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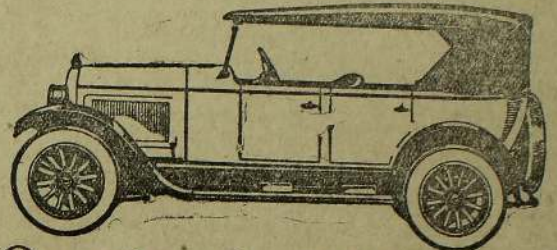
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The Hindu Organ.

JAFFNA, THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1927.

THE HINDU STUDENT MOVEMENT.

THE REVIVAL OF THE CENTRAL Y. M. H. A. which had in the past done great good in deepening the religious and moral life of the Hindu students should be welcomed by the Hindu public. For nearly a decade this organisation had been a great moral and spiritual force in shaping the life and conduct of the Hindu students. But owing to some untoward circumstances the enthusiasm of its leaders waned and the movement lost its strength and vitality for a time. The present Hindu awakening in the country has now stirred up the leaders of the student community to action and the Central Y. M. H. A. has been placed on an efficient footing. There are now about thirty Hindu organisations scattered throughout the country and carrying on their work in isolation. To our knowledge they are doing splendid work in the cause of Saiva religion. But lack of unity in aim and organisation curtails their usefulness and narrows their outlook and ideals. The affiliation of the local village associations with the Central Y. M. H. A. is a matter of vital importance to secure success and efficiency in their work. The Secretary of the Central Y. M. H. A. has already addressed a circular letter to the various local associations on the subject of affiliation. We hope, they will realise its advantages and put themselves in touch with the central organisation.

To-day we are suggesting certain lines of work which will make the central as well as the local organisations very useful institutions in the land. Religious, literary, social and physical culture and improvement should be the endeavour of every society. Dissemination of the knowledge of Saiva religion and the encouragement of its practice are the most important of the functions of a Y. M. H. A. As a rule the Saiva students are ignorant of the fundamental truths of the Saiva religion. They are strangers to the beauties of "Peria Puranam", the spiritual value of "Thevaram" and "Thiruvagam" and to the Saiva ideals and Sathanais enshrined in these works. In our opinion no better spiritual help can a student have than a devout study of "Peria Puranam". We urge on the various Y. M. H. A.'s the urgent need to organise study circles for its reading. Any student who possesses a working knowledge of Tamil can understand it if he has with him the Aramuga Thambiran's commentary. Fortnightly or monthly lectures should also be arranged in the villages for the benefit of the students as well as the general public. Religious lectures should not be regarded as occasions for enjoying intellectual treat but they should be the medium of communion between spirit and spirit. The purpose of such lectures should be not to satisfy intellectual curiosity but to kindle religious earnestness and enthusiasm among the hearers and to apply Saiva principles to the solution of the problems of daily life. Further, each Y. M. H. A. should make earnest efforts to popularise *செய்திணை* (initiation) and temple worship among the students and the general public. It is by the practice of religion that lasting happiness can be realised. Realisation of

"இறைவனோடு இணைந்த இன்பம் இன்பத்தோடு இணைந்த வாழ்வு" (the j. y. anantham, that is begotten of communion with Siva Peruman and a life which is permeated with the divine joy), should be the ideal of our religious activities.

Secondly, Y. M. H. A.'s should be the centre of propagating general knowledge among the people. One of the most regrettable drawbacks of village life is a lack of knowledge of important events which take place in the country as well as in the world. Reading of newspapers

and books of general interest is entirely absent in the ninety per cent of the Saiva homes. Interest can be awakened and taste for reading can be created by organisation of Tamil reading rooms and libraries and by arranging lectures on current subjects and important authors and books.

Thirdly, social service should constitute an important branch of the activities of a Y. M. H. A. Our religion is a religion of Dharma. It has been well stated "செய்திணை", "செய்திணை செய்தி செய்தி செய்தி". Alleviation of suffering and relief of human distress and want are two great Sathanais for the culture of the soul. We would suggest that every Y. M. H. A. should open a fund for social service and undertake the work of helping the poor and the needy in its division. Family or village exclusiveness should be removed. Spirit of helpfulness and co-operation for common good should be created among the people.

Fourthly, possession of a sound physique is the basis of a healthy life. A man's life will become insupportable unless he enjoys the blessings of health. It is a perennial complaint that there is physical deterioration among the student population. Physical deterioration will lead to racial degeneration. The value of open air exercises cannot be overestimated. No Y. M. H. A. work will be complete unless it makes adequate provision for the physical culture of its members.

LOCAL & GENERAL

GOVT'S CONTRIBUTION FOR MALAYA.—At the Finance Committee Meeting held on Friday last, the local Government's contribution of Rs 10,000 for the Malayan Flood Relief has been sanctioned.

TEACHERS' CONFERENCE.—A Teachers' conference organised by the teachers of Valigamam North will be held at the Tellipalai Boys' Boarding School on the 11th and 12th inst. Several educationists are expected to address on the occasion.

PERSONAL.—Mr. R. Thampipillai, Senior Asst. Assistant, Victoria Institution, Kuala Lumpur, arrived here last Saturday on six months' leave. He is staying in his residence at Urumpiray and intends touring the island visiting places of historical interest.

