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AT A CONFERENCE OF TEACHERS HELD recently at Gampaha the medium of instruction formed a subject of discussion. We are glad to note that the teachers in the South have begun to recognise its importance and to tackle it with some degree of earnestness which deserves to be commended. It appears to us that Mr P de S. Kularatne who opened the discussion struck a note of pessimism regarding the possibilities of the Sinhalese language to become the medium of instruction to the Sinhalese children in all stages of education. The solution which he offers in the way of educational reform so far from achieving the purpose he has in view will only make the present situation still worse. "Just as English," says Mr. Kularatne, "was the medium of instruction for the English child, the Italian for the Italian child, corresponding language should be the medium of instruction for the Ceylon child. The medium of instruction should obviously be the language that the child understood best." The language the child understands best is the mother tongue. This is an undoubted fact. It is testified to by an Englishman who presided over the Conference. When the Chairman, Mr Harrison, "went into the villages and spoke to the children in English, he found very little response. And when somewhat or other he made himself understood in Sinhalese and the barrier was broken and he saw the brightness of their eyes, he was more and more convinced that a great deal of harm was being done by trying to educate them in a language other than their mother tongue." If that is so should not serious efforts be made to make the mother tongue the medium of instruction as far as possible in all stages of secondary education? The great harm that is being done by making English the medium of instruction from the very beginning has now been brought home to many educationists. Making the mother tongue the medium of instruction only in the primary stage will not help adequately the solution of the problem. We regret that an educationist like Mr. Kularatne should have treated the matter light-heartedly by saying that the Sinhalese were not in a position to carry on instruction through the medium of the Sinhalese language beyond the primary stage. It is a confession of not merely national weakness but also of lack of faith in himself and his race. There are instances where nations under similar situations overcame similar difficulties and restored their mother tongue to the right place it ought to occupy in the educational curriculum.

The Bengalees with whom the Sinhalese claim kinship notwithstanding the many cramping influences of the foreign tongue which their political masters have imposed on them never despaired the destiny of their language. For several decades their mother tongue found no place in the curriculum of their University studies. To-day it is not only a compulsory medium in secondary schools but it is going to become the medium of instruction throughout the university course. In Mysore which is the home of the Kanarese language a translation bureau had been established some years back under Government auspices to prepare suitable text books so as to make the mother-tongue the medium of instruction in the secondary schools. In the native state of Hyderabad the authorities have gone a step further. In a decade they have succeeded in making Urdu the medium of instruction even in the university course. We cannot understand why similar efforts should not be made in Ceylon. Ours is a rich country with an increasing revenue, a portion of it is now locked up as surplus balances. The Government will not raise any opposition to any proposal to establish a translation bureau. If this step is taken we are sure that the Sinhalese language can in a few years become as good a medium as any other language even for the university course.

The proposal of Mr. Kularatne to teach a second language from the earliest stage is open to serious objection. It is an educational axiom that the mind of the child should not be burdened in the earlier stages of its education with

many or difficult subjects. The addition of a second language at such an early stage will be a great mental strain and it may produce consequences not beneficial to its intellectual progress. If a second language is necessary then let it be taught after the child has attained its tenth or twelfth year.

As regards the objection of parents to the mother tongue being the medium it is more imaginary than real. The parents as a rule set a commercial value upon English education. If a uniform system of education is adopted throughout the island and there should be one classification of schools the parents will not hesitate to accept the mother tongue as the medium of instruction.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

PT. PEDRO POLICE COURT:—Mr. S. P. Wickramasinghe, Police Magistrate Paradrna, is appointed Police Magistrate Point Pedro and Chavakachcheri.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:—Mr. H. E. Koch, District Engineer of Jaffna, has been transferred to Koslaode.

—Mr. R. M. Thuraiappah, District Engineer, Pallai, has been transferred to Kalutara and Mr. A. Selvadurai, District Engineer, Dandagamuva, succeeds him.

MALAYAN ROYALTY PASSING THROUGH COLOMBO:—His Highness the Sultan of Johore, who is on his way out to Europe from Johore, is expected to pass through Colombo on Wednesday next.

FIRST UNDERGROUND CABLE:—It is learnt that the laying of the two underground telegraph and telephone cables from Colombo to Kalutara for which a sum of about a million rupees has been altogether voted by Government will be completed in three months more.

THE LATE MR. LUMBRUGEN:—The death of Mr. H. Leembruggen, retired Chief Inspector of Schools, occurred on the 26th ultimo at his residence in Jaffna. The deceased was connected with education for nearly half a century and was held in high esteem by Government.—**CORBAR PROTEST AGAINST EX-CIVILIAN JUDGE:**—It is learnt that the Bar Association of Trincomalee has sent a telegram to the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney-General respectively protesting against the proposed appointment of Mr. W. G. Vallipuram, a retired Civil Servant, to act for Mr. A. R. Subramaniam, as Police Magistrate.

