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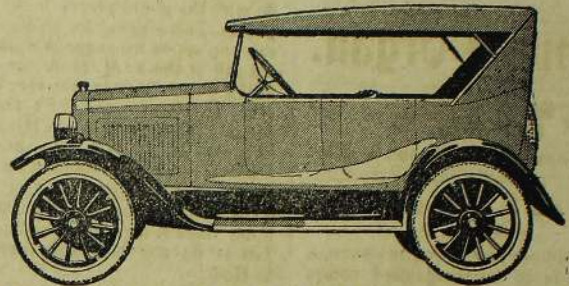
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**NOTICE.**

**Y. M. H. A.**

(CENTRAL)  
A public meeting of the members of the Y M H A (Central) and all interested in the Y M H A movement will be held at the 'Gunasgeram' Hall, Jaffna Hindu College, on Tuesday, the 14th December, 1926, at 6 p.m. with a view to revive and organise the movement.

**SIR AMBALAVANAR KANAGASABAI** has kindly consented to preside on the occasion.

All are cordially invited.

J. Ines, M. S. ELIATAMBY,  
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**The Hindu Organ.**

JAFFNA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1926

THE Y. M. H. A.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE CENTRAL Y. M. H. A. is to be reorganised comes not a day too soon. There is at present no organisation in Jaffna which could bring all Hindu Young Men together for the purpose of instructing them in their religion, or to train them for public service. At one time the central Y. M. H. A. had forty-five branches in different parts of the Island. Some of these branches are still existing and doing active work but, as the Central Association is not doing any active work, all their activities have not been co-ordinated, with the result that the community of young men as a whole has not been much benefited. Experience in temperance work showed what an amount of energy there is in our young men. The same spirit of service will prevail if they are entrusted with any other activity of national importance. The young men of the present day want to do some work. They want to show that they could be trusted to do it. They are anxious to prove that they are as good as older men, if they are properly directed and controlled.

In the great Hindu revival that is taking place throughout the country, there is a good deal of work for our young men. They can be a power for good in their own homes and in the villages. They can arrange for popular lectures, conduct village schools, organise study circles and thus prove a valuable asset to the country. They have more time at their disposal, more energy, and more enthusiasm. Till all Hindu boys and Hindu girls could be accommodated in Hindu schools and brought up in a Hindu atmosphere, instruction in religion in the case of children, who do not attend Hindu schools, will have to be given outside the school. It is here that Hindu young men who are more advantageously placed could help their less fortunate brethren. They could conduct religious classes for them, keep in touch with them and so arrest any adverse influences that might be at work to destroy their faith.

Every village in Jaffna ought to have a Y. M. H. A. and every young Hindu in the village must be registered as a member of the Y. M. H. A. These who help with subscriptions might be enrolled as active members and those who sympathise with the aims and objects of the movement might be enrolled as associate members. In every Y. M. H. A. there must be a register of children who attend non-Hindu schools and special care must be taken of these children. The latter must be very sympathetically handled and they should be given all possible encouragement to study their religion. The central Y. M. H. A. should undertake to hold periodical examinations in religious subjects and award prizes as it did in the past. Annual or even half yearly Camps should be a special feature.

Special popular lectures exclusively for women should be arranged in every village. It is very unfortunate that we have now in the whole Island only one school for the higher education of our girls. Till we are in a position to provide more schools for our girls, they ought to

be specially watched and no Hindu school should go without special instruction in religion being given to them. A good deal of useful work is being done in the Hindu vernacular schools but there is at present no scope for girls to receive a higher education in the vernacular. English education coupled with derationalising influences has done more harm to our girls than to our boys. It will be a long time before our women can be expected to take the initiative and help themselves to improve their own lot. We have to do something to put them in the way. There is a large number of women workers now in India. The services of a few of them should be secured and they should be entrusted with the work of enlightening our girls and our women. All this means money. Single associations scattered here and there cannot do it. We must all unite together and so find the means. Co-operation is essential. Other existing organisations have enough to do. The Hindu Board of Education has enough to do in connection with the establishment of new schools and running old schools. The Saiva Paripalana Sabai has enough to do with the publishing of books and newspapers. There is need for an organisation to carry on active propaganda work. Whether we call it the Y. M. H. A. or the Saiva Maha Sabai, it does not very much matter. The want is felt and there is enough to do. We hope that all Hindus realise, as much as we do, the need for the organisation of a movement on the lines which we have suggested here. It seems to us that without an organisation of the kind, there is a great opportunity wasted. Let us do our best and leave the rest to God.

**EDITORIAL NOTE.**

We like to point out to Government that cheap tickets on the Government Railway are not available during important Hindu and Buddhist festivals but only during Christmas and Easter which are Christian festivals. There is no reason, for example, why the cheap ticket concession during Christmas should not be extended so as to include the Hindu Thaipongal as well. A similar concession could be extended to the Wesak festival also. We wonder when the time will come when Government officials will be pleased to view things from our point of view as well. It is not a question of rights alone but also of duty perhaps. To find out the needs of the people and to provide them is one of the fundamental duties of Government.

**LOCAL & GENERAL**

**OUR NEW BUILDING**—The Building Committee of the Saiva Paripalana Sabai is busy on with the new building to which we propose to remove soon after the Hindu New Year in April next. The brick work is nearly complete and the doorways and window sills are being installed today at 1 p.m.

