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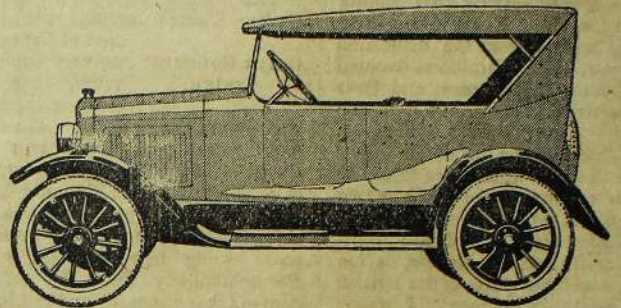
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HIGH VERNACULAR EDUCATION FOR GIRLS.

WE PRESUME THAT, AT THE PRESENT moment, there is no man so behind the times as to still preach the doctrine that girls should not be given any education. Every one concedes that girls should be educated but opinions, however, differ as to the necessity of giving girls higher education in English. English education is generally valued from the utilitarian point of view. In Tamiland women generally keep to their homes and their sphere of activities centres round the home. Times are, however, changing. Among the lower classes, economic conditions are such that women are forced to go out of their homes and work along with the men. A large percentage of the cool population that periodically emigrates from South India to Malaya, Ceylon East Indies, and other parts of the British Empire, consists of women. Literacy among these women is unknown and many of the social evils that are reported to beset these women may be partly due to their ignorance or to want of the ennobling influence of education in their early life.

Even in the mother country literacy among women is not very common, though education on the whole among women in India is more advanced than in Ceylon. While there are many to oppose English education in the case of girls, there is none to oppose the education of girls in the vernacular. In Ceylon with the introduction of compulsory education all boys and girls up to a certain age are forced to attend schools but when that age is reached a girl automatically drops off while her brother pushes on. Parents, particularly in Jaffna, do not see any necessity for higher education for girls, possibly because education and good looks have a lesser value in the matrimonial market than money and all that it connotes. Girls are often regarded as a burden and the sooner they are got rid of the easier in mind the parents feel. Not that the average father loves his girl any way less than he does his boy but he feels that it is all the better for the girl to be settled in life as early as possible. This way of regarding the life of a girl has one disadvantage and that is she is often prevented from receiving a higher education. Another reason why girls are prevented from receiving higher education is that girls are forced to live in seclusion as soon as they attain the age of puberty. Some parents stop sending their girls to school as soon as they attain this age.

In spite of these unfavourable tendencies, girls' high schools had been established, chiefly by foreign missionary agencies and education of a sort, both in English and Tamil, was being given in these schools. The education of Hindu girls, on Hindu lines, however, was sadly neglected till the country's most illustrious son and her greatest benefactor, Sir Ponnampalam Ramanathan, established recently the Ramanathan College for Hindu girls. Thus English education for Hindu girls on Hindu lines is at least provided for in one college in the whole Island. But as "A Hindu" points out in a letter which we publish elsewhere, there has been so far no school established for giving higher education in the vernacular. At one time and perhaps till recently, the Navalar School at Vannarponnai had provision to give higher education in the vernacular to both boys and girls but owing to want of public support, the higher classes have been abandoned. It is understood that a number of girls are prepared every year from the Ramanathan College to take up the various examinations of the Oriental Studies Society of Jaffna, and though their number is few, the success so far achieved should encourage the college authorities to extend the scope of studies in this direction.

In his report for 1925, the Director of Education says that in the Northern and

Eastern Provinces the social barriers still prevent Hindu Tamil girls from becoming teachers. In our opinion it is not social barriers so much but the want of facilities to receive a good education and the required training that is really responsible for the paucity of Hindu Tamil lady teachers. A large number of the lady teachers who pass as the so-called Christian lady-teachers are really Hindu ladies who nominally profess Christianity for the sake of earning a livelihood. The establishment of the Hindu Training School under the management of the Ramanathan College authorities or the Hindu Board of Education will, it is hoped, induce a large number of girls to take to the profession of teaching.

The idea of starting a separate vernacular department for higher education in Tamil in the Ramanathan College for girls is quite feasible and we hope that ere long steps will be taken by the College authorities to provide for this long-felt want.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

The Jaffna cigar-rollers have gone on strike. Their complaint is that while the cost of living has gone up very high in recent years, there has been no corresponding increase in their wages. On the other hand factory owners maintain that since the price of tobacco has gone up, the cost of production is also high and hence they cannot afford to pay factory hands anything higher than what they are receiving now. A big mass meeting was held at Perumalkoilady when the terms of their demand was discussed and resolutions were passed demanding an all round increase in wages. It is understood that some of the "Mudalalis" have agreed to accept the new terms while a few still are reluctant to do so. Negotiations are going on and it is expected that all differences will be settled by tomorrow. Cigar rolling is the only cottage industry that is still in a flourishing condition in the North and we should be sorry if anything happens to ruin that industry. The industry has so far thrived because of the large heartedness of the leading factory-owning capitalists who were always very sympathetic towards their employees. We sincerely hope that this fine spirit will continue and keep up the industry which is also threatened with competition from outside.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

WEATHER—At last Varuna has favoured Jaffna with a heavy shower of rain which fell throughout last night, and continued to fall the whole of this morning. This shower has been very much welcomed by farmers who are looking forward to start sowing operations almost instantly.

