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JAFFNA PAST AND PRESENT

SOME LANDMARKS IN JAFFNA HISTORY

By R. C. P.

(Special to the "Hindu Organ")

Love thou thy land, with
love far-brought
From out the storied
Past, and used
Within the Present, but
transfused
Thro' future time by
power of thought.

Tennyson.

How have we come to be what we are? This question naturally suggests itself to every thoughtful boy and girl. The history of our country offers the answer. It also instructs us how we may improve the present on the experience of those who have gone before us. It lays bare the structure of our society, its working nature, its aims and ideals. It tells us what struggles our forbears had, what privations they endured, what sacrifices they made to uphold their policies and what defences they set up to maintain the integrity of spirit and freedom of action. It lets us in to learn their heart-yearnings, their disappointments, their failures and regrets as well as their triumphs. It opens the door to those who are willing to enter on an investigation as to what phases our ancestors had to pass through in religion, philosophy, language and arts including that of government before we attained our present status.

Historian's Concern

The history of our land should inspire us to nobler actions and higher ideals. Let it be remembered that history of a country is not merely names of Kings, narration of quarrels in the royal households and chronology. It is much wider than that. The concern of the historian should be the "low beginnings" from which a people's institutions, ideas and policies grew up, matured, or faded away, the stages in the progress of the social and industrial institutions when 'dry rot' set in, the remedies applied to ward off evils, their success or otherwise, the plans adopted from time to time for the improvement of the people's morals etc. It should be the endeavour of the historian to trace a continuity in the Ethical, Social, Economic and political development of our country.

Materials for History

During the Portuguese invasions our books were lost. Education was utterly neglected and all national endeavours were sternly suppressed during the three centuries that followed the first invasion of Jaffna by the Portuguese. Original indigenous books relating to the history of Jaffna perished, many being eaten by white ants through neglect of owners who had lost interest in them.

Yet materials there are for those who have a feeling for the past and "interest in the pedigree of our thoughts and a reverence for the ancestry of our intellect", who are in fact historians in the true sense of the word i.e. "inquirers into that which is past but not lost." There will be

found in the traditions, customs, habits, sumptuary laws, forms of language, arts, crafts, folklore, customary rules governing social relations of vocational groups, contemporary history of neighbouring countries and writings of foreign travellers. Valuable materials may also be culled from books on Jaffna history published during recent times by authors interested in history, but the student should be careful to avoid being dragged into the vortex of abstract arguments founded on analogies of European history drawn by the authors to establish their theories of their own, which are of no application in our social and political state of facts which, because of its foreignness, could not have existed in our country.

European Experience

The fashions of the West are invading our country from various points; and our education being overwhelmingly utilitarian and one-sided on the English basis, there is the danger of the historic materials referred to becoming obliterated soon. It is the duty, therefore, of educated men and women to endeavour to save the vanishing data as best as they could before they are entirely lost. Europe after living nearly two centuries under social and economic conditions based on individualism, ruthless competition, survival of the fittest, heartless elbowing the weak out of the way has become disappointed with the results, realising the loss in the morale of the nations and is looking about to re-value values on a scale similar to that which our ancestors drew up thousands of years ago for the orderly, honourable non-aggressive existence of our society. The need is great therefore that we should concentrate our attention to save all materials that we can lay our hands on which should tend to throw light on the state of our society before the advent of the Portuguese. This being my appeal, I trust it would not be out of place to refer briefly to some landmarks in our history.

Historical Records

Jaffna is undoubtedly an ancient land. People had inhabited it at a period long anterior to the Christian era, but of which there is no authentic record except references in traditional and puranic lore.

There are, however, records of the fact that, about the year Saka 870 (i.e. 948 A.D.), the several districts of the Peninsula, the Islands and some neighbouring districts in the Wanni were consolidated and brought under the rule of a prince called *Sinhala Ariyan* also known as *Kulanjal Chakravarti*. He was crowned Chakravarti (Emperor) over a confederacy of States. Though, since then several Governments have come and gone, the divisions of the country still exist being approximately indicated by the present-day Maniagars' divisions. The dedicatory ceremony of the Kandaswamy Temple of Nal

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THE PADDY TAX

GOVERNOR REQUESTED TO VETO

PROTEST MEETING AT KARAVEDDY

A largely attended meeting of the residents of Kaddaively Parish was held at Murugamoorthy temple, Nelliady on Saturday the 6th instant at 5 p.m. The meeting was presided over by Mr. C. Vaithilingam, F. M. S. Pensioner. The object of the meeting was explained by the Chairman, Mr. A. Chittampalam, and other speakers. A resolution protesting against the enhancement of the import duty on paddy and requesting His Excellency the Governor to veto it was unanimously adopted.

