





# MORNING STAR.

Jaffna, April 25th, 1850.

## VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR TO JAFFNA.

It will be gratifying to our readers to know that the appearances of thrift and improvement on the part of the people and of vigorous and judicious administration on the part of the Government Agent of the Northern Province, which have attracted the attention and called forth the admiration of former distinguished visitors to Jaffna, were in an equal degree the subjects of Lord Torrington's notice and commendation in his late visit to this Province. This was clearly expressed in the replies made by His Excellency to the various congratulatory Addresses delivered to his Lordship while in the Province, but is more formally mentioned in the following Circular, published by order of his Excellency since his return to Colombo.

The gratifying notice that is here taken of the Educational Establishments connected with the various Missions of the Province, encourages the assurance that His Excellency will ever be found the fast friend of these institutions and be ever ready to lend them such fostering aid as his elevated position and the resources at his command may enable him to impart.

The particular approbation which His Excellency has been pleased to express of the Christian enterprise of the Patrons of the American Ceylon Mission; his too generous acknowledgement of the benefits the labors of their missionaries have conferred upon the native community; and, especially, the large hearted and noble sentiments with which the union of England and America in "the cause of knowledge and of truth," is adverted to by his Lordship, cannot fail to awaken a generous response in the bosom of every American, and, we would hope, may be more widely influential in kindling a kindred sympathy in the hearts of the wise and good of every nation, under whose notice it may happen to fall. It is by the prevalence and practical power of such sentiments that we hope to see every good cause advanced to its more speedy consummation, in the achieved welfare of our race.

### CIRCULAR.

"His Excellency the Governor embraces the first opportunity afforded him on his return from a tour round the island, to assure the Government Agent, and other public Officers, and the inhabitants generally of the Northern Province, of the deep gratification afforded him by the cordial welcome, he received on landing at Point Pedro, as well as at Jaffna, and at every other place, he visited during his stay in the Province.

His sense of the prosperous and flourishing condition of the Province arising, under Providence, from the energy and ability of the valuable public Servant appointed to preside over it, and from the industry and good conduct of its inhabitants, he has endeavored to express to them on the spot.

He has now only to repeat more formally and more enthusiastically the expression of his feelings, with the assurance that it will be his pride and pleasure to convey to Her Majesty's Government in England the gratifying account which he is enabled to submit of the good dispositions and flourishing condition of Her Majesty's subjects in the Northern Province of Ceylon, as well as of the loyalty evinced by them towards Her Majesty in the person of her representative.

His Excellency cannot omit to dwell with peculiar satisfaction on the pleasure afforded him by his personal inspection of the great Educational Establishments which are the distinguishing characteristic of the Northern Province. To those noble volunteers in the cause of Christianity and of education, the gentlemen of the American Missions, who by their generous self-devotion in a foreign and distant land have produced so marked an improvement in the sphere of their labors, His Excellency feels that he should pay a special tribute of grateful acknowledgement. He is glad to hail in this dedication of American enterprise and American charity to the work of civilizing and enlightening a distant dependency of the British Crown, one more tie of kindred with the great nation that sends them forth, one more pledge that between the old and the new England, there can henceforth be only a generous rivalry in the cause of knowledge and of truth.

His Excellency cannot conclude this brief expression of his feelings without indulging the hope, that it may be in his power at no distant period again to visit a province whose present prosperity gives every promise of a durable and progressive improvement."

By His Excellency's command,  
C. J. MAC CARTHY,  
Act. Col. Secretary.

## EXHIBITION OF WORKS OF INDUSTRY OF ALL NATIONS.

For the encouragement of Industry and Art, a Royal commission has been appointed in England, to make preparation for an exhibition of works of Industry of all nations. It is proposed to open this exhibition in London on the 1st of May, 1851. Large sums have been contributed to further the object, and Circulars sent abroad inviting the co operation of all persons interested in the undertaking. The Ceylon Branch of the Asiatic Society has very properly taken the matter in hand, and we publish below a Circular which they have issued on the subject.—We hope some of the products of native industry in this Province may be represented at the exhibition. We have seen specimens of "cloth manufacture," of "gold and silver work" and of "basket work" that we are sure, would be viewed with interest in connection with such an Exhibition. Will not some of our native friends evince public spirit enough to collect and forward to the Secretary of the Society at Colombo, specimens of such of the articles mentioned as may be obtained in Jaffna?

### CIRCULAR.

Issued by the Ceylon Branch Asiatic Society.

Her Majesty the Queen having been pleased to appoint in England a Royal Commission for the purpose of exhibiting the Works of Industry of all Nations, it is considered most desirable that every possible effort should be made to exhibit on the occasion, whatever Ceylon produces within the intention of the Commission. To promote this object the Ceylon Asiatic Society proposes, under the direct sanction of His Excellency the Governor, that all those who may feel interested in the progress of this island, should at once co-operate in collecting and transmitting specimens of Native Industry.

The Committee of the Asiatic Society trusts that all whose position or circumstances enable them to contribute either works of industry, or advice as to the nature of objects and the best means of securing them, will at once communicate with the Secretary of this body.

The term "Objects of Industry," embracing as it does so extensive a range, the Committee feel that it is almost impossible to enumerate all which might properly be included, nor is it easy to ascertain in one district, what particular objects may be obtained from distant places.

The following are however named as having already occurred to the Committee.

