrimental to the interests of the existing National Institution.

We beg the Hindus to remember that the College which Mr. Ramanathan is going to establish will be his private property and nobody knows what will become of it after him. But the Hindu College belongs to the whole community incorporated by Ordinance No. 6 of 1902, and nobody can claim it as his own. We, therefore, feel, strongly feel, that the interests of such a national institution as the Hindu College, the first of its kind among the Hindus of Ceylon, which has done so much for the community should be zealously safeguarded and not be allowed to be affected by the establishment of another College in its immediate vicinity, even by so well-known and eminent a Hindu gentleman like Mr. Ramanathan. Our objection to the establishment of Mr. Ramanathan's College at Tirunelvely is all the more strong as the proposed College could be opened without interfering with the interests of the Hindu College in other centres where such an institution is urgently required. Now that Mr. Ramanathan has purchased an extensive plot of land at Tirunelvely for his College, the only way of solving the difficulty is in our humble opinion to transfer his Girls College to Tirunelvely and to utilise his land and buildings at Maruthanamadam for the establishment of his Boys College.

An argument employed by some persons is that Mr. Ramanathan, when he has made up his mind to spend in the cause of education in Jaffna lakhs of rupees, no Hindu should stand in the way of his so doing, even if his College is established in the immediate vicinity of the existing National Institution. This argument is more plausible than sound and those who use it are, even if they are not actively hostile to the Hindu College, indifferent to its interests. Why cannot our friends who are so eager to see the new College established, prevail upon Mr. Ramanathan to have it done in a more suitable locality without trenching on the interests of an institution which must be held sacred by all Hindus. We are at one with these people in wishing for the establishment of another Hindu College by Mr. Ramanathan, but would not under any circumstances be a party to its being done at the sacrifice of the interests of the existing College.

We are deeply thankful to our highly esteemed contemporary, the "Ceylon Morning Leader" for his sympathetic reference, in his issue of the 8th instant, to our article on Mr. Ramanathan's Boys College. We find, however, from our daily contemporary's article of the 18th that some correspondents are giving him trouble, so much so that he has been obliged to return to a correspondent "quite a sheaf of documents", to retain others, without giving insertion to them, and to decide not to publish any letters sent to him on this subject. We need hardly say that these correspondents belong to that small but noisy section which has been working against the Hindu College and are the very persons who were very much in evidence in the columns of the defunct "Ceylonese", by their attacks on the Jaffna Hindu College when the Vyadeshwara Vidyalayam, the opposition school to the Hindu College to which we have already referred, was established.

THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY  
OF THE NORTHERN PROVINCE.

The Hon'ble Mr. B. Horsburgh, who was Government Agent of this Province for over four years has left Jaffna on promotion as Controller of Revenue, and Mr. B. Constantine has come and assumed charge of his duties as successor here to Mr. Horsburgh. It is not in the power of any administrator to give universal satisfaction. Every one has his own failings and defects, and, giving due allowance for them, we have no hesitation in saying that Mr. Horsburgh has proved himself one of the best Government Agents the Northern Province has ever had. He is an administrator of great abilities, sound judgment and considerable tact, and, held, as much as possible, the balance evenly between contending interests. He combined the qualities of *suaviter in modo* with *fortiter in re* which accounts for the success of his administration.

The services which he has rendered to the people of Jaffna in affording relief to those affected by the unprecedented floods of November last will be always remembered by them with feelings of gratitude. He promptly organized a Relief Committee and appealed for subscriptions, which has had the effect of about Rs. 75,000 being collected, including the Rs. 25,000 contributed by our Government. He has also worked hard, since the export of rice and paddy from the Madras Presidency was prohibited, to see that the people committed to his care do not suffer from inadequate supply of food grains. Though the future prospects of food supply here are somewhat gloomy and the steady rise in the price of rice and paddy gives room for grave anxiety, Mr. Horsburgh has succeeded by earnest and persistent representations to Government in securing an abundant quantity of food grains sufficient for present requirements.

The farewell entertainment held in Mr. Horsburgh's honour at the Ridgeway Hall on the 12th instant and the "Send off" given to him at the Railway Station on the 14th on the occasion of his departure from Jaffna, testified in unmistakable manner to his popularity among all communities in this District.

Mr. B. Constantine, our new Government Agent, is no stranger to Jaffna. He was not only once Office Assistant to the Government Agent, Northern Province, but acted as Police Magistrate of Jaffna on three occasions and had the reputation of being a very able, impartial independent and painstaking Police Magistrate. It is hoped that his administration will be productive of great and lasting benefits to the people of the Northern Province. We offer him a hearty welcome and wish him a successful administration of this Province.

## The Late

## MR. S. TAMBYAH PILLAI.

It is our most painful duty to have to record the death of Mr. S. Tambyah Pillai, Proctor of the Supreme Court, which occurred at his residence in Vannarponnai West, on the morning of Saturday the 19th instant, of pneumonia, after a brief illness. As a lawyer of fairly good practice, as one of the largest landed proprietors, as a gentleman of ample private means, and, especially, as an independent and public spirited citizen, Mr. Tambyah Pillai was a well-known and most prominent figure in Jaffna. His death is therefore a great loss to the community.

