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## LOCAL & GENERAL.

JAFFNA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1928

### JAFFNA ORIENTAL STUDIES SOCIETY

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WE PUBLISH ELSEWHERE THE PROCEEDINGS of the seventh annual meeting of the above Society which was established in 1921 to promote the study of Sanskrit and classical Tamil among the Tamils of the Island. The important function of the Society is the holding of annual examinations of three different grades viz. Piravesa, Bala Pandit and Pandit. From the report presented at the meeting it is evident that these examinations are becoming more and more popular. Its first examination was held in 1923 when 37 candidates appeared and 17 were successful. In 1927 there were 104 candidates and of them 47 were successful. In 1928 a similar number took up the examinations and 67 were successful. This is an indication of the growth of the Society. Among the institutions which prepare students for the above examinations the Copy Training College sent the largest number last year. 16 obtained the Entrance or Piravesa certificates, and 13 were admitted as Bala Pandits. The Superintendent, Mr. A. Ponniah, and his able Assistants deserve to be congratulated for the great enthusiasm they have for Tamil literature and for the efficient way in which they teach it to their students. We hope that the tradition of Tamil learning which has now been created in the College will be always maintained and it will be an inspiration to other institutions, especially the new Training School opened by the Hindu Board of Education this year at Tinnevely.

The success of a society depends on the funds at its disposal for expansion. The Treasurer reported that the subscriptions collected during the year amounted to only Rs. 73/- This is a very small sum compared with the strength of the Society. For this reason we commend the remarks of the Chairman, Mr. C. A. Wicks, on this point to the consideration of the members of the Society and the Tamil public. Mr. Wicks said that there should be in a society of this kind three classes of members, viz. honorary, active and non active. The object of having the third is to provide it with funds. For that purpose it should enlist the support and co-operation of philanthropists who are interested in the cause of Oriental learning. We have such men among us and at the next annual meeting the Secretary, we hope, will report to it the success of the efforts made to enrol such members.

The Chairman made very valuable suggestions regarding the work of the Society. In some matters referred to by him there will be difference of opinion. Mr. Wicks saw no danger in the spread of English, and he combated Mr. C. E. S. Perera, Barrister-at-law, who founded a note of warning against the undue prominence given to English in his speech delivered at the Matala Teachers' Association. Mr. Perera made out a strong case against English with a wealth of incontrovertible facts. He did not strike a note of pessimism as understood by Mr. Wicks, but only gave expression to the agony of the people who cannot bear to see the emasculation of their culture under the dominion of a foreign tongue.

"In literature," says Mr. Wicks, "lies the soul of a people and the literature of the past is the heritage of the present of all the peoples." If that is so then the Vernacular literature in which the ideals and sentiments of the people are enshrined deserves the first place in the education syllabus of the country. We recognise that during the last decade the Education Department has done material help to promote the study of the Vernacular literature. But the work done so far is not enough. The English octopus still threatens to strangle its Vernacular victim. The salvation of the Vernacular depends on the solution of the medium of instruction. Unless and until it becomes the medium in all stages of education its fate is doomed. The imaginary difficulties conjured up by the opponents of the Vernacular medium are well met by Mr. Perera.

WEATHER:—There was yet another heavy down-pour last morning. The sky is clear throughout today.

OFFICIAL:—Mr. K. Sivaprakasam, Second Clerk, Jaffa Kachcheri, is acting as Chief Clerk in place of Mr. R. Chinthamani, who has been appointed Additional Extra Office Assistant from 1st December, 1928 to January 9, 1929.

JUDICIAL:—Mr. A. P. Savundranayagam, Barrister at-law, is to act in the Office of Police Magistrate, Dandagamuwa, Addl. Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, etc., Kurunegala, from December 1, 1928.

P. R. C. JAFFNA:—Messrs. A. Canagaratnam, M. L. C., and J. Cherubim, Gate Mudaliyar, M. S. Ramalingam, and Messrs. S. Supramaniam and J. V. Chelliah are appointed Members of the Provincial Road Committee, Northern Province, for 1929.

