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TO OUR READERS.

An apology is due from us to our readers for the delay in bringing out this number of the Journal. It is tendered with all regret yet in the hope that some allowance will be made for the difficulties we have had to encounter. These have been not only such as usually beset literary enterprises of this kind in Ceylon, but also hindrances specially arising from the circumscribed sphere of our mission. Literary material within the scope of this Journal is at best not readily available. But even where the sources of obtaining it are at hand, the lack of contributors with the readiness, temper and ability to make it accessible to our readers has always been a draw back.

We hope, however, that measures which are shortly to be taken will enable the Literary Committee of the Union to place the Journal on a better footing; and, in the hope that we will be able to enlist in our service some of the literary talent in which the Community is by no means poor, we venture to promise that hereafter the Journal will not only reach the members more regularly but also provide them with matter which will meet with their satisfaction and appreciation.

SOME OLD HOUSES I HAVE KNOWN.

By R. G. ANTHONISZ.

II.

About a mile and a half from the Fort of Galle, at Magalle, on the road to Matara, stands a spacious one-floor building within an allotment of some two acres of land, which the older residents of Galle will remember as the former Kachcheri or Government Agent's Office. This is what it was up to twenty-seven years ago, when, on the withdrawal of the garrison from Galle, and the vacation of the military buildings in the Fort, the Office of the Government Agent was removed into the upstairs barracks in New Leyn Baan Street. A short account of a building which had the distinction of being used as the principal Government office for the province during half a century, and whose early history is to be traced back to the eighteenth century cannot fail to be of some interest to our readers.

The land itself, described as a garden (*thuin*) and named "De Liefde," appears to have been the property of the Dutch Reformed Church, or, more correctly, of the Diaconate of Galle, for some years prior to 1751. How it came into the possession of the ecclesiastical authorities does not appear. There were one or two ways in which the Church acquired property in those days. It may have come either as a testamentary bequest or charitable gift from a previous owner or may have been a grant from the Government. In the year mentioned, viz., 1751, the Diaconate, who up to that time, it is stated, derived little or no profit from the land, leased it out with a view to its being planted, and so it remained till the year 1775. But the stipulated conditions do not appear to have been carried out, the lessor or lessees (whose names do not occur) having allowed the land to remain wholly or partially waste, thus depriving the Church of any profit or advantage. It is in the last mentioned year that we meet with the first documentary transaction relating to the land; for, on the 20th February of that year (1775) the Diaconate of Galle, represented by the following members: Nicolaas Bernardus Martheze, Steven Anthonisz, Andraas Everhardus De Ly and Benedictus Lambertus van Zitter; appeared before the Judicial Court of Galle (*Achtharen Raad van Justitie*) and executed a lease of the property in favour of Albertus Homoet, *Koopman* and

Administrateur of Galle. The sitting magistrates on the occasion were Andreas van Hek and Abraham van Coeverden. By this lease Homoet acquired the property for building purposes for a period of thirty-three years on a ground rent of 22 rix dollars per annum. It is not ascertainable whether the now existing building was at once taken in hand. *Administrateur* Homoet was soon after removed from Galle to Trincomalie on promotion as *Oppeerkoopman* and Chief of that station, but his wife Welhelmina Elisabeth Francken remained at Galle, and she, acting in behalf of her husband, completed the out-right purchase of the land from the Diaconate on the 23rd February 1781 for 300 rix dollars. Between that date and the 20th May 1785, when the property next changed hands, a building in some form or other was beyond doubt erected on the land. In the meantime, Homoet had died at Trincomalie and his widow married for her second husband Ferdinand Casper Heupner, Lieutenant of the Artillery at Colombo. By this time the property, delightfully situated, facing the harbour, with a canal of clear water running at the back of the premises, and within easy distance from the Fort, had become a very attractive country residence or *buiten plaats*. It now became the property of Cornelis Dionysius Krayenhoff, *Gezaghebber* or provisional Commandeur of Galle, having been transferred to him on the date mentioned, viz: 20th May 1785, by the attornies of Mrs. Heupner who was then living in Colombo. These attornies were Abraham Samlant, *Opziender* or Superintendent of the Galle Korle, son of the Commandeur of the same name, whose stately wapenbord hangs on the Galle Church wall, Hendrik Levin Martheze, Political and Judicial Secretary, and Johan Frederik Conradi, Chief Warehouse Keeper of Galle. The sum paid by Krayenhoff was 1178 rix dollars, which was 878 rix dollars in excess of the amount previously paid Homoet for the land. It may be safely presumed that this increase in the value of the property represents the cost of the erection of the building. The name of the property had also now been changed from *De Liefde* (Love) to *Zorg Vliet* (care flies), which latter legend may still be seen on stone slabs let into the walls of the two elevated gate houses at the north and south entrances to the grounds. Krayenhoff held the chief civil and military authority in the *Commandements* of Galle and Matara for two or three years although he was never confirmed in the post of Commandeur. His wife, Anna Jacoba van de Leur, died during this period and was buried