SWAMI NIDYANANDAR AT JAFFNA—Swami Nidyandandar otherwise known as Swami Dayaram of Coimbatore is now in Jaffna and is staying at the Madam in Vannarponnai which is now occupied by the Sri Ramakrishna Society, Jaffna. The Swami is delivering a series of lectures under the auspices of the Society. The first of these came off on Friday last at the Jaffna Hindu College Hall at 6.30 p.m. the subject being "Vedas and Agamas." Mr. S. Shiva Subramania Iyer B.A. Headmaster, Kankasaotral Hindu English School, presided and briefly introduced the lecturer. At the end of the lecture, Mr. M. Sabaratna Singhe B.A. proposed a vote of thanks to the Swami and the Chairman. The second lecture was on "Pathe, Pasu, Pasam", which was delivered at the Sri Ramakrishna Vaideeswara Vidyalayam on Saturday at 6.30 p.m. The Swami delivered another lecture on "Karma and Rebirth" to a crowded audience yesterday in the same Hall. The Swami will deliver two more lectures in the same Hall today and tomorrow.

MATRIMONIAL—The marriage of Mr. V. Ganagaratnam, of the Experiment Farm, Trinavelly, a brother-in-law of Mr. V. Ramalingam, Proctor, S. O. Jaffna, with Miss. Manomay, daughter of Mudir. C. Rasanayagam, Extra Office Assistant, Jaffna Kaschober, was registered on Friday the 10th inst, at the residence of Mudir. C. Rasanayagam. The wedding is expected to take place in the latter part of October next.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON—Last Friday's "Gazette" publishes the amendments and modifications that have been made to the regulations published in September, 1925 relating to the Matriculation, Intermediate in Arts, B.A. Honours in History, B.A. Honours in Geography and B.Sc. Special Examinations, and LL.B., LL.D., and M.A. Examinations to be held in 1927.

KANTHERMADAM VERNACULAR BOY'S SCHOOL—This school situated in Vannarponnai East, Jaffna, under the management of Mr. R. M. Velupillai has been registered as a grant-in-aid school with effect from July 1, 1925.

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Draft of Proposed Ordinances.

ESTATE DUTY ORDINANCE.

This Ordinance gives effect to the recommendation in paragraph 24 of the interim report of the Taxation Commission that the limit of exemption be raised from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 5,000 and that the gradations should be altered as indicated below:—

Where the Value of the Estate—

Exceeds Rs. 5,000 and does not exceed Rs. 25,000	1 per cent.
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and so on as in the existing scale. The new rates will apply to deaths occurring on or after July 22, 1926. The rate of the settlement estate duty where the property is settled shall be one per cent.

SUPREME COURT (VACATION) ORDINANCE.

Consequent to the notification of December 31, 1917, under the Holidays Ordinance, 1886 the Supreme Court was deprived of Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day, the Accession Day of His Majesty the King, and the Prince of Wales' Birthday as holidays, but was not given any further holidays in their place, as the 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st of December were already part of the vacation. Now this Ordinance seeks to restore to the Supreme Court its four lost holidays by commencing the Christmas vacation on the twenty-second day of December and terminate on the twelfth day of the next following January.

The Easter vacation shall as usual commence on Good Friday and shall continue for twenty-two days. The August vacation shall commence on such in August as the Chief Justice shall appoint in each year for the purpose and shall continue for twelve days.

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ALL CEYLON MOTOR EXHIBITION.—An All-Ceylon Motor and General Engineering Exhibition will be held in Colombo during the first part of January next. The Exhibition will be located on the land called the Hucupitiya Bay Lake Reclamation, almost opposite the Public Hall, Colombo. The exhibition grounds will be approximately 11 acres in extent and the area covered by the different stands will cover spaces amounting to nearly 120,000 square feet, three times the stand area of the All-Ceylon Industrial Exhibition held at Colombo in 1921 and much bigger than the All Ceylon Exhibition held at Colombo in 1912. The cost of the buildings alone—if, as is hoped, they are constructed entirely of iron and radjans are totally eliminated—is expected to exceed Rs. 150,000. The latest model cars and motor vehicles, moving machinery and wireless sets will form the chief exhibits. His Excellency the Governor will open the Exhibition on January 6, 1927 and it will continue for ten days.

THE JAFFNA ASSOCIATION—The Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna Association will be held at Hon. Mr. S. Rajaratnam's office on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. at 4.30 p.m. The following are among the items on the agenda:—The consideration of the type of the Ceylon University and the site for the same; To consider the desirability of reorganising the Judiciary in the Jaffna District; To consider what further steps should be taken to connect the Islands with the mainland by a cause way between Araly and Velanai; To appoint a sub-Committee to prepare a Memorandum re Taxation; To consider what further steps should be taken to colonise the Karachohi.

RAILWAY OFFICERS IN MALARIAL STATIONS—It is understood that a new rule has been introduced under which the 36 days' privilege leave which an officer of the Railway who serves at a malarial station is entitled to has been cancelled and he is called upon to perform one full year's service.

SIR P. ARUNACHALA'S PORTRAIT—An offer of Mr. George de Silva to have the portrait of the late Sir P. Arunachalam hung up in the Congress rooms in view of his great services to the Congress was accepted at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ceylon National Congress.

