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## J. R. ARNOLD

— The Finest Product of the Seminary

In 1823 the American Missionaries who served in Jaffna established a collegiate Institution or 'Tamil and other Youth' It was called the Batticotta Seminary. During its short tenure of 32 years it produced 700 graduates. Tamil Scholars consider C. W. Thamotharpillai, the most distinguished alumnus of this Institution, But the man who capable not only of embodying European ideas but of putting them into a handsome native dress must be rendering important aid to the interests of learning and Christianity. Many Tamil Scholars and poets came to study at the Seminary. J. R. Arnold joined the seminary at the age of 12 and became a Christian at the age of 15. Most



Mr. J. R. Arnold

fulfilled the dreams and hopes of the missionaries was Mr. J. R. Arnold. When the Seminary was planned they wrote 'To raise up, therefore and qualify a class of native authors whose minds being enriched by science may be

of the scholars who embraced the Christian faith at the seminary backslided. But this famous Tamil poet remained faithful to his calling. About Daniel Carroll's backsliding, J. R. Arnold wrote 'It is indeed lamentable that toward's the tall end of Carroll's career his faith became shaky like a post-sit on a marshy land'.

J. R. Arnold was a prolific writer. His achievements are comparable to that of Dr. Samuel Johnson. The following are his important Tamil literary productions.

- MEYVETHASARAM (Poetical Compend of the Bible)
- UNIVERSAL HISTORY

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- GALAXY OF TAMIL POETS (History of Tamil Literature)
- CHRISTIAN LYRICS
- FAMILY MIRROR
- GREAT DESIRE FOR EASY DEATH

He edited the Tamil pages of the Morning Star for 38 years (1857—1895) at his last illness, his friends asked him whether he was afraid of death. For which Arnold just recited a line from one of his poems.

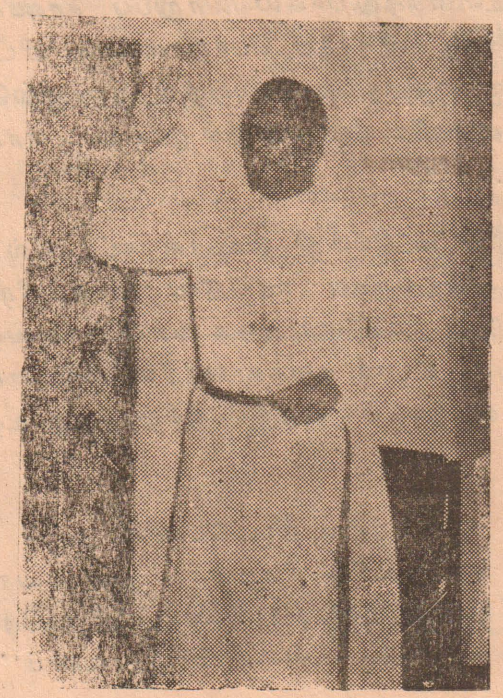
"Had I Wings to Fly  
By now I would have flown above"

He died peacefully at the age of 75 in the year 1895.

### LENTEN SEASON



Wednesday 25th February is Ash Wednesday. It marks the beginning of 40 Days of Lent. All during this season of Lent we must keep in mind the gravity of sin if we are to end it, changed in heart and mind rendering our hearest not our garments.



### The Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar

Born 28 - 02 - 1928  
Entered Glory 10 - 10 - 1997

"He will wipe away all tears from their eyes and their shall be no more death" Rev. 22:4

Fondly remembered on his Birthday.

**BISHOP**  
Diocesan Office  
Vaddukodai



## உதயதாரகை

கிறிஸ்தவ வாரப் பத்திரிகை

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### லெந்து நாட்கள்

பெப்ரவரி மாதம் 25-ம் திகதி சாம்பற்புதன். அன்று முதல் நாற்பது நாட்கள் லெந்து தபக நாட்கள் எனப்படுகின்றன. நமது ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசுவின் திருப்பாடுகளையும், மரணத்தையும் மகிமையான உயிர்த்தெழுதலையும் நினைவு கூர்ந்து அவற்றை நமதாக்கிக் கொள்ளும் தலக்காலம் இது!

இஸ்ரவேல் புத்திரருக்கு பஸ்காப் பண்டிகை முக்கியம். அந்நாளிலே குழைபத் தலைவன் பஸ்கா உணவை உட்கொள்ளும் பொழுது, எகிப்திலிருந்து தாம் பெற்ற விடுதலையின் வரலாற்றினை பக்தி பூர்வமாக எடுத்துக் கூறுவான் பரம்பரை பரம்பரையாக இஸ்ரவேலர் கட்டுக்கோப்பாக வாழ்வதற்கு இத்தகைய அனுசாரம் காரணமாகவிருந்தது.