in the vault within the Dutch Church in the Fort where her tombstone with elaborate heraldic carving may be seen. When Krayenhoff left Galle soon after this event, being succeeded by Commandeur Sluiskens, the house was let to Mattheus van der Spar, Administrateur of Galle, who made it his country seat, his town residence being the house now occupied as the Galle Post Office. The house *Zorg-Vliet*, the subject of our sketch, had now become a pleasant resort, surrounded by country residences of the Dutch gentry, who made the vicinity gay and lively by their convivial gatherings. On the right and left of the house were two other historic properties, *Waarheid-Blyheid*, which belonged to Abraham Christiaan Frobos, and *Bendracht*, which belonged to Abraham Anthonisz Engelbregt. Two time-worn gate posts with the device *Waarheid-Blyheid*, cut in stone, are all that remains of the former property. Frobos when leaving Ceylon for Batavia in 1806 sold it for Rds. 4000 to a Sinhalese Pattangatyn Mohandiram, one Harmanis de Silva Wirasuria Goonawardene, who evidently allowed the house to go into ruins; because all that we of our generation saw of it was a great mound of earth. The other property *Bendracht* was acquired from Engelbregt by Joseph Rosé and eventually went by inheritance to the late Mr. James Anthonisz.

To return to *Zorg-Vliet*. We come now to the time of the arrival of the British. The "Capitulation of Colombo," which included Galle and Matara, was signed on the 15th February 1796. It resulted in all the high Dutch Officials relinquishing their posts. The Dissave of Matara, Pieter Willem Ferdinand Adriaan van Schuler, in doing so decided on taking up his residence in Galle and he became the next owner of the property in question. The transfer which was effected by Jean Jacques David d'Estandau, attorney of Krayenhoff, is dated 27th May 1796. Van Schuler and his wife, Wilhelmina Catharina Leembruggen, entered into occupation at once, but resided in it scarcely eighteen months when the great tragedy occurred. The story of this tragedy has been told in various places and we can only refer to it briefly here. One night, at the latter end of the year 1797, van Schuler and his wife were asleep in bed when a slave of the house crept silently into the room and taking his master's own sword, which hung on the wall by the bed, plunged it into the heart of his unconscious victim. The wife, roused by the death groan of her husband, saw the man trying to run away. Jumping out of bed she seized him by

the hair and was proceeding to give an alarm when the miscreant to effect his escape stabbed her in the abdomen and cleared away. The poor lady who was expecting her confinement shortly was also mortally wounded, but she lived long enough to identify the murderer. He was tried by the British authorities and sentenced to be hanged; and the execution took place on the plot of land facing the house on the opposite side of the road. The scene of the murder is said to have been the first room on the right as the house was entered, which used to be in later times the Government Agent's Office-room. The house had now acquired a bad reputation and we believe was unoccupied for a number of years. The next transaction with reference to it took place three years after the date of the tragedy, viz: 20th June 1800, when the executors of van Schuler's estate, his brother-in-law Petrus Jacobus RoosmaleCocq and Captain Lucas Aems, Master Attendant in the Dutch Service, transferred the house and premises to William Carmichail Gibson, the first Master Attendant under the English. The sum paid was Rds. 2971. The property remained with the Gibsons till it was acquired by Government from Mrs. Gibson of Buona Vista in the forties and the Government Agent George Henry Cripps made it his Office or Kachcheri.