NALLUR TEMPLE CASE—Mr. G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge of Jaffna, inquired on the 13th inst. into the application of five Hindus, of Jaffna, for a declaration that the Nallur Kandassamy temple was a charitable trust and the settlement of a scheme for the management of the temple and its temporalities. Mr. A. R. Subramaniam, instructed by Mr. K. Kanagasaby, represented the Hindu applicants. The Hon. Mr. W. Duraiswamy and Messrs. G. O. Thambiah and P. Vythilingam, instructed by Mr. K. Somasundram, represented the defendant manager. The Hon. Mr. K. Balasingham represented the added party, a Brahmin priest. The Court ruled that the question, whether the temple was a charitable trust or the private property of the family of Regunatha Mappana Mudalayar, should first be taken up for inquiry. Mr. Duraiswamy said he would appeal against the order and the inquiry was postponed.

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The "Ceylon Daily News" of the 17th inst, has the following interesting note on the plight of the Northern Province as regards medical facilities:—

"The opening of the Theomaradobi Hospital is a unique event for more reasons than one. Incredibly as it may appear, it is claimed to be the first up to date hospital in the Northern Province. And yet there are people who say that the North rules this country. But the critics would perhaps suggest that the absence of an up to date hospital is evidence of the sturdiness of the Northern character. Even without medical aid they had not perished! But we will not pursue the fancy any further, for there are more interesting points calling for attention. One of them is that the Public Works Department actually built this hospital within the estimates. This is surely one of the miracles of the age. Mr. BOWWELL, we suggest in all seriousness, ought to be asked to write a book on the subject and it ought to be dedicated to the Engineers who were lately in charge of the construction of the Hydro-Electric Scheme at Watawala. If those Engineers ever recover from the shock of the discovery that estimates are not things to be always exceeded, they might profit by a perusal of the work. In the meantime the Government ought to pay heed to some of the remarks made by the speakers at the opening ceremony. From the fact that the Theomaradobi Hospital is the first up to date institution, it is easy to deduce how badly served other areas in the Northern Province are. Not till the death rate rose above the birth rate was the Government persuaded that there was urgent need for this hospital. But if it is to serve its purpose, Sir P. RAMANATHAN's suggestions about roads ought to be put into effect. Though this hospital is all that it ought to be, it is stated that for want of suitable roads, patients will not be able to resort to it for relief. This is a grave drawback which must be speedily remedied. Sir PONNAMBALAM had a mournful story to tell of Kilaly which once boasted a population of 600 families. Today a miserable remnant of 50 families maintain a losing fight against death. This is surely a disgrace to any administration which claims to be civilised or progressive. Ceylon after all is not like India. This is not a country of vast distances and teeming populations. When therefore we are told that in the Northern Province hospitals are situated thirty and forty miles apart, one is inclined to ask on what grounds the Government can claim to have provided suitable medical facilities to the best of its ability. Between Vavuniya Hospital and the Hospital at Killinochchi there is a distance of 42 miles. And Killinochchi Hospital is separated from that at Obavakachcheri by 30 miles. At Obavakachcheri Hospital there are only twelve beds in the male ward, two beds in the maternity ward and six beds in the female ward. By what remarkable calculation the authorities arrived at the tremendous truth that for every two men who fall ill, disease claims only one from the other sex is another of those mysteries on which the official mind thrives. The Government before it toys with the idea whether it has not done all that is humanly possible in the way of medical relief, ought to set about rolling away the reproach of too few hospitals from the North and for that matter from the rest of the Island." (H.O. 20.09.1926)

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MOTOR PROSECUTIONS—P. O. Silva, of the Jaffna Police, charged before Mr. A. G. Ranasingha, Police Magistrate of Jaffna, a motor car driver named Thamostrampillai Samugam, of Karainagar with having obstructed the public road near the Jaffna Railway Station, by halting his bus No. H. 143 and taking passengers from the train. The accused, who was defended by Mr. K. V. Sinda-duray, Proctor, pleaded guilty and was fined Rs. 10. The same P. O. also charged a car driver named V. Ganapathypillai, with having failed to mark the number of passengers on bus No. H. 200 was licensed to carry. The accused pleaded guilty and was fined Rs. 20. P. O. Fernando, of the Jaffna Police, charged before Mr. A. G. Ranasingha, Police Magistrate, of Jaffna a car driver named Nagalingam Sithambampillai, with having allowed his car to be overloaded. The accused pleaded guilty and was fined Rs. 5.

PASSPORTS FOR TRAVELLERS FROM INDIA—It is noted that travellers proceeding to Ceylon, who are not permanent residents of Ceylon or India and not British subjects, must provide themselves with valid passports to avoid detention at Dhanushkodi and the possibility of being refused permission to land in Ceylon.

CODES FOR ASSISTED INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.—The same Gazette publishes the Code of Regulations for Assisted Industrial Schools, which has been approved by the Board of Education.

LOCAL OPTION IN JAFFNA—The polling to ascertain the wish of the poll-tax paying population for the abolition or retention of the toddy taverns at Allalpiddy (Islands Division) and Madduvilnadu (Punakari Division) will be held on October 5, 1926 and November 6, 1926, respectively. The supply area for the first-mentioned taverns is Allalpiddy and Mankumpam and for the latter Ganmadam, Sitankurichi, Chettiakurichohi and Madduvilnadu.

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INDIAN & FOREIGN.

ENGLISHMAN SWIMS THE CHANNEL.—An Englishman, Norman Durham, swam the Channel in 13 hours 56 minutes.