He was a Member of the Jaffna Local Board for four years, having been returned as the result of keenly contested elections.

Mr. Tambyah Pillai was so thoroughly honest and frank in all his dealings that he would not mince matters or use diplomatic language in condemning what he disapproved or in showing his displeasure of unworthy proceedings on the part of others. He was thus a terror to evil-doers, in high and low stations in life.

He was for over nine years and till the time of his death the Honorary Treasurer of the Jaffna Hindu College, and, as such, he was one of the most active Members of the Board of Directors of the College. He has always so zealously safeguarded its interests and championed its cause that his death is an irreparable loss to the College and it would be difficult to replace him on the Board. After the death of Mr. S. T. M. Pasupathy Chettiar who was one of the original founders and Honorary Treasurer of the College and also the architect of its buildings, Mr. Tambyah Pillai was the Director who supervised and carried out the construction of all new buildings connected with the College. The successful completion of the new Laboratory costing about Rs. 16,000, has been due chiefly to him. He was also for many years, till the time of his death, an active Member of the Saiva Paripalana Sabai to which the "Hindu Organ" belongs.

Mr. Tambyah Pillai was the Manager of the ancient Hindu Temple at Nallore called Sattanathar Koil, restored by his grand-father. He had not only completed all the buildings left incomplete by his grand-father, at enormous cost, but has also managed its affairs admirably to the general appreciation of the public. The annual festival in the Temple concluded on the Hindu New Year day and Mr. Tambyah Pillai was unremitting in his presence and service there both day and night. It was on that day he felt symptoms of fever and returned home. Pneumonia supervened and he expired, as stated above, on Saturday morning, to the immense grief of not only his relatives but also of a large circle of friends. In the death of Mr. Tambyah Pillai, the present writer loses a devoted friend and valued colleague, and feels it a personal loss to him.

Mr. Tambyah Pillai belonged to a very respectable and distinguished family. He was the eldest son of the late Dr. T. Sivapragasa Pillai, the well-known English Medical Practitioner of Vannarponnai, and was closely related to the late Mr. Advocates S. Nagalingam, whose first cousin was Mr. Tambyah Pillai's mother. He leaves behind, a widow, who is a daughter of the late Mr. S. Muttaswamy, the well-known landed proprietor of Puttur, a niece of the late Mr. S. Malavayyer, considered the richest man in Jaffna and sister of Mr. Barrister Ramanathan; and three sons and two daughters, besides his brother Dr. S. Sinnatambay and a host of other relatives, to whom we offer our most heartfelt and sincere sympathy, at the irreparable loss they have sustained.

The funeral which took place the same evening was very largely and respectfully attended.

## LOCAL &amp; GENERAL.

THE WEATHER.—The South-West wind is blowing. It was occasionally cloudy and drizzling in some parts last week.

THE LANKA SUBRODA VILASA SABAI.—This well known and popular troupe of Amateurs from Colombo is on a visit to Jaffna and staged very successfully "Manohara" a realistic play by Rai Bahadur P. Sambandam of Madras before a crowded house at the Ridgeway Hall on Saturday night. To night the Sabai will stage "Pabhuka Pattabhishekam" or "Rama's Exile".



TECHNICAL SCHOOL AT KOPAY.—Mr. Evans, Acting Director of Education, visited Kopay on the 13th instant in connection with the proposed Technical School at Kopay. He inspected the site with Mr. Walter Price (Provincial Engineer), discussed plans for the school, boarding accommodation, workshops and teachers' quarters, and returned the same day.

CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION RESULTS.—A cablegram was received from London by the Principal, St. John's College, Jaffna, that the following candidates have passed in the Cambridge examinations of December last:—Senior: S. J. Gunasegeram, P. Kandasamy, A. Somasundaram and V. Tiltanather. Passes 4 out of 6. Junior: K. Arumugam, G. R. Handy, R. Nalash, N. Rajaratnam, T. Ramachandram, K. Rasiah, J. S. Richards, T. Supramaniam, S. Tirunavukkrasu, R. R. Vayonniyan. Passes 10 out of 19. The Principal of the Ananda College has also received the results by cable.

A PUBLIC LECTURE.—Mr. W. Sathasivam, Proctor, S. C., Colombo, will deliver a lecture on "Ceylon Economics" in the Central College Hall on Tuesday the 22nd instant at 6 p. m. As the lecture will be treated in a popular manner with examples of Ceylon facts, it will very much profit those who have not taken the trouble to study it, and we hope there will be a good audience. The Hon. Sir A. Kanagasabai will preside.

JAFFNA KACHCHERI.—Mr. L. S. Asbury, the Second Clerk, who is glad to learn, has been promoted to Grade I of Class I of the Clerical Service on a salary of Rs. 3000/- per annum from 1st April 1919. Mr. Asbury has completed thirty years of Service, all of which was in five Kachcheris of the Island in three of which he was Chief Clerk. He is an efficient, experienced and trustworthy officer.

