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It has been said that there are two kinds of knowledge: That which the individual possesses, and that which directs his quest for the information he desires. Kipling, in his Barrack-Room Ballads confesses to the latter, when he says of Homer:—

“When 'Omer smote 'is blooming lyre,
He'd 'eard men sing by land an' sea:
An' what he thought 'e might require,
'E went an' took—the same as we!”

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On the distinctive setting of a cultural background produced by much labour and research, all the activities in which the Dutch Burgher Union has been engaged since its inception have been lucidly set forth in the pages of a Quarterly Journal. The fortunate owner of the 40 volumes which have regularly appeared since 1908, has therefore at hand, a common fund of information as far as it relates to the beginning and year by year journey of the Dutch Burgher Union, together with a rich store of facts garnered by a number of writers on the Dutch in Ceylon and the subsequent social revolutions of the Ceylon—Dutch Community.

Hence, while in the past volumes of the *Journal* there is much which intimately concerns the average member of the Union, there is equally much that the student who will, may draw from. Therein will be found many a fact pertaining to the Dutch occupation of Ceylon which is even now partially known, a good deal which is buried in documents stored in the musty files at the archives, and the authentic information which helps to correct the common mass of misrepresentations, misinterpretations, and mistranslations which by accident or intent have been grafted on the 150 years of Dutch rule, and equally so in the early British period of the Island's administration.

Such a fund of information put together by writers who have shown the historian's sense of justice, sympathy and understanding of past institutions and modes of life, both of the Dutch, and the peoples

whom the Dutch in Ceylon ruled, cannot be accepted as anything but unique. May it never be said that future issues of the Journal have failed to maintain that ideal standard.

The earlier numbers of the Journal were guided and inspired by Mr. R. G. Anthonisz. In fact, the Journal was started, and principally written by him. Hence, it is to him we owe that distinctive tone which his successors in the editorship have striven to maintain.

Mr. Vernon Grenier took over Editorship and was responsible for the issue of Volumes V to VII. Mr. L. E. Blazé edited Volumes VIII to XIII.

Early in 1924, a new arrangement was made and volumes XIV and XV appeared under the vigorous management of Mr. E. H. vander Wall assisted by Mr. J. R. Toussaint as Treasurer and Co-Editor. Since then, and till now, the quarterly issue in July, October, January and April has been regularly and successfully maintained by Mr. Toussaint who has been Editor and Treasurer, in addition to serving as his own reporter, typist and proof-reader. It is noteworthy that he has edited 25 volumes.

With this number, the Journal begins a new chapter in its long history. Mr. J. R. Toussaint, to whom the service he has rendered to the Union was not a matter of business, but one of genuine pleasure, has been compelled to seek less exacting literary pursuits. Consequently the reader who has for the last two decades and more, enjoyed his plain and lucid writings in these pages, and admired the staunch manner he upheld the best of our literary traditions, will be faced with change. The debt which the member of the Union, and the student of history owes him cannot be assessed.

It is encouraging however, to feel that we can rely on his help and guidance in our efforts to retain the value of this Quarterly, which by natural aptitude he conducted on a style based upon great models.

Nevertheless, it is to the younger members of the Union that the new Editor of the Journal must look, if he is to find modern push, and help. It is they who must labour together to maintain the honour and dignity which has come to them in these pages, as a heritage. Surely, the enterprise and investigations carried out since 1908 which has gone into the Journal cannot be dead? It is thoroughly alive all around us, as witnessed by the eager interest taken by the young men and young women of the major communities, and in the manner they seek knowledge, or give free expression to their views.

Let us then rally anew to the task, not in desperation or despondency but rather in optimism, and faith which has all along led and sustained the community in the forefront of cultural and public concerns. To the new and coming generations in whose hands the lighted torch has now been placed, we pledge this new lap on which the Journal enters.

SOME REMINISCENCES OF J. L. K. VANDORT THE ARTIST

[BY ONE WHO KNEW HIM WELL.]

A Public School was established in the forties in 2nd Cross Street,¹ in the Pettah, of Colombo, called St. Paul's Parochial School. Archdeacon Glenie and his son the Reverend S. O. Glenie, Incumbent of St. Paul's, Colombo, established it I believe, and Henry Chinner, a retired Regimental School-master was its Headmaster. I was one of the pupils and was there one day half an hour before time having a game of marbles with some classmates on the outer-verandah of the school, when to our utter astonishment, a little nondescript trap pulled up at the school-door—now one of the Furniture Depots of Don Carolis, the famous furniture dealer. It was a little trap (the fons et origo of our rickshaw) just sufficient to hold two little boys, drawn by a coolie man. We surrounded the (to us) extraordinary little vehicle and helped the two little boys, who were seated in it, to alight. "Where did you get that manhorse?" said one. "He has only two legs" said another. "He is our man April" said one of the two boys, "but he does not live upon gram." This remark was made by the younger of the two boys, Willie whilst his brother J. L. K. V.² smole a grim smile and was evidently taking a mental photo of the scene around him. We soon became friends and took the two boys under our protection: and the man April was told to come back with the trap at half past 3 p.m. sharp.

The two boys made many friends, and we were all very sorry when we were told some months afterwards that they were shortly to leave the school as old April had gone lame by an accident, and they could not get another quiet man-horse to take his place.

In the following year, I found myself in the Lower School of the Colombo Academy, and to my delight and surprise I found J. L. K. V. and his brother Willie there. In course of time, I made some progress in school, and after a certain half yearly examination I was placed somewhere about the middle of the class with J. L. K. V. as the next boy. We soon became as "thick as thieves"; and he would at times slyly shew me his slate covered with all sorts of funny pictures. His great delight was to draw pictures of horses and also of soldiers marching at double quick. On a certain Monday morning our classical teacher, Mr. Goertz, quite lost his temper and administered a severe lecture to a number of boys who had forgot to bring their themes or essays which they had to write on Saturdays. This lecture was accompanied with sundry fierce gesticulations. J. L. K. V. knocked off the scene on his slate—the work of a few minutes—and as soon as I had a sight of it, I

1. This corresponds to 1st Cross Street of the present time.

2. John Leonhard Katenbury van Dort, born 28th July, 1831. See Genealogy, D.B.U. Jul: Vol. xxxviii, p. 26.

laughed outright. Goertz, who had a sneaking regard for me as a steady well-behaved boy, shouted out: "I say S—What's all that?" what on earth are you laughing at? I walked up to him with the slate, whilst my poor friend (the caricaturist) was shaking in his shoes. Goertz, like "Herman, was a German," and liked fun of this sort immensely. He looked hard at the picture and burst out laughing—"Well boys," said he, "I am sorry I was hard on you, but I won't give V. D. another¹ chance to take me off!" V. D. was safe, and I was glad to have saved him in a way—for he really believed he should be dragged before the Principal and receive a sound thrashing for daring to make fun of his master!

In course of time, we were promoted to a higher class, and amongst other subjects, we were reading Paley's Natural Theology with Principal Boake. After a while we tackled a chapter on "*Compensation*," which had reference to the relative sizes of man and the various animals which afforded him sustenance—such as cows for instance, which were of a certain height and make, enabling mankind to milk them without any discomfort or inconvenience. If men were giants, they would not be able to attain their object. We all accepted this theory as a very plausible one; but the next morning we found a pencil sketch on one of the Academy walls, pointing out how the difficulty suggested by Paley might be met. There was the picture of a healthy fat cow with teeming udder, and of a huge giant lying flat on his stomach with his fingers clutching the udder from which he was lustily drawing its milk with huge compressed lips. There was also in the picture a group of open-mouthed boys looking on at the scene in great astonishment! Principal Boake's attention was drawn to this extraordinary sketch, and all he said was: "That fellow V. is a genius, and will some day set the lake on fire." He did not, however, accomplish this feat; but his talent as an original artist came to be recognised by all who knew him in a very short time there after.

During the Race Season, some of us made a party and walked down of an afternoon to Colpetty to see the fun. J. L. K. V. was always one of the number; and the next morning he had no end of life-like sketches to show us—the winners, jockeys and horses—the great motley crowd crossing the Slave Island Bridge—the gram, sugar cane and ginger-beer sellers—and some of the remarkable lady occupants of the carriages which had pulled up on either side of the fence or rope which enclosed the Race Course! On Saturday evenings, too, we were often at Galle Face to hear the Band play. Some of us were fond of music and were there to hear the "*concord of sweet sounds*"; but J. L. K. V. was there for another purpose as well. The subject of his facile pencil was the Ceylon Rifle Band under the baton of that well-known Bandmaster Somers and the bandmen were all Caffres and Malays! J. L. K. V. had a

1. V.D. Standing for Van Dort.

great admiration for the Caffres and he knew them by their names. He loved to paint them; their thick lips, their rolling eyes, and short curly hair had a great charm for him—and I possess one of his inimitable sketches of half a dozen of them—done with a crowquill and Indian Ink!

In the Fifties I was away in Kandy; and whenever J. L. K. V. wrote to me the charm of his letters consisted in the illustrations, referring to the incidents and stories narrated by him.

I have mislaid his letters—but I have one dated December 1855 in which he gave me a very interesting and highly humorous account of a picnic on the Kelani. He had a row on this magnificent river on a glorious sunshiny morning. "The heavens were very blue and the river very green." He was in a native boat—to which was attached a Colla, or outrigger. He sent me a picture of this marvellous boat, shewing how he and his school mates and friends were seated—the place he occupied, pencil and paper in hand as "our artist"—

J. L. K. V. had nobody to assist him in the pursuit of his favourite art; but he wrote to England and got out some useful books which he studied most assiduously. He then turned his attention to lithography, procured the necessary apparatus, and set to work most enthusiastically. It was about this time that *The Catholic Messenger* which, I believe, was edited by my old friend the very Rev. J. C. Fernando, now Vicar General of Kandy, came into prominence. Its X'mas supplements had some very valuable contributions and some of these were written and most happily illustrated by J. L. K. V. My earliest "funny" contribution was to this supplement about thirty years ago! I wrote a little article about two Pettah Fiddlers and a well-known Banjo-player by the name of Jan Mack Alias Chucha Jan and J. L. K. V. "glorified" my poor contribution with some excellent illustrations. My article was entitled—"The illustrious dead." For some years, the X'mas supplement of *The Messenger* afforded very pleasant reading and the illustrations were, of course, by the well-known artist, who, in addition to his pencil illustrations, contributed a brilliant and exhaustive article headed "Roast Pigeana" with illustrations—all about Father Anthony and his famous pig!

We were still in school together when our friend J. L. K. V. D. summoned a meeting and brought forward a project to establish a Club, which he proposed to call "The Brick Club." We all quite entered into the spirit of the thing and the Club was at once established, the originator himself being nominated Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. The Club met on Saturday afternoons and the Secretary took us all by surprise one day by producing an illustrated paper he had just started entitled "The Wonderful Adventures of the Honourable Members of The Brick Club." Pleasant little stories were told in a pleasant racy style—all pure invention, of course—whilst the pen and ink illustrations were simply marvellous in their way. In relating some of his own

personal adventures he called himself "Peter Jefferson Brick" and we never failed to call him by that name so long as the Club was in existence—but it had not, like most Clubs of the kind, a long life!

After the Brick Club was closed, some of us met together and resolved to have theatricals in Small Pass. A house was engaged on the top of St. Sebastian Hill—a pretty stage got up—our artist painting all the scenes—which he did *con amore*;—scenes which were very much admired by all who saw them. He also took a great interest in the play and the players, and put most of the actors through their facings; and, with some persuasion, he took a part himself in one of our "screaming farces"; and as Jeremy Diddler brought down the house by his masterly acting. The house had to be given up after a while, and we—the *dramatis personae*, got dispersed in different directions. It was about this time (1855) that Captain Gosset, Surveyor-General, arrived in Ceylon and took a great interest in the welfare of the people of the country who wished to enter the Survey Department. In due course of time, he called at the Colombo Academy, had a long talk with Doctor Boake, the Principal, and registered the names of half a dozen of the Academy Boys who were willing to join the Department. Amongst those chosen or willing to join were J. L. K. V. D.; Francis Foenander who has just retired from Government Service and who is so widely known; Emanuel Perera, William de Waas; Peter Dias, afterwards Maha Mudaliar, and a few others, who have since joined the majority. They all did well, and some of them shone conspicuously. But whilst J. L. K. V. was quietly working away as a draughtsman, he did not neglect his art; but was constantly engaged in preparing designs in connection with all sorts of functions and social events. He designed almost every transparency that was wanted for a silver wedding or for some social demonstration. Besides the extreme beauty of the designs, there was so much of quiet humour and meaning in the different pictures produced by him from time to time. His services—as he was the only artist of any note—were naturally in constant demand. The Illuminated farewell addresses presented to the Governors from time to time, on their quitting the Island were all done by him or from designs executed by him: and the full page illustrations in the work entitled "The Visit of the Duke of Edinburgh to Ceylon" were all his handiwork.

