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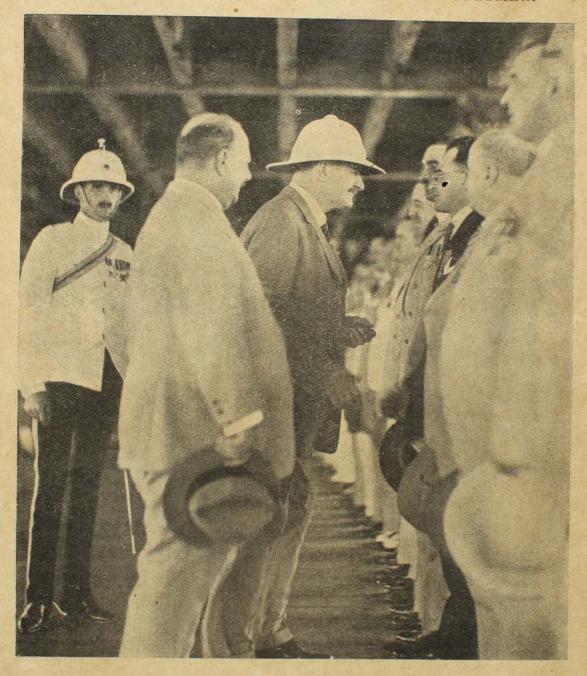
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THE CEYLON CAUSERIE

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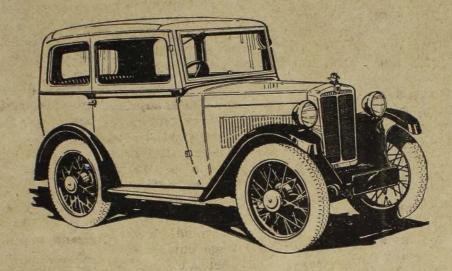
FIELD MARSHALL, VISCOUNT ALLENBY IN COLOMBO.



Field Marshall, Viscount Allenby, will be easily recognised as the central figure in our photograph, with Major C. E. Hawes, Chairman of the Ceylon Comrades of the Great War, on his right.

Samuel Handle

Here we are!

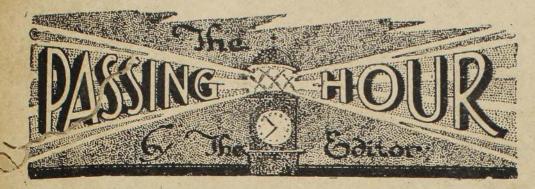


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HIS Excellency the Governor's tour through various parts of the Island will not only permit him to revisit once familiar scenes but will also enable him to obtain first hand knowledge of their needs and difficulties. There is this added advantage that a Governor's visit bestirs the local authorities to a special display of activity-roads and bridges are mended, drains flushed and cleaned and buildings painted and whitewashed. With wise forethought the Governor has prohibited pandals and illuminated addresses. We might add that requests from the Central Government for large votes to be expended on desirable objects would, in this existing depression, be inappropriate.

We would, however, wish to invite public attention to an outstanding need of the ancient town of Galle. From the days of King Solomon the harbour of Galle has been known in the history of the nations and though its glory is now dimmed we believe it can be revived with singular advantage to the industrial and commercial life of the southern half of the island. When funds permit the removal of the perilous and sunken rocks which now imperil visiting ships would give us a second harbour which the growth of ocean transport imperatively demands.

With the passing of the Income Tax Bill the cup of satisfaction of the Government and their supporters in the State Council must be full to overflowing. It is now the imperative duty of the public to secure immediate economy in Government administration as the danger is real that the passing of the Income Tax Bill will lull the Government to a sense of security in pursuing its accustomed paths. We must take a lesson from other countries in which Socialism and Communism are ever in pursuit of public funds to bolster

up the position of drones and unemployables. Tax is usually followed by Super-Tax and many an old ancestral home in England has gone under the hammer in its inability to meet ever increasing demands.

The Tax in Ceylon needs adjustment. The limit of exemption is fixed far too high and of course makes the tax popular. In India the limit of exemption is fixed at Rs. 1000 a year, a point which we might suitably adopt ourselves. We must profit by the mistakes of others. A limit of Rs. 1000 would immediately draw a very large number into the Income Tax net and would besides vest the decisions of the State Council with some proper form of delegated authority. Indeed, it would draw some of the State Councillors themselves into the toils. As matters are now, Rs. 400 a month with various exemptions does not, in many cases, have any residue of taxable income. Income Tax brings us to the turning of the ways. If we do not set our house in order and make our adjustments with care and forethought, we shall be rapidly speeding to the disaster which Income Tax, wrongly devised and applied, must undoubtedly bring.

We wonder what impresion the monster disarmament declaration, bearing over two million signatures. and despatched to Geneva by the Women's International League, will make on the peace of the world. Standing armies, navies and armaments are not only economic waste but are a potential source of danger. Why cannot the peace of the world be maintained by an International Tribunal? When this comes in the fulness of time, as come it must, then can the nations claim to be wholly civilised.

On the basis that a contented peasantry furnishes the best proof of

a country's progress, we feel that the Colonisation Schemes now before the Government are matters of first importance. Success depends on a number of factors, such as judicious selection in the first place, for a clearcut distinction must be first observed between the unemployed and the unemployable! The latter have to be carefully sifted out before the one acre blocks of land are handed over to the selected colonists. selection is further limited to those who possess the community sense and can be trusted to work for the general good in a proper spirit of give and take. With intensive cultivation the ordinary peasant can, is course of time, get sufficient return from his land for his maintenance and this is the main object of the schemes.

Sir Philip Macdonell chose a out-of-the-way subject for his lectur to the English Association in Janu-"The Tacties of Odysseus" meant something to only those interested in the ancient classics. But the whole lecture was, as the Chairman Mr. Marrs observed, a brilliant piece of reconstruction. The whole scheme by which Odysseus outwitted and destroyed his foes was clearly outlined and lucidly explained. The Association has begun the New Year well.

The retirement of Mr. W. T Stace from the Public Service deprives the Island of one of its most honoured and most capable officers. Not long ago heacted for a few months as Mayor of Colombo, and his "permanent" appointment to the same office, in succession to Mr. Newnham, was made but a short time ago. Nearly half his life has been spent in the service of this Island, and now, at the early age of 46, he leaves us for service which he probably finds more congenial-a professorship of Philosophy in Princeton University, U.S.A.

Mr. Stace is a Dublin man, i.e. his University is Dublin. His successor, Mr. W. L. Murphy is also a Dublin man. His experience as Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary should be of considerable use to him in his new office, and we have every confidence that he will be as successful a Mayor as his two immediate predecessors.



