

GENEALOGY OF THE SPROULE FAMILY OF CEYLON.

I.

William Bernard Sproule of Drogheda in Ireland was in the British Army as a Regimental Schoolmaster, and subsequently he was an Assistant Master in the Academy in Colombo. He married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 11th March 1841, Mary Anne Hoffman, and had by her:—

- 1 James Hugh, who follows under II.
- 2 Mary Anne Lucy, born 5th February 1845, married Reverend Crampton and left the Island.

II.

James Hugh Sproule, Proctor, born 30th March 1843, died 15th December 1907, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 4th January 1866, Gertrude Arabella Pierez, born 30th May 1844, died 30th November 1903, daughter of Thomas Andreas Pierez, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Civil Medical Department, and Bella Emelia Siers. He had by her:—

- 1 Edith Alice, born 3rd December 1867, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 30th June 1898, Eugene Ellis Modder, L.F.P. & S. (Glas.), Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Civil Medical Department, Captain, Ceylon Medical Corps, born 22nd April 1855, died 1st November 1913, widower of Elizabeth Sophia Kalenberg, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 157), and son of John William Modder and Caroline Frances Anjon. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, pages 71 and 72).
- 2 Constance Evelyn, born 10th March 1869, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, Henry Kriekenbeek Keyt, son of Frederick Theobald Keyt, M.D. (Aber.) Colonial Surgeon, Civil Medical Department, and Henrietta Elizabeth Kriekenbeek.
- 3 Charlotte Lucy, born 17th March 1871, died 17th April 1919, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, John Henricus de Saram, Proctor, son of John Henricus de Saram and Henrietta Van Langenberg.
- 4 James Hugh Collingwood, Barrister-at-Law, born 7th August 1872, married in the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-West, England, 16th October 1902, Aileen Spicer.
- 5 Percy Julian, B.A., B.L., Puisne Justice, Supreme Court, Straits Settlements, born 4th December 1873, married in St. Mary's Church, Beddington, Surrey, 18th October 1902, Alice Graburn.
- 6 Frank William, who follows under III.
- 7 Gertrude Mabel, born 27th June 1877, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 25th June 1898, Charles Allan Kalenberg, L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin.), L.F.S. (Glas.), Provincial Surgeon, Civil Medical Department, born 5th February 1866, died 15th January 1928, son of Charles William Kalenberg, Proctor, and Eugenie Har-

riet Andree. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 15, and Vol. XXV, pages 157 and 158).

- 8 Edward Cyril Lambert, who follows under IV.
- 9 Eileen Muriel, born 18th January 1884, died 26th March 1936, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 18th November 1904, Frederick Nell Daniels, J.P., Crown Proctor, Kurunegalle, Captain, Ceylon Light Infantry, born 9th April 1867, died 29th April 1941, son of Jacobus Valentinus (James Valentine) Daniels and Arnoldina Carolina Eusonia Carron. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, pages 50, 52, and 134).
- 10 Reginald St. Quentin, born 1st November 1885, married and settled in England.

III.

Frank William Sproule, Provincial Engineer, Public Works Department, born 7th April 1875, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 27th December 1906, Charlotte Jane Garvin, born 22nd October 1879, daughter of Thomas Forrest Garvin, M.B., C.M. (Aber.), F.C.S. (Lond.), Superintendent, General Hospital, Colombo, and Grace Louisa VanderSmagt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 86). He had by her:—

- 1 James Hugh, who follows under V.
- 2 Thomas Ian, born 30th June 1916, killed in an air-raid in London, 8th March 1941.

IV.

Edward Cyril Lambert (Cox) Sproule, Proctor, born 13th June 1879, died 9th November 1935, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 17th June 1907, Minnie Treherne Cooke, born 4th February 1884, died 27th November 1942, daughter of Nathaniel Ernest Cooke, B.A. (Cantab.), Barrister-at-Law, Crown Counsel, and Grace Treherne de Saram. He had by her:—

- 1 Grace Sheila Gertrude, born 27th July 1908, married in St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 21st April 1930, Arthur Douglas Raffel, Proctor and Notary Public, born 29th November 1900, son of Arthur Wilfred Raffel and Alice Rosalind de Waas.
- 2 Patrick Cyril Bernard, who follows under VI.
- 3 Ernest Elton Lambert, born 7th July 1920, died 19th October 1922.

