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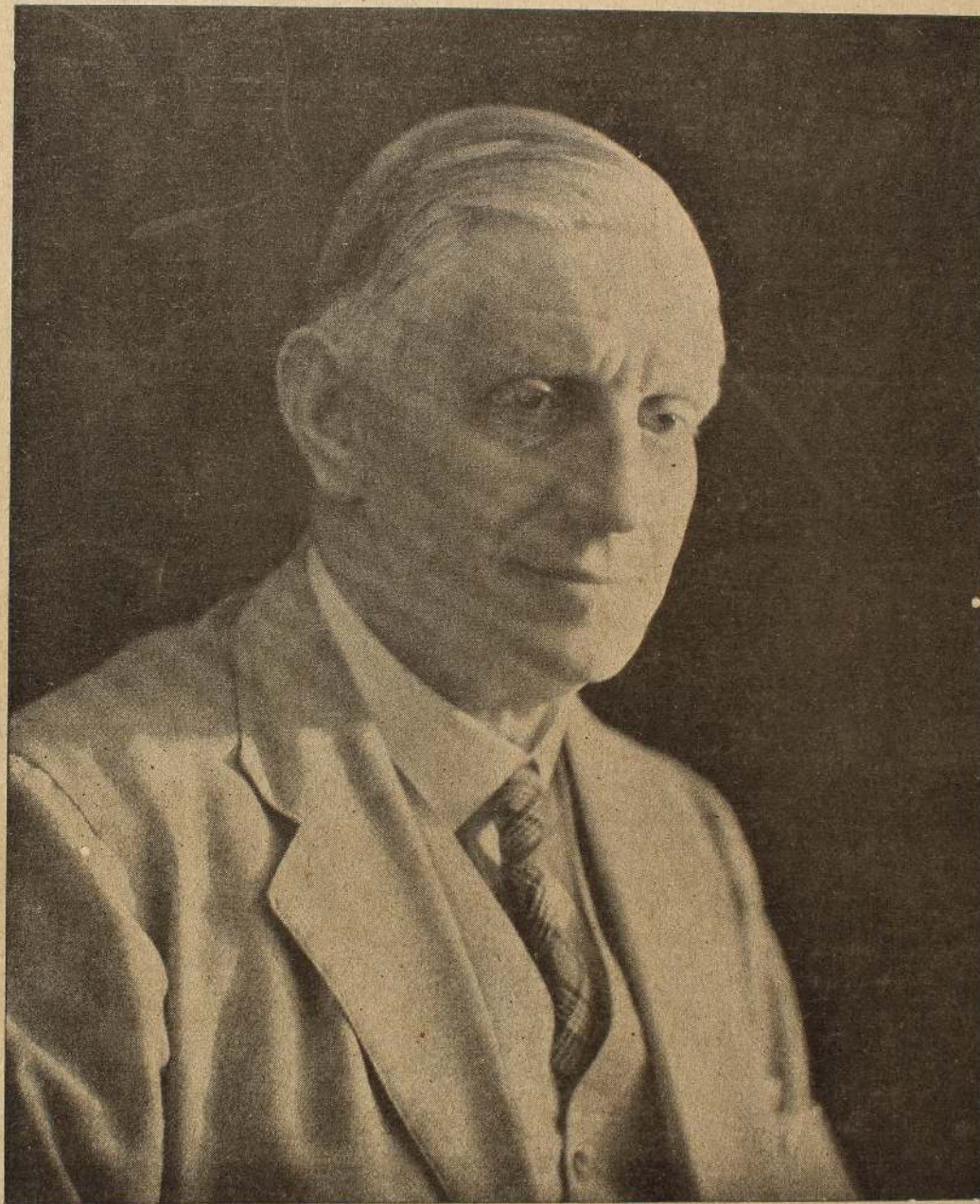


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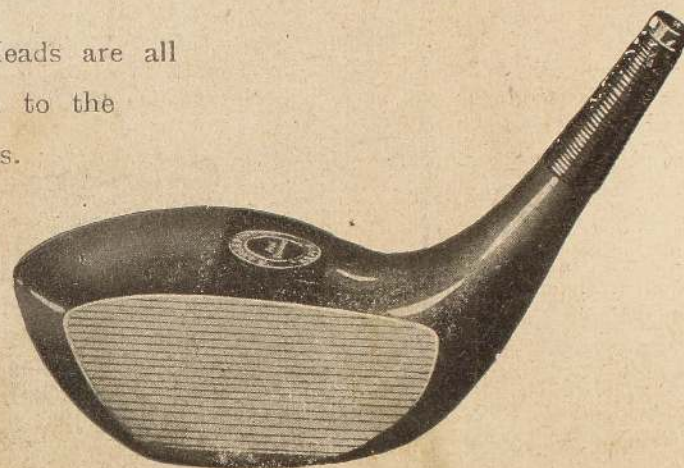
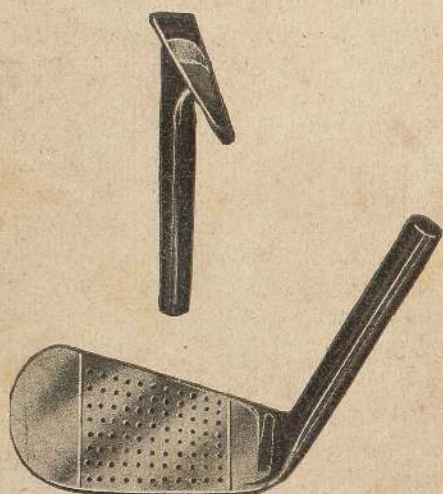
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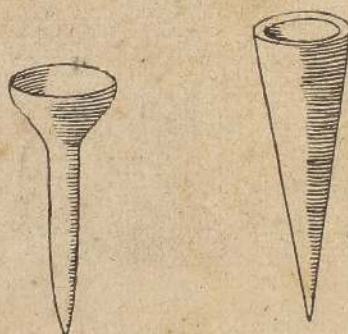
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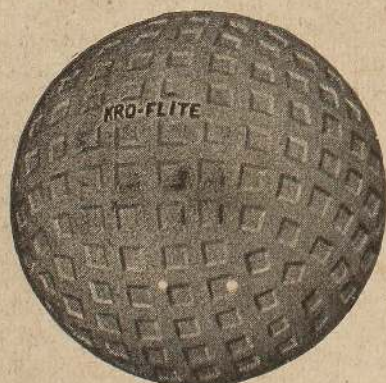
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# PASSING HOUR

The Editor

WITH this number we close the Fourth Volume of *The Ceylon Causerie*. We believe it is the first time in the history of the Island that a Magazine of this character has continued to live for four years. Its literary articles on a variety of subjects from writers of the highest repute in Ceylon, the quality of its illustrations and the comparatively small subscription it asks for, have all combined to make it a popular monthly Magazine. It is sent to Great Britain and other countries not only from our office but by readers who appreciate *The Causerie* at its real worth. In this way it has become a valuable advertising agency. We hope to continue to give our public the best service in our power.

His Excellency the Governor received a rousing reception from the very large gathering at the Annual General Meeting of the Planters' Association of Ceylon. After sympathetic references to the difficulties that confront the Planting Industry, His Excellency made a weighty pronouncement regarding retrenchment and the Public Services. He saw very little likelihood of further substantial reductions in the cadre of the Public Services without some definite change of policy involving curtailed services to the public. This is the situation which the Board of Ministers will be called upon to handle.

Mr. A. G. Baynham, who vacated the Presidential chair after three years of most noteworthy service, made a comprehensive review in which he touched upon a variety of topics, in the course of which he expressed his sympathy for the Ministers in dealing with the difficult task of preparing next year's Budget. Mr. E. C. Villiers reviewed the work of the State Council and pointed out that while the members often shewed

too much interest in trifles, there was a lamentable reluctance to making decisions in the things that mattered. The outlook was often short-sighted and parochial. We offer our congratulations to Mr. B. M. Selwyn, the new Chairman, and



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MR. A. N. L. CLARK.

trust that the silver lining to our cloud of depression may shew itself during his term of office.

Mr. A. N. L. Clark, who was re-elected President of the European Association, made a valuable contribution to the political questions of the day, at the annual general meeting of that body. His message to the Youth of Ceylon, both Ceylonese and European, is inspiring. "What better ideal can any man or woman wish for than the binding together of all classes in an effort to help the State, to make conditions better for everyone in every sense of the word, and to render such service as will, in the fulness of time, cause those who follow after to bless this generation."

The linking up of different parts of the world by the growth of rapid communications has made us realise the Yellow Fever Peril and its dreadful consequences. The proposal to build an Aerodrome in Colombo, which will connect us with the Madras—Karachi—London Airway, makes the adoption of preventive measures a matter of urgency. To be on the highway of ocean and air routes has its advantages as well as its perils.

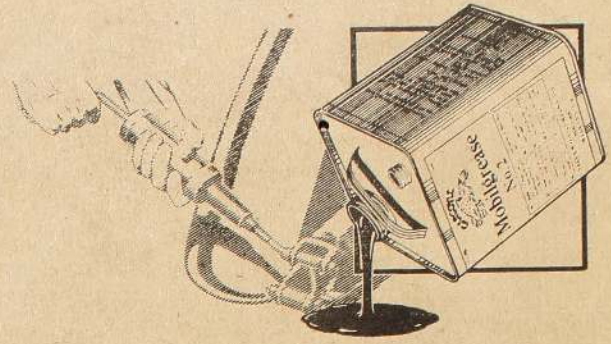
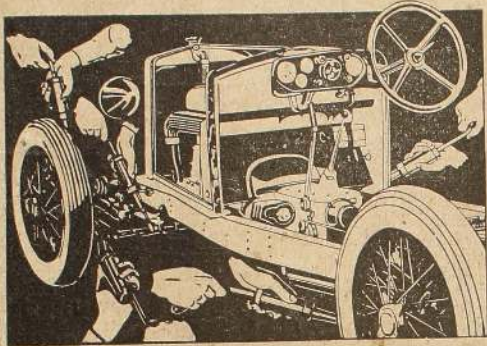
It is unfortunate that the Executive Committee of Local Administration is unable to proceed with the urgent work of widening the Galle Road from the Lauries' Road junction southwards, owing to the lack of funds. Three large and important schools, St. Peter's College, The Holy Family Convent and St. Paul's Milagiriya Girls' School lie within the congested area and the Galle Road is besides one of the main avenues of traffic. It is true that the present is not the time when money can be spared, even for works of urgent utility, but, on the other hand, land values are so low now that probably never again will the cost of acquisition be so favourable.

The Minneriya Development Scheme, which is founded on much hope, will, we trust, be the means of building up a contented land-owning community among the Middle and Peasant classes of this country. There have been 8000 applicants for the 2000 Colonists, whom it is proposed to place on the land, and the work of selecting suitable men is therefore simplified. Besides the large acreage to be cleared, there are over 20,000 acres of paddy land available for cultivation. A railway siding has been erected at Minneriya and a large number of temporary huts have been built. An agricultural instructor and a medical man, well provided with quinine, will be at the service of the colonists.

The interesting paper read by Mr. W. W. A. Phillips before the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, on "The Distribution of Mammals in Ceylon," led to a useful discussion on the wanton destruction of animal life, a matter to which we have more than once referred in these columns. Legislation, an improved conscience and co-operation are necessary to defeat this crying evil.



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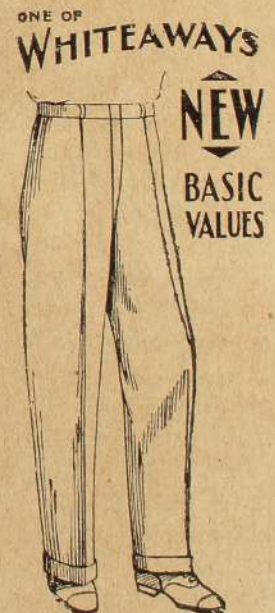
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# Ceylon Celebrities

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THE prosperity and the progress of this Island owe so much to the energy and the enterprise of the Planting industry that the history of the Planters' Association of Ceylon may be said to fill a large place in the history of this Island. In a well ordered succession of events, the captains of the Planting industry have won their way to the Presidential chair of their Association, which is fragrant with great memories.

Prominent among the famous Chairmen of past days was George Wall, who at various times from 1856 to 1884, was elected to that office. And when the failure of coffee came, he bravely turned to other enterprises to repair his shattered fortunes. His name is writ large in the Commercial, the Legislative and the Journalistic life of this Island.

Coming to more recent times, we meet with a galaxy of great names, known to our own day and generation, as the bright particular stars of the Planting community.

In 1904, when Mr. B. M. Selwyn arrived in Ceylon to start his career on our tea-clad hills, Mr. Edgar Turner was Chairman. He was followed by Mr. W. Forsyth in 1905, Mr. Jas. R. Martin in 1906 and 1907, Mr. H. A. Beachcroft in 1908, 1909 and 1910, Mr. G. C. Bliss in 1911 and 1912, Mr. F. H. Layard in 1913, Mr. Hew Kennedy in 1914 and 1915, Mr. Graeme Sinclair in 1916, 1917 and 1918, Col. T. Y. Wright in 1919 and 1920, Mr. H. D. Garrick in 1921, 1922 and 1923, Major J. W. Oldfield in 1924 and 1925, Mr. E. C. Villiers in 1928 and 1929 and by the retiring Chairman, Mr. A. G. Baynham, whose three years of office fell in one of the most critical periods of this Island's history and of the Ceylon Planters' Association. The annals of the C. P. A. will testify to his virile and able control of affairs at a time when the minds of men almost despaired.

And now Mr. Selwyn fills the chair and the moving finger writes. Those who know his energy, ability, wise-control and *bon homie* are assured that when the time comes for him to lay down his office, he will leave a record of

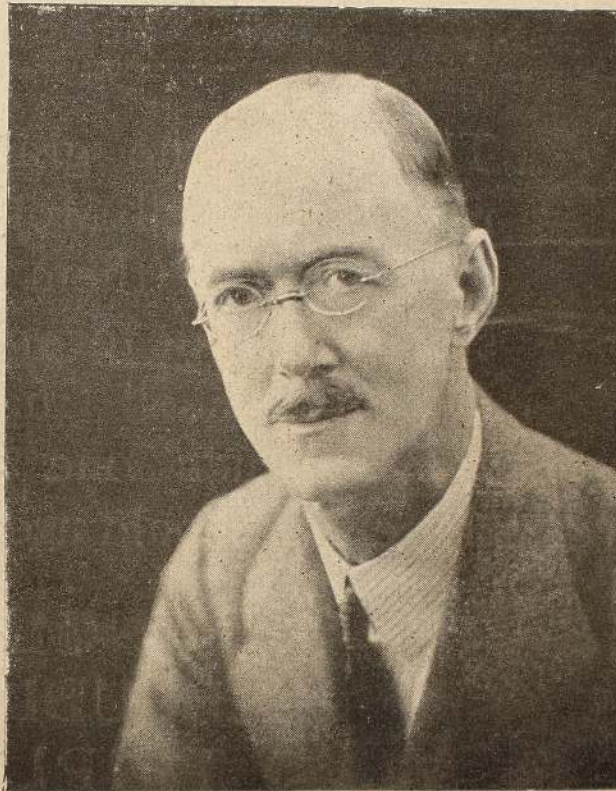


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MR. B. M. SELWYN.

work equally well and truly done.

Mr. Selwyn was educated at Lancing College from 1899 to 1903, and he came to us in the following year fresh from the ideals of this well-known Public School. The planting community of Ceylon hold high rank among men who have been nursed in the traditions of the Public Schools of Great Britain. Mr. Selwyn cut his wisdom teeth as a planter under the guidance and care of the late Mr. Harcourt Skrine, a foremost planter in his day at Osborne, Hatton. He then served three years as assistant at Poönagalla, Bandarawela, under that prince of planters and sportsmen, Mr. Robert G. Coombe, one of the most popular of "the merry men of Uva." Mr. Selwyn next

moved to the Low-country, serving three years at Vogan, Neboda. Since 1910, he has been at Uda-pola, Dehiowita.

His outstanding merits in organisation and administrative ability were not slow to be discovered for in 1910 he was elected Secretary of the Kalutara Planters' Association, and in 1924 and 1925 of the Kelani Valley Planters' Association. In 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1932 he was Chairman of the latter Association.

His volunteering record is one for justifiable pride, for after a service of twenty-two years on the active list of the C. M. R., he has served four years on the Reserve, winning the Long Service Medal. Since 1923 he has held the rank of Sergeant. He holds the appointments of Justice of the Peace and Unofficial Magistrate. He has also done much valuable service on the Rubber Research Board and the Rubber Restriction Board.

It will be seen that Mr. Selwyn succeeds to a worthy inheritance and we are confident that the pall of depression, which now hangs over the main industries of this Island will call forth from him those qualities with which men of his type have so often opposed hard circumstance.

It matters not what hand holds the rudder when the wind sits fair, but stormy seas need the stout heart and the sure direction of the brave and experienced sailor. The inspiration derived from the illustrious roll of men, who were his predecessors in the chair, may well fire Mr. Selwyn's resolution to

achieve things that are worthy of the record he already bears. For, if the main industries of this Island suffer irretrievable damage, the administration of the Government will be faced with bankruptcy. If the office of the Chairman of the Planters' Association of Ceylon is high and honoured, so is its responsibility great. There never was a time when the need for wise and statesmanlike ability in the handling of affairs was so sorely needed. And yet there never was a time when the strings of administration were placed in worthier hands.

So, good luck to you, Mr. Selwyn, for not only the planting community but all Ceylon wish you the very best that heart and brains and hands can give you.