His love of caricature led him to contribute to the local comic papers. For instance, his pictures and sketches which appeared in *Muniandi* from time to time were much admired, and his splendid illustrations which formed a special feature of the Christmas Supplements to some of the local newspapers are not likely to be soon forgotten! For some of his best sketches and illustrations, we would refer our readers to the illustrated supplement to *The Examiner*. (X'mas 1875).¹ Amongst these are the sketches relating to the visit of the Prince of Wales. His repute as an artist

1. This newspaper was established on the 7th January 1846.

was not confined to the land of his birth, for he became many years ago a valued contributor to several English illustrated papers notably the *Graphic* which had his photograph and a graceful tribute to his memory as an artist, in a recent number.

My friend married in the sixties, I think,¹ and lived for a short while in a little house in Hospital Street, Fort. I saw him in his little cottage more than once and he told me he was leading a very happy life in that quarter of the world. From his house he took me, one morning, in about five minutes, to the nearest rampart (the old fortifications had not then been pulled down) and pointed out the "*coigns of vantage*"—"the favourite spots or points from which he had such splendid views of the sea" of the surf-beaten shore; of Galle Face; of the beautiful Esplanade (the old race course) with its fringe of coconut tops; of Slave Island and its little bridge, and of the beautiful Beira Lake—of the blue skies and of the lights and shadows that fell upon the lake and its surroundings; and of Adam's Peak which was visible at times in the distance. He made me a present of one of his most exquisite drawings painted about this time. It was a picture of the Lake at dawn with Adam's Peak in the distance.

J. L. K. V. was fond of music and had a great fancy for the violin. But his musical talents found scope in a different direction. About this time, he came in contact with a singularly eccentric old gentleman, Liebert Phillips who was a great musician and could play with much facility on the Flute, Guitar, Zither and Bandarinha—particularly on the last-named instrument. J. L. K. V., in a short time, became a great favourite of the old gentleman's, who taught him to play on the Bandarinha—a sweet three-stringed instrument. Old Liebert was a well read man—knew Dutch, and it was pleasant to listen to his talk and to hear him play on the Bandarinha. The *staccato* passages were simply splendid, and the little instrument literally "spoke out" when he touched the strings. J. L. K. V. persevered, and was in a very short time as good a player as his master, who left his Bandarinha as a legacy, to his favourite pupil, before he died.

After quitting the Fort, J. L. K. V. came back to Small Pass, and lived there, (next to his father's residence), for many years, until he flitted to Bambalapitiya, where he purchased a piece of land and built a model house—quite an artist's cottage with beautiful Ionic pillars—and thus became one of the earliest settlers to Bambalapitiya, where he lived up to his death. His best work was done whilst living in this cottage, which he called "DORDRECHT."²

It is, perhaps, not generally known that among other things, our artist took a great interest in pushing forward that excellent work by Mr. Leopold Ludovici—his *LAPIDARIUM ZEYLANICUM*, which contains a collection of monumental inscriptions of the Dutch

1. Married Cornelia Henrietta Spittel, at the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, on the 30th January 1861.

2. Between Haigh Road and 10th Lane.

Church and church-yards of Ceylon. J. L. K. V. supervised the lithographic portion of the work, as it was going through the press, and contributed a beautiful pen and ink sketch of the interior of Wolfendhal Church, Colombo, shewing the Governor's pew all lined with crimson velvet; the Elders' and Deacons' pews nearly opposite to it; the grand old pulpit with the Baptistry and Lectern, and also the western window of stained glass with the hatchment of Governor Wilhelm Iman Falck on one side of it. If one examines this picture carefully, the details will simply astonish him; for there is nothing that the artist has omitted. Last, though not least, you will notice a chair next to the Elders' pew, in which he inscribed his name as the artist, shewing his love and attachment to the grand old historic church in which he was baptised, confirmed and married, and in which he had served as an Elder for many years. In this connection I can scarcely omit to mention that, besides being an Elder of the Wolfendhal church for a series of years, he took a deep interest in the erection of the plain but pretty little church at Bambalapitiya.

In addition to all this J. L. K. V. was a Free Mason of a high order. He was a Past Master² and belonged, I believe, to the Royal Chapter Lodge, and was at one time corresponding secretary and, in communication with all the lodges. On the XXVth anniversary of his marriage, a few years ago a large number of masons called at "Dordrecht" headed by Colonel Gorman, who made a very feeling speech on the occasion and presented J. L. K. V. and Mrs. VanDort with very costly gifts. On the same day but a short while afterwards, an address was presented to him by his numerous friends, and Mr. Charles L. Ferdinands, the spokesman, made a most effective speech in the course of which he referred to Mr. VanDort's position as "unique"—he being the only Ceylon artist.

I have some of his earlier sketches with me. He visited Kandy in the sixties, and I have a very good coloured sketch of the Gampola bridge and its surroundings, a sketch of Dawson's monument at the top of Kadugannawa Pass, (erected under his father's supervision), and also of a Buddhist priest and his attendant. He told me that when he was making a sketch of the monument, Sir William Ogle Carr, C.J., who was a fellow-passenger with him in the Kandy mail coach, looked at his sketch and was pleased with it, and made some suggestions which he readily adopted.

I also possess a copy of the well-known picture (done in Indian Ink) of the "Vacant Chair"—in the study of *Whist Bungalow*. The table is there—and the bookshelves and the Vacant Chair and on the top of an office-box a string of beads left probably by some dear little grand-daughter who was playing at his knee¹

1. In 1869, A. M. Ferguson brought out his "Souvenirs of Ceylon" which derived its chief interest from the caricatures of various classes of Ceylon people, in different walks of life, by J. L. K. VanDort.

2. He was a Master of the Sphinx Lodge, Irish Constitution in 1879.

day or two before Sir Richard¹ had passed away. The crest with the motto "Let the deed shew" is seen in the top corners of the sketch; and through the open window the two stone elephants are seen which had been sculptured and brought there from Muttu-rajawela. Nothing could be more complete or more telling than this picture.

To my mind, however, there is nothing finer amongst his sketches than the picture of the Stone Lion of *Nissanka Malla*, which will be found in the illustrated supplement of "*The Examiner*" of October, 1875. It will be remembered that this remarkable Stone Lion was removed from the wilds of Polonnaruwa and dragged all the way, on a dray, by elephants until it reached Matale. I saw it at the Kandy railway station, and large crowds went to see it too. The Mahawansa tells us that King Nissanka or Kirti Nissanka Malla reigned at Polonnaruwa A. D. 1198, just 700 years ago, and administered Justice in his council-hall, sitting on this stone beast. This fact was most strangely corroborated by an inscription found on it to the following effect:—"ON THIS LION KING NISSANKA MALLA SAT AND ADMINISTERED JUSTICE".

Well, when the Stone Lion reached Colombo and found a resting place in the Museum—(anybody can have a look at it now)—J. L. K. V., was one of the first to go and see it, and whilst he was admiring this grand relic of the past, a bright idea occurred to him. He made a sketch of it, and added a caricature of Sir William Gregory sitting on its back in regal Kandyan costume holding a pair of scales, and administering Justice as King Nissanka Malla did of old.

This picture was lithographed by J. L. K. V. with a beautiful ornamental border, and, as soon as it appeared in the pages of the newspaper referred to, it attracted the attention of Sir William Gregory, who was evidently much pleased with it, for he refers to it with much satisfaction in his autobiography recently edited and published by Lady Gregory.² This is what Sir William says of the Stone Lion and of the clever artist:—

"I much regret I cannot lay my hand on the letter of Mr. MacBride giving the account of the transport of a famous Lion from its original site in the council-hall of King Nissanka Malla at Polonnaruwa." This is the ruined city of greatest interest after Anuradhapura. It is of much later origin. The Lion in question is a fine object. There is an inscription on it to this effect.—

"On this Lion King Nissanka Malla sat and administered Justice."—A capital caricature was done of me by Mr. J. L. K. VanDort. I was portrayed as King Nissanka Malla dressed in Royal Kandyan robes and seated on the Lion with the Title "*The modern Nissanka Malla!*"

1. Sir Richard Morgan.

2. Sir William Gregory K.C.M.G., an autobiography, edited by Lady Gregory. (1894).

Some time after the appearance of the caricature in question, I met the artist in Colombo and I asked him what all this was about. "O, yes," said he. Sir William Gregory sent for me and I thought I would be severely censured for attempting to caricature the Governor of Ceylon. Instead of that he received me most kindly at Queen's House, and, after putting me a few questions about my career as a local artist, Sir William with a merry twinkle in his eye, asked me, "Now tell me Mr. VanDort, how did the idea of placing me on the top of the Lion as Nissanka Malla occur to you?" I candidly told the Governor that the idea dawned on me as I was admiring the Lion at the Museum—a building which owed its origin to His Excellency himself. It was simply the *association* of ideas, Sir William had a hearty laugh; and then he had another look at the sketch which he held in his hand and then at me! I feared he would, at least, warn me *not to do it again*; but he did not. As I was leaving him, he said he hoped to see and know more of me: but, of course, I never went near Queen's House again." Just like him—we all know what a modest retiring fellow he was!

As an artist of some repute, he should have been better known; but J. L. K. V. led *such* a quiet life in his little cottage, "Dordrecht" and thus seldom came before the public. His great delight was to take long and almost fatiguing walks in the early mornings and afternoons until his medical attendant prohibited him from doing so as he feared heart-disease. I met the artist one morning at Bambalapitiya, when I was staying temporarily in his neighbourhood not many years ago. He stopped me and he said, "You have no idea what lovely walks there are in our neighbourhood. I have only to get into the Hindoo Temple opposite to my house, and reach the gardens behind, and I find myself in paradise—such beautiful avenues—such large umbrageous trees—such shady inviting nooks—where the birds sing—and such soft breezes blow now and again as you get into the open."

When he was confined to the house during the latter years of his life, he spent the early mornings in reading—and, after breakfast in preparing "designs" or sketches for *The Graphic* and other illustrated English papers.

As an artist he was widely known throughout the Island and even beyond its limits; but very few knew that he was equally clever with his pen, and could describe a scene which arrested his attention with as much ease and facility, with his pen, as with his pencil.¹ For some years past, he regularly contributed articles on various subjects to the Christmas supplement of *The Ceylon Examiner*, and probably none but his intimate friends suspected that he was the author of those excellent contributions. I think I can do no better than subjoin a few extracts to shew the peculiarities of his style and his powers of description and also the extreme clear-

1. An article by him on "Old Colombo",—printed in Vol. xii, p. 78 of *The Journal*, affords a striking example of his ability as a writer.

ness, and correctness of such description, no matter what the subject was that engaged his attention.

J. L. K. V. was equally happy in relating short stories. He wrote a very stirring article as an X'mas contribution to the *Examiner* not very long ago in regard to some haunted houses in and around Colombo. It would suffice if I give your readers an extract relating to VUYSTWYK, the country-seat of the notorious Dutch Governor Vuyst. This is the extract:—

The proverbial schoolboy has given us the meaning of the familiar letters, R.I.P., as "*Return if Possible*," hence no doubt certain reckless spirits acting on this hint, are in the habit of paying frequent visits to this world in general and Colombo in particular during the glimpses of the moon. From various sources of information, the following legends have been collected by your reporter for the entertainment of your numerous readers during the present festive season. Beginning with the northern suburbs, Vuystwyk looms pre-eminently amongst Ghost-ridden quarters. Whether or not Vuyst was a cannibal, or that his Malay cook shared his cannibalistic propensities is no concern of ours; suffice it to say, that the legend hints as much, and states further that the Village byepath leading from the high road behind Vuystwyk was the spot whence many a villager returning homeward after dusk mysteriously disappeared, and that the bones of people of all sexes and ages were unearthed in its immediate vicinity after Vuyst's reign of terror. When your reporter visited Vuystwyk in 1847, a well and a large bathing tank constructed near it with steps leading down to it were pointed out as the haunted locality where groans and sighs innumerable issued all day and night; and, verily, the loneliness of the place, combined with the sighing and rushing of the Christmas breezes then in full force, contributed not a little towards lending an air of truth to the rumour, while a grove of bamboo bushes growing around the tank emitted something like groans when their stems happened to grind against each other during fitful gusts of wind. It needed not the presence of a fat boy to make one's flesh creep while standing there alone. In 1894, the bamboo bushes had disappeared, the well and tank were in ruins and overgrown with weeds, but the mysterious sounds were there and no one was to be found courageous enough to venture near it after dark. At night the belated traveller would hurry on as he saw lights gleaming around the uncanny spot where all around was dark and no human habitation near, the bungalow being about 300 yards away near the junction of two carriage roads, and quite out of sight and hearing. The guide and caretaker rejected the idea of there being any Jack-o'-Lantern or Will-o'-the-Wisp in the case at all, and stoutly maintained that it was old Vuyst himself keeping nightly vigil there and doing penance in his burning "Iron Chair".

