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THE SALARIES COMMITTEE.

THE REPORT OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE covering nearly 350 foolscap pages has been published. Excluding those of the Governor and the Colonial Secretary it is confined to salaries and allowances of Public Servants not graded in the Civil List.

The present scheme of salaries was carried out some years ago by Sir William Manning in the teeth of much unofficial opposition. It has been criticized both at the time of its introduction and since that its treatment of Public Officers of the higher grades was unnecessarily generous while inadequate relief was granted to those of the lower grades. For that reason Governor Manning who was responsible for its introduction gave the undertaking that the anomalies and inequalities in the scheme would be removed and that the necessary readjustments would be made after it has been given a fair trial. The appointment of this Committee was in accordance with that undertaking.

It cannot be denied that the lower grades of the Public Service did not receive fair treatment in the present scheme and that they are entitled to some measure of relief. The Committee has done well in taking cognizance of their grievances and recommending a scale of salaries which will give them a living wage. But when such recommendations involve the addition of a considerable sum to the commitments of the Island in the matter of personal emoluments they cannot be accepted without hesitation. The chapter 60 deals with the question of costs of the new commitment. The Committee is unable to make an estimate of the immediate cost nor is it able to give a fair estimate of the probable increase in the personal emoluments from year to year by reason of its recommendations. But it says that the ultimate additional cost can be calculated in round figures in Rs. 3,390,000. This amount does not include the additional cost involved under rent allowances, travelling allowances etc. Is it proper to incur such a large additional expenditure as this before drastic retrenchment in the cost of establishment was carried out and reduction in the salaries and allowances of the Officers of the higher grades was effected?

The Committee is of opinion that the percentage which the cost of personal emoluments bears to the total expenditure of the Colony is rather disproportionate. It has been authorised by the Legislative Council to investigate the cadre of the Public Departments with a view to reduction and economy where necessary. The Committee while conscious of the necessity for such investigations shrinks its duty by saying that the work of such magnitude cannot be undertaken without the closest personal study of the conditions prevailing in the different Departments. From a further remark it appears that we cannot look to this Committee for any relief to the taxpayer in this direction.

The Committee at its initial stage began its work by examining the salaries of the Civil Service and it is said that in no less than nine meetings of the Committee the case of the Civil Service salaries was considered and provisional conclusions were arrived at. But owing to serious differences of opinion the Committee was not able to pursue the subject any further. It is doubtful that the inquiry which it hopes to begin next year will produce any fruitful result. The same thing may be said of the passage allowances. Here too owing to lack of unanimity the consideration of this urgent subject has been postponed. The influence of vested interests being strong, we are not very sanguine about the success of the Committee in this matter too.

The Committee recommends that the payment should be made retrospectively from 1st October last and that an experienced officer should be appointed to consider any representation that may be made in regard to the working of it.

From the report issued it is evident that the Committee has devoted considerable time and industry in preparing an equitable scheme for the relief of the underpaid officers of the subordinate services, and for that reason it deserves to be congratulated.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

AN ILL TEMPERED EXHIBITION—The usual Protestant paper need not lose its temper in the discussion of public questions. Instead of meeting argument by argument and facts by facts it indulges in irrelevant abuse. Does it think that it can conceal under the fumes of its impotent fury our exposure of the inconsistencies and confusion of ideas which it at times falls into? Its editorial note of the 30th ultimo is a singular example of abusing the adversary when the case is weak or is made weaker by the ineptitude of the one who espouses it. It is now time to learn that the Star considers that the "American example" is pernicious. How does it then interpret the reference made by it with a gusto of approval, to the part played by religion in the success of Mr. Hoover? Has it forgotten itself when that note was written? The Protestant paper is nervous about Dominion self-government. Does it think it to be the abomination of desolation at the sight of which the "glean" should fly into the mountains? We can tell the Star that notwithstanding it and those of its ilk the country will have Dominion self-government.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

WEATHER:—Clear weather prevails practically throughout the day times since Tuesday last. The nights are dewy.

