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**AYURVEDIC SYSTEM OF MEDICINE**

THE AYURVEDIC SYSTEM OF MEDICINE, though it has now fallen on evil days owing to the lack of State recognition and encouragement, is still the system of medical relief resorted to by a vast majority of the people in the Island. For nearly a century it has successfully withstood the onslaughts of its better favoured rival the Allopathic system of treatment and never forfeited the confidence of the people in its efficacy. To-day there are signs of its revival and we hope that better days are in store for it.

In India rapid strides have been made in the theory and practice of Ayurvedic system. The Government there unlike that of Ceylon has for a long time pursued a generous and sympathetic policy towards it. It has taken some good measures to promote its study and to encourage its practice. Ayurvedic colleges and hospitals have been established in many of the Provincial capitals with state aid. Local bodies have opened Ayurvedic dispensaries in their areas. In the Federated States Ayurvedic system enjoys almost the same patronage as that accorded to that of Allopathy. In Ceylon until recently Government turned a deaf ear to the claims of Ayurveda. It is only now that the Government owing to the pressure of public opinion has taken the initiative in appointing a Board of Indigenous Medicine to organise an Ayurvedic college and a hospital. The public looks up to this Board for the revival of the study of indigenous systems of medicine. We are sure that the Hon. Mr. Balasingam, who has been associated with this movement for a considerable time, will leave no stone unturned to obtain from the Government the same support to them as is now accorded to Allopathy.

The serious drawback in the practice of Ayurvedic system is the lack of organised hospitals. In its palmy days under indigenous rule efficient hospitals were established either by the Kings or by public-spirited citizens. It is said that a well-organised hospital existed in the Tamil country in the eleventh century provided with several beds for the sick people. The details of its organisation and management are fully set forth in an inscription of Venna Rajendra Chola dated 1062. There is other evidence to show that similar hospitals existed at this time in other parts of Tamil land. With the fall of the native dynasties and with the advent of foreign rule these institutions disappeared and the practice of medicine was confined to certain families who dispensed medical aid in their own houses. In Jaffna to-day there are many good Ayurvedic physicians who are doing yeoman service in the relief of the sick and the wounded. But they are working under serious handicap for want of hospitals where serious cases can be treated under the immediate direction and supervision of the physician. The public who patronise this system of medicine also keenly feels the necessity of such hospitals.

We are glad to learn that our esteemed Ayurvedic Physician, Mr. C. Muttumamuru, is going to supply this long-felt want. An Ayurvedic hospital is to be established by him near Thirunelveli. A land for this purpose has been acquired. It is proposed to have separate sections for men, women and children. There will also be an out-door dispensary and a garden for cultivating medical herbs. Such a hospital will be a great blessing to the people. We are sure that public-spirited citizens and philanthropists will come forward to help Mr. Muttumamuru in his laudable undertaking.

THE LATE DR C. A. HEWAVITARNE:—Dr C. A. Hewavitarne whose death occurred on Wednesday last under very tragic circumstances is one who is noted for his unobtrusive patriotism. Unlike many men he did not thrust himself upon public gaze but he did silent and steady work to promote religious, educational, agricultural and industrial revival in this country. Having received his education in the Royal College he won the University Scholarship and proceeded to England where he qualified himself as a Doctor taking his M. B. degree in the London University. On his return, notwithstanding the many opportunities for establishing a lucrative practice in his profession, he voluntarily gave it up and devoted himself for public weal. The many and varied public movements with which he had identified himself are too well-known to be mentioned here. Ceylon can ill-afford to lose a public man of such character and calibre at this juncture. We extend our sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

**LOCAL & GENERAL.**

**STUDENTS' CONGRESS JAFFNA:**—The Fifth Annual Sessions of the Students' Congress, Jaffna, will be held on the 10th 11th and 12th April 1929, at Kankesanthurai. Mr. T. V. Kalyanasundara Mudaliyar, Editor, "Navasakti" of Madras, will preside over the deliberations. The Chairman of the Reception Committee is Mr. S. K. Perinpanayagam, B. A.

**VALIGAMAM WEST MANIAGAREBIT:**—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. K. Ariacudiy, President, Village Tribunal, Batticaloa South, to be Maniagar of Valigamam West.—*Press communiqué.*

**CADET BATTALION APPOINTMENT:**—Mr. V. C. Canagaratnam has been appointed in the Ceylon Cadet Battalion as an Honorary Second Lieutenant.

**REFORMS IN EDUCATION:**—The Education Department has, it is reported, prepared a scheme for the gradual conversion of all Assisted Vernacular Schools into the Anglo-Vernacular type. The new syllabus will, in all probability, come into force, from the beginning of next year.

