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JAFFNA COLLEGE, 27 JUNE 1998

Prize Day Address: B/ Dr JOHN BICKNELL

Ingu Vanthirukum Anaivarukum!

VANNAKUM, VANNAKUM, VANNAKUM!

Bishop Jebanesan, Principal Rajanayagam, distinguished guests, members of the faculty, parents, alumni and all of you students, I bring you greetings from the Trustees of the Jaffna College Funds and congratulations on this celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of Jaffna College, here in Vaddukodai, in July of 1823. May I say how honored I am to be asked to represent the Trustees here today and even more honored at being asked to give the Prizes Giving Address.

It was just fifteen years ago that I stood here with my dear wife Evangeline, who was dressed in my mother's blue and gold sari. Evangeline sends her greetings to all and wishes she could be here as she was in 1936 and again in 1983. Those first three months of 1983 are among the happiest of our lives; we were able to see our old friends and make new ones, to walk the roads and paths among the paddy fields, to hear the kuil in the morning and the kili in the evening, to taste nulla mampalam (mangoes) and (nulla choru - curry) delicious curries, to see the new library and to watch a foot ball match at the Bicknell pavilion, to hear good carnatic music, and most of all to be here, in Vaddukodai, my native place, my boyhood home

My father's pleasure in watching the rice harvest. "men and women in their gaily colored clothes, cutting the paddy with a sickle, threshing it by hand and piling it up on the bullock carts"

Three months later took place the bloody events that began the dreadful cycle of violence that continues to this day. Thousands have been killed, thousands driven from their homes, or arrested; a foreign army in occupation. I need not add to your pain by reciting to you your own recent history. Despite all this, "Through the iron jaws of death we saw Life spying." Despite all this, Jaffna College, though interrupted, carries on; classes have been held in Jaffna and in Vaddukodai. Students have come when they could, and the faculty have been in the classrooms to receive and teach them. The Light of Life shines in the darkness.

Nor is this the first time the threat of extinction has been removed by the action of courageous and enlightened Tamils. In fact, has this not been the history of the college? Founded in July of 1823, the college (named the Seminary for convenience), flourished until 1855, when missionaries closed it down; higher education in Jaffna lapsed for seventeen years, until Tamil leaders and Tamil scholars called a meeting to create "an educational institution of

We remember with gratitude the services rendered by Rev John Bicknell, who was the Principal, Jaffna College (1915 - 1936) We thought it is fitting to quote what Bishop Kulandran has said in his book "A History of Jaffna College" (1923 - 1983) about Rev. Bicknell and his School, because his only son Dr. John Walter Bicknell was present amongst us as Chief Guest at the 175th Anniversary Celebrations.

"During the period we have covered, the College has gone through the regimes of five principals. Practically the whole of the period is within the memory of many still living.

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New Chaplain To Madurai

Rev. J. Jebamohan of the Church of Ceylon has been appointed Chaplain of the University of Jaffna. He will assume duties on the First of October 1998.

Rev. Benjamin Jeyarajah our worker at Usan will be leaving for T. T. S. Madurai in July 1998 to complete his B. D. studies. He will return to the Diocese before the general transfer in May 1999

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A Thanksgiving Service

A Service of Thanks giving in memory of Mrs. Flory Ratnam Blanchard was held on 30th May 1998 at the St. Margret's in the Pines, Anglican Church in Scarborough, Canada

The incumbent priest Rev Dr. Rowland M. Kawano conducted the service. Lessons were read by her son Rajadurai and her grandson Nimalan Rev. H. R. S. Jeyachandran formerly of the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka preached a sermon on the text "...and let us run with patience, the race that is set before us" Heb. 12:1

Tribute to her life was paid by her daughter-in-law Rajamalar. She spoke of the dedicated life of Mrs. Blan-

A Tribute to Mrs. Jeevamalar Rasiah

It was with great sadness that we received the shocking news from Jaffna of the sudden death of Jeevamalar Rasiah sister of Mrs. Rajamalar Blanchard. I am thankful for this opportunity to say a few words about Jeeva as she was my contemporary at Uduvil Girls' High School and later at Women's Christian College, Madras.