"STANLEY POWER STATION"—At the formal opening of the "Stanley Power Station" at Kolonnawa, Colombo, on Tuesday last His Excellency Sir Herbert Stanley said that the opening of that Power Station was but the first step in a greater undertaking viz the Hydro-Electric Scheme. In the course of his speech the Governor paid high tribute to the Director of Electrical Undertakings, Mr. Pitkeathly, and also made a lengthy reference to the part played by Sir A. G. M. Fletcher, Colonial Secretary, in pressing the scheme forward.

CO-OPERATION IN JAFFNA:—A general meeting of those connected with and interested in Co-operative movement will be held on Monday the 18th instant at 4.30 p. m. to consider the organisation of a Central Bank for Jaffna. This bank proposes to lend money only to Unlimited Co-operative Societies to the extent of 1/2 of their net assets. The Joint Registrar, Mr. W. K. H. Campbell, c. c. s. and the Deputy Registrar, Mr. J. A. Maybin, c. c. s. will be present on that occasion.

RAILWAY EXCURSION TICKETS:—First, second, and third class return tickets at single fare for the double journey during the forthcoming holidays will be issued from all stations to stations distant 50 miles and over from March 28 to April 1, inclusive, available for return up to and including April 5, 1929. First and second class through return tickets available for the completion of the return journey up to midnight of April 15, 1929 will be issued from March 22 to April 1, 1929, both days inclusive at single fare over the Ceylon Government Railway and 1/2 fares over the South Indian Railway, from all sections in Ceylon distant 50 miles or more from Talaimannar Pier to all stations to Manamadurai and beyond on the South Indian Railway (stations on the Nilgiri and Shoreaur Nilambur Railways excepted.)

A PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAY:—March 13th, 1929, being the day following the end of the Ram-zaan Feast of the Muslims, will be observed as a Public and Bank holiday.

COLONY'S FINANCIAL POSITION:—A note by Hon. Mr. W. W. Woods, Colonial Treasurer, on the financial position of the Colony with reference to the preparation of the Budget for 1929-30 was tabled at the Secretariat on Thursday last

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His Majesty's Health.

ABLE TO WALK INSIDE BED ROOM.

London, March 5th.
The King, who passed a good night, rose early and walked for the first time his bedroom to the adjacent sun room.

Rugby, March 5th.
The King passed another good day. The weather was much warmer and the sun shone brilliantly.

INVESTITURE AT ORAIGWEIL HOUSE.

London, March 7th.
His Majesty, who continues to make satisfactory progress, personally handed Nurse Davis, of the London Hospital, the insignia of the Royal Red Cross (Second Class), prior to her going on leave.

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COLOMBO CUSTOMS NEW BUILDING:—The new buildings of H. M. Colombo Customs which were thrown open on Saturday last consist of the following:—The Customs, The Post Surgeon, The Shipping Master, A Post Office Dept., An Information Bureau, A Travellers' Guide Dept., A Tea Kiosk, and A Railway Booking Office.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION:—An examination for admission to the Civil Service will be held in August next at Colombo, at which candidates eligible for cadetships reserved for Ceylonese will be allowed to sit. Only candidates nominated by the Governor will be allowed to sit. Nomination will be restricted to candidates holding certificates of the Cambridge Senior, the London Matriculation, or any other public examination considered to be of an equally high standard. Candidates must be between the ages of 22 and 24 on August 1, 1929.

APPLICANT FOR FOREST APPOINTMENT:—In reply to a question from the Hon. Mr. M. J. O'ry, Government laid before the Legislative Council the facts in regard to Government's refusal of the application of Mr. Anthonipillai to join the Forest Department after special training at a University in England for that purpose. Having given a history of Mr. Anthonipillai's career in England the reply states that "the sole reason for the rejection of Mr. Anthonipillai was that he was found to be not up to the standard required for appointment as an Assistant Conservator of Forests. The Government has, however, treated his case sympathetically, and, after careful consideration, has offered him a post as Forester, on the initial salary of Rs. 2,760 per annum on three years' probation."

COBBLE'S ENCOUNTER WITH WILD BOAR:—Six Moorish cobbler of Grand Bazaar, who left Jaffna on last Thursday morning by car on a shooting trip to the Wann, had an exciting experience in the village of Naffy, ten miles from Rambakulam, when they suddenly came upon four wild boar. The party had only two guns with them and, on being attacked, dispersed in different directions, after shooting one of the boar. Their guide, who was also armed, put up a plucky fight with the butt end of his gun and succeeded in beating off the boar. Unfortunately one of the party, a young man, named Mohammed Cassim, who hid himself among bushes, received a shot in the right thigh, which proved fatal. His friends, hearing his cries, came up from different directions and carried the injured man to the car, over a distance of about ten miles, through the jungle. He was admitted to Green Hospital, Manapay, where he died on Friday morning.