A KATHAPIRASANGAM:—Sri Mat Sachchidananda Raja Yagikal will deliver a "Kathapirasangam" on "Karatkal Ammayar Charithram" at the Pungunduvu Sivan Temple on Monday, the 10th instant, commencing at 6 p. m.

ANURADHAPURA LOCAL BOARD ELECTIONS:—At the Local Board elections held at Anuradhapura on December 3rd, the following were the results of the polling:—Mr. R. A. Harmanis 243, Mr. S. N. Sittambalam 225, Mr. V. Ramaswamy 150, Mr. D. L. O. Jindass 113, and Mr. Kattu Bawa 94 votes. Messrs R. A. Harmanis Madalati, S. N. Sittambalam and V. Ramaswamy were declared elected for the three seats.—Cor.

KHADDAR DAY IN JAFNA:—The members of the Saiva Mangayar Sabha, celebrated Khaddar Day on November 29th at Ramannathan College, Obunankam in commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Ceylon last year. The preparation of special flags consisting of the device of a shanku embroidered in variegated colours on a white background of knadi cloth was commenced several days before by the girl students of Ramannathan College. The flags were distributed for sale among the various educational institutions of the Province. The proprietor of the Jaffna Picture Palace very generously gave a benefit show on November 30th in aid of the fund. Early in the morning of November 29th, the students of Ramannathan College, most of whom were attired in Knadi, offered prayers for the health and long life of the Mahatma. Later in the day a meeting was held in the College Hall presided over by Lady Ramannathan. Speeches were made by the President, Messrs O. K. Swaminathan, Gopapathy Aiyer, Ramachandra Aiyer and others.

PRIVILEGES IN COUNCIL:—At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday last, Mr. W. Duraiswamy moved for the permission of the House to advance his motion over certain others in the agenda. His motion read: "That leave be granted to me to introduce a Bill to secure absolute privilege to members of Council in respect of statements made by them in Council." Leave having been granted Mr. Duraiswamy moved his motion. Mr. E. W. Parar, seconded. The Colonial Secretary said that pending a communication from the Secretary of State, to whom the matter has been already referred to the Government was opposed to the motion. When a Division was called 20 voted for the motion and 14 against it.

VETHARSIAM TEMPLE CASE:—Before Justice Sir Sivasami Subramaniam and Mr. Justice Driehberg an application made on Tuesday last by the first defendant in the above case to accept his security in immovable property for costs of the respondents in the appeal to the Privy Council which has been filed. The first defendant in the above case is the trustee of the VetharSIAM Temple in South India. Between him and three farmers of Point Pedro there was a dispute as regards certain very fertile lands in Point Pedro worth about Rs. 90,000. In the District Court of Jaffna the Temple Trustee was declared entitled to the lands. The farmers appealed and the Supreme Court upset the judgment of the lower Court and declared the farmers entitled to the lands. But the first defendant, who is the trustee of the Temple, filed a petition of appeal to the Privy Council against the judgment of the Supreme Court. Their Lordships dismissed the application with cost, holding that the appellants having failed to tender security in time the appeal to the Privy Council falls for non prosecution.

Ceylon Reforms in Council.

AN EPILOGUE OF DECISIONS. AFTER WEEKS OF PROLONGED DEBATE.

The following is a complete list of the resolutions passed by the Legislative Council on the Donoughmore Commission Reforms resolutions. These will be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and, in conjunction with His Excellency the Governor's report, he will be asked to judge the feelings of Ceylon.

GOVERNMENT BY COMMITTEES. This Council is of opinion that government by Executive Committees of the State Council, as proposed by the Donoughmore Commission, is not suited to local conditions and is unacceptable to the people.

For 23, Against 8, Declined to vote 5. That this Council considers inadvisable the proposal to create an administrative as well as Legislative State Council working by standing Executive Committees.

