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JAFFNA THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1929

SAIVA CONFERENCE IN SOUTH INDIA.

After the European War a great wave of social, religious and political unrest has been passing throughout the world. A spirit of irreligion and materialism has been gaining ground in many countries and organised religion has been subjected to virulent attacks and criticisms. Things sacred have been held up to ridicule. Worship of God is considered unnecessary or unimportant to mankind. The attainment of political freedom and economic prosperity is declared as the be-all and the end-all of human existence. This spirit of religious scepticism has recently invaded South India also. A few English educated South Indians have organised themselves into a party known as self-respecters and have begun not only to denounce the existing social and religious organisations but also to question even the utility and importance of religion in the life of the people. Their activities should be regarded not as an evidence of a deep-rooted disease in the land but only as a temporary effervescence in the evolution of South Indian culture and civilization. Whatever they may say or do it is doubtful that they can ever shake the foundations of the religious faith of the people. If any good can come out of this movement it is the focussing of the attention of the Hindu leaders of South India on the abuses which with the lapse of time have crept into the social and religious practices and customs of the Hindu society.

We are glad to note that the South Indian Hindu leaders are not unmindful of their duties and responsibilities at this juncture. The Saiva Siddhanta Mahasamajam of South India which is composed of some pre-eminent Hindu scholars has already begun to tackle the question of social and religious reform in that country. At its annual conference held in December last it passed the following resolution:—

"This Mahasamajam considers it necessary to organise a special assembly of Saivite scholars for the purpose of investigating and remedying, in the religious and social life of the Saivites, the weaknesses now prevailing with the consequent weakening of the system of the Saivites, and also to present before the public on a rational basis how Saivism supplies all wants of modern days to lead man into the righteous path."

In pursuance of it a conference of all Saivites and Saiva societies will be held at Tinnevely, South India, on the 29th, 30th and 31st inst. The subjects that will be discussed at the conference are of a varied character relating not merely to social and religious reform but also for the propagation of the Saiva religion beyond the confines of South India.

Saivism as set forth in our sacred scriptures is a perfect religion. Its tenets, principles and ideals can stand the test of any scientific or historical criticism. They are not a priori metaphysical speculations but are founded on the realities of spiritual experience and they cannot be destroyed by any historical criticism or any chemical, physiological or psychological analysis or by any method of deductive or inductive reasoning. The greatest need of the time is the interpretation and presentation of Saivite teachings in modern form to suit modern conditions of life. Saiva ceremonies about the necessity and utility of which some Saiva modernists sometimes question have an abiding place in the religious life if they are performed in the right spirit. There is nothing of any doubtful value in the Saiva ceremonies. If there is anything to which the attention of the religious reformers should be directed it should be to the management and administration of temples and mutts. If these institutions should be made to fulfil the functions for which they were established Hindu religious progress will become an accomplished fact.

The other important question that deserves the consideration of the Hindu public is the one that relates to social reform. It is in South India that caste tyranny exists in its worst form. It is in South India that the caste rules and observances are enforced with the greatest severity. In no other part of India

are the depressed classes treated so badly as in the South. We are glad to note that the uplift of the depressed classes and their entry into Hindu temples will be discussed at the conference. In North India the Hindu leaders have begun to take a broader and more liberal view regarding this question. There are many temples where they are freely admitted. There is no reason why South India should not follow the noble example set by their brethren in the North.

The Saiva world watches with great sympathy and interest the deliberations of this conference. It is our earnest hope and prayer that those who take part in the discussion will bury all differences and will be animated with no other desire than to promote the glory of Siva Peruman in this world.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

OURSELVES:—Owing to a misunderstanding between the management and the compositors the Monday issue of the "Hindu Organ" could not have been published. We regret the inconvenience caused to our subscribers and advertisers by reason of this unfortunate incident. The work has been resumed and the paper will be issued as usual from to-day.

OFFICIAL:—Mr. K. Vaithianathan is to be Office Assistant to the Government Agent, Western Province, from March 15, 1929.

NEW PROCTORS:—Messrs. V. S. S. Kumaraswamy B. A., and P. Kanakasabai were sworn in as Proctors of the Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Driberg. His Lordship congratulated them and wished them success.

C. G. R. & HINDU NEW YEAR:—First, Second and Third Class Cheap Tickets at single fare for the double journey will be issued from all stations to stations distant 50 miles and over from 10th to 13th April (inclusive) available for return on or before 17th April, 1929 in connection with the Hindu New Year.

WEEK END BOAT TRAIN:—It is reported that to suit the convenience of first and second class passengers proceeding from Madras to Colombo, en route to England, the management of the South Indian Railway are contemplating the running of an express, to be known as the "boat train" from Madras to Dhanushkodi each week end. The train will leave Madras at about 9.30 p.m., an hour after the departure of the ordinary boat mail, and, going by the Villupuram-Triehinopoly chord line, will reach Dhanushkodi in time to catch the boat to Talaimannar. Under this arrangement passengers will not have to wait at Dhanushkodi while the luggage and mails are being transhipped.