A BOARD OF INDIAN MEDICINE.—The Government of U. P. have decided to establish a Board of Indian Medicine consisting of 18 members with the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gokarnath Misra as Chairman. The functions of the Board of Indian Medicine are to advise the Government on all matters connected with the organisation and development of Ayurvedic and Unani systems, to prescribe courses of study for examinations, appoint examiners and conduct all examinations under Indian systems of medicine, confer certificates, diplomas and degrees, register medical practitioners and to distribute grants placed by the Government at the disposal of the Board. The inauguration ceremony of the Board was performed by the Hon'ble Rajeshwari Bai, Minister of Education United Provinces, on Wednesday September 15 at 5.30 p.m. in the Gangaprasad Varma Memorial Hall. The first meeting of the Board took place on September 16.

INDIGENOUS SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE.—The Governments of the United Provinces have, on the recommendation of the Ayurvedic and Unani Committee, presided over by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gokarnath Misra, Judge, Chief Court, Oudh, decided to establish a state aided Ayurvedic School at Hardwar and a state aided Unani School at Lucknow and also contemplate the starting of a state aided Ayurvedic College in the Benares Hindu University and a state aided Unani College in the Aligarh Muslim University. The last matter, however, is still under consideration and correspondence is going on. Rs. 50,000 have been, on the recommendation of the Committee allowed for distribution of grants in aid to indigenous institutions and dispensaries.

SITUATION IN CANTON.—The Government of Canton has addressed a communication to the acting British Consul-General there undertaking that Chinese police will patrol and guard the river and British wharves and prevent interference with shipping by pickets. In view of this promise the naval authorities which recently took action to stop continental shipping by picket boats and cleared British wharves of picket parties, are withdrawing gun-boats from wharves. The right, however, is reserved to resume the liberty of action in the event of the Chinese undertaking not being fulfilled or in the event of boycott negotiations not being resumed in reasonable time.

RATIFICATION OF LOCARNO TREATIES.—The ratifications of Locarno treaties were registered on the 14th inst. with the League of Nations Secretariat by Sir Austen Chamberlain, M. Briand, Dr. Stresemann, Sgr. Solacoff, M. de Broekere, M. Zeski and Dr. Benes.

A Farewell Dinner.

REGISTRAR OF LANDS, TRINCOMALEE ENTERTAINED.

On the eve of his departure to Jaffna on transfer Mr. K. V. Subramaniam, Registrar of Lands, Trincomalee, was entertained to a farewell dinner by some of his friends and members of the Public on Saturday the 11th inst. at the Town Rest House. Covers were laid for 21 and Dr. S. Thambipillai, the District Medical Officer, presided. After doing justice to an excellent menu and the toasts having been pledged, reference was made in their speeches by Dr. S. Thambipillai, Mr. M. Somasundaram, Proctor S. C. Mr. B. V. Sathukavalar, Chief Clerk, Kachcheri, Mr. S. Thirunavukarasu of the Irrigation Department, Mr. T. Balasubramaniam, M. L. B. Mr. E. K. Sivaprasad of the Courts and Mr. V. M. Coomaraswamy of the Land Registry, to the amiable ways and manners of the guest and the efficient and impartial manner he discharged the duties of his office as Registrar of lands and marriages with acceptance to the public and Government during his stay in Trincomalee which has won for him the admiration of all those who came in close contact with him in official or private life. The view was expressed that it was the wish of those present that Mr. Subramaniam should come back to Trincomalee so that he might avail the opportunity of having his company again in their midst as they said that it was rare that they came across gentlemen of Mr. K. V. Subramaniam's type.

Mr. Subramaniam suitably replied and in the course of his reply touched on the feeling references made by the various speakers on his behalf and said that all those nice things said of him were not entirely deserved by him and if at all his acquaintance has straightened into a feeling of comradeship he was glad of it. He said that he was very much moved that night and expressed his genuine thanks for the honor done to him. The gathering dispersed very late at night. Great credit is due to the organisers of the function who spared no pains to make it a through success.

The following sat for the dinner: Dr. S. Thambipillai, Messrs. M. Somasundaram, V. Allirajah, M. P. Rajesvarnam, V. Kanthasamy, M. Thirunavukarasu, V. M. Coomaraswamy, E. W. Coomaraswamy, E. R. Sivaprasad, C. Lingaratnam, P. Gnanesalingam, V. Kandiah, B. V. Sathukavalar, B. Sivapalan, V. J. Krishnaswami, T. Balasubramaniam, V. Ramalingam, M. C. Ernest, V. Subramaniam and P. Nagaratnam. —Trincomalee Cor.

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Y. M. H. A. VALVETTITURAL.—A special meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday the 13th inst. at 6.30 p.m. presided over by Mr. A. Vadhavanam, Teacher, Pandit S. Thillainathan delivered a lecture on "The life of a householder." He explained the meaning of the Hindu marriage rites and other religious rites and ceremonies performed by a householder. After the Chairman's remarks Mr. V. Kanagasundaram expressed the gratitude of the Association for the interest the Pandit takes on behalf of the Association and the selfless work done by him. The meeting terminated at 9 p.m. with the singing of Thevaram. —Cor.

Jaffna Urban District Council.

QUESTION ON POLICE ORDER.

The following are the minutes of proceedings of a General Meeting of the above Council held at the Jaffna Kachcheri on Saturday, the 11th September, 1926, at 9 a.m. pursuant to notice dated 7th September 1926:—

Present:—The Hon'ble Mr. A. Canagaratham (Chairman); Mr. R. Sivagurunather (Vice Chairman); Mr. F. J. Smith, G. A., N.P.; Mr. A. Rothwell, P. E., N. P.; Messrs. T. H. Crossette, S. Kanagasabai, P. Moses, R. Subramaniam, K. Somasundaram, V. S. S. Kumaraswamy, A. M. M. Abdulcader and the Secretary.