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THE LATE DR. EDWIN LAWSON KOCH,

CEYLON may well be proud of the fine record of the many distinguished medical men whom the Island can claim as its sons. The skill, capacity, and not least the personal sympathy and consideration, shewn by our physicians and surgeons have been such as all Ceylon can look back upon with the highest satisfaction. Kelaart and Andriesen are better known in Europe because they elected to practise their profession there; but the names of Anthonisz, Rockwood, and others of an earlier generation who laboured in Ceylon alone, are also known to professional men outside the Island: and to these names must certainly be added the name of Edwin Lawson Koch.

He was born on the 29th November, 1837, and educated in Jaffna. When twenty years old he obtained a Government scholarship which enabled him to enter the Bengal Medical College in Calcutta. There he had an eminently successful career, winning the General Proficiency Prize in 1862. One of the College Professors at the time was Dr. Joseph Fayrer, afterwards Sir Joseph Fayrer, Bt., who in 1875 accompanied the Prince of Wales (King Edward VII) on his visit to Ceylon. Three of Dr. Fayrer's Ceylon pupils, Drs. Koch, van Dort, and van der Straaten, called on him, and on the suggestion of Sir Bartle Frere, who recognized Koch as a Calcutta Prizeman, were presented to the Prince.

On his return to Ceylon from the Bengal Medical College, Dr. Koch entered the Ceylon Civil Medical Service. He began as a Medical Assistant on the 25th July, 1862, and in 1867 was an Assistant Colonial Surgeon of the First Class. In June 1870, the Ceylon Medical College was opened, with Dr. James Loos as Principal, and Dr. Koch one of the three lecturers. It was at the beginning of the second session, or year, that Dr. Koch delivered his

inaugural lecture to the students' His subject was the Medical History of Ceylon, and Dr. J. L. vander Straaten is probably right in saying that Dr. Koch "was the first to publish information on the Medical History of the Island." That infor-



DR. EDWIN LAWSON KOCH.

mation was conveyed in a manner which ranks Dr. Koch at once with the best writers in Ceylon at a time when good writers were many, and when the standard of good writing was much higher than it is at present. His historical sketch describes the introduction of Medical Science from India, its development in Buddhist monasteries, and its spread among the laity. The Portuguese, who had learnt from the Moors of Spain, brought Western science into the Island. By the time the Dutch arrived, Medical Science had begun to take a definite shape, and immense service was done by Dutch physicians and surgeons in Ceylon; and this service was continued by the British.

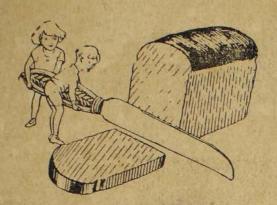
A brief visit to Scotland secured for Dr. Koch the degree of M. D. and C. M. of the University of Aber-

deen. In 1875 he succeeded Dr. Loos as Principal of the Medical College. All this while-and he had served in Ceylon for no more than thirteen years-his devotion to his profession and his unfailing consideration for the poor had made him one of the outstanding figures of the time. "Of more than ordinary intelligence, gifted with a keen perception of the value of his profession and the responsibilities of his duties, he had long been looked upon as the most valued member of the Civil Medical Department. Professionally he had few equals. We doubt if he had a superior in surgery. The Civil Hospital, equally with the Medical School, stands deeply indebted to his unwearied exertions ' So wrote the "Ceylon Times" in 1877, when the sudden death of the distinguished surgeon cast a shadow over the land.

The end came in this way. The "Ceylon Examiner" records that the was a bad case of ovarion dr and fourteen operations to reveal the cause of the troub Koch suspected that there was a tumour, and made a post-morten examination. He had a slight scraton his wrist, but washed it widilute carbolic acid. The precaution proved inadequate. The post-mortem examination took place on Thursday, the 15th December, and on Friday evening the Governor was expected to visit the School, While waiting for him Dr. Koch felt slightly feverish, and by night he was seriously ill. All that human skill and devotion could do was done for him. Dr. Kynsey, the head of the Medical Department, visited him constantly. Dr. Anthonisz came up from Galle Dr. van Dort, Dr. vander Straaten, and Dr. Keyt watched the patient in turn, while the students of the Medical College offered ready service. It was hoped that recovery might still be possible, but on the night of the 19th December a sudden change set in, and at 4-30 on the morning of the 20th he died.

Dr. Koch was only 39 years and 21 days old at his death, but his short life was full of good deeds. Many stories are current of his astonishing surgical skill, and one of his grateful patients made him the gift of a clock which was fixed to

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A VISIT TO THE WOLFENDAHL DUTCH CHURCH.

By Kathleen Hawkins.

THINK it is A. A. Milne who, in one of his essays, vaunts the advantage of possessing a mind that is "like a bus, rather than a tram;" that is to say one that does not always run on set lines, but is at liberty to vary its course. And it is

of a view-point can throw a glamour over what familiarity has made rather tiresome; so that, when for years we have thought Great Aunt Susannah a somewhat vexatious old busybody, it gives us a little shock when some stranger alludes to her



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The Dutch Church at Wolfendahl,

certain that one of the fairy gifts, which can protect from dullness and lend to life an ever new interest, is the power to vary the point of view from which well-known scenes can be regarded.

Most of us possessed it as children. The sofa in the sitting room was, on six days out of seven, a mere piece of ordinary household furniture; but on the seventh day, we chose to regard it with the eyes of pirates looking at their "saucy barque"; and it became instantly a brave ship, voyaging through perils across wide seas. Even in later days, the change

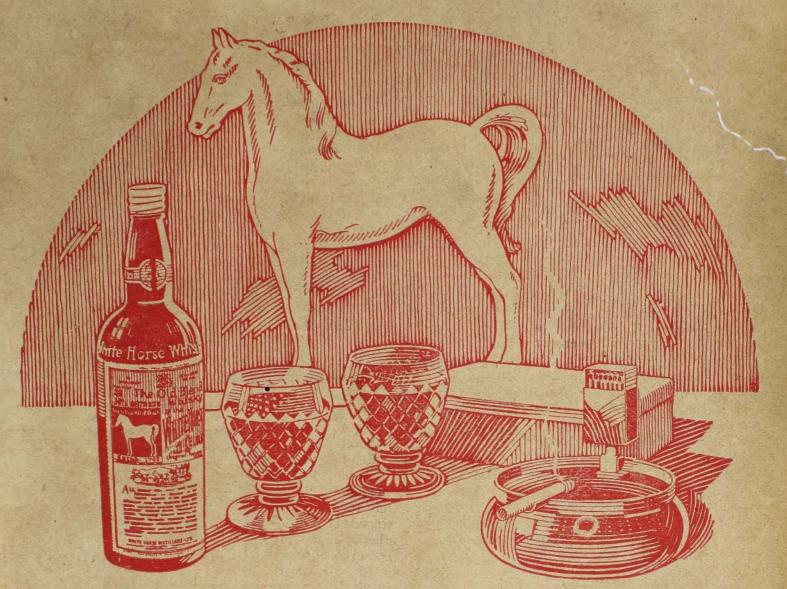
as being "too delightfully quaint"; and straight-way, looking at the old lady with new eyes, we realize that perhaps, after all, there is a certain old-world Victorian charm about her primness. It is the same with places. We get into the habit of regarding them from one point of view. Who can look on the town where he was at boarding-school, with other than a school-boy's eyes? And to most of us who live in outstation districts, Colombo is simply the place where one either "shops" or "goes to see the firm," according to one's sex. Or it may be that it