THE ROMAN-DUTCH LAW.

(Translated from the Dutch of Mr. Fred. Oudschans Dentz in "*Neerlandia*" March 1915, page 64, by Mr. F. H. de Vos).

It was on the 13th August, 100 years ago that by the Convention of London the colonies of Demerara, Essequibo and Berbice were finally annexed to England.

In article I. of the Capitulation of the 18th Sept., 1803, announced in the Publication of ANTHONY VAN MEERTEN, Governor-General of Essequibo and Demerara we read that:—

"The laws, religion and customs, also mode of taxation,"
"shall be maintained, directed and observed as was the"
"case before the Capitulation took place, and no new"
"institutions will be introduced without the full approval"
"of the *Hof van Politie* and the legislative authority of"
"the Colony, etc."

This request was granted.

In the Supplementary convention of London of the 12th August 1815, the following declaration was made in article 13:—

"His Britannic Majesty binds himself in all cases"
"where the rights and interests of the Dutch owners come"
"into question, to deal with the same with justice and"
"impartiality."

The English Government have always, with the fullest good faith and benevolence, followed the conditions of the Capitulation and acted in the spirit of the said article 13.

The laws of the Hollanders, and even their customs and manners, were always respected, and when gradually the old colonial institutions and official relations were adapted to English forms, this was always done with moderation and a regard for vested rights and claims.

The Roman-Dutch Law, (modified by local conditions and ordinances), has to this day been observed in civil cases, whilst in criminal cases the English law applies.

Already in the middle of the 19th century the question was debated in British Guiana whether the Roman-Dutch Law should be replaced by the English Law.

In 1912 the Governor of that colony appointed a commission to report on the observance of the Roman-Dutch

Law. This Commission consisted of Messrs. J. J. Numan, Attorney-General, D. M. Hutson, J. B. Laing, W. S. Cameron, P. N. Brown and A. P. Sherlock. Their report appeared in May 1914, accompanied by a legal scheme to replace certain rules requiring urgent attention, compiled by the President. On the 2nd June 1914 the Governor sent a draft Ordinance to the Legislative Council substituting the English Law in place of the Roman-Dutch from the 1st January 1915, in respect of immoveable property.

According to Article 18 of the Ordinance the following laws, hallowed by long usage, were abrogated as from the 1st January 1915:—

The Resolutions of Their High Mightinesses of the of the United Netherlands dated 4th October 1774, the Placaat of the States of Holland dated 1st April 1580, the Ordinance of the States of Holland and West-Friesland dated 13th May 1594, the Edict or Proclamation of the States of Holland and West-Friesland dated 18th December 1599, the Order of the Government of Their High Mightinesses of the 13th October 1629, the Letters Patent of the East India Company granted by their High Mightinesses on the 10th January 1661 which was declared to apply to the Colony of Berbice by the Letters Patent of the States-General of the 27th September 1732.

Of the three English colonies in which the Roman-Dutch Law is still in force, viz: Ceylon, South Africa and British Guiana it will, as regards the last of these historical institutions, after having been in use for 285 years, an heritage of the Dutch colonists of the 17th and 18th centuries, be replaced by the English Law. It came into use in Ceylon by Resolution of the Governor in Council of the 3rd March 1666, in Cape Colony on the 12th February 1715 and proclaimed three days later, in the West Indies on the 13th October 1629 by resolution of the West Indian Company which had the colonies Essequibo, Curacao, Pomeroy, Demerara, some colonies in Brazil and on the West Coast of Africa (San Paolo de Loanda).

One hundred and fifty years later—1774—the States-General adopted a Resolution regarding the laws which should be in force in Demerara and Essequibo. The colony of Demerara was founded in 1750.

The disappearance of the Dutch East India Company and the change of Government in India in the beginning of the 19th century did not result in an immediate change in

the law says Roosegaarde Bisschop (Modern Dutch Law by Mr. W. Roosegaarde Bisschop, 1908).

As prudent colonists, the English changed the Government but left local institutions, laws and customs untouched.