THE END OF THE HARBOUR STRIKE.—There was much activity in the Colombo Harbour since the last inst. the strikers attending to the loading and unloading of cargo as usual. There were said to be some thirty-two ships in Port and the majority of them had cargo for Colombo. The coolies were chiefly engaged in clearing the cargo which was accumulated on the wharves during the strike, but a fair amount of cargo was unloaded from the ships. The coolies will, it is learnt, have plenty of work to do during the next fortnight, and when the over-carry cargo is returned to Colombo there is bound to be another period of congestion. The coolies also attended to their work at Koghikadda as usual, and several ships were coaled. Government has appointed an Arbitration Court with a Puisne Judge as Umpire to inquire into the grievances and to suggest redress.

FAREWELL TO POLICE CHIEF.—A friendly cricket match which was intended as a farewell to Captain S. G. Netley, the Assistant Superintendent of Police N. P. Jaffna was played between the lawyers of Jaffna captained by Mr. A. G. Ranainghe, Police Magistrate, and the Police captained by Mr. A. Sourab, on Saturday last. Owing to a heavy down pour the match had to be stopped and those present adjourned to the Police Office. Mr. Ranainghe thanked Mr. Justice Dalton and Mr. T. B. Russell, Government Agent, for their presence. He also expressed his regret at the departure of Mr. Netley, and emphasised the value of having a sportsman like Mr. Netley at the head of their Police. He regretted his transfer and wished him success in his new station. Mr. Netley, in reply, thanked all those present on behalf of his wife and himself. He was grateful to the public for helping them at their annual sports meet. The Magistrate of Jaffna met on Monday last at the Police grounds to bid farewell to Mr. Netley. A photograph was taken with Mr. Netley as the centre figure. Mr. Netley thanked them for the co-operation they had given him to carry on his work. Mr. V. M. Muttuswami, the Jaffna Magistrate, referred to the sterling qualities of Mr. Netley.

UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL TABLET.—The unveiling of the Memorial Tablet of the late Mrs. Lily Annasabam Mather will take place at Navy's Church on Sunday, the 6th March, 1927, at 6 p. m. Bhagavathar Vathanayaga Swamikal, who is especially coming down from India for the occasion will be in charge of the service and will conduct a Kalakshepam on "Savan". —Cor.

TEN LIGHTS FOR CIVIL AVIATION.—The Legislative Assembly debated the Civil Aviation Bill and agreed to an appropriation of ten lakhs of rupees for the purchase of lands required for aerodromes in the neighbourhood of Bombay, Calcutta and Bangalore.

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Hindu Board of Education.

THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Hindu Board of Education was held at 10 a. m. on Sunday, the 27th ultimo at Parameswara College, Tinnevely, to consider the draft rules and regulations of the Board. The Hon. Sir P. Ramanathan, K. C., C. M. G., President of the Board, presided.

The consideration of the rules had been postponed as the Directors desired further time for consideration.

The third Annual General Meeting of the above Board was held at 3 p. m. the same day and place. The President of the Board presided. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. S. Ramanathan, Advocate, presented his report of the work done during the past year. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. N. Nageswami, Principal, Parameswara College, presented the Balance Sheet.

The Directors constituting group A, retired. All of them with the exception of Sir P. Ramanathan were re-elected. Sir Ponnampalam stated that owing to a advanced age and pressure of other works, he was unable to perform the exacting duties as the President and General Manager of the Board and that he was tendering his resignation from the Directorate. However he consented to be the Patron of the Board and promised to do all he could for promoting the interest of the Board.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

Then the following Office-bearers were elected for the current year.

President and General Manager: The Hon. Mr. W. Duraiswamy.

Vice President: Mr. A. Cathiravelu, J. P., U. P. M., Crown Proctor.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. M. S. Ramanathan, Advocate, (re-elected).

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. K. Aiyadurai, Proctor S. C.

Members of the Committee to consist of the above mentioned Office-bearers and the Hon. Mr. S. Rajaratnam, Messrs S. Sivapathasundaram, B. A., Principal, Victoria College; V. Veerasingam, B. A., Principal, Maipay Hindu College; M. Saharatna Singhe, B. A., Head Master, Jaffna Hindu College; and S. Swaminathan, B. A., Head Master, Chavakacheri H. E. School; The Hon. Mr. Duraiswamy and Messrs S. Sivapathasundaram, S. Kanagasabai, Advocate, and C. Mudaliar Chellappu joined in the vote of thanks proposed to the retiring President.

Meeting terminated with the singing of Thevaram.

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KANNIYAL AT TRINCOMALEE.—This is the famous place where there are the 7 mineral springs. The water in 3 of them is very warm, warm and tepid respectively and in the others the water is cold. It is stated that King Ravana performed the funeral rites for his mother at this sacred spot. When King Ravana was instructed by the mysterious Brahmin who suddenly encountered him in the jungle path and asked him to proceed to Kanniyal, Ravana complained of lack of water and the Brahmin drove his rod down the ground at seven places and in all the seven, water at varying degrees of heat, sprang out. Government has established the Experimental Garden at Kanniyal. —Cor.