is the Vanity Fair that stands for dances, the Talkies and a good time generally. And yet Malta, Port Said, Aden, and all the other places, at which we gape with guide-books under our arms, are certainly not more interesting than this Colombo of ours; and anyone who has to spend a day in town, and wearies of shops where he cannot afford to buy, and hotel lounges, where he no longer meets wide circles of friends, is advised to take to himself for one afternoon the guide book, and the inquiring mind of a tourist, and to set out to "See the Sights."

He will also need to equip himself with much patience, for the average Colombo-dweller, whether English speaking or not, seems to possess a total lack of knowledge of the position of most places, which lie outside the orbit in which his daily life moves, together with an utter ability to give a clear direction as to how any place, whose whereabouts he does happen to know, can be reached.

"We will go first to Wolfendard Church," we had said. "A massive church in Doric style, built by the Dutch in 1749, should be worth seeing." But the massive church was not easy to find. Down through the clamour of the Pettah we drove slowly past the shops whose contents might lie on counters in Birmingham or Glasgow, past the crowds on the pavement, which are so typically of the East; the sellers of fruit, which looks so tempting that it almost persuades one to forget one's hygienic scruples as to the grubbiness of its setting; the old women squatting on the edge of the curb stone with baskets of mysterious delicacies, the Afghans, with their turbans and their swagger, strolling past in couples. Watching the Pettah crowd, one no longer finds it difficult to believe Colombo's boast that it contains members of ninety-odd races; and it must have been the press of people which made us miss seeing the signboard which directs to Wolfendahl. Miss it we did, and went on and on up a street where the shops became smaller and smaller, and the goods they displayed more and more alien to the use of the Western world, till at last shops ceased altogether, and there were only the shabby dwelling-houses

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CEYLON'S KNIGHTS.



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CEYLON'S KNIGHTS.

THE roll of Ceylon Knighthood opens rightly with His Excellency the Governor. Sir Graeme Thomson, as be fits a Colonial Governor of distinction is G. C. M. G. and also a Knight Commander of the Bath. His Excellency's career is so well known that there is no need to say more about it in this place—except that his rule in Ceylon promises to add to his many claims to distinction.

Sir Solomon Dias Bandaranaike is the only Ceylonese Knight who belongs to a knightly Order. He is K. C. M. G. having been promoted from Knight Bachelor in 1907 and C. M. G. in 1902. He was Maha Mudaliyar for many years, and the personal friend of princes and notabilities. A genial sportsman, he is popular with all classes and communities, and his country seat at Veyangoda is a frequent resort for visitors both local and foreign. He has published a volume of reminiscences with the apt title "Remembered Yesterdays."

Sir Bernard H. Bourdillon, C.M.G., is a Knight of the Order of the British Empire. He came out as Colonial Secretary, and now enjoys the honour of being the first Chief Secretary under the new Constitution. His knighthood was one of the Birthday Honours last year. It is scarcely to be expected that his position in the new order of things will deprive him of the criticism which usually assails the highly placed; but though sometimes impulsive, he has skilfully conducted the affairs of Government to a successful issue.

Sir Wilfrid Wentworth Woods, c. M. G., was knighted in 1929. He came to us from Northern Nigeria in 1908, rose to the position of Colonial Treasurer, and is now Financial Secretary in the new Government. He is a master of sarcasm. No one thinks more clearly or acts more effectively than he, and he is invaluable in Council.

Sir Don Baron Jayatilaka, knighted last January, is Minister for Home Affairs and Leader of the House. One of the most popular men among his countrymen, and the chief leader of the Buddhists in

Ceylon, he is at the present moment somewhat less popular. But that was to be expected, and his outstanding merits are frankly acknowledged. His reasonableness in politics has given him the high position he holds. His scholarship in Oriental languages and literature led to his appointment as Chief Editor of a new Sinhalese Dictionary.

Sir Stewart Schneider, K. C., left the Bar to be a Puisne Justice and Commissioner of Assize. He acted as Chief Justice, and his knighthood in 1928 was the well-earned reward of his services as Judge. He is an honoured office-bearer in the Anglican Church, and takes a great interest in Christian work.

Sir Hilarion Marcus Fernando received his knighthood in 1922. He won high honours in medicine at the London University, and served the Ceylon Government in various offices from 1890 to 1909. In 1917 he was nominated an unofficial member of the Legislative Council, and later of the Executive Council as well.

Sir Herbert Layard Dowbiggin, C. M. G., joined the Police Department in 1901 and was appointed Inspector-General of Police twelve or thirteen years later. The improvement in the Police Force is entirely due to his initiative and supervision, and his services have been temporarily required for Cyprus and Jerusalem. All were agreed that he richly deserved the knighthood conferred on him in 1930.

Sir Henry Lawson de Mel, C.B.Ereceived his knighthood as a Birthday Honour in 1931. Sir Henry is a man of many interests, and the list of his Chairmanship in various societies is a long one. He has a seat in the State Council where he will doubtless make himself felt.

Ceylon's Chief Justice, Sir Philip James Macdonell had a brilliant career at Oxford, where he was President of the Union. Since he started life as a Journalist, serving as war correspondent to the "Times" in South Africa, his interests cannot be confined to the Law. His cultural equipment and judical experience are great assets and he has already shown clearly in his obser-

vations from the Bench that he has a fine appreciation of the spirit of the law whether it be English or Roman Dutch. During his short stay in Ceylon he has proved himself a most interesting personality and is fully maintaining the traditions of his high office.

