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PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD AND GO INTO THE WORLD

Rev. Father L. Nicholas Rector St. Francis Xavier Seminary urged the outgoing students of Christian Theological Seminary to put their trust in God as they go into the world. Three students Joshua Sivagnanam Daniel Ranjith Thanarajasingam and Antony Jeganathan completed their four year Diploma Course and were awarded certificates at the valedictory service held at Uduvil Church on Saturday 18th April, 1998.

The Service was led by the Bishop assisted by the Rev. F. Thevanesan, Reverend D.R. Ambalavanar Dean of students read out the names of the passing out students.



J. S. Antony

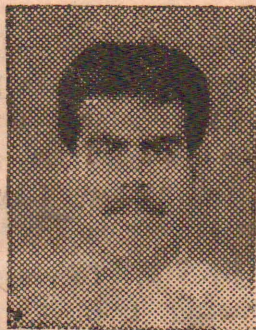
Rev. Father Nicholas in valedictory address said that the three students who are now leaving the Seminary are like three new ships. As the ship is launched there is much rejoicing. People are waving and



T. D. Ranjith

cheering you as you embark on your maiden voyage with much enthusiasm. But very soon you will find sailing rather difficult. You will experience storms, rough weather, tidal waves and mutiny of the crew. But don't be disheartened put your trust in God.

A hunter once met a sage in the forest and wanted to learn meditation under him. The sage told hunter to go into the forest and come after some time. The hunter went into the forest. First he lost his arrow and later his bow. He returned



D. S. Joshua

to the sage. The sage took him to a steep mountain which was like a death trap. The sage asked the hunter to stand on a stone kept on this dangerous peak and close his eyes. The hunter though dreaded this exercise, obeyed the sage and stood

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University of Jaffna Reopens:

The University of Jaffna which was closed on 13th March 1998 reopened on the 15th of April 1998. The Sessions will continue till 30th June 1998, and close for Examinations.

Bishop's Visit to Kilinochchi and Mankulam Districts

Our Bishop the Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Jebanesan is planning to visit Kilinochchi and Mankulam districts during the 2nd week of May 1998. He will be accompanied by the Rev. Earl B. Solomons and Mr. N. S. P. Thampoe, Project Director, Colombo.

Fifteen Students Left For Colombo

Fifteen Students of our Childrens Homes in Jaffna flew to Colombo to participate in the All Island Sports Meet of the KNH Homes. The Sports Meet is scheduled to take place on 18th April 1998 at Welimada. Mr. V. Mithira Ranjan, Project Director, KNH took the students to Colombo.

New Care Taker For C S I Centre in Madras:

The Secretary of the C. S. I. Synod Rev. G Dyvasirvadam has called for applications to fill the post of Caretaker, C. S. I. Centre, Madras. Mr. Azariah Jeyaseelan, the present Caretaker will be relinquishing his post soon.

Search Committee for U T C Principal

The Council of the UTC which met on 28th & 29th March 1998 decided to appoint a suitable person to be Principal of the College. Rev. Dr. Gana Rabinson, the present Principal is due to retire in the year 2000.

The Search Committee is headed by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Vasanth P Dandin, the Bishop of Karatna North Diocese and consists of 6 persons.

Easter Bajanai and Play:

'My Lord and My God', was the theme of the Easter Bajanai conducted by the Music Committee of the JD-C SI. The Bajanai took place at the Periannan Hall of the Christa Serva Ashram, Maruthanamadam.

The singing was followed by the Play 'Candle' which was rendered beautifully by the students of the Christian Theological Seminary, Maruthanamadam. The Easter Play 'Candle' was written by the Russian Novelist Count Leo Tolstoy and was adapted into Tamil by our Bishop.

Mr. Fernando - Quits

Members of the Church of South India will be happy to know that Mr Fernando who was occupying the mission Bungalow in the C. S. I. Centre compound for over 30 years has handed over the Mission Bungalow to the C. S. I. Synod and has vacated the place. The CSI synod is now planning to set up a Research Centre in this Bungalow in memory of the Late Rt. Rev. Dr Leslie Newbegin.

வாழும்

எழுத்துக்கள்

கிங்ஸ்பெரி தேசிகர்

யாம் ஐவேம்



அழகு சுந்தரம் கிங்ஸ்பெரி தேசிகர் (1873 - 1941) சி. வை. தாமோதரம்பிள்ளையின் மைந்தர். தமிழறிஞர், கிறிஸ்தவப்போதகர், கவிஞர், அது கிங்ஸ்பெரி தேசிகரின் மொழிபெயர்ப்புக் கவிதைகளில் ஒன்று. சுந்தரியின் தங்கை கற்பகம் மறுபிறப்புக்குள் பிரவேசித்து விட்டாள். அவள் இன்றும் என் சகோதரி. என் குடும்ப அங்கத்தவருள் சுந்தரி ஒருத்தி என்று நினைத்துக்காட்டுகின்றாள். எமது குடும்பத்தில் இன்றும் 5 பிள்ளைகள் உண்டு என்கிறாள்.

