

sioner only sits, occasioned not seldom much unpleasantness. It cost, as we have before said, the Rev. Jacobus Maxwell (who died 1678) his place.⁹

In Ceylon, after the cession of that Island to the British, the Government sent as usual a Political Commissioner to the Colombo Consistory. The last of such persons was the Hon'ble Mr. Leslie, son-in-law of Governor van Angelbeek.¹⁰ The Minister at Colombo, Arnoldus Wilhelmus Fabricius, was on the 10th September, 1745, condemned to pay a fine of 50 rixdollars for secretly sending his report of his school visit to the Classis of Amsterdam.¹¹ Most Dutch Ministers were ordained in the Fatherland. Philippus de Melho was ordained in Colombo on 16th April, 1744.

The Comforter of the Sick (Ziekentrooster), Joseph Balbiaan, was ordered by the Church Council at Batavia (22nd January, 1646) to go to Ceylon, but the Governor-General, Van der Lijn, sent another without the knowledge of the said Council. Also, in Ceylon the Civil Government attempted to interfere in Church matters. The Church Councils of Jaffna and Colombo resolved in 1670 to make yearly one report out of the various reports of the congregations, as was the custom during the time of Philippus Baldaeus. This would have brought about a closer union between the various congregations in the Island. But Ryelof van Goens, the Governor-General of the Island, forbade this. He gave an order through the Political Commissioner in a contrary spirit, reserving to himself the right, not only of receiving all church letters, but of sealing and forwarding them to the Netherlands. The Church Council of Colombo vigorously protested against this infringement of their rights confirmed in 1668 by the Admiral and Governor, and signed by all the Ministers. They also cited the Instructions and Article 39 of the Church order of 1643, which ran as follows:—"Finally as no one may divulge the secrets of the Church Council, so (to prevent all abuses) no one, neither the Ordinary nor the Extra-ordinary Scriba, whoever he may be, may take to their own houses or elsewhere outside the Consistory, the Resolution Book, letter book, or any other letters or writing belonging to this Secretariat of the Church, except the Marriage and Baptismal Registers; but all letters, resolutions, acts, &c., shall be written and preserved in the Consistory." The result was that the Governor did not insist further in the matter. The dispute was submitted to the Company, which, in their letter (1674) directed that "neither the local Government nor the Chief Government should have any voice in ecclesiastical matters, as such was prejudicial to the spiritual welfare of the Church".¹²

(To be continued).

(9) Hofstede—t.a.p. II, 112. Minute f.z.p. II, 104.

(10) Ludovici—t.a.p. bl. 8.

(11) See note I, page 9. Ante.

(12) Munich. F.a.p. II, 16-19.

GENEALOGY OF THE DE LA HARPE FAMILY.

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

I.

Jacques Elie de la Harpe of d'Anboune, baptised 24th April 1721, married 22nd July 1754, Jacqueline Patton. He had by her:—

- 1 Marc Francois Isaac, born 5th October 1755, died 19th July 1761.
- 2 Madeleine Elizabeth, born 1757, died 3rd November 1822.
- 3 Jean Charles, baptised 17th May 1759, married Ten Bergé.
- 4 Louise, died 21st March 1760.
- 5 Rodolphe Frederic, born 1st April 1761, died 8th July 1761.
- 6 Louis Philippe, baptised 3rd August 1762, died 5th October 1838, married:—
 - (a) 1787, Marie Christine Muller of Arnheim.
 - (b) 7th February 1800, Helene Zenobia Vander Muelen.
- 7 Marc Gabriel, born 8th January 1765.
- 8 Suzanne Henriette Marguerite, born 7th April 1767, died 20th September 1822.
- 9 Jacques Elie, born 2nd July 1768, died 5th October 1768.
- 10 Charlotte Madeleine, baptised 22nd March 1770, died 7th December 1822.
- 11 Hendrik Ludwig (Henri Louis) who follows under II.

II.

Hendrik Ludwig (Henri Louis) de la Harpe, born 1772, died at Batticaloa, 31st May 1814, married Maria Johanna Perera, and had by her:—

- 1 Samuel Hendrik, baptised 10th May 1795.
- 2 Peter Henry, who follows under III.

III.

