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## Jaffna Diocese opens Vocational Training Centre at Jaffna Town

Saturday the 25th of July was yet another historic occasion for the Jaffna Diocese of the C. S. I. when it opened a new Vocational Training Centre for young women at its City Mission Centre at Fourth Cross Street, Jaffna. The formal opening was at 3.30 p. m. when the Bishop of the Diocese declared it open in the presence of a large gathering of members of the Church, friends and well-wishers. Representatives of many NGOs in Jaffna were also present. At the public meeting which followed the opening, greetings and messages of good wishes were brought by the following: Dr. T. W. Jeyakularajah, the President of the Jaffna Christian Union spoke in appreciation of one more of the progressive development programmes the Diocese is undertaking in this part of the country. He said, he was particularly happy that the Diocese decided some years ago to spread its mission and service in the Kilinochchi and Vanni areas and also in the Eastern Province, which was his own home, and hoped that the Church would continue to serve the community at large. Dr. C. S. Natchinakinnian, President of the Jaffna Branch of the Red Cross spoke on behalf of all the NGOs in Jaffna. He said that some time ago when there was an advertisement calling for Stenographers, there were not sufficient applications from Jaffna. It was therefore fitting that this Vocational Training Centre also is undertaking to train young women in Stenography. He also admired the courage and the vision with which the Diocese undertakes these programmes in very trying and difficult circumstances. The third speaker was Mr. C. V. K. Sivagnanam, former Municipal Commissioner of Jaffna. Mr. Sivagnanam also commended the Diocese for its service programmes. He said that as Churches which had influence in getting support from the richer nations of the West, the Churches should use that influence for good in helping to promote development in this war devastated part of the country. Mr. G. Rajanayagam, Secretary of the Diocesan Council proposed a vote of thanks.

The Vocational Training Centre has now 52 young girls following courses in Stenography and Sewing and Tailoring.

## TO OUR READERS

We regret that due to the ban on newsprint to the North, we are unable to publish The Morning Star every week. We will resume weekly publication as soon as newsprint becomes available.

## New Church Centres Mankulam

Three more new Church Centres have been opened by the Jaffna Diocese in the Mankulam area through the efforts of the Rev. T. Thevanesan, the Minister in that circuit.

Karipaddamurippu about six miles from the Mankulam junction on the Mankulam - Mullaitivu Road is a recent colony settlement. The Jaffna Diocese on the invitation of the people there has opened the Church Centre where a Day Care Centre has already begun to function. Very soon a Vocational Training Programme will also be started there. It is also planned to construct Low Cost Houses for the colonists in that area.

Pulimachinathikulam is the second Centre about five miles off the Mankulam - Mullaitivu Road from Karipaddamurippu. Here the Diocese also opened a Church Centre where one of the main service programmes is Tuition Classes for school going children and an Adult Literacy Programme.

Palaipani is the third Centre about five miles from the Mankulam Junction on the Mankulam - Thunakkai Road. At this Centre also a Day Care Centre has been opened recently.

The Bishop of the Diocese the Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar visited all these Centres during the third week of August.

## Uduvil Girls' College Vice - Principal

Mrs. Cherry Mills of the staff of Uduvil Girls' College has been appointed the Vice-Principal of the College from July this year. Mrs. Mills had all her education at the Uduvil Girls' College and is a graduate of the Ceylon University. She also obtained the University's Diploma in Education. She is the wife of Mr. Prem Mills and a daughter of the late Rev. N. W. G. Sugunrajah and Mrs. Sugunrajah of Uduvil.

## ALLEN CHINNAPPAH CANAGARAJAH

by

Dr. E. S. Thevasagayam

Canagarajah's early days were in Kopay where he grew up as the seventh child of Mr. and Mrs. Chinnappah, both heads of Tamil Schools in Kopay. Mr. Chinnappah accepted the Christian faith while at training school. The combination of late conversion and Tamil school master was a formidable one for strict discipline in the home, family prayers morning and night and the liberal use of the rod, all according to the good book, which left a lasting impression on all the children.