**JAFFNA RATE-PAYERS' ASSOCIATION**—A meeting of the Committee of the above Association was held on the 4th instant, at the premises of St. John's Church, when the following resolutions were passed:—"That the elected members of the Urban Council be asked to support the resolution urging the Council to defer action regarding the enforcement of the dry earth system that is to be moved by Mr. P. Moses at the next meeting." With regard to the reply to the question in the Legislative Council of Mr. Sabaratham regarding the nomination of members to the Provincial Road Committee N.P., the frequent complaints of the delays in attending to papers in the U.D.O. and the demand of the Legislative Councilors for pay, it was decided to summon a General Meeting of the Association early to take suitable action. It was decided to make arrangements to hold a "Social" for the entertainment of members and their friends. The Secretary was authorised to arrange a series of lectures on Sanitation, Education and Politics and it was resolved to invite Rev. Father Long, O.M.I. and Mr. W. A. Troop, Principal, Jaffna Hindu College, to deliver the first and second of the series.—Cor.

**BANDARAWELA ABOLISHES POLL TAX**—At a recent meeting of the Bandarawela Local Board it was resolved not to recover the poll tax for 1927.

**PROBABLE RESTORATION OF VAVUNI KULAM**.—In the Legislative Council on Friday, Mr. H. R. Freeman will ask:—In view of the passage in the Administration Report, 1924, of the Conservator of Forests that the Northern Province is immune from Chenu, will the Government with a view to an increased local food supply, be pleased to consider the restoration of the abandoned tank Vavuni-kulam on the Pullar in the Wannai as a storage tank to keep the village tanks below supplied with water?

Continued up.

**Re-conversion to Hinduism.**

**CHRISTIANS' AND MOHAMEDANS' FAITH.**

Seven Indian Christians and four Mohamedans were reconverted at BARISAL on December 6, to Hinduism under the auspices of the Central Hindu Mission of Calcutta. —Associated Press of India.

**Calendar for 1927.**

We are in receipt of a beautifully illustrated wall calendar for the year 1927, from Messrs P. F. Gonesekara & Co., Sole Agents, Puff Sewing Machines, and General Merchants of No 36 Main Street, Colombo.

**The Kandy Tamils' Association.**

**THIRTY-FIFTH HALF-YEARLY MEETING.**

The 35th half yearly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday the 4th instant at 6 p.m. at the Tamil Home, Kandy. A large number of members and distinguished visitors were present. The business meeting which was timed to start at 7 p.m. was preceded by a social at which light refreshments were served in oriental fashion.

Mr. A. N. K. Kumaraswamy, one of the Vice-Presidents, occupied the chair. The Secretary read messages received from the following expressing their inability to be present and wishing the Association all success:—The Secretary, Ceylon Tamil League, The Wellawatte Tamil Union and Messrs. V. M. Chaturvanam, U. Sappiah, N. Oshiravelu, A. Appahurai, M. Swaminathan, J. H. A. Alagaratham and K. D. Thyriar.

The minutes of the 34th half yearly general meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Managing Committee was next submitted to the house and was duly adopted. The report touched on the activities of the various branches of the Association and of the losses sustained by the Association by the transfer of several prominent members, including the President Mr. V. M. Chaturvanam.

This was followed by the Treasurer's balance sheet which was accepted by the house.

Then the Chairman in a neat and impressive speech reviewed the work of the Association during the past half year and exhorted the members and others to take more interest in the Association.

After this vote of thanks were proposed and passed to the following:—

(a) The press for their courtesy in publishing notices and proceedings of meetings.

(b) Mr. S. Sabaratham, the proprietor of the "Tamil Home".

(c) The retiring office-bearers special mention being made of the President, Mr. V. M. Chaturvanam.

A large number of new members were elected. A motion standing against the name of Mr. N. Chaturvanam, asking for the appointment of a sub-committee for the revision of rules was discussed and was accepted by the house.

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.**

This was followed by the election of office-bearers for the ensuing half-year which resulted as follows:—

President: Mr. N. Kumaraswamy.

Vice President: Messrs. C. N. Lennel, N. Chaturvanam, Jos. I. Gnanamuttu, Dr. S. Nath and Mr. P. Balasingam.

Hony. General Secy: Mr. A. Mandalanayagam (re-elected).

Literary Secretary: Mr. S. Somasundaram.

Reading Room & Library Secretary: Mr. J. Sathirasegaram.

Treasurer: Mr. T. Chaturvanam (re-elected).

Asst. Treasurer: Mr. V. Somasundaram.

Auditor: Mr. O. R. Sannigum (re-elected).

Managing Committee: Messrs. S. Sabaratham, S. Periatambay, S. Sivaganesandaram, S. Mathavelu, K. V. Selvadurai, T. V. Krishnapillai, A. R. Sathirasegaram, S. Murugesu, A. Ganapathipillai, K. Thamothersapillai, T. Carthigesar, & J. Somasundaram Iyer.

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Sub-Committee for revision of rules:—Messrs. Kumaraswamy, N. Chaturvanam, P. Balasingam, T. V. Krishnapillai, A. Ganapathipillai, T. Carthigesar, & A. Mandalanayagam.

The meeting terminated at about 8.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the chair.

**Continued.**

**SUCCESSFUL SINGAPORE MOTOR EXPEDITION.**—The expedition of three Singapore men to London from the Straits in a Trojan motor-car has terminated successfully, according to a cable received in Singapore lately, from which it appears they arrived at Dover on November 26. The party consisted of Messrs. Christopher de Silva, Marcus Kanagasabay and A. P. Souly.