For 15, Against 14, Declined to vote 10. This Council recommends that all the duties and responsibilities proposed to be assigned to each Committee and Minister should be assigned to Ministers elected by the Legislative Council.

For 21, Against 9, Declined to vote 10. That in the opinion of this Council Ceylon is fit for self-government of the Dominion type. For 16, Against 11, Declined to vote 13.

THE GOVERNOR'S POWERS. That it is the opinion of this Council that the reserved powers of the Governor are too wide and are incongruous in a scheme purporting to grant a measure of responsibility.

For 21, Against 4, Declined to vote 12. This Council declares that the proposed addition to the subjects in the Royal Instructions in respect of which the Governor's assent may be refused to legislation, except in so far as may be necessary to render discrimination against communities or religions impossible, is unnecessary and retrograde, and that the proposal should not be adopted.

For 21, Against 4, Declined to vote 12. That the Council is further of opinion that the proposal to enact legislation should rest absolutely in the Governor himself, and that so voting on a Bill be required, should not be adopted.

For 21, Against 4, Declined to vote 12. That the provision requiring the prior consent of the Governor for any class of legislation is objectionable in principle and calculated to subvert the authority of the Legislature, and should not be adopted.

For 20, Against 3, Declined to vote 13. That this Council is of opinion that, as regards Administrative and Executive functions, the Governor shall occupy a position similar to that obtaining in the self governing dominions in respect of those departments placed in charge of Ministers.

For 10, Against 8, Declined to vote 19. THE FRANCHISE. That in the case of females the age for qualification as a voter should be 21 and not 30.

For 23, Against 3, Declined to vote 13. Every voter shall be able to read and write one of the following languages: English, Sinhalese, or Tamil.

For 17, Against 14, Declined to vote 21. Subject to the amendments already passed, this Council accepts the recommendations of the Donoughmore Commission as regards the extension of the Franchise.

Carried unanimously. In the opinion of the House the numerical strength of the next Council need not be in excess of 50.

For 11, Against 10, Declined to vote 15. THE MINISTERS. Provision for Ministers should be such as not to involve increased taxation.

Adopted nem con. That the salaries of Ministers and of the Speaker should be reduced from Rs 27,000 per annum to Rs. 18,000 per annum.

For 17, Against 4, Declined to vote 15. That the proposed increase in the number of territorial members from 23 to 65 is excessive.

For 10, Against 9, Declined to vote 17. This Council requests the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies to advise His Majesty to include in the next Order in Council for a new Constitution a provision enabling a period within or at the expiration of which, the people of this Island will be granted full responsible Government.

For 14, Against 11, Declined to vote 10. PUBLIC OFFICERS. (1) This Council disapproves of the suggested provision in the New Order in Council that the final decision in all matters affecting the pay allowances, pensions, prospects and conditions of service of Public Officers should be vested in the Secretary of State.

(2) This Council declares that the powers assigned to the proposed Public Service Commission are in excess of the needs set out by the Special Commission.

(3) The discipline and control of each Department should be in charge of the Minister of such Department.

(4) This Council disapproves of the third principle laid down by the Donoughmore Commission for application of the right to be secured by the new Constitution to Public Servants to retire on proportionate pension with compensation for loss of career, viz, that the option to retire should be a continuous one lasting throughout the period of each officer's service under the Ceylon Government, and is of opinion that such option should be.

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His Majesty's Illness.

SLIGHT RISE IN TEMPERATURE. GENERAL CONDITION UNCHANGED.

SIX COUNSELLORS OF STATE TO ACT. Rugby, Dec 4th.

The five doctors in attendance on the King held a consultation at Buckingham Palace this afternoon, and at 3.30 p. m. the following bulletin was issued:— "His Majesty the King passed a quiet morning. Though his temperature is now 100.2, the slight improvement in his general condition noted in the last bulletin is being maintained."

