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RIGHTOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION, BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE

### PRAYER

All through this year (1940) may we, O Lord! Pursue our way with undaunted hearts and sure faith in Thee. We thank Thee that our times are in Thy hand and we know thy purpose cannot fail. So we would follow Thee or light amid the darkness, our strength in the day of trial, our hope for all time and eternity. Grant us, in these days of anxiety, O God, an inward stillness and inward healing, that we may hear Thee speaking to us and within us and impelled by Thy inward urge we would without fear step out into the New Year.

### WORLD-WIDE PRAYER

The Week of Prayer, arranged by the World's Evangelical Alliance, will be observed from January 7th. The General Secretary of the Alliance, who has so well organised this effort that the daily topics for prayer are translated and circulated in more than a hundred languages and dialects. Christians of all nations are thus able to unite in prayer to God, laying before Him the needs of this war-torn world and praying for the Divine blessing upon the work of his servants.

### THE CHURCH'S YEAR

Advent is a time for thinking (1) of our Lord's first coming of his coming to us now in our Christmas Communion, and (3) of His second coming to judge the world.

Christmas is the festival of the Holy Incarnation, when the word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Epiphany commemorates the wise Men from the East—the Gentiles coming to worship the Infant Saviour at Bethlehem.

Septuagesima or Pre-Lent season. A time to plan our arrangements for observing Lent in the right way.

Lent a season when we are bidden to mourn for our sins, remembering our Lord's suffering for us especially his forty days' fast, His Passion, Death upon the Cross and Burial. In Passion, especially the Church turns her thoughts to our redemption by the Crucifixion of our Lord.

Easter is the joyful festival of the resurrection.

Ascension Day commemorates the return of our Lord and Saviour to his Father in heaven.

Whitsunday is the feast of the Holy Ghost, the Birthday of the Christian Church.

Trinity Sunday when the Church proclaims the doctrine of the blessed Trinity.

Saints' Days. Days set apart for the commemoration of particular saints.

Michaelmas Day commemorates St. Michael the Archangel, and all the holy angels.

Vigils, Feasts and days of Abstinence are appointed to remind us of the principle "no cross, no crown."

### The Jaffna College Parent-Teachers Association.

The first annual meeting of the above Association was held during the last days of the last term of the College. Rev. S. K. Bunker, the President, presided. The Secretary's report and the statement of the annual accounts were presented by Mr. A. Kathiravelu and Mr. S. Kandarpillai respectively. Dr. Kennedy of the MacLeod Hospital, Jaffna, delivered an instructive address. The following are among the newly elected office-bearers and committees for the ensuing year:

President: Mr. D. S. Sanders,  
Secretaries: Mr. M. Kathiravelu,  
Mr. Lyman S. Kulathungam

Treasurer: Mr. J. S. Srinappah,

Kicknell Memorial Tablet  
On the 15th of last month was laid memorial tomb-stone over the grave of the late Rev. John Kicknell at the

Mission cemetery at Udavi. The tomb-stone had been sent by his wife who is now in America.

There was a short, simple, solemn service at three in the afternoon at the grave side. The service was attended by the teachers and students of Jaffna College, some Old Boys, friends, and the teachers and girls of the Udavi Girls' Schools. The service was led by the Rev. S. K. Bunker, Principal of Jaffna College, who also unveiled the tomb-stone. A wreath on behalf of the College was laid at the grave by the Vice-Principal, Mr. K. A. Selliah.

