

A *Balistes*, the *Kangewent* of the Cingalese, with one horn on the forehead; it grows to the length of two feet, and is esteemed good eating.

*Balistes maculosus*, or *Pottoe-bora*, elegantly spotted, also a good fish; grows to the length of fifteen inches.

*Balistes truncatus*, seemingly cut in two, like our *Mola*.

A *Diodon*, a singular species, armed with short strong spines. The *Ikon Toetomba*, or boxfish of the Malaysians.

A very large species of sword-fish, (different from that described in the *Br. Zool.* iii. No. 68), is found in these and other of the Indian seas. There is a very fine specimen of it in the British Museum which is elegantly figured in Doctor Shaw's *Naturalist's Miscellany*, Vol. ii, tab. 88. It grows, as I have been informed, sometimes to the length of thirty feet: it is at perpetual enmity with the whole tribe; and a most dangerous enemy, for it will sink beneath those monstrous animals, and rising with great force, transfix them with its vast snout. There have been instances of its mistaking a ship for one of the cetaceous genus. An East India-man had its bottom pierced through by a sword-fish, and the weapon quite embedded to the very base in the timber. The fish was killed by the violence of the shock; but had it been able to withdraw the sword, the vessel probably must have sunk in consequence of the leak. The timber, with the weapon lodged in it, is preserved in the Museum, to authenticate the fact. This verifies the report of Pliny, lib. xxxii, c. 2, respecting the common sword-fish, in cases wholly similar. *Xiphiam, id est, Gladium, rostro mucronato essa: ab hoc navis perfossas mergi in oceano ad locum Mauritaniae, qui golla vocetur, non procul Lixo flumine.* Oppian gives a true account of the *Xiphias*, in Book ii. L. 462, iii, 547. The last has a very entertaining description of the manner in which the ancient Massilians took these singular fishes.

A most elegant striped species of *Scorpaena*.

The *Echineis lineatus*, a new species; and finally the *Labrus Zeylanicus*, Ind. Zool. tab. xvi.

While I am in this element, I shall remark that the *Sepia Octopodia*, *Br. Zool.* iv. No. 44, grows in the Indian seas to a most amazing size. A friend of mine, long resident among the Indian isles, and a diligent observer of nature, informed me that the natives affirm, that some have been seen two fathoms broad over their centre, and that each arm was nine fathoms long. When the Indians navigate their little boats, they go in dread of them; and lest these animals should fling their arms over and sink them, they never fail without an ax (sic) to cut them off.

(To be Continued).

## GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF ALTENDORFF OF CEYLON.

(Compiled by the late Mr. F. H. de Vos, Barrister-at-Law, in 1918; revised and brought up to date by Mr. D. V. Altendorff in 1944.)

### I.

Marten Lodewyk Altendorff, born at Berlin, arrived in Ceylon in 1730 in the ship "Hogerswilde," (*D.B.U. Journal*, Vol. I, page 37) died at Kalutara in 1749, married Maria Jansz. He had by her:—

- 1 Johannes, who follows under II.
- 2 Landinus, baptised at Kalutara, 23rd September 1744, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendael, 23rd October 1768, Maria Jacobsz.
- 3 Philipina, baptised at Barbeyrn, 15th August 1746.
- 4 Sophia, baptised at Barbeyrn, 15th August 1746, married Karl Lodewyk Titmar.

### II.

Johannes Altendorff, Krankbezoeker, (Visitor of the Sick) at Matara, baptised at Kalutara, 8th February 1743, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara:—

- (a) 22nd May 1767, Adriana Dorothea Durven of Galle.
- (b) 8th December 1783, Maria Jacoba Bastiaansz of Matara, widow of Johannes Nicolaas Lasge, Boekhouder.
- (c) 8th February 1787, Johanna Margarita Leonora Beyer of Galle.

