

"Another member of the profession not satisfied with his greatness as a physician is also a Colonel of Colonels. He represented the Defence Force of this Island with credit at the Coronation of our King Emperor. He is perhaps qualifying to be the first Brigadier of the first Ceylonese Regiment. An eminent member of the Civil Service in Mr. Wickremasinghe, an eminent divine in our Warden, and a prominent member of the legal profession, my friend Mr. Stanley de Saram, are also among our guests. Then there is that Master of Finance, our Auditor General. Ever vigilant, he does not permit or overlook the slightest loss to any institution over which he has control. He is a terror to Urban Councils and an expert on Queries—relevant or irrelevant. My advice to all Chairmen is to reply to them, whether relevant or not, otherwise there will be trouble, more trouble and still more trouble. But he is a true sportsman. Do your duty and he will not fail to play the game.

"Lastly, but by no means least, there is that great educationist—Professor Marrs—a man of sterling merit and head of the University College of Colombo—that sounds better than the University of Dumbara. I shall say no more but now cry halt as it is probable that the Professor who is to respond to this Toast is in agreement with the Director of Education, who has stated recently that there is too much "speechifying" in this Island.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, in this Toast I include His Excellency and Lady Caldecott, as you will agree that they are not only deserving of being toasted a second time, but that they deserve to be toasted over and over again. I give you the Toast of Toasts—OUR GUESTS". (Loud applause).

PROFESSOR MARRS' REPLY.

The toast was replied to by PROFESSOR R. MARRS, who paid a tribute of admiration to the part which the Burgher Community had played in all spheres of life in Ceylon, public, professional and cultural, and asked: "In what field have the Burghers not played their part for the glory of Ceylon?" He referred to the prowess of the President, Dr. R. L. Spittel, and to the multifarious achievements of the Mayor, Dr. V. R. Schokman (his own particular host that evening), who might be dubbed the "Monarch of the Glen." On behalf of the ladies among the guests he expressed their appre-

ciation of the beauty, personal charm, and intelligence of the ladies among their hosts. (Applause).

In conclusion Professor Marrs said that, however gloomy the political fate of the Community might appear, the best advice he could give to the Dutch Burgher Union and the Community as a whole, was that they should use all available resources to assist the youth of the Community to reach the highest standards of excellence by education, and thus establish their claim to selection for the highest positions, since it remained true that "we needs must choose the highest when we see it." He added that research into the Dutch period of Ceylon History offered an excellent field for young scholars of the Burgher Community. On behalf of all the guests he thanked the Dutch Burgher Union for their splendid hospitality. (Loud applause).

GENEALOGY OF THE MEYNERT FAMILY

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

I.

Matthys Meinert, married Anna Catharina Moesman. He had by her:—

- 1 Juliana Dorothea, baptised 10th April 1772, married Henning Gotlob Ernst Van Ranzow, born 18th June 1768, died 27th November 1847. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. I, page 103).
- 2 Estia Cornelia, baptised 26th March 1774.
- 3 Johan Christiaan, who follows under II.
- 4 Johanna Hendrietta, baptised 25th September 1778.
- 5 Barbara, born 29th August 1780.
- 6 Katharina Elizabeth, born 21st March 1783.
- 7 Margarita, married Johan Fredrik Beleke. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XXI, page 153).
- 8 Maria Gerardina, baptised 30th March 1787, married at Kalutara, 1st September 1806, Jacobus Vander Wall, baptised 16th February 1792, died 1855, son of Anthony Vander Wall and Clara Jansz. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 151).

II.

Johan Christiaan Meinert, baptised 26th January 1776, died 5th May 1821, married 6th March 1796, Maria Magdalena Hitte, died 29th May 1834. He had by her:—

- 1 George Frederick Christiaan, who follows under III.
- 2 Johan Gerard, baptised 14th July 1799.

III.

George Frederick Christiaan Meynert, born 9th April 1797, died 29th April 1853, married in the Methodist Church, Kalutara, 28th December 1820, Georgiana Rensina Gambs, born 10th April 1805, died 10th July 1875, daughter of Joseph Lorenz Christiaan Gambs and Amelia Hermione de Visser. He had by her:—

- 1 John Christian Forester, who follows under IV.
- 2 Henry Adrian, born 13th February 1825, died 19th November 1902.
- 3 George Frederick, born 13th December 1826, died 15th September 1853.
- 4 Amelia Sophia, born 8th May 1828, died 8th May 1911, married in St. Luke's Church, Ratnapura, 2nd May 1850, Francis Frederick Theodore La Brooy, Secretary, District Court, Galle, born 14th May 1825, died 13th November 1900, son of Henricus Thedius La Brooy and Petronella Frederica Rudiger. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 71).
- 5 Jane Georgiana Victoria, born 15th October 1831, died 27th December 1917, married in the Methodist Church, Kalutara, 23rd July 1851, Casparus William Vander Wall, Proctor, born 4th November 1821, died 31st August 1869, son of Jacobus Vander Wall and Elizabeth Beleke. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 155).
- 6 Anna Thomasia, born 19th August 1833, died 11th May 1843.
- 7 Louisa Theodora, born 30th June 1836, died 15th February 1876, married in the Methodist Church, Kalutara, 29th December 1859, John Francis Koelmeyer, born 23rd June 1829, died 17th October 1906, son of Carolus Eusenius Koelmeyer andBarentsz.