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A DEAR old lady wished to know whether all this talk of certification had anything to do with her grandson's success in the Cambridge Examination.

State Councillors have received so many rebuffs that they say they can't stand any more.

The Royal College Principal hoped that all boys would be home by 10 p.m. on the day of the Big Match.

Those who stayed out later had lost their wrist-watches.

It is estimated that at least 20 per cent of the crowd on the N. C. C.

Because it came just after a March of 31 days, says a Bright Young Thing.

"Tea Rush on the Railway," says a headline.

But what about those stale buns? Aren't they worth a run?

Larwood was in Colombo for a day last month.

It was fortunately not a Saturday, or local batsmen would have been seen turning out in steel helmets and mail shirts.

Talking of encouraging home industries, why does Ceylon import so many Easter eggs?

Unfortunately there are limits beyond which the most obliging locally bred hen will not go.

Seaplanes that flew over Colombo came so low that they nearly collided with sea-bathers.

Those who wore bathing-suits of Japanese manufacture became distinctly nervous.

Free cups of tea are to be distributed shortly as an advertisement "stunt."

But with how many lumps of sugar?

A State Councillor announced the other day that he had a Reform Bill in his pocket.

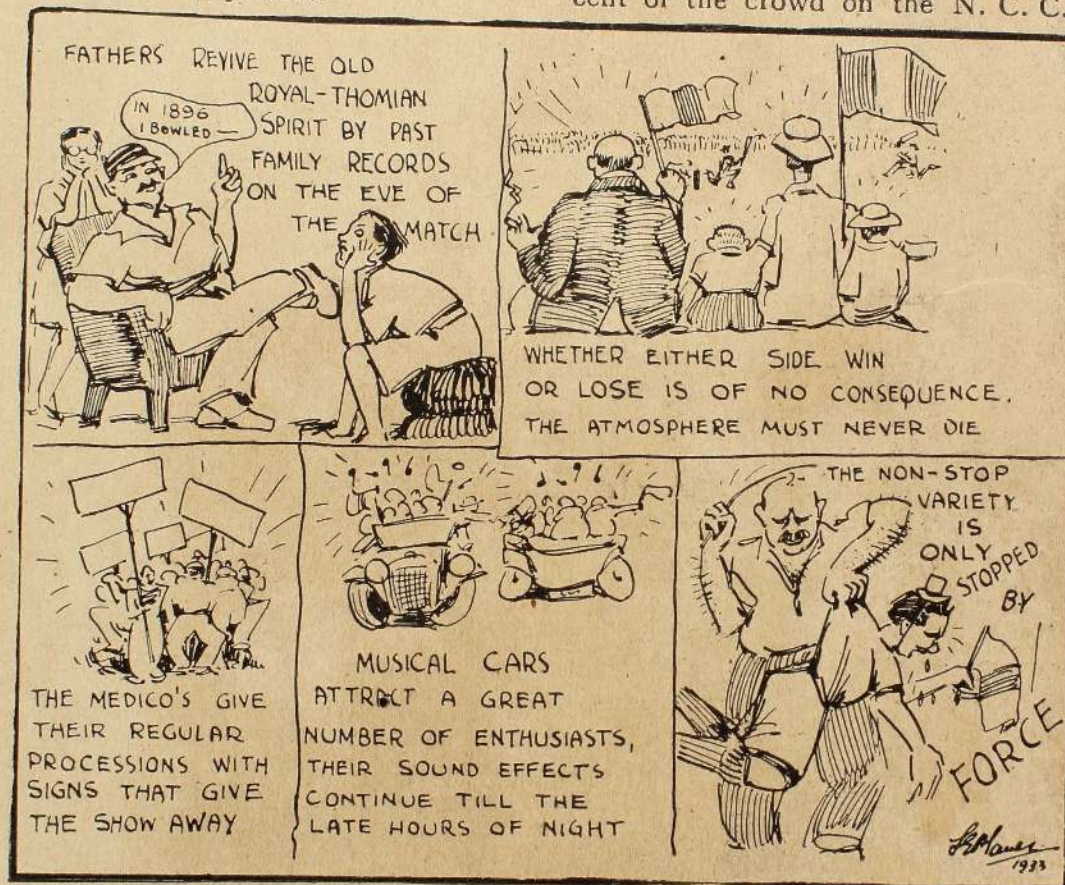
Officers of State should retaliate by carrying safeguards cunningly wrapped in their handkerchiefs.

There is a likelihood of a third woman entering Council next month.

A misogynist wants to know whether a Mothers' Union will soon replace the existing legislative body.

Americans are at last getting their beer.

President Roosevelt has taken the "ginger" out of it.



When Royal meets St. Thomas

Some of them can't even stand any Bickmore.

A morning paper had the intriguing headline: "State Council Tableau."

But not, of course, a scene from Comic Opera.

It is Really True that Ceylon has won a two-lakh prize in the Irish Sweep.

But it is not true that the Ministry of Education is planning to effect a cut in the fortunate teacher's wind-fall.

Ground on those two great days actually knew that there was a cricket match on.

Is this another Royalist or Thomian record?

The world's Chess champion is visiting Colombo.

Local "star" players have gone into training blindfolded and making moves with only their teeth.

Why was April the First like a tired soldier?





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**GOOD YEAR**



## "Ye Old Stiffs."



*Standing*:—P. R. May, W. T. Miller, G. B. Stevens, R. M. Ash, J. W. Oldfield, & T. H. Hadden.  
*Seated*:—K. A. Burne, R. Garnier, R. D. Vizard. *Seated on ground*:—F. R. Dakeyne, L. P. Gapp.

This group of Kalutara planters taken twelve years ago at Vogan, Neboda, when Rubber was booming, will revive pleasant recollections of a period of prosperity when the District counted some of the most famous pioneers of the Rubber Industry in Ceylon. The veteran in the group is R. Garnier, who arrived in Kalutara in 1899, and next in seniority are K. A. Burne, 1901, W. T. Miller, 1904, F. R. Dakeyne and G. B. Stevens, 1906, Major J. W. Oldfield, 1907, L. P. Gapp, 1908, R. M. Ash, 1911, T. H. Hadden, 1912 and Mr. P. R. May, 1914. Only four of this number are still in the district, these being W. T. Miller, F. R. Dakeyne, G. B. Stevens and P. R. May. Major Oldfield and L. P. Gapp are both in Colombo, Co-Directors of Lee Hedges & Co., Ltd., K. A. Burne, R. Garnier and R. D. Vizard have left the Island, T. H. Hadden is in the Kelani Valley and R. M. Ash at Ambawella.



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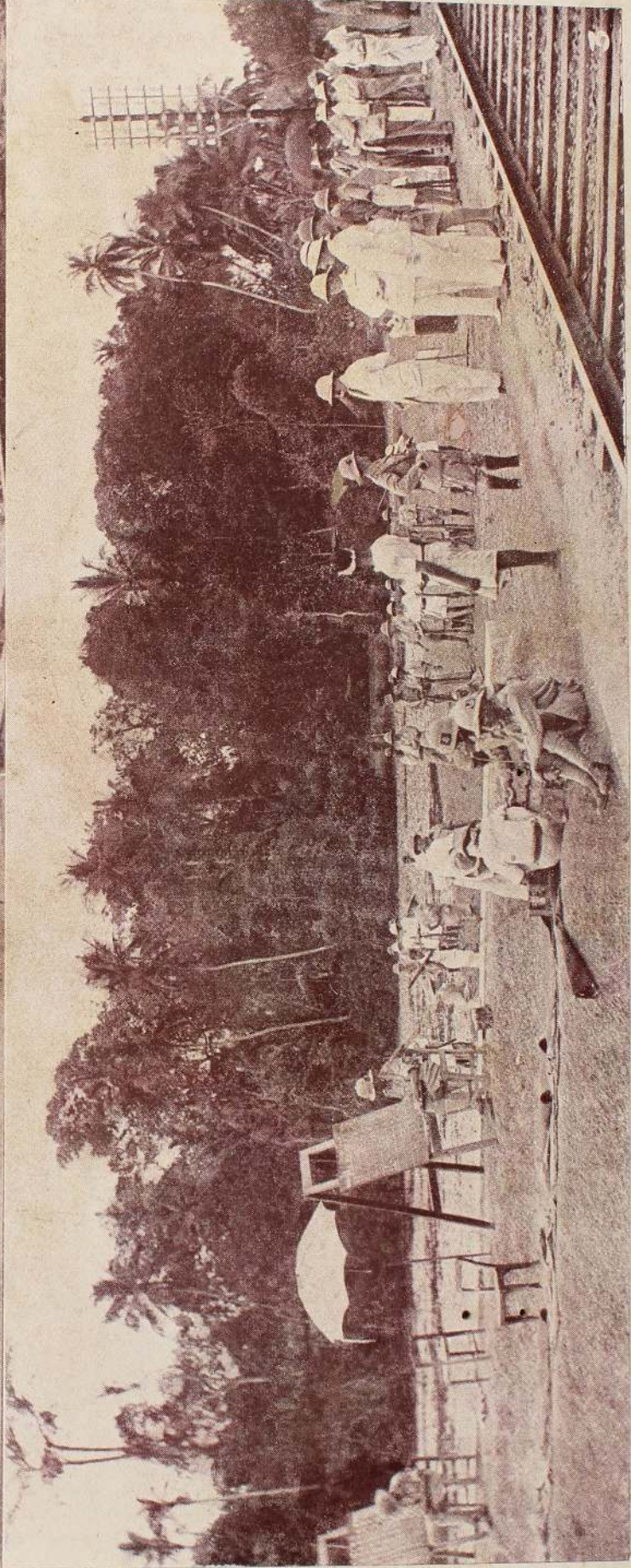
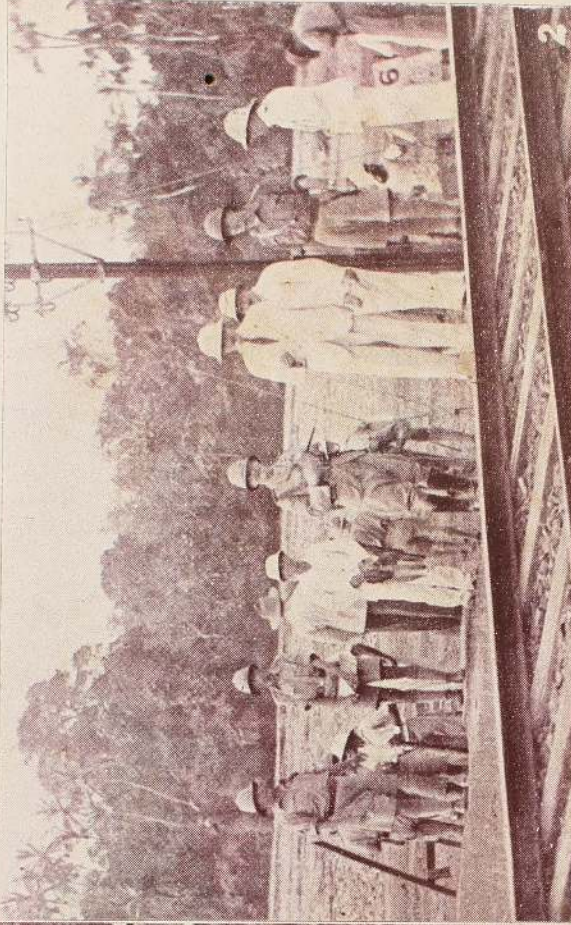
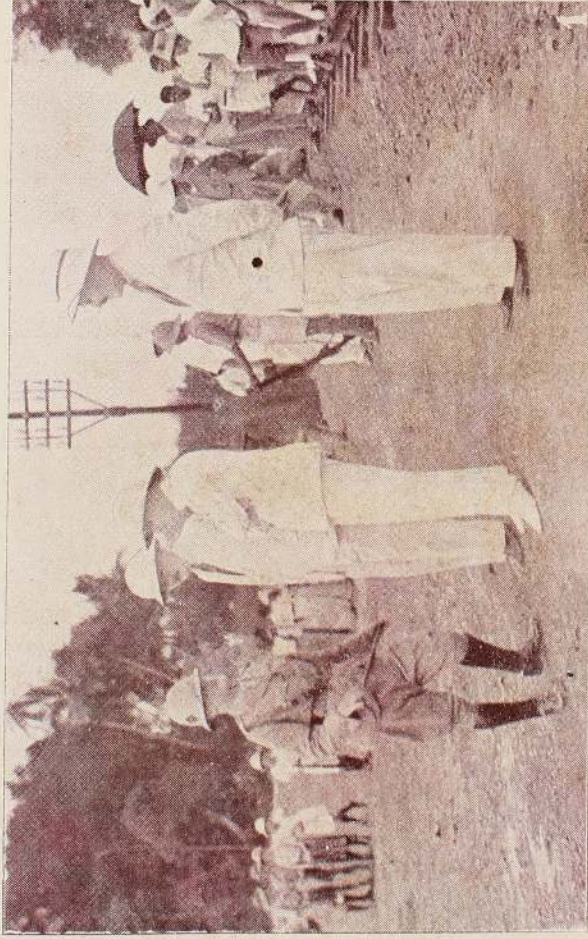
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# Ceylon Volunteer Rifle Association Annual Meet.



1. H. E. the Governor in conversation with Col. Ferrers, Commandant, C. D. F.;
2. H. E. watching the firing;
3. The Meet in full swing.

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# THE AUDIT OFFICE STAFF, 1870-76.

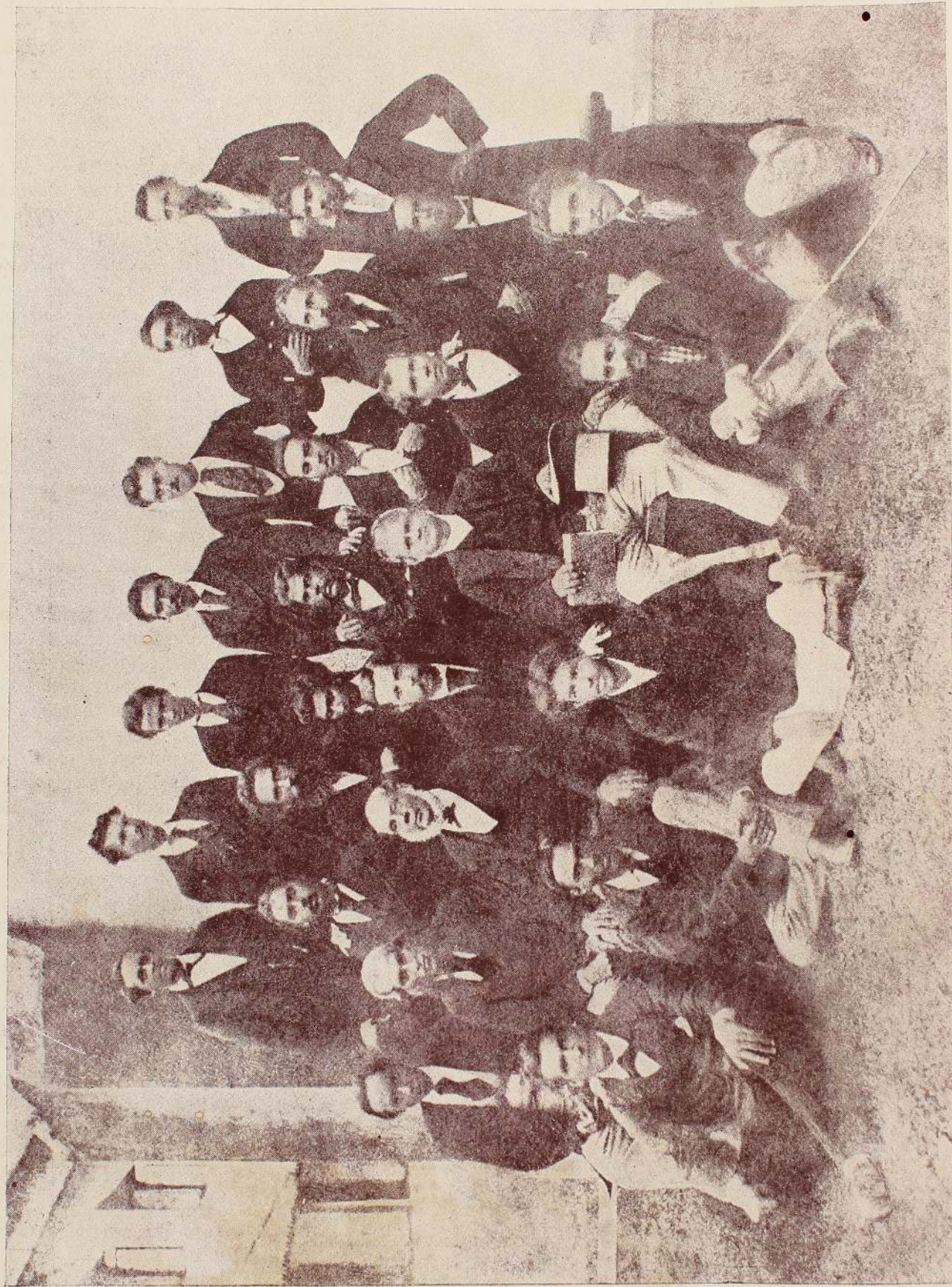


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*Back Row* (standing) :—A. D. G. Loos, J. E. Dickman, F. J. Redlich, Solomon Seneviratne, W. H. S. Siebel, P. A. Wright, Simon Aldons.  
*Third Row* :—F. O. Van Langenberg, E. D. Soerts, J. P. Pronk, R. Hoffman, C. O. de Zilwa, Jas. Meier, G. M. Crozier.  
*Second Row* (seated) :—Martin de Zilwa, J. P. Siebel, F. W. Meier, R. A. Brohier, C. Dickman, John Weinman, J. B. de Jonk.  
*Front Row* :—J. A. Foenander, J. P. Bartholomeusz, Edgar Mottau, Horace de Kretser, E. Ondatje.



