

Proposed New Constitution.

The question of a New Constitution for Ceylon has been for some time the topic of the hour and the climax was reached when Lord Southbury and his colleagues arrived to receive representations and record evidence. What with Press Propaganda and Mass Meetings excitement ran very high and very soon even our happy-go-lucky Dutch Burghers were right in the thick of the fray. Very soon we were all Politicians and knew exactly what is required for the New Constitution—very soon we all lost our tempers, and at this critical stage it fell to my unhappy lot to "soothe the savage breasts"—I endeavoured my best but I am not so sure whether it would be wise even now for me to venture our unprotected!

With this back-ground, the members of the General Committee felt it incumbent on them, as representatives of the premier association of the Burghers, and having for its members a typical cross-section of the Community, to go into this vital matter very carefully and place their views before the Commission. A Special sub-Committee was therefore appointed to study the question and all its implications; and after long deliberations, discussions and consultations the General Committee prepared a memorandum to be submitted to the Commissioners and deputed six members to go before them. I do not propose to give you details of all this, as accounts have appeared in our Bulletin; suffice it to say that the memorandum contained the views of what the Union considered essential for a good government and for the adequate representation of its Community. It was unfortunate that we could not get unanimity on all the points, but I am afraid Utopia has not yet been reached, but it was remarkable on what a very few points we did differ. Well, Members of the Union, you can take it from me that this matter received our most earnest and careful consideration and that we did our best. We can now do nothing more than await results, so let us in the meantime forget all the heated discussions that took place and plan for the future. This whole question has done the Community an excellent turn in that it has awakened us from our lackadaisical attitude to one of alertness. We now realise as we never did before, the necessity to keep together, to preserve our identity and to maintain the heritage and prestige left to us by our forefathers.

Conclusion.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the great help so readily given me by the Office-Bearers and the General Committee. Mr. Fred Loos, our Secretary, had to shoulder most of the work and he did it cheerfully and whole-heartedly. We all know with what zest he enters into anything that has to be done—he did excellently and sacrificed a very great deal of his own time to this work—I think on an average he spent 5 days of the week at the Club, that in itself must be a record and that has gone on for 2 years. He is no longer continuing as our Secretary for he himself is a busy man and owing to staff changes in his firm he cannot spare the time to go on. I wish therefore to record our very great appreciation for all he has done. No President could have wished for a more willing and happy worker. Mr. A. L. B. Ferdinand has also done a very good job of work and the very satisfactory state of

our finances is doubtless due to his alertness and careful handling. I wish therefore to express our gratitude to him for all he is doing in spite of his heavy official duties.

I wish now to thank the members of the General Committee for their patience, co-operation and readiness to help. During the last 3 years we have had all manner of complex questions coming before us and I thank you, gentlemen, for helping me in arriving at decisions. In all our deliberations we never lost sight of what the Union stands for and endeavoured our best to uphold the traditions so dear to us.

In conclusion I wish to refer to the good work done by our clerk, Mr. Johnson; our work continues to increase and his work is getting heavier in consequence, but he cheerfully carries on and I wish therefore to express my appreciation to him for all he has done. Mr. Berenger, his assistant, has gained some useful experience since last year and is very helpful in many ways. As you know he is our Collector as well, and is an excellent beggar!

When I look back on the year which has gone all too quickly, and the work we have accomplished, I realize what a great deal there still remains to be done, and I earnestly hope that we shall go on from strength to strength and be a source of great usefulness to our Community and a credit to the country we serve.

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF GARVIN OF CEYLON

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

I.