While noting the worthies who, happily, are still with us, we may briefly recall those of an earlier time. The year 1874 was marked by the awards of the first knighthoods to Ceylonese. In that year, Sir Richard Francis Morgan and Sir Muttu Coomaraswamy were honoured. Sir Richard's official service demanded this recognition. Sir Muttu Coomaraswamy was certainly the outstanding Tamil of his day, in intellect and in public service. He was a "lion" in English society, and the honour is believed to have been conferred on him in England without reference to the authorities in Ceylon. Two of his nephews were awarded knighthoods in more recent times,-Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam, C.M.G., and Sir Por.nambalam Ramanathan, C.M.G., who were brothers. The former may fairly be considered the chief inspirer of the modern Reform movement, and the actual founder of the Ceylon National Congress. The latter carried on the work, and was a tower of strength to the Sinhalese in the trouble of 1915. Sir Ambalavanar Kanagasabai was a member of the old Legislative Council for ten years, and for a period of the old Executive Council. Sir Solomon Christoffel Obeysekere served as M.L.C. for sixteen years and his fearless speeches in Council were always noteworthy. He twice visited England as a representative of Ceylon-first at the Coronation of King Edward VII. and again at the Coronation of King George V. Sir James Peiris was the first, and perhaps the only Ceylonese who was elected President of the Cambridge University Union; but he has a higher claim to notice as one of the originators of the modern Reform movement. Ladv Catherine De Soysa claims a place in our list. She received the honour after the death of her husband, Charles Henry de Soysa, the generous benefactor to whom many good causes are indebted. Sir Thomas Edward de Sampayo ended an

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AT THE REGAL.

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We would especially mention the two outstanding ones of the past month:—

The Big Trail. A Super Film by that producer of great pictures, Raoul Walsh, starring John Wayne, Marguerite Churchill and that clever little comedian El Brandel. It may well be described as an epic, for it demonstrates in no uncertain manner the trials and tribulations which, however stupendous, were never unsurmountable. Well may the pioneers be described as being bred from "hickory," for we cannot believe such privations could be cheerfully grappled with by today's somewhat effete men and women. The whole picture is an education and should have been seen by all and sundry.

The Sleeping Cardinal. A delightful "All English" Film starring two favourites of the London stage, Norman McKinnel and Arthur Wontner, and a powerful English cast. The play is written round two episodes in the life of the late Conan Doyle's famous characters Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson. The former representation was played in the most restrained and life-like manner by Arthur Wontner and we never recollect seeing a character world known, represented exactly as everyone has imagined him to be. A good picture well photographed and well worth seeing.

AT MADAN THEATRES.

Madan Theatres Ltd. have on hand a very attractive programme covering the next few weeks. As we go to press John Boles is starring in an all coloured picture at the Empire Theatre "Song of the West." Two pictures, however, which will attract crowded houses are The Middle Watch, due at the Majestic on the 13th inst., and French Leave due on the 30th. Both these pictures are all British, and all humour, for both are funny in the extreme.

During the past month the most outstanding picture we would especially mention was The Ringer. A thriller par excellence, it well deserved the crowds it drew to both houses. The acting throughout was splendid, wonderful opportunities being given to Gordon Harker who played the cockney butler and crook and to Franklyn Dyall who filled the part of Meister to perfection. His restrained acting of the drunken sodden master crook, was worthy of his great histrionic ability.

Amateur Theatrical Efforts.

Two forthcoming Amateur Shows will be staged during February. One, by the Ceylon Amateur Dramatic Club, who are putting on a very ambitious performance, is "The Trial of Mary Dugan," at the Garrison Theatre, on February 18th, and onwards. The title role is being filled by a lady who in the past has acted frequently in England and who fills the emotional part of Mary spledidly. The other principal parts are being filled by the leading amateurs in Colombo. The other performance at the Regal Theatre will be Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" by Ceylonese amateurs. The rehearsals of this promise that the performance will be an excellent one. Both entertainments are being looked forward to with considerable interest.

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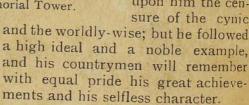
the carriage in which he sped on his daily rounds. The clock is still in the possession of a member of the family. When he died, the fisher-

men of Mutwal, whose sufferings he had generously relieved, spread white cloth under the hearse all the way from his house to the gate of the cemetery. The Koch Memorial Tower on the College grounds was subscribed for by the public, the clock being given by the Government of Sir James Longden.

It is not merely or mainly for his professional skill that Dr. Koch is remembered. As much is remembered of his ungrudging genero-

sity, especially to the poor. He was fond of music, and would frequently have musical entertainments in his house. Such holidays as he had were spent in the field, often accompanying C. A. Lorenz and Sir Richard Morgan, though much their junior. For the accumulation of wealth he evidently had no disposition. In his

wastepaper basket would not seldom be found bank notes torn in halves with the letters containing them. At an entertainment in his house he once went into his room accompanied by friends to look for something he wanted. He opened a drawer, and was amazed to find a large number of cheques which he had forgotten to cash, and which he feared could not now be cashed! Such unbusinesslike methods will doubtless draw upon him the censure of the cynic





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For you, still in your early teens,
A sunny vista spreads afar,
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The splendour of the scene to mar.
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And holds out gifts of rose and gold,
Veiling the picture from your eyes
Of your sweet self grown grey and old.

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The stage, to never rise again,
O may you feel—as I do now—
You have not played your part in vain.

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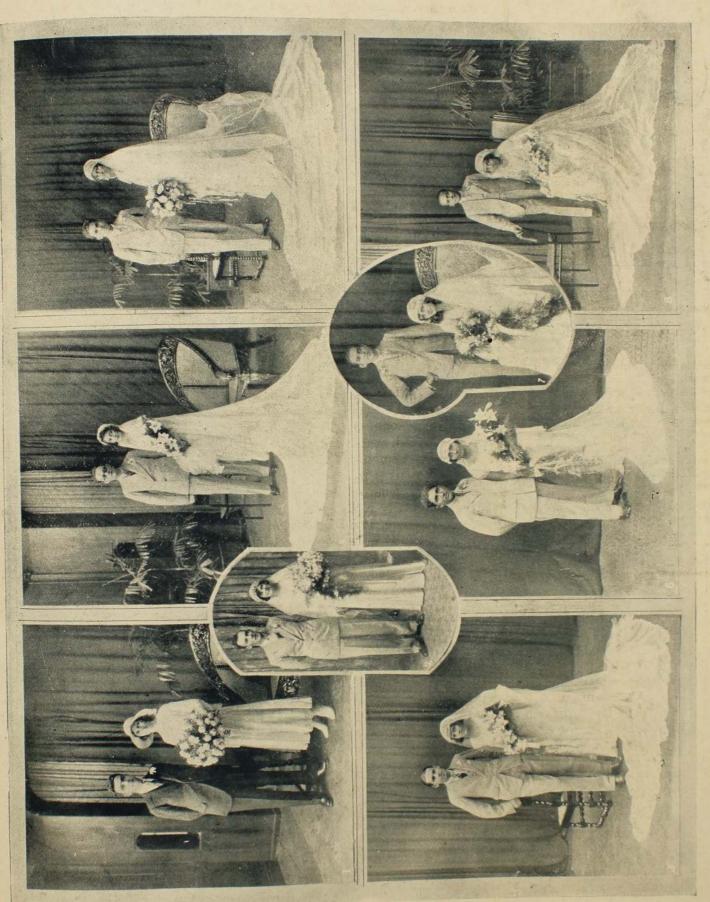