# The Auditor-General's Department.

## A HISTORICAL SURVEY.

By R. L. B.

THERE is perhaps no Public Department of Ceylon which is guided by a more onerous code of regulations than the Audit Office. The scope of activities assigned by this code might be broadly described as arithmetical accuracy and proof of payment, correctness and consistency of classification, and conformity of expenditure to the authority which governs it. It has from times past been the purpose of the Audit to ensure and maintain these conditions and to detect any lapses.

The origin of the Auditor's Department might be traced to the changes which were made in 1802, when the Maritime Provinces became a Crown Colony, and a new staff list was drawn up to suit the altered system of Government.

But in that early confusion which doubtless existed, some names have perhaps dropped out and the first appointment to the post of Civil Auditor General is associated with Samuel Tolfrey, who took office in October, 1806.

Samuel Tolfrey, was among the first batch of Civil Servants to be sent out by the Secretary of State and arrived in the Island about September, 1801. He was, on his arrival, appointed a member of the Board of Revenue on £1500 a year. He added to the literature on Ceylon an English and Sinhalese Grammar and Vocabulary, "the first that appeared, which was patronised by the then liberal Secretary of State for the Colonies, who presented its author a donation of £1000."

His nephew, Edward Tolfrey, who was also one of the gentlemen sent out to Ceylon in the first establishment in the Civil Service, was appointed Civil Auditor General on the 2nd of March, 1816, in succession to John d'Oyly. It is interesting to recall that the ship which brought Edward Tolfrey back after a spell of leave in his homeland anchored in Weligama Bay.

Both Edward Tolfrey and the Hon. Sir John d'Oyly, served later in the Kandyan Provinces, the former as Judicial Commissioner, and the latter as Resident. They died at Kandy and were buried in the Garrison Cemetery. John d'Oyly has left as a gift to posterity his now famous diary which throws much light on the early Kandyan war.

With the advent of the Hon. Henry Augustus Marshall as head of the Department in 1822, the designation of the post would appear to have been changed to Auditor and Accountant General.

He is said to have accompanied the first Governor—the Hon'ble Fredrick North, to the Island in 1798, and what is more never returned to Europe. He died in the Island in his 64th year, in 1841.

An interesting link which is associated with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and "their charming abode situated on the seashore about three miles from Colombo" is an inscribed stone, just past the bridge over "Layard's Folly," at Wellawatte.

At one time there was a toll station here and also a large banyan tree. Both these are to-day but a memory, but the inscribed stone is still there—at least, it was there till a short time ago.

Perhaps if you pause while running past the spot you might yet find it and read from letters much worn:

"To Him whose gracious aim in mercy  
bends  
And light and shade to all alike extends  
Who guards the traveller on his weary  
way  
Shelters from storms and shades from  
solar ray  
Breathe one kind wish for her, one pious  
prayer  
Who made this sheltering tree her  
guardian care  
Fenced in from rude attacks the pen-  
dent roots  
Nourished and framed its tender infant  
shoots.  
O traveller, if from milder climes you  
rove

How dearly will you prize this Indian grove.

Pause then awhile, and ere you pass it by  
Give to Sophia's name one grateful  
sigh."

As far as can be gathered the lady guardian of the tree, which once stood there, was Mrs. Marshall, but Lewis, in his compilation, "Tombstones and Monuments," goes on to say that this inference is merely drawn from the date and the distance which would make Wellawatte their residence. Mrs. Marshall's Christian name is not known.

The Hon. Mr. R. T. Pennefather arrived from British North America to take up office. His appointment dated from June, 1861. He died at the early age of 37, four years later.

Mr. John Douglas, later, Sir John Douglas, Lieutenant-Governor and Colonial Secretary of Ceylon, was Auditor and Accountant General in 1870-76. The group photograph reproduced on the opposite page is an unique memento which serves to recall his term of office.

It would take much space to make anything more than very brief references to these faded figures which peep out from a forgotten past. Undoubtedly they contributed their quota to an organization which a Colonial Secretary of the period was prompted to describe as the "Brazen wheels of a Service" and to which he further pays a tribute by recording—"they managed all the clerical duties of the public offices in an admirable manner.....for there is not a public department in the United Kingdom in which the details of office and punctuality in attendance are more regularly performed than in Ceylon."

Taking the figures in the first row, on the ground and reading from left to right one would pick out J. A. Foenander, J. P. Bartholomeusz, Edgar Mottau, Horace de Kretser, who later left his mark in the Colombo Customs, and E. Ondatje, who retired as Deputy Fiscal, Colombo.

In the second row (seated) there are Martin de Silva, J. P. Siebel, F. W. Meier, R. A. Brohier, who was Chief Clerk at the time and retired as Assistant Auditor General, C. Dickman, the Assistant Auditor General, John Weinman, the father

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# Current Topics

By "Vigilant"

WHEN the history of the Dutch Reformed Church in Ceylon comes to be written, a large portion of that work must necessarily be devoted to the progress and expansion of the Church during the long and faithful ministry of the Reverend David Tweed, who has just retired. The older members of the Dutch Church will remember what an excellent first impression the young minister made when he arrived in Ceylon thirty-four years ago. Slim, tall and athletic in figure, with the raven black hair and the kindly blue eyes which proclaimed his Irish origin, and a deliberation in thought and speech which showed a wisdom beyond his years, he was the cynosure of all eyes, when he stood in the Wolvendaal pulpit for the first time.

The three decades and more which have passed since Mr. Tweed arrived have bound him more firmly to the hearts and affections of the people among whom he was chosen to work and with whom he immediately identified himself. In 1903, he married a member of his flock, Miss Rose Juliet Gratiaen, who has nobly associated herself with her husband's work, in the various branches of the religious, educational and social activities of the Church. How firmly bound Mr. Tweed is to the land to which he devoted his career is shewn by his decision to live among us even after his retirement. From his home "Struan," in Newara Eliya, he will follow the future life of the Church with undiminished interest.

On the retirement of the Rev. Samuel Lindsay, the last of the Colonial Chaplains, Mr. Tweed came out in 1899, and was appointed colleague to the Rev. W. C. Fleming. There were then only two ministers, while there are seven to-day.

When Mr. Tweed came to Ceylon, there were the two Churches at Bambalapitiya and at Maligakanda, in addition to the parent Church at Wolvendaal. During Mr. Tweed's

ministry new churches were built at Regent Street and at Dehiwela and a hall opened out for divine service at Wellawatte. Extensive repairs were carried out to Wolvendaal Church and Bambalapitiya Church was enlarged. In addition to the existing girls' schools at

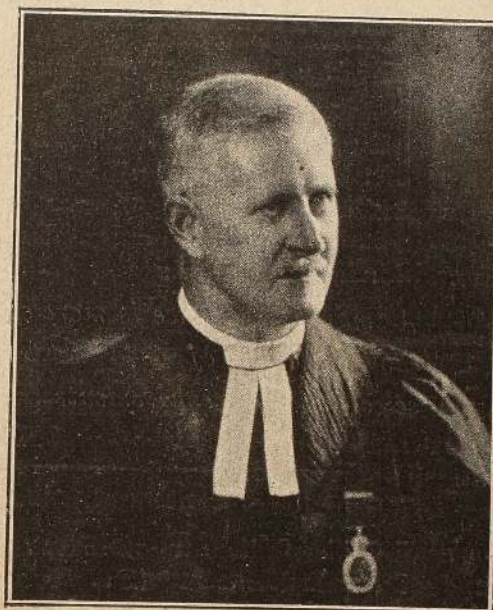


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REV. DAVID TWEED.

Wolvendaal, Bambalapitiya and Maligakanda, new girls' schools were established at Regent Street and Dehiwela and a boys' school at Wellawatte. The Sinhalese mission work at Wolvendaal was re-organised and extended to Dehiwela and the North-Central Province, while Tamil work was established at Wolvendaal, Regent Street and Ratnapura. In 1900, the year after Mr. Tweed's arrival, the annual budget was Rs. 8,000. To-day it is Rs. 50,000. The substantial advance of the Dutch Reformed Church in recent years is a matter for much satisfaction and thankfulness.

Mr. and Mrs. Tweed carry into their retirement the consciousness of honest endeavour and of ceaseless activity to promote the interests of their church. Their lives and examples are a valuable inheritance, for which not only the members of

their church but all interested in the progress of this island have much reason to be grateful.

May the evening of their lives be happy in their retirement.

The death of Dr. O. S. Meerwald in England, at the age of 75, removes from our pension list an officer who has drawn pension for the remarkably long period of forty years. At the time of his retirement, Dr. Meerwald had completed ten years of service in the Ceylon Medical Department and had attained the rank of Deputy Assistant Colonial Surgeon.

The remarkable *volte-face* of the State Council in carrying a motion which they had severely criticised and condemned by a majority overnight, need surprise no one. Some of the Councillors are fond of brave words, but are terrified of precipitating a crisis which may end in their retirement. They say that the man who commits suicide never threatens to do so beforehand. In the days of Lorenz, the Council members walked out when they had a difference with the Secretary of State and did not return. It is worthy of mention that they were all busy men who had plenty of important work to do quite apart from their duties in Council.

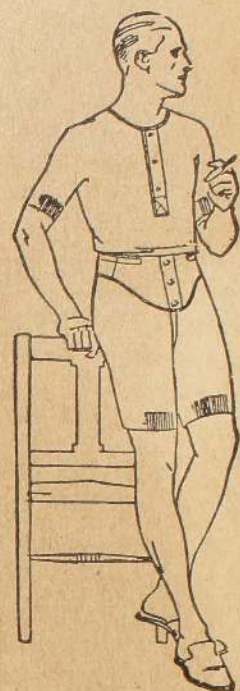
The decision of the authorities to place the L. M. S. qualification of the Ceylon Medical College on an equivalent basis with the conjoint qualification in England (M. R. C. S. England, L. R. C. P. London) or the triple qualification in Scotland (L. R. C. P. & S., Edinburgh, L. R. F. P. & S., Glasgow) in the matter of appointments or promotions in the Ceylon Medical Department has a good deal to recommend it. The L. M. S. qualification is by no means easy to secure and is not inferior to the English or Scotch qualifications enumerated above. It is therefore a just recognition of the Ceylon qualification that it should not be placed in a position of inferiority.

In future, students who aim at special posts or derive preferential treatment should secure either medical degrees at British Universities or the Fellowships of the Royal

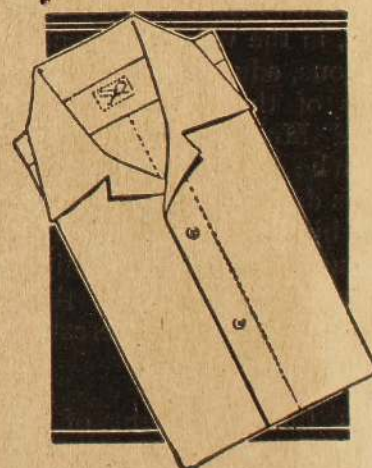
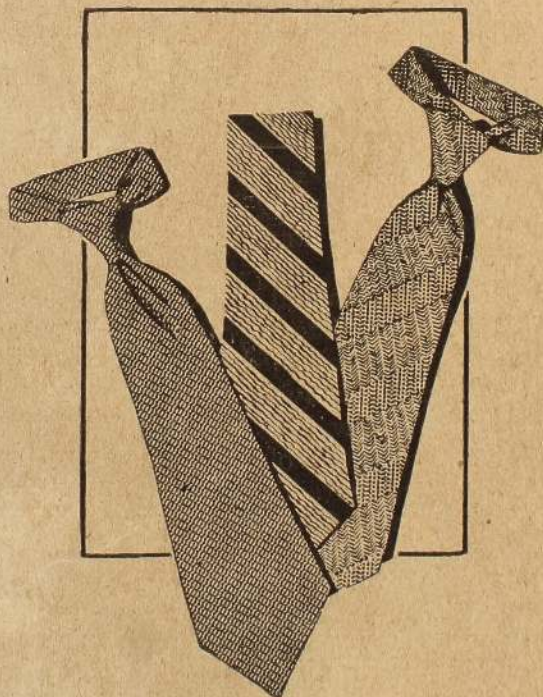
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# ANECDOTAGE.

By E. H. J.

## IV.

THERE are many stories told about that erudite scholar and late Archdeacon, who died recently in retirement, but there is one not generally known and that is in connection with a Cricket match. A Colombo team was visiting Kalutara, and in the match which they played against the home XI, the Archdeacon, who was then the popular Parish Priest of that town, had been persuaded to umpire. He took his place on the field armed with the latest copy of the "Laws of Cricket" on which he could lay his hands. The game proceeded with the Priest at the bowler's wicket. Suddenly there came an appeal from the bowler "How's that umpire"? The reverend umpire looked puzzled. "And what are you appealing for?" said he. "L.b.w.," said the bowler. "What does l.b.w. mean?" "Leg before wicket," said the bowler. Out came the "Laws of Cricket" from the umpire's pocket, followed by his spectacle case. "If you will kindly wait a moment, I will see what the rules say on the subject," he said *sotto voce* to the expectant bowler as he put on his glasses very deliberately. There was an elaborate search through the book, the bowler, the alleged peccant batsman and the whole field patiently and expectantly awaiting the long deferred decision. The appropriate rule was found, after obvious delight at the discovery and after a slow process of digestion of the rule the umpire in triumphant tone and with canonical precision slowly but clearly announced: "The batsman is OUT." It is not stated whether he quoted chapter and verse from the authority for his pronouncement, but it may be safely conjectured by all who know him that he committed no sin of omission. It is reported that he seemed to thoroughly enjoy the whole procedure. Even its victim could not cavil at such a well-deliberated and considered decision.

I hope I will not have the charge of irreverence laid against me for the yarn I am about to relate, for

I have not the slightest intention of subscribing to such an offence.

The scene of the story was an Elephant Kraal in the Kurunegala district in the eighties. The chief *dramatis personae*, were a widely known humourist and practical joker who was a prominent member of the local Bar, and a visitor to the island, whom we shall name Brown, who was the representative of some Zoological Society, or firm, in Europe, sent purposely to purchase one or more of the captured elephants. He was doubtless a good man at his particular job, but hopelessly illiterate. Being a "hail-fellow-well met" personality and sociably inclined, he and the Humourist soon became friends. It was a Sunday, two days or so after the Kraal had opened, and a well known clergyman, presumably English, as his surname betokened, though this was preceded by hyphenated appellation of the Emerald Isle, had held an open air service in Kraal Town, preaching an eloquent sermon on the text "The beasts of the Forest are mine and so are the cattle on a thousand hills." After the service, the Humourist and Brown foregathered and while partaking of the cup that cheers, the latter enquired of the former, whether he could tell him to whom he should apply for the purchase of elephants. The Humourist promptly directed him to the Reverend gentleman aforementioned. Brown scouted the idea. "What the—," asked he, "has this 'ere blooming sky pilot to do with elephants?" "Well," said the Humourist, all I know is that I have just come from a meeting where the reverend gentleman publicly announced that he owned all the animals around the district. Brown continued sceptical, but eventually agreed to forward a written application to the clergyman. Being unable to write the letter himself, he solicited the good offers of the Humourist for the purpose. The letter was written, the Humourist quoting the text pronounced by the clergyman, as evidence of the latter's proprietor-

ship of the pachyderms, and Brown affixing a scrawling signature—I am not sure it was not merely a X as he was so illiterate. On receipt of the communication the Rev. gentleman was naturally much incensed and righteously indignant. He went in search of Brown and found him, but not in company with the Humourist. The luckless Brown was subjected to a vehement tirade on irreverence, misplaced jocularity, etc., etc. Poor Brown was thoroughly non-plussed. He tried to explain that nothing of that kind was meant, but that he had made a perfectly *bona-fide* application on the information he had received and in his anxiety to get into early touch with a seller, since his mission was to purchase an elephant or two. The clergyman refused to believe it and continued to regard him, as he truly was at best, the victim of, if not an accessory, to an ill-chosen practical joke. To the credit of Brown be it said that he steadfastly refused to disclose the name of his informant. He came away from the interview a thoroughly puzzled and bewildered being, with the glimmer of a suspicion that he had been had. He went straight to the Humourist and demanded an explanation telling him of the "*mauvais quart d'heure*" he had had, with expletive interjections and distressful details. The Humourist, with a face like the heathen Chinee, "childlike and bland," expressed well feigned astonishment at the inappropriate behaviour of the "sky pilot" and produced witnesses to substantiate the correctness of the announcement made by his reverence. Brown could make nothing of the situation and had recourse to a drink or two to settle the matter. I believe the Humourist eventually put him on to the legitimate proprietors of the captured herd and he made his purchases, but he regarded the reverend gentleman as a false claimant.