VOLLEY BALL MATCHES AT POINT PEDRO.—The Volley ball Match between Hartley College, Point Pedro and St. Anthony's School, Kay's came off on Friday the 25th instant on the former grounds. The visitors proved their superiority from start to finish and won the match by 3-1. Rev. Fr. Benjamin of the Sacred Heart School was in charge of the whistle.

Quite a large gathering witnessed on Saturday the 26th morning the match of Athlady V. B. O. against the Kay's Town Team. The venue of the match being the Sacred Heart's School grounds. Mr. Tillampalam skipped the latter team while Mr. K. O. Prasad led the other side. The game was well contested and great excitement prevailed from start to finish. The match ended in a victory to the Athlady V. B. O. by 3-1. The same gentleman refereed.

COLONY'S ACCUMULATED SURPLUS.—The Colony's financial position for the year 1925-1926 shows a surplus balance of Rs. 11,572,333.33. The accumulated balance at the end of September 1925 amounted to Rs. 32,386,990.40. So the present financial year, which commenced on October 1, 1925, started with a total surplus of Rs. 43,959,223.76.

GIRLS BRAT POST OFFICE RAIDERS.—Two young men who tried to raid Stonehouse Post Office, Plymouth, England, were outwitted by two girl clerks. One of the men tried to secure the doors, while the other, presenting a revolver, shouted "Hands up". A girl clerk threw a date stamp at the armed man, while her companion telephoned for the police. The intruders fled.

The Northern Assizes.

FIRST SESSION FOR THE YEAR.

The sixth case that was taken up for trial was one of murder from the village of Tinnevely in which one Kayiyam is charged with the murder of a relative of his named Obelish on November last.

Owing to the sudden illness of Mr. Obayyars, the Crown Counsel, permission had to be obtained from the Attorney General to retain another Counsel for the Crown. Accordingly Mr. S. Kanagasabai, Advocate, was instructed by the Attorney General to conduct the prosecution on behalf of the Crown. Mr. S. D. Tampoe defended the accused.

The defence submitted a plea of not guilty as the accused didn't stab the deceased with intent of murder but as self defence when he was stabbed by the deceased himself. The Jury found the prisoner guilty of culpable homicide not amounting to murder and the Judge sentenced him to 2½ years R. I.

The seventh case that was taken up for trial was a case of infanticide, in which a young man named Ponnampu, railway ticket agent, was charged with infanticide.

Mr. J. E. M. Obayyars, Crown Counsel, conducted the prosecution. Mr. S. D. Tampoe, Advocate, defended the accused. The accused was found not guilty.

The prosecution submitted that the accused removed the baby directly it was born and having wrapped it in an old bag threw it by the side of the J. Siva railway line between the level crossings at Parameswara College Road and Charamani Road. The mother of the child a girl named Achikannu of Sirakabadi, Vannarponne, was also charged in the Police Court and she was discharged by the Attorney General. She was made a Crown witness. The defence denied the allegations and maintained that the accused knew nothing about the charge.

The jury found the accused not guilty and His Lordship acquitted the accused.

The eighth case that was taken up for trial was one in which a Sinhalese man from the Wanni was charged with committing a unnatural offence on a Sinhalese boy of the same village. On the prisoner's own plea of guilty, the Judge sentenced him to nine months' R. I. and to receive 15 cuts.

The Legislative Council.

QUESTION ON SECTIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The adjourned meeting of the Legislative Council will meet today (Thursday) at 10 a. m. so as to finish the work in the Agenda and give the Members a long rest till June next.

Hon. Mr. K. Natesa Aiyer has a long list of questions to be asked in the Legislative Council today of which the following are some of them:—

POSTAL CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION.

- (1) Is there an Association called Postal Catholic Association housed in the General Post Office premises?
- (2) Who is the Chairman of the Association? And who are the office bearers?
- (3) Is it a fact that non-Catholics are greatly inconvenienced by this Association utilising their common rooms?
- (4) Is it a fact that a resolution was brought forward by a certain non-Catholic to abate this inconvenience?
- (5) Is it a fact that this non-Catholic was transferred to some other department some days after the incident?
- (6) Is there any truth in the statement that preferential treatment is given to the members of the Association in promotion, &c.?
- (7) Does the Government approve of such sectional Association in Government offices?

REVIEW.

THE RAUB SCHOOL ANNUAL, 1926.—By allowing this school magazine to see the light of the realms of journalism, the Government English School, Raub has set an example for the other schools, if any, in the Pahang District. F. M. S., to venture in journalism and record the school activities and make literary contributions. The Raub School Annual 1926, a copy of which has been sent to us, contains some interesting contributions. The history of the School by Mr. N. Appadurai, who took charge of it in September 1916, shows the vicissitudes undergone by it from the year 1903, when it was started by Mr. M. S. Nathan. From the management of an individual the School passed into the hands of the Methodist Mission. In the year 1910 it was managed by the public with the aid of the Government as the Anglo Chinese School until the year 1923 when the F. M. S. Government took charge of the entire management of the School, it had been making steady and gradual progress. It is indeed gratifying to note that pupils are being prepared for the Cambridge Local Examinations since 1924. May this School expand its curriculum of studies and become a real educating factor in the District of Pahang as so to rank among the first grade institutions in Malaya.