**MORE CULPRITS IN ARRAK TRANSPORTATION.**—Before Mr. R. J. Bateman, Police Magistrate of Vavuniya, Excise Inspector Rajaratnam, of the Anuradhapura range, produced ten men, Kulasingham, a trained teacher and nine others and charged them severally with being in possession of a large number of bottles of arrack than the prescribed quantity. It would appear that on the 30th ultimo Inspector Rajaratnam went to Mankulam on inspection. Shortly after the train departed the Inspector noticed some men carrying suspicious-looking parcels. With the help of Mr. de Silva, the officer in charge of the railway station, and his police, he arrested all the ten men and took them into custody. The Assistant Superintendent of Excise, Jaffna, happened to be at the Mankulam Resthouse, so the Inspector produced the accused before him, and acting on his instructions took the men to Vavuniya by bus. They were brought before Mr. R. J. Bateman the following day at the Magistrate's bungalow, and when the charges were read out the men severally pleaded guilty. The Magistrate fined the trained teacher Rs. 40, four others Rs. 20 each and the other five Rs. 25 each. Altogether 337 bottles of arrack were seized.

**London University Examination**

**RESULTS OF INTERMEDIATE IN ARTS.**

The following are among the successful candidates of the Intermediate Examination in Arts held in Ceylon in July 1926.

**AMONG THE PASS LIST**

A. Arunampalam, Private Study; O. Chelvaratnam and S. Coomaraswamy, University College; D. R. Ganesaram, Private Study; K. Kanapathipillai, University College; V. A. Kandiah, Private Study; S. Mahadeva, University College; A. O. Nadarajah and A. V. Nadarajah, Jaffna College; A. S. Ponnampalam, Private Study; T. Ramachandram, Private Study; S. Thangarajah, V. Thuraiyappillai and K. Mathiparanam, University College; E. D. Thambanath and W. Wijayaratham, Private Study.

**AMONG THE REFERRED LIST**

A. K. Kaddiyah, English, Jaffna College; A. Ponniah, English, University College; V. Ramalingam, English, Private Study; A. Sathirasegaram, English and O. Somasundaram, English, University College; and A. H. J. Radnural, Latin, Private Study.

**The Tamil Union, Wellawatte.**

**ALL-COYLOM CONFERENCE.**

A Special Meeting of the Committee of the above Union was held at the Wesleyan Mission School, Pambankkade Road, Wellawatte at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday the 24th, November 1926, when in the absence of Mr. R. Sri Pathmasathan, the President, Mr. J. N. Vathavanan, one of the Vice Presidents, occupied the Chair. Others present were:—Mudaliyar N. N. Thamothersam, Dr. A. Rajasingam, Messrs. K. Kanagasabay, E. J. Rajaratnam, T. Thangarajah, E. Rasiah, S. Ponnappah, V. S. Kandiah and S. R. Sathaseevan (Hony. Secretary). Besides those mentioned above Messrs. H. T. Ramachandra and W. S. Niles and Prof. C. Satharalingam of the University College (who was invited by the Committee) were also present as visitors.

After the preliminaries were over, 32 applications for membership were submitted, scrutinised and passed. In connection with the Public Lectures arranged by the Union letters from the following gentlemen, V. Z. Hon: Mr. A. Mahadeva, Hon: Mr. E. B. Tambimuttu, Mr. A. M. K. Kumaraswamy, Mr. James Joseph and Rev. Dr. Isaac Tambiyah promising to deliver lectures were read and the Secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the Lectures.

**TAMIL COMMUNITY APPROVES.**

In connection with this Nonpolitical Conference which the Committee of the above Union was making arrangements to organise, letters from the following gentlemen and Associations were read:—Sir A. Kanagasabay Kt, Mr. Navina Selvadurai J. P., M. B. S., Dr. M. M. Kumaraswamy, Hon. Mr. A. Mahadeva, M. L. C., Mr. Daniel Joseph J. P., Srimat Swami Vipulananda, Rev. James S. Mather, Prof. C. Satharalingam, Dr. E. V. Ratnam, Rev. K. S. Murugesu, Dr. A. Rajasingam, Messrs. H. A. P. Sandrasekara, A. M. K. Kumaraswamy, S. J. K. Crowther, E. Viswiah, S. Sivapadasundaram, Geo. Phillippiyah, A. R. Sannugaratnam, V. M. Saravanamuttu, W. S. Niles, William Back, S. N. Asseravatham, A. K. Valupillai, S. Sivaubramaniam, A. M. Devanayagam, N. Vathavanan, S. Valupillai, V. Mutukumar, Mrs. T. P. Maslamany and Mudaliyar V. M. Mutukumar and Kurunagalla Tamil Union, The Tamil Union, Nawara Eliya, Kandy Tamil Association, Uva Tamil Sangam, The Ceylon Tamil League and several others from all over the Island.

From the number and nature of the letters received the Committee felt that the idea of an All Ceylon Nonpolitical Conference was acceptable to the Tamil Community throughout the Island and it was resolved that such a Conference be summoned to meet in Colombo on the 15th and 16th January 1927. The following tentative programme also was adopted. The Conference is to be opened by an address of welcome to the delegates by the President of the Tamil Union, Wellawatte. Thereafter the Conference is to meet in four sessions for the purpose of discussing the following subjects which were selected by the Committee out of many that were suggested:—

- (1) Education with particular reference to the University question by Srimat Swami Vipulananda of Sri Ramakrishna Mission.
- (2) Sanitation with special reference to the question of Malaria in Jaffna by Dr. S. F. Chelappah, Deputy Sanitary Commissioner.
- (3) Land Policy with regard to Crown Lands in the Northern Province and the colonisation of Wannai by Mr. H. A. P. Sandrasekara, Advocate.
- (4) Concerted action through Joint Stock Companies with special reference to the question of investment in Ceylon by the Tamils employed in the Malay Peninsula by Prof. C. Satharalingam of the University College.