BREACH OF MARRIAGE PROMISE:—Before Mr. James Joseph, Additional District Judge, Jaffna, Arulasy, daughter of Vaithy Mathasu of Myliddy, a minor appearing by her next friend, V. Mathasu of Myliddy, sued Mariar Gaspar, alias Paranthi of Myliddy and claimed Rs. 1,000 as damages for having seduced her on a promise of marriage. Mr. A. V. Kulasingham with Mr. A. S. Wanigasooriyar, instructed by Mr. R. R. Nalliah, appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. Spencer Rajaretnam, instructed by Mr. S. Ilyatambay, appeared for the defendant. The issues framed were as follows: Did the defendant seduce plaintiff on or about July 4, 1928, on the promise of marriage? Is she entitled to damages of Rs. 1,000. After trial the plaintiff was awarded damages to the extent of Rs. 300 with costs.

"SAVITRI SATYAVAN":—The amateur performance by the Staff and Students of the Kockvil Hindu English School is to come off on the 30th inst. Though most of the actors are new to the stage, competent critics of dramatic art who have witnessed the rehearsals are of opinion that the performance is found to be a polished and decent one. The proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to the Building Extension Fund. As booking of tickets has already commenced and is being anxiously and rapidly carried on and as the accommodation is rather limited intending visitors will do well to book their tickets early.

"JULIUS CAESAR" AT ROYAL THEATRE:—The members of the Lyceum, Jaffna Hindu College, will stage Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," one of the master tragedies of the Past, at the Royal Theatre, Vanniapponnai, today (Thursday) at 8.30 p.m. under the distinguished patronage of Hon. Sir Ponnappalam and Lady Ramanathan. The net proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to the aid of the Lyceum Library and its magazine, the "Courier."

H. M. CUSTOMS, COLOMBO:—Mr. B. G. De Gnanville is to be Principal Collector of Customs etc. during the absence of the Hon. Mr. W. E. Watt from March 19, 1929.

JUDICIAL:—Mr. V. Ramasamy, Proctor, is to act as District Judge etc., Anuradhapura, during the absence of Mr. R. M. Davies from March 22 to April 2, 1929.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE:—Hon. Mr. A. Canagaratnam has been appointed Member of the Board of Agriculture in place of Hon. Mr. D. S. Senaayake.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION:—The Navavi West (Ganesa) Vernacular Mixed School which is under the management of Hon. Mr. S. Rajaratnam, General Manager of Schools, Hindu Board of Education, has been registered as a grant-in-aid school with effect from March, 1928.

CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT:—Mr. S. Sabapathy has been appointed Manager of the Trinavelly Hindu Mixed School in place of Mr. S. Khamparam.

PROMOTIONS IN THE CLERICAL SERVICE:—The following officers among others in Class III of the Clerical Service have been promoted to Class II, with effect from October 1, 1928:—Messrs. K. Visuvaningham, Audit Office; V. Canapathipillai, K. Manucomar, and P. Alexander, all of the P. W. D.; A. V. Ramanathan, R. G. O.; K. Philip, Jaffna Kacheri; V. Sivasubramanian, and T. Sivasubramanian, P. W. D.; T. C. Myiyaganam, Irrigation Dep.; N. Sathasivam, R. G. O.; S. Kanniah, Madras Kacheri; A. Saverimuttu, Jaffna Fiscal's Office; C. R. Kulavirasakam, R. G. O.; S. C. D. Kambanpillai, Agricultural Dep.; S. Manuayakam, Audit Office; and C. M. Muttucumarapillai, Batticaloa Fiscal's Office.

THE GANDHI FREE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM:—Under the auspices of the above institution an interesting lecture on 'Country Service' was delivered by Mr. M. Balasundaram B. A., B.Sc., on the 20th ultimo at the Navavi School, Moolai. Pandit S. Ponnambalam, the President of the Managing Committee of the above institution presided. Remarks were offered by Mr. H. S. Perinpaayagam B. A., Professor, Jaffna College, Mr. A. Soma-sundaram and Mr. K. Sittambalam—Cor.

THE METROPOLITAN ASSIZES:—The second Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court of the Western Circuit for the current year commenced on Wednesday last at Hultisdorp. Hon. Mr. E. W. Jayewardene, the Commissioner of Assize presiding. The calendar consists of 10 less than 108 cases, 68 of which have been added from the last Sessions. The number of cases for trial at Colombo, will, however, be reduced to some extent, as parallel Sessions are to be held at Ranapura, commencing on April 8, and at Negombo, commencing about May 27 next.

TRANSPORTING ARRACK ON USED PERMITS:—Before Mr. V. P. Rajes, Police Magistrate at Jaffna, Mr. T. V. Saravannamuttu, Superintendent of Excise, charged P. A. Kasalingam, a cigar factory owner and V. Ponnampalam with transporting arrack without a valid permit. The accused were defended by Mr. T. R. Nalliah, instructed by Mr. V. Ramahngam. Mr. Saravannamuttu in opening his case said that when he went through the schedule at the Madhu Road Railway Station he noticed that in that month permit holders who were owners of cigar factories had transported arrack more than once on their permits. He then watched the trains, and detected several cases. An arrack must be booked. In that case the arrack was not booked. The Magistrate after trial found the accused guilty and sentenced them to pay a fine of Rs. 25 each.

