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## ST. JOHNS COLLEGE

### CELEBRATES 175th ANNIVERSARY

#### Postal Strike and Jaffna.

The people of Jaffna who were greatly satisfied with the efficient Postal Service in January and February 1998 are very much disillusioned with the breakdown of the Postal Services outside Jaffna. Now they depend entirely on telephones to communicate with the people in Colombo.

#### Drought Kills

#### Fishes

The severe drought experienced by Jaffna has caused the death of fishes in small tanks. The Pullu Kulam between the Jaffna College Undergraduate Dept. and Veerasingham Hall is drying up. The Fishes in this Pond have died causing repugnant smell around the place.

#### Circuit Pastor Nuwareliya District

The Executive Committee of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India appointed Rev. D. S. Thiyagarajah to be Circuit Pastor, Nuwareliya district as from the first of May, 1998.

#### Miss T. Thayalini

Miss T. Thayalini who was ill for sometime has been given temporary assignment at Uranee, Batticaloa as from 23.03.98.

St. Johns College Jaffna will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary on the 7th, 8th and 9th of May 1998.

There will be a Holy Communion Service on Thursday 7th May where the Rt. Rev. K. M. J. Fernando will be celebrant. A special commemorative stamp will be released after the service. It will be followed by the felicitation of staff; opening of new block and O. B. A. lunch. On 8th May there will be a cultural programme and opening of new science block.

The Prize Giving will be conducted on Saturday the 9th May at Henry Peto Hall.

#### An Ecumenical Youth Camp in Jaffna

The CSI, Church of Ceylon and Methodist Youth met at Uduvil Girls' College from 16th to 19th April 1998 for a joint youth Camp.

Rev. N. S. P. Nesakumar was the Co-ordinator of this camp at which 161 young people participated.

Rev. Milton Solomon was in charge of the musical programme.

- The addresses were given by
- Rt. Rev. Dr. Jebanesan
- Rev. N. S. P. Nesakumar
- Rev. Jeya Mather
- Rev. J. Jebamohan
- Rev. Paul Natchathiram
- Rev. T. Thevanesan

#### Champions at all Island Meet

Three students of the homes run by the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India became champions at the all Island Inter KNH homes sports meet held at Badulla, on Saturday 18th April.

Mas. S. Sathess - Levi Spaul-

ding Boys' Home -Champion Under 16 Boys;

Miss S Parasakthy - Harriet Winslow Girls' Home Champion Under 14 Girls

Miss K: Isabella - Harriet Winslow Girls' Home Cham-pion Under 12 Girls

#### Assignments To New Workers

The three workers who passed out of the Christian Theological Seminary this year are posted to the following churches.

- 1 Mr. S. Joshua-Vaddukodai
- 2 Mr. T. Daniel Ranjith -Usan
- 3 Mr. J. Antony Suthakar - Sandilipay.

#### Bishop D. J. A. Memorial Hostel Building Committee

The Executive Committee of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India which met on 25-04-1998 decided to nominate the following for the Building Committee of the Bishop D. J. Ambalavanar Memorial Hostel.

- 1 Pastor Colombo Church
- 2 Mr. C. D. Chinnakone
- 3 Mr. M. R. Selvarajah
- 4 Mr. Eric Stephens
- 5 Mr. A. Gnanathan
- 6 Mrs. Vasanthy Rajaratnam
- 7 Mr. N. S. P. Thampoe (Interim Secretary)
- 8 Mr. J. Jeyakumar (Interim Treasurer)

#### Miss Gunathevy Gunaratnam

Miss Gunathevy Gunaratnam who had been serving as Assistant Worker Colombo will be leaving the Diocese in June 1998 to get married and migrate to Denmark.



# SHELLY AND SHELLY THASAN



பாரதி



ஷெல்லி

PERCY BYSSHE SHELLY 1792 — 1822 was one of the great poets of the Victorian Age. He was greatly admired by the Tamil poet Barathi. Both loved nature, sympathised with poor, upheld womens' rights and though pessimistic as regards their own lives, were quite optimistic as far as mankind was concerned.