Each session is to be presided over by a suitable prominent citizen, and the Secretary was directed to get the consent of two gentlemen in addition to the two already promised to preside.

It was also resolved that there should be held a social gathering on the first day at the close of the second session and the Committee is very pleased to state that Mr. R. Nadarajah J. P. has kindly consented to be the host on the occasion.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

To the Editor, "Hindu Organ"
Sir,—Sir James Peiris in his speech at the Annual Prize-Giving at St. Joseph's College is reported to have remarked that 'the dictum that Education is not founded on religion is of very little value is true to day when there is so much irreligion in this country.' What use has irreligion can exist here when pupils are allowed to attend a religious instruction class where the religious beliefs of their parents are adversely criticised. It is no wonder to see a Hindu or a Buddhist pupil reading in a Christian school, who is made to imbibe ideas entirely destructive of the religious training he gets at home, becoming irreligious.

According to a great Educationist, 'the home sentiment is one of the most sacred things in life—it may be said to stand next to that of religion. The school and homes are units in an Association having a common interest and, to a great extent, a common aim.' It is unfortunate that in this country most of the schools have aims different from those of the parents of the pupils reading in them, if they do not belong to the same religion as that professed by those schools. A Hindu or a Buddhist pupil in a Christian school cannot but become irreligious and godless when he, in his tender age, is placed between two conflicting forces—the influences of the home inculcating Hindu or Buddhist beliefs and the counter influence of the religious teacher in the Christian school whose sole business is to shake his faith in his religion by all kinds of arguments at his command. In some cases the boy begins to play the role of a hypocrite as otherwise he could not satisfy both these counter acting agencies—the home and the school. No one interested in the welfare of the present younger generation will hesitate to admit the fact that in their interests they should not be asked to attend the religious instruction class where religious beliefs different from those of their parents are taught, where ideas destructive of the religious training they get at home are inculcated. No one should any further tolerate a system of Education where the home sentiment is entirely neglected and where the fact that the home and community are schools in their own way—educational factors in the growth of young men' is never thought of.

In some of the Western countries especially Belgium, all teachers (whether they are in charge of religious or secular subjects) are required by law 'to be most careful to respect the philosophical and religious convictions of the parents whose children are committed to their care.' It will be worth the trouble of the Inspectors of Schools in this country to make enquiries and find out whether the religious convictions of Buddhist and Hindu parents are in any way respected in the Christian schools here.

The conscience clause was introduced by the Government mainly to see that the home and the school do not act as two opposite forces in the religious education of a pupil and thus interfere with the formation of character. Is it not the duty of the Government to take the necessary steps to see that the conscience clause is in reality of help to parents by directing Managers of schools not to permit any pupil belonging to a religion different from theirs to attend their religious instruction class without the written request of the pupil's parent or guardian?

While discussing the question of the payment of grant to aided Christian schools, Sir James Peiris says, 'No grant is given to schools conducted by such societies should be given under proper conditions—especially with regard to non-interference with the beliefs of boys who do not belong to the religious persuasion of those who conduct such schools.' Does it not then follow that Christian schools which interfere with the religious beliefs of Hindu and Buddhist pupils are not justified in claiming grant from the Government at least on behalf of the Hindu and the Buddhist pupils in them? When the Christian schools do not pay heed to the 'proper conditions' regarding the religious beliefs, customs, manners etc. of Hindu and Buddhist pupils, will it be too much to request the Government to withhold payment of grant to such schools? If only proper enquiries are made by the Government, it will have ample proof to convince it of the fact that the main aim of most of the Christian schools is to interfere with and to criticise adversely, the beliefs of Hindu and Buddhist pupils in their religion, manners, customs etc. When it is known without any shadow of doubt that in some Christian schools all possible attempts are made to proselytise Hindu and Buddhist pupils and that their religious feelings are wounded by subjecting them to all kinds of mis-interpretations to shake their faith in their religion is it not the duty of the Government which will never depart from its great principle of absolute toleration, freedom and equality of religions, to see that the poor tax payers' money is not paid as grant to such schools? When it is proved that the main object of some Managers in maintaining schools is to undermine the religious beliefs of pupils belonging to a religion different from theirs will it not be considered that the Government is helping them in their religious activities, if any grant is given to such schools?

We appeal to our great leader Sir James Peiris to take up the cause of Hindu and Buddhist in this country, who are obliged to send their children to Christian schools as the Government has not provided adequate facilities for the education of their children in many places, and use all his influence to see that grants are given to Christian schools 'only under proper conditions' with regard to the religious beliefs of Hindu and Buddhist pupils in them.

Jaffa, Yours etc. A. B. B. 29th Dec, '27.

Ghost Story From Travancore

SUGAR FACTORY ENGINEERS ORDEAL.