கிறிஸ்தவ சபைக்கு லெந்து தபக நாட்கள் நமது விகவாசத்தை உறுதி செய்து கொள்ளும் நாட்கள்! 'இதனை அசட்டை செய்தால் நமது விகவாசமே ஆட்டங் கண்டுவிடும். இதனால் நமக்குத் தான் கெடுதல் ஏற்பட்டு விடுகின்றது! பக்தி ஜெபம், சுயவொறுப்பு, களியாட்டங்கள் வீருந்துகள் முதலிய வற்றைத் தவிர்த்தல் என்பவற்றை நாம் கைக்கொள்ள வேண்டும்.

சுயவொறுப்பு என்பது களியாட்டங்கள் தவிர்ப்பு. உணவு மறுப்பு என்பனவற்றுடன் நின்று விட்டால் அர்த்தமில்லை. நமது உள்ளத்திலும் சுயவொறுப்பு காணப்படல் வேண்டும். கோபத்தைத் தவிர்த்தல், பொறாமைகளை விட்டுவிடல். சிற்றின்ப நாட்டத்தை ஒழித்தல் என்பவற்றில் நாம் முன்னேற வேண்டும் இத்தகைய விரதமே நாம் என்றும் தூயவர்களாக மாறுதற்கு வழிகாட்டும்.

இது மட்டுமன்றி இக்கால கட்டத்தில் நாம் ஏழைகளுக்கு அதிகமாக இரங்குதல் வேண்டும். 'இந்தச் சிநியரில் ஒருவருக்கு எதைச் செய்தீர்களோ அதை எனக்கே செய்தீர்கள்' என்றார் ஆண்டவர். இந்தத் தலக்காலத்தில் அவருடைய கட்டளையை ஏற்று அல்லற்படும் ஒரு குழம்பத்திற்காவது உதவிபுரிதல் அவசியமாகும்.

“துன்பத்தில் இருப்போரின் துயர் நீக்கி தனிமையில் வாடினால் துணையாகி, எளியோரின் தோழனாய் இருந்தென்றும் இருப்பதே உள்ளத்தின் உபவாசம்”

### Mrs. S V. Jabanesan Resume Work in Jaffna

Mrs. S. V. Jabanesan who left for Bangalore after the Riverasa operation returned to Jaffna and assumed duties as president of the Diocesan Womens' Fellowship from January 1998. While she was staying in Bangalore she completed

the Diploma in Counselling Course at U. T. C. Her thesis was on 'Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka and its impact on the youth and implication for pastoral Care and Counselling.

### DIOCESAN BAND

A Diocesan Band incorporating the children of Homes has been set up; it will

be in attendance at Diocesan Functions. The band consists of Melodicas Trumpets piano-Accordians, Recorders, Guitars, Drums and Key Board.

## Barthalomew Ziegenbalg

February 23rd is observed as Ziegenbalg Day by the Christian Churches

Barthalomew Ziegenbalg and Henrich Plutschau were the first Protestant Missionaries who laboured in India.

They arrived in Tranquebar 1706 At that time Tranquebar belonged to the Danish East India Company. Fredrick VI king of Denmark was a pious Lutheran ruler, and he felt that it was his duty to start a mission there. He found these two young missionaries in the University of Halle. At first Ziegenbalg made a thorough study of Tamil (At that time Tamil was known as Malabar among Europeans) In 1714 Ziegenbalg went to Germany and published Tamil - Latin grammar and Tamil - Latin Dictionary. He visited England and returned to Tranquebar in 1716. On 23rd February 1719 Ziegenbalg died while serving in Tranquebar. The important contributions of Ziegenbalg are Translation of the New Testament and a part of the Old Testament though crude and imperfect it was the first to be



made into any modern Indian Language He established the first Press in India which enabled the rich and the poor to own Tamil Books

'Ziegenbalg was the first publisher who gave printed books to the people of Tamil Nadu'—M Seeni Venkatasamy

Let us thank God for the life and witness of this pioneer German Missionary.

### Hospital Sunday

Hospital Sunday Service was conducted on the 15th Feb, at Manipay Church. Rev. T. Thevasan preached the Sermon.

### Sunday School

#### Teachers Seminar

A seminar for the Sunday School Teachers of Diocese was conducted at the Christa Seva Ashram Maruthanamadam on Saturday the 7th February. Mr G. Rajanayagam Director of the Diocesan Religious Education Board gave the inaugural address.