Jeevamalar Rasiah was the youngest of four children of Mr. & Mrs. Nagamuthu of Varany and was born in 1931. They were a family of teachers and educationists contributing much towards the education of our children in Jaffna schools. Both parents were school teachers. Mr. N. S. Ratnasingham, the oldest brother was Principal, Jaffna Central College. The late Mr. N. R. Balasingam rose up to be Chief Education officer and had served in various parts of Sri Lanka. Mrs. Rajamalar Blanchard was on the staff of Methodist Girls' High School, Point Pedro and later at Vembadi Girls' High School, Jaffna. Jeeva was on the staff of Pandatheruppu Girls' High School throughout her teaching career.

I have known Jeeva as a student at Uduvil Girls' High School. We were together in the school hostel. She

was always a qualities of leadership as a student. She was a person of deep faith. I have heard her speaking a number of times at our school chapel services for students. It was the tradition at Uduvil for students to lead in worship and give short messages every Thursday morning in our beautiful chapel. She was very much involved in the activities of the Y. W. C. A and S. C. M. at school

A Thanksgiving prayer was offered by Pastor Benjo Ponniah Rev. Dr. Kawano pronounced the Benediction.

This well attended service was followed by fellowship tea.

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In 1949 when Miss Paramasamy was the Principal, Jeeva and I had the rare opportunity of attending the all island S C M conference in Peradeniya as delegates from Uduvil.

I was happy to enjoy the company of Jeeva again. When I was at Women's Christian College, Madras though she came a year later. She graduated with a science degree majoring in Botany, in 1956 and served on the staff of Pandatheruppu Girls' High School till her retirement in the late 80's. She got married in 1959. Her husband Mr Rasiah was a Post Master. He died some time ago and Jeeva was a young widow. Their only son Dhayaparan is now in Switzerland.

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Bicknell's School

The Principal is, of course, the most important member not merely of the Staff but of the entire community of any school. He cannot help imparting his characteristic qualities to it; and Jaffna College at this time was particularly fortunate in its Principal, the Rev. John Bicknell. He was a product of Yale one of the foremost Universities of America. He had, as we saw, been here in the early part of the century as a Professor. At the end of 1915 he had come back to be the Principal; and he had already been Principal for fully seven years when the Jubilee and Centenary celebrations had taken place.

In 1923 he was a little more than 45 years of age and, therefore, at the height of his powers. The seven years that went before and the thirteen years that were to come may specifically be called "The Bicknell Era", not because he was the Principal but because he dominated it. Tall and handsome, he had a vibrant personality that compelled attention. Even when he was still and silent, his presence could by no means be ignored. When he rose to speak, there was no doubt of this compelling quality. He dominated every group or assembly or meeting in which he was.

Though he could have dominated an assembly, even if he had been, a strong and silent personality, he had a gift which enabled him to project his personality, the gift of oratory when he cleared his throat and opened his lips, he could traverse the whole gamut of public speech at will. Humour and pathos, irony and sarcasm, anecdote and impassioned utterance came to him easily and naturally. Every speech of his was eloquent; humour merely punctuated it. When the occasion was high and notable he could be depended on to rise to it without effort. One such occasion was the large public rally on the Police grounds to celebrate the conclusion of the Versailles "Peace Conference" in 1919, after the end of World

War I.

As head of a school he was in his proper place. He might have been a good teacher, if he had cared to specialise in any subject; which he had not. He had taught earlier and did even later; however, one supposes that whenever he did, the students went away more inspired than edified. But as an administrator both in the office and as supervisor of the various activities of the school, he was hard to excel. It was his habit to walk down the verandahs every morning to see how the classes were getting along. He would often walk into a class and sit alongside the students to see how the teacher taught and later would send him a note of his comments. If a teacher happened to be absent he would walk straight to the teacher's table and attempt to carry on, more or less allowing the students to teach him. Thus arose the story (true or false) of his getting stuck on the question of whether the word "of" was a preposition or conjunction. Nor did he miss the playing fields and would be present at all the chief matches.

