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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
ORDER NISI.

Testamentary } **No. 853**
Jurisdiction }
In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Annappillai daughter of Sinnatampi
Kartikesu of Tanakkarakurichy
Deceased.
Ramanader Kantaiyah Secretary of the District
Court of Jaffna
Vs.
1. Sinnatampi Kartikesu
2. Kartikesu Sarawanamuttu
3. Vinayaker Sinniah, wife
4. Alice Sinnappillai
5. Eljatampi Vallipuram and
6. wife Eladchumippilly all of Tanakkarakurichy
Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Ramanader Kantaiyah Secretary of the District Court of Jaffna praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Annappillai daughter of Sinnatampi Kartikesu coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire, District Judge, on the 22nd day of April 1899 in the presence of Messrs Casippillai and Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of Sinnatampi Kartikesu of Tanakkarakurichy dated the 9th day of July 1899 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner as Secretary of the District Court of Jaffna 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 the 29th day of May 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 22nd day of April 1899
Signed/ C. EARDLEY WILMOT
District Judge

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
ORDER NISI.

Testamentary } **No. 849**
Jurisdiction }
In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Nellinachchan wife of Chankarapi
Muruker of Mantuvil
Deceased
Ramanader Kantaiyah Secretary of the District
Court of Jaffna
Petitioner
Vs.
1. Chankarappillai Muruker
2. Chitamparanatar Chuppiramanian and
3. wife Taywanipillai of Mantuvil and
4. Kathirecher Chitamparanatar of Madduvil
Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Ramanader Kantaiyah Secretary of the District Court of Jaffna praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Nellinachchan wife of Chankarappillai Muruker of Mantuvil coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire, District Judge, on the 22nd day of April 1899 in the presence of Messrs Casippillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of Chankarappillai Muruker dated the 16th day of June 1897 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner as Secretary of the District Court of Jaffna 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 the 29th day of May 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 22nd day of April 1899
Signed/ C. EARDLEY WILMOT
District Judge.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.
ORDER NISI.

Testamentary } **No. 913**
Jurisdiction }
In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Sultan Mukiedeen Nachchia wife of
Meeralabbe Marakayer Mukamadulebbe
Marakayer of Vannarponnai
Deceased
Ramanader Kantaiyah Secretary of the District
Court of Jaffna
Petitioner
Vs.
1. Mukaiyatheenkundu Segu Abdulcader
2. Meeralabbe Marakayer Mukamadulebbe Marakayer
of Vannarponnai West
Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Ramanader Kantaiyah Secretary of the District Court of Jaffna praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Sultan Mukayedeen Nachchia wife of Meeralabbe Marakayer Mukamadulebbe Marakayer of Vannarponnai West coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire, District Judge, on the 22nd day of April 1899 in the presence of Messrs Casippillai & Cathiravelu Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of Mukaiyatheenkundu Segu Abdulcader dated the 30th day of June 1893 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner as the Secretary of the District Court of Jaffna 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 the 29th day of May 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
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THE HINDU ORGAN.
JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1899
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
Today Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, completes her eightieth birthday. This is an occasion for demonstrations of grati-

tude by her subjects in all parts of the globe and for fervent prayers for the further prolongation of her most precious life and most glorious reign. Her Majesty not only rules over the largest and the most powerful Empire the world has ever seen, but history cannot point to a sovereign who had reigned so long and whose reign had been at the same time productive of such benefits to humanity and civilization, as Her Majesty's reign has done. As loyal and grateful subjects of Her Majesty we tender to her our humble felicitations on this auspicious occasion and pray that she may be spared to exercise her benign sway and influence over her Empire and the world at large for several years to come.

HINDU TEMPORALITIES

We have often in these columns advocated the necessity of introducing some legislation to safeguard the interests and regulate the affairs of Hindu Temporalities in this Island. In a recent issue of our paper we pointed out that this subject was engaging the serious attention of the Government of Madras, where, though Hindu Temporalities are not in that helpless and confused condition they are in Ceylon, fresh legislation has been promised by that Government for their more effective control. The memorial of the Hindus of the Northern and Eastern Provinces of this Island praying for the passing of a Hindu Temporalities Ordinance on the lines of the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance, has not hitherto borne any fruit. The efforts of our Government Agent, Mr. Ievers, to bring about, by some peaceful means, reforms in the management of Hindu Temples in Jaffna, without having recourse to special legislation, have also failed. It is said that Mr. Ievers himself has now recommended to Government the introduction of some kind of legislation to protect Hindu Temporalities from the misappropriation of their revenues by their trustees and managers. It is earnestly to be hoped that he will signalize his tenure of office as Government Agent of the Northern Province by the introduction of some reforms in the Management of Hindu Temples, which measure cannot fail to give satisfaction to the vast majority of the Hindus in this Colony.