Both died at a very young age — Shelly at the age of 30, and Barathi at the age of 39. As a young boy of Eddayapuram, Barathi organised a literary Circle called "Shelly Guild", to read and enjoy the poems of Shelly. For many years he used to write his poems with the pen name Shelly Thasan. The following poem of Barathi shows the influence of Shelly on Barathi's life and work.

Rarely, rarely, comest thou,  
 Sprit of Delight:  
 Wherefore hast thou left me now  
 Many a day and night?  
 Many a weary night and day  
 'Tis since thou art fled away.  
 How shall every one like me  
 Win thee back again?  
 With the joyous and the free  
 Thou with scoff at pain,  
 Spirit false; thou hast forgot  
 All but those who need thee not,  
 I love love - though he has wings  
 and like light can flee,  
 But above all other things,  
 Spirit, I love thee -  
 Thou art love and life: Oh, come,  
 Make once more my heart thy home.

P. B. Shelly

என்னைச் செறிந்தீர்? - என்ன  
 இன்னுயிரே! என்றன் இசையமுதே!  
 இக்களைக் கண்டவுடன் - கடல்  
 இரையினைக் காற்றினைக் கண்டவுடன்,  
 கங்குலைப் பார்த்தவுடன் - இங்கு  
 காலையில் இரவியைத் தொழுதவுடன்,  
 பொங்குவீர் அமிழ் தெனவே - அந்தப்  
 புதுமையிலே தயர் மறந்திருப்பேன்  
 மாதமொர் நான்காநீர் - அன்பு  
 வறுமையிலே எனை வீழ்த்திவிட்டீர்!  
 பாதங்கள் போற்றுகிறேன் - என்றன்  
 பாவமெலாம் கெட்டு ஞானகங்கை

காதமொ டெப்பொழுதும் - என்றன்  
 நாவினிலே பொழிந்திட வேண்டும்.

ஆன்மையில் இருந்திடுவீர்! - இவீ  
 அடியனைப் பிரிந்திடல் ஆற்றுவனோ?

மாயையில் அறிவிழந்தே - உம்மை  
 மதிப்பது மறந்தனன்; பிழைகளெல்லாம்  
 தாயென உமைப்பணிந்தேன் - பொறை  
 சார்த்தி நல்லருள் செய வேண்டுகிறேன்  
 வாயினிற் சபதமிட்டேன் - இனி  
 மறக்கிலேன்; எனை மறக்கிவீர்!

பாரதி



The camel at the close of day, kneels down upon the sandy plane, To have his burden lifted off, and rest again.

Then, too, O Traveler, to thy knees, when daylight draweth to a close, And tet the Master lift the load, and grant repose.

Else how wouldst thou tomorrow meet, with all tomorrows' work to do,

If thou the burden all the night, dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day, to have his guide replace the load; Then rises up anew, to take the desert road.

So, Pilgrim, kneel at morning's dawn, that God may give thee daily care;

Assured that He no load too great, will make thee bear.

## Erlalai North C S I Church Worship at its own premises

Easter 1998 was a happy day for the Erlalai North congregation. On this day, 12th April 1998, they worshiped the Lord in their own Church after an lapse of 8 years. In 1990 the Church was bombed and we could to have our Services there.

After the exodus in October 1995 people of Erlalai were allowed to re-settle in their Village, but only in October 1997 the people were allowed to settle in Erlalai North area where our Church is situated. We were having our Worship Services in a Christian house since May 1996.

Though we were trying to renovate our Church many a times, only now, by the Grace of God we were able to effect the necessary repairs which enabled us to have the Worship Service at our Church.

The Rev. P. J. Suriyakumar conducted the Holy Communion Service on 12th April 1998 at 8.00 A. M. assisted by our Pastor, Rev. A. K. Surendran.

We hope our Gracious God will bring peace so that we will continue to worship in this Church without hindrance.

