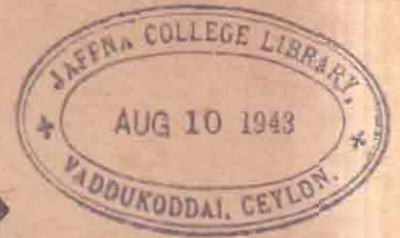


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## NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

### Bigger and Better Buses

Bigger and more spacious buses will be insisted on in the future according to a decision of the Executive Committee of Local Administration in approving certain new regulations under the Motor Car Ordinance.

### Burma Japs Expect Allied Offensive

The Japanese are increasing the number of their troops in Burma in anticipation of a major Allied drive when the monsoon season ends, declared the Chinese military spokesman at a press conference.

### British Agricultural Policy

A manifesto signed by 36 Members of Parliament of all Parties urges the Government to declare its official long-term policy for agriculture. It calls for the preparation without delay of a White Paper indicating at least the general lines of such a policy.

### Tyres And Batteries

The Minister for Local Administration informed his Executive Committee that steps would have to be taken shortly to remove tyres and batteries from immobilized motor cars. He added that even if all the tyres due were received, the supply would be inadequate to meet the demand. The position was serious.

### Over 100,000 Germans Killed

The Moscow radio issued the following special announcement: Between July 5 and August 5, Soviet troops have inflicted the following losses on the enemy: Over one hundred thousand officers and men killed; 4,605 tanks destroyed; 1,623 guns smashed; 11,000 lorries destroyed, and 2,492 planes brought down.

### Honouring China's Late President

His Excellency the Governor has received a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies notifying that in connection with the death of the President of the Chinese Republic on the 2nd August flags should be hoisted at half mast on all Government buildings and at flag stations as soon as it is convenient and again on the day of the state funeral which will be notified as soon as it is known.

## WHAT EDUCATION SHOULD AIM AT A POST-WAR PROBLEM

BY IAN FINLAY

SOME post-war problems can't be shelved until the war is won...

I've got a little boy of seven. In the next few weeks a school has got to be found for him. This is Scotland, and Scotland has been called the home of education, so you may think I haven't far to look. Well, I have a newspaper cutting beside me with a report of the latest speech-day of the school I was at myself. The Chairman, in his address, points proudly to the list of famous old pupils—three world-famous writers, four members of the Royal Society, and an Archbishop of Canterbury all within a few years of each other. Perhaps you think I needn't look any further for a school. But—I wonder.

Those outputs of impressive pupils—they don't seem to have done much to prevent the world trying to commit suicide. It almost did it in 1914. With God's help, we'll just manage to stop it again this time. But it's doubtful if God will go on helping us unless we help ourselves to get rid of that suicidal frame of mind. Exclusive little crops of famous men won't help: a little of the leaven in everyone is what is wanted. So you see, I'm not so sure about trusting my little boy to the school I went through. In fact, nowadays I'm not even sure of the fine Scottish educational tradition itself. It has been a great tradition, and it's done great things. It has been second to none. But I'm looking for something better still: a system that will begin to repay that everlasting debt of the many to the few. **What it Achieved**

Scottish education has been superbly fitted to turn out men who could cut their way imperturbably, even ruthlessly, through the jungle of cut-throat competition we've been pleased to call civilisation. The Empire would have been a much humbler place without them. But the jungle has got to come to an end. Throat-cuttings, driving the weaker man to the wall, are precisely what

this war is being fought to finish off. Heaven knows, we'll more than ever need men of resolve and toughness; but we don't want them bred in the tradition of winning through at any price. Listen to this, it was written by F. S. Smythe, the Mount Everest climber. "My schooldays," he says, "were not happy ones....The system of education was primarily competitive and devil take the hindmost....Competition implies acquisition at the expense of others....A system of education which deliberately exploits it as a spur to the pursuit of knowledge defeats its own ideals." That was years ago, yes. But only yesterday, on a tramcar, I overheard a little prig boasting to his uncle that he always got all the prizes in his class. So it's still with us. There in that system of duxes and dunces and bribes and punishments you've got the perfect image of the panting struggle of business against business, of industry against industry, of city against city, and finally of nation against nation. In the system of giving "marks" for the right answer to a question and the grand totalling up at the end of term that decides who gets the prize, you have the basis of the rule of money. Virtue is counted up in marks. Then why not in pounds? It's a fine system—if you accept the world as a jungle. If, on the other hand, it's a world fit to live in you want, it's madness. Think, too, of those ties and caps and blazers with the school colours that must be worn—oh, how I can remember the snobbery that divided US from the boys who wore a different blue, and of how the school authorities at last introduced a silver badge to make the distinction certain! Those endless ingenious ways of dividing men into sheep and goats, from the very beginning driven deep into the sensitive clay of the men and women of the future.

