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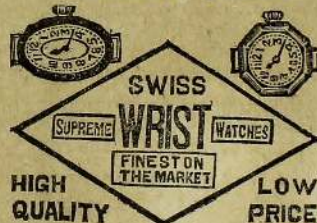
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary, Jurisdiction No. 5809.

Class II.

In the Matter of the Estate of Sivakadachampillai wife of Annamalai of Chankanal in Jaffna, late of Prai in Penang

Deceased,
Remallagam Annamalai of Chankanal
Petitioner.
Vs.
Misor. 1. Sivairamanipillai daughter of Annamalai of Chankanal
2. Kirishnapillai Vairamuttu of Do.
Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor 1st Respondent and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the Petitioner coming on for disposal before the Hon'ble Sir A. Kanagasabai, Kt. District Judge, on May 18, 1925, in the presence of Mr. E. Murugesampillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated May 18, 1925, having been read: It is ordered that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor 1st Respondent for the purpose of representing her in this case and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the Petitioner as her lawful husband—unless the abovenamed Respondents or any other person shall on or before June 1, 1925, state objections or show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai,
District Judge.

May 20, 1925.
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NOTICE.

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Particulars regarding the conditions of sale etc. can be obtained from the Divisional Forest Officer, Jaffna.

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- 50 Satin logs.
- tons 10 cwt. conif. cased & sawed.
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- 48 rejected broom handles.
- 7 Ranai logs.
- 8 Halmilla logs.

R. M. White,
Acting Conservator of Forests.
Office of the Conservator of Forests,
Candy, May 19, 1925.
G. 501.

The Hindu Organ.

JAFFNA, THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

ECONOMIC POSITION OF JAFFNA TO DAY.

When the late Sir William Twynam opposed the introduction of the Northern Railway on certain economic grounds, the people of Jaffna thought him to be very foolish but we have since heard from the lips of some of those very people living today that they had all made a terrible mistake and that after all, Sir William was right. Sir William's objection was based on the ground that a railway to Jaffna would deplete Jaffna of all her economic wealth and raise the cost of living in Jaffna to such an extent as to make it impossible for the people to carry on a comfortable living. Like his worthy predecessor, the late Mr. P. A. Dyke, Sir William was thoroughly acquainted with the people's ways of living and their conditions of life and in his great love and sympathy for the people among whom he had even then made up his mind to pass the rest of his life, he raised a lonely protest, but his warning was unheeded.

The average Jaffna Tamil, as Sir William Twynam then knew him, was a man quite different from what he is today. He was a person more or less self-centred, thrifty, and energetic. As a cultivator, by hard manual labour and by an elaborate system of well irrigation and cultivation, he had converted plains covered with coral rock and sandy soil into prosperous gardens of tobacco, manioc, and grains. Just as he worked hard when on his own land, so also he displayed the same energy in making money and position as a clerk, business man, contractor, or trader. With the introduction of the Railway, however, there had been a marked tendency on the part of the people to give up rural for urban population. This combined with the mad craze for English education has been the bane of our society. The so-called educated man no longer lives upon and cultivates his land. He either leases it or works it with hired labour, while he himself enters Government service or becomes a clerk in a mercantile firm, or on a tea estate, or leaves for the F. M. S. As one writer has very aptly remarked, "With this change has come a change in many of the characteristics of the Tamils of the peninsula. Caste and family as affecting social position and influence have lost some of their weight, the older Tamil traditions and manners have decayed. In short, the characteristics of an Eastern agricultural population are becoming slowly obliterated."

Reliable statistics may not be perhaps available on the resources of the country such as arable land, fisheries, industries, agriculture, manufactures, trade, etc. Such statistics would be invaluable in estimating the wealth of the country. We have, of course, the periodical reports from the Heads of Departments. These have been compiled in such a way as to make it quite impossible to arrive at any correct estimate. Economic statistics are quite different from Administration Reports. If we take up the question of arable land, for example, we will certainly be able to know how many acres are being cultivated, how many belong to the Crown or are waste. But we will not be able to know either the value of these lands or how much of these are owner cultivated and how many leased out. Moreover, reliable statistics for the various crops raised on the farm have to be prepared and village headmen are the least reliable for the purpose. Special statistics officers have to be appointed for the purpose. Till then, our inferences must be based on more or less empirical data.