It was resolved to forward copies of the resolution to His Excellency the Governor, Government Agent, Northern Province, the Chief Secretary to the Government of Ceylon, the press, and to Mr. G. G. Ponnampalam, the Point Pedro member in the State Council.

CEYLON'S TARIFF POLICY

INDIAN PAPER'S COMMENT

Under the Caption "Indo-Ceylon Relations," the Madras *Hindu* of the 24th instant discusses the strained relations existing between India and Ceylon as a result of the latter's tariff policy against Indian products. The paper says:-

India is, of course, now a good market for Ceylon copra. But the Indian public would feel considerable hesitation in accepting the view that if the tariff wall is raised against this product, many Indian mills would have to close down. We are glad, however, that Mr. Chandiram warned Ceylon at the same time that if she adhered to the policy of imposing prohibitory duties on Indian produce, India would feel bound to retaliate. He rightly pointed out that the discriminatory duties on ghee, eggs, vegetables, etc., imported into India from Ceylon and the heavy tax imposed on the imports of paddy into Ceylon, constituted "a short-sighted, narrow and suicidal policy."

An attempt has been made in Ceylon to belittle these charges, but it is plain that if Ceylon says, the proposals objected to are only meant to protect her own nationals, India might ask whether she should not take similar measures to protect her own coconut industry. It is the primary duty of the Government to look after the economic interests of the people; but the complaint against Ceylon is that by adopting these measures, she has hit hard the large population of Indians resident in Ceylon. Apart from them, the people of Jaffna are up against the import duty on paddy as it has already raised the prevailing price of that commodity. We quite realise that it is not good for India and for Ceylon that these misunderstandings should continue. It is sometimes said that India is a big country and it would not do for her to object to Ceylon taking adequate steps to protect her people and increase the prosperity of the country. India has, by sending a large labour force, and by creating and improving banking facilities, already done much for that country. It is for Ceylon to reciprocate by refraining from a course of action which, as the President of the Indian Mercantile Chamber of Commerce said, "is bound to have far-reaching repercussions in India."

"You Will Fulfil My Cherished Dream"

—GANDEHI

An Extraordinary Visit to Gandhiji

Reporting an interview between Gandhiji and an extraordinary visitor who himself was under a vow of silence, Mr. Mahadev Desai writes in the "Harijan":—

THE occasion on which an interview had to be sought was when an old co worker and a member of the Ashram, but now a recluse, made his appearance in our midst. A graduate of the Bombay University, full of beans and intellectual ambition, he came to Gandhiji when Non-co-operation was at its height. He had thrown up a research scholarship and became a lecturer in the National College. In the ordinary course he found his way to jail, where he learnt to outlive the habits of his delicate upbringing, and came out fired with a spiritual ambition. The late Shyamji Krishnavarma, his uncle, intending him to succeed him, asked him to go to Europe. He did go but returned as soon as he went, sick of all that the West had shown him, and began his experiments in spiritual research. He stayed on in our midst for some years, went on periodical fasts, on the last occasion fasting for 55 days, and then one day left us, sick alike of all that we had shown him. He tortured the flesh to the extent of sewing up his lips and wearing nothing but an iron belt round his groin, and begged from door to door. Some months ago Gandhiji saw him during the Harijan tour. He had been silent for years and would not speak, but he owned that the spiritual kinship with Gandhiji was now, if anything stronger. Three or four months ago he wrote a post card to Gandhiji to say that he intended walking to Wardha to see Gandhiji, that he had decided to break his silence only to talk to Gandhiji, and that he would cover the distance in some months. Doubting Thomases like the present writer feared that in view of Gandhiji's uncertain programmes the meeting would never take place. But evidently the recluse Bhansali had no such doubts and he came, sure enough, bare-bodied and bare-footed, he had walked all these months, without anything on earth to call his own. He came and sat down in our midst, again one of us and yet so unlike us. He had no questions to ask, no curiosity to satisfy. All that was on our side. He would eat corn flour with water and neem leaves, if someone gave them to him, and sat in a corner of our room disturbing none, disturbed by none. But if he had conquered all curiosity, we had not. Gandhiji had not, and twice after evening prayers, Gandhiji asked him to come and reply to his questions as he wrote them.

The Interview

After three years he opened his lips.
"Does this diet suit you?"
"Quite."
"Perhaps the neem leaves are a great help?"
"Undoubtedly. In winter I have to drop them, as these limbs have

a rheumatic tendency."
"Don't you find the leaves too bitter?"

He laughed. "Well, there are varieties even among neem trees, and while some leaves are very bitter, some are not. The palate gets accustomed to this diet, so much so that it relishes it. There again crops up the question of the control of the palate!"

"And where do you sleep? You have nothing to spread or cover yourself with."

