

course now know that it was the system of underground drains that harboured the rats, but sanitary science was not so advanced in those days, and any stick was good enough with which to beat the Dutch. So Captain Percival writes that when he arrived in Ceylon in 1796, he found the houses terribly infested with rats, which he attributed in a great measure to the Dutch, who kept their godowns and outhouses full of lumber. The cats and dogs owned by the Dutch were unequal to the task of keeping down the rat population; but when the terriers belonging to the British officers appeared on the scene, they were more than a match for the rodents, and in a little time their numbers had sensibly diminished.³⁰

Attention has already been drawn to the fact that the writers of those early days often drew general conclusions from isolated incidents. An outstanding example of this is to be found in Cordiner's narrative. In the course of his journeyings he came across the ruins of a large house near Galle, said to have been built by one of the Dutch Governors in a "singularly strange situation". It was "under the brow of a rocky mountain, which denied it either the sight or influence of the sea", and it was surrounded on the other sides by hills and thickets, so that a breath of wind could not blow upon it from any quarter. Upon this frail foundation, Cordiner has built up a formidable indictment against the Dutch, who, he says, "took particular care to exclude the sea air from their houses, and placed them in sheltered valleys, in the midst of marshes, and often close to pools of stagnant water".³¹ Here Cordiner is clearly drawing on his imagination, for we know that the Dutch were an urban people and seldom built houses outside the town. If they occasionally built a house in what we consider an unhealthy spot, it must have been for some good reason, and not owing to any partiality for marshes and stagnant water. To attribute such a failing to a people with whom cleanliness amounts almost to a vice is to do them a grave wrong.

It is sometimes asserted that the abuses which prevailed under Dutch rule were due to the inferior class of persons sent out from Holland.³² Here, again, the charge is not applicable to the Dutch alone. Other nations too did not send out to the colonies their best men. The author of "Ceylon and the Hollanders" asserts that "Ceylon was treated as a convenient spot where blockheads, libertines, and bankrupts, who had influence with the Directorate, could easily be dumped".³³ But the same can be said of other colonising nations too. An English writer, describing the class of people who went to India, says: "They were often adventurers; men who sought those golden sands of the East to repair their broken fortunes; to bury in oblivion a sullied name; or to wring with lawless hand, from the weak and unsuspecting, wealth which they had not the character or the capacity to obtain by honest industry at home".³⁴

³⁰ Percival's "Ceylon", p. 295

³¹ Cordiner's "Ceylon", Vol. i. p. 60

³² Poiris' "Ceylon and the Hollanders", pp. 75, 153

³³ Ibid, p. 153

³⁴ Kaye's "Christianity in India", p. 46

As regards the institution of slavery, those who have not studied the subject usually attribute its introduction into Ceylon to the Dutch, whereas the Dutch only continued a system which they found prevailing here and which their predecessors, the Portuguese, had copied from the Sinhalese and Tamils. There is also a tendency to accuse the Dutch of wanton cruelty to their slaves. Individual cases of cruelty there may have been, but in general the Dutch treated their slaves with great humanity, so much so that when slavery was abolished, some of the slaves preferred to remain under their Dutch masters on the old terms of servitude. It must also be remembered that the Dutch were not the only European nation in the East or West who recognized slavery. It was as firmly established among the English in India and the West Indies as it was among the Dutch in Ceylon.

To come down to more recent times, William Digby, in his life of Sir Richard Morgan, by way of shewing that the Dutch Burgbers of the olden days were what he called "inaccessible to modern ideas of political economy", relates the story of one of them, Adrian LaBrooy, who expressed his astonishment at the short-sightedness of Government in not establishing a rice store and competing with the Chetties so as to keep down prices; while he also regarded as a great mistake the action of Government in allowing Indian labourers to come to Ceylon to work on up-country estates.³⁵ Digby speaks patronisingly of this old Dutch Burgber as if he were an interesting relic of a bygone age, whereas in reality he was very much in advance of his day. We have lived to see the fulfilment of both his ideas, for not only has the rice trade been practically taken over by Government, but Indian immigration has, to all intents and purposes, been brought under State control.

This tendency to malign the Dutch persists up to the present day. Quite recently it was alleged that the Dutch were responsible for the introduction of leprosy into Ceylon, a statement for which there is not the slightest historical foundation—indeed, all the evidence there is goes to show that leprosy was prevalent in the island when the Dutch arrived here. Happily, we are better informed now in these matters than we were a century and a half ago, and such allegations when made meet with instant refutation. Recent events have enabled the Dutch character to be more fully understood and appreciated than before, and it is hoped that this knowledge will lay the foundation of a juster estimate of the Dutch in Ceylon, so that there will be an end to this senseless pastime of saying hard and cruel things about a people who deserve a better fate.