I cannot help adding one more Extract from a contribution which appeared in "*The Examiner*" newspaper of *Christmas* 1893. His article is headed "CHRISTMAS IN COLOMBO, 1850, by a *Spook* of

the Period." It is a very interesting article, and shews how close an Observer J. L. K. V. was of the customs passing events and incidents of the day. After describing the different ceremonies and customs in vogue in Colombo in the Old Times in celebrating The Great Festival, he proceeds to describe the various costumes as well as the head-gear and dresses worn by the children in those days, including the CONCERTINA CAPS not in vogue now. Then, with great ingenuity he traces the "LAST CAP" of *its kind* to an ancient almirah to be found in a Moorish-Lumber-Store amongst the "Iron-Shops" in the Pettah of Colombo! Having taken us to this antiquated store he proceeds, with a quaintness and humour peculiarly his own to describe the OTHER rare and extraordinary articles which formed the stock-in-trade of that enterprising Old Tamby who was always hoping that a purchaser might turn up some fine day and pay a fancy price for his wonderful commodities.

Extract Referred to

"Children go about in their smartest costumes of the period to receive presents from Uncles, Aunts and Grandparents as well as to pay their duty visits; and aged pensioners move about earlier than usual this morning to obtain their Christmas bounties at an early hour." Toy—and firework—stalls spring up in every available nook and corner, from the humble *kanape* covered with a clean napkin, and heaped with packets of Chinese crackers, bundles of bluelights, rockets and squibs and saucers of detonating balls and glass bubbles, to the well stocked boutique glittering with paper lanterns, swinging mandarins and toy-fishes besides mountains of crackers, and a great variety of fireworks, large and small. There are, at all hours, admiring groups of little ones assembled before the same, under escort of nurses, others, who are old enough, make purchases on their own account and a few who only *stand and wait* outside the circle until a sympathetic kind hearted person scatters a few crackers amidst them. Amongst the head dresses of the young folk the 'Concertina Cap' is the most conspicuous. It has since disappeared from mortal ken, and seems to have been improved off the face of the earth. There is however: at the present day, an antiquated Moorish lumber—store amongst the "Iron boutiques" in the Pettah in which stands an ancient almirah. Through its broken and dusty panes covered with the mildew and damp of years of neglect, reposes in peace one of those curious caps, in the company of a few poke—bonnets, large and small, of limp and faced straw; and two dress—hats of real beaver fur, with fiercely cocked brims in the fashion of fifty years ago, both of a discoloured drab but one lighter in tint than the other. There are besides them a few rusty waist and shoe—buckles, a high comb or two, an ancient snuff box, and a bunch of watch seals; also an old betel box with brass betel crusher and other accessories; and in a huge chest a green bombazine Dress coat with brass buttons, pointed tails and a high velvet lined collar; likewise a couple of gorgeous, though faded, waist-coats of silk and velvet, gold embroidered; a few shirts and huge collars and frilled

fronts and cuffs and some high-waisted, pudding-sleeved ladies' dresses, one of which is embroidered with gold and silver spangles. The Old Tamby "the Proprietor" still entertains a hope that a purchaser might turn up for them some fine day, as well as for a worn out Poffertjie—panfæ,—Wafell-Iron and a bell-metal Broeder pannetjie, which occupies another corner of this shop in company with the steering gear and front wheel of a trikel, the sliding doors of a palanquin and the remains of a "looy banque."¹

Does not the foregoing remind us somewhat of the 'needy shop' of the poor Apothecary of Mantua to whom *Romeo* went for a dram of Poison in his despair.

"And in his needy shop a tortoise hung;
An alligator stuffed and other skins
Of illshaped fishers: and about his shelves
A beggarly account of empty boxes,
Green earthenpots, bladders and musty seeds,
Remnants of pack-thread and old cakes of roses
Were thinly scattered to make up a show."

I think, I have now said all I can remember of my esteemed departed friend and it is time I should drop the curtain.

There is one small item, however, I cannot well omit. When I was at "Dordrecht" for his funeral, I entered his studio, and I was shewn the picture of a horse done in pencil, framed and hung by himself. It bore his initials and the words "7th year." It was evidently one of his earliest productions which he had carefully preserved; and, not far from this was his easel with a very striking water-colour picture. It was that of a race course and of a Jockey who had come to grief at a hurdle.—The words underneath were "HIS LAST HURDLE." This was certainly the last picture J. L. K. V. ever painted. There is, I think, a sad significance in the words, as if he had a presentiment of his approaching end.

His sudden death of heart disease took place on the afternoon of the 24th March last.¹ He left only a son and a daughter—both clever in their ways—different and identical though they are in many respects—and the son who has inherited much of his father's talent, will, we feel sure, do his best to fill his father's place.

In the death of J. L. K. V., I need scarcely say; Ceylon has lost an Artist of no little merit, ability and originality; and his numerous friends are, I feel sure, not likely to forget him for a long time to come. They will always think of his goodness and gentleness as a friend, and of his sterling ability as an Artist.

Note by Editor:—This biographical sketch was written by J. B. Siebel, and published in June 1898, in a monthly magazine of general interest, called The Ceylon Review. It might be added that the subject of the sketch was the father of Miss Grace van Dort, and of

1. A bench or wooden seat for affianced lovers in the old days.

her brother Ernest Francis van Dort—himself an artist who exhibitent, largely at exhibitions held under the auspices of the Ceylon Society of Arts, of which Society his father was one of the earliest Presidents.

Ernest van Dort married Rosaline Harriet Ondatje. The latter and her daughter Enid Muriel, the wife of Col. Carl Evan Arndt, settled some years back, with their family, in Perth, West Australia.

J. B. Siebel the school-boy friend of J. L. K. van Dort, took to the Law and eventually settled in practice as a Proctor in Kandy. He was later Crown Proctor and was a widely-known personality endowed with a sympathetic pen which enriched many a periodical published in his generation.



GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF ANDREE OF CEYLON.

(Compiled by Mr. F. H. de Vos in 1917; revised by
Mr. D. V. Altendorff in 1950).

I

Fredrik Andree, born at Zelle in Prussia, living in Ceylon 1759-1784, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. I, page 37), Cannonier at the Fortress of Caliture (Kalutara) married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:

- (a) 21st January 1759, Anna Maria Douwe.
- (b) 30th June 1765, Catharina Moormans.
- (c) Anna Catharina Gasman.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Jacobus Hendrik, who follows under II.
- 2 Wilhelm Hendrik, who follows under III.
- 3 Anna Brigetta, baptised 3rd July 1765.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 4 Johannes Juriaan, baptised 16th August 1766.
- 5 Wilhelmina Cornelia, baptised 2nd December 1768.
- 6 Jacob Fredrik, baptised 3rd August 1775.
- 7 Susanna Eredina, baptised 17th January 1784.

Of the third marriage, he had—

- 8 Gerrit Fredrik, who follows under IV.

II

Jacobus Hendrik Andree, baptised 31st July 1759, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 5th February 1786, Margarita Stiermans, and he had by her—

- 1 Willem Christiaan, baptised 18th March 1787.

III

Wilhelm Hendrik Andree, Sitting Magistrate of Gangaboda and Talpe Pattus, Galle, previously of Kalutara in 1815 and of Barberyne in 1818, baptised 16th June 1764, died 1st September 1821, married:

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 21st September 1788, Isabella Haspelaar.
- (b) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 20th March 1791, Clara Elisabeth Van Hoven.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Johannes Everhardus, who follows under V.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 2 Anna Cornelia, baptised 28th April 1793, died 8th January 1853, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 14th November 1820, George Henry Bogaars, died 26th December 1864, son of Henricus Ezechiel Bogaars of Zierickzee in Holland and Anna Maria de Lange. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. I, page 38).
- 3 Wilhelmus Frederickus Edwardus, who follows under VI.
- 4 Adolphus Wilhelmus, who follows under VII.
- 5 Wilhelmina Johanna Gertruida, baptised 28th February 1800, married Philippus Josephus Vander Straaten, born 11th September 1778, died 8th November 1824, widower of Catharina Kriekenbeek. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. V, page 69) and son of Pieter Ludowyk Vander Stratten and Anna Catharina Kuyter (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, pages 157 and 160).
- 6 Angenita Abigail, baptised 19th April 1801, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle.
 - (a) 24th May 1821, Joseph Gauder
 - (b) 3rd October 1857, Cornelius Arnoldus Blok.
- 7 Eliza Henrika, baptised 30th July 1802, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 24th July 1823, Petrus Arnoldus Bastiaansz baptised 9th December 1792, son of Johannes Livinus Bastiaansz and Catharina Charlotta Kleyn.
- 8 William Frederick, baptised 10th November 1803, married at Galle by Governor's licence dated 5th April 1827, Christiana Petronella de Vos, born 13th November 1805, daughter of Johannes Andreas de Vos and Johanna Gerardina Kryger. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, pages 132 and 133).
- 9 Andreas Everhardus, who follows under VIII.
- 10 Philip, born 28th August 1806.
- 11 Charles Hay, who follows under IX.

IV

Gerrit Fredrik Andree, Commander of the Barque "Clarissa", baptised 21st November 1784, married Sophia....., and he had by her—

- 1 Sophia
- 2 Anne married.....Guest (widower).
- 3 Kate married.....Nailer.
- 4 Catherine Camilla married :
 - (a) John Rodgers
 - (b) In Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 19th January 1872, Daniel Frederik Kohlhoff (widower).
- 5 Louisa, born 14th February 1827.
- 6 Frank Gerard, died at Madras, 27th September 1906, aged 61 years.

V

Johannes Everhardus Andree, baptised 20th September 1789, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 2nd October 1808, Anna Elizabeth Blok, and he had by her—

- 1 Clara Ernestina, born 16th September 1809, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 14th August 1833, Nicolaas Eduardus Rosé, born 26th April 1803, son of Joseph Rosé and Fransina Maria Baptist. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, page 90).
- 2 William Frederick, who follows under X.
- 3 Carolina Wilhelmina, born 5th March 1821.
- 4 Maria Cecilia, born 1824, died 28th May 1880, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 27th January 1843, John William Spaar, born 10th April 1807, died 1st May 1878, son of Cornelius Adrianus Spaar, Boekhouder, and Anna Henrietta Staats. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 122).

VI

Wilhelmus Frederickus Edwardus Andree, baptised 8th February 1795, died 6th April 1866, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 1816, Johanna Charlotta Bogaars, daughter of Henricus Ezechiel Bogaars of Zierickzee in Holland and Anna Maria de Lange. He had by her—

- 1 Beatrice Emelia Elizabeth, born 2nd March 1820, married John Bartholomew Daniel, widower of Anna Raux.
- 2 Angenita Wilhelmina, born 24th January 1823, married Eugene Loret.
- 3 Dionysius James Alexander, born 2nd October 1825, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 8th November 1855, Sophia Magdalena Loos, born 7th June 1835, daughter of Pieter Adriaan Loos and Sophia Magdalena Alvis. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, page 106).
- 4 Jonathan Ezekiel, who follows under XI.
- 5 George Michael.

VII

Adolphus Wilhelmus Andree, baptised 20th January 1799, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, :

- (a) 4th October 1824, by Governor's licence dated 31st March 1824, Thomasia Dorothea Arnoldina Poulier, baptised 15th April 1805, daughter of Gerrit Joan Poulier, Sitting Magistrate, Belligam, and Anna Catharina de Vos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 22, and Vol. XXVII, page 131).
- (b) 24th July 1837, Lucilla Charlotta Henrietta Lorenz, born 22nd August 1815, died 21st November 1890,

daughter of Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Lorenz and Anna Petronella Smith. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. III, pages 47 and 48).

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Richard Edward, who follows under XII.
- 2 Maria Elizabeth, born 3rd May 1827, died 19th April 1892, married at Hambantota by the District Judge Charles Patten Walker, 1st December 1842, Hendrik Fredrik (Henry Frederick) Jansz, born 6th October 1815, died 12th September 1903, son of Albert Jansz and Christina Wilhelmina Scheffer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVIII, page 57).
- 3 William Henry, born 12th May 1829.
- 4 Henry Dionysius, who follows under XIII.
- 5 Harriet Margaret Matilda, born 4th October 1832, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 7th May 1855, Angelo Frederick Ephraums, born 15th March 1836, died 6th November 1888, son of Daniel Ephraums and Catharina Charlotta Zybrandsz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 106).
- 6 John Arnold, born 24th December 1834.
Of the second marriage, he had—
- 7 Adolphus William, who follows under XIV.
- 8 Emmeline Louisa, born 29th March 1841, died 17th May 1929, married in the Methodist Church, Kalutara, 29th March 1860, James Edward Vollenhoven, born 24th April 1838, died 16th June 1879, son of Benjamin Charles Daniel Vollenhoven and Johanna Leonora Ernst. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXII, pages 90 and 93).
- 9 Clara Elizabeth married 26th January 1862, George William Austin, born 1833, died 1903, son of William Austin and Eliza Garvin. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 28, and Vol. XXXIV, page 109).
- 10 Anna Sophia married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 6th May 1863, Clement Reginald Ephraums, born 17th August 1841, son of Daniel Ephraums and Catharina Charlotta Zybrandsz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, pages 105 and 107).
- 11 Eliza Isobel, born 19th December 1847.
- 12 Ambrose Lorenz, who follows under XV.
- 13 Helen Eleanor, born 4th June 1850.
- 14 Alfred Lionel, born 19th December 1852.
- 15 Andrew Paul, born 12th November 1855.
- 16 Julian Edgar, who follows under XVI.
- 17 Evangeline Gertrude, born 26th March 1859, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 24th July 1878,

James Francis Mellonius, son of George Mellonius and Aletta Elizabeth de Vos nee Jonklaas. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 205, and Vol. XXVII, page 141).