In all Dutch colonies which passed into the hands of the English, the Roman-Dutch Law remained in force.

A change took place only gradually. The Dutch language disappeared in Ceylon and the West Indies. Local laws were promulgated in English and when these became numerous the "Placaats and Statutes of India" were forgotten, although they were never repealed and were, on the contrary, cited in later years. The knowledge of the Roman-Dutch Law was confined to a knowledge of the works of renowned jurists who formed the Dutch School of the Civil Law. As regards Ceylon, the laws and usages of the Province of Holland applied, and as regards the West-Indies, those of Holland and Zeeland.

But this knowledge has suffered much, partly through an abandonment of the principles of the Roman-Dutch Law as a consequence of subsequent legislation, partly through the conduct of courts.

But the names and works of Grotius (Hugo de Groot), Bynkershoek, van Leeuwen, Voet, Groenewegen, van der Linden, van der Keessel have been rendered immortal to succeeding generations.

That the abrogation of the Roman-Dutch Law was desired by the majority of the lawyers in British Guiana is easily explained. Most of the judges of that colony are Englishmen born in Europe who do not know Dutch, having come from other English colonies where the English law obtains with no desire or time to make a study of Dutch institutions, and it is only a knowledge of these institutions which will equip them with a competency to apply the Roman-Dutch Law.

The English Law, on the other hand is well known to them and they have been brought up in it. The Roman-Dutch Law is also not popular with the inhabitants. It is only tolerated. "The laws of England are a complete protection to the commonalty," says Advocate J. J. Numan.

On the other hand, Advocate L. C. Dalton, who has practised in South Africa, says that there are cases where the English Law is hard and inequitable in comparison

with the Roman-Dutch Law. More than 50 per cent. of those born in British Guiana are illegitimate, he says. There are various explanations of this fact but there is not much change for the better. By subsequent marriage the parents can repair the wrong and legitimize the children. Not so in England. There an illegitimate child is nobody's child, without name, without parents, an outcast. The Roman-Dutch Law assuages the evil and offers a remedy. Even if advantage is not taken of this provision, the mother can inherit from and through the children. The benefits and disadvantages have thus been dealt with by members of the judiciary.

During my visit to George Town, Mr. E. A. V. Abraham, retired Mayor, one of the most brilliant jurists of British Guiana and one of the greatest exponents of the Roman-Dutch Law, expressed his regret at the project of exchanging the Roman-Dutch for the English Law. But Mr. Abraham is one of the old guard gradually passing away.

But however much one may regret the cessation of the reign of the Roman-Dutch Law, the situation is explainable and as a layman I do not venture an opinion.

Paramaribo, September 1914.

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TO THE SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT.

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Captain Shand had made an appeal to the people of Ceylon and his address was given to me by Mrs. Anton Bertram.

Annexed is a list of those Ladies who helped in this scheme with money and parcels and also a Statement of Accounts.

Our thanks are due to Cargills Ltd, for the large reduction they made on materials supplied and articles made by them, also for packing the parcels free of charge.

GLENCORA B. SCHNEIDER,

Hony. Secy. & Treasurer.

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GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF SCHNEIDER OF CEYLON.

COMPILED BY MR. F. H. DE VOS.

I.

Hendrik Schneider m. He had by her:—

II.

Johann Heinrich Schneider, Lieut., b. at Kirchheim (Hesse Cassel) 15 July 1753, died at Chilaw 15 December 1823. He m. (1) at Jaffna, 4 April 1766 *Christina Elizabeth Schoorman* b. at Jaffna 1 June 1749, died 23 January 1779 and (2) at Jaffna 19 March 1780 *Johanna Philippina van Es* of Jaffna, died 10 April 1794. Of the 1st marriage:—

I. *Gualterus Schneider* (who follows under III.)

II. *Christoffel Anthony Schneider* b. 23 June 1776, died Jaffna 10 February 1824.

Of the 2nd marriage:—

III. *Johanna Frederica Elizabeth Schneider*.

IV. *Johanna Arnoldina Schneider* b. Jaffna 10 June 1781, died Jaffna 15 September 1826, m. Jaffna 10 June 1805 *Jan François Sikera* of Jaffna.

