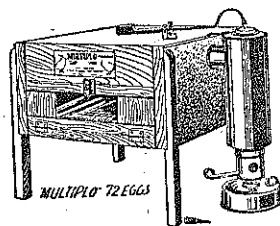


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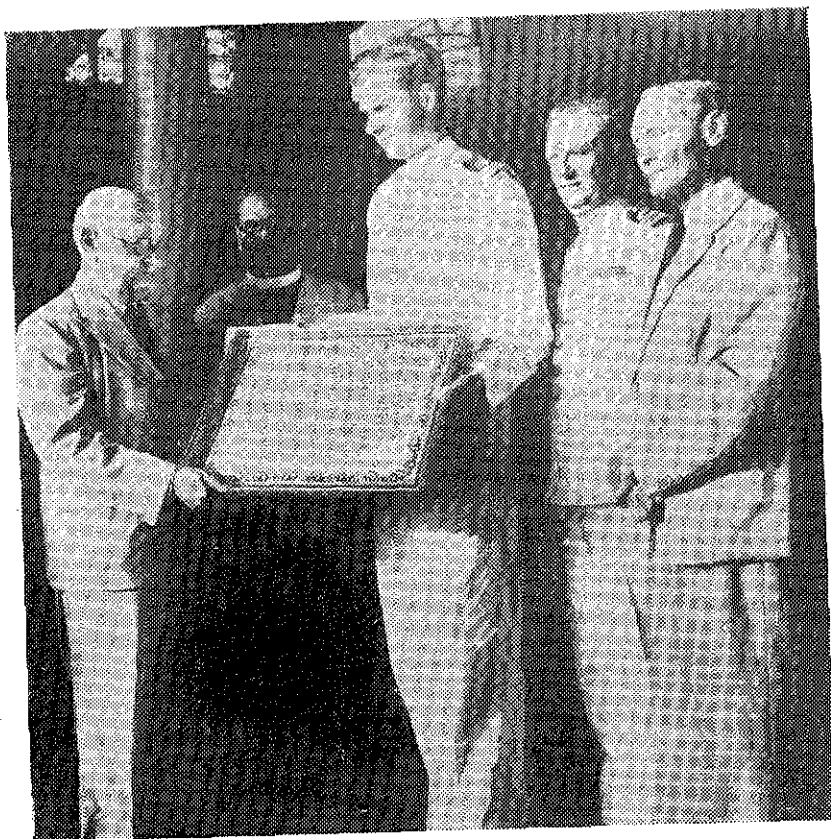
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THE CHAPLAIN OF THE DUTCH DESTROYER *Tjerk Hiddes*
PRESENTING THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO MR. KENNETH DE
KRETSER, SENIOR ELDER OF THE DUTCH REFORMED
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A PLAQUE TO MARK DUTCH GRATITUDE,

None, possibly not even the most critical, will cavil over the ceremonial formalities and the service held at the Wolvendaal Church on the 13th of February last. The truth is that the occasion and the simple ritual were not the anachronisms we so often see today—staged to have effect upon the popular imagination and to compel respect for national institutions. Here, rather, was an unexpected gesture of good-will both intimate and close in its relations to contemporary life. It is hardly possible that even the 200-year old history piled around the Wolvendaal Church can offer a more spontaneous instance of remembrance and gratitude than that which this occasion connotes.

The spark which kindled this happy event is to be found in the following letter which the Scribe of the consistory of the Dutch Reformed Church in Ceylon received some time about the end of last year:—

November 13th, 1950.

"Wolvendaal" Church of the Dutch Burghers,
Colombo,
Ceylon.

Dear Brethren in Christ,

It is after some correspondence with the Army, Navy and Air Force authorities in Great Britain that a plan made by the Protestant Churches in the Netherlands could be executed: this plan that in those Churches in Great Britain and Ireland who had given a warm welcome to Dutch soldiers, sailors and airmen during and immediately after the war, a memorial tablet would be presented expressing the warm gratitude of the said Dutch Protestant Churches for this great and efficient help.

This being done, the Dutch Navy authorities asked our attention for the "Wolvendaal" Church of the Dutch Burghers in Colombo, Ceylon, which ought certainly also to be considered because of their warm and very sincere help extended to our countrymen, who came there during and after the war. We are very thankful for their information and are happy that we may now offer your Church a memorial tablet in order to express our thankfulness to our Brethren in Colombo.

We hope an opportunity may be found to give the tablet a place in your Church. Since there is no possibility that the Chairman or the Secretary of the Executive Committee come over for the presentation ceremony, either the Commander or one of the officers of the Boat that brings the tablet to you will read this letter and deliver the plaque to you, thus strengthening the ties between the "Wolvendaal" Church in Colombo and the Churches in the Netherlands.

With warm greetings,
on behalf of the Executive Committee,
the Chairman and Secretary of the
General Synod of the Netherlands
Reformed Church:

H. J. F. WESSELDIJK,

E. EMMEN.

This letter was read in the course of the ceremony to the large crowd assembled in Wolvendaal, by Naval Chaplain H. Van Beek, of the Dutch Destroyer Tjerk Hiddes. The Dutch Commander, I. Haentjes, then thanked the congregation in the English language for all their kind service and presented the tablet to the senior elder of the Wolvendaal Consistory, Mr. Kenneth de Kretser. The inscription on it read:

"To the Glory of God and in grateful remembrance of generous hospitality bestowed on the Netherlands' sailors, soldiers and airmen during their stay in the United Kingdom, Annos Domini 1940—1947 this tablet was presented by the Protestant Churches of the Netherlands. 'I was a stranger and ye took me in'".

The Revd. John O. Schuring, a predicant of the local church, conducted a short bilingual service in which God's Name was praised for the happy event and for the opportunity of service which was granted the Dutch Burghers by the presence of the Dutch military, naval and airmen during and after the war. A word of welcome was extended to the naval men in their mother tongue asking them to convey greetings and gratitude to the Protestant Churches of the Netherlands for this beautiful tablet and assuring them that the privilege of service to their men was reward sufficient, and that if the future brought their men to our shores again a hearty welcome awaited them in homes, churches and clubs.

Readers of the Journal will be interested to learn that it was Capt. S. Dobbenga, R.N.N., a very keen member of the Union during his stay in Ceylon, who brought the services which had been held in Wolvendaal Church to the notice of the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Churches in the Netherlands. Capt. Dobbenga often occupied the pulpit at Wolvendaal Church during the absence of the Naval Padre Lindeyer. Capt. Dobbenga is now the Officer Commanding, Naval College, Hilversom, Holland.

The plaque, which appears to be of Delft tile, will doubtless be plinthed, in due course, on the walls of the old Church of many memories.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM BIOGRAPHIES?

By

REGNEZEB.

In the January number of the Dutch Burgher Union Journal, there appeared a sketch of the life of Father Berenger. The perusal of this intrigued me, and set me thinking, and asking myself "What can we learn from Biographies?" To this question what better answer, what more expressive than these exquisite lines of the immortal American Bard, Longfellow.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of Time

Footprints that perhaps another
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and ship wrecked brother
Seeing, shall take heart again"

or, equally heartening these lines from one whom I cannot recall to mind—probably the Editor may—

"The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upwards in the night."

How very stimulating! But what of my own impressions as to what we may learn from Biographies? Here they are for what they are worth. We can learn first to gather from the experience of others knowledge for ourselves, to know how to fashion and mould our own lives. We learn from the character of good and bad men to feel and sympathize with their labours and trials, with their struggles and difficulties, and to rejoice and be heartened at their achievement, and the successes which have ultimately in most instances crowned their indefatigable efforts.

The unbiased scrutiny, the careful analysis of the lives of others especially of great men, in any sphere in every walk of life—be they men of peace or war, men of thought or action, be they statesmen, poets or inventors, explorers, philanthropists or advocates: artists, missionaries or even adventurers—the study of their lives should stimulate and encourage us, to apply ourselves diligently in the pursuit of what is right, good and noble, and to avoid whatever is wrong, harmful and selfish. Their indefatigable labours, their pains and anxieties, their self-denial, the contradictions and oppositions, the slanders and calumnies, which they met and overcame, ere they reached the goal of their ambition, and were rewarded with success,

must be for us a stimulating urge, a prodding incentive, to rely more on our own efforts, backed up by indomitable perseverance, rather than depend on the help and patronage of the rich, or on the smiles and caresses of the great—must be for us a spur or bright example to achieve something worthy of ourselves, something beneficial to mankind at large, and helpful to our neighbours.

And what of their failures? Their failures and such failures after all, have been few, very few indeed—should in no way discourage or depress us, nor damp our ardour, or stifle our energies! or lessen our enthusiasm, but should on the contrary be a further incentive, a greater reason for us to press forward with renewed vigour, and to go ahead with fervor and redoubled enthusiasm. No, failure, even repeated failure, should never be the end of effort on the contrary, failure again should be the discipline to guide us by stimulating us to further trials, to greater effort. It should bring out the more our hidden talents, rouse our dormant energies, and kindle anew our enthusiasm and evoke our best powers, and urge, push, carry us on, onwards towards victory, towards self-culture, self-control, and in the growth of knowledge and wisdom. We must be buoyed up by the thought that failure conquered by perseverance is indeed something to be really proud of, for in no single instance do we find that success had ever crowned the efforts of any real great man at his first attempt.

Again in gleaning guidance, knowledge, wisdom for ourselves from the experience of others, from the lives of great men, we should not pay so much attention to success or failure *per se*, but we should rather study the aim and effort, the courage and patience, the fortitude and perseverance displayed by them, rather than the results obtained.

Remember—

"And oft Adversity is life's best teacher;
'Tis not in mortals to command success,
But we'll do more Sempronius
We'll deserve it."

It is thus the spirit, the motive which actuates these men in the discharge of their duties that should be an example in the study of biographies—not so much their succession or failure. We should learn from them what application and diligence can do—Then we should be undaunted by difficulties, and that the seemingly unconquerable obstacles, the apparently insurmountable barriers, all go down like "nine pins", melt away like driven snow before indomitable perseverance. Not "Labor omnia vincit" as often misquoted, but as Virgil really, actually, puts it—"Labor *improbis* omnia vincit", i.e., *Indomitable* labour conquers *ALL*, by patient fortitude and immense, energetic work. Remember the oft repeated hackneyed, tho' vulgar tag—"Success is 1 per cent inspiration and 99

per cent "perspiration." And thus we must seek, above all from their lives to mould, to form, to elevate our own characters in our own daily avocations however humble they may be knowing full well, that without character, the loftiest pinnacle, the Olympian heights in worldly success and grandeur, is less than naught and worth nothing.

Before concluding let me illustrate by a few examples taken at random what indomitable perseverance, sheer force of will can achieve, even by those who had no claim to the seeming advantage of birth, rank, wealth, influence, erudition or the patronage of the great, and mighty.

In these days of both Hot and Cold war-like preparations, I may be permitted to give the place of honour rightly to the 'Corsican Sergeant'—the hero, the ideal of every school boy—Napoleon the Great, whose playthings were crowns, whose foot stools were thrones—the glorious victor of so many pitched battles—of Lodi and Rivoli: of Marengo and Austerlitz: of Wagram and Bonadine: of Lutzen and Bautzen to name only a few. His military genius if even equalled, has certainly never been surpassed. He established for that period, new methods and standards of warfare; reduced campaigns and battles to mathematical problems, if I may say so, whilst not losing sight of the personal element, and the need for intuition, which he used to call the divine element in warfare. His marvellous activity both bodily and mental was the admiration of friend and foe alike. He played with unrivaled 'sang froid' for the highest stakes—Kingdoms which he invariably won; and when in defeat, if one may call his Waterloo a defeat, he lies gloriously, reverently, triumphantly enshrined more in the hearts of his people, than in his tomb, in the Wonder of Wonders—The Palais des Invalides in Paris.