ACTING INQUIRER, TENMARADCHI:—Mr. V. Chelliah, Maniagar, Pachchilappali, is to be, in addition to his own duties, an Inquirer for Tenmaradchi, for 22 days from November 28, 1928, during the absence on leave of Mudaliyar V. Chittambalam.

CEYLON CIVIL SERVICE:—An examination of local candidates for the Ceylon Civil Service will be held in Colombo simultaneously with the examination in London. Regulations etc will shortly be published.

V. S. L. C. EXAMINATION:—The following are among the successful candidates in the Vernacular School-Leaving Certificate Examination held in July, 1928:—1st Division: Kopy Training School (Practising), S. Chelliah. 2nd Division: Kurumpakaddi Mixed, K. Sundaramoorthy; Karaveddi S. Hindu Boys', K. Ponnar and P. Ponniah; Alaveddi Nagapushany Mix, M. A. Aiyasamy, and M. Nadarasa; Alaveddi—Chemmanakaladdy M. K. Sivassamy; Alaveddi Nagapushany Mix, P. Sionathangam; Kondavil Saiva Vidiyasalai, K. Kanagasalingam and S. Paramanathan; Kopy Training, E. Kanagasantharam, N. Nadarasa, M. Perampalam, S. Sivapragasam and A. S. Aiyer; Vaddukoddai E. Hindu A. V. A. Murugesapillai, V. Nagalingam and V. Ramasamy.

CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT:—Mr. S. Ponniahpillai has been appointed Manager of the Velanai West Tamil School in place of Mr. V. K. Ampalavanapillai.

A LIMPING TRUANT:—In spite of the fact that Ponnuthurai, a fatherless orphan of Periapalai, Pachchilappali, aged 17, has the personal peculiarity and weakness of limping, he has spared himself from his mother's place since October last. Now a "Hus and Cry" is made in the Police Gazette.

CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS:—The Cambridge Junior and Senior Certificate Examinations for the year 1928, commenced today (Monday) in different centres throughout the Island. The practical examination in Science was held on Friday and Saturday last.

I. C. S. EXAMINATION:—Last Friday's Gazette publishes the rules and regulations and the syllabus of subjects for the examination for the Indian Civil Service to be held in London in July and August, 1929.

AMENDED MOTOR ORDINANCE:—The same Gazette publishes the Draft of the Motor Car Amendment Ordinance, 1928. This Ordinance is to amend the newly passed Ordinance of 1927.

RABIES ORDINANCE AMENDED:—The same Gazette publishes the Draft of a Rabies Amendment Ordinance. The amendment contained in the Bill will enable the owner of a dog to prevent it from being seized under section 4 of the Ordinance as a stray dog, if he takes the precaution of fitting the dog with a collar or badge of a prescribed pattern.

KARAINAGAR H. E. SCHOOL:—The inaugural meeting of the Karainagar Hindu English School Old Boys' Association, will be held on Saturday, the 20th inst. at 4.30 p. m., in the School Hall. The following program will be gone through: Volley Ball Match, (Old Boys vs. New Boys); Refreshments; Group Photo; Adoption of the rules of the Association; Election of Office-Bearers and lastly Lecture on "Education and Nationalism" by Mr. V. Vanniasingham, B. A.

CEYLONESE SUCCESS IN BURMA:—Mr. S. Sangarapillai, who was acting as Deputy Assistant Controller of Military Accounts, Burma District, has been made permanent in that post with effect from 1st April, 1928. Mr. Sangarapillai is the President of the Military Accounts Association, Burma, and of three Hindu Temples in Meymeyo and its suburbs. He is an old student of the Malakam English School of the Hindu College, Jaffna.

## Oriental Studies Jaffna.

### SOCIETY'S ONWARD PROGRESS.

ANOTHER YEAR OF GOOD WORK. The seventh annual general meeting of the Jaffna Oriental Studies Society was held on Monday, the 3rd inst. at 8.30 p. m., at Parameshwara College. Mr. C. A. Wicks, Acting Director of Education, presided. Secretary, Mr. K. Kandiah, Assistant Director of Schools, presented report for 1928. The Chairman then distributed the certificates to those candidates who were successful in the different examinations.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS. The election of Office bearers resulted as follows:—President: The Director of Education (ex officio); Vice-Presidents: Mudaliyar C. Rasanayagam, C. C. S. Messrs. S. Kandiah and S. Natesan; Secretary: Mr. K. Kandiah; Treasurer: Mr. V. K. Nathan.

