

The new residential quarter of Amsterdam has huge blocks, modern flats and one family houses for the rich. Close by are the rows of flats built and rented by the Municipality for those with low incomes. The slum quarters that exist in other cities are not to be seen in Amsterdam. We were taken round the poorest quarters, but all the houses were clean with spotless curtains and shining windows so that they did not look any different from other quarters. The children too were clad neatly and tidily.

I was in Holland in September so I did not see the tulips in bloom. But early one morning we were taken to the Achmeem Flower Auction where the producers bring their blooms which are sold by public auction and are sent to florists all over the country. Just now there is a prohibition of flowers being sent out of the country. When it is lifted flowers that are sold at Achmeem early in the morning will be flown by plane and sold in South America and other countries the same day. We also went to a Flower Show and the dahlia blooms were of an enormous size. There was also a midget variety which looked like asters. It was like the Chelsea flower show but the best flowers were those grown from bulbs.

I have tried to show you bits of Holland that are not easily seen by the average tourist. I was fortunate enough to be a delegate to the A.C.W.W. Conference, and owing to the wonderful hospitality shown to us by the Dutch Association who arranged all these tours, I was lucky enough to see the real life of the country.



GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF BELING OF CEYLON.

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I

Willem Carel Beling of Aurich arrived in Ceylon circa 1766, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. I, page 38) married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 30th November 1766, Maria Regina Swartskop, baptised 20th July 1747, daughter of Philip Christoffel Swartskop and Elizabeth Rodrigues. He had by her:—

- 1 Maria Francina, baptised 6th November 1768, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 10th October 1790, Gustaaf Willem Gambs, son of Jan Christiaan Gambs and Maria Magdalena Wagener.
- 2 Christiaan Anthony, who follows under II.

II

Christiaan Anthony Beling, Assistant in the Dutch East India Company, baptised 6th September 1772, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 8th October 1797, Anna Petronella Schaak, baptised 21st March 1784, daughter of Gerrit Schaak and Johanna Elizabeth Dieme. He had by her:—

- 1 Emelia Gertruida, baptised 2nd May 1802, married Gerrit William Stork, born 24th August 1802, died 22nd August 1894, widower of Seraphina Wilhelmina Vander Straaten, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 159) and son of Johannes Justinus Stork and Agnita Emerentia Van Cuylenburg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, pages 22, 28 and 81).
- 2 Petronella Adriana, baptised 14th April 1805, died 1837.
- 3 Carel Ferdinand Christoffel, who follows under III.
- 4 Willem Christiaan Adrian, who follows under IV.

III

Carel Ferdinand Christoffel Beling, born 17th February 1808, baptised 18th March 1808, died 6th September 1854, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th October 1839, Antoinette Helena Vander Straaten, born 26th January 1815, died 7th April 1868, daughter of Vincent William Vander Straaten, Registrar of the Supreme Court, and Anna Wilhelmina Thomasz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, pages 158 and 159). He had by her:—

- 1 William Wright, who follows under V.—
- 2 Francis James, who follows under VI.
- 3 Josephine Maria married 17th December 1866, Lawrence Adolphus Stork, son of Gerrit William Stork and Emelia Gertruida Beling referred to under II, 1.

- 4 Catherine Susan, born 5th January 1849, died 9th December 1900.
- 5 Charles Gualterus, who follows under VII.

IV

Willem Christiaan Adrian Beling, born 16th October 1810, baptised 16th December 1810, died 23rd June 1859, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 26th November 1835, Maria Petronella Ferdinands, baptised 23rd March 1812, daughter of Solomon Johannes Ferdinands and Elizabeth Cornelia Kellens of Cochin. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol XXV, page 77. He had by her:—

- 1 Elmelia Henrietta, born 23rd September 1836.
- 2 Georgiana Maria, born 7th June 1838.
- 3 William Michael, Proctor, born 2nd May 1840.
- 4 Charles Henry, born 24th September 1841.
- 5 John Henry, who follows under VIII.
- 6 Frederick Edward, born 20th September 1845.
- 7 Charlotte Polina, born 4th April 1847.
- 8 Walter Frederick, who follows under IX.
- 9 Edward Clement, born 24th July 1850.