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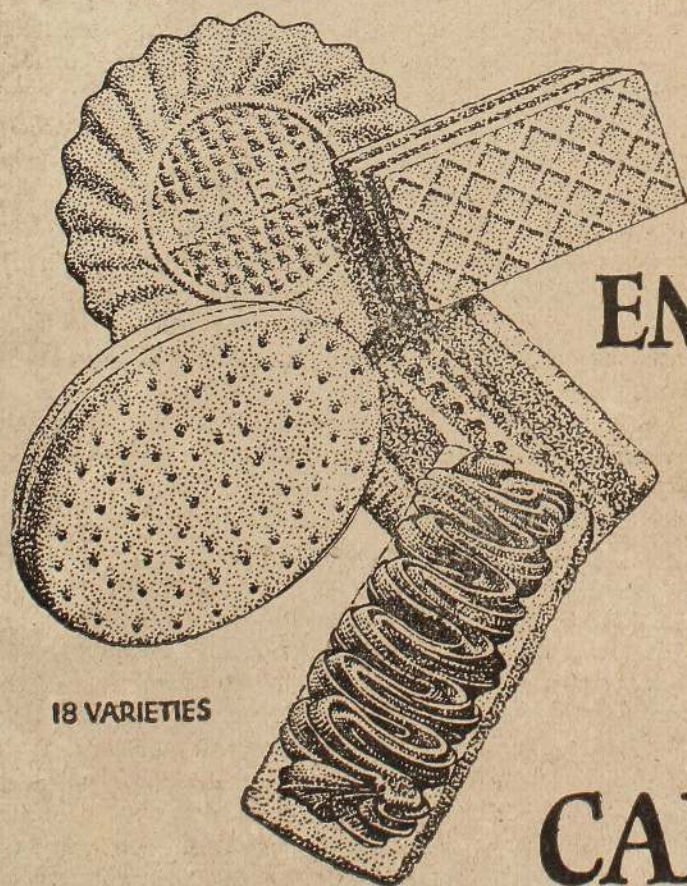
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# WIRELESS UP-COUNTRY.

By Catherine Adams.

## Disputations Again!

THERE have been quite savage reflections flying about recently in the papers. One, a real grouching letter as to some selections broadcast from Colombo, referred with especial disapproval to a programme of Records lent by K. B. O., a selection which we had thought well varied and calculated to please most listeners possessing a fairly catholic taste.

"Live—and let live!" is a temperate axiom, but when there is an overflow of disagreeable censure bubbling red-hot in the Broadcasting Selection Saucepan some retaliation seems necessary. *Apropos* it would be an illuminating venture to take a plebiscite of the particular preferences and dislikes of the Wireless Licence Holders of this Island.

Meanwhile, let us show some appreciation of the lenders of records. It would be a very unfortunate happening if they should take umbrage and withdraw their "selections."

What to do, when "dislikes" are broadcast? Too easy! Switch off! That is the very useful wonder of a Wireless Set.

## Some Receptions.

One Sunday, in early March, and quite early in the morning, a Service from Holy Trinity Church, St. Sebastian. Following this, a well contrasted programme of Records arranged and lent by Mrs. E. B. Cadman. This included "*Hear my Prayer*," sung by the choir of the Temple Church, London; "*Inflammatus*," the big sopano solo from Rossini's "*Stabat Mater*"; and "*Hear ye, Israel!*" with the succeeding Aria, "*Be not afraid*" from "*Elijah*," sung by Lough. There were many lighter items than the foregoing; among these,—"*The Factotum Song*" from the opera, "*The Barber of Seville*"; a selection from the light opera—"The Beggars' Opera" played by the band of the Grenadier Guards. The Massed Bands of the Aldershot Command gave a magnificent rendering of Handel's impressive "*Largo*." This item, certainly not "light" but truly serious, seems, to me, too marvellous an inspiration to be put into any category.

It must be conceded that we were really having a Wireless-Field-day, on that Sunday. In the evening, the Galle Face Orchestra played a very bright selection of light music, and their programme was augmented by Records, also of a light nature, from the Studio.

Later, the British Empire Broadcasting Station sent out a very good programme, of which the items were beautifully executed by the Gersham Parkington Quintet. Next:—

## The Inaugural Speech by Mr. Roosevelt from Washington.

This speech by the new President of the United States came through very well. Mr. Roosevelt has evidently a very powerful voice, and if his delivery is at times a little monotonous, the occasional passionate outbursts leaven this. We could imagine that he must be a fine orator. Anyway, we felt that in some way *we* had assisted at a very notable "occasion."

## A Talk from Table-Mountain!

This was a much-appreciated "extra," given unexpectedly by the B. B. C., on March 6th, broadcast from Cape Town and then Table-Mountain. The "Talk" was preceded by an inaugural speech from Cape Town by the Right Hon. the Earl of Clarendon, Governor-General of the Union of South Africa. This was a very interesting and well enunciated speech. As Lord Clarendon himself said,—before he was given his present position he had been Chairman of the B. B. C., and so he could speak with authority.

Then followed the "Talker," who was right on top of Table-Mountain! 3,550 ft. above the sea, and mainly rising sheer, after the first slope. The "Talker" had come up by the Cable-Railway in exactly six minutes. He gave a very comprehensive description of the mountain and the wonderful views. Also, some of its very vivid history. A really wonderful reception!

## Cricket and Football.

Well posted up by the Colombo Station, we obtain constant and exciting news of the Test Matches in Australia. And the B. B. C. sent us "Running Commentaries" on

the great International Rugger matches at Home. Though the Indian Tone, with its long, long journey to come, cannot compete with our "*Mr. Robison*" on the Havelok Racecourse, yet the Commentators of the International Matches have given us great moments and their subsequent criticisms of the play were very interesting. Regarding installations Up-country it is of interest to know that several "S. D.'s" have achieved excellent home-made Wireless Sets, with good results and a minimum of expense.

## Mr. Walter Hunt's Broadcast from Colombo.

A fine elocutionist, possessing a voice of power and beauty of tone. The little tragedy that Mr. Hunt presented, with the valuable help of Mrs. Bobby was highly successful. Especially clever the dual personalities of the two brothers, by Mr. Hunt, with regard to the difference in the two voices.

A second Broadcast gave us a fine interpretation of "*The Bells!*" one of the great successes of the late Sir Henry Irving. The realistic intonations, as the Reciter repeated:—"The Bells! Bells—;" imitating the pealing, clanging, and following reverberations of the variously-toned bells came through admirably.

The poem was followed by Wolsley's great speech from "*King Henry 8th*;"—"Farewell, a long farewell to all my greatness!" This was very well declaimed giving all the dignity, sorrow and remorse that this fine oration expresses.

## Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Speech at Geneva.

A surprise-packet this, because, any intimation given had been missed. Therefore, we were kept guessing, especially as it did not come through too well. It might have been a dramatic recitation until—"To all my fellow-delegates—" gave us the clue. Of course! Ramsay MacDonald at Geneva! Afterwards the London Announcer apologised for the cutting out of the first part of the speech, owing to technical difficulties at Geneva. There was a great deal of applause at the conclusion, but, distinctly heard above the plaudits, came one very emphatic and disappointed—"Ugh!" And so say some of us!



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# MONTH AFTER MONTH

AT the annual meeting of the Boy Scout Association, His Excellency the Governor paid a well deserved tribute to this useful organisation. Sir Graeme drew attention to three major achievements during the past year, the Mantivu Leper Asylum troop, the All Ceylon Scout Camp at Kandy and the Scout Colony at Kalutara. As regards the third of these achievements, the Governor was not at all surprised to hear that London Headquarters were taking keen interest in it, hoping, that if it proved successful, it might be adopted in other parts of the world. On this occasion Major Waley expressed his great appreciation of the activities of the Chief Commissioner and his staff of officers and added that the standard of scouting in Ceylon was high.

It is interesting to hear that the lace workers of Galle suggest a protection tariff on imported lace in order to revive their own fast dying industry. What is lacking in Ceylon is the elementary business capacity of being able to produce local articles to compete with imported articles, which pay freight and customs duties. A good deal of our local rice is unsaleable, because imported rice of moderately good quality costs less. The sugar industry, which was established in the Jaffna Peninsula some years ago, failed for precisely the same reasons. When Ceylon learns to produce goods at competitive prices she will secure the market without seeking the favour of protective tariff which operates harshly on the purchaser.

So many of our medical students seek to qualify in England, that the following extract from Mr. Bernard

Shaw's address before the University of Hong Kong, in the course of his present tour, should be useful to them.

"To pass an examination, never ascertain the truth about any question. Ask your teacher 'What is the answer I am expected to make to that question?' Your teacher will be guided by the age of the examiner. In England in the Medical profession—an admirable example of what I mean—and also in the Navy, it is found necessary to teach the student the most advanced practice in the first three months, and then knowing that they have got to get him through an examination, they teach him all the obsolete practice—all the wrong answers—in order that when he comes before the old gentleman who examines him, he may be able to get through."

The report of the Automobile Association of Ceylon for 1932 shows that much encouraging progress has been made in spite of the prevailing depression. The outstanding event of the year was the inauguration of service on the K. V. road. The extension of this will no doubt follow as conditions permit, and the time will come when a breakdown on the road will lose its terrors, particularly for inexperienced owner-drivers. It is a striking tribute to the efficiency of the A.A.C. lawyers, who gave free service, that they were successful in 88 per cent of the cases in which they undertook the defence of members.

Dr. S. C. Paul's lecture at the College of Indigenous Medicine on the subject of "The Humoral Theory of Disease" was of absorb-

ing interest. Every liberal-minded practitioner, trained on Western lines, realises that the Eastern system of medicine is a valuable inheritance, worthy of respectful examination. There are Eastern drugs and methods of treatment which can strengthen and amplify what one learns in the Western schools of medicine. If one could add what is best in the Eastern systems to the scientific training and the knowledge of the Western medical practitioner, it would be in the interests of suffering humanity. One therefore learns with a shock of surprise, on the authority of the Minister of Health, that while the Government spends Rs. 50,000 a year to train young men at the Ayurvedic College in Colombo, it spends only Rs. 5,000 a year on the Ceylon Medical College. And the sword of Damocles, represented by Col. Needham's report, is hanging over the latter.

The outspoken open letter, addressed to the Minister of Education, by the Rev. J. McLeod Campbell, Principal of Trinity College, Kandy, has naturally attracted much attention.

His action has been endorsed by a large number of Heads of our leading schools. When radical changes are contemplated in the salary scales of teachers, it is a just demand that the teachers' point of view should be consulted. The future progress of this Island depends so much on education that a contented and stable staff of teachers is a matter of the first importance. It is to be remembered, on the one hand, that the Board of Education, on whose recommendations the Executive Committee of Education acts, is a body on which the teachers are suitably represented. The proposed draft regulations may also be criticised for the period of one month after their publication in the "Gazette." While we realise the difficulty of the authorities in the matter, we think a good deal of discontent would have been avoided if the proposed changes had been first referred to the various Teachers' Associations in the Island. After all, there is no need for any desperate hurry in such matters.



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# Stage & Screen

IN a recent issue of the "Film Pictorial" there was a scathing criticism of the aloofness of Greta Garbo, and here is what a "Garbo Fan" has to say in her defence.—

"I, personally take off my hat to Greta for having the strength to keep that which is essential to the soul of the true artiste—freedom. Despite the threatening shackles of fame, the clamouring of "near-sighted" fans for endless Garbo "news," she has fought and won her freedom. Think of the risk she ran when she first took this stand. No other star has done this—in the minds of the Movie Moguls no star *could* do it and get away with it. Garbo did! Garbo risked it!

"In this very freedom Garbo has kept true and tempered the steel of her great weapon—artistry and sincerity. By so doing she has remained true to her "fans" than any other star; she has fulfilled a hundredfold her obligations to her public, by keeping her art at its highest peak.

"It is said that Chevalier conquered his shyness to please his "fans". Can you find a more absurd comparison—Chevalier and Greta? The former is, at least, a stage artiste. From his early boyhood he has been used to the "personal contact" of the theatre audience. Greta Garbo, on the other hand, has always given of her art in the solitude of the studio, in the silence and the loneliness. May be that is why she has given so truly, the solitude and the silence striking a similar and, therefore, responsive chord with her."

The sartorial sensation of the moment—Marlene Dietrich's male clothes—has been investigated by a Hollywood correspondent. Marlene started the thing by turning out in a man's grey tweed suit, striped shirt, black tie, black felt hat and flat heeled shoes. At first everybody thought it was just a joke. Then she went to the premiere of "The Sign of the Cross" in male evening

dress and Hollywood realised that she was setting a new, if crazy, fashion. It is stated that the leading stores in the film city have been deluged by feminine orders for smartly tailored suits. Marlene herself says.—"I wear trousers for three good reasons. First they are comfortable; secondly, I look better in them than I do in dresses; and thirdly, it takes too much time, money and trouble to be a well dressed woman in Hollywood. I can only wear a gown once or twice before it is out of fashion. Not so with my suits. Only those women who look well in men's clothes should wear them. They require masculine shoulders and a feminine waist. If I please my screen public by wearing feminine clothes in my pictures why should I not be allowed to wear what I like in my spare time?"

Some extraordinarily fine films have been shown both at the Regal and Madan Theatres during March, and of those we liked best were "Strange Interlude", shown both at The Majestic and The Empire, and "This is the Night", at the Regal. In the latter Roland Young was simply irresistible and convulsed the large audiences that were seen at nearly all the performances. "Strange Interlude" is the most notable and gripping film yet shown in Colombo. Not only do the characters engage in what is more or less normal conversation, but they also have their thoughts rendered aloud—an innovation that seems peculiarly apt to the screen. Norma Shearer was perfection itself as Nina Leeds, the woman around whom the plot chiefly centres and proves again that she is an actress of the first rank. Clark Gable, who played the part of Ned Darrell gave another example of his versatility. The film proved strong stuff, well done and handled in a masterly manner. It is grim, of course, but you come away from it feeling that

you had seen a chunk of life. You have, indeed, peered right into the minds of your fellow men.

The British International Picture "No. 17", which will be the attraction at the Regal Theatre from Friday, 7th April, provides a real thriller, and Leon M. Lion, Anne Grey, John Stuart, Donald Calthrop Ann Casson, who are all so well known, excel themselves in this production. It is a film well worth seeing. "The Big Broadcast", which will be shown from the 14th inst, is a very human story, and the Boswell harmonies, together with the harmonies of such other typically American entertainers as Kate Smith, the Mills Brothers, Cab Calloway and his orchestra, Vincent Lopez and his orchestra, Burns and Allen and Arthur Tracey, the Street Singer are all heard to full advantage in this charming production.

The mystery thriller "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde", with its awesome struggle between the beautiful and hideous in a man's soul, will be shown from the 21st April, and the play that made theatre history, with Frederic March, in the title role, is bound to bring large audiences to the Regal.

The coming attraction at the Majestic Talkies is Cecil B. de Mille's brilliant production, "The Squaw Man," which to judge by the little we have seen of it, pulsates with thrills and affords first rate entertainment. It is hardly surprising that this film should have proved so tremendous a draw with four such stars as Warner Baxter, Lupe Velez, Roland Young and Eleanor Boardman. Equally excellent is the All-British Production, "The Love Contract," which will be shown at the Majestic next week. It is a delicious fantasy blended with music and laughter in which those two great favourites, Owen Nares and Winifred Shotter, are both seen at their very best.

The Empire are also showing two remarkable films this month, "Michael and Mary," with Edna Best and Herbert Marshall, and "The Woman in Room 13" with Elisa Landi, in one of her most brilliant roles.



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# The Ceylon Volunteer Rifle Association.

## FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEET.

(Communicated.)

THE Forty-second Annual Meeting of the Ceylon Volunteer Rifle Association commenced on Wednesday, 22nd March, and ended on Sunday, 2nd April. On the 22nd, 23rd and 24th March, the competition for the Governor's Cup took

difficult to beat. Several possibles were scored at this 500 yards range which seems to be the most suitable one for all concerned.

The Blue Riband of the meet, viz.—The Merchants' Prize, was won this year by Hon. Member G. Koch,

and Cadet Wijesundera who won the Merchants' Prize in the B class. Sub-Inspector Siebel, who tied for the Kynoch Gold Medal, but was counted out, deserves great credit for his performance which he achieved with a Rifle fitted with open sights, and not with aperture sights.

Several new members showed early promise of great things ahead, chief of these being Lieut Cyril vanLangenberg of the C.L.I.

The State Council again participated in the shoot for the Commandant's Cup and did very creditably the team consisting of Capt. J. L. Kotalawala, Mr. R. S. Tennekoon and Mr. Vythilingam. The C. L. I. won this popular event.

The Royal Navy took part in the S. R. (a) Week-end and won the Tyros prize, C. P. R. C. Challenge Cup and U. S. Cup. They were also the winners of the Drieberg Shield for 1932.

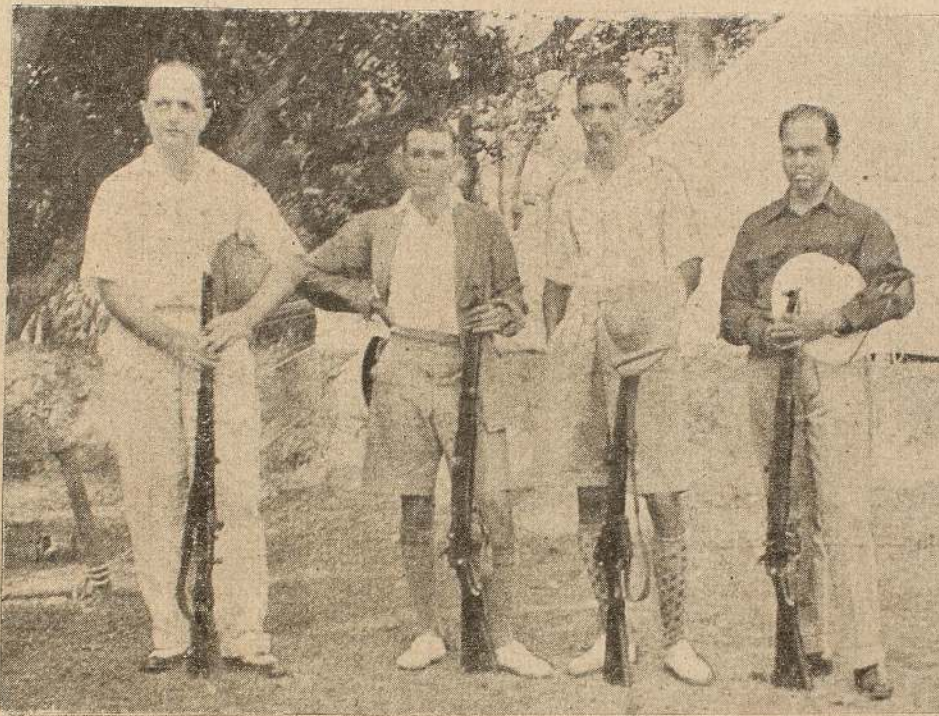
The C. D. F. team which was deprived of the services of four of their best shots, viz.—Major Hilman, Rfl. Redman King, Mr. Fenton Sparkes and Mr. C. P. Koch, did very well to come second in this difficult competition.