VIII

Andreas Everhardus Andree, born 14th April 1805, died 16th August 1860, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 6th March 1832, Margareta Fredrica Wilhelmina Lorenz, born 25th August 1814, died 16th July 1857, daughter of Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Lorenz, Sitting Magistrate at Matara, and Anna Petronella Smith. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. III, page 48). He had by her—

- 1 Lucilla Julia, born 14th September 1833, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 4th September 1851, Louis Nell, Crown Counsel, born 26th November 1830, died at Chiswick in England, 17th May 1922, son of George Nell and Maria Elisabeth Conderlag. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 159, and Vol. XXXVI, page 121).
- 2 Anna Elizabeth (Nancy), born 27th March 1835, died 19th March 1876, married Joseph Newman, born 23rd May 1834, died 13th November 1889, son of William Newman of Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire, England, and Mary Flood.
- 3 John Henry, who follows under XVII.
- 4 Francis Lorenz married Susan Evangeline Gabriel, died 10th May 1935.
- 5 Charles Ambrose, who follows under XVIII.
- 6 Peter Gerard, who follows under XIX.
- 7 Julia Eliza, born 21st April 1852, died 24th September 1853.
- 8 Laura Emelia, born 28th November 1856, died 21st February 1914, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 6th May 1872, Richard Marshall Andree, who follows under XXIII.

IX

Charles Hay Andree, Proctor, born 10th March 1809, died 28th April 1914, married at Tangalla by the District Judge, John Henry Rabinel, 10th March 1841, Priscilla Buultjens, born 6th January 1824, died 13th December 1913, daughter of Cornelius Henricus Buultjens and Johanna Elisabeth Steynholster. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, page 23). He had by her—

- 1 Charles Oliver, who follows under XX.
- 2 Mary Caroline, born 1st May 1844, died 10th May 1883, married in Christ Church Tangalla, 15th February 1882, James Michael Peires.
- 3 Peter Henry, born 14th May 1847, died 28th May 1934, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 4th April 1904, Emelia Georgiana Altendorff, born 26th August 1850, died 26th September 1926, widow of John Franklin Thuring. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, page 131) and daughter of Gerard Henry Altendorff and Lucretia Arabella de Caan (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, page 101).

- 4 Caroline Harriet, born 26th May 1850, died 12th December 1850.
- 5 Richard Benjamin, born 22nd May 1852, died 31st March 1879.
- 6 Matilda Sophia, born 24th September 1855, died 11th October 1911, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 27th August 1875, Charles Edward Gogerly, born 11th August 1849, son of Daniel Gogerly and Maria Johanna Gertruida Leembruggen (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 25, and Vol. XXXIII, page 87).
- 7 Emelia Leonora, born 28th February 1858, died 2nd November 1884, married in Christ Church, Tangalla, 16th January 1878, Archibald William Kellar, born 19th February 1836, widower of Anna Frederica Meurling. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXII, page 32) and son of Cornelis Gysbertus Kellar and Endriaka Thomasia Jansz. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXXVIII, pages 51 and 53).
- 8 Alice, born 19th July 1860, died 9th August 1860.
- 9 Clarissa Eugenie, born 4th July 1861.
- 10 Alfred Reginald, who follows under XXI.

X

William Frederick Andree, born 21st March 1813, married:

- (a) In St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 28th November 1838, Anna Harriet Spaar, born 6th June 1813, died 16th November 1845, daughter of Cornelis Adrianus Spaar and Anna Henrietta Staats. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 122).
- (b) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 15th July 1846, Johanna Elizabeth Ebert, born 20th October 1814, daughter of Petrus Johannes Ebert and Anna Cornelia Mack. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 79, and Vol. XXXVIII, page 133).

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Edmund Walter, who follows under XXII.
- 2 Edward
- 3 Eugenie Harriet married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 11th July 1861, Charles William Kalenberg, born 8th July 1837, son of Wilhelmus Gerard Kalenberg and Anna Spencer. D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXI, page 157).
- 4 Jane Margaret married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 28th November 1861, John Bailey.
- 5 Richard Marshall, who follows under XXIII.

Of the second marriage, he had:—

- 6 Lucy Cornelia, born 1st May 1847, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 23rd January 1871, John William Ebert, born 10th July 1845, died 3rd July 1898, son of Johan Willem Ebert and Adriana Charlotta Henritta Lorenz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. III, page 49, and Vol. VI, page 81).

- 7 Maria.
- 8 Louise Rosalie, died 28th September 1900, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 6th November 1873, Eugene Arthur Rosé, born 29th January 1837, son of Nicola s Edwardus Rosé and Clara Ernestina Andree (*vide* V, I, supra and Vol. XXX, page 90)
- 9 William Owen, who follows under XXIV.
- 10 Henry Edward, died in infancy.

XI.

Jonathan Ezekiel Andree, Inspector of Police, born 5th February 1829, married:

- a In the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 19th June 1851, Georgenia Regina de Silva, born 7th January 1831, daughter of Dionysius Everhardus de Silva and Angenita Catharina Huybertsz.
- b In Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 20th February 1860, Charlotte Henrita Keyt, daughter of Henry Keyt, C.C.S., and Louisa Elizabeth VanderSmagt. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XXVIII, page 85).

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Ida Catherine, born 17th February 1853, died 4th May 1919, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 21st November 1873, Clement Theodore La Brooy, born 6th October 1852, died 1922, son of Edward Christopher La Brooy, Clerk in Holy Orders, and Anne Taylor. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XXIV, pages 71 and 73.)

Of the 2nd marriage, he had:—

- 2 Mitchell George, born 25th March 1861.
- 3 Henrietta Sophia, born 21st November 1862.
- 4 Frederick Henry James, born 30th April 1864.
- 5 Richard Daniel, born 11th September 1866, died at Negri Sembilam, 21st February 1897, married at Selangor, 13th November 1891, Anna Ursula Van Geyzel, born 13th August 1871, daughter of Peter Vincent Van Geyzel and Henritta Engeltina Woutersz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, pages 77 and 79; and Vol. XXXIX, page 55).
- 6 Isabel Henritta, born 19th February 1872, died 17th September 1910, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 16th February 1898, Basil Walter Ebell, born 2nd March 1873, died 8th August 1912, son of Edwin Walter Ebell and Grace Eugenie Idè. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, pages 13 and 15).
- 7 Frederick William, born 1873, died 5th March 1936, married:

- a In Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 28th September 1904, Hilda Maria Ebell, born 26th April 1880, died 28th April 1905, daughter of Edwin Walter Ebell and Grace Eugenie Idé (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XXX, page 13).
- b In St. Andrew's Scots Kirk, Colombo, 30th September 1914 Isobel Olive Ebell, born 22nd September 1882, sister of (a) supra.

XII.

Richard Edward Andree, born 29th January 1825, died 16th December 1866, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 18th October 1849, Caroline Amelia Ephraums, born 10th December 1834, died 15th May 1869, daughter of Daniel Ephraums and Catharina Charlotta Zybrandsz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 105). He had by her:—

- 1 Abigail, born 10th January 1851, died 11th September 1871, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 1st December 1870, Hilary Donald Jansz.
- 2 Pauline Rose, born 26th May 1852, married 8th July 1874, Hilary Donald Jansz, widower of Abigail Andree referred to under 1 supra.
- 3 Florina, born 5th June 1854, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 17th December 1873, William Mandilton Young, widower of Anne Marie Clementine de Chermont, and son of Surgeon W. H. Young of the Ceylon Rifle Regiment and Mary Anne Dent.
- 4 Lavinia Blanche, born 6th August 1855, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 6th October 1875, John Edward Buultjens, son of William Cornelius Buultjens and Angenita Petronella Gomes. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, pages 22 and 26).

XIII.

Henry Dionysius (Daniel) Andree, born 23rd August 1880, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 21st September 1854, Mary Anne Catherine Morris, born 31st May 1838, daughter of John Morris and Johanna Roemana Christoffelsz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 14). He had by her:—

- 1 Florence, born 7th October 1855, married in the Methodist Church, Kollapitiya, John Godwin Sisouw, widower of Laura Grace Andree, who follows under 2.
- 2 Laura Grace, born 29th May 1857, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 3rd May 1880, John Godwin Sisouw, Government Surveyor, born 7th September 1856, son of Eugene Godwin Sisouw, Proctor, and Eliza Georgiana Brohier. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 196, and Vol. XXXIX, pages 72 and 73).
- 3 Richard Morris, who follows under XXV.
- 4 Lillian Catherine, born 10th December 1861.

- 5 Sylvia Blanche, born 26th August 1870, died 14th November 1940, married:

(a) Percy Kellar, born 1868, died 19th April 1896, son of Gilbert Francis Kellar and Georgiana Margaret Daviette nee Ephraums. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 106, and Vol. XXXVIII, page 53).

(b) In the Registrar General's Office, Colombo, 5th April, 1897, James Alfred Ernst Buultjens, B.A., (Cantab.), Advocate, born 6th November 1865, died 12th April 1916, son of John Buultjens, Proctor and Emelia Felicia Ernst. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 90 and Vol. XXX, pages 24 and 28).

6. Hilda Morris, born 16th October 1873, married:

(a) Charles Frederick Allan de Vos born 16th April 1879, son of William Denis de Vos, Proctor, and Frances Alice Ondaatje, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, pages 148 and 149).

(b) Wilfred Seneris.

XIV.

Adolphus William Andree, born 21st, January 1840, married in St. John's Church, Chundicully, Jaffna, 3rd September 1868, Merciana Maria (Nancy) Koch, born 9th September 1841, died at Madras, 1st May 1912, daughter of John Godfried Koch and Angenita Dorothea Aldons. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 135, and Vol. XXXII, page 117). He had by her:—

- 1 Adolphus William, who follows under XXVI.
- 2 Allan Cyril, born 21st October 1871, married Hannah Latham.
- 3 Arthur Hugh Llewellyn, born 26th May 1873.
- 4 Florence Violet, born 15th April 1875, married Edward de Silva.
- 5 Albert Percival, who follows under XXVII.
- 6 Frances Mabel, born 7th August 1879, married.....Ingleton.
- 7 Godfrey Lawson, born 3rd March 1882.

XV.

Ambrose Lorenz Andree, born 28th January 1849, married:

(a) Frances Sarah Pitors.

(b) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 6th June 1891, Emily Irene Melder, born 28th December 1871, died 22nd October 1921.

Of the first marriage, he had:

- 1 May, born 24th August 1880.
- 2 Lorenz, born 5th October 1882.
- 3 Lorenza, born 9th March 1885.

Of the second marriage he had:

- 4 Ambrose Lorenz, born 30th November 1891.

- 5 Rose Irene, born 11th February 1893, married, Arthur Herbert Gratiaen Mack, born 23rd November 1882, son of James Edgar Mack, Inspector of Police, and Alice Caroline Gratiaen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 19, and Vol. XXXIII, page 142).
- 6 Kathleen Ellen Nellie, born 29th August 1894, married 3rd February 1918, Arthur Vivian Ferdinands, born 17th October 1884, died 16th November 1934, son of Edward William Ferdinands and Annie Wright. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 81, and Vol. XXXVI, page 20).
- 7 Eugenie May (Pearl), born 15th January 1896.
- 8 Grace Darling, born 1st September 1898, married 27th December 1917, Eric Selwyn Woutersz, born 24th March 1885, son of Henry James Woutersz, C.C.S., and Abigail Wright. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVI, page 20, and Vol. XXXIX, pages 57 and 58).
- 9 Benjamin Donovan Lorenz, who follows under XXVIII.
- 10 Julian Lorenz, born 1st August 1907, died at Socrabaya, 14th April 1937.

XVI.

Julian Edgar Andree, born 20th May 1857, died 3rd March 1891, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendael, 3rd January 1891, Maria Matilda Andriezen, and he had by her:—

- 1 Muriel, born 23rd March 1884.

XVII

John Henry Andree, died at Bangalore, 1916, married Alice Sarah Good, daughter of William Thomas Good and Anne Eliza... of Madras. He had by her:—

- 1 Alicia Lorenz, died at Vepery in Madras, 19th April 1915, married Thomas Ridsdale Scott.
- 2 Emily Good, married Edwin Ebenezer Scott.
- 3 William Good, who follows under XXIX.
- 4 Florence Carroll.
- 5 Henry Edward.

