

THE HOLLAND FESTIVAL

The Netherlands may well be called a land of flowers. It is a name which is applicable in every season of the year, but one which takes on an extra significance in Springtime, with the bulbs in bloom. In the same way, the arts flourish in the Netherlands all the year round, but they too have their special season—that of the Holland Festival. This "season", which lasts from June 15th to July 15th, is becoming a tradition. How did this Holland Festival come about, and why is it held? One can regard it as a reaction to the misery of the war years, 1940—1945, when culture was suppressed and only material things seemed to matter. Thus, in 1946 the first plans for a festival of the arts were made, and the next year—though not yet under that name—saw the first Holland Festival. Eight years have since passed. Culture is flowering again as never before, and yet it seems as if that special "season" is not out of place. While concerts and ballet, opera performances and art exhibitions are held from January through December, the idea of having a concentration of artistic manifestations once a year, has been widely accepted.

International Character

From its inception, the Holland Festival has been international rather than national. As citizens of a seafaring and trading nation, the Netherlands have for centuries had an open eye and mind for happenings outside their own borders. By its geographical position between the Western countries, the Netherlands have been at the cross roads of the great cultural currents. All this would have made a narrow, strictly national festival impossible. While Netherlands culture has its place—and a prominent place—the Holland Festival aims to be a kind of window on the artistic achievements of the world. It not only wants to remind people of the role Europe has played and is still playing in the cultural field, but also to show what other parts of the world have to offer. Thus, it may present Dutch painters, Hungarian chamber music, Italian opera, ballet from the United States, drama from Britain or France, and dances from India or Spain.

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The objects of the Union shall be :

To gather by degrees a library for the use of the Union composed of all obtainable books and, papers relating to the Dutch occupation of Ceylon and standard works in Dutch literature.

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF BILSBOROUGH OF CEYLON

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Attendorff)

I

William George Bilsborough, Covenanted Engine Driver, Ceylon Government Railway, born in Edinburgh Scotland, 16th June 1849, died in Colombo 19th July 1881, married in the Methodist Church, Pettah, Colombo, 22nd August 1879, Alexandrina Victoria Priscilla Pereira, born 26th August 1859, died 11th November 1941, daughter of John Pereira and Susan Sally de Haan. He had by her—

- 1 William John Alexander, who follows under II.
- 2 Priscilla Margaret Mabel, born 7th November 1881, died 16th September 1921, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, ;
 - (a) Edmund Morgan.
 - (b) Vincent Archibald Fernando.

II

William John Alexander Bilsborough, Appraiser in the Customs Department, born 24th May 1880, died 11th August 1927, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 29th December 1902, Minnie Claudia de Hoedt, born 20th September 1882, daughter of Ebenezer Frederick Adolphus de Hoedt and Helen Arabella Bulner. He had by her.—

- 1 Alexander Dennis Hugo, who follows under III.
- 2 George Henley Trevor, who follows under IV.
- 3 Bertram Claude Llewellyn, who follows under V.
- 4 Alton Vere Montague, who follows under VI.
- 5 Marie Victorine Norma, born 7th December 1919, married in St. Michaels' and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 30th November 1940, Neril Emiliai Misso, L.M.S. (Ceylon), D.T.M. and H., E.D., born 2nd September 1914, son of Eric Constant Misso and Daisy Irene Elaine Reimers. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 72, and Vol. XXXIII, page 49).

III

Alexander Dennis Hugo Bilsborough, born 2nd March 1904, married in St. Michaels' and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 4th June 1929, Esme Olivia de Jong, born 22nd November 1910, daughter of Henry Olivia de Jong and Winifred Olivia Wait. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 126). He had by her.—

- 1 Claudette Yvonne, born 3rd October 1933.
- 2 Rosemary Yvette, born 4th February 1946.

IV

George Henley Trevor Bilsborough, born 19th May 1905, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 7th October 1936, Florence Eileen Potger, born 24th November 1918, daughter of Justin Ralph Potger and Florence May Redlich. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 113, and Vol. XLIV, page 28.) He had by her.—

- 1 Amelia Estelle Corinne, born 10th September 1938.
- 2 Hermione Marise, born 6th March 1947.

V

Bertram Claude Llewellyn Bilsborough, born 14th April 1909, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 1st December 1934, Florence Elva Dabrera, born 22nd July 1909 daughter of Henry Stephen Mitchell Dabrera and Florence Emma de Hoedt. He had by her.—

- 1 Marie Helen Maxine, born 23rd August 1936.
- 2 Wendy Alexandra Christine, born 5th July 1942.

VI

Alton Vere Montague Bilsborough, born 14th April 1909, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 9th November 1938, Edith Vivienne Constance Bartholomeusz, born 25th August 1917, daughter of Arnold Edward Annesley Bartholomeusz and Alice Constance Nellidith Mack. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXXVIII, page 143). He had by her.—

- 1 Edward Alexander Montague, born 7th September 1944.
- 2 Michael Steuart, born 7th August 1949.

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF CROWE OF CEYLON.

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Altendorff).

I

William Crowe of Spring Gardens in Hinckley in the County of Leicester, England, married Susan Robinson of the same place. He had by her.—

- 1 Charles Bertrand Orton, who follows under II.

II

Charles Bertrand Orton Crowe born in Hinckley, England, 14th June 1855, died 14th July 1916, married in the Methodist Church, Negombo, 27th June 1904, Adela de Zilva, born 6th October 1869, widow of Henry Ward Campbell, who died on 19th March 1902, and daughter of John William de Zilva Proctor and Sarah (Susan) Kelaart. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XLII, page 64). He had by her.—

- 1 William Chester, born 23rd April 1905, died 19th December 1928.
- 2 Irene Minnette, born 13th May 1907, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 28th January 1928, John Cyril Kelaart, born 1st July 1899, died 8th May 1952, son of Harwood Arnold Kelaart and Jane Louisa Holdenbottle. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XLII, pages 70 and 76).
- 3 Cyril Bertrand, who follows under III.
- 4 Ernest Reginald, who follows under IV.

III

Cyril Bertrand Crowe, born 28th November 1908, died 16th July 1938, married in St. Lucia's Cathedral, Colombo, 4th July 1936, Constance Primrose LaBrooy, born 20th September 1912, daughter of Hugh Clarence LaBrooy and Catherine Elizabeth Myrtle Misso. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 79, and Vol. XXIX, page 65). He had by her.—

- 1 Marie Aurelia, born 21st April 1937.

IV

Ernest Reginald Crowe, Superintendent of Prison, born 25th November 1913, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 5th June 1937, Norma Yolande Martensz Blacker, born 16th January 1917, daughter of Arnold Leslie Blacker, and Sother Virginia Alphonso. He had by her.

- 1 Arnold Reginald, born 20th September 1941.
- 2 Reginald Chester, born 12th October 1946.
- 3 Roger Derek, born 1st April 1948.