James Hugh (Hamish) Sproule, L.M.S. (Ceylon), L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., (Lond.), born 9th March 1909, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 31st October 1938, Geraldine Isabel Louise de Saram, born 11th December 1916, daughter of Frederick de Saram, Proctor and Notary Public, and Myra Loos. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 100). He had by her:—

- 1 Suzanne Isabel, born 19th December 1939.
- 2 Michael Frederick, born 13th February 1941.

VI.

Patrick Cyril Bernard Sproule, Inspector of Police, born 9th October 1909, killed in a motor accident, 14th November 1937, married to St. Paul's Church, Kandy, 17th April 1933, Peggy Noel Laurette Bawa, born 4th November 1911, daughter of Alfred James Bawa, Planter, and Martha Elaine de Zilwa Van Twest. He had by her:—

1 Patricia Diane, born 15th February 1934.

NOTE:—The following lines appeared in "The Times of Ceylon" of 6th December 1942, and refer to Minnie Treherne Sproule, mentioned under IV supra:

Mrs. Sproule of Kandy

I picture her still, as she always will be
Working and praying for the plain "you and me"
Surrounded by eggs, cakes and baskets and boys,
Smiling, encouraging, and full of life's joys.

With her heart full of love and a desire to be
A mother, a sister to the plain "you and me",
She gave hope to thousands and served to the end
God knows we all loved her, The Services' Friend.

Through pain and grey clouds, and sorrows long past
She smiled and continued in faith to the last,
And that torch which she lighted will never go out
For she planted the seeds which grow and kill doubt.

Yes, I picture her still, as she always will be
Working and praying for the plain "you and me"
I picture her too, at peace now, and rest
Because in her life, she gave of her best.

"J.A."

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of the Dutch Burgerh Union, held in the Union Hall on Saturday, 27th March, 1943, at 6-30 p.m.

The President, Mr. H. K. de Kretser, occupied the Chair, and there were about 130 members present.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, after which the minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

Presidential Address.

The President then addressed the meeting. He reviewed the work of the various Standing Committees and eulogised the services performed by them. He referred to the various outstanding events that had occurred during the year, such as the new circumstances brought about by the War, and the steps taken to meet them, the presence of Dutch visitors and others in our midst, and the affiliation scheme. He emphasised the necessity of the Union keeping more in touch with the outstation members. Finally he paid a tribute to the untiring labours of Mr. C. A. Speldewinde and Mr. E. A. vanderStraaten, I.S.O.

Mr. de Kretser then vacated the Chair and Mr. J. R. Toussaint was proposed to it *pro tem*.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee.

Mr. J. R. Toussaint proposed the re-election of Mr. H. K. de Kretser as President for the year 1943. He referred to the active part taken by Mr. de Kretser, ably assisted by Mrs. de Kretser, in every branch of the Union's work, notwithstanding the fact that the year was one of the busiest in the annals of the Union. He expressed his conviction that Mr. de Kretser would do even better during his second term of office. The motion having been seconded by Mr. D. V. Altendorff, I.S.O., and carried with acclamation, Mr. de Kretser re-occupied the Chair and thanked the members for that proof of their confidence in him.

Dr. V. R. Schokman proposed a vote of appreciation of the services of the retiring office-bearers. This was seconded by Mr. D. V. Altendorff and Messrs. Speldewinde and vanderStraaten expressed their thanks.

Dr. V. R. Schokman proposed and Dr. R. L. Spittel seconded the election of Mr. F. R. Loos as Honorary Secretary.

Mr. R. L. Brohier proposed as an amendment the name of Mr. W. J. F. LaBrooy, and this was seconded by Mr. E. A. vanderStraaten I. S. O.

On a show of hands being taken, a majority was found to be in favour of Mr. F. R. Loos, who was accordingly elected Honorary Secretary.

Mr. C. A. Speldewinde proposed and Mr. E. A. vanderStraaten seconded the election of Mr. A. L. B. Ferdinand as Honorary Treasurer.