The minutes of proceedings of the meeting held on the 14th August 1926 having been previously circulated to the members of the Council were taken as read and confirmed.

NALLUR KANTHASWAMY TEMPLE.

Pursuant to notice Mr. P. Moses asked:—

- (i) Is the Council aware of the Police Order closing the road passing the Nallur Kantaswamy Temple to motor car, cart and carriage traffic between the 18th August and 8th September.
(ii) Has this Council or its Chairman been informed or consulted about such action? If so, will the Chairman order that the necessary papers be tabled.
(iii) Has this Council any power over the traffic upon the said road?
(iv) If regulations under Police Ordinance or other regulations empower such closing, should not this Council and the general public have been informed of such proposed closing by proclamation at least.

CHAIRMAN'S REPLY.

(i) If the Council be aware, the member himself would be aware.
(ii) I was consulted in regard to the diversion of traffic especially as regards the choice of roads along which diverted traffic had to be allowed. This, I understood, was not only in the interest of the large assembly of worshippers on the road adjoining the Nallur Kantaswamy Temple but for the convenience also of passengers.
There are no papers on the subject.

(iii) and (iv) Obviously these are not questions which the Chairman has to answer. If the member has any opinion on them he may if he so desires bring it forward for consideration and adoption by the Council.

MORE DRY-EARTH LATRINES.

Considered the issue of notices upon the following persons to provide dry-earth latrines under Section 122 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1920:—

- 40 persons at Hospital Road
21 do. Kandy Road
25 do. Kannathiddu Road
12 do. Chenna Street
66 do. Manipay Road
10 do. Pt. Pedro 2nd mile Kachcheri. Nallur Road
23 do. Kachcheri Nallur Road
9 do. Point Pedro Road
5 do. Near Muthirai Chantai

Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that notices be served on the persons mentioned above.
Mr. R. Subramaniam seconded. —Carried.

REPORT OF SANITATION COMMITTEE.

Considered the report of the Sanitation Committee.

Mr. T. H. Crossette moved the adoption of the report with the exception of paragraph 2 recommending the provision of public latrines.

[In the course of his motion Mr. Crossette stressed the necessity of having public latrines in congested areas where people could not afford to pay conservancy fees, provided that site was available for the erection of such latrines.

Referring to the watering of roads, Mr. Crossette said that the Chairman had referred to the experiment of watering roads as a failure. Failure was the pillars of success and he (the speaker) was of opinion that the experiment should be repeated. He did not think it was so very difficult to get water from the lagoon to water the streets. Soon a reservoir would have to be built to store up water to flush the drains. Pumps driven by electricity or wind power would have to be utilised to raise the water into the reservoir. But till then some contrivance must be thought of to get sea water to water the roads.

The dust was a serious problem to be faced. It continued unabated and some efforts must be made to minimise it.]

Mr. S. Kanagasabai seconded. —Carried.
It was also agreed that the reduced conservancy fee of Re. 1/ per messum may be adopted after the provision of a sufficient number of additional number of dry earth latrines.

PENSION TO U. D. C. OFFICERS.

Considered draft by-laws re pension to officers of the Council.

[In considering the above draft, the Provincial Engineer Mr. Rothwell wished to know whether the Council admitted the broad principle that it had to provide pensions for its officers.

The Chairman replied that at the time the Local Board was in existence a pension scheme was drafted but owing to a technical flaw it could not come into operation. It was the duty of the Council to provide pensions considering the fact that its officers were paid less than officers of a similar class under Government. The Government recognised the principle that its officers who had devoted their life to working under it should be recompensed when they are disabled or are too old for service.

Mr. K. Somasundaram was not willing to concede that the officers of the Council were paid less than Government servants considering the advantages they enjoyed.]

Continued up.

THE MAILS.

(G. P. O. Colombo)

DESPATCHES.

London Mails per a P & O Steamer leaving from Bombay will close on Tuesday, September 21st, per the R L "Siamat" on Thursday, September 23rd, and per the P & O "Malwa" on Wednesday, September 29th.

Straits and China Mails per the N Y K "Katori Maru" will close on Tuesday, September 21st.

RECEIPTS.

London Mails per the O L "Orvietto" will arrive on Saturday, September 25th and per the P & O "Mantua" on Saturday, October 2nd.

Straits & China Mails per the R L "Siamat" will arrive on Thursday, September 23rd.

Continued.

Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that the by-laws be referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. R. Sivagurunather, T. H. Crossette and S. Kanagasabai (Convener).

Mr. R. Subramaniam seconded. —Carried.

GRAND BAZAAR MARKETS.

Considered the question of revising the existing scale of fees recoverable by Market Renters.

Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that a committee consisting of the Chairman, Provincial Surgeon, N. P., Messrs. R. Subramaniam and R. Sivagurunather be appointed to report on the subject.

Mr. P. Moses seconded. —Carried.

Considered the selection of a new site for the Grand Bazaar Fish Market.

Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that the site behind the motor bus stand a few yards away recommended by the committee be approved.

Mr. A. M. M. Abdulcader seconded. —Carried.

TOWN SURVEY.

Considered letter No. 1072 of 26th August 1926 from the President, Local Government Board, re Town Survey.

Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that a combined survey be asked for on the basis that the Council pays one third of the cost.

Mr. V. S. S. Kumaraswamy seconded. —Carried.

The Chairman was requested to apply to Government for a loan of one amount as the work is one intended to benefit future generations also.