XVIII

Charles Ambrose Andree, married Louisa Gabriel, and he had by her:—

- 1 Millicent Lena Lorenz, born 18th September 1880, died 20th September 1935, married in Christ Church, Kurunegala, 20th June 1901, Ernest Wilfred Crofton Daniels, Surveyor, born 10th May 1870, died 22nd March 1938, son of Jacobus Valentinus (James Valentine) Daniels and Arnoldina Carolina Eusoria Carron (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, pages 50, 52 and 134).

XIX.

Peter Gerard Andree, Inspector of Police, born 6th December 1849, died 7th November 1917, married in Christ Church, Galkissa, 28th July 1879, Lydia Lewis, born 10th April 1857, died 22nd January 1942; daughter of George Lewis and Anna Johanna Brantina Kleyen. He had by her:—

- 1 Gerard Lorenz, born 28th April 1880, died 4th September 1928.
- 2 Mabel Lorenz, born 11th June 1881, married in St. Luke's Church, Borella, 24th April 1905, Walter Aldons Thomasz, born 11th January 1872, died 25th April 1945, son of Charles Cornelius Thomasz and Georgina Maria Von Prana.
- 3 Nina Lorenz, born 3rd July 1882, died 25th October 1932, married in St. Luke's Church, Borella, 14th May 1906, Wilfred Olke Edema, born 22nd September 1881, died 20th September 1946, son of Wilfred Alaric Edema and Agnes Elizabeth Newman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 101).
- 4 Ethel Lorenz, born 13th October 1888, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 5th July 1916, Ernest Sydney Matthysz, born 17th May 1884, died 30th September 1936, son of John George Matthysz and Eliza Keegel.
- 5 Carl Lorenz, born 9th May 1890, married in the Straits Settlements, Hilda Moses, by whom he had issue.
- 6 Ruby Lorenz, born 24th November 1892, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 7th June 1915, Philip Edward Parsons, Assistant Commissioner of Excise, born 30th March 1888, died 9th October 1937; son of Thomas Parsons of Plymouth in Devonshire, England, and Sarah Amelia Van Geyzel.
- 7 Frederick Lorenz, born 9th February 1896, died 1897.
- 8 Lucy Lorenz, born 2nd November 1899, died 6th August 1900.

XX.

Charles Oliver Andree, born 10th February 1842, died 10th September 1900, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 5th February 1874, Gertrude Georgiana Daviot, born 19th September 1856, died 24th February 1934, daughter of Chery Louis Philippe Daviotte and Georgiana Margaret Ephraums. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 106). He had by her:—

- 1 Colin Oswald, born 4th February 1876, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 19th July 1905, Florence Dorothy D'Abbrera.
- 2 Lorenza Hilda, born 13th June 1877, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 22nd December 1909, John Wilfred Poulier, born 17th June 1860, died 8th November 1929, widower of Jessie Knowles, and son of John Frederick Poulier and Frederica Gerardina Spittel. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, pages 22 and 23, and Vol. XXV, page 163).

- 3 Richard Benjamin, who follows under XXX.
- 4 Daisy Myra, born 5th June 1881, married in St. Mary's Cathedral, Galle, 23rd April 1902, Lausian Theodore Fernando.
- 5 Ida May, born 7th June 1883, married in St. Paul's Church Milagiriya, 14th December 1905, Evelyn Frederick Christoffelsz Ludowyk, died 13th January 1947, son of James Peter Ludowyk and Evelyn Frederica Christoffelsz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 16).
- 6 Chery Daviot, born 1st July 1886, died 19th July 1886.
- 7 Claude Herbert, born 5th December 1888, married in Holy Trinity Church, Nuwara Eliya, 10th May 1928, Lucille Nicholas, daughter of Frederick Richard Ellis Nicholas and Amanda Soerts.
- 8 Gertrude Margaret, born 27th December 1893.
- 9 Imra Sylvia, born 22nd November 1895, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 22nd June 1922, Percival William de Zilwa, born 10th October 1889, son of William Piters de Zilwa, Chief Clerk, Medical Department, and Mary Alice Victoria Fernando.

XXI

Alfred Reginald Andree, born 26th October 1867, married in Christ Church, Tangalla, 26th May 1904, Mabel Florence Buultjens, born 23rd October 1879, died 5th February 1928, daughter of John Richard Buultjens and Jane Laura Gersse. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, page 27). He had by her:—

- 1 Reginald Hay, born 26th February 1905, died 15th March 1935.
- 2 Irne Marion Hay, born 14th June 1906.
- 3 Edith Isobel Hay, born 27th November 1908, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 14th September 1935, Lloyd Horace Firth.
- 4 Charles Alfred John Hay, born 14th September 1913.
- 5 Carl Hay, born 28th November 1919.

XXII

Edmund Walter Andree, born 5th October 1839, died 20th May 1909, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 5th January 1866, Julia Louisa Muller, born 12th July 1846, died 26th December 1915, daughter of George William Muller and Georgiana Maria de Neys. He had by her:—

- 1 Catherine Lucretia, born 15th November 1866, died 13th September 1867.
- 2 Eugenie Augusta, born 31st August 1868, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 18th April 1891, Aloysius Eritus

(Eloy) Misso, born 17th June 1864, died in Batavia, 4th December 1930, son of Joseph Sebastian Misso and Elizabeth Caroline de la Harpe. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, pages 58 and 66, and Vol. XXX, page 44).

- 8 William Harris, who follows under XXXI.
- 4 Julia Caroline, born 5th May 1874, died 10th April 1913, married in St. John's Church, Panadura, 5th February 1902, George Wilfred Pereira, born 6th January 1863, widower of Ellen Eliza Austin, and son of Daniel John Pereira and Susan Bartholomeusz.
- 5 Louisa Maude, born 29th January 1876, died 6th September 1937, married 10th March 1897, John Godfrey (Bobby) Tous-saint, born 11th April 1872, died in Alaska, 8th April 1941, son of Arnold Henry Toussaint and Elizabeth Koeh. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 37, and Vol. X, page 130).
- 6 Bridget Millicent, born 20th May 1879, married 7th September 1910, George Walter Pereira, son of John Christian Pereira and Jane Adelaide Crozier. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVII, page 25).

XXIII

Richard Marshall Andree, born 10th September 1845, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 6th May 1872, Laura Emelia Andree, referred to under VIII, 8, *supra*. He had by her:—

- 1 Claribel Ariel Lorenz (Birdie), born 13th January 1880, married George William Sturgess, M.R.C.V.S., Government Veterinary Surgeon, born, 4th September 1871.

XXIV.

William Owen Andree, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 5th May 1873, Laura Elizabeth Gratiaen, born 2nd February 1852, died 1895, daughter of Joan Gerard Gratiaen and Agnes Louisa Kriekenbeek. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. V, page 70, and Vol. VI, page 19). He had by her:—

- 1 William Graham, born 24th September 1874, died young.
- 2 Mabel Florence, born 12th December 1876, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 27th September 1899, William Dallas Mack, born 7th March 1877, son of James Edgar Mack, Inspector of Police, and Alice Caroline Gratiaen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 19, and Vol. XXXVIII, pages 142 and 147).

XXV

Richard Morris Andree, born 15th January 1859, died 26th December 1913, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 14th September 1892, Frances Rosaline Fernando, born 10th January 1867, died 9th February 1930, daughter of John Carl Fernando and Anna Dorothea de Zilva. He had by her:—

- 1 Alcide Morris, who follows under XXXII.
- 2 Robin Morris, born 29th August 1894.
- 3 Roselle Morris, born 18th April 1896, died 2nd October 1918, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 14th October 1915, Peter Brinley Carl Fernando, L.M.S. (Ceylon), L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin.), L.R.F.P. & S. (Glas.), Ceylon Medical Department, born 17th May 1882, died 3rd October 1939, son of Peter John Fernando and Alice Helen Joseph. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XII, page 25).
- 4 Leonie Morris, born 27th March 1899.
- 5 Corona Morris, born 9th August 1902.
- 6 Oriole Morris, born 29th January 1906, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo.
 - (a) 5th April 1926, Henry Melville Nagel Staples, born 30th July 1903, son of Frederick Philip Staples and Agnes Matilda Nagel.
 - (b) 25th June 1936, Frederick John Harvey Ayscough, born 7th October 1897, son of Gerald Edwin Ayscough and Lily Lehmann of Finchley in London.

XXVI

Adolphus William Andree, born 26th September 1869, died 2nd July 1910, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 18th January 1893, Alice Elizabeth Ebert, born 22nd March 1875, died 10th October 1910, daughter of John Clement Ebert and Mary Nancy Bates. He had by her:—

- 1 Maria Ruth, born 23rd May 1894, married:
 - (a) In Christ Church, Galle Face, Colombo, 27th December 1917, Ivo Eric Meier, L.M.S. (Ceylon), L.R.C.P. & S. L.R.F.P. & S. (Glas.), T.S.M. (Lond.). Civil Medical Department, born 30th December 1889 died 17th June 1931, son of Frederick William Meier and Louisa Jemima de Run. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, pages 145 and 146.)
 - (b) In St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 4th November 1940, Bertram Colvin Kelaart, born 12th September 1890, widower of Ernestine Irene Edith Gibson, and son of Harris Colvin Kelaart and Ada Joseph.
- 2 Adolphus William Lorenz, who follows under XXXIII.
- 3 Dorothy Grace, born 20th May 1897, married in Christ Church, Galle Face, Colombo, 4th February 1920, Carl Hubert Joseph Kelaart, born 28th October 1892, son of Harris Colvin Kelaart and Ada Joseph.

XXVII

Albert Percival Andree, born 6th January 1877, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 21st June 1900, Martha Mary Oertel, born 1st November 1881, daughter of Edward Carl Oertel and Elden Georgiana Walker. He had by her:—

- 1 Margaret Georgina Ellen, born 18th September 1903.
- 2 Beatrice Lydia, born 5th September 1905.
- 3 Vera Bertha Prudence, born 4th August 1907, married in the Registrar's Office, Bombay, 18th May 1940, Gerald William Lacey Berry.
- 4 Thomas Edward Albert Llewellyn, born 11th March 1909, married in St. Anna's Church, Mazagoan, Bombay, 18th April 1939, Sophia Amelia Muller.
- 5 Nellie Ruth Pearl, born 29th November 1911.
- 6 Rudolph Frederick, born 19th July 1913.
- 7 Warwick Arthur George, born 22nd May 1917.
- 8 Primrose, born 12th October 1919.

XXVIII

Benjamin Donovan Andree, born 29th April 1902 married:

- (a) In St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 26th December 1923, Esme Winifred Roosmalee Cocq, born 16th November 1904, daughter of Edmund Arthur Roosmalee Cocq and Winifred Ann Edema. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XIV, page 22).
- (b) At Colombo 1948, Erin de Sella.

Of the first marriage he had:—

- 1 Esme Irene, born 7th February 1925, married in St. Lucia's Cathedral, Colombo, 13th May 1942, Clement Kingsley Solomons, born 1st November 1916, son of Cornelis Solomons and Eva Sabina Andriesz.
 - 2 Sheila Ellen, born 14th November 1927, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 13th September 1943, Edward Rex Solomons, born 31st June 1931, son of Cornelis Solomons and Eva Sabina Andriesz.
 - 3 Christine Audrey, born 28th March 1929, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 1942, Alfred Hubert.
 - 4 Donovan Lorenz, born 16th July 1930.
 - 5 Malcolm Benjamin, born 27th September 1938.
- Of the second marriage, he had—
- 6 Donovan Jerome, born 2nd October 1948.

XXIX

William Good Andree, married Margaret White, and he had by her:—

- 1 Mabel
- 2 Kathleen Agnes
- 3 Edwin Good

XXX

Richard Benjamin Andree, born 16th July 1879, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 9th June 1909, Ivy Madeleine Wittensleger, born 26th August 1885, daughter of Peter Oliver Wittensleger and Charlotte Matilda Ephraums. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 106, and Vol. XL, page 25). He had by her:—

- 1 Lois Mignon Clair, born 21st May 1910, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 28th December 1932, Thelmutz Leitner Frederick Mack, Proctor, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce Madras, born 12th June 1902, son of William Edmund Mack and Ethel Sophia Loos (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVIII, pages 145 and 149, and Vol. XXXIX, page 111).
- 2 Dwight, born 18th November 1912, died 23rd November 1912.
- 3 Richard Charles Ivan, who follows under XXXIV.
- 4 Norma Faye, born 7th December 1916, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 11th June 1938, Justin Conrad Flamer Caldera, born 30th October 1913, died at Perth in Australia, 18th January 1949, son of Justin Beauchlere Flamer Caldera, L.M.S. (Ceylon), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), Certificate of London School of Tropical Medicine, Ceylon Medical Department, and Emily Harriet Lena Barber.
- 5 Cuthbert Harold Rienzi, who follows under XXXV.

XXXI

William Harris Andree, born 20th May 1872, died 8th February 1931, married Alice Bennett, and he had by her:—

- 1 William Harris.
- 2 Noel.
- 3 Shelton.
- 4 Rene.