There are some outstanding features in the economic life of the country which any body could easily observe. The educated people, as a whole, have given up raising country rice and mill polished rice from abroad has taken its place. This is one of the principal reasons why there is no incentive to cultivate lands. The Jaffna man does no longer care for the produce of his own soil. Yams and manioc have no attraction for him. The products obtained from the palmyrah palm are now allowed to go to waste. Millets are no longer cultivated for the sake of consumption. Even today dwelling compounds are known as varagu lands and fields as paddy lands. That is because varagu was a crop raised till recently in the compound itself. Vegetable gardening is again on the decline. In the olden days we never imported chillies and onions. Now every curry-stuff is being imported. Brinjals and country pulses have given way to imported potatoes, Bombay onions, and Mysore dhal.

The tobacco industry again was the mainstay of the people. There are two factors which have contributed towards the slump in this trade. There were two varieties of tobacco produced—the chewing variety for the Malabar market and the smoking variety for local consumption. The demand for Jaffna tobacco in Malabar is daily growing less and less. The cigar trade in Ceylon which was exclusively in the hands of the Jaffna Tamil is slowly passing hands owing to competition with dealers in cigarettes and "beedies" on the one hand and cigar manufactures in the South on the other.

In the course of a single article it will be impossible to deal with all aspects of the question but we hope sufficient has been said to make our readers realise the serious situation into which we are drifting. The Northern Railway, if it has not done anything very serious, is at least daily depleting Jaffna of its yams, drumsticks, poultry, eggs, dairy produce and vegetable oils, thereby making the cost of living in Jaffna every day more and more expensive. This Railway and the Talaimannar Railway have been the direct cause of the decline of the shipping trade in Jaffna. Of this we will have something more to say hereafter. Self complacent Jaffna is drifting, perhaps slowly but certainly steadily. Shall we right ourselves? It is difficult but not too late.

NOTES & COMMENTS

We find that we were perfectly right in our opinion that the Excise Officers were not sufficiently vigilant.

ILLICIT TAPPING. The enormous increase noticeable recently in the number of prosecutions only tend to confirm us more than ever in the belief that things have been growing from bad to worse owing to sheer neglect of duty on the part of the Excise Officers. We are, however, glad to note their attitude towards illicit tapping becoming every day more desirable. It is not to be supposed that the public are altogether free from blame in this matter. The public should help the Excise Officers in every possible way instead of being indifferent towards it.

We learn through the London correspondent of the "Times of Ceylon," that experts have announced an invasion of England by mosquitoes and that newspapers have already started a campaign to stir up public opinion in the matter. We do not know if these newspapers were inspired by the writings that appeared in their contemporaries in Ceylon. Whatever that may be, English mosquitoes appear to be no less dangerous than their Ceylon contemporaries. "They have invaded houses in many parts of the country, particularly old houses in which central heating systems have been installed. Drastic action has already been taken in some particularly bad cases, and an M. P. has called Parliament's attention to the number of mosquitoes in some counties and asked how they could be dealt with. It is evident that, in the absence of accurate palms and paddy fields, these virus species must have gone through a process of acclimatization in England."

LOCAL & GENERAL

A KUMBHABESHKAM CEREMONY.—A Kumbhabeshkham ceremony will take place at the Nallur Kallasa Pillair Temple on Wednesday, June 3d.

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KING'S BIRTHDAY.

The Executive Officers and Members of the Northern Province Boy Scouts' Association will be

AT HOME

to the members of the general public on the occasion of the Annual Provincial Scout Rally and King's Birthday Sports on the Esplanade, Jaffna, on 3rd June 1925 between 2 p. m. and 5-15 p. m. Mis. 651.

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JAFFNA URBAN COUNCIL.—Ward No. 8, in Jaffna town is shortly to witness a triangular contest at the forthcoming elections. Mr. M. Thamothersampillai, Landlord-proprietor of Vannarponnai, has entered the field against two Muslim candidates, Mr. M. S. Abdul Cader, the present member for the Division, and Mr. N. S. Aboobakar, the only Muslim Proctor in Jaffna. An attempt to bring about a compromise between the two last-named has failed, and the triangular contest is expected to be a close one.