Considered the application from the Grand Bazaar Renter for compensation for loss sustained by him.

Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that the matter be deferred for consideration at the December meeting of the Council.

Mr. R. Subramaniam seconded.

Mr. R. Sivagurunather moved an amendment that the matter be deferred and brought up for consideration again by the Chairman whenever he thinks necessary.

Mr. V. S. S. Kumaraswamy seconded.

Six voted for the amendment and six for the substantial motion and the amendment was carried by the casting vote of the Chairman.

The consideration of Letter No. L. M. 79 of 27th August 1926 from the Government Agent, N. P., Jaffna, re site for Urban District Council Office was deferred.

Considered the report of the Market Committee.

Mr. S. Kanagasabai moved that the report be adopted and estimates called for.

Mr. R. Sivagurunather seconded. —Carried.

WATER SUPPLY AND ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Considered the Report of the Committee re Water Supply and Electric Lighting.

[During the consideration of the report on the above the Chairman said that he had written to the Director of Public Works to furnish him with separate estimate for Electric Lighting and to send it as early as possible. Mr. Somasundaram said he was glad to see that the Chairman had taken a great deal of interest in the concern. He suggested that the following firms be written to and asked to quote estimates: Messrs. Fentons, Bousfield Bros., Walker's and Hutson.

The Provincial Engineer said that some definite plan must first be drawn up before estimates were called for. Specifications and a skeleton plan were essential. One firm might quote for lighting a small area another for a larger area.

Mr. T. H. Crossette said that he felt that the question raised was very important and had to be tackled very carefully. The D. P. W. should be asked to send an Electrical Engineer to advise the Council. Recently he (the speaker) had a chance of talking to the Chairman of the Matale U. D. C. The Matale Council started its lighting scheme on inaccurate data and now found that the current available was not strong enough to light the town well. They should profit by the mistakes made by others. There were certain items that had to be carefully considered.]

Mr. P. Moses moved that the report be adopted and that the Director of Public Works be requested to send Mr. Wimalasundara or another Electrical Engineer to draw up a detailed specification for the framing of estimate in connection with the Electric Lighting Scheme.

Mr. R. Subramaniam seconded. —Carried.

Considered the withdrawal of the fixed deposit of Rs. 15,000, in the Chartered Bank.

Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that the Chairman be authorised to withdraw the amount.

Mr. T. H. Crossette seconded. —Carried.

COMPENSATION FOR ATTEMPTED IMPROVEMENT.

Considered the sanction of a vote of Rs. 1,000/ under Head "E 1 (b)" for payment of compensation to plaintiff in Case No. 18463 D. C., Jaffna.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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AN APPEAL FOR OUR HINDU LEADERS.

URGENT NECESSITY FOR A HINDU VERNACULAR HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

The Editor, "Hindu Organ."

Sir, The time for the Hindus of Ceylon to wake up and establish a vernacular High School for Girls, where they can continue higher education in Tamil, is long past. There is not a single school in the whole of Ceylon, where the Hindu girls, after completing their education in the village schools say, at the most, up to the sixth standard, can continue higher education.

Through the generosity of our illustrious benefactor, the Hon'ble Sir, P. Ramanathan, we are now proud of having a college for the higher education of girls in English, in the pure Salutar atmosphere. But it is a matter for regret that we have no vernacular school on such lines for higher education in Tamil.

The Uduvil Girls' Schools has a separate vernacular department, where the girls can receive higher education in Tamil, and can go through a course of Teachers' training. In addition to all these, the girls in this department are given training in home industries, nursing, domestic science etc.

The object of Education should be to bring out the powers inherent in an individual to practical expression and unless proper education is given to our female generation, who are to be the future mothers, we cannot expect ideal citizens from the future sons of Ceylon. "The hand that rocks the cradle is the power that rules the world." As such it is our duty to give the Hindu girls an opportunity of training themselves in the right Hindu atmosphere. They ought to be endowed with the knowledge of our vast and priceless legacy of Literature, a study of which is very essential to fit them to shoulder their responsibilities as mothers and useful citizens. How many of our Hindu girls know the biographies of Sissa, Savithiri, Kannaki, Vasuki, and so forth? Is it not a disgrace for our girls to be foreigners to our Literature and the higher ideals embedded in it. Let our Hindu leaders think over this question and find a means of remedying our present deplorable condition in the matter of the right type of education for our girls.

The present system creates a leaning towards Anglicized ways of life and a growing dislike to our hoary traditions and ideals of life. There is no objection to such of our girls, as are in a position to do so, learning English as a Second Language, but education in Tamil and its literature must and ought to be their primary equipment for life.

Further I wish to draw the attention of the Hindu Board of Education to the desirability of starting a separate Secondary or High School on lines similar to the Girls' School at Uduvil. Failing that they may request our Grand Old Man of Ceylon to start a separate vernacular department for higher education in Tamil in the Ramanathan College in conjunction with the Training School, which is now in operation there. This is a matter which should receive the immediate attention of the Hindu public of Ceylon.

May I hope, Mr. Editor, that you will wield your powerful pen in the advocacy of a cause, which is a crying need of the situation?

Yours faithfully, Kula Lumpur, 31st, August, 1926

A Hindu.

Continued.

Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that the amount be voted and that the payment be met out of the amount available for drainage improvement schemes.

Mr. T. H. Crossette seconded. —Carried.

Considered the sanction of a supplementary vote of Rs. 325/ under Head "E 6 (a, b and c)" to meet the L. D. H. B. for the financial year ended 30th September 1925.