Thomas Garvin, Sergeant Major in the Royal Artillery, of Port Glenoi, Antrim, Ireland, married in St. Peter's Church, Colombo, 6th November 1812, Maria Abigail Palm, born at Matara, 12th November 1790, widow of James Eckley, and daughter of Mattheus Fredrik Palm, Doctor of Laws, who was in the Judicial Service of the Dutch East India Company at Matara, where he died in 1794. He had by her:—

1. Eliza, born 1813, died 17th December 1852, married in St. Peter's Church, Colombo, 2nd January 1832, William Austin, baptised in St. Peter's Church, Colombo, 29th May 1808, died 25th October 1860, son of Nathaniel Austin, 3rd Ceylon Rifle Regiment, Deputy Assistant Commissary General, Galle, and Sophia Frederica Calesky. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol VII, page 28).
2. George, who follows under II.
3. Sophia Elizabeth, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo 22nd December 1845, William Barendsz Bartholomeusz, Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, born 15th September 1812, son of Johannes Bartholomeusz and Anthonetta Cornelia Barendsz.
4. John, who follows under III.

- 5 Ellen, born 18th June 1822, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 13th January 1840, John Edmund Dionysius de Neys, son of Dionysius de Neys and Maria Petronella de Vos.
- 6 Mary Ann, married Cornelius Jacobus Piters.
- 7 Thomas Forrest, who follows under IV.

II.

George Garvin married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 6th May 1839, Anna Margaretta Gerlach, died 14th January 1866, and he had by her:—

- 1 Eliza Anne, born 30th March 1840, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th July 1858, Samuel Peter Foenander, born 23rd August 1834, son of Samuel Pieter Foenander and Maria Elizabeth Vander Straaten. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XI, page 28, and Vol. XXIII, page 159).
- 2 Amelia Maria, born 1st October 1841, married in the Methodist Church, Kalutara, 25th June 1864, Francis Dionysius de Neys, born 19th October 1834, son of Dionysius de Neys and Maria Petronella de Vos.
- 3 Georgiana Margaret, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 7th July 1862, Frederick Piters.
- 4 Mary Anne, born 21st September 1846, married William Arndt, born 1840 son of Johan Carel Arndt, Colonial Chaplain, and Johanna Rudolphina Van Hek. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 101).
- 5 Maria, born 24th May 1848.
- 6 Louisa, born 4th February 1850.
- 7 George St. Patrick, born 17th March 1852, died 21st February 1853.
- 8 Alice Letitia, born 29th May 1854, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 1st December 1871, Charles Orlando de Zilva.
- 9 George William, born 4th August 1856, died 22nd October 1857.
- 10 Agnes Evelyn, born 14th January 1859.

III.

John Garvin, Surgeon, born 31st March 1820, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 15th December 1842, Charlotta Annetta Angelina Foenander, born 5th August 1824, daughter of Samuel Pieter Foenander and Maria Elizabeth Vander Straaten. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XI, page 28, and Vol. XXIII, page 159). He had by her:—

- 1 George, M.B., C.M. (Aber.), born 2nd April 1844, died 22nd June 1866 in Edinburgh.
- 2 John, died young.

- 3 Julia Eliza, born 15th December 1847, died 15th January 1887, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:—
 - (a) 22nd September 1871, Louis Joseph Pompeus, Proctor, born 15th September 1848, died 22nd January 1874, son of Henricus Jacobus Pompeus and Henrietta Arnoldina Farmer.
 - (b) 7th November 1881, William Piters de Zilva, born 3rd November 1856, died 29th March 1928, son of William Gilbert de Zilva and Caroline Piters.
- 4 Louis Percival, who follows under V.
- 5 Henry Foenander, Inspector of Police, born 10th May 1852, died unmarried.
- 6 Thomas Forrest, who follows under VI.
- 7 Edwin Francis, born 1st November 1855, died 19th June 1856.
- 8 James Frederick, born 6th September 1857, went to Australia and died there.
- 9 Walter Benjamin, Surgeon, born 6th October 1859, married in England, Alice Smith, and settled there.
- 10 Abigail Maria, born 25th September 1861, died 4th November 1924, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 18th December 1882, Peter Daniel Anthonisz Maack, Proctor and Notary Public, born 9th October 1857, died 9th August 1924, son of Martin Edmund Maack and Emelia Maria Ide.
- 11 Ellen Estelle, born 11th October 1863, died unmarried.