**OFFICIAL:**—Mr. T. Sam De Silva, who has hitherto been acting as Extra Office Assistant to the Government Agent, Northern Province, is confirmed in the post with effect from April 3, 1929, the date being the day of retirement of Mudaliyar C. Kasa aysgam C. C. S. from the Public Service after having put in several years of meritorious and onerous duties.

**FLIGHT OF THE ISLANDERS:**—At a meeting of the people of Karampan held in the local Hindu High School Hall on Saturday March 30, 1929 resolutions were passed requesting the Governor to group the villages of the island of Leyden into two village committees; that steps be taken to make the necessary provision in the forthcoming Budget for the construction of the Araly Causeway; that the island be exempted from the rule requiring the construction of private latrines and that a system of water supply should be installed for the islands. Hon. Mr. W. D. Arulswamy who was present promised to do his best to obtain redress.—*Cor.*

**JAFFNA MUTUAL BENEFIT FUND LTD:**—We understand that there is a shortage of about 3,300 bags of rice out of the consignments left with the Fund by certain traders as security for loans under the "system of security on mortgage of rice." The Police are making investigation into the matter.

**A CORRECTION:**—We are informed that the publication in the news columns of the "Hindu Organ" of the 1st inst. re the reported appointment of Mr. G. Rajadurai, Chartered Accountant, as Assistant Accountant, Medical Department, is erroneous and unauthorized.

**VERNAICULAR TEACHERS' CERTIFICATE IN DRAWING:**—The following are among those candidates who have passed the above examination held on January 26, 1929: Desiker G. K. S., Karaveddy Hindu Boys' School; Kandaswamy Iyer, N. Sandiramouleswari Vidyalaya; Murugupillai, S. Sanmarka Bodhana Vidyalaya; Ponnuccumar V. Kurupalladdy Hindu School; Samithambay, V. K. Prasad Hindu School; Sethupillai, A. Nagapoorbhai Vidyalaya; Vaidililangam, Seenikuday, Kurumukaddy School; Valanthapillai, M. Kopya Hindu V. M. S. Valsanbar, V. Moolai Hindu School; Saraswathi, S. and Saraswathi, T. Ramnathar College.

**CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION:**—Last Friday's Gazette publishes the regulations etc. for the Eastern Cadeships in the Colonial Service issued by the Civil Service Commissioners of England for an open competitive examination to be held simultaneously in London and Colombo in July and August 1929.

**RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 1928.**

The following are among the successful candidates in the Vernacular School Leaving Certificate Examination held during the month of November, 1928.—

**First Division.**  
Saravanasubbia, V. Idakkoddi Buvareshwari Vidyalaya; Kanappillai, S. and Subramanian, M. Maddevil N. Santharamouleswari Vidyalaya; Kambiravolu Kamarasamy, Tambiah, K. and Thiruganasaampanthar, K. Thirunelvely, (Hindu) M.; Perinab, S. and Sthamparanthar, S. Varacy N., (Hindu) M.

**Second Division.**  
A. Kasipillai, G. Kathirgamar, S. Nadarajah, K. Nagarajan, and K. Nallathambi, Annathambika Vidyalaya; V. Kandiah, K. Subramanian, Kathirgamar Subramanian, K. Thambipillai, S. Tharmalingam, N. Thiruganagam, and O. Valliparam, Changathurai, (Hindu) Vidyalaya; V. Elyathambay, Earlaial, Hindu M.; A. Kandiah, K. Nagamutto, and A. Sureshwar, Idakkoddi Buvareshwari Vidyalaya; S. Kandiah, and S. Kanagasamy Maddevil N. Santharamouleswari Vidyalaya; P. Kandiah, P. Manicavasagar, and A. Thambipillai, Maddevil N. S. M.; K. Kandiah, Maddevil S. (S. P. S.) V. M.; S. Kumarasamy, N. Paramanathan, V. Satharivan, E. Velupillai, and S. Velupillai, M. S. S. T. M. S.; K. Sivasamy, S. Mallaganam, and T. Poniah, Neryay, (Hindu) M.; K. Elyathambay, V. Kanagasabai, S. Kandasamy, K. Kandiah, M. Kandiah, S. Kandiah and A. Sannugam, Nelliady, G. V. M.; K. Karkoon, S. Sabaratham, K. Sannugam and V. Satharivan, Valasai, Saraswathi, A. V. (Hindu) M.; K. Arulampalam, K. Ponnampalam, A. Rasiah and V. Rasiah, Thirunelvely, (Hindu) M.; A. Perumiyann, Varanai N., (Hindu); P. Anzamy and P. Valliparam, Veithiy (Hindu) M.; K. Valupillai and S. Venkateswamy, Kopya (Hindu) M.; C. Eladchumy, S. Kanagasammah and T. Parasathy, Earlaial (Hindu) M.