RAILWAY FACILITY FOR HOLIDAY PASSENGERS:—The following arrangement will, we understand, be made for the convenience of the up and down railway passengers on the Northern line during the forthcoming holidays:—On Wednesday and Thursday, March 27 and 28, the 6.25 p.m. train from Colombo Fort to Kankasanturai will be provided with extra accommodation and it will convey all First, Second and Third Class passengers. On Sunday, March 31 and Monday, April 1, the 5 p.m. train from Kankasanturai to Colombo Fort will be provided with additional accommodation for all return First, Second and Third Class passengers. The issue of cheap tickets began on Saturday last and would continue till April 1st available for return till the 5th ultimo. First and Second class cheap tickets will also be issued during this season from Ceylon to South India single fare for the double journey in the C. G. R. and 1½ fares (for return) in the S. I. R.

The Jaffna Hindu College.

OLD BOYS' DAY (COLOMBO BRANCH)

The annual celebrations of the Jaffna Hindu College Old Boys' Association (Colombo Branch) took place on Saturday the 16th inst. from 3.30 p.m. onwards at Zaira College, Colombo.

At the annual general meeting that was presided over by Mr. V. R. Venkataratnam, the following were elected Office bearers:

President: Mr. V. R. Venkataratnam M. A.; Vice President: Messrs. O. Coomaraswamy, C. C. S., C. Sivasubramanian, and V. T. S. Sivagunathan; Hon. Secretary: Mr. V. A. Kanniah, B. Sc.; Asst. Secy: Mr. C. R. Rasthnan; Treasurer: Mr. V. Suppiab; Asst. Treasurer: Mr. A. Srinathambay; Committee Members: Pandit M. Thambiah, Mudir. O. Arumugam, and Messrs. V. Paramanathan, M. Chelliah, A. Manalanaayagam, M. Vairamuttu, M. C. Nadarajah, S. Amirthalingam, P. Thambimuttu, and V. Soutbararajah. Auditor: Mr. T. Thiagarajah.

A large number of old boys took part in the Tennis and Volley ball Tournaments that followed the official meeting. After the Garden Party, Mr. V. A. Kanniah in a short speech welcomed the Principal. Interesting addresses were delivered by Mr. N. Sivadurai and Prof. C. Srinathalingam, Mr. V. R. Venkataratnam replied to a short speech that was bristling with humour.

The meeting terminated after 8 p.m.

Tasting Fruits from Jaffna.

EXPERIMENT STATION'S EFFORTS.

AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL

This was the local correspondent of the 'Ceylon Daily News' to the paper:—

Jaffna has begun to supply fruit to other parts of the country.

For some time past the agricultural and horticultural possibilities of the Peninsula have been thoroughly investigated at the Experiment Station in Tinnevely, which in the last few years has expanded from 6 to 18 acres in extent. As an illustration of the success that has attended these efforts it is sufficient to state that the cultivation of the tomato for instance has been brought to such a high standard that out of the weekly yield of one thousand pounds of fruit, nearly half and sometimes more are sent by rail to other parts of the Island, some of the fruits being from 8 to 10 ounces in weight. The variety grown are Large Red, Stone, Mammoth, Ponderosa, Perfection and Peach.

"DAY" TOBACCO.
The most interesting experiment is however the dry tobacco plot. About five acres are under cultivation and not a drop of water has been used to make the plants grow. Yet the plants show no signs of shrivelling up in the powerful Jaffna heat. It was generally supposed that tobacco cultivation required plenty of water. Pictures of the northern tobacco field have generally the traditional veil with its sweep and the owner assiduously watering his plants.

BREED ROOT AND CARROTS.
Several acres at Tinnevely are planted with pineapples, the Mauritius and the King being the predominant varieties. Several plots grow beet root, radish, carrots, and cabbages. Grass for cattle such as Cholom, Napier Lucerne, Guinea were also grown and they show signs of thriving.

The result is that the industrial possibilities of horticulture and vegetable gardening are being gradually brought home to the people.

Saivism in the Central Province

NEED FOR A SCHOOL & A HOME.

A special general meeting of the Central Province Saiva Maha Sabha, Kandy was held at 7 p.m. on 27th February, 1929, at the Thantti Home Hall, Kandy, with Brahma Sri K. Bala Subramania Kurukkal, one of the Vice presidents in the chair, to consider the question of purchase of a land in Kandy for a Hindu school and hall for the Sabha and to appoint trustees for the purpose.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of Devaram. Before the items in the agenda were gone through, Mr. M. S. Paramanathan, one of the Joint Secretaries of the Sabha, touched on the most lamentable and untimely passing away of Mr. V. Thampi, the Secretary of the Additional District Court, Kandy, and dwelt at length on the sterling qualities of his head and heart, and the sterling qualities of his character and of the innumerable services rendered by him to the Sabha during his stay in Kandy, in particular the weekly religious classes conducted by him. It was resolved to send a message of condolence to his relatives and solemn prayers were offered, all standing for his soul to rest in peace with the Great One, Siva.