### Change of Outlook

I paint all that sort of thing in merciless black, because

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## MOVE TO POSTPONE URBAN ELECTIONS JAFFNA RATEPAYERS PROTEST

A resolution strongly protesting against any move to have the triennial elections of Urban Councils fixed for December 1943 postponed, was passed at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Jaffna Ratepayers' Association held on Sunday the 1st inst., with Mr. J. D. Veerasingham, one of the Vice-presidents, in the chair.

A resolution requesting the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration to take all such steps as he may think necessary to have the Jaffna Urban Council elections held in December, 1943 as proclaimed by him and his committee was also passed. The following resolutions were also unanimously adopted:

"This Association recommends to the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration that the elections be held in December, 1943, as the work of the present Council is highly unsatisfactory and detrimental to the interests of the Ratepayers and as the Ratepayers have lost confidence in the majority of the Members."

"This Association recommends to the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration and his Committee that no further amendment should be allowed to be made to Section 7(f) of Urban Councils Ordinance No. 61 of 1939, especially so far as the elections for the Jaffna Urban Council are concerned."

"This Association strongly objects to licensed brothels being opened in Ceylon."

"This Association heartily approves the action of the Jaffna Urban Council regarding the discontinuance of the present Electrical Superintendent, Mr. S. Nagendram."

A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. J. D. Veerasingham, K. Shanmukham, N. Kandiah and C. Naderajah (Secretary) was appointed to draft a memorandum and submit same to the Hon. the Minister for Communications and Works with regard to the inconveniences suffered by the travelling public on the railway.

A sub-committee representing each of the twelve new Wards of the Urban Council along with the President and Secretary was appointed to submit to the Association the names of candidates whom it suggests as suitable nominees of the Association to stand for election for the respective Wards.

The Sub-committee was also empowered to draft the pledge that should be taken by each candidate selected to contest on the Ratepayers' ticket.





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### POST-WAR PLANNING

LEARNING BY EXPERIENCE is proverbially costly. After the last world war Mussolini appeared on the scene as the liberator of Italy. The Fascists came into power to restore Italy to its pristine glory. No one can deny the great services Mussolini had rendered to his country. He converted a land which was once described as a weary waste expanding to the skies into a land which apparently seemed a land of smiling plenty. The institutions of the King and the Priest were necessary when society was in its infancy. Colonel Ingersoll once said that "The King owned the bodies, and the priests the souls, of men. One lived on taxes, the other on alms. One was a robber, the other a beggar. To attack the King was treason, to dispute the priest was blasphemy. The King ruled by force, the priest by fear and both by both." The learned Colonel's description is in some respects correct. In every country kings have ruled. Sociology tells us that he became patriarch to whom his follows looked up for justice. When one attacked another, the weaker appealed to a third party who was stronger for the safety of his person and property. The benefactor of society thus became patriarch who in course of time became king and later claimed divine right to rule his people. When the king became a tyrant the people had to revolt against his tyranny. The first attempt by the people of England to make the King recognise the liberty of the subject was made in 1215 A.D. when King John was made to sign the Magna Charta. Monarchy gave way to oligarchy, in the first instance. The French Revolution in 1789 marks the time when the people revolted against an unjust but powerful oligarchy. From that time onwards republics have been set up in several countries. Sovereignty has thus passed from the King to the Lords, the middle classes and finally to the proletariat in succession. When communism replaced Czarism in Russia, people in other countries viewed it with suspicion and fear. That the present government in Russia is certainly better than the Czar regime is amply proved by the events that have happened during the past few years. No country other than Russia was able to resist the armed might of Hitlerite Germany. It was because the government of Russia had the

backing of its people notwithstanding the several races and languages and so-called differences among them (Mussolini's themes appealed to the imagination of all Italians. He wanted to build up a mighty empire for his fatherland and to some extent succeeded when Abyssinia was conquered. He boasted that the Mediterranean was the "mare nostrum" of all Italians. The British navy has proved it is otherwise. With the conquest of a good portion of Sicily by the Allies his 'mare nostrum' has become 'mare nauseum'. His fall shows us that Fascism is bound to fail. His great mistake was made when he heeded not the right of all peoples to be free and made war on Ethiopia. Concentration camps or detention within prison walls cannot be a remedy against people who have reason to be discontented. Love and not force can rule for long. It is of paramount importance that in any post-war planning we should not forget that we should have as much regard for the freedom of other peoples as for ourselves.