**PERSONAL:**—Mr. C. K. Tambe, Barrister at-law, Rangoon, is on a holiday visit to Jaffna having arrived on Wednesday last by the Talaimannar route (via Madras) and is staying at his residence at Koddady, Vannarpannai West. Mr. Tambe, who is a well-known pleader at Rangoon commanding a large practice there, was recently elected a Councillor of the Municipal Corporation to represent the Hindu Community of the East Rangoon Ward.

**MEDICAL:**—Dr G. O. Phillips, who was going on transfer to Galle, was given a hearty farewell, prior to his departure.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**—Mr. G. S. Arulampalam of Way and Works Department, Railways, Anuradhapura, has been transferred to the Public Works Department, as an Assistant District Engineer, Batticaloa, Colombo.

**A REPORTED CASE OF SUICIDE:**—The death of an aged man, oil-monger by profession, is reported to have occurred at the village of Anacottai on last Sunday night. The man is said to have committed suicide by hanging himself. It is understood that the provocation for this rash act is the protracted illness of the deceased.

**CAMBRIDGE LOCAL RESULTS:**—The results of the Cambridge School Certificate Examinations held in December 1928 at the different centres in the Island were received by the Education Department on Saturday last. Owing to the late arrival of the Mail Steamer none of the Colombo evening papers nor any of the Sunday Illustrated morning papers was able to publish the results. Siraytegrams were received in Jaffna intimating the results of individual candidates or of batches of them. The Heads of educational institutions were anxiously waiting this morning for the pass lists from the Department but they were sadly disappointed in their expectation.

**KATHIADY SAIVA AIKIYA SANGAM:**—At a special general meeting of the Kathiady Saiva Aikiya Sangam (Colombo Branch) held on the 3rd instant at "Ayodhya", Nelson Place, the following office-bearers were elected to fill in the vacancies:—Mr. V. Subramanian, President; Mr. T. Satharivan, Hon. Secretary; and Mr. A. Supplah, Asst. Hon. Secretary. Votes of condolence were passed on the recent bereavements of Messrs S. Sannarasagar and T. Mylvagam. A lecture on "Services" was delivered by Mr. V. Subramanian. The lecturer after detailing the different kinds of service, declared that selflessness, truth and devotion to duty were the bed rock and foundation on which should rest the desire for service and concluded by saying that the highest form of service was that which aimed at the unification of all mankind.—*Cor.*

**ARRIVAL OF DUKE OF GLOUCESTER:**—His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester and those accompanying him on his mission to Japan, where he will invest the Emperor of Japan with the insignia of the Order of the Garter will arrive in Colombo on Saturday, April 13.

**QUICKER JOURNEY TO INDIA:**—Proposals of speeding up the train services between Ceylon and South India were discussed by railway officials of both territories at a conference in Colombo yesterday (4.4.29). A proposal has been made to improve the sea link by the acquisition of two big steamers.—"C. D. N."

**STEADY PROGRESS MAINTAINED.**

Regbt, April 3rd.  
The King passed a good day. Despite the cold winds, he was out walking both in the morning and afternoon. The Palace of Wales flew to Bognor this morning to spend the day with the King and Queen at Craigwell House.

Engby, April 4th.  
The King again passed a good day.

Rugby, April 5th.  
The King passed a good day.  
Owing to bad weather Majesty spent less than an hour in the gardens. He sat on the lawn, protected from the wind by screens, for some little while, and afterwards walked for about 20 minutes.

**INDIAN & FOREIGN**

**ROYAL PUBLIC SERVANT:**—Prince George is reported to have begun his new duties at the Foreign Office. It was recently announced that His Majesty, with the concurrence of the Prime Minister, had decided that His Royal Highness should be attached to the Foreign Office in order to gain knowledge of the administration and work of a department of State.

**INHUMAN CRUELTY OF TRANSVAAL FARMER:**—Two sentences imposed by the Basuto (Tswana) Circuit Court of two lashes and seven years' hard labour on a white farmer, Jack Natto, who was found guilty of the manslaughter of a native employee, has caused a sensation among farmers in all parts of the country. It was alleged that the native was flogged severely and tied by a leg to a tree, head downwards. He died of shock as the result of injuries, including broken ribs and a fractured breastbone. General Hertzog has ordered the postponement of the lashes pending an investigation.