V. *Johanna Philippina Schneider* b. 4 April 1794.

III.

Gualterus Schneider, Capt. Surveyor-General, b. at Jaffna 23 Nov. 1772, died Colombo 10 Sept. 1841, m. (1) Colombo 5 Feb. 1797 *Sophia Magdalena Statts* b. 21 March 1780, died 20 Dec. 1830, daughter of *Jacobus Wilhelmus Staats* and *Anna Gertruida Runsdorff* and (2) 19 May 1831 *Elizabeth Catherina Stewart Titterton* b. 31 Sept. 1813, died Colombo 25 April 1839, daughter of *James Titterton*, Apothecary to the Forces. Of the 1st marriage:—

I. *Johanna Gertruida Schneider* b. 5 Oct. 1797, died 24 July 1822, m. 7 Feb. 1813 *Charles Fredrik Baron von Conradi*, Lt. 60th Regt., Lt. H. M. 3rd Ceylon Regiment 1806; Commandant, Kalutara, 1808; Fort Adjutant, Matara, Tangalle, Hambantotte, 1812; b. 3 Sept. 1775, died Hulftsdorp 11 January 1833.

II. *Marie Henrietta Schneider* b. 10 Nov. 1805, died 22 April 1834, m. 14 Sept. 1820 *Stephen Henry Roosmale Cocq*, District Judge, Negombo.

Of the 2nd marriage:—

III. *Gualterus Fredrik Schneider* b. at Grandpass, Colombo, 15 August 1833, m. *Amelia Orr*. He had by her:—

1. *Gualterus Stewart Schneider*, Advocate, born 12 April 1864, m. *Glencora Barnes Potger* d. of *Henry Simon Potger*, P. W. D.

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF LOURENSZ OF CEYLON.

COMPILED BY MR. F. H. DE VOS.

I.

Hendrik Lourensz of Gottenburg (Sweden), Assistant O.I. Compagnie, m. (1) at Colombo 10 Dec 1724 *Anna Magdalena Lowyn* bap. at Colombo 7 Sept. 1710, daughter of *Jacob Lowyn* of Geneva and *Gertruida Stadlander* and (2) at Colombo 18 Feb. 1731 *Johanna de Moor* bap. at Colombo 11 March 1708 daughter of *Pieter de Moor* of the Hague and *Johanna Obrak*.

Of the 1st marriage:—

- I. *Anna Gertruida Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 10 March 1726, m. (1) *Johannes Ferdinandus Krytsman* b. at Colombo 17 April 1709, died at Matara 7 December 1758 son of *Johannes Krytsman* of Breslau and *Gertruida de Haan* and (2) 16 Dec. 1759 Capt. *Godfried Leonard de Oosta* of Gera.
- II. *Hendrik Lourensz* (who follows under II.)
- III. *Jacobus Lourensz* (who follows under III.)

II.

Hendrik Lourensz bap. at Colombo 22 June 1727 m. *Lucretia de Silva* and had by her:—

- I. *Gerrit Lourensz* (who follows under IV.)
- II. *Johannes Lourensz*, third Surgeon O.I. Compagnie, bap. at Colombo 3 Dec. 1758, m. there 5 Feb. 1786 *Martha Elizabeth Jinke* of Colombo, and had by her:—
 1. *Bernardina Lucretia Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 3 Dec 1786, m. 10 June 1804 *Richard Owen Morgan* of Masulipatnam, Port Magistrate, Colombo.
 2. *Catharina Henrietta Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 14 December 1788.
 3. *Wilhelmus Franciscus Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 3 January 1791.
 4. *Adriana Diederica Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 26 Oct. 1806, m. *Hendrik Liebert Alvis*.
- III. *Johannes Melianus Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 15 Nov. 1772.

III.