XXXII

Alcide Morris Andree, born 25th July 1893, died 14th October 1949, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 6th January 1921, Agnes Beryl May Staples, born 27th October 1898, daughter of Frederick Philip Staples and Agnes Matilda Nagel. He had by her:—

- 1 Richard Fredrick Maurice, born 2nd February 1925.
- 2 Beryl Georgia, born 3rd June 1929.
- 3 Marlene Faye, born 27th February 1933.

XXXIII

Adolphus William Lorenz Andree, born 1st March 1896, married:

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya 3rd February 1923, Mercia May de Run, born 30th August 1899, died 3rd September 1939, daughter of Owen Algernon de Run and Clara Marion Foenander. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVIII, page 93.)
- (b) In St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 18th January 1941, Hilary Thomasia Jansz, born 4th December 1907, daughter of Charles Alexander Jansz and Euphemia Loftus Smith. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 103.)

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 William Godfrey Trevor, born 11th February 1924.
- 2 Irving Algernon Lorenz, born 3rd January 1928.

XXXIV

Richard Charles Ivan Andree, born 15th September 1914, married in Christ Church Cathedral, Colombo, 28th September 1940, Verna Winifred Rose Ferdinands, born 12th June 1917, daughter of Frederick Charles Bertram Ferdinands, Land Surveyor, and Vivienne Anne Constance Van Cuylenburg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 82). He had by her:—

- 1 Charille Desiree, born 7th September 1943.
- 2 Beverley Gale, born 25th November 1945, died 24th May 1946.
- 3 Roseanne April Dawn, born 13th April 1947.
- 4 Melanie Fern, born 16th January 1950.

XXXV

Cuthbert Harold Rienzi Andree, born 4th August 1921, married in St. Luke's Church, Borella, 17th November 1942, Doreen Iris Nelson, daughter of Earnest Nelson and Beatrice Gauder. He had by her:—

- 1 Maxine Jill, born 10th February 1948.

Notes:—(1) Charles Hay Andree, referred to under IX, and William Anthony Claessen, referred to in D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXV, page 115, were the only two resident Proctors practising at Tangalle for a considerable time about the middle of last century. It was said that the former was no match for the latter. William Anthony Claessen had a habit of wiping his face frequently when addressing the Court, and had a handkerchief always on the table by his side. Charles Hay Andree sat not far from

him, and he would quietly remove the handkerchief on the table to a place out of William Anthony Claessen's reach, and when his hand went mechanically for it and missed it, he was quite put out and lost the whole trend of his argument. Charles Hay Andree, was a self-made man, and knew Dutch fairly well. He was also a great violinist, and with his son used to supply music for all the social gatherings which were of frequent occurrence there in those days. Every birthday anniversary of any member of the few families in the place was made a provocation to get up a dance party.

- (2) Thomas Parsons, father of Philip Edward Parsons, referred to under XIX, 6, came to Ceylon circa 1876 with the Middlesex Regiment. On obtaining his discharge, Thomas Parsons, was appointed to the local Prisons Department, and later served as a Head Guard in the Ceylon Government Railway. On retirement from Government service, he returned with his family to London, where he died.
- (3) Ellen Eliza Austin, referred to under XXII, 4, was a daughter of Frederick Austin and Sophia Eliza Anne Wood. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 28.)
- (4) Lois Mignon Clair Mack *nee* Andree referred to under XXX, 1, took up in Colombo in July 1930 the practical examination for the highest diploma of the London Trinity College of Music, which she successfully passed. She is entitled to have the letters F.T.C.L. after her name. This was the first time this distinction was obtained without the candidate having to go to England for the purpose.

FLASH—BACK ON DUTCH RULE

—Communicated—

Of all the settlements of the Dutch East India Company Ceylon has been, if not the earliest, at least one of the most interesting. It is interesting because the Company settled here, not exclusively as merchants, but as the civil authority as well. The interior of the Island, the territory of the Kandyan king, was something of a terra incognita. Dutch authority did not therefore extend far from the coast. But over the territory that authority operated it was of an organised and desirable nature.

In order to explore the results of Dutch rule it is necessary in the first place to note that they did not transform the people of Ceylon from a medieval to a modern state.

One of the striking features of a modern people is that their economy is commercial. In a medieval society people are generally agrarian. Now, it is this change from agrarian to commercial that gives rise to some of the features of a modern state—towns, roads, railways. Commerce therefore breaks up the medieval social structure wherein society is divided on *caste* lines and gives birth to a new society divided on *class* lines. Finally, it is the herding together of people in towns as a result of commerce and trade which leads to exchange of ideas and education, which in turn help to change the medieval machinery of government from absolutist to democratic. If we review Dutch rule in Ceylon in this light it will be appreciated why society in Ceylon was not transformed by them from feudal to modern. Economically the people remained agrarian and did not take to commerce, the old social distinctions of caste did not break-up. Finally in the political spheres there was not a trace of any form of representative institution whatsoever.

What then were the results of Dutch rule in Ceylon? To say that it was barren would be to deliberately distort history. The Dutch invasion did not languish in the stone walls of their forts. It left its stamp on this island—and many characteristics today are explicable only with reference to Dutch sway in Ceylon.

Law—

For the advancement of commerce law and order and necessary perquisites. The Dutch East India Company was essentially a commercial organisation and for its administration law was necessary. Those areas which came directly under Dutch rule benefited. Law courts and codes were set up. For the company's servants Roman-Dutch law was applied. In the province of Jaffna, Tamil customs were codified into the Thesavalamai. Our legal system today owes a great deal to the Dutch. However, while recognising this obligation we should not shut our eyes to the fact that the rule of law was very restricted in its application. The company's servants enjoyed it, but the peoples were governed by their ancient customs and practices. Trade being their

concern, it did not matter to the company whether the same body was entrusted with executive and judicial functions in the government of the masses.

Agriculture and Plantations—

The economy today has many features which are Dutch in character. The most progressive areas in Ceylon are the Maritime Provinces of South-West and East and Jaffna. The most backward areas are the Kandyan districts. This in no small measure is due to the barriers created by boundaries. Naturally, as profit was the motive of the company's rule it developed the resources of those areas that came under it. This alone does not exhaust the contribution the Dutch made to the economy of Ceylon. They dictated the lines of future development. If we want to understand how it is that Ceylon's economy today is essentially a plantation economy we need to turn our eyes to the V.O.C's. stay in Ceylon. The coconut, cinnamon and indigo plantations were either started or greatly fostered by the Dutch and were essentially a contribution of their own. A note of warning should however be sounded, lest the reader visualise a distorted picture. It is tempting to infer that as the Dutch East India Company was a commercial body the people of Ceylon too were transformed likewise on the same lines. This however was not the case. The Sinhalese peasant continued to live by the toil of his plough. He was never initiated into the mysteries of commerce. He was compelled by the ancient system of *raiakariya*, to serve on the estates of his new master.

Industry—

Apart from the plantations many minor industries in Ceylon today are Dutch in origin. Furniture making a somewhat popular craft in a few maritime towns of Ceylon hail from Dutch times. The Sinhalese "baas" is derived from the Dutch "baas"—a carpenter. House building was another such feature characteristic of the company's influence.

Social—

It is lamentable that the period of the Company's rule in Ceylon did not coincide with the Holland of a Rembrandt, Hals or Steen, or a Brandt. Ceylon did not therefore gain all that was best from the Art and culture of Holland. It was an age of commerce and gain. This reflected itself in the style of architecture and building. There are still evident today the store rooms and warehouses, the ramparts and forts. The Dutch East India Company hardly affected the peoples way of life. As Governor Van Inhoff deplors in his "memoirs" the want of anything like a Jesuit organisation failed to implant Presbyterianism in Ceylon. Society under Dutch rule hardly changed at all. People continued to be divided into the various castes. No middle class sprang up to do away with the age old distinctions that existed in society—mainly because the people failed to take to commerce and trade.

Thus, while in summary it may be said that Dutch rule did not modernise the people of Ceylon, it was not without much result. Dutch influence kindled that spark in every corner of the maritime zone over which it held sway, and burns brightly today, offering safety, order, social and economic betterment but respecting scrupulously the constructive principles of native justice, tradition and customs.

The views expressed, in this article are the Authors. We publish the communication with much pleasure as it is the product of modern thought, and represents the ideas of a young student—writer. *Editor.*



THE COMENIUS' DUTCH-SINHALESE DICTIONARY.

The discovery of any document that throws light on the efforts of the Dutch in Ceylon to acquire, or perfect, knowledge of the Sinhalese language should be welcomed by the student of history and research. In present times it should prove equally interesting to the general reader.

Such a document which has commended itself to notice recently, is a Dutch-Sinhalese dictionary in manuscript, consisting of thirty three closely written leaves. We learn from its brief introductory legend that the author of the work was a person named Johannes Amos Comenius, and that it was intended to serve as an introduction to a study of the Sinhalese language.

Nothing has yet been discovered concerning the author of this work. As it usually was the young Proponent sent out by the several Classis of Holland who was compelled to make a study of the language, it would not perhaps be incorrect to infer that the dictionary was the labour of one of these theological graduates, who persisted in making himself proficient in the vernaculars. It has been tentatively accepted that the work was done in the 18th century. The very fact that it is hand-copied may be a clue that it was written prior to 1736 when the first printing press was set up in Ceylon.

There certainly is romance in the reflection that this unique contribution to Sinhalese literature in the Dutch period should have been uncared for, and was found among the musty records of Wolvendaal, which, as is well-known, have passed through many vicissitudes. For decades these records lay uncatalogued and unexamined. This, in one way has perhaps proved fortunate, for the oblivion conferred on it by the careless and indifferent has protected it from the hand of the vandal. When discovered by a Committee of the Historical Commission, the only scar found on the yellowed leaves of this particular manuscript was a deep impression left by a weevil.

Happily today, by a magnanimous decision of the General Consistory of the Dutch Reformed Church, this dictionary has been preserved to posterity, but this too happened in the strange way these legacies of a *Past* press themselves on notice.

When during the last war and emergency, the more valuable Church records, with other similar collections, were placed in the safe-keeping of the Government Archivist at Nuwara Eliya, a linguist and scholar in the person of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund Peiris, Bishop of Chilaw made a close study of it. He found much in the work which he was well aware would prove useful to the research student.

Proceeding further, there was a good deal of sporadic correspondence which ultimately led to a decision by the Consistory, to offer the original document as a loan exhibit to the Government Archives, on an arrangement that photostat copies would be made available to the

Wolvendaal Archives, the Library of the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, and to the Library of the Ceylon University.

This favourable position for the Comenius Dictionary has since been achieved. A beginning has already been made to produce from it a Dutch-English-Sinhalese Dictionary. While it will therefore doubtless prove to be a source of curiosity and enlightenment to the collectors of old writings and the well-informed man, its fuller usefulness will be proved by its value as a volume of reference to the specialist.

R. L. B.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Union will be held in the Union Hall, Reid Avenue, on Saturday, the 25th March 1950 at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. To read the notice convening the meeting.
2. Distribution of Sinhalese Examination Prizes.
3. Distribution of Billiards, Snookers and Russian Pool Tournament Prizes.
4. To read and, if approved, to confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
5. To consider and, if approved, to adopt the Annual Report and Audited Accounts.
6. To consider and, if approved, to pass the following amendments to the constitution recommended by the General Committee, viz.
 - (a) That rules 6 (c) and 6 (d) be deleted and that there be substituted therefor the following new rule to be numbered 6 c viz:—

“The admission fee shall be Rupees two, and the monthly subscription which shall entitle a member to the advantages of the Union for himself, his wife and his unmarried children, excepting sons over 21 years of age, shall (subject to the right of the General Committee to make rules from time to time with regard to the introduction of children into the Union premises) be as follows:—

(i) Members resident within Colombo Municipal Limits	...	Rs. 3 00
(ii) Members resident outside Colombo Municipal Limits	...	0 50

Members paying the above rates shall alone be eligible for election as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary of a Standing Committee or member of the General Committee and shall have full management and control of the Union. They shall be entitled to the use of the Bar and the Billiard and Bridge Tables on a cash basis and to credit as provided in Rule 6 (e) provided always that:—

(i) Ladies desirous of becoming members may if resident within Colombo Municipal Limits be admitted to membership at a monthly subscription of Rupee one and any lady member now paying a higher rate of subscription may at her request be transferred to this class of membership. Such subscription shall

entitle lady members to the same privileges as members resident within Colombo Municipal Limits paying the subscription of Rupees three a month.

(ii) Members resident within Colombo Municipal Limits who were paying a subscription of Rupee one a month on the 25th March 1944 and who have continued to pay their subscription at this rate shall be entitled to continue to do so. Payment of such subscription shall entitle such members to use the Bar and the Billiard and Bridge Tables on a cash basis.