**TENSE SITUATION IN CHINA:**—Considerable anxiety is felt with regard to the safety of foreigners at Hankow, China. Severe fighting is proceeding between Chang Tseung's forces and the Nationalists in the vicinity of the strongly walled city of Ninghai-chow, where the Nationalist Commander has rallied the remainder of his forces. The Nationalists, rallying from Ninghai-chow, seriously defeated the invaders, killing 2,000.

**LAW OF LIBEL IN FRANCE:**—The French Government will introduce a Bill during the next session of Parliament tightening the law of libel, which hitherto has been regarded as non-existent in France.

**EVACUATION OF HANKOW:**—The Wuhan authorities in China are preparing to evacuate Hankow and will fall back on the south bank of the Yangtze River, owing to the perilous position of the forces, due to the unexpectedly smart advance of the troops of the National Government and the approach of 50,000 troops commanded by Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian" General) from the north.

**WORLD'S LONGEST AIRWAY:**—The longest air service in the world and the biggest step yet taken by British civil aviation was inaugurated on the 30th ultimo with the opening of the Britain to India weekly mail and passenger service of British Airways. The journey from Croydon to Karachi will take seven days compared with the sixteen days required even with the fastest combination of boat and train on the ordinary route. The total length of the air line is 5,000 miles. The aircraft will be in wireless touch with intercommunicating ground stations throughout the whole journey by means of the latest Marconi apparatus. The London Karachi fare will be £30 including hotel and meals. The surcharge on air mail letters is only 6d.

**RIVAL BIRMS OF AFGHANISTAN:**—News has been received that Amirul Khan started on the morning of March 30th, with regular troops from Herat and Kandahar, and Lashkars and Durand tribesmen from Kandahar. This news is believed to be correct. Reliable information is to hand that Habibullah Khan has also succeeded in arranging for safe passage with tribesmen who are giving trouble on the road south of Kabul, thus establishing communication with Ghazni, which is in the possession of Habibullah's troops.

**DEAD GAMBLER'S WINDFALL:**—A case arising from an extraordinary tragedy at gaming tables on the Riviera, France will shortly be coming up at the law courts. An elegantly dressed man entered a Casino and put a thousand francs counter on a certain number, which won. The gambler did not withdraw his winnings, but remained with his head buried in his hands, and quite motionless. Play continued, and the same number won several times in succession, the croupier each time adding the gambler's winnings, until they reached £4,000. As the winner was still motionless, a woman touched him to wake him up, but found to her horror, that he was addressing a corpse. The man had died from heart-failure, following a heavy meal. Gaming was stopped and the body was removed. His widow subsequently claimed the winnings, but the Casino authorities are disputing the claim, arguing that if the player had lived, it is very doubtful if he would have left his repeated winnings on the same number.—*Times.*



The undermentioned candidate has passed the

The undermentioned candidates have passed the  
Post and Telegraph Licensee's and Nights Telephone  
ists' Examination held on January 15, 1929 on  
the following days:—V. Henry; T. B. Ubayap  
P. E. Fernando; S. A. D. J. Dissanayake, L.  
F. W. Gooneratne; M. K. Murgasiah, Koor  
seema, Alayveddy Norih; S. M. Edamparam, P  
Office, Gammadawse; K. D. Edwile; G. T. S  
B. Bathiyanaiah, Maruthunkorney, Pallai; P.  
Thambugala; D. G. Polimambanaram; L. D.  
Silve; A. Kanubai, c/o Mr. A. Iyassanabapath  
95, Hulsador Street, Colombo; Suppiramanian  
Eincathambo, Tellipalai West; H. F. A. Po  
ushathnayya; V. K. de S. Wijesundere; K. Samb  
silvan, Taloly Easa, Fort Pedro; P. Hettiarat  
B. C. Thevanidum, Sivankovilady, Vannarponn  
A. B. Edmanah; U. G. James; T. B. Edinada Sinc  
K. B. de Silve; O. de Zilve; M. C. G. Daarmasa  
N. P. G. Withana; C. Oumunugum, Chunnaka  
Bonib; V. Arunachalam; S. S. S. S. S. S. S. S.  
J. Perera, A. Velupillai, Moorthyvinayakar K.  
Nallore; C. F. Oateshoor; A. Srisen; L. W.  
Silve; M. A. M. Khat; C. Raj-nayagam, fo  
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Batticaloa; D. P. L. W. Silve; M. C. K. K. K.  
J. V. de S. Wijeratan; A. Velupillai, Aliv  
South, Point Pedro; O. T. Kanagasagam, c  
Mr. C. Balasubramaniam, Construction Engine  
Office, P. W. D.; V. Ponnathurai, Urump  
South, Chunnakam; B. Wijedilke; C. F. Tisse  
K. Kumarasagar; c/o Mr. K. Kanapathipillai  
D.V. No. 7, Tel-cable; S. Dharmarajan, c/o M  
S. Somasegarapillai, Tel-cable; M. Tamm  
vadiolu, Ketchar Kattank, Valveturam; K.  
Perera; S. V. Prelio.