"COLOMBO YOUTHS' LEAGUE":—Through the activities of the Jaffna Students' Congress a meeting of the students of the University, Law, and Medical Colleges was held on Wednesday last at Ananda College, Colombo. Besides the students there were present several leading gentlemen. The Hon. Mr. D. B. Jayatilaka presided. Mr. P. de S. Kularatne, Principal, Ananda College, and the Hon. Mr. T. B. Jayab, Principal, Zabira College, were the chief speakers. It was unanimously decided to form a 'Colombo Youths' League' and that a Committee consisting of Messrs. P. de S. Kularatne, T. B. Jayab, S. R. Kumbanayagam, D. S. S. Pieris, N. Kumarasingham, Robin Ranaar, M. Rajasingham, F. S. J. Gooray, M. Sany, P. Nadasaja, and O. Ranaasinghe, as convener, was appointed to draft the constitution of the League.

PAYMENTS TO KATKURUDDA VICTIMS:—The payment of compensation to the victims in the Railway Disaster at Katkurudda will be made shortly. The full amount sanctioned for payment in this connection is Rs. 141,088 of which Rs. 76,563 form compensation for the dependants of the 27 men who were killed and Rs. 66,714 compensation to those who were injured. Besides these amount Rs. 6,989 are to be paid to the dependants of the five Government servants who were killed and who were not entitled to pension.

PROMISS IN OMBRE: EXAM:—Information by cable has been received of the success of the undermentioned Jaffnese students in the Cambridge Examinations had on December 10, 1928 at the Victoria Institution, Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S.:—*Senior Exam:* Mast T. Thiruvakkarasu, oldest son of Mr. R. Thampipillai, Senior Assistant Master, Victoria Institution. *Junior Exam:* Masters Maruthanayagam and Mahalingam, sons of Mr. R. Malinganagam, Chief Clerk, Institute of Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S.

'Shooting' in Sacred Places

DEIST CONGRESS PROTEST

ENDING ONE'S RELIGIOUS FEELINGS—The Buddhist community as a whole has protesting against the screening of a film sacred to their religion especially depicting the Life of Buddha. Recently, reported, a German film producer who lived in Ceylon, garbled himself in the life of a Buddhist monk, visited certain sacred places at Anuradhapura, and "shot" scenes for film production. The Buddhists when they came to know of it raised a strong protest against the blasphemous action of the German intruder.

The Executive Committee of the All-Ceylon Congress of Buddhist Associations has resolved to take further action in the matter. The Government is to be requested, "to exercise supervision over the taking of films by visitors in sacred places," and "to prohibit the removal of such pictures or negatives from the island without submitting them for examination to a recognized body." Further five Buddhist magazines in foreign countries had been apprised of the intention of the Congress, which expressed disapproval of the use of Buddhist symbols in trade advertisements.

THE HINDU SITUATION.—In this connection it is deplorable to note the indifference of the Hindus with regard to the free use of Hindu religious symbols and pictures of Hindu deities for trade advertisements. Pictures of Gode Vigneswar, Subramaswamy, Maha Vishnu, Sri Krishna, Goddesses Maha Lachumi and Saraswathy are deliberately used as trade marks, and as designs for calendars.

When Nature herself is copious with pictures and designs for the above purposes there is no reason why the religious susceptibilities of particular creeds should be wounded or offended by local mercantiles and alien merchants and trade unions.

It is high time that the Hindus woke up from their slumber towards their religion and raised a protest against the callous indifference towards, and the deliberate interference with, their religious susceptibilities by aliens.

The "Ceylon Indian."

RAIHER A "FORCED" SUSPENSION.

It has been said that "The Newspaper's place in the sun is more sure and more secure as the leader to day than at any time in the past twenty five years." This cannot be accepted as universally true, or for a matter of that when its place in Ceylon, or to be more correct when Jaffna is taken into consideration. It is not a question of "how much can we manufacture?" but "how much can we sell?" Sell not on credit, when it will eventually lead to "writing off" in the books, but for cash "down" or "on sight."