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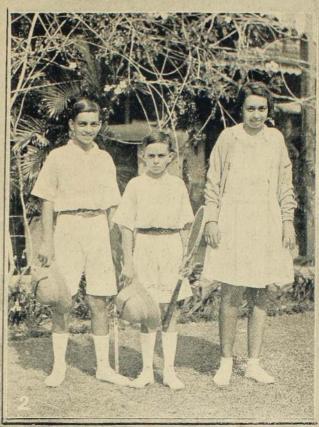
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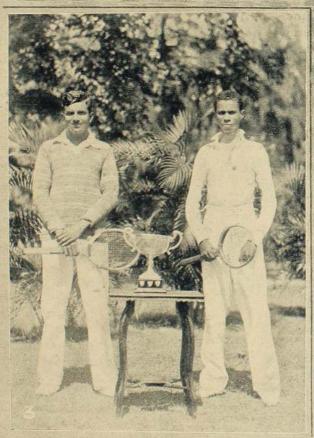
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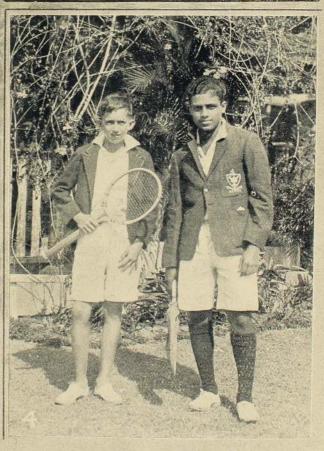
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The C. L. T. A. Juvenile Championships.









- 1. Miss M. Barber
- 3. G. Muttucoomaroe & J.C.W. Rock
- 2. The brothers M.F. & F.J. de Saram & their sister Miss G.I.L. de Saram

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Curious Customs in Ceylon.

By Miss H. M. Cathie.

RELIGION and caste play a great part in the mode of hairdressing among the male natives of Ceylon. Some of the fashions are eccentric in the extreme, and it is fortunate for the people that they cannot see themselves as we see them, but continue unconcerned in their extraordinary customs.

Let it be said at once that the majority of those who have become Christian, no matter of what denomination, have adopted the European style of hairdressing, and although they continue to make liberal use of coconut oil, the men at least wear their hair short and well brushed.

There is very little variation among the women folk in the way they braid their black shiny locks. The hair is neatly parted in the centre and drawn down on either side of the face, or else brushed smoothly back from the forehead. Ornamental pins of gold or silver are used according to the wealth of the owner, for the women parade their wealth in the visible form of jewellery on ankles, arms, nose, ears, neck and hair.

The Singhalese male has a very attractive way of disposing his black hair. He gathers it up into a tiny tight knob at the back, and crowns the summit of his head by a wide semi-circular comb of tortoise-shell, and this head-dress is worn by the well-to-do merchant as well as by the poorer class.

It is left to the Tamils to ring the changes in eccentric hair-dressing, but if one is interested enough to enquire deeper into the reasons for such absurdities, it will generally be found that it is according to some immutable caste-rule or tenet of their

Some have the entire front half of their heads shaved like a billiard ball, while the hair is allowed to grow long at the back and is then screwed up into a knob or left hanging in tangled strands. Others do the opposite, only the back is shaved and a straight black fringe from the top of the head to the centre of the fore-head is allowed to remain.

A certain caste has the head closely shaven all round save on the crown, and the short hair left forms a kind of lid for the top of the skull, These eccentricities give a wild ferocious look to the native coolie, which quite belies his character as in general he is a very gentle retiring individual.

Some small boys and a few men have the entire head shaven and polished, and one feels in view of the heat and the vermin which thrive on their long haired brothers, that these have chosen the better part!

The first cutting of a child's hair and the piercing of the ears is always the occasion for a religious festival in the family, but woe betide the small black person who has to wait three or four years for the ceremony as decreed by the parents or priest at the birth, fer no one is allowed to clean or braid the hair, and one frequently sees a little child with its hair caked with the mud and dirt it has accumulated while rolling about on the floor of its home or the equally dirty road-way outside.

Education is slowly opening the minds of the younger generation and in time its influence may re-act on the hygiene of the home and body of the individual, but at present religious superstition and the age-old customs of his fore-fathers are so deeply rooted in the coolie mind, that it is very difficult to make any impression which would be of lasting benefit to himself and his children.

"Balancing the Bungalow Budget!"

(Continued from page 31.)

"Could'nt we sell things? You have lots and lots of clothes, George, which you never wear."

- " And what about yours?"
- "Hardly a rag to wear."
- "If we sell, we must go fifty-fifty. Play fair, Chrys, and then when the good times come back we will have absolutely new trousseaux. What about jewellery?"
- "I've not much," her mouth trembled pitifully. "But if I let my few things go, it must be fifty-fifty, and you must sell your prizes."

"What? I'll never do that, not for the Income-Taxiest-Government as ever was! What! sell the emblems of my great athletic achievements on the Fields of Sport and Glory? Never!! "He struck a finely dramatic attitude, which dissolved quickly as his wife remarked caustically-:

"You do look a fool, George!"

There was a slight pause. Then George said briskly.—"We are not much forwarder. Our Budget is still unbalanced. The matter seems to resolve itself "thusly"—"Either be honest and pay up our bills, or, be dishonest and leave them un-paid. Of course," gloomily, "we might be sent to prison.

"Oh.....! George, de-ar! wailed the lady. "It would be too wicked, after all our economy and worry, I hate Economy! I hate Cuts and Slumps. I hate Taxes and, above all, I detest and abhor Governments and Councils, Secretaries, Treasurers, Chancellors and-"

"Steady, steady! You vicious little Bolshie i or you will be arrested for lésé majestié!"

Chrystabel was becoming quite hysterical. The pitiful look in those wonderful blue eyes was enough to melt the heart of a stone. More! It should have moved the hearts of a whole boat-load of Ministers, Councillors, not to forget a few Chief Secretaries and Treasurers thrown in as extra ballast. Such beauteous tragedy would have caused them to cry, with one accord.