CYCLONE AT THE BAY OF BENGAL.—S. S. Jalaputra with 19000 bags of paddy bound for Kankasantural encountered with cyclone and was forced to enter the harbour of Madras.

DEEP SEA FISHING IN CEYLON.—The possibilities of deep sea fishing off the coasts of Ceylon has been engaging the attention of the Government for some time and during the last three years the local Department of Marine Biology, under the direction of Dr. Joseph Pearson, has been carrying out investigations on the fisheries. At one time it was proposed that the Government should embark on the enterprise, but it is now learnt that the Government has decided not to do so. What the Government now proposes to do is to lay before the public the results of Dr. Pearson's investigations and allow private capitalists to undertake the work of deep sea fishing.

MUSLIM HERMIT enroute TO HINDU SHRINE.—A Muslim Hermit, who is said to have come from Khorassan in North India on pilgrimage to Khatragama, is staying at present in a Palmyrah Grove at Hambantota. It appears that on his arrival in Ceylon he saw a vision in which he was directed to seek the grave of a Muslim Saint, who died some hundreds of years ago at Hambantota. He has found out the place and is making arrangements with the local Muslims there, to build a tomb over the grave.

BATHING TRAGEDY AT AMBALANTOTA.—Two deaths by drowning occurred under tragic circumstances on the 21st morning at Ambalantota, the victims being, Mr. D. A. Lourenz, Head Clerk of the District Road Committee Hambantota, and his wife. Mr. Lourenz did not bathe as he was not quite well, but the rest of the party were bathing at a place which does not appear to be quite safe. While bathing, Mrs. Lourenz attempted to get hold of a pot that was being carried down by the water, and in doing so, she slipped and was drawn into deep water. She was in difficulties and struggling when Mr. Lourenz, who was at the time standing on the bank of the river with a child in his arms, seeing that his wife was in danger took off his shoes and coat, and plunged into the water to save her. He too was carried down, but was just able to reach his unfortunate wife who frantically clung to him, thus rendering it impossible for him to bring her ashore. Mr. and Mrs. Lourenz were carried a short distance further down and then disappeared.

PROCTOR SWOONS IN COURT.—When about to argue an important case on the 21st inst. which had come back for a re-hearing from the Supreme Court, Mr. A. V. VanLangenberg, Proctor, Gampola, suddenly fainted off in court and had to be removed to his bungalow immediately.

OBITUARY.—The death took place suddenly on the 19th instant, at his residence at Hampden Lane, Wellawatte of Mr. S. Vaitiallingam, Assistant Sheriff of the National Bank, Colombo. Mr. Vaitiallingam left home apparently in health to attend a case but when he was nearing the Railway Station he fainted and fell down unconscious. Some passers-by rendered first aid and he was quite himself again. He went back home when he had a relapse a few hours later and succumbed to heart failure. The cremation took place the next day at the Dabhiwala Cemetery at 5 p. m.

—The death of Mr. K. S. Sivaprakasam, Assistant Appraiser, H. M. Customs, occurred on Friday afternoon. The late Mr. Sivaprakasam had been ailing for a short time. He was only 34 years old. The remains were cremated on Saturday evening at the General Cemetery, Kanatta. The deceased leaves behind his widow, and son and two daughters, and two sisters, with whom much sympathy is felt.

—We regret to record the death of Mr. V. A. Kulantavetu, Merchant, which sad event occurred at his residence in Vannarponnai on last Tuesday. The deceased was ailing for about a month and in spite of the best medical treatment passed away peacefully on Tuesday forenoon. Much sympathy is felt with the widow, two daughters and a host of relations.

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Indian & Foreign News.

THE MAHARAJAH OF GWALIOR.—The Maharajah of Gwalior underwent an operation on Thursday next for a carbuncle in the neck by Dr. Dunhill, in consultation with the Paris Specialist, Dr. Paul Lescage, and Lord Dawson, who specially arrived from London to attend the Maharajah.

PUBLIC BAND AND SINGAPORE MUNICIPALITY.—It has been decided to establish in Singapore a police band of 30 performers, composed of ex-Indian Army bandmen and it will be under the direction of Mr. Minna, bandmaster of the 2nd bn. the Royal Sussex Regiment, who is retiring from his present post and joining the Straits Settlements Police on June 1st. The band will be subsidised by the Municipality and will give public performances in the town. The order for the instruments has already been sent home, and Mr. Minna and another police officer will leave for India next month to endeavour to recruit bandmen preferably from the Carnatic regiments, some of which have recently been disbanded and which have the reputation of possessing the finest bands in India.

ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN.—OSAKA AND KOBE AFFECTED.—The inhabitants of Osaka were terrified by a heavy earthquake shook on the 23rd instant lasting three minutes. It was also felt at Kobe. The seriously affected area is confined to the provinces of Teijima and the coast of the Sea of Japan. It is reported that 200 houses collapsed in the town of Toyooka, where fire broke out in many places. Much damage was done in other towns of the same province. It is estimated that 200 persons have been killed and 500 injured in Toyooka. There were many hundreds of casualties in Kinokuni, where an extensive fire broke out. The whole town was ablaze and a great stampede followed. Seismological observations indicate that the earthquake was caused by a landslide. The damage is most extensive, but only property to the value of about 1,000,000 yen is covered by insurance. It is believed that the casualties are few, because Teijima is a thinly populated and mountainous district. The only important industry is silk worm breeding. Tokio and Yokohama are not affected by the earthquake. All communications between Osaka and the earthquake area have been interrupted. The scrappiest news from the railway stations and the post offices shows that the railway tunnels, tracts and stations have been seriously damaged. The earthquake appears to be equally severe in many places. In fact, it is as great a movement as the earthquake in September, 1924. Relief is being rushed from Osaka and elsewhere.

POLITICAL AMALGAMATION.—The Secretary of State for India has sanctioned the amalgamation of the Bombay Political Department with the Indian Political Department.

A BANKING ENTERPRISE.—The ex Khedive of Egypt, who lost his throne in 1914, is now starting a bank in Constantinople. He and his family are very rich, thanks to their possessions in Egypt. He is, of course, a Turk by descent.

BLOOD SWEATING.—A curious case of religious fanaticism has been manifested in Montato Uffago, a small place in Calabria, where a young woman named Elena Ajello sweats blood every Friday in March and April, and especially on Good Friday. The phenomenon has been reproduced with increasing intensity during the past three years, and last Easter, says the "Daily Telegraph" attracted more than 10,000 persons to witness the extraordinary manifestation. Elena Ajello is an invalid, permanently confined to bed, and physicians are inclined to consider her case as one of unusual religious hysteria, while unscientific people regard it as a miraculous affair.

ANOTHER PREDICTION.—A distinguished Japanese mathematician and astrologer, Mr. Yusho Kumamoto is reported to have said that in 1926 or a year after, there would break out another world war, by the side of which the late one would look like a manoeuvring practice. He has added that "fire would first begin to burn in a corner of Asia Minor, probably Mesopotamia, and would soon grow into a tremendous conflagration involving all the great Powers of Europe and America. Japan, he has added, will also be affected by it."

—Malabar Herald.

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THE RUBBER MARKET.—The top price for rubber in Colombo yesterday was Rs. 1.55 per lb. This was an improvement on the week end when the price had gone down from Rs. 1.70 a few days earlier to practically Rs. 1.35.

THE NEXT PEARL FISHERY.—The Government has decided to hold another Pearl Fishery next year and the forthcoming Budget will provide the necessary expenses, the fishery being calculated to last two months.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr. J. C. Ratwatte, Dissawa, to be provisionally a member of the Executive Council, during the absence of Sir H. M. Fernando from the Island. Mr. Ratwatte is a nominated member of the Kandy Municipal Council, and is Sheriff of the Kandy branch of the Mercantile Bank of India Ltd.

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CORRESPONDENCE

JAFNA OF TODAY.

To The Editor, "H. O."

Sir, Please allow me to place before your readers certain problems which affect our progress as Jaffnes, considerably. It is only those of us who lead an exile's life miles away from the land of our fathers, that can feel some of those defects found in our individual and social life which need prompt remedy. When we pause for a moment and reflect upon the many changes which are unconsciously creeping into our society we cannot but view with feelings of mingled pride and sorrow that we progress as a nation's pace in some directions and deteriorate like a broken piece of stone rolling down a steep precipice in other directions. We have become so deteriorated physically and intellectually that unless some remedial measures are applied to prevent us from our head long mad career, the fate of our country could be better imagined than described. It is with a view to arouse the feelings of those who are under the illusion that we are rolling in the lap of luxury, that mother nature has supplied us with all that we want, and in what ways we can progress. It is very encouraging to find