Mr. A. M. M. Abdulcader moved that the amount be voted.

Mr. R. Subramaniam seconded. —Carried.

Considered the sanction of the following supplementary vote:—

Rs. 15/ under Head "E 1 (a)"
Rs. 75/ under Head "E 5 (c)"

Mr. A. M. M. Abdulcader moved that the vote be sanctioned.

Mr. V. S. S. Kumaraswamy seconded. —Carried.

WIDENING BAZAAR ROADS. Considered estimates for widening the Small Bazaar North Road and the portion of Fourth Cross Street adjoining the Bazaar and shifting the existing drains.

Mr. P. Moses moved that the estimates of Rs. 1,500/ be passed and that the work be done under Head "B 13" New Works.

Mr. T. H. Crossette seconded. —Carried.

Considered the estimates received for the widening of Grand Bazaar Road and building of concrete concrete drain.

Mr. T. H. Crossette moved that the tender of G. Nicholas be accepted and that he be written to furnish scenery within five days and in failure to do so the next tender be accepted.

Mr. P. Moses seconded. —Carried.

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Mahatmaji's Auto-Biography.

AGITATION AGAINST FRANCHISE BILL.

The following is a further instalment of Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography as appearing in "Young India" of last week:—

Seth Haji Mahomed Haji Dada was regarded as the foremost leader of the Indian community in Natal in 1898. Financially Seth Abdulla Haji Adam was the chief among them, but he and others always gave the first place to Seth Haji Mahomed in public affairs.

Many of the local merchants were of course enrolled, noteworthy among them being Sothas Dawud Mahomed, Mahomed Cassim Kamraddin, Adamji Miankhan, A. Kolandavelu Pillai, C. Lachthram, Rangaswami Padisachi and Amod Jiva. Parel Rustomji was certainly there.

THE PETITION TO THE ASSEMBLY.

The Bill had already passed, or was about to pass, its second reading. In the speeches on the occasion, the fact that Indians had expressed no opposition to the stringent Bill was urged as proof of their unfitness for the franchise.

I explained the situation to the meeting. The first thing we did was to despatch a telegram to the Speaker of the Assembly requesting him to postpone further discussion of the Bill.

The petition to be presented to the Legislative Assembly was drawn up. Three copies had to be prepared and one extra was needed for the press.

APPEAL TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Lord Ripon was at this time Secretary of State for the Colonies. It was decided to submit to him a monster petition. This was no small task and could not be done in a day.

Ten thousands signature were obtained in the course of a fortnight. To secure this number of signatures from the whole of the province was no light task, especially when we consider that the men were perfect strangers to the work.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testametary Jurisdiction No. 6218.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Annamuttu alias Annappillai wife of Sangarappillai Ponniah of Chulliparam

Deceased. Ponnappillai widow of Ampalavanar of Chulliparam

Order Nisi is extended till September 29, 1926. O. 1187.

Jaffna Urban District Council.

Concluded from page 8. CASE IN HAND FOR LICENSORS.

Considered Local Government Board Circular No 15 of the 27th August 1926 re collection of license fees in cash.

Mr. K. Somasundaram moved that the license fees now collected in stamps by the Council be collected in cash in future and that the Local Government Board be replied accordingly.

The Chairman brought to the notice of the Council that the Inspector of Works who is paid a motor bicycle allowance was allowed by him to use a horse and carriage as the cycle went out of order.

Mr. P. Moses moved that the action of the Chairman be approved and that the Inspector of Works be allowed to use either a motor cycle or a horse and carriage.

Mr. R. Sivagurunather moved that the Council do place on record its appreciation of the valuable and eminent services rendered to the Council by Mr. A. Rothwell, Provincial Engineer, N. P. during the time he was connected with it.

The following papers were tabled:— (a) Report of the Road Survey.

(b) Letter No 1100 of 1st September 1926 from the President, Local Government Board re Karayur Reclan a Ion Grounds.

As regards (a) Mr. R. Subramaniam moved that the report be adopted.

Continued. mind not to stay at public expense. I felt it necessary to set up an independent household.

"But," said they, "we should like you to draw that amount for public work, and we can easily collect it. Of course this is apart from the fees you must charge for private legal work."

"No, I could not thus charge you for public work," said I. "The work would not involve the exercise on my part of much skill as barrister. My work would be mainly to make you all work."

"But we have now known you for some time and are sure you would not draw anything you do not need. And if we wanted you to stay here, should we not find your expenses?"

"It is your love and present enthusiasm that make you talk like this. How can we be sure that this love and enthusiasm will endure for ever? And as your friend and servant, I should occasionally have to say hard things to you."

The upshot of this discussion was that about 20 merchants gave me retainers for one year for their legal work. Besides this, Dada Abdulla purchased me the necessary furniture in lieu of a purse he had intended to give me on my departure.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testametary Jurisdiction No. 6218.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Annamuttu alias Annappillai wife of Sangarappillai Ponniah of Chulliparam

Deceased. Ponnappillai widow of Ampalavanar of Chulliparam

Order Nisi is extended till September 29, 1926. O. 1189.

NOTICE.

The undermentioned Government timber lying at the Jaffna Depot will be sold by public auction on the spot by the Divisional Forest Officer, N. D., Jaffna, on Tuesday, October 5, 1926, at 9 30 a. m.