V

William Wright Beling, Proctor, born 5th March 1841, died 9th August 1894, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 1st February 1864, Maria Elizabeth Prins, born 20th April 1841, died 4th January 1888, daughter of Henry Carmichael Prins, Proctor, and Ulrica Wilhelmina Reckerman. He had by her:—

- 1 Henry Prins, Assistant Assessor, Colombo Municipality, born 12th December 1864, died 27th October 1944, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 7th June 1900, Ellen Gertrude de Kretser, born 29th May 1879, died 21st August 1936, daughter of Horace Egerton de Kretser, 3rd Landing Surveyor, His Majesty's Customs, Colombo, and Ellen Georgiana de Waas. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 21).
- 2 William Wright, who follows under X.
- 3 Leopold Charles Carmichael, who follows under XI.
- 4 Ulrica Antoinette Amelia Trant, born 18th July 1871, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 10th October 1895, Walter Horace Schokman, Planter, born 4th August 1867, died 2nd March 1932, son of Johan William Schokman and Henrietta Florentina Van Geyzel. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 73, and Vol. XXV, pages 107 and III).
- 5 Christopher Charles, who follows under XII.
- 6 Jessie Alexandra Maria, born 1st December 1874, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 16th December

1896, Edgar Allan Garvin Vander Straaten, I.S.O., 3rd Landing Surveyor and Office Assistant, His Majesty's Customs, Colombo, born 31st March 1871, son of Edmund Arthur Vander Straaten, District Superintendent, Ceylon Government Railway, and Drusilla Schokman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 161, and Vol. XXV, page 107).

- 7 Antoinette Aileen (Annie), born 8th November 1876, died 21st April 1910, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 13th September 1899, Colvin Thomasz Van Geyzel, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), born 28th October 1867, died 23rd June 1923, son of John William Van Geyzel and Antonetta Ursula Thomasz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, pages 76 and 77).
- 8 Aelian Arnold, who follows under XIII.

VI

Francis James Beling, Proctor, born 29th January 1843, married at Negombo, Isabella....., and he had by her:—

- 1 Mary Elizabeth, born 22nd August 1874, married 13th December 1899, Robert George de Vos.
- 2 Rebecca Jane, born 12th October 1878, married 12th December 1896, Leonard Meredith Vander Straaten, widower of Amelia Caroline Beling, who follows next.
- 3 Amelia Caroline, born 29th April 1880, died 9th January 1931, married 22nd January 1914, Leonard Meredith Vander Straaten, born 22nd December 1881, died 5th August 1940, son of Stephen Charles Cassiurier Vander Straaten and Eliza Lyford. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 167).
- 4 Louisa Ursula, born 7th June 1882, married 15th March 1930, Vivian Bernard Ernst, widower of Alice Maud Beling, who follows next.
- 5 Alice Maud, born 9th August 1886, died 9th May 1927, married 7th December 1914, Vivian Bernard Ernst.
- 6 Francis James, who follows under XIV.

VII

Charles Gualterus Beling, born 21st March 1852, died 11th October, 1915, married 9th January 1882, Annie Amelia Brook, born 25th June 1857, daughter of Edmund George Brook and Henrietta Caroline White nee Roosmale Cocq. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XIV, page 18). He had by her:—

- 1 Charles Denzil, born 12th November 1882, married..... Chapman.
- 2 Edmund Hugh, born 13th April 1884.
- 3 Claude Norman, born 30th October 1886, died 6th November 1888.

- 4 Reginald Stanley, born 6th October 1889, married..... Waldoek.
- 5 Hilda Margaret Antoinette, born 21st July 1894.