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Sigisbert Christiaan, baptised at Galle, 10th March 1770.
- 2 Lourens Petrus (Lawrence Peter) Assistant in the Dutch East India Company, later Chief Clerk of the Kachcheri at Tangalla, and subsequently Notary Public practising at Matara, baptised at Galle, 16th June 1771, died 23rd January 1843, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 29th November 1799, Maria Dorothea Ketelhack, widow of Lieutenant Jean Baptist Coint, born at Cochin, 8th July 1767, died at Tangalla, 15th April 1819.
- 3 Arent Marten, who follows under III.
- 4 Johanna Wilhelmina, baptised at Galle, 16th January 1778, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 1st December 1799, Johannes Vollenhoven, baptised at Galle, 13th March 1777, died 1st November 1818, son of Henricus Vollenhoven of Utrecht and Elizabeth Moorman, widow of Johan Momeyer. (*D.B.U. Journal*, Vol. XXIII, page 98).
- 5 Johannes, baptised at Galle, 23rd July 1780.

- 6 Daniel, baptised at Galle, 13th July 1783.  
Of the second marriage, there was no issue.  
Of the third marriage, he had:—
- 7 Johannes Casper, baptised at Galle, 19th July 1789.
- 8 Willem Ferdinand, who follows under IV.
- 9 Frederic Gerard, baptised at Galle, 22nd May 1794.
- 10 Gerard Johan, who follows under V.
- 11 Johanna Margarita, baptised at Galle, 13th October 1799.

## III.

Arent Marten Altendorff, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara:—

- (a) 20th August 1797, Johanna Frederika Bodemziek, baptised 2nd May 1773, daughter of Frederik Willem Bodemziek of Zegelhorst and Anna Cornelia Van Euden.
- (b) 9th May 1802, Anna Maria Vroom of Matara.  
Of the first marriage, he had:—
- 1 Sigisbertus Laurentius, baptised at Galle, 17th July 1796.
- 2 Arnoldina Catherina, baptised at Galle, 4th August 1798.
- 3 Agnesia Magdetina, baptised at Galle, 13th October 1799.  
Of the second marriage, he had:—
- 4 Justinus Ernestus, who follows under VI.
- 5 Frederica Catherina, baptised 1804, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 20th October 1832, Troyles Albertus Meusz.
- 6 Laudinus Matthias, born 9th January 1806.
- 7 Martina Dorothea, born 14th January 1809.
- 8 Anna Petronella Lourenzia, born 14th January 1811.

## IV.

Willem Ferdinand Altendorff, baptised at Galle, 1st December 1793, married Johanna Maria Swartz, daughter of Harmen Frederik Swartz of Leuwaarden, Pilot at Galle, and Johanna Catherina de Zilwa. He had by her:—

- 1 Arnoldus Cornelius Fredericus, born 4th May 1819.
- 2 Rudolphus Cornelis Balthazar, born 9th September 1820.
- 3 Johan Frederic Henry, born 21st December 1821.
- 4 Johannes Arnoldus, baptised 25th November 1823.
- 5 Johanna Arnoldina Louisa, baptised 25th November 1823.
- 6 Anna Catherina Theodora, born 7th October 1829.

## V.

Gerard Johan Altendorff, baptised at Galle, 10th April 1796, died 18th December 1864, married:—

- (a) Henrietta Louisa Meusz.

- (b) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 9th November 1829, Jacoba Margarita Keuneman, born 15th May 1812, died 25th October 1892, daughter of Jurgen Bartholomeus Keuneman and Petronella Cornelia Singanitti. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 201).

Of the first marriage he had:—

- 1 Fretz Arnold, who follows under VII.
- 2 Arnoldus Cornelis Frederikus, born 26th March 1820.
- 3 Gerard Henry, who follows under VIII.
- 4 Beata Petronella Henrietta, born 22nd July 1827.

Of the second marriage, he had:—

- 5 Josina Emelia Georgiana, born 8th November 1830, married Edward Kellar, born 5th June 1816, son of Daniel Christiaan Kellar and Johanna Sibilla Ephraums. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 80, and Vol. XXIV, page 105).
- 6 Charles Henry Bartholomew, who follows under IX.

## VI.

Justinus Ernestus Altendorff, baptised 1804, married Johanna Plantina Waltzell, baptised 6th June 1817, daughter of Joseph Waltzell and Susanna Elisabeth Walles. He had by her:—

- 1 James William Henry, baptised at Galle, 17th August 1834.