The report of a real ghost story in which an Engineer had very exciting, if not unpleasant, experience, has been received here, says the Travancore correspondent of the "Times of India". The Engineer is connected with the Travancore Sugar Factory and has been living in a house when it was still, was haunted at nights. The house was deserted for some time, but the Engineer was bold enough to occupy it. A few days after he had occupied it he began to hear strange noises at dead of night on Tuesdays and Fridays. Though he tried his best to trace the source from which the noises came he could not succeed. On one Friday night at about 10 o'clock when the Engineer was reclining in his arm chair and reading one form of a young girl suddenly appeared in front of him. From her mode of dress it was clear that the girl belonged to Nair caste. He at once collected his spirits and asked her who she was and why she had come there. She said that, the old well having been filled up, she was deprived of her home and that she should be given a place to live in. He asked her to quit the place and said that, if that was not done, she would be shot. At this the countenance of the girl suddenly changed. Her eyes became red. She sternly looked in the face of the engineer as if to express her anger at his threat to shoot her. She then asked: 'Are you going to shoot me?' The Engineer rose from his seat and was about to go to the room where his gun was kept. But before he could do so, the girl had entered that room as if to secure the gun in advance. The Engineer returned to his seat, followed by the girl who then appeared to take the panholder from his table. But within the twinkling of one eye she turned down and caught hold of his legs when, to his utter dismay, he felt icy chilliness and got terribly alarmed. He cried out for help and when the servant, who was sleeping in an adjoining room, arrived, he found his master unconscious and at the same time saw a cloud of smoke. The girl had disappeared. Later the Engineer revived, but could not speak as he had high fever.

LACK OF AN ADOPTER.

Further questions elicited the fact that a young Nair girl had been considered under the following circumstances:—It would appear the girl became attached to a young Nair and the intimacy that grew up between them compelled the former to propose marriage. Though the man had been promising to do it, he found it impossible to do it, as she belonged to an inferior sub caste. At the same time, he was keeping up the false promise. One night he succeeded in taking her to the well side and then pushed her into the well. The trouble is now traced to this young woman.

Jaffnese Co-operative Society.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Jaffnese Co-operative Society Ltd. was held at the Town Hall, Koda Lumpur on Oct. 31, with Mr. R. N. Thamby Thurai in the chair. There were present over 250 members. Mr. A. Cavendish, Registrar of Co-operative Societies and Mr. R. Boyd, Asst. Registrar of Co-operative Societies were also present.

After the minutes of the previous meetings had been confirmed, the Chairman said, "The report and statement of accounts have now been in your hands for the prescribed period and I will, with your permission, take them as read."

The number of members on June 30, was 1,708. Since then 218 members have been enrolled, thus making a total of 1,926 members to date.

You will notice that the average monthly subscription has gone down from \$5.70 to \$5.30. It is hoped that, during the next year, the Committee will take steps to raise the monthly average. The arrears of subscription as shown in the report amounted to \$3,518. Of this a sum of \$1,888 has since been collected leaving a balance of \$2,130. The Committee has taken, and is always taking every step possible to recover these arrears. Reminders are sent periodically, and where the members are personally known to the Committee, private letters are sent. I do not see what further action the Committee could take with regard to it. The payment of subscriptions is a matter entirely in the hands of members and I can only appeal to you on behalf of the Committee to pay your subscriptions regularly and make the work of the Committee easy.

THE FINANCIAL POSITION.

The total amount collected on the capital account up to date is \$152,786. The number of shares subscribed to date is 205,700. This has exceeded the 200,000 shares authorised by you. At a later stage of the meeting you will be requested to sanction an increase to the authorised capital of the Society.

The total amount of loans made up to date is \$287,149 and the balance outstanding is \$123,175. All applications received are expeditiously dealt with.

The net profit available for disposal is \$6,382. The Committee's recommendations are given in the Annual Report. This will come up before you later for consideration.

There have been 46 meetings of the Committee during the year. This is an index of the volume of work done by your Committee and I hope you all appreciate it. I take this opportunity of tendering my personal thanks to each member of the Committee for his kind assistance during the period I continue to hold office as the President. The work of the Secretary and Treasurer has tremendously increased, and the time has come when you must have an office and permanent staff. Recommendations to that effect will be submitted to you later.

Turning to the cash account you will find that the establishment charges and expenses amount to \$2,106. The main items are clerical assistance \$900, postage and stationery \$700 and printing \$568. Under preliminary expenses the Committee has bought a type writer which was very badly needed.

The sum of \$4,383, shown as suspense account, represents remittances from the various outstations. They were not accompanied by the details and, therefore, had to be kept under suspense until the details were known. There is a further item of cash in hand \$1,437. This was due to the fact that June 29 and 30 were bank holidays and therefore the Treasurer had to keep the cash in hand.

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Notice to Correspondents:—

FACTS:—We cannot support the claims of any particular individual to a post.

INDIAN & FOREIGN

SAFEGUARDING BRITISH INTERESTS IN CHINA.—British Marines have been landed at Hankow to prevent violence to British interests in consequence of anti foreign general strikes, bringing business to a standstill. Two American destroyers from Shanghai are proceeding to Hankow, where food supplies are imperilled.

ALL INDIA WOMEN CONFERENCE.—Under the auspices of the All India Women's Conference which is to be held at Poona from the 5th to the 8th January, a Conference of women will be arranged to take place at Cochin, probably at the end of this month.

ROUND THE WORLD IN MOTOR.—Three travellers from Europe are going round the world in a motor car.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.—The 53rd Session of the Indian National Congress will be opened on the 26th December.

CHOLERA IN SRIRANGAM.—Cholera in Srirangam is reported to be on the increase and is now prevalent in a virulent form.

MADRAS OLYMPIC SPORTS.—The Madras Olympic Sports are to be held on the S. I. A. A grounds, Madras, on December 15th and 16th.

GANDHI'S POLITICAL RE-ENTRY.—Mr. Gandhi proposes to re-enter active public life after the 20th of December as on that day his period of rest will expire.

