

- 1 Carole Myrna, born 18th March 1937.
- 2 Jeannette Ethel, born 30th March 1941.
- 3 Nigel Drogo Cameron, born 2nd April 1946.

## XXI

Cecil Trivice Austin, born 2nd November 1918, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 4th July 1945, Felicia Winifred Kreltzheim, daughter of Robert Godfrey Kreltzheim and Nellie Ethel Koelmeyer. He had by her—

- 1 Christopher Trevor, born 15th June 1946.
- 2 Adrian Rodney, born 4th August 1947.
- 3 George Kenneth, born 24th February 1950.

## XXII

Francis Henry Austin, born 23rd September 1925, married at Montreal in Canada, 4th August 1947, Germaine Jacques, and he had by her—

- 1 Richard, born 3rd October 1948.
- 2 Linda, born 11th September 1949.
- 3 Dian, born 10th December 1950.

*Note* :—Harriet Caroline Ludovici, widow of Nathaniel Adrian Austin, referred to in Section III, married at Galle, 4th February 1858. James Swan, widower of Anna Eliza Charlotta de Vos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 67, and Vol. XXVII, page 134.)

## GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF ERNST OF CEYLON

(Compiled by Mr. E. H. Vander Wall in 1933; revised by  
Mr. D. V. Altendorff in 1952).

## I

Georg Nicolaas Ernst, born at Neustadt on the Aisch in Bavaria (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. I, page 39) married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 31st March 1771, Gertruida Podree. He had by her—

- 1 Nicolaas Christiaan, who follows under II.
- 2 Helena Catherina, born 29th March 1775, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 29th May 1791, Johan Gabriel Smith, Surgeon.
- 3 Michiel Johan, who follows under III.
- 4 Petrus Wilhelmus, baptised 13th July 1783.
- 5 George Johan, baptised 17th July 1785.

## II

Nicolaas Christiaan Ernst, born 12th July 1772, married:

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 31st May 1795, Helena Charlotta Grosman.
- (b) Maria Van Dort.

Of the first marriage he had

- 1 Nicolaas Philippus, baptised 29th April 1798.
- 2 Ernestus Martinus, baptised 24th May 1800.
- 3 George Edward, who follows under IV.
- 4 Johanna Cornelia Carlotta, born 29th June 1804.
- 5 Clara Gertruida, born 3rd January 1807.

Of the second marriage, he had

- 6 Johanna Leonora married Benjamin Charles Daniel Vollenhoven, baptised 19th May, 1816, son of Johannes Vollenhoven and Johanna Wilhelmina Altendorff. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 93, and Vol. XXXIII, page 99).

## III

Michiel Johan Ernst, baptised 25th February 1781, married:

- (a) Frederica Louisa Pannes, baptised 25th December 1803, daughter of Jan Hendrik Pannes and Petronella Baziel Sangen.

- (b) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 16th January 1833, Maria Elizabeth Ludovici, born 3rd August 1801, daughter of Jan Hendrik Ludovici, Garrison Surgeon, Matara, and Gertruida, Rudolphina Hoffman (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. III, pages 60 and 61).  
Of the first marriage, he had

- 1 Johan George, born 23rd September 1821.  
Of the second marriage, he had
- 2 Henrietta Drusilla, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 7th February 1859, Leopold Ludovici, Proctor, born 11th April 1833, son of Johan Hendrik Ludovici and Sophia Venekam. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. III, page 61).
- 3 Francis.

## IV

George Edward Ernst, born 19th September 1802, died 31st August 1884, married at Matara by Governor's licence No. 387 dated 27th May 1823, Petronella Gerardina Vollenhoven, daughter of Johannes Vollenhoven and Johanna Wilhelmina Altendorff. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 93 and Vol. XXXII, page 99). He had by her—

- 1 John Henry, who follows under V.
- 2 Alethea Elizabeth, born 28th March 1828.
- 3 Emelia Felicia, born 19th November 1835, died 19th May 1904, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 4th December 1856, John Buultjens, Proctor, born 23rd June 1829, died 1st October 1881, son of William Cornelius Buultjens and Angenita Petronella Gomes. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, pages 22 and 24).
- 4 George Edward, who follows under VI.