"Just where I chance to be, and have just what I chance to get."

"You won't mind a mattress and a bedsheet and a wrap?"

"No. But I have slept often under the trees, often on bare earth and under the open sky, and often on the burning-ground."

"Ever troubled by dangerous reptiles or animals?"

"Hardly ever. I was once stung by a scorpion, but it was no more than an insect bite. Snakes I have come across and once a leopard, but none of them meant any harm and there was no fear in me."

"Any queer experiences on the burning-ground?"

"I must own that there is a species of disembodied beings, but one need not believe in them. I have met them and that is the fear that sometimes lurks in me. But soon I pull myself together."

"Do you have to speak, if only to beg for your flour?"

"No."

"Do you manage to get it always?"

"No. I have often had to go without any food. Once for three days running I had no food. Whilst some would willingly feed me, some have doubted my *bona fides*,—some have taken me to be a cheat, and some a member of the C. I. D."

All Memory is Gone

"Do you think of any of your old friends or relations that were once a source of worry to you?"

"Never. All memory is gone."

"Does the grinding poverty of the villagers oppress you?"

"Rather. That reminds me of all you have written about it. I think of some of the most heart-moving of your writings like 'Death Dance' in *Young India*, and feel that the 'Death Dance' is going on, more relentlessly if possible, and feel that I have no right even to the handfuls of flour I eat. I am glad that I do not rob them any more, and the living presence of Death in the burial ground is somewhat of a consolation."

"Then, you will some day come back to me and yet fulfil my cherished dream about you? Won't you?"

"I wish I could say it. I do not know. God alone knows. May be, there is a lingering chance."

Mantras

"What do you think of the whole day?"

"I have my mantras which I constantly repeat. Nothing disturbs me, nothing worries me."

"Then all fear is gone?"

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Notice

TUITION IN SINHALESE

Miss. G. G. Nandawathie of "Guna Sewana," Station Road, Jaffna, is prepared to give lessons in Sinhalese to Tamil girls and children between 4 and 6 p.m. on week days.
(Mis. 36, 39-4 & 5-33.)

College of Indigenous Medicine, Colombo

EXTENSION OF DATE OF CLOSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.
Applications will be received by the Registrar up to 7th May 1935. Six Scholarships (each of Rs. 240 per annum) are being offered.
G. N. Nanayakkara Registrar
(G. 5, 29-4-35)

Auction Sale

IN THE DISTRICT OF JAFFNA
NO. 6821.

1. Subramaniam Ponnampalam and wife
 2. Sinnachchippillai both of Karaitivu West
- Plaintiffs.
- Vs.
1. Murugai Vaitthilingam and wife
 2. Valliammal both of Do.
- Defendants.

Under and by virtue of commission issued to me in the above case I shall sell by public auction the undermentioned property on Wednesday the 22nd day of May 1935 commencing at 4 p.m.

All that piece of land situated at Kalspoomy in the Parish of Karaitivu in the Division of Islands in the District of Jaffna of the Northern Province called Kothiri containing in extent 9 Lms. V. C. and bounded on the East by the property of Seethay wife of Ramalingam on the North and West by channel and on the South by the properties of Theivanai wife of Samugam and Sithamparappillai Arumugam.

Karaitivu East, A. S. KANDIAH,
20th April 1935: Commissioner.
(Mis. 34, 25-4-35.)



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PROMOTION OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

THE REPORT ON THE PRELIMINARY investigation into the industrial potentialities of the Island by the Technical Adviser holds out great hopes of a bright future for the industrial regeneration of the country. It must be confessed that the industrial resources of the country have not been tapped even on the surface, though the need for it was brought home to the public and the Government on numerous occasions in the past and never so insistently as during the years of the economic depression. The failure of the major agricultural industries, the bulk of which is in the hands of foreign capitalists and investors, revealed the precarious nature of the economic structure of the country and the necessity to exploit our industrial possibilities—not indeed, with a view to achieving economic self-sufficiency, for that is an ideal impossible of fulfilment—but to utilise the available resources in men and material to add to the wealth of the country and increase the purchasing power of the people.

The appointment of the Technical Adviser on Industries marks a distinct step in the abandonment of the policy of laissez-faire which the Government has pursued

hitherto and the realisation of its duty to actively participate in the industrial development of the country. The recent announcement of policy with regard to the purchase of Government stores is a further indication of a welcome change in the attitude of Government towards the promotion of local industries.

While we grant the necessity for the organisation of an Industrial Department with an adequate staff of technicians to give expert guidance to nascent industries and rescue the products of our manufacturing from the bad reputation they are likely to acquire as the immature products of amateur experiments, we would emphasise the necessity of Government taking up the role of pioneers and open model factories to be handed over to the people when they are prepared to take them over. Unless Government is prepared to identify themselves more closely with the industrial renaissance than they seem ready to do at present and be willing even to lose some money in the early stages of the industrial awakening of the people, all the stalling about industrial development is bound to end in mere talk. Every Government, East and West, has given the lead to the people in the industrial development of its country.