Canagarajah's academic brilliance showed up early in life when in year 5 from Kopay Christian College, he won the very prestigious Denham scholarship, an award given to just one student in the country, each year. This scholarship he carried right through his scholastic career. Soon after, he moved to St. John's where he had an equally brilliant career winning numerous prizes for academic achievement.

From St. John's he moved to the Ceylon Technical College in 1948, and on graduation, his engineering career was launched. Professionally he had the highest qualifications in his field, a bachelor's degree in engineering, A. M. I. C. E. as well as the A. M. I. M. E and A. M. I. Chem. E. He was also President of the Institute of Engineers in Jaffna for a period. During his career he held many appointments with the government, in the Public Works Dept. and in the Dept. of Industries and also as engineer, Jaffna Municipality. When he left the Govt. Service, he joined Walker and Sons, the largest construction firm in the country, and at the young age of 45 rose to the position of Chief Engineer. For a brief period he also served as a Consultant Engineer with the Nigerian Government.

From 1979 on he managed his own consultancy firm. He was involved in many projects and can add his name to many prestigious buildings, factories and bridges like the Star Tower, Delmon Hotel, Lucky Plaza, Homagama Granite and Marble factory, KKS Cement Factory Stage II, Paranthan Chemicals, Ricket & Coleman's and Singer factories, Weeragantota Bridge, to name a few.

He served in several Boards and Committees like the Deaf and Blind School, Nuffield School, Karuna Nilayam, Jaffna College Board of Directors, Jaffna College Institute of Technology, the St. John's College and Chundicuti Girls' College Advisory Boards, ECLOF, Maruthanadam Ashram, and others. He served with a sense of dedication, always contributing of his best to the welfare of the

institutions. He was principled, highly motivated and always prepared to speak out his mind with conviction. He was not one of those who was happy to follow the general trend if he had reasons to differ. Colleagues appreciated this quality although they might have found it inconvenient at times.

When his name was first proposed as Manager of St. John's in 1983, both he and I opposed the move due to our family relationship. But after coming to know him closely, we were happy with the move later, and he was appointed Manager in early 1990. I knew that he will never let our relationship interfere with his duties as Manager. If he disagreed with my decisions or felt I was wrong he would express it even more forcefully than anyone else I knew. I therefore learnt to respect him all the more.

It was during this period that we developed such closeness, consulting each other on a daily basis, which lasted right to the time of his demise. It was because of him, we embarked on an ambitious building project for St. John's at a cost of Rs 4 million. He was the architect, consultant engineer, supervisor and the guiding light. He used to come daily to spend time on the project usually traveling from Inuvil on a bicycle bar. The building was three fourths complete when troubles broke out. It was his labour of love for his old school and when completed, will be a lasting monument to his memory.

Apart from all these large projects, his greatest contribution to the country and the community was in the many church and church related projects that he planned and built. He was associated with practically every Church renovation and related buildings in Jaffna in the past 25 years to which he gave his services free. He was responsible for the building of the Karunanilayam Complex at Kilinochchi, the Nuffield Deaf and Blind School Complex of which he was also Manager, many of the buildings at the Ashram at Maruthanadam and the Tharmapuram church. The two chapels he built at Karuna Nilayam and Kaithady will be a lasting tribute of his contribution to church architecture, where he has incorporated the Oriental design in church building.

Apart from this, many friends and associates called on him to design houses, modifications and the like which he again undertook as a service to his fellow man. In fact when any building project was mooted in the Christian community in Jaffna, Canagarajah's name would immediately come up and he was always ready and willing.

He was a family man to the hilt. Coming from small beginnings, he who had attained

great heights, saw to it that other members were given a hand. He helped his nephews and nieces to come up in life. From mid 1990, when he moved over to Colombo because of the troubles, he could neither get back to Jaffna nor did he let his wife Joy desert her patients at Mc. Leod Hospital, Inuvil where she was in charge and the only doctor. He was more concerned of the sick people of Jaffna than his own welfare.

Canagarajah was a devout Christian, always thinking and acting like one. He served the Lord in the Ministry of the Church as lay preacher conducting Sunday worship at the CSI Church at Uduvil. He was also called upon to preach in other churches too. His personal life was true to his upbringing, a true Christian life of strict discipline in all aspects of his life. In spite of his heart condition, he worked very hard and kept long hours till the end. He would say that his work was what kept him going and that he derived a lot of satisfaction and pleasure in his work, especially those he undertook as a service, and rather than being a stress, he relaxed better when he was doing what he knew best and enjoyed most.