GENEALOGY OF THE SPELDEWINDE FAMILY OF CEYLON.

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

Christiaan Speldewinde of Amsterdam, married at Jaffna, Johanna Verwyk, daughter of Jurgen Verwyk, and he had by her:

³⁵ "Life of Sir Richard Morgan", Vol. i, p. 32

- 1 Christiaan, who follows under II.
- 2 Aletta, married at Jaffna :—
 - (a) Jacob Otley, Boekhouder.
 - (b) 5th February 1756, August Christiaan Gotter of Zulst, Chief Surgeon.
 - (c) 22nd June 1777, Gerrit de Vos, born in Negapatam, Assistant in the Dutch East India Company at Galle in 1748, Administrateur at Galle in 1762, Dissave at Matara in 1770-1774, widower of Johanna van Dauren.
- 3 Johannes, Wykmeester at Jaffna.

II.

Christiaan Speldewinde, Boekhouder, born circa 1720, married at Jaffna, Christina Adriana Cuyck van Mierop, and he had by her :—

- 1 Christina, married at Jaffna, 8th September 1772, Anthony Johan Rodriguez, Burger.
- 2 Johan Willem, who follows under III.
- 3 Hendrik, who follows under IV.
- 4 Jacobus, died 4th December 1788, married at Jaffna, Maria Francina Amelia Boon, daughter of Jan Augustin Boon of Breda, Lieutenant in the service of the Dutch East India Company, and Francina Ignatia de Bruno.
- 5 Johannes Simonus, married at Jaffna, 21st September 1795, Johanna Catharina van Heuvel.

III.

Johan Willem Speldewinde, Burger, married at Jaffna :—

- (a) 17th October 1773, Johanna Catharina de Kerk.
- (b) 1st June 1794, Augustina Anthonisz, widow of Jan Hendrik Vertagen.
- (c) 3rd November 1799, Johan Aarnout Mom.
Of the first marriage, he had :—
- 1 Christiaan Philippus, Vaandrig (Ensign), married at Jaffna :—
 - (a) 4th October 1795, Anna Sophia Vertagen.
 - (b) 29th October 1797, Johanna Robertina Deutscher.
 - (c) 29th January 1799, Maria Elisabeth van Schoonbeek.
 - (d) 5th September 1820, Rosina Gedia van Winn.

IV.

Hendrik Speldewinde, Vaandrig, (Ensign), married at Jaffna in 1780, Maria Dorothea Elisabeth Koob, born circa 1762, daughter of Godfried Koch of Alt-Ruppin in Brandenburg, and Wilhelmina Magdalena Rovert. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 128) He had by her :—

- 1 Johan Godfried, who follows under V.
- 2 Jacoba Cornelia, born circa 1785.
- 3 Daughter, married Gualterus Petrus Theodorus van Rossum, son of Willem van Rossum of Utrecht and Catharina Alliers of Jaffna
- 4 Henry George, who follows under VI.

V.

Johan Godfried Speldewinde, born 30th September 1782, died 10th October 1838, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle :—

- (a) 30th October 1814, Carolina Jacoba Ephraums, daughter of Coenraad Christiaan Ephraums and Sauche de Sielwe. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 105).
- (b) 7th June 1828, Anna Leonora Anthonisz baptised 5th September 1797, daughter of Johannes Martinus Anthonisz and Maria Agneta Starckenburg.

Of the first marriage, he had :—

- 1 Fredrik Hendrik, who follows under VII.
- 2 Cyrus Henry, who follows under VIII.
- 3 Henry Godfried, born 12th March 1827.
Of the second marriage, he had :—
- 4 Merciana Johanna Dorothea, born 18th July 1830, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 11th February 1852, Cyrus Henricus Jansz, born 18th August 1830, son of Albert Jansz and Christina Wilhelmina Scheffer.

VI.

Henry George Speldewinde, District Judge of Tenmaratche and Patchipalle with head quarters at Chavakacheheri, born 8th November 1786, died 14th January 1840, married at Trincomalee, 5th March 1809, Johanna Petronella Schultz, and he had by her :—

- 1 Dorothea, married at Jaffna, 1850, Benjamin Charles Roelofsz, son of Benjamin Lourensz Roelofsz and Aletta Cornelia Thysz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 97).
- 2 Harriet, married at Nellore, 9th March 1842, Edward Meyer.
- 3 Frederica Wilhelmina, born 18th January 1815, died at Trincomalee, 21st April 1816.
- 4 Arnoldus Fredrick Alexander, born 2nd November 1816.
- 5 Simon Johan, who follows under IX.
- 6 Henry Fredrik, who follows under X.
- 7 William, who follows under XI.