### FELICITATIONS TO OUR CONTEMPORARY.

We offer our heartiest felicitations to our esteemed contemporary the *Hindu Organ* on attaining its golden jubilee. Our congratulations are due to it not merely for the very important milestone it has just passed during its useful existence, but for the splendid record of the highly praise-worthy service it has rendered the Island. It has earned for itself a well deserved place of honour not only in the Hindu community whom it serves primarily, but also in the Tamil community all over the Island irrespective of the religious affiliation of the latter's members, and even in the Sinhalese community. This was evident from the high eulogiums showered upon it by representative speakers at the public meeting, which was held to celebrate its festive occasion last week, and from the congratulatory messages sent by representative leaders of all communities. We wish to associate ourselves heartily with the tributes already paid and with the wish expressed for another bright spell of useful service to our land. There were of course times when we could not see eye to eye with our contemporary in many questions but that was inevitable. However, any such disagreement did not in the least affect the good feelings of friendship that have always existed between us; nor was our respect for our contemporary ever impaired thereby. We have always admired the tenacity with which it has espoused a public cause, from the time of the much honoured late Mr. A. Sabapathy down to its modern times. One such cause has been ours too, the cause of a United Ceylon. Our esteemed contemporary, as we have ever striven to have the rift between the Tamils and the Sinhalese bridged. And in the future may we hope that its and our common object of ushering in a Progressive, Independent and United Ceylon will succeed.

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### ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 808.

In the matter of the estate of the late John Manuel of Karayur Jaffna, deceased.

John Nicholas of Karayur Jaffna, Petitioner.

1. Maripillai widow of John do.
2. A. C. Nallian and wife
3. Helen Chellammah both of Negombo.
4. J. N. Thasaveerasinghe and wife
5. Agatha Johnpillai both of Sylvan Lodge Colombo
6. Helen Margaret widow of John Manuel of Karayur Jaffna.

Respondents.  
This matter of the Petition of John Nicholas the abovesaid Petitioner, applying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased John Manuel coming on for disposal before G. Comaraswamy Esquire, District Judge on the 5th day of December 1939 in the presence of Messrs. Aboubucker & Sultan Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 3rd day of December 1939 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the brother of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall, on or before the 31st day of January 1940 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.  
Signed this 11th day of December 1939  
Sgt. C. Comaraswamy,  
District Judge.

### JAFFNA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

FOR  
Admission to the Pre-Matriculation Class.

This examination will be held from Jan. 17th to 19th at Jaffna College.

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- (a) have passed the J. S. G. or its equivalent examination.
- (b) have been certified by the headmasters of their schools to have been, during the previous years of age who:
- and (c) are among the four highest to pass a special examination set by the College.

Syllabus and application forms may be had from the Principal. All applications must be in on or before Wednesday Jan. 10th.

S. K. Bunker,  
Principal, Jaffna College.  
19-12-39.

### THE INDIAN REVIEW

DECEMBER ANNUAL  
With the publication of the December Annual (Price Re. 1 G. A. Natesan & Co Madras) the *Indian Review* completes its thirty-ninth year and the Number before us is one replete with topical articles and illustrations of striking interest.

This Number is profusely illustrated. Publishers take the opportunity to announce this special number, which is priced at Re. 1 will be given free to subscribers for the New Year who remit Rs Five in advance

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**Crossette Scholarship.** Consisting of free tuition tenable for two years for entry into Form VIB. Candidates must be under 16 years of age.

The examination for the above scholarships will be held at College at 9 a. m. on Tuesday the 9th of January 1940. Applications for admission should reach the Principal on or before Monday, the 8th of January 1940.

Further particulars from the Principal.

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### THE JAFFNA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A tea and will be held tomorrow at The Town Hall, Jaffna to meet Dr. M. H. Harrison, M.A., Ph. D., formerly Professor at Jaffna College, and Mrs. Harrison, at 4 P.M.

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புதினக் குறிப்புகள்

நியாண்ட்

ஹோம்லாண்டிய சாயலானவர், ஹோப் புதினத்தில் மெய் மறைத்துப் பாவசாயி, பரமாமாவாயி சாயலானவர் என்கிறார்...

இத்தொடரைப் பாரட்டுவோர் மென் ஓரே கோகத்திடமட்டும் காண் வாவினில், தாய்மட்டின் பெயரால், தமிழ்...