The Managing Editor of the "Ceylon Indian," Mr. K. Sattavagiyeva Aiyar, Advocate of Colombo, announces that he has to suspend the further publication of his journal owing to more than one reason. It is rather a pity than anything else that a journal whose name itself has a special significance should have had a mushroom growth for a period of only five and ten months. The Indians in Ceylon, although majority of them are sojourners, besides the Europeans, have the monopoly of the trade in the country. Several among them hold responsible posts in the Government and Mercantile Services in the island. The entire labour force in the tea and rubber estates are manned with Indians. When such is their position in Ceylon it is nothing but indispeasable that a journal of the like of the "Ceylon Indian" is required to espouse their cause and fight their battles. The strong protest raised by certain sections of the Sinhalese community against the granting of vote for non-Ceylonese, especially Indians, should lay a stress on the minds of the Indians the imperative necessity of having a journal as their own.

As the enterprising Editor has said that the "Ceylon Indian" is only suspended, it could be made to run, especially when it owns a fairly well equipped printing press, if only some of the Indians in Ceylon have the patriotism and the sense of duty to undertake the responsibility.

Colony's Financial Position.

ACCUMULATED SURPLUS REDUCED.

The accounts of the Colonial Treasurer for the financial year 1927-28 were published yesterday evening. They reveal that the calculation on which Government based their Budget for the current year were substantially correct. Out of the Colony's accumulated surplus, Rs. 81,723,995 81 is carried forward to the present year. Thus, the surplus of Rs. 49,696,248 which was available on October 1st, 1927, has been reduced by Rs. 17,972,147 which represents the actual excess of expenditure over revenue during 1927-28. The Budget estimate of revenue was Rs. 127,655,060, but the actual revenue amounted to Rs. 134,184,952.98, a net surplus of Rs. 6,479,952.98. The estimated expenditure was Rs. 157,122,293, whereas the actual expenditure amounted to only Rs. 152,107,200 15, a net under-expenditure of Rs. 5,015,092 85. Government thus budgeted for a deficit of Rs. 29,527,293 in order to make a substantial head into the surplus, but the actual deficit was Rs. 17,972,247 82, thus reducing the accumulated surplus of Rs. 49,696,248 08, brought forward from 1924-27 to Rs. 31,723,995 81.—"Times" March 7,

26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Twenty sixth Annual General Meeting of the Colombo Vivekananda Society...

The Secretary then moved certain amendments to rules No. 6 and 7 for additional office bearers and members of the Committee...

At this stage the meeting was adjourned for Saturday the 2nd March, 1929.

The adjourned meeting was held on Saturday commencing at 4 p. m. Mr. R Mahadeva presided and a large number of members were present.

Before entering into the business, a vote of condolence on the death of Mr. V Thampi, who was Secretary of the Society for some years was passed, all standing.

The Secretary withdrew his motion regarding alterations to rules Nos. 9, 11, 13 and 14 after an explanation.

The election of Office bearers, Members of the Committee and Auditors was next taken up and resulted as follows:-

- President: Hon. Mr. A Mahadeva; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. M. Mootatamby, A. Selamuttu, S. Mahadeva, R. Mahadeva, U. Arumugam, A. Chelappah, K. Kanagaratnam, and K. Ramanayagam...

The questions that stood in the name of Mr. S. Coomaraswamy regarding the work of the Organising Secretary were answered by the Secretary by referring to the report and minutes of certain Committee Meetings.

The motions that stood in the names of Messrs. P. Muthulingaswamy, D. A. Coomaraswamy and P. Subramaniam regarding the conversion of the Vidyalayam into an Anglo-Vernacular School...

The motion that stood in the name of Mr. K. C. Balasubramanian Iyer were withdrawn. Mr. N. Sivasubramaniam then took up the fourth motion that stood in the name of Mr. K. C. Balasubramanian Iyer regarding the closing of the residential section of the Society...

The draft estimates for the year 1929, copies of which were circulated to the members were next taken up, discussed and passed without alterations.

The meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m. -Cor.

INDIAN & FOREIGN

NEW DELHI CAPITAL.—The new Delhi Capital is estimated to cost Rs 15 crores.

INDIAN STATES MALADMINISTRATION.—Maladministration of some Indian States was the subject of certain questions in the House of Commons.

HIS MAJESTY'S FUTURE PROGRAM.—It is anticipated that His Majesty the King Emperor will remain at Craigwell House, Bognor, for about three months.

DISCOVERY OF A NEW TERRITORY.—Commander Byrd announces the discovery of a vast new Antarctic territory which he has claimed for the United States.

EXPEDITION TO THE ANTARCTIC.—The Australian Government has decided to organise an expedition to the Antarctic under the leadership of Sir Douglas Mawson.

HAWAIIAN ACTIVE VOLCANOS.—Kilauea, the largest of Hawaiian active volcanoes, is belching flames 300 ft into the air piling up cones of lava to a huge crater two miles long, 1 1/2 miles broad and 1,350 ft deep.

PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY FOR INDIA.—An All-India social movement is suggested to bring the leading men of provinces together in order to present the inter provincial unity and make provincial autonomy a step towards national unity.

SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

At a general meeting of the South Indian Historical Association held on Saturday, the 21st ultimo was Mr. R. S. L. C. ...

EXERCISE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS.

The percentage of marks obtained in Geography at the B. A. Examination in Madras, 1928. The marks of the questions are given in the table below and will be read for further information.

An instance was given of the same question being put for the London B. A. examination as well as the E. S. L. C. examination. The style of questions differed each time to the utter disappointment of both pupils and teachers.

TEACHING OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY.

Special attention should be given to the study of Human Geography. Questions in detail of natural regions of particular countries should be discouraged and Geography should be taught in broad aspects only.

EXERCISE DEBATE IN COUNCIL.

The rather prolonged and the acrimoniously waited debate on the new Excole proposals introduced in the Council by the Excole Commissioner, Hon. Mr. G. S. Wodeman, on behalf of the Government was brought to a close on Friday last after several weeks' debate.

SAIVA BALIYA SANGAM, ALAVEDDY.—Under the auspices of the above Sangam Mr. M. S. Rasaratnam, Advocate, and Editor, "Hindu Organ", delivered a lecture on "Sambandhar Samana Vatham" on Wednesday the 6th inst. at the Ganadhyaya Vidyalayam, Alaveddy North.

WAR IMMINENT IN CHINA. BETWEEN NANKING & KWANGSI CLIQUES. Shanghai.—The shadow of war is hanging over the country, owing to the strained relations between the Nanking and Kwangsi cliques.

OBITUARY.

MRS. MUTTIAH. We regret to record the death of Mrs. Muttiah wife of Mr. Muttiah of Thalalay and mother of Mr. M. Kathiravelu, Accountant, "Hindu Organ" Office, which took place last night after a brief illness.

MRS. W. MUDE, MUTTUVELUPPILLAI

It is with feelings of regret that we chronicle the demise of Annammah wife of Mr. W. Mudu, Muttuveluppillai of 1st Cross Street, Jaffna, and mother in law of Mr. S. Kanagasabai, Advocate, Jaffna.

"WORLD TEACHER" IN U. S. A.—Mr. J. Krishnamurti, has reached New York from Europe, when he will spend several months at the Theosophical colony at Los Angeles.

SIXTY SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

MEMORIALS AT COLOMBO.

The 67th Anniversary of the birth of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated at the Colombo Vivekananda Society premises on Sunday the 17th ultimo.

The Members and friends were then conducted to the room where special arrangements have been made for the Poojah. The Swami performed the Poojah and Prasatham was distributed to all present.

This was followed by bhajans Poojah when about 300 members sat for Breakfast and over a thousand poor were fed.

The proceedings for the evening were begun with a lecture on "Ramayana" by Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar, followed by a musical entertainment by the members of the Vidya Vinodha Sabha.

Swami Vivekananda then delivered another inspiring address on "Sadana" which lasted for about two hours.

The students of the Vivekananda Vidyalayam staged a few selected scenes from "Ramayana," to which were added a debate and some comical and magical scenes.

"Mangalam" by the students brought the proceedings to a close at 8.30 p. m. —Cor.

South Indian Culture.

CONTINUITY OF TAMIL HISTORY.

LACK OF A PROPER CHRONICLE.

Under the auspices of the Jaffna Historical Association, Mr. S. Nateshapillai, B.A., B.L., Principal, Parameshwara College, delivered a very interesting lecture on "The Pageant of Tamil History" at the Jaffna Central College.

RELIGIOUS FERMENT.

Then there was the great epic of "Manimekalai." It referred to a period of religious ferment in South India. That was the time when Buddhism was widespread in South India. The epic "Manimekalai" brought them in touch with Ceylon and Java.

It would be necessary, said the speaker, to say something about the type of literature which found vogue during the Sangam era. There were the "Akapporai" and the "Purapporai" works. In the "Akapporai" works there was exquisite love poetry. The "Purapporai" works referred to the exploits of Kings and to stories of their chivalry.

From the Sangam period the speaker passed on to later centuries.

PARAKRAMA BAHU'S AID.

There was a period of war which originated from disputes about the Pandyan succession. One Parakrama Pandya sought the help of Parakrama Bahu and the latter sent his General Lanakapura to fight against the Cholas who were supporting his rival.

DECLINE AND FALL.

Thenceforth the Cholas began to decline in power. At a later stage Malikaffur came to South India from Delhi, and his invasion weakened the Tamil kingdoms. It was very difficult to go into the tangled history of the Tamil kingdoms thenceforth.