## V

John Henry Ernst, born 21st May 1826, died 1864, married Amelia Sophia Frederica Jansz, born 6th June 1832, died 29th April 1895, daughter of Frederick Ernestus Jansz and Arnoldina Engelberta Catharina Van Zitter. He had by her—

- 1 Emily Harriet, born 1851, died 31st May 1871, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 3rd May 1869, Wilfred Charles Vander Wall, born 20th July 1842, died 11th December 1879, son of Philip Anthony Vander Wall and Frances Harriet Brohier. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, pages 153 and 155, and Vol. XXXI, page 197).
- 2 John Henry, who follows under VII.
- 3 Alice Harriet, born 3rd May 1855, died 31st December 1886, married in St. Thomas' Church, Matara, 14th September 1876, Gerald Edward Keuneman, J.P., Proctor, born 8th December 1849, died 1st December 1922, son of Jurgen David Bartholomeus Keuneman and Gerardina Carolina Vollenhoven. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 93, and Vol. XL, page 151).

- 4 William Henry.
- 5 Charles Henry, who follows under VIII.
- 6 Margaret Harriet, born 12th March 1860, died 14th December 1882, married in St. Thomas' Church, Matara, September 1878, Caspar Thomas Leembruggen, Deputy Fiscal, Galle, born 8th January 1852, son of Gerard Hendrik Leembruggen and Elizabeth Riberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 26).

## VI

George Edward (Charles) Ernst, born 13th June 1851, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Galle, 25th April 1878, Eliza Catherine Sela, born 4th October 1859, died 19th March 1943, daughter of Andrew Henry Sela and Emelia Frederica Jansz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXV, page 22, and Vol. XXXVIII, page 57). He had by her—

- 1 William Edward, who follows under IX.
- 2 Hugh Victor, who follows under X.
- 3 Catherine Vivienne, born 24th September 1881, died 1882.
- 4 Amelia Irene, born 28th July 1883, died 31st May 1900.
- 5 Claire Elaine, born 10th July 1885, died 26th June 1950, married in St. Thomas' Church, Matara, 10th July 1910, Fretz Arnold Altendorff, Engine Driver, Ceylon Government Railway, from 18th October 1880, died 30th September 1941, son of Andreas Charles Altendorff and Caroline Emelia Bastiansz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, pages 103 and 106).
- 6 Lionel Claude, born 3rd May 1887, died 26th January 1889.
- 7 May Catherine, born 21st May 1889, married in St. Thomas' Church, Matara, 23rd November 1911, Reginald Ridley Ludekens, born 4th November 1887, son of Reginald Robert Ludekens and Maria Margritta Mackenan. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVI, page 83).
- 8 Carl Ambrose, born 9th January 1892.
- 9 Lena Violet, born 15th January 1895, married in St. Mary's Cathedral, Galle, 30th October 1912, James Dunstan de Niese, born 16th July 1886, died 31st August 1944, son of James de Niese and Dorothea Martyn.

## VII

John Henry Ernst, Proctor, born 15th July 1852, died 2nd February 1900, married in St. Thomas' Church, Matara, 14th February 1889, Rose Marion Vollenhoven, born 29th July 1865, died 31st July 1949, daughter of James Edward Vollenhoven and Emmeline Louisa Andree. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 93, and Vol. XL, page 48). He had by her—

- 1 Arthur Henry, born 10th December 1889, died 26th June, 1908.
- 2 Noel Edward, who follows under XI.

- 3 Gerald Frank, who follows under XII.
- 4 Hazel Alice, born 19th March 1896.
- 5 Edna Marguerite, born 8th July 1899.

## VIII

Charles Henry Ernst, Proctor, born 1st February 1857, died 27th November 1930, married in St. Thomas' Church, Matara, 28th January 1885, Galla Victoria Altendorff, born 14th August 1866, died 2nd February 1937, daughter of Charles Henry Bartholomew Altendorff, J.P. for the Island, Crown Proctor, Matara, and Henrietta Charlotte Victoria Ludekens. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, page 102, and Vol. XXXVI, page 81). He had by her—