"Away with all taxes! They must never be a burden upon the young and lovely."

But they did nothing of the kind.

Secretaries of State and of the Colonies, Ministers of all degrees and with diverse Portfolios-albeit very kind and tender individually, can en bloc present an iron front to all the poor young things struggling to keep their heads above water. But plump, plump! they push them down underneath the heaving waters of despair and bankruptcy.

Chrystabel and George have not yet succeeded in balancing their bungalow-budget for the past year. And from many a bungalow, upcountry, the cry goes up dolorously-:

Alack-a-day! Ah, woe is me! How can our Budgets balanced be?"

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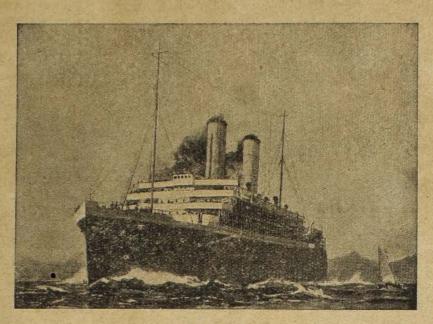
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The full list of departures is as follows:-

By the O. L, "Orama," on Jan. 7th.

Mr. D. E. Hamilton of Oodoowere, Demodera, Mrs. Hamilton and Miss

Mr. G. A. Ponsford, of Whittall and Co.,

Mr. R. A. Shaw, of Ingoya Estate.

By the B. 'L. "Staffordshire," on Jan. 14th.

Major and Mrs. M. Elton Lane, of Hallowella, Norwood.

Mr. H. J. Moppett of A. F., Jones and Co., Colombo and Mrs. Moppett.

Mrs. Reed, wife of Major H. L. Reed, Principal, of Royal College, Colombo. Mrs. Cuming, wife of Mr. T. Cuming, of E. John and Co., Colombo, and two children.

Dr. and Mrs. C. I. de Silva and Master Ivan de Silva and Miss Audrey de

Silva, of Colombo.

Mr. G. W. Dodds, Harbour Engineer, Colombo, and Mrs. Dodds.

Mrs. Lermitte, wife of Mr. L. R. Lermitte, of R. Gordon and Co., Colombo. Mr. G. A. Pearse, of Rothschild Estate, Pussellawa.

Mr. S. N. B. Wijeyekoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. G. Wijeyekoon of Colombo.

By the O. L. "Ormonde," on Jan. 21st,

Mr. F. Burkin, of Keell and Waldock, Colembo, and Mrs. Burkin.

Mr. G. H. Dulling, Kiribatgalla Group, Nivitigala.

Mrs. J. B. Edwards, "Stockton," Mait-land Crescent, Colombo.

The Misses E. F. and R. Fleming, "St. James." Kandy.

Mrs. E. Foy, Florence House, Cambridge Place, Colombo.

Mrs. Grigsby, wife of Mr. B. H. Grigsby, of Cuilcagh, Mahagama.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goolden and Miss Goolden, of Dessford, Nanu Oya. Mr. F. A. R. Haward, of Vykumbra,

Passara. Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Hearsey, Monera-

kande Group, Koslande. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. H. Holt, Binoya,

Mr. R. M. C. Jones, of Mahadowa, Madulsima.

Mr. C. C. A. Brito Muttunayagam, Chatworth, "Havelock Town,

Mr. H. P. Speer, of Parakaduwa. Mrs. Stanistreet, wife of Mr. H, L. Stanistreet, of Vavasseur and Co.,

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wantalawa.

Mrs. S. J. Lines, Miss M. Lines and and Master, J. Lines, "Ulswater," Hamer's Avenue, Colombo.

Mr. S. B. Martinson, of Walker and Grieg Ltd., Colombo. and Mrs. Martinson.

Mr. C. H. Matthey, of Lindoola Estate, Talawakelle.

Mr. C. M. Metcalfe, Passara Group, Passara.

WELCOME BACK.

By the P. & O. "Narkunda," on Jan. 4th.

Mr. C. H. Bois, of J. M. Robertson & Co., Colombo.

Mr. N. D. G. Greene, of Keell & Waldock, Colombo. Mr. W. R. Hayman, of St. Thomas'

College, Mt. Lavinia. Mr. H. N. Keith, of Clunes Estate, Dehiowita.

Mr. R. O. Buell, the New General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A.

By the B. L. Gloucestershire." on Jan. 5th.

Mr A. J. W. Abdee, of Walker & Greig, Ltd., Dickoya.

Mr. G. A. Barron-Boshell, Ceylon Labour Commission, Trichinopoly, South India, and Mrs Barron-Boshell.

Mr. R. F. Henderson, Galle Face Hotel, Colombo

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. W. Moodey, of Kakkaplliya.

Mr. F. S. J. Turner, of the Forest Department.

Mr. G. R. Hughes, of Harrison & Crosfiield Ltd., Colombo.

Mr. R. Taylor, of the Colombo Commercial Co., Ltd., Colombo.

Mr. W. J. Watson, of the Irrigation Department.

By the B. I. "Manela," on Jan. 7th.

Lieut. E. R. Way, 15th, Heavy Battery R.A., Colombo, and Mrs. Way.

Mr. H. J. Armitage, of the Fort Police, and Mrs. Armitage.

Mr. W. Beevers, of the Fort Police, and Mrs. Beevers.

By the P. & O. Cathay," on Jan. 14th.

Dr. N. Sinnadurai of Colombo.

Mr. C. W. Bremner, of the National Bank of India, Ltd., Colombo.

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The Annual Cricket Test.

THE annual Cricket Test between the Europeans and Ceylonese, is but three weeks ahead, and a few notes by way of reflection rather than of anticipation will be appropriate at this stage. With the departure of W. T. Greswell from Ceylon, five years ago, European cricket received a set back from which it will probably never recover, for bowlers of Greswell's calibre are rare even in England, and it is too much to expect another Greswell in Ceylon in our time. On the other hand Ceylonese cricket is all the poorer by the premature death of Cecil Horan, who in the opinion of many competent judges, was a world left hander, just as Greswell was a world right hander. But the difference lies in the fact that the abundance of eligible talent in the Ceylonese ranks makes a considerable difference in the balance when the losses of these two star bowlers is reckoned as affecting the strength of the respective sides. This year the Europeans will not have to face the handicap of the Colombo sun and heat and the transfer of the venue to Darrawella, will be an immense factor in their favour. The Ceylonese have already selected their Captain and their Selection Committee. They will have a plethora of talent, to select from, and it will be unfair to say one word which may be construed as an attempt to influence the Committee's decision. Many youngsters have recently shown that they are on the top of their form, which will render the task of the selectors a difficult one, as after all only eleven men can play. The team, however, is bound to be a strong side, capable of carrying the best traditions of Ceylonese cricket. The Europeans will have the advantage of having a smaller field of selection. In this respect they will be like the Australians who make few mistakes in selections, for the reason that their numbers are small in comparison to the eligibles in England. The Europeans further will better appreciate and understand the subtleties of the morning dew on the Darrawella wicket especially in February, so that despite the paper supremacy which the Ceylonese enjoy, there is always the intriguing outlook of the glorious uncertainty of cricket being illustrated on that piece of emerald turf at Darrawella.

