GENEALOGY OF THE HEPPONSTALL FAMILY.

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

I.

William Hepponstall, of the Royal Artillery, married:
(a) Elizabeth Castlereagh.
(b) In Trincomalee, 9th November 1815, Frederica Gott.

1. Anne, married in St. Peter's Church, Colombo, 15th July 1824, Thomas Carlyll of His Majesty's 45th Regiment.
2. William, who follows under II.

II.

William Hepponstall, baptised 29th September 1808, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 18th November 1833, Margaret Butterfield. He had by her:
1. Margaret Elizabeth Sophia, born 30th August 1834.
2. William George Augustus, who follows under III.

III.

William George Augustus Hepponstall, born 20th August 1838, died 6th June 1886, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 28th December 1863, Maria Eliza Meynert, born 23rd August 1839, died 24th August 1930, daughter of George Frederick Christian Meynert and Georgiana Rensina Gambs. He had by her:
2. George Frederick, who follows under IV.
3. Lilian Margaret, born 17th February 1866, died 20th June 1930, married in St. John's Church, Kalutara, 1st February 1897, Richard Vincent Van Geyzel, L.M.S.
4. Gilbert Walter, who follows under V.
5. Theodore Augustus, who follows under VI.
6. Henry Alexander, who follows under VII.
7. Wilfred Hector, who follows under VIII.
8. Arthur Ernest, born 28th June 1874, died 22nd July 1875.
9. Ivan Oswald, born 5th January 1876.
11. Norbert Harvey, born 17th May 1878, died 5th December 1915.
12. Grace Myra, born 14th October 1880, married in St. John's Church, Kalutara, 22nd April 1918, Theodore Edgar Philip Ebert, born 22nd July 1864, died 9th November 1895, widower of Rosalind Von Haag, and son of Peter Frederick Ebert and Eugenie Rosaline Reimers.
13. Colvin Egbert, who follows under IX.

IV.

George Frederick Hepponstall, Assistant Superintendent of Surveys, born 5th December 1865, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th December 1891, Rosalind Laura Schokman, born 25th March 1865, daughter of Johan William Schokman and Anne Louisa Oehlms. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 107). He had by her:

V.

Gilbert Walter Hepponstall, Headmaster, Victoria Institute, Kuala Lumpur, born 18th March 1868, died 19th December 1930, married in St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, 23rd December 1898, Ariel Florence Askey, born 9th November 1878, daughter of James Michael Askey and Emily Charlotte Jansz. He had by her:—

1. Gilbert Harvey, born 21th September 1899
2. Stanley James, born 11th April 1901.

VI.


2. Leslie Theodore, L.M.S., Ceylon, born 17th June 1904.

VII.

Henry Alexander Hepponstall, born 3rd November 1870, married in C. M. S. Church, Haputale, 24th July 1901, Kathleen Edith Buckley, born 9th April 1879, daughter of Edward Buckley and Mary Anne Cullen. He had by her:—

1. Alexander Edward Augustus, who follows under X.
2. George Christopher Cullen, born 10th March 1904.
3. Dodwell Douglas Buckley, who follows under XI.
6. Hamilton Rex, who follows under XII.

VIII.


George Winfred Neil, born 20th March 1919.

IX.


X.

Alexander Edward Augustus Hepponstall, born 22nd June, 1902, married in the Methodist Church, Welawatte, 3rd June 1931, Lilian Thelma Meynert Herft, born 29th October 1904, daughter of Cecil Richard Lorenz Herft, District Engineer Public Works Department, and Lilian Caroline Victoria Meynert. He had by her:—

1. Lausamme Lilian Edith, born 20th June 1932.
XI

Dodwell Douglas Buckley Hepponstall, born 10th June 1906, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 19th September 1935, Frederica Elaine de Saram, born 25th August 1911, daughter of Charles Christopher de Saram and Harriet Eliza Newman. He had by her:—

Wilma Elaine, born 5th July 1936.