- 8 William Charles, who follows under V.
- 9 Maria Eliza, born 23rd August 1839, died 24th August 1930, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 19th December 1863, William George Augustus Hepponstall, born 20th August 1838, died 6th June 1886, son of William Hepponstall and Margaret Butterfield. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 76).

IV.

John Christian Forester Meynert, born 19th October 1821, died 25th January 1892, married in St. Stephen's Church, Trincomalee, 23rd February 1846, Louisa Theodora Koelmeyer, born 10th February 1827, died 2nd May 1894, daughter of Carolus Eusenius Koelmeyer andBarentsz. He had by her:—

- 1 Georgiana Wilhelmina Cornelia Sophia, born 10th December 1846, died 14th February 1850.
- 2 Caroline Julia Eliza, born 8th December 1847, died 19th November 1916, married in St. Luke's Church, Ratnapura, 25th November 1867, Jurian William de Zilva, Proctor.
- 3 James Trutand, born 3rd May 1849, died 15th January 1850.
- 4 Cornelia Augusta Sophia, born 19th July 1850, died 15th May 1884, married in the Methodist Church, Kalutara, 22nd July 1869, William Albert Poulter, Planter, born 22nd May 1844, died 12th July 1914, son of Reverend Johannes Adrian Poulter of the Methodist Church and Anna Adelaide Van Houten. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 26).
- 5 William Lewis, who follows under VI.

V.

William Charles Meynert, born 17th August 1838, died 17th June 1883, married in the Methodist Church, Kalutara, 20th November 1868, Susan Caroline Grebe, born 1851, died 18th January 1880, daughter of Joseph Christian Lorensz Grebe and Louisa Theodora Vander Wall. He had by her:—

- 1 Lillian Caroline Victoria, born 15th October 1869, married in the Methodist Church, Mannar, 6th September 1897, Cecil Richard Lorensz Herft, District Engineer, Public Works Department, born 13th February 1860, son of Henry Daniel Herft and Sarah Lamberta Bartholomeusz,

- 2 Ada Eliza Georgiana, born 22nd July 1872, died 6th June 1907, married in St. John's Church, Kalutara, Edwin Edward Herft, died 28th December 1916.
- 3 George Frederick, born 26th June 1874, died 25th June 1876.
- 4 Henry Swinburne Watten, who follows under VII.

VI.

William Lewis Meynert, born 29th March 1854, died 22nd March 1929, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 3rd May 1876, Caroline Cecilia Rode. He had by her:—

- 1 Allan Trutand, who follows under VIII.
 - 2 William Henry, born 27th November 1878.
 - 3 Winifred Mabel, born 18th June 1880, married in Christ Church, Matale, 29th July 1905, Tyril Owen Ephraums, born 7th May 1871, died 30th April 1914, son of Edmund Dunbar Ephraums and Jane Koopman. (D. U. B. Journal, Vol. XXIV, pages 107 and 111).
 - 4 Clarice Eleanor Grace, born 22nd December 1881, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, 27th April 1914, John Henry Beling, born 30th July 1886, son of John Henry Beling and Seraphina Elizabeth Moldrich. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 136).
 - 5 Arthur, died young.
 - 6 Ethel Florence, born 30th January 1884, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, Osmund William Van Sanden, born 31st October 1888, died 10th August 1924, son of Andrew George Van Sanden and Darling Evangeline Misso.
 - 7 Edith Ida, born 1st August 1886, died 11th August 1936.
 - 8 Lillian Gertrude, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 28th March 1910, Lionel Hugh Ferdinands, born 27th June 1882, son of George Cornelis Ferdinands and Louisa Sarah Newman. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 80).
 - 9 Elaine Lena, born 21st February 1892, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Dehiwala:—
- (a) 21st September 1912, James Anderson Oorloff Vander Wert, born 6th October 1890, died 20th November 1927, son of Jacob Henry Vander Wert and Emily Helen Oorloff.

- (b) 27th April 1929, Edgar Ambrose, born 14th December 1873, widower of Lydia Vander Wert and of Blanche Vander Wert, and son of Adam Clark Ambrose and Matilda Jacobina de Bruin.
- 10 Rita Belle, born 3rd February 1896, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 27th June 1917, Neil Lyle Vollenhoven, born 29th March 1877, son of Arthur Lindsay Vollenhoven and Evelyn Maude de Zilwa. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 94).