We have been tempted to revert to this subject by the perusal of the following pertinent remarks, in his administration report for 1898, of Mr. Lushington, Assistant Government Agent, Trincomalee—a District containing a large number of Hindu Temples, some of them very ancient ones, with rich endowments. What Mr. Lushington says of Temples in his District is applicable with greater force to those in Jaffna. The present Assistant Government Agent of the District of Trincomalee deserves the sincere thanks of the Hindus of Ceylon for the persistent and earnest manner in which he has advocated the cause of legislation to regulate the management of Hindu Temples and safeguard their interests. He says:—

I would also repeat the recommendation which I have made in my reports for 1896 and 1897, viz., that an Ordinance be passed for regulating the election of trustees of Hindu temples throughout the Tamil Districts.

Rival claimants to the managership lease the temple properties to different parties, and quarrels ensue which may at any moment lead to bloodshed. I have a case now pending in the District Court arising from a dispute of this kind.
Another matter of great importance I have
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உண்பதற்கு
வாழ்கவந்தவாணவரானினம்.....
விந்தைப்புனல்வேந்தனுமோருட.....
ஆழ்கவையெல்லாமாறமே.....
குழுவையெழுந்தவந்திசை.....

விளம்பரம்.

இவ்வியந்திரசாலையிலுள்ள சில புத்தகங்களின்விலை இப்பொழுது குறைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றது. இனிமேல் இரண்டாம் பாலபாடம் ௧0 சதமாகவும் மூன்றாம் பாலபாடம் ௨0 சதமாகவும் நிகண்டு கவது முதல் ௧0 வது முடிய ௭௫ சதமாகவும், ௧௧ வது முதல் ௧௨ வது முடிய ௨௫ சதமாகவும் விற்கப்படும்.

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பாஸ்போடையின்

அவ்வது
ஜீவிய சஞ்சிவத் திரவம்.
வருஷாவருஷம் ௨௦-௩௦௦௦ புட்டி மருந்து உலக
முழுவதிலும் விற்பனையாகின்றது.

சென்ற இருதர வருஷங்களாக ஐரோப்பிய
வைத்தியர்களும் அமெரிக்காவைத்தெரிந்தும் பாஷா
ணவியைக் கண்டேறினார்கள். சென்ற மூன்றாண்டுகளாக
விவாதிகள் தீர்க்க மருந்துகள் தேடிக்கொண்டிருந்தபோது,
சென்ற அமெரிக்காவின் மலப்பிரதேசங்களில் ஒரு மு
லையாக கண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்டது. அம்முலையைக்கொ
ண்டு இத்திரவம் கண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்டது. ஆகையால்
இவ்வியந்திரசாலையின் மூத்திரதார விவா
திகள் எவ்வளவு தீவிரத்தையுடையதாயும், தோற்றமுள்ள
தாயிருந்தும் முழுமையும் உடனே பரிசீலிக்கும்.

பாஸ்போடைன்:—அதே கஷ்ட விவாதிகளைப் ப
லவியும், வெட்டும், வீரியக்குறைவு, கண்டமலம், உ
ருவியாதிகள், கைகள் குடைக்கல்களுக்கு பிரதான
மருந்தாகக் கண்டிருக்கிறது.

பாஸ்போடைன்:—சருமத்தின்மீதுள்ள திழிப்பு, க
ண்மலம், கண்டமலம், கண்டமலம், கண்டமலம், 10
வகை, செம்பு, பிசியம், அஜிர், காய்வு,
தலைவலி இவைகளைக் கண்டிக்க விசேஷமான வீரிய
ம் கொண்டுள்ளது.

பாஸ்போடைன்:—சுலமான பெரிய வைத்தியர்க
ளையும் விசேஷமான ஓஷன்மென்டா உற்பத்திக்கு
கிறது. இது முன்கூட்டிச் சென்றிருந்தே தேசமுழுதிற்கும்
ஆரோக்கியமுண்டாக்கும்.