### A HINDU-BUDDHIST COLLEGE

#### TAMIL KNIGHT'S UNREALISED OBJECT

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Jaffna Hindu College Old Boys' Association Mr. C. Suntharalingam referred to a project for the establishment of a Hindu Buddhist College in Colombo which the late Sir P. Arunachalam had in view but was not realised.

The Annual Dinner of the Jaffna Hindu College Old Boys' Association was held in the College Hall on Saturday, the 7th inst. at 8 p. m. Mr. A. Cumaraswamy, the Principal of the College, presided. Covers were laid for 100.

After the loyal toasts Mr. C. Suntharalingam proposed the toast of the college. He said that it was a happy diversion from a strenuous election campaign to be present at the annual dinner of the Old Boys' Association of the premier Hindu institution. He was glad to find that the college which owed its inspiration to the great Arumuga Navalar was so successfully fulfilling the noble ideals of its founders. Among the papers of the late Sir P. Arunachalam he (the speaker) had come across a project for the establishment of a Hindu-Buddhist college in Colombo. But although the late Knight's object was never realised a large number of Hindu and Buddhist Colleges have sprung up in different parts of the Island and they were providing education which he hoped was true to their national and cultural aspirations. He said that Hindu children should be brought up in a truly Hindu atmosphere but they should not lose sight of the fact that Hinduism more than any other religion stood for tolerance and unity. He had no doubt that the young men who went out of the college imbued with the spirit of Hinduism would help to bring about a better understanding among the various religions and races of this island. Today there was a great need for

education that would make good citizens of their young men. There was so much corruption at elections because the people were not educated enough to realise the value of the vote and to vote for a candidate uninfluenced by racial and religious cries. He was glad that the Hindu College Board of Directors was starting a Hindu Ladies College. The Hindu women should be educated on Hindu lines so that the Hindu House tradition may be maintained effectively. No doubt literacy was no test of education. There was a large number of their ladies who were educated though they were not literate. But literacy would make them better educated. Unless the secular education imparted in Hindu Schools was of a high order they were bound to suffer in competition.

Mr. A. Cumaraswamy in reply thanked Mr. Suntharalingam and wished him success in the election.

Mr. V. T. S. Sivagurunathan proposed the toast of the guests. In doing so he said that they wished Mr. Suntharalingam success in the election not because he was a Hindu, but because he was one of the ablest men in the island and his services ought to have been used much earlier in the shaping of the country's destiny. The teachers wished to see him in the Council because sweeping changes in education were contemplated by the Special Committee on Education and Mr. Suntharalingam could be relied upon to see that a wrong system of education was not foisted on the country.

Mr. V. K. Nathan, Divisional Inspector of Schools, replied.

Mr. S. V. Balasingham proposed the toast of the Sister Associations and pleaded for great co-operation and understanding among the schools.

Mr. R. C. S. Cooke, Acting Registrar of Co-operative Societies, replied.

### LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPS PROPOSAL

#### MOTION IN COUNCIL

Mr. Simon Abeywickrema (Udu-gama) has given notice of the following motion in the State Council:—

"That in view of the very grave food situation that confronts this Island at the present moment and to save the people from threatened starvation, this Council is of opinion that the Minister of Agriculture and Lands should take immediate steps to form a Land Development Corps, on lines similar to the Essential Services Labour Corps organisation, by calling up all males between the ages of 21 and 41 who are not at present engaged in work essential for the life of the community, for voluntary or compulsory service, to cultivate all irrigable land, particularly in Anuradhapura, Tamankaduwa, Kurunegala, Hambantota, Batticaloa, Trincomalee and Mullaitivu districts; and further recommends to the Board of Ministers the immediate allocation of the necessary funds from General Revenue or surplus funds for giving effect to this proposal".