- 1 Charles Henry Evan, born 13th January 1886, died 13th February. 1935.
- 2 Galla Herena, born 3rd February 1887, died young.
- 3 Alick Hilton, who follows under XIII.
- 4 Trutand Henry, born 28th February 1888, died young.
- 5 Adalbert Henry, who follows under XIV.
- 6 Lawrence Conrad, born 21st June 1896.
- 7 Gerald Eitel, who follows under XV.
- 8 Owen Mauritz, born 6th January 1901, died 24th May 1905.
- 9 Rita Victoria, born 16th September 1902.
- 10 Alton Victor, born 9th April 1905, married in St. Mary's Cathedral, Galle, 28th December 1927, Hazel Rose Ludowyk.
- 11 Maureen Victoria, born 26th May 1907, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 8th December 1932, Wilhelm Augustus Carlyle Smith, Government Surveyor, born 8th December 1907, died 30th June 1943, son of Alexander Allan Smith and Emma Louisa Woth.

## XI

William Edward Ernst, born 4th May 1879, married in the Methodist Church, Matara, 24th March 1909, Millicent Auwardt, born 18th May 1878, died 11th February 1933, daughter of Allan William Auwardt and Harriet Jane Balkhuysen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXII, page 75.) He had by her—

- 1 Edward William Clifford, born 28th February 1913, married in Christ Church, Kurunegala, 2nd August 1952, Marjorie Auwardt, born 20th July 1905, daughter of Albert Henry Auwardt, Surveyor, and Ella Winifred Kate Daniels. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 51, and Vol. XXXII, page 76).

## X

Hugh Victor Ernst, born 31st July 1880, married:

- (a) In the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 30th July 1903, Eugenie Lillian Buultjens, born 3rd July 1880, daughter of John Buultjens and Emelia Felicia Ernst, referred to in section IV, 3, *supra*.
- (b) Erin Vera Vollenhoven, daughter of Arthur Lindsay Vollenhoven and Evelyn Maud de Zilwa. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 94).  
Of the first marriage he had

1 Irene Marguerite, born 3rd January 1904, married:

- (a) ..... Ball
- (b) Emile Balthazar, son of James Joseph Balthazar and Grace Auwardt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXII, page 75).
- (c) 2nd December 1943, Richard Carlisle Hackerdon.

- 2 Gwendoline Lilian, born 13th March 1906, died 1st December 1951, married in St. Mary's Church, Matara, 3rd April 1929, Cornelius Stewart Dickman, Proctor, born 25th March 1896, son of Henry Theodore Dickman and Eliza Hope Stewart. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVI, page 128.)
- 3 Hugh Maurice, born 27th January 1908, married in the Church of the Ascension, Matara, 18th January 1941, Una Merle Buultjens, born 3rd October 1909, daughter of James Alfred Ernst Buultjens, B.A. (Cantab), Advocate, and Sylvia Blanche Kellar nee Andree. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXX, pages 28 and 29, and Vol. XL, pages 53).

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 4 Veronica Victorine, born 3rd July 1915, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 16th September 1933, Henry Frederick Neil Auwardt, born 24th November 1900, son of Albert Henry Auwardt, Surveyor, and Ella Winifred Kate Daniels. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 51, and Vol. XXXII, page 76).
- 5 Vernon Lindsay Clair, born 10th December 1917, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 2nd January 1943, Sybil Inez Therese Reimers, born 25th October 1919, daughter of Colin Lancelot Reimers and Louise Georgiet Hardy-Harris. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, page 51).
- 6 Eric Vivian, born 7th July 1924.

## XI

Noel Edward Ernst, C.M.G., Ceylon Civil Service, born 25th December 1891, married in St. Thomas' Church, Matara, 4th September 1916, Margaret Henrietta de Vos, born 17th October 1894, daughter of James Edward de Vos, Surveyor and Zilia Florence Jansz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVII, page 149). He had by her—

- 1 Gertruida Joan Madge, born 27th July 1917.
- 2 William Henry, born 16th October 1924,



## XII

Gerald Frank Ernst, B.A., (Lond.), Proctor and Notary Public, born 22nd January 1894, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara, 22nd December 1921, Esme Edith Victoria Jonklaas, born 19th September 1897, daughter of Henry Oswald Jonklaas and Athelind Victoria Altendorff. D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 208, and Vol. XXXIII, page 103). He had by her—

- 1 Noel Leonard Gerald, 25th December 1924.
- 2 Bryan Henry Frank, 25th December 1924.