VII.

Fredrik Hendrik Speldewinde, born 22nd December 1815, died 16th October 1856, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 15th May 1837, Angenita Dorothea Smith, born 5th June, 1813, died 14th October 1859, daughter of William David Smith and Johanna Cornelia Malmberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 102). He had by her :—

- 1 Frederica Amelia, died 11th February 1868, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 15th September 1858, Benjamin Marcus Armstrong, son of John Armstrong and Hendrieta Anna Helena Bogaars.
- 2 Gerard Henry, who follows under XII.

VIII.

Cyrus Henry Speldewinde, born 8th August 1821, died 25th October 1880, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 3rd April 1845, Elisabeth Philippina Theresa Anthonisz, born 7th December 1824, died 7th September 1908, daughter of Leonardus Henricus Anthonisz and Susanna Dorothea Deutrom. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 63). He had by her:—

- 1 Sophia Emelia, born 14th June 1846, died 8th February 1891, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 21st July 1869, William Edward de Vos, Crown Proctor and Justice of the Peace, Galle, born 14th September 1845, died 25th May 1899, son of Willem Hendrik de Vos and Charlotta Arabella Vander Smagt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, pages 140 and 145, and Vol. XXVIII, page 85).

IX.

Simon Johan Speldewinde, married at Jaffna, 8th April 1847, Frances Ann Riberg, and he had by her:—

- 1 Francis Adolphus, who follows under XIII.
- 2 Edward Alexander, born 1854, died 24th October 1916.
- 3 Charles Gerard, who follows under XIV.
- 4 Frances Adelia Alice, born 2nd January 1859, died 27th January 1929, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 2nd January 1884, Immael Henry Keegel.
- 5 Arianna Charlotte, born 16th September 1861, died 6th January 1942.
- 6 Henry Arthur Victor, who follows under XV.

X.

Henry Frederick Speldewinde, married at Jaffna:—

- (a) 1st May 1848, Henrietta Wilhelmina Grenier, born 25th July 1831, daughter of William Jacob Grenier and Susan Ann de Wolf. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 63).

- (b) At Batticaloa, Anne de Niese.

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Evelyn Harriet, born 1st April 1850, died 30th December 1891, married in St. John's Church, Chundukuli, 22nd March 1871, Samuel Redlich, born 4th May 1848, died 9th January 1905.

Of the second marriage, he had:—

- 2 Jemima Louisa, born 1854, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 3rd June 1872, George Bernard Rutach, Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, born 1849.

- 3 Peter Harris, who follows under XVI.
- 4 Lionel, died unmarried.
- 5 Gerald, died unmarried.

XI.

William Speldewinde, married at Jaffna, Eliza Rodriguez, and he had by her:—

- 1 Alfred Cecil, Land Surveyor, born 18th April 1857, died 8th December 1929, married in Christ Church, Jaffna, Felicia Grace (Nancy) Margenout, born 20th August 1861, died 4th April 1931, daughter of Charles Margenout and Ann Theile.

XII.

Gerard Henry Speldewinde, born 6th October 1839, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 22nd February 1865, Georgiana Angenita Keuneman, born 16th June 1840, died 8th February 1916, daughter of Jurgen David Bartholomeus Keuneman, Crown Proctor, Matara, and Gerardina Carolina Vollenhoven. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, pages 93 and 201). He had by her:—

- 1 Frederic Gerard, born 21st July 1867.
- 2 Gertrude Amelia, born 31st December 1868, died 24th March 1935, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 4th October 1900, William John Stork, Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, born 21st December 1844, died 14th December 1925, widower of Sophia Eleanor Gratiaen. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 20), and son of William John Stork and Johanna Adriana Fretz (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. II, page 72, and Vol. VII, pages 24 and 25).
- 3 Godfrey Henry, born 20th June 1870.
- 4 Frances Alice, born 1st June 1879.

XIII.

Francis Adolphus Speldewinde, born 31st March 1849, died 20th May 1887, married in St. Stephen's Church, Trincomalee, 27th February 1879, Eliza Alexandra Maartensz, born 15th July 1863, daughter of Alexander Godlieb Maartensz, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Civil Medical Department, and Johanna Henrietta Wendt. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. V, page 65, and Vol. XXXIII, page 41). He had by her:—

- 1 Frank Adolphus, who follows under XVII.
- 2 Donald Charles, who follows under XVIII.
- 3 Isabel Ruth, born 28th July 1882, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 27th February 1908, George Basil Warburton Gray, son of William Gray, Planter, and..... Jedd.
- 4 Maxwell Hugh, born 9th March 1884, left for Burma many years ago and not heard of since.
- 5 Guy Everard, who follows under XIX.
- 6 Clair Alexander, who follows under XX.