Jacobus Lourensz, City-Surgeon O.I. Compagnie, bap. at Tutucorin 11 Sept. 1729, m. (1) at Colombo 29 June 1777 *Maria Francina Jansz* bap. at Colombo 23 July 1762, daughter of *Abraham Jansz*

and *Johanna de Bona* and (2) 3 Feb. 1788 *Anna Catharina de Rosairo* of Colombo. Of the 1st marriage:—

- I. *Hendrik Jacobus Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 23 May 1784. Of the 2nd marriage:—
- II. *Jacobus Philippus Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 13 Sept. 1795
- III. *Hermannus Johannes Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 21 July 1799.

IV.

Gerrit Lourensz bap. at Colombo 27 Apr. 1755 m. *Anna Catharina van Paddenburg* daughter of *Pieter Jansz van Paddenburg* of Amsterdam, Quarter-Master, and *Catherina de Silva*. He had by her:—

- I. *Lucas Hendrik Lourensz* (who follows under V.)
- II. *Johan Christiaan Gerard Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 2 Oct. 1785.
- III. *Justinus Jacobus Lourensz*, bap. at Colombo 18 Feb. 1787.
- IV. *Gysbert Timon Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 29 May 1791, m. *Johanna Maria Pegalotti* and had by her:—
 1. *Johannes Maximus Lourensz* b. 30 March 1814.
 2. *William Hendrik Lourensz* b. 12 August 1815.
 3. *Peternella Elizabeth Lourensz* b. 2 May 1818.

V.

Lucas Hendrik Lourensz bap. at Colombo 13 October 1782, m. (1) at Colombo 16 July 1809 *Wilhelmina Josepha Cornelia Specht* bap. at Tutucorin 19 Feb. 1792, daughter of *Jan Specht* and *Florentina Mulder* and (2) at Colombo 24 July 1820 *Wilhelmina Petronella de Run* (widow *Elias Wilhelmus Staats*) bap. 4 June 1789, daughter of *Hermanus de Run* and *Jacoba Elizabeth Hoepls*.

Of the 1st marriage:—

- I. *Johan Gerard Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 2 Sept. 1810.
- II. *Dorothea Christiana Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 6 March 1812.
- III. *Willem Jacob Lourensz* bap. at Colombo 21 May 1816.
- IV. *Robert Brownrigg Lourensz*, bp. at Colombo 30 Aug. 1819. Of the 2nd marriage:—
- V. *Bernarda Diederica Lourensz* b. at Colombo 14 June 1821.
- VI. *Arnoldus Henricus Lourensz* b. at Colombo 19 Jany. 1823, bap. 9 Feb. 1823 m. (1) *Georgiana Christina Schokman* b. at Colombo 18 April 1826, daughter of *Lucas François Schokman* and *Gerardina Eusonia Charlotta de Vos* and (2) at Colombo 2 June 1859 *Ellen Ball*.
- VII. *Elizabeth Henrietta Lourensz* b. at Colombo 3 Aug. 1824, m. at Colombo 17 Nov. 1842 *Henricus Albertus Soerisz*.
- VIII. *Edward Hendrik Lourensz* b. at Colombo 5 Oct. 1826.
- IX. *Hendrik Lubbert Lourensz* b. at Colombo 28 June 1829.

COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF SOCIAL SERVICE, 1915.

The subscriptions from members were maintained notwithstanding heavy calls on them owing to war subscriptions, but there has been only a small addition to the number of subscribers. An organised effort was made by members of the Sub-Committee to add to the list of subscribers, hence this success, which it is hoped will attend a similar effort planned for 1916.

The expenditure during the last seven years has been justified and deserves an increase. For instance, the deposit of Rs. 50/- needed for a pupil nurse to begin training in the Government School was paid back to the Sub-Committee, the pupil nurse completed her course of study, got employment under Government and is now matron of a big Government Hospital. If not for the help given at a critical time, this lady could not have attained independence and become self-supporting instead of drifting into being a burden on relatives and friends.

Two of the boys helped by payment of school fees, etc., have grown up and are in good employment; their character and conduct induce one to expect their further advancement. The boys still at school are getting on well, and their future capacity for self-support is not an uncertainty but a sure hope. This branch of expenditure on school books and school fees for children might be well extended, and every subscriber could feel that no better use could be made of what funds he can spare than in saving from idleness the young boys and girls who are thus enabled to become wage-earners.