### Visit of Diocesan Officers to Colombo Church

Mr. C. Jeyaratnam, Treasurer of the Diocese and Mr. A. Rajasingham Treasurer of the Diocesan Charities Fund visited Colombo Church and had meeting with the Colombo Committee and the Church House Committee. They returned to Jaffna on the 27th January

### Farewell to

#### Rev. S. P. Jeyasingham

Rev. S. P. Jeyasingham and Mrs Jeyasingham were accorded a farewell by the parish of Vaddukoddai on Sunday the 1st February. Rev. S. P. Jeyasingham was transferred to Christian Theological Seminary as from January, 1998.

### WEDDING



St Marys' Church, Kopay was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday the 14th February when Mr. Anton Mohankumar led to the altar Beatrice Nimalini daughter of Mr & Mrs. N. Jeyasingham of Irupalai East. The bridegroom is a son of the late C. R. and Mrs. Anton Vaddukoddai and serves as teacher at Jaffna College. Rev. S. P. Nesakumar solemnized the wedding assisted by the Rev. T. Thevasan. Bishop Jabanesan a former teacher of the bridegroom preached the homily.



# C. S. I. Synod 26-th Session

The 26th Sessions of the CSI Synod was held at Arogyawaram Medical Centre, in the Chittoor District of Rayalseema Diocese from the 13th till 17th January 1998.

Our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Jebarasan and the following delegates of our Diocese attended the Session's The Rev. A. Jayakumar, The Rev. Antony A. Paul, Mr. G. Rajanayagam, Dr. (Miss) C. V. Selvaraj, Mr. G. Nadarajah and Mr. M. C. Arulanathan. The Rev. V. N. Tharmakulasingham also attended the Sessions as the Moderator's nominee.

The Sessions were Chaired by the Moderator, The Most Rev. Vasanth P. Dandin. The Sessions started with a Holy Eucharistic Service at St. Luke's Chapel, Arogyawaram, celebrated by the Moderator. Each day, the Sessions started with Holy Eucharistic Sessions at St. Luke's Chapel.

The Rev. Dyanchad Carr conducted Bible Studies on the theme 'Turn to God - Rejoice in Hope'.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. A. George Ninan a Bishop of the Church of North India delivered the keynote address - Theme - 'Turn to God -

Rejoice in Hope' - Sub-theme: Turning to God - Some changes and Implications for the Church - India Today'.

Reports of the Dioceses and various Boards and Committees were read and accepted. The General Secretary, Prof. George Koshy in his Report highlighted some of the major events during the past biennium. They were Golden Jubilee Celebrations, sharing resources, Review of Development Industries, ecumenical participation, Revision of Constitution and CSI Centre. Talking of journey into the third Millennium, he emphasized the need for rededication of every member in each of the Congregation in every Diocese.

Mr. Frederick William, the Treasurer presented his Report and income and expenditure account.

## Felicitation

Paikakal Mission, Madhya Kerala Diocese was felicitated for the tremendous leap in Mission work. Special mention was made of Home Mission of Kanayakumari Diocese. Trophies were presented to both these Mission Societies in appreciation of good work done by them.

## Special Event:

A Public Meeting to felicitate Officers of the Synod, Reverend Bishops and guest of Honour at 5.00 p. m. on 5th January 1998.

A memorable event like a 'Cam. Fire' was organised in the Campus after Dinner on the 15th January 1998. There was a display of Fire Works and a cultural programme. The most heart touching one was drama called 'Light and Sound'. The message of this drama highlighting some important events in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, was that we are wounding Christ by our selfish motives but Christ as wounded healer wants to heal the wounded of India and Sri Lanka, through dedicated workers - mainly lay.

Village worship service was organised on 16th January 1998. During the Village Worship Service, one Bishop along with a Telugu Translator visited a Village Church and delivered the Lord's Message. Some interested Diocesan Delegates also accompanied the Bishop to the Villages.

Sight-seeing trip to Horale Hills a picnic spot at the height of 4310 ft. above sea level, for those who did not accompany any of the Bishops.

## Amendment to the Constitution:

The following amendment to the Constitution was made unanimously.

"No Office Bearer of the Synod shall be elected to the

same post for more than two consecutive terms".