(iii) Members resident within Colombo Municipal Limits who were paying a subscription of cents fifty a month on the 25th March 1944 and who have continued to pay their subscription at this rate shall be entitled to continue to do so. Payment of such subscription shall entitle such members to use the Bar and Billiard and Bridge Tables on a cash basis on the following occasions only viz. The Annual and Special General Meetings, St. Nicholas' Eve Fete, Lectures, Dances and Dinners and on ordinary visits which shall not exceed twelve in any one year.

(b) That rule 6 (e) be re-numbered rule 6 (d)

(c) That rule 6 (f) be deleted and that there be substituted therefor the following new rule which shall be numbered 6 (e) viz.

(i) Subject as hereinafter provided credit up to a limit of Rs. 50, may be extended to Colombo members paying their subscriptions at the rate of Rupees three per month. Outstation members shall be entitled to the same privilege on payment of a regular monthly fee of cents fifty in addition to their ordinary subscriptions.

(ii) All bills must be settled by the close of the month following that in which the liability is incurred. Failing such settlement and notwithstanding that the aforesaid limit shall not have been reached, no further credit facilities shall be allowed to such members.

(iii) A debt shall become an arrear failing payment by the end of the month next but one after that in which the liability is incurred. On a debt becoming an arrear a reminder by registered post shall be addressed by the Treasurer to the defaulting member with the intimation that should the arrear remain unpaid after the lapse of a month from the date of the Treasurer's letter the name of the member will be posted up by the Secretary who shall thereupon send

him an intimation of this and that thereafter he shall not be entitled to the use of the Bar and Billiard and Bridge Tables even on a cash basis. Should he not pay by the end of one month after the date of the second intimation his name shall be erased from the list of members and he can be admitted again only after a fresh election on payment of all his dues up to the date of the removal of his name from the list of members.

(d) That rules 6 (g) and (h) be re-numbered rules 6 (f) and (g) respectively.

7. Election of Office-Bearers :—

- a). President
- b). Secretary
- c). Treasurer.

8. Election of General Committee.

9. Appointment of Auditor.

N.B. — Attention is drawn to Rule 7 (f) which reads as follows :—

“No Member whose subscription shall be three months in arrear on the first day of the month in which the meeting is held shall have the right to vote at such a meeting.”

A collection will be made at the end of the Meeting in aid of the Social Service Fund of the Union.

The General Committee will be “At Home” to Members and their families.

E. D. TOUSSAINT,

Hony. Secretary.

Colombo, 6th March, 1950.

FORTY SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting the following Report :—

Membership :—The number of members on the roll at the end of the year under review was 466 as compared with 526 at the end of 1948.

As at 1st January 1949	...	526	
No. of members re-elected	...	6	
New members joined	...	13	545

Less :—

Resigned	...	36	
Died	...	4	
Struck off under Rule 6 (e)	...	29	
Left the Island	...	10	79

No. of members as at 31-12-46	...		466
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Colombo Members :—

Paying Rs. 3/- per mensem	...	240
“ Re. 1/- “ “	...	12
“ -/50 cts. “ “	...	29

Outstation Members :—

Paying Re. 1/- per mensem	...	96
“ -/50 cts “ “	...	79

		456
Out of the Island		10
		466

General Committee :—Twelve monthly meetings and one special meeting were held during the year. The average attendance was 14 members.

Standing Committee for Ethical & Literary Purposes :—

This committee did not meet during the year; but lectures on the following subjects were arranged by the Secretary :—

- (1) GUNS, RIFLES, CAMERAS and the JUNGLE—by Mr. R. S. V. Poulier, C.B.E.
- (2) THE YANKEE DUTCH—by Rev. J. O. Schuring.
- (3) JUNGLE & OTHER FILMS—by Mr. R. S. V. Poulier, C.B.E.
- (4) FROM SIMOUNDU TO DUTCH CEYLON—by Mr. R. L. Brohier, O.B.E., F.R.G.S.

We are greatly indebted to these gentlemen for their services.

The Journal :—continued to be issued quarterly as the funds at the disposal of the Editor permitted of this being done.

Mr. J. R. Toussaint resigned from the Editorship of the Journal at the close of the year under review. The new Editor is Mr. R. L. Brohier.

The Bulletin :—continued to fulfil the purpose of acquainting members with the activities of the Union. Editorship of the Bulletin was taken over by Mr. B. R. Blaze at the beginning of November on the resignation of Mr. J. R. Toussaint. An appeal is once again made to members to assist the Editor with articles on current topics or by furnishing items of news.

The Committee recognises the eminent services rendered by Mr. J. R. Toussaint as Editor of the Journal and of the Bulletin for very many years. He was his own reporter, collector of news, typist and proof reader, and it has to be added that the finances of the Journal were a burden, which he alone had to overcome, and he has borne the strain. The Committee, on behalf of the Union, very gratefully record their thanks to him.

Standing Committee for Purposes of Social Service.

Nine meetings were held during the year. The attendance at these meetings was satisfactory, members displaying a very great interest in the activities of the Committee. Out of the funds at its disposal, the Committee continued to assist the aged by the grant of monthly pensions, besides affording a certain amount of casual relief. Approximately, Rs. 200/- was paid out monthly.

The X'mas treat for the poor was held as usual.

The financial position of the Social Service Fund gives cause for anxiety. Subscriptions from members and an Annual grant from the Public Assistance Committee have been the chief sources of income of the Fund. No grant was received during the year under review, the Public Assistance Committee having decided that grants should be made only to Voluntary Social Service organisations which maintained Homes for the Aged. All assistance would have had to cease at the end of October had the Fund not been augmented by a grant of Rs. 1386-77 from the proceeds of the Fun & Fair.

Standing Committee for Social Recreation, Entertainment & Sport.—This Committee met on ten occasions during the year, and under the direction of its energetic Secretary, Mr. T. B. Collette organised two very successful Dinner-Dances in June and August respectively, the first of which was in aid of the St. Nicholaas' Home Fund. Dances were also held on St. Valentine's Day and Boxing Day. Founder's Day was celebrated as usual and took the form of an evening for teen-agers, who were almost entirely responsible for the arrangements.

Billiards.—We participated for the first time in the All Ceylon Inter. Club (1949) Billiards and Snooker Tournament. Our team fared much better than was expected and gained considerable experience

against Ceylon's leading players. Friendly games against other Clubs have been played at Home and away, and have done much to improve our standard.

Our annual Tournament was held at the end of the year and the winners were:—

Billiards	...	Mr. J. A. Leenbruggen
English Snooker (Open)	...	„ R. E. Blaze
Rangoon Snooker (H'cap)	...	„ T. B. Collette
Russian Pool (H'cap)	...	„ T. B. Collette

Standing Committee for Genealogical Research.

Six meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of six members. Seventeen applications for membership were considered.

Standing Committee for Increasing Membership.

There was a revival of interest in the activities of this Committee. Two meetings were held and efforts to increase the membership proved successful.

Standing Committee for Historical Manuscripts & Monuments.

No meetings of this Committee were held during the year.

Standing Committee for Purposes of Education.

Nine meetings were held during the year, with an average attendance of six members. The Fees or part Fees of 13 children were paid during the year from the Education Fund. In addition, the fees of one student was paid from the Speldewinde Trust Fund. A statement showing receipts and payments in connection with the Education Fund is attached to this report. The Sinhalese Prize Examination for 1949, was held on Saturday the 21st January, 1950 at 10 a.m. Thirty four candidates sat for the Examination which was held as usual in three divisions.

St. Nicholaas' Eve Fete.—The distribution of toys to children of members took place as usual on 5th December 1949, when 168 children received gifts. Subscriptions collected amounted to Rs. 1,354-65, and Rs. 1,306-65 was expended.

St. Nicholaas' Home Fund.—The Committee administering this Fund met on seven occasions. The Fund was augmented during the year by Rs. 4,224-83 representing donations and part proceeds of the Fun & Fair held in September. The amount to the credit of the Fund at the end of the year was Rs. 36,896-45. The question of commencing building operations is under consideration.

Finance Committee.—Eleven meetings of the Committee were held with an average attendance of 9 members. The Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year was Rs. 870-65.

Special Funds.—The attention of all members is drawn to the special funds which are vested in the Board of Trustees of the Union and set out in detail in the Balance Sheet. It will be seen that, in addition to the St. Nicholaas' Home Fund referred to above, a sum of

Rs. 21,500/- has accumulated by way of legacies, donations and subscriptions and is available to foster and encourage talent and industry and to relieve distress and want.

The Beling Memorial Fund, The Speldewinde Trust Fund, The Vocation Fund, The Education Endowment Fund and the Higher Education Fund and Reserve are available for the educational needs of the deserving youth of the Community. No claims were made on these funds except the Speldewinde Trust Fund during the year.

The Social Service Fund which includes the Loos Legacy of Rs. 5,000/- and the Arndt Trust Fund have been earmarked for the building of the St. Nicholaas' Home.

By Order of the General Committee,
E. D. TOUSSAINT,
Hony. Secretary.

Colombo, 6th March 1950.



THE DUTCH BURGHER UNION OF CEYLON, COLOMBO.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1949.

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	Rs. c.		Rs. c.
Salaries and Wages	8,490 79	By Membership Subscriptions	10,014 50
Bonus to Staff	125 00	Entrance Fees	26 00
Contribution to Staff Provident Fund	74 40	Late Fees	4 00
Collector's Commission	584 36	BAR PROCEEDS:	
Travelling	120 00	Opening Stock	
Rent	2,915 04	and Purchases	
Electricity	1,015 75	less Closing	
Gas	178 55	Stock.	
		Sales	

THE DUTCH BURGHER UNION OF CEYLON, COLOMBO.

EDUCATION ACCOUNT

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1949.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	Rs. cts.		Rs. cts.
Balance on 1-1-49	1,297 53	By School Fees	955 25
Subscription & Donations	2,476 89	" Sinhalase Prize Examination	235 00
		" Balance on 31-12-49	2,584 17
Carried forward	71,957 80	Carried forward	87,386 87

Rs. 3,774 42

Rs. 3,774 42

SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1949.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
		Rs. cts.			Rs. cts.
To Balance on 1-1-49	...	769 84	By Sundry Disbursements	...	2,409 27
„ Sundry Contributions	...	1,649 93	„ Christmas Treat	...	220 00
„ Carnival	...	1,386 77	„ Balance on 31-12-49	...	1,177 27
		<u>Rs. 3,806 54</u>			<u>Rs. 3,806 54</u>

ST. NICHOLAAS' HOME FUND

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1949.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
		Rs. cts.			Rs. cts.
To Balance on 1-1-49	...	32,342 18	By Tax	...	31 68
„ Interest on Deposit	...	436 92	„ Sundry Disbursements	...	265 80
„ Transfer from "Reserve for Purchase of Shares" Account	...	250 00	„ Balance on 31-12-49	...	36,896 45
„ Share of Profits from "Fun & Fair"	...	2,773 53			
„ Sundries	...	1,391 30			
		<u>Rs. 37,193 93</u>			<u>Rs. 37,193 93</u>

THE DUTCH BURGHER UNION OF CEYLON, COLOMBO

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1949.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	Rs. cts.		Rs. cts.
SUNDRY CREDITORS & DEPOSITS:		CASH IN HAND	221 00
Sundry Creditors (As per Schedule)	1,776 43	CASH AT CHARTERED BANK	16,027 84
SOCIAL SERVICE ACCOUNT:		SUNDRY DEBTORS:	
As per detailed Statement	1,177 27	Subscriptions	2,534 38
EDUCATION ACCOUNT:		Bar Account	2,387 55
As per detailed Statement	2,584 17	Sundry Accounts	
HIGHER EDUCATION ACCOUNT:		(As per Schedule)	268 80
As per last Balance Sheet	560 00		<u>5,190 73</u>
REFERENCE LIBRARY:		LOANS TO STAFF	390 00
As per last Balance Sheet	194 72	STOCK:	
HOME CRAFT EXHIBITION ACCOUNT:		Wines, Spirits, Aerated Water, etc.	717 35
As per last Balance Sheet	79 19	One Volume of "Dutch in Ceylon"	4 50
ST. NICHOLAAS' FETE:			<u>721 85</u>
As per last Balance Sheet	333 11	PIANO:	
Add Amount received on account of last year	60 00	As per last Balance Sheet	139 82
Collections during year	1,354 65	Less Depreciation for year	13 98
	<u>1,747 76</u>		<u>125 84</u>
Less Disbursements	1,306 65	BILLIARDS TABLES:	
	441 11	As per last Balance Sheet	2,076 53
		Less Depreciation on Rs. 956-53 for the year	95 65
			<u>1,980 88</u>
<i>Carried forward</i>	71,957 80	<i>Carried forward</i>	87,386 87

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 42ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This Annual General Meeting of the Union was held at the Union Hall on Saturday, the 25th March.

The President, Mr. C. A. Speldewinde, occupied the Chair and there were about 90 members present.

The Secretary read the notice convening the Meeting, after which the President distributed the Sinhalese Examination Prizes, and the Billiard Tournament Prizes. The winners were:—

Sinhalese Examination.

Upper Grade.—Master S. P. Foenander-Herft.

