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SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN DIFFERENT parts of the Island have been carrying on for some time an agitation for a revision of Salaries Scheme for Teachers. Judging from some of the memoranda they have issued, there appears to be sufficient grounds for their agitation. As is well-known the Salaries Scheme was introduced solely for the purpose of serving the Teachers' Pension Scheme, for it was found that a pension scheme could not be worked except on the basis of some sort of Salaries Scheme or other. That is why, we believe, there are so many points with regard to the Salaries Scheme for Teachers that require immediate reconsideration. We are convinced that if a Salaries Scheme independent of the Pension Scheme had been conceived and worked out by itself, we would not have had the Salaries Scheme so very unsatisfactory. Moreover, when the present scheme was accepted it was distinctly understood that it would be soon revised. It is evident, therefore, that the teachers are simply asking those who are responsible for the Salaries Scheme to redeem their promise. It is good that they are making this demand at this juncture because very soon the present Council which sponsored the Scheme will be dissolved, and the members who are in it may not get the chance to remedy the defects for which they have been responsible.

As has been pointed out in the memorandum recently issued by the Jaffna Teachers' Union, the question is not one of merely satisfying the clamorous teacher. The salaries offered must be sufficiently high throughout to enable those who are engaged in the teaching profession to be above want, and sufficiently high near the top to attract into the upper ranks of this vital national service some of the best brains in the country. In education, much more than in business, cheap labour is inefficient. As matters stand, the Government services, and particularly the various clerical services, remain more attractive than the teaching service. Some of the most gifted young men of Ceylon are no more than birds of passage, while others who have chosen teaching as a career remain discontented which is ultimately bound to affect the efficiency of their work. Even now-a-days, it is not uncommon for a man to try his hand at teaching after he has failed in everything else. Teaching has yet become a profession with only a very few. Most teachers found employed in many of our schools are either young men who use their position in a public school as a stepping stone to "something better," or young girls who want to fill the interval between their own school days and the blessings of married life with some sort of respectable occupation. And if we may judge the public valuation of the teachers' services by what they are worth, their social standing is still very mediocre; few receive a salary that makes them financially independent, or even free from care or that can compare with the wages paid to clerks, cooks, and other such worthies whose responsibilities are vastly inferior. In order to be successful in his profession, a teacher's outlook on life must be broad enough. He must be provided with means enough to enter public life and shape public opinion. The teacher is a missionary of enlightenment and progress. He will be an ardent auxiliary to the social reformer in the cause of uplifting the conditions of the poor and the miserable as to better homes, better food, better wages for the labouring man so that his pupils may be directly benefited thereby. He will be active in all endeavours to elevate the moral tone of the community. He will be one of the factors that shape public opinion. He will be a worker along philanthropic and religious lines of activity—not with narrow denominational fanaticism, but with the enlightened zeal of the true humanitarian. He will be an energetic politician, not in the spirit of selfish partisanship, but with a view of leading the community which he is a member of, on to the realisation of loftier social and political ideas than are embodied in it at the time being. In short, if he is to preserve the high ideals of his profession, he must be provided with ample means and be totally free from all care and want.

Jaffna, unfortunately, appears to be blessed with a set of inferior men—a sort of "B" class men—who are considered not fit to receive the same rate of salaries as obtains in the rest of the Island. The poverty of Jaffna and the low standard of comfort of the Jaffna man have been urged as reasons for placing the Jaffna teacher on a lower footing. We do not see any such distinction made in the case of public servants who happen to serve in Jaffna. Even Inspectors of Schools are not being penalised for serving in Jaffna. We cannot therefore understand the invidious distinction made only with regard to the poor schoolmaster. Is it possible that some mighty members of the Legislative Council who are interested in educational institutions have had a hand in shaping this policy? Whoever was responsible for it has insulted not the Jaffna teacher but the Jaffna community as a whole. We hope the teachers as a body would stand up for their rights and demand a uniform scale for the whole Island. If the cost of living is high in places like Colombo and Kandy, then the best thing would be to have some sort of station allowance in the case of those serving in these particular places.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

WEATHER:—A change in the weather has set in during this week. There was a light drizzling in some parts of the Town. The sky is overcast and there is prospect of a down pour.

DR. CURR TO BE HONOURED:—At a meeting held in the Ridgeway Hall it was resolved to hold an "At Home" and to present a Souvenir to show public appreciation of the recent honour conferred on Dr. (Miss) Curr of the McLeod Hospital, Inuvik. At the "At Home, which will be held after the investiture it will be decided as to what shape a permanent memorial to her worth should take.