பொன் விழா கொண்டாட்டம்

பெங்களூரில் 25 ஆம் தினக் விழாவுக்குரிய பொன் விழா கொண்டாட்டம் மிகச் சிறப்பாக...

புத்த சாஃரா விவாகத்தினானம்

28-11-39 தொடக்கம் 7-12-39 வரை நடந்த சிஷ்சிஷன். (7-12-39 மணி 5 மணி பகல்விலை...

ஹோம்லாண்டிய கல்விலை கரங்க

வெகுண்டி கிடைத்தது. தேச தேசத்த தாரகையையும், கலிபோர்னியா தாரகையையும்...

நீர்முத்திகளும், காசகாரிக் கப்பல்களும் இவ்வகலியைக் கப்பல்கள் காச மாதலையொழியத் தப்பினபாடினில், இருட்டுக்காலங்களில் ஜேர்மன் கியா...

கோட்டு விற்பனவு விளம்பரம்

இல. 13717. யாழ்ப்பாண டிஸ்ட்ரிக்ட் கோட்டு விற்பனை திவு மேற்கு முறையே கரையே வந்தார்...

விளம்பரம்

1. மடமாணம் யாழ்ப்பாணம் காசா திவக் கோவில்தம் பத்திரகாண்ட இறை...

இல. 13627.

- (1) சந்திரேய வாரித்தம்பியுட்பெண் (2) பாறபதயம் புன்னுள் சொல்பு...

யாழ்ப்பாண டிஸ்ட்ரிக்ட் கோட்டுடன் 14627 ம் இலக்க வழக்கில் எனக்குக் கிடைத்த கோட்டுக்கட்டண்படி, பின்...

1 ம் குறக்குத்தேரு யாழ்ப்பாணம் 1940 ம் ஆகை 11 2 ம

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விளம்பரம்

சிங்கப்பூருக்கும் பிணங்குக்கும் கப்பல் டிக்கெற்றுக்கள். கொழும்புமுள்ள கிணக்கு, சிங்கப்பூர், பிணங்கு, இன்னும் மற்றத் திறை முகங்களுக்கும் கப்பல் டிக்கெற்றுக்கள்...

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லங்கா வாத்திய வேலை

பெரியதேரு, யாழ்ப்பாணம். எல்லா சிதமான வாத்தியங்களை Piano, Organ, Harmonium, முதலியவைகளையும் இன்னும் சார்பறைநர், கிராமபோன், தைபல் மெசின், கடிசாரம் முதலியவையும், மனதிற்குத் திறுப்தியாகவும் சகலபலமாகவும் பழுதுபார்த்துக் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது.

முத்திரமான சுதேசபாவை கிராமபோன் ரிக்கார்டுகள்



ரிக்கார்டுகளும் கிராமபோன்களும் உங்களை 'மிகிழ்வுக்கச்' சிறந்தவை.

கிடைக்குமிடம்: சென்னை வச்சண்டன்: மில்லன் ஸ்டிரீட்டில் கொழும்பு.

ஒருவர் தனது வயோதிகத்திற்கோ, அல்லது தனது கம்பியிருக்கிற கீழ் வாரிசுகளுக்கோ சுயேக்கையாக இருப்பதற்குப் பணம் போதுமான அளவு சிக்கிய மாசுபட்டேபந்து செய்ய வேண்டினால் சுலபமான தவணை களில் ஆயுள் அச்சுரண்க்குப் பணம் கட்டுவது தான் ஒரேவழி. மிகவும் திரமுள்ளதாயும் ஜனம் பிரீட்மையையும் பெற்றதாகும்பெனி யாகிய

இன்றே ஓர் டிராஸ்டி எடுத்துக்கொண்டு இதன்மூலம் தங்களது வயோதிக காலத்திற்கும் தங்களை நம்பியிருக்கும் கீழ் வாரிசுகளுக்கும் பொருளாதாரசுயேக்கைக்கு அவ்விவரக் கல்லை நாட்டுங்கள்.