The question of appointing trustees for the Sabha was taken up and the following gentlemen were unanimously elected.

Messrs. S. Sabaratnam, Town Overseer, N. Canaganayagam, Chief Shroff, National Bank, N. Comarasamy Proctor, S. C. P. Balasingham, S. C. and V. S. S. Kumarasamy, Advocate, Jaffna, through his representative in Kandy.

The question of purchase of premises bearing Area No. 10A, Lake Road, Kandy, was then considered and the matter was deferred pending a decision on the subject by the trustees themselves in the first instance.

With the singing of Devaram, the proceedings came to a close at about 8.30 p.m. —Cor.

Mr. P. Vythilingam Feted

CONGRATULATORY FAREWELL DINNER.

Mr. P. Vythilingam, Advocate, Jaffna, was entertained at dinner on Saturday last, (16.3.29) at the Resthouse in honor of his appointment as Police Magistrate of Paendura.

Mr. A. V. Kulasingham, who proposed the toast of the chief guest, referred to Mr. Vythilingam's judicial experiences in "one of the worst times of litigation"—Chavakachcheri and P. Pedro.

Mr. J. O. W. Rook speaking next asserted that the Jaffna Bar was second to none in the Island. For versatility he conceded the palm to the Jaffna Bar. The complaint about the law's delays could not be applied to Jaffna.

Speaking of Mr. Vythilingam the speaker said that Mr. Vythilingam's advocacy was always clear and bristled with argument. The Jaffna litigant was a hard nut to crack, and the mass of work which had gone to Mr. Vythilingam was ample testimony not only of Mr. Vythilingam's ability but also of his honesty and tact.

Dr G. O. Phillips spoke on behalf of the general public and offered Mr. Vythilingam their congratulations and good wishes.

Mr. James Joseph who spoke next dwelt on the high qualities of Mr. Vythilingam and recalled the fact that such an eminent Judge of law and facts as the late Justice Sir. Thos. de Sampayo, had said that the judgments on facts of Mr. Vythilingam revealed the unique knowledge which Mr. Vythilingam possessed of conditions in Jaffna. (Applause).

Mr. Vythilingam replied suitably. (ODN)

His Majesty's Health.

IMPROVEMENT IN STRENGTH.

Rugby, March 21.

His Majesty was wheeled in a bath chair into the gardens of Craigwell House as usual, for about an hour. His Majesty walked further today than previously, for in addition to walking back to the house he walked a short distance along the sea wall in front of the house.

ABLE TO WALK 50 YARDS.

Rugby, March 20th.

His Majesty was out in the grounds of Craigwell House, Bogoor, about midday for an hour, and he afterwards walked about 50 yards back to the house.

OPEN AIR TREATMENT.

Rugby, March 22nd.

His Majesty spent an hour and a half in the grounds of Craigwell House, and again walked a short distance.

LUMINOUS RAY TREATMENT.

Rugby, March, 23rd.

Luminous ray treatment, which is given on alternate days, was administered yesterday by Dr. Howitt.

"EXCELLENT PROGRESS."

Rugby, March, 24th.

The King's good progress continues, and the fine weather still permits of His Majesty spending considerable time each day in the grounds of Craigwell House.—Times "Cuttings."

"Maen Makkal Charitiram."

BIOGRAPHY OF EMINENT MEN.

A Correspondent writes:—

Pandit Rameswamy Aiyer, the well known Tamil Scholar of Jaffna, is compiling a book in Tamil, containing the names and life histories of all prominent and leading Tamils of this Island. This is the first attempt at a publication of this nature. He has undertaken this onerous task at the suggestion of his friends as it is thought that such a book will be of particular interest and of great value to those engaged in business and also to students of contemporary history. An earnest effort will be made to render the volume attractive, accurate and up to date as much as possible with the limited material available. The above book is in the Press and will be made available in due course.

MATRIMONIAL.

CANDAIYAH—CHINNAMAL.

The marriage of Mr. P. Candaiyah, Asst. Investigation Officer, attached to the Ry. Police Dept., K. Lumpur, F. M. S., now on leave in Jaffna, who is a nephew of Dr. S. Thambippillai, L.R.C.P. & S., F.R.C.S., Judicial Medical Officer, Jaffna, with Miss K. Chinnamal of Colombogam, Jaffna, the youngest sister of Mr. K. Muttiah, Head Clerk, Archaeological Dept., Anuradhapura, and a sister-in-law of Mr. V. Arumugam, Traffic Inspector, C.G.R. Maradana, took place on Monday last at the residence of the bride in the presence of a large circle of friends and relatives. We wish all happiness and prosperity to the newly married couple.—Cor.

Notice to Correspondents.

A JOURNALIST.—Unauthenticated
A. AMIRTHALINGAM.—Received.

INDIAN & FOREIGN

MISS MAYO AGAIN:—Miss Mayo is to publish another book shortly regarding India.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON LABOUR:—The Right Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastry will be one of the members of the proposed Royal Commission on Labour.