The hallmark of his life was not his brilliance, not his professional excellence, nor his outstanding achievements in life but his utter simplicity, humility, sincerity and integrity. His humility was such that it was often defacing. Many a time people who met him for the first time at a building site, mistook him for a contractor or a technical assistant, seldom for a high calibre engineer that he was. He was not interested in being judged by his appearance but rather by what he was. After a couple of meetings, no one had any doubts about his professional credentials. In everything he did, he was most sincere and always liked to be in the background rather than steal the lime-light. Most of the time, few were aware of his immense contribution to the many Church projects. He did what he did not for the kudos but as a service. And lastly, he was a man of total integrity who would never compromise the truth or be associated with anything that was not honest or completely clean.

That Canagarajah was a brilliant engineer is accepted in the profession. But he always felt that whatever he had achieved in life was bestowed by God, and that his profession was a calling and a vocation. What God had blessed him with, he did not want to use it to further his own interests. He was in such demand as a consultant that he could have been a very wealthy man if he had wanted. But rather he chose to use his gifts for the Glory of

Him who gave it. He therefore went out of his way to use his talents and expertise as an engineer in the service of his Lord and his community. It could be said without fear of contradiction that this was the hallmark of his life and he was unique in this respect.

Although small in stature, he was like a mustard seed. In every respect, he had achieved greatness in his own life time. He will be remembered, especially by the Christian community in Jaffna for what he did. To his family, we extend our sympathies and our prayers. They should all be proud that there was one among them who could be considered great, and that is a privilege. Generations to come will remember him with love, respect and gratitude.

### The late Prof. Edward Ratnasingham Appathurai

— A shining example of a vibrant educationalist

Professor Appathurai who died recently in Canada was a great loss to the educational world. He was serving as a Professor of Political Science at the time he died as a result of a heart attack.

He was formerly serving as a diplomat in the Sri Lankan foreign service. A firm believer in the United Nations, Appathurai did much research in New York and Geneva. He also published a book in French entitled 'The Permanent Missions of the United Nations. He proved himself to be an authority in development and disarmament issues. He was a member of a world-wide association called 'Professors for Peace'.

He was 'humane' to the core. He was well attached to his family. He was a firm believer in the classical Tamil concept that only a peaceful home can produce a peaceful country.

He was a much respected member of the Sri Lankan community in Canada. One of his real passions was singing. He would stand by the piano for hours singing. His varied talents endeared himself to many in the Canadian community.

As an academic who applied his learning to the realities of life, he was an advocate of world harmony and peaceful co-existence. His rich cultural background created in him a broad-minded international outlook. He was married to a Canadian and had two daughters and a son.

As Mr. Lanerolle, one of his friends put it, 'Sri Lanka has lost one of her finest sons. Canada has lost one of her most outstanding immigrants and the world has lost a great but humble man'. Prof. Appathurai had his entire schooling at Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai where both his parents were teachers. He entered the university from Jaffna College. He is a brother-in-law of the late Rev. K. S. Jeyasingam of Chavakachcheri.

## PRIZE DAY UDUVIL GIRLS' COLLEGE

Uduvil Girls' College had its Prize Day on the 2nd July, 1992. Mr. R. Suntharalingam, Regional Director of Education, was invited as Chief Guest at the function and Mrs. M. Thiruchittampalam, Cluster School Principal Maruthanarmadam graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. The College Band gave a grand start to the occasion, with a majestic tune of welcome to the guests. They marched up the path to the Mission House to conduct the guests and the staff to the College Hall. The function commenced with the singing of the Hymn. "Lead Us Heavenly Father". The Rev. Daniel Thiagarajah then offered a prayer.