## OBITUARY

### Mr. Rajah Solomon Arulanantham:

The Death occurred on 13-04-98 of Mr. Rajah Solomon Arulanantham, (Retired Prison Officer), of Uduvil. He was beloved husband of late Mrs. Maheswary Arulanantham, father of Mr. George Jeyarajah (Norway), Mr. Edward Dharmarajah, Mr. Anton Yogarajah and Mrs. Punithavathany Rajendrakumar and father in law of Mr. Rajendrakumar (Bobby) Secretary, YMCA, Pandatherippu and Sakunthaladevi Jeyarajan. The Funeral took place at his residence and the remains were removed on 14-04-98 to Malvam Cemetery, for interment.



உதயதாரகை

கானல் நீர்



இலங்கை மக்கள் இன்று ஆவலுடன் எதிர்பார்த்து நிற்பது சமாதானத்தையே ஆகும். உலகில் நடைபெறும் உள்நாட்டுப் போர்களிலே மிகவும் மோசமானது இலங்கை உள்நாட்டு யுத்தம் என்பது அரசியல் அவதானிகளின் ஒப்பிய முடிவு. 1983 ஆம் ஆண்டிற்குப் பின்னர் 60,000 தமிழ்மக்கள் சொல்லப்பட்டு விட்டனர். போரின தீவிரம் குறைந்தபாடில்ல.

1994 ஆம் ஆண்டு திருமதி சந்திரிகா பண்டாரநாயக்ககுமாரனது நாட்டில் சமாதானத்தை ஏற்படுத்துவேன் என்ற கோஷத்துடனேயே வெற்றி பெற்றார். தமிழ்மக்கள் உள்ளத்தில் மகிழ்ச்சி பொங்கியது, ஆனால் அவரின் தீர்வுத்திட்டம் நத்தை வேகத்திலேயே முன்னெடுத்துச் செல்லப்பட்டது ஏனைய விடயங்களிலே காணப்பட்ட துரிதம் இனப்பிரச்சினையில் காணப்படவில்லை.

போர் மேகங்கள் மீண்டும் நமது நாட்டைச் சூழ்ந்து கொண்டன சமாதானம் தீர்வுத்திட்டம் அதிகாரப்பரவலாக்கல் என்ற சொற்பிரயோகங்கள் எல்லாம் மறைந்து சிறிது சிறிதாக வெற்றி உறுதி, வெற்றி நிச்சயம், சூரியக்கதிர், சூரியப் பிரகாசம் என்ற சொற்பிரயோகங்கள்முதன்மை பெற்றன.

இப்பொழுது நாட்டிலே சமாதானம் ஏற்படப் போகின்றது என்று ஒருவருமே நம்புவதில்லை. இத்தகைய போர் சூழலிலும் எல்லாவற்றையும் சகித்து சிறிது காலம் வாழ்ந்து விட்டு மறையலாம் என்றுதான் சிலர் இந்த நாட்டில் இருக்கின்றனர். போர் தொல்லைகளினால் மக்கள் பலவிதமான நோய்களுக்கு உட்படுகின்றனர் தனி மனிதனின் பொருளாதார அபிவிருத்தி முற்றாக தடைப்பட்டுவிட்டது எல்லாரும் அன்றாடம் காய்ச்சிளாக மாறி விட்டனர். எவ்வாறும் பிச்சைப் பாத்திரம் ஏந்தும் நிலைககு வந்து விட்டனர் சிங்கள சமுதாயமும் தமிழ்சமுதாயமும் விரக்தியின் விளிம்பிற்குள் தள்ளப்பட்டிருக்கிறன. தந்தை செல்வா ஒரு முறை குறிப்பிட்டது போல 'இனி உடவுள்தான் தமிழ் மக்களைக் காப்பாற்ற வேண்டும்!'

# MESSAGE OF THE

# LAITY

We, the laity representatives belonging to various dioceses of the CSI assembled at the Temple City of Madurai to participate in the Golden Jubilee Laity Assembly on August 22 & 23, 1997 on the campus of American College and examined the mission of the laity in the contemporary society and our participation in building of the nation and the



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church. We were stimulated by inspiring bible studies, informative talks, challenging panel discussions and educative exhibitions.

The Laity Assembly celebrated God's gracious act of calling and constituting all and each member of the church as a holy nation, royal priesthood and God's own possession. We acknowledge that we are incorporated as members into the one holy body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and authentic extension of the incarnate word to continue the ministry of our Lord. the assembly rejoices in the fact that all the believers, are endowed with charisma for the building up of the church in order that the church might serve as an instrument of the kingdom. The assembly appeals to church leaders to take efforts to discover the gifts of the Spirit given to individual members and seek to provide opportunities for their exercise within the body of Christ.