XIV.

Charles Gerard Speldewinde, born 24th August 1855, died 24th October 1921, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th October 1882, Rosa Frederica de Boer, born 25th June 1863, died 10th March 1935, daughter of Henry Arnold de Boer and Eliza Joceline Van Geysel. (D. B. U. Journal Vol. X, page 73). He had by her:—

- 1 Beatrice Anne de Boer, born 11th December 1883, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 22nd December 1913, Bertie Hugh Ohlmus, born 25th May 1883, son of Albert Wilfred Ohlmus and Charlotte Ellen Carron. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, pages 134, 174 and 176).
- 2 Muriel Rose, born 9th October 1885, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 4th December 1912, Basil Morris Christoffelsz, C. C. S., born 16th March 1886, died 11th May 1941, son of Peter Benjamin Christoffelsz and Eleanor Lorenz Vander Straaten. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 164, and Vol. XXIV, pages 18 and 20).
- 3 Frances May, born 18th May 1887, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 24th April 1916, Basil Bertram Pereira, born 5th October 1878, died 12th October 1940, son of John Christian Pereira and Jane Adelaide Crozier.
- 4 Henry de Boer, who follows under XXI.
- 5 John Riberg, born 2nd July 1891.
- 6 Alix Josceline, born 23rd April 1894, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 20th July 1921, Eric Stanley Brohier, L. M. S. (Ceylon), L. R. C. P. and S. (Edin), L. R. F. P. and S. (Glas), Civil Medical Department, born 16th August 1894, son of Richard Annesley Brohier, v. D., Assistant Post Master General, Honorary Major, Ceylon Light Infantry, and Almera Marian de Boer. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, pages 208 and 209.)
- 7 Charles George Oliver, who follows under XXII.
- 8 Cecil Alexander, Advocate of the Supreme Court, Assessor in the Income Tax Department, born 3rd May 1898, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 7th April 1926, Irene Gladys Wille, born 23rd December 1900, daughter of George Alfred Henry Wille, M.S.C., Proctor and Notary Public, and Rosaline Ann Brohier (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 199).
- 9 Frederick Percival, born 25th January 1900.
- 10 Edwin Victor, who follows under XXIII.
- 11 Arthur Owen, born 29th September 1902.

XV.

Henry Arthur Victor Speldewinde, born 18th January 1867, died 16th September 1930, married:—

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 9th February 1891, Josephine Cecillia Nancy Matthysz, born 21st May 1871, died 24th September 1919, daughter of John George Matthysz and Eliza Keegel.
- (b) In Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 22nd April 1924, Gwendoline Hortensia Ruth Siebel, born 23rd June 1880, daughter of James Louis Siebel and Julia Rosella Sisouw.

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Constance Augusta, born 21st January 1892, died 14th June 1933, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 8th July 1922, Henry Lorenz Grenier, born 30th November 1889, died 14th March 1942, son of Joseph Richard Grenier, K. C., Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court, and Lydia Drieberg. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, pages 67 and 68).
- 2 Jessie Cecilie Marguerite, born 29th October 1897, died 29th May 1935, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 25th March 1916, John Percival Vander Smagt, born 13th November 1892, son of Justin Garvin Vander Smagt, Inspector of Police, and Ella Amelia Stork. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. VII, pages 24 and 135, and Vol. XXVIII, pages 87 and 89).
- 3 Mirabel, born 23rd March 1900, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 26th June 1920, William Theodore Loos, I. S. O., C. C. S., born 20th May 1885, son of Francis William Loos and Harriet de Hoedt. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 99).
- 4 Henry Arthur Victor, who follows under XXIV.
- 5 Frederick Christopher Allan, who follows under XXV.
- 6 Rose Delicia, born 6th March 1911.

XVI.

Peter Harris Speldewinde, born 13th September 1858, died 5th February 1897, married:—

- (a) In All Saints' Church, Galle, 21st May 1880, Anna Maria Adelaide Du Bois de la Saussaye, born 15th October 1860, died 12th May 1892, daughter of Otho Peter Charles Du Bois de la Saussaye and Georgiana Adelaide Booy.
- (b) In St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 4th October 1893, Evangeline Louisa Cadenski, died 12th December 1896, daughter of Cadenski and Anne Redlich.

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Annie Enid Daisy, born 31st March 1881.