VIII

John Henry Beling, born 10th November 1842, died 18th January 1892, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 24th May 1866, Seraphina Elizabeth Moldrich, born 21st March 1849, died 8th February 1916, daughter of Theodore Philip Moldrich and Helen Backhouse. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIV, page 118). He had by her:—

- 1 Theodore Collingwood, died 1927 in Penang.
- 2 Alfred Edward, died 1907.
- 3 Rosamond Ursula, born 29th May 1874, died 30th April 1921, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 1892, Phoenix Charles Pompeus, born 8th December 1868, died 25th April 1935, son of William Charles Frederick Pompeus and Elizabeth Maria Josephine Schwallie.
- 4 Arthur Clarence, who follows under XV.
- 5 Daisy Augusta, born 10th December 1882, died 3rd February 1909, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 28th November 1901, Francis Bernard Pompeus, born 31st October 1870, died 15th February 1935, son of William Charles Frederick Pompeus and Elizabeth Maria Josephine Schwallie.
- 6 Violet Moldrich, born 10th July 1883, died 15th February 1927, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 19th November, 1921, Francis Bernard Pompeus, widower of Daisy Augusta Beling, referred to in 5 supra.
- 7 John Henry, who follows under XVI.

IX

Walter Frederick Beling, born 8th November 1848, died 11th October 1914, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 15th February 1875, Mary Alice Ferdinands, born 10th January 1852, died 15th September 1929, daughter of George Henry Ferdinands and Julia Emarensia Van Ouylenburg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 80, and Vol. XXV, page 78). He had by her:—

- 1 Walter Frederick, born 19th December 1875.
- 2 Isabella Maud, born 23rd September 1878, died 25th July 1942, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 16th April 1906, Albert John.
- 3 Edith Maria, born 16th July 1880, died 24th September 1912, married Donald Cramer.
- 4 Hugh Ferdinands, who follows under XXI.
- 5 Richard Ferdinands, born 17th October 1884, married at Calcutta, 10th June 1922, Florence Hart.

- 6 Eleanor Clare, born 23rd November 1892, married in St. Mary's Church, Slave Island, Colombo, 28th February 1938, Hiram Carl Van Twest, son of Joseph Aloysius Van Twest and Eva Mottan.

X

William Wright Beling, born 31st December 1867, died 23rd June 1928, married:—

- (a) In St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 24th February 1897, Charlotte Eliza Conderlag, born 12th September 1870, died 18th May 1908, daughter of Wilfred Morgan Conderlag, Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, and Charlotte Frances Prins. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, pages 160 and 161).
- (b) In St. Andrew's Church, Gampola, 20th December 1906, Eleanor Frances Morgan Swan, L.T.C.L., born 29th September 1886, daughter of James William Swan, Proctor, and Marianne Eleanor Morgan. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XI, page 64, and Vol. XXVI, page 70).

Of the first marriage, he had:

- 1 William Wright, born 25th July 1898, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 22nd October 1938, Dorothy Cecilia Vander Straaten, born 26th February 1902, daughter of Edgar Allan Garvin Vander Straaten and Jessie Alexandra Maria Beling, referred to under V, 6, supra.
- 2 Christopher Lorenz, born 23rd September 1900, married:—
 - (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 31st August 1938, Juliett Noykine of Tiflis.
 - (b) In May 1947, Nancy Kingsbury Frost
- 3 Blanche Amybelle, born 12th March 1902, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 27th December 1939, Harris Vere Claasz, born 5th July 1905, son of Samuel William Walton Claasz and Alexandra Una May Roelofs.

Of the second marriage, he had:—

- 4 William James Geoffrey, who follows under XVII.
- 5 Bertram Wright, born 2nd September 1909.
- 6 Marie Annette, born 14th December 1914, died 18th April 1916.

XI

Leopold Charles Carmichael Beling, born 27th September 1869, died 21st August 1936, married in New York, 1898, Isabella Dowley, born 21st May 1874, died 15th July 1931. He had by her:—

- 1 Paul, born 24th May 1902.

XII

Christopher Charles Beling, Physician and Surgeon, born 4th April 1873, died 30th November 1946 at Montclair in New Jersey.

(D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVI, page 133) married in America, 1905. Lucille Marguerite Abbott, born 21st May 1885. He had by her:—

- 1 Christopher Abbott, Physician and Surgeon, born 21st August 1906, married 14th February 1946, Helen Moore Phillips.
- 2 Elaine, born 29th March 1918, married 21st October, 1946 James Aubrey Richardson.

XIII

Aelian Arnold Beling, born 31st December 1879, married in America, 11th February 1911, Mabel Ashe Jackson of Philadelphia, born 23rd December 1887, died 8th April 1948. He had by her:—

- 1 John Kingsman, Lieutenant in the United States Navy, born 29th October 1919.
- 2 Charles Arnold, born 30th August 1923.