We recognise that the people of God are involved in the affairs of the world with their christian discipleship. The laity are called upon to recognise the renewal and unity of the oikoumene as God's central concern and the christian responsibility of permeating the society with christian values, of the Kingdom. Towards this end, the assembly called upon churches to take up the task of equipping the people of God for church'

mission the world for its transformation into the Kingdom of God.

There were addresses on the theme 'Unite, Liberate and Celebrate' which enabled us to critically evaluate our own ecclesiastical structures and our responsibilities in this world as co-workers with God. As channels of Grace and agents of change we are convinced that the church is called upon to participate in God's mission as prophetic sign of the kingdom in the pluralistic context of India. The Church has to celebrate its mission in the context of dead hopes and frustrations of the human society. Life through death is the only way to manifest the power of the kingdom in our midst.

The church can fulfill the mission only by responding seriously to the socio-economic and political realities of the world. The laity should play the key role in equipping the church in taking up these challenges seriously. The impact of globalisation and new economic reforms are mainly upon the weaker sections like dalits, tribals, women, fisher folk and children. The laity should contribute toward building up people's resistance against anti poor and anti christian reforms and create awareness among the people of their consequences. Representations of women in all decision making bodies as a means of empowerment should vigorously be pursued.



We have to uphold a new consciousness, a new sense of relationships and a new set of values rooted in agape in upholding the message of liberation. A movement from charity

to justice involves a conflict situation in the society. The Church is called upon to risk its faith so as to initiate ministry of reconciliation at all levels. We call upon the parishes and churches which are involved in litigation to withdraw their court cases as a sign of a new beginning when we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the C S I. We also call upon the church of explore awareness of church unity and remove all stumbling blocks for the greater involvement for upholding an ecumenical vision which is relevant to the church of the 21st century. We also believe that the church should take all efforts to remove any kind of discrimination that exists in the church and to work for an inclusive community at all levels.

## Degree in Carnatic music & Dance For External Students

The University of Jaffna has decided to permit students to pursue Degree courses in Carnatic Music and Dance. Students having the following qualifications will be admitted to this Course.

- A Pass in Music or Dance at the G. C. E. (Advanced Level) Examination. Along with this
- They should have Passed the Grade IV Examination of the North Ceylon Oriental Music Society. OR
- Should have obtained a Diploma in Music or Dance of Annamalai or Adaiyar, Institutes Or
- They should have obtained a Diploma in Music or Dance at Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts.



## Whither Bound are the Youth?

An Advanced Level student leaves home early morning and returns home well after dusk. He was at the 'Tutory' the parents presume. Was S/he really at the Tutory studying?

Parents spend a lot of money on their children, thinking, that they will one day enter the University. On the contrary many do not measure up to the standard and fail to enter the University nor are they competent to do other jobs. Where have the parents gone wrong?

First of all, it is the educational system, That has to be blamed? The 'system' is mainly exam oriented. All are trying to vie for a few limited seats in the Universities.

In an attempt to gain admission to the University innumerable are involved in a rat race for a handful of places. In the end many are disillusioned and are in a kind of helplessness or despair.

The competitions among students has led to mushrooming of Private tutories.

These tutories claim to be the saviours of students, who otherwise will never able to gain admission to the Universities. Soon some children will realize their folly, but instead of rectifying their mistakes, they plunge deep into the pit. The restaurants and shady areas around Munnippar temple have become havens for many youngsters. These restaurants and parks have become the meeting places of young lovers.

Parents think that their sons and daughters are at the tutories, but in actual fact they are with their lovers in some corner of the city: Some mini cinemas where X-rated films are shown, lure many some even are exposed to pornography.

All should unite in fighting for educational reforms. Parents should exercise their right of knowing where their children are when they are out of sight. It is high time parents, teachers and religious leaders do something to stop this. Otherwise we shall lose out adolescents into the darkness of the world.