பாஸ்போடைன்:—ஜீவிய தேவ உற்பத்திக்கு வலி
மையுடைய சிலவற்றை எப்போதும் பூரணபலத்தைத் த
ந்து தேசத்தை உறுதிப்படுத்தும்.

பாஸ்போடைன்:—சுலமான ஸ்திரீகளுக்கு தே
ரும் விவாதிகளுக்கு ஏற்ற தீவிர மருந்து.

பாஸ்போடைன்:—எவ்விதமான காரணமான காரி
திலிருந்துள்ள சென்ற மருந்தல்ல. ஆதலால் இம்மருந்
தால் வியையும் கண்டமலம் ஸ்திரீகளுக்கும்.

பாஸ்போடைன்:—இது வறுமையிலும் வயிற்றின்கண்
கண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்ட விசேஷ வீரியமருந்து. சீர்ததி
ல் மாந்திரீகம்போல் வேலைசெய்யும் மருந்து. எப்போதும்
குருதியிலுள்ள துருந் மறுபுனல் கந்தோஷமும்
ஆசரியமும் சென்றிருக்கும் பொழுது தினமும், ஆ
கையால் ஒருமுறை சோதிக்கவும்.

முந்தைய விவாதிகளால் வருந்திவந்தவர்கள் வீரன
ப்பட்டவையெல்லாம், வைத்தியர்கள் கையிடப்போ
திலும் இம்மருந்து குணப்படுத்தும்.

தற்போதே மருந்தை அளவு ௧, ௨, ௩, ௪, ௫, ௬, ௭, ௮, ௯, ௧௦, ௧௧, ௧௨, ௧௩, ௧௪, ௧௫, ௧௬, ௧௭, ௧௮, ௧௯, ௨௦, ௨௧, ௨௨, ௨௩, ௨௪, ௨௫, ௨௬, ௨௭, ௨௮, ௨௯, ௩௦, ௩௧, ௩௨, ௩௩, ௩௪, ௩௫, ௩௬, ௩௭, ௩௮, ௩௯, ௪௦, ௪௧, ௪௨, ௪௩, ௪௪, ௪௫, ௪௬, ௪௭, ௪௮, ௪௯, ௫௦, ௫௧, ௫௨, ௫௩, ௫௪, ௫௫, ௫௬, ௫௭, ௫௮, ௫௯, ௬௦, ௬௧, ௬௨, ௬௩, ௬௪, ௬௫, ௬௬, ௬௭, ௬௮, ௬௯, ௭௦, ௭௧, ௭௨, ௭௩, ௭௪, ௭௫, ௭௬, ௭௭, ௭௮, ௭௯, ௮௦, ௮௧, ௮௨, ௮௩, ௮௪, ௮௫, ௮௬, ௮௭, ௮௮, ௮௯, ௯௦, ௯௧, ௯௨, ௯௩, ௯௪, ௯௫, ௯௬, ௯௭, ௯௮, ௯௯, ௧௦௦, ௧௦௧, ௧௦௨, ௧௦௩, ௧௦௪, ௧௦௫, ௧௦௬, ௧௦௭, ௧௦௮, ௧௦௯, ௧௧௦, ௧௧௧, ௧௧௨, ௧௧௩, ௧௧௪, ௧௧௫, ௧௧௬, ௧௧௭, ௧௧௮, ௧௧௯, ௧௨௦, ௧௨௧, ௧௨௨, ௧௨௩, ௧௨௪, ௧௨௫, ௧௨௬, ௧௨௭, ௧௨௮, ௧௨௯, ௧௩௦, ௧௩௧, ௧௩௨, ௧௩௩, ௧௩௪, ௧௩௫, ௧௩௬, ௧௩௭, ௧௩௮, ௧௩௯, ௧௪௦, ௧௪௧, ௧௪௨, ௧௪௩, ௧௪௪, ௧௪௫, ௧௪௬, ௧௪௭, ௧௪௮, ௧௪௯, ௧௫௦, ௧௫௧, ௧௫௨, ௧௫௩, ௧௫௪, ௧௫௫, ௧௫௬, ௧௫௭, ௧௫௮, ௧௫௯, ௧௬௦, ௧௬௧, ௧௬௨, ௧௬௩, ௧௬௪, ௧௬௫, ௧௬௬, ௧௬௭, ௧௬௮, ௧௬௯, ௧௭௦, ௧௭௧, ௧௭௨, ௧௭௩, ௧௭௪, ௧௭௫, ௧௭௬, ௧௭௭, ௧௭௮, ௧௭௯, ௧௮௦, ௧௮௧, ௧௮௨, ௧௮௩, ௧௮௪, ௧௮௫, ௧௮௬, ௧௮௭, ௧௮௮, ௧௮௯, ௧௯௦, ௧௯௧, ௧௯௨, ௧௯௩, ௧௯௪, ௧௯௫, ௧௯௬, ௧௯௭, ௧௯௮, ௧௯௯, ௨௦௦, ௨௦௧, ௨௦௨, ௨௦௩, ௨௦௪, ௨௦௫, ௨௦௬, ௨௦௭, ௨௦௮, ௨௦௯, ௨௧௦, ௨௧௧, ௨௧௨, ௨௧௩, ௨௧௪, ௨௧௫, ௨௧௬, ௨௧௭, 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already referred to under the head of "Legislation." The management of the temples is an unending source of disputes and quarrels. The manager of a temple is supposed to be a descendant of the original founder; but after the lapse of a century there may be a hundred descendants of the founder, and who is to decide which of the hundred is the present manager? There is no form of election and no order of succession. Three or four of the "descendants" make up their minds that the manager is squandering the temple funds and they take upon themselves to appoint another manager, and "then the fight begins." Two collectors of the revenues, two sets of leasees of temple lands, two factions in the village, two sets of rowdies to support the factions, two lots of broken heads, and—one temple going to ruin!