### COUNCIL OFFICER INTERDICTED

#### JAFFNA COUNCIL'S DECISION

At a special meeting the Jaffna Urban Council interdicted the Electrical Superintendent, Mr. S. Nagendram.

Mr. K. Aiyadurai, the Chairman, presided and all the members were present except Mr. M. Sinnadurai. Mr. C. Ponnambalam moved: "In view of the unrest Mr. S. Nagendram, Electrical Superintendent, is causing among the electrical employees of the Council thereby endangering the smooth working of an essential service of the Council, it is resolved that Mr. Nagendram be interdicted from service forthwith and that a committee be appointed to frame charges against him, obtain his explanation and submit their report to the Council."

A letter sent by the Secretary of the Jaffna Urban Council Electrical Department Employees' Union was he said, a piece of impertinence and a challenge to the authority, dignity and prestige of the Council. After Mr. Nagendram was given notice of discontinuance by resolution of the Council, Mr. Nagendram had, the mover alleged, instigated employees to challenge the decision of the Council and was creating discontent and unrest among them.

Employees must accept the decision of the Council. The Council had conceded the demands of employees before the District Court. He had personally seen a bundle of official files brought to the District Court by a peon of the Electrical Superintendent without the authority of the Chairman, and Mr. Nagendram had instructed counsel for the employees, who had hurled personal attacks on the Chairman and members. Mr. Nagendram had no status in a labour dispute as he was not a workman as defined in the Defence Regulations.

Mr. Ariya Pathirana seconded.

The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary of the Council's Electrical Employees' Union. The Chairman admitted that the employees had no right to send such a letter.

The motion, being put to the house, was carried, six voting for and three against. It was further resolved that a committee consisting of Messrs. Sivagurunathan, Abosbucker and Pathirana be appointed to frame charges against Mr. Nagendram, obtain an explanation and report to the Council. It was also resolved that the electrical inspector should take charge of the power house immediately and Mr. Nagendram be ordered not to enter the power house or office premises except on the written orders of the Chairman. The Chairman was further authorised to instruct the police to watch the power house and I.L.S.

### FOR SALE

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Letter to the Editor

THE JAFFNA HINDU LADIES COLLEGE

Sir,—In connection with the opening of the Jaffna Hindu Ladies College which is fixed for the 10th September 1943, the Committee elected by the Managing Committee of the Jaffna Hindu College Board of Directors for devising ways and means to give effect to the decision of the Board to establish the said College, met at the Jaffna Hindu College at 5-30 p.m. on the 28th instant.

The meeting was presided over by Sir W. Duraiswamy, the Manager of the Jaffna Hindu College, who outlined the object of the meeting especially as regards the funds. He appeared to have been much moved regarding the matter. Mr. Crosette Tambyab, the District Judge of Jaffna, who was invited to speak on the occasion delivered a stirring speech stressing the necessity of having a College in Jaffna Town for the Hindu Ladies. Among other things he stated that while thanking the Christian Missionaries for having come over here and imparted education, it was high time that the Hindus should have their own institutions for their advancement. He emphatically stated that when the matter started, the funds would flow in. Atigar Naganather was quite sure of the funds coming in. He mentioned that, if the members of the Board of Directors would each pay or collect Rs. 1000, there would come in Rs. 30,000 and if each teacher of the Hindu College and its branches would pay one month's salary there would come in Rs. 7000. The other speakers were Drs. Subramaniam and Sabapathy and Mr. Sivagurunather. Two representative committees of gentlemen and ladies were appointed to collect funds.

It is imperative that all teachers of the Ladies College should be ladies and no gentlemen should be appointed under any circumstances. At a time when conveyance to the Ramathan College is very costly, it is a great boon that the Ladies College is to be opened now.

I am sure that many girls now receiving education at the Christian Ladies Colleges will seek admission to the Jaffna Ladies College. Consequently the Christian atmosphere in which Hindu girls are placed at the Christian Colleges will disappear and there will be no room for any proselytisation that is being carried on or attempted to be carried on at the Christian Colleges.

K. SIVAPRAGASAM,

Van-West,  
31-7-1943.

REQUEST FOR INCREASE OF PADDY PRICE

A deputation from the Agricultural Workers' Union and the Ceylonese Estate Workers' Union, both of the Hambantota District, waited on the Minister of Agriculture and Lands on Wednesday and made representations with regard to the internal purchase scheme.