It is well to bear in mind that if steps are not taken betimes, the benefit of the investigations made by the Technical Expert stands the chance of being annexed by foreign capitalists who have learnt the art of combining for business purposes, while the local capitalist and industrialist hesitate to venture out on the unbeaten tracks of manufacture or trade. For the purpose of conserving to the people of the land the right to exploit the resources of the country without excluding altogether foreign capital from launching out local industrial enterprises, the State Council would do well to reserve all the national resources to the indigenous people. Foreign industrialists should be allowed to carry on business only upon certain conditions such as the registration of the companies in the country, the employment of the higher staff and board of directors partly from the Ceylonese and the distribution of a certain number of shares among the people of the country. If this precaution is not taken in time, we shall have stirred up the pond only to invite the birds of foreign capitalists to swoop down and carry away the fish and be none the wiser for all the pother about industrial regeneration.

In selecting any particular industry for research and experiment, we would caution the Technical Adviser against the subtle and powerful opposition of vested interests long acquired in the local market by the manufacturers in Great Britain who exercise political control over the Island, and invite his attention to the manufacture of products which will not put up effective opposition if we decided to help ourselves. Sugar is such an one. We import enormous quantities of refined sugar from Java which buys nothing in return from us. The sugar industry thus offers ample scope for local manufacture and development. So are fish and fish products.

We make the above suggestion in the hope that the efforts of the Ministry of Labour, Industry and Commerce may result in the early establishment of some local industries capable of speedy development.

SITE OF ANCIENT KASHI

EXCAVATION NEAR BENARES

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY

Allahabad, April 24

Dr. Motichand, Ph. D., of Benares who has been doing research work at Baraut, fifteen miles from Benares, has discovered among other valuable things, potteries, shreds and idols which have been recognised to belong to a period in the second century A. D. Dr. Motichand declares that a wall is visible underground and hopes to excavate complete buildings, which are likely to prove of more historical value than that discovered in Mohenjodaro. Dr. Motichand's theory is that the ancient city of Kashi of Mahabharat times is situated there.

The Government Archaeological Department is understood to have accorded permission for these excavations.

Thirunavukkarasu Swami Guru Pooja

The Gurupooja of Saint Thirunavukkarasu Swami was celebrated yesterday at the Manipay Hindu College, commencing in the morning. In the evening a picture of the Saint was taken in procession and a public meeting was held in the College hall. The principal spoke on the life of the Saint.

Death By Snake-Bite

Mrs. Kandiah, wife of Mr. Kandiah, teacher of Madduvil North, was stung by a deadly snake and died instantaneously, on Tuesday night. It appears the deceased was returning home with a pot of water, and accompanied by her husband and who walked a few feet ahead of her.

All Karainagar Sports Meet 1935

A sports meet was held under the auspices of the Karainagar Hindi English School Old Boys' Association on Saturday the 20th instant at the Beach Grounds, Karainagar. A special tent was put up for the occasion and when sports began at 3 p.m. there was a very large gathering. Mr. A. R. Subramaniam, presided and Mrs. Subramaniam gave away the prizes.

When the sports were over, the gathering retired to the school compound where the meeting was held. The place was nicely decorated with paper bunting. An excellent musical entertainment was given by Brahma Sri, S. Parameshwara Iyer and Mr. Rajappillai. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. A. R. Subramaniam. Mrs. A. Subramaniam carried off many of the prizes and being the champion won the all coveted championship cups. The Namavayam Challenge cup, which was given by Mr. N. Nadarajah, Advocate, in memory of his late father went to the Hindu English School. This is the third time the School got the cup and it would be retained by the school.

The president spoke highly of Mr. Siampu for having established the institution of which the president himself was an old student. He enthusiastically advised the youths to follow in foot prints of Mr. N. Nadarajah and bring fame and name to the motherland. He further said that he would partake in all the activities connected with the island Karainagar.

Mr. V. Subramaniam, the Sports Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks to those present and appealed for help to continue this function in the future.

The function terminated with the singing of Thevaram.—(Cor.)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chloroform For Trees:—Mr. G. Gray Wornum, Architect of the Royal Institute of British Architects, says that trees up to thirty feet in height can be successfully transplanted by chloroforming them. When the tree is under the influence of chloroform its nervous system is rendered unconscious and so while moving it is not affected.