## VII.

Fretz Arnold Altendorff married Petronella Philipina Janes, and he had by her:—

- 1 James Hadley, born 19th January 1848.
- 2 Andreas Charles, who follows under X.
- 3 William Darley, who follows under XI.
- 4 Charlotta Jemima, born 2nd February 1852.
- 5 Henry Angelo, born 26th October 1853, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 17th December 1881, Margaret Eleanor Cummins (widow).
- 6 George William, who follows under XII.
- 7 Arnold Edward, born 12th November 1858.
- 8 Joseph Lambert Dias, who follows under XIII.

## VIII.

Gerard Henry Altendorff, born 12th November 1822, died 2nd December 1886, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 30th May 1847, Lucretia Arabella de Caan, born 22nd February 1832, died 27th February 1877, daughter of Henricus Johannes de Caan and Bartholomina Gysberta Keuneman. He had by her:—

- 1 Emelia Georgiana, born 26th August 1850, died 26th September 1926, married:—

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 30th May 1872, John Franklin Thuring, born 17th September 1846, died 2nd August 1894, son of Jan Lodewyk Thuring and Adolphina Elisabeth de Caan. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, page 131).
- (b) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 4th April 1904, Peter Henry Andree, born 14th May 1847, died 28th May 1934, son of Charles Henry Andree and Priscilla Ruultjens. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 14, and Vol. XXX, page 28).
- 2 Jurgen Alexander, born 27th July 1852, died 12th August 1876.
- 3 Charles Arnold Hollowell, born 12th January 1855, died 1900.
- 4 Alice Margaret, born 23rd July 1856, died 19th January 1938, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 22nd January 1879, George Frederick Kellar, Sub-Collector of Customs, born 16th August 1844, died 31st January 1908, widower of Laura Emelia Keuneman, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 201) and son of George Frederick Kellar and Gertruida Elisabeth Bogaars (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 81).
- 5 Nathaniel Trutand, who follows under XIV.
- 6 Drusilla Lucretia, born 31st January 1862, died 19th May 1906, married in Christ Church, Kurunegala 28th December 1882, Victor Albert van Cuylenburg, Government Surveyor, born 6th March 1860, son of Frederick William Van Cuylenburg and Sophia Harriet Wootler. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 82).
- 7 Catherine Adelaide, born 1st January 1865, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 31st December 1886, Carlo Zanetti.

## IX.

Charles Henry Bartholomew Altendorff, J.P. for the Island, Crown Proctor, Matara, born 18th December 1836, died 27th December 1913, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 28th January 1861, Henrietta Charlotte Victoria Ludekens, born 14th June 1839, died 1st July 1916, daughter of Johan Philip Jacob Ludekens, Deputy Fiscal, Matara, and Wilhelmina Henrietta (Henrica) Pendergras. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 170). He had by her:—

- 1 Eugenia Victoria, born 18th December 1862, died 4th February 1876.
- 2 Wilfred Charles Victor, born 29th February 1864, died young.
- 3 Winifred Victoria, born 8th February 1865, died 21st January 1929.
- 4 Galla Victoria, born 14th August 1866, died 2nd February 1937, married in St. Thomas' Church, Matara, 28th January 1885, Charles Henry Ernst, Proctor, born 1st February 1857, died 27th November 1930, son of John Henry Ernst and Amelia Sophia Frederica Jansz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 91).