SIMON COMMISSION MEMBER'S ILL HEALTH:—Lord Buxton, member of the Simon Commission, has been advised to take complete rest and he is returning home immediately.

MR. "PUSSYFOOT JOHNSON IN INDIA:—Mr. W. B. Johnson ("Pussyfoot") who arrived in Madras week before last intends visiting important cities in India in order to gain adherents to his policy of total prohibition.

THE NEXT VICEROY:—There is some talk in political circles just now of the possibility of the Duke of York being invited next year to succeed Lord Irwin as Viceroy of India, says "People."

AIR PHOTOGRAPH OF BURIED ROMAN CITY:—Flying at a height of 2400 feet, men of the Royal Air Force have taken remarkable photographs of a Roman town buried underneath the fields near Norwich. This Roman town was known as Caistor and thereabouts lived 20,000 Romans in the heyday of the Roman power in Great Britain.

GERMAN GENERAL'S PAGAN PANTHEISM:—General Ludendorff, the famous leader of the German armies during the war, has, it is stated, completed arrangements for a gigantic campaign through Germany, in which he and his wife will tour the length and breadth of the Fatherland, calling on the German people to renounce Christianity and return to the worship of its ancient pagan gods.

H. M. KING'S DEPUTY:—It is announced that the Prince of Wales will act as Deputy for the King at this year's courts and investitures. His Royal Highness has already acted for His Majesty at the first levee of the season. This follows the precedent set up in 1925. It is understood that there will be four courts this year and the Prince of Wales will be with the Queen at each.

MADRAS COUNCIL BUDGET:—According to the budget introduced into the Madras Council the anticipated revenue for the year 1929-30 is Rs. 1,807,09 lakhs and the estimated expenditure Rs. 1,843,25 lakhs.

INDIAN MUSLIMS' NON CO OPERATION:—Some prominent Muslims have issued a statement that Mussalims all over India should have nothing to do with Congress meetings and processions since the Nehru Report is not in their interests.

THE HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION:—A number of members of the Italian Expedition which is to explore Karakorum Range of the Himalayas have left for Bombay where they will join the leader of the expedition, the Duke of Spoleto.

TRAVELLING COMFORTS IN MOVING TRAINS:—The railway compartments are becoming more and more up to date, and the cars will shortly resemble rolling hotels. A train running between Omaha and Chicago, (U. S. A.) is equipped with every conceivable comfort that can be imagined.

TO CONFER WITH THE VICEROY:—It is reported that the Secretary of State for India has invited the Viceroy to go to England in June next for a short leave not exceeding four months in order to secure an opportunity of personal discussion with His Excellency. Lord Irwin has accepted the invitation provided the state of public affairs permits. His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of Viscount Goschen, the Governor of Madras to act as Viceroy and Governor-General during Lord Irwin's absence on leave.

ANTI POISON GAS PROTOCOL:—The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag has adopted a bill to give effect to the Geneva Protocol prohibition the use of poison gas in war-time.

SUICIDE BY MUTUAL CONSENT:—One Balarasman Natchan aged about 25 and employed as a compositor in the Madras Law Journal Press and his young wife Sarawathi were found floating dead on last Wednesday early morning in a deep well in a pertain top near Mandavalli Street, Mylapore. The gardener who went to draw water for watering the plantation saw the bodies floating on the surface. The bodies were found clasped together. A letter written by Balarasman Naicken and his wife was found pinned to the clothes of the deceased wherein it was stated that they committed the deed of their own accord and that no blame was to be attached to any one.

MARSHAL FOCH DEAD:—After a lingering illness of about two months' duration, Marshal Foch, Generalissimo of the Allied Forces in France during the great European War, died at his residence in Paris on Thursday last. The French Cabinet has decided to give Marshal Foch a national funeral—the sixth since the foundation of the Third (French) Republic.

ROBOT EYE USED AT HOSPITAL:—A wonderful mechanical contrivance a Robot eye which is used for the treatment of squinting, is one of the most interesting instruments to be seen at the London Refraction Hospital, the extension of which was opened recently by the Countess of Mayo (says the "Evening Express"). This machine is capable of all the movements of the human eye. The patient sits in a darkened room, and follows with his eye a target formed by coloured lights and objects thrown on to a screen by the Robot eye. By thus "harnessing" the eyes to a perfect movement the optician is enabled to exercise the defective muscles which cause the eyes to squint.

PROMISING PROTOTORS' PROSPECTS.

A meeting of the Jaffna Lawyers' Association was held in the Jaffna Law Library on Thursday, the 21st instant, at 2.30 p.m. Hon. Mr. S. Rajaratnam one of the Vice-presidents occupied the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, a resolution expressing condolence on the death of Mr. A. Cathiravel, J. P., U. P. M., the President of the Association, was passed after standing.

Hon. Mr. S. Rajaratnam was then elected President of the Association and Mr. B. Kanagasabai, Advocate, was elected as Vice-president.

Mr. K. Kanagasabai, Crown Prosecutor, then proposed that Protectors, who had completed their fifth year of practice must be allowed to become Advocates on their passing an examination in International Law, Constitutional Law and Legal History.