C. T. C. January Meet.

The new Racing season at headquarters was inaugurated on January 14th, when a meet took place in Colombo, instead of the usual one at Taldua. There were two days sport with a card of 8 events on the first day and one of 7 races on the second. Although the attendance on both days was only moderate and fields smaller than usual, the interest was keen and some splendid finishes were seen.

Solfast let his backers down very badly on the first day when he absolutely refused to start with the rest. Even though bad manners at the gate are a characteristic of Solfast this fine racer has naturally many supporters, as was evident on the second day when he started favourite again and won like a champion. Ward who was Champion Jockey of the 1930 31 season started the New Year well by annexing the first race on Sonchus. The race for gentlemen riders was invested with more than ordinary interest, Mr. Claughton on Moira was the favourite, but Gift ridden by Mr. Howie snatched a victory to pay a dividend of Rs. 64. Later in the day Mr. Claughton scored a fine win on Mr. Snodgrass. Flying Reynard enhanced his reputation at Galle in December by gaining two consecutive victories. Mrs. Severne's handsome looking chestnut, son of Flying Orb, in spite of his big burden of 9.4 won a spectacular victory, with Burgess up, in the Kempton Handicap. This was Fling Reynard's fourth successive victory in Ceylon. As a sprinter he should be a big winner this year.

Hanoverian is a game horse. He scored two wins at this meet for Trainer Coomber, having Williams on his back. That fine looking pony, Salonic, now owned by Mr. E. C. de Fonseka (jr.) rewarded his amateur trainer with two very creditable victories at this meet and on both days was concerned in the successful double. Abayan in spite of his carrying 9.2 ran well enough to beat Saood Beg with 1st 2 lbs. less. The speedy Raad disappointed and finished 3rd. One of the best victories of the second day was gained by Mr. Douglas' Happy Star, once the property of the late Mr. Ephraums. Running in a bracket that included Red Gauze, this animal beat the better fancied Surpuse by 2 lengths. Knight Light, looking a picture that eday, utterly failed in the race. Firtashanur is a wonderful pony. Though carrying top weight in a field of speedy ponies he gave Mr. Douglas yet another win in the last race of the meet.

Lawn Tennis.

The C. L. T. A. Juvenile Tournament held for the first time in Colombo was a greater success this year than it has ever been in Nuwara Eliya. The Junior Championships were first competed for in 1928, when L. K. de Kretser, a young Royalist, sprang a surprise by beating the better fancied F. C. de Saram, for the L. V. Loos Challenge Cup. The girls' title went to Miss Doreen Sansoni, who has since developed into one of the best young lady players in Ceylon, though the best has not yet been seen of her. F. C. de Saram won the Boys' Championship in the second year of its being held in N'Eliya. There was no doubt then that a Ceylon Champion in embryo had been discovered. Two years ago F. C. de Saram played so well that with his father he became one of the Men's Doubles Champions of Ceylon. Last year he played better than ever, and as a Singles player proved himself one of the best ten in Ceylon. He is now at Oxford where a Tennis Blue awaits him in the coming season. But to revert to the Ceylon Juvenile Championships. F. R. de Saram won the title two

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CLUES.

HORIZONTAL.

1. A stroke; 6. Consider; 11. Performs; 12. Period; 14. Look at amorously; 15. Senility: 16. Iced; 18. A graver; 19. Suffix; 20. Attitude; 22. Not so; 23. Provided that; 24. Suffix; 25. To be; 27. Explained; 29. Weird; 32. Animal; 33. 1000; 34. A hill-top 35. Periods of time; 38. The whole extent; 41. It is not permitted (Lat.) 42. Thee (Fr.); 44. Exists; 46. Indeed; 48. Compound of elements; 51. Before; 52. Palm leaf; 54. Distribute; 55. Japanese bream; 56. March; 58. Egyptian unit of weight; 59. Musical instrument; 60. Abodes; 61. Town in Siberia.

VERTICAL.

1. Mental; 2. Fondle; 3. Spread; 4. Pronoun; 5. Aprons; 7, Regarding; Instigate; 9. Dash; 10. French wine; 12, Awl; 13. Shrewd; 16. To fare; 17. Suffix; 20. Parsonbird of New Zealand; 21. To plough; 23. Splendour; 26. Less; 27. To inspect secretly; 28. To fight; 30. Mountain in Crete; 31. Corrode; 36. In the fashion of; 37. Stem; 38. Leg of mutton; 39. Precise; 40. Satiates; 43 Ancient Irish Doctor; 45. Adorn ostentatiously; 47. Sheltered; 49. Degree; 50. Preposition; 51. Rows; 53. Girl's name; 55. Boy's name; 57. And; 59, Stop.

Solution to Puzzle No. 21.

Horizontal.

1. Mediocre. 7. Edda. 9. Enlock. 11. Nil. 13. En. 14. Obi. 16. Dove. 18. Troop. 20. Ruins. 22. Aloe. 23. Arr. 24. An. 26. And. 27. Ambush. 30. Alto, 31. Ancestor.

Vertical

2. Den. 3. Idle, 4. Odont. 5. Cac. 6. Mandrake, 8. Tripedal, 9. Elvira 10. Koolah, 12. Iour. 15. Boon. 17. En. 19 Ra. 21. Sable. 25. Nuts. 28. Mac, 29. Sot.



Ceylon's Knights.

(Continued from page 7.)

honourable career at the Bar by accepting a seat on the Supreme Court Bench. He acted as Chief Justice, and long outstayed the normal period allotted to Supreme Court ludges.

Of merchant knights we may mention Sir James Lochore, Director of many companies and Steward of the Ceylon Turf Club; Sir Stanley Bois, who was Commissioner for Ceylon at the St. Louis Exhibition; Sir James Thomson Broom, who came here from Calcutta; and Sir Edwin James Hayward, who for many years was the head of the Firm of Messrs. Walker Sons & Co., Ltd., and for two years Chairman of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

Journalism was honoured by the knighthood conferred on Sir Hector van Cuylenburg who was the first elected member of the Legislative Council for the Burgher electorate. Sir Samuel Grenier was Attorney-General of Ceylon, and might have been appointed Chief Justice.