## New Office Bearers:

The following were elected as new Office Bearers of the Synod for the biennium 1998 - 2000:-

### Moderator:-

The Most Rev. William Moses

### Deputy Moderator:

Rt. Rev. Dr. K. J. Samuel

### General Secretary:

Rev. G. Dyvasirvadam

### Treasurer:

Mr. Frederick William -  
Re - Elected

The Sessions came to a close on 17th January 1998 with the singing of 'Seven Halleluyas' - Golden Jubilee Special song composed by Bishop Samuel Amirtham, and benediction by the Moderator.

## H. A. Krishnapillai Festival

The Christian Theological Seminary, Jaffna celebrated H. A. Krishnapillai Festival at Uduvil on Friday 30th January. The lyrics of H. A. K. were rendered by the choirs of Uduvil and Christians Theological Seminary, speeches on the life and witness of H. A. K. were given by the Bishop and Mrs. K. Bavasingham M. Phil.



## OBITUARIES

### Mrs Rajeswary Sunthararajah

The death occurred on Tuesday the 10th February of Mrs R. Sunthararajah of Nunavil. She was the wife of Mr. Sunthararajah, mother of Rajakularanee [Canada,] and the late Anton Rajaselvam and sister of Selvaratharanee Thivyaranee and Prince Rajendrasingam,

The funeral took place at her home at Nunavil on Saturday the 14th February. The remains were then removed to Chavakachcher for interment.

### Mrs S. N. Rajaratnam

Mrs Nesamany Rajaratnam relict of late Rev. E. D. Rajaratnam died on Sunday the 8th February. The funeral was conducted on the following day at 3.00 pm. at Uduppiddy. The service was led by Rev. T. Vasanthakumar, and Bishop Jebarasan gave the tribute. The remains were then taken to Uduppiddy cemetery for interment. She leaves behind Mrs Jeeva Ratnasabapathy, Miss Amirtharatnadevi, Mrs R. Maharatnam, Mrs N. Joseph (daughters) and Mr. R. Muttu Ratnanandhan (son)



## DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Fourth death anniversary of  
Mrs Alice Muthumany  
Ariyaratnam

of "Malita" 707, Hospital Road, Jaffna

Born on 15th May 1916

Called to Glory on 4th February 1994

Inserted by her loving Husband



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## Golden Jubilee of the Church of South India

The Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India turns another leaf in her long spiritual journey and enters a new chapter, viz the fifty first Golden chapter. The "Pilgrim Church" body that was born on Saturday the 27th of September, 1947 as the bells of St. George's Cathedral, Madras chimed at 8. O'clock in the morning, is celebrating her Golden Jubilee on the 28 of February, 1998 at the Cathedral Church, Vaddukoddai. That was Our Lords Hour. Lords Day, Year chosen by the Lord, for this memorable inauguration. As the Church stood in unison, united to unite in HIS NAME TO SERVE GOD AND MAN, TO BE AS ONE BODY and as the congregation stood in solemn silence, The Rt. Rev. Bishop C.K. Jacob declared the words of union. It was a venture in which the absolute presence of the divine hands guidance and the movement of the Holy Spirit was totally evident. The coalescence of the Anglican Congregationalist, Presbyterian and Wesleyan bodies in South India, and Ceylon integrated into oneness and came to be known as the "Church of South India".

The tree that was planted fifty years ago towards this unification has blossomed into a tree that bears the fruits of the Holy Spirit. She has become the salt of this earth, a city that is seen in a hill; has become the model for union. Millions of souls have found shelter under this tree. Millions have benefited from the fruits. How many men and women have received spiritual and material light from this City. They have seen and found life through this Light Church of South and Light, Church of South India was never hidden. She was seen and seen well by all because to Her good works. Church of South India was built on a rock. The Rock of Ages - Jesus Christ. Church of South India was firmly built on this corner stone - JESUS CHRIST. When Jesus Christ is the foundation, and the word of God is the guide the Body would grow eternally. While thanking the Good Lord for all the blessings He had bestowed on the church, for all the good deeds that were possible, let us not forget the pioneers who sowed the seeds - The American Missionaries and their sufferings, sacrifice, sweat, labour and life which they voluntarily laid at the altar from the year of the Lord 1816.

It must be said that the going had not been always easy. The C. S. I. had undergone immense hardships and days of turbulence. But it had been worth the labour and pain. Today if the Church of South India - Jaffna Diocese is gloriously blessed it is because of the calibre of leaders she has had from 1947. First there was Rt. Rev. S. Kulendran the first Bishop. He was a dynamic personality with clarity of mind and sense of duty. Then of course - Rt. Rev. Dr. D. J. Ambalavanar the second Bishop. A versatile person with an excellent knowledge of the world and church affairs. Now of course the church should be thankful to have a deep thinking scholar and educationist in the stature of Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Jebanesan as Bishop. Many others too have contributed towards the success story of the Jaffna Diocese.