XIV

Francis James Beling, C.C.S., born 2nd April 1891, died 11th December 1942, married in Christ Church Cathedral, Colombo, 15th December 1919, Ruby Beatrice Ephraims, born 8th July 1890, daughter of Lancelot Henry Ephraims and Louisa Isabel Warkus (D.B.U. Journal, Vol XXIV, page 109). He had by her:—

- 1 Lorna Beatrice, born 24th March 1921, married in St. Stephen's Church, Negombo, 26th December 1942, Francis Leonard Charles Vander Straaten, born 22nd August 1916, son of Leonard Meredith Vander Straaten and Amelia Caroline Beling referred to in VI. 8, supra.
- 2 Isabel Naomi, born 4th September 1922, married in St. Stephen's Church, Negombo, 19th June 1948, Felix Noel Schoorman, born 24th December 1916, son of Felix Francis Schoorman and Elsie Ermine Struys.
- 3 Francis James, born 21st March 1924.
- 4 Ruby Miriam, born 19th April 1926, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 6th November 1948, Lloyd Stanley Joseph.
- 5 Esme Ruth, born 1st August 1931.

XV

Arthur Clarence Beling, Secretary of the District Court, Colombo, born 15th November 1878, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 3rd February 1909, Noble Margaret Keyzer, born 17th January 1888, daughter of Charles Michael Keyzer and Catherine Georgiana Holgate. He had by her:—

- 1 Mary Lavinia Myrl, born 29th November 1909, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 4th October 1933, Michael Joseph Malowney, born 5th May 1913, son of James Patrick Malowney and Anna Raux.
- 2 Arthur Clarence, born 3rd July 1911.
- 3 Frederick Royden Anthony, who follows under XVIII.

4 Basil Emanuel Noble, who follows under XIX.

5 Christie Lorenz Noble, born 14th June 1914, married in the Methodist Church, Wellawatte, 7th December 1946, Merle Elia Moser, born 10th March 1923, daughter of Thompson Samuel Moser and Muriel Hilda Joshua.

6 Joseph Douglas Mons, who follows under XX.

suppl. 7 Elaine Wilhelmina Margaret, born 18th March 1920.

T.D.P. Anne Thelma Evangeline, born 30th March 1928.

8 Charles Milliner Sextus, born 28th October 1929.

XVI

John Henry Beling, born 30th July 1886, died 4th November 1942, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, 27th April 1914, Clarice Eleanor Grace Meynert, born 22nd December 1881, daughter of William Lewis Meynert and Caroline Cecilia Rode. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII page 160). He had by her:—

- 1 Guylene Ann Loraine, born 5th November 1915, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 28th November 1938, Neville Benjamin Lutersz, born 9th November 1909, son of Thomas Bernard Lutersz and Emma Rosalind de Soya.
- 2 Mercia Claribel, born 15th April 1919, married in St. Lawrence's Church, Wellawatte, 7th June 1941, Kingsley Gladstone William Loos, born 1st December 1812, son of John William Loos and Florence Cecilia Ziesniss.
- 3 John Henry, born 21st June 1920.
- 4 Ruth Elma, born 21st June, 1924, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, 7th February 1948, Cyril Eustace Peiris, born 22nd April 1921, son of Edward William Peiris and Eva Lalmont Ludwick.

XVII

William James Geoffrey Beling, Inspector of Art, Education Department, born 22nd September 1907, married in the Gospel Tabernacle, Wellawatte, 14th May 1941, Edith Maria Angel Anthonisz Deutrom, born 24th June 1917, daughter of Percival Lawrence Anthonisz Deutrom and Anna Edith Anthonisz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol XXXI, page 67). He had by her:—

- 1 Geoffrey Paul, born 20th July 1942.
- 2 Christopher David, born 19th January 1944.
- 3 Cynthia Ruth, born 29th November 1945.