The Manager of the School, Mr. A. Kadigamar, chaired the function. The welcome song rendered by the tiny tots of the College, in their pretty pink dresses, lent extra warmth and cheer to the Prize Day.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Suntharalingam, in his address, stated that although Jaffna prided itself on its achievement in education, it was unfortunate that education was disrupted owing to certain difficult conditions. He said that our society should be conscious of its commitment to handover to the next generation, education in its wholesome form - just as it was given to us as a treasured legacy by our ancestors. He remarked that private schools played a leading role, in preserving the smooth flow of education and pointed out that Uduvil excelled in this role. If not for the existence of such schools in the peninsula, there would have been wide chasms in the advancement of education in the peninsula, he said.

In her Prize Day Report, Miss Chelvi Selliah the Principal pointed out the decay of human values in the world in general - with wars and civil strife ravaging even the tiniest corner of the earth, starvation and poverty tormenting humanity and the wanton destruction of foliage causing the thinning of the ozone layer. Education she said, should create a craving for human values. Each subject, whether it be Mathematics or English should channel human values, which would in turn increase the child's sensitivity to the environment and to the needs and wants of the other people in society.

The entertainment which followed was of high quality. "Nellie the Elephant" - an action song by the Primary school and Nellie herself with her antics, stole the hearts of the audience. The புனை விளையாட்டில் நடனம் another item by the Primary Department and the exquisite performance of the தில்லான by a trio from the Upper School brought on stage

an excellent treat. "The Wraggle Taggle Gypsies" - a dramatized poem cum song presented a picture of a bevy of lovely gypsy dancers and an equally lively chorus.

After the distribution of the prizes by Mrs. A. Thiruchittampalam, the audience stood up for the College Hymn, sung lustily by the students, past pupils and well-wishers of the School.

## WEDDING

The marriage was solemnised between J. Thevarud Selvam a Clergy-Worker in the Jaffna Diocese of the C. S. I. and now at Barathipuram-Murikandy Churches and Sugirtharani on Wednesday the 19th of August at 9.30 a.m. at the Church of Christ the King, Kilinochchi. The Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar, solemnised the marriage. The Rev. P. R. Navendranugoolan assisted at the service and also preached the homily. Thevarud Selvam is a son of the late Mr. G. T. Jeyarajah and Mrs. Jeyarajah of Taunnalai South, Karaveddy and Sugirtharani a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ratnasingam of Sambaitivu-Trincomalee. A fellowship lunch followed at the Kilinochchi Church Parish Hall soon after the wedding.

## WEDDING

The marriage was solemnised between N. T. Jeyanesan, a Clergy-Worker in the C. S. I. at the Kilinochchi circuit and Miss Prisilla Thirunavukkarasu at the C. S. I. Caurch, Pandateruppu on Saturday the 27th of June at 10.30 a.m. The Rev. A. Jeyakumar, the Bishop's Commissary solemnised the marriage. The Rev. Chandran Arnold preached the homily and the Rev. P. R. Navendranugoolan also took part in the service. A fellowship lunch followed at the bride's residence.

Jeyanesan is the son of Mr. & Mrs. K. N. Thuraiatnam of Eralalai South and Prisilla the eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. Thirunavukkarasu of Main Street, Pandateruppu.

## 'Operation Earthquake'

### 100,000 New Refugees

As is now well known the Sri Lankan Armed Forces started 'Operation Earthquake' on Friday the 21st of August and continued for three full days moving into areas north of Alaveddy, Ilavalai and Mathagal. These areas and even other parts of the Peninsula were subjected to intensive aerial bombardment by the Supersonic Jet Bombers, the government has acquired recently. The Army also used recently acquired Tanks and Armoured Cars bought from China and Czechoslovakia. As a result of this operation one obvious consequence is the new flood of refugees. Nearly a hundred - thousand people have been displaced and are in camps in and around Manipay. Forty-three new camps have been

opened in the Manipay A. G. A. Division and most of the schools in the area are now housing the refugees. As could be expected the greatest need of these refugees besides food is medicines and sanitation facilities. Many of them have had to abandon their cash crops like Chillies, Onions and Tobacco. As a second phase of this operation the Army is now hurrying to bulldoze and flatten houses in the area.

'Operation Earthquake' has certainly shaken these 100,000 innocent civilians, and the Army could be credited to have chosen an apt name for the operation.