Mr. J. K. Arnold, Proctor, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The meeting then discussed ways and means of bringing Protectors to an equal footing with Advocates regarding their licence. Though there was general agreement in the meeting on the question—that Protectors should be entitled to life licence as Advocates by paying a lump sum in cash instead of paying Rs. 500 a year for renewing their annual licence, consideration of the question was ultimately deferred with a view to ascertain the wishes of the sister institutions in the Island and take concerted action of a definite kind.

Mr. J. K. Arnold proposed that the claims of the Protectors of the Supreme Court to Judicial appointments must be duly recognized by the Government.

This was seconded by Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam who made a vehement speech in support of the motion. The purpose of his speech was to establish the fact that an average Proctor was equal to an average Advocate in all respects excepting extraordinary talents in exceptional cases of either branches of the profession.

Mr. R. Sivagurunathan in a brief speech supported the motion.

The President, before putting the motion to the vote, narrated briefly the history of the question and gave his arguments in support of it.

The motion was then put to the house and was carried unanimously.

"The Indian Pioneer."

For two years and two months the "Tamil Nesan", a Tamil Weekly, printed and published on Wednesdays at Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S. has been shrouding under its sheets a supplement published in English. From the 1st of March the English supplement is published as a separate weekly edition under the title "The Indian Pioneer". We wish all success to the journal in its new form and congratulate the Managing Editor, Mr. K. Narasimha Iyengar, in his untiring and public spirited enterprise.

Madras Music Meetings

A FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE.

The Madras Music Conference of 1929 organized by the Music Academy of Madras will be opened by the Zimindar of Seithur on Friday the 29th instant at 2 p.m. at the Senate House, University of Madras. The subsequent 3 days will be devoted to the deliberations of the Conference which will be in 3 sections as follows subject to necessary modifications:—Saturday 30.3.29, Lakshana of Ragas; Sunday 31.3.29, Sritus; and Monday 1.4.29, Education in Music and other subjects. Vidwan Sabeswari Iyer will preside over the 1st session, Mr. T. V. Subba Rao B.A., B.L., over the 2nd, and Mr. M. S. Ramaswamy Iyer B.A., B.L., over the 3rd session.

The Conference will be held from 11 a.m. to 3-30 p.m. on these days.

PERFORMANCE.

Subject to necessary modifications the following will be the program of performances at the Senate House at 5 p.m. on the days specified below:—

- Friday, 29.3.29, Desaramangalam Subramania Iyer—Veena.
 - Saturday, 30.3.29, Ariyakudiy Ramasuja Iyengar; Vocal; Soemangudiy Narayanaswamy Iyer—Violin; Viokom Krishna Iyer—Mridangam.
 - Sunday, 31.3.29, Palladoman Sanjiva Rao—Flute; Madura Subramania Iyer—Violin; Madras Venu Naiker—Mridangam.
 - Monday, 1.4.29, Harikessanallur Muthia Bhagavathar—Kalakepam.
 - Sunday, 7.4.29, Prof. Venkataswamy—Violin (Solo); Vaidyanatha Iyer of Tanjore—Mridangam.
- The net proceeds from the sale of tickets on the days of the performances are earmarked for the purpose of starting a College of Music in Madras.—Cor.

THE VEDANTA SOCIETY:—The birthday anniversary of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda was fixed for celebration by the Vedanta Society at Bangalore, South India, on Sunday, March 24th with the following items to be gone through:—Feeding the poor; music; discourse about the life of Guru Maraj and Swamiji; rathotsavam with sankirthanam.—Cor.

RAJA SIR ANNAMALAI CHETTYAR CONGRATULATED:—At an extraordinary general meeting of the Ceylon Nattukottai Chettiar Association, Colombo, held at the premises of the new Kathiresan Temple, resolutions were passed thanking the Government of India for the conferment of the title of "Raja" on Sr Annamalai Chettyar, Member of the Council of State, and founder of the "Annamalai University" at Chidambaram, and congratulating the recipient on his eminently well-deserved honour.

Farewell Dinner at Johore Bahru

MR. S S PONNIAH ENTERTAINED.

The Ceylonese community of Johore Bahru, F. M. S., entertained Mr. S S Ponniah of the Medical Dept at a dinner party at Kim Oun Hotel, Johore Bahru, on the eve of his departure on long leave to Ceylon. A flash-light photograph was taken Mr. A. Somasundaram of F.M.S. Railways was voted to the chair. In proposing the toast of the guest of honour, the Chairman spoke in glowing terms of the high qualities of Mr. Ponniah. Mr. P. Duraisingam was the next speaker. He also spoke of the sterling qualities and good manners of Mr. Ponniah. He was followed by Mr. Karthigesan and Dr. Duray. In the course of his speech Dr. Duray said that when he took charge of the laboratory work, he had to learn much from Mr. Ponniah.

Dr. Duray was called upon by the Chairman to hand over the presentation to Mr. Ponniah who replied suitably and thanked them for the handsome present and the good things said of him.

Dr. Duray then called upon three hearty cheers to Mr. Ponniah which was suitably responded to. Mr. Ponniah is leaving for Ceylon by the N Y K Boat S S "Fushimi Maru" sailing on 15-3-29.—Cor (13.3.29)

THE MAILS.