Reduction in Stock of Currency Notes:—The stock of currency notes in Ceylon was reduced last month by Rs. 3,010,000, the notes destroyed being Rs. 5,460,000, while the notes received during the month were to the value of Rs. 1,550,000. Of the total stock of Rs. 170,469,484 the amount in vault on the last day of the month was Rs. 126,372,540. The balance (Rs. 44,096,944) was in circulation on March 31.

State Mortgage Bank:—The Governor has given his assent to the Ordinance to amend the Ceylon State Mortgage Bank Ordinance, 1931, which was read a third time and passed in the State Council on March 29. The amending Ordinance lowers the minimum limit for loans from Rs. 2,500, and also permits the minimum rate of interest on loans to be varied from time to time under the rule making powers.

More Medical Facilities:—An extension and improvement of the existing medical facilities are to be undertaken next financial year both under the surplus balance allocations as well as under the normal annual budget estimates. It is proposed to spend a first instalment of Rs. 120,000 on a building to house the Institute of Medical Research which is estimated to cost Rs. 185,000. Maternity wards, it is understood, are to be constructed at a large number of hospitals.

15 More For Civil Service:—It is notified in the "Gazette" that the following additional candidates have been selected for admission to Class III of the General Civil Service on the results of the Examination held on February 9:—S. Arasaratnam, S. Chelliah, G. K. Daniel, E. Davith, D. H. Gajanyake, H. de S. Gunesekera, D. F. Gurusinha, E. S. Kanagaratnam, S. Rasaratnam, C. Samugaratnam, S. J. Thambithurai, S. Thommaipillai, O. R. Wijayanayake, B. D. Wilfred, L. P. Witanachchi. It is stated that the Government does not undertake to provide the above with posts immediately, but they will be given appointments as vacancies occur.

Proposed Bureau of Statistics:—The draft of the proposed Statistics Ordinance, the object of which is to establish a Bureau of Statistics for the collection and preparation of statistics relating to the economic conditions of the Island, is published in last Friday's "Gazette." The proposed Bureau of Statistics is to be under the control of a Director of Statistics to be appointed by the Governor, and it is made obligatory on those who may be required by him to do so to furnish to him "in the prescribed form and before a specified date" true information relating to any matter to which the Ordinance applies, and to produce documentary or other evidence, when required, for the purpose of verifying any information supplied. The furnishing of proof may be required by the Director or any officer duly authorised by him.

Death of Mr. S. W. Dassanaike:—The death occurred on the 25th instant of Mr. S. W. Dassanaike, Member for Colombo South in the State Council. He was 60 years old. Mr. Dassanaike as Councillor always espoused the cause of the poor man and belonged to the Ceylon Labour Party. He had a brilliant college career, and qualified himself as an engineer. He joined the P. W. D. and was District Engineer, Provincial Engineer and shortly before retirement acted as Deputy Director of Public Works. Mr. Dassanaike was District Engineer of Jaffna for sometime. After retirement he successfully contested the Colombo South Seat in the first General Election to the State Council. It will not be out of place here to mention that it was Mr. Dassanaike who was chiefly instrumental in successfully opposing Mr. Macan Markar's innovation in the Jaffna railway service which caused not a little flutter in Jaffna. Mr. Dassanaike was also an admirer of the Ramakrishna Mission.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

VILLAGE COMMITTEES AND CASTE SUPERIORITY

Sir,—The native outlook of the Jaffna man towards his own domestic problems needs to be enlarged and liberalised to cope with the new situations that are creeping in owing to changed conditions. The Village Committees and the Schools recognise no more caste superiority but equality. The territorial representation by wards is more likely to return more number of non-vellalas as members of the Village Committees than hitherto and it may be that most of the members of any Village Committee will contain more number of non-vellalas as the number of non-vellala population is evidently more. Any action to thwart or suppress the ambitions and opportunities of the non-vellalas is bound to fail and is mischievous. Social reconstruction in Jaffna on some well conceived plan is an urgent necessity. If the villagers are left alone without advice, the country is likely to be plunged into some caste troubles. It is for our leaders to appear and work now. The world is moving towards democracy and it is far safer to swim along with it rather than stem the tide. It is hoped that the Vellalas will behave better and accommodate men of other castes with sympathy and fairness. It is character, sympathy and justice that will govern the future relations of the various castes.

The qualifications of members of Village Committees need to be improved. The qualifications of the chairman should also be fixed. We cannot afford to send in members and chairmen who are badly equipped. This is a necessary reform that must be urgently pushed through and it is hoped that one of our councillors will take up this matter.

Caste superiority is now killed. Let us realise that fully and accept it. Our children do not enjoy caste superiority in schools. It is a similar step for the elders in the Village Committees. I do not think that they can have any grievance. What is good for the children is good for the elders.