**NIGHT TELEPHONEISTS.**  
N. J. Hippolyte, c/o Mr. Nicholapillai  
Maccavai; M. D. Jastir; A. Oornolla.

**Religious Symbols Misused.**

**PROTEST BY BUDDHIST CONGRESS.**

In reply to a letter submitting a copy of  
resolution passed at the All-Ceylon Congre  
of Buddhists Association, last December, the  
Colonial Secretary has stated that the G  
vernment does not consider that the pro  
hibition of goods and advertisements bearing  
representing religious symbols sacred  
Buddhists, could be satisfactorily effected  
legislation, but that individual cases wh  
are brought to the notice of Government w  
be taken up with the manufacturers.

**NO DIFFICULTY.**

The Colonial Secretary further anticipa  
that no difficulty will be experienced in in  
cing manufacturers to withdraw the art  
or advertisements causing offence.

It will be remembered that the resolu  
in question referred to advertisements a  
trade marks in which symbols sacred to B  
dhists besides figures of the Buddha we  
utilized to attract the attention of custom

This method of boosting their wares h  
been adopted by foreign manufacturers, mo  
ly those from the Continent of Europe, a  
the Congress of Buddhist Associations wa  
anxious to enlist the help of the Governm  
to prevent the continuance of a practice wh  
unnecessarily wounds the susceptibilitie  
the Buddhist population of the island  
—"O. D. N."

**OBITUARY.**

**MRS. V. SUBRAMANIAM.**

We regret to record the death of Val  
ammasipillai relative of the late Mr. V. Sub  
ramaniam of Tuttnavelu, on Saturday, Mar  
23 at the ripe old age of 80. The deceas  
lady was of a religious turn of mind and w  
active and healthy almost till to the la  
The funeral took place the following da  
Sunday, and was well attended. She leav  
behind to be mourned for less her three son  
Mr. Subaspathipillai, F. M. S., Pensioner, a  
Manager of cabooli; Mr. Kanagasapal, A  
vocate; and Mr. Kytseam, Irrigation Inspe  
tor; and a host of relatives. We extend o  
condolence to the members of the bereav  
family.

**THE MAILS.**

(G P O Colombo.)

**RECEIPTS.**

London Mails per the P & O "Morea"  
are due on Saturday, April 13; and per  
the O. L. "Orsova" on Saturday, April 20.

Straits and China Mails per the M. M.  
"General Metzinger" are due on Tuesday,  
April 9; and per the P & O "Malwa" on  
Wednesday, April 10.

**DESPATCHES.**

London Mails per the P & O "Mal  
wa" will close on Thursday, April 11; and  
per a P & O Steamer leaving from Bom  
bay will close on Tuesday, April 16.

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## INFLUENCE OF AGRICULTURE

The following is the full text of a lecture delivered by Mr. W. P. A. Cocke, Divisional Agricultural Officer, Jaffna, at the annual general meeting of the Geographical Association, Jaffna Branch, on Wednesday the 27th ultimo:—

(Continued from our last issue)

## PLANTS.

## CHINA.

Sericulture to Persia during Sasanian Epoch. Reach and Apricot to Persia in the 1st and 2nd Century by silk dealers and then to Armenia, Greece, and Rome in the 1st Century A. D. Sweet Orange origin China and Coochin China. Mandarin origin China and Coochin China. Sericulture introduced into India during Kani's reign in India. To Japan at a still later period (after 57 A. D.).

Banana - white mustard. There are hundred species all natives of north temperate zone, and most of them of ancient European origin with an independent center in China. It was introduced into Persia about 650 A. D. The time of introduction to India is not known.

## PERSIA.

The olive - Habitat in Syria and Persia. From Semites to Iranians and Armenians. Watermelon African origin mentioned in China 1017 1673 A. D.

Pomegranate Iranian plateau, India and Asia Minor. First mentioned in China in 1058 1084 A. D. Used as a drug.

The Carrot - Native of Northern Europe. Into China during Yuan Dynasty - 1280 1847 A. D. Sorghum Origin tropical Africa. The date of introduction into Asiatic Countries is not known, but the introduction was in early times.

This is now an important food and fodder crop in India, China, and Japan.

The Garden Pea was introduced into China from Persia.

