







## THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

உள்ளத்தினுள்ளே உள்பட தீர்த்தங்கள்.  
மென்னக் குடைந்துவிண்று அடார்வின்கெடப்,  
பள்ளமும் மேடும் பரந்துகிறவர், இக்  
கள்ளமன்முடைக் கல்வி இல்லோரே.

There are many sacred waters inside the heart. People do not excavate and bathe in them and shed their sins. Ignorant people possessed of depraved hearts roam about the country (searching for sacred springs) in hills and dales.

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## Dialogue — A Dignified Step

It is an eleventh hour effort; nevertheless it has a significance. How far the talks between the Members of Parliament of the Tamil speaking areas and the Premier will extend in the direction of a decisive turn in the affairs of the Minorities of this country, we cannot with certainty indicate. Yet the present situation charged as it is with a feeling of seriousness must of necessity enable the participating legislators evolve a satisfactory scheme worthy of the cause.

What a difference it would have made had the Premier and her colleagues thought it prudent and profitable to respond to the repeated calls for a Round Table Conference made by leaders of non-political movements since the time of the boycott of the Constituent Assembly and the enactment of the New Constitution. And it cannot be denied that the prorogation of the Parliament just before the beginning of the unduly delayed talks on the problems of the Minorities has created undisguised feelings of misgivings in the minds of the people. However let us not waste time in discussing the missed opportunities. Let us hope for the best.

The fault is in us and in the stars. Now that Jupiter, the largest planet of the Solar system, has moved away from the house of Mars to that of Venus, sober judgment can be well expected.

## First Batch of Diploma Students in Hindu Civilization

The first batch of post-graduate students in Hindu Civilization have just completed their lectures this week. About 35 graduate teachers followed this course which had begun last year in the university of Sri Lanka, Jaffna Campus. They organized a get-together tea party with their professors and lecturers at the beginning of this week to mark the completion of their academic year. It is worthwhile to remember that the Jaffna Campus of the university of Sri Lanka was the first institution to organize such a course in Hindu Civilization not only in Sri Lanka but in the whole world. Further, classes for the new batch of students following the above courses have already begun last week.

## Earthen Pipes Unearthed at Vathiry

Some earthen pipes probably belonging to the late medieval times have been found either in full form or in pieces in two of the gardens at Vathiry. Mr. S Krishnarajah a student specializing in History brought this to the notice of the lecturers in History and members of the Jaffna Archaeological Society. Accordingly, they went and surveyed the place last week. They hope to do a further intensive survey of the area. These pipes were probably used by the Dutch who were interested in the economic development of the Island for irrigation purposes or to water to some textile or some other factories closeby.

## Hindu Civilization Diploma Course—Social

The Union of the Post Graduate Diploma Course in Hindu Civilization held a Social on Sunday, 6th February at the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka (Thiruvanveli site). A group photograph of those who attended the course mainly teachers with the Lecturers was taken. Prof. K. Kailasapathy President of the Campus, Dr. K. Kailasanathakurukkal Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Mr. K. Lakshmana Iyer, M.A. Director of Education (Ministry of Education, Colombo) were gallantly by three office-bearers of the Union.

At the end of the Social Mr. V. Umapathisivam, President of the Union referred to the aims of Sir P. Ramanathan, the founder of Parameshwara College now a home of the Jaffna Campus Mr. Lakshmana Iyer said that he was glad to see the wide, well distributed syllabus of the Diploma Course in Hindu civilization and expressed his wish that those who followed the course should be real ambassadors of the great civilization.

Mr. S. Thevathasan, Secretary of the Union thanked all those who had lectured to them during the course and promised that they would all try to give the benefit of their learning to others, particularly the younger generation.

Mr. S. R. Kumaresan, Treasurer of the Union commended the various qualities of the lecturers. He specially thanked Mr. K. Lakshmana Iyer who had been travelling all the way from Colombo to deliver the lectures. "Mr. Lakshmana Iyer's lectures", he said, "were punctuated with interesting anecdotes which relieved the monotony of the serious subject."

## Dr. Ananda K. Coomaraswamy

The centenary of this great Hindu Savant and devotee and world citizen is occurring this year. It is appropriate that such an important event is duly celebrated. Though he was a Hindu, he belonged to the entire human race and to all communities and creeds. It is desirable that early and adequate steps are taken in Jaffna also,

## High Traditional Standard of the "Hindu Organ"

## MESSAGE

From  
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The 'Hindu Organ' and its counterpart in Tamil called 'Inthusathanam' published by the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha are pioneer weeklies of Sri Lanka, established in 1889. From their inception, they had devoted themselves to the dissemination of cultural, religious and spiritual ideals of life and have also played a distinct role in representing the views of the people in educational reforms, political aspirations and maintenance of cultural tradition. Unlike modern newspapers which give prominence to sensational news that agitate man's mind, the 'Hindu Organ' and the 'Inthusathanam' have kept up a high traditional standard?

It is obvious that the growing gulf between the world of Science and that of Religion is causing great concern to all thinkers. Science has conquered space, it has also increased the distance between man and man.

It has increased the material comforts of the outer man but has not touched the inner man. In these days of increased tension and restlessness and growing addiction to

among other places, to celebrate the event and to render honour to the revered memory of such a rare personality and at the same time rekindle in the minds of the present generation a love for some of the noble ideals for which Dr. Coomaraswamy stood and also serve as a source of guidance and inspiration to future generations.

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drug habit, the remedy lies in the practice of the ethical, moral and religious ideals of life. One of the effective methods of propagating these ideals is through religious conferences. Such a World Hindu Conference was held in Madras in March, 1976 sponsored by the Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam and in the immediate presence of Jagadguru Sri Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal. The result was the formation of the World Hindu Council, the first meeting of which was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia under the sponsorship of the Malaysia Hindu Sangam. Among the delegates from Sri Lanka was Sri R. N. Sivapirakasam, the Editor in Chief of the 'Hindu Organ', whose matured views were well received at the Council. No doubt, the 'Hindu Organ' will give adequate publicity to the findings of this meeting for the benefit of all Hindus.

In the true spirit of Hinduism which regards all religions as different paths leading to the same goal, the Kanchi Kamakoti Pithadhipathi is now fostering a World Conference on Religion, Philosophy and Culture to be held at the ancient city of Madurai early in March, 1977, at which eminent scholars of thirteen World Religions are expected to participate. The positive aim of this Conference is to bring home to all men a consciousness of the ultimate and essential unity of all world religions. Such understanding of the fundamental basis of Religions will elevate men to be better men in their own religions and pave the way to a common brotherhood and greater peace and happiness among humanity as a whole. Let us pray for the glorious success of this Conference!

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