- 2 Harris Dalton de la Saussaye, born 14th April 1882, married in St. Paul's Church, Kynsey Road, Colombo, 2nd June 1934, Hilda Adelaide Jobsz, born 17th July 1890, daughter of Henry Wilfred Jobsz and Frances Elizabeth Tennekoon.
 - 3 Oteline Violet, born 7th April 1888.
 - 4 Harris Gordon de la Sauseaye, who follows under XXVI.
 - 5 Ethel Rose, born 26th July 1885, died 1909.
 - 6 May Pearl Brenda, born 7th October 1887, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 8th September 1918, Donald Hugh Alexander Hunter, son of John Hunter and Emma Grace Redlich.
 - 7 Claude Horace, who follows under XXVII.
 - 8 Otho Clair, born 24th January 1892, died September 1892.
- Of the second marriage, he had :—
- 9 Evangeline Estelle Ivy, born 12th August 1894, married in St. Michael's and All Angel's Church, Colombo, 27th December 1922, Reginald Victor Jansz, born 28th January 1889, son of David Matthew Jansz, Secretary of the District Court, Colombo, and Marian Chitty.
 - 10 Frederick Peter Harris, who follows under XXVIII.

XVII.

Frank Adolphus Speldewinde, born 17th January 1880, married in Christ Church, Kurunegala, 22nd August 1904, Charlotte Evangeline Garvin, born 23rd December 1877, died 16th September 1926, daughter of Louis Percival Garvin and Mary Anne Flanderka. He had by her :—

- 1 Francis Adolphus Garvin, born 13th November 1905, married in Perth, Australia, Violet Courtney, and settled there. He had one son.
- 2 Evangeline Dawne Garvin, born 23rd February 1907, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 27th December 1930, Aelian Edward Toussaint, born 27th February 1905, son of Alfred Ernest Toussaint and Alice Evelyn da Silva. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 39).
- 3 Sheila Ruth Garvin, born 14th March 1909, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 27th June 1927, George Hilton Demmer, born 7th January 1901, son of Colvin Lloyd Demmer and Florence Clara de Hoedt.
- 4 Louis Edwin Garvin, who follows under XXIX.

XVIII.

Donald Charles Speldewinde, Planter, born 25th March 1881, married in Christ Church, Tangalla, 16th May 1916, Evelyn Winifred Anthonisz, born 9th February 1888, daughter of Arthur Wilfred Anthonisz and Angelina Ersina Jansz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 78). He had by her :—

- 1 Alexandrina Ersina Evelyn Anthonisz, born 11th March 1917, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 15th October 1938, Cecil James Woutersz, born 4th August 1906, son of Arthur James Woutersz and Ethel Marian Anthonisz.
- 2 Evelyn Winifred, born and died 12th May 1922.
- 3 Donald Maartensz Anthonisz, born 24th January 1926.

XIX.

Guy Everard Speldewinde, born 12th August 1885, married in the Anglican Church, Klang, F.M.S., Eulie Schumacher, daughter of William Schumacher and Alice Barber. He had by her :—

- 1 George, born 3rd June 1919.
- 2 Zenobia, born February 1922.
- 3 Hugo Everard, born 1923.
- 4 Ivan, born 1924.
- 5 Roma, born 1927.

XX.

Clair Alexander Speldewinde, Senior Assistant Conservator of Forests, Perak, F.M.S., born 1st May 1887, married in St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, 8th September 1917, Adeline Alice Siebel, born 11th November 1895, daughter of Edmund Daniel Wendt Siebel and Adeline Georgiana Prins. He had by her :—

- 1 Sinclair Lorenz, born 18th November 1918.
- 2 Derrick Percival, born 3rd December 1921.
- 3 Harold Vernon, born 22nd January 1924.
- 4 Ernest Ronald, born 12th May 1935.

XXI.

Henry de Boer Speldewinde, M.C., M.B.C.S. and L.R.C.P. (Eng.), F.R.C.I., P.H. (Lond.), D.R.H. (Cantab), D.T.M. and H. (Lond), Deputy Director of Medical Services, Northern Rhodesia, born 10th May 1889, married in the Bedford Park Church, London, 15th April 1920, Ethel Frances Bartholomeusz, daughter of John Oliver Bartholomeusz, L.R.C.P. and S. (Edin.) L.F.P. and S. (Glas.), Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Civil Medical Department, and Eliza Henrietta Leembruggen nee de Boer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 25). He had by her :—

- 1 Charles Henry, born 2nd September 1921.
- 2 John Reginald, born 31st October, 1924.

XXII.

Charles George Oliver Speldewinde, Chief Clerk, Transportation Department, C.G.R., born 12th July 1896, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 2nd February 1925, Lillian Mary Wilhelmina Ferdinands, born 9th March 1901, daughter of Frederick William Ferdinands, and Henrietta Jansz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, pages 81 and 82). He had by her :—

- 1 Frederick Charles, born 13th January 1926.
- 2 Byron Oliver, born 26th May 1931.
- 3 Wilhelm George, born 9th November 1938.