Committee: Messrs. T. A. Tauriapahpillai, V. Kumarasamy, N. K. Bharathi, Rev. Fr. S. Gnanaprasadar, Rev. Bro. Philip, Messrs. M. S. Rajaratnam, K. S. Arulandy, S. Ganeshaiyer, A. Ponniah and S. Sellakurukkal.

The Chairman then addressed the gathering. He said that the Society had been in existence for seven years, and that period was usually taken as an opportunity to have a stock taking. He thought it might be good to review the aims of the Society very briefly in the light of the past, and thus see what lines might be suggested for improving and widening its scope.

### LITERATURE OF THE PAST IS THE HERITAGE OF THE PRESENT.

The aim of all such societies as theirs, whether they were Tamil or ancient literature, or Sinhalese or old English, was threefold: first and foremost, by study and research, to bring out the treasures of their ancient literature; secondly, to foster the more advanced study of Tamil literature by maintaining promising pupils; thirdly, to ensure by the careful control of examinations, that every teacher professing to teach Tamil literature should have a good knowledge of the same. Those were the aims they had to face. He congratulated the Society with regard to the third aim. With the regard to the first aim Mr. Wicks was of opinion that "in literature lies the soul of the people, and the literature of the past is a heritage of the present of all the peoples." Therefore the Society, as far as it could, should bring forth what was true and good in literature, as jewels out of the chest that all might possess. That could not be done without work, co-operation and a certain amount of lectures. Whatever was good in literature was never lost. It might be really hidden and forgotten.

Speaking about the second aim he noticed that they had one classical school. One good classical school was better than fifty bad ones. He suggested that one side of the activities of the Society should be the development of such schools, and out of its funds allowances may be provided to one or two promising pupils after they had passed the ordinary examinations to enable them to enter the classical school.

Continuing, the speaker said that a Society like that should be composed of three classes of workers: (1) Honorary workers, (2) active scholars, (3) non-active members.

LOSING INTEREST IN ONE'S OWN LITERATURE. Mr. Wicks then referred to an address delivered recently by a young lawyer at Malala, Mr. Perera, on the trend of education in Ceylon, a report of which the speaker read in a newspaper a fortnight ago. That address showed Mr. Perera's distrust in the power of his own literature. The spread of English would not eradicate, as was suggested, all the characteristics of the Sinhalese. "While the literature of the people is strong, the learning of a second language for the practical needs of life can have no effect on the soul. If a nation loses its desire for its own literature, and is out of touch with its own people in the past, it cannot be because of the introduction of a new language. It can only be because of the loss of interest in its own literature. One might as well say that the increase of bicycles in Ceylon will result in nobody eating rice and curry." He thought that Mr. Perera was unduly pessimistic. It was the aim of the Education Department to ensure that every school boy attained a sound knowledge of his own language, and one could not increase the desire for knowledge by restraining the spread of English.

Mr. M. S. Rajaratnam, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, pleaded that the Vernaculars should be given the right place in the curriculum of studies. English should be made a secondary language, and if necessary its study might be made compulsory throughout. He trusted that the Education Department would co-operate with the people, and that Mr. Wicks, who was at present Asst. Director of Education, would support it.

Paadib N. K. Bharathi seconded the vote of thanks.

[The speech of Mr. Perera referred to above is published elsewhere. —Ed. 'H. O.']