In politics, we know what men in humble walks of life have done, to what heights they have risen. For today the greatest Empire the world has ever known, is run and splendidly run by men who have been half-timers and miners—men who have risen from the lowest ranks of the proletariat, the so-called bourgeoisie, and today who fill, admirably fill, the highest offices of state. What a revelation to the Whigs and Tories and to the Die-Hards of either—to know that today labour rules supreme in the Mother of Parliaments, and probably does better than either of them ever did, in recent times at least.

Let me now give you a salient example from the Commercial, from the Industrial world. Which of you have not heard of the late much lamented Alderman William Denis, better known as the 'Potato King'. His life is a romance of industrial perseverance: of that plodding pertinacity, which never knows defeat. He was born in the latter half of the last century at Holsington in the Lincolnshire Fens. He was the son of a poor agricultural labourer, who could not have afforded his boy half-a-day's schooling, and who to

augment the family income, got his little son at the early age of six, a job under a neighbouring farmer at the magnificent wage of 6d. a week. The little man's duty was to scare off the crows from his employer's field. This the little fellow is reported to have done with such 'gusto' to himself, and such satisfaction to the farmer that within the incredible short space of two weeks his wages were increased hundred percent. Little William gleefully returned home the following Saturday, to the paternal, or as it maternal embraces to display a whole shilling to the wondering gaze of his astonished parents.

When London potato growing began to spread in the fine soils of Lincolnshire, William obtained employment in preparing them for market, and gradually rose up to be foreman. Meanwhile he saved up a bit and buying seven acres of land, opened on his own. Overcoming many an obstacle, surmounting seemingly insurmountable barriers, the young man of little or no education, pushed on by sheer force of will and indomitable perseverance that his seven acres of barren land was soon converted into fertile potato fields which yielded rich harvests, abundant crops, and which in turn were the forerunners of the thousands of other acres he constantly afterwards acquired and kept adding on to his original seven, that till recently this little boy known as Alderman William Denis was a millionaire many times over, and to his credit be it said, he was as generous as he was rich.

I may be permitted to bring this article to a close by one more salient example of how a poor rustic boy, the son of a poor village postman, attained to the highest eminence in life, by sheer grit and indomitable perseverance in the hard way of life. I refer to none other than Pope Pius X (1903—1914). Here indeed truth seems stranger than fiction. Bepi (Giuseppe Melchione) Santo, was the son of Giovan Battiste Santo, the village postman of Riese in Lombardy, North Italy, and his wife Margherita Sanson, and was born on the 2nd June in the year 1835. As he grew up, this peasant boy was a sturdy little fellow and tramped through rain and sleet in winter, and the scorching rays of the sun in summer, to and from school fourteen kilometres (about 10 miles) every day. He was bright and intelligent. He used to remove his shoes, sling them over his shoulders and walk barefoot. His parents could not afford to buy shoes for him often, and so he made them last as long as possible. His parents were simple, pious, religious folk and brought up their son in the fear and love of God. Bepi daily attended Mass at the Village Church, and before many years had passed, he conceived a great desire to be a priest himself some day. He later entered by nomination the seminary of Padua, where for eight years he prosecuted his ecclesiastical studies and was ordained priest in 1860. Soon after he was appointed Curate of Tombolo, a village of 1500 inhabitants. He gradually acquired a reputation for his preaching, and was in great demand to preach in the neighbouring towns on special festive occasions.

He was soon appointed parish priest of Salzano. He further soon rose to be Canon of Triviso Cathedral, and the Chancellor of the diocese. In the summer of 1894, Pope Leo XIII (not foreseeing, or who knows foreseeing) appointed Canon Chancellor Santo to be Bishop of Mantina in the birth place of poet Virgil, in North Italy.

The new bishop found Mantina in a lamentable condition. Innumerable political wrangles had uprooted all charity and brotherly love from among the citizens, and class was set against class. Bishop Santo with infinite patience and great charity gradually righted things, that Mantina soon became a model diocese.

It is related that one morning a knock was heard at the door of the Bishop's residence. Mgr: Santo went to open the door himself, as he had no servants. He found a young Monsignor waiting outside, who had come to ask for permission to make some researches in the diocesan activities of Mantina. The Monsignor had just said Mass at the Cathedral. "Then you have not yet had breakfast? You must let me get you a cup of coffee"—and the kindly bishop led the Young Monsignor into the kitchen. Thus did the future Pius X prepare the breakfast of Monsignor Ratti, the future Pius XI successor to Pius X himself.

In 1891 Bishop Santo was transferred to the "City of the Lagoons". He was again appointed by Pope Leo XIII., Patriarch of Venice—the Queen, the Bride of the Adriatic. He was raised to the Cardinalate in the next Consistory by the same Pope Leo XIII. One wonders whether Pope Leo XIII with his profound knowledge of insight into human nature, was gradually preparing this rustic son of the village postman of Riese to be his successor on the fisherman's throne.

Pope Pius X as Curate, as parish priest, as Canon and Chancellor, as Bishop and as Cardinal-Patriarch, worked with such zeal and charity, always caring for the sick, infirm and poor, that the people among whom he laboured did not hesitate to apply to him. the words with reference this Divine Maxim—"He went about doing good"—Acts. x. 38.

The death of Pope Leo XIII in July 20th 1903, filled the whole world with sorrow. No one mourned the dead Pontiff more than Cardinal Santo. "After our Lord, I owe everything to him" he said sorrowfully.

A week after he had to leave Venice to go to Rome for the Conclave for the election of the new Pope. At the railway station, some of the top-ranking ecclesiastics who came to see the Cardinal Patriarch off, jocularly said: "And so Eminence, you are not returning to us". The Patriarch's only reply was to smilingly show them his "Return Ticket". There was humanly speaking, not the remotest chance of Cardinal Santo being elected Pope. The choice undoubtedly would fall on the great Cardinal R. whom all already acclaimed as Leo's successor. A two-third majority of the Cardinals

present is required for a valid election. In fact at the first scrutiny Cardinal R. got half the votes of the 62 Cardinals present. Of the other 31, 26 went to Cardinal G. and only 5 to Santo; but at the second and third ballots, Santo's votes increased, and finally at the 7th scrutiny, he was almost unanimously elected, and though he wanted to refuse, he was finally persuaded to accept this onerous office, which he did with bowed head and tears in his eyes.

On June 2nd 1914 Pius X entered his 80th year. The first World War was looming in the near horizon, notwithstanding all what the Papacy did to avert this dreadful catastrophe. On the 28th June 1914 the Papal Nuncio in Vienna informed the Vatican of the assassination of the Archduke Francis of Austria. Pope Pius X realised the full significance of the tragedy. "Here is the spark which will start the blaze", he said sorrowfully. A few days afterwards the aged Pontiff was taken ill, and died of a broken heart on the 20th August 1914.

I need not dilate, expatiate on the Pontificate of Pius X. Suffice it to say that this simple village lad of Riesa, rose step by step by the sheer force and grit of discharging his duties well in whatever position he found himself placed, till he finally reached the highest pinnacle of human eminence—the Papacy.

For when the one great scorer comes to
Write against your name, He writes:
"Not that you won or lost
But how you played the game".

"Let us then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait".

(LONGFELLOW.)

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF VAN LANGENBERG OF CEYLON

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Altendorff)

I

Jan Van Langenberg of Amsterdam, Surgeon in the service of the Dutch East India Company in Ceylon, married in 1750, Isabella Melot, baptised 2nd August 1724, daughter of Andries Melot and Johanna Stuurman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XIV, page 31). He had by her—

- 1 Maria Prosina, baptised 14th May 1752.
- 2 Elizabeth Cornelia, baptised 28th August 1753, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th October 1770, Livinus Agatanus Donwe.
- 3 Andreas Livinus, who follows under II.

II

Andreas Livinus Van Langenberg, baptised 30th August 1755, married in 1781, Susanna Gertruyda Lodewyksz, baptised 15th February 1767, daughter of Hermanus Lodewyksz and Maria Ferdinando. He had by her—

- 1 Anna Wilhelmina married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 13th July 1809, Johannes Gerardus Adamsz.
- 2 Peter Harmanus married in St. Peter's Church, Colombo, 5th June 1816, Elizabeth Catharina Hanzen.
- 3 Joseph Raymond Alexander, who follows under III.
- 4 Engeltina Cornelia married at Colombo by Governor's licence dated 23rd May 1820, Gerrit Christiaan (Gerard Christian) Kelaart, baptised 14th November 1790, son of Philip Adriaan (Andries) Kelaart and Francina Simona Gasman.
- 5 Hendrik, who follows under IV.

III

Joseph Raymond Alexander Van Langenberg married at Mannar by Governor's licence dated 30th October 1820, Maria Cornelia Thiedeman, daughter of Nicolaas Adrianus Thiedeman and Sophia Elizabeth de Bondt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVIII, page 63). He had by her—

- 1 Cecil Simon, who follows under V.
- 2 Emelia Arabella married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 7th May 1863, James Walter Mottau, born 9th December 1839, died 18th August 1909, son of Carl Fredrik Mottau and Anetta Wilhelmina Vander Straaten. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. V, page 56, and Vol. XXIII, page 159).

IV

Hendrik Van Langenberg, Chief Clerk of the Audit Office Colombo, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:

- (a) 19th September 1831, Sara Wilhelmina Mack, born 3rd November 1807, daughter of Johannes Martinus Mack and Johanna Elizabeth Vander Laan. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVIII, page 194).
- (b) 5th February 1834, Lucretia Elizabeth Von Hagt, baptised 2nd September 1809, daughter of Jacobus Ernestus Von Hagt and Agnesia Emarentia de Jong. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX, pages 125 and 128).

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 John Gerhardt, who follows under VI.
- 2 John Alexander, who follows under VII.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 3 Stephen Charles, who follows under VIII.
- 4 James, who follows under IX.
- 5 Frederick, who follows under X.
- 6 Louisa Elizabeth Wilhelmina married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th May 1864, Abraham Orlando Joseph, Proctor and Notary Public, born 27th October 1842, son of Gerardus Petrus Joseph and Johanna Francina Martensz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XII, page 27 and Vol. XL, page 146).
- 7 Andrew Bernard, who follows under XI.

V

Cecil Simon Van Langenberg, born 2nd February 1826, married Charlotte Gerhardt, and he had by her—

- 1 Anna Rosella, born 1st May 1857, died 1st September 1890, married in St. Mark's Church, Badulla, 28th July 1875, Barend Lodewyk Potger, J.P., U.M., Crown Proctor and Notary Public, Badulla, born 2nd June 1839, died 4th February 1910, son of James Henry Potger and Anne Jurgen Ondaatje. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, pages 109 and 110).
- 2 Arthur, born 1858, died 1891 in Singapore.
- 3 Lydia Henrietta, born 1860, died 1920, married Eldred Ludowyk.
- 4 Alice Josephine, born 19th December 1861, died 24th December, 1922, married in St. Mary's Church, Badulla, 9th April 1890, Joseph William Alfred Wright, L.M.S. (Ceylon), Ceylon Medical Department, born 4th April 1854, died 25th February 1916, widower of Agnes Barbara de la Harpe, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, page 45), and son of John Wright, Medical Practitioner, and Anna Matilda Misso. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 56, and Vol. XXXVI, pages 19 and 24).

- 5 Margaret, born 1864, married..... Alphonso.
- 6 Grace Eleanor, born 1866, married 29th July 1895, James Walter Mottau, widower of Emelia Arabella Van Langenberg, referred to in III, 2, supra.
- 7 Frances Maude, born 10th August 1869, died 29th July 1935, married in St. Anne's Church, Kurunegala, 4th April 1894, George Justus Brandt Phoebus, born 17th September 1869, died 28th July 1936, son of Robert Leonard Phebus and Harriet Schwallie.
- 8 Francis, died young.
- 9 Florence Mabel, born 25th April 1872.
- 10 Stella Claudia, born 1874, died 3rd January 1891.
- 11 Percy, born 30th December 1875, died in North Borneo, 17th February 1905.