The bulletin was signed by Sir Stanley Hawett, Dr. L. E. H. Whitby, Sir E. Farquhar Buzzard, Sir Humphry Rolleston and Lord Dawson of Paon.

A bulletin issued this evening, states that the rise in temperature noted in this afternoon's report persists. As a result, the King is rather less comfortable. Otherwise, his condition remains unchanged.

A statement was made in the House of Commons this afternoon regarding the setting up of a State Commission to act for the King.

The Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, replied (to Mr. J. E. O'Connell's question re His Majesty's Health):—

"I am glad to be able to inform the House that His Majesty was well enough this morning to enable a meeting of the Privy Council to be held. His Majesty was pleased to nominate Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness the Duke of York, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor and the Prime Minister to be Counsellors of State for the summoning and holding of the Privy Council, and for the transaction of other matters on behalf of His Majesty. An Order-in-Council was signed by His Majesty."

Earlalai Saiva Balia Sangam.

GURU POOJAH OF ARUMUGA NAVALAR.

Monday, December 3rd, was a day of devotion for the members of the Earlalai Saiva Balia Sangam when the Guru Poojah of Sri Sri Arumuga Navalar of revered memory was held in the local Saivita School hall. The hall was decorated with leaves and streamers for the occasion. The meeting began at 6 p. m. and all the members of the Sangam and its well wishers were present. The meeting began with the singing of Thevaram, Rice, plantains and other offerings necessary for the Poojah were placed on a platform. Along with these two books written by Arumuga Navalar were also placed, and the Poojah was performed.

Then five members of the Sangam spoke on the career of Arumuga Navalar, Navalar's fearlessness, his indomitable courage and love for the country, religion, and the Tamil language, are things to be copied by us. The books written by him are standing monuments of his greatness and his work for the Saiva Religion. These aspects of his life work were dealt with at length by the different speakers. The meeting came to a close at 8 p. m. with the singing of Thevaram. *Sarasu* was served lavishly to all those present.

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limited to a period of not more than three years from the inauguration of the State Council.

(5) This Council disapproves of the right to retire on proportionate pension with compensation for loss of career being extended to Ceylonese also.

For 22, Against 4, Declined to vote 10. This Council considers that the appointment of another Salaries Commission is unnecessary at present and if the appointment of such a Commission is needed at a future date such appointments shall be made on the recommendation of the State Council and the proposals of such Commission should be subject to the approval of the State Council.

Carried unanimously. ELECTORAL AREAS. That in the rearrangement and redistribution of the territorial electoral areas every revenue district, though not possessing a population of 50,000, should form a unit for the election of a member. Similarly, an area which by reason of its economic or social activities might with advantage be constituted an electoral unit.

For 16, Against 9, Declined to vote 5. This Council urges the necessity for registration of voters being undertaken by Government and that registration be not restricted to those who apply for it only, as recommended in the Report of the Special Commission on the Constitution.

For 21, Against 5, Declined to vote 10. THE CHIEF SECRETARY. This Council records its opinion that the office of Chief Secretary should not be confined to the local Civil Service.

For 11, Against 10, Declined to vote 14. THE TITLE HONOURABLE. This Council is of opinion that it is not necessary to continue the usage of the title "The Honourable" accorded to members of the Legislative Council in 1875.

For 14, Against 10, Declined to vote 13. That the qualifications for exercising the franchise and for membership of the State Council and of the Municipal Councils and other local Government Institutions should be the same for women as for men.

Carried unanimously. That the present financial and other powers and privileges enjoyed by the Legislative Council of Ceylon should not in any way be abridged or taken away.

For 23, Against 3, Declined to vote 5. —"Times Sunday Illustrated."

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Letter to The Editor.

'CEYLON-MALAYAN PASSENGERS'

Sir,
To the letter published in your issue of 25th ultimo of "Jaffna Putra" re the above, please add mine as a rider.

PENSIONERS.