Peter Henry de la Harpe, Superintendent of Police, born 29th November 1804, died 7th January 1865, married 16th February 1824, Josepha Maria Jansen, born 29th November 1808, died 13th February 1869. He had by her:—

- 1 Benjamin, who follows under IV.
- 2 Christiaan, died young.
- 3 Elizabeth, born 20th February 1827, died 25th April 1827.
- 4 Rita, born 7th May 1831, died 12th May 1834.
- 5 Elizabeth Caroline, born 8th February 1833, died 28th November 1907, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 11th June 1849, Joseph Sebastian Misso, born 20th January 1827, died 20th January 1863, son of Joan (John) Bonifacio Misso, Medical Practitioner, Consul General of Portugal, and Wilhelmina Andriesz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, pages 55 and 58).
- 6 James Francois, who follows under V.
- 7 Josephine Petronella, born 29th April 1839, married 10th February 1862, John Bernard de Jonk.
- 8 John Albert, who follows under VI.
- 9 Clara, born 18th April 1845.
- 10 Eugenia, born 6th May 1847, married 17th June 1868, Arthur Staples.
- 11 Egbert Oliver, who follows under VII.
- 12 Arthur, born 26th November 1850, died 18th June 1854.

IV.

Benjamin de la Harpe, J.P., Assistant Superintendent of Police, born 31st January 1825, died 16th August 1902, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th June 1848, Maria Sarah Anjou, born 6th June 1833, died 3rd April 1915, daughter of John Frederick Anjou and Frances Orton. He had by her:—

- 1 Cecilia Elizabeth, born 11th July 1849, died 2nd May 1939, married:—
 - (a) In St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 15th June 1866, John Michaux de Quinhones Wright, born 5th May 1844, died 16th September

1875, son of John Wright, Medical Practitioner and Anna Matilda Misso. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 56).

- (b) In All Saints' Church, Borella, Archibald Conrad Wright, born 8th February 1852, son of John Wright, Medical Practitioner, and Anna Matilda Misso. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 56).
- 2 Lucy Anna, born 14th February 1850, died 1937, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 16th November 1870, Andrew Bernard Van Langenberg, son of Hendrik Van Langenberg and Lucretia Elizabeth Von Hagt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 128).
- 3 Anastasia Maria, born 25th January 1852, died 18th June 1873.
- 4 Agnes Barbara (Fanny), born 19th August 1853, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, Joseph William Alfred Wright, L.M.S. (Ceylon), born 4th April 1854, son of John Wright, Medical Practitioner, and Anna Matilda Misso. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 56).
- 5 Peter Linus, who follows under VIII.
- 6 Teresa Clotilda, born 19th January 1859, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 5th February 1877, Edward Bonifacio Wright, born 8th October 1849, died 31st March 1904, son of John Wright, Medical Practitioner, and Anna Matilda Misso. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 56).
- 7 Joseph Clement, who follows under IX.
- 8 Jerome Xystus, who follows under X.
- 9 Maria Sarah (Minna), born 19th October 1868, marr. 1:—
 - (a) In St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 20th June 1888, Edward Bingham Jonklaas, Inspector of Police, born 18th September 1862, son of Henricus Cornelis Jonklaas and Agnes Susanna de Vos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 206, and Vol. XXVII, page 136).
 - (b) Theodore Cecil Van Rooyen, J.P., Proctor and Notary Public, born 16th July 1862, died 18th

June 1927, son of Charles Richard Van Rooyen and Charlotta Petronella Mack.

- 10 John Alban Benjamin, who follows under XI.
- 11 Eva Virginia Agatha, born 19th August 1871, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 27th May 1891, Charles William Percival Orr, L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin.), L.F.P. & S. (Glas.), Deputy Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Civil Medical Department, born 8th February 1868, son of Edward Orr, Proctor, and Eliza Ledulx.
- 12 Rose Katherine Anjou, born 9th December 1872, died 24th August 1940, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 19th February 1900, John Edwin de Melho Aserappa, born 8th May 1862, died 25th September 1931.

V.

James Francois de la Harpe, Inspector of Police, born 20th December 1835, died 6th December 1875, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 24th June 1867, Louisa Wilhelmina de Jonk, born 1st December 1843. He had by her:—

- 1 Gertrude, born 15th November 1868.
- 2 Carnute, born 19th January 1870, died 8th December 1875.
- 3 Maud, born 6th May 1874.
- 4 Louise Wilhelmina, born 31st October 1875, died 31st October 1926, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 5th February 1898, Charles Joseph Oorloff, born 24th February 1873, died 29th July 1932, son of George Henry Oorloff and Charlotte Cecilia Balthazar.