The double murder that took place at Thavadi on the 19th Instant which is referred to in our local columns is the result we hear of a dispute about the management of a Temple.

THE COLLECTION OF CUSTOMS REVENUE IN JAFFNA.

It has been brought to our notice that a proposal of the Principal Collector of Customs is under the consideration of the Government, requiring the payment of all customs duties in future in the Jaffna Kachcheri, instead of in the several ports as is now done. This innovation is sought to be introduced, we learn, with the object of saving a few hundred rupees annually which is now spent in the removal under Police guard of the cash collections to the Jaffna Kachcheri from the several Customs Offices in the Peninsula. The authorities seem to pay little or no regard to the convenience of those who pay these customs duties. It would be sufficient for them if they would only get the credit of saving even a paltry sum to Government. If those who are responsible for this proposal have a clear knowledge of the distance of the different ports of entry in the Jaffna District from the Kachcheri, surely they would not have made it, much less hoped for its adoption by the Government and acquiescence by the public here. It is on account of these paramount considerations of public convenience and safety, the existing arrangements have been in force with a Shroff at each port to receive and to be in charge of the customs collections till their removal under proper safeguards to the Kachcheri. We have no doubt that Mr. Ievers will not allow this strange, and retrogressive measure to be adopted.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Weather—There was a thunderstorm on the night of Thursday last which lasted but a few minutes. The blowing of the wind was so strong and sudden that it was feared that great damage would be caused to plantations, especially to the tobacco plants which are now being cut and cured. The blowing, however, ceased after it had lasted for about five minutes and rain fell in torrents, accompanied by lightning and thunder. One and a half inches of rain were registered that night. On Friday night also a good shower of rain fell. The weather is now clear, and it may now be said that the South-west Monsoon has set in.

The Jaffna Headmen—The revenue cutter "Srendib" took away from Jaffna on the 15th Instant, the Maniagars who were invited for the State Ball on the occasion of Her Majesty's Birthday. They arrived in Colombo on the 17th after a most perilous and unpleasant voyage we understand. It was rather ungracious on the part of the Government to have insisted on their travelling by this puny steamer, at a time when the weather was unsettled and the wind was strong and contrary. If left to themselves they would have gone more comfortably by land or secured their passage by the "Lady Havelock" which left here for Colombo the following day. We hope these Headmen will thoroughly enjoy their visit to the Metropolis and to Kandy and will have a most pleasant voyage on their return to Jaffna.