ஓரியண்டல் லீப் ஆபீஸ், ஓரியண்டல் அவ்ஃயூரன்ஸ் கட்டிடங்கல்-52, பெல்வி தேரு, கொழும்பு. தபால் பெட்டி. 118.] [போன் 4794.

அடைவு நகை விற்பனவு விளம்பரம்

1939 ம் ஆண்டின் 5 ம் இலக்கக் கட்டணக் கட்டிடப்படி கட்டிச்செய்து கட்டிச்செய்த அடைவு பிடிக்கும் சந்திரேய கிழக்கு சு. த. குமாரசுவாமிடம் அடைவு கைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள தபால் பெட்டி கட்டிடப்பட்டு 12 ம் பிரீவின்டடி பிரித்தானியத்தின் விதிகப்பட்டு வேண்டிய கைகளின் விபரம்:—

Table with columns: No., Date, Amount, Description. Includes entries for 220, 225, 229, 290, 296, 343, 348, 470.



The Morning Star

Friday Jan. 5, 1940.

OURSELVES.

As we send our readers our New Year greetings, we do it with feelings of greatest pleasure. It is also with the consciousness that the world is entering a most important year, which is not merely the first in a new decade of the twentieth century, but is pregnant with great possibilities and eventual happenings.

This year is very important in our history too, because we commence the hundredth year of our existence. Started in 1841, our Morning Star has had an unbroken record of service in the Island. Though we have been time and again compelled to have our ups and downs, yet we feel happy that our service amidst the Christian community, whom it is our proud privilege specially to cater to, and the other friends whose co-operation throughout our life has been most encouraging, has been appreciated.

CHRISTIAN HOPE.

The custom amongst Christian people of wishing one another a "Happy New Year" is not an empty compliment. It indicates a desire and a confidence that never quite forsake the human breast. For, however dark with misfortune a past year may have been, we trust that the new one will bring better fortune; and that we hope for ourselves we hope too for our friends.

The famous picture by G. F. Watts which he called "Hope" does not need description as it is familiar to most of our readers. It is an enigma, but as one discerning interpreter has remarked: "However varying our individual interpretation of the enigma may be, one thing cannot fail to strike us on the surface. Find hope where you will in the picture, it will be a hope that has taken full cognizance of a desperate situation.

That is the kind of hope we read about in the New Testament, and it is a reality in genuine Christian experience. There is a joy that can dwell with sorrow, a light that shines in darkness, a music that is born of pain. The roots of Christian hope are in God and there is only one way of receiving it—the following of Christ in the way of the Cross.

kind? It was easy to do so in the peaceful and prosperous days of the nineteenth century. It is hard to do so in these days of renescent barbarism. The last war, with its aftermath of disillusionment, profoundly affected Christian theology.

There has arisen a school which has renounced all belief in progress and revived the conception of a world ripening for judgment and destruction, out of which only a remnant will be saved. There are of course passages both in the sayings of the Master and in the writings of the Apostles which lend themselves to this pessimistic world outlook; but it is not the real Christian faith. God loved the world; He redeemed the world in Christ; and He will save the world in spite of all the forces of evil.

There will be epochs of apostasy and regression but if the Church remains faithful, the Kingdom will spread until it ultimately triumphs. This is the Christian hope and like the personal hope of the believer this world hope has its roots in God.

Let us cherish this hope in these dark days. There is enough to make hesitant faith despair but the faith that believes in omnipotent love hopes on. "Now abideth Faith, Hope, Love—these three." Christ is out to make this world a place of purity and peace and He will not be finally defeated.