XVIII

Frederick Royden Anthony Beling, born 1st October 1912, married in St. Lawrence's Church, Wellawatte, 16th October 1940, Bertha Evelyn Joseph, born 13th August 1918, daughter of George Bertram Joseph and Bertha Evelyn Eager. He had by her:—

- 1 Marcel Anthony Ryle, born 4th October 1941.
- 2 Derna Marcelline Lourdes, born 16th November 1942.

XIX

Basil Emmanuel Noble Beling, born 14th June 1914, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 1st September 1945, Esme Dalcie Joshua, born 4th September 1916, daughter of Matthew Osmund Joshua and Anno Millicent Clarke. He had by her:—

- 1 Julius Patrick, born 22nd March 1947.

XX

Joseph Douglas Mons Beling, born 17th December 1911, married in St. Lawrence's Church, Wellawatte, 25th June 1943, Kathleen Marie Joseph, born 18th September 1922, daughter of George Bertram Joseph and Janette Nellie Kidd. He had by her:—

- 1 Heather Doloros Kathleen, born 26th February 1940.
- 2 Yolande Bernadette Lorraine, born 28th July 1941.
- 3 Rosemary Janette, born 14th May 1943.
- 4 Theonís Virginia Lourdes, born 10th December 1945.
- 5 Douglas Joseph Algernon, born 18th July 1947.

XXI

Hugh Ferdinands Beling, born 21-5-1882, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 10th May 1906, Arabella Lord, died 23rd October 1912. He had by her:—

- 1 Hugh Percival, born 26th March 1907.
- 2 Sylvia Louise, born 18th January 1909.
- 3 Henry George, born 25th March 1911.
- 4 Walter Frederick, born 21st June 1912, died 7th April 1913.

Note:—Leopold Charles Carmichael Beling, referred to under XI, was educated at Wesley College, Colombo. He left for America as Secretary to the Ceylon Commissioner at the Chicago Exhibition in 1893. He opened tea business in Ohio and New York, and was also Commissioner of the Tea Market Expansion Bureau in New York. He visited Ceylon in 1910.



CEYLON'S FIRST NEWSPAPER.

Continued from the issue for July 1948.

In spite of the Editor's setting his face against the publication of poetical effusions, the tendency to break into verse was not easily suppressed, and he informs one budding poet, who used the initials "J.D.P." that his contribution "will form a most valuable addition to our long threatened batch of Poetry." To another he says: "It is rather late to publish a funeral anthem on George the Third; we have done our utmost to cry over it, but without success; however, as our readers may be more susceptible of the charms of poetry, we transcribe a few of the most patriotic verses"; and he proceeds to give a sample of the most execrable poetry. The Rev. J. D. Palm wrote in to the Editor disclaiming the authorship of the poem bearing his initials, whereupon the Editor makes the astounding comment that "we regret that our correspondent (he is referring to the poet) did not select a less respectable signature to affix to his trivial contribution," as if the poor man was to blame for his initials being the same as those of the Dutch Presbyterian Minister. At times the Editor soars above the heads of his non-classical readers, as when he says that "Sciolist's muse must undergo a slight operation on the bed of Procrustes, to give her some idea of rhythm."

The matrimonial bond was not so easily loosed as at the present day. We have an advertisement regarding a person who had "eloped from the bosom of his family for the last 11 years and is leading a life immediately opposed to the Laws of God and Christian-like feelings." A warning was given that persons having any dealings with the offending spouse would have no claim upon the estate of his wife for any debts contracted by him.

It would appear that at this time the Burghers alone, and not the members of the other indigenous communities also, were appointed to such posts as Magistrates, Customs Officers, Secretaries of Courts etc. This was naturally regarded as a grievance by the other communities who were denied this privilege. We have a letter by a person signing himself "A Native" expressing himself strongly on the subject, and pointing out that the Burghers "are equally the conquered with us, and if this is admitted, is it not a humiliating sentence calculated to damp the ambitious spirit, and engender a feeling of the inutility of exertion." The writer was much in advance of his day and went so far as to enlarge on the merits of wearing the national costume as an argument in favour of his case. "The adoption of the European costume would not only prove expensive, but, to us, cumbersome habiliments, living as we do in the pleasure garden of the first man". He even suggested the institution of village courts presided over by native judges, and village tribunals on the lines suggested by him were established shortly afterwards.