

THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

பரகதி உண்டன இல்லையென் போர்கள்
ஏரகதி செல்வது ஞாலம் அறியும்,
இரகதி செய்திட வார்க்கடை தொறும்,
ஏரகதி உண்ணத் தோட்டங்குவர் தாமே.

Those who deny the existence [of heavenly Bliss, they go to hell. The world knows this. They become beggars seeking for alms from door to door. They roam about in search of food like (abandoned) horses:

**Hindu Organ**

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Promising Step Toward Prohibition

THE Minister of Finance must be congratulated on his decision to accede to the repeated requests of the Members of Parliament representing the Kalmunai, Rambukkana and Matugama Electorates in the National State Assembly calling for total prohibition in their areas. The Government Agents also pleaded for this urgent step as the evil of intemperance had been growing worse. Religious Associations in these districts have been clamouring for the removal of taverns for a long time. It is, therefore, gratifying to note that the Ministry of Finance has realized the gravity of the ill effects of liquor taverns.

We hasten to make use of this opportunity to refer the Minister to the agitation for Total Prohibition throughout the Island by different societies and more particularly to the opinion expressed in the press in favour of Temperance.

When recently it was ruled that licences for liquor shops should not be granted if they happened to be within a stone's throw of a temple or an educational institution, we suggested that the question of enforcing Total Prohibition must be examined by the Minister with a view to driving away the menace of alcoholic drinks.

It is to be hoped that the M. Ps of the remaining electorates would now take the helpful hint and bring to bear on the Minister sufficient pressure to ensure the extension of the limited prohibition to the rest of the Island. That alcohol is enemy number one in the war against culture, is a universal fact. Where society becomes tainted by evil ways of living, the result would be its ruin.

The case for Prohibition need not be argued at length. Even the confirmed addict to alcohol will not deny the fact that his pathetic plight is due to there being no governmental regulation to prevent the use of liquor. Religious Associations always have 'prohibition' on the priority list of activities as religiousness needs the elimination of all evil habits. They should now present their view on this subject to the Minister.

STABIPSS**First Undergraduate Publication From The Jaffna Campus**

STABIPSS the first annual publication of the science students' union consisting of undergraduates offering Statistics Biological and Physical Sciences) was officially released on the 16th February, in the Thirunelveli premises of the Jaffna Campus. This is also the first publication of the undergraduates of the Jaffna Campus. It carried important articles and research papers mostly from Professors, lecturers and students of the Jaffna Campus. At the publication meeting, the President, the Deans, some lecturers and the president and secretary of the science union of the Jaffna Campus participated. Many of them hailed the publication for its academic standard and varied interests.

**University T. A.
(Jaffna Campus)**

At the annual general meeting of the University Teachers' Association, Jaffna Campus held recently the following were elected office-bearers for the year 1976.

President: Prof. V. K. Ganesalingam

Vice-President: Mr. M. U. de Silva

Joint Secretaries: Dr. A. Shanmugadas, Mr. S. Ganesalingam

Treasurer: Mr. E. Muthuthamby

Members: Prof. K. K. Kurukkal, Dr. J. B. Selviah, Miss K. Vallipuram, Mrs. S. Maunaguru, Mr. J. Sathiyadas and Mr. Herath Banda.

First Cross Country Race at the Jaffna Campus

The first cross country race at the Jaffna Campus was held on the 14th February. About 30 undergraduates participated. Mr. S. K. Senaratna came first in the race and was awarded the challenge cup presented by Mr. S. Kanagarajah proprietor Milk White Soap works Prof. P. Kanagasabapathy the Dean of the Faculty of Science was the chief guest and gave away the prizes.

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

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ees, for this would be a mere *tour de force*.

The 'quarter-tone' or *shruti* is the microtonal interval between two successive scale notes: but as the theme rarely employs two and never three scale notes in succession, the microtonal interval is not generally conspicuous except in ornament

Every Indian song is said to be in a particular *raga* or *rag ni*—*ragini* being the feminine of *raga*, and indicating an abridgement or modification of the main theme. The *raga*, like the old Greek and the ecclesiastical mode, is a selection of five, six, or seven notes, distributed along the scale; but the *raga* is more particularized than a mode, for it has certain characteristic progressions, and a chief note to which the singer constantly returns. None of the *ragas* employs more than seven substantive notes, and there is no modulation: the strange tonality of the Indian song is due to the use of unfamiliar intervals, and not to the use of many successive notes with small divisions.

The *raga* may be best defined as a melody-mould or the ground plan of a song. It is this ground plan which the master first of all communicates to the pupil; and to sing is to improvise upon the theme thus defined.

(To be continued)

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நான்மகற மறங்க வோக்கு நற்றவம் வேள்வி மக்க
மேன்மகோள் கைவந்த சிளங்குக உடை மென்னாம்

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