Vereshagin, the Russian War painter of the days when Russia had a Christian faith has a picture called "Bad news from France" in which Napoleon and Christ are placed in contrast. Napoleon is shown in Moscow. He has made his bed in the most holy place there in the Cathedral of the Assumption on Moscow's holy hill. He has chosen it not because it is holy but because it is convenient. He is sitting in the midst of the majesty of the temple he does not understand. He is strong, mighty, well clothed and still prosperous though anxious. In his hands he holds a despatch. He has his back to Christ. The fresco behind him shows the Master. It is marked by bullets and slashed by bayonets. Soldiers have peeled parts of it away. The portrait is fading in the emphatic presence of Napoleon. Where does power really lie? in the soldier or in the Prince of Peace? History has given the answer and she will do so again. But lest we should miss it the painter has given us an extra suggestion, to guide us. For while in Napoleon's hand is the open Bible good news for all mankind.

Today Dictators and Armies occupy the stage. They will pass. Christ abides, the same yesterday, today and for ever. He shall not fail nor be discouraged till He has set justice in the earth and the isles shall wait for His law.

EMPEROR'S CHRISTMAS DAY MESSAGE.

A Festival of Peace His majesty continued; "The festival which we know as Christmas is, above all, a festival of peace and of the home. Among all free peoples, love and peace are profound, for, this alone gives security to the home. "But, true peace is in the hearts of men, and it is a tragedy of this time that there are powerful countries whose whole direction and policy are based on aggression and suppression of all we hold dear for mankind. "It is this that has stirred our peoples and given them a unity unknown in any previous war. We feel in our hearts that we

are fighting against wickedness and the conviction will give us strength, from day to day, to persevere until victory is assured.

Ahead of us

"At home, we are, as it were, taking the strain for what may lie ahead of us, resolved and confident. We look with pride and thankfulness on the never-failing courage and devotion of the Royal Navy, on which, throughout the last four months, has burst a storm of ruthless and unceasing war.

"And when I speak of our Navy to-day, I mean all men of our Empire who go down to the sea in ships of the Mercantile Marine, minesweepers, trawlers and drifters; from senior officers to the last boy who has joined up.

"To everyone in this Great Fleet, I send a message of gratitude and greeting from myself as from all my peoples.

"The same message I send to the gallant Air Force which, in co-operation with the Navy, is our sure shield of defence. They are daily adding laurels to those their fathers have won.

"I would send a special word of greeting to the Armies of the Empire, to those who come from afar, and in particular to the British Expeditionary Force. Their task is hard—they are waiting. Waiting is a trial of nerve and discipline, but I know that, when the moment comes for action, they will prove themselves worthy of the highest traditions of their great service.

"To all preparing themselves to serve the country on sea land or in the air, I send my greetings. Men and women of our far-flung Empire are working in their several vocations with one and the same purpose, and all are members of a great family of nations, which is prepared to sacrifice everything, that freedom of spirit may be saved to the world.

Spirit of the Empire.

"Such is the spirit of the Empire, of the great Dominions, India and every Colony, large and small.

"From all alike have come offers of help for which the mother country can never sufficiently be grateful. Such unity in aim and effort has never been seen in the world before. I believe from my heart that the cause which binds together my peoples and our gallant and faithful Allies is the cause of Christian civilisation. On no other basis can true civilisation be built. Let us remember this through the dark times ahead and when we are making peace for which all men pray.

"The New Year is at hand and we cannot tell what it will bring. If it brings peace, how thankful we shall be! If it brings continued struggle, we shall remain undaunted.

"Meanwhile, I feel we may all find a message of encouragement in the lines: "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year 'Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown, and he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light.' " "May that Almighty Hand guide and uphold us all."