(G P O Colombo.)

RECEIPTS.

London Mails per the P & O "Kalyan" are due on Saturday, March 30; and per the O L "Osterley" on Saturday, April 6.

Straits and China Mails per the S M N "Pieter Cza Hoofs" are due on Thursday, (today); per the O S K "Hawaii Maru" on Monday, April 1; and per the N Y K "Hakozaki Maru" on Wednesday, April 3.

DESPATCHES.

London Mails per a P & O Steamer leaving from Bombay will close on Tuesday, April 2; and per the O L "Ormonde" on Wednesday, April 3.

Straits and China Mails per the R L "Sibajak" will close on Friday, March 29; per the P & O "Kalyan" on Saturday March 30; and per the N Y K "Kator, Maru" on Wednesday, April 3.

Sale of Toddy Rents, 1929-1930.

Notice is hereby given that on 9th May 1929 at 11 a.m. the Assistant Government Agent of the Mullaitivu District will put up to public auction, at the Mullaitivu Koochcheri, the toddy rents of the Mullaitivu District, as per schedule below for a period, of 12 months from July 1, 1929, to June 30, 1930.

The highest bidder on being declared the purchaser shall pay immediately to the Assistant Government Agent a sum equivalent to two months security deposit and sign conditions and contract, furnishing necessary stamps.

The Assistant Government Agent reserves to himself the right of rejecting any bid.

The conditions of sale and any particulars can be obtained of application at the Mullaitivu Koochcheri.

The Koochcheri R. S. V. Poulter, Asst. Govt. Agent.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO

No.	Name of Tavern	Division	Hours of Opening	Hours of Closing
1.	Alampill*	Mullaitivu	8 A. M.	8 P. M.
2.	Putumatalaan	do	8	8
3.	Chilawattai	do	8	8

*Tavern to be closed from October 1, 1929 to February 28, 1930, G. 1032.

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7008. In the Matter of the estate of the late Mootatamby Chellamuttu of Pattinam Deceased.

- 1. Mappanapillai Subramaniam and wife
- 2. Katsammah of Pattinam
- Respondents,
- 1. Ponnampalam Saravananmuthu and wife
- 2. Valliammipillai of Pattinam
- 3. Sivaramanther Sivasudurai & wife
- 4. Sivarampilla of do
- Petitioners.

Ve. This matter of the Petition of the abovesaid Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased Mootatamby Chellamuttu coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire, District Judge, on February 9, 1929 in the presence of Mr. V. Coomarasamy, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the abovesaid 1 & 2 Petitioner dated February 9, 1929, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner are the son in-law and daughter of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to them unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before April 16, 1929 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

March 11, 1929. James Joseph, District Judge, O. 1654.

Present Day Secondary Schools.

SOME CAUSES OF DETERIORATION

(By Mr. S. T. Ramanuja Iyengar, B. A., L. T.)

It is becoming increasingly clear to those who watch the work of our secondary schools...

The first cause is the aimlessness of the system of secondary education in vogue.

COMMUNALISM

The second cause of deterioration of secondary schools is the introduction of communalism in schools.

LACK OF EDUCATIONAL "CAPTAINS"

The third cause of deterioration of secondary schools is the dearth of fearless educational captains in schools.

Instances are not wanting where head teachers, unlike true educational captains, have succumbed or been forced to succumb to the vagaries of educational authorities...

The fourth cause of deterioration is the condition of the teaching profession. The recruitment of teachers of secondary schools is from among the ranks of individuals armed with certificates of doubtful value...

WANTED A PROVINCIAL BOARD

Secondary schools are bound to deteriorate so long as a secondary education is not placed under the control of a standing provincial statutory secondary education board...

Cultivation of Limes?

BY MR. H. A. DEUTROM.

Manager, Experiment Station, Anuradhapura.

The following records of experimental cultivation of limes (Citrus Melleo L. var. acida) at the Experiment Station, Anuradhapura...

The juice of the lime is employed for the manufacture of cooling drinks, especially lime juice cordial, and is also used for flavouring soups, curries and fish.

LAND AND RAINFALL

Lime trees are surface feeders and develop best and yield the heaviest crops in well sheltered flat or gently undulating land situated from sea level up to 2,600 feet elevation...

NURSERIES

A good site should be selected for the seed bed, an aspect which catches the morning sun being best. It should, moreover, be high and dry during wet weather.

PREPARATION OF THE FIELD

The field should be well ploughed and cross-ploughed to a depth of 8 to 9 inches after all stumps and roots have been thoroughly cleared.

PLANTING DISTANCES

The distances at which limes should be grown vary according to the position and texture of the land. Observations of well developed trees at the Experiment Station show that a spacing of 15 by 15 feet is to be advocated.

TRANSPLANTING

Great care is necessary in taking seedlings from the nursery beds. At the time of uprooting the seedlings the nursery beds should be thoroughly saturated with water...

PLANTING-OUT

The commencement of the north-east monsoon is the best time for planting. It should be done preferably in the evening but a cloudy day can be utilized for the operation.