Mr. M. S. Basaratham offered comments and referred to the great part Kanji played in South Indian history, especially on the cultural aspects. Kanji was the stronghold of Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism.

With the Chairman's remarks and a vote of thanks to the lecturer and to the Chair, the meeting terminated.—"O. D. N."

AMANULLAH GAINING STRENGTH.

It is understood that Aurangzeb is now being actively enlisted for the Afghan ex King Amanullah's army to be sent to Khattikhil Zai on an important post on the road between Kandahar and Ghazni.

Reviews.

BRAMATHAM, GANE SENIOR TEXT.

The three chapters, Lakshya Poranthu, Prathamam, Nachathu Padai Saravathu, and Prathamam Bramatham, from the Sanskrit text "Maha Bharatham" by Bramatharam have been prescribed as the Tamil Text for the Cambridge Junior Certificate Examination, 1929.

"ELAKU BHARATHAM"

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The above is the title of a book written jointly by Mr. S. Ambalavanapillai of Kanderamadam, Tamil Scholar, and by Teacher Rajkadar (Mr. T. Naganathan of Vannarppal West), who is himself well versed in the Tamil language and literature.

FAITH OF DONOUGHMORE SCHEMERS.

It is unlikely that the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. L. S. Amery, will make a statement in the House of Commons on the Donoughmore Commission's report as early date, as information from the Governor, Sir Herbert Stanley, is still awaited.

THE MAILS.

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London Mails per the P. & O. "Comorin" are due on Saturday, March 16; and per the O. L. "Orama" on Saturday, March 23.

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DANTHONIA.

A SPLENDID GRASS.

Mr. B. Harrison of Oudgera Park, Burringbar P. O., New South Wales, Australia, writes as follows under date 4-2-29:-

"This variety does not yet appear to be known in your country, and judging by the favourable reports here of its great success in many places, it is worthy of some attention. For some years past it has been grown in the Southern portion of our State and New Zealand. It is considered a valuable pasture grass, and is credited with carrying two sheep to the acre, and is very palatable and fastening. It is a perennial, fine leaved, tussocky grass, growing from one to two feet high, and provides feed for the greater part of the year. It is said to be good winter grass, will stand a great amount of grazing, and its palatability both for cattle and sheep is well known. Even when other grasses are completely dried up it will provide a fair amount of greenness in the bottom growth, and it is due to this that the Riverina country in our State can carry excellent sheep during a dry spring and summer. In New Zealand it is recommended for both very dry and very wet soils, and it will give a good return even in very poor ground. It is said that it will grow equally well in the coastal districts and in the interior, and is especially adapted to poorer soils, unsuitable for other grasses, and will live where cocksfoot and ryegrasses succumb or fail for want of humidity or nourishment. It is very nutritious, fattening, and greatly relished by all kinds of stock. It grows all the year round and withstands drought as the roots penetrate the soil deeply, and thus enable the plant to withstand long spells of dry weather. It will thrive luxuriantly in all situations, and once established it spreads rapidly and should prove useful to many stockowners, to whom I will be only too pleased to give any further information."

"BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION":—Mr. Jambadas Mehta, in the course of a speech in the Legislative Assembly, said: "In the time of George III, bribery and corruption ruled Parliament. We are fast coming to that most degrading position."

MILLIONAIRES ON THE INCREASE.—The number of millionaires is increasing steadily, according to figures published recently in the Income Tax statistics. Last year more persons became millionaires than in any year during the War. There were 233 persons with an income of more than \$5,000,000.00 a year. The persons with one million a year income number 52 more than in 1926. The number of millionaires is about 15,000.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6996.

In the Matter of the intestate Estate and effects of the late Vairamathiar Arampu Chelliah of Chundikkil

Deceased.
Petitioner.

- Vs.
1. Brighton Navaretnam Chelliah and
 2. Kanagasabai Chelliah both of Chundikkil

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before J. O. W. Rock, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on January 25, 1929, in the presence of Messrs. Somasegaram and Sabbiah, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the affidavit and Petition of the Petitioner, it is declared that the Petitioner as one of the heirs of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the intestate issued to him unless the abovenamed Respondents or any other person shall, on or before March 12, 1929, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

February 7, 1929,
O. 1638.

James Joseph,
District Judge.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7016.

In the Matter of the intestate Estate of the late Kathirgamar Velupillai of Point Pedro

Deceased.
Petitioner.

- Vs.
1. Velupillai Kathirgamarathamby
 2. Velupillai Alagarajah
 3. Thangammah daughter of Velupillai
 4. Velupillai Mutia
 5. Velupillai Somasegaram
 6. Naganamm daughter of Velupillai and
 7. Velupillai Arampu all of Point Pedro.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on February 15, 1929 in the presence of Mr. V. Canagaratnam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 14, 1929 having been read: It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minors 1st, 2nd and 3rd Respondents and 7th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minors 5th and 6th Respondents and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as his widow unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before March 26, 1929 and show cause to the contrary.