கொழும்புக்குச் சென்ற அண்ணை வந்தாற்றான் உளரோ

கொழும்பினிலே இருந்துவிடின் இல்லை அவர் போலும்
வழுவில் சிவகாமியக்கை இறங்குகள் லிருந்து

வந்தாற்றான் உளர் இலையேல் இலர் என்பீர் போலும்

உன்தங்கை இங்கினிமேல் ஒருகாலும் வாராள்

உங்களிலே நீ இனி அவளைச் சேராது என்றீர்

என்தங்கை இங்கினிமேல் வாராளே யாயின்

யான் அங்கே போய் அவளைக் காணமுடி யாதோ?

கொழும்பிலண்ணை வாராரேல் நானங்கே செல்வேன்

அக்கையவர் வாராரேல் குறுகியங்கே செல்வேன்

எழுதவொண்ணா அழகுடையான் கற்பகயவா ராளேல்

எங்கு நட ராசர் என ஏகிடுவேன் அங்கே.

ஆதலினால் ஐவமுளேம் ஐவமுளேம் யாங்கள்

ஐவமுளேம் ஐவமுளேம் ஆச்சி அப்பு வுக்கு

பேகை அடி யேனுமது போதலையைக் கேளேன்

பிழையாயின் பொறுத்தருளும் பெரியவர்நீர் அன்றே.

இவ்வாறு சுந்தரிதான் இயம்பியதைக் கேட்டேன்

எட்டுவய துப்பிள்ளைக் கிருந்த அறி வென்னே

ஒவ்வாது நான் சொன்ன சொல்வென்று கண்டேன்

உடனே என் மயக்கமெலாம் ஒழிந்துபறந்ததுவே.

சாவாக்கும் இறப்பதற்கும் பேதமின்று கண்டேன்

சாவனவெல் லாமொழிந்து சூனியமாய்ப் போகுஞ்

சாவனவெல் லாமொழியும் இறப்பவர்கள் ஒழியார்

இறன்ற சொல்லுக்குக் கடன்ற பொருளே.

ACTING DIRECTOR - Inter Homes Sports Meet:
JAFFNA COLLEGE
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Mr N.R.Gp Hoole M. Sc, a son of the late Rev Hoole & Mrs Hoole of Nallur, Jaffna has been appointed Acting Director of the Jaffna College Institute of Technology as from March, 1998. Mr E M Jebaraj who served as Acting Director of Jaffna College Institute of Technology left the Institute after the Rivirasa Operation.

Ecumenical Centre

The United Theological College, Bangalore has decided to set up an Ecumenical Research Centre within their Campus. It will be constructed in the site where the Language School was situated.

S. L. C.C.C.A. Jaffna Region conducted a Sports meet for the Homes Under their care. Eight Homes participated at this meet which took place at Bicknell field 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.

NO RAINS

We hear of rains in the south after a spell of draught. Jaffna is set to experience rain. During Last monsoon season, Jaffna didn't experience much rain fall either. And this was no due early this year which is necessary for growth of cabbage and carrot. Now it is unusually hot and the heat is unbearable.

Because of this unusual weather, dust accumulates rendering housekeeping impossible and crops are dying for want of water. If this situation prolongs the wells will dry up soon.

FLASH

Jaffna experienced sporadic rains on 2nd April

Thanks Giving Service -
Christa Seva Asram

25th Memorial Service of Late Rev (Sevak) S Selvaratnam founder of Christa Seva Asram was held at Christa Seva Asram Maruthanarmadam, Chunnagam on March 29th 1998 Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

The Rev D. R. Ambalavanar conducted the service. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. S. C. Arnold and Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Revs. D. R. Amdalavanar, S. S. Karunairaj and S. P. Nesakumar.

I. L. T. Classes Begin

The Institute of Lay Training organized by the Christian Theological Seminary is to start a new series of classes. The series of classes will be conducted on every second and fourth Saturday. The first of the series will be held at Maruthanarmadam on April 11th.

The Rev. T. Thevanesan is the Director I. L. T.

Round Up

All vehicular movements in Manipay, Navaly and Anai-kottai areas came to a stand still because of cordon and search operations carried out in these areas on April 2nd.