His most important qualification for his task however was his entire dedication to the school. He expressed this in a curious manner when he was speaking about his colleague, Mr. J. V. Chelliah. He said that in a cricket match, if a Jaffna College boy lost his wicket, both he and Mr. Chelliah somehow would feel that that ball was a "no ball".

And when all is said and done, to those who have known him it is still Bicknell's School. So much had he stamped himself on the administration, the life and the outlook of the Staff and students, that those who came after him were to a large extent living on the heritage he had left; and those who go out of here, though they know it or not, carry with them the vestiges of the ideals that had inspired him. So had he loved the School, as no man before or since has done, that

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உதயதாரகை

லாம் பெத்
மகாநாடு-1998

லாம்பெத் மகாநாடு பூலை மாதம் 18ம் திகதி சுந்தர்புரி பேராயரின் உத்தியோகபூர்வமான வாசஸ்தலத்தில் நடைபெறவிருக்கின்றது. இந்த மகாசபை 10 வருடங்களுக்கு ஒரு முறை கூடுகின்றது. இது அங்கிலிக்கன் பேராயர்களின் ஒன்று கூடலாகும். இந்த வருடம் சுந்தர்புரி பேராயர் மேன்மை தங்கிய ஜோஜ் கேரி அவர்கள் அங்கிலிக்கன் பேராயர்களையும் அங்கிலிக்கன் திருச்சபையுடன் சம்பூரண உறவு பூண்டிருக்கும் திருச்சபை பேராயர்களையும் அழைத்திருக்கின்றார்கள். நமது பேராயரும் திருமதி விமலா ஜெ. நேசன் அவர்களும் இந்த மகாசபையில் கலந்து கொள்ள இருக்கின்றார்கள். இக் கூட்டத் தொடரின் போது பேராயர்கள் ஒரு நாள் எலிசபெத் மகாராணியாரை அவரது இல்லத்தில் சந்திக்க இருக்கின்றார்கள்.

இன்று உலகம் பலவிதமான பிரச்சனைகளை எதிர் நோக்கின்றது. திருச்சபைக்குள் பல்வேறு பிரச்சனைகள் உருவெடுத்துள்ளன. லாம்பெத்தில் கூட விருக்கும் எண்ணூறு பேராயர்கள் இவற்றைக் குறித்து ஆழமாக சிந்திப்பார்கள். என்பதில் சந்தேகம் இல்லை. இந்த மகாசபை சிந்திக்கும் விடயங்கள்.

அ மனித உரிமைகளும் மனித மாண்பும்

ஆ ஆண் பெண் உறவு

இ சர்வதேச கடனும் பொருளியல் நீதியும்

ஈ இரக்கக் கொலை அல்லது ஆசித்து மரணமும்

உ குழல் ஊதுகாப்பு

ஊ தற்கால தொழில் நுட்பம்

1998ம் ஆண்டு லாம்பெத் மகாசபை கிறிஸ்தவ மக்களுக்கு ஒரு கலங்கரை விளக்கமாக அமைய வேண்டுமென்று இறைவனை வேண்டுவோமாக.

வாழும்
எழுத்துக்கள்

தங்கைக்கு



மு. வரதராசன்

மனைவியர் சிலர் தம்முடைய ஆர்வம் என்று ஒன்றும் கொள்ளாமல், எதையும் மறந்து கணவனுக்குத் தொண்டு செய்வதில் இன்பம் காண்கின்றனர். மற்றவர்கள் தம்முடைய ஆர்வமான கலை முதலியவற்றையும் இறுதி வரையில் மறப்பதேயில்லை. கணவன்மாறிலும் அப்படியே சிலர் வீட்டிற்குள் நுழைந்ததும் தம் தொழில்துறை முதலியவற்றையும் மறந்து விடுகின்றனர். மற்றும் சிலர் அவற்றையே திரும்பத் திரும்ப பேசிக்கொண்டிருக்க விரும்புகிறார்கள். அப்படிப்பட்ட பேச்சைக் கேட்டுச் சுவைப்படச் செய்தால் தான் மனைவி கணவனை மகிழ்விக்க முடியும்.