- 5 Trutand Victor, born 9th November 1867, died 25th December 1874.
- 6 Athelind Victoria, born 19th November 1868, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 16th November 1893, Henry Oswald Jonklaas, Forest Officer, born 27th June 1866, died 6th April 1922, son of Henricus Cornelia Jonklaas and Agnes Susanna de Vos (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, pages 205 and 208, and Vol. XXVII, page 136).
- 7 Grace Victoria, born 17th November 1869, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 14th June 1899, Chetwynd Lionel Meurling, Proctor, born 15th October 1867, died 3rd August 1909, son of Richard Gerald Meurling, Notary Public, and Harriet Charlotte Kellar. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXII, page 33).
- 8 Eleanor Victoria, born 14th April 1871, died June 1878.
- 9 Rosalind Victoria, born 16th July 1872.
- 10 Durand Victor, who follows under XV.
- 11 Oswald Victor, born 21st March 1875, died May 1876.
- 12 Glanville Hubert Frederick, who follows under XVI.
- 13 Vivienne Victoria, born 5th February 1879, died 8th February 1890 by drowning, with three other school boarders, when bathing in the sea at Wellamaddema in Matara, and buried in the cemetery there.
- 14 Lana Victoria, born 19th September 1882, died 20th February 1918, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 18th January 1911, Samuel Ludovici Anthonisz, L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin.) Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Civil Medical Department, born 8th March 1860, died 9th May 1915, widower of Florence Helen Wright Jonklaas, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 207) and son of Gerardus Henricus Anthonisz and Susanna Magdalena Ludovici (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. III, page 62).

## X.

Andreas Charles Altendorff, born 24th September 1849, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 10th May 1876, Caroline Emelia Bastiaansz, born 22nd July 1855, daughter of Frederick Edward Bastiaansz, Notary Public, and Anna Caroline Poulier. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 27). He had by her:—

- 1 Angelberta Petronella, born 6th August 1877, killed in a motor accident at Deniyaya, 1st January 1934, married Louis William Dickman, died 4th January 1930, son of Johannes Jacobus Cornelius Dickman, Assistant Auditor-General, and Drusilla Johanna Engelina Woutersz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, pages 127, and 128).
- 2 Charlotte Maria, born 3rd July 1879.
- 3 Fretz Arnold, who follows under XVII.



## XI.

William Darley Altendorff, born 22nd October 1850, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 4th September 1878, Marian Louisa Kellar, born 19th July 1858, died 29th July 1941, daughter of John Edwin Kellar and Julia Ulrica de Zilva. He had by her:—

- 1 Florence Ann, born 19th June 1880.
- 2 Eric Alexander.
- 3 Vivienne Grace, born 20th March 1886, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galla, 29th January 1927, Granville Tyrrell Christoffelsz, born 19th August 1893, son of Henry Barnes Christoffelsz and Frances Georgiana Kellar. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, pages 18 and 20).
- 4 Henry Barton.
- 5 Louisa.

## XII.

George William Altendorff, born 19th February 1857, died 1899, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 13th September 1882, Lucy Winifred Mellonius, born 31st January 1858, died 1st June 1935, daughter of George Mellonius and Aletta Elizabeth Jonklaas, widow of Pieter Gerard de Vos, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 141), and daughter of Johannes Frederick Jonklaas and Catharina Henrietta Camp, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, pages 204 and 205). He had by her:—

- 1 Elizabeth Victoria Ruth, born 3rd May 1884, died 12th September 1917, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Maligakande, 27th December 1915, Edgar Lionel de Zilva Van Twest, born 17th September 1882, died 19th May 1922, son of Edgar Nathaniel de Zilva Van Twest and Annie Pereira.
- 2 Marian Gertrude, born 1st November 1885, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th July 1909, Percival Gerhard, son of James Gerhard and Susan Ebert.
- 3 Grace Adeline, born 5th March 1887, died March 1906.
- 4 Florence Mildred, born 13th September 1892, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 7th April 1913, Eric Irvin Friskin, born 12th April 1889, son of Charles Henry Friskin and Rosaline Margaret Potger. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 109).
- 5 Maud Joseline, born 15th September 1896, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 16th December 1914, Anselm Bernard Perera, son of Valentine Bernard Perera and Ursula Fernando.

## XIII.

Joseph Lambert Dias Altendorff, born 1st December 1862, died 1st December 1914, married in St. Thomas' Church, Matara, 2nd November 1893, Linda Vollenhoven, born 6th December 1872, daughter of James Edward Vollenhoven and Emelina Louisa Andree. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 16, and Vol. XXIII, page 94). He had by her:—

- 1 Joseph Gerald, who follows under XVIII.
- 2 Annesley Harold, born 27th December 1899.
- 3 Linda Jemima, born 1st January 1904, married Lionel Pereira.
- 4 Mona, born 6th June 1909, married in St. Luke's Church, Borella, 18th May 1929, Eric William de Saram, born 19th May 1907, died 23rd March 1937, son of Herbert John de Saram, L.M.S. (Ceylon), L.S.A. (London), Civil Medical Department, and Henrietta Augusta Hellmann of London.