VI.

John Albert de la Harpe, born 17th February 1842, died 31st December 1900, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 16th May 1870, Jane Dorothea Schoekraft, died 16th August 1904, daughter of Albert Schoekraft and Sophia Milhuisen. He had by her:—

- 1 Justus Swithin, who follows under XII.
- 2 Lawrence Isidore Michael, who follows under XIII.
- 3 Owen Ignatius, born 16th January 1874, died 20th November 1911.

- 4 Thomas St. Clair John, who follows under XIV.
- 5 Peter Henry, who follows under XV.
- 6 Ernest Augustine, Inspector of Schools, Education Department, born 29th April 1879, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 27th December 1905, Louise Amelia Van Sanden, born 23rd February 1885, daughter of Andrew George Van Sanden and Darlin Evangeline Misso. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 58).
- 7 Cecilia Ludgarde, born 5th November 1880, married in All Saints' Church, Borella:—
 - (a) 5th February 1906, Osmund George Misso, born 13th February 1881, died 8th May 1909, son of Paul Valentine Misso and Rosaline Eleanor Van Sanden. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, pages 64 and 71).
 - (b) 12th April 1915, Archibald Clarence Cooke, son of John Carl Cooke and Dorothea Edna Van Sanden.
- 8 Imelda Teresa, born 23rd January 1883, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 12th April 1928, Charles Reginald Anthony Zeisniss.
- 9 Irene Winifred, born 26th March 1884, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 8th January 1912, Lancelot Joseph Van Sanden, born 24th September 1884, son of Andrew George Van Sanden and Darlin Evangeline Misso. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 58).

VII.

Egbert Oliver de la Harpe, born 14th April 1848, died 28th October 1895, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 1872, Amelia Lucretia Van Langenberg, died 12th August 1904, daughter of John Alexander Van Langenberg and Cl'ida Amelia Goldestein. He had by her:—

- 1 Belinda, born 23rd March 1873, married Dunstan Gregory Van Langenberg, born 30th October 1873, son of Andrew Bernard Van Langenberg and Lucia Anna de la Harpe (vide IV, 3, supra).
- 2 Alwin Leslie, born 1876, died 1888.
- 3 Ludgarde Clara, born 12th August 1878, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 19th January 1898, Thomas Richford Edwin Lofftus, C.C.S., born 11th February 1876,

son of Thomas Richford Edwin Loftus, M.B., C.M. (Edin.), and Emmeline Batta.

- 4 Prisca Margaret, born 28th April 1880, died 1st November 1911, married in St. Mary's Church, Matara, 10th June 1910, Albert Barnes Fontyn (widower).
- 5 Sybil, died 29th May 1883.
- 6 Swithin Rowley, who follows under XVI.
- 7 Clarissa Mary, born 29th July 1885, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 14th November 1906, Andrew George Van Sanden, born 5th December 1881, died 4th July 1940, son of Andrew George Van Sanden and Darlin Evangeline Misso. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 58).
- 8 Lydwin, died young.
- 9 Clitus, died young.
- 10 Clara, died young.
- 11 Anna, born 26th July 1893, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 2nd May 1917, Basil Richard Anderson, Proctor, born 13th June 1894, died 5th March, 1939, son of Thomas Richard Anderson and Agnes Mary Lena Crispeyn.

VIII.

Peter Linus de la Harpe, Inspector of Police, born 30th March 1857, died 6th October 1885, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 8th February 1882, Caroline Van Langenberg, born 12th March 1862, daughter of Stephen Charles Van Langenberg and Caroline Loos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 99). He had by her:—

- 1 Marie Sybil Caroline, born 30th December 1882, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 29th June 1910, Frederick Arnold William Toussaint, born 26th September 1870, died 29th November 1938, son of Arnold Henry Toussaint, Surgeon, and Elizabeth Koch. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 37, and Vol. X, page 130).
- 2 Judith Cecily Mary, born 29th May 1884, died 7th May 1903.

IX.

Joseph Clement de la Harpe, born 24th September 1860, died 10th August 1933, married in St. Lucia's Cathedral, Colombo, 24th

July 1889, Katherine Eliza Rodrigue, born 8th August 1860, daughter of Edward John Rodrigue and Eliza Lydia Jansz. He had by her:—

- 1 Ruth Verna Marguerite, born 14th July 1895, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 10th January 1924, Ernest Lawrence Bertus, born 25th January 1895, died 9th October 1933, son of Matthew Linus Bertus and Rose de Zilva.

