

after ship flying the British flag to the bottom of the Indian Ocean, the wildest rumours were circulated that Engelbrecht, the Boer who had not taken the oath of allegiance, was apparently in communication with the enemy cruiser. The authorities did not pause to sift the truth of these reports. Whether or not his failure to take the oath was made the occasion for confirming the rumours about him, there are none who will tell. What we do know is that Engelbrecht was arrested, removed from his post at the Yala Game Sanctuary, and detained in the Kandy Barracks. His reinstatement in office a few weeks later was in itself a declaration that he had been found innocent. Somebody had bungled, and bungled badly in the hope of earning the smiles of official favour.

The visit of the new *Emden* to Colombo in 1936, gave Mr. L. G. Poulier, a friend of this Boer sportsman, the opportunity to vindicate the baseless reports on which a harmless man was humiliated. On the testimony of the German officers who served on the *Emden* at the time of the raids, Engelbrecht's innocence was placed beyond all shadow of doubt. Engelbrecht died in Ceylon on the 25th of March 1922.

Beyond the wild, relentless waters of the Styx, the turbulent spirit of the last man in 5000 who would not compromise, had found eternal release. A simple inscribed stone in the Hambantota cemetery marks the spot where his mortal remains were buried. In this setting the rhythmic beat of sea on shore, and the sighing winds of the open spaces sound a continuous dirge. Their mournful murmur echoes the yearnings of these exiles whose misty eyes were strained on every hill and glade of green:

".....Till anguish keen  
Did once again a fresh hold take,  
The dear dead voices of the veldt awake  
The might have been."

("In Exile", from the Diyatalawa "Dum Dum").

## GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF NELL OF CEYLON

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Attendorff)

### I

Frederick August Nell came from the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, as "Hofmeister" to Colonel de Meuron. He married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 8th December 1793, Catharina Petronella de Fonseca. He had by her:—

1. Pierre, born 1795 died young
2. George, who follows under II.

### II

George Nell, baptised 17th December 1797, married in St. Peter's Church, Colombo, 4th January 1823, Maria Elizabeth Conderlag, baptised 18th August 1806, died 16th June 1844, daughter of Johan Fredrik Conderlag and Elisabeth Erfson (D. B. U. Journal Vol. III page 50, and Vol. IX, page 71 and Vol. XXV, page 159). He had by her:—

1. Georgiana, born 23rd May 1824, married in St. Peter's Church Colombo, 6th March 1839, David Anderson of Rosebourn near Dumfries (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. 5 page 65.)
2. Eleanor, born 12th June 1825, died 12th November 1871 married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 19th December 1850, Charles Ambrose Lionel Lorenz, Barrister-at-Law, Advocate of the Supreme Court of Ceylon, Member of The Legislative Council, 1856—1868 born 8th July 1829, died 9th August 1871, son of Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Lorenz of Templeburg in Prussian Pomerania, and Anna Petronella Smith (D. B. U. Journal Vol. III, page 49, and Vol. XXXI. page 1).

3. George Frederick, Barrister-at-Law of Lincoln's Inn, Deputy Queen's Advocate, born 12th October 1828, died 1867. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XXXII, page 86)

4. Louis, who follows under III.
5. William, born 30th October 1832, died 1836.
6. Arnold, born 29th August 1834, died 1848.
7. George Michael, M. D. born 29th August 1836, died at Jaffna in 1874, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 25th October 1871, Emelia Lorenz Poulier, born 16th July 1844, daughter of George Poulier and Adelaide Amelia Lorenz (D. B. U. Journal Vol. III, page 49, and Vol. XXIV, page 29).