The Head Clerkship of the Jaffna Kachcheri—Mr. J. P. Clarke, Head Clerk of this Kachcheri, is under orders to proceed to Batticaloa as Head Clerk of that Kachcheri, exchanging duties with Mr. de Niese. We learn that this exchange of duties was not sought for by Mr. Clarke, but the Government has made this order at the instance of the Government Agent, Jaffna, who it is said, made some representation against his Head Clerk. We cannot bring ourselves to believe that Mr. Clarke is incompetent to be Head Clerk of the Jaffna Kachcheri, as we know him to be a smart and able officer and seeing that he is now sent as Head Clerk of another Provincial Kachcheri without reduc-

tion of salary. Nor do we think that he is guilty of any misconduct, for, we learn, that he had not been called upon for explanation, of any charges preferred against him. In our opinion the Government has acted in a high-handed manner in ordering Mr. Clark's removal to Batticaloa, without calling upon him for explanation, if any charges were preferred against him by the Government Agent. It is only right to say that Mr. Clarke's departure from Jaffna is much regretted by the public here whose esteem and confidence he has enjoyed.

Mr. C. W. Kathiravalu Pillai—The venerable figure of this gentleman, the retired Police Magistrate of Kaita, is now and again to be seen in the Jaffna District Court as Counsel in important cases. He appeared on the 15th Instant as one of the Advocates for the Plaintiff, Mr. I. Mudaliyar Tillainader, in the famous pre-emption case against Mr. V. Changarapillai, the cigar merchant. This case which stands postponed for the 29th proximo will settle the question whether the law of pre-emption is still in force in Jaffna. A godown which Mr. Changarapillai has purchased from L. P. Allegappa Chetty for Rs 12 000 is the subject of this suit. Mr. Tillainader claims it by right of pre-emption, having deposited the amount in Court. Unless a settlement is come to, this case will very likely go in appeal not only before the Supreme Court, but also before the Privy Council.

The Maniagar of Jaffna—We congratulate Mr. Thambapillai Mudaliyar on the rank of Mudaliyar with which he will be invested at Kandy today by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor—an honor which he well deserves by reason of his position as the premier Headman of the Northern Province, his long and faithful services to Government, and the high esteem and great popularity which he enjoys among the public here. We are glad to find that preparations are being made to accord him a fitting reception on his return to Jaffna after the investiture.

Mr. M. Sithamparanather—This gentleman who is President of Village Tribunal Batticaloa South, is one of the recipients of the title of Mudaliyar on the occasion of Her Majesty's Birthday. He is also a long and faithful servant of Government and has earned the esteem and confidence of his superiors by honestly and impartially discharging his duties. We congratulate Mr. Sithamparanather on the honor which has been conferred on him, in recognition of his high character as a public servant and faithful services to the Government.

The Tragedy at Thavadi—On the night of Friday last, Thavadi, a village about 3 miles from Jaffna, was the scene of two atrocious and very daring murders committed and several persons seriously wounded, as the result of a fight between two parties in that village contending for supremacy in the management of a Hindu Temple. It appears that a young man of Thavadi South was that night beaten and roughly handled by some youngmen of Thavadi North during a festival at the Temple. The friends and relations of this youngman, on hearing this, rushed to the Temple and severely assaulted his assailants, who, however, drove the invaders, so to speak, away at the point of the bayonet. It is said that knives, and other deadly weapons, were freely used by the people of Thavadi North, and about a dozen men on the other side were seriously stabbed, of whom one died on the spot and another died the next morning in the Hospital. The life of two others also is despaired of. The two men who have died were traders in well-to-do circumstances. There were no casualties on the side of the people of Thavadi North. Such a daring and bloody affray as the one that took place at Thavadi had never before, within the memory of men now living, taken place in Jaffna. Mr. Rudd, Superintendent of Police, was immediately on the spot and has made several arrests. But some of the principal accused are still at large, having absconded themselves from the village. We have been for sometime past sounding a note of warning as to the increase of lawlessness and crime in the District and to the necessity of prompt and vigorous measures being adopted by the authorities to put them down.

THE QUEEN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY.

IMPORTANT LETTERS FROM THE BISHOPS OF CALCUTTA AND COLOMBO.

Dr. Welldon, the new Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan of India and Ceylon, seems to be a man of wide sympathies and Catholic views in regard to religion, to judge from his circular letter to every Bishop under his jurisdiction, which we

give below. He is not one who treats with contempt all other religions than his own, as the vast majority of Christian Clergymen do. This circular letter more than justifies His Lordships appointment to his present exalted position and more than realises the expectations formed of him in consequence of his noble utterances in England at the time of his appointment, and in India at the time of his installation as Bishop of Calcutta. The letter of Dr. Copleston, Bishop of Colombo, on the other hand, to the Clergy under him, betrays a spirit of intolerance and bigotry peculiar to his order in Ceylon.