## New Vice-Principal of Jaffna College

Mr. G. Rajanayagam of the staff of Jaffna College has been appointed the Vice-Principal of the College from August this year. Mr. Rajanayagam had all his education at Jaffna College and passed out as a graduate of the London University. He later obtained the Ceylon University's Diploma in Education. He also spent a year at the Princeton Theological Seminary and obtained the Master's degree in Religious Education.

## Jaffna Christian Union United Children's Rally

The Jaffna Christian Union under the able leadership of Dr. T. W. Jeyakumarajah, its Chairman and the Rev. A. W. Jebanesan, its Secretary, organised a United Children's Rally of all denominations at the St. John's Church and St. John's College Campus on Wednesday the 12th of August, which was a public holiday. More than 650 children from the Jaffna Diocese of the C. S. I. and the Anglican and Methodist Churches participated. The Rev. Isaac Selvaratnam, Incumbent, St. James' Church, Nallur led the devotional programme. After the opening at St. John's Church the children went in procession along the Main Street turning on to Temple Road then along Hospital Road, Old Park Road and returned to the St. John's College Campus. After this the children participated in organised community games and fellowship programmes up till lunch. In the afternoon there was a Bible Quiz in which the children participated enthusiastically. There was also group singing and dramatic performances. It was significant that more than 150 children from the Point Pedro and Uduppiddy areas were able to participate despite the great hardships in travel. It is hoped that there would be more regular inter denominational programmes for children and youth organised by the J. C. U. The J. C. U. is also now engaged in producing a Common Children's Song Book in Tamil, which could be used by all the Churches. The Rev. A. W. Jebanesan is directing this project.

## Children's Rally Jaffna Diocese

The Annual Children's Week of the Jaffna Diocese of the C. S. I. began with Children's Sunday on the 12th of July. During the week special children's programmes and competitions were held on a circuit basis. On Tuesday the 14th of July which happened to be a public holiday all Churches in the Peninsula held local rallies on a circuit basis at Vaddukodai, Manipay, Uduvil and Chavakachcheri. The Singing Competitions and the Bible Quiz for various age groups were also held at these local rallies.

The climax of the week's activities was the Diocesan Children's Rally on Saturday the 18th of July at Uduvil. More than a thousand children participated. Children from even distant places like Usan and Atchuvily were present. For the first time the children's group from the Jaffna City Mission Centre also took part. The Rally began with an opening service at the Uduvil Church, conducted by the Uduvil Sunday School children followed by a procession from the Church on to the Main Road and then back to the Uduvil Girls' College Hall. During the morning the Singing Competitions and Bible Quiz for the Senior and Junior Divisions were held. The contestants were chosen from the winners at the Local Rallies. There was also the competition for individual performances in the rendering of Virutham, Thevaaram and Violin Instrumental Music. For several decades now these Children's Rallies, the Diocese has used as a way of promoting Carnatic Music in the Churches' worship and life. It is encouraging that this is gaining ground. In the afternoon after lunch interval, there was a 'Kalai Vila' at the Uduvil Girls' College Hall. Here again some of the Churches gave special dramatic and musical performances of a high standard. Mrs. Thaya Thiagarajah, the Diocesan Director of Religious Education who ably organised the week's programmes, thanked all those who had contributed to the activities of the week and of the Rally. Dr. Mrs. Chandra Ambalavanar gave away the prizes to the prize winners.

## Prof. Ratnasingham Appathurai

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The late Prof. Appathurai leaves behind besides his wife and children, Mr. Ernest Appathurai, brother in Canada, Mr. Joseph Appathurai (brother) and Miss Ruby Appathurai (sister) of Chudikuli. His sister Marjorie (Mrs. K. S. Jeyasingham) and two brothers, Navam Appathurai and Prof. Reggie Appathurai predeceased him.

## ✻ EDITORIAL ✻

## The Velanai Incident and After

The incident that hit the head-lines last month was the death of nine senior officers of the Army and Navy in the Velanai Island. These men who belonged to the top brass of the Northern command were doing their final round in the Islands of Karainagar, Velanai and Mandaitivu giving directives to troops poised to attack Jaffna on the tenth of August. The incident seems to have taken place while they were returning from the Araly Junction at Velanai Island.