A NEW SUPREME COURT PROCTOR.—Mr. V. K. Gnanesundaram took his oath on the 9th instant before Mr. Justice Loos as a Proctor of the Supreme Court. Mr. Gnanesundaram is an old boy of the Jaffna Hindu College having had his complete career in that College. He is the son of Mr. S. Vaipupillai of Kockuvil and the brother of Mr. V. W. Thambiah, late Excise Inspector. He is also a nephew of Mudaliyar S. Sabaratnam, Deputy Fiscal, Jaffna. His Lordship congratulated the new Proctor and wished him all success in the progression.

ANOTHER NEW SUPREME COURT PROCTOR.—Mr. K. V. Sinnathurai of Vannarponne, son of Mr. K. Veeragathay, Landed Proprietor of Irupalai took his oaths as a Proctor of the Supreme Court of the Island of Ceylon before His Lordship Mr. Justice Herman A. Loos on Friday the 11th instant. His Lordship congratulated the new Proctor and wished him success. Mr. Sinnathurai is a brother of Messrs. Sivacolanthu, Ponniah, and Kanagam, all up-country planters. He is also the nephew of Messrs. R. Asaipillai Managor and Superintendent of Upper Balagoda Estate and of R. Candyah, Head Overseer, Bandarawella. He was married in June last to the only niece of Mr. S. S. Sanmugam, a leading Stationer, Printer and Publisher of Jaffna. He intends practising in Jaffna. We wish him success. —Cor.

ANOTHER NEW PROCTOR.—Mr. R. Subramaniam took his oaths before the Hon. Mr. Justice H. A. Loos as a Proctor of the Supreme Court on the 10th instant who congratulated Mr. Subramaniam and wished him success. Mr. Subramaniam was very popular at the Law College and he was Hony. Treasurer, Ceylon Law Students' Union. He is the son-in-law of Mr. V. Casipillai, Retired Crown Proctor, Jaffna. He is practising his profession in Jaffna. We congratulate Mr. Subramaniam and wish him all success.

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS.—The Jaffna Esplanade looked quite lively on Monday last with a gay throng of spectators witnessing the students' athletic sports in connection with these celebrations. At the close of the sports a mass meeting was held and addresses were delivered by well-known speakers. On Tuesday, deputations of students made house to house collections for the National Fund which is to be utilised for improving the handloom weaving industry in Jaffna.

PERSONAL.—Mr. N. Rasiah, Chief Clerk, Lansdowne Estates, Ratnapura, having come on a short leave and is staying at his residence at "Selvanivasa", Manipay, Jaffna.

—Mr. T. Kanagasabai, Tamil Interpreter District Court, Tapah, Perak has come to Jaffna on leave and is staying at his residence at Chulipuram.

—R. Velupillai, Hospital Assistant, Tanjong Malin has come to Jaffna on leave and is staying at his residence at Nallur.

CEYLON REFORMS.—In the House of Commons Col. Wedgwood asked on the 2nd inst., whether the Secretary of State for the Colonies received the resolutions adopted by the Ceylon National Conference, reaffirming the demands for reforms submitted to the Imperial Government in June, 1917, and on several subsequent occasions. If so, when the Government proposed to consider the question and grant Ceylon a measure of self-government. Lt.-Col. Amary (Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies) replied that the

resolutions had been received. It was proposed to await the Governor's considered views before forming any conclusions. Ceylon "Daily News", Tel. April, 4.

THE LOST IMAGE OF GOD KATARAGAM.—A sensation was caused a few days ago, when it was discovered that the image of the Kataragam Deviy, who was missed from the Kataragam Devale in Castle Hill Street, Kandy. The Police have been investigating. Today it was found on the roof at the back of "Nadaraja Villa", the residence of Mr. A. Vallipuram, J. P., Sheriff of the National Bank, Kandy. The branch of a tree was overhanging the roof. Mr. Vallipuram, a Saivite, considered the image of a God being found on his roof as very auspicious and he not only informed the authorities, but engaged the services of musicians such as *nagasalam* &c., and observed the day in a fitting style. The day being Hindu New Year, added considerable importance to the occasion. The authorities of the Kataragam Devale took back the image to its proper habitat with music, dancing, &c. Many took part in the procession.—Kandy Cor., April 13, "Ceylon Observer."

RATNAPURA Y. M. H. A.—Under the auspices of the Y. M. H. A., the national day, April 13th, was celebrated at the Tamil Union Hall. The hall and the premises were suitably decorated for the occasion by the members from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. Refreshments were served in the shape of fruits, cakes, etc. A lecture was delivered by the President Mr. K. S. Mutiah on the National observance of the day, impressing on the audience the significance and the devotion to Truth is one life. Remarks were offered by Mr. A. Mativaganam who impressed on the audience the benefits of such meetings, by Mr. S. Nagalingam who explained to the audience what is true for by an example and by Mr. S. P. S. Annamalaichettyar. The meeting dispersed by 8.30 p. m. after the singing of Devaram. A lecture on "சாஸ்திரம்" will be delivered by Mr. K. Nagalingam C. G. R., next Sunday, 20th instant. —Cor.

SIR ROBERT CHALMERS BECOMES A PEER.—A Peerage has been conferred on Sir Robert Chalmers.—Reuter—London, April 5.