XII.


2. Myrna Rae, born 26th December 1936.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Under this heading an esteemed member of the Union furnishes replies to a series of questions which are of deep interest to our Community.

Q. What does the word “Mr” placed before a Dutch name signify?
A. The word “Mr.” (Meester) signifies an Advocate or a Graduate in Laws.

Some of the Dutch Governors were Graduates in Laws and were entitled to the honorific “Mr.”, as for instance Mr. Isaac Augusten Rumpf and Mr. Iman Willem Falek.

Mathias Fredrik Palm, Dissave of Matara, who was a Doctor of Laws, is always referred to as Mr. M. F. Palm.

Q. What did the word “Sergeant” mean in the days of the Dutch?
A. A Sergeant in the British Army is only a non-commissioned officer, but in Dutch days sergeant signified a very high rank.

The Kandyan King, in order to show his esteem for Governor van Imhoff, appointed him his sergeant. Hendrik van Reede, Commander of Malabar, and father of Francina van Reede, who is commemorated in the Trincomalee inscription, had for some time held the rank of Captain before he was appointed Sergeant Major.

Q. When Sinhalese and Tamil parents offered their children for baptism by the Dutch, what precautions were observed to ensure that these parents knew the essential truths of Christianity?
A. In his account of the Dutch Church in Ceylon the Rev. J. D. Palm says:

“Previous to the administration (of baptism) parents were examined in their knowledge of religion, and when they were found deficient, the baptism of these children was postponed to the next visitation, the schoolmaster being in the meantime enjoined to impart the necessary instruction to such parents”.

Q. What was the origin of the semi-circular tortoise shell comb worn by the low-country Sinhalese?
A. This comb, which was adopted by the Low-Country Sinhalese in the days of the Dutch, is of Javanese origin.

Q. In this year of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Ceylon Branch of the British Medical Association, it would be interesting to know who was the first Ceylonese to obtain a British Medical degree.
A. This honour belongs to Dr. E. F. Kelaart M.D. (Edin), who from humble beginnings rose to be Staff Surgeon to the forces. Among the best known of his works is “Prodromus Faunae Zeylanicae”.

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Denis Edward Keegel, born 8th December 1906, married in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Bangalore, 16th October 1929, Adelaide Florence Underdown, born 7th December, 1905, daughter of Robert Charles Underdown and Adelaide Foneea. He had by her:

1 Rita Carmen, born 1st March 1932.
2 Michael Charles Underdown, born 8th September 1934.

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CORRECTION.

Theodore Augustus Hepponstall married in the Methodist Church, Kandy, 15th October 1898, Mabel Millicent Vanderstraat, daughter of Henry Keith Vandersstraat and Ellen Lucretia Janson, and not as stated in the D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII. page 78.

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NOTES OF EVENTS.

Dutch Tribute to Pioneers in Ceylon. Officers and men of the four Dutch mine sweepers, which were recently in Colombo, visited the Dutch Church at Wolvendaal on October 29th, 1937, at 10 a.m. The Commander addressed those present in Dutch, speaking of the Dutch period in Ceylon and of the significant part played by the Dutch in shaping the progress of this country. He placed a wreath in the Church, and Mr. Orwell Foe­nander played the Dutch National Anthem on the Organ. There were present at the ceremony some Dutch residents in Colombo, and also a few members of the Church, including the Reverends W. C. Fleming and L. N. Hitchcock, and Messrs. E. A. Vander­Straaten and D. V. Altendorff.

Special General Meeting. At a Special General Meeting held on 27th September on the requisition of thirteen members, the following motion was proposed by Mr. Fred Loos and seconded by Mr. Neil Willé:—"This Union strongly disapproves of the conduct of its Honorary General Secretary in being a party to an incident calculated to lower the prestige of the Union". The motion was put to the meeting and lost, 16 voting for and 72 against it.