AFTER CULTIVATION

The lime is an exceedingly hardy plant and needs no protection from the sun at any stage of its growth. After the plants are well established the land should be kept clear of weeds...

CULTIVATION AND FRUITING

An area of six acres was cleared of jungle in 1918 at a cost of Rs. 35 per acre and planted with limes in the same year at the experiment station, Anuradhapura.

The first six rows of the trees along the main road to Jiffa were measured with farmyard manure in trenches cut round the plants in the year 1923.

Continued up.

Sequel to King's Illness.

PERSONNEL OF STATE COUNCIL.

IRISH FREE STATE'S OBJECTION.

It is revealed in Dublin that an important intervention was made by the Irish Free State Cabinet in connection with the establishment of a Council of State to discharge the duties of the Sovereign during His Majesty's illness.

AFGHAN SITUATION.—War clouds in Afghanistan are looming large. Vigorous preparations are being made by both Amanullah Khan and Bacha-i-Saqo.

MADRAS GOVT'S LIBERAL RECOMMENDATION.—The memorandum of the Madras Government to the Simon Commission makes liberal recommendations for the further extension of reforms.

ROYAL CIVIL SERVANTS.—It is officially announced that the King acting on the advice of a medical authority has approved that Prince George should now retire from active participation in the work of the Royal Navy.

Continued.

hemp, which was ploughed into the soil at a later date. In the same year the lower branches of half of the trees which trailed on the ground were pruned and removed to facilitate weeding, cultivation and collection of fruits.

A poor crop was obtained in 1926-27. It was largely due to a severe drought which caused the young fruit to fall before maturing.

The number of vacancies supplied during the early stages is indicated by the fact that in 1926, eight years after the original planting, only 798 trees were in bearing out of a total of 1,153 trees.

YIELDS. [During 1921-22 the number of trees in bearing was 90 with an average yield of 208 fruits per tree. The number of trees in bearing during 1926-27 was 755 yielding at an average 164 fruits per tree.]

OUTEAY.

[The area planted in November, 1918 is 6 acres. The cost of clearing jungle came to Rs. 210. The total costs for the three years 1918-21 all the trees began to yield were Rs. 1,895 58.

DISEASES.

Citrus canker (Pseudomonas citri) was found to be present in 1923, principally on the leaves, but one plant was seriously attacked on the branches. The latter became covered with rough warts and ultimately died back.

RECEIPTS FROM SALES.

[During 1921-22 the actual receipts from sale of limes amounted to Rs. 105 01, while 1926-27 sales realised Rs. 1,037 41]

A Controversy Among Christians

CATHOLICISM VS. PROTESTANTISM.

A serious controversy is raging in the local press (of Hyderabad) regarding the election of Rev. Fr. J. Thiel in respect of an announcement in the St. Mary's Church that Catholics should take no part in Protestant activities...

What is the Use?

A SATIRE ON LIFE.

Mr. R. G. Spinks of West Ealing, is responsible for this funny satire on Life. There's more than a bit of truth in it:—

"Also comes into this world without his consent and leaves it against his will. On earth he is misjudged and misunderstood. In infancy he is an angel; in boyhood he is a devil; in manhood he is a fool. If he has a wife and family he is a chump; if he is a bachelor he is a lout; if he enters a public house he is a drunkard; if he stops out he is a miser. If he is a poor man he has no brains; if he is rich he has had all the luck in the world. If he has brains he is considered smart but dishonest. If he goes to church he is a hypocrite; if he stays away he is a stiff man. If he gives to charity it is for advertisement; if he does not he is stingy and mean. When he comes into the world everybody wants to kiss him; before he goes out everybody wants to kick him. If he dies young there was a great future before him; if he lives to a ripe old age everybody hopes he has made a will."—Malabar Herald.

Old Boys' Social—J. H. C.

29-3-29.

PROGRAMME.

- A. M. 6.30-8.30 Tennis—Old Boys Vs Teachers. Volley Ball—Old Boys Vs Present Boys. P. M. 3.30-6 Tea & Refreshments. 4-6 Tennis, Basket Ball & Volley Ball. 6.30-7 Old Boys' Meeting. 7-8 Variety Show. Music at intervals.

All Old Boys are cordially invited.

V. R. VENKATARAMAN,

J. H. C. Principal

20.3.29.

Mis. 1418.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6943.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Manickamuttu wife of Saravanamuttu Vailiangam of Chulipuram who died at Tapah in the F. M. S.

Deceased, Maruthappu Theobanmoorty of Araly South

Petitioner.

vs.

- 1. Chellachippillai wife of Maruthappu Theobanmoorty of Araly South. 2. Saravanamuttu Vailiangam of Chulipuram presently of Tapah in the F. M. S. Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovesaid Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased coming on for disposal before J. C. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, on November 9, 1928, in the presence of Messrs. Nagalingam & Nagalingam, Proctors, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavits of the Petitioner dated October 27, 1928, having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the father 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 December 18, 1928, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of His Court to the contrary.

J. C. W. Rock, District Judge, November 27, 1928. Extended to 26.3.29.

O. 1651.

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