OBITUARY.—We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. C. Arumugam, a brother of Mr. O. Vaitianather, Government Pensioner, Vannarponne, which took place at his residence on Monday night last. Our condolences to the bereaved sons and other relatives.

VAIDKA SAIVA ORIENTAL COLLEGE SCHEME.

AN APPEAL.

In accordance with the proposal of the Saiva Maha Samaja of 1st June 1918, Jaffna

(a) to start a Saiva Oriental College at Chunnakam, Jaffna, with the necessary staff, etc.

(i) to impart a sound literary education in Sanskrit and Tamil to students of the Saiva priestly classes

(ii) to open a special class to train up Purahits, Kurukkals and Preachers.

(b) and to establish a free and full library of Sanskrit and Tamil books on Hindu Theology and Philosophy.

(i) It is intended to give free boarding and scholarships to the above students as far as funds will allow.

(ii) This college is the property of, and its affairs will be managed by the V. S. Oriental College Committee, of which the Hon'ble Sir A. Kanagasabai, Kt., Ex. M. L. C., Acting D. J., Jaffna, is the President. Mr. J. T. Sadasiva Iyer, Chunnagam, the Secretary and Mr. C. Arulampalam, Advocate, the Treasurer.

(iii) The Hindu Public are most earnestly requested to help the movement by kindly contributing to the building and permanent funds of the proposed college for Hindu priests, the only one of its kind in Ceylon. Remittances may be sent to either the Secretary or the Treasurer the receipt of which will be duly acknowledged in the "Hindu Organ".

Jaffna, 18 4 19.

Om-Tat-Sat.

THE LATE CAPTAIN R. B. CONSTANTINE, OF BRADFORD.

The funeral of Captain Robert Baxendall Constantine, of Undercliffe, Bradford, took place with military honours at Scholemoor Cemetery, being preceded by a short service at Annesley Wesleyan Chapel, Little Horton. Captain Constantine was an old Bradford Grammar School boy, and before the war was a medical student at the School of Medicine, Leeds. In August, 1914, he joined the ranks of the 6th West Yorkshire Regiment, and in January, 1915, received his commission. He was subsequently seconded for duty with the Cyclist Corps, with which unit he served in France up to his death, which took place at his home whilst on leave. Before the war he was a well-known member of the Balldon Rugby Club, and also a member of the cricket and football teams at Leeds University. The service at Annesley Chapel was conducted by Captain E. A. Prince, C. F., and the committal service at Scholemoor was read by the Rev. J. Headland (late vicar of Wilsden Parish Church), aided by Captain Prince. —"The Yorkshire Observer".

(It should interest the people of Jaffna to know that the late Captain R. B. Constantine referred to above was the son of Mr. R. B. Constantine, our new Government Agent. He was born in Ceylon, and was 24 years old at the time of his death. The death of such a promising young man, under the circumstances stated above, after surviving the terrible war, is a most painful occurrence. Our heartfelt sympathy to our Government Agent in his grievous affliction. Ed. H. O.)

FAREWELL TO THE GOVERNMENT AGENT, NORTHERN PROVINCE.

Prior to his departure for Colombo Mr. B. Horsburgh, Government Agent, Northern Province, was entertained at a farewell meeting on Saturday afternoon the 12th instant at the Jaffna Esplanade by the inhabitants of Jaffna. The portion of the Jaffna Esplanade adjoining the Ridgeway Hall was tastefully decorated with festoons and evergreens and had in its centre a canopy made of palm leaves arranged very artistically. Sharp at 4.30 p. m. Mr. Horsburgh arrived accompanied by Sir Wm. Twynnam and Mr. B. Constantine the new Government Agent. They were received by the Hon'ble Sir A. Kanagasabai the Hon'ble Mr. A. Sapaty and Mr. Homer Vanniasingham, Advocate, and conducted to seats under the canopy. Mr. K. Kanagasabai, Proctor S. C., and Member Local Board, garlanded Mr. Horsburgh. The Chetties Nagarathar then garlanded Mr. Horsburgh, Mr. Constantine and Sir Wm. Twynnam amidst loud applause. Refreshments were served and much conviviality prevailed. There were two parties of native musicians who discoursed select music at intervals. A farewell song in Tamil specially composed for the occasion was sung by Mr. C. Arumugadas of the Saguna Vilasa Sabha. Mr. Homer Vanniasingham who was the first speaker referred to the great administrative capabilities of Mr. Horsburgh. In his opinion Mr. Horsburgh was one of the best Government Agents who had ruled the people of the North. Reference was also made to Mr. Horsburgh's Salt scheme, Vadamaratchi Lake Scheme and his prompt action in regard to alleviating the distress caused by the recent floods.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. Sapaty also spoke in the same strain and eulogised the great qualities of head and heart of Mr. Horsburgh. He congratulated him on his well merited promotion and gave expression to the esteem and regard in which the people of Jaffna had always held him. Mr. Horsburgh said that he was sure that what they were doing that evening was a genuine mark of their sympathy towards him. He was sorry that he was not to labour in their midst any longer. Out of thirty years of service in Ceylon, a third had been spent in the Northern Province. It was a curious coincidence that he began his official career early at Jaffna and almost ended it at Jaffna. Given his own choice in the matter, he would like nothing better than making Jaffna his permanent home. He was always gratified to see the local papers refer to him as our Government Agent, for he always strove to be their Government Agent. He found his work comparatively easy at the Kachcheri. Though he had plenty of work to do, he had never any kind of worry, for after all it was worry and not work that killed a man. The easy nature of his work he attributed to three causes, the hearty co-operation of the chief headmen, good work of his assistants and staff at the Kachcheri, and the sympathy of the general public. He had worked at Jaffna not so much as an Agent of the Government with the people as an Agent of the people with the Government (Applause).