### III

Louis Nell, Crown Counsel born 26th November 1830, died at Chicwick in England, 17th May 1922, married:—

- (a) In Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 4th September 1851, Lucilla Julia Andree, born 14th September 1833, daughter of

Andreas Everhardus Andree and Frederica Margarita Lorenz (D. B. U. Journal Vol. 6 page 17)

- (b) In St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 25th January 1879, Caroline Eliza Cherrington of the first marriage, he had
1. Marc, who follows under IV
  2. Maud, born 29th October 1853 married in Holy Trinity Church Colombo, 24th February 1873, Frederick John de Saram, Proctor and notary Public, son of Frederick John de Saram and Arnoldina Henrietta Martensz.
  3. Paul, who follows under V
  4. Ralph, who follows under VI
  5. Ruth, born 21st February 1858, married 25th November, 1882, Wilmot Edgar Leembruggen L.R.C.P. and S. (EDIN), L.F.P. and S. (GLAS.) Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Civil Medical Department, born 26th October 1856 died 8th March 1934, son of Gerard Hendrik Leembruggen and Elisabeth Riberg (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. IV. pages 26 and 27)
  - 6\* Agnes, born 28th September 1859, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo 24th June 1891, Charles Adolphus Leembruggen, Surveyor, Federated Malay States, born 14th November 1859, son of Gerard Hendrik Leembruggen and Elisabeth Riberg (D. B. U. Journal Vol. IV, pages 26 and 28).
  7. Ernest, born 28th December 1860.
  8. Winifred, L.M.S. (Ceylon), born 24th March 1862, died 24th August 1943.
  9. Andreas, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.M.S. (Ceylon), Consulting Surgeon, Victoria Memorial Eye and Ear Hospital Colombo, born 3rd May 1864.
  10. Lionel, born 5th September 1865.
  11. John, born 5th August 1867.  
Of the second marriage he had :—
  12. Petronella, born 18th March 1880, died in London in 1938.
  12. Louis, born 18th May 1883.

## IV

Marc Nell, Inspector of Police, born 18th August 1852, married in Holy Trinity Church Colombo 28th January 1875, Margaret Rosaline Toussaint, born 18th January 1853, widow of George William Koch (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. X page 130) and daughter of Peter Frederick Toussaint and Susanna Elizabeth Koch (D. B. U. Journal Vol. IV page 39, and Vol. X, page 129) He had by her :—

1. Lucilla Julia, born 10th January 1876
2. Rosaline Mary, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 12th April 1899, Frederick Bernard Toussaint, born 17th April 1874 died 24th November 1945, son of Bernard Adrians Toussaint and Frances Alice Jonklaas (D. B. U. Journal Vol. IV, page 9, and Vol. XXIII page 206.)

## V

Paul Nell, born 5th February 1855, married at Matale in 1881; Alice Newman, and he had by her :—

1. George Frederick, born 1882, died in Australia, married Winifred Tringham. He had several sons and daughters.
2. Agnes Marion, born 30th October 1884, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 23rd January 1908, George Edmund de Silva, Proctor, Minister of Health, Ceylon State Council.
3. Elsie Ruth, born 5th August 1893, married in Scots Kirk, Kandy, 28th December 1916, Joseph Reginald Grenier, C.E., M.I.E. (Lond), A.M.I.E.S. (Scotland), Inspector of Mills, born 11th December 1879, son of Joseph Richard Grenier, Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court, and Lydia Drieberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 67, and Vol. XXXIV, page 10).
4. Paul Melville, born 1896, served in the Great War, 1914—1918, in the Royal Fusiliers, and was killed in action on 12th April 1917. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XIV, page 5).
5. Grace Mary, born 12th April 1899, married in St. Anthony's Cathedral, Kandy, 16th June 1923, Oswin Ansbert Wright, born 28th April 1896, son of Joseph William Alfred Wright, L.M.S. (Ceylon), Civil Medical Department, and Alice Josephine Van Langenberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVI, page 26).
6. Marc Ernest, who follows under VII.

## VI

Ralph Nell, born 23rd March 1856, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 16th May 1887, Charlotte Matilda Ebert, and he had by her :—

1. Saumer Ralph, born 6th April 1888.
2. Bertram Ralph, born 20th December 1890.
3. Michael Ralph, born 4th January 1893.
4. Doris Ralph, born 26th January 1895.
5. Doris Ralph, born 1st January 1897.
6. Monic Ralph, born 27th August 1899.
7. Lucilla Petronella Ralph, born 14th October 1901.
8. Louis Frederick Ralph, who follows under VIII.