X.

Jerome Xystus de la Harpe, born 23rd December 1862, died 16th February 1939, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 27th January 1890, Charlotte Sophia Keith, born 25th August 1862, daughter of John Neil Keith and Frederica Swan. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 66). He had by her:—

- 1 Henri Hilton Ludwig St. Clair, who follows under XVIII.
- 2 Arlene Esmeé Veronica Keith, born 19th January 1893.
- 3 Bertram Melville, who follows under XVIII.
- 4 Emile Michael Labussiere, who follows under XIX.
- 5 Montagne Neil St. John, who follows under XX.

XI.

John Alban Benjamin de la Harpe, born 10th June 1870, died 14th January 1940, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 28th January 1897, Lilian Caroline Van Langenberg, born 15th March 1873, daughter of Stephen Charles Van Langenberg and Caroline Loos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 99). He had by her:—

- 1 Shirley John, who follows under XXI.
- 2 Bertram Solomon Anthony, who follows under XXII.
- 3 Rachel Veronica, born 23rd September 1901, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 10th June 1929, Douglas Wilson Poulter, born 7th April 1895, son of Frederick William Poulter and Margaret Bernaldus.
- 4 Marjorie Bridget, born 10th March 1903, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, 22nd April 1935, James Eugene Van Langenberg, born 12th January 1908, son of James Charles Van Langenberg and Nellie Caroline Elders.
- 5 Judith Loos, born 22nd June 1906, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, 31st December 1934, Edward Stanley

Fernando, born 5th December 1894, son of Alfred Michael Fernando and Muriel Poppenbeek.

XII.

Justus Swithin de la Harpe, born 15th July 1871, died 26th March 1905, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 1894, Minna Josephine Andriesz, born 29th November 1877, daughter of John Matthew Andriesz and Eleanor Josephine Elders. He had by her:—

- 1 Isidore Clarence, who follows under XXIII.
- 2 Swithin Frederick Peter, born 5th October 1901.

XIII.

Lawrence Isidore Michael de la Harpe, L.M.S. (Ceylon), Civil Medical Department, born 29th September 1872, married:—

- (a) In the C. M. S. Church, Tanjore, South India, 15th June 1899, Elizabeth Lyford, L.R.C.P. & S., L.F.P. & S. (Edin.), born 7th February 1873, died 18th August 1915.
- (b) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 9th February 1918, Ada Henrietta Ferdinands, born 12th March 1883, daughter of Frederick William Ferdinands and Henrietta Jansz, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 81).

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Enid, born 26th April 1900.
- 2 Lawrence Stemdale Lyford, who follows under XXIV.
- 3 Doris Alexandra, born 13th September 1902, married in the Methodist Church, Galle, 2nd June 1928, Ernest Leslie Bastiaensz, born 7th March 1901, son of Julian Alexander Bastiaensz and Lucy Reid.
- 4 Edna Dolores, born 29th February 1904, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 5th April 1926, Milton Alexander Smith, born 4th March 1899, son of Alexander Allan Smith and Emma Louisa Woth.
- 5 Bramwell Meredith John, born 17th May 1913.

Of the second marriage, he had:—

- 6 Celia Helen, born 27th March 1922.
- 7 Ian Frederick Isidore, born 18th February 1925.

XIV.

Thomasz St. Clair John de la Harpe, born 22nd September 1875, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 28th October 1903, Mildred Anastasia Mary Wright, born 7th January 1878, died 4th November 1939, daughter of Edward Boniface Wright and Teresa Clotilda de la Harpe (vide IV, 6, supra). He had by her:—

- 1 Ulric St. Clair John, born 22nd February 1905, died 26th September 1905.
- 2 Teresa St. Clair Estelle, born 22nd October 1906.
- 3 Claribel St. Clair Mary, born 7th October 1910.
- 4 Beryl Mary St. Clair, born 16th October 1912, died 10th May 1913.
- 5 Terence St. Clair, born 16th June 1917, died 23rd May 1921.

XV.