The Ceylon Police won the Car-gills Shield which is a team event.

The Ladies took part in the Miniature Rifle Match and Mrs. Turnbull is to be congratulated on her excellent score of 49 out of a possible 50.

An important feature of this 42nd Meeting was the fact that it was entirely run by the Ceylonese and except for the essential feature of having a Regular Instructor (C. S. M. I. Rickard) at the butts, the whole meet was run by the Hony. Secy., Capt. C. P. Jayawardana and Lt. C. vanLangenberg, Asst. Hony. Secy., who deserve the fullest praise for excellent organisation and smooth running of an intricate programme of events.

A word of praise is also due to the markers for their excellent work at the butts. There was no need for a single challenge throughout the meet.



H. Crownshaw, C. P. Koch, G. Koch and Capt. C. P. Jayawardana.

place and the C. P. R. C. again won this much coveted Trophy. This is the fourth year in succession that they have won this prize, and they deserve the hearty congratulations of all Riflemen.

The interest evinced in the meet was shown by His Excellency Sir Graeme Thomson, when he went down to Hunupitiya on Saturday, 25th March, and stayed a considerable length of time watching the shooting.

Shooting was maintained at a very high level. The most remarkable achievement in support of this statement was the magnificent performance of Driver Crownshaw of the Ceylon Army Service Corps who scored thirty 'Bulls' at 500 yards, a performance which would be most

with a score of 95, out of a possible 105, beating last year's Merchants' Prize Winner, Capt. C. P. Jayawardana by one point. It is of some interest to note that Capt. C. P. Jayawardana, Driver Crownshaw and Hon. Member G. Koch shot side by side at Bisley in 1929.

Hon. Member C. P. Koch won the N. R. A. Medal and Championship Aggregate in both the S. R. (a) and S. R. (b) competitions. He is to be heartily congratulated on his consistent shooting both with the Service Rifle and Rifle fitted with aperture sights.

The Kynoch Gold Medal was won by Hon. Member F. G. Sparkes, who has now annexed it twice.

Among the other shots who did well were Lieut. A. H. Perera, C. C. B.

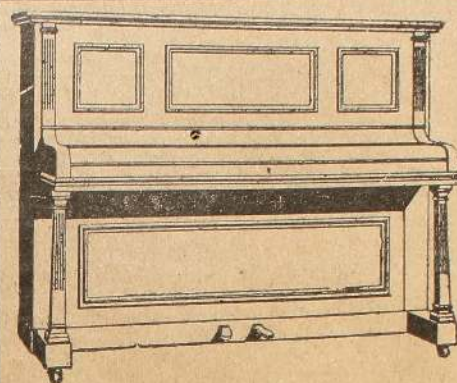




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# CEYLON TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## RECENT INTERNATIONAL TESTS.

By W. L. R.

CEYLON Tennis has received a much-needed fillip by reason of the recent visits of the Japanese and New Zealand Davis Cup players. And the arrival of the Australian Davis Cup team on the 5th April, promises still more of interest.

We are indeed fortunate in having the opportunity of judging the relative standard of our Ceylon tennis as compared with some of the world's best players, and it is to be hoped that the C.L.T.A. will avail itself of every possible opportunity to introduce still other foreign stars to our courts.

Those who witnessed the sparkling play of Satoh, Nuno and Ito at the Colombo Lawn Club last month were mostly impressed with their remarkable accuracy and speed.

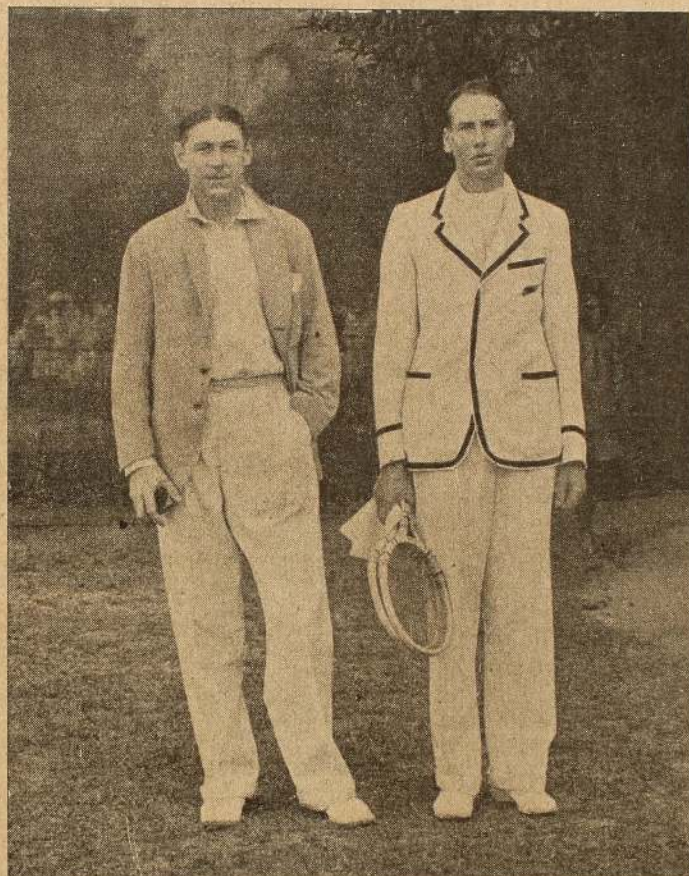
It was delightful to watch Satoh's superb control of the ball. His volleying, especially overhead, was magnificent while his ground strokes and service left little to be desired. They were always adequate in spite of the fact that they seemed somewhat restrained.

Nuno was more spectacular and the terrific pace as well as consistency of his service and drives left no doubt as to the class of his tennis. Like his team-mate, Satoh, he possesses an ideal match temperament, and one may confidently expect to hear much of his tennis in the future.

Both New Zealanders, E. D. Andrews and A. Stedman, have also given a delightful display at the Lawn Club. The latter drives well on both forehand and backhand and his service and overhead are also hard and well controlled.

Andrews is a far more experienced player and his game shows more finesse and subtlety. His services have pace and are well varied. He

has excellent control on all his ground strokes while his volleys are both accurate and decisive. Like Satoh, he seems to have been holding himself in and only occasionally did he let himself go with a stinging drive down the lines for a clean ace.



E. D. Andrews and A. Stedman.

The advent of the Australian Davis Cup team is a further treat to look forward to. The team includes J. Crawford and G. Mc Grath, both of whom have recently defeated the sensational Wimbledon and U. S. champion, Ellsworth Vines.

Crawford is the outstanding player in the team. He has previously played in Colombo, but his recent successes against the U. S. players in Australia will cause local enthusiasts to look forward to seeing him again.

Mc Grath, who is just 16, is a sensational player and his two-handed grip on his backhand will doubt-

less evince much interest. His surprising victory over Vines in the Australian Championship stamps him as a player of real class, and together with his other team-mates, A. Quist and D. Turnbull, he may be counted on to give a sparkling exhibition at the Garden Club, on the 5th.

As Easter draws near, interest is again veering round to the All Ceylon Tennis Championships that commence on the 17th, at Nuwara Eliya.

The tennis displayed by the visiting Davis Cup players cannot but have a stimulating effect upon tennis in Ceylon, and it is particularly fortunate that two of these players Andrews and Stedman, are participating in the Ceylon Championships.

Judging from present form, one would not be surprised to see the Ceylon title leave the island this year, as Andrews and Stedman are both making a serious bid for it. Although the former seems to be the most fancied for the title, and Stedman may run him close, yet our own champion, Pinto, will doubtless find many backers. Pinto's superb volleying and courtcraft are such as to make him dangerous at all times. However, in view of the form shown in the recent trials, Pinto will have to be at his very best to meet the challenge of the New Zealanders successfully.

As for the rest, unfortunately, we do not see any new figures on the horizon. Dr. C. H. Gunasekera will undoubtedly be in the running as well as G. O. Nicholas, H. C. Sansoni, S. L. Pieris, G. M. Rennie, and perhaps H. G. Warne. Of these Sansoni seems to show greatest promise and may yet prove a surprise packet although the very speed of his game and his inability to slow his game down when necessary will almost surely keep him from the title.

The Men's Doubles should prove of the greatest interest. The fact that Andrews and Stedman are playing together will make things lively for the title holders, Pinto and Nicholas. Other good combinations, such as

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## Ceylon Tennis Championships.

(Continued from page 25.)

Gunasekera and Rennie, Sansoni and Francis de Saram, and the de Sarams (father and son) may also prove formidable and one should not be much surprised to see one of these put out one of the higher rated combinations.

The ladies' events do not seem to present much trouble. Miss C. Wright was so outstanding last year that she should have little trouble in defending her title this year, although her sister, Miss E. Wright, and Misses N. Obeysekere and D. Sansoni can well be counted on to make things interesting.

In the Mixed Doubles, Pinto should be seen at his best. With Miss Sansoni he is expected to be able to defend his title successfully, but doubtless the New Zealanders will have a say in this event, too.

The tournament this year should prove especially interesting and it is to be hoped that the recent exhibitions by visiting stars as well as the actual participation of Andrews and Stedman will inspire our players to a higher standard of play.

As the Tennis Tournament has been planned in conjunction with the Easter Race Meet and since other festivities are also planned to take place during the season, Nuwera Eliya will doubtless be the Mecca of all vacationists this Easter.

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# POLO IN CEYLON.

## RATNAPURA CLUB GOING STRONG.

(Communicated.)

IT is only during the last two years that Polo has been taken really seriously at Ratnapura, although in 1930 the team representing Up-country, which is the only one to have won the "Fellowes Gordon" Challenge Cup up-to-date, included three members of the Ratnapura Polo Club, and it is amazing what progress has been made during the last twelve months. In fact, it would have been possible this year to have entered three Ratnapura teams for the annual tournament, but on account of the number of outside teams entering, it was thought better to enter only two teams.

The keenness displayed by a large number of debutants is most gratifying and this has been brought about chiefly through the example and encouragement of the President of the Club, Mr. E. F. J. Reilly, than whom there is no keener or more enthusiastic Polo player in the Island.

The Club held its annual Polo tournament on the 26th January, when the chief attraction was the contest for the "Hapugastenne" Challenge Cup. This Cup was very kindly presented to the Club by Mr. George Fellowes to be played for at Ratnapura each year, open to any team in the Island under non-handicap conditions. Through the courtesy of the Ratnapura Urban District Council, the Club was able to hold its tournament on the Esplanade which, though on the small side, makes a very excellent ground and on which the Honorary Secretary had taken an enormous amount of trouble. The ground was in first-class order and it is now believed to be the best Outstation ground.

The weather for once could not have been better. A heavy storm broke over Ratnapura three days before the tournament and gave the Organising Committee some cause for anxiety. This, however, proved very beneficial as the following days were fine allowing the ground to be well rolled.

Great praise is due to the acting Honorary Secretary, Mr. L. N. Brown, who put in an enormous amount of work not only on the day of the tournament itself but for many days before, and the fact that the tournament went off without a hitch of any sort is very largely due to his efforts. Capt. J. H. Swan-Benzie, who was responsible for organizing the play of the tournament, is to be congratulated on its success.

The following five teams were entered for the tournament:—

### TILLINGHAM

(Colours: Yellow)

1. Cav. M. Pansa (Capt.)
  2. Lt. Comdr. C. Gairdner
  3. H. D. Tollinton
- Back Lt. Comdr. C. E. Lambe.

### KNAVES

(Colours: White)

1. J. Kotalawala
  2. R. M. M. Worsley
  3. C. R. Brocklehurst (Capt.)
- Back R. G. C. Pereira

### KELANI VALLEY

(Colours: Red)

1. P. A. Clauss
  2. C. A. Hall-Hall (Capt.)
  3. Capt. L. R. J. C. Wilkinson
- Back B. R. F. Wilson

### RATANAPURA "A"

(Colours: Dark Green)

#### Position

1. V. C. Baker
  2. G. H. Robins
  3. Major A. J. S. Featherstonhaugh
- Back Capt. J. H. Swan-Benzie (Capt.)

### RATNAPURA "B"

(Colours: Dark Blue)

1. J. D. G. Hickley
  2. W. J. Craig
  3. R. H. Whitehorn
- Back E. F. J. Reilly (Capt.)

As regards the Play, "Tillingham" stood out as by far the best team, their combination being excellent, and the strong hitting and sound defence of Lt. Comdr. Charles Lambe were a pleasure to watch.

\* They deservedly won every game they played, and only once in the whole match was the ball hit behind their goal line, when they were playing the Ratnapura "A" Team.

The Ratnapura "B" Team, which was mostly composed of newcomers to the game, played surprisingly well, and in one chukker actually beat the "Knives" playing level, although on Handicap they should have received 6 goals. Mr. Reilly was a tower of strength at Back, continually hitting the ball up to his Forwards who took every advantage of it.

The result of the tournament was as follows:

|                   | Games won |
|-------------------|-----------|
| (1) TILLINGHAM    | 8         |
| (2) RATNAPURA "A" | 5½        |
| (3) KNAVES        | 2½        |
| (4) RATNAPURA "B" | 2         |
| (5) KELANI VALLEY | 2         |

The Cup was presented by Mr. George Fellowes to Cav. Mario Pansa, and the President, Mr. E. F. J. Reilly, speaking on behalf of the Ratnapura Gymkhana Club, stated that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to thank the visiting teams for their excellent support for the jump off for the Challenge Cup that day. He particularly wished to thank Mr. Hall-Hall for his stout effort in raising a team from the Kelani Valley in this age of depression, also Mr. Brocklehurst for always introducing new players in his team to the district, and last but not least, Cav. Mario Pansa. Ratnapura very much regretted to hear that Cav. Mario Pansa would be leaving Ceylon shortly. He had been a pillar of strength to the Ceylon Polo world and a very strong supporter indeed to all Outstation Polo by raising and bringing teams to the different tournaments. Included in his team this day were star Polo players whom we all considered it was a pleasure to play against and also an education to see in action.

Mr. Reilly closed his remarks by wishing Cav. Mario Pansa good health, prosperity and Polo wherever his travels might take him, and by reminding the visitors to the Ratnapura Gymkhana Club that there would always be a warm welcome for them whenever they could manage to visit Ratnapura.



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# THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

ON JENNIFER'S BAD DAY.

By Elisabeth Mayo.

"I FEEL inclined to throw my Post-Toasties on the floor!" said Jennifer.

Nobody took any notice.

"Including the plate!" Jennifer added.

Still nobody took any notice, but Mummy looked rather sorry.

They were sitting at breakfast; Mummy and Daddy, and seven-year old Jennifer.

Presently Daddy, who was reading the paper, told Mummy that there had been a mad-dog shot in Colpetty, the day before, in the very next road to theirs.

"If I were a mad dog," said Jennifer, "I know whose compound I should go to, and I know who I should bite!"

Now you will naturally think that Jennifer was a very naughty, disagreeable little girl.

But there you would be wrong. On the whole, Jennifer was quite a nice little girl; she allowed her ayah to wash her ears, without a fuss, and hardly said anything when her toe-nails were being cut, even the tiny curled up ones, on the littlest toes. But this morning she had evidently got out of bed on the wrong side, which, as everyone knows, is an unfortunate thing to do, because when you start the day badly, it quite often goes on being a bad day, right on till bedtime.

It certainly seemed as if it was going to be one of Jennifer's bad days. After breakfast, when Daddy had gone to his office, the little girl went on the front verandah, where her baby brother was lying in his cot, playing very happily with a crumpled piece of tissue-paper. He was a darling, chubby little boy of five months old, and Jennifer was ever so proud of him, and thought him much prettier, and cleverer than any of the other babies, when they went to the Race-Course, or the Park with Ayah.

But because she felt so cross this morning, she snatched the piece of paper out of his fat little hands, and threw it into the garden.

"You are a naughty boy!" she said, "I won't allow you to be so silly as to play with paper. You ought to be ashamed of yourself!"

The baby began to cry, for although he could not understand what Jennifer was saying, he knew by her sharp tone, and her frowning face, that she was scolding him.

Mummy was at the telephone. Jennifer heard her say "And a large size bottle of Syrup of Figs—Yes, that will be all, thank you; will you send them along as soon as possible, please? I want the Syrup of Figs this morning."

And then Mummy came on the verandah, and the baby stopped crying, and kicked as hard as he could, with his strong little legs, which was his way of showing he was pleased.

"Poor Sonnie-boy!" said Mummy, "You hurt his feelings when you speak so unkindly."

"But it is very silly to play with paper," Jennifer pouted.

"It seems silly to you, because you are a big girl, and can do heaps, and heaps of things. But poor little Sonnie can hardly do anything yet. He likes the crackly noise that the paper makes. He is not old enough to play properly yet, poor darling!"