## VII

Marc Ernest Nell, born 9th September 1905, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 23rd December 1933, Mavis Helen Herft, daughter of Percival Clement Herft and Elsie Marian Willenberg. He had by her :—

1. Paul Marc, born 28th February 1935.
2. Pamela Averil, born 5th May 1938.

## VIII

Louis Frederick Ralph Nell, born 7th May 1904, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagriya, 21st May 1927, Helen Violet Wittebron, and he had by her:—

- 1 Louise Marcia, born 21st May 1928.
- 2 Louis Frederick Ralph, born 10th June 1931.

*Note.*—Dr. Winifred Nell, referred to under III, 8, was the first Ceylonese lady, who qualified to practise medicine and surgery. She was attached to the Lady Havelock Hospital, Colombo.



## The Annual General Meeting.

The 39th Annual General Meeting of the Union was held in the Union Hall on Saturday, the 22nd March, at 6 p.m. Dr. V. R. Schokman, the President, occupied the Chair, and about 100 members were present. After the distribution of awards in the Sinhalese Examinations and the Billiards Tournaments, the President moved the following motion which was carried with acclamation:—"The Dutch Burger Union desires to place on record its appreciation of the munificence, and its grateful thanks for the generosity, of Dr. R. L. Spittel for his donation of one acre of land at Kaluboville for the establishment of a Home for the Aged."

The President then reviewed the work of the Union during the past year and thanked the Standing Committees, the General Committee, the Office-bearers and the office-staff for the valuable assistance they had rendered him in carrying on the work of the Union. After remarks offered by some members, the motion for the adoption of the Report and Accounts was carried unanimously.

The President then proposed an amendment to rule 6 (f) of the By-laws providing for credit being extended to a member up to a limit of Rs. 50, and this was unanimously carried. He then vacated the chair, which was occupied *pro tem* by Mr. H. K. de Kretser, who referred to the good work done by Dr. Schokman during his first year of office and proposed his re-election. The motion was carried unanimously, and Dr. Schokman, in resuming the Chair, briefly addressed the gathering.

The election of the other office-bearers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—*Honorary Secretary*: Mr. Fred Loos (re-elected); *Honorary Treasurer*: Mr. L. Thomasz (re-elected).

**General Committee:** Colombo. Mr. D. V. Altendorff, Mr. L. E. Blaze, Dr. J. B. Blaze, Mr. R. L. Brohier, Dr. F. E. R. Fartholomeusz, Mr. C. L. Beling, Mr. C. P. Brohier, Mr. B. R. Blaze, Dr. H. S. Christoffelsz, Mr. A. E. Christoffelsz, Mr. H. vanden Driesen, Mr. C. E. Foenander, Mr. A. L. B. Ferdinand, Mr. G. H. Gratiaen, Mr. L. L. Hunter, Mr. O. M. Jennings, Hon. Mr. A. E. Keuneman, Mr. H. K. de Kretser, Mr. H. E. S. de Kretser, Mr. F. E. Loos, Mr. W. J. F. La Brooy, Mr. I. G. L. Misso, Col. W. E. V. de Rooy, Mr. C. C. Schokman, Mr. C. A. Speldewinde, Dr. R. L. Spittel, Mr. E. A. vander Straaten, Dr. H. E. Schokman, Mr. J. R. Toussaint, Dr. Sam de Vos.

**Outstation.** Dr. V. H. L. Anthonisz, Dr. Eric Brohier, Mr. A. E. Baultjens, Dr. H. A. Dirckze, Mr. Frank Ernst, Mr. E. G. Jonklaas, Col. A. C. B. Jonklaas, Mr. O. L. de Kretser (Sr.), Mr. O. L. de Kretser (Jr.), Mr. V. C. Kelaart, Mr. H. R. Kriekenbeek, Dr. N. Kelaart, Dr. H. Ludovici, Mr. Wace de Niese, Mr. F. W. E. de Vos.

**Auditors:**—Messrs. Satchithananda, Schokman and de Silva (re-elected).