Srimath Swami Vivekananda.

THE 65TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

VIVEKANANDA ARCADE, KUALA LUMPUR.

The birthday festival of Swami Vivekananda which has been annually celebrated at the Vivekananda Ashram, Kuala Lumpur from the time of its inception, 23 years ago, came off this year on Sunday the 30th January. The special Janmashtami puja was held on Tuesday, January 25th, was ably observed by devotees with Puja, Prayers and Dhyana performed from the early hours of the morning. The children of the Vivekananda Tamil School numbering over 150 kept singing Teyavras and other sacred songs and were served with prasadam at noon.

The public celebrations on Sunday 30th January commenced at 5 in the morning with Puja. Barjuna parties came in large numbers from the various parts of the town and kept the large gathering in the hall enraptured with the chanting of sacred songs to the accompaniment of musical instruments. A decorated picture of the Swami was installed in the hall. The hall and the premises outside were tastefully decorated and with the installation of rows of varn coloured electric lights, the whole place presented an enchanted appearance by night.

From 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Srimath Chidambaram Swamikal of South India spoke on spiritual topics taking the Swami's life as the basis for his discourse. After Puja and offering the Prasadam distribution was commenced at 12 noon and continued till 3 p.m. when more than 3,000 people sat under one large tent regardless of any distinction as to caste, creed or position were sumptuously fed. Srimath Nallakonda Swamikal of Aranthangi, South India, who had been specially got down from Ponnang, delivered a Kirta Prasangam on "Parvathi Kalyanam" before a large and crowded audience, more than half of whom were to be satisfied with standing accommodation for want of space in the spacious hall. The Swami kept the audience spell bound for 3½ hours.

At 6.30 p.m., the lectures on the life and teachings of the Swami Vivekananda were delivered in Tamil by Mr. V. A. Harichandran, Professor and in English by Mr. K. S. Pillai, Barrister at Law. Rao Sahib R. Subrah Naidu, the Agent of the Government of India, presided.

The public meeting and the functions of the day came to a close at 8 p.m.

Ban on Malay-Born Ceylonese.

RESTRICTIONS IN CEYLON SERVICES.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTION PASSED IN TAIPEING.

Consequent upon the request made by the Ceylonese resident in the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States to the Hon'ble Mr. Natesa Iyer, Member of Legislative Council Ceylon, on his recent visit to those countries that action be taken for the removal of any restrictions that may exist at present in the matter of admission of Ceylonese born in Malaya to Civil and other services and having received the news that a question is put in the Legislative Council of Ceylon to this effect, a public meeting of the leading Ceylonese resident in Taipeing was held on Tuesday the 1st February, 1927, at 4.30 p.m. to consider any further action necessary in support of the question in Council.

Mr. S. Nava Ratnam, Financial Assistant, P. W. D. Perak, Taipeing, was voted to the Chair, and Mr. S. Supplab, Chief Clerk of the Medical Department, Perak, Taipeing was elected Secretary of the meeting.

The Chairman explained in brief the object of the meeting. Messrs S. Mallayagann, Assistant Auditor, Perak, Taipeing and S. Rajaratnam, Teacher, also spoke on the importance of the question now before the Council and impressed in the minds of those present that strenuous action should be taken until any existing restrictions are removed.

Mr. S. Mallayagann moved the following resolution and Mr. S. Rajaratnam seconded and when put to the meeting it was passed unanimously:—

Resolved at a Public Meeting of representative Ceylonese held at the Ceylon Association Hall, Taipeing, on Tuesday, the 1st February, 1927, that the gentlemen assembled unanimously support the question of the Hon'ble Mr. Natesa Iyer made in the Ceylon Legislative Council with regard to the removal of all restrictions that may exist in the Ceylon Government against the entrance of Ceylonese born in Malaya into the Ceylon Civil or other Services.

The following gentlemen were appointed to form a Committee to give effect to the resolution made at this meeting:—Messrs. S. Nava Ratnam, S. Supplab, S. Mallayagann, S. R. Arumugam and Dr. Marikand.

It was also decided first to send a telegram in an abbreviated form to the Colonial Secretary of Ceylon and the Hon'ble Mr. Natesa Iyer, in support of the question now before the Council, and secondly to send a copy of the full proceedings of the meeting to the Hon'ble Mr. Natesa Iyer and to Ceylon newspapers for publication. —Cor.

Present Situation in China.

SHANGHAI PREPARED FOR WAR

Disquieting reports have been received of Sun Chuan-Fang's troops looting shops at Sangking-fu, 20 miles south west of Shanghai, and of many soldiers being executed.

The 6th contingent of Mukden forces to reach Shanghai, commanded by Lieut. Ota-Sang, a subordinate of Chang Tzuang-Chang, formerly left for the South to reinforce Sun Chuan-Fang's demoralised troops. Further, large forces of Shangtungese are expected daily and a battle appears imminent in the vicinity of Sangking-fu.

ANOTHER BOMBARDMENT PLANNED.

Eight thousand troops belonging to Chang-Tzuang-Chang were expected at Shanghai, on Feb. 25. The Squadron will proceed to Hankow to co-operate in Chang-Tzuang-Chang's operations against the Southerners by bombarding the city.