VI

John Gerhardt Van Langenberg, born 22nd November 1882, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:

- (a) 20th December 1855, Henrietta Arnoldina de Zilva, born 1834, died 31st October 1859.
- (b) 24th December 1860, Cecilia Maria Ludekens, born 1832, died in Singapore, 28th January 1903, daughter of Johannes Arnoldus Ludekens and Julia Anthonisz.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 1 Ada Cecilia married Albert Edward Holsinger.
- 2 Louis Ambrose, who follows under XII.
- 3 Hannah Maria.
- 4 Arnold Hilary.
- 5 Thomas Cyril, who follows under XIII.
- 6 Sarah Magdalene, born 12th December 1874, died 10th September 1934, married in Singapore, 28th July 1894, George Edward Anthonisz, born 10th April 1867, died 29th January 1910, son of George Dionysius Anthonisz and Charlotta Anthonisz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIV, page 53, and Vol. XXXIX, pages 151 and 156).
- 7 John, died in Malaya.

VII

John Alexander Van Langenberg married:

- (a) Wilhelmina Frederica Stratsburg.
- (b) In Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 13th September 1824, Clotilda Amelia Goldestein.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Peter Frederick, who follows under XIV.
- 2 Francis Oliver, who follows under XV,

- 3 Grace Letitia married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 21st December 1874, Thomas Theobald de Silva.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 4 Owen John, born 20th July 1855.
- 5 Amelia Lucretia, died 12th August 1904, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 1872, Egbert Oliver de la Harpe, born 11th April 1848, died 28th October 1895, son of Peter Henry de la Harpe and Joseph Maria Jansen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, pages 44 and 47).
- 6 Clarissa Harriet married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 5th May 1869, Leopold Richard de Jong, born 3rd April 1844, son of Louis Richard de Jong, Sub-Collector of Customs, and Caroline Barbara Taylor. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX, pages 125 and 126).

VIII

Stephen Charles Van Langenberg, born 1838, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 10th February 1862, Caroline Loos, born 19th January 1838, daughter of Christiaan Albertus Loos and Cornelia Rudolphina Cramer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, page 107). He had by her—

- 1 Caroline, born 12th March 1863, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 8th February 1882, Peter Linus de la Harpe, born 30th March 1857, died 6th October 1885, son of Benjamin de la Harpe, J.P., Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Maria Sarah Anjou. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, pages 44 and 48).
- 2 James Charles, who follows under XVI.
- 3 Josephine Caroline, born 30th January 1868, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 23rd July 1890, Polydore Marie Misso, born 27th April 1865, 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).
- 4 Lillian Caroline, born 15th March 1872, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 28th January 1897, John Alban Benjamin de la Harpe, born 10th June 1870, died 14th January 1940, son of Benjamin de la Harpe, J.P., Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Maria Sarah Anjou. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, pages 44 and 49).
- 5 Eleanor Caroline, born 4th February 1876, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 20th October 1897, Victor Oswald Wright, M.B., C.M., (Aber), born 5th August 1869, died 17th July 1937, son of John Michaux de Quintiones Wright and Cecilia Elizabeth de la Harpe. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, page 44, and Vol. XXXVI, pages 22 and 24).

IX

James Van Langenberg, Advocate (1865), Member of the Legislative Council (1876), Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, born 27th January 1839, died 28th May 1886, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 27th December 1860, Maria Susan Toussaint, baptised 7th May 1839, died 17th March 1901, daughter of Gerrit Louis Toussaint and Susanna Cornelia Wambeek. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. IV, page 37, and Vol. XXVII, page 71). He had by her—

- 1 Wilfred James, who follows under XVII.
- 2 James Arthur, who follows under XVIII.
- 3 Vincent Carbery, who follows under XIX.
- 4 Eleanor Maria, born 20th January 1872.
- 5 Edith Gertrude, born 11th February 1874, married Cyril Charles Barber, born 8th November 1877, son of James Henry Barber and Anne Toussaint. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 37).
- 6 Albert Victor, who follows under XX.

X

Frederick Van Langenberg, Proctor and Notary Public, born 22nd August 1844, died 10th November 1893, married in Christ Church Cathedral, Colombo, 2nd May 1867, Frances Eleanor Van Dort, born 31st July 1847, died 22nd September 1923, daughter of Richard (Diederich) Bernard Van Dort and Jane Caroline Goldestein. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 23). He had by her—

- 1 Frederick Richard, who follows under XXI.
- 2 Mabel Goldestein, born 3rd February 1873, died 15th January 1941, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 28th June 1897, Gerard Abraham Joseph, C.C.S., born 6th April 1870, died 14th March 1922, son of Abraham Orlando Joseph, Proctor and Notary Public, and Louisa Elizabeth Wilhelmina Van Langenberg (vide IV, 6. supra, and D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XII, page 27).
- 3 Gerald, born 24th April 1874, died 12th October 1884.
- 4 Ida, born 8th May, 1875, died 18th July 1895.
- 5 Nora, born 23rd October 1876, died 25th July 1895.
- 6 Elsie, born 24th July 1877, died 10th July 1895.
- 7 Percival Walter, who follows under XXII.
- 8 Victor Paul, born 31st October 1880, married:

- (a) In St. John's Church, Kalutara, 30th January 1913, Eila Eugenie Modder born 27th March 1888, died in London, 31st July 1948, daughter of Eugene Ellis Modder, L.F.P. and s. (Glas.) Ceylon Medical Department, and Elizabeth Sophia Kalenberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 157, and Vol. XXVIII, page 72).

- (b) In St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 16th July 1949, Esmée Marguerite Kalenberg, born 31st August 1906, daughter of Frederick Norman Kalenberg and Mary Anne Ellen Stainton. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 157).
- 9 Lloyd Neville, born 16th July 1882, died 12th December 1931.
- 10 Hugh Alfred, born 5th November 1883, died 4th April 1928.
- 11 Elaine, born 21st January 1886, died 5th January 1951.
- 12 Lena Bel, born 25th July 1888, married in St. Anthony's Church, Kalamulla, Kalutara, 5th December 1927, Eugene James Christoffelsz, Superintendent of Excise, born 17th July 1888, widower of Alice Winifred Anne South, and son of James Edwin Christoffelsz, I.S.O., Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office, Colombo, and Eugene Julia Weinman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, pages 19 and 20).

XI

Andrew Bernard Van Langenberg, married in St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 16th November 1870, Lucy Anna de la Harpe, born 14th February 1850, died 1937, daughter of Benjamin de la Harpe, J.P., Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Maria Sarah Anjou. D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, pages 44 and 45). He had by her—

- 1 Andrew Ignatius, who follows under XXIII.
- 2 Dunstan Gregory, who follows under XXIV.

XII

Louis Ambrose Van Langenberg, born 29th January 1865, died 25th June 1928, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 2nd July 1888, Evelyn Josephine Gould, born 9th December 1871, died 2nd January 1922, daughter of Charles Nutcombe Gould and Ellen Raux. He had by her—

- 1 Hazel Beatrice, born 15th October 1889.
- 2 Ernest Harris, who follows under XXV.
- 3 Denis Leslie, who follows under XXVI.
- 4 Nesta Iris, born 1st January 1895, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 6th March 1916, Clarence Ebenezer Victor Nathanielsz, M.B.E., J.P., M.A., B.D., Minister of the Methodist Church, born 25th May 1887, son of James Henry Nathanielsz, Minister of the Methodist Church, and Laura Eugenie Worms.
- 5 Kenneth Lancelot, born 22nd October 1887, died 1899.
- 6 Hilton Eustace Louis, who follows under XXVII.
- 7 St. Elmo Murray, who follows under XXVIII.

XIII

Thomas Cyril Van Langenberg, Chartered Architect and Valuer, born 8th September 1872, died at Kuala Lumpur, 6th June 1941, married in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, 25th April 1895, Caroline Lydia Brohier, born 2nd July 1874, daughter of Robert William Matthew Brohier and Joseline Lydia Schokman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 109, and Vol. XXXI, page 201). He had by her—

- 1 Lydia Irene, born 4th March 1896, married in the Methodist Church, Malacca Street, Kuala Lumpur, 17th December 1910, Walter John Piachaud Grenier, born 10th March 1885, died in Kuala Lumpur, 19th November 1948, son of John Henry Grenier and Agnes Amelia Piachaud. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 63 and Vol. XXIV, page 67).
- 2 Ruth Alvina, born 12th March 1897, died 26th November 1921, married in the Gospel Hall, Bluff Road, Kuala Lumpur, 27th September 1920, William Edgar Smith.
- 3 Victor Stanley, born 6th April 1898, married in the Gospel Hall, Davidson Road, Kuala Lumpur, 24th December 1921, Ivy Gladys Smith, daughter of John Alfred Cornelius Smith and Margaret Speares.
- 4 Gerald Eustace, born 1899, died 1901.
- 5 Hylda, born 26th June 1900, married in St. Andrew's Church, Kuala Lumpur, 1st November 1941, Horace Vernon.
- 6 Gerald Samuel, born 30th November 1901, drowned in the Ulu Gombak Reservoir, Kuala Lumpur, 11th February 1922.

XIV

Peter Frederick Van Langenberg born 1844, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:

- (a) 18th January 1866, Drusilla Sophia Clessen, born 28th March 1847, died 31st December 1870, daughter of John Peter Alexander Claessen and Amelia Wilhelmina Schokman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 106, and Vol. XXXV, page 116).
- (b) 26th December 1878, Jane Catherine Ball, daughter of Henry Ball, Proctor, and Matilda Wilhelmina La Brooy. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 70).

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Emma Drusilla, born 18th November 1866, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 18th April 1892, Harris Oscar Poppenbeek, born 11th October 1868, son of Francis William Poppenbeek and Engelmina Elizabeth Albrecht. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, page 29).
- 2 Walter Frederick, born 23rd December 1868.
- 3 Drusilla Sophia, born 21st November 1870, married in Scots Kirk, Kandy, Wallett Peter Yaldwin Thuring, born 18th December 1860, died 11th May 1928, son of Jan Lodewyk Thuring and Adolphina Elizabeth de Caan. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, page 132).

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 4 Ethel May, born 19th December 1883.

XV

Francis Oliver Van Langenberg, born 29th November 1848, married:

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 5th January 1871, Agnes Emelia Koelmeyer, daughter of Henry Martin Koelmeyer and Mary Ann Smith.
- (b) Louise Matilda Keyzer, widow of Philip Wright. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVI, page 19).

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Clarice Mabel, born 14th January 1873, died 24th January 1948, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 27th August 1896, Guildsford Harris Lewis, born 1st May 1872, son of George Edmund Lewis and Frederica Charlotta Kelaart.
- 2 Hugh Algernon, born 4th March 1876, died 15th October 1928.
- 3 Wilnot Annesley, who follows under XXIX.
- 4 Bertram Clive, born 31st March 1880.
- 5 Agnes Elaine, born 7th September 1881, died 15th March 1938.
- 6 Victor Roydon, born 28th November 1883.
- 7 Gwendoline Frances, born 3rd December 1885.
- 8 Erin Ruth, born 2nd June 1887.
- 9 Irene Gertrude, born 20th May 1889, died 8th July 1890.
- 10 Myra Drusilla, born 6th July 1891.
- 11 Christie Francis, born 28th December 1893, died 2nd April 1894.

XVI

James Charles VanLangenberg, Accountant, born 21st May 1866, died 31st July 1935, married in St. Francis Xavier's Church, Nuwara Eliya, Eleanor Frances Elders, died 5th October 1946, daughter of Peter Eugene Elders and Julia Frances Hughes. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, page 161). He had by her—

- 1 Onida Caroline, born 17th July 1898.
- 2 Ellenor Caroline, born 11th August 1899.
- 3 Claribel Caroline, born 8th October 1902.
- 4 Juliet Caroline, born 5th June 1904.
- 5 James Eugene, who follows under XXX.
- 6 Charles Oswald, born 23rd August 1909.
- 7 Hilda Caroline, born 25th November 1912.
- 8 Ella Frances, born 20th June 1916.