The Armed Forces gathered all those of certain age group one by one and released them.

Band Competition

Jaffna Education District Zone II. Band competition was held at Central College Grounds on 6th April. Kokkuvil Hindu College came first. Judges felt that it was the first time on all male group participated. Chundikuli Girls' College came second.

The winners were awarded musical instruments by North Eastern Educational Secretary Mr. S. Divagalala.

MUSICAL EVENING

Curfew in Jaffna and Nallur A. G. A. Divisions was reduced by 2 hours because of the Musical Evening at Duraiappah Stadium on April, 7th

This musical evening was organised by Town Commander Brigadier Susantha Mendis.

Wedding



St. Peter's Church (New Trimmer Hall) was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday 15th April 1998 at 10.30 a.m., when Mr. J. C. Jeyaseelan, son of Mr. S. Jeyarajasingam and Mrs. Jeyarajasingam of Vaddukoddai, led to the altar Debora Dereshni daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. T. Thomas of Rakka Road, Chundikuli. The Marriage was solemnised by Rev. S. S. Karunirajan an uncle of the Bride. Rev. S. P. Nesakumar read the Holy Scripture, The Homily was preached by the C. S. I. Bishop in Jaffna.

There was a Fellowship Lunch at the Chundikuli Girl's College, after the Wedding Service.

உதய தாரகை

தியாகி செல்வா

1977ம் ஆண்டு ஏப்ரல் மாதம் 26ம் திகதி காலை 10 மணிக்கு தந்தை செல்வா நம்மை விட்டுப் பிரிந்தார்.

தந்தை செல்வா தீர்க்க தரிசனப்பார்வை கொண்டவர்! 1947ம் ஆண்டு அரசியலுக்கு வந்த நாட்டொடக்கம் பெரும் பான்மை சமுதாயத்தினரிடம் திட்டங்களையும் தந்திரோபாயங்களையும் தமது தீட்சைய பார்வையினால் நன்கு உணர்ந்து அதனை எதிர்கொள்வதற்கு தமிழ் மக்களைத் தயார்ப்படுத்தினார்.

யாழ்ப்பாணத் தமிழன், டட்டக்களப்பு தமிழன், மலையகத் தமிழன், கிறிஸ்தவத் தமிழன், தமிழ்ப் பேசும் இஸ்லாமியன் என்று அழிந்து விட்ட நெல்விக்காய் மூடை போல சிதறண்டு இருந்த தமிழ் பேசும் மக்களை ஒர் அணியில் திரட்டினார். தமிழ்ப் பேசும் மக்கள் இலங்கையில் 28% சதவீதமாக இருக்கின்றனர் என்று உரத்துக் கூறியவர் தந்தை செல்வா அவர்கள்.

தந்தை செல்வா தமது உடல், பொருள், ஆவி, அனைத்தையும் தமிழ் பேசும் மக்களுக்காக அர்ப்பணித்தவர். அவருடைய காலத்தில் சிவில் வழக்குகளில் தன்னிகரில்லாத தலைவனாக தந்தை செல்வா விளங்கினார்.

சட்டக்கல்லூரியிலே கற்றுக் கொண்டிருந்த தமிழ் ஆர்வமிக்க மாணவர்களைத் தனது கட்சியிலே இணைத்து தேர்கல்களிலே போட்டியிடும் படி செய்தார். ஆரம்ப காலத்தில் தமிழரசுக் கட்சி அவருடைய சொந்தப் பணத்திலேயே வளர்ந்து வந்தது என்பது மறுக்க முடியாத உண்மையாகும்.

நேர்மை, தியாகம், தெளிந்த நினைவு என்பன உவரை ஒரு கவர்ச்சி மிக்க தலைவராக இதை ஆங்கிலத்தில் கரிஸ்பா என்று கூறுவார்கள். ஒரு கவர்ச்சி மிக்க தலைவனை டெறுவதற்கு ஒரு சமுதாயம் ஆயிரம் ஆயிரம் வருடங்கள் காத்திருக்க வேண்டும். பல ஆண்டுகள் செய்த தியாகத்தினாலும் நேர்மையினாலும் ஒருவன் கவர்ச்சி மிக்க தலைவன் ஆகின்றான். அண்ணல் காந்தி, ஜவஹர்லால் நேரு, நெல்சன் மண்டேலா, மார்ட்டின் லூதர் கிங் ஆகியோர் கவர்ச்சி மிக்க தலைவர்களாக விளங்கினார்கள். இதற்கு அவர்களிடையே காணப்பட்ட தியாகமும் நேர்மையுமே காரணமாகும் தந்தை செல்வா அவர்கள் தமிழ் மக்கள் மத்தியில் வாழ்ந்த கவர்ச்சி மிக்க தலைவர் ஆகையினாலே தான் அப்புனிதனின் நூறாவது பிறந்த தின வருடத்தில் அவரை நன்றிப் பெருக்குடன் நினைவு கூருகின்றோம்.