THE SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY

leavening our society. It would be no shame to admit that we are all from a caste ridden country. The imaginary barriers of caste which separate one group of beings from another helps much to widen the gulf of difference and estrange human sympathy. No one can for a moment question the usefulness or uselessness of our Varanashram Dharma planned as they were by rishis of old. Misguided youths taken up by the war cry of the French Revolutionists Liberty, Equality and Fraternity break their heads in a fit of frenzy to exterminate our Varanashram Dharma. This system is as old as the hills and they were based upon the righteous law of Karma. We can in a way try to alleviate the tyranny of the caste system but to cry for its abolition would truly end in a dismal failure. Let those of our youthful enthusiasts who are out on their campaign for the abolition of caste reflect upon the utter invalidity of their attempt before embarking upon their Utopian scheme. We have progressed to a certain extent on this line and it is indeed very encouraging to note that people are trying to attach more importance to the worth of a man than to his birth. There is a wave of enthusiasm all over our peninsula and the future citizens of our land are out on their campaign to establish a better order of things. If these youthful enthusiasts are bent upon doing something practical and useful let them carry wherever they go the torch of learning. It is education and

EDUCATION ALONE

that can elevate nations like individuals. Let us not adopt a system of education which aims at making us mere book worms. Let our education be such as to make our boys and girls feel the dignity of labour and the value of service. In Jaffna our public spirited men are those who never come into lime light. They are those simple minded persons who without caring for name and fame dedicate all their best and noblest in them for the service of others.

It would be no exaggeration to say that public opinion in our land is at such a low level that many of us do not care to acquaint ourselves with questions of public importance. What is required now is a scheme of popular mass education whereby every citizen must be made to understand the working of our Government and be induced to take an active interest in it. It is indeed regrettable to note that

OUR OLD PATRIARCHAL SCHEME

of social living is practically absent in our society. Patriarchal ideas of equality have made our young boys and girls to disregard their elders. Our beautiful system of Social Etiquette is practically absent. In the Jaffna of today it would be quite common to find a son treating his own father in a spirit of contempt. May we all hope that in the Jaffna of tomorrow there would be a revival in the observance of our social etiquettes? There is

A MAD CRAZE

on the part of our girls for gaining university qualifications. There is nothing bad about it. But it seems rather absurd to find that their education aims not. Supplementing what is wanting in the education of their partners in life, they try to compete with them and take away the spirit of self abnegation which is essentially a characteristic trait of our ladies of old. Music, domestic economy, hygiene and such kindred subjects which are quite essential to make the education of our girls complete and useful are not given the necessary importance which they ought to receive. Beased are we then that in the Jaffna of tomorrow there shall exist in our country a type of womanhood which shall be a source of pride and strength to our land. May we hope to have in every home living ideals like Sita, Savitri and

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THE MAILS.

(G. P. O. Colombo)

DESPATCH.

London Mails per P & O "Moldavia" will close on Friday, May 22nd and per a P & O Steamer from Bombay on Friday, June 2nd.

Straits & China Mails per the P & O "Kashmir" will close on Saturday, May 30th and per N Y K "Kamo Maru" on Tuesday, June 2nd.

Taticorin Mails per B I "Baroda" will close on Friday, May 29th.

ARRIVAL.

London Mails per P & O "Malaja" are expected on Saturday, May 30th.

Straits & China Mails per S M "Grotius", P & O "Sardina" and N Y K "Tokushima Maru" are expected to-day (Thursday).

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Damayanthi of old. Our youngsters should throw off from their minds the idea that because of their education they should not move in terms of social intimacy with their illiterate brethren. They think that they belong to the enlightened few and are not worthy to

WORK WITH THE MASSES.

This idea is gaining ground and it would be indeed an evil day for our country if our youngsters think that they are brown Englishmen and do not have any attachment for their country its culture and history. It would be a blessed day indeed if our young boys and girls feel that they are Ceylonese and begin to view things from a Ceylonese point of view. Let us feel proud to acknowledge the poor and uneducated as our brothers and sisters and kinde in their hearts

A PASSIONATE ATTACHMENT

towards their country. Life then would be worth living it would be inspired with hope and joy and the painful miseries we see around would disappear like the mist at the approach of the morning sun. In the Jaffna of tomorrow countrymen will all be united. Just as their arid peninsula forms the head of this little island of ours, may we Jaffnes lead our other countrymen in all walks of life.