We are sorry that these officers have died. In the twinkling of an eye nine young women have become widows. Children have lost their loving fathers. We wish to convey our deepest sympathies to the bereaved families.

When Mr. T. B. Wijetunge the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka was informed of this tragedy he seems to have said "we are going to live in this world only for a short period. Why should we fight among ourselves; why should we find fault in one another". It was indeed a profound statement.

The Tamil people talk of an interesting Philosophy called Cemetery Revelation. When the corpse is taken to the cemetery and kept on the pyre for cremation, the people who stand around it, think of the impermanence of this world and the futility of human existence. They dedicate themselves to lofty ideals and great causes. But when they return home everything is forgotten and the rat race is on.

No doubt the Prime Minister is thinking of the futility of human conflict. When hundreds of Muslims and Tamils lost their lives in the East and when babies and pregnant women were killed by aerial bombardment and shelling in the North, he pursued the war effort with great zeal and enthusiasm. It was M. De Stael who said "We understand death for the first time, when he puts his hand upon one whom we love". Since the outbreak of war in June 1990 the Tamils and Muslims in Sri Lanka have lived with death, sweat and tears. It can be safely said that in the North-East. "The air is full of farewells to the dying and mournings for the dead"

The death of the Army and Navy Commanders seems to have for the moment changed the mood of some of our leaders. President Premadasa lamented that the late Lt. General Deuzil Kobbakaduwa in his last visit to the Presidential Secretariat, gave the Video Cassette showing the agony of people in the war torn area and prevailed upon him the need to end the fighting. Earlier at a public meeting at Dambulla President Premadasa said that only a negotiated settlement can bring about lasting peace. Some other leaders in the South also expressed similar sentiments.

Even though this change of attitude among certain leaders brings sun shine to our hearts it cannot be assumed that it would lead to a major change in the official policy. The hooliganism and vandalism seen at the funerals of these officers show the real feelings of the Sinhalese masses. It was also reported that there were some incidents in Kandy where communalism raised it's ugly head. There are charges and counter charges on the way the funerals were conducted. The political parties have put their heart and soul to the next general elections and every incident is used to muster peoples support. They will not do anything that will displease the Brikkus and the Sinhala masses. The appointment of officers reputed for severity to the North almost immediately after the incident shows the Army's determination to invade Jaffna. The Generals of the Army will have to do something spectacular to lift the morale of the ordinary soldiers. Millions of Rupees will be spent on buying arms. The people in the North-East will continue to experience great hardships. Thousands more of innocent lives will be lost. It is imperative therefore that the present stand of the President and the Prime Minister should change soon if a just peace is to be achieved.

## OBITUARY

## Mrs. G. C. Canagasundram

We regret to record the death of Mrs Gnanapooranam Caroline Canagasundram on Wednesday the 19th of August 1992 at the McLeod Hospital, Uduvil. Her husband Mr. Dutton Canagasundram predeceased her some years ago. Born on the 9th of October, 1895, she was nearly 97 years old at the time of her death. The family were active members of the Tellippalai

Church and Mrs. Canagasundram played a leading role in the Church and the community until her health permitted her. She was for many years actively associated with the William Mather Women's Centre as Chair Person of it's Board. As an old girl of Uduvil Girls' College, she was again a live-wire of the Old Girls' Association of the Uduvil Girls' College. She, from time to time represented her Church on the Diocesan Council. She leaves behind her

son Dr. Richard Canagasundram now in New Zealand. Another of her sons Dr Charles Canagasundram died some time ago. The funeral service took place at Uduvil at the home of Mrs. Alahakone on Thursday the 20th of August at 4 00 p. m. The Rev. V. Rajkumar, Pastor of the Tellippalai Church conducted the service assisted by Mr. Milton Solomon. Mrs. Saras J. Somasundram, Retired Principal of Uduvil Girls' College paid a tribute to the life and services of Mrs. Canagasundram. The Rev. Sam Alfred of the Christa Seva Ashram preached the sermon. The burial took place at the Uduvil Church Cemetery where the Rev. V. Rajkumar performed the committal rites.