#### Specimens of Cloth manufacture.

- do. Fibrous materials.
- do. Fibrous worked up in various ways.
- do. Carving in wood and ivory.
- do. Gold and silver work.
- do. Precious stones.
- do. Dyeing and coloring—with notes of materials and process.
- do. Medicinal substances—with notes of their character and properties.
- do. Ores and mode of working.
- do. Cutlery and weapons.
- do. Baskets and mat work, plain and ornamented.
- do. Native costumes made in the island.
- do. of the various exportable productions of the island in their several stages of preparation.

#### Models of all Agricultural implements.

- do. Machines and tools.
- do. Carriages, boats, &c.
- do. Buddhist and other temples.
- do. Exhibiting the various woods of Ceylon.

All articles presented to the Society for exhibition, will be forwarded in the names of the Donors.

**PREMIUM FOR DESIGNS.**—Since writing the above, we learn that the Committee of the Asiatic Society have determined to offer a number of premiums, varying in amount from three guineas to ten shillings, for the best designs for carving in wood and ivory, for silver or other metal work, and for articles of jewelry. The conditions on which the premiums will be awarded are:

1. The designs must be the production of natives of Ceylon.
2. The works to be executed must be ornamented with figures, flowers, fruit, &c. strictly Ceylonese. Designs will be received in Colombo until the 15th May; each one must have the artist's name and address in full. They may be forwarded free of postage, addressed to "The Honorable, the Colonial Secretary," and marked *Asiatic Society*.

**ZEAL IN RELIGION.**—Is it not true that there is comparatively little zeal for religion in the native Church in India and Ceylon. There may be individual exceptions, but do not the main body of the Church seem to overlook the great fact that Christiani-

ty is in its nature aggressive—and that its professors are bound by the obligations of their faith to endeavor to bring others under its influence? We may be mistaken, but we think that more zeal than is now manifested for propagating the Gospel among their countrymen is required of native Christians, if they would see those around them turning to Christ. Perhaps the following example of a Christian Church, gathered by the missionaries among the Armenians, may stimulate some of our readers to more Christian faithfulness in regard to their fellow men around them.

The duty of presenting the subject of religion, in direct personal address, to all their acquaintances, having been set before the church in December last, the members took up the subject with prayerful zeal; and it has been carried on unabatingly to the present time. As evidence of the amount of evangelical labor performed during this period, I may state that one of them has, to my knowledge, been employed in religious conversation, almost always with the impatient, for twenty-seven out of twenty-nine successive evenings; and two or three others under my observation have probably been quite as active. As the result, our congregation has been constantly though slowly on the increase, and now it uniformly exceeds one hundred adults on Sabbath mornings; a few conversions have taken place; and a deep under current of inquiry has been kept up throughout the whole Armenian community.—*Missionary Herald*.

### DOMESTIC TRAINING.

We would say to those mothers who interest themselves in the education of their children, be assiduous early to implant domestic tastes in the minds of your daughters. Let your little girl sit by your side with her needle. Do not put her from you when you discharge those employments which are for the comfort of the family. Let her take part in them as far as her feeble hand is capable. Teach her that this will be her province when she becomes a woman. Inspire her with a desire to make all around her comfortable and happy. Instruct her in the rudiments of that science whose results are so beautiful. Teach her that no selfish gratification, but the good of a household, the improvement of even the humblest dependent, is the business of her sex. When she questions you, repay her curiosity with clear and loving explanation. When you walk out to call on your friends, sometimes take her with you. Especially if you visit the aged, or go on errands of mercy to the sick and poor, let her be your companion. Allow her to sit by the side of the sufferer, and learn those nursing services which afford relief to her. Associate her with you. Make her your friend. Purify and perfect your own example for her sake. And while you mingle with domestic training and with the germ of benevolence, a knowledge of the world of books, to which it will be a sweet privilege to introduce her, should you be able to add not a single fashionable accomplishment, still be continually thankful in shielding her from the contagion of evil example.—*New England Puritan*.

**ARCHBISHOP TILLOTSON.**—There are some children who are almost ashamed to own their parents, because they are poor, or in a low situation of life. Archbishop Tillotson's father, who was a plain Yorkshireman, approached the house where his son resided, and inquired whether John Tillotson was at home. The servant, indignant at what he thought his insolence, was about to drive him from the door; but the dean, who was within, hearing the voice of his father, came running out, exclaiming, in the presence of his astonished servants, "It is my beloved father;" and falling down on his knees asked for his blessing.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—The Legislative Council was opened on Monday the 15th instant, simply to pass an Ordinance providing for the appointment of Commissioners to inquire into the authenticity of certain documents laid before the Parliamentary Committee on Ceylon affairs. His Excellency declared his intention to pardon some of the prisoners now suffering banishment for participating in the late rebellion. It is stated that the Commissioners nominated by the Madras Government to conduct the inquiry, referred to above are U. A. Morehead, Esq., and J. Rhoads, Esq., of the Civil Service.

**CHINA.**—From China, we learn that the Emperor is dead.—Two other expeditions had been fitted out against the Pirates.

### OVERLAND INTELLIGENCE

The last Overland Mail with intelligence from England to March 7th, was received on the 22d instant.

In Parliament a strong opposition party appears against the Ministry, headed by Mr. D. Israel, which has caused some embarrassment to the party in power. The business before Parliament has been of a character that would interest but few of our readers. Mr. W. J. Fox obtained leave to bring in a Bill to promote secular education. Mr. Wm. asked leave to bring in a Bill to extend the right of suffrage, but it was denied by a vote of 242 to 95. Great preparations were making for the expected Exhibition of Industry in 1851, alluded to in another part of our paper. Buildings are to be erected to



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