February 26, 1929,
O. 1887.

J. C. W. Rock,
District Judge.

Auction Sale.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6079.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Vaithampillai Philip of Chiruvilan.

Deceased.

Mariapillai wife of Soosappillai of Chiruvilan.

Administratrix.

Under and by virtue of the commission issued to me in the above case, I shall sell by public auction the under mentioned properties on Saturday 23rd March 1929 commencing at 9 a.m. at the spot.

1. An undivided 1/2 share of Niuthayiddu situated at Chiruvilan in extent 20 Lms. V. C. and bounded on the North by the property of A Soosappillai, East by water channel, South by the property of the heirs of V. Soosappillai, West by that of Kathan Viravan.

2. All that land called Athavanpalam in extent 2 Lms. V. C. situated at Chiruvilan and bounded on the North by the property of S. Mariampillai, East by that of S. Marisilin and others, South by that of Mariapillai, West by that of Mariapillai and others.

3. An undivided 1/3 share of Irakka situated at Peravilan in extent 6 1/2 Lms. P. C. and bounded on the North by the property of Mariapillai wife of Savirimuttu, East by that of S. Marisilin and others, South by that of Soosappillai.

4. An undivided 1/2 share of a piece of land called "Akkathana" situated at Periyavilan in extent 12 Lms. V. C.

5. A piece of land called Chimpan Vayal in extent 17 Lms. P. C. situated at Peravilan.

Jaffna 28 2 29,
Mis 1401.

V. A. DURAYAPPAH,
Commissioner.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6986.

In the Matter of the estate of the late Annammah wife of Sinnatamby Thambiah of Uduvil

Deceased.
Petitioner.

Sinnatamby Chelliah of Uduvil

Vs.

1. Thambiah Siraachevya Rajah of Uduvil
2. Thambiah Wigosa Rajah of do
3. Vairavanather Muthuvala of do
4. Sinnatamby Thambiah of do

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the Petitioner abovenamed praying that the abovenamed 3rd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the abovenamed 1st and 2nd Respondents and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to him coming on for disposal before K. Kanagasabai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on January 17, 1929 in the presence of Mr. S. V. Chinmath Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated January 8, 1929 having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 3rd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the abovenamed 1st and 2nd Respondents for the purpose of representing them in these Testamentary proceedings and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased be issued to the Petitioner as the brother-in-law of the deceased unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before February 14, 1929 show sufficient cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of this Court.

February 5, 1929,
O. 1644.

James Joseph,
District Judge.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7015.

In the Matter of the intestate Estate of the late Erampar Sinnathamby of Sorampattu

Deceased.
Petitioner.

Nachoppillai widow of Sinnathamby of Sorampattu

Vs.

1. Chellammah daughter of Sinnathamby
2. Sinnathamby Erampar
3. Sinnathamby Thairalappah and
4. Kandar Elayathamby all of Elathimadduval South

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on February 15, 1929, in the presence of Mr. V. Canagaratnam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 7, 1929 having been read: It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minors the 2nd and 3rd Respondents and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as his widow unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before March 26, 1929 and show cause to the contrary.

February 26, 1929,
O. 1899.

J. C. W. Rock,
District Judge.

College of Indigenous Medicine.

TO BE OPENED IN MAY.

Applications for admission to the College of Indigenous Medicine which will be opened in May next should be made before April, 15th to the Chairman of the Board.

Candidates seeking admission should not be below 17 years of age if males and 18 years of age if females and should have passed the School Leaving Certificate Examination in English or Sinhalese or Tamil or the 8th Standard Examination or any higher examination.

An entrance examination in Arithmetic, Grammar, Literature and general knowledge will be held for Candidates who have not passed any of the above qualifying examinations.

Every application for registration as a student or for appearing for the Entrance Examination should be accompanied by (1) Certificate of Character (2) True Copy of Examination Certificate (3) In the case of applicants who have passed a qualifying examination a Registration fee of Rs. 3 and in the Case of Candidates who have not passed a qualifying examination, an examination fee of Rs. 6 by Money Order payable to the Imperial Bank of India, at Colombo.

Candidates for the qualifying examination must state whether they desire to be examined in English or Sinhalese or Tamil.

The fees payable by students admitted to the College will be Rs. 60 per annum in three instalments.

The curriculum of studies is set out in the report of the Committee on Indigenous Systems of Medicine (Sessional paper No. 1 of 1927.) A reprint of the relevant extracts from the report can be had on application to the Chairman.