## OBITUARY

The death occurred of Mrs. Thevanesam Chittampalam, wife of the late Dr. Babu Chittampalam of Tellippalai on Monday the 3rd of August at Uduvil Mrs. Chittampalam leaves behind five daughters Sathiya, Chandra (Staff of Jaffna College, Vaddukodai), Saroja (U.K.), Ranjini and Dr Shanthi Richardson to bemoan her loss. The funeral service took place at her present residence in Uduvil on Tuesday the 4th of August at 9 00 a. m. The service was conducted by the Rev. V. Rajkumar, assisted by the Rev. A. Jeyakumaran and the Rev. Dr. S. Jebanesan. Mr. Kirupairajah Chelliah of the Tellippalai Church paid a tribute to the life and work of the deceased. The Rev. Sam Alfred preached the sermon. The remains were buried at the graveyard at Tellippalai where the Rev. V. Rajkumar performed the committal rights.

## WEDDING

Mr. Noel Suresh Thampoe led to the altar Miss Hannah Padmini, at St George's Cathedral, Madras on Wednesday the 24th of June at 5 30 p. m. Their marriage was solemnised by the Rev. D. I. Vethanayagam an uncle of the bride. The Rev. David Devairakkam preached the homily. The Rev. Sathy Clerk a cousin of the bride and the Rev. Jefferson David also assisted at the service. Suresh is a son of the late Rev. Sam Thampoe of the Jaffna Diocese of the C. S. I. and Mrs. Thampoe. He is also now the Director of Projects in the Jaffna Diocese. Padmini is the second daughter of the late Dr. Kahn and Dr. (Mrs.) Victoria (nee Theophilus) Kahn of Madras.

The mother of the bridegroom held a Home Coming at the Bunker Hall, Vaddukodai on Saturday the 15th of August. The Rev. Dr. S. Jebanesan, Principal of Jaffna College greeted and welcomed the new couple.

## Presbyteral Ordination

The Rev. Anthony Ariaratnam Paul, a Deacon in the Jaffna Diocese of the C. S. I. was ordained as a Presbyter on Saturday the 16th of May at 8.30 a. m. at the Cathedral Church, Vaddukodai by the Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar, Bishop of the Diocese. Associated with him in the laying on of hands at the ordination were the Revs G. D. Anandarajan, A. V. Jesuthasan, Dr. S. Jebanesan, S. Chandran Arnold, Earl P. Solomons and V. Rajkumar. The Rev. G. D. Anandarajan also preached the sermon. Soon after the service the new Presbyter and his family gave a fellowship breakfast at the Levi Spaulding Boys' Home, Dining Hall

The Rev. A. A. Paul is on the staff of Jaffna College. He is also now the Minister-in-Charge of the Cathedral Church, Vaddukodai. He is an old boy of Jaffna College and entered the Ceylon University where he obtained his B. Sc. degree. Later he followed the post graduate course and obtained the M. Phil. in Chemistry at the Ceylon University. With his keen interest in Theology and Biblical Studies, he proceeded to prepare for the B. D. degree of the Serampore University and obtained the degree as an external student. The Rev. Paul is a son of the late Mr. William Paul and Mrs. Paul of Araly and a great grandson of Dr. William Paul, one of the first batch of medical doctors trained by Dr. Samuel Green at the Green Hospital, Manipay, during the last century. It is significant that he is the first in the family which has produced many eminent doctors in this country to take to Holy Orders.

## The Boy Genius

Ganesh Chittampalam at the age of 13 is the youngest ever to obtain a First Class Honours degree in Mathematics at the University of Surrey, England. A son of Sri Lankan Tamil parents, now residing in England, Ganesh's extra ordinary gifts were recognised by his parents even at the age of 5. At 9 he passed the University Entrance Examination, but was clearly under aged. The University authorities however recognising his genius arranged for him to attend University lectures one day a week while he was encouraged to attend normal school with others of his age during the other four days in the week. At the end of the University course, he passed with First Class Honours, a unique record for a student of his age for the whole of Britain in any University. The Sun newspaper in London decided to recognise this achievement by appointing Ganesh a Honorary Editor of the paper.