XXIII.

Edwin Victor Speldewinde, Planter, born 9th February 1901, married in St. Stephen's Church, Negombo, 27th June 1923, Louise May Leembruggen, born 1st February 1899, daughter of Wilmot Edgar Leembruggen, L.R.C.P. and S. (Edin.), L.F.P. and S. (Glas.), Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Civil Medical Department, and Ruth Nell (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, pages 27 and 28). He had by her:—

- 1 Anthea Louise, born 13th June 1924.
- 2 Beatrice Ruth, born 24th February 1926.
- 3 Cynthia Rose, born 30th July 1927.
- 4 Morris Victor, born 11th December 1930.

XXIV.

Henry Arthur Victor Speldewinde, born 6th June 1902, married at Colombo, 6th June 1932, Violet Ivy Brown, and he had by her:—

- 1 Hubert Aubrey Vernon, born 26th December 1933.
- 2 Christopher Arnold, born 28th June 1935.

XXV.

Frederick Christopher Allan Speldewinde, born 10th August 1903, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 16th October 1926, Fanny Ohlmus Ebert, born 14th March 1906, daughter of James Dunbar Ebert and Adeline Ruth Ohlmus. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 173). He had by her:—

- 1 Harold Victor James Christopher, born 18th October 1927.
- 2 Ian Mauritsz, born 13th June 1929.
- 3 Lorna Rita Adeline, born 17th July 1932.
- 4 George Noel Allan, born 29th December 1934.
- 5 Kathleen Ruth Moira, born 9th October 1937.
- 6 Frederick Karl, born 15th April 1940.
- 7 Reginald Donald, born 21st February 1942.

XXVI.

Harris Gordon de la Saussaye Speldewinde, born 20th May 1884, married in Bowen Memorial Church, Bombay, 9th August 1913, Stella Maud Hebbard, born 31st January 1888, widow of Montague Cockburn Henry Robinson, and daughter of Harry James Hebbard and Ethel Leonie Karlstein. He had by her:—

- 1 Harris Gordon } born 1914, died 1915.
- 2 Stella Pearl }
- 3 Lionel Harris, born 31st August 1917, married in St. Mary's Church, Parel, Bombay, 3rd June 1942, Jessie Mary Gertrude Weston, born 23rd January 1926, daughter of C. H. Weston and Dorothy Phoebe Patterson.

- 4 Arthur Anthony Harris, born 22nd April 1921.

XXVII.

Claude Horace Speldewinde, born 15th June 1890, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 24th June 1912, Laura Grace de Zilwa, born 10th August 1894, daughter of Germaine Bernard de Zilwa and Elizabeth Jones. He had by her:—

- 1 Claude Lawrence, born 5th April 1918, married at Colombo, 10th August 1940, Eileen Edna Wille, born 4th April 1906, daughter of John Benjamin Wille and Elsie Viva McCarthy Heyzer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 28).
- 2 Cuthbert Allan, born 14th September 1914.
- 3 Germaine Harris, born 13th May 1916.
- 4 Brunei Monica, born 6th October 1917.
- 5 Pearl Grace Anthesia, born 2nd May 1920.
- 6 Noel St. Laurence Austin, born 17th December 1921.

XXVIII.

Frederick Peter Harris Speldewinde, Chief Charges Officer, Customs, Colombo, born 12th December 1896, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 24th June 1925, Eileen Edna Wille, born 4th April 1906, daughter of John Benjamin Wille and Elsie Viva McCarthy Heyzer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 28). He had by her:—

- 1 Christine Eileen, born 8th April 1926.
- 2 June, born 4th October 1927.

XXIX.

Louis Edwin Garvin Speldewinde, born 10th April 1914, married in the Hope of the World Chapel, Ladies' College, Colombo, 29th December 1937, Wilhelmina Gertruida Spittel, born 27th May 1912, daughter of George Knox Spittel and Elaine Sabina Gertrude Driberg Vander Wall. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII page 156 and Vol. XXV, page 167). He had by her:—

- 1 Arthur Richard Michael, born 1st February 1941.

Notes:—(1) The founder of the family in Ceylon, Christiaan Speldewinde, made a joint will at Jaffna in 1757 with his wife, Johanna Verwyk. A copy of the will was in the possession of the late Mr. C. E. de Vos of Galle, who obtained it from the Hague. Christiaan Speldewinde predeceased his wife, who married again Aarnout Wirman, Onderkoopman en Cassier at Jaffna. She died on 30th July 1766, and there is a tombstone to her memory in the Dutch Church at Jaffna.