BRITISH TROOPS PREPARE TO DEFEND.

A grave situation is being created by the advent of an increasingly vast number of Chinese troops on the border of the Settlement.

All available British troops are now occupying the outer defence line.

The Diplomatic Corps have made a unanimous declaration on behalf of eight countries that the military events in the region of Shanghai may at any moment have serious consequences for the safety of the life and property of their respective nationals.

The French Minister has issued a similar declaration regarding the French Concession.

ITALIAN AND JAPANESE FORCES LAND

A situation of considerable tension exists in Shanghai.

The advanced Cantonese Nationalist forces are already said to be in contact with some troops who are digging themselves in near Sangking-fu (22 miles south west of Shanghai).

The French concession, which adjoins the Chinese city, is strongly guarded and the Italian and Japanese naval vessels have landed contingents in the International Settlements.

AMERICAN VESSELS COMMANDEERED.

Three American motor vessels, a Japanese lighter, a tug boat and many smaller craft were commandeered by the Cantonese near Shensi on February 17th.

The flags of the vessels were removed, and the Southern ensign hoisted.

Two motor ships were, subsequently released, the remainder being used for the transport of troops to the Upper Yangtze River.

FRENCH LEGATION'S PROTEST.

The French Legation have presented a strong protest to the Chinese Foreign Office regarding the bombardment of Shanghai, reserving the right to claim compensation for any damages inflicted.

DEFECTION IN SUN'S ARMY.

One of Sun Chuan-Fang's leading generals at Sangking-fu, Mong-Chao Yieh, who has already given Sun much trouble, deserted with his staff and is refusing to fight for Sun. It is feared that this defection foreshadows further serious dissensions among the allies at Sangking-fu, to which place the Shantung forces are proceeding in large numbers.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S MISTAKE.

Mr. S. G. Porter, Chairman of the House of Representatives' Committee on Foreign Affairs, Washington, U.S.A. has published cables from Eugene Chen and Dr. Wellington Koo endorsing his resolution in favour of independent American action in dealing with China. Mr. Porter has also received cables from Doctor Sz, the Chinese Minister at Washington.

Eugene Chen's message hopes that the "American Government will not repeat the British Government's mistakes in procedure."

Dr. Koo described Mr. Porter's efforts as a new token of America's friendship for the Chinese people. —"Times of Ceylon".

THE MAILS.

(G P O Colombo.)

DESPATCHES

London Mails per the P & O "Kalyan" will close on today, (Thursday); per a P & O Steamer leaving from Bombay will close on Tuesday, March 8th and per the R.L. "Patria" on Thursday, March 10th.

Straits & China Mails per the R.L. "Shamut" will close on Saturday, March 5th and per the N.Y.K. "Atsuta Maru" on Wednesday, March 9th.

RECEIPTS.

London Mails per the P & O "Mooltan" will arrive on Tuesday, March 8th; per the O.L. "Osterley" on Saturday, March 12th and per the P & O "Malwa" on Saturday, March 19th.

Straits & China Mails per the S.M.N. "Johan de Witt", P & O "Kalyan" and P & O "Delta" will arrive today (Thursday).

Education and Religion.

OPINION OF PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

President Coolidge of the United States stressed the necessity of religion and education in an address made recently at the conclusion of the Bicentennial celebration of the Battle of Trenton.

After outlining the wonderful growth of the country, due to the foresight and far mindedness of the founders of the Republic, and stressing the responsibilities developing upon the individual, the President said in part:

"Yet this elaborate and well wrought system of Government would be of little avail unless the people supply sufficient energy and intelligence to make it work. Unless that be done, there is no system of Government that can supply a nation with political salvation. Under our theory, the citizen is sovereign. Whenever he abdicates, some pretender assumes the throne. In large centers of population this has often taken the form of what we term a political boss. The voters cease to function in their sovereign capacity and turn their power over to some individual who rules in their stead. They cease thinking and acting for themselves and permit someone to think and act for them. They are not willing to make the sacrifice and perform the service which is necessary to support self government.

"When this condition exists there may be many palliatives; but there is only one fundamental remedy. Methods can be devised under which it may be more difficult for the political dictator to remain in power and more easy for the great body of the voters to direct their own destiny. But under our institutions the only way to perfect our Government is to perfect the individual citizen. It is necessary to reach the mind and the soul of the individual. It is not merely a change of environment but a change of heart that is needed. The power of the law may help, but only the power of righteousness can be completely sufficient. I know of no way that this can be done save through the influence of religion and education.

"By religion I do not mean either fanaticism or bigotry; by education I do not mean the cult of the schools; but a broad and tolerant faith, loving thy neighbour as thyself, and a widening and experience that enables the human mind to see into the heart of things. This has been a long, slow, and laborious process, accompanied by many failures and many disappointments. No doubt there will be many more in the future. But those who have faith in the power of the individual to work toward moral perfection are willing to intrust their destiny to that method of reform. It is that faith which justifies the American conception of popular sovereignty. There is no other theory by which we could explain the making of the American nation and no other theory on which we can base for its continuity. It was in this faith that Washington crossed the Delaware."

INDIAN & FOREIGN.

CAIRO KARACHI AIR SERVICE.—According to Sir Samuel Hoare, the Cairo Karachi Air Service is to start on the 6th April.