XVII

Wilfred James Van Langenberg, Assistant to the Colonial Treasurer, born 28th February 1864, died 19th August 1940, married in All Saints' Church, Galle, 7th December 1893, Lucilla Julia de Vos, born 10th November 1868, died 19th May 1936, daughter of Frederick William de Vos, J.P., Proctor, and Henrietta Dorothea Anthonisz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, pages 142 and 143, and Vol. XXXIX, page 145). He had by her—

- 1 James Frederick, Proctor and Notary Public, born 18th May 1895, married in the Chapel of the Assumption, Kensington, London, 10th March 1949, Christine Lilian Davison of Kensington.
- 2 Wilfred Reginald, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Lond.), in practice at Amptill in Bedford, born 7th March 1897.
- 3 Marjorie Lucille, born 10th May 1900, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 27th September 1922, William Edward Vander Smagt de Rooy, Proctor and Notary Public, born 17th February 1880, son of John William de Rooy and Sarah Jemima Vander Smagt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 86, and Vol. XLI, page 80.)

XVIII

James Arthur Van Langenberg, K.C., Solicitor General, born 2nd March 1866, died 30th April 1915, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 16th May 1892, Francis Ethel Vander Straaten, born 19th April 1867, died 6th June 1948, daughter of John William Vander Straaten, Proctor and Notary Public, and Frances Victoria Driberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 163, and Vol. XXXIV, page 10). He had by her—

- 1 Ethel, born 2nd September 1893, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 30th January 1918, Ernest Lionel Mack, Proctor and Notary Public, Major in the Ceylon Light Infantry, born 23rd October 1888, son of Theodore Dornhorst Mack, Proctor and Notary Public, and Joseline Priscilla Daniels. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 51, and Vol. XXXVIII, pages 143 and 147.)
- 2 Lilian Eleanor, born 18th December 1894.
- 3 Edith Frances Agatha, born 18th December 1895.
- 4 Beatrix, born 29th June 1898, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya:

- (a) 12th July 1922, Ernest Lorenz Henley Jansz, B.A., (Oxon), Barrister-at-Law, Gray's Inn, Crown Counsel, born 24th February 1891, died 3rd August 1924, son of Cyril Arnold Jansz, M.B.E., J.P., Principal St. John's College, Panadura, and Amelia Jansz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 134).

- (b) 4th October 1923, Herbert Eric Jansz, C.M.G., Ceylon Civil Service, born 13th November 1890, son of Walter Richard Jansz and Eleanor Jansz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 134.)
- 5 James William, Instructor, Technical College, Colombo, born 3rd April 1900.
- 6 Henry, born 8th September 1901, died 27th November 1942, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 15th June 1932, Freda Toussaint, daughter of Frederick William Arnold Toussaint and Marie Sybil Caroline de la Harpe. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 37, and Vol. XXX, page 48).
- 7 Bertha, born 25th November 1903, married in Westminster Cathedral, London, 3rd June 1925, Reginald Young Daniel, M.A., (Oxon), Ceylon Civil Service, born 28th April 1894, son of Annesley Young Daniel and Amelia Mc. Carthy.
- 8 Cyril B. Sc., (Lond.), Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax, Lieutenant Colonel in the Ceylon Light Infantry, 1949, born 16th December 1906, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 6th December 1946, Margaret Elwena Ann Brohier, born 20th August 1907, daughter of Louis Cyrus Brohier, M.R.C.S. (Edin.), Provincial Surgeon, Medical Department, and Frederica Harriet Amelia Daniel. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 203).
- 9 Arthur, B.A. Hons. (Lond.), Secretary of the Colombo Port Commission, born 12th April 1909.
- 10 Hugh Patrick Joseph, born 28th March, 1911, died 27th April 1911.

XIX

Vincent Carbery Van Langenberg, V.D., J.P., U.M., M.B., C.M., (Aber), Deputy Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Lieutenant Colonel, Ceylon Light Infantry, born 31st May 1870, died 9th March 1946, married in All Saint's Church, Galle, 27th September 1899, Frances Gertrude de Vos, born 14th October 1871, died 18th June 1949, daughter of Frederick William de Vos, J.P., Proctor, and Henrietta Dorothea Anthonisz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, pages 142, and 143, and Vol. XXXIX, page 145). He had by her—

- 1 John Oliver Beadon, who follows under XXXI.
- 2 Gertrude Elinor, born 26th October 1902, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 23rd April 1924, Herbert Everard Garvin, Barrister-at-Law, Ceylon Judicial Service, born 17th July 1895, died 11th August 1936, son of Thomas Forest Garvin, M.B.C.M. (Aber), F.C.S. (Lond), Superintendent of the General Hospital, Colombo, and Lilian Elsie Vander Smagt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 86, and Vol. XXXIV, page 112).
- 3 Harold James Frederick, who follows under XXXII.

- 4 Grace Harriet Marie, born 13th September 1907, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 11th April 1928, Hildon Claude Sansoni, Proctor and Notary Public, Lieutenant in the Ceylon Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Extra Aid-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor General, born 4th October 1903, son of Sylvester Claude Aldons Sansoni, J.P., U.M., Proctor and Notary Public, and Hilda Gratiaen (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 20).
- 5 Edith Constance, born 7th August 1910, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 31st August 1943, Michael Swiney, M.B.E., of the Royal Navy.

XX

Albert Victor Van Langenberg, J.P., U.M., Proctor and Notary Public, born 25th November 1878, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 27th July 1905, Lily Vander Straaten, born 1st March 1877, daughter of John William Vander Straaten, Proctor and Notary Public, and Louisa Bartholomeusz. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XXIII, page 163). He had by her—

- 1 William James Albert, who follows under XXXIII.
- 2 Douglas Joseph, who follows under XXXIV.

XXI

Frederick Richard Van Langenberg, Medical Practitioner, born 31st March 1868, married in the Marshan Parish Church, Yorkshire England, 29th July 1897, Amy Sarah Carter, born 21st May 1869, daughter of James Carter and Amelia Roads. He had by her—

- 1 Eric Roads, who follows under XXXV.

XXII

Percival Walter Van Langenberg, Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court, born 13th August 1879, died 14th October 1941, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 1907, Nora Emma Kalenberg, born 20th June 1882, daughter of Charles William Kalenberg, Proctor, and Laura Letitia Carron. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, pages 157 and 158, and Vol. XXVIII, page 134). He had by her—

- 1 Frances Laura Iris, married Jock Murray.
- 2 Caryl Eleanor, married Francis de Saram, died 7th May 1948, son of Shelton de Saram, Barrister-at-Law, and Freda Marion Hester Dornhorst. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 106).
- 3 Pauline Merle, married Dick Gatewood.
- 4 Rosemary Kathleen, married in St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, 1944, Johan Dykstra, Lieutenant Commander of the Royal Netherlands Naval Reserve.

XXIII

Andrew Ignatius Van Langenberg, born 9th September 1871, married Renee Sabina (Mary) Kelaart, born 13rd August 1876, daughter of Richard Alexander Kelaart and Eulione Lucretia Heyse. He had by her—

- 1 Ethel Anealyn, born 6th January 1899, married:
 - (a) In St. Mary's Church, Negombo, 10th April 1918, Collingwood Inland Rode, born 6th December 1885, died 4th June 1918, son of Martin Alexander Rode and Ann Rode. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, pages 100, 107 and 116).
 - (b) In Registrar's Office, Dehiwala, 4th June 1921, Lionel Terence Muller, born 15th November 1884, son of Cecil Prins Muller and Elizabeth Kathleen Campbell.

XXIV

Dunstan Gregory Van Langenberg, born 30th October 1873, married Belinda de la Harpe, born 23rd March 1873, daughter of Egbert Oliver de la Harpe and Amelia Lucretia Van Langenberg. (vide VII, 5, supra). He had by her—

- 1 Pearlyn Valerie, born 15th July 1898, died 9th October 1929, married in the Roman Catholic Church, Giriulla, 7th November 1917, Charles Vivian Holloway Anderson, born 13th January 1894, son of James Thomas Richard Holloway Anderson and Agnes Mary Lena Crispeyn. D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, pages 126, 127 and 130).

XXV

Ernest Earris Van Langenberg, born 28th May 1891, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 24th July 1920, Evelyn Marguerite Toussaint, born 24th September 1900, daughter of Ernest Claude Toussaint and Evelyn Amelia Harriet Anderson. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 89, and Vol. XXXI, page 126). He had by her—

- 1 Eldsworth Llewellyn, who follows under XXXVI.
- 2 Ernest Travice, born 13th August 1926,
- 3 Iona Marguerite, born 10th November 1929, married in the Methodist Church, Wellawatte, 25th August 1948, Henry Edward William Solomons.

XXVI

Denis Leslie Van Langenberg, born 29th August 1893, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 20th December 1923, Dulcie Annestasia, Koelmeyer, born 15th July 1898, daughter of Wilfred Harris Koelmeyer and Edith Annestasia Koch. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 131). He had by her—

- 1 St. Elmo Loris, born 15th January 1925.
- 2 Jeune Charmaine, born 25th June 1931.

XXVII

Hilton Eustace Louis Van Langenberg, born 2nd August 1899, died 25th February 1945, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 22nd December 1924, Mabel Louise Henrietta Rose, born 12th January 1903, daughter of Edouard Arthur Andree Rose and Mabel Elsie Schokman. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XXV, page 113 and Vol. XXX, page 91). He had by her—

- 1 Rhona Maureen, born 12th October 1925,
- 2 Hermann Rawdon, born 18th May 1934.

XXVIII

St. Elmo Murray Van Lahgenberg, born 7th December 1907, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya 18th April 1931, Dorothy Edith Weeraperumal, born 18th October 1907, daughter of Arthur Edmund Hill Weeraperumal and Florence Etheleen Tous-saint. He had by her—

- 1 Sonia Dorothy, born 9th May 1935.

XXIX

Wilmot Annesley Van Langenberg, born 12th January 1878 married Annie Hekel and he had by her—

- 1 Hester Elsie, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wol-vendaal, 28th December 1939, Thomas Clement Bates.

XXX

James Eugene Van Langenberg, born 2nd January 1906, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, 22nd April 1935, Marjorie Bridget de la Harpe, born 10th March 1903, daughter of John Alban Benjamin de la Harpe and Lilian Caroline Van Langenberg. (Vide VIII, 4, supra, and Vol. XXX, page 49). He had by her—

- 1 Marie Celine, born 20th February 1936.
- 2 Therese Noeline, born 9th June 1937.
- 3 Christins Antonette, born 18th November 1938.
- 4 Joseph Erroll, born 13th July 1944.

XXXI

John Oliver Beadon Van Langenberg, L.M.S. (Ceylon), M.R.C.S (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), born 29th March 1901, married:

- (a) In the Roman Catholic Church, Bandarawela, 2nd August 1928, Vete Cooke, daughter of Victor James, Cooke, Proctor, and Hilda Marshall.
- (b) In the Registrar General's Office, Colombo 26th October 1949, Mary Wheeler.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Lesley Vere, born 12th April 1932.
- 2 Peter Vere, born and died 13th July 1937.

XXXII

Harold James Frederick Van Langenberg, E.D., Proctor and Notary Public, Lieutenant Colonel Commanding, 4th Battalion, Ceylon Light Infantry 1944—1946, born 22nd April 1904, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 26th December 1934, Zena Phyllis Blanche Vander Smagt, born 20th April 1912, daughter of Francis Beling Vander Smagt and Hilda Blanche Koelman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 88). He had by her—

- 1 Michael John, born 11th April 1936.
- 2 Mary Anne, born 9th December 1939.

XXXIII

William James Albert Van Langenberg, B.Sc., (Eng.), Lond., A.C.G.I., M.B.E., Ceylon Civil Service, born 21st May 1906, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 12th May 1938, Sheila Geraldine Potger, born 17th August 1914, daughter of Victor Gerald Potger and Vida Muriel Modder. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 112, and Vol. XXVIII, page 71). He had by her—

- 1 Mary Wendy, born 19th May 1939.
- 2 Susanna Therese, born 14th August 1945.