Saffron - This is a small plant with a fleshy bulb like corn and grassy leaves with a beautiful purple flower blossoming autumn. Used as a dye, condiment, perfume, and medicine. Highly priced and played an important part in commerce. Origin western Asia and Kashmir. It was taken to China during two periods. 1. From Persia to China during the 8th Century. 2. From India to Tibet and to China between 1280 1887.

Flax - Anatolia, south of the Caucasus and northern Persia.

Pomegranate - Native of Persia and adjacent countries. Its cultivation began in prehistoric times. Extension first towards west and then into China. Earliest mention in China by T'o Se in the "Poem on the Capital of Wu" who lived in the 8th Century under the Wu dynasty (A. D. 222 280).

India - During the 7th Century Hoan Tso observed that pomegranate were grown everywhere into India during the 1st century and then to Malayan Archipelago and Cambodia. From India it spread to Tibet and to Yun nan.

Flax - Iran and India. Introduced into China - oil.

Coriander - This plant is cultivated in several countries (Mediterranean, Caucasian Region, and Egypt 960 800 A. D.). It was introduced to China and India from Iran in the 6th century.

Garlic, Onion, and Shallot - These crops are mentioned in China during the 7th century. The particulars in regard to the introduction of Allium fistulosum (onion) is not known, but the other two were introduced from Persia.

Alfalfa - Cultivated in Iran but also spontaneous in Kashmir, Afghanistan and Bauchistan. Introduced into China by General Can Kien.

The efforts of the departments of agriculture in various countries to promote and to improve the cultivation of alfalfa are well known. Argentine chiefly owes to alfalfa a great amount of its cattle breeding.

Grape vine - Origin Western Asia and Egypt - ancient. Introduced into China from Persia along with alfalfa. It was propagated to Hilla and Italy, while the Romans spread it to Gaul and the banks of the Rhine.

Walnut - Persia in high altitude and along the temperate regions of the Himalayas in India. Known to the Chinese during the 4th century.

Cumin (Commimium Cymim) - From Iran to India and Egypt - It was taken to China from Malaya.

The Date Palm - From Persia to China and India and Malayan group.

Spinach - Introduced into Nepal from Iran and thence transmitted to China in 647 A. D.

Lettuce - Native of China and Persia.

Sugar Beet Origin Mediterranean and West Asiatic plant grown as far as the Caspian sea and Persia. Distributed by Arabs from Persia to China.

The Almond - Iranian plateau - It spread from Iran to Europe, China, Tibet, and India. Grows in high altitudes in Asia. Timber yields high charcoal. Bitter almonds were used as currency in the empire of Mogul.

Fig - Native of center and south of Mediterranean basin, from Syria to Canaries. Introduced into China not earlier than Tang period from Persia and India. Arabic merchant Soleiman mentions fig in China in 851 A. D. Caprifig was unknown to the Chinese.

## INDIA.

Rice - This crop is cultivated in China from ancient times but various writers agree that it must have originated in India. The cultivation advanced from the Indus to the Euphrates.

Cotton Spread from India at early times. Bitter Orange and Citron - Spread from India during early times and continued during Arab epoch.

Pepper - (Piper nigrum). From India to Persia. Myrobalan from which a wine is prepared - From India to Persia to China.

Cassia or Cathorecarpus fistula - Native of India, Ceylon, and the Archipelago. To China from the Malayan region. Persians received from the Arabs and from northwest India.

Sugar Cane - Southeast Asiatic countries. It was carried to China from Persia. The Chinese learned to prepare sugar from India. The first sugar, at least that which entered into commerce, was prepared in India. The Arabs spread it from Persia to Palestine, Syria, and Egypt.

Sugar became a common article of food in Europe only during the last 2 or 3 centuries.

Banana - Origin India and tropical Africa.

Flax - Origin India and Iran. The oil extracted from seed is used in Asia and not the fiber except in one place in Iran (Kazuran). It was introduced into Europe and Egypt and the fiber is used for textile.

Tumelic - From India to Tibet and then to China before the 15th century.

Indigo - Took its origin in India. Introduced into Persia - Dye stuff.

## MOVEMENTS OF PLANTS.

## PLANTS WHICH CAME INTO MORE PROMINENCE.

## SINCE 1500.

Tobacco - From 1500. Rapid spread first to Europe then to Asia and is now found in many parts of the world. The principal centers are the United States of America, Egypt, Persia, Somalia, Cuba, Borneo, Java, Philippines, Brazil, So. India, Ceylon, etc.

Rubber - Para Rubber - 1876 Wickham carried the seed from Brazil to England. Rubber plantations from 1895. Ceylon, Malaya, and Dutch Indies within 30 years to a commercial scale. Brazil and India at an earlier period but since 1800.