## XIII

Alick Hilton Ernst, Government Surveyor, born 12th March 1888, died 3rd September 1921, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 31st December 1916, Blanche Mildred Anthonisz, born 13th April 1897, daughter of Frederick Leonard Anthonisz, J.P., Assistant Registrar General, and Katherine Eleanor LaBrooy. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 72, and Vol. XXXIX, page 155). He had by her—

- 1 Galla Mildred Katherine, born 10th March 1918, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 26th December 1942, Arthur Douglas Cuthbert Stork, born 19th May 1910, son of Leopold Percival Stork, District Engineer, Public Works Department, and Florence Clara Joseph. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 25, and Vol. XII, page 26).

## XIV

Adalbert Henry Ernst, L.M.S. (Ceylon), Proprietary Farmer in Tzaneen, Northern Transvaal, South Africa, born 2nd September 1890, married in St. Botholph's Church, London, 14th December 1918, Phyllis Maud Helen Anthonisz, born 18th May 1894, daughter of Samuel Ludovici Anthonisz, L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin.), Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Ceylon Medical Department, and Florence Helen Wright Jonklaas. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 207 and Vol. XXXIV, pages 53 and 54). He had by her—

- 1 Vernon Derek, born at Kandy in Ceylon 18th September 1921.
- 2 Alex Henry, who follows under XVI.
- 3 Galla Phyllis Jean, born at Tzaneen in South Africa, 6th January 1931.

## XV

Gerald Elpei Ernst, Proctor, born 29th March 1899, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Matara:

- (a) 27th April 1929, Henrietta Wilhelmina Schokman, born 7th July 1906, died 27th December 1930, daughter of Walter Horace Schokman and Ulrica Antoniette Amelia Trant Beling. D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 112, and Vol. XXXIX, page 12).

- (b) 11th May 1938, Olga Feodora Altendorff, born 17th February 1911, daughter of Glanville Hubert Frederick Altendorff and Myra Garvin. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, page 106, and Vol. XXXIV, page 113).

Of the first marriage, he had—

- 1 Isobel Dorothy, born 16th April 1930.

Of the second marriage, he had—

- 2 Myra Juliana, born 27th September 1944.

## XVI

Alex Henry Ernst, M.Sc. (Agric.), born at Bangalore in India, 14th November 1924, married in the Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk, Kroonstadt North, Orange Free State, 3rd September 1949, Janette Henrietta Maria Aletta Buys, born 6th May 1927, daughter of Johannes Christoffel Buys and Maria Aletta Roothman. He had by her—

- 1 Etienne Adalbert, born 11th June 1950.
- 2 Johann Heinrich, born 7th March 1952.

Notes:—(1) Gertrude Podree, widow of Georg Nicolaas Ernst referred to in section I, married in the Dutch Reformed Church Matara, 18th May 1792, sister Johannes Tornois of Ghent.

(2) The Governor General of the Netherlands possession in the East Indies remitted in 1846 to the Government of Ceylon a donation for the relief of widows and orphans of servants of the late Dutch Government in Ceylon. A Government notification dated 17th July 1847 gives a list of persons whose claims were considered and showing the proportion allotted to each. Among the recipients were the following:

- (a) Helena Catherina, widow of Johan Gabriel Smith, referred to in section I, 2.
- (b) Johanna Leonora, widow of Benjamin Charles Daniel Vollenhoven, referred to in section II, 6.
- (3) William Henry Ernst, referred to in section XI, 2, was wellknown for his superb performances in University Dramatic Society plays. He is now a Dominican Friar at the Hawkesbury Priory in Staffordshire. He lives and works under the most rigid discipline demanded of the priests in that order. He has declared that he has never before been so happy. He is now known as Brother Cornelius.