VII.

Henry Swinburne Watten Meynert, Proctor, born 2nd December 1876, died 2nd February 1912, married in Christ Church, Galle Face, Colombo, 19th February 1906, Beatrice Mary Buckley, born 9th November 1880, died 7th July 1932, daughter of Edward Buckley and Sarah Anne Cullen. He had by her:—

- 1 Swinburne Justin Augustus Lorenz Buckley, born 29th December 1906, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 8th November 1930, Alma Evangeline Pearl de la Harpe, born 19th August 1908, daughter of Peter Henry de la Harpe, C.C.S., and Mary Elizabeth Van Sanden.
- 2 Shadwell Grebe Ryan Buckley, who follows under IX.
- 3 Penryn Daryl Vere Buckley, born 4th May 1909.
- 4 Triceburne Traveice George Buckley, born 4th June 1910.
- 5 Shirley Edward Lloyd Buckley, born 14th October, 1911.

VIII.

Allan Trutand Meynert, born 27th March 1877, married at Kuala Lumpur, Helen Catherine Brougham. He had by her:—

- 1 William.
- 2 Glen.
- 3 Maisie.
- 4 Edward.

IX.

Shadwell Grebe Ryan Buckley Meynert, born 15th April 1908, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 6th April 1931, Sylvain Myra Pereira, born 19th August 1903, daughter of George Edgar Pereira and Myra Dagmar Louise Heyzer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 29). He had by her:—

1 Shadwell Scott, born 9th November 1934.

NOTE:—The following is an entry preserved in the Government Archives:

"Fredrik Geerhard Mynhard of Hildestein, Anno 1747, per ship "Kerkwyk".

In the Marriage Register of the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, under date 26th October 1766, there is the following entry:

"Fredrick Gerard Meinert of Hildestein met Regina Perera."

Both entries appear to relate to the same person, and probably Fredrik Geerhard Mynhard *alias* Fredrick Gerard Meinert was a brother of Matthys Meinert referred to under I.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of the Dutch Burgher Union held in the Union Hall on Saturday, 19th March, 1938, at 4-30 p.m.

Dr. R. L. Spittel, the President, occupied the Chair, and there were about 100 members present.

The Honorary Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, after which the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, as well as of the Special General Meeting held on 27th September, 1937, were read and confirmed.

Presidential Address.

THE PRESIDENT then reviewed the work of the past year. He referred to the satisfactory increase in the membership and deplored the death of Mr. E. H. Vanderwall, who had taken such a whole-hearted interest in the activities of the Union. He emphasised the good work done by the Literary Committee and asked for more support for the *Journal*. Social Service, he said, was languishing for want of funds and he pleaded for more subscribers. In this connection he suggested the creation of a Vocational Loan Fund of at least Rs. 10,000 through which the promising students of the Community, whose parents could not afford to give them the opportunity of entering one of the learned professions, could be helped to do so. In this connection he refer-

red to a specially deserving case of a young student. Dr. Spittel paid a tribute to the labours of the Honorary Secretary, to whose whole-hearted efforts the admission of such a large number of new members was due. The Committee for Entertainment and Sport, he said, had provided a varied programme of functions, and their labours left nothing to be desired. He referred in detail to the other salient points in the Report, such as the incorporation of the "Union Board", the inauguration of the minor employees' Provident Fund, the Union Proprietorship Scheme, etc., and with regard to the trust funds, he suggested the investment of the money in the purchase of land and the building of houses thereon. Finally, he drew attention to the satisfactory state of the finances and paid a tribute to the good work done by the Honorary Treasurer. He then proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts for 1937.

MR. D. V. ALTENDORFF, in seconding the motion, said that the Report disclosed that the Union had had a remarkably successful year, and all its activities had made considerable progress. The accounts shewed that the Union was in a very satisfactory financial position. But the comparative statement at the foot of the Report was open to some observations. While the amount of subscriptions collected in 1937, as compared with that collected in 1936, was highly satisfactory, the next item relating to Bar Profits was, in his opinion, not so satisfactory as it appeared at first sight. The Bar Profits in 1937 amounted to Rs. 4,688.80, but the Balance Sheet indicated that so large a sum as Rs. 1,021.55 was outstanding at the end of the year. It may happen that a good portion of this amount may have to be struck off as irrecoverable, as had occurred in the past. The one and only remedy to check or put a stop to this was strictly to enforce Rule 6 (f), and he hoped that that would be done in future.

MR. J. A. MARTENSZ:—I would like, Mr. Chairman, to make a few observations on the matter of assistance to be given to the boys of poor parents to enable them to qualify themselves for the professions which you touched on in the course of your address just now. The subject is one which I raised at the annual meeting last year, and it is to be regretted that the matter has not been carried forward further.