## Jaffna Urban District Council.

### QUESTION OF INCREASED SALARIES.

#### DEFERRED TILL NEW COUNCIL MET.

The monthly meeting of the Jaffna Urban District Council was held at the Jaffa Kachcheri on the 5th inst. at 8.30 a. m. Mr. K. Sivagurunathan, Chairman presided. The other present were Messrs. R. R. Nalliah, K. Somasundaram, K. Kanagasabai, H. E. de Kretser, A. M. M. Abdul Cader, P. Moses, R. Subramaniam and C. Arulampalam. Reference to H. M. THE KING'S ILLNESS. Before proceeding with the business of the day, the Chairman referred to His Majesty the King's illness and said since His Majesty's accession to the throne, his reign had been one of great benevolence and sympathy towards his subjects. He (Chairman), with the permission of the Council, moved that they as representing the citizens of Jaffna expressed their sympathies with His Majesty and the Royal family in their affliction and earnestly wished His Majesty's speedy recovery, and that that message of sympathy be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. K. Somasundaram seconded and it was carried unanimously.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been previously circulated among the members were taken as read and confirmed.

#### KARAYOON LIME STORE TO BE SHIPPED

The house then considered the report of the committee re Manuel Philip's lime store at Karayoor.

The Committee stated in their report that the store kept in a populous part of the town was a nuisance and a danger to public health and that they recommended it to be removed from the present locality to a site near the Customs.

Mr. R. R. Nalliah proposed and Mr. Somasundaram seconded that the report be adopted. The recommendation was carried.

#### BUILDING OF A NEW DRAIN

The next item was to consider letter dated 31st October 1928 from Rev. Fr. Francis O. M. I. re the drain facing the Girls' School at Karayoor.

The Chairman said that the Council had written to Fr. Francis with regard to the latter's contribution towards the building of the drain right down to the Beach Road, which would cost nearly Rs. 1,800/-. The latter had replied that he was not willing to contribute. The drain which was an important one, and if not attended to would continue to be an eye-sore.

It was resolved that the building of the drain be taken up by the Council.

#### QUESTION OF INCREASED SALARIES.

An application from the Officers and Overseers of the Council for increase of salary was then considered.

The Chairman in explaining this item stated that he had proposed a certain scheme of increase, but that question was disallowed at the last meeting. The Officers had submitted petitions to him after that date and it was his duty to bring up that matter before them this day.

#### NEW COUNCIL TO TACKLE WITH IT.

Mr. Nalliah objected to any scheme just at that time, and moved that it be deferred till the new Council met.

The Provincial Engineer seconded.

The Chairman said that the officers seemed to be extremely dissatisfied. They thought that if the matter was to be deferred till the Council met it would take a long time for the members to become familiar with their (officers') work.

#### ASSESSMENT WORK BY COUNCIL.

Besides, continued the Chairman, the Council was going to take up the assessment work which up to that time had been done by the Government. That would entail increase of work to their officers. The Kachcheri had spent Rs. 1,500 on account of expenses in connection with the assessment work. That amount would mean Rs. 140 a month which was the salary of two officers. The salaries of officers in Class III of the Government Clerical Service, the applicants stated, were increased. They feared that if their case was not considered by the present Council it would not be taken up for many months more.

Mr. Arulampalam moved that the Salaries Scheme be considered at that meeting.

Mr. Abdul Cader seconded.

The amendment was put to the house and lost, 3 voting for and 5 against.

#### CHAIRMAN'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Chairman then explained that he had no other alternative than to bring up the matter for reconsideration by them as he had received petitions from the officers since the last meeting.

Mr. Nalliah:—"I don't blame you, I strongly object to the methods adopted by these officers to bring the matter up after it had been once decided by us. Nobody is opposed to the question of increments being gone into. But that must come up at the proper time and place."

Mr. Subramaniam:—"No scheme was submitted at the last meeting and there was nothing wrong in having brought up the matter today."

Mr. Nalliah (impatiently):—"Bring it up in February or March. There will be no change in the personnel of the new Council except for one or two."

Continued up.



DRINK STATISTICS.