The expenditure on 'funeral expenses' and 'temporary assistance' was restricted as much as possible, and only granted under extreme circumstances.

The working expenses were only Rs. 6.30.

The 1916 Sub-Committee will be asked to consider a draft scheme for forming social service areas in Colombo under the personal care of individual members. The details of this scheme will be settled by discussion amongst the members of the Sub-Committee.

L. A. JOSEPH, *Hony. Secy.*,

Committee for Purposes of Social Service.

January 28th, 1916.

Contributions—Benevolent Fund, 1915.

	Rs.	c.
Anthonisz, R. G.	10	00
de Vos, W. A. S.	60	00
de Rooy, W. E. V.	5	00
de Kretser, Mrs. J.	2	50
de Vos, C. E. (Galle)	10	00
de Boer, Miss Dr. A.	5	00
Drieberg, A.	30	00
Grenier, V.	5	00
Grenier, Dr. F.	30	00
Gratiaen, E. G.	10	00
Jansz, C. A. (Panadura)	10	00
Joseph, Mrs. E. H. (collections)	25	00
Keuneman, A. E.	5	00
Keuneman, Mrs. P.	5	00
Koch, Mrs. C. (collections)	30	00
Loos, H. A.	60	00
Loos, H. E.	5	00
Ludovici, Mr. H.	4	00
Maartensz, L.	5	00
Schokman, Dr. G. P.	12	00
Schneider, G. S.	60	00
Sansoni, S. C.	10	00
Schokman, Dr. D.	20	00
Thomasz, L.	5	00
van Geyzel, Miss L.	3	00
van Geyzel, Miss E.	3	00
van Geyzel, A. W.	5	00
van Geyzel, Dr. C. T.	10	00
van Cuylenberg, Sir H.	30	00
van Twest, Mrs. G. W.	4	00
van Langenberg, Dr. V.	20	00
van der Straaten, J. W.	20	00
van der Straaten, M. O.	21	00
Balance from Christmas Gift to the Soldiers from the ladies of the D. B. U.	19	99
Collection at General Meeting, 1915	32	65
	Rs. 592	14

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NOTES AND EVENTS.

Members of the Committee.—The Monthly Meetings of the Committee were held on the 8th July, 12th August, 2nd September, 7th October, 21st November and 2nd December, and a Special Meeting on the 16th December. There was no meeting in the month of June in consequence of the prohibitions and restrictions imposed by Martial Law.

New Members.—The following new members were enrolled up to 31st December:—

Arthur Eric Christoffelsz	Colombo.
Gerald Frank Ernst	"
George William Percival Reimers	"
Herbert Arthur Rode	"
Claude Annesley Rode	"
Arthur Hilton Reimers	"
Leslie Brohier	"
Dr. Rudolph Arthur Frederick Lach de Bere	Batavia.
Gerard Marinus Fey	"
Frederick Hendrick Agterbos	"
Reginald Sydney Vernon Poulter	Colombo.
Roy Densby Rode	"
William Arnold Joseph	"
James Walter Schumacher	Mt. Lavinia.
Donald Ebenezer Martenstyn	Colombo.
Edwin Maartensz Anthonisz	Galle.

Changes in the General Committee.—At the meeting held on the 8th July, Mr. F. H. B. Koch was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. James van Langenberg.

Obituary.—Cornelia Henrietta Spittel widow of John Leonard Kalenberg van Dort, died November 1st, 1915.

Gymnasium.—At the meeting held on the 2nd September a Committee was appointed to form a Gymnasium for the younger members of the Union and the children of members. The following gentlemen composed the Committee: Messrs. L. M. Maartensz, W. P. D. van der Straaten, W. E. V. de Rooy, A. E. Keuneman, H. H. Bartholomeusz, G. H. Gratiaen and E. G. Gratiaen.