MULTITUDE OF CHILDREN.—Mr. Reuben Bland of North California, who is 73 years old, is said to be the father of 34 children.

WORLD'S RICHEST STREET.—The Park Avenue Association of New York claims that the richest street in the whole world is Park Avenue which houses the families of 4,000 millionaires.

COMPULSORY PHYSICAL TRAINING IN SPAIN.—All Spaniards are to undergo physical training by law, according to a Government decree. Men and women are included in the order, and only those persons who are certified by a medical officer to be unfit will be excused.

A PROPOSED COLONIAL CONFERENCE.—Colonel Amery is arranging to hold a Colonial Conference in London to be opened on the 10th May, lasting about three weeks. The Governors of the States and Provinces of the Dominions, India and the Colonies will take part.

A CHINA BRITISH AGREEMENT.—A Sino-British Agreement has been signed relating to the British Concession at Hankow whereupon the British Municipality will be dissolved, and the administration of the Concession will be handed over to a new Chinese Municipality. The same will be the case of the British Concession at Kiukiang.

ALL INDIA SCHOOL ON WESTERN LINES.—An important move for the instruction for Indian boys in India of an All India School managed on the lines of the best public school in England has now taken definite shape and an appeal has been issued over the signatures of distinguished Indians for the purpose. The scheme has also the warm support and sympathy of H. E. the Viceroy.

MAKING DEAF TO HEAR.—An electric device that enables the deaf to hear and can be used in teaching them to speak has been invented by J. W. Long, Research Engineer at the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, East Pittsburgh, P. U. S. A. This device, known as the "Oto-C", is an instrument for detecting and recording the exact character of vibrations of any description. Owing to the fact that vibration plays a most important part in our universe, this device has a large variety of practical applications. The heart of the oto consists of a tiny mirror mounted on two wires and suspended between the poles of a magnet. In principle of operation is that if a current flows through wires in a strong magnetic field, the wires will tend to move, the direction and strength of the current flows. Equipped with such an instrument, a totally deaf person will be able to hear conversations, speeches, plays, etc., just as a partially deaf person can hear with the aid of a pocket telephone outfit. The totally deaf can also receive music in the same way, but it is doubtful if they would be able to grasp its significance.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE UPLIFTMENT OF THE PANCHAMAS.

(Continued from our issue of 10.2.1927)
To The Editor, "Hindu Organ."

Sir,
In the first of the series of my letters to the "Hindu Organ" on the above subject I pointed out that neither law nor religion ordains any distinction to be drawn between man and man. One might now reasonably ask the question as to the origin of the incidence of caste, that social barrier which has degraded our society and destroyed the fabric of our social life. Before I venture to answer this question, it would be better for the purposes of this article to gauge the position taken up by our ancestors. The so-called moderns often exhibit a cold personality whenever an allusion is made to our ancestors. They are not a body of people to be easily dismissed under the colour that their actions were either superstitious or wanting in authenticity. Far from it. They were a wise generation and an example for us to follow. Whatever they did, it was done to perfection. There was always the "Why" and the "Wherefore" which ever characterized their actions. It is a matter for deep regret that we cannot with just pride stand on the same high pedestal on which our ancestors stood. The resourceful imagination and inventive genius was very much above the ordinary. They took shoals of ears from wounding the susceptibilities of any particular sect or creed. They never did anything that was contrary to law, religion and good morals.

Society, as it then stood was in its infancy. As such it was confronted with a difficult situation. A task of paramount importance presented itself to our people. They had to extricate themselves from a difficult situation. Man is by nature a progressive being. The genius of man is never more pronounced than in times of need. Progress had to be made and to ensure it some one must set the ball in motion. This led to that conception of the idea of dividing labour. This it may be said is the root cause of the origin of caste, the abuse and not the use of which we hear today so much talked of and made out in modern society life. In dividing labour our people were free from that mental obsession— to which the present generation bronchiously clings—which hinders to recognise the equality between the children of the one God. To think to draw such an invidious distinction is not only original but it is highly immoral. History supports this contention. To ensure progress labour was distributed. "But caste as it is now understood, did not become a fixed institution for many centuries later. Then one with a fair complexion was regarded as indicating a high birth, but a low occupation by itself did not involve any social ostracism."

Needless to say, Sir, that democracy saw its rise in East as East too has been and is the seat of learning and wisdom. It is always the pride of the Easterner that he belongs to a stock of cultured people. The culture of our people has never been questioned. They brought to bear the good effects of their culture on any form of activity that was calculated to accelerate human progress. Political, social, or religious organizations were harnessed with the timorous of democracy. The existence, in whatever crude form they may be, of national games, theatrical amusements and religious festivals, is a living monument that drives to the hills the truth of this statement. It is easy to multiply instances. But look at a practical example, the gay doling at our near Kutaragama and those along the banks of distant Ganges! What caste or creed is observed in these places of divine worship! Would it be an exaggeration, Sir, to state that democracy is as old as the Ganges in the East, at least in India? Where are we today? Are we yet at the shrine of the never changing East or at the altar of the ever changing West? A generation of viper! We have sacrificed love for sentiment and equality for bigotry. We have drifted far too back into the backwards of degeneracy. Oh we have missed the golden link in the chain of progress! Let us for the sake of our religion and in the name of Thamilakam, bury our petty differences of the Universal Brotherhood of man for which every religion stands. The dawn of this millennium alone can bring in its train the desired emancipation of any caste-ridden nation. India suffers from this malady. We are no better than the Indians. Our weakness has been and still is a veritable burning ground for Missionary enterprise in this land. Let us now open our eyes and make an honest attempt in ameliorating the condition of the Panchamas.