Middle Grade.—Miss Fairlene. Caspersz.

Lower Grade.—Miss Desiree Hills.

Billiard Tournament.

Billiards.—Mr. J. A. Leembruggen.

Russian Pool & Rangoon Snooker.—Mr. T. B. Collette.

English Snooker.—Mr. R. E. Blaze.

The minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed, after which the President addressed the members reviewing the activities of the Union as set out in the 42nd. Annual Report and appealing for greater assistance and interest on the part of members in matters pertaining to Social Service.

At the conclusion of his address the President formally moved the adoption of the Annual Report at the Audited Accounts. This was seconded by Mr. R. L. Brohier.

Observations on the Report and Accounts were offered by Mr. D. V. Altendorff. His remarks covered a wide range of subjects and included the decrease in membership, which he attributed to the increased subscription which had been resolved on at the 41st Annual General Meeting; the Journal; the Loos Legacy and its application for providing assistance to the Poor and Needy; the Historical Monuments and Manuscripts Committee; the omission in the Balance Sheet of the land at Kirillapone gifted by Dr. R. L. Spittel for the erection of the St. Nicholaas' Home and certain items in the Income and Expenditure Account.

The President, Treasurer, and Secretary replied suitably to Mr. Altendorff's observations.

Mr. A. E. Keuneman (Snr.), Dr. R. L. Spittel and Mr. L. B. Kelaart also offered remarks, after which the meeting unanimously resolved to adopt the Annual Report & Accounts.

The next item on the agenda was the amendments to the Constitution recommended by the General Committee. The amendments

were proposed by Mr. E. D. Toussaint who offered a brief explanation of the purpose sought to be achieved by each amendment before moving their formal adoption. Dr. H. E. Schokman seconded, and Mr. D. V. Altendorff spoke in support of the amendment numbered 6 (a) on the agenda paper. This amendment and that numbered 6 (b) were unanimously passed.

In the case of the amendment numbered 6 (c) on the agenda paper, Mr. Altendorff suggested that provision should be made in the new rule for Outstation Lady Members being allowed credit up to a limit of Rs. 25/- without the payment of an additional monthly fee. On being requested to submit a formal amendment, Mr. Altendorff stated that he was not in opposition to do so. The substantive motion was then put to the House and carried unanimously.

The resolution numbered 6 (d) was likewise passed unanimously.

At this stage Mr. Speldewinde vacated the Chair, and on the proposal of Mr. D. V. Altendorff, seconded by Mr. A. E. Keuneman (Snr.), Dr. R. L. Spittel took the Chair.

Election of President.

In proposing the re-election of Mr. Speldewinde for the ensuing year, Dr. Spittel referred to the quiet efficiency shown by Mr. Speldewinde in his first term of Office. The proposal was carried with acclamation. On re-occupying the Chair, Mr. Speldewinde thanked the members for their confidence in him.

Election of Secretary.

Dr. F. R. Bartholomeusz proposed, and Mr. F. E. Loos seconded, the election of Mr. Fred Loos as Secretary. This was carried unanimously.

Election of Treasurer.

The re-election of Mr. Ivor Wendt, proposed by Mr. C. P. Brohier, and seconded by Mr. T. B. Collette, was carried unanimously.

General Committee.

Mr. F. R. Loos proposed, and Mr. C. N. Ferdinands seconded the following General Committee for 1950/51-viz.

Colombo.—Messrs. D. N. Altendorff, L. E. Blaze, B. R. Blaze, C. P. Brohier, R. L. Brohier, A. E. Christoffelsz, H. K. de Kretser, A. B. Demmer, T. B. Collette, J. C. E. Ferdinands, L. L. Hunter, D. Jansze, A. E. Keuneman (Snr.), Frank E. Loos, L. V. O. Jonklaas, Ivor Misso, J. R. Toussaint, E. D. Toussaint, F. C. van Cuylenberg, E. A. vander Straaten, H. vanden Driesen, Doctors R. L. Spittel, J. R. Blaze, E. S. Brohier, H. S. Christoffelsz, Sam de Vos, H. E. Schokman, V. R. Schokman, L. O. Weinman, F. G. Smith.

Outstation.—Messrs. A. E. Buultjens, P. N. Bartholomeusz, T. P. C. Carron, O. L. de Kretser (Jnr.), O. L. de Kretser (Snr.), F. W. E. de Vos, G. F. Ernst, A. L. B. Ferdinand, Vernon Grenier, Col. A. C. B. Jonklaas, E. G. Jonklaas, Doctors H. Ludovici, V. H. L. Anthonisz, H. A. Direckze, E. F. E. Kellar.

Appointment of Auditors.

Mr. C. P. Brohier proposed and Mr. A. L. Loos seconded the appointment of Messrs Satchitananda, Schokman & de Silva, as Auditors for the ensuing year, on the same remuneration as before, in case only an Annual Audit was required, and at an increased fee of Rs. 250/- in case a half-yearly Audit was required. The proposal was carried unanimously. Before the meeting closed, Dr. Nell proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Office-Bearer, which was seconded by Mr. Altendorff, and carried unanimously.

A collection was made after the Meeting in aid of the Social Service Funds, and realised Rs. 108-95.



NOTES OF EVENTS AND QUERIES

(a) Summary of Proceedings at Committee Meetings

*Minutes of a Meeting of the General Committee held on
21st February 1950.*

Present.—The President occupied the chair and there were about twenty members present. A letter from Mr. E. G. Jonklaas regretting his inability to be present was tabled.

Vote of Condolence.—The President referred to the death of Mr. Glen Altendorff and Mrs. L. VanderStraaten. The Secretary was directed to convey the sympathies of the Union to the members of their families.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES.

Social Service.—The President mentioned that Mrs. B. C. Kelaart had left the Island on holiday, Mrs. Neil Wambeek was appointed in her stead.

St. Nicholaas' Home Fund.—The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 1950, were read. The Secretary stated that estimates for constructing of the homes had been received and were being considered.

Entertainment and Sport.—The Report was tabled.

Finance.—The report was read and it was resolved to accept the resignation of Rev. D. E. Joseph. The accounts were tabled and passed. There was a short discussion regarding attention to correspondence by the Treasurer and Secretary.

Amendment of Rules.—The meeting approved the proposal made by the President for the amendment of rules to provide for a new class of membership confined to ladies at a monthly subscription of Re. 1/- and also amendment of the rule stating with her accounts.

Other Business.—A letter from Mr. J. R. Toussaint dealing with the Journal Accounts was tabled. The President confirmed that Mr. R. L. Brohier had expressed his willingness to edit the Journal that he would not be responsible for collecting the subscriptions and keeping the accounts for which independent arrangements would have to be made. The meeting unanimously accorded a vote of appreciation for the work done by Mr. Toussaint in editing the Journal and Bulletin over a period of many years.

*Minutes of a Special Meeting of the General Committee
held on Friday 3rd March 1950, at 6-30 p.m.*

Present.—The President occupied the chair, and twelve members were present.

Business.—The draft of the report of the Committee was considered and approved subject to certain minor amendments suggested by Mr. Altendorff. The Annual Report of the Auditors, the Balance

Sheet and supporting schedules, and the Income and Expenditure Statement were also considered.

It was decided that the amendments to the rules considered at the previous meeting of the Committee should be recommended by the General Committee.

The meeting resolved that the General Committee should be "At Home" to members and their families after the Annual General Meeting, and that a paper should be circulated among members of the Committee for subscriptions to defray the expenses.

(b) Stamboek

MARRIAGES: 26th November, Miliani Sansoni and Monique Deutrom,
22nd December, Jack Berry Joseph and Vilma Rita Gauder.

26th December, Godfried Gerard van den Driesen and Thelma Ebert.

26th December, Pat Guinan and Valencia Ferdinands.

27th December, Mervyn Werkmeister and Primrose Koch.

28th December, Ronald Bartholomeusz and Therese Pietersz.

4th January, Rex Miliani Sansoni and Ruth Mary Arndt.

18th February: At Kandy, Allan Rex Demmer and Christine Amy van Twest.

Deaths: 31st December, Mrs. Agnes Henrietta Gratiaen Mack.

2nd January, Jennifer Brohier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Brohier.

8th January, Aileen Woutersz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Woutersz.

9th January, Hugh Ferdinands Beling.

19th January, Francis Adolphus Speldewinde.

14th February, at Matara: Glenville Hubert Altendorff.

26th February, at Kalmunai: Dr. Terence Earle de Kretser.

5th March, at Kurunegala: Joseph Elon Brohier.

7th March, at Colombo: Arthur Alison Loos.

10th March, at Colombo: Mrs. Lucille Prins.

24th March, at London: Miss Dorothy Kathleen Jansz.

24th March, at Colombo: Mrs. Anna Mariya van Langenberg.

26th March, at Colombo: Shelton Dickman Loos.

GLEN ALTENDORFF

It is not given to all members of the Community to actively further the interests of the Union. By the death of Glenville Hubert Altendorff we have lost one of that band of silent, staunch supporters.

In the town of Matara, the home of the Altendorffs, which he had made his home, his loss will naturally be most keenly felt. The dwindling minority of Burghers in South Ceylon, to whom he was always the personification of "the pride which should be felt by the individuals in the community of which they are the component parts," have, by his death lost a living reality of those traditions which contribute to the making of the "old-time gentleman." In society he was genial, with a grace which was always mindful of dignity. Nothing offended his complaisance more than the restlessness and hurry of modern times.

His ardent desire to promote the welfare of the Church of his fathers was proved by his service as Elder of the Dutch Reformed Church at Matara.

Glen Altendorff was 73 years old at his death. He married in 1909, at the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, Myra Garvin, the daughter of Dr. T. F. Garvin; and on her demise, at All Saints' Church in Galle: Bertha Charlotte Ephraums. He leaves his widow, and two daughters of his first marriage: Myra Glencora, and Olga Feodora the wife of Gerald Eitel Ernst.

(c) BOOK REVIEWS, AND EXTRACTS

The Peoples of Ceylon, by Dr. N. D. Wijesekera, M. D. Gunasena & Co., Ltd.:—"From about the 14th century onwards the European element began to infiltrate into the Island." Referring to the Portuguese the author states: "Certain classes were permitted to intermarry with the local population as a means of ensuring security and defence. So long as the Portuguese power continued... the Portuguese citizens were respected and recognised. But with the fall of the Government by Dutch conquest... their descendants' and admixtures' degenerated, despised by the Dutch and cursed by the Sinhalese. Their survivors... known as Portuguese Burghers, bear living testimony to the unhappy results of ancient and modern colonial domination."

The same pitiful fate overcame the Dutch colonists and half-breeds when their Government surrendered to the British. One thing alone helped to delay the progress of degeneration and contempt and that was the patronage extended by the British. It may be remarked that so far the Dutch hybrids are the only group of mixed humanity who have suffered least social depreciation on account of hybridization. But the initial preferential treatment could not be maintained in the face of democratic treatment and open competition. They held on due to

the initial advantage but soon after its loss began to fall. The psychological attitude was not destined to help their survival since they fell between the nationals whom they despised and the British who despised them. The survivors are the Dutch Burghers, the majority of whom are clerks at the commercial and government offices."

This is an example of the ignorance shown by writers who are in a position to verify their facts, and should know better, but choose not to do so. The only point stressed by this indictment is that the Dutch Burghers still labour under the disadvantage of not having readily available records of their history.

A detractor of the Dutch in the early British period, showed them in unfavourable light by translating the word "*Kuysch*", entered against the names of several respected families of Dutch descent in Ceylon on a record as: "half-caste" and not as it should read: "Chaste or clean or pure." Apparently in 150 years we have still not travelled far from these times.—

Happily, the average reader into whose hands this book is likely to find its way, is better informed now in these matters, and is well able to appreciate the flagrant perversion of truth.—(Note by Editor.)

GOOD THINGS TO LEARN

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.

Learn how to tell a story. A well-told story is as welcome as a sun-beam in a sick-room.

Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in this world keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile.

Learn to attend strictly to your own business. A very important point.

Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths.—Members of the Union are invited to advise the Editor of domestic occurrences for compilation of the Stamboek. These notices must be restricted to a bare statement of the name or names, place, and date of occurrence.

The Journal will be issued at the end of every quarter, post free, to each member of the Union who pays a subscription of Rs. 5/- per annum towards its cost of publication. Literary and other contributions are invited and should be sent to Mr. R. L. Brohier, Milagiriya

Avenue, Colombo 4. All remittances on account of the Journal should be made to the Honorary Treasurer of the Union.

Change of address.—All change of address should be notified without delay to the Honorary Secretary of the Union, Dutch Burgher Union Hall, Reid Avenue, Colombo, or to the Honorary Treasurer of the Union. This will ensure the safe receipt by members of all Notices, invitations, reports etc.

Dutch Burgher Union of Ceylon Buildings Co., Ltd.—All communications should be addressed to G. H. Gratiaen, Esq., Secretary of the Company, D.B.U. Hall, Reid Avenue, Colombo.

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