ஆண்கள் இருவகைப்படுகின்றனர். சிலர் தம்முடைய தொழில்தவிர வேறு எதிலும் தலையிடாமல், அக்கரையும் கொள்ளாமல் வாழ்வார்கள். அவர்களுடைய மனைவியருக்குத் தொல்லை இல்லை. மனைவியர் என்ன காய்சமைத்துப் போட்டாலும் பேசாமல் உண்பார்கள். என்ன உடை உடுத்து அலங்கரித்துக் கொண்டாலும் கேட்க மாட்டார்கள். எந்தப் பொழுது போக்கும் நட்பும் வைத்துக்கொண்டாலும் தலையிட மாட்டார்கள். அதனால் அவர்களை மணந்து கொண்ட பெண்கள் கவலைப்படாமல் வாழலாம்.

மற்றொரு வகையான ஆண்கள் தம்முடைய தொழிலையும் செய்து விட்டு வேறு எந்தத்துறையிலும் முன் வந்து நிற்பார்கள். சமையல் வகையில் தலையிட்டு இது நன்றாக இருக்கின்றது இது அப்படி என்று ஆராய்ந்து கொண்டிருப்பார்கள். இந்த உடை நல்லது இது பொருந்தாது, இந்த அலங்காரம் கண்ணுக்கு அழகாக 04 ஆம் பக்கம் பார்க்க

அவள் நினைவாக...

அன்று
அப்பெண்
ஆண்டவரால் பாராட்டப் பெற்றாள்!
அகில உலக அளவில்
அருட்செய்தி பரவிடும் இடங்களில்
அவளின் அன்புச் செயல்
அறிவிக்கப்படும் என்ற
அரும் பெரும் பாராட்டினை
அவள் பெற்றுக் கொண்டாள்! (மாற் 14: 3-9)

விலையுயர்ந்த நளத தைலத்தை
மேசியாவின் தலையில் பொழிந்தாளாம்
அப்பெண்
ஆண்டவரின் முழுஉதிப்பை அறிந்துகொண்டவள்
தைலத்தின் விலைபற்றிப் பேசிக் கொண்டோர்
பணத்தற்கு சிறப்பீந்த வேளையில்
வறியவர் என்ற போர்வையில்
மனிதர்க்கு முதலிடம் தரப்பட்ட நேரத்தில்
இயேசுவுக்கு முலலிடம் அளித்து
முற்றிலும் மேம்பட்டோராய் அவரை
ஏற்றுக் கொண்டவள்!

அத்துடன்
அங்கிருந்தோர்
நல் வாழ்வுத் திட்டங்களைப்
பேச்சளவில் திட்டிய போதில்
வாய்ப்பேச்சின்றி அங்கு
நறுமணம் கமழ்ந்திடும் படியாய்
அருமை மிகும் நற்செயல் புரிந்தவள் அவள்
நற்செயல் புரிந்தோரைப் - அதை
முந்திக்கொண்டு செய்தோராய்
ஆண்டவரிடம்
நற்சான்று பெற்றிட்ட
அப்பெண்ணின்
அன்புணர்வு
விழிப்புணர்வு
பொறுப்புணர்வு யாவும்
அவள் நினைவாய் அறிவிக்கப்படுகின்றன!
ஆண்டவரின் அடியார்களுக்கு
அறைகூவலாய் அறிவிக்கப்படுகின்றன.

T D. F.