(To be continued.)

Wellawatte, Yours etc,
Feb. 25 1927, T. S. KANAGABETNAM.

RESTRICTION ON INDIAN OPIUM EXPORT.—The Indian Government intends progressively and finally to extinguish export of opium from India for non medicinal purposes within 10 years from 1925. Export has been permitted only on Government certificates since last year, and a reduction of 10 per cent, will be made this year. The last export will be made in 1934.

Rodrigo Business College.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1926.

The following is the annual report for the year 1926, presented by Mr. George C. Rodrigo, Principal, Rodrigo Business College, Bambalapitiya. In this Institution day and evening classes are conducted and individual and postal tuitions in all commercial subjects are undertaken. Candidates are also prepared for all commercial examinations.

"It is with great pleasure that I place before the public my annual report for the year 1926. Professional teachers of commerce have today to struggle under great difficulties owing to the various mushroom growth Institutions. It is greatly to be regretted that an all important and arduous task like the education of our youth for the commerce of tomorrow so be undertaken so lightly heartedly by those who have made it only their leisure time employment. I trust that the Mercantile community of this Island feel grateful to the few commercial institutions in this city that have turned out young men who have been able to perform their office duties satisfactorily. It is therefore the duty of the Mercantile community to see that the interests of commercial institutions are safeguarded.

Under such trying circumstances however, I have great pleasure in presenting this report, which in my opinion, outshines its predecessors. During the year under review, I had 116 students who prepared in the elementary commercial subjects of Shorthand, Typewriting and Book-keeping and I am glad to state that more than 90% have secured employment.

In this connection, I take the opportunity of trying to remove the impression that has almost taken root in the minds of the public that commercial education is merely restricted to a knowledge of Shorthand, Typewriting and Book-keeping. To understand the elements of the intricacies of commerce requires at least a superficial knowledge of such subjects as Business Methods, Correspondence, Shipping, Insurance, the principles of the Import and Export Trade, Mercantile Law, Economics etc. In addition to Shorthand and Typewriting, Another practice, detrimental to their own interests, is that of students discontinuing their studies just when they are beginning to reap the benefits of the course, and taking up junior appointments at a small salary. While it is true that no office can afford the waste of time and money in teaching an inefficient clerk his work, it is equally true that with an all round increase in efficiency one can obtain a more remunerative position.

LACK OF BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

It was suggested the other day by the Member representing the European Commercial interests in the Legislative Council that Ceylonese are not enterprising enough in business, and that they do not form more and more of Joint Stock Companies. It is to be regretted that our Ceylonese parents do not put their sons more and more into the commercial line, and give them a good commercial grounding that will enable them to grapple with the intricacies of a commercial transaction. The text books of the various commercial subjects present in a nutshell the experience of many years, and it is too true that specialised training is the only way open to success. They should disabuse their minds of the idea that commerce means buying and selling only. Specialised knowledge is necessary, just as in the case of any other profession. There is money in business, and to the practical-minded there is ample scope for various exploitations in this country, and I trust that Ceylonese parents will note this.

DIFFERENT SYSTEMS IN SHORTHAND.

With regard to Shorthand, in response to a demand for shorter and easier systems, I introduced the Gregg, Blom-Duployan, Script and Dutton systems, and I have ample reason to be satisfied with the results. These systems are now being taught at the students' choice. I take pride in stating that this is the only institution in Ceylon where several systems of Shorthand are taught side by side and is in fact, a record hardly equalled in the whole world. I also have to record with pleasure that the Gregg system has for the fourth time in succession won the world's Shorthand championship, besides winning other important speed events, while Blom-Duployan came first in Ceylon in the London and Ceylon Chamber of Commerce Examinations, held in 1926.

Another feature of the Institution is the Evening Tutorial Classes, which were begun in view of an urgent demand for coaching for various examinations especially the Government Competitive Examinations. These were well patronised and it is with great pleasure that I record an excellent percentage of successes during the first few months of their existence, including 100 per cent. successes at the Railway Clerical Examination. Since then I am glad to note that several individuals and institutions in this City have followed my example, as will be seen by the advertisements appearing in the daily press, and I wish them all success.

During the year I had several demands from Burma and the Straits Settlements to open out branches of this institution in those countries. I was therefore prevailed upon to send one of my students to Rangoon, to report on the possibilities of such an institution. His first report is encouraging and the matter is at present under consideration.

Six students of this institution have taken up lucrative positions as journalists and stenographers in Rangoon, Straits Settlements and Borneo and are doing very well.

ADVANCED BOOK KEEPING AND ACCOUNTANCY.