NEWS IN BRIEF

A party of nineteen students from the Hindu College Delhi were on a study tour in Ceylon and returned to India on the 4th January 1940. —An American Missionary working in India is to be recalled by his head quarters following an open manifesto which he and two other American Missionaries in India addressed to the Viceroy. —By proclamation in Gazette extraordinary dated 29-12-39 the date of the coming into operation of Criminal Appeal Ordinance is postponed from January 20, 1940, to April 27, 1940. —Code Telegrams were prohibited on the imposition of censorship at the outbreak of war. It is announced that from January 1, 1940 the use of certain Codes will be allowed in telegrams sent abroad from Ceylon. —Paddy, Kurakkan and maize are the cereals recommended for cultivation in preference to other food products in the additional lands that are to be placed at the disposal of Schools under the Food Production Scheme. —Two Ordinances to amend the Savings Certificates Ordinance passed by the State Council on November 29 and December 1 have been enacted by the Governor. The effect of the first of them is that the aggregate of the denominational value of all Savings Certificates held at any time: (1) by an individual is to be increased from Rs. 3000 to Rs. 10,000. (2) by a recognised association is increased from Rs. 6000 to Rs. 20,000. The effect of the second of these Ordinances out of the balance of the Fund a sum not exceeding one third of the Fund may with the approval of the Governor be invested by the Trustees in Loans granted from time to time to the Government. —The new Urban Councils Ordinance has come into effect from this week. And the Local Government Board has ceased to exist. —The Hon. Sir Waitallanqam Duraiswamy, Kt. opened the Y. M. H. A's Conference at Vaddukoddai on the 28th ultimo at the Vaddukoddai Hindu English School. Seven Young Men's Hindu Associations in and around Vaddukoddai took part in the Conference. —The 15th Anniversary of Sir Ramasathan's Day was celebrated on the 16th ultimo at the Ramanathaswami Temple by the Sriva Mangalababai, when over 600 people were fed. —About 17 out of 34 buses plying on the Jaffna-Karainagar route are not permitted to run during January; states a communication to the bus owners from the Commissioner of the authorities. The reason advanced by the authorities, it is said, is that the applications were not received on 30th September, the due date. —A formal opening of Women's Art and Industrial Institute took place last week at Stanley Road, Jaffna. It was announced that that institution was founded to give their educated girls practical training in needlework, art, painting and music. —The First Annual Dinner of the Matipalay Hindu College was held last week in the College Hall with Mr. V. Veerasingham as the Principal, in the chair, covers were laid for 85. —Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Harrison of the United Theological College of South India and Ceylon at Bangalore are on a short holiday in Jaffna with their sons Masters Richard Hastings and Robert Hunter. —A crisis has been received to say that Miss Hutchins Principal, Kopy Girls' Institution, has sailed for Ceylon. —Miss E. G. MacIntyre, who was acting for her will resume duties at Caudukkul Girls' College. —Mr. and Mrs. J. Vethavaman and family have been visiting Jaffna after ten years in the Federated Malay States. Mr. Vethavaman is a member of the State Council of Selangor representing Indians and Ceylonese. He is practising as an Architect in Kuala Lumpur. —Rev. H. Peto, Principal, St. John's College, Jaffna, met with an accident at the beginning of last term while playing tennis and fractured his leg. After spending six weeks in the Jaffna Civil Hospital he entered the General Hospital Colombo to complete his cure. It is learned that according to the X-ray report the fracture has healed completely. Now he has left Colombo for Jaffna and will be resuming work at College from the beginning of the New Term. —The death occurred at Analocttal of Dr. Jesudasan on Thursday the 1st December at the age of 72 years. He was in the best of health and died rather suddenly of heart failure. Born at Aray on the 16th November 1867 he received his early English education at the Vaidikoddi English High School, one of the earliest institutions of the American Mission, and was employed for some time as an assistant teacher there. He then went to England and joined St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly, where he passed the Madras Matriculation. Thereafter he proceeded to Singapore and joined the Government as a Hospital Assistant, and subsequently as a Hospital Assistant, and course for Hospital Assistants. At the final examination he topped the list of passes. He was then employed in the F.M.S. at various stations as a Hospital Assistant, and won the esteem of his superiors as well as of the people, wherever he was stationed. He rose to be a First Grade Hospital Assistant, and retired in 1914. After retirement