Peter Henry de la Harpe, C.C.S., born 12th April 1877, married in All Saints' Church, Borella:—

- (a) 9th November 1903, Mary Elizabeth Van Sanden, born 5th April 1883, died 22nd May 1919, daughter of Andrew George Van Sanden and Darlin Evangeline Misso. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 58).
- (b) 27th December 1923, Nina Salome Misso, born 13th February 1879, daughter of John Boniface Misso and Matilda Sophia Jansen. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 63).

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 George Albert, born 18th September 1904, died 7th June 1905.
- 2 Edna Mellita Dorothea, born 6th March 1906, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 15th September 1927, Harold Cyril Joseph, born 18th September 1901, died 24th August 1935, son of Cyril Louis Joseph, Advocate, and Melissa Theodora de Kretser. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XII, page 28).
- 3 Alma Evangeline Pearl, born 19th August 1908, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 8th November 1930, Swinburne

Justin Augustus Lorenz Buckley Meynert, born 29th December 1906, son of Henry Swinburne Watten Meynert and Beatrice Mary Buckley. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 161).

- 4 Brenda Mary Christabelle, born 9th May 1910.
- 5 Leslie Basil, born 2nd February 1912.
- 6 Elmo Claude, born 20th September 1914.
- 7 Peter Henry, born 27th September 1916.
- 8 Thelma Monica, born 11th June 1918.

XVI

Swithin Rowley de la Harpe, Surveyor, born 15th December 1883, married in St. Mary's Church, Matara, 7th August 1911, Agnes Barbara (Fanny) Wright, born 3rd October 1888, daughter of Joseph William Alfred Wright, L.M.S. (Ceylon) and Agnes Barbara (Fanny) de la Harpe (vide IV, 4, supra). He had by her:—

- 1 Annunciata Gwendoline, born 25th March 1913, married 2nd April 1933, Leslie Swan.
- 2 Alfrida Merza Honoreen.
- 3 Irma Phobe Antonette.
- 4 Swithin Anton, born 13th September 1921.

XVII

Henri Hilton Ludwig St. Clair de la Harpe, born 20th December 1890, died 16th February 1925, married in St. Andrew's Scots Kirk, Colombo, 9th February 1915, Muriel Irene Hope Ferdinands, born 18th December 1890, daughter of John Dudley Ferdinands and Alice Hope Rowlands. He had by her:—

- 1 Phyllis Muriel Charlobelle Hope, born 29th November 1916.
- 2 Esme Irene Hope, born 28th October 1920, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, 18th March, 1937, Leslie Allan Ferdinands, born 23rd May 1912, son of John Henry Ferdinands and Ethel Lucy Vanden Driesen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, pages 59 and 79).

XVIII

Bertram Melville de la Harpe, born 11th June 1894, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 18th October, 1924, Ethel Maud de Kretser, born 16th July 1900, daughter of Ernest Colvin de Kretser and Ethel Mary Berenger. He had by her:—

- 1 Hilton Melville Ernest, born 24th December 1928.
- 2 Yvonne Carmel, born 14th September 1929.
- 3 Myrna, born 25th October 1930.
- 4 Violet, born 31st January 1936.
- 5 Percival, born 21st December 1938.

XIX

Emile Michael Labussiere de la Harpe, born 25th September 1900, married at Giriulla, 25th November 1926, Nellie Mary Margaret Vanderput. He had by her:—

- 1 Maureen Nelia Bernadette, born 11th December 1927, died 23rd April 1931.
- 2 Patricia, born 29th January 1930.
- 3 Terence.

XX

Montagne Neil St. John de la Harpe, born 2nd May 1904, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 23rd June 1930, Hazel Millicent Eleanor Andriesz, born 31st August, 1911, daughter of Julian Matthew Andriesz and Helen Clairbel Anastasia Holmes. He had by her:—

- 1 Montagne Neil St. John, born 27th May 1931.
- 2 Marcelene Nelia, born 2nd October 1932.
- 3 Vilette Arlene Eleanor, born 27th March 1936.

XXI

Shirley John de la Harpe, Inspector of Police, born 10th December 1897, married:—

- (a) In St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 11th December 1919, Ruth Imogen Jennings, born 2nd July 1897, died 31st January 1923, daughter of Charles Jennings of Gloucester, England, and Laura Ebert.
- (b) In St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 18th April 1925, Esme Edith Loftus, born 15th January 1899, daughter of Thomas Richford Edwin Loftus, C.C.S., and Ludgarde Clara de la Harpe (vide VII, 3, supra).