The attendance included the chief headmen, heads of the various Departments, members of the Bar and the general public.

AT THE RAILWAY STATION.

The Hon. Mr. Horsburgh left Jaffna on Monday evening. The railway station was crowded with leading men of all communities. Those present included Sir William Twynnam, Messrs. Constantine, Price, Direkko, Lloyd Jones, Templar Jones, Dr. Foenander, the Hon. Mr. Sapaty, Mr. K. Kanagasabai, Mudaliyars Ramalingam, Rasanayagam, Puvimanasingham, and Kandiah, Advocate, Vanniasingham, Niles, Arulambalam and Kanagasabai, Proctor Nalliah, Mr. Selvadurai and the Chief Headmen.

HOW THE MOVEMENT GOES: V. S. ORIENTAL COLLEGE.

A piece of land about 29 lachms. in extent at Rs. 150 per lachm. has been bought for building the Oriental College for Hindu priests. The said land, adjoining the Chunnakam Sivan Koil premises is on the road from the Chunnakam market to the Railway Station and lies midway between the two. Only a part of the purchase money has been paid up by mortgaging the land. Materials are being got ready to put up a temporary building on a part of the land bought and open classes at once. The services of an eminent pundit, Brahma Sri P. V. Chidambara Sastrigal Veda Visarada Siromani of Madras have been secured for the school which will be opened D. V. in June next. Funds are urgently wanted and appeal is made to all Hindus to encourage and help the cause of their Religion by contributing to the College funds.

The V. S. Oriental College Committee acknowledges with thanks the receipt or promise of the following contributions.

Table listing contributions to the V. S. Oriental College, including names like Brahma Sri S. Subramania Kurukkal, S. Ramalinga Kurukkal, Alway, Point Pedro, S. Sadasiva Kurukkal, Colombo, etc., with amounts.

THE LATE SREEMAN K. VAITHIALINGAMPILLAI.

The following is a summary of the fitting tribute paid to the memory of the late Sreeman K. Vaithialingam of Sithabakeri by Mr. S. Pasupathy, Proctor, S. C., in the Hindu Students' Camp at Keerimala:—

Brothers, The joy and rejoicing that sat on the brow of this camp on the last occasion is not the same today. A great philanthropist, a great benefactor, a great enthusiast, has fallen. A price among men has fallen and Jaffna has been mourning for the departed star. A pallid gloom has spread over our joyless faces, and over this soul-stirring spectacle of the Hindu Rally. We never thought death would be so bold as to stare in the face of Mr. Vaithialingam so soon. Still it is the common lot of poor humanity and we cannot afford to avert it. For we do not know what is in the lap of the God. We do not know when the God of death will extend his mighty arm and wrench away the cowering soul from the dark chambers in which it is, in a pitious fashion, with lamentable avidity, crawling in corruption, passion, and a host of other likes and dislikes that in their irresistible currents toss away man from the sacred path of his Divine destiny. These details are embedded in a hazy maze in the records of Chithiraguptha, the accredited accountant. Our naked eyes, our mortal brains, our frail tongues cannot ken, count or utter any of these things. At any moment, with no notice, the hand of death will lay hold on you. Then it shall not be given to you to stay, please grant us a date. We are going to file answer. No amount of the specious sophistries and vacant platitudes of our lawyers can make the Dies irae move an inch. No act of any judiciary can have any jurisdiction over the question in dispute. With burning hearts, coffee steps and rolling tears, you will have to assuade from this lump of flesh what you under the advice of medical men and sanitary inspectors take much care to improve. You will have to roll your way down the dreary road of misery into the revolving maze of sighs and sorrows leaving behind you your accursed name and spoiled life only to be ridiculed. The Devas above will hold you in derision and the men below will hurl on you gibes and sneers. Therefore, while in this world turn your ears to words of the Vedas and lead your hearts to the great Lord of high Kalish.