Provision will be made in the College for the teaching of all the three Indigenous Systems—Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani. The course of study will extend to four years. The first part of the course will be devoted exclusively to "pre-medical studies" including Anatomy, Physiology, Hygiene, Chemistry, Botany, Bacteriology and Elementary Sciences. A knowledge of Sanskrit and English though very useful is not essential for a course in the College.

Adequate provision will be made on the one hand for the teaching of Modern Science to students who have no working knowledge of English, and on the other hand for the teaching of Ayurveda to Students who have no knowledge of Sanskrit.

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K. BALASINGHAM,
Chairman, Board of Indigenous Medicine,
Campbell Place, Colombo,
G. 1025.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7003.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Sellakannu wife of Kandiah Subramaniam of Vaddukoddai who died at Taiping in the Federated Malay States

Deceased.
Petitioner.

Sinnathamby Kandiah of Vaddukoddai

Vs.

1. Parameswari daughter of Subramaniam of do now of Taiping and
2. Vairamathiar Arunasalam of do

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire, Additional District Judge, Jaffna, on February 1, 1929 in the presence of Messrs. Nagalingam & Nagalingam Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated January 31, 1929 having been read: It is ordered that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minor the 1st Respondent and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as the attorney of the deceased's husband unless the Respondents or any other person interested shall appear before this Court on March 14, 1929 and show cause to the contrary.

February 12, 1929,
O. 1640.

James Joseph,
District Judge.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6991.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kathiresar Ambalavanar of Vaddukoddai East

Deceased.
Petitioner.

Ambalavanar Vaillilingam of Vaddukoddai East

Vs.

1. Ambalavanar Kandiah of Vaddukoddai East
2. Ambalavanar Kanapathippillai of do.
3. Parupathippillai widow of K. Ambalavanar of Vaddukoddai East

Respondent.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before J. O. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, on January 24, 1929, in the presence of Mr. P. Canapathippillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated January 24, 1929, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the son and an 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 Respondents or any other person shall, on or before March 12, 1929, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

February 8, 1929,
O. 1641.

James Joseph,
District Judge.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6995.

In the Matter of the estate of the late Chellammah wife of Thambiah Nadarajah of Vannarponna East.

Deceased.

Vinathambay Valliparam of Kanderamadam, Jaffna

Vs.

1. Kanagammah daughter of Thambiah Nadarajah of Kanderamadam, Jaffna
2. Maheswary daughter of do
3. Sinniah Sinnadurai of do

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on February 24, 1929, in the presence of Mr. K. Aiyadurai Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated January 18, 1929, having been read: It is ordered that the abovenamed 3rd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the said minors the 1st and 2nd Respondents and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before March 12, 1929 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

February 7, 1929,
O. 1639.

James Joseph,
Addl. District Judge.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6988.

In the Matter of the estate of the late Suppar Thangarayam Ayer of Vaddukoddai West

Deceased.
Petitioner.

Suppar Nadarajah Ayer of Vaddukoddai West

Vs.

1. Thangammah widow of Suppar
2. Sabapathy Ayer Sivanyay Ayer and wife
3. Senthamy all of Vaddukoddai West
4. Resammah daughter of Ayadurai Ayer
5. Ayadurai Ayer Balasubramania Ayer
6. Ayadurai Ayer Kumsakurnayy Ayer
7. Sushatammah widow of Ayadurai Ayer of Suthumalai

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying that the abovenamed 7th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors 4th, 5th and 6th Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interests and of representing them in this case and praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before J. O. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on January 24, 1929, in the presence of Mr. P. Canapathippillai Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated January 21, 1929, having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 7th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors 4th, 5th and 6th Respondents for the purpose of this action and that the Petitioner be the brother and an heir of the said deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before March 12, 1929, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

February 8, 1929,
O. 1642.

James Joseph,
District Judge.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7002.

In the matter of the estate of the late Lucipillai wife of Soosappillai Anthoippillai of Chillaalai.

Deceased.
Petitioner.

Soosappillai Anthoippillai of Chillaalai

Vs.

1. Selmanammah daughter of Anthoippillai
2. Anthoippillai Arinandasam
3. Francisammah daughter of Anthoippillai
4. Ocellappillai widow of Aloappillai Saravarammun all of Chillaalai

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying that the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors 1st, 2nd & 3rd Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interests and of representing them in this case and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to him coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire, District Judge, on February 1, 1929, in the presence of Mr. P. Canapathippillai, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated January 31, 1929, having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interests and of representing them in this case and that the Petitioner is the lawful husband of the abovenamed deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before March 12, 1929, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

February 11, 1929,
O. 1643.

James Joseph,
District Judge.

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