என்றும் பல்லாண் டொளி வீச
இறைஞ்சி நின்றோம் நீ வாழி

யாழ்ப்பாணக்	கல்லூரி	நந்தாயே
யாதுலகும்	புகழ்	பெற்றாயே,
கேளீர்	குவலயம்	கொண்டாயே
கேடில்	கல்வியை	தந்தாயே
வட்டுக்	கோட்டை	அரணாக
வாழ்வளித்	தாய் தமிழ்	ழர் வாழ
எட்டுத்	திக்கும்	நின் புகழே
எய்திட	நின்றாயே	வாழ்க!
தாயே	நின்பணி	தரமுயர்
“தானியேல்”	“பூவர்” ஐயா	அவர்கள்
நேயமு	டன் செய்	நற்பணிகள்
நினைவில்	வைத்தோ	நீ வாழ்க!
“பற்றிக்	கோட்டா	செமினரியாய்”
பரனார்	இயேசு	பணியாக்கி
வெற்றிப்	பட்ட	தாரிகைளை
விதைத்தாய்	பூவர் ஐய	வாழ்க!
ஆங்கிலமும்,	தமிழ்,	விஞ்ஞானம்,
அரிய	நுண்கலை,	சாஸ்திரங்கள்,
எங்கும்	விளங்க	இயக்கினையே
இனிய	கல்லூரித்	தாயே!

04 ஆம் பக்கம் பார்க்க

A Tribute...

In 1994 when I went to Jaffna to see my mother, I heard that Jeeva was living in one of the houses at the hospital premises in Inuvil and I visited her I was indeed glad to spend some time with her that evening. I was glad to see Jeeva happy and relaxed. She helped the disabled children who lived close by to the House of Hope, in their study of English. She was independent financially and gave generously to those in need around her.

She was always known as quiet, unassuming person of few words to her friends, classmates and students. She was a successful teacher of science. As one of her students told me recently that she always had a bright smile for them as she greeted them in school.

As I was reflecting on Jeeva's life the following verses from Psalm 23, verses 2 and 3 came to my mind; "He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul" Her life was one of quiet endurance. She did not have any of her close family members near her, not even her only son whom she has not seen for more than ten years. She has had her share of trials and suffering, living alone under such hard circumstances in Jaffna. It is at such times that our Lord and Master leads us beside quiet waters to restore our souls. We need these moments of quietness so that our Heavenly Father can be given

வாழும்...

இல்லை என்று குறுக்கிடுவார்கள். இவர்களோடு பழகாதே இதில் ஈடுபடு, அதில் வேண்டியதில்லை என்று முன்னின்று தடுப்பார்கள். உடம்பில் சுறுசுறுப்பு உழைக்கும் திறனும் மிகுதியாக இருப்பதால் இவர்கள் அரை நாழிகை நேரமும் வாளா இருக்க முடியாது எதிலும் தலையிட்டு எந்தையாவது செய்து கொண்டிருப்பார்கள். இப்படிப்பட்டவர்களை மணந்து கொண்ட பெண்கள் மிக விழிப்பாக இருக்க வேண்டும். பெருபையோடு ஒத்துழைத்து அன்பு செலுத்த வேண்டும். முதலில் பொறுப்பது தொல்லை யாக இருந்தாலும் நாளடைவில் பயனாகும். "பொறுத்தார் பூமி ஆழ்வார்" என்று அடிக்கடி சொல்லும் பழமொழி உனக்கு நினைவிருக்கும். அந்தப் பழமொழி "செவி கைப்பச் சொல் பொறுக்கும்" நாட்டுத் தலைவரைப் பற்றியது. வீட்டுத் தலைவியரில் பொறுத்தவர் வீடு ஆள்வர் என்பது உண்மை. கணவனுடைய உள்ளத்தை நாளடைவில் தன் அன்பால் கவர்ந்து விட்ட பெண்தான் வீட்டின் அரசி.

the opportunity to speak to us softly to review our spirits.

Jeeva submitted her life to her Lord and Master to be the landscape on which He could print her quiet picture. Let us thank God for her life of Christian witness and quiet endurance.

May God grant her eternal rest.

By
Padma Anandarajan

Sathiyapuram

Mr. S. Stephen Raj, a ministerial candidate of the Diocese will take charge of Sathiyapuram Church. He will be completing his special Arts Degree Course at the University of Jaffna in 1998.