he resided at Analocttal till his death except for a short period spent in the F.M.S. where he went in the interests of his estates. The funeral took place the following day at about 4 p.m. in the presence of a large assembly of friends and relations. The Rev. Wijayarathna, Sivanayagam and Arnold conducted the service both in the house and at the graveside, and Mr. J. V. Chelliah spoke very touchingly about the virtues and rare qualities of the deceased. The coffin was of satinwood, ornamented with brass fittings and several wreaths were placed in his house. He leaves behind a widow (the elder daughter of the late Mr. Alayudh Baskas) an only surviving daughter (the wife of Mr. W. S. Nathanael, Port Surgeon Talaimannar) and two brothers, Messrs. Ponnusamy and Raman Janasathan, besides a great many other relations. —The remains of Mr. V. Ganagarathnam, J. P. Magistrate and Notary, whose death occurred on the 28th ultimo were cremated on the following evening at the Chavakkacheri crematorium. The deceased was 48 years of age practised his profession for about 25 years and had commanded an extensive practice both at Jaffna and Chavakkacheri Courts. —The remains of Matilda Ponnammal widow of the late Gate Mudhar K. W. Allogakone, a.c.s. whose death occurred in Colombo on the 19th ultimo were interred at the General Cemetery, about 50 years old. —The death of Sir J. P. de Silva, 1st Bt. M.P., occurred on the 19th ultimo at Matipalay of Ponnammal, relict of the late Mr. S. Coorathay, planter and landed proprietor, and mother of Messrs. Navaratnam, Ponnammal, Navarathnam, Navarathnam and Navarathnam. He was the beloved son of Mudaliyar V. Ponnammal and of Mrs. Ponnammal. He was cremated on the 19th ultimo at Urumpal. He was 19 years old at the time of his death. —The death occurred on the 28th ultimo at the age of 78 of Mr. James Vyanuttu Terntian at his residence at Vaddukoddai East. Mr. Terntian retired from the Railway Department, Kuala Lumpur 30 years ago. He leaves his widow a daughter Mrs. Managarathnam Selvarathnam and Mrs. Managarathnam, Balasingam, and a son, Managarathnam, Balasingam. —The death occurred of Mr. T. Rajakumar, retired Headmaster of Hindu English Institute Vaddukoddai, last week, at his residence. The deceased who was 57 years old was educated at Jaffna College. He served on the staff of the Institute for a period of 25 years and won the confidence and esteem of his students and their parents.

Wedding. —A quiet but pretty wedding took place on the 27th ultimo at the Pansteruppal church, the contracting parties being Mr. C. E. A. Selvarathnam, F.C.I. (Birm.) Commercial Inspector, Matipalay Hindu College and Miss Jayarathnam Rajakumar, youngest daughter of the Rev. A. K. Kandiah and Mrs. Kandiah of the Pansteruppal church. The Rev. J. C. P. Weir officiated. After the service a largely attended reception was held at the bride's residence. Messrs. V. Veerasingham and J. V. Chelliah presided over the toast of the bride and bridegroom to which the latter replied suitably.

—A pretty Ceylonese wedding took place in Jaffna when Mr. S. O. Kumarasinghalingam of the Public High School, Seggah, fourth son of the late Mudhar at Kumarakasingh, and Miss E. G. Danforth of the Tutorial Staff of the Uduvil Girls' School, and a daughter of the late Mr. C. W. K. Danforth, Preacher, J. C. S. I. C. C.

FIGURES AND FACTS —The Island exported produce valued about Rs. 265,079,000 during last year. Its imports amounted to about Rs. 221,345,000. —It is recommended that the factory for the manufacture of paper-board from coconut husk in Ceylon should aim at an ultimate production of 20,000 tons of paper board and wrapping paper. —A sum amounting to Rs. 20,000 has been recovered by Government from fines imposed on the illicit cultivators of opium around Manampalay near Malawarachchi. —The earthquake deaths in Turkey are reported to be in the neighbourhood of 8000. —The Governor of Singapore has sent a further £25,000 to London from the Malayau Patriotic Fund. The last gift from the Fund was £80,000 in October.

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