- (2) Gerrit de Vos, referred to under I, was the brother of Thomasia de Vos, wife of Jan Schaarken, Administrateur of Galle. He married first at Galle, 30th September 1758, Johanna van Duuren, born at Galle, 30th April 1736, died

at Jaffna, 16th December 1773, daughter of Dirk van Duuren and Gertruida Vanden Broeck. The latter was the daughter of Gysbert Vanden Broeck and Leonora Lanssen, and was baptised at Galle on 25th May 1710. Gerrit de Vos and Johanna van Duuren had a son, Jacob, who married at Jaffna, 30th May 1784, Anna Theodora Steenkelder, daughter of Lieutenant Hendrik Steenkelder and Betseba Schrader. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, pages 69 and 74). There is a tombstone to the memory of Johanna van Duuren in the Dutch Church at Jaffna.

- (9) Jan Augustin Boon of Breda and Francina Ignatia de Bruno, referred to under II, 4, were married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, on 12th September 1762.
- (4) Johan Aarnout Mom, referred to under III, (c), was in Jaffna in 1804 in charge of the loans of paddy made by Government to the people of Punaryn. Complaint was made to the Collector in November of that year that he was in the habit of issuing only a portion of the paddy for which he received a bond, e.g., if he got a bond for 125 parrahs he gave only 95, and retained 30 for himself. (Lewis' Book on "Tombstones and Monuments in Ceylon" page 450).
- (5) Rosina Gedia van Winn, fourth wife of Christiaan Philipus Speldewinde, referred to under III, (d), was one of several recipients, who were given assistance from a remittance sent in 1847 by the Government of the Netherlands possession in the East Indies for the relief of widows and orphans of the servants of the late Dutch Government, who were not already in the receipt of any pension from Government. ("Government Notification" dated 17th July 1847).
- (6) Maria Dorothea Elisabeth Koch, as widow of Hendrik Speldewinde, referred to under IV, married at Jaffna, 31st December 1786, Fredrik Gerard de Niese. He was a pensioner having been "Secretaris" at Matara, and when appointed Secretary of the Provincial Court of Trincomalee as from 1st January 1803, his pension ceased. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. I, page 96, and Vol. X, page 128).
- (7) The following is an extract from the Will of Felicia Grace Speldewinde, widow of Alfred Cecil Speldewinde, referred to under XI:—

"I give and bequeath to the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Dutch Burgher Union for the time being the sum of Rupees Two Thousand (Rs. 2,000/-) to be invested by them and in trust to pay the interest from such investments, whether through the Social Service Committee of the said Union or otherwise if such Committee be not in existence, to poor Burgher widows for the education of their children".

- (8) The marriage at Matara of Gerard Henry Speldewinde and Georgiana Angenita Keuneman, referred to under XII, is recorded in the Marriage Register of the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, for the period 1847-1867.
- (9) Anna Maria Adelaide Speldewinde *nee* Du Bois de la Saussaye, referred to under XVI, was a lineal descendant of Guillaume Joachim, Comte Du Bois de la Saussaye, who came out to Ceylon as a Lieutenant in the Luxemburg Regiment. The Comte was the eldest son of Claude Guillaume; Marquis Du Bois de la Saussaye, and Antoinette Butel St. Ville, and his grandfather was Guillaume Du Bois, a Cavalry Officer, who married Genevieve Gestat. The Marquis held a Military Command in the Island of Guadaloupe, where he was an extensive landed proprietor, and where, on the breaking out of the great Revolution, his family appears to have finally settled down. He had four sons, including Guillaume Joachim, Comte de la Saussaye, who came to Ceylon. He first entered the Military Service in June 1774, as a Sub-Lieutenant in a Battalion stationed at St. Anne, Guadaloupe. He exchanged from this into the Luxemburg Regiment and came out to Ceylon in 1782. Arrived here, he, like many Europeans who came out to Ceylon in his day, lost no time in forming associations and family ties, so that eventually on the departure of the Dutch, instead of going back to the land of his birth, he elected to remain in Ceylon and serve the British. He married in 1785 at Wolvendaal Church a Dutch lady of good family, Elisabeth Adriana Weller. Of several children of the marriage, he had a daughter, Maria Elisabeth Adelaide, who married Casparus Henricus Leembruggen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 24) and a son, Jean Guillaume, who married on 24th November 1811, Johanna Anna Susanna, daughter of Stephen Baron van Lynden. In 1788 the Comte de la Saussaye retired from the Luxemburg Regiment in which he then held the rank of Captain Commandant. He appears to have been a favourite with his brother officers who on the occasion presented him with a written testimonial signed by them all, in which they complimented him of the "honour, zeal, and distinction" with which he had served in the Army. By the British Government, he was appointed Sitting Magistrate of Ambalangoda, where he died and was buried in the long building (then a Church and now used as the Village Tribunal Court and garage for cars) which runs at right angles to the Rest House. The son, Jean Guillaume Du Bois de la Saussaye, served as Sitting Magistrate of Puttalam, where he met with a sudden and untimely death from an accidental fall in July 1820. He had the following children viz:—

- (a) Maria Henrietta married Johan William Rudolph Kriekenbeek. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. V, pages 72 and 76).
- (b) John William.
- (c) Otho Peter Charles.
- (d) Charlotte Adelaide (Mrs. Velsink).
- (e) Stephanie Henritta (Mrs. Raket).
- (f) Henrietta Magdalena (Mrs. Mayor).
- (g) Jane Ottelive (Mrs. Mayes).