XXXIV

Douglas Joseph Van Langenberg, M.C., Major in the Royal Tank Corps, born 2nd April 1910, married in 1949, Joy Marks of Leicester, England, and he had by her—

- 1 Robert Douglas, born 2nd August 1950.

XXXV

Eric Roads Van Langenberg, Medical Practitioner, born 7th February 1908, married at Llanys Church, Wales, 26th January 1938, Dorothy Phillips, born 25th August 1913. He had by her.

- 1 Peter Frederick, born 10th December 1938.
- 2 Philip, born 1st December 1942.

XXXVI

Eldsworth Llewellyn Van Langenberg, born 15th April 1921, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 28th December 1943, Moira Yvonne Christobel Poulier, born 26th December 1921, daughter of Henry Edmund Poulier and Sybil Mira de Kretser. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 26). He had by her—

- 1 Yvonne Patricia Dawn, born 20th November 1944.
- 2 Eldsworth Glen, born 25th August 1948.

NOTES:—(1) Herbert Eric Jansz, Referred to in XVIII, 4th), was appointed to the Ceylon Civil Service in September 1914, and had a long and varied career. He was one of the members of the Delimitation Commission which demarcated the Parliamentary Constituencies under the Soulbury Constitution. He was also a member of the Cadres Commission which made several far-reaching recommendations to improve the administrative machinery of the Government. He was nominated a Senator and functioned as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education for a short period before he was appointed to the Ministry of Finance. On retirement from the Civil Service, the dignity of the Order of the Companion of Saint Michael and Saint George was conferred on him. In 1950 he was appointed Chairman of the Public Service Commission.

(2) Cyril Van Langenberg, referred to in XVIII, 8, was appointed Assistant Assessor in the Income Tax Department in 1932. He, with Hans Lourensz of the same Department, was seconded in March 1940, for service in Hong Kong to organise the Income Tax Department there. When he left for Hong Kong, he held the rank of Captain in the Ceylon Light Infantry. On the Great World War, 1939—1945, reacting the Far East, he was posted to the 2/14 Punjab Regiment. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese and detained in the Concentration Camp in Hong Kong. On the cessation of war, he was released and returned to Ceylon in October 1945. He resumed duties in the Income Tax Department in 1946, and was appointed Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax in 1948. He was promoted Lieutenant Colonel Commanding the 2nd Battalion of the Ceylon Light Infantry in October 1949.

(3) Vincent Carbery Van Langenberg, referred to in XIX, was appointed in November 1900, Assistant Medical Officer of the Boer Prisoners of War Camp at Diyatalawa. In April 1901, he was Medical Officer of the Prisoners of War Convalescent Camp at Mount Lavinia. In 1902, he was seconded for service as Civil Surgeon on board the troopship "Dunera," which took to South Africa repatriated prisoners of war. In 1915, he served as Commandant of the Prisoners of War Camp at Diyatalawa.

(4) Douglas Joseph Van Langenberg, referred to in XXXIV, left Ceylon in 1931 and was engaged in the gold mining industry in East Africa till he left for England, where he was in the Motor Engineering business. When the Great World war, 1939—1945, broke out, he joined the Royal Engineers as a private, and later received a Commission in the Royal Tank Corps. In September 1941 Major Van Langenberg broadcast from London on the Empire Service an appeal for funds for tanks. In 1945, the Government of Greece conferred on him the Distinguished Service Medal of Greece. He visited Ceylon in 1946. He has now assumed the surname of "Longhill", which is the English equivalent of "Langenberg".

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF DEMMER OF CEYLON

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Attendorff)

I

Hendrik Demmer married Monikka Dias, and he had by her—

- 1 Jan Hendrik, baptised 11th February 1759, died 29th September 1826.
- 2 Anna Catharina married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 5th May 1782, Andries Milius of Saxen.
- 3 Johan Willem, baptised 11th May 1767.
- 4 Johanna, baptised 6th May 1769.
- 5 Susanna Margaretha, died 25th November 1853, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 23rd October 1791, Philip Christiaan Frans.
- 6 Willem Hendrik, who follows under II.
- 7 Maria Magdalena married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal :
 - (a) 4th May 1794, Siemon Pieter Hagenaur of Stockholm.
 - (b) 23rd October 1804, Petrus Johannes de Run, son of Harmanus de Run and Jacoba Elizabeth Hoepels.
- 8 Anna Maria married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 21st February 1802, Johannes Hendrik Ferdinand, son of Johannes Ferdinand and Alletta Bolthoudar. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, pages 75 and 77).
- 9 Lodewyk married at Colombo by Governor's licence dated 5th July 1821, Anna Sophia Petronella Potger, baptised 13th September 1807, died 30th January 1838, daughter of Cornelis Everhardus Potger and Wilhelmina Frederica Friedel. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 109).

II

Willem Hendrik Demmer married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal :

- (a) 4th June 1797, Maria Magdalena Mouwer.
- (b) 9th July 1809, Anna Carolina Kersse.

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Johanna Magdalena, baptised 10th June 1798.
- 2 Johan Fredrik, born 23rd February 1800.
- 3 Petrus Harmanus, who follows under III.
- 4 Henrietta Cornelia, baptised 6th May 1804, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th July 1822, Pieter Gerard Jansz, son of Emanuel Jansz and Elisabeth Dekker.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 5 Wilhelmina Dorothea, born 13th April 1810.
- 6 Julia Ursula, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th July 1844, Arnoldus Henricus Rodé, born 21st December 1814, died 29th April 1874, son of Johannes Jacobus Rodé and Anna Margarita Visser. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, pages 99 and 100).

III

Petrus Harmanus Demmer, baptised 6th April 1802, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 12th July 1830, Sophia Carolina La Brooy, born 25th June 1814, daughter of Erhart Johannes La Brooy and Anna Catharina Piekzen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 69). He had by her—

- 1 Georgiana Francina, born 23rd April 1831.
- 2 Johanna Emelia, born 6th September 1833.
- 3 John Henry, who follows under IV.
- 4 Jemima Cecilia born 7th October 1840.
- 5 Henrietta Wilhelmina, born 6th December 1843.
- 6 William Frederic, born 3rd October 1845.
- 7 Eliza Louisa, born 21st March 1847.

IV

John Henry Demmer, born 15th November 1836, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 27th July 1863, Eliza Sophia Paulusz, born 16th April 1846, daughter of Johannes Gerardus Paulusz and Helen Catherine Jones. He had by her—

- 1 Roseline Maud, born 7th July 1865, died 1939, married Adolphus Charles Paulusz born 4th July 1864, died 1934, son of John Gerard Paulusz and Annie Catherine Thomas.
- 2 Eveline Jemima, born 17th September 1866, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 11th January 1893, Henry Ondaatje.
- 3 Colvin Lloyd, who follows under V.
- 4 Ada Ellen, born 11th December 1871, married Frank Hardy.
- 5 Ethel Carey, born 15th February 1875, died 12th January 1914, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 25th February 1897, Edward Boyle de Hoedt, born 1875, died 9th March 1914, son of Charles William de Hoedt, Proctor, and Maria Lucretia Taylor.
- 6 Stella Frances, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 12th June 1902, Allan Francis Richard Alvis, born 26th December 1875, son of Francis Albert Alwis and Ellen Alice Thomasz.

V

Colvin Lloyd Demmer, Station Master, Ceylon Government Railway, born 16th June 1869, died 27th July 1946, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 17th April 1895, Florence Clara de

Hoedt, born 27th December, 1872, died 19th March 1941, daughter of Charles William de Hoedt, Proctor, and Maria Lucretia Taylor. He had by her—

- 1 Colvin Stanley, born 18th April 1896, died 4th March 1923, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 22nd June 1922, Sylvia Irene Kellar, born 13th June 1900, daughter of Arthur Menrling Kellar and Rosalind Maud Ephraums. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 107, and Vol. XXXVIII, page 54).
- 2 Eric Taylor, born 7th September 1897, died in infancy.
- 3 Allan Bertram, who follows under VI.
- 4 Ouida Florence, born 17th July 1899, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 31st May, 1926, Percival Timothy Capper, born 17th October 1889, son of Benjamin Joseph Forbes Capper and Mary Emalene Job.
- 5 George Hilton, who follows under VII.
- 6 Hugh Clifford, who follows under VIII.
- 7 Collingwood Roy, who follows under IX.
- 8 Frederick Harris, born 26th October 1905, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 29th December 1937, Trixie Brenda de Zilva, born 10th September 1910, daughter of John Barton de Zilva and Stella de Neys.
- 9 Cora Bianca, born 28th November 1907, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 17th December 1930, Daisy Cyril Edgar Heyzer de Zilva, born 27th January 1904, son of Charles Cyril de Zilva and Daisy Gertrude Heyzer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 29).
- 10 Esther Graciebel, 29th February 1912, married in All Saint's Church, Borella, 27th December 1930, Douglas Prosper Hesse, born 15th June 1907, son of Jessel Godfrey Hesse and Mary Augusta de Haan.

VI

Allan Bertram Demmer, A.M.I. (Loco) E., Divisional Transportation Superintendent, Ceylon Government Railway, born 26th August 1898, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 4th July 1923, Enid Mildred Jansz, born 3rd February 1903, daughter of Francis Scheffer Jansz and Edina Constance Van Dort. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIX, page 36). He had by her—

- 1 Allanson Rex, who follows under X.
- 2 Enid Yvonne, born 20th July 1929.

VII

George Hilton Demmer, Inspector, Ceylon Government Railway, born 7th January 1901, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 27th June 1927, Sheila Ruth Garvin Speldewinde, born 14th March 1909, daughter of Frank Adolphus Speldewinde and Charlotte Evangaline Garvin. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, page 78, and Vol. XXXIV, page 12). He had by her—

- 1 George Brian, born 23rd April 1928.
- 2 Sheila Doreen, born 2nd July 1930, married in the Church of the Ascension, Midland Junction, Western Australia, 16th December 1950, Rex Arthur Drummond Bartholomeusz, born 1st November 1925, son of Frederick Roland Bartholomeusz and Harriet Anne Atwell.
- 3 Eileen Ruth, born 21st July 1931.

VIII

Hugh Clifford Demmer, Inspector, Ceylon Government Railway, born 18th May 1903, married in St. Michaels' and All Angel's Church, Colombo, 27th December 1928, Iris Estelle Kriekenbeek, born 12th May 1907, daughter of Juslin John Kriekenbeek and Edith May Wotton. He had by her—

- 1 Iorine Estelle, born 29th April 1929.
- 2 Hugh' Eardley, born 8th August 1930.
- 3 Joan Avril, born 25th July 1934.

IX

Collingwood Roy Demmer, Inspector, Ceylon Government Railway, born 3rd June 1904, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Regent Street, Colombo, 29th July 1931, Onida Lorraine Kriekenbeek, born 1st June 1910, daughter of Justin John Kriekenbeek and Edith May Wotton. He had by her—

- 1 Vilma Lorraine, born 5th June 1932.
- 2 Christobel Maureen, born 9th March 1936.
- 3 Kathleen Audrey, born 28th February 1937.

X

Allanson Rex Demmer, Planter, born 15th May 1924, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 18th February 1950, Christine Amy Van Twest, born 12th July 1926, daughter of John Taylor Van Twest, A.M.I., C.E., District Engineer, Public Works Department, and Emma Beatrice Wambeek. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 71, and Vol. XXXIX, page 78). He had by her—

- 1 Christine Veronica, born 7th January 1951.

NOTES:—(1) In 1847, Carolina Demmer nee Krasse, and Johanna Magdalena Demmer, referred to in II, received assistance from a remittance forwarded by the Dutch Government in the East Indies for the relief of widows and orphans of servants of the late Dutch Government of Ceylon.