Meradine, Yours etc. S. Rajathungam.

THE CASTE SYSTEM.

KUALA LIPIS MURUGAPPAN TEMPLE AND THE SO-CALLED DEPRESSED CLASSES.

To The Editor, "Hindu Organ"

Dear Sir, I have read with much pleasure the article of Mr. Kandappa with the caption (Kuala Lipis Kuala Piran Temple V. T. S. Maniam) and your editorial comments in the "Hindu Organ" of 23.4.25. I very much regret the tone of his letter and the temper displayed therein in a matter of public discussion. It could be easily inferred from the tone of his letter that his intention was to show that my statements were incorrect. Whatever may be his intentions I would have not contented, if he had narrated all the facts concerning this affair. Any how I do not care much for his or any others' vociferation as my motive is to adhere to truth. All careful readers would find out that his and my statements corroborate regarding the admission of the depressed classes, excepting his words "every facilities shall be given" and mine "equal entrance". In these phrases, it is plain, that I had given a restricted version than his, which is rather more wide. Perhaps, as Hon. Secretary, he has recorded these words in the Minutes, and I am glad of it. But, if it shall be twisted to his wish, I am sure the majority of the members shall differ from him, as they wish to give better privileges to the so called depressed classes. No question of allotting them a corner somewhere in the temple, as the Editor hints was discussed. I wish to know whether the opinions expressed are Mr. Kandappa's own or that of the management of the Association. If it is his personal remarks, it does not matter much; but if it is that of the management, it is against the view of the majority of the members. But I understand it is not of the management.

Again he reveals about the application for membership by certain number of men, whom he classes as Sanitary Board coolies and all as Pariahs. Here he states something and tries to hoodwink the readers by obviously leaving out certain facts. He says that the movers thought it advisable to withdraw the said motion on the adjourned meeting. On this particular day, Mr. C. S. Muthubandhy, the proposer was absent. The seconder, Mr. S. Sinnadurai of the Secretariat, Kuala Lipis, withdrew his support, saying plainly more or less in the following terms: "In fact this is the happiest day in my life to see that we are realising the injustice we are doing to the so called depressed classes who are human beings as ourselves. As in our body, the legs which tread on the dirtiest places, are absolutely necessary for us, so also even though in the so-called lowest scale of society as scavengers etc. are necessary for our real progress. History has taught us that all arrogant nations have been swept away from the surface of the Earth and if we do not allow our brethren their freedom, which is their birthright, the same fate awaits us as we are

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Colombo Exchange Rates.

(as on 27-5-25)

Table with 2 columns: Currency/Rate and Value. Dollar Rupee Rate: -Rs. 2 78. Cross: - 4 86. Singapore: - 1 59 (Selling)

Colombo Market Rates

(as on 5-5-25)

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. No. 1 Copra: - Rs. 82.75 per candy. No. 2: - 80. Desiccated Coconuts: - 19 1/2

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waiting until their freedom is wrested from us at the point of bayonet. I seconded this resolution that day with much pleasure but today I withdraw it very reluctantly for the simple reason of avoiding a split in this Association. The above is the reason for the proposal to be dropped, though the majority present were in favour of admitting them as members as per existing rules for the explicit purpose of giving them better privileges in the matter of temple worship. Suddenly after this a resolution duly proposed and seconded, sprang up to give the applicants equal entrance and was passed by a great majority of votes. The votes would have been recorded and they shall be ample proof. These facts stand open for the public of Kuala Lipis to testify.