The celebrations that were to take place in September, 1997 were postponed due to the untimely demise of our former Bishop D. J. Ambalavanar. In accordance with the hour the celebrations would take place, Memoirs are beautiful and fills our hearts with joy, gladdens the hearts of its authors and the parttakers. But a Golden Jubilee is also a time in history not only to look back but also to look ahead into the future. Not pride but humility and thanks giving fill us today in abundance. Let us thank the Good Lord for every deed that was possible and ask the Lord to guide, strengthen and bless us to perform the impossible deeds that are ahead of us. Christ is the author of the Church of South India. We sincerely pray that He would continue to be so and help us to successfully finish our deeds in the future.

Let us in total reverence humbly ask the Lord Jesus Christ to Bless the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of India. Let us also ask our Lord to richly bless Rt. Rev. Dr. Bishop S. Jebanesan and his co-workers in their Labour in God's Vineyard.

### Ecumenical Services

BY JCU conducted a Communion Service on Sunday the 15th March, 1998 at the Methodist Church (Trimmer Hall, Jaffna). The Service was led by Rev. S. S. Karunairaj, Chairman of the East Synod of the Methodist Church assisted by the Rev. N. SP. Nesakumar, Rural Dean Jaffna of the Church of Ceylon. The Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Jebanesan preached the Sermon.

### 150 Anniversary Celebration of Uduppiddy Church

The members of the Uduppiddy Church celebrated their 150th Anniversary on Sunday the 15th March, 1998. There was a Holy Communion Service at 8.30 a.m. The Bishop, Rev. T. Theyanesan, Rev. S. I. Anadarajan and the priest Rev. T. H. Vasanthakuma, participated, public meeting took place in the main hall of Girls Boarding School. Many distinguish people including the Commanding Officer Vadamardchy Brigadier Wijearatne also spoke. Mr. Lindon B. Thevarajah proposed a vote of thanks. The meeting was followed by fellowship lunch. The members of the Uduppiddy Church also published a souvenir to mark the occasion.

### Confirmation Service

At a praise Service at Uduppiddy on Sunday the 15th March, 1998, 8 persons were admitted in the Full Fellowship of the C. S. I. Church. Their names are as follows:

1. Markandu Andrew Balachandran
2. Balachandran Esther Sivajogan
3. Rajeswaran Ruth Vanmathy
4. Rajeswaran Roy Athavan
5. Thevarajah Priscilla Piraveena
6. Muthukumarasamy Ruth Rubaveni
7. Vijayathanan Noel Vijayaruban
8. Jeyeram James Jeyakumar

### Acting Director

Jaffna College Institute of Technology

Mr. Charles Hoole M. Sc, a son of the late Rev. & Mrs. Moole of Nallur, Jaffna has been appointed as Acting Director of the Jaffna College Institute of Technology as from March, 1998. Mr. E. M. Lebaraj who served as Acting Director of Jaffna College Institute of Technology left the Institute after the Rivirasa operation.

### Mr. T. Kugathasan Reappointed

Mr. T. Kugathasan M. Sc. principal of Jaffna College Institute of Agriculture whose term ended in March 1998 had been re-appointed to serve as principal for another year.

### New Student at Christian Theological Seminary

Two new students will be joining at Christian Theological Seminary, Maruthanarmadam, at the next academic year. They are Mr. Stephenraj who completed a degree course at the University of Jaffna and Miss Priya Shamini from Urani, Batticaloa.

### Inter Homes Sports Meet

S. L. C. C. A. Jaffna Region conducted a Sports Meet for the Homes Under their care. Eight Homes participated at this meeting took place at Bicknell Stadium, Vaddukoddai. Among the Boys Home, Levi Spaulding Home came first. Among the Girls' Homes Harriet Winslow Girls Home secured the first place. All the children participated with the fellowship lunch. There were also two events for the past students of the homes. The Fancy Dress competition was of a high standard. At the end of the meet Mrs. S. V. Jebanesan gave away the prizes and certificates for the winners.



### 1 - ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY Mrs Enid Samathanarane Arnold

(Wife of the late Rev. J. V. J. Arnold)

Born : 25 - 07 - 1909

Called to Rest : 22 - 02 - 1997

There are many dwelling places in my Father's House. If it were not so, I should have told you.

St. John 14 : 2

Foundly remembered by her loved ones

'Peacelyn',  
Manipay.