JUDICIAL:—Mr. K. Kanagasabai, Crown Proctor, is to act as Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Jaffna, Kayts and Mullakam, during the absence of Mr. V. P. Redden from March 21 to April 1, 1929.

A RETRO-PROSPECTIVE JUDICIAL NOTIFICATION:—Last Friday's Gazette contains the following notification of a judicial appointment which took place about 5 weeks back. "Mr. J. Light to be, in addition to his own duties, Additional Police Magistrate, Jaffna and Kayts," on February 8, 1929."

PERSONAL:—Mr. F. A. Sandrasegura, Inspector of Co-operative Societies, N. D. Jaffna who was touring the Madras Presidency studying the co-operative movements there is expected in Jaffna on Saturday, the 30th inst.

MEDICAL:—Mr. J. A. Periepanayagam of Kayts Dispensary is appointed Apothecary in charge of Koskivil Dispensary which is to be newly opened.

A PUBLIC LECTURE:—Under the auspices of the Thirunelvely Y. M. H. A., Rev. Percy T. Cash, M. A., B. Sc., Principal, Jaffna Central College, will deliver a public lecture on "The Mind of the Crowd," at the Parameshwara College Hall, Thirunelvely, on Saturday, the 23rd March 1929, at 6.30 p.m. Mr. S. Natesapilla, B. A., B. L., Principal, Parameshwara College, will preside. Special accommodation will be provided for ladies.

"AVERTIN"—A NEW ANAESTHETIC:—A new anaesthetic, which is not yet on the commercial market has been brought to light by two distinguished anaesthetists, one of whom, Dr. Shipway, acted as anaesthetist to the King in his recent operation. It is called "Avertin" and is given by injection. In the record of 198 serious cases in which it is said to have been used, there were only two deaths under the anaesthetic. The doctors say that "Avertin" produces unconsciousness more quickly and quietly than any similar drug with which they had experience and that after-effects are almost absent.

OLD CASIM'S THIRD CONVICTION:—An old Muslim, Casim Bawa, was charged before the Police Magistrate of Jaffna with illicit sale of Garja and was convicted and sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment, this being his third conviction. It was only a week before that he returned from jail after serving six weeks' imprisonment.

MOTOR SPEED RECORD OF 260:—Mr. Kaye Don the racing motorist will next year try to break the world motor speed record of 231.36 miles per hour set up by Major Segrave at Daytona Beach. He is getting a car made which he hopes will reach a speed of 260 miles an hour and will make the attempt at Daytona.

Jubilee of Sir P. Ramanathan FIFTY YEARS A COUNCILLOR.

(A BEACON LIGHT OF NOBLE AND SELF SACRIFICING SERVICE.)

The Grand Old Man of Ceylon, Hon. Sir P. Ramanathan, enters on his fiftieth year of service to the country through the Legislative Council of Ceylon. This is a record in the history of Ceylon—an enviable record which few can aspire to make. He entered Council when many of the present Councillors had not seen the light of day. To him the Council Chamber has no halo about it; he is quite at home there as in his "Sukasthan". His life is one of continued service to his motherland irrespective of caste, creed, and community. If any could lay claim to an all-Ceylon leadership, it is the G. O. M. Apart from his activities in Council, his many acts of philanthropy stand out in bold relief before the public eye. His life in Council and out of Council is one with a religious background.

The Ceylon Tamil League has done well in the move it has made to celebrate the fiftieth year of the veteran Kripathi's career in Council which comes off in May this year. The Report of the Executive Committee of the League adopted at its General Meeting gives the following worthy tribute to his services to the country:—

"The event of great and peculiar significance to the Tamil League as well as to the public as a whole, is that very soon, in May next to be exact, our respected and venerable President, (Sir) Ponnambalam Ramanathan, will attain the fiftieth anniversary of his association, as a member, with the Legislative Council. To sing the praises of Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan, especially among a gathering of Tamils, would be indeed superfluous, and it is not the intention of the Executive Committee to do anything of the kind, but it would be seriously lacking in the sense of gratitude were it to refrain from saying that throughout the length and breadth of this country there can be but one wish in this connection and that is that the Grand Old Man of Ceylon will be spared for many more years to serve as a beacon light of noble and selfless service not only to the members of his community, but also to the public as a whole."

A Complete Misunderstanding

AN ANTI TEMPERANCE MEETING. WESLEYAN SCHOOL THE VENUE.