The conditions in Jaffna do not agree to the gentlemen who retired from Malaya from the bond of slavery and business activities, so says "Putra." How on earth the local conditions suited these gentlemen prior to their departure to Malaya? Yes, I admit that they have spent the best part of their days in Malaya, and are used to much of Malayan conditions, but one should think that the conditions in Malaya do not differ much when making a comparison with Ceylon. The only marked difference our pensioners will observe is the absence of "latengah" at the door.

The 99% of the retired gentlemen from this country were Govt. servants, the others from business activities. The former while in Malaya had a very idle time, doing always a monotonous and sedentary work in Govt. offices and never spent time to learn men and matters. When they returned to their motherland, the only good they derived was a good knowledge of the "General Orders" of their Departments, and in the case of a Railway Guard, he would be able to repeat the Railway time table by heart. They never utilised the time that was at their disposal for further advancing their prospects and future conditions of life. Majority of the pensioners in Jaffna are now having a very lazy time, always keeping indoors—litigation and matrimonial contentions are the orders of the day. If they shake off their lethargy and organise a Pensioners' Association just to institute same as a nucleus for higher ideals, their days will be fully occupied. In addition to this if they establish good hotels in each port of landing for Malayan passengers they will be very much benefited. This is a very small enterprise for them to embark on at the present time, to touch mercantile lines in large scales, their purses will not permit, and they have no experience and training in this particular line.

Those who retired from business activities in Malaya are still active in the local market. As "Putra" said Malaya affords very favourable conditions and business attractions and many of us can very easily settle down permanently. (About settling down in Malaya I will submit my views in a subsequent letter)

HEALTH.

Jaffna ladies are being sent home during the time of their confinement, as said by "Jaffna Putra." Why should these people go? Medical facilities in this country are in no less degree inferior to Ceylon, in certain lines facilities here compare very favourably. It is only a lame excuse. The mistake is in

us. The main cause of the break down in health of our ladies is 'keeping indoors.' The present exercises they are having are, a little bit of supervision in the kitchen, and a little manipulation in the Singer Sewing Machine.

The other nationalities are not sending their ladies for confinement etc, like our people to their land of origin. If our ladies are treated and trained in the same lines as those of other nationalities, no doubt they will be hale and hearty always. A husband should at least have some knowledge of Physiology and Hygiene etc, whereas some gentlemen in certain quarters of this country leave everything to their poor wives to experience and risk.

A VERITABLE DEATH TRAP.

The quarters for clerks (kranies) are built like police barracks, and in them are housed our ladies, who enjoy no fresh air. If there are rooms, they are not spacious, but ill-ventilated. The husbands during their bachelorhood were regular enthusiasts in sports etc, and now after marriages they too keep indoors and make the house a veritable "death trap". By going out every evening both can enjoy fresh air with the result that their health improves and their too frequent visits to Jaffna diminished and money saved.

DECK PASSENGERS.

Every man or woman, boy or girl will know the nature of the deck, if he or she travelled once. A sort of people find accommodation in the deck. The writer had been to shipping agencies in Singapore since of late and there had learnt that sufficient second class passages could be obtained in every liner to and from Colombo, provided applications are being sent in good time. To obtain leave from the Heads of Government Departments, it takes weeks, months and in some cases years, and so in the meantime shipping accommodation could be easily arranged.

"TAMIL HOME", COLOMBO.

The proprietors of this establishment will do well to improve the management of the "Home" and bring it to the level of an up-to-date hotel. They may at the same raise their charges.

Now, on behalf of my countrymen, I appeal to our capitalists to extend their purses and business activities, and establish hotels in Singapore, Penang, and Colombo on modern lines, exclusively for over-sea passengers. If the management is vested in efficient and experienced hands, I am sure, a fair return for the capital invested can be enjoyed in addition to the immense debt of gratitude they will enjoy from the passengers who for years have been crying for this need.

Selangor.

Yours etc,
K. K. PILLAI.

Farewell Function in F. M. S.