It was a wet day, so Jennifer could not play in the garden. She had plenty of nice toys, but that morning nothing seemed to please her. By and bye she saw a messenger on a bicycle, bringing a parcel to the house, and she felt sure it was the medicine she had heard mother ordering on the phone.

"I will go and hide," she said to herself, and she ran up-stairs.

She knew of a lovely place to hide. There was a very large almirah in the spare bed-room, and

when Jennifer and her little friends played hide-and-seek, they often used to hide in it. It was the kind of almirah that is more like a cupboard. There were no shelves, or drawers, but rows of pegs to hang clothes on, and there was room for two or three children inside. Of course, they always kept the door a little bit open, but even then it was rather a stuffy hiding-place.

To-day, however, the big almirah was locked. Jennifer remembered that her mother had told her about a lady called "The Mistletoe Bride," who had hidden in a chest, and got locked in, and died there. "And supposing the door got stuck in some way," Mummy had added "on the whole, I don't think it is a good place to hide."

"Then I will hide on the top," thought Jennifer.

It was rather a high almirah, but Jennifer dragged a table near it; then she put a chair on the table, and all the pillows from the bed, on the chair, and when she climbed on the top of this erection, she was just able to clamber on to the top of the almirah.

There was a high piece of ornamental carving all along the top, and by crouching behind it, Jennifer might have been hidden. But almost instantly—crack—crash—the top of the almirah broke under her weight, and poor Jennifer went flop down inside.

She was not hurt by the fall, for she clutched at the clothes which were hanging on the pegs. But she was terribly frightened. It was dreadfully hot and stuffy inside the almirah, with the door locked, and enough air came from the broken top where she had fallen through to prevent her being suffocated. It was a very unpleasant experience.

However, Mummy was looking for her, and as soon as she opened the spareroom door, she heard the screams and kicks inside the almirah, and in a moment she had brought the key, and let out the poor little prisoner.

"Oh, Mummy, Mummy," sobbed Jennifer, "I thought I was going to be a Mistletoe Bride!"

And Mummy kissed and comforted her. And when she poured out a spoonful of medicine for Jennifer, the little girl drank it down without a word, and she even remembered to say, "Thank you Mummy!"

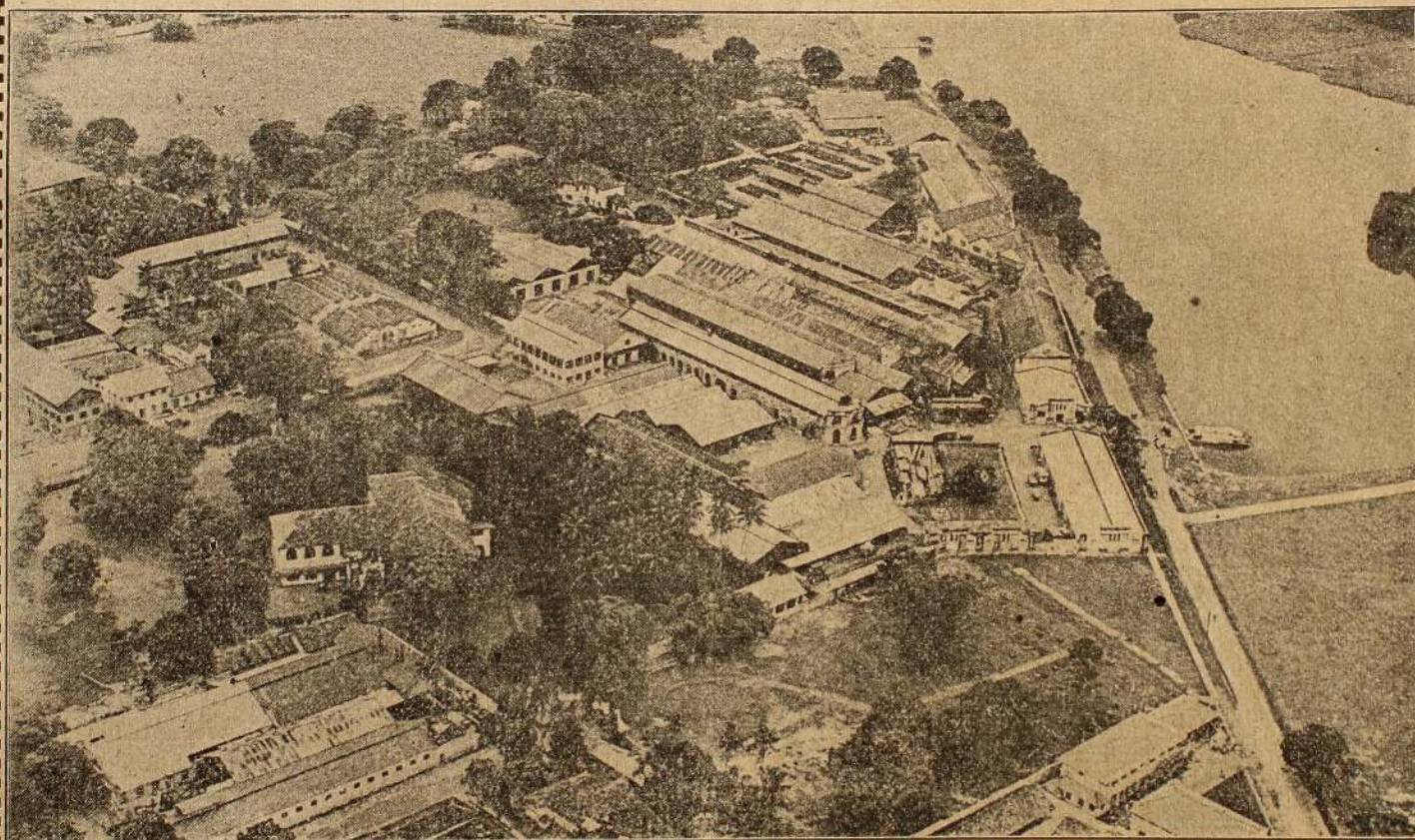


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A THEORY has been advanced by a French physician that the flowers of the Mimosa have some connection with outbreaks of 'flu in England; and that epidemics synchronise with the arrival of Mimosa blossoms from the Riviera. The association of flowers with disease is not unknown. Hay fever, for instance, is attributed to the dissemination of pollen through the air during harvest-time.

The Australian Wattle is described in a London paper as a variety of Mimosa, but it is really an Acacia, and the pollen from its flowers is said to contaminate milk, and butter, cause sore-throats and catarrhal headaches. Wattles are believed to give rise to a form of fermentation dangerous to health; but the plantations in and around Nuwara Eliya do not appear to have affected that salubrious clime.

There is no doubt that greater interest is now being taken in indigenous drug plants, the value of whose medicinal qualities are being more and more recognised. The founding of an Indigenous School of Medicine has helped to draw attention to the virtues of native drugs, which for many years were looked upon with suspicion, owing to the fact that so little was known about them. The same thing cannot be said to-day. The late Dr. Attygalle's book on indigenous drug plants, published a good many years ago, is an interesting volume, but a later and more informative work is Dr. Emmanuel Roberts' useful treatise, which is the last word on the subject.

The common "Gorse," so familiar in N'Eliya, is *Ulex Europæus*. It is also known as "whin" and "furze." The leaves of the plant are much reduced in size, and many of the branches are found as green spines. The flowers are explosive, like those of *Genista*; and so are the fruits which twist up in dry air.

The leaves gradually undergo alteration of shape during the germination of the seed—changing from the normal compound character of the order (*Leguminosae*) to the acicular type of the adult plant. *Genista anglica*, also known as "needle gorse" or "petty whin," is probably the *Planta Genista*, or "Broom," which gave rise to the name Plantaganet, because the members of the clan wore a sprig of it in their bonnets.

A small order of monocotyledons found in the island is *Burmaniaceae*. I recently came upon a mass of *Burmannia disticha* growing in a damp spot in the Galle district, bearing pretty purple flowers which keep well when cut. The blossoms are particularly handsome, and the plant worth cultivating in gardens. I have to thank the Government Systematic Botanist for identifying this plant which I had not met with before. The Sinhalese name for it is given as "Ma-diyajavala."

*Carissa carandas* was at one time a favourite garden plant, commonly known as "Ceylon Damson," and in Sinhalese, as "Maha-karanda." It carries sharp thorns and thrives best in dry areas. The flowers are white, and the red and white fruits (later turning dark purple) are quite ornamental, and make good jam and jelly. The English Damson is a *Prunus*, order *Rosaceae*, the same genus to which the plum, apricot, cherry, peach and almond belong and the same order as the apple (*Rosaceae*.) The "Ceylon Damson" belongs to the order *Apocynaceae*, one of our commonest and largest tropical orders, which includes the Allamanda and many other garden plants.

The mysterious "Madara" tree about whose magical powers so much has been written of late, is a member of the order *Euphorbiaceae*. Its botanical name is *Cleistanthus collinus*. It is strange that the

plant should be so rarely met with, but it is satisfactory to know that it is growing in the Heneratgoda Botanic Gardens, where it may be found by those who are curious to see it.

"Plantain"—not the edible species known as "banana," which is a monocotyledon,—but the dicotyledonous plant belonging to the order *Plantaginaceae*, is represented in Ceylon by only one native and one indigenous species, viz. *Plantago Major* (Var. *asiatic*) and *P. lanceolata*. The plant is characteristic in growth and Willis describes it as a perennial with a thick root and a rosette of leaves, in the axils of which the flower spikes spring. The seeds of *P. decumbens*, sold in the bazaars, contain an abundance of mucilage and swell up when put into water. They are known as "ispaghula" or "kusa-kusa," and are reputed to be a cure for dysentery.

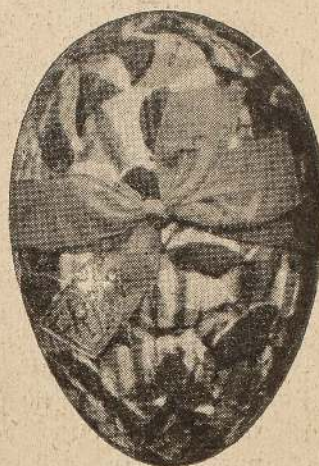
The fruit spikes of *P. major* (known as the "greater plantain") are given to cage birds. Some species of *Plantago* are troublesome weeds, their leaves lying flat on the ground among the grass. Dr. Brewer tells us that the plantain is the favourite food of asses! The leaves of Plantain are useful for cuts and wounds, and when bruised and rubbed in relieve pain and swelling. It was known as "the healing plant," cf. Drayton "The hermit gathers...plantane for a sore."

The question of employing local woods for packing tea has been much discussed of late both in Council and the press. Mr. E. E. Meggett, of Balangoda Group, Bogawantalawa, deals with the subject from a planter's practical view-point in an article on "Problems associated with the establishing of a local Tea Chest Industry." He tells us that in his own experience of local woods of which he made 16,000 packages in 1917-18, "I found some of them excellent for the purpose," and names the following as "first-class," viz. "Tinnija" (*Doona Congestifolia*), "mango" (*Mangifera Indica*) and "malaboda" (*Myristica Laurifolia*.) Of the first he remarks that if the wood could be worked up with proper wood-working machinery, it would be equal to the Japanese "Momi."



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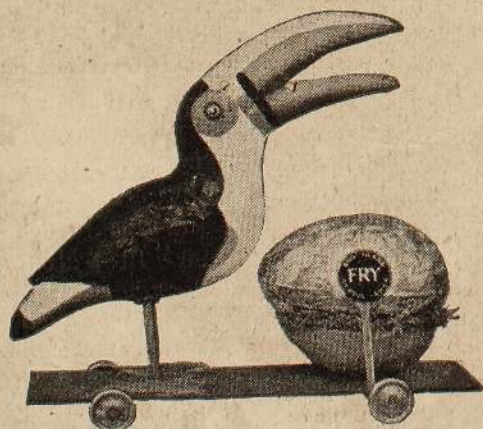
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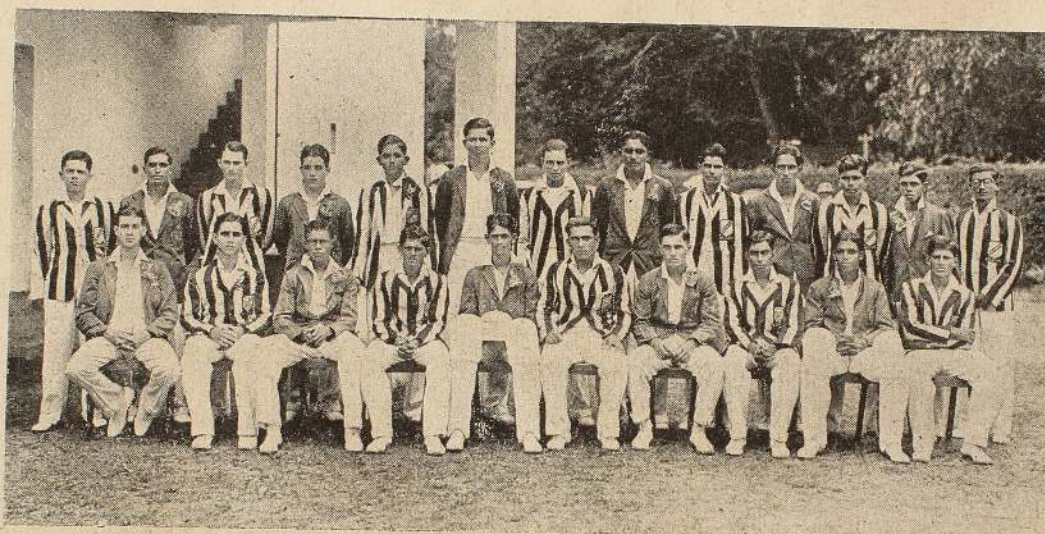


# The Big School Cricket Match.

By "Veteran."

IT was the fifty-fourth annual contest, and after many years, Royal and St. Thomas' had the two best School teams of the year. The sides were evenly matched. The Royalists had a strong array of punishing and experienced batsmen, and one of the most brilliant fielding sides that ever

The Thomians were cleverly handled by Gauder who managed his bowlers excellently. M. O. Gooneratne, Wijeyesinghe, and Anthonisz, all slow spin bowlers, bowled splendidly, and were backed by a hard-working fielding side. The Thomians started poorly, losing half the side



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**Standing:**—D. Bartholomeusz, D. Amarasinghe, K. Werkmeister, F. Jilla, M. Tennekoon, A. H. Gooneratne, E. J. de Kretser, R. Coomarasamy, S. Anthonisz, D. Wilson, S. Thabrew, T. Herat, W. A. Wijeyesinghe.

**Seated:**—D. C. T. Pate, D. Fairweather, J. C. W. Rock, F. Amarasinghe, W. L. Mendis, (Royalist Capt.) L. S. Gauder, (Thomian Capt.) F. Porritt, S. Gnanasekaram, M. Ahmath, M. O. Gooneratne.

represented a Ceylon School. They were weak in bowling, and this deficiency was a serious handicap as events proved. The Thomians were a young side, but they improved rapidly and were carefully coached. They had a splendid set of bowlers, and this was their strong point. No side had made 150 in an innings against the school attack, and the batting was sound right down to No. 10. The fielding was safe. The Royalists started with the initial advantage of winning the toss, but the Thomians dismissed them for 182, a moderate score on a wicket which was a paradise for batsmen. Porritt, Wilson and Amarasinghe got the bulk of the runs, and played great cricket each in their own way.

for under a hundred, but Gauder carried the side, and in a partnership with De Kretser exposed the deficiencies of the Royalist attack ruthlessly. Thabrew, Amarasinghe, Wijeyesinghe, and Gnanasekaram all batted well, and the Thomians established the useful lead of 49 runs. In the second attempt, the Royalists were out to get runs quick, and if possible to set the Thomians a fair score to get. When Mendis and Amarasinghe were in together, they gave a spectacular display of bright batting, but it was a pace that could not last, against any side with any claims to efficiency in bowling, and the Royalists were able to set the Thomians the small score of 97 to get in about 85 minutes. Bartholomeusz and Wijeyesinghe, the