- (4) Adalbert Henry Ernst, referred to in section XIV, was educated at the Royal College in Colombo. He entered the Ceylon Medical College and passed out in 1914 winning the Loos Gold Medal for Pathology and the Vander Straaten Silver Medal for Hygiene. He proceeded to England in 1915, and having obtained a Commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps, he served in France in the First World War. He took part in the battle of the

Somme and in the operations on the Marne and Ypres with the 1st Battalion of the 7th Liverpool Regiment as its Medical Officer. He was severely wounded in January 1917, and spent over a year as a patient in various Military Hospitals in England. He returned to duty in 1918, and spent the next two years on "Home Service". He volunteered for service in Mesopotamia when the rebellion broke out there in 1920 and saw active service from 1921 to 1923. He was then transferred to India and served in Bangalore and Jhansi. He was also Officer Commanding the Military Hospital in Bellary. He resigned from the Army in 1927 with the rank of Major and was "repatriated" to South Africa at his own request. Arriving in South Africa in May 1927, he purchased a farm in Tzaneen in Northern Transvaal called "Atlasbeste" where he and his family have resided since. He has made a great success of farming, mainly citriculture, and is one of the biggest exporters of oranges, fruit juices etc., principally to Australia. Apart from farming, he owns a saw mill and a flour mill, and is also a large shareholder in a leading bank and in a Cigarette Manufacturing Company. He has travelled extensively, and has visited countries in Europe, and also Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Honolulu and Singapore. In 1938 he went with a party of South African Ex-Service men and visited battle fields and cemeteries in France and Belgium, and also paid an official good-will visit to Germany. When in England, he was presented to the late King and Queen at Buckingham Palace as the only British Ex-officer of the party. In May 1952, he again went on tour with a party of South African Ex-Service men and visited battle fields and cemeteries mainly in Italy. While in England, the party was received by the present Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle. He visited Ceylon in 1930, and again in 1950. On the first occasion he delivered a lecture at the Dutch Burgher Union Hall entitled "Some impressions of South Africa," and it is re-produced in D.B.U. Journal Vol. XX, pages 45.

- (5) Vernon Derek Ernst, referred to in section XIV, 1, was educated at the Boys' High School in Pretoria, at the University of Witwatersrand, and at the Teachers Training College in Johannesburg where he obtained the degrees Bachelor of Art (B.A.) and Bachelor of Music (B. Mus.) and the Transvaal Teachers Diploma.
- (6) Alex Henry Ernst, referred to in section XVI, was educated at the Boys' High School in Pretoria, the University of Stellenbosch and the University of Pretoria where he obtained the degrees Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) and Master of Science (Agriculture.)

## FOUNDER'S DAY

The Fortnightly Review commenting on founder's day observes that:—In these days of hurry and bustle, when far-reaching events follow one another with bewildering rapidity, one is apt to lose sight of the origin of movements which have made a lasting contribution to the welfare of any particular Community. A case in point is the establishment of the Dutch Burgher Union in 1908 by Richard Gerald Anthonisz. Up to this time the Community in question was fast losing its identity. There was nothing which brought the members together, which kept them together; nothing which was to them a visible sign of their common ancestry and traditions; nothing to remind them of the greatness of their heritage or the obligations which that heritage involved. Mr. Anthonisz was quick to see this and to realize that the remedy was the formation of a Union. The movement was at first regarded as a scheme hostile to the other Communities, but Mr. Anthonisz persevered, and he was supported by the best elements of his Community, until to-day, forty-four years after its foundation, the Union occupies a worthy place in the regard and esteem of all the other Communities.

Mr. Anthonisz was at first content to serve as Honorary Secretary, but when he had placed the Union on a secure foundation, he consented to accept the office of President, and served in this capacity until his death in 1930, after an uninterrupted service of 22 years. In recognition of his invaluable work, it had been the custom to make an annual event of the anniversary of his birth. This year being the centenary, it was decided to give greater emphasis to the event, and to invite representatives of other Communities also to take part in the celebrations, which was held on the 22nd October. The guest-of-honour was the Hon. Mr. Dudley Senanayake, the Prime Minister.

### The President addressing the gathering said.

"Mr. Prime Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my privilege and special duty to say a few words this evening. I must at the very outset offer to you, Mr. Prime Minister, a very hearty welcome to our Union. It is indeed good of you to have found the time to join us this evening and I can assure you that we appreciate very much the honour you have done us. On behalf of all the members of the Union I thank you very sincerely. We are also very glad to have with us so many friends. I welcome you all and thank you for coming.

Founder's Day is with us a day of remembrance. It has been our practice on this day when assembled in this hall no matter what we are doing to pause for a few minutes to pay honour to the memory of and to remind ourselves of the debt we owe to our Founder, Richard Gerald Anthonisz, whose portrait adorns that wall (Pointing to the portrait).