Sir,  
Recently, I remember reading an article in the papers, I do not know which, where statistics regarding the consumption of liquor was given. The statistics showed that the quantity consumed had increased terribly all over the island, Jaffna included. Statistics may have its benefits in its own way but it is neither here nor there in regard to the question of Prohibition. On the other hand it is a most distasteful way of showing its partiality to "wet" interests. By magnifying things with statistical evidence it tries to lull the work of the Prohibitionists. Statistics show that there is more drink consumed, more crime committed, and more arrests made etc. But in no case does statistics on drink show that increase in drink has improved the mind of man. It only speaks of crimes and arrests—so that the ultimate conclusion one arrives at from these statistics is that Drink is an evil and is always associated with evil. There is no good whatever in it. This is a matter which any sane man could help to be granted because there is the statistical evidence to prove it. If it is an evil why do the Government tolerate this evil? Why won't it prohibit it? Government say "On your temperance work has failed, there is more drink now than ever. You have miserably failed." Agreed that temperance workers have failed in their enterprise, "very well," they say, "we have failed but both of us admit that Drink is an evil then why don't you take steps to prohibit it?"

Thus statistics and things like these are after all a show and a farce and may be the manoeuvres of an arch Blackguard.

Yours etc,  
"Anti Hombug"

Continued.

POURING OIL ON DISTURBED WATER.

Mr. Somasundaram said that Mr. Nalliah was not opposed to increase of salaries to those officers. He hoped that they would not be misunderstood when they stated that the matter could wait till the new Council met.

Mr. Nalliah's motion was then put to the house and carried.

Tax on Push Bykes.

The Council then considered the Secretary's Memo re Tax on Cycles.

The Chairman said that the tax of one rupee on a cycle was the same all over the island. Some cycles had escaped from being taxed. The Secretary had submitted a proposal to issue tin plates along with the licence, the former to be fixed in some conspicuous part of the machine. There were about 1000 cycles within the Urban area.

Mr. Moses:—"That must be done. New cycles are being used to carry two persons instead of one."

Mr. Nalliah replied that in that event, the Council should pass a by-law before the Secretary's suggestion could be enforced.

Mr. Somasundaram moved and Mr. Nalliah seconded that a by-law be drafted and submitted to the house at an early date, and it was carried.

VOTE OF APPRECIATION.

The business of the day being over, Mr. Somasundaram, a senior member of the Council moved, with the permission of the house, a vote of appreciation of the services of Messrs B Subramaniam, the Vice Chairman, V. S. S. Kumarasamy—who was absent—T. H. Crossette and K. Kanagasabai whose term of office ceases at the end of this month.

Mr. Nalliah interrupting said that Messrs. Kanagasabai and Crossette—the two nominated members—should not be included as the Council was not in a position to know if they really ceased to be members of the Council.

Mr. Somasundaram then confined his remarks to the services of Messrs. Subramaniam and Kumarasamy. That was the last day those two members would be with them. Those two gentlemen had been members of the Council from the inception and had each been Vice Chairman successively. They had done very satisfactory work. Mr. Subramaniam had served on several Committees and his services had been invaluable. It was difficult to replace those two. He would therefore move that a vote of appreciation be recorded in the minutes of the Council.

Mr. Moses seconded.

The Chairman wished to associate himself with every word which the proposer had uttered. The two gentlemen had been of the greatest service to the Council. During the current year he had come in direct contact with Mr. Subramaniam and was in a position to estimate his services. He fully endorsed Mr. Somasundaram's tribute.

The vote was then put to the house and carried.

Mr. Subramaniam thanked the members for the kind words spoken of him and of Mr. Kumarasamy. He assured them that although both of them ceased to be members of the Council, their interest in the Council would not cease.

Mr. Kanagasabai also thanked the members and said that his services would be always at the disposal of the Council in legal matters.

GENERAL CONFESSION UNCHANGED.

PRINCE OF WALES AT CAIRO.

A bulletin at 11.15 a.m. today stated—some hours of sleep. His condition on account of the local long general condition is the same.

BY HIS BEARING NEWS.

A Prince of Wales, accompanied by a large and private Secretary, together with a representative of King's Fund, arrived at 1.30. Owing to the cold, cheerless weather, Prince was wearing a shaggy plaid overcoat. I was looking very bronzed, but tired. A large crowd assembled owing to the early hour, but only workers in the stream through which his H. Highness drove to the Park, sympathetically saluted. The Prince's first act on reaching the H. Highness was to read the latest telegram telephoned from London's office. He appeared relieved to hear the reassuring news concerning His Majesty's condition.