Further I do not know if the Hon. Secretary is justified in saying that the applicants were all Pariahs, or from Sanitary Board or all latrine cleaners. Wasn't an assuming isn't it to consider a certain number of applicants for membership in an Association as Pariahs. Because the one who gave his address for reply was of Sanitary Board does it give any inference that all the applicants are from that department, or all Pariahs or all latrine cleaners? Readers kindly imagine this! I think one point of discussion that day shall be worthy to be recorded here. A member raised the point to withdraw the term 'coolies' and insert it as Hindus, which was accordingly done. Again I am sorry to see that a class of our men, who are at present termed as Pariahs (a term causatively applied from ancient) i.e. whose veins run pure Tamil blood, and who were the veteran warriors of the Tamil Kings, are at present depressed as untouchables. The causes for this turn of affairs shall be obvious to say, if he would read our ancient records. The Tamils owe their glory of ancient battle victories to these men. But where are they now? So long as we do not realise these facts, so long we do this injustice of depressing these men, who brought us glory, we could never dream of rising even a step higher than at present. God shall forbid it. Mr. Kandappa assigns contempt on the term 'pariah' which is to be regretted.

I regret I have gone long. I shall now conclude after saying a few general remarks. I do not at all wish to see filthy and dirty men admitted into holy places. I am deadly against it. But I strongly wish that men of purity of whatever caste or position he may be, should be admitted into the temples. One who calls himself a Saivite of a so-called high caste, who kills and eats belly full of the flesh of animals enters a temple without even cleansing his body. Then are men of this type considered purer than those of the so called lower caste, who do the work of removing night soil, but who are teetotalers and vegetarians, and go with bodily cleanliness? The high caste man is not prevented inside of his bodily and moral wickedness, and the lower caste man is prevented inside of his bodily and moral purity. Oh selfish so-called high caste man, why this iniquity? Supposing one of the high caste owing to his better poverty becomes a latrine cleaner or other dirty works as the Editor refers. Would he be prevented from entering a temple when he goes cleanly? Most probably not. Then why not the low caste man be also admitted when he comes neat and tidy? Again supposing a high and a low caste man work together as farmers all through their life in the same field. They have the same mode of living. Here the high caste man has a free entrance. Then why should the low caste man be prevented from entrance? What is the disparity that exists here or the discrimination the low caste man possesses? Certainly none. Is it not the haughtiness of age so-called high caste to twist everything to their side? Again how is it that a foreigner, a European, who eats beef, a Chinese, who eats pork, a Malay who eats buffalo flesh are freely admitted into our Saiva Temples when they come in clean or dirty dress with boots on feet? Are there not scavengers among the many millions of Chinese, Americans, Europeans or other people? Do these scavengers receive the same treatment as the 'Hindus', is it only among the Tamils or 'Hindus', there should be untouchables? The above said people have temples of their own, where even one of the so-called lowest ranks of society, at a scavenger, is allowed to enter and worship God, when he comes in a neat condition. Does the Almighty forbid him who prays Him in a dirty condition? The Editor admits that all are same in the eyes of the Almighty. Then is Caste System the work of God or of the egoistic man? Certainly it is of the latter. God will never be partial to any individual or to any nation. All are same in his eyes. Therefore it is rather doubtful that the 'Hindu Religion' enforces caste distinction. Dear Editor, you say so but I think it shall be to the great disappointment and regret of many Saivites who do not hold such a view. Instead of saying Hindu Religion allows Caste distinction, it should have been said that it prohibits it. All our Monks or (Rishis), had been established for the benefit of humanity their researches on very abstract subjects. They are advanced souls and hence would never cast any distinction between man and man neither between man and other living creatures. The Religion we go on is the revolution of these 'Mahatmas'. Therefore it is to be greatly doubted whether they have revealed anything about caste distinction. The Vedas, which are the authority for 'Hinduism' many learned men who of opinion, do not allow caste distinction. If there are any words about it, they are said to be misrepresented by those who wish to twist them to their taste

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THINK NATURALLY OF YOURSELF.

The permanent state of all living beings is calmness. Whenever any one fluctuates from that state one becomes restless and struggles hard to regain the lost balance.

Let us substitute the words 'birth' and 'death' for 'change'—for change means death of one condition and birth of another.

Practical religion is that which enables you to wage an incessant war against your unnatural way of thinking. The idea that you are Mr. So and so, that you are short or tall, dark or fair, happy or miserable, is all false.

This is what is called realisation, emancipation, 'oneliness.' You shall have to realise it in this life, you will have to be born again and again.

As Hanuman cleared the Strait of Mannar, so do you jump over the Strait of Illusion, and fall at the feet of Rama, the Eternal Wisdom.

You must cross this ocean of Samara. Otherwise you are not worth the name of man. The more you analyse yourself, the more you understand yourself, the more you realise your infinite nature.