## XIV.

Nathaniel Trutand Altendorff, Station Master, Ceylon Government Railway, born 17th December 1860, died 2nd March 1902, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 20th September 1886, Adeline Drusilla Pompeus, born 28th December 1866, daughter of William Charles Pompeus and Aletta Elisabeth Jonklaas, widow of Pieter Gerard de Vos, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 141), and of George Mellonius, and daughter of Johannes Frederick Jonklaas and Catharina Henrietta Camp. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, pages 204 and 205). He had by her:—

- 1 Evelyn Trutand, who follows under XIX.
- 2 Terence Victor, born 27th February 1889, died 31st May 1890.
- 3 Lilian Belle, born 12th June 1892, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 12th August 1909, Egbert Nathaniel de Zilva Van Twest, born 15th May 1885, died 19th July 1923, son of Edgar Nathaniel de Zilva Van Twest and Annie Pereira.
- 4 Royden Herbert, born 28th March 1894, died 31st May 1895.
- 5 Vivian Shelton, who follows under XX.
- 6 Alexandra Irene, born 7th August 1902, married in Christ Church Cathedral, Colombo, 17th July 1924, Alexander Niel Abel
- 7 George Neville, who follows under XXI.

## XV.

Durand Victor Altendorff, I.S.O., J.P., Deputy Inspector-General of Police, born 19th October 1873, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th December 1905, Gertrude Sperling Christoffelsz, born 24th December 1880, daughter of William Sperling Christoffelsz, I.S.O., J.P., C.C.S., and Mary Ann Fretz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. II, page 143 and Vol. XXIV, page 16). He had by her:—

- 1 Victor Sperling, who follows under XXII.
- 2 Marjorie Victoria, born 14th July 1914.

## XVI.

Glanville Hubert Frederick Altendorff, born 28th March 1876, married:—

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 12th January 1909, Myra Garvin, born 23rd November 1882, died 11th January 1917, daughter of Thomas Forrest Garvin, M.B., C.M., (Aber.), F.C.S. (Lond.), Superintendent, General Hospital, Colombo, and Grace Louisa Vander Smagt (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 86).

- (b) In All Saints' Church, Galle, 11th May 1927, Bertha Charlotte Ephraums, born 31st December 1888, daughter of Albert Richard Ephraums and Laura Emmeline Anthonisz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 107).

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Myra Glencora, born 29th November 1909.
- 2 Olga Feodora, born 17th February 1911, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 11th May 1938, Gerald Eitel Ernst, Proctor, born 29th March 1899, widower of Henrietta Wilhelmina Schokman, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 112) and son of Charles Henry Ernst, Proctor, and Galla Victoria Altendorff (vide IX, 4, supra).

#### XVII.

Fretz Arnold Altendorff, Engine Driver, Ceylon Government Railway, born 18th October 1880, died 30th September 1941, married in St. Thomas' Church, Matara, 10th July 1910, Claire Elaine Ernst, born 10th July 1885, daughter of George Edward (Charles) Ernst and Catherine Eliza Sela. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 92). He had by her:—

- 1 Clarence Arnold Charles, born 25th January 1912.
- 2 Pansy Elaine, born 20th October 1913, died 26th February 1915.
- 3 Fretz Clifford, born 5th October 1914.

#### XVIII.

Joseph Gerald Altendorff, born 16th September 1894, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 5th March 1921, Estelle Waverney Keuneman, born 19th August 1900, daughter of Gerard Henry Keuneman, Head Clerk, Kachcheri, Batticaloa, and Evelyn Beatrice Buultjens. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 202, and Vol. XXX, page 25.) He had by her:—

- 1 Joseph Frank, born 11th February 1922.
- 2 Geraldine Estelle, born 21st June 1923, died 15th May 1924.
- 3 Sheila Rosemary, born 8th September 1929.