Yours truly,
Pattur, April 26, 1935 "C"

THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Improvements To Cost Rs. 25,000

A hydraulic laboratory and extensions to the workshops at the Ceylon Technical College, it is understood, are to be provided for shortly as part of the scheme for improving the educational facilities of the institute. Both these undertakings are estimated to cost Rs. 25,000.

Further extensions to the main building will be proceeded with if funds are available.

Burglary At Changanai

It is reported that on Friday last a jeweller's shop at the Changanai market was broken into by night and jewellery and cash worth Rs. 1000 were removed by some unknown thief.

Kataragama Esala Festival

By a notification in the latest "Gazette" the duration of the Kataragama Esala Festival, and of the stay of pilgrims at Kataragama is limited to seventeen days, from July 1 to 17.

NEW SANITARY INSPECTORS

31 Candidates Selected out of 1676

Out 1,676 young men who sent in their applications for jobs as Sanitary Inspectors in the Department of Medical and Sanitary Services 31 candidates were selected after a final interview, on the 26th instant.

The selection Board consisted of Dr. S. F. Chellappah (Assistant Director of Sanitary Services), Dr. M. de Costa and Dr. O. Abeyaratne.

Selected Candidates

The selected candidates were—
T. Jayatunge, S. C. Perera, G. A. Fonseka, L. A. Pieris, J. D. S. Jayasooriya, W. A. B. de Silva, S. H. Peris, M. L. B. Fernando, B. Wijayatilake, K. G. P. Perera, L. D. Sirisoma, A. Ganegoda, T. E. Senanayake, S. R. de Silva, A. W. Silva, K. D. Chandrasekara, G. W. Jayasekara, T. A. Direkze, T. M. Sinhalaxana, A. D. Nathaniel, A. Mylvaganam, S. Thambiah, C. Rajasingham, V. T. Aiyadurai, F. Navaratnam, S. Sunderamurthi, V. Duraisingham, S. Puvirajaratnam, J. D. Devapirani, S. T. Thuraiatnam and S. Rajah.

Deposit of Rs. 50

The candidates, who have been selected, will be required to deposit their fee of Rs. 50 at the Chartered Bank and submit receipts to the Assistant Director before May 1st. They will then be attached to a Training School where they will be given lectures, demonstrations and tutorial class by officers of the Medical Department.

The course of training lasts six months and the D. M. and S. S. reserves the rights to dismiss any Sanitary learner whose conduct or progress is not satisfactory.

Such a candidate will forfeit his deposit.

PREFERENCE TO CEYLON GOODS

Govt. Circular to Heads of Depts

Government has circularised all Heads of Departments that when purchasing or ordering fresh stocks they should as much as possible give preference to goods manufactured locally provided, of course, they come up to the same standard as the imported articles.

Such articles to which preference should be given are:—Parcelling sealing-wax, cotton textiles, candles, coir ropes, bricks, blue-lack and red ink, bar-soap, matches and tiles.

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 36
In the matter of the estate and effects of the late Sinnappu Navaretnam of Manipay Deceased.

Annaretnam widow of Sinnappu Navaretnam of Manipay
Vs.
1. Navaretnam Varnathevan
2. Navaretnam Krishnadevan
3. Navaretnam Pathmanathan all of Manipay
4. Sinnappu Seevarathan of do- presently of Gampola Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the petitioner abovenamed praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased abovenamed coming on for disposal before C. Coomaraswamy, Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 22nd day of March 1935 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Rajaretnam Precior on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner abovenamed having been read it is ordered that letters of administration to the estate of the deceased abovenamed be issued to the abovenamed Petitioner as the widow of the deceased abovenamed unless the respondents shall appear before this Court on the 10th day of May 1935 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 22nd day of March 1935.
Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy,
District Judge.

Reviews

THE SAIVA SCHOOL OF HINDUISM: By S. Sivapadasundaram, B. A.; pp. 189 George Allen and Unwin Ltd. 1934. Price 6 s.