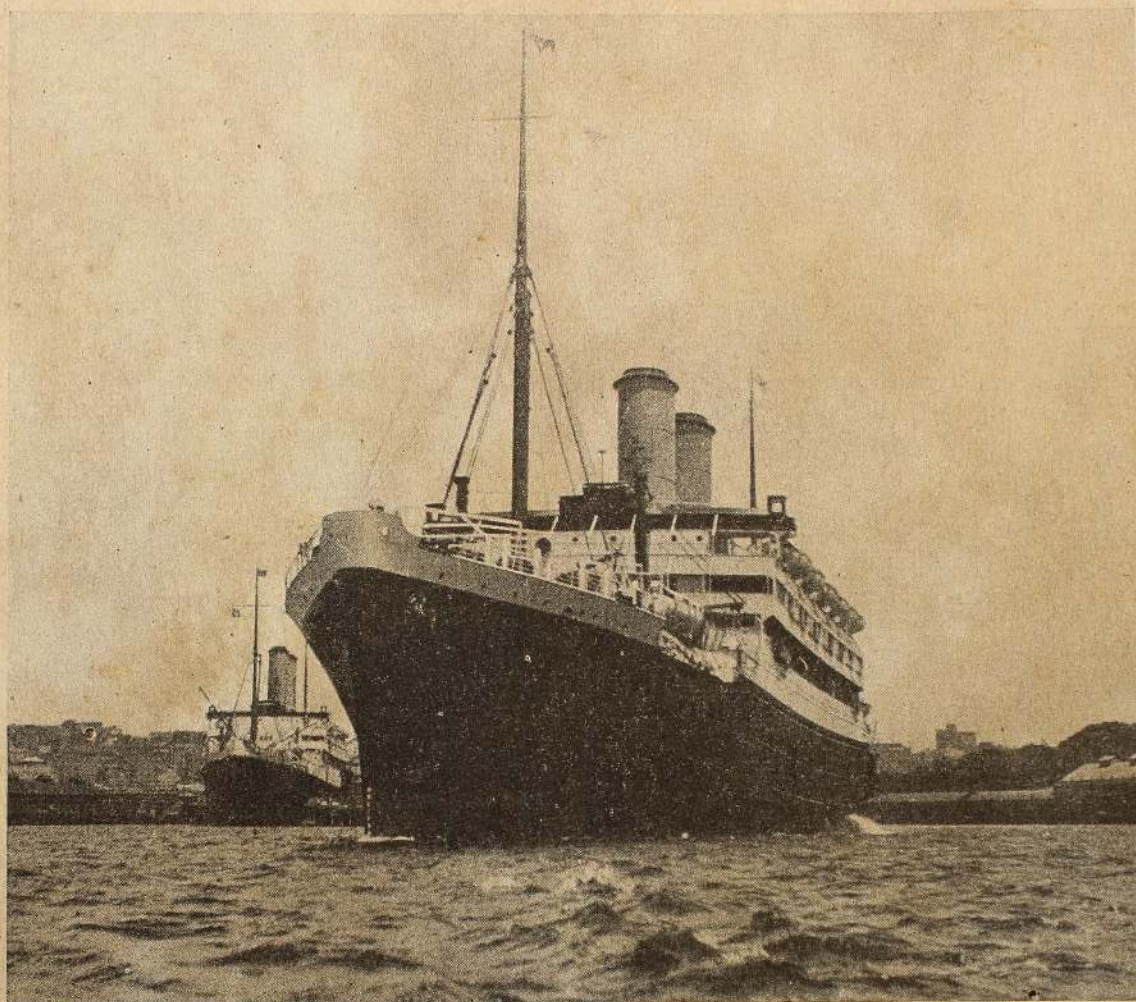
Thomian opening pair, played in classic style, and definitely proved that the bowling had no punch in it, and put up 50 without loss. Then came the thrills with 47 to get, in about half an hour, and a dash for the runs by the Thomians, which provided some of the most sensational thrills that any cricket match could furnish. No doubt a safety first policy would have ensured a score of about 80, for no wickets, but that was not the spirit of the match. The spirit of adventure was not dead, and nine wickets fell, with 6 runs to get and one wicket to go, when stumps were drawn. It was a thoroughly enjoyable match and one which will go down to history as one of the finest matches of the series. Gauder's great innings of 65 and his clever captaincy will always be associated with this match. There were many performances which deserve to be specially mentioned. Porritt was the best all rounder for his side, while Wijeyesinghe made a historic *debut* by a great all round display. Bartholomeusz and Wijeyesinghe, the opening Thomian batsmen, played great cricket and are both players of much promise. Wilson was a tough player of the defensive order to whom his side owed much. Amarasinghe, the Royalist, was very nearly the class batsman of the match. Fairweather's brilliant catching, and his straight sixer at a most exciting moment, will live long in the memory of the crowd of that day.

Mendis played bright cricket and had a very successful time behind the wickets. The Royalists bowling was weaker than the score sheet suggested, as whatever success was achieved by Porritt and Herat, more especially in the second innings, was due mainly to the exigencies of the game, than to any superior skill. On the whole the Thomians revealed a standard of all round excellence that made them a better team, and this "come back" of Thomian cricket is a most pleasing feature to their supporters. It was a great match, fought to the last ball in the right spirit.



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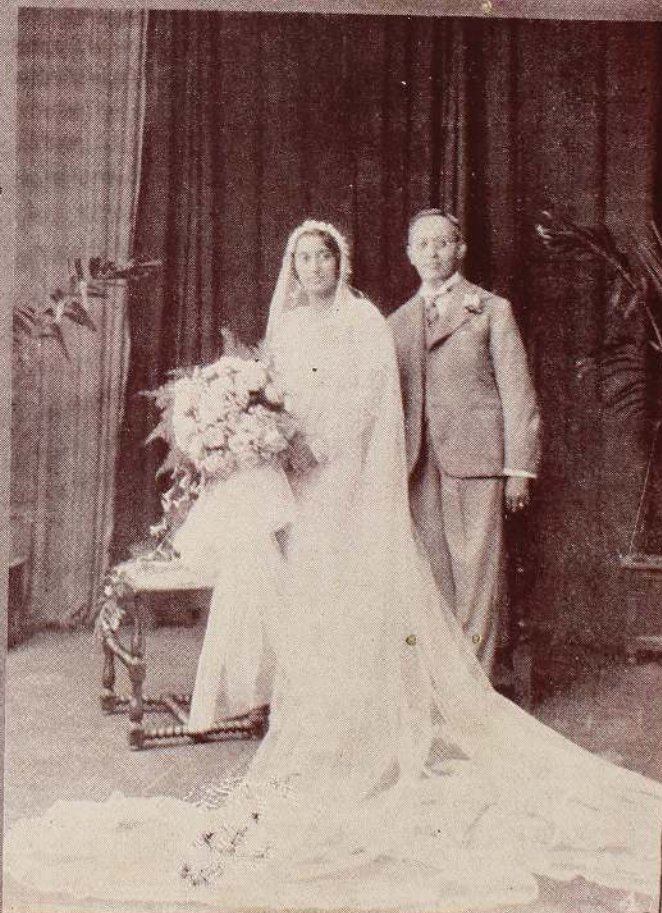
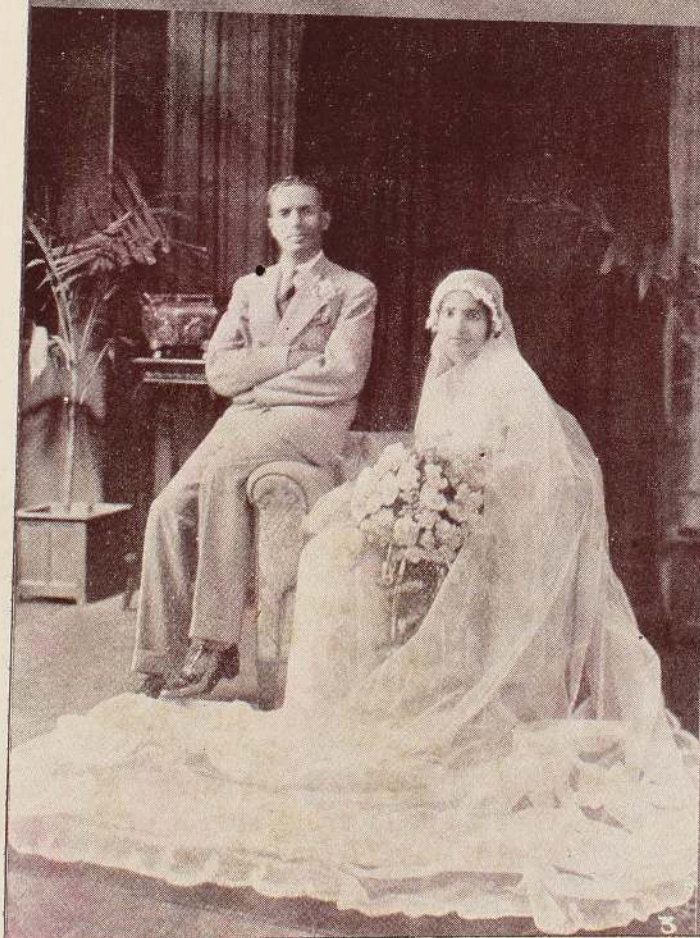
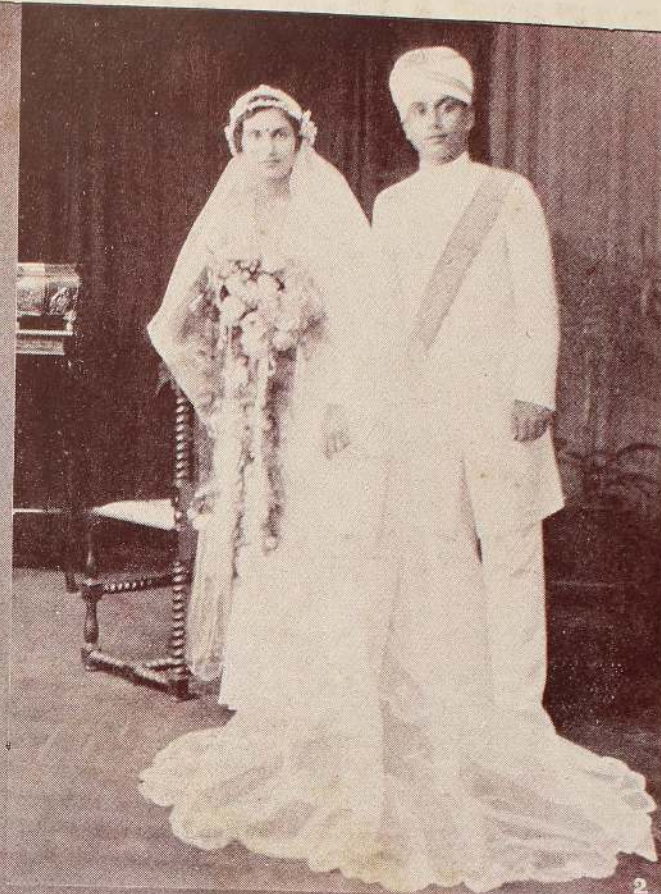
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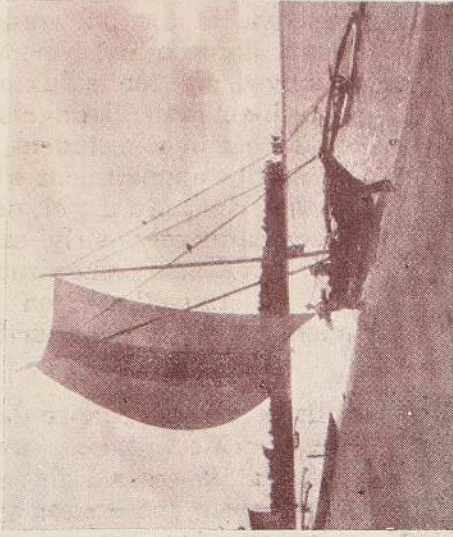
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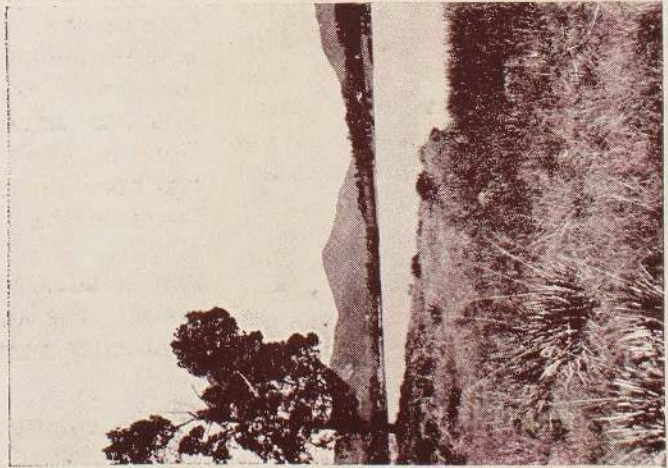
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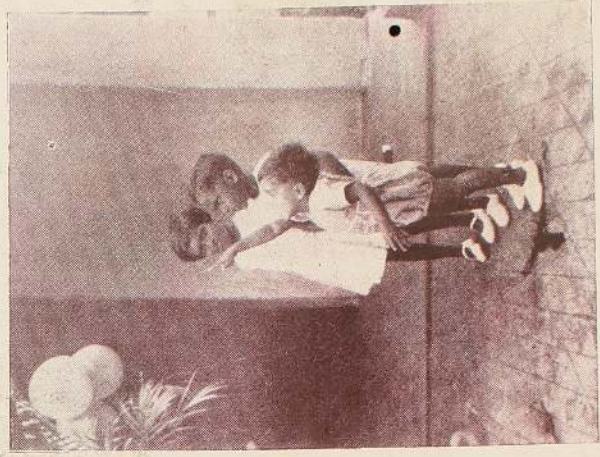
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AMONGST the comparatively few European Merchants in Ceylon to-day who can point to a record of over thirty years' service in the Island is Mr. J. Sydney Collett, the Managing Director of Messrs. Walker & Greig Ltd., who arrived in Colombo in 1902. For a period of twenty-three years, Mr. Collett was associated with Messrs. Whittall & Co., being in charge of their Mortlake Establishment. Since 1925, he has been the respected head of an Engineering Firm, which is well known throughout the Island. Mr. Collett's rare personality and business initiative have contributed in no small measure to the solidarity and success of his firm and the value of his guiding hand during the present crisis must be incalculable. Educated at Dulwich, Mr. Collett is the personification of the best type of the British Public School product, his charm of manner and *bon homie* having won for him the regard of all who know him. As a member of the Colombo Municipal Council for more years than we can remember, Mr. Collett has rendered valuable service and his recent resignation has caused very keen regret. During the period of the Great War, Mr. Collett did his bit as a member of the Ceylon Supply and Transport Corps. It is not generally known that Mr. Collett had an elder brother in the Island, that late Mr. Oliver Collett, who was a Planter Up-country, in the eighties. He was at Rozelle, and was a keen scientist. He made a donation of his valuable collection of shells to the Colombo Museum.

The death of Mr. A. C. W. Samarakoon removes a very prominent figure from the life of the Province of Uva. Mr. Samarakoon was educated at Trinity College, Kandy, where he had a distinguished career and where he displayed those gifts which made him such a success in after life. He was in the Cricket team at Trinity and took an interest in all sides of School life. He passed out as a Proctor about twenty-

five years ago and settled in Badulla. His energy and ability and his strong sense of duty soon won for him the confidence of the entire province and at the time of his death he enjoyed a leading position at the Bar.

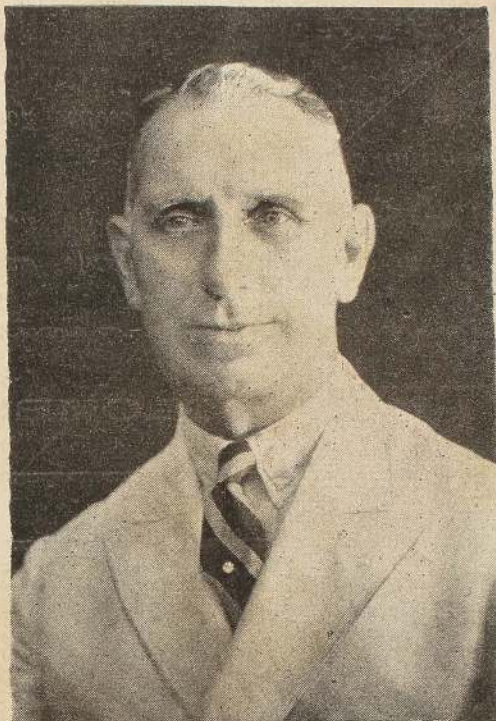


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MR. "DAVE" IRELAND.

A frequent visitor to Colombo in recent years has been Mr. "Dave" Ireland, who paid his eleventh visit to the Island last month, arriving here on the "Otranto." Mr Ireland, who is one of the best known Turfites in West Australia, has done much to advertise Ceylon's attractions in the Commonwealth and he has been responsible for inducing a large number of Australians to visit Ceylon. He has also done a great deal to advertise Ceylon tea in Australia. He hopes to pay us another visit early next year.

We congratulate Mr. Justice L. M. de Silva, K. C., on his acting appointment as Puisne Justice to fill the vacancy created by the absence on leave of Mr. T. F. Garvin, K. C. Promotion has come in rapid strides to the Hon. Mr. L. M. de

Silva, who began his official career less than eight years ago as Commissioner of Requests. Promotion in his case is the due recognition of merit and not of mere seniority achieved by the effluxion of time. A brilliant and distinguished career which began as a student, is rounded off by this appointment which comes to the Hon. Mr. L. M. de Silva at a comparatively early stage in his life. We also congratulate Mr. J. W. R. Ilangakoon on his acting appointment as Solicitor-General.

It is encouraging to learn that in these critical times, not only of financial depression but also of political unrest and economic strife, the Planters' Associations in Ceylon recognise the value of being led by true and tried men. Mr. F. H. Griffith has been re-elected Chairman of the Kalutara P.A. The new Chairmen are Mr. Jas. Forbes for Dimbula, Mr. A. H. Reid for Uva, Mr. J. D. Hoare for Sabaragamuwa, Mr. W. Y. Mackintosh for the Southern Province, Mr. C. Pern for Matale, Mr. R. B. Gillespie for Kelani Valley, Mr. Leigh for Pusselawa, Mr. W. H. Field for Kegalla, Mr. C. L. Mc Miller for Knuckles, Kellebokka and Panvila, Mr. Spencer Schrader for Kurunegala, Mr. L. F. Roundell for Dolosbage-Kotmale and Mr. Guy Walker for Dickoya.

The appointment of Mr. T. W. Hockly, Managing Director of Messrs Delmege Forsyth & Co., Ltd., and Consul for Spain and Portugal, as a Nominated Member of the Colombo Municipal Council in succession to Mr. J. Sydney Collett, is an eminently sound one and we have to congratulate the Mayor of Colombo on securing such a decided acquisition to the Council Board. "T. W. H." has been a traveller in many lands. He has the seeing eye and a flair for capturing the most fleeting phases of natural beauty and setting them down in varying moods—now with rugged descriptive vigour, again with wistful bursts of almost lyrical ecstasy. His frequent contributions to the Ceylon Press on a variety of topics are eagerly read and appreciated for the sane and wholesome views they express. Seldom is success in business associated with rare literary gifts. But "T.W.H." is a notable exception.