#### XIX.

Evelyn Trutand Altendorff, born 24th July 1887, married in the Registrar's Office, Colombo, 5th June 1912, Elsie Grizelda Markus, born 22nd May 1892, daughter of William Markus and Winifred Markus. He had by her:—

- 1 Evelyn Rachel, born 7th May 1914.

#### XX.

Vivian Shelton Altendorff, born 18th April 1896, died 30th March 1936, married in the Roman Catholic Church in Madras, February 1918, Sybil Audrey Mac Farlane, and he had by her:—

- 1 Adrian Joseph, born 31st January 1919.
- 2 Phyllis Zenobia, born 25th February 1920.
- 3 Olga Sybil, born 26th September 1922.
- 4 Mae Adeline, born 20th May 1928.
- 5 Shelton Matthew, born 18th December 1929.

#### XXI.

George Neville Altendorff, born 3rd March 1904, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 16th September 1933, Florence Alice Zimsen, born 27th September 1906, daughter of Oscar Christian Zimsen and Ada Helen Fernando. He had by her:—

- 1 Ralph Neville, born 3rd July 1934.
- 2 Aelian Ronald, born 5th July 1935.
- 3 Jeune Carmen
- 4 Joan Dagmar } 27th June 1936.
- 5 Glenda Noeline, born 23rd February 1938.
- 6 Marline Dawn, born 28th August 1939.
- 7 Joyce May, born 6th May 1941.

#### XXII.

Victor Sperling Altendorff, born 1st July 1907, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 28th December 1938, Rena Victorine Anthonisz, born 17th May 1913, daughter of Samuel Ludovici Anthonisz and Lena Victoria Altendorff (vide IX, 14 supra). He had by her:—

- 1 Myrna Victorine born 24th October 1939, died 1st May 1942.

Notes:—(1) There is on record in the office of the Surveyor-General a beautifully coloured map of Ceylon with the title, which is in Dutch, enclosed in a highly ornamental border. The title on translation reads as follows:—

The Island of Ceylon, named Lankawe among the inhabitants, compiled in 1794 from the various maps of the individual districts surveyed, which constitute the Dutch possessions, arranged by Mr. Jacob Burnat and delineated by Laudinus Altendorff.

It is the last map of Ceylon done under the Dutch Administration, and Laudinus Altendorff appears to have been a Surveyor and Cartographer in the Dutch services. (Vide I, 2, Supra, and D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 110).

- (2) Maria Dorothea Ketelhack, wife of Lawrence Peter Altendorff, referred to under II, 2, was buried on the bund of the Annapitliya tank in Tangalle at the turn to Beliatte.

There is a monument built over the grave, and the tombstone bears the following quaint epitaph:

Here alas, lays buried under  
From Soul and Spirit asunder

The Body  
of Lady

Maria Dorothea Ketelhack

Who was in her life  
*a most pious wife*  
During twenty years marriage

To

Mr Lawrence Peter Altendorff  
Chief Clerk of the Katchery  
of Tangalla

Born at Cochin on the 8th of  
July, A.D. 1767

And expired on the 15th April

A.D. 1819

At Tangalla.

(D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XIX, pages 25 and 43; and 'Lewis Book on "Tombstones and Monuments in Ceylon", page 212).

- (3) The Last Will and Testament dated 13th July 1842 of Lawrence Peter Altendorff, referred to under II, 2, gives an interesting glimpse of the customs of the times in which he lived and in which the Will was written, the character and disposition of the writer and his friends, the domestic life of the time, the language transition from the Dutch to English, etc. A short summary of the Will is therefore appended, as far as possible in his own words. The Will begins with the words. "In the name of God, Amen." It states that the whole of the estate will not amount to £ 250, if his large house, garden and orchard are sold in one lump, not by division, though he anticipates a higher price. This "castelled" property he called "Philadelphia", that is, brother's love. He gives fifteen shillings to the Dutch Reformed Protestant Church of Matara, and twelve shillings to the Wesleyan Missionary Society. To Catherina Jender, whom his wife had brought up from childhood but had since become a troublesome woman, he leaves £ 3 and a jak-wood chest containing her belongings, either given to her or won by industry, excepting a golden necklace and three sets of golden buttons with green and red stones which were in her charge for the use of her daughter, Maria. To Anna Maria Diardis, daughter of the said Catherina, and wife of Christoffel de Zilva