Death of Sir Hector van Cuylenburg, President of the Union.—This melancholy event which occurred on the night of the 10th December came as a rude shock to the whole

community although it was known among the deceased's intimate acquaintances that he was suffering from an affection of the heart which made a sudden death only too possible. Sir Hector seemed up to the last moment of his life in perfect health and that same evening, a few short hours before his death, had been present at a Service in Church. The loss to the Union by his removal has been great indeed and the Dutch Burgher community must mourn for him as one of its most prominent sons. In this place we can only quote the Resolution passed in reference to his death at a Special Meeting of the Committee called for the purpose on the 16th December:—

"The Committee of the Dutch Burgher Union received with deep regret the intelligence of the death of Sir Hector van Cuylenburg. His long connection with the Union, from its inception to the day of his death, during the whole of which period he was a member of the Committee, makes his loss a peculiarly painful one to those with whom he was so long associated. He took part in the initiatory proceedings when the Dutch Burgher Union was first established, and for the last three years served as its President with the greatest acceptance. The Union will always remember his valuable services." A copy of this resolution was forwarded to Lady van Cuylenburg.

We also take the liberty of inserting here the following notice of the event which appeared in the *Soerabayaasch Handelsblad* of the 30th December last:—

Sir Hector Van Cuijlenburg †. In den avond van 10 December is betrekkelijk plotseling te Colombo overleden Sir Hector van Cuijlenburg, lid van den Wetgevenden Raad van Ceylon. De overledene, een afstammeling van een Hollandsche kolonisten-familie, bekleedde in den loop der jaren verscheidene belangrijke ambten en was tot aan zijn dood voorzitter van de Hollandsche Vereeniging te Colombo. Hij was de eerste Hollander, die in den Wetgevenden Raad benoemd werd. De heer Van Cuijlenburg genoot een groote populariteit onder de Europeesche ingezetenen van Ceylon.

Daar Sir Hector van Cuijlenburg den rang van luit-kolonel in het Ceylon Volunteers Corps bekleedde, had de ter-aardebestelling van zijn stoffelijk overschot met militaire eer plaats.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Constitution, By-Laws and List of Members.—A revised edition having been received from the Printer, members desirous of having copies are requested to apply for the same to the Honorary Secretary, D. B. U., Union Hall, Serpentine Road, Colombo.

Genealogies.—The publication of the genealogies of Dutch Burgher families will always form one of the features of the Journal. Those members of the Union, who have complete genealogies of their families and desire their publication, should communicate with the Editor.

As considerable delay is caused in endeavours to bring the genealogies up to date, special regard will be paid to the earlier genealogy of families connecting them with the original settler. Later genealogical details can always be supplied afterwards by existing members of families. It is the earlier history that is apt to be lost or forgotten if not collected and preserved in time.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths.—Members of the Union are entitled, free of charge, to the insertion of notices of domestic occurrences. These notices must be restricted to a bare statement of the name or names, place, and date of occurrence, and must be sent to the Editor of the Journal a week previous to the date of issue of each number, viz: 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December of each year.

Standing Committee for Ethical and Literary Purposes.—The attention of members is invited to the need for co-operation in carrying out the objects laid down in Sub-section (f) of Rule 2 of the Constitution. Any suggestions on this subject are to be addressed to the Honorary Secretary of the Committee for Literary Purposes, M. G. V. Grenier, Advocate, Arnold Place, Colpetty, Colombo.

Changes of Address.—All changes of address should be notified to the Honorary Secretary of the Union. This will ensure the safe receipt by members of all notices, invitations, reports, etc.

The Journal is being printed at the Albion Press, Galle. Those members who have not received their copies, are kindly requested to notify the fact to the Manager of that Press, when the same will be forwarded to them.

All changes of address, so far as the Journal is concerned, should be notified to the Manager, Albion Press, Galle, who has undertaken to circulate the Journal.

Remittances.—Remittances, whether of subscriptions due to the Union or contributions for special objects, must be made to the Honorary Treasurer of the Union, Mr. A. R. Bartholomeusz, Selkirk, Dickman's Road, Havelock Town, and not to the Honorary Secretary.

Remittances on account of the Social Service Fund must be made to the Rev. L. A. Joseph, "Deepdene," Ward Place, Colombo, the Honorary Secretary of the Standing Committee for purposes of Social Service.

Remittances on account of the Building Fund must be made to Mr. W. E. V. de Rooy, Colpetty, Colombo, Honorary Secretary of the Building Committee.