This book in spite of its small size represents the high water mark of the excellent series of studies in Saiva Siddhanta that we owe to the vision and initiative of Mr. S. Sivapadasundaram B. A. who is one of the well known expositors of that school of Hinduism. His *Saiva Bodham* series in Tamil has been approvingly adopted in Hindu Schools as text books for the teaching of Saiva Religion. That Mr. Sivapadasundaram is a clear thinker and lucid writer is borne out by the present work in English in which he makes a successful effort to interest the English educated student who has neither the inclination nor the equipment to consult with profit *Sivaganabodham* or *Sivaganasanthi* in the Tamil original and which admittedly constitute the basic authorities of the Saiva Siddhanta sect. In presenting a popular and accurate account of the fundamental doctrines, Mr. Sivapadasundaram has done for our English educated young men what the Rev. Dr. G. U. Pope did for the English public in his time to invite attention to what he described to be the best product of South Indian genius. We have no doubt that the book will whet the appetite of the thoughtful reader in Ceylon and enable him to appraise the merits of his own spiritual heritage. We are glad the author has steered clear of controversial points in his presentation and confines himself, as he points out in his introduction, "to that side of Saivism which has a direct bearing on daily life." We cannot do better than quote the author's own words with regard to the matter of the fifteen chapters in the book. Says he: "The first chapter of his book deals with the second with Samaya and an outline of Saiva Siddhanta followed by seven chapters more detailed account of the Law of Karma is often grossly misinterpreted, and an attempt is, therefore, made in the ninth chapter to do justice to it. Chapters eleven to fifteen are devoted to the practical side of religion. Of these, the eleventh chapter divides people into three classes according to their tendencies to do wrong, to do right, and to transcend the distinction of right and wrong. Chapters twelve to fourteen deal with aids to those of the second class. Those who belong to the third class are the real Saivites, whose observances are given in the last chapter. Certain details, relating to worship, which ought to appear in the last two chapters, are taken away from them and given as appendices, since they are not likely to interest

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JAFFNA PAST AND PRESENT

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lore—an essential temple at the seat of government of a Hindu King—was performed with great *celat* and, according to the poet who evidently attended the functions, there were present on the occasion representatives from the neighbouring countries, even from far off China, but there was no representative from the Sinhalese country. About 100 years before, the seat of government of the Sinhalese had been removed to Pollanaruwa under a Pallava King *Sila Mahavarna*.

The Arya Chakravarti

Who was this *Arya Chakravarti* alias *Sinkai Ariyan*? There is unimpeachable evidence that he belonged to the *Ganga* clan of the *Ikshvaku* race. It is known that the *Ikshvaku* race contributed Kings to the Sinhalese throne. The original home of these *Gangas* was Central India. Their home was attracted by Mahipala of Ujjain. According to legend two *Ganaga* princes were sent during the war to South India for protection and *Singha Nandin* (a *Jaina* King) moved to pity took them under his protection and found them a country to rule. This country they named *Gangavadi*. The *Gangas* extended their dominion and held sway over Mysore; their territory reached Tondainad. The ensign of the Eastern *Gangas* was the bull of *Siva*. They were finally overthrown about the 10th century A. D. Probably the name *Sinkai Ariyan* might be traceable to this source.

The *Gangas* were supporters of *Jainas* to whom the Tamil literature owes a great deal. There is evidence that at one time *Jainism* prevailed in Jaffna. The flag of the Jaffna King showed the sacred bull,

the poet describing him "இடப வான் கொடி எழுதிய பெருமான்."
Jaffna Flag over Singalese Country

There is record that the *Ganga* prince *Sinkai Ariyan* was invited to Jaffna to assume the sacred Crown described by a poet "கௌவ முத்தியில் மலமான் குட்டிய தெய்வமருகுடி" by a *Malavan*. Who was this "Malavan"? Did he pass his name on to our laws which are known to us as the laws of the (erroneously ascribed) *Malabars*?

The *Mahavamsa* records that during the reign of *Bhuvaneka Bahu I.* (A.D. 1272—1284) *Arya Chakravarti* invaded *Yapahu*, the seat of the *Singalese* King and took away the tooth relic (*Dalada*). The *Yalpuna Vayavaya Malai* confirms this and ascribes the cause of the war to the claim put forward by the *Singalese* King to the *Pearl Fishery*. Victory was decisive in favour of *Arya Chakravarti* and for 20 years the Jaffna flag waved over the *Singalese* country, an amicable settlement was arrived at the instance of the *Pandya* King. That there was at that time an alliance between the *Pandya* King and *Arya Chakravarti* is evident from the reference to the latter in the *Mahavamsa* as the "Minister" of the former, the latter holding the rank of "மந்திரிப் பரசன்" in the league of Kings. A coin picked up by Dr. Paul Perias at *Kantherodai* showed on the obverse the double fish ensign of the *Pandya* and on the reverse the bull of *Arya Chakravarti*, proving the alliance of the two countries.

Records of Foreign Travellers

About the year 1290 A.D., the Italian traveller *Marco Polo* met a King at *Puttalam* whom he described as one who paid no tribute to any other Kings. The King's name is given as *Sandaiman* probably a misspelling for *Tondaiman*.