Limited Military Operation - Vadamaradchy

It was reported that Sri Lankan Forces have started a Military Operation in Vadamaradchy East, Nagarkovil area on a limited scale, as from Sunday March, 29th.

Armed Forces were moving towards Nagarkovil from Pallai and Varany with small fire arms and Motor shells. Helicopters were also used in this operation.

According to Military Sources there was no resistance from the L. T. T. E.

Courtesy 'Uthayan'
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Tamil, Hindu Organizations Appeal to Vajpay

Tamil, and Hindu Organizations in Colombo have appealed to the new Indian Prime Minister Mr. Atul Bihari Vajpay to take steps for a quick and lasting solution to the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka

The decision for above appeal was made at a meeting held in Bambalapitiya Saraswathi Hall.

Causeway Bombed

It was reported that the causeway at Anaivilunthan between Pallai and Iththavil was damaged by a bomb blast. As a result the transport between Pallai and Jaffna was disrupted. There was also sporadic fightings between L. T. T. E. and armed forces

E. Z. F. To Help Private Schools

A representative of German Technical Co-operation, Herr Stephanz who met the Principals of private Schools in Jaffna, on April 2nd assured that E. Z. E. would help him to reconstruct damaged school buildings.

The Principals also requested them to help bring laboratory equipments and chemicals, because they find it difficult to obtain permission to transport these items. They further said they find it difficult to conduct C. C. E. A/L practical classes because of shortage of lab equipments.

Dr. G. U. POPE



Dr. G. U. Pope was Methodist Missionary who came to South India in 1839 at the age of 19. He studied Tamil under Ramanuja Kavirajar.

The important translation of Dr. Pope were -
TIRUVASAGAM
NALADIYAR
THIRUKKURAL
Translations of some Sanga Poems

He wrote many important essays on the greatness of Tamil Language and Saiva Siddhanta. He died in the year 1903 while serving as Professor of Oriental Languages, at Balliol College, Oxford. In 1994 with Mr. Ganesh Ashbary I visited BALLIOL College and saw the tomb of Dr. Pope in the Oxford Cemetery. But I was disappointed that the words "G. U. Pope a Tamil Scholar" were not on the tomb. Some later historians must have made this remark about the tomb of Dr. Pope.

Dr. G. U. Pope started translating - Tiruvvasagam when he was eighty years old. The preface he wrote for this translation was very inspiring. We give below the last paragraph of this moving essay.

"I date this on my eightieth birthday. I find, my reference, that my first Tamil lesson was in 1837. This ends, as I suppose, a long life of devotion to Tamil studies. It is not without deep emotion that I thus bring to a close my life's literary work.

Some years ago, when this publication was hardly projected, one evening, after prayers, the writer was walking with the late Master of Balliol College in the quadrangle. The conversation turned upon Tamil legends, poetry and philosophy. At length, during a pause in the conversation, the Master said in a quick way peculiar to him 'You must print it'. To this the natural answer was, 'Master' I have no patent of immortality, and the work would take very long, I can see him now, as he turned round - while the moonlight fell upon his white hair and kindiy face. ... and laid his hand upon my shoulder, saying, 'To have a great work in progress is the way to live long. You will live till you finish it. I certainly did not think so then, though the words have often come to my mind as a prophecy, encouraging me when weary; and they have been fulfilled, while he has passed out of sight.

To the memory of Benjamin Jowett, one of the kindest, and best, and most forbearing of friends, and to whom I owe, among much else, the opportunity of accomplishing this and other undertakings, - I venture to inscribe this volume with all gratitude and reverence.