- (2) Allan Bertram Demmer, referred to in VI, joined the Ceylon Government Railway in 1913 as an apprentice. He was appointed Probationary Assistant Divisional Transportation Superintendent in 1929. He proceeded to England in 1931 for a course of study and training, and was attached to the Great Western Railway in the United Kingdom for two years. On his return, he was confirmed as Assistant Divisional Transportation Superintendent, and in 1940 he was promoted Divisional Transportation Superintendent. In 1951, he was appointed to act as General Manager of Railways.
- (3) Hugh Eardley Demmer, referred to in VIII, 2, won in 1950 the Gold Medal of the Trinity College of Music, London.

Pompeus Genealogy.

D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XLI. page 20.

(Correction.)

On page 24, Section X, item 2, for "Louis Julian" read "Louise Julia", and for "18th November" read "11th November".

D. V. A.

THINGS IN GENERAL.

[FROM A WOMAN'S STANDPOINT.]

By Athena.

(I) Flippancy and Frivolity.

It is quite the fashion amongst young people of the present generation to be both flippant and frivolous. They fancy it makes them look quite clever and up-to-date to be continually indulging in a sort of stupid witless jesting over the gravest and often even the most sacred subjects. They lose sight of the fact that such unreasonable levity argues a shallowmindedness and want of ballast that only awakens contempt, instead of admiration.

Healthy jesting and mirth are all very well at the proper time and place. It is life's sunshine and deserves all encouragement, but the flippancy which makes a jest of religion, turns into ridicule the grayer issues of life, makes the tender relations of human hearts subjects for levity, cannot be too strongly condemned.

To talk lightly and frivolously on subjects that should be seriously discussed is only a pose which is adopted because it seems to be the fashion among certain callow youths and feather-brained girls. This is generally a phase of extreme youth, and as these boys and girls grow older they usually see the folly of it and put it aside with other childish things, but there are instances when flippancy and frivolity become habitual and are not out-grown even with the passage of years. It is painful to see men and women of mature years indulging in foolish levity over any and every subject. Nothing seems worthy of serious thought to them. Subjects which are given respect and due reverence by all right-minded people are dismissed with stupid jokes which disgust one.

Flippancy in speech is as much to be deplored and discouraged as frivolity in dress and behaviour. Life is not all play, though there should be a due proportion of it, and even in our legitimate hours of play, we should not lose sight of reverence, respect and seamliness. Life is too real and earnest a thing to be turned into a sort of burlesque where men and women act like clowns and say, and do all sorts of silly things because they think it will amuse or because it is the fashion.

Only those who are thoughtless and selfish can afford to be flippant or frivolous. Those who think at all about life with all its problems, can never, in their happiest moments even, indulge in flippancy and careless unthinking levity.

The people who lead frivolous lives, who yet have not known sorrow and loss, cannot bear to think that life has a serious side at all. They would fain believe that it is only a ceaseless pursuit of pleasure, of gratifying all one's desires, and regard it as a personal injury to be compelled to face some unpleasant subject or to realize even for a moment that life has a serious side. They live their lives as if they were immortal, as if sickness, sorrow or death could never enter their lives, and they put the thought of all such unpleasant things as far as possible. As they get older and life has compelled them to realize some of its responsibilities and obligations they get callous and still persist in their frivolous ways which then become habitual.

It is a painful sight, but one common enough in our churches to see surreptitious tittering, joking, and whispering going on either before or during Divine Service. People who cannot manifest a proper spirit or reverence here, are surely better away. I have also noticed people attend funerals and directly the last sad rites are over, they indulge in all sorts of frivolous gossip, unseemly jokes and often in the case of men adjourn to the nearest hotel for refreshment. If they had a due sense of the solemnity of the scene they had just been witnessing, it should surely make them act in a seemlier manner. Even the presence of death does not affect them, but still leaves them callous and careless. But this sort of thing begins in what is looked upon as harmless flippancy and frivolity.

Another form taken by flippancy is when things that are decidedly wrong and harmful are spoken lightly of, and treated as a huge joke, as something to be laughed over. This gives a wrong impression to the minds of the young people around and makes them think "What can be laughed over as this is, can surely not be wrong." Here is one danger caused by flippancy in the wrong place.

We can surely make ourselves pleasant and agreeable, witty and amusing, without being flippant and frivolous. At any rate it is worth trying.

(II) Concerning Superstitions.

One would fancy that superstitions like miracles are entirely things of the past in this progressive age, when everything is viewed in the clear light of commonsense, and a matter of fact judgment is brought to bear on every subject. But very often we are made to realize that superstitions are not as obsolete as we think them to be, and they crop up in the most unlikely places.

For instance you will find your carefully planned dinner party upset in a most aggravating manner by somebody discovering that there are thirteen at table, and declining to sit down. You have been giving much time and thought to every other detail, but not being the least bit superstitious yourself have forgotten the fact that others may be so, and therefore your well-laid plans have all "gang agley," and your dinner is not the success you desired it to be.

The hooting of an owl, or the prolonged howling of a dog, in close proximity to your house is said to betoken the approach of death or some other dire misfortune to one of the members of the household, and many cheeks pale and hearts grow heavy as they hear these direful omens, but why should we distress ourselves over such trifles instead of taking a common-sense view of it? Surely the owl must hoot occasionally, just as every other member of the feathered tribe gives utterance to its own peculiar notes, and why not near a dwelling house just as much as anywhere else, and why should we grudge a dog the luxury of giving utterance to his feelings of loneliness or weariness in the way most natural to him.

Some people will make themselves most miserable if they find they have accidentally passed under a ladder, or if they have forgetfully passed you the salt or spilt a little of it on the tablecloth, and will forthwith begin to imagine all manner of misfortunes are in store for them.

Others again when engaged in the agreeable occupation of buying presents for their friends will reject with horror your suggestion of buying a pen-knife or a pair of scissors or anything sharp because they affirm it would bring about a quarrel between the donor and the recipient of the gift.

To find a horse-shoe or a pin, our superstitious friends tell us, betokens luck, just as much as a four-leaved shamrock, while to see one magpie heralds sorrow, though two are harbingers of joy. While dressing, if you wear a garment inside out, luck is on its way to you, and you must keep the thing on wrong side out if you want to get luck, but if you rectify the error you throw it away. Believers in these superstitions are many and you will find them placing unquestioning faith in them in spite of all the ridicule they are assailed with.

Friday is supposed to be a particularly unlucky day on which to embark on any enterprise or to begin doing anything, thirteen a very unlucky number, and individually some people have certain unlucky months, on which they firmly believe all their misfortunes come to them.

Ceylon has got some peculiar superstitions of its own. One is that it is unlucky to meet a Buddhist priest as you set out anywhere. Your mission is sure to prove disastrous. Another is that a lizard's cry heard just as you are about to do anything betokens failure. While a favourite theory amongst the Sinhalese is that some people have got the rather unpleasant gift of bringing ill-luck to any person or thing they admire, quite involuntarily, something like and yet unlike the Italian superstition regarding the evil eye, which we are told is prompted by the evil wish.

But we often hear of superstitious contradictions, which, when you come to think of it, are as good as being superstitions themselves.

For example there is a story of a lady who started on a sea voyage in fear and trembling, as her boat though due to start on a Thursday, could not get away till Friday. In addition to this she found her berth had been changed and she found herself in No. 13. At the first meal she sat down to she spilt the salt, and looking round presently, found herself one of thirteen at table! Well, the ship came safely back; and this lady in spite of her superstitions had a very nice holiday, though all the signs and symbols of her superstitious lore were quite upset.

So general is the objection to Cabin 13 that on many steamers it is omitted. But here is another instance of this particular superstition being "knocked on the head." It was the last journey of that ill-fated steamer, the "Drummond Castle." Quite up to the last minute berth 13 was unbooked, no one would have it. But just before the steamer started a gentleman took it, finding it the only suitable one vacant, as he was anxious to make the journey. When the steamer foundered he and two quarter-masters were the only ones saved.

I think we might well relegate superstitions, like many other fanciful things, to a by-gone day, and not let them worry us unnecessarily. We would truly make ourselves miserable if we actually put faith in, and give heed to, all the "signs and portents" around us.

EGBERT BLETTERMAN

The Hollander who was Postmaster General.

*(Extract from Annals of the Ceylon Civil Service,
by J. R. Toussaint).*

In the year 1804 a Dutchman from the Cape of Good Hope entered the Civil Service. This was EGBERT BLETTERMAN, who was formerly Principal Clerk in the Secretary's office at the Cape. He came with a recommendation from the Secretary of State, who said that "the peculiar circumstances in which this gentleman is placed by his adherence to the House of Orange and by his attachment and service to the British Government entitle him to His Majesty's protection, and his talents and habits of business qualify him in a peculiar manner to be useful in the Colony." North appointed him First Assistant in the Chief Secretary's office, but asked for instructions from the Secretary of State as to whether he is "one of the regular Civil Servants," adding that "his services are highly useful, and that their exercise cannot but be greatly stimulated by the hope of advancement and the certainty of future promotion." But Governor Maitland did not look with the same favour on Bletterman as North did. On his arrival Maitland found Bletterman officiating as Postmaster-General in addition to his duties as First Assistant in the Chief Secretary's office. Writing to the Secretary of State he expressed the view that "these two situations are exactly the two most exceptionable to be held by a foreigner, who must after all, with all his attachment, have a natural feeling with regard to his own countrymen." Maitland, therefore, quietly transferred him to the Customs, "with which he is perfectly satisfied."

Bletterman seems to have lived down the early suspicions entertained of his loyalty, for after the lapse of some years he was again appointed Postmaster-General, but he caused the Government a great deal of anxiety by engaging in private trade. This led to some correspondence with the Secretary of State, who saw "no objection to the indulgence granted to Bletterman of continuing to export his own produce, provided it be so guarded as to prevent a possibility of its being a cover for more extended commercial transactions."

According to a newspaper paragraph, Bletterman once performed what in those days was considered a smart piece of detective work. A daring theft of currency notes had taken place and two Treasury peons were suspected. "The Magistrate, Mr. E. Bletterman, adopted an ingenious plan for not only tracing the thieves, but also for recovering the stolen property. He ordered the suspected peons to be confined in two separate cells, with a vacant cell intervening between them. When it was getting dark, the Magistrate requested the Interpreter Mudaliyar to occupy the vacant cell and make a note of the conversation which passed between the two peons."

There is no record as to when Bletterman left the Service. It was probably after the year 1833.

FORTY THIRD 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 462 as compared with 466 at the end of 1949 :—

As at 1st January, 1950	...	466	
No. of members re-elected	...	12	
New members joined	...	24	502

Less :—

Resigned	...	13	
Died	...	5	
Struck off under Rule 6 (e)	...	22	40

No. of members as at 31-12-50 462

Colombo Members :—

Paying Rs. 3/- per mensem	...	215
" Re. 1/- " "	...	40
" -/50 cts. " "	...	28

Outstation Members :—

Paying Re. 1/- per mensem	...	93
" -/50 cts. " "	...	77

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General Committee :—Eleven monthly meetings and one special meeting were held during the year. The average attendance was 15.

Standing Committee for Ethical & Literary Purposes :—

The Committee arranged the following Lectures during the year :—

- (1) Life in Australia—by Mr. C. E. Foenander.
- (2) What is Christianity?—by Rev. J. O. Schuring.
- (3) Some Famous Men I have met—by Mr. Victor Lewis.
- (4) Leaves from a Surgeon's Log Book—by Professor Milroy Paul.
- (5) Ceylon Jungles—by Dr. R. L. Spittel.

We are greatly indebted to these gentlemen for their services and are glad to report that the attendance at all these Lectures had greatly improved.

The Journal—was issued quarterly under the able Editorship of Mr. R. L. Brohier.

The question of funds caused some anxiety; and the position was reviewed by the General Committee and it was found necessary to raise the subscription to Rs. 10/- per annum. We are thankful to the subscribers who willingly accepted this increase.

The Bulletin—The Bulletin under the Editorship of Mr. B. R. Blaze, continued to fulfil the purpose of acquainting members with the activities of the Union.

An appeal is once again made to members to assist the Editor with articles on current topics, or by furnishing items of news.

Reference Library—Though the Library has been of benefit to few members, the number using it has not been considerable, and in a few cases those who have borrowed books have been rather slow in returning them.