In the year 1344 A.D. *Ibu Batuta*, the Algerian traveller visits *Puttalam* where he meets *Arya Chakravarti*. From the account *Ibu Batuta* has left, it would appear that *Arya Chakravarti*'s influence extended all over Ceylon and in the maritime districts of South India. He is described as Sultan, over 100 of whose ships in battle array the traveller had seen in the *Coromondal Coast*. *Arya Chakravarti* conversed with him in the Persian and told him that he was in friendly understanding or alliance with a *Mubamadani* ruler of South India. The *Arya Chakravarti* of this period is described by a contemporary *Tamil* poet thus:—

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"You Will Fulfil My Cherished Dream"

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"Indeed, I swim in the ocean of peace. All that is due to you. You taught me all this. I have forgotten most of my past, but not the discourses on the Gita you used to give me nor your discourses on 'Pilgrim Progress.' Undisturbed peace is my privilege. Sleep practically untroubled by dreams. I have been often held up to ridicule and contempt. I have rejoiced in it and often craved for it. All I now want is the extinction of even that craving. Why should I rejoice over ridicule? I do not rejoice over praise? Undisturbed equanimity I want—the equality to praise and blame and heat and cold. I wish, if I could, not to delight in travail. But what a dandy I am to be, Bapu! Oh the days of my dandyism. It is the mind that makes a heaven of hell and hell of heaven. There is no end to my peace now, and yet what a dandy I used to be once!" With this he laughed a hearty laugh.

"Where do you sit all day?"

"Downstairs, in the room. Friends come and go. I am perfectly untroubled and peaceful. I do not even know who comes and goes."

"That is real victory," said Gandhiji.

At this we left our pilgrim brother, with whom mentally at any rate we had travelled to the reaches he had attained. Whether the peace that passeth understanding is his we do not know, but there is no doubt that like John Bunyan, the renowned pilgrim, he has found the peace that he has in the knowledge that

He that is down needs fear no fall.
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

Auction Sale

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA
No. 5829

1. Paramu Sathasivam and wife
2. Thangammah both of Karaitivu
East Plaintiff.

Vs.

Ambalavanar Ramapathar of Karaitivu West Defendant.
Under and by virtue of commission issued to me in the above case I shall sell by public auction the undermentioned properties on Saturday the 18th day of May 1935 commencing at 3 P. M.

1. A piece of land situated at Kalapoomy in Karaitivu called Thampam according to deed in extent 7 Lms. V. C. but according to possession in extent 12½ Lms. P. C. with share of well and bounded on the East by the properties of Visuvarathar Kumaravelu and Subramaniam Kandiah, on the North by the properties of Theivanaai daughter of Arumugam and others, on the West by the property of Theivanaipillai wife of Kanapathippillai and on the South by the properties of Paramu Kandiah, Parupathy wife of Murgesu and Sinuachippillai wife of Karthigesu.

2. A piece of land situated at Thangodai in Karaitivu called Kuruthadi Viyavil and Nerunchiadaippu in extent 21 Lms. V. C. of this excluding 5 Lms V. C. on the North Western side the remaining 16 Lms. V. C. with palmyrahs old and young and coconut trees and bounded on the East by the properties of Ramapathar Thambiah and Kanapathy Thibapalam on the North by the property of Arumugam Kanthappan and share-holders on the West by the charity land belonging to Karainagar Saivamahasabai and seashore and on the South by the property of the defendant.

3. A piece of land situated at Thangodai in Karaitivu called Viyavil and Merunchiadaippu in extent 6 Lms. V. C. with palmyrahs old and young coconut trees and well and bounded on the East and North by the property of the defendant, on the West by seashore and on the South by the property of Suppar Kanapathippillai.

20 April 1935 A. S. KANDIAN
Commissioner

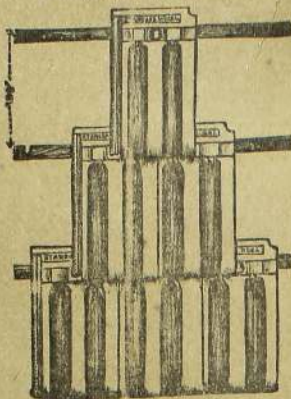
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 8586.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late

Sellamuttu wife of Ahamparam Vairalingam of Thanakkarakurichy.

Deceased.

Vairalingam Sivaparasam of Thanakkarakurichy.

vs. Petitioner.

1. Ahamparam Vairalingam

2. Vairalingam Saba Ratham

3. Vairalingam Rasalingam

4. Sinathalingam daughter of Vairalingam

5. Vairalingam Thiruvappah

6. Vairalingam Thiruvappah

7. Ahampama daughter of Vairalingam

8. Vairalingam Ahamparam

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This matter of the Petition of the above-named Petitioner, praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Sellamuttu wife of Ahamparam Vairalingam, coming on for disposal before N. Sinathalingam Esquire, Additional District Judge, on the 20th day of December 1934, in the presence of Mr. C. Thanabalasingam, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 23rd day of June 1934, 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 26th day of March 1935, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 11th day of March 1935.

Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy.

District Judge.

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(Initialed) C. C.

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