ILLNESS OF THE RUMANIAN SOVEREIGN.—King Ferdinand of Rumania is said to be desperately ill with an abdominal cancer. He is unable to consume solid foods. Later it is reported he was operated on and is progressing favourably.

SWEDISH ROYALTY.—The Crown Prince and princess of Sweden and Prince Eugene de Ligne are on a visit to India.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF INDIA.—It is reported that the Public Services Commission will begin to function in Delhi in a few days, the duties of the Staff Selection Board having been entrusted to it.

A SOVIET OFFER OF NEW ORDER.—It is reported that the Soviet Government at Moscow has instituted a new order, the 'Red Half Moon', to be bestowed on Asiatic politicians who do good service in promoting good relations between Asia and the Soviet.

ANTI TYPHOID VACCINE.—By means of swallowing dead typhoid germs, it is now claimed, everybody may in future be made immune to typhoid fever. The method of preparing the vaccine is the invention of Dr. Besaradka of the Pasteur Institution, Paris.

A "WALK OUT" IN COCHIN COUNCIL.—A certain Un-Official Member in the Cochin Legislative Council, who is himself a well-experienced Medical Practitioner offered remarks in the last meeting of the Council charging the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer of the State, who was an Official Member in the Council, for the unsatisfactory state of a certain Dispensary. The Official Member is said to have used offending language and adopted a procedure which provoked most of the Un-Official Members. One of the Un-Official Members moved for the adjournment of the House, but the President over-ruled him and went on with the business of the day. One by one a dozen Members walked out as a protest. It is said that the following day all the walked out members attended Council.

Thirukkural Paitchi Kallagam.

MEETING HELD AT WELLAWATTA.

A general meeting of the above Kallagam was held at the Kallagam Office, 642 High Street on Sunday the 5th instant. Mr. R. Thambyrajah the President of the Kallagam occupied the chair. There were present a large number of members and well-wishers of the Kallagam. After the preliminaries were over, the election of Office bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

OFFICE BEARERS
President: Mr. R. Thambyrajah
Vice President: " S. Thangarajah
Secretary: " A. Nagalingam
Asst. Secretary: " S. Ramasamy
Treasurer: " A. Rainasabapathy

AUDITORS
Messrs. S. Maniam and K. Subramaniam.

COMMITTEE
Messrs. K. Kanagaratnam, V. Arumugam, S. Amirthalingam and T. Raguathan.

REVISION OF RULES
A sub-committee consisting of the President Secretary and Mr. Vaicavapillai was appointed to revise the rules of the Kallagam. The President in his closing remarks appealed to the house to lend their co-operation and support in furthering the activities of the Kallagam in its endeavour to propagate the noble ideals of Saivism.

With a vote of thanks to the chair, the proceedings terminated.

Compulsory Postal Registration.

The Postal authorities have altered the rule with regard to the registration of postal articles. The new rule on the subject is as follows:—

(1) Registration of a postal article containing postage or other stamps or labels or an uncrossed postal order in which the name of the payee has not been inserted, a cheque or dividend warrant not crossed or not made payable to order, a bank note, a bank post bill, a bill of exchange, or the

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Examination for the Admission of Learners to the Field Staff of the Irrigation Department.

An examination for the admission of learners to the Irrigation Department for training as Irrigation Sub Inspectors will be held on January 26, 1927, at the following centres:—

- Calcutta, Anandhapura, Kurnegala, Tangalla, and Batticaloa.
2. Candidates wishing to take up the examination at the above centres should apply to the Divisional Irrigation Engineers in the respective centres. Candidates who were previously examined in any of the above mentioned centres and not selected will, however, only be allowed to attend examination again in the same centre. Applications for admission to the examination will be received not later than January 4, 1927, by the Divisional Irrigation Engineers mentioned.

- 3. Applications must be on the prescribed form, which can be obtained from a Divisional Irrigation Engineer.
4. Candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 25, and must furnish, together with their applications, the following certificates (original):—
(a) Birth certificate.
(b) Certificates of respectability from at least two persons, whose social or official position can be accepted as a guarantee of reliability, and who are not the candidates' school-masters, and also conduct certificates from the candidates' school-masters.
(c) Educational certificate of a standard not lower than the Cambridge Junior School Certificate or the English School Leaving Certificate (with pass in Mathematics).

Candidates must also state whether they are single or married.

5. Candidates who are approved will be examined in:—

- (1) Mathematics,
(a) Arithmetic,
(b) Algebra (up to and including quadratic equations),
(c) Geometry (theorems and problems on the following: angles at a point, parallel straight lines; side and angle properties of triangles and parallelograms; areas of triangles and quadrilaterals; the chord, angle, and tangent properties of the circle; the properties of the right-angled triangle).
(2) Mensuration, elementary (of areas and solids)
(3) English Composition (Essay),
(4) Viva voce in English.

6. Successful candidates will be required before final selection as Learners, to fill up a form (General 189), which may be obtained from a Divisional Irrigation Engineer, and handed to a Government Medical officer, from whom a health certificate, testifying to the candidates' sound constitution, good vision, and hearing, and physical fitness for service in the jungle districts of the Island, must be obtained and produced to the Divisional Irrigation Engineer, for examination.

7. Security for the sum of Rs. 100 in two satisfactory securities must be furnished to cover the cost of loss of stores or damage to instruments through neglect or carelessness. Candidates must also sign an agreement to the effect that they will serve, if so required by the Director of Irrigation, for a period of three years in this Department, failing which they will refund the cost of their training, if called upon to do so. After selection, they will be trained at the Departmental Training Classes and/or in the offices and works in the Divisions for about 9 months and granted a subsistence allowance of Rs. 30 per month during this period.