LOCAL SYMPATHY AND INTEREST.

Public sympathy and interest is unabated in the third week of the King's illness, but the mere hopeful developments during the past week, and the fact that the night was the coldest experienced this Winter were no doubt among the reasons why fewer inghires called at the Palace gates towards daybreak than on the previous morning.

Times Sunday Illustrated.

Vivekananda Society, Colombo.

GURU POOJA OF ARUMUGA NAVALAR

The Guru Pooja of Sri Sri Arumuga Navalar of blessed memory was celebrated at the Colombo Vivekananda Society on Saturday the 2nd and Monday the 3rd December, 1925. The Society Hall was tastefully decorated to befit the occasion.

The proceedings were presided over on both the occasions by Lady Ramanathan. Sir P. Ramanathan and Sri Sri Ambalavanna Navala Swamikal were also present.

On Sunday the proceedings began with Tamil Vada "parayagam" followed by musical entertainment. Ambalava Navala Swamikal delivered an inspiring address on the life and teachings of Arumuga Navalar. This was followed by "Maheswara Pooja" and over a thousand poor were fed.

Commencing at 4.30 in the evening Messrs. M. Balasundaram and V. T. S. Sivagurunathan delivered interesting and instructive lectures on the life and teachings of the Navalar in English and in Tamil respectively.

On Monday at 5.30 P. M. the children of the Vivekananda Vidyalayam contested in the singing of Devaram and three prizes were awarded.

This was followed by a contest in Tamil Oratory among the members. This was one of the interesting items on the program. There was a triangular contest and the prize was won by Mr. A. Kaudiah.

Sri Ramanathan delivered an extremely interesting and instructive speech on the superiority of the Hindu Philosophy with suitable quotations from Thiruvalluvar and sage from Thiruvaimalai. He explained in lucid terms the superiority and showed how the Westerners or rather the materialists were, with all the advanced knowledge in science, trying to find out the regions of the North and South Poles, but realising the vanity of such things and not giving the slightest thought to realise and find out the "Aimat" in them which is the Treasure of Treasures.

The Pooja was performed by Ambalava Navalar Swamikal after which Prastham and refreshments were lavishly served to the members and visitors present.

With the sing of Devaram the proceedings came to a close at 8.30 P. M.—Cor.

MATRIMONIAL.

VELUPPILLAI-SIVAPAKIA AMMAL

The marriage of Mr. A. Veluppillai, Accountant, Ceylon Auto-Carriers Co., Colombo, and son of Mr. P. K. Arumugampillai of Karaitagar, with Miss Sivapakia Ammal, daughter of Mr. K. Arumugampillai, Gem Merchant, Vannarapponnai East, took place on last Saturday night at about 11.30 p.m., in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relations. A reception was held on the following day and will be continued today and tomorrow. We wish all happiness and prosperity to the new couple.

MUTTUOMARU—THANKARATNAM.

A pretty wedding was celebrated on last Saturday night at the Pettah, Jaffna, when Miss. Thankaratnam Chelliah, Teacher, Ramanathan College, Chunnakam was married to Mr. T. Muttuomaru B. A. (London) of the tutorial staff of the Jaffna Hindu College. We extend our hearty congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Muttuomaru.

OUR COLOMBO LETTER.

(From an Official Source.)

Colombo District.

ADMINISTRATIVE DAY.—This Day was celebrated in a very grand scale and with a delightfully varied program on the 2nd and 3rd instants at the Vivekananda Society. A beautiful oil painting of the late Late Rajaguru was prominent by the side of short of Sri Sri Arumuga Navalar, Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma, and the late Late Rajaguru of Gaudipur, attracted the attention of all.

SERMONS.—The third and last of the series of the Captains' Office commenced on the 3rd instants at Kandy with Mr. Justice Garvin as the presiding Judge. The chief guests of Mr. Vengaloo, Deputy Registrar, Madhavu C. Arumugam and Ramon Gnanarathna, the Tamil and Sinhalese Interpreters, Mr. LaBrooy, Private Secretary and Mr. E. J. Van Dora, Stenographer.