## First Death Anniversary



In everloving Memory  
of

**CHELLAPPAH EDWARD RAJASINGAM**

Called to rest on 20. 04. 97

"Why must we bear this pain? We cannot tell  
We only know our Lord does  
All things well and so we trust,  
In God our all in all.

May his Soul rest in Peace.

Fondly remembered by his:-

Beloved wife Ruby, Daughters, Vathana & Dhaya  
Sons - in - Law, Curtis and Hastings, Grand  
Children, Brother Mr. C. A. Balasingam &  
Sister-in Law, Lily, and host of relations,  
friends and students,

Post office Road  
Chavakachcheri

C. B. Balasingham  
Brother

## OBITUARY

### Daniel Leslie Jeyarajah Edwards

Daniel Leslie Jeyarajah Edwards (Dan Edwards) Rtd. Superintendent of Excise. Passed away on 29-04-1998. He was beloved husband of late Pushpam. Son of late Mr. & Mrs S. M. Edwards, beloved Father of Anton Edwards, (Manager Hatton National Bank Ltd. Jaffna) and Ronnie Edwards, (Products Manager, B A S F Finlays Ltd.) Father in law of Rajani and Suwarna, Grand Father of Nilanthi, and Ishani. Brother of Mrs, Winnie Mather, late Reggie, Mrs. Daisy Gnanapiragasam and Sylvia.

17/1 St. Ann's Lane,  
Chundikuli,  
Jaffna.

### Mrs. Ratnam Blanchard

The death occurred on Monday the 20th April of Mrs. Ratnam Blanchard of Chankanai. She was a daughter of the late Mr & Mrs. Black of Chankanai and mother of Rajadurai (Canada) late Jeyarane Pius, Jeyamany Store and Selvarajah.

The funeral took place at her residence at Church Road, Chankanai on Wednesday 22nd April. Service was Conducted by the Rev. T. Thevanesan. Mr. S. J. Manickam gave the tribute- The remains were then removed to Chankanai Cemetery for interment.

### Young Idea Comes Back

The Young Idea, "a student paper of Jaffna College for private and Internal Circulation only" has made its appearance again after a lapse of 5 years.

The April 1998 has come out as Bishop Ambalavanar Memorial Issue. The Tamil pages were edited by Mas. K. Nishanthan and the English pages by Miss S. Sivaja.

Mr. S. Ramesh serves as Faculty adviser Tamil and Mrs. Anoja Vimalendran is Staff Adviser English.

## வாழும் எழுத்துக்கள்



இந்தத்திருமணம் (பெரியார் + மணியம்மை) நடைபெறுவது கூடாது. இது நிறுத்தப்பட்டு நாம் எப்பொழுதும் போல் பெரியார் தலைமையிலே கழகப்பணி புரிய வேண்டும் என்ற நல்லெண்ணத்திலிருந்து சிறிதும் வழுவாதபடியே தான் கடைசியரை முயற்சி செய்தோம். ஆனால் திருமணம் நடந்தேறி விட்டது!

இனிச் செய்ய வேண்டியது என்ன என்பதை அவசரமும் ஆக இரமுன்றி, தூண்டி விடுவோர், தூபம் இடுவோர், சிண்டு மூடித்து விடுவோர் கண்டதைக் கிளறிப்பாரப்போர், சந்தி சிரிக்கவைப்போர் என்போருக்கு இரையாகாமல் யோசித்து தீர்மானிக்க வேண்டும்.

விரோதத்தைக் கிளப்பிவிடுவதும், தப்பெண்ணைக் கண்டு பிடித்து விடுவதும் சலபம். ஆனால் தேர்மையல்ல. பொறுத்திருந்து. தீர் யோசித்து சாரியம் செய்வது எந்த வகையிலும் நன்மை பயக்கக் கூடியது.

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### Five Give way to Two

The Education Administration of Jaffna will be under 5 Zonal heads. Hitherto there were two zones viz. Zone I in Jaffna Town and Zone II at Irupalai.

The new Zones are Vadamaradchy, Thenmaradchy, Valigamam, Jaffna and Islands. A Director of Education in Jaffna Town will at the head of the entire educational administration.