8. About five months of the period commencing from about February 21, 1927 may be spent at the Training Classes of the Irrigation Department at Trincomalee where free furnished camp quarters will be provided. A Learner proceeding to Trincomalee for training will only be allowed free railway warrants and actual fares by public conveyance between his home and Trincomalee, but when changing station afterwards, he will be paid in addition, daily subsistence allowance at the rate paid to Sub-Inspectors.

9. At the end of the training period a Learner will be examined as to his fitness for appointment as an Irrigation Sub-Inspector, but a Learner, who does not attend to his work, or shows no promise of becoming a satisfactory officer, may be discontinued at any time.

10. A Sub-Inspector will be eligible, on passing a further examination, for promotion to Irrigation Inspector (on vacancies occurring), and ultimately, after satisfactory service and approved ability, to Assistant Irrigation Engineer. The pay and prospects of these officers have been greatly improved, and at present are as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Position and Pay/Annual. Rows include Irrigation Sub Inspectors (Rs. 1,200 to Rs. 2,520), Irrigation Inspectors (Rs. 2,640 to Rs. 4,440), Assistant Irrigation Engineers (Rs. 4,400 to Rs. 7,000), Trincomalee, B. G. MRADEN, for R. F. MORRIS, Director of Irrigation, G. 707.

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like shall not be compulsory. If, however, a postal article containing any such thing as aforesaid is sent without being registered, neither the sender nor the addressee will be entitled to any compensation for loss or damage of the postal article or its contents.

(2) If a postal article containing any thing mentioned in paragraph (1) of this rule is found in the post being insufficiently or insecurely covered or packed, or in such a condition that the contents are visible to the officers of the Post Office, or having the contents superimposed upon the cover, it shall be lawful for the Post Office to treat the postal article as being liable to registration, and to require payment of special fee of 80 cents before delivery to the addressee.

(3) This rule shall not apply to a postal article by reason only that it contains a stamped envelope, post card, or wrapper forwarded by the sender of the article in order that such envelope, card, or wrapper may be returned through the post to the sender or sent to some other person designated by him.

Jaffnese Co-operative Society.

Continued from page 3. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT.

General meetings being the only occasions when members have an opportunity of expressing their views...

Gentlemen, I do not want to prolong my speech but I cannot close it without thanking Mr. Cavenish and Mr. Vaz for the kind assistance rendered to the Society.

I now propose that the report and accounts be adopted and will call upon Dr. Thilliampalam to second the proposal.

After the questions put by certain members had been replied to, the report and the accounts were unanimously adopted.

The Committee's recommendations with regard to the disposal of the net profit were considered and approved.

Mr. R. N. Thamby Thurai then vacated the chair and Mr. K. Arumngam of Seremban was elected Chairman pro tem.

The election of three members to the Committee resulted as follows: Mr. R. N. Thamby Thurai, Dr. K. Thilliampalam, Mr. N. Ponnampalam.

Mr. R. N. Thamby Thurai and Dr. Thilliampalam were unanimously elected President and Vice President respectively.

ADDRESS BY THE REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

"Mr. A. Cavenish, Registrar of Co-operative Societies, then addressed the meeting as follows:

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen.—It is obvious on reading your report and accounts that you have had a successful year, and it is obvious from the way you have conducted the proceedings of today's meeting that you are more united than when I attended last year's general meeting, and that your views are becoming more unanimous.

There is only one subject that I know is uppermost in the minds of all of you and that is how you can improve the by laws so as to improve the working of the Society. Your thoughts and mine are the same on this subject. We want to get the unanimous opinion of the Jaffnese Society as to how the by laws can be amended.

DEMAND ON INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

One or two of the Committee members have asked me whether you can increase your capital from \$200,000 to \$250,000 and by law 5.

"The nominal capital of the Society is \$100,000 divided into 10,000 shares of \$10 each to be paid in monthly instalments of \$1 per share.

If you want to increase your capital by resolution in general meeting, you can do so when it is carried by the necessary majority.

One of the two of the Committee members have asked me whether you can increase your capital from \$200,000 to \$250,000 and by law 5.

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H. 48. S. VEERAGATHIPILLAI.

I advise you to attend real unamiably over these amendments to the by-laws. In doing so remember that it is a thrift and loan society and the primary object of the Society is to keep the members out of the hands of outside money lenders...

THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

There is the question of housing for instance. If you want to grant loans for housing, it will be very difficult to do so under your present by laws, or if you amend by-laws to enable members to build houses, remember that such an undertaking costs a lot of money and an ordinary individual in this room cannot pay for a house except by instalments over a long term of years.

OUTLET FOR SURPLUS FUNDS.

There is one other problem, that is your surplus funds. I know your Committee and other members are noticing with some anxiety the bank balance climbing up—it is a very good thing and there is nothing much to grumble about it.

Messrs. V. Pethamparam, K. Sabanathy Pillay, I. Subramaniam, S. Vallipuram, S. Mylvaganam and T. Kandiah were elected as Hon. Auditors.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6295.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Saamungam Swaminather of Vannarponeal West Deceased. Sellaמתין widow of Saamungam Swaminather of Vannarponeal West Feticioner. Vs. 1. Swaminather Paturajali of do Minor. 2. Thalyalayagal Aroma daughter of Swaminather of do Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Feticioner praying that the 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minor the 2nd Respondent and that Letters of Administration be granted to her to the estate of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire District Judge, on November 2, 1926, in the presence of Mr. K. Alyadurai, Proctor, for Feticioner and the affidavits of the Feticioner dated October 28, 1926, having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the said minor, the 2nd Respondent and it is declared that the Feticioner as the wife of the said deceased is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents or any others shall on or before December 23, 1926 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. November 24, 1926. O. 1184.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No 6216.