BRITISH RESIDENT OF PENANG

The Indian and Ceylonese communities in Penang held their farewell to the British Resident of Penang, Hon'ble Mr. H. W. Thomson, C. M. G., M. D. E. P., on Tuesday, 26th November, at 7.30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Penang.

The Hall was tastefully decorated with flags, evergreen ferns, and garlands and presented a festive appearance. The large gathering included Hon'ble the Secretary of Penang, Hon'ble Mr. S. Veerasingham, Hon'ble Mr. S. Srinivasan, Agent of the Government of India, and several others.

Hon'ble Mr. Thomson arrived punctually at 7 o'clock accompanied by Mrs. Thomson and Miss Thomson. They were received on arrival by the Chairman and the members of the Reception Committee. Mr. M. S. Srinivasan, J. P. one of the members of the Reception Committee, welcomed Mr. Thomson, whilst Mrs. Thomson and Miss Thomson were presented with two beautiful bouquets by the daughter and grand-daughter of Dr. I. Mohammed Ghows and Mr. Nawab Din respectively. Tea and refreshments were served to all those present.

Tea being over, Dr. I. Mohammed Ghows, J. P., the Chairman of the Reception Committee, who presided at the function thanked the British Resident, Mrs. Thomson and Miss Thomson on behalf of the Indian and Ceylonese Communities of Penang for having accepted the invitation and the other ladies and gentlemen for having responded in such large numbers that evening. He further said that they were sorry to lose such an able administrator of ripe experience and that he gave no room for any grievance and had done his duty with candour and equanimity. In conclusion he wished Mr. and Mrs. Thomson bon voyage and happiness in their retirement.

Dr. Ghows then called upon Mr. James T. Thambiah, the Secretary of the Reception Committee, to read an illuminated address.

BEST TYPE OF EMPIRE BUILDERS.

Hon'ble Mr. Veerasingham who spoke next said that in bidding farewell to their distinguished guest at the Federal Council, his Hon'ble friend, Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the officials said that in Mr. Thomson they had the best type of Civil Servant. In his (speaker's) opinion he was undoubtedly that and something more than that. To his mind he was the finest type of an English gentleman one could come across in this country. He was ever clothed with courtesy as though it were an inseparable garment and he always bore about him that perfect humility of true greatness that lifted his spirit beyond the sphere of ordinary men. He was of that type of Empire builders who had constantly endeavoured to lay the foundation of a mighty Empire on the impregnable rock of justice. To Malaya Mr. Thomson had given the best years of his life. He had served it nobly, faithfully and well, and had earned the gratitude of all. He wished Mr. Thomson, his gracious wife and his daughter who had honoured them by their presence that evening, long life, health and happiness.

VERY SYMPATHETIC OFFICERS.

Rao Sahib Subbala Naidu speaking next said that it was given to few in Public Service to enlist the sympathy and to get honour due. That day Mr. Thomson was honoured by the public on account of his ability and merit as administrator. It had been his (speaker's) fortune to approach Mr. Thomson on few occasions with a number of requests and he was very glad to say that he had always very sympathetic responses from him. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Thomson all happiness and prosperity in their retirement at home.

THIRTY TWO YEARS IN SERVICE.

Mr. Thomson in reply said that he first of all on behalf of his wife, his daughter and himself thanked most heartily for the splendid send-off arranged that afternoon. Next he thanked Mr. Veerasingham and Rao Sahib Subbala Naidu for the many kind things said of him. He felt that they were undeserved, but that it was a real pleasure to have heard those remarks. He further said that he had been in the Public Service for 32 years and one of the most pleasing memories was the support he had received in every place from the Indian and Ceylonese communities. It was 14 years since he first came to Penang and that evening he saw so many old familiar faces. His wife and himself had a great liking to Penang, but the time had come when they had to say good bye. He said he would never forget Penang and the happy time he had in Penang with the Indians and Ceylonese. He assured them that they had the best wishes of his wife and himself for their continued prosperity and happiness.