Sugar Cane - Up to the 17th century India supplied sugar to Europe but now import sugar. Portuguese started to establish sugar industry in the Canary Islands from the 16th century. Since 1641 in British Colonies. Java, Philippines, Hawaii, Fiji, Barbados, Cuba, United States, Jamaica, Trinidad, British Guiana, Brazil, Sandwich Island, Malaya.

Coffee - (Into America by Louis XIV of France). Origin Asia and Africa. Jamaica Ceylon, Brazil, and rest of the tropical America, Java, and South India. In Ceylon 1880 1870. Renewed now.

Cincona or Quinine Bark India and Ceylon since 1860. Origin S. America. Ceylon is now giving it up and Java is growing it more in recent times. Quinine is distributed to people in India through post offices at a very small price.

Rice - The United States, Brazil, and British Guiana export rice where it was introduced since 1500.

Potato - Origin America. Extensively grown in Europe. In India since 1840.

Ginger - Native of southeastern Asia, but is now cultivated in Jamaica more than almost anywhere else.

Citron - Fruits - Mediterranean region and America. Since 1500. California since the latter part of the 19th century. Now coming to be grown in China and other Asiatic countries but has not attained commercial importance as in the Occident.

Jute - Bengal - Until the 19th century manufacturing of the fiber was done in Dundee but now being replaced by Calcutta.

Indigo - British Colonies and Java. Then German synthetic dye. Revived in India during the War - originally an Indian product. British destroyed the Indian trade about the middle of the 17th century by introducing it into the West Indian Islands. Later revived in 1778 until the Germans began the synthetic manufacture.

Groundnut - An important crop in China and India. Introduced into China early since 1500. Into India it is coming into prominence since the latter part of 19th century. Native of S. America. China exports the largest amount of oil and India 47% of the world's trade in groundnuts.

Cotton - United States, Egypt, Barbados, Brazil parts of Africa, and West Indies. From 1860 U. S. A. is leading. In India, its home, it is maintaining its position.

Cassava - Origin S. America. Introduced early in the 18th century into Asia where it is extensively grown in the Malayan countries, Ceylon, etc.

Sorghum - Grown in America since 1500. African origin. Introduced into Asia from very early times.

Maize - Introduced by the Portuguese. Extensively grown in Asia since 1500.

Sweet Potato - This is now grown as a rotation crop in the tropics and forms an important source of food to the people. Origin America.

Tea - Ceylon 1832. India (Nilgiri, Assam, and Darjiling) about the same time (1835). Came into commercial importance in Ceylon in 1875 when coffee failed. Java is another new center.

Cocconut - Malayan Archipelago, Ceylon, Jamaica, Central America, Oceania. Came into commercial importance since 1500.

Cocoa - Origin probably native of Venezuela and Northern South America. Jamaica, Brazil, Ceylon, Trinidad.

Cinnamon - In Ceylon from the Dutch time about 1700.

Citronella - Formerly grown in Ceylon but now grown in Java.

## GENERAL MOVEMENTS IN HUMAN WELFARE.

The peoples of all countries have had the following changes in their development:

Population have shifted from place to place. Their habits have changed from epoch to epoch. Their diet has been undergoing changes. Their standard of living has undergone changes.

The food supply has been the basis of all these changes, and therefore, agriculture may be properly called the basis foundation of the well being of mankind. Spindon says "Given food and leisure, arts of all kinds come easily".

It is also important to note that human beings, domestic animals and plants move along the same latitude—the movement, therefore, generally speaking, being either east to west or west to east.

## SUMMARY.

In submitting my summary, let me relate to you briefly the substance of a story. At one time the various parts of the body revolted against the stomach saying that she was enjoying the fruits of their labour and did not contribute her proper share. As a result, the rest of the body struck against the stomach and starved her. Within a short time the various members of the body realized their error and fed the stomach more enthusiastically.

Between rising time in the morning and time at night, the various parts of the body do work of varying intensity. The intensity varies with the people in various vocations. The various parts of the body are likely to complain that they are more important than the others. So it is with the various

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## AUCTION SALE.

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 593/G.

In the matter of an application for guardianship over the persons and properties of Rani alias Pusparani daughter of Thambapillai Selvaratnam and Selvaratnam Navaratnam alias Makalingam of Manipay.

Muttavelu Vijayarajam of Manipay South.

## Guardian.

Under and by virtue of the commission issued to me in the above case, I shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property on Saturday, 27th April, 1929, commencing at 4 p. m. at the spot.

1. A piece of land called Kiraikkulath-thilthalaivaladai, Kiraikkulavayal and other parcels containing in extent 18 1/2 Lms. P. C. situated at Manipay South and bounded on the East by path dam and the property belonging to Sivakovil, North by the property of Sathasiyam Kiliathamby, on the West by the property of Kanakasabai and on the South by the property of Mather Sebanayagam.

