

Now I must begin to count my blessings. The greatest blessing one can have is health. Who was it who said "Give me health and a day and I will make the pomp of emperors ridiculous." Yet when we are blessed with health we hold it so lightly, but when we lose it the whole world is changed for us. Next comes the shelter of a good home and a room large enough to accomodate my cherished possessions; a good servant is another blessing I am thankful for. And what about the common things of life? The varied scenery of the sky with rosy-tipped clouds now reflecting the after glow of the sunset, the wide horizon of the sea in its many moods, flowers, one of the loveliest things that God has given us, stately trees, bird songs, breath for our nostrils and grass for our feet, eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to apprehend all the beauty around us. How easily we forget how much we have to be thankful for. Let us pray God to give us thankful hearts as well.

We often hear the words "I couldn't care less" used by many people words which speak of apathetic indifference to many things they ought to care about. These flippant words express a condition of the mind which is all too common. We hear people say "Life is not worth living" forgetful of the fact that life is a gift of our Creator. "The gift of God is eternal life", yet people talk glibly about it. Life is a responsibility, and we dare not fling it away. We do not know how many days or months or years lie ahead of us. Let us then make the most of this wonderful gift.

As I sit dreaming, darkness is closing in around me. It is time to go in to the house and awaken to reality.

L. W.

The objects of the Union shall be:

- (e) *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 HEYN OF CEYLON

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

I.

Hendrik Heyn of Groningen married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 9th February 1772, Anna Maria Lonitz: He had by her.

- 1 Hendrik, who follows under II.

II

Hendrik Heyn, Medical Assistant, died 14th April 1843, married:—

- (a) At Matara, by Governor's licence No. 363, dated 13th March 1823, Carolina Fredericka Swartz, daughter of Harmen Frederick Swartz and Johanna Catherina de Zilwa.
- (b) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 27th February 1840, Johanna Christina Ohlmus, born 30th March 1796, daughter of Lodewyk Johannes Ohlmus and Petronella Elisabeth Hoffman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 167, and Vol. XLI, page 175).

Of the first marriage, he had.

- 1 Josephina Matilda, born 1st May 1826, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 7th October 1847. Justinus Andreas Rode, born 27th November 1820, died 27th June 1881, son of Johannes Jacobus Rode and Anna Margarita Visser. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, pages 99 and 101).
- 2 Charles Henry Heyn, who follows under III.

III

Charles Henry Heyn, born 25th February 1828, married Eliza Matilda de Zilva. He had by her.

- 1 Dora Catherine, born 1856, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 23rd August 1886, William James Wallace of Woolwich in England.
- 2 Matilda Jemima, born 16th February 1859.
- 3 Charlotte Henrietta, born 18th July 1861, died 26th October 1938, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 22nd August 1882, James Collingwood Jansz, Assistant Master,

Royal College, Colombo, born 2nd May 1862, died 15th November 1932, son of James Charles Jansz and Emelia Raffel, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLVII, page 60).

- 4 Charles Henry, born 4th October 1863, died 1900.
- 5 Gerald Chetwynd Swartz, who follows under IV.
- 6 Claribel, born 17th March 1876, died 26th February 1958, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 12th September 1900, Alden Noel Joseph Van Geyzel, born 28th December 1875, died 24th January 1949, son of Philip Edmund Van Geyzel and Anna Maria Joseph. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 75, and Vol. XLIV, page 177).

IV

Gerald Chetwynd Swartz Heyn, born 2nd May 1873, died 27th September 1955, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 19th December 1900, Hylda de Zilva, born 22nd September 1879, died 24th April 1950, daughter of Augustine (Justin) Loraine de Zilva and Eveline Amanda Schokman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 109). He had by her.

- 1 Sylvia Helene, born 5th September 1901.
- 2 Gerald, who follows under V.
- 3 Charles Loraine, born 7th January 1904, died 7th March 1957.
- 4 Dorothy Marie, born 10th February 1905.
- 5 Kenneth Dodwell, born 15th July 1906.
- 6 Vernon Clifford, who follows under VI.
- 7 Kathleen Marguerite, born 14th November 1909.
- 8 Arthur Esmond Swartz, born 30th July 1911, died 6th July 1912.
- 9 Bertram Russel, who follows under VII.
- 10 Maisie Hylda, born 5th May 1914.

V

Gerald Heyn, born 13th December 1902, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 28th December 1934, Noeline Edris Pendegras de Zilva, born 19th December 1907, daughter of William Barnes de Zilva and Lena Ernestine Pendegras. He had by her.

- 1 Heather Fleur, born 14th December 1937.

VI

Vernon Clifford Heyn, born 16th December 1907, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, 26th August 1937, Mary Josephine Inez Muller, born 29th May 1916, daughter of Francis Aloysius Muller and Josephine Matilda de Zilva. He had by her.

- 1 Barbara, born 12th December 1938.
- 2 Anthony Vernon Meredith, born 19th February 1941.
- 3 Rosalie Anne, born 15th February 1943.
- 4 Cecil Joseph, born 26th March 1947.
- 5 Christine Angela, born 30th December 1949.
- 6 Lawrence Michael, born 12th February 1952.
- 7 Carmen Therese, born 1st January 1955.

VII

Bertram Russell Heyn, Lieutenant Colonel Commanding the 1st Battalion of the Ceylon Light Infantry, born 1st October 1912, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 25th October 1941, Edna May Johnson, born 27th January 1914, daughter of Harry Johnson and Edith Maria Wood of Staines in Middlesex, England. He had by her.

- 1 Richard Russell, born 24th September 1942.
- 2 Peter David, born 26 June 1945.

The objects of the Union shall be :

- (f) *To cause to be prepared and.....printed and published, papers, essays, etc : on questions relating to the history and origin of the Dutch Burghers of Ceylon, and to publish the genealogies of the Dutch families now in Ceylon.*