

THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

இது ஆனால் என்னிற பேருள
ஆய(அ)து நானுணேன் என்னச் சமமந்தமா,
பேய சிவாக்கும் சீங்கு போருள்
ஆயது வாய்(அ)நாம் தானந்த யாமே.

The Mahavakkiya instruction 'you are (or become) That' (imparted by the Guru to the disciple) becomes changed into 'I am That' (when put into practice by the disciple). The good Lord's immense Grace makes (such practiser) to become (of the nature of) God, otherwise difficult to approach, and to enjoy infinite Bliss.

**Hindu Organ**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1976

Special Transport Service For Holy Occasions

WHILE appreciating the readiness of the Railway Department to provide a special Train Service for the Maha Sivarathiri Festival at Thiruketheeswaram next week, we wish to make mention of the need that such facilities should be extended to all similar occasions in the different parts of the Island. The concession of a special train service that has been enjoyed by the worshippers of Thiruketheeswaram was a result of the sustained requests of the Temple Restoration Society.

There are several temples hallowed by time and history,—Thiruketheeswaram, Munneswaram, Nakuleswaram, Maviddapuram, Nainativu, Selvachannithy, Vallipuram, Nallur, Kathirgamam—to mention a few besides Thiruketheeswaram,—having special holy occasions where large concourses of devotees gather from other parts of the country. Such occasions demand the provision of adequate transport by rail and road. The Railway and the Transport Board can very well arrange for sufficient special service as the income by way of fares would guarantee reasonable profit.

Ad hoc arrangements of this category must however be definitely planned and manipulated to serve the needs of the occasions.

The Maha Sivarathiri Festival also draws pilgrims to Keerimalai as the Ther (chariot) Festival of the ancient Temple at Naguleswaram and the Theertham Festival there are occasions of special merit. It would be in the interest of the thousands of devotees who gather at Keerimalai for a special transport service to be maintained on February 28 and 29. It is common knowledge that the omnibus has become the popular means of transport for all as even owners of motor cars do not use their vehicles always owing to the high cost of running expenses.

The C. T. B. has always been helpful in these matters. All that we wish to state is that the special service should be re-inforced to meet increasing demands.

**Kalayogi Ananda K. Cumarasamy
On Indian Music**

Music has been a cultivated art in India for at least three thousand years. The chant is an essential element of Vedic ritual; and the references in later Vedic literature, the scriptures of Buddhism, and the Brahmanical epics show that it was already highly developed as a secular art in centuries preceding the beginning of the Christian era. Its zenith may perhaps be assigned to the Imperial age of the Guptas—from the fourth to the sixth century A. D. This was the classic period of Sanskrit literature, culminating in the dramas of Kalidasa; and to the same time is assigned the monumental treatise of Bharata on the theory of music and drama.

The art music of the present day is a direct descendant of these ancient schools, whose traditions have been handed down with comment and expansion in the guilds of the hereditary musicians. While the words of a song may have been composed at any date, the musical themes communicated orally from master to disciple are essentially ancient. As in other arts and in life, so here also India presents to us the wonderful spectacle of the still surviving consciousness of the ancient world, with a range of emotional experience rarely accessible to those who are preoccupied with the activities of over-production, and intimidated by the economic insecurity of a social order based on competition.

The art music of India exists only under cultivated patronage, and in its own intimate environment. It corresponds to all that is most classical in the European tradition. It is the chamber music of an aristocratic society, where the patron retains musicians for his own entertainment and for the pleasure of the circle of his friends; or it is temple music, where the musician is the servant of God. The public concert is unknown, and the livelihood of the artist does not depend upon his ability and will to amuse the crowd. In other words, the musician is protected. Under these circumstances he is under no temptation to be anything but a musician; his education begins in infancy, and his

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**KERAITIVU
CHANKUPIDDY
FERRY SERVICE**

Special arrangements have been made for the efficient and frequent operation of the Ferry Service between Keraitivu and Chankupiddy between February 26 and March 1 to feed the special Bus Service from Chankupiddy and Kilinochchy to Thiruketheeswaram.

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poverty of God, whereby His glory is nakedly revealed." None the less the Indian singer's voice is sometimes of great intrinsic beauty, and sometimes used with sensitive intelligence as well as skill. It is not, however, the voice that makes the singer, as so often happens in Europe.

(To be continued)

Trains to Thiruketheeswaram And Back**Special Arrangements For Maha Sivarathiri**

Commencing on February 26th up to March 1 on February 28 will reach Thiruketheeswaram at 12 Special Train Service to noon. Train leaving Thiruketheeswaram and back has been arranged by the Railway Department at the request of Thiruketheeswaram Temple Restoration Society.

A Special Train leaving Kankesanturai at 6 a. m. on February 29 at 9-26 a. m. and 1-21 p. m.

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