The letter of Dr. Welldon is as follows:—

My dear Lord Bishop—On the 24th instant, her Majesty the Queen-Empress of India, if her life be spared until then will complete her 80th year.

I desire to suggest to your Lordship, as I have done to all the other Bishops of my Province, that special services be held on that day in all the churches of this land as being a day on which the hearts of all Christians who are subjects of the Queen-Empress will naturally turn with devout feelings to Almighty God. The occasion is rather personal perhaps than official, but it will be none the less impressive if services be held without much public form or ceremony and which will assume the nature of thanksgiving for such a unique reign and in which intercessions will be offered for our beloved and venerated sovereign under whose sway India and the whole British Empire have enjoyed such singular felicity.

If my suggestion approves itself to your Lordship you will no doubt issue such instructions as are necessary to the Clergy of your Diocese. I have no right to speak for others than members of the Church of England, but the desire for a religious commemoration of her Majesty's Birthday is already felt, as your Lordship knows, in many quarters and it seems but natural that I should take this opportunity of expressing a hope that other religious bodies in India whether Christian or non-Christian, may be willing to unite with the Church in manifestations of loyalty to the Queen-Empress and of gratitude for the manifold blessings of her long and illustrious reign.

The fact that prayers should ascend simultaneously on her behalf, not from churches only, but from temples, mosques, synagogues, and other places of religious worship throughout India and Ceylon will in itself be a striking instance of that unity for which we all, amidst many grave external differences, do yet in our hearts most earnestly long and pray for.

I remain, my dear Lord Bishop, your faithful servant in Jesus Christ, J. E. O., Calcutta.

The following is Dr. Copleston's circular to the Clergy under him:—

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER—I have received, as you may already have learnt from the newspapers, an important letter from the Most Reverend the Metropolitan. His Lordship suggests to us a loyal observance of Her Majesty the Queen's eightieth birthday, and expresses a hope that the occasion may be observed also by other Christians and by non-Christians throughout India and Ceylon.

In accordance with our Metropolitan's suggestion, I request you to notice the eightieth birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty on the twenty-fourth of this month by the use of special Prayers and Thanksgivings. These may be adopted either from the Form of Prayer for the Thirtieth of June or from the Form used at the Jubilee in 1897.

Whether our Christian brethren, who are not of the Church of England, make any special observance of the day or not, we are perfectly sure that their loyal and religious prayers for our beloved Queen will be acceptable to Almighty God through the merits of His Blessed Son.

I must briefly state why I do not ask you to join in hoping that simultaneously with the prayers of the Church prayers may be offered in non-Christian places of worship.

The letter reached me on Sunday evening, the 7th of May, and seeing that the Standing Committee of the Diocese was to meet on Tuesday, the 9th, I welcomed the opportunity of consulting its members about the Metropolitan's suggestion, as I have done in many similar cases. The following resolution was then unanimously carried, in a meeting of five clergy (besides myself) seven laymen, on the motion of the Acting Archdeacon.

"That this Committee, as representing the Synod of the Diocese of Colombo, while leaving to the Lord Bishop the question of holding special services on the eightieth anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday, as suggested by the Most Reverend the Metropolitan, respectfully but earnestly deprecates any action intended to imply unity with non-Christian systems in religious worship or prayer."

Though Christian prayer is prayer in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and no other is prayer in the full sense of the word, yet we trust that lower forms of prayer are graciously accepted by God from those to whom the Name of Christ is unknown. We feel sure that among non-Christians there are many individuals, whose worship, though offered in ignorance, is yet accepted as worship of Him after whom they are seeking. Of this our Metropolitan reminds us. But he would not, I am sure, have us willingly promote the offering of one single idolatrous rite, or one address to supposed deities very different in attributes from Almighty God; or one single appeal to the virtue of the acts of Buddha—such as the nearest approach to prayer known to Buddhists. We believe these acts to be dishonouring to God and to be in themselves—whatever may be the ignorance of the worshipper—acts of sin.

With these systems, or with any in which Our Lord Jesus Christ is not recognised as the One Mediator between God and Man, we can have neither union nor unity; we can wish for no outward union because there can be no inward unity.

Praying that the Holy Spirit may guide us in this and all things according to His Holy Will.—I remain reverend and dear brother, your faithful servant in Christ.

(Signed) R. S. COLOMBO