It will be remembered that a few weeks ago an anti temperance meeting was held in the Wesleyan Mission School, Chermia Street. The "wet" conveners of the meeting originally proposed to hold the meeting at Venkadesa Perumal Kovil of the same place. But the authorities of the temple who were in the dark about the venue of the meeting, on coming to know of it held an emergency meeting of the Temple Panchayat and notified to the public that no permission had been granted, would be granted, to hold such a meeting in the temple premises. The "wets", therefore, at the last moment somehow or other managed to hold their meeting in the Wesleyan School and passed resolutions favouring the reopening of taverns. This upset those connected with the mission which is an avowed enemy of liquor traffic. This event has caused some resentment in the Wesleyan Methodist Society in London, who have called for explanation from the local missionaries.

The London Correspondent of the "Ceylon Daily News" has sent the following to his paper, which will be of interest to temperance workers and the Wesleyans:—

With reference to a report which appeared in the Ceylon papers a few weeks ago, about a meeting having been held in the Jaffna Wesleyan School Hall, in favour of the reopening of the taverns in that place, the officials of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in London, have received a telegram from their Chairman in North Ceylon, to the effect that the statement in question was "complete misrepresentation" of the facts.

In the letter conveying this intimation to me the Rev. G. E. Hickman Johnson adds: "Fortunately one of our General Secretaries, the Rev. W. J. Noble, happens at the moment to be in Ceylon, and is leaving at the end of this week for England. He will be able to tell us the whole story on his arrival."

Sports.

ROYAL DEFEATS ST. THOMAS.

The only cricket match to which all lovers of sport look up to with much interest and one which is having a proud record of fifty years was played on the 14th and 15th instants between the Royal College and St. Thomas' College. The Royal-Thomian match as it is generally known ended in a victory to the Royalists, Thomians losing by seven wickets and 2 runs. The Royalists scored 298 runs in the first innings, while the Thomians scored 190. The Thomians were then allowed to bat first in the second innings, in which they scored only 188. Four of the Royalists batted and brought their total score to 380, thus defeating the Thomians whose total score was 328.

Local Law Examinations

PASS LIST FOR JANUARY PUBLISHED.

At a meeting of the Council of Legal Education held at the Judges' Library on the 15th instants and presided over by Mr. Justice Garvey, the following were declared to have passed the law examinations held in January last:—

Advocates' Second: V. Thillainathan, M. S. Peter, V. T. de Zoysa, G. P. J. Kurukulasuri, V. S. Gunawardena, P. O. U. de Rosseyro, E. A. Nagawala, F. O. W. Van Geysel, T. Ramalingam and Claude S. Fernando.

Advocates' Third: E. G. Wickremanyake, W. Thegodaphiya, E. F. N. Gnanabalan, N. Krishnasadan and C. R. Ganarathne.

Under rule 56, F. O. Perera.

Scholarship: The scholarship of Rs. 480, tenable for one year, is awarded to V. Thillainathan.

Prize: The cash prize of Rs. 250 is awarded to E. G. Wickremanyake.

Proctors' Second: N. W. R. Karunaratne, Wilson de Silva, S. A. O. de S. Wickremasuriya, S. O. Soore, W. S. Thurairajah, K. Arthur de Silva, E. Vevial, Meryu de Misi, E. W. Mathew, H. D. Dharmaratne, F. A. de S. Wijeratne, F. W. E. de Vea, D. O. Abeygunewarajah, T. E. D. Perera, P. Nadarajah, J. P. W. Daggod, M. O. Fernando, S. E. A. Perera, O. M. Hussein, I. Ratanatunga, B. S. Piyadasa, L. M. Fernando M. U. M. Sathes, S. N. Kadungimur, V. A. P. Nayakara, E. H. P. Jayatilake, S. Kandiah, and A. R. de Livera.

Proctors' Third: P. B. de Silva, R. B. Balaha, K. J. Kuruppu, J. Nagalingam, C. S. Senaviratne, W. A. Jayasinghe, P. G. Fernando, A. Theunwar, E. W. Edirwirasinghe, O. N. E. de Silva, K. Stanish, F. Sebastian, and S. A. Nalliah.

Proctors' Ensl (O): D. A. Wickremasinghe and H. D. P. Ganawardena.

Scholarships: The scholarship of Rs. 360, tenable for one year, is awarded to N. W. H. Karunaratne, and the second scholarship of Rs. 240, tenable for one year, to Wilson de Silva.

Prize: The cash prize of Rs. 150 is awarded to P. B. de Silva.

Conveyancing: V. S. S. Kumaraswamy.

Ceylon Tamil League.

UNIVERSAL FRANCHISE.