MAINS AND MIXED MESSAGES.—These two interesting subjects have demanded considerable attention from the Scientist and the Statistician respectively. A statistician anticipates that within a period of 8 years, it will be possible to see the populated places in the planet Mars with the aid of a 'giant' magnifying glass. We wonder how long after that it will take for inter-marriages to take place between those in these planets.

JUDICIAL.—Mr. M. Chinniah, Advocate, Battaramulla, will make the 8th Tamil Lawyer Judge, in his appointment as Police Magistrate, Battaramulla, the other 7 being the late Judge Wardworth, Messrs Arul Anandan, W. D. Niles, Crossette Thambiah, A. K. Subramaniam, James Joseph, J. N. Vaidyanathan. Mr. A. W. Bayandranayagam, Bar at Law will also get a Judicial post soon.

COLOMBO DISTRICT COURT.—Messrs. L. M. Maran, D. J. and V. M. Fernando, A.D.J., have returned to the island and resumed duties. Mr. Langkane, who was acting as A. D. J. has resumed duties as Crown Counsel.

METROPOLITAN POLICE COURT.—Mr. Sobekman, O. S. is acting as Police Magistrate but is relieved by Mr. Farquar who is at present held up at the Land Settlement Office, and who will hand over to the Permanent Magistrate, Mr. E. F. Marshall.

HOLIDAY CHANGES.—Mr. M. T. Akbar, Solicitor General, on his return from leave, will succeed Justice Sir Stewart Schneider in January next. Mr. Justice Lyall Grant will relieve Mr. Justice Garvin in Kandy. Sir Stanley Fisher, Chief Justice, has left for Bombay on a short holiday.

OFFICIAL.—Mr. P. Sivasampoo, S. I. Police, Quana, is acting for Mr. B. B. S. I. Police, Madampe.

HIS MAJESTY'S ILLNESS.—Just as the Mussalmans and the Christians have done, let us Hindus, who also believe in Prayer, have spent "poojane" in our temples for the recovery of His Majesty who is universally loved for his devotion to duty, selfless service, simple goodness and kindness of heart and whose life is laden with a grave risk.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.—Looking at the advance copy of the Almanac issued by the Government Printer, it dawned on me that bugs for whom the holidays are marked on the Almanac have far less holidays than school-masters, Brokers, and Lawyers. Statistics will show that of the 52 weeks of the year, school-masters generally have 16 full weeks as holidays. Not to speak of Saturdays and Sundays. What is worse, the schools close for long periods at most unsuitable periods. Surely, the Hindu schools, for example, need not close so long at Xmas season. We may not grudge the school-master his long holidays, but surely we must ask him to show some sense in the determination of seasons for holidays.

THE KARACHOI SCHEME.—The Director of Irrigation says: It is now 7 years since the Tank was completed and a great rush for the land resulted, but so far the development has been most disappointing; less than 900 acres have been properly cultivated and about 2700 acres in addition more or less gleamed of jungle. So far nothing has been paid either as land rent or irrigation rate, and it is the opinion of an Irrigation Officers, who have an intimate knowledge of the circumstances, that if some rate or rent had been enforced from the time the land was allotted, the development would have been considerably in advance of the present state. When no such rates are payable, there is not such incentive to push the development vigorously and those who have been allotted obviously far more than they could develop, would have given up the excess land earlier. Comments on the action of these men will be superfluous and necessarily unpleasant.

PRaise FOR THE "HINDU ORGAN".—Though we naturally do not agree with the Editor always, yet it is easily the most admired and most appreciated Jaffna paper both here and in Ceylon outstations and the E. M. S., where even Christians prefer the "Hindu Organ" for its representative and sound editorials.

Local Students.

First Camp at Thiruvalla.

The first camp of the Hindu Students' Movement was held at Thiruvalla from Saturday, December 19, 1925, to Sunday, December 20, 1925, with Jaganath as the guest speaker. The camp was attended by 23 members of the movement.

Several addresses were given by the speaker on the importance of the movement of the Hindu Students' Movement.

PROGRAM.