of Galle, the golden necklace and buttons referred to with £ 4 in cash and a Cochin chest with its square key. She is not to be deprived of them by her husband or any other person, and they are not to be touched by anyone even for use without her free will and consent. To his most beloved adopted child, Josephina Watha, born on 16th March 1836 and not baptised yet for certain reasons, £ 12 in cash, a small golden chain, his Cochin beaten-wood almirah, two square tables, a brass tea kettle and half the rough cloth found in the house. To his faithful maiden servant, Bahlehamy or Loesehamy, the Batavian rattan trunk frucked with leather and worked brass, all his crockery, a common table three cubits long, the remaining half rough cloth and £ 6 in cash. To Johanna Maria Swartz, unhappily married to his pupil who caused great loss of properties, £ 10 in cash, and to her unfortunate separated husband, William, all his garments with bed and sheets. To the two daughters of the said sadly afflicted pair, William and Johanna, one pair of silver bracelets set with white stones made in Cochin. After a few minor legacies, he relates a dream which he had at Pamboersenne in 1824. God had marked him with a large cross on his long shirt with his own blood. Somebody had pierced his upper lip below the nose with a small needle, and the blood had dropped down like half cadjanny grains cross-ways. He begs therefore that a well rubefied wooden cross should be borne before his coffin as an armour of his faith by Mr. Arent de Zilva in full white dress and laid on his grave. The coffin was not to be defamed with blackening, but covered over with good, fine, white cloth at the expense of the estate, and it was to be carried to the grave by twelve Christian burghers, who were to be paid a whole Crown each. The pall with the Cross was to represent the fine white shirt of his dream. No one was to be invited to the funeral as he considered it to be a foolish custom, but all who attended by goodwill were, after the interment, to be asked in a loud voice by his grand-nephew, Henry-Ernst, to return to the funeral house, and there be entertained highly in all the best sort of dainties with the finest beverage to be had, so that the funeral house may appear like a great Christian festival hostel, for he was sure his soul would go straight to Heaven. Those staying at the funeral house to watch the night over were to be entertained, feasting themselves, at the expense of the Estate. The remainder of the Estate—legacies, debts and funeral expenses being deducted—is to be auctioned and proceeds divided among a few persons named. The auctioneer nominated was Mr. John Cornelis Buyzer, and he was instructed not to hurry the sale of Philadelphia, but after tedious waiting for the highest offer and even then



not yet but with the consent of certain persons who were to be present on the same day and moment at the sale. The executors nominated were George Edward Einar (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 90), Charles Daniel Ludovici (D.B.U. Journal Vol. III, page 62), and Charles William Pouller (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, pages 23 and 28), all of Matara. They were requested to read the Will in the hearing of the public near his death-bed, and thereafter to explain in Cingalese to Catherina and Babla hamy those parts which concerned them.

- (4) Johanna Wilhelmina Altendorff, widow of Johannes Vollenhoven, referred to under II, 4, and Johanna Maria Swartz, widow of William Ferdinand Altendorff, referred to under IV, received assistance from a remittance sent in 1847 by the government of the Netherlands possession in the East Indies for the relief of widows and orphans of the servants of the late Dutch Government, who were not already in the receipt of any pension from Government. (Government notification" dated 17th July 1847).

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Proceedings of the Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Dutch Burgher Union held in the Union Hall on Saturday, 25th March, 1944 at 6 p.m.

The President, Mr. H. K. de Kretser, occupied the Chair, and there were about 70 Members present.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, after which the minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

THE PRESIDENT then addressed the meeting as follows:—

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again it is my privilege, before moving the adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts, to briefly review the work that has been done during the past year. We have, as you know, a Committee system of working, so I propose to take some of the principal Committees in turn and say a few words about the work they have done.