IV.

Thomas Forrest Garvin married in St. John's Cathedral, Calcutta, 28th June 1847, Maria Georgiana....., and he had by her:—

- 1 Jane Anstice Maria, born 27th May 1848.
- 2 Herman Forrest, born 5th February 1851.
- 3 Reginald Forrest, born 29th October 1852, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 20th August 1884, Lucy Harriet Flanderka, born 9th November 1845, died 26th January 1887, widow of Henry Edward Weinman, and daughter of Petrus Francois Flanderka, J.P., Sub-Collector of Customs, Jaffna, and Julia Eliza Foenander. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XI, page 28).
- 4 Mary Anne Gertrude, born 29th October 1852, died 3rd January 1935, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 1st January, 1872, Benjamin Marcus Armstrong, widower of Fredericka Amelia Speldewinde. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, page 74) and son of John Armstrong and Henrietta Anna Helena Bogaars.
- 5 Charlotte Jessie, born 23rd September 1855, married..... Purchase.

V.

Louis Percival Garvin, Surveyor, born 16th April 1850, died 9th February 1900, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 4th May 1872, Mary Ann Flanderka, born 15th September 1848, died

26th January 1887, daughter of Petrus Francis Flanderka, J.P., Sub-Collector of Customs, Jaffna, and Julia Eliza Foenander. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XI, page 28). He had by her:—

- 1 George Percival Flanderka, born 26th January 1874, died 31st October 1913, married in Darjeeling in India, Ogilvy widow of Von Benché.
- 2 Isabel Mary Ann, born 18th April 1875, died in infancy.
- 3 Ruth Barbara, born 26th July 1876; married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 5th June 1905, Henry Keith Johnson, died 31st October 1918, son of Charles John Johnson and Matilda Abigail Christoffelsz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 15).
- 4 Charlotte Evangeline, born 23rd December 1877, died 16th September 1926, married in Christ Church, Kurunegalle, 22nd August 1904, Frank Adolphus Speldewinde, born 17th January 1880, son of Francis Adolphus Speldewinde and Eliza Alexandra Maartensz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, pages 75 and 78).
- 5 Ida Marguerite, born 15th April 1879, died 5th November 1944, married in Christ Church, Kurunegalle, 27th June 1914, Edwin Godfried Koeb, born 27th October 1881, son of Ebenezer Theodore Koeb and Georgiana Elizabeth Schubert. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 133).

VI.

Thomas Forrest Garvin, M.B., C.M., (Aber.), F.C.S. (Lond.) Superintendent of the General Hospital, Colombo, born 19th December 1853, died 10th April 1918, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:—

- (a) 1st May 1876, Grace Louisa Vander Smagt, born 13th June 1848, died 15th August 1887, daughter of Cornelius Gerhardus Vander Smagt and Jane Juliet Sansoni. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 86).
- (b) 5th December 1888, Lillian Elsie Vander Smagt, born 23rd November 1869, sister of (a) supra.

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Grace Darling, born 22nd September 1877, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th January 1903, Frederick Alexander Campbell Schrader, born 30th July 1879, son of Frederick Justus Schrader and Elizabeth Harriet Campbell (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 73).
- 2 Nellie, born 16th September 1878.
- 3 Charlotte Jane, born 22nd October 1879, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 27th December 1906, Frank William Sproule, Provincial Engineer, Public Works Department, born 7th April 1875, son of James Hugh Sproule, Proctor, and Gertrude Arabella Piercez. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXII, pages 140 and 141).
- 4 Thomas Forrest, who follows under VII.