We are aware that this list must be imperfect, but it is offered as a contribution to the subject.

A Sports Causerie.

(Continued from page 41.)

years ago and was followed last year by young Muttucoomaroe, another Royalist. This boy is the son of a well known Committee member of the C. L. T. A. and one of Ceylon's best umpires. In the latest tournament for the Junior Championships the entries were a record and the standard of play quite satisfactory among the boys. The girls, however, did not enter in as large a number as was anticipated; neither was the play in their Championships up to what one expected to see. The notable exception was Miss G. de Saram who won both the Singles and the Doubles titles for the first time.

Muttucoomaroe maintained Royal's traditions in this tournament by winning both the Singles and Doubles. He is the fourth Royalist to win the title and a worthy cham-

pion he is. Young J. C. W. Rock, son of the well known tennis player, and Ohlmus of Wesley, were both strongly tipped for the Singles title, but Muttucoomaroe proved the steadiest of all. He is now under seventeen, and will therefore have the opportunity of defending his title again and setting up a further record by winning the Trophy a third time. Ohlmus has an attractive style and plays a hard game. He should be heard of in the future. Rock, the two de Sarams, P. Mac Carthy, and D. L. Pate are all very promising. The youngest de Saram took the fancy of everybody by his excellent style and his confidence. Next year if there are two divisions, as there should be, little de Saram will be a factor to be reckoned with in the Junior class.

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THERE is no room for doubt as to the appeal to popular imagination of the various Free Gift Coupon Schemes which have spread like wildfire throughout Europe in spite of "diehard" criticism. These Gift Schemes are not unknown in Ceylon, but up to date, have been chiefly confined to offers made by the cigarette companies and therefore appeal mainly to men. A perusal of our advertisement pages will show that the latest entrants to this field are offering free gifts in connection with such universal commodities as milk The Nestle and baby foods. Milk Company, one of the biggest supporters of the Free Gift policy in England, have extended these activities to Ceylon and, judging from the fine selection of gifts which are being displayed in Messrs Cargills' window, we may expect very great public interest; particularly during these hard times when "something for nething" is more than doubly welcome.



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GOLF AS A PROFESSION.

By Mrs. F. H. Leetham (Miss Sylvia Dampney.)

THERE must be thousands of Golf Cubs in England and more or less that number of pros, but among them I know of but three Public School boys who have taken up the game as a profession.—Henry and John Cotton and Aubrey Boomer.

We find Public School and 'Varsity boys in business, in trade, behind the counter and in every walk of life, because they now have to compete against the board school boy in an age when efficiency counts and not birth and because whereas the standard of their education has remained stationary for centuries that of their poorer brother is superlative.

The Golf Professional is very well paid and the life spent in the open air is pleasantly non-strenuous and it is spectacular. Few of the better known make less than £2,000 a year while an assistant gets obout 400. That famous "show golfer" Walter Hagen was reputed to be drawing £15,000 a year at the height of his career, so that it is obviously not a question of money.

To what then can we attribute this lack of vocations? Does the idea of selling clubs and balls and clothes, etc., in the professional's shop keep away the right kind of boy or is it that he does not like the idea of accepting tips from people of bis own class? Titled ladies keep hat shops, well known Tennis and Cricket stars sell the implements of their game in Spaldings' chain of stores, gentlemen are on the stage, on the films, they run bridge and night clubs, join the police force, serve in the Army as privates, sail in the forecastle, drive engines, raise chickens, grow tomatoes, do everything and grow everything, and they will go anywhere for a livelihoodexcept it seems play games for money. The acceptance of tips does not degrade the recipient but, if anyone, the giver and anyhow this aspect of the case is only a matter for adjustment as the usual fee for which the member signs can be enhanced so as to do away with the tip altogether.

It is surely not a question of lack of talent for the professional is only better than the amateur because his livelihood and his form are interdependent so that his game becomes his life's work whereas the amateur only plays for amusement and for exercise. There are, of course, exceptions. Bobby Iones, the most famous Amateur Golfer in the world, was sick on the 11th tee in front of 40,000 spectators, when taking part in the British Open Championship last year, when he attained his ambition by winning both the British Amateur and the Open in the same year. Did he play for the game? I have seen a professional lose a £100-0 prize and walk away smiling. They are good sportsmen

America is a good criterion. This year Tommy Amour won the British Open Championship and in 1927 he won the American Open, but when he first went across the Atlantic to play in the Amateur Championship at the Engineers' Club in 1920 he was merely one good golfer among many. It was only after he turned pro and the absence of any other interest in life coupled with steady play that turned a first-class player into a Champion.

Von Elme, who became a pro only last year, was the biggest money winner in the U.S.A. this year.

It is said that the late Mr. W.T. Travis played more golf and practiced harder than any other man who ever lived and yet he could not even win the American Amateur Championship. But had his next meal depended and his wife and daughter been dependent on his doing so, he would have won.

Abe Mitchell was a gardener, Duncan and Gadd were caddies, the Amateur Sutton is a carpenter, the Cottons were at Rugby, Aubrey Boomer's father is Head Master of Jersey College, so that neither education nor birth can interfere with proficiency except they interfere with practice and become calls on time

and thought—in other words distrac.

We then arrive at the conclusion that

- (1) There is nothing derogatory in being a "pro."
- (2) There is no lack of talent among amateurs.
- (3) This talent properly deve. loped would produce super. lative golfers.
- (4) There is plenty of money in it.
- (5) It is a pleasant and an easy life.

Why then is it that parents and schoolmasters have not yet exploited this opening for boys leaving school? It is not a fact that members of clubs do not like gentlemen pros, Cotton is much in demand and the only 'Varsity Caddie is at Southern down S. Wales and, although the only sign of gentility that remains to him is his own voice, members always try to get him.

I seriously think that the dearth of Public School pros is due to the fact that they object to the idea of playing games for money.

"Play the game" is England's creed which babies imbibe with their mothers' milk and later have inculcated into them at school and in their homes, in novels, in classics, in speeches, on the films, in newspapers, in magazines, on the wireless, so that the idea that there is but one kind of cad and that is he, who does not play the game, becomes a part of the boy's soul.

Sink your individuality in team work—"The game is the thing":
"Play for the sake of the game," and such like catch words are never forgotten, and I think there is a fear that to play games for money "is not quite done". The day of the Gentelmen vs Players match will prove what boys think about it.

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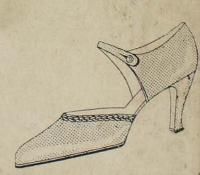


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