SIR P. RAMANATHAN'S STATUE.

The annual general meeting of the Ceylon Tamil League was held on Saturday at the Tower Hall commencing at 3 p.m. In the absence of the President, Sir P. Ramanathan, K. O., owing to indisposition, the chair was occupied by Dr. M. M. Kumarasamy, and the others accommodated on the platform were Mr. H. A. P. Sandrasegura, K. O., Mr. R. Sagarejasingham, Mr. J. Tyagaraj, Mr. A. Canagaratnam, Mr. H. T. Ramasubramanian, Mr. W. S. Niles and Mr. R. Nadarajah, (Hon. Secretary.)

The Secretary read the notices convening the meeting and the Minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed.

The report for the year ending October 1928 was then read and on the motion of Mr. A. Canagaratnam, seconded by Mr. W. S. Niles it was adopted.

Mr. J. Thyagarajah then spoke on "The Franchise and Education." He advocated universal franchise and universal education and commended to the present and future members of the Legislative Council the remarks of the late Mr. G. Radstone: "Educate your Masters."

Mr. H. A. P. Sandrasegura who addressed the gathering pleaded for unity among the Tamils and co-operation with the other communities in the Island. He wanted that they should show a greater spirit of union than they had done in the past in all matters concerning the Tamils so that their voice might be heard unitedly and with effect.

FIFTY YEARS A COUNCILLOR.

Mr. J. Rutnam moved that the Tamil League should appoint a Committee to co-operate with other communities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Sir P. Ramanathan's association with the Legislative Council which falls in May this year. Dr. Kumarasamy, in seconding, suggested that that Committee should act in co-operation with the Committee originally appointed, consisting of all communities, to bring out the statue of Sir P. Ramanathan which has been lying in London for some time. The resolution was adopted.

OFFICE BEARERS.

The result of the elections was as follows:— President: Sir P. Ramanathan, K. O. Vice President: Mr. H. A. P. Sandrasegura, K. O., Dr. M. M. Kumarasamy, Mr. R. Sri Pathmanathan and Mr. A. Mahadeva. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. H. T. Ramasubramanian. Hon. Secretary: Mr. R. Nadarajah. A Committee of forty was appointed, five to form a quorum.

NEW GRAIN DISCOVERED:—A new grain described as a cross between wheat and rye, having the quality of wheat and the power of rye to resist cold has been produced by Russian scientists.

Mahatma's Mission of Life.

BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

REALISATION OF ADVAIT HINDUISM.

Addressing over 60,000 people in Rangoon, in the course of his reply to an address Mahatma Gandhi speaking on the mission of his life said:—

"My mission is not merely freedom of India though it is today undoubtedly engrosses practically the whole of my life and the whole of my time. But through realisation of freedom of India I hope to realise and carry on the mission of brotherhood of man. My patriotism is not an exclusive thing. It is all embracing and I should reject that patriotism which engenders to mount upon the distress of other nationalities for the exploitation of such nationalities. The conception of my patriotism is nothing, if it is not always in every case without exception, consistent with the broadest good of the humanity at large. But my religion and my patriotism derived from my religion embraces all life. I want to realise brotherhood or identity not merely in the things called human, but I want to realise identity of all life of those things which are called crawling things on earth. I wish, if I don't give you a shock, to realise identity with even the crawling order of life upon earth, because we claim the common descent from the same God and that being so, all life in the matter, in whatever form it appears, must be essentially one. I can, therefore, safely claim all the credit that you may choose to give me in describing my mission of brotherhood of man."

UNTOUCHABILITY.

Speaking to the same audience about untouchability in Hindu society Gandhi said:—

"As a necessary corollary I have said times without number that untouchability is a serious blot on Hinduism and I think that in the long run in the race for life in which all the religions of the world are today engaged, I think either Hinduism has got to perish or untouchability has to be rooted out completely so that the fundamental facts of Advait Hinduism may be realised in practical life."

Development of Sinhalese Language.

The Sinhalese Literary Congress, with a view to developing their language has struck upon a method of encouraging literary pursuits among the Sinhalese. It has arranged to award an annual prize of Rs. 250 for the best work written in Sinhalese each year. The conditions governing the award are as follows:—

Books considered for the prizes are such as will conduce to the development of the Sinhalese language and to the intellectual advancement of the Sinhalese people. New editions of old classics and commentaries and paraphrases of them will not be accepted.

Every year three judges will be appointed by the President and the Secretary of the Literary Congress to make their recommendations for the award. Their names will not be published.