- 5 Myra, born 23rd November 1882, died 11th January 1917, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 12th January 1909, Glanville Hubert Frederick Altendorff, born 28th March 1876, son of Charles Henry Bartholomew Altendorff, Crown Proctor, Matara, Justice of the Peace for the Island, and Henrietta Charlotte Victoria Ludekens. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 170, and Vol. XXXIII, pages 102 and 105).
- 6 Edith, born 4th April 1884, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 29th October 1915, Rudolph Keller of Switzerland.
- 7 Kathleen, born 7th August 1885, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 26th December, 1908, Bertram Sansoni, born 22nd September 1881, died 23rd April 1937, son of Miliani Henri Sansoni, Proctor, and Alice Rosalind Aldous. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXII, page 117).
- 8 Gerard Walter, born 15th August 1887.
Of the second marriage, he had:—
- 9 Herbert Eustace, born 27th December 1889.
- 10 Lillian May, born 14th June 1893, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 2nd March 1925, Leonard Owen Weinman, L.R.C.P. and S. (Edin.), L.F.P. and S. (Glas.), Civil Medical Department, born 17th September 1887, son of James Richard Weinman, Advocate, and Alice Maud Johnson.
- 11 Hubert Everard, who follows under VIII.
- 12 Beryl Elsie, born 9th September 1898, married in London, 1931, Lionel Goldsborough.
- 13 Pauline Daphne Vander Smagt, born 20th January 1901, married in London, August 1929, Kenneth Penny.

VII.

Thomas Forrest Garvin, Kt., K.C., Barrister-at-Law, Gray's Inn, Senior Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court of Ceylon, born 8th August 1881, died in London, 18th June 1940, married:—

- (a) In St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 7th December 1905, Madeleine Louise (Mopsy) Alvis, born 26th November 1882, died 11th May 1920, daughter of Arthur William Alvis, Proctor and Notary Public, and Madeline Louise Daniel.
- (b) In London, Kathleen Vesey.

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Doreen Louise, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, Derek Gerardus Degenhart of Amsterdam, Manager of the Holland Colombo Trading Society, Limited.

VIII.

Hubert Everard Garvin, Barrister-at-Law, District Judge, Ratnapura, born 17th July 1895, died 11th August 1936, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 23rd April 1924, Gertrude Elinor

VanLangenberg, born 26th October 1902, daughter of Vincent Carbery VanLangenberg, M.B., C.M., (Aber.), v.D., Deputy Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Lieutenant Colonel, Ceylon Light Infantry, and Frances Gertrude de Vos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 148). He had by her:—

- 1 Thomas Forrest, born 15th August 1925,
- 2 Pamela Gertrude, born 8th November 1927.

Notes:—(1) Maria Abigail Palm and James Eckley, Bombardier, referred to under I, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, on 30th April 1809.

- (2) Dionysius de Neys, referred to under I, 5, was a son of Jacobus de Neys of Amsterdam and Anna Maria Eksteen. He was baptised on 7th January 1791 in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, where he married on 25th June 1809, Maria Petronella de Vos, baptised 1st December 1798, died 8th May 1827, daughter of Pieter Cornelis de Vos, Boekhouder and Sworn Clerk of the Governor, and Johanna Elisabeth Van Cuylenburg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 78).

AN ACCOUNT OF CEYLON.

By THOMAS PENNANT.

(Continued from page 77 of the issue for January, 1945.)

I now naturally pass to the *Laurus Cassia*, the rival to the last. It is the *carna* of Rheede Malab. 1. 107, tab. 59, Burman Ind. 91, Blackwell, tab. 319. I leave to botanists the settling of the dispute, whether it is distinct, or a variety of the last. The distinction between the bark of this and the real cinnamon, is, that this breaks smooth; the real, splinters. This has a flimsy mucilaginous taste; the true cinnamon, rough, and with a rich aromatic smell.

Occidentale, Rumph. 1. tab. 69, is common to East and West Indies. It is the *Cushew* of the last, the *Caghu* of the Ceylonese.

Heptaphylla,—iv. tab. 22, would be invaluable, was it not so common; it is the most admirable medicine in the *cholera*, and the *cholera fluxus*, bilious complaints, excessive vomiting, pleurisy, and poison: it is remarkable for its links of berries, connected like beads.