**The Literary Committee.**—This Committee was in the hands of Mr. H. E. Grenier as Secretary, and our thanks are due to him and his Committee for all the trouble they have taken in arranging the programmes. The attendance showed a marked improvement, but as compared to the attendances at some of our Members' Days leaves much to be desired. As I remarked before, the absence of the younger members is noticeable and disappointing. They no doubt consider these meetings uninteresting but far from being so they are both most interesting and instructive, and I would again appeal to them for their support.

The work of this Committee was confined during the year to monthly platform talks. I feel that this is insufficient, and I would like to see the work extended to circle discussions and readings carried out in an informal way, either weekly or fortnightly. We have the talent and it seems a pity we are not using it to our mutual benefit. It will not be amiss for me to say here that the late Mr. M. Anthonisz presented to the union some valuable Dutch books belonging to his father—the founder of the Union.

**Social Service Committee.**—Last year I told you how impressed I was at the keenness displayed and the excellent work this Committee is doing. I wish this year to re-iterate all I said then, for this Committee under the guiding hand of the Secretary—Mrs. Ferdinand—and her band of eager helpers continues to minister to the poor and suffering in a most praiseworthy manner. More applications for help were received than in previous years, and this is not surprising when we consider how very expensive everything is at present owing to the prevailing war conditions. As I said before, we are not a rich community and in our very midst we have many who do not know what the morrow has in store for them; perhaps, in proportion, in no other community are there so many who may be termed the genteel poor, who cannot make up their minds to beg but would nevertheless be most grateful to receive some help. The Committee received many pathetic appeals for help but no help is given without due investigation and to do this petrol is needed, and I am pleased to say that an appeal to the Petrol Controller has not been in vain. The work the Committee was doing in paying school fees has ceased as the Education Committee has taken over this work. The Committee has recently revised the list of Pensioners and a Register has been compiled giving the history of each case. It has also been decided to raise the minimum allowance from Rs. 5/- to Rs. 7-50 a month, this in itself involves an increase of Rs. 600/- a year. As you are doubtless aware, we receive an annual grant of Rs. 500/- from the Municipality, and we have now been requested by that body to send a monthly statement showing the disbursements we make. As usual, hampers were distributed at Christmas both here and at Kandy, the work at the Hill Capital being done by that ardent Social Service worker, Miss Grace Van Dort. In a matter like this, the more money we have the more we can do, and if you only know the happiness your subscriptions bring to these poor people I feel you will be more generous. I strongly appeal for your increased support. Every one in this Committee has worked well but special mention I think should be made of Mrs. Ferdinand, Mrs. Kelaart, and Mr. Cecil Spelgewinde for visiting the poor.

**The Entertainment Committee.**—This is our most hard worked Committee. Our Secretary this year was Mr. F. M. Keegel, and as was the case last year, he and his Committee were called upon to do a spot of real work, and very great credit is due to them for organising the excellent shows we have had. Their task, as is the task of all such Committees, is a labour of love, for they receive very little thanks, but I wish them to know that we are very grateful to them for all the enjoyment they have given us. I particularly wish to thank the ladies of the Committee who looked after the catering—no easy task in these days of ceiling prices and non-existent commodities, but we have among them a stalwart in Mrs. de Hoedt, whose capabilities are now recognised even outside our Community. The high-lights of our entertainments were undoubtedly the dance we gave in honour of H. M. Queen Wilhelmina's birthday, which was attended by H. E. Vice-Admiral Sir C. E. Helfrich, and our New Year Dance.

**The Genealogical Committee.**—With Mr. J. R. Toussaint as Secretary the Committee did a very useful year's work. No less than 127 applications were dealt with as compared with 61 last year. I think this constitutes a record. Of this number 33 were from the members of the Dutch Forces. A particularly useful piece of work has just been completed. I refer to the binding into volumes of all the applications made from the start of the Union. This is a reference library in itself and is most helpful as they contain the genealogies of a very large number of families.

**The Education Committee.**—I now come to this Committee which is only two years old—quite a baby but growing vigorously. Excellent work was done during the year, and when I tell you that we collected Rs. 1,192/- of which Rs. 1,232/-