Donations by members of two books were gratefully received and on the recommendation of the Library Committee a number of new books was purchased during the year.

The aim of the Union with regard to the Library is to build up as complete a collection of books as possible which are either written by members of the Dutch Burgher Community irrespective of the subject with which they deal, or deal with any aspect of Ceylon irrespective of the author's community. A card index is available in the Reading Room of all the books now in the Library.

Standing Committee for Purpose of Social Service—This Committee met on ten occasions during the year, and the attendance at all these meetings was very satisfactory. Members display great interest in the activities of this Committee. It has not yet been possible to persuade the Public Assistance Committee to renew the annual grant which had been stopped the previous year, and the need for enhanced subscriptions to enable this Committee to maintain its activities must be emphasised.

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. 245/- was paid out monthly which is a great increase over previous years.

The Christmas Treat for the Poor was held as usual. The cost was met from part of the proceeds of the Utility Sale and a contribution of Rs. 25/- from Union Funds.

Standing Committee for Social Recreation, Entertainment, & Sport.—Eleven meetings of this Committee were held during the year Mr. Frosty van Langenberg, its Hony. Secretary, resigned during the year owing to pressure of work and Mr. Sandy Toussaint was elected in his place. Our thanks are due to these gentlemen for the successful functions we have had during the year.

Bank Charges	...	26 93	Gas	36 00	
Audit Fees	...	200 00	Sundry	67 65	739 90
Bad Debts	...	1,109 78	.. Profit on Billiards	...	1,717 15
Sundry Expenses	...	189 84	.. Profit on Cards	...	76 10
Income Tax	...	113 55	.. Excess of Expenditure over Income carried to	...	596 77
Depreciation	...	265 05	Balance Sheet	...	
					Rs. 18,863 19
		Rs. 18,863 19			

THE DUTCH BURGER UNION OF CEYLON.

Expended on Buildings (per Contra)	54,871 00	Subscriptions	1,277 75	
t. Nicholaas' Home Fund:		Bar Account	1,664 21	
As per detailed Statement	10,960 10	Sundry Accounts (as per Schedule)	257 79	3,199 75
Higher Education Fund:				
Amount transferred from Education Endowment Reserve Fund	600 00	Loans to Staff:		230 00
General Reserve:		Stock:		
As per last Balance Sheet	5,401 03	Wines, Spirits, Aerated Waters etc.		1,055 30
Add: Interest on Deposit	120 00			
	5,521 03	Library:		
ocial Service A/c.		As per last Balance Sheet	4 50	
As per detailed Statement	733 48	Add: Purchases during the year	127 60	132 10
Education A/c.				
As per detailed Statement	1,259 12	Piano:		
Higher Education A/c.		As per last Balance Sheet	125 84	
As per last Balance Sheet	560 00	Less Depreciation for the Year	12 84	113 00
Add: Transfer from Education Account	500.00			
Contributions Received	100.00	Billiards Tables:		
	600 00	As per last Balance Sheet	1,980 88	
	1,160 00	Less Depreciation for the Year	80 88	1,900 00
<i>Carried forward</i>	100,668 40	<i>Carried forward</i>		60,327 72

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books and accounts of the Union and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. We are of the opinion that the Balance Sheet referred to is properly drawn up so as to exhibit true and correct view of the Union's affairs as at 31st December 1950, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Union.

SATCHITHANANDA, SCHOKMAN & DE SILVA, } *Auditors.*
Chartered Accountants.

Colombo, 19th February, 1951.

H. C. IVOR WENDT,
Hony. Treasurer.

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.

By Order of the General Committee,

FRED LOOS,

Hony. Secretary.

Colombo, 20th February, 1951.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Dutch Burgher Union of Ceylon held in the Union Hall on Saturday, 17th March, 1951, at 6-00 p.m.

The President Mr. C. A. Speldewinde occupied the Chair, and there were about 70 members present.

The Secretary read the notice convening the Meeting, after which the President distributed the Sinhalese Prize Examination Prizes and the Billiards Tournament Prizes, which were as follows:—

Sinhalese Prize Examination.

1 Miss L. M. I. van Rooyen	...	Upper Grade
2 Miss A. L. Francke	...	Middle Grade
3 Miss Therese Dirckze	...	Lower Grade

Special Prize for the boy who got the highest marks—Master Derrick Leembruggen.

Billiards Tournament.

Billiards—Mr. J. A. Leembruggen
English Snooker—M. G. A. H. Wille
Rangoon Snooker—Mr. J. C. E. Ferdinands

The Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed, after which the President addressed the members, reviewing the activities of the Union. He referred to the opportunity we had of welcoming back to the Union for a few months the daughter of our Founder, and to the passing away of a loyal member—Samuel Ernest de Rooy—who was an original member and occupied a room in the Club since 1939. By his Will, Mr. de Rooy had left his residuary Estate of about Rs. 42,000/- to his Executor to be used by him for the benefit of the Union. He called on the members to stand in silence for a few moments in memory of Mr. de Rooy, and as a token of the Union's gratitude for his generous bequest.

He next referred to the St. Nikolaas' Home which was not quite complete, and appealed to members for further financial help to make the Home a success. At the conclusion of his address, the President moved the adoption of the Report and Audited Accounts for 1950. This was seconded by Mr. C. P. Brohier. Observations on the Report and Accounts were offered by Messrs. D. V. Altendorff, R. S. V. Poulier, F. C. van Cuylenburg, and Dr. R. L. Spittel, after which the meeting unanimously resolved to adopt the Report and Annual Accounts for 1950.

Election of Office-Bearers.

At this stage Mr. Speldewinde vacated the Chair, and on the proposal of Mr. C. P. Brohier, seconded by Mr. A. B. Demmer, Mr. H. K. de Kretser took the Chair.

Election of President.

In proposing the re-election of Mr. C. A. Speldewinde for the ensuing year, Mr. H. K. de Kretser said 'when we have a good thing we should keep it', and also referred to the efficient manner in which Mr. Speldewinde had carried out his duties. He continued by saying that usually a President was best during the third year of Office. This was Mr. Speldewinde's third year, and he wished him the best of luck. 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. Eric Brohier proposed, and Mr. R. S. V. Poulier seconded the re-election of Mr. Fred Loos as Secretary. This was carried unanimously.

Election of Treasurer.

Mr. F. C. van Cuylenberg proposed, and Mr. Ian vander Straaten seconded, the re-election of Mr. Ivor Wendt as Treasurer. This was carried unanimously.

Election of General Committee

Mr. Ian vander Straaten proposed and Mr. A. E. Keuneman (Snr.) seconded, the following General Committee for 1951-52:—

Colombo:—Doctors H. E. Schokman, R. L. Spittel, J. R. Blazé, H. S. Christoffelsz, V. R. Schokman, L. O. Weinman, E. S. Brohier, F. G. Smith, Messrs. E. A. vander Straaten, L. L. Hunter, H. K. de Kretser, A. E. Keuneman (Snr.), Frank E. Loos, R. L. Brohier (Snr.), L. E. Blaze, C. P. Brohier, F. C. van Cuylenberg, A. E. Christoffelsz, H. vanden Driesen, C. N. Ferdinands, J. C. E. Ferdinands, C. L. H. Paulusz, Cecil Woutersz, L. V. O. Jonklaas, A. L. Loos, W. J. F. LaBrooy, A. B. Demmer, Ivor Misso, D. Jansz, D. V. Altendorff.

Outstation:—Messrs. A. E. Bultjens, 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, E. G. Jonklaas, B. R. Blazé, F. L. C. vander Straaten, Doctors H. A. Dirckze, H. Ludovici, V. H. L. Anthonisz.

Appointment of Auditors.

Mr. R. S. V. Poulier proposed, and Mr. Ivor Wendt seconded, the appointment of Messrs. Satchchitananda, Schokman, & de Silva as Auditors for the ensuing year, on the same remuneration as before. The proposal was carried.

A collection was made after the Meeting in aid of the Social Service Fund.

OLD COLOMBO

Strolling round the Pettah

These peeps into the Pettah of by-gone times, have been gleaned from the contributions made by the late Mr. W. A. Weinman to newspaper and periodical, over three decades ago.—No apology seems necessary for reproducing them in these pages of the Journal, for it would indeed be a pity if this wealth of intimate social history is left to languish and to be for ever lost. Readers will no doubt appreciate the need for slight corrections. Basic details, nevertheless, are those which have been rescued from the files of a diligent collector of news-print cuttings.

Editor.—

Bishop Heber's hymn "What though the spicy breezes" &c., was not meant for the Pettah, because, it had the enviable reputation of the town of stinks. There was no water service and just as they do in Jaffna to-day, water was generally carried in a cask and doled out according to requirements. Enteric was unknown, but typhoid was the worst type of fever. Green coconut branches placed near the windows was the significant mark of serious illness and the smell of tar was the hall mark of disinfectants. Today Jeyes fluid, Izal, &c., are items to be reckoned with and while salaries are getting smaller, the bills are increasing.

When Malcolm Stevenson and Slater went to Jaffna to enquire into the Salaries Scheme question, they asked an old Jaffna gentleman in the service what reason he would advance for an increase of his salary—"Sir," said the old gentleman, "in days past, we had no Melling's food, no Enos Fruit Salt or Semco or Bovril. 'All our luxuries were entailed within the small compass of pepper broth or a little fish. To-day we want Pink pills, and even for fomentation, tamarind leaves are condemned and boric is essential.' That learned Jaffanese like Bill Adams in the Battle of Waterloo won the clerks the salary increases.

The Librarian of the Pettah Library was old Mottau—whose son Edgar married a daughter of Dr. VanGeyzel. Edgar was a chorister of the Wolvendahl Church and sang a beautiful bass. He was in the Audit Office.

An honest man, close buttoned to the chin,
Broad-cloth without and a warm heart within.

John Rodrigoe was the dispenser at VanGeyzel's Dispensary and always made a boast that Santonine was introduced into the Island by his quondam chief and that there was no one equal to him in the medical service except Dr. White. He started on his own subsequently and was succeeded by Kitcho Vanderwert, a man of very high rectitude.

Eugene Rode, who was at George Wall & Co's, was a 1st Cross Street inhabitant and his son, Cecil Rode, is now resident at Panadura and is always a staunch upholder of the Pettah, its customs and traditions. The old Chinese shoemakers who lived near his house had the rare achievement of making Blucher boots that could be worn without socks and these were days when blisters and corns were unknown.

Professor Botticelli the Italian piano tutor and tuner, was a familiar figure, and his long coat, silk hat and general get up was everybody's admiration. His son can yet be seen, like father, following his sire's profession. George Woutersz, the Doctor—so well known in Nuwara Eliya and subsequently in Colombo—was brought up in Pettah and his father was one of the chief residents of the place. Mr. Woutersz, Senior, was the organizer of hurdle races and with distinguishing caps to every ones amusement, youngsters were made to do their hundred yards in the Pettah streets.

Edwin Ball, who was record-keeper of the Colonial Office, was a much respected resident and lived a frugal and healthy life. He was known to be pious, and able to look after his cents and when he passed up the road many voices sang out to him

"Nebuchaniger, King of the Jews. Darned his own trousers, blacked his own shoes."

His son John can yet be seen in this dear old nothing like the Pettah surroundings.

Everybody who lived in the Pettah knows the famous hopper boutique owned by Sitty, a Sinhalese woman, whose only regret was, she had not been born a Burgher. From early morning her "appas" were in heavy demand and many an old resident of the present day swears by the hoppers of the days of old. Grapes were even found in the Pettah and Dr. VanGeyzel's dispensary had a vine probably the first grown outside the Peninsula of Jaffna.

In Second Cross Street there lived old Mr. Siebel, the father of the former well known school master. A man of great intellectual ability.

"On Sunday his figure erect
To be seen in the family pew is"—

Also Mr. Koelmeyer, father of the People's Dispensary doctor, who got his training under Ando VanGeyzel, of the Pettah. Ando has trained many doctors and though he has reached his three score years, he will go up Adam's Peak or Pedro, in much quicker time than it takes a German to swallow the draught of Pilsener or Appuhamy his R.E.S.