Class III. In the matter of the estate of the late Nakulampikal wife of Navaratnam of Navaly Deceased. Subramaniam Navaratnam of Navaly Feticioner. Vs. 1. Manonmani and 2. Thilakavathy daughters of Navaratnam and 3. Theivanalpial widow of Ramalingam of Navaly Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Feticioner praying that the abovenamed 3rd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the Minor the 1st & 2nd Respondents and that Letters of Administration to the Estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the Feticioner coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on October 25, 1926, in the presence of Mr. E. Murgessampilla, Proctor, on the part of the Feticioner and the affidavit of the Feticioner dated October 13, 1926, having been read: It is ordered that the abovenamed 3rd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the Minor the 1st & 2nd Respondents for the purpose of representing them in this case and the Feticioner be declared entitled to take out Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as her lawful husband unless the abovenamed Respondents appear before this Court on December 21, 1926, and state objections or show cause to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. November 29, 1926. O. 1185.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6059.

In the Matter of the intestate estate of the late Saamunga Nachchia daughter of Othuman Lebba of Vannarponeal west in Jaffna Deceased. Mohideen Candee Othuman Lebba of Vannarponeal west in Jaffna Feticioner. Vs. Othuman Lebba Mohamed Sultan Abdul Cader of do Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Feticioner praying that the Letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Saamunga Nachchia be issued to him coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on March 15, 1926, in the presence of Mr. S. M. Aboobucker, Proctor, on the part of the Feticioner and the affidavit of the Feticioner dated June 10, 1926, having been read: It is ordered that the abovenamed Feticioner as father of the said deceased is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to him unless the Respondent shall on or before July 27, 1926, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. July 2, 1926. Extended to 17th August 1926. Extended to 7th September 1926. Extended to 12th October 1926. Extended to 2nd November 1926.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5996.

In the Matter of the intestate estate of the late Sultan Mohideen Nachchia alias Sellamma of Chavakkachcheri Deceased. Meeran Candee Mohamed Usan Thamby of Chavakkachcheri Feticioner. Vs. 1. Segu Mohideen Nachchia wife of Cader Meeran Sahib 2. Meeran Mohideen Nachchia wife of Mohamed Appah 3. Sulthamma daughter of Mohamed Usan Thamby 4. Mohamed Usan Thamby Mohamed Hiluru minor appearing by his Guardian ad litem 5. Cader Meeran Sahib all of Chavakkachcheri Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Feticioner praying that the abovenamed 5th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor the 4th Respondent and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased Sultan Mohideen Nachchia alias Sellamma coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on December 23, 1925, in the presence of Mr. S. M. Aboobucker Proctor, on the part of the Feticioner and the affidavits of the Feticioner dated March 15, 1925 having been read: It is ordered that the abovenamed 5th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor 4th Respondent and that the Feticioner as husband of the said deceased is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to him unless the Respondent shall on or before July 20, 1926, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. July 5, 1926. Extended to 15th August 1926. Extended to 24th August 1926. Extended to 7th September 1926. Extended to 12th October 1926. Extended to 2nd November 1926.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. Extended to 7th December 1926. Extended to 14th December 1926.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. Extended to 14th December 1926. O. 1187.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 5996.

In the Matter of the intestate estate of the late Sultan Mohideen Nachchia alias Sellamma of Chavakkachcheri Deceased. Meeran Candee Mohamed Usan Thamby of Chavakkachcheri Feticioner. Vs. 1. Segu Mohideen Nachchia wife of Cader Meeran Sahib 2. Meeran Mohideen Nachchia wife of Mohamed Appah 3. Sulthamma daughter of Mohamed Usan Thamby 4. Mohamed Usan Thamby Mohamed Hiluru minor appearing by his Guardian ad litem 5. Cader Meeran Sahib all of Chavakkachcheri Respondents.

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G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. July 5, 1926. Extended to 15th August 1926. Extended to 24th August 1926. Extended to 7th September 1926. Extended to 12th October 1926. Extended to 2nd November 1926.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. Extended to 7th December 1926. Extended to 14th December 1926.

G. W. Woodhouse, District Judge. O. 1188.

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AUCTION SALE.

UNDER MORTGAGE DECREE.

Under and by virtue of the Commission issued to me in Case No. 12889 D. C., Colombo. I shall sell by Public Auction on Monday, the 20th December, 1926, at 4.30 p.m., at my Office No. 89, Chatham Street, Fort, the following property:— All that house and premises with the godowns and well thereon called Nadupandagasalai and also known as Bark House, and Sornamalikai situated at Pettah in the Parish of Chundickully in the Division and District of Jaffna, Northern Province, containing in extent 5 Lms. V. C. 12 Kules and bounded on the East by the 1st Cross Street, on the North by the Pachchavalai Street or Banksball Street, on the West by the property of Naina Mohamado Maraiakar Mather Sahib Maraiakar and brothers, and on the South by the Beach Road together with all buildings, bungalows and other appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises belonging. Further particulars from Mr. C. T. Kandiyab, Proctor, S. C., Hulsidorp, or to: Colombo, D. JAMES 24th Nov 1926 of D. JAMES & Co. Auctioneers & Brokers. Mis. 937.

Kashmir Fruits and Nuts.

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