

S. N. W. Hulugalla, who has since been appointed Adigar. We reproduce a photograph of Mr. Moonemalle in his national costume,

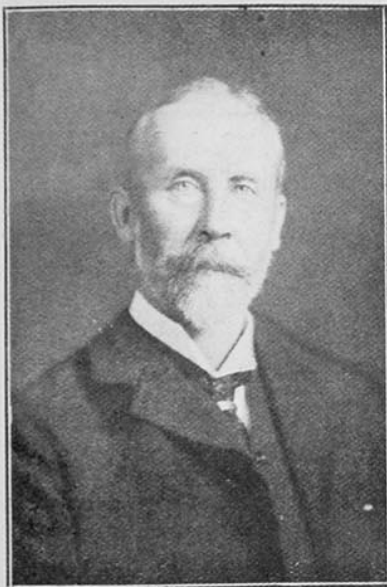
which he wears on all public occasions, including the meetings of the Legislative Council. It may be added that Mr. Moonemalle has on

several occasions acted as District Judge, Commissioner of Requests, and Police Magistrate, Kurunegala.



LEGAL AND JUDICIAL.

FOR legal and judicial purposes Ceylon is divided into four districts—the Western, Midland, Northern, and Southern Circuits as they are termed. The courts for the adminis-



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tration of justice, civil and criminal, are the Supreme Court, District Courts, Courts of Requests, and Police Courts. The circuits are in turn divided into districts, each district court being presided over by a District Judge with unlimited civil jurisdiction and a criminal jurisdiction between that of the Supreme and Police Courts. Besides these courts there are the village tribunals and committees, at which offences of a minor description are dealt with. In all but these the business is transacted in English by the aid of an interpreter. Practising at the courts are advocates and proctors, corresponding to the English barristers and solicitors. Criminal sessions are held at Colombo four times a year at least, at Kandy three times, at Jaffna and Galle twice, and at such other places as are at times appointed. The Supreme Court consists of the Chief Justice and three Puisne Justices. It has an original criminal jurisdiction, besides deciding civil and criminal appeals from the lower

courts. It is also a Colonial Court of Admiralty. The trials are before one judge and a jury of seven, a unanimous decision or a five to two majority being necessary to secure a conviction. The district judgeships are posts in the Civil Service, and the District Judges are Commissioners of Requests and Police Magistrates. The Courts of Requests have purely civil jurisdiction, whilst the Police Courts are on a similar footing to those at home, the Magistrates having power only to try for minor offences, the more serious ones being inquired into by them and the accused committed for trial before the Supreme or District Courts. The law of England prevails in respect of partnerships, joint-stock companies, banks and banking, maritime matters, bills of exchange, promissory notes, cheques, and other commercial matters, whilst other systems are in vogue in other particulars, these special laws including the customs of the Tamil inhabitants of Jaffna, laws and usages of the Mahomedans, the Mukkawar Law, and the Kandyan Law. The Law Officers of the Crown are the Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General, and three Crown Counsel.



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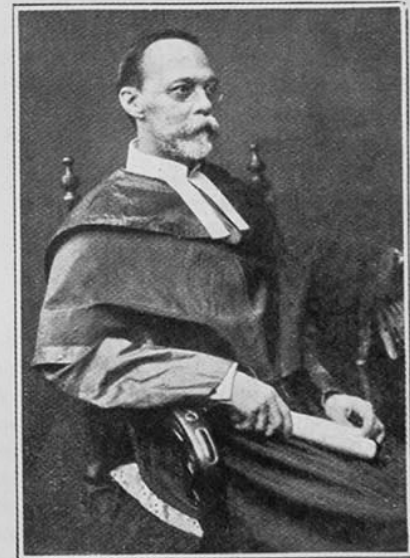
Sir J. T. Hutchinson, the Chief Justice of Ceylon, was born in 1850 in Cumberland, and educated at St. Bees Grammar School, and afterwards at Christ's College, Cambridge. At the University he took his B.A. degree in the first class of the Classical Tripos in 1873, and his M.A. in 1876. He was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1879, and practised at the Chancery Bar until 1888, when he went to the Gold Coast as Queen's Advocate. He was appointed Chief Justice of the Gold Coast in 1889, and filled that position until 1894, when he was transferred to Grenada (Windward Islands) to fill the chief judicial position there. In 1898 he received the appointment of Chief Justice of Cyprus, and remained in that island until 1906, when he proceeded to Ceylon to take up the duties of his present high position, on the resignation of Sir Charles Peter Layard, who had been Chief Justice from the year 1902. Sir J. T.

Hutchinson married, in 1897, Constance Mary daughter of J. Lucas, Esq., of Stapleton House, Upper Tooting. He is a member of the Reform Club, and his addresses are Colombo, Ceylon, and Braystones, Cumberland.



THE HON. MR. HENRY LORENTZ WENDT.