If in any year, in the opinion of the judges, no work of sufficient merit has been produced, no award will be made that year.

The first award, will be made in April, 1930, and books written up to February 28 of that year will be judged.

The prizes for the first three years have been offered by Mr. J. P. Obeyesekere Maha Mudaliyar.

INDIAN & FOREIGN

SIXTEEN MILLIONS FAMINE STRICKEN IN CHINA: The Minister of Public Health who is visiting Hunan, Szechuan and Kansu, has reported that over 16,000,000 persons are suffering from famine in the three provinces alone.

WAR DEBT PAYMENTS TO GREAT BRITAIN:—The British Government has paid to the British Government the sum of £2,125,000 sterling, the seventh instalment payable under the Italian War Debt Funding Agreement of 1925. A sum of £ 125,000 sterling was repaid to the Italian Government in accordance with article seven of the agreement. The French Government also has paid £1,000,000 to the British Government as their sixth instalment on account of the French War Debt.

FIVE BY ELECTIONS IN ENGLAND:—Political atmosphere in England is tense over the impending by-elections next week. Political experts and party leaders evince much anxiety and interest awaiting the results of the elections which are considered a miniature General Election. There will be five by-elections, all for seats held by conservatives, rendered vacant by death. Such a remarkable number of seats within a short time of the General Election is unprecedented. Formerly in such contingencies arrangements were occasionally made among the parties to accept the By-election result as conclusive and allow the winner to return unopposed at the General Election. Such an arrangement, at present, is considered impossible owing to the temper of the parties and the fact that the new registers with hosts of newly franchised women voters will come into force before the General Election.

Jaffna Hindu College

OLD BOYS' DAY (COLOMBO BRANCH)

The following is the text of the report and statement of accounts for the period, January 1928 to March 1929, of the Jaffna Hindu College Old Boys' Association as presented at the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday last at Z. Hite College, Colombo:—

MEMBERSHIP AND OLD BOYS' LIST.

An effort was made for the last few years to compile a register of the Old Boys in Colombo; last year a sub-committee was appointed to complete the work and we are happy to state that a list of Old Boys has been prepared. We cannot, however, in view of the facts that the Old Boys are scattered all over Colombo and that there are frequent transfers of members, most of whom are in Public Service, claim the list to be complete. We have on the Register the names of more than 200 members, with their addresses up to date; the addresses of more than 100 members were not available to us. It is hoped that a further effort would be made to make the list more complete.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The committee met seven times to discuss matters of importance; no meeting was given up for want of a quorum—a healthy sign that members are taking a lively interest in the affairs of the association. Mr. Ponnappah was transferred to Jaffna and had therefore to resign his secretaryship and the present secretary accepted the office over again. We are very glad to mention that Mr. Mandalanayagam, one of our most energetic old boys is back with us in Colombo; the earliest opportunity was availed of to make him a member of the Executive Committee.

FINANCE.

The treasurer's statement of accounts gives the balance in hand with him; the costs of annual celebrations, occasional parties, and of sports meet are always met by special sub-committees for the purpose. We gratefully acknowledge our thanks to all our members, who have always willingly responded to our appeal for funds and with pleasure we express our confidence in the continued generosity of our members.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES.

A special feature of the period under review was the creation of opportunities for members to meet together. The Old Boys played Volley Ball against the Registrar General's Office and won it; they met the Wellawatte Recreation Club at Tennis which ended in a draw; we wish that in the future efforts be made to give more opportunities for the Old Boys to meet each other. We had a successful farewell party to Mr. S. Ponnappah, the late Secretary on the eve of his transfer to Jaffna. Our sincere thanks to him for all that he did for the Association.

NECESSITY FOR ORGANISED EXISTENCE.

We cannot yet say that the activities of the Association are on an organized basis—though it has been in existence for more than ten years; this Association includes in its membership leading men from all parts of Jaffna; our College is a national institution of its own type in the Island. It is owned by the Hindu Public of Jaffna and managed for them by the accredited and accepted Hindu leaders of Jaffna; it has its Old Boys from every part of Jaffna; hence this Old Boys Association may fairly be expected to represent the feelings of the Jaffna people. We ought, therefore, to take greater interest in the educational and allied matters of Jaffna. Your Committee regret that the Association was not able to take any interest whatsoever as an organized body in the University Question and attempted to bring to bear its influence on the Jaffna members in Council; and the regret is greater today when the committee unanimously feel that a very large majority of the Jaffna people want the University in or about Colombo.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT & THE MOTHER ASSOCIATION.