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# JUNGLE LIFE.

By Eardley Liesching.

OF late years a new form of sport has come into vogue, and is gradually becoming more popular. I refer to the sport of "Hunting Wild Animals with the Camera" and it is worthy of encouragement, and can be depended on to provide its devotees with quite as many thrills as the older custom of hunting with gun and rifle. It has the advantage that its object is not the slaughter and destruction of wild life, which threatens to exterminate many animals which are thereby rapidly being wiped off the face of the earth; and that many others besides the huntsman, can enjoy the fruit of his efforts and share with him the excitement he experiences in securing his trophies in the shape of beautiful photographs of animals in their natural surroundings, and depicting their habits and methods. The man who is hunting to kill is called upon to undergo many hardships and often dangers. If he is successful in securing his quarry, probably very few people outside his circle of friends and acquaintances hear about it, and few are any the better or gain much knowledge from his experiences. True he has learnt many a lesson himself, and I do not wish to run him down in any way; unless he indulges in his pastime for the mere love of killing and tuft hunting. Many a fine sportsman has thrilled us all with accounts of his adventures and experiences, and the sporting instinct is common to nearly all of us. Up to within quite recent times it is to such men that we have been indebted for such knowledge as we have gained of wild life in distant countries. But the man who hunts with a camera has to undergo the same dangers and difficulties, and is able to bring back to us photographs of what he has actually seen, and such a man hunts with the definite object of depicting animals in their natural surroundings, and bringing home to the public the results of his efforts and the knowledge he has gained; and I can think of no more interesting subject for study.

The study of the natural instinct of animals for self preservation, an art shared by savages who live under

very similar conditions and have to depend on their wits for their very existence, has been largely lost among civilized peoples, owing to the comparative security in which they have lived for generations, and their freedom from danger and the necessity of protecting themselves.

In the jungles of Ceylon with the exception of Elephants, Bears, Leopards and Alligators, there are no really dangerous large animals. But even these have their enemies, chiefly man, I regret to say, and I will here give two instances of the natural instinct of bears for self preservation.

I had occasion to camp for some months in the jungle near Kantalai, being engaged in work on the railway extensions to Trincomalee.

Close to my camp was the dried up bed of a river, or rather a canal, which in former days had been cut as a connecting link between the two irrigation tanks of Kantalai and Minneria. All the water in this canal, or "Ella" as it is called, had dried up during the hot weather, and I was obliged to dig deep wells for the requirements of my camp, in the bed of this Ella.

In my wanderings I came across water holes, scooped out by bears. These were not pools of clear water as one might suppose, at which all the animals in the neighbourhood assembled nightly to quench their thirst; but merely holes scooped out by the bears in the sand until they came to a little moisture, and had to content themselves with sucking up this muddy ooze mixed with sand. I was very surprised and mystified by this, the more so, when one day on turning up the dry bed of a stream which joined the Ella at right angles, I came to a beautiful clear pool of fresh water, only about two hundred yards away, in the deep shade of the jungle, a pool about 30 yards long and deep enough for a swim, with fish in it. Why did the bears scoop out these holes and suck up the muddy water which oozed up through the sand, in preference to drinking at this beautiful clear pool? Then I bethought me of Kipling's "Just so Stories," and in particular,

of "How the Elephant Got His Trunk." Now perhaps those of you who have read these wonderful stories can think of the explanation. The bears knew there might be Alligators lurking in the pools, which might seize them by the nose and hold them down until they were drowned. This is one instance of their sagacity and instinct.

On another occasion I thought I would try and procure a flashlight photo of a bear at one of these sandy scoop-outs as it drank at night.

I had a machan, or stage, erected on a tree close to the water hole and one night as it was growing dusk established myself there with my tracker, having arranged camera and flashlight so as to command a good view of the bear as he drank. At about 8-30 p.m., we heard him approaching, and it was thrilling to hear his footsteps over the dry dead leaves as he shuffled along. He passed right under the machan, but to my disgust did not go down to the water hole. He did not get wind of us, however, and shuffled away, and I was disappointed as I heard the sound of his shuffling gait receding. But my tracker assured me that he would return, and there was nothing for it but to possess our souls in patience and await events. After

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## JUNGLE LIFE.

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about 3 hours' patient waiting we were rewarded by hearing the shuffling sound coming up the dry bed of the stream. The moon was up and presently Bruin came into view, but not in the bright moonlight. He kept close to the bank and as much as possible in the shadows. Our excitement was becoming intense. Nearer and nearer he came, and now he was within ten yards of us. In a few seconds he would be at the water hole, and everything was ready for snapping him at the psychological moment.

Someone moved, a slight creaking of the woodwork of which the machan was constructed, and . . . . Bruin did not waste a single second in pricking up his ears, sniffing or peering round to see where the danger lay. Without a moment's hesitation he made off for the opposite bank where there was deeper shadow, and where it was not so steep, so that he could get up and secure cover of the jungle. But this is where his natural instinct was most evident. To get to the other side he would have to cross in a bright patch of moonlight, making an easy target for a rifle; but there happened to be a big tree leaning over the stream, whose trunk threw a broad shadow across this patch of light, and up that shadow Bruin went, and never exposed himself in the bright light for a moment. That was a wonderful lesson, and though I was disappointed and did not have the satisfaction of getting my flash-light snapshot, I had learnt a lot and had a thrilling experience.

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## THREE PLANETS MOVING ACROSS

By Leonard Arndt

**I**N the month of April, soon after sunset, no eye can fail to notice the planets Mars and Jupiter blazing high in the east. They are both being left behind by the faster earth and thus appear to be moving backward for a short time. In the case of Mars this retrograde movement has been going on since the middle of January but will terminate on the 15th of April, after which the planet will be seen to take its normal eastward course,—down again through the constellation of the Lion, into Virgo and so through the Zodiac.

### Retrograde Course of Mars.

In the first fortnight of April, therefore, it will be easy to see for oneself how Mars seems to move up towards Regulus, the brightest star in Leo, and then retreat almost retracing the course it has taken these three months though slightly to the right and almost twice as quickly. A similar, but less striking, movement may be seen in Jupiter, which is easily distinguished alike by its brilliance and its movement.

### Leo the Background.

The constellation of Leo is the background against which these two neighbour worlds are seen to move, together with a third (Neptune) which is too distant to be seen with the unaided eye.

Neighbour worlds against the background of stars of varying distances but all tremendously remote. Light, which travels 186,000 miles a second, is reflected back from Mars just now in 5 or 6 minutes, while the light of the burning sun, that Regulus really is, takes 56 years.

### Regulus a Blazing Sun.

Regulus, the alpha of the Lion, is at the end of the handle of the sickle, which can be traced in the top part of the figure of the Lion. If it were as near as Mars, it would burn up the earth and turn the oceans to vapour, with a blazing disc about four times the diameter of our sun.

### Where the Stars will Rain.

In the centre of the semi-circular Sickle referred to above, is the point from which the November meteors

(hence called the Leonids) radiate. It is important to get familiar with this part of the sky, because the Lion will be in the east again just after midnight on the 15th of November. The Rain of Stars is confidently expected this year, and should be watched for about the 15th to 17th of that month.

There was disappointment last year although one has got to be careful in making a negative statement like that. For instance, all the books state that the 1899 shower did not come off, but I have met two persons who confidently asserted that they saw it in 1900, one in Kurunegala and the other in Ratnapura.

### Who Saw the 1899 Shower?

A regular correspondent of the *Ceylon Causerie* is mentioned as having been in the party which watched the rain of stars over the Kurunegala Lake. Perhaps he may be persuaded to describe the experience!

### Pluto the New Planet.

Other familiar groups may be watched for the last time before they set to rise again in six months.

There is Orion the Mighty Hunter, followed by his Dogs. Orion contains Betelgeuze, which would fill half the sky, if it were as close as our sun, and in the Great Dog is Sirius, which is the brightest star because it is comparatively close, scarcely larger than our sun.

To the right of Orion are the Twins specially interesting because near them is Pluto, the new planet, "lone sentinel, that guards the silent waste," too far away at the confines of the solar system to be seen with the naked eye. (When this planet was to be named, the writer suggested Janus, the two-faced god, but the name was ruled out because there may be yet another planet beyond!)

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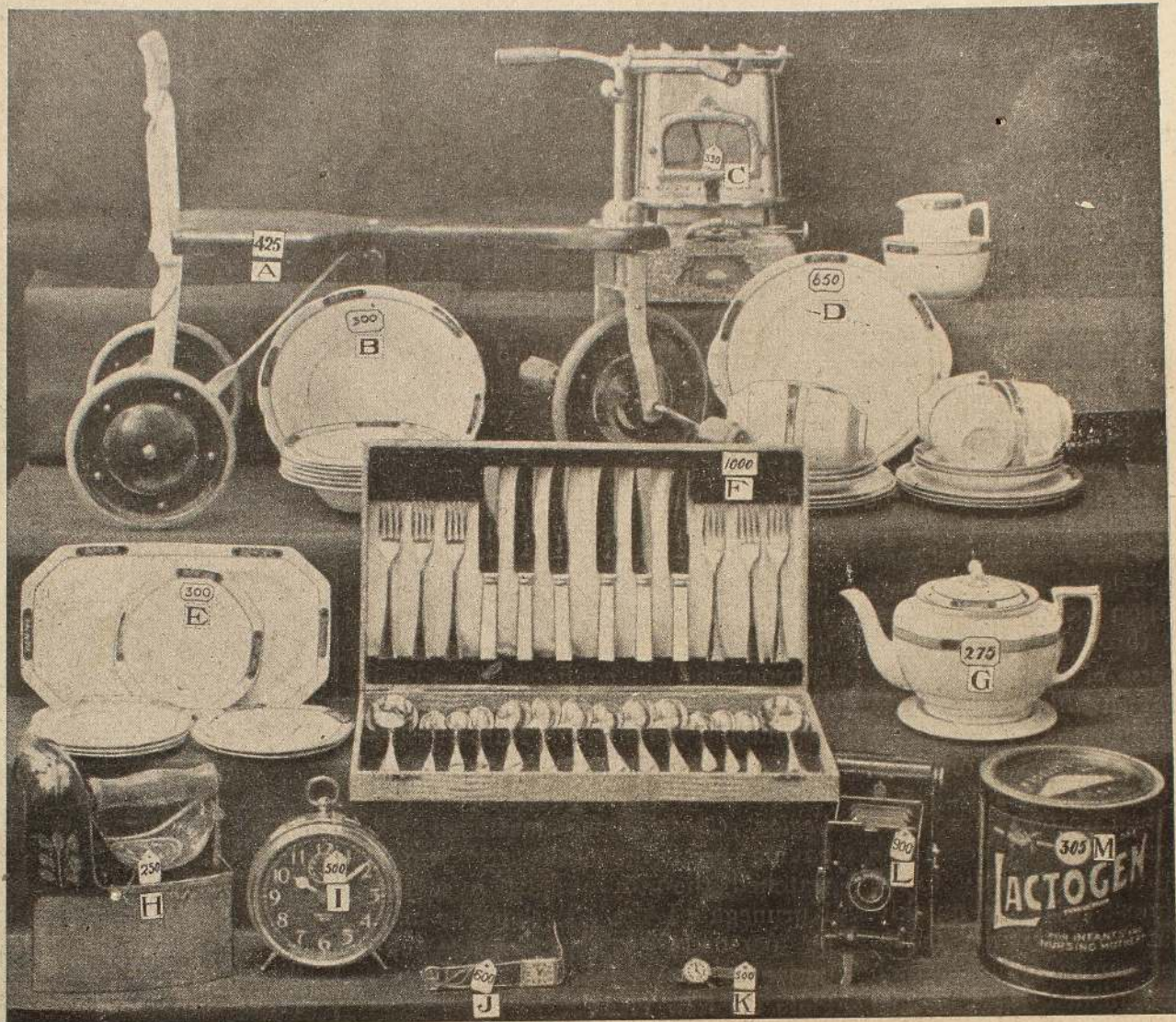
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# Our Competition Page

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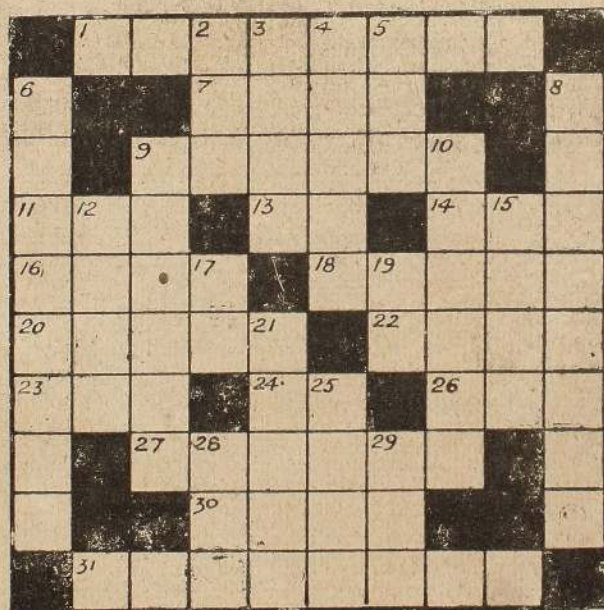
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### CLUES.

#### HORIZONTAL.

1. Dance
7. Air
9. Obliquely
11. Entity
13. Lieutenant
14. Age
16. Tranquil
18. Live piece of coal
20. Ballads
22. Period of time
23. Suffix
24. Article
26. Triple
27. Refine
30. Noses
31. Torches

#### VERTICAL.

2. Cape
3. Void
4. Tattle
5. Man's name
6. Prevent
8. A mark
9. Dead
10. Jewish month
12. Claw
15. Erect
17. Degree
19. Belonging to me
21. Auctions.
25. Points
28. Unit
29. Compass point

### Solution to Puzzle No. 34.

#### Horizontal.

1. Geneva. 4. Mullet. 9. Regal.
10. Shingle. 11. Slender. 12. Outer.
13. Stump. 15. Smile. 20. Logic.
22. Picamar. 24. Tremble. 25. Petit.
26. Dodder. 27. Stares,

#### Vertical.

1. Garish. 2. Neglect. 3. Valid.
5. Uniform. 6. Light. 7. Theory.
8. Astro. 14. Macabre. 16. Lameter.
17. Elated. 18. Speed. 19. Prates.
21. Greed. 23. Caput.



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## "The Blind Eye."

### A REVIEW.

LITERARY productions by local writers, both in prose and verse, have been fairly common of late; but a Ceylonese playwright is a veritable *rara avis*. For that reason we would welcome the play in 3 acts, entitled "The Blind Eye," published by the Carlton Press, who have turned out a neat bit of work. The author is Dr. C. H. Gunasekera, for whom we wish as much success in the sphere of literature, as he has achieved in the realm of sport. The plot is a satire on modern life among the indigenous people of Ceylon, and embodies a simple love story, free from the confusion caused by complications. As a first essay in dramatic art it is promising, and we shall look forward to further and more ambitious efforts from the writer's pen. The play, it may be mentioned, has already been staged. We cannot all be Bernard Shaws, but we can at least try to deserve some commendation as playwrights. The following *obiter dicta*, which occur in the course of the play, give the reader some idea of the author's opinions, and his outlook on life.

"In happiness we find sorrow; through sorrow happiness"

"Nursing is a noble profession; one to be looked up to, not to be looked down upon."

"The character of the mother is reflected in the character of the nation"

"Take good care of your birthright and your home; and all must be well."

"Do your work for the love of service and your own happiness will be your reward"

"The good old home-life . . . is now a thing no more . . . all kinds of people are thrown together . . . tending to make men of women . . . with the inevitable lowering of morals."

"It is to our women that we must look for the preservation of our national entity, customs and habits"

All sound sentiments.

### Current Topics.

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College of Surgeons. A highly qualified medical staff is in the interests of the public, but it should be realised that while ordinary medical qualifications can be secured in the British Isles within reasonable limits of time, Degrees and Fellowships involve

long residence and considerable expense. Under the altered regulations, a good case can be made out for the award of scholarships to deserving students. While the appointments in the Ceylon Medical Department are of low value, the cost of a long medical course in England is considerable.

### The Auditor-General's Department.

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of the well-known Colombo Advocate, and J. B. de Jonk.

Third row, from the left, F. O. van Langenburg, E. D. Soerts, J. P. Pronk, R. Hofman, C. O. de Zilwa, James Meier and George M. Crozier.

Fourth row, (standing) A. D. G. Loos, J. E. Dickman, F. J. Redlich, the father of the late District Judge, Solomon Seneviratne who, was later the Attapattu Mudaliyar of Colombo, W. H. S. Siebel, P. A. Wright and Simon Aldons, the father of Mr. Fred Aldons, of Vellai Oya, Hatton, to whom the writer of this article is indebted for the loan of the original photograph.

The testimonials which most of these subordinate officers earned from the distinguished officials who demanded a standard of work commensurate with their own high ability, and such evidence as there is to mark the sense of Government of the value of their services, ought to be an incentive to Ceylonese generally to pitch their endeavours high.

Some of these testimonies are not found wanting in language which showed an intimate personal regard and a sense of personal loss whenever in the course of changes their paths diverged even for a time.

Passing over such names as Ravenscroft, O'Brien, Swettenham and Taylor, who were holders of the office at the head of this Department, we come to the year 1907 when with the appointment of Mr. Bernard Senior the designation was again changed to Colonial Auditor.

To-day however, we once again have an Auditor General and it is heartening to think that the high office has been vested in a son of the soil.