On account of the demand for Advanced Book-keeping and Accountancy, arrangements have been made starting from the beginning of this year to coach candidates for the various Accountancy Examinations. There has been a very encouraging response and though the period of studies extends to more than a year, a fairly high percentage of successes is expected. Those Ceylonese who have adopted Accountancy as a career have, I understand, a bright future before them.

The importance of Insurance in Business cannot be overlooked, and to day the field of Insurance offers ample opportunities for the aspiring young man. It may be stated without exaggeration that for the ambitious purposeful man, no field of endeavour offers so many gratifying possibilities. The

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No 6352.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Annamthodai wife of Nagalingam of Annamthodai

Deceased.
Appanddy Nagalingam of Annamthodai
Vs.
1. Saravanamothu Sallappa and wife
2. Kasegam of Annamthodai

This matter of the Petition of the abovesaid Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased coming on for disposal before A. Cathiravelu Esquire, District Judge, on January 20, 1927, in the presence of Mr. E. Murugesampillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated January 19, 1927, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful husband of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before March 15, 1927, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

February 14, 1927. G. W. Woodhouse,
District Judge,
O. 1212.

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nature of Life Insurance itself necessitates such broad, social, professional and business contacts as to make it a daily process of self improvement. The capable Life Insurance man to-day enjoys the privilege of counselling and advising business men of the highest calibre. There are instances where young men have from the country store entered the Capital's bazaar hall through the door of Life Insurance. In consideration of this, arrangements have been made to coach candidates for the recognised examinations of The Chartered Insurance Institute, and the Corporation of Insurance Brokers of England.

GOVERNMENT'S APATHY.

Government has provided for Medical, Legal and University education, but it has not yet recognised Commercial Education nor those interested in imparting it. Government will do well to remember that it derives more than half of its revenue from the Island's commerce, and it is neither the Lawyers, nor the Doctors nor the Graduates and Under graduates that have made Colombo the City it is. It is the Import and Export Trade, the Shipping, the Insurance and Banking Trades that have contributed to Ceylon's greatness. It is therefore but right that due recognition should be given to this branch of education which enables commerce to be carried on efficiently.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Press and all those who co-operated with me and made the past year a success, and I appeal once more to the public and beg them to continue their esteemed support, so as to make the present year also a year of success."

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6374.

In the matter of the estate of the late Nagammah wife of Sinnatambay Nagalingam of Siruvilan

Deceased.
Sinnatambay Nagalingam of Siruvilan
Petitioner.

Vs.

Minors { 1. Mahaswari daughter of Nagalingam
2. Nagalingam Manandava of Siruvilan
3. Kastinathar Nagammah of do.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on February 10, 1927, in the presence of Mr. B. Ilayatambi, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 9, 1927 having been read:

It is ordered that the abovesaid 3d Respondent be appointed Guardian *ad litem* over the minors the 1st and 2nd Respondents for the purpose of representing them in this case and of protecting their interests and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to administer the estate as her lawful husband and that Letters of Administration be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before March 15, 1927, show sufficient cause to the contrary.

February 15, 1927. G. W. Woodhouse,
O. 1213. District Judge.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No 6305.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Sivakkolunthu wife of Kanther Ramalingam of Vannarpounai East

Deceased.
1. Suppar Thamothersampillai of Vannarpounai East
2. his wife Nagammah of do.

Petitioners.

Vs.

1. Kanther Ramalingam of Vannarpounai East
2. Ramalingam Melivaganam of do.
3. Ramalingam Somasundaram of do.
4. Packiam daughter of Ramalingam of do.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovesaid Petitioners praying that the abovesaid 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian *ad litem* over the minors the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Respondents and that Letters of Administration be granted to them to the estate of the abovesaid deceased coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on November 15, 1926, and also before A. Cathiravelu Esq., Acting District Judge, on January 19, 1927, in the presence of Mr. E. Sivagurunathan, Proctor for Petitioners and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated November 8, 1926, having been read:

It is ordered that the abovesaid 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 abovesaid deceased be granted to the Petitioners as creditors of the estate unless the abovesaid Respondents or any other person shall on or before March 8, 1927, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

G. W. Woodhouse,
February 6, 1927. District Judge,
O. 1214.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6370.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Arunachalampillai Kathirgammathamby of Vannarpounai East

Deceased.
Arunachalampillai Chellappahpillai of Vannarpounai East

Petitioner.

Vs.

Meenaleedhumbum widow of Chellappahpillai Arunachalampillai of Vannarpounai East

Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of the abovesaid Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the Estate of the abovesaid deceased coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esq., District Judge, on February 8, 1927, in the presence of Mr. R. Sivagurunathan, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 8, 1927, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the grand father and sole heir of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall, on or before March 15, 1927, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

February 11, 1927. G. W. Woodhouse,
O. 1215. District Judge.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6341.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Viyalachippillai wife of Ponnampalam Chethurajah of Araly West

Deceased.
Ponnampalam Chethurajah of Araly West

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Sabapathiar Narasampillai
2. and wife Sivagampillai of Araly West

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovesaid Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse Esquire, District Judge, on December 23, 1926, in the presence of Messrs. Nagalingam & Nagalingam, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated December 16, 1926, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the lawful husband of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before February 15, 1927, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

A. Cathiravelu,
February 21, 1927. District Judge,
Extended to 8.3.27.
O. 1216.

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