The eldest son, John William Du Bois de la Saussaye, served as an officer on board the ship "MERCATOR" and died at sea, off the coast of Java about 1833. The second son, Otho Peter Charles Du Bois de la Saussaye, was left an orphan at five years of age, and most of his early years were spent in the house of his step-father, the Reverend Daniel John Gogerly of the Wesleyan Methodist Mission. Here he grew up to manhood, but whatever were the opportunities thrown in his way, he made little use of them. Of a free and easy disposition, sociable and unostentatious, he made friends wherever he went; but he was placed in awkward straits for a living. At one time, he was schoolmaster and postholder of Tangalla, offices from which he could hardly have derived an income suitable to his station in life. In 1864, he was appointed Registrar of Lands of Tangalla on a salary of £100 a year, but he lived scarcely more than a twelve-month to enjoy his promotion, because his health, which had been much undermined by a life of freedom as well as of hardship, had been giving way for sometime, and he died in 1866. With him ended the male line of the de la Saussaye family in Ceylon. He married in 1859, at Hambantota, Georgiana Adelaide Booy, daughter of Frederick William Booy of the Kachcheri, and had a daughter, Anna Maria Adelaide Du Bois de la Saussaye, who married Peter Harris Speldewinde (Lewis' Book on "Tombstones and Monuments in Ceylon", page 421).

- (10) Henry de Boer Speldewinde, referred to under XXI, changed his name to Henry Speldewinde de Boer in order to perpetuate the family name of 'de Boer' which became extinct in Ceylon. He served in the Great War, 1914-1918, as Captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and was awarded the Military Cross. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XIV, page 3).
- (11) Charles George Oliver Speldewinde, referred to under XXII, served in the Great War, 1914-1918, as 2nd Lieutenant in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers, and was attached to the 40th Pathans. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XIV, page 6).

Founder's Day.

A notable event took place on Saturday, the 23rd October, when "Founder's Day" was appropriately celebrated in the Union Hall. It was thirteen years after the death of Mr. R. G. Anthonisz, and the experiences of the years between made it clearer how large a debt was owing to his insight and persevering efforts to renew and strengthen in the Community the consciousness of its heritage and the need for emphasizing it in these difficult times.

The large attendance that filled the Hall was a gratifying sight. The opening song by our Choral Group, under the direction of Miss Olive Rode, was received with well-deserved applause. The President, Mr. Kenneth de Kretser, then addressed the meeting as follows:—

"After 35 years we have gathered here to-day—on his birthday—to honour the memory of the late Mr. R. G. Anthonisz, the Founder of our Union, whose portrait you see over there. This is our first Founder's Day and I trust it will in future be an annual event. It is a matter for regret that we did not all these years officially celebrate our Founder's Day, but I wish the members to know that although this was not done we never lost sight of what we owe to Mr. Anthonisz, for there is hardly a meeting of the General Committee that passes without in some way our recalling with grateful hearts our appreciation of his foresight and great work.

"This is our Day of Remembrance. In the first place let us think of our Founder, that great and simple man, who had the foresight to realize that unless our Community was united by an association of this nature we were in danger of losing our identity and place in the well-being of the country. There was great opposition to his scheme, but the sincerity and force of his arguments were so convincing that very soon his opponents became his strong supporters. We, older members, who had the privilege of meeting and knowing him, will never forget him. To you, younger members, his is but a name, but just as you were taught in history to remember great men, I ask you to think of Mr. Anthonisz as one who strove his utmost to uplift and keep the Community together, and it is therefore incumbent on us to show our appreciation of what he and those associated with him have done, by our service to the Union.

"I have just asked you in the first place to think of our Founder. I now ask you in the second place to think of the aims and objects of the Union and what we really stand for. There is not the slightest doubt that we have done a great deal of good by our organised and systematic work, but how do our efforts compare with the efforts made by other communities in their interest? Thirty-five years ago the Dutch-Burghers adorned the public and social life of the country to a great extent—they do so to-day but I venture to say not to the same extent. What then is the reason? It is this. Other communities are more