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THE CASTE SYSTEM.

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Kusla Lipsi, Yours etc. T. M. S. Maniam

[Note by Ed.—There are many reasons to make us believe that the caste system has all along been a religious institution among the Hindus but no one can maintain that Hinduism ever sanctions the evils of the caste system as it exists today.

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C. Nallatamby, Indian Govt. Pensioner.

Udavi, Chunnakam P. O. 2nd May, 1925. Mis 641.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5755.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kasinather Ramupillai of Udavil

Deceased.

Nagamattu widow of Ramupillai of Udavil

Petitioner.

vs.

- 1. Sinnappu Vallilingsam and wife
2. Vellayammah of Udavil
3. Ramupillai Ponniah of do.
4. Leechampillai daughter of Ramupillai of do.
5. Ramupillai Sinnadurai of do.

Minor

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Nagamattu, widow of Ramupillai, the abovenamed Petitioner, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Kasinather Ramupillai, coming on for disposal before Hon. Sr. A. Kanagasabai, Esq., District Judge, on May 6, 1925.

A. Kanagasabai, District Judge. May 16, 1925. O. 871.

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longer find satisfaction in your finite condition. Say: "All these little things are too insignificant for me who am infinite."

If you remain satisfied with filth, do you know what awaits you?—Innumerable deaths. You have seen man die. What agony! Such pain will be yours again and again till you realise your infinite nature.

The secret of discovering the glory of your true self is with you. Apply it. Be not led away by the sense. You have seek your wisdom in the quarrels of sensuality, therefore you are miserable. Beware of sensuality. The senses are in your way. The wayward mind, the body, all stand in your way. They have deceived you. They have enslaved you. It is because you feel like a slave, therefore you yield. The cause of delusion is sensuality. Do not therefore let your senses rule you. Do not let the mind rule over you.

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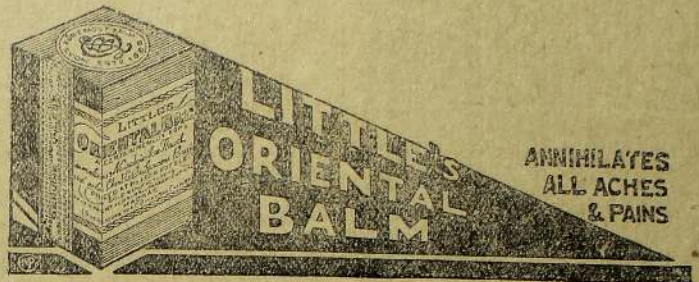
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5780.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Vi-haladevi wife of Sinnasambai Vallipuram of Vannarponnai East

Deceased. Sinnasambai Vallipuram of Vannarponnai East presently of Land Settlement Office, Colombo

Petitioner.

vs.

- 1. Vallipuram Narayanapillai of Vannarponnai East
2. Puvanaswary daughter of Vallipuram of do.
3. Sellachchi daughter of Vallipuram of do.
4. Mallaganam Nallathambo of do.

Respondents

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying that the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minors 1st, 2nd and 3rd Respondents and that Letters of Administration be granted to him to the estate of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge of Jaffna, on April 7, 1925.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the said minors 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Respondents and it is declared the Petitioner is the husband of the said deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before June 4, 1925, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai, District Judge. May 16, 1925. O. 869.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5781.

In the Matter of the Estate of the Late Nagammah wife of Sadayar Sabaratnam of Vannarponnai East

Deceased. Sadayar Sabaratnam of Vannarponnai East

Petitioner.

vs.

- 1. Sabaratnam Kanagaratnam and
2. Kanther Murgesu of Vannarponnai East

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor 1st Respondent and that Letters of Administration be granted to him to the estate of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on April 7, 1925, in the presence of Mr. K. Aiyadurai, Proctor for Petitioner, and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 13, 1925, having been read. It is ordered that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the said minor 1st Respondent and it is declared the Petitioner is the husband of the said deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents or any other shall on or before June 4, 1925, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Kanagasabai, District Judge. May 16, 1925. O. 879.

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For further particulars, vide notice appearing in Government Gazette No. 7462 of May 15, 1925. R. M. White, Acting Conservator of Forests. Office of the Conservator of Forests, Kandy, 19th May, 1925. G. 508.

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