We are very happy to welcome our new President Mr. V. R. Venkataraman, M.A.; it is only a year since he assumed duties as Principal of the College; in this short time his presence has been felt in all parts of Jaffna and with joy we mention that the College has made good progress. We have to request him to give the Old Boys in Colombo opportunities to meet the masters and present students of the College in Jaffna. The Old Boys in Colombo are in the dark with respect to the activities of the College, the changes in the Staff and other objects of interest in the College. We feel that the publication of a College Magazine will answer the purpose successfully; it will also help to bring the Old Boys in closer contact with the present Boys in the College; we must express that we are aware of the element of responsibility that is always attached to an advice. We shall be glad to render the Principal any assistance to bring out the Magazine into existence—a continued and healthy existence. We may also suggest an Old Boys meet at the College during the Easter Holidays. We feel that if the mother Association be reconstituted, the proposed meet will be a reality and a success.

CONCLUSION.

The College and the Jaffna public in general have sustained a great loss by the death of the late Mr. A. Kanagasabai; he was the President of the Board of Directors of the College for a large number of years and took a loving and keen interest in the affairs of the College. We regret his loss very much. Your Committee would strongly recommend to you to offer two prizes annually at the presentation of the College—the Srikanthapriya prize for English Essay and the Sri Kanagasabai prize for General Knowledge. These two gentlemen were honourable men and members of the Legislative Council and were connected with the Management of the College from its inception up to their death. Your present committee have decided to offer these two prizes this year.

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The Colombo Hindu Dharma Samaj Kotahena

SRI RAMAKRISHNA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

The 94th Birthday of Bhagavan Sri Rama Krishna Paramahansa was celebrated on the Janma Thiti Day which fell this year on Wednesday, the 13th inst, commencing at 7 p.m. at the Samaj. The day being a Public Holiday, and as most of the members had gone outstation on leave, the programme already arranged had to be abridged. To suit the occasion a photo of the Great Master was hung on the wall tastefully decorated with flowers.

Mr. O. R. Maharajah, Professor of "Indian Music," Ananda College, assisted by Mr. S. Sannagom on the Tabla entertained the audience for a short time by playing on the harmonium selected *Gaithams* from the compositions of Rabinadrath Tagore, and Saini Thigarajah of Tadjora Messers Tambimuttu and Sivaguru of the Vidya Vinodha Sabha, who were also present, sang a few songs suitable to the occasion.

The proceedings of the evening commenced with the singing of "Thavaram."

Mr. S. M. Nayagam presided and in the course of his prefatory remarks said that they had all assembled there to perform a sacred duty and that was recalling to memory the blessed name of Saint Rama Krishna, the great sage of Dakshinawar, the inspirer of Keshab Chandra Sen, Mahatma J. C. Dandekar, Swami Vivekananda, who in later days went to the West to preach the noble tenets of the Sanathana Dharma, and the philosophy contained in the Upanishats and the Bhagavad Gita, the Vedanta Dharma. He then asked Mr. S. Sinniah, one of the members, to speak on the life of the great Master.

Mr. S. Sinniah, touched upon the spiritual exercises performed by the Saint, the severe Tapas he made in search after the inviolable Atman enshrined in the hearts of all creatures, the training he received on Yoga under the guidance of Totappuri, his relationship with Sraddhamani Devi, his wife, as the very embodiment of the Divine Mother, the meeting of Narendranath Datta and the Saint and the Maha Samadhi of the Master. On a request made by Mr. S. Nadarajah, the Chairman invited the Secretary to speak on the Teachings of the Master.

Mr. V. Somasundaram, Journalist, thanked the audience for their presence in such large numbers and said the purpose for which these great incarnations appeared at various times was to save humanity from the path of unrighteousness. Vivekananda and Rama Krishna, he said, came not only for the Hindus but for all humanity irrespective of caste or creed. Their only mission on earth was to lead humanity to the great beyond of which all religions and all systems of philosophy spoke. Vivekananda's appeal was mainly directed to young men, who, he said, were the fittest to sow broadcast the message of Vedanta. And it was to them that he had pointedly appealed, in his lectures delivered from Colombo to Almore. The speaker exhorted the youths assembled to devote a good portion of their leisure hours to reading the lectures of Swami Vivekananda as that would furnish one with more knowledge than any encyclopaedia.