May the blessing of his Master and mine, crown the very imperfect work;

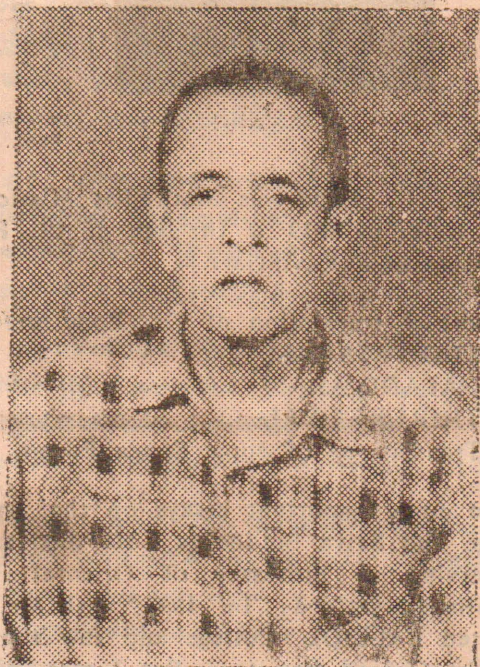
Balliol College,
April 24, 1900

IN MEMORIAM

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY



In Fond and Affectionate Remembrance of
Our Dearest Daddy



Cotton Nesathurai Mather

Of

Uduvil Road, Manipay

Born: **12th March 1912**

Entered Eternal Rest: 11th April 1997 (Aged: 85)
Funeral was on 18th April 1997 at Wolverhampton,
U. K.

Second World War Veteran

And

Retired Marketing Officer of the Marketing
Department

Beloved Husband - Affectionate Father

Fond Brother - Excellent Son

Devout Christian - Devoted Churchman

We Loved you in Life; Thus we shall remember
you & your Fondness even beyond death.

Beyond our touch - Beyond our Sight

But Not Beyond our Love

"Precious in the Sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful" (Ps: 116: 15)

Sadly missed by your ever loving beloved
Darling 'Daisy' (Mummy) Presently in U. K.
Affectionate Children - in Laws - Grand Children
Fond Brother - Nephews and Nieces.
In Srilanka - U. K. - Australia and U. S. A.

Revd. Bertram J. Mather (Jeya)

Methodist Church.

Kaddaively - Karaveddy.

THEY SAID IT

Heard at the CSI Golden Jubilee Pastors' Convention in Bangalore.

CSI has been founded on the vision and commitment of torch-bearers who paved the way for various traditions ecclesiastical and non-ecclesiastical to come together and live and witness in unity through diverse ministries, diverse traditions holding on to one Lord and one Faith.

— Bishop Vasanth Dandia

There was a wise man in a town who could predict any thing that the people wanted him to. There was another man in the same town who thought he was wise and he went to challenge the wise man. He took out a bird from his bag and showed it to him and asked whether the bird was alive or dead. Then he pulled back his hand and hid the bird behind him. The wise man looking at the face of the man said 'It is in your hands'.

The life and growth of the church is in our hands. God has given this great responsibility to the leaders of the church. We can crush it and kill it, or we can also make it more alive. It is all in our hands. It is in the hands of this generation either to struggle it or let it go and march forward.

— Bishop William Moses

The success of our programs depends largely on the cooperation of the pastors. Your participation in the programs will be a great source of inspiration for you, and enable your congregation to take part meaningfully in the Jubilee Celebration. I am sure that you will be blessed with a great sense of oneness and of pride in belonging to the C. S. I.

— Prof George Koshy

The mandate given to you (clergy) by God is to relieve the thirst in the human soul. The real reason for the present state of social turmoil in our country is lack of identity of a feeling of togetherness. When the links that bind togetherness weakens, the rot sets in,

They win Prizes

At the valedictory service of the C. T. S held on 18-04-98 the following were given prizes.

Prize for best thesis:

Mr. Antony Suthahar Jeyanathan

Pastoralia:

Mr. Daniel Ranjith Thanarayingham

New Testament:

Religion:

Pastoralia:

Mr Joshua Sivagnanam

Put your...

on the stone at the mountain peak. He said "my son you are now qualified to learn meditation". You do not have any qualification to boast of. You have lost your weapons. You have also learnt to put your trust in somebody else. That is all required of. The new students who are leaving the seminary today should remember that they are nothing without the help of God. Only by putting your trust in Him you can minister in this problematic world.

Now our people are undergoing much hardship. They need counselling, prayer, solace, food, clothing and shelter. Read the Nazareth manifesto as found on Luke chapter 4. You will know what you have to do in our troubled homeland. "The spirit of Lord is upon me because he hath appointed me to preach the good news to the poor, he hath sent to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind to set at liberty them that are bruised".

The valedictory service was followed by a fellowship lunch at which, Revds D. R. Ambalavanar, T. Thevanesan, S. C. Arnold, V. Rajkumar, A. Thevakunanathan and Mr. Joshua Sivagnanam spoke. Gifts were given on behalf of old students and lecturers of the seminary by Mrs S. V. Jebanesan.

in the homes, in the society and in the country at large. If one pastor could rebuild one home in his parish in a month I am certain you have adequately responded to your calling. Making or marring a congregation is entirely in your hands.

Mr F. William

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