Sreeman Vaithialingam is a brilliant exception. Half a dozen men of the kind and calibre of Mr. Vaithialingam will render Jaffna a paradise in a day. He was far away from the foul atmosphere of cringing servility and fawning hypocrisy. Oneer or sneer he did not care. Fawn or frown he he did not fear. His gaze was fixed on the course of the spirit. He did not prostitute his great wealth and leisure for the purchase of cheap titles and gaudy ribbons. He has done what a true son of Shiva is expected to do for his race and religion. How much of poverty, how much of distress he and his noble kith and kin have relieved in this land by their immense charity. Indeed, he might be called the modern Kannan of Jaffna. This glorious Madam, the charitable institutions that punctuate the path to the sacred shrine of Shree Kadirgammam, and various other donations and endowments too numerous to mention, are standing monuments of the manifestation of the Divine spirit in him. In the penitence of his heart he did all these things and in the infinitude of his mercy, Shivaperuman blessed him with all Akandasambrahitium. Indeed there are many rich men among us who come and go, but leave behind them testamentary actions, family quarrels, civil disputes, criminal actions, and mental anguish; and also widow's tears and orphan's curses to the bargain. But Mr. Vaithialingam leaves behind him a happy memory which will be enshrined in our recollections. Indeed this great man, without a rival to match his glory, is worthy of being ranked and revered as a real benefactor of our ancestral line. To you the descendants of Mr. Vaithialingam, I say your sire is not dead, but is living in a better and worthier sphere. The Devas above have taken him to a high place in their exalted regions and are there singing his praises while we are in tears here. Mr. Markandu—the mantle of your sire has fallen on your shoulders. Rise equal to the opportunity and take up the responsibility to maintain the traditions of your ancestry. Some people say that you are a true chip of the old block and some others say that you are the old block itself. Remember the trust of reviving the ancient glories of your race and the purity and destiny of your religion is in your hands. —Cor.

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THE RIOTS IN INDIA.

(Ceylon Observer.)

Calcutta, April 18.

The disturbances in Calcutta yesterday assumed serious dimensions, culminating in attacks on the Police, in which several were severely injured and, as a result, the Military were called out early in the afternoon. The shops were forcibly closed and trams stopped and, wherever the Police appeared, especially in small numbers, they were attacked—with the result that several European and Indian Police were more or less seriously injured. Among them was Mr. J. S. Wilson, Deputy Commissioner of the Calcutta Police. The troops were then called out, with the 1. D. F., Calcutta Scottish and Calcutta Light Horse and every effort was made to disperse the mob, but no persuasion prevailed. In fact, they grew bolder after blank cartridges had been fired and tried to rush the soldiers, who then opened fire on them in reality. Several rioters were dropped and then the mob evaporated instantly. The object of one crowd seemed to be to attack a Branch of the Bank of Bengal in the Burras Bazaar, where it was that soldiers were compelled to fire. The City was quiet last night, but this morning the European market was boycotted. No butchers were present and most of the shops were closed.

The badmash crowds are, at the hour of writing (8.45 a.m.) attacking Europeans and Eurasians, travelling by tramcars, gharries or walking, and the Police and Military have been hurried up.

Calcutta, April 18.

There was a rumour current in Bombay yesterday that some serious disturbance had taken place in Ahmedabad and that owing to the interruption of the line telegraph communication with the town was not possible. A Government Press communique, issued late last night, states that official information has been received from Ahmedabad that two Government buildings have been burnt in Ahmedabad City. There was a conflict with the Police on Friday morning, which resulted in slight loss of life. The city is now picketed and controlled by the Police Forces and all is quiet.

The following official notice is issued by the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway:—Owing to the removal of a rail in the main line between Nadiad and Utarsandi Stations on the line of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway a troop train, conveying British troops to Ahmedabad, was wholly derailed about 10 a.m. today. No injury was sustained by any of the occupants.

Order has been restored in Lahore, Amritsar, Delhi and Bombay City.

Delhi, April 18.—The strike still continues, Petty shopkeepers who kept their shops open yesterday have again joined the strikers. All is quiet. The leaders have apparently failed in their attempts to induce people to resume work.

Lahore, April 12.—Troops marching through the city this morning had a fracas with the Crowd at the Takshi Gate and fired, killing two and wounding two. It is reported that a Hindu Brahmin, a pleader, addressed a crowd of Hindus and Mahomedans in a mosque, both communities praying together. The latest news says that all is now reported quiet at Lahore.

Lahore, April 11.—A fresh disturbance took place in the evening, the crowd endeavouring to reach the civil lines, but they were held back by the cavalry.

Bombay, April 11.—(Delayed in transmission.)—A few of the ringleaders of the disturbance have been arrested.

Bombay, April 12.—All business resumed in the city except on stock exchange. Quiet and tranquillity prevail everywhere. Minor riots are reported from Surat, where the mob tried to coerce shops to be shut.

Lahore, April 12.—A representative of the "Civil and Military Gazette," who visited Amritsar on Friday afternoon, says:—From all accounts five European had been murdered, Acting Sergeant Lowlands, Military Works, and the ex-soldier Robinson being two of the victims since buried with full military honours. Dr. Kitchlew and Dr. Satyapal, to whose arrest the disturbances are said to be due, have been sent to Dharamsala. The rioters, after looting the Banks, poured oil and petrol on everything and set fire to them, the bodies of the European victims in the National Bank being burnt beyond recognition. Mr. Thomson, of the Alliance Bank, killed several rioters with a revolver before he was overpowered. Messrs. J. Thomson and Rose, of the Chattered Bank, were rescued by the Police. Everything of value in the Town Hall, including official papers and records, has been destroyed and the Mission Church and the Punjab Religions Depot also destroyed. Mr. Pinto, Telegraph Department, struck most gallantly to his post till rescued by the guard. Several Europeans had a thrilling escape and a number were given shelter in the houses of Indians who sheltered them till calm prevailed at midnight. Dr. Eason Lady Doctor, Municipal Zensana Hospital, escaped by hiding in a small closet and dressing in native costume. The Police did splendid work and saved many Europeans' lives. Constant shouts of "Gandi Ki Jai" were heard during the riots. Telephonic communications with Amritsar has been restored, and everything is reported quiet.