In bringing the proceedings to a close Mr. S. M. Nayagam hinted that it was not, after all, a hard task to make a well polished lecture on such occasions. What the Hindus wanted, he said, were missionaries to go out and preach to the hundreds who had been neglected for years the sublime doctrines of the Vedanta by means of street-lectures and publishing leaflets and pamphlets. Much malicious propaganda was being carried on by many street preachers against the Hindu religion, its beliefs and doctrines. He appealed to the Samaj to take the necessary steps and report matters to the higher authorities who were concerned in issuing licenses to them.

Owing to the lateness of the night, Mr. O. R. Maharajah postponed reading his paper on "Iqidan Music," for another occasion. The proceedings ended with Thavaram and the distribution of Vibhuti and Chandanam. Light refreshments were served at the end.

—Cor.

OBITUARY.

MR. V. VAITHILINGAM.

We regret to record the death of Mr. V. Vaithilingam, Pensioner, Kaddudai, Manipay, and father-in-law of Mr. K. Ponnusamy, Native Physician, Point Pedro, which took place a few days back after a brief illness. —Cor.

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CONCLUSION.

We thank the Ceylon Daily Papers for so kindly publishing the proceedings of our meetings and the accounts of our social parties, and the Vivekananda Society for placing the use of their Hall at our disposal for our meeting. We thank our well-wishers for their occasional generous financial support.

The Committee thank you for all your kind assistance and support and retire with the fervent hope that you will help the association to continue its existence of a usefulness with sustained strength and increased vigour.

THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS Receipts, Total Rs. 183 7/4. Payments, Total Rs. 91 3/0. Balance Rs. 89 4/4.

Sanitary Board in Jaffna.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The following is a summary of the statement of accounts of three of the towns that are under the Sanitary Board, Jaffna District:—

POINT PEDRO.

The total amount of receipts including the balance on January 1, 1928 (Rs. 3,414 6/0) is Rs. 25,414 5/4. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 16,648 4/9, leaving a balance of Rs. 8,765 0/5.

VALVETTITURAI.

Together with Rs. 4,489 8/5 being the balance on January 1, 1928 the total receipts amounted to Rs. 16,525 8/0, and the expenditure to Rs. 6,654 1/0, thus leaving a balance of Rs. 10,871 7/1.

KAYTS.

Balance on January 1, 1928, Rs. 807 8/4; Total Receipts, Rs. 13,880 4/9; Total Expenditure, Rs. 6,615 1/2. Balance on December 31, 1928, Rs. 7,265 3/4.

TEMPERATURE OF THE MOON:—The age-old theory that the moon is a cold planet has been upset by Dr. Edwin Pelt and D. Seth B. Nicholson, two American scientists, who have proved to astronomers that the temperature of the moon can vary by 700 degrees Fahrenheit. Experiments during an eclipse proved that there are temperatures on the moon's surface high enough to melt sulphur and low enough to freeze alcohol.

THE MAILS.

(G. P. O. Colombo)

RECEIPTS.

London Mails per the O. L. "Orama" are due on Saturday, March 23; and per the P & O "Kalyan" on Saturday, March 30.

Straits and China Mails per the R. L. "Tambora" are due today (Thursday); and per the M. M. "Andra Lebon" on Tuesday, March 26.

DESPATCHES.

London Mails per the P & O "Khiva" will close on Thursday, March 28; and per a P & O "Steamer" leaving from Bombay will close on Tuesday, April 2.

Straits and China Mails per the S. M. N. "Jan Pieter Cza Hooff" will close on Saturday, March 23; and per the M. M. "Alnos II" on Monday, March 25.

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. 3.30-5 Tea & Refreshments
" " Disguise Competitions
" " 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. 1413.

Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 6845.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Manickamuttu wife of Saravanasamita Vethilingam of Onalipuram who died at Tapah in the F. M. S.

- Deceased: Manohappara Theobaldasmorthy of Araly South.
Petitioner: V.
1. Chellachippillai wife of Manohappara Theobaldasmorthy of Araly South.
2. Saravanasamita Vethilingam of Onalipuram 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. O. W. Rock Esquire, District Judge, Nagalingam & Nagalingam, Prothonotaries 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 entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased bequeathed to him unless satisfied otherwise by any other person shall, on the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before December 18, 1928, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

J. O. W. Rock, District Judge.
November 27, 1928.
Extended to 26.8.29.
O. 1651.

The Lure of the Flute.

K. Srinivasan, Health Department, Corporation of Madras.

Lord Krishna's shrill but melodious and abiding music forcing out through his favourite flute...

- 1. Ventilate every room you occupy, avoid breathing foul atmosphere possibly infected with disease germs. 2. Eat and drink uncontaminated food, milk and water...