Mr. Thomson then moved freely among the gathering and shook hands before he left the Hall.

The Perak State band and a band of Indian musicians rendered choice selections of music at intervals.

Later in the night Mr. & Mrs. Thomson and a large crowd watched the display of fireworks on the padang adjoining the Town Hall and after (fireworks) a party of Malay singers gave a Ronggeng performance.—Cor.

Students' Congress

TO THE ALL INDIA CONGRESS

The presence of a resolution passed at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the All India Congress, held at Madras, on 25th November, 1928, at the invitation of the Congress in the All India Congress which will meet in Calcutta during the last week of December.

The delegates will have the opportunity of being present in Calcutta during the sessions of the Indian National Congress, the Indian Convention and other important All India conferences, which usually take place about this time of the year. Special arrangements will be made for admission of the delegates to some of those meetings and for their accommodation during their stay in Calcutta.

Another Girl-Wife Tragedy

CRIME BROUGHT TO LIGHT BY THE HUMANITY OF NEIGHBOURS.

Another case of the brutal treatment of a girl-wife resulting in her being burnt to death was decided last week at the criminal Sessions of the Madras High Court. The victim was a Brahmin girl about 15 years, and her husband, a Purohit or a Hindu domestic chaplain. The motive for the crime is not clear, but it would appear that was to extort money from the girl's parents. The exposure of the crime was due to the humanity of the neighbours who insisted on opening the door of the room in which the poor girl had been shut up after she had been severely burnt. The husband was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, which under the circumstances is not too severe—"I. S. R."

OBITUARY.

Mrs. C. K. THAMBE.

We regret to record the sad and untimely death of Kanmayy, beloved wife of Mr. C. K. Thamba, Barrister-at-law, Bangalore, and daughter of Mr. A. Subbapillai, Kodday, Jaffna. The deceased lady was 29 years of age at the time of her death and was suffering from an attack of pneumonia after her recent confinement. She died on the evening of Monday, 26th ultimo, at her residence in Kodday. The funeral took place the following day, Tuesday, and was largely attended. She leaves behind to her dear husband, six children, four sons and two daughters, and a host of friends and relatives. We extend our heartfelt sympathy with the members of the bereaved family.

Mr. A. VELAUTHAM.

The sad and untimely death of Mr. A. Velautham, late of the F. M. S. Railways, occurred at Koravaddy on Tuesday the 27th ultimo. The late Mr. Velautham was only 30 years of age at the time of his death. He is the son-in-law of Mr. A. Chinnaswami, Police Magistrate, Koravaddy, and brother-in-law of Madalayar C. Arumugam, the Supreme Court, Colombo.—Cor.

LALAJIS TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.—Dr. L. J. Raj's scheme for a women's tuberculosis Hospital in a suburb of Lahore, memory of his mother, for which he has donated Rs. 1,00,000 is gradually maturing. Besides his donation, the Lajis had collected during the time Rs. 75,000 cash from different provinces in India and had been procuring Rs. 20,000 and hoped to complete the balance of Rs. 2,00,000 before the end of the present year. Lal Jajis had appointed trustees for the administration of the hospital and requested that the two conditions laid down by himself in the institution should bear the name of his mother Shrimati Gulabdy and that it should be open to women of all classes with special preference to women of the depressed classes.

Ceylon Government Railways

TENDER NOTICE.

Tenders are hereby invited for quarry work in the Railway Quarry at Vavuni. The quarrying to be done will consist of cutting and dressing 2 inch diameter ring and transport the broken metal to a sleeper stage, pile sand thereon, ready for measurement or loading into wagons.

For further particulars see Government Gazette dated the 30th November 1928 or apply to the District Engineer, Way & Works Department, Anuradhapura or to me.
General Manager's Office,
Colombo 27th Nov. 1928.
T. E. DUTTON,
General Manager
G. 998.