Bombay, April 12.—From advices received in Bombay from Ahmedabad it appears that the mob on Friday morning destroyed the principal Telegraph Office there and burnt down the Collector's Office.

Simsa, April 12.—During the recent disturbances reported from Ahmedabad it is understood that the Beekhi Flour Mills were burnt down and the Police wounded several rioters in quelling the riots. The Telegraph Office was severely damaged.

Calcutta, April 16.

Simsa, April 15.—News has been received in Simsa that the mob attacked a train at Gujranwala, Punjab, burnt the railway station and cut the telegraph wires. Aeroplanes were sent out from Lahore which dropped bombs and machine-gunned the crowd. Details are awaited. Martial law has been declared in Lahore, Amritsar, Gujranwala and Ahmedabad. Two Europeans are reported to have been killed in Kasur Railway Station, Punjab.

Simsa, April 14.—News has been received from the Punjab that the Amritsar mob has again broken out in a violent attack against the authorities. The rebels were repulsed by the Military and they suffered 200 casualties.

Delhi, April 14.—All the shops are closed. The strike continues and considerable uneasiness exists. All the Banks are closed.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The War.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

London, April 10.

Paris, April 9.—Agreement has been reached with regard to responsibilities and reparations. It is understood that one of the Allied nations, probably Belgium, will initiate the prosecution of the ex-Kaiser and others responsible for the breach of Treaty, invasion and devastation. As regards reparations, the experts recommend that enemy countries shall admit responsibility for damage, not in view of their inability fully to recompense losses, an Inter-Allied Commission will assess the losses payable within thirty years, beginning from 1st May, 1921, with an initial payment of £1,000,000,000, sterling and Germany will sign a bond, recognising a provisional debt of £6,000,000,000.

London, April 9.

President Wilson's request that the departure of the "George Washington" be hastened has occasioned an extraordinary crop of rumours in Paris. It is interpreted by the French Press for American correspondents as an indication of the President's dissatisfaction with the course of the discussions and a hint that he is prepared to quit the Conference unless it gets back to the Fourteen Points and the Armistice terms, which he feels have been recently ignored. On the other hand Reuter's Paris correspondent learns that the situation is that America imperatively requires the presence of the President who is receiving constant appeals from his political supporters to return. It is pointed out that Dr. Wilson's signature to the Peace Treaty is not necessary, Mr. Lansing and Colonel House are fully empowered to represent him at the Conference.

London, April 11.

A Berlin message from Weimar states that speaking in the National Assembly, Herr Scheidemann said that loyalty to Treaties would be a distinguishing mark of New Germany, but vital German interests would be unwaveringly protected, while a spirit of unreserved conciliation would be observed towards all peoples. They wanted equal rapprochement of all peoples, not fresh Division of the world into alliances and groups, Germany would not allow Russia to dictate to her in home affairs, but if Russia stopped the forcible Bolshevik propaganda, Germany would gladly extend her hand to the Russian people. As regards France, Germany's desire for conciliation was very clear. If Germany pressed for a plebiscite in Alsace-Lorraine, it was in order to remove the *revanche* idea for all time, Herr Scheidemann emphasized the dangers of unrest in Germany, pointing out that strikes resulted in the idling of hundreds of thousands, whose labour could alone provide payment for food supplies. The Revolution in Munich would endanger Peace, Government desired to open the road for economic democracy and would so inaugurate socialisation that it would form a source of prosperity and not a bacillus for decomposition, but must forcibly repel all attempts to take them by surprise. Brookdorff Rantzau declared that Government was unable to sign a Peace essentially deviating from the basis of Peace to which Germany agreed in the beginning (loud applause). Germany required the release of the industrially and agriculturally important West, which was cut off from the rest of Germany. She also needed speedy raising of the blockade, and the importation of foodstuffs on conditions making their purchase possible for Germany. She also expected raw materials from her Western enemies and needed credit to purchase these.

London, April 11.

New York.—The "George Washington" has sailed for Brest.

Paris.—It has been decided that the Saar Basin shall form a separate State under the *agis* of the League of Nations. The coal will go to the French in perpetuity to replace her damaged mines and, as part of France's claim to reparation, it is believed, that the French will also have a number of important administrative posts, but not a complete mandate. It has also been decided that a certain zone will be completely demilitarised along the left bank of the Rhine and that no amount for reparations will appear in the Peace Treaty.

London, April 12.

Paris, April 13.—Havas Agency states:—A prolonged sitting of the League of Nations Commission discussed Race Equality, but has reached no definite decision. The Japanese delegates raised an amendment for Racial Equality, demanding that an addition should be made to the Preamble of the Covenant, providing that States, which are Members of the League, should not only maintain frank and loyal relations, but also recognise the equality of Nations. Of 17 votes 11 were favourable. The question will come up for final decision at next Plenary Session of the Conference. Further amendments proposed by the French Delegation for the suppression of the manufacture of War material and for the creation of a permanent Inter-Allied Military central organisation were reserved for final decision.