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Iris Ruth Gwendoline, born 25th September 1920.
- 2 Pansy Imogen Ceilia, born 8th January 1923.

Of the second marriage, he had :—

- 3 George Prosper, born 8th February 1926.
- 4 Gerald Trevor, born 11th October 1927.

XXII

Bertram Solomon Anthony de la Harpe, born 11th April 1899, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Dehiwala, 27th October 1932, Claribel Maud Metzeling, born 9th August 1903, daughter of Arthur William Metzeling, C.C.S., and Agnes Jane Martenstyn. He had by her :—

- 1 Cynthia Maeve, born 18th November 1934.

XXIII

Isidore Clarence de la Harpe, born 7th April 1897, married in St. Matthew's Church, Dematagoda, 18th February 1928, Mildred Dorothy Walbeoff, born 24th February 1905, daughter of Richard Edward Walbeoff and Amy Mildred Batta. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 24). He had by her :—

- 1 Justus Norman Richard, born 1st March 1929.
- 2 Beltram Langston Clarence, born 6th November 1930.

XXIV

Lawrence Stemdale Lyford de la Harpe, L.M.S. (Ceylon), Civil Medical Department, born 8th April 1901, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 12th April 1928, Vera Gladys Van Buren, born 29th June 1903, daughter of Arthur Frederick Van Buren and Mabel Austin. He had by her :—

- 1 Godfrey Frederick Lawrence, born 20th February, 1929.
- 2 David Stemdale, born 12th December 1930.
- 3 Mary Rosita, born 13th May 1932.

Note: Hendrik Ludwig (Henri Louis) de la Harpe, referred to under II, served under the Dutch East India Company in the De Meuron Regiment, which he joined on 1st June 1790. He became a Lieutenant on 4th February 1793, and passed with the Regiment in 1795 to serve under the British. He took part in the Campaign of Mysore and in the Siege of Seringapatam in 1799, for which he was awarded a medal. On 2nd November 1802, he was promoted Lieutenant-Captain, and on 30th December 1802 he was gazetted Captain. He was promoted Major and transferred to Baillie's Regiment (3rd Ceylon Regiment) and to command at Negombo on 5th October 1810, at Kalutara on 11th November 1811, and again at Negombo on 8th April 1812. His "testament" is dated 29th March 1814. (Vide page 412 of the book "Tombs and Monuments in Ceylon" by Mr. J. P. Lewis, C.M.G., of the Ceylon Civil Service.)

SOME SENSATIONAL EXECUTIONS IN CEYLON.

After the Judge has sentenced the prisoner to death, using the formula "You will be taken hence to the prison from whence you came and be hanged by your neck until you be dead" very little interest is taken nowadays in the subsequent proceedings, owing to the fact that the execution takes place within the four walls of the Jail, to which even the nearest relatives of the prisoner are not admitted. The case was different in the early days when executions took place in public and drew large crowds, who took a morbid interest in the proceedings. In those days, with a refinement of cruelty that is happily absent nowadays, nothing was done to spare the feelings of the condemned man. In the case of court-martial executions, the coffin intended to receive the last remains of the prisoner was carried in front of him, while in the case of civil executions the gallows could be seen by the prisoner a long way ahead of him. All this, of course, is now changed, and more humane methods are adopted in keeping with a more refined state of society.

The first execution of which we have any record was one by order of court-martial, and was fixed to take place in Colombo on 16th January, 1815, but there was a last moment reprieve. The prisoner, Private Dennis Daly, of His Majesty's 73rd Regiment of Foot, was sentenced to be shot for mutinous conduct. The prisoner, who had his arms pinioned, was escorted from the Fort to Galle Face by a party of the Ceylon Dragoons and the guards of the Garrison, his coffin being borne before him. The troops having been drawn up in line, the prisoner was placed a short distance from the centre. The troops then formed three sides of a square, the fourth side towards the sea being left open. The Deputy Judge Advocate having read the death warrant, the prisoner knelt on his coffin and repeated a short prayer, in which he was assisted by the Ministers who attended him. Then, rising, he took leave of his friends, and again kneeling, the cap was pulled over his eyes, and the firing party were about to perform their gruesome office when the voice of the Commandant was heard ordering a cessation of the proceedings. The cap over the prisoner's face having been taken off, the Commandant informed him, in the course of a long