- Lot I. 125 Palu logs. II. 25 Satin logs. III. 1000 Vallala Class A. IV. 1000 Vallala Class B. V. 2000 Patechus Class A. VI. 5000 Warichchus. VII. 50 Special Palu Posts.

Office of the J. D. SARGENT, Conservator of Forests, Kandy, Sept. 13, '26. G. 659.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testametary Jurisdiction No. 6951.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Visuvalingam Sinnatambar of Pattur

Deceased. Velauthar Thiagarajah of Pattur

Minor. 1. Parupathippillai alias Nallapillai widow of Sinnatambar of Pattur

2. Sinnatambar Manickavasagar of do. 3. Visuvalingam Saravananmattu of do.

This matter of the Petition of Velauthar Thiagarajah of Pattur, the abovenamed Petitioner, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased, Visuvalingam Sinnatambar of Pattur, coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on July 2, 1926, in the presence of Mr. C. A. Niles, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated October 29, 1925, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the father in law of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before July 29, 1926, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. August 13, 1926. Order Nisi extended for September 23, 1926. O. 1140.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testametary Jurisdiction No. 6187.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Mariammah wife of Antonipillai Bastiampillai of Mathagal

Deceased. M. Antonipillai Bastiampillai of Mathagal

Minors. 1. Francisammah and 2. Virisithammah daughters of Anthoni-pillai Bastiampillai and 3. Anthoni-pillai Soosappillai all of Mathagal

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying that the abovenamed 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the 1st and 2nd Respondents and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the Petitioner coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on July 15, 1926, in the presence of Mr. C. L. Selvaratnam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated June 26, 1926, having been read, it is ordered that the abovenamed 3rd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the 1st and 2nd Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interest and representing them in this case and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents shall appear before this Court on August 12, 1926, and state objection or show cause to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. August 4, 1926. Time to show cause extended to Sept. 23, 1926. O. 1189.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testametary Jurisdiction No. 6240.

In the matter of the estate of the late Ponnamma wife of Sinnatamby Kumaru of Thanakkarakkurichy

Deceased. Sinnatamby Kumaru of Thanakkarakkurichy

Minor. 1. Sinnatamby Malla of do. 2. Thevanni daughter of Kumaru of do.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on September 3, 1926, in the presence of Mr. S. Appadurai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the Petition and affidavit of the Petitioner dated August 30, 1926, having been read:

It is ordered (a) that the 1st Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the 2nd Respondent for the purpose of representing and defending her in the testamentary proceedings and (b) that Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Ponnamma wife of Sinnatamby Kumaru be issued to the Petitioner as the husband of the intestate unless the Respondents or any other persons shall, on or before September 30, 1926, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. September 9, 1926. O. 1189.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testametary Jurisdiction No. 6165.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Chellammittu widow of Visuvalingam of Changuvally

Deceased. Visuvalingam Sakthivel of Changuvally

1. Visuvalingam Kanagapushnam of Changuvally presently of Singapore

2. Visuvalingam Suntharamoorthy of Changuvally presently of Klang, F. M. S.

3. Visuvalingam Peethamparum of Changuvally presently of Kuala Lumpur

4. Mootatamby Saravananmattu and 5. wife Poongavanam of Changuvally

6. Sinnatamby Thambiappillai and 7. wife Santhanam of Changuvally presently of Kuala Lumpur

8. Potkody daughter of Visuvalingam of Changuvally

This matter of the Petition of the Petitioner abovenamed praying that the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minor the 8th Respondent and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased be granted to the Petitioner coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on June 29, 1926, in the presence of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated June 24, 1926, having been read.

It is ordered that the 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minor the 8th Respondent and the Petitioner as one of the heirs of the deceased be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased and that Letters be issued to him unless the Respondents shall on or before August 3, 1926, appear before this Court and show cause to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. July 16, 1926. The Order Nisi is extended to Sept. 23, 1926. O. 1135.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testametary Jurisdiction No. 6238.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Pethaperumal Arulambalam of Udavil

Deceased. Suppiah Nagalingam of Vannarponnai West

1. Sellamma widow of Arulambalam

2. Arulambalam Saikunathan

3. Saraspathy daughter of Arulambalam

4. Arulambalam Swananathan, all of Udaville

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying that the abovenamed 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the 2nd 3rd and 4th Respondents and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the Petitioner coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on September 2, 1926, in the presence of Mr. E. Murgessampillai, Proctor for the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated September 1, 1926, having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the 2nd 3rd and 4th Respondents for the purpose of representing them and of acting in their behalf in this case and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the Petitioner as his nephew unless the abovenamed Respondents shall appear before this Court on September 30, 1926, and state objections or show cause to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. Sept. 7, 1926. O. 1184.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testametary Jurisdiction No. 6154.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Veluppilly Chellappah of Chunnakam

Deceased. Sithamparanathan widow of Veluppilly Chellappah of Chunnakam

1. Ponnappilly daughter of Chellappah of Chunnakam

2. Chellammah daughter of Chellappah of do. 3. Chellappah Kanagaratnam of do. 4. Kadirgamar Arulampalam of do.

This matter of the Petition of the Petitioner abovenamed praying that the 4th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minors the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Respondents and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased be issued to her coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on June 23, 1926, in the presence of Mr. S. V. Chiniah, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated May 31, 1926, having been read:

It is ordered that the 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Respondents and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate and that Letters be issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents shall on or before July 20, 1926, appear before this Court and show cause to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. July 16, 1926. The Order Nisi is extended to 21st Sept. 1926. O. 1186.

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