THE TROUBLE IN EGYPT.

London, April 9.

Cairo, April 8.—The mob in Cairo today murdered the State Railway official, Mr. Dykes, and also a Greek resident. Order was restored in the afternoon. Six were killed and a number injured in the disturbances.

Cairo, April 4.—A *communiqué* states that during yesterday's disturbances the troops were several times obliged to fire on the mob. Nine were killed and 56 wounded. All is quiet in Cairo today.

Delhi, April 14.—The mail from Lahore has not yet arrived. The mail for Lahore, which left Delhi last night, has been brought back here this morning.

Calcutta, April 14.—All is quiet in Calcutta, and business is going on as usual.

Today about 20 Marwaris and upcountry boys were placed before the Deputy Commissioner on a charge of disorderly conduct, and were released on bail of Rs50 each. Two men were placed before an Honorary Magistrate and were released.

Order has been restored at Ahmedabad after the rioters had 250 casualties.

Bombay, April 14.—Mr. Gandhi is proceeding to Ahmedabad.

London, April 10.

Egypt (official).—General Allenby reports:—A new Ministry, which has been well received, was formed on April 9th under Rushdy Pasha. The Provinces are now quiet, but there have been some demonstrations by the peasantry, while anti Armenian disturbances by roughs occurred in parts of Cairo on April 9th.

AMERICA.

London, April 11.

Washington.—Government has ordered the Railway wages to be increased, aggregating \$65,000,000 and employing 400,000 workers.

EGYPT.

London, April 11.

A *communiqué*, dated April 8th, reports several regrettable incidents at Cairo and Alexandria on the preceding night, probably due to misunderstandings during scenes of popular excitement. The situation in the Provinces remains unchanged.

London, April 12.

Cairo, April 7th.—On learning the news of the release of the deported Nationalist leaders, Cairo today gave itself up to revelry. Extraordinary scenes were witnessed. Enormous crowds thronged the streets all day long, singing, cheering and forming processions, in which all classes, including women, participated. There were no disorders of any kind.

London, April 11.

Cairo, April 6.—The Sultan, in a Proclamation, glowing with patriotic fervour, recalls the merits and good government of his great grandfather, Mahomed Ali, who ascended the throne when the populations were a prey to the Governors' extortions. He exhorts the Egyptians not to continue the manifestations which led to regrettable consequences and to devote themselves to their customary occupations.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

London, April 12.

Paris.—The League of Nations Commission, under the Presidency of Mr. Wilson adopted the new draft covenant entirely. The French maintained reservations on two points. The Covenant will shortly be presented to a plenary session of the Peace Committee. The papers are criticising the non-selection of Brussels as the seat of the League of Nations. They say that President Wilson opposed this on the ground that the memory of Germany's War actions rendered it unsuitable.

—The Ceylon Observer.

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Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3887.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Nallatamby Vaitianatar of Anakkkidal Deceased.

Ulagar Nallatamby of Anakkkidal Petitioner.

Vs. Sinnappillai wife of Nallatamby of do Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of Ulagar Nallatamby of Anakkkidal, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Nallatamby Vaitianatar, coming on for disposal before Hon'ble Sir Ampalavanar Kanagasabai, District Judge, on March 27, 1919, in the presence of Mr. E. Murguesampillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated March 27, 1919, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is one of the heirs and the father 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 April 29, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai, District Judge, April 2, 1919.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3748.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Mr. Reginald Rasanayagam Alexander of Jaffna Deceased.

Lizzie Arulamma Alexander widow of Reginald Rasanayagam Alexander of Manipay, Jaffna Petitioner.

Vs. 1. Jose Selvanesan

2. Eva Inparatnam and 3. Thomas Bertram and 4. Robert Canagasabai Alexander of Jaffna Town. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Respondents are minors by their Guardian *ad litem* the abovenamed 4th Respondent Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Lizzie Arulamma Alexander widow of Reginald Rasanayagam Alexander of Manipay, Jaffna, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Mr. Reginald Rasanayagam Alexander, coming on for disposal before Hon'ble Sir Ambalavanar Kanagasabai, District Judge, on April 4, 1919, in the presence of Messrs. Sivapragasam and Kaitresu, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated October 1, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the widow of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before April 29, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai, District Judge, April 1, 1919.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3779.

Class II. In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of the late Sellamma wife of Vallipuram Kandaiya of Manipay Deceased.

Vallipuram Kandaiya of Manipay Petitioner.

Vs. 1. Kantar Nallatamby of do and Minor. 2. Parupathipillai daughter of Kandaiya a minor appearing by her Guardian *ad litem* the 1st Respondent Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Vallipuram Kandaiya of Manipay, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Sellamma wife of Vallipuram Kandaiya, coming on for disposal before Hon'ble Sir Ampalavanar Kanagasabai, District Judge, on March 29, 1919, in the presence of Mr. E. Murguesampillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner; and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated December 28, 1918, having been read: It is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful husband 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 April 29, 1919, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai, District Judge, April 2, 1919.

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