Tomentosa, and *Acuminata*, Burm. Zeyl. tab. 18, and Raii Hist. ii, 1558 are found here. The true ebony, which grows plentifully in this island is supposed to be a species of *Bauhinia*; yet this once valuable wood is not ascertained.

Various kinds of *Cassia*, or *Senna*, are natives of Ceylon; among others, the useful *C. Fistula*, ii. tab. 21, so good and fine a purge.

Bonduc, V. Rumph. tab. 48, *G. Nuga Sylvarum*, V.—tab. 50, are remarkable for their rough nuts, with a hook at the end, arresting the travellers.

The *G. Moringa*,—V, tab. 74—5. has a long slender pod, and erect strait stem.

Monophylla, Burm. Zeyl. tab. 65, and *L. Acidissima*,—ii. tab. 43. These bear small fruits resembling lemons.

Bilimbi,—i. tab. 36, is singular far being loaden with fruit issuing from the knots of the body of the tree; the *Av. Carambola*,—i. tab. 35. for its long angular apples; and the *Av. Acida*,—vii. tab. 17, for small rounded fruit, growing on the side of the stalk.

Tapia Commel, Hort. i. tab. 67, or garlick pear of the West Indies.

Cr. Marmelos Rumph. i. tab. 81, has a large pear-shaped fruit, of a disagreeable sweetness, and rank smell.

Antiquorum Com. Hart. i. tab. 12, *Euph. nereii folia*, Rumph. iv. tab. 40, an elegant slender angular species. *Euph. Tiraculli*, vii. tab. 29.

Pyriferum,—i. tab. 47, a roundish fruit, called in the West Indies, *Guava*, full of seed, and very indifferent to the taste.

Malaccensis,—i. tab. 36, 38, *Nati Schambu*, Rheede, i. tab. 18, *Raii Hist.* ii. 1478, is a pear-shaped fruit, growing to the bare stalk, a cooling and refreshing kind. *Eug. Jambos*, i. tab. 39, *Malacca Schambu*, Rheede, i. tab. 17, *Raii Hist.* ii. 1478, is remarkable for its crooked timber, useful for the ribs of ships.—*Eng. Acutangula*, iii. tab. 115, *Tsiera Samstravadi*, Rheede, iv. tab. 7, *Raii Hist.* ii. 1480, and—*Eug. Racemosa*, iii. tab. 116, *Samstravadi*, Rheede iv. tab. 16, *Raii Hist.* ii. 1479, bear edible fruits.

Ceylon has four species of myrtle: *M. Cumini*, Rumph. i. tab. 41, smelling like cumin seed; *M. Zeylanica*, remarkable for its great fragrant; *M. Androsoemoides*, *M. Caryophyllata*, from its aromatic smell; and *M. Pimenta*, or all-spice, common to both the Indies.

Granata, Woodville, i. tab. 58. The *Pomgranate*, is here cultivated, and prospers greatly.

Gutta, Blackwall, tab. 393, *Raii Hist. Pl. ii.* 1661, grows to be a large tree, and bears a roundish ribbed fruit, of a yellow color. The wood yields a fine yellow concrete solid juice, brought over in large cakes. It is in our dispensary, and acts powerfully both upwards and downwards. Some physicians hold it to be a dangerous medicine; others commend the use, but all recommend it with caution. It is prescribed in dropsies, and leprosy cases. Painters know this drug as the richest of yellows.

Lotus, Alpin. *Aegypt.* 50, or water lily, the *Lotus Aegyptiaca* of Pliny, lib. xiii. c. xvii, which appeared after the falling of the waters of the Nile. The old Egyptians laid the fruit in heaps, to putrify, and after drying them made bread of the farina.

N. Nelumbo, Toratta, Rumph. vi. tab. 63. This elegant plant was the ancient *Faba Aegyptiaca*. The flower is of a beautiful rose colour. The fruit is well figured in Gerard, 1552; it is like a poppy cut in two, and with twenty-four round cells, in each of which is a bean. The root was reckoned by the ancients very delicious; either raw or