This Judge of the Supreme Court is the son of George Arnold Wendt, accountant, and Mary L. G. Anderson, and was born in the year 1858. He received his education at St. Thomas's College, Colombo, where he held the Gregory Scholarship, inaugurated in memory of Sir William Gregory, Governor



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of Ceylon 1872-77. In 1874 he matriculated at the Calcutta University, and in 1876 passed his first examination in Arts. On leaving that scholastic establishment in 1877 he became a law student, being called to the Ceylon Bar three years later; and on a recent visit to England he was called to the English Bar, becoming a member of Gray's Inn. He commenced legal practice at the Supreme and District Courts of Colombo, and acted as Solicitor-General in 1897 and Attorney-General

in 1900 and 1901. In August of 1901 he was appointed to the position of Acting Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court, and in October of the same year was confirmed in that appointment. He is now the Senior Puisne Justice. Mr. Wendt published a volume of Law Reports for the years 1882-83, while between the years 1892 and 1896 he edited the "Supreme Court Circular" Reports, and the "Ceylon Law Reports."

As a diversion from legal matters, Mr. Wendt has given some time to politics. From 1895 to 1900 he was a Member of the Legislative Council, representing the Burgher community. In addition to his judicial duties, he is a member of the Incorporated Council of Legal Education. He is also a member of the Committee of the Victoria Memorial Home for Incurables and also of the Turf Club. He fills as well the office of President of the Y.M.C.A., and is a member of the Friend-in-Need Society, also Vice-President of the local branch of the Bible Society. In 1899 he married Amelia, daughter of Mr. J. H. de Saram, C.M.G., District Judge of Kandy. His private residence is Fountain House, Union Place, Colombo, and his favourite pastime is photography, in which pursuit he is an adept.

#### THE HON. MR. ALEXANDER WOOD-RENTON.

The Hon. Mr. A. Wood-Renton, the third Puisne Judge, was appointed on September 3, 1905. He was born on June 24, 1861.

#### THE HON. MR. J. R. GRENIER.

The Greniers are descended from a well-known noble French family, some of the members of which had to leave their country at the time of the Huguenot persecution and settle in Belgium. The gentleman whose name is at the head of this sketch is a scion of that ancient family, the first member of which to arrive in Ceylon was a lieutenant in the army of the Netherlands who had taken service in the Dutch East India Company. This officer, who was born at Dinant, in South Brabant (Belgium), was the father of Jean François Grenier, who applied for and obtained letters of naturalisation as a British subject from Governor Sir Frederick North on June 7, 1802. Jean François Grenier, who was employed in the Maritime Customs, married Charlotta Pietersz, and resided at Jaffna. One of their sons, Frederick, was secretary of the District Court of Jaffna. Joseph Richard, one of the sons of Frederick and who forms the subject of this sketch,

was educated at St. Thomas's College under Warden Bacon and, like his legal *confrère*, Mr. F. Dornhorst, K.C., he became a Master of the College before entering the legal profession. He was admitted to the Ceylon Bar in 1873, and was called to the English Bar at Gray's Inn on June 27, 1906. He practised for some time at Jaffna, but returned to Colombo. He held various appointments, being in turn Police Magistrate, Commissioner of Requests, Deputy Queen's Advocate, District Judge, Solicitor-General, and Commissioner of Assize and Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Ceylon on several occasions. In April, 1903, he was permanently appointed District Judge of Colombo, and is now again officiating on the Bench of the Supreme Court. He is a member of the Council of



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Legal Education and of the Royal Societies' Club, London. His wife is the youngest daughter of the late John Drieberg, Proctor of the Supreme Court, and niece of the late Mr. C. A. Lorenz. Of his sons, the eldest, Reginald, is a civil engineer in Glasgow; the second, Jules, is preparing for the priesthood at St. Bernard's Seminary; the third, Guy Oliphant, is private secretary to Mr. Justice Middleton, and the fourth, David, is his own private secretary. The two youngest, George and Harry, are at school. He has three daughters—Gertrude, Louise, and Mary.

#### THE HON. MR. JOHN PAGE MIDDLETON.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Middleton, Puisne Judge, was born on June 8, 1851. He received his



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appointment as Puisne Justice in 1902, and was away on half-pay leave in 1905-6.

#### THE REGISTRAR.

Mr. Horatio William Nelson, B.A. Cantab., is the Registrar. He was born on June 18, 1871, and is an English solicitor and Proctor of the Supreme Court of Ceylon. In July, 1903, he became Third Deputy Registrar, and he was appointed to his present position in 1906.

#### FREDERICK CHRISTIAN LOOS, Jun.

Mr. F. C. Loos, jun., is the son of the Hon. F. C. Loos, Burgher representative in the Legislative Council, and was born at Colombo in 1861. He was educated at Trinity College, Kandy, and Royal College, Colombo. He read law under Messrs. Loos and Van Cuylenberg, and passed as a Proctor of the District Court in 1885. He then commenced practice in Colombo, and was afterwards for some little time at Nuwara Eliya. In 1895 he visited England, and on his return settled down at Nuwara Eliya, where he became a Notary Public and Supreme Court Proctor, Justice of the Peace, and Unofficial Police Magistrate, and finally, in 1899, Crown Proctor. Mr. Loos has repeatedly acted as Additional Police Magistrate and Commissioner of Requests, and at the present time is First Deputy Registrar. He is also a member of the Agricultural Society, and one of the most prominent members of the Ceylon Kennel and Poultry Club, being a well-known fancier, exhibitor, and prize-winner in the fox-terrier class. His private residence is Rossye Lodge, Nuwara Eliya.