PRIZE....

a high order... to be called Jaffna College"; on July 3, 1872, the college opened formally; the second beginning was linked to the first as the last Principal of the Seminary (the Rev. Hastings) was installed as Principal of the College. Again, in 1974, an attempt was made to extinguish the college; the library was taken away; armed guards stood at the gates; the BA division was swept into the University. But Jaffna College survived. prize givings were still held; distinguished guests came as before. Again, courageous men and women resisted the take over as best they could, and finally, in July 1977, when a new government came to power, the prime Minister returned to the College what had been taken away. From this history we draw hope that Jaffna College, unsuppressed, but functioning under difficulties will be, in time, as before restored to full health and strength. Some of you may remember the words from Job quoted in this place at the Prize Giving of 1975 by a Justice Pathirana of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka: "For there is hope for a tree that if it is cut down, it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease... at the scent of water, it will put forth branches again like a young plant." Yes, there is hope because people here, like their forefathers and foremothers will not let the tree be cut down; like the mahogany trees planted here in 1872 when the Rev. Hastings was inaugurated, the College does endure.

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Bicknell School....

the impress he left on it is still the deepest factor in its life. Therefore, though it is many years since he died it may be said the Bicknell era has not passed away. The spell he had cast on the College still lingers.

Thevakiramam

Rev. T. Thevanesan, Lecturer, Christian Theological Seminary will serve as worker in charge Thevakiramam in addition to his teaching assignments.

Mr. P. Thevarajah, worker in charge Thevakiramam has been given one year study leave to continue and complete his Dipoma in Theology course at the Christian Theological Seminary.

Educational Exhibition

An Educational exhibition was held from 22nd June to 24th June 1998 from 9.00 A.M to 2.30 P.M in keeping with the 175th Anniversary of Jaffna College. The exhibition was de-cleared opened by Mr. A. Ganesalingam, Deputy Director of Education, Chankanai Division.

'Kalaigani' A. Selvaratnam's 50 years Collections were exhibited at this exhibition. In addition, Stalls were maintained by Jaffna College Technical Institute, Jaffna College Agricultural Institute, Promoters Engineering Ltd, Palmyrah Development Board and V.T.C's run by the J.D.C, S.I. Vaddukoddai, Manipay and Inuvil People's Bank opened a window for the benefit of Children and Chankanai M.P.C.S. a fair price shop.

At this exhibition all the teachers and students of Jaffna College participated with enthusiasm. The exhibits kept at different stalls of the Departments of the College were of very high standard and the demonstration skills of the students were excellent. The exhibition was patronized by many schools from Jaffna District and received wide acclamation.

Kalaivila of Jaffna College

Kalaivila was held by Jaffna College from 22nd June to 24th June 1998. On 22nd June 'Mayanakandam' a scene from the Epic (Arichanden - Santhirama) was staged by Thairiyanaathan Selvaratnam Drama Group. On 23rd June 'Kathavarayan' Koothu (Street Dance) was staged by Jaffna Folklore Society. On 24th Musical Show 'Pop Song' was sung by Aruna Mucical Group.

The Kalaivilla was well attended on all the three days.

என்றும்.....

உந்தன்	தலைவர்	பூவருடன்
உத்தம	"ஹேஸ்ரிங்ஸ்"	"ஹொய்ஸிங்ரன்"
சேர்ந்த	"சாண்டேர்ஸ்"	"ஹவ்லண்டும்"
சேவை	சிறந்தார்	உயர்ந்தோமே
பிந்திய	பெரியோர்	அதிபர்களாய்
"பிறவுணும்	பிக்னல்,	பங்கருடன்"
வந்தனை	யாளர்	வளர்ச்சேவை
தந்தார்	தாரணி	ஒளிவீச
எந்தையர்	நாட்டின்	முதலதீபர்
இனியார்	செல்லையா	ஏற்றார்
இன்றோ	நுற்றெழுபத்	தைந்து
ஏய்தி	நிறைந்தாய்	யாழ்த்தாயே
நன்றே	"இயேசு	நல்வாழ்வின்
நல்லொளி"	என்றே	நவீன்றாயே
என்றும்	பல்லாண்	டொளிவீச
இறைஞ்சி	நின்றோம்	நீ வாழ்க!

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