UNIQUE TEMPLES IN A JUNGLE:—An archaeological discovery of historical and religious importance has been made by Professor R. D. Banerji in the jungles of Orissa in Baudh Panchayati State.

THE LARGEST AIR FLEET:—France has the largest air fleet in the world with 1400 machines; Russia comes second with 1250 planes...

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa

HIS MESSAGE.

(By A. DEVOTER.)

Whoever virtue subdues and irreligion proclaims then do I throw forth myself, O Bharat, to redeem the virtues and to annihilate the wicked...

THE INFLUENCE OF PARAMAHANSA.

The life of Sri Ramakrishna reveals a world of significance. It has its bearing not only on the national life of India but also on the history of the world outside.

His life is a beautiful blending of the ideals of a sannyasin and a householder in their highest aspects. The beauty and glory of a householder's life with the lofty idealism that guides and moulds the functions of human life stands eloquently revealed in his synthetic personality.

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Ceylon Tamils in Malaya.

Chellarajah W. Chellappah (Ed. "Malayan Review".)

There was a considerable stir and much of ink-aling caused in some quarters of our local press apropos an article by a nonentity on Malaya in some school magazine in Jaffna.

Youth everywhere is impetuous. But it is rash impetuosity to express their views to the enjoyment of quidnoses and hackwriters.

One writer said that the early Jaffna pioneers were "damned exploiters." Apparently he wanted them to be aggressive adventurers.

The Chinaman is different in his conception of life. He comes to Malaya as an adventurer and sometimes as a military gambler.

Let these young men with talents for business, leadership and other heaven-born gifts create the Utopia. Let them break the shackles and iron-bound customs of our race and give us liberty, equality and fraternity.

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be seen so long as the love of woman and wealth is not extinguished. In fact the whole mental attitude is to be spiritualised to stand the alloy of the senses and to lead a life of blessedness in the world.

Catholicity and sympathy mark all his teachings. His sadhana was not confined to any particular dogma or faith but extended over the wide range of all forms of religious beliefs.

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Order Nisi.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 7012. In the matter of the estate of the late Ramalingam Ratnayam of Changanal Deceased.

- 1. Thambiah Srinetambay and wife 2. Srinaksham 3. Ponnampalam Vaitilingam and wife 4. Thangamman 5. Vailhingan Rajaratnam 6. Thelvanappillai daughter of Namasivayam Rajalingam 7. Rajalingam Kandiah of do presently of Tress Rubber Plantations Tress, F. M. S. 8. Rajalingam Sittappillai 9. Arumugam Abimbaram 10. Mahaswari daughter of Muthukumarar Nagalingam 11. Nagalingam Sithampara Nadarajah 12. Nagalingam Ramasathan 13. Muthukumarar Nagalingam all of Changanal 14. Vairamuthu Thambayah of do presently of P. W. D. Kuala Pilah, F. M. S. 15. Vairamuthu Kandiah of Changanal 16. Marugur Ramalingam of Kaddudai Manipay

Respondents.

The Master of the Petition of the abovesaid Petitioner prays that the abovesaid 8th Respondent, 9th and 13th Respondents be appointed Guardians ad litem over the minors 5th Respondent, 6th, 7th and 8th Respondents and 10th, 11th and 12th Respondents respectively for the purpose of protecting their interests and of representing them in this case and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased be issued to him coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire, District Judge, on February 12, 1929, in the presence of Mr. P. Canappillai, Prosecutor, on the part of the Petitioner and the abovesaid of the Petitioner dated February 12, 1929, having been read:

It is ordered that the abovesaid 8th, 9th and 13th Respondents be appointed Guardians ad litem over the minors 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Respondents and 10th, 11th and 12th Respondents respectively for the purpose of protecting their interests and of representing them in this case and that the Petitioner is the maternal uncle and an heir of the deceased and is entitled to have Letters of Administration issued to him unless the abovesaid Respondents or any other persons shall on or before March 21, 1929, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

James Joseph, District Judge, O. 1650.

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fore not the teachings of a blind zealot or a fanatical uplift but are those of a serene world harmoniser, preaching the gospel of equality and oneness of all apparently conflicting religions of the world, the transcendent glory of the human soul and the salvation of humanity through renunciation, love and service.

On the 16th of August 1886 the great soul entered into Mahasamadhi, leaving behind, a handful of young Sannyasin disciples to carry his sacred message to the world; and it is interesting to note that in spite of various attempts to crush them, the idea has lived and the name of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa is known all over India by its millions of people, and the power of the great man has spread beyond the bounds of India to the farthest quarters of the globe.

Hindu.

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