7.30—11.30 a.m. Visit to China Bay (5 miles walking).  
2.30 p.m. Address by the President, Prof. C. S. Sivasampoo, B.A., LL.B., LL.M., LL.D.  
8.30—10 p.m. Social and Indoor Games. (5 miles walking).  
7.30—11.30 a.m. Visit to Tambilgama Fields (15 miles walking).  
2.0—4.30 p.m. Subject: Religion and National Builder.  
Speaker: Swami Vipulananda B. S. S. Dismissed.

8.12.25.

Tuesday, December 20, 1925.  
7.30—11.30 a.m. Town visit and visit to Dockyard (walking).  
2.30—4.30 p.m. Subject: Who is a Hindu?  
Speaker: Mr. V. Muttuomaru, B.A., LL.B., LL.M., LL.D. Dismissed.

8.30—10.30 p.m. Bridge Drive.

Friday, December 21, 1925.

7.30—11.30 a.m. Visit to Nivara (9 miles walking).  
2.30—4.30 p.m. Subject: Shaiva Rituals.  
Speaker: Mr. S. Sivasampoo, B.A., LL.B., LL.M., LL.D. Dismissed.

8.12.25.

Saturday, December 22, 1925.  
7.30—11.30 a.m. Visit to Hot Springs at Kumbura (5 miles walking).  
2.30—4.30 p.m. Subject: Hindu Culture.  
Speaker: Mr. M. S. Sivasampoo, Advocate. Dismissed.

8.12.25.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1925.  
2.30—4.30 p.m. Subject: Worship.  
Speaker: Mr. M. S. Sivasampoo, Advocate. Dismissed.

8.12.25.

8.30—10 p.m. Social.

Ceylon 200 Years Hence.

PARTOT OF ENGLAND OR A NATION?

"Do you want the people of Ceylon two centuries hence to be all talking English or Sinhalese? What I say of Sinhalese applies to the Tamil language in as far as the Tamil speaking districts are concerned."

"Do you want or expect the bargaining in the bazaar to be done in English? Do you look forward to the vernacular former and the vernacular latter speaking English as fluently as they now talk the vernacular? Do you want the ploughman at his plough and the carpenter at his wheel to be giving his orders in English to the lawyer, the doctor, and the engineer as doing to-day in his office? Do you hope to hear the village mother singing English lullabies to the child, sucking at her breast? Do you want that child to prattle its first words in English?"

ENGLISH GROWING IN FAVOR.

With these questions Mr. Cyril E. S. Perera, B.A. at Law, began a lecture before the Male Teachers' Association on "The Aims of Our Educational System."

Against some would exclaim, he said, that they did not want it so. Nationalists would be horrified at the statement. But the past afforded any occasion for judging of the future, what other else can the educational system of to-day have? Statistics would clearly demonstrate that the number of persons who are able to converse in English has steadily risen during the last century; the standard of English has gone up, the number of English schools has grown enormously and the English teacher has kept pace with that growth. On all sides, in every department of life, the force for English has grown. Twenty years ago the vernacular was the only language which was the exception. Now it seems to be the rule. Most occupations have passed the seventh or a higher standard, especially among the newer ones. Do many students who understand English are much more numerous; so more, shrewder, and as for the future they may even know the Sinhalese equivalent of "Hello," "Good night," "Right" and "Wrong." Old people, even boys and the lowest village headmen now seem to have a smattering of English.

Language Invitations.

"That is not a matter of course, and would say. It was a splendid thing to have servants who understood English. It was a distinct sign of progress to be able to find in the native human person, who spoke English. Do the people then want English which has so completely captured the young men, when they are to be used in the public field, for the pleasure, to the village but and the only line, asked the speaker."

"If the people did so, and so, asked the speaker, they would go down the drain of time as a race, and who so complete in their advancement that they forgot their mother tongue, who were of perfect imitation that imitation became accepted nature. If they continued for another century to treat the mother tongue with that contempt with which they had treated it in the past, if it continued to occupy the insignificant place which it now did in the Government and public life and even in the private lives, of the people they could be certain that at the end of that period their very dogs and parrots would understand English only."

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