V. A. Durayappah,

Jaffna, 3rd April, 1929. Commissioner, Mis. 1423.

## Order Nisi.

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7000.

In the matter of the estate of the late Kumarasamy Thambiah of Araly East.

Thambiah Thiruvilangam of Araly East.

Respondent.

Marakatham widow of Kumarasamy Thambiah of Araly East.

This matter coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire, Additional District Judge, Jaffna on the 31st day of January 1929 in the presence of Messrs. Nagalingam and Nagalingam, Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 31st day of January 1919 having been read; It is ordered that the petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as his sole heir unless the respondents or any other persons interested shall appear before this Court on the 5th day of March 1929 and show cause to the contrary.

Feb. 12, 1929. James Joseph, District Judge.

Time to show cause extended to 11 4 29. O. 1655.

## Order Nisi

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6972.

In the Matter of the estate of the late Ponnammah widow of R. Arasakavala-singham of Manipay South.

Arumugam Kanapathipillai of Tholpuram.

Petitioner.

1. Sionthambar Sallathurai and wife  
2. Visaladchy of Manipay South.  
3. Nagammah wife of the petitioner and  
4. Thangammah widow of Naganathar Muttathambi all of Manipay South.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before J. O. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on December 5, 1928, in the presence of Mr. A. Arumugam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated December 5, 1928, having been read; It is ordered that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate as the husband of one of the heirs—unless the Respondents or any other persons interested shall appear before this Court on January 17, 1929, and show cause to the contrary.

January 9, 1929. J. O. W. Rock, District Judge.

Time extended to 11—4—29. O. 1657.

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factors which concern the general welfare of man. Various writers attribute undue importance to certain factors which attract their attention. It is, therefore, important, to remember that a combination of factors are at play but certain factors at certain times and in different localities display intensity.

(To be continued.)

## Order Nisi.

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7081.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Rasanam wife of Vethavanam Apputhurai of Vadakkoddi West.

Deceased. Vethavanam Apputhurai of Vadakkoddi West.

Petitioner.

1. Apputhurai Rajathurai of do  
2. Apputhurai Ratanalingam of do  
3. Sappathipillai Annamalai of do

Respondents.

Petitioner praying that the abovesaid 3rd Respondent be appointed guardian ad item over the minors the 1st and 2nd Respondents and praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased coming on for disposal before J. O. W. Rock, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on February 26, 1929 in the presence of Messrs. Nagalingam and Nagalingam, Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 21, 1929 having been read:

It is ordered that the abovesaid 3rd Respondent be appointed guardian ad item over the minors the 1st and 2nd Respondents; that the Petitioner is the widower of the abovesaid deceased and is entitled to administer her estate and that Letters of administration be granted to him accordingly unless the abovesaid respondents or any other person shall on or before April 11, 1929 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

March 18/20, 1929. J. O. W. Rock, District Judge. O. 1656.

## Order Nisi.

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7023.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Kathiravelu Nagamuttu of Vannarponnai East.

Deceased. Nagamuttu Kumarasamy of Vannarponnai East.

Petitioner.

1. Nagamuttu Kanagaratnam and

2. Sinnammah widow of Nagamuttu both of Vannarponnai East.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovesaid Petitioner Nagamuttu Kumarasamy of Vannarponnai East, praying that the 2nd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad item over the 1st Respondent and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased be issued to him as the son of the intestate coming on for disposal before J. O. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, on February 21, 1929, in the presence of Mr. K. Somasundaram, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated February 13, 1929, having been read, it is declared that the abovesaid 2nd Respondent be appointed Guardian ad item over the 1st Respondent and that the Petitioner is the son and one of the heirs 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 April 16, 1929, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

March 9, 1929. J. O. W. Rock, District Judge. O. 1653.

## Order Nisi.

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7021.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Thelvaipillai wife of Velupillai Murgesen of Karavetty West.

Deceased. Velupillai Kanthappoo of Karavetty West.

Petitioner.

1. Velupillai Murgesu

2. Kanthar Sinnah and wife

3. Nachchipillai all of Karavetty West

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on February 20, 1929 in the presence of Mr. K. Muttakumar, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the Petition and affidavit of the Petitioner having been read.

It is hereby ordered that the Petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to take out Letters of Administration to the above estate as the brother of the intestate and that Letters of Administration be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents abovesaid appear and show cause to the contrary on or before March 26, 1929.

March 5, 1929. J. O. W. Rock, District Judge. Order Nisi extended to 30th April 1929. O. 1654.

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