Mr. Hubertsz, the father of the Doctor, who shines in literature and medicine equally and Mr. Van Hoff, of the Kachcheri, were townsmen and George, who retired from the Treasury, Ossie, the Ceylon Blackham and Sam, the eloquent preacher, are the worthy sons of a

good father, who always maintained that great respect and reverence was always due to old age and seniority. Abbi Koch had a private school, but subsequently joined the Municipality. He was a brother of Dr. Koch in whose memory there stands a monument opposite to the General Hospital. Brick and mortar will hand down to posterity the Koch memorial, but Sir Richard Morgan, Chas Lorenz and others have only to be remembered by parsimonious scholarships. We have lost our brave boys, Drieberg, Edema, Staples, Redlich, Jan and how are we going to remind those who come after us, the great part these courageous young lads played for their King and their country—for the ashes of their fathers, for the temple of their Gods and for the race that has given the Island the most distinguished and best.

Let us endeavour to take a peep into 1st Cross Street :

And if a tear that speaks regret
Of happier times appear
A glimpse of joy that we have met
Shall shine, and dry the tear

Except for antiquity, the houses in the Pettah are not interesting. Built strong, substantially and solidly; with every stone well and truly laid, they would defy burglars, wind, storm or rain. They possess nothing of architectures or design but simplicity, air and comfort were evidently the views of the the Dutch builders. First Cross Street was occupied by many people who held good social positions and were fairly well to do. Edmund Van Geyzel of the defunct Oriental Bank, and latterly of the National Bank, who married Miss Joseph lived there. His son, who was a youngster at the time is now employed in the P. and O. Company.

Dr. Garvin, or old Doctor, as he was called and father of Dr. Tom Garvin of everblessed memory, lived in this fashionable street and had a dispensary which was well patronised. His sons, Harry, Jimmy and Tom were enthusiastic sports and though stern duty and a large practice kept Dr. Tom Garvin away from active participation in cricket, he never missed when he had an opportunity, witnessing an interesting cricket match. An old Colt, a Pettah resident of old, he has always been a loyal friend of the Burghers and he is one of the few remnants of Burgherdom, whose one word would command greater respect and obedience than a volley from a whole battalion.

Mrs. Melhuisen, who had the rare distinction of marrying three times, had an extensive carriage hiring establishment and many a bride and bridegroom were "churched" in her conveyances. Charles Thomas of the Customs, who had a song

"Paddy from Cork, he lost his fork
Whilst eating bread and butter"

lived next door, and later migrated to the Cinnamon Gardens. Mr. Zit Silva also lived in the same row and had the peculiarity of closing his doors at 6 o'clock.

In those happy times schools and churches were state aided and, of course, the Pettah had a Government Girls' School, the Principal of which was Miss Patridge and her assistants, Mrs. Mary de Kretser, Mrs. Anjow, the mother-in-law of Mr. Edward de Kretser, Mrs. James Jansz, wife of the Boys School Headmaster and Mrs. Koelmeyer, mother of Edwin Koelmeyer of the Wharf. The school had a very good attendance but when state aid was abolished the school was closed and another link of old Pettah gone beyond recall.

The Pettah Library established 29th June, 1829, so dear to the hearts of our Pettah residents, was in the building next to Dr. Van Geyzel's residence until it was removed to the Racquet Court and now is sandwiched between Excise and its younger brother in the Fort. The Colombo Library absorbed both the Libraries referred to. If the Consistory of the Dutch Church ever decide to convert the Pettah burial ground into a building site they cannot please the Burghers better than by leasing the land to the Library trustees, for the construction of a Library, a real, live Pettah Library. If you could get sermons from stones, why not libraries from tombs?

The Pettah without Dr. VanGeyzel, senior or junior, would be Hamlet without the King of Denmark. Old VanGeyzel was a self-made man and rose from small beginnings to be the Burgher leader of the Pettah. He had no push but believed in honestly doing his work for the benefit of humanity. Gentle in his disposition, careful in his treatment he had greater faith in the pill than in the knife and the soldiers and the Moors and the Sinhalese congregated daily to take his nostrums on the spot with what efficacy those who now survive can relate. His sons, C. W. and C. T., and his nephews, Allie and Lawrie, have all inherited his good qualities and the ever-growing demands on their time, demonstrates the affection and trust, patients have in them.

Dr. VanGeyzel was the first Burgher to represent the Pettah in the Municipal Council. Considering that the Pettah voters are chiefly Moors, it was a very high compliment indeed that he was unanimously selected and proved what confidence every one had in his judgment. His eldest daughter married Mr. Oliver Raffel, the best authority in shipping in the Fort, a man of exceptional integrity. He was consulted by one of his assistants, now in America, regarding his approaching marriage and was, in all Pettah frankness, told by him "My friend in buying horses, and taking a wife shut your eyes and commend yourself to God."

The amount of horse-play indulged in by Oliver is not commonly known. I was told Oswald de Kretser lost his ear in a Pettah fight. That is a mistake. That was Edgar, the doctor, a firm and good friend who gave generously to everyone in want.

THE JOURNAL OF THE
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Terraces,
Brown's Hill,
Matara,

15-2-51

Dear Sir,

I have read with great interest your obituary notices regarding three lovable persons. There are just two minor mistakes, not of much importance, made by the newspapers as well, but still mistakes in your notice of Soertsz. On passing out as an advocate Soertsz came to Galle and practiced there. He was offered a post of Crown Counsel by Mr. Walter Pereira, who knew his abilities, but had to return to Galle as the vacancy was filled by Obej esekere in circumstances which are interesting but need not be stated. After a few years he went back to Colombo. During all his stay in Galle and for years afterwards C. E. de Vos was the leader of the Bar, a much respected and loved leader. Soertsz had a very large and soaring practice, practising not only in Galle but in Balapitiya, Matara and Tangalle. He and I crossed swords often but remained good friends to the last.

Yours faithfully,
Sgd. O. L. DE KRETZER,

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
COMMITTEE.

23rd January, 1951

Condolence.—A vote of condolence was passed on the deaths of C. F. G. van Buren. Col. A. C. B. Jonklaas, Mrs. E. A. vander Straaten, and Mrs. H. S. Christoffelsz, and the Secretary was requested to convey the sympathies of the Union to the members of their families.

Congratulation.—A vote of congratulations was passed on the Honour conferred by His Majesty the King on Mr. O. L. de Kretser (Snr.) and the Secretary was requested to convey the congratulations of the Union to Mr. de Kretser.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE.

Genealogical.—One application was considered and referred for further particulars.

St. Nikolaas' Home.—The President mentioned that the building was about complete, and that the Contractor would be handing it over to us very shortly. Estimates for Water Service and Drainage were considered, and it was decided to get expert opinion as to whether the Septic Tank System would be satisfactory owing to the nature of the grounds.

Social Service.—Four applications for assistance were received and one applicant was helped for three months. Mr. L. L. Hunter very kindly agreed to help another applicant by giving her a pair of Spectacles from the Friend-in-Need-Society.

Entertainment & Sport.—The Hony. Secretary mentioned that all monies were not received in connection with the Christmas Party and as such the accounts would be tabled at the next meeting. It was also decided not to have a St. Valentine's Dance this year.

Education.—38 candidates were nominated to sit for the Sinhalese Prize Examination on Saturday, 20th January, 1951, at 10 a.m.

Finance.—A statement of Income and Expenditure for the period January to November, 1950, showing an excess of Income over Expenditure of Rs. 816-78 was tabled along with the list of Bar arrears.

Comments were made on the increase of the Electric Bill and it was decided to get in touch with the Electrical Department and see whether there is a leakage of current.

The President informed the meeting that a sum of Rs. 350/- was advanced to Mr. G. C. de Silva, the Clerk, to meet some urgent expenditure, and that the sum would be replaced by the 25th of January, 1951.

Resignation.—A letter was tabled from Mr. F. P. H. Speldevinde, resigning from the Club, and his resignation was accepted with regret.

St. Nikolaas' Fete.—The accounts of the St. Nikolaas' Fete was tabled showing a loss of Rs. 23-95. The Secretary mentioned that a few subscribers had not paid their monies yet, and when these amounts were collected he would credit it to the St. Nikolaas' Fete account.

Annual General Meeting.—The Annual General was fixed for Saturday, 17th March, 1951, at 6-00 p.m. and the Committee would be "At Home" to the members after the meeting.

Any other Business.—The President tabled a letter from Mr. T. H. Jansz, Proctor and Notary, with regard to the Estate of the late Dr. Donald Schokman, stating that he left a sum of Rs. 10,000/- to the D.B.U. by cheque dated 16-4-48 and instructions to the Petitioners that the cheque should be realised after his death. The Court had now issued a citation on the Hony. Secretary, to appear at the Inquiry on 26th April, 1951.

The President mentioned that the Dutch Naval authorities in Holland were sending in a Destroyer a Memorial Tablet on the 13th or 14th of February, 1951, to be presented to the Wolvendaal Church in appreciation of the fact that the Consistory allowed them the use of this Church for their worship during the War. The Dutch Consul was endeavouring to get together as many Dutch Families as possible for the Service during which the Tablet would be presented.

20th February, 1951.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

St. Nikolaas' Home.—The President mentioned that we had purchased 9 Iron beds from M/s Porolis Fernando's and a revised Estimate for Water Service from Mr. Ranasinghe for Rs 4,075/- was tabled. This Estimate was in excess of the previous one owing to the high

cost of Piping etc. It was suggested that we get the Water Service immediately as there was the possibility of prices increasing. Estimates were also called for Cutlery, Crockery, Linen, etc.

Education.—The results of the written test of the Sinhalese Prize Examination was announced as follows:—

Upper Grade—4 candidates

Middle „ —8 „

Lower „ —8 „

These candidates were nominated to sit for the Oral Test.

Social Service.—Casual Relief was given to one person and help continued in four instances. Arrangements were made for a Carnival on 31st August and 1st September, 1951.

Last Will of Samuel de Rooy.—The President tabled a copy of the Last Will of Samuel Ernest de Rooy bequeating the balance of his Estate amounting to approximately Rs. 42,000/- to the Union.

Annual Report & Accounts.—The Annual Report and Accounts for 1950 were tabled and approved.

13th March, 1951.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Genealogical.—The applications of Messrs Jan Beukers, H. J. du Pon, and Denis. A. Kellar were approved by the Committee and they were elected after the usual Ballot.

St. Nikolaas' Home.—Estimates for Water Service from Messrs Ranasinghe and Brown & Co., were tabled and it was decided that the President, Messrs H. K. de Kretser and Noel de Kretser go into the details. Dr. Spittel suggested that owing to the excessive cost that we do not have the Water Service at present and engage the services of a Labourer to draw water for a few months.

Education.—The winners of the Sinhalese Prize Examination were as follows:—

Miss L. M. I. van Rooyen—Upper Grade.

Miss A. L. Francké—Middle Grade.

Miss Therese Dirckze—Lower Grade.

Master D. Leembruggen—Special Prize for the boy who got the highest marks.

Any other Business.—A letter was tabled from:—

- (1) Mr. H. V. T. Leembruggen wishing to rejoin the Club having paid all Bar and Subscription arrears. He was re-elected unanimously.
- (2) Mr. C. A Rode wishing to resign from the Club his resignation was accepted with regret.

The late Dr. Donald Schokman.—The President tabled correspondence with the Lawyers in connection with the Will of the late Dr. Donald Schokman and mentioned that he had obtained legal opinion with regard to the Union's claim of Rs. 10,000/- and he was advised not to make any claim but to leave it to the beneficiaries to honour the wishes of the Deceased as expressed in the letter to the Secretary dated July 6th, 1948.

Bulletin.—A letter was tabled from Mr. B. R. Blaze to the effect that he is unable to continue editing the Bulletin, and it was unanimously decided that we appoint Mr. C. L. H. Paulusz Editor of the Bulletin.

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