The deputation asked that the Government price for paddy be raised from Rs. 4 to Rs. 8 per bushel, and that the allowances of paddy for customary services of the cultivators be increased. It was also urged that village cultivators should be paid bonuses.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

SIGNIFICANCE OF "ADI AMAVASAI" DAY

Adi Amavasai day was celebrated at the Vivekananda Society Hall, Hill Street, Colombo on Saturday 31st July 1943 at 6 p.m. Mr. N. Nadarajah K. C., presided over the celebrations. After puja at the society shrine room Mr. A. Balasubramaniam sang some devotional hymns, Pundits K. Sivasambu and A. Sittampalam delivered addresses on the significance of the day. Mr. Nadarajah in his concluding address dwelt on the importance of the day and the necessity for observing fasts on days such as this. These fasts were not only beneficial from the spiritual point of view but also were necessary hygienically. Adi Amavasai Day was a day of prayer in memory of the dead Prayers to the memory of the dead and for the benefit of their souls were practised by all religions from time immemorial. The mantras chanted in the shraddas produced vibrations which helped the Pitris to discard their grosser bodies and attain moksha. Observance of days such as Adi Amavasai remind us of our duty to our parents and inculcate in us the virtues of respect for our elders, devotion to God and humility. The chairman also referred to the bymas sung at funerals and quoted the following stanza from Manickavasaga Swamigal's திருப்பொற் கண்ணம்.

"வேதமும் வேள்வியும் ஆயினர்க்கு  
மெய்மையும் பொய்மையும் ஆயினர்க்கு  
சோதியு மாயினுள் ஆயினர்க்குத்  
தன்பழ மாயின்பம் ஆயினர்க்குப்  
பாதிபு மாயினும் ஆயினர்க்குப்  
பந்தமு மாயினும் ஆயினர்க்குக்  
காதியும் அந்தமும் ஆயினர்க்குக்  
காட்பொற் கண்ணம் இடிந்து  
காமே".

The paradoxical terms in which the Lord is described in this stanza appropriately describe His universal nature. Finally Mr. Nadarajah quoted the following stanza from the திருவெம்பாவை where the nature and attributes of the Lord are beautifully set forth:

"போற்றி யருளுகின் னுதியாம் பாது  
மலர் போற்றி யருளுகின் அந்தமாஞ்  
செந்தளிர்கள், போற்றி யெல்லாவுயிர்க்  
குத் தோற்றமாம் பொற்பாதம் போற்றி  
யெல்லாவுயிர்க்கும் போகமாம் பூங்கழல்  
கள், போற்றி யெல்லாவுயிர்க்கும் ஈறும்  
இணையகன் போற்றிமால் நான்முகனும்  
காணாத புண்டரிகம், போற்றியாம் உய்ய  
ஆட் கொண்டருளும் பொன்மலர்கள்  
போற்றியா மார்கழிக் ராடேலோ ரெம்  
பாவாய்".

DENTAL SURGERY, JAFFNA

Mr. S. Chas. Pathirana, Licensed Dentist and Optician will be at the Dental Surgery, 43, Main Street, Jaffna, from the 3rd to the 15th of every month.

KURUNEGALA BRANCH

From the 20th to the 30th he will be at his branch Dental Surgery, opposite Courts, Kurunegala.

His Jaffna Patients are advised to make prior appointments, if possible, by writing to his Kurunegala address.

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HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATIONS

AT JAFFNA CENTRES

Declaring the Uduvil Parish Food-Health-Agriculture-Industry and A R P Show open at the Iduvil Saiva Mahajana Vidyasalai, Dr. S. F. Chellappah, O. B. E. Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, paid a tribute to the Uduvil Rural Reconstruction Society and the village committee for the very good work done by them in the field of health. A Public Meeting followed presided over by Mr. S. Natesan M. S. C. In welcoming Dr. Chellappah, Mr. Natesan placed before him the needs of the Uduvil Parish viz:—one more sanitary assistant, two more Government midwives, and one whole-time Government dispensary. Dr. Chellappah replied that he realised the needs of the parish and would look into the matter. Mr. M. Prasad, Government Agent, who spoke next, said that Jaffna had made rapid strides in the field of health and as a testimony to which he mentioned that within a period of three years two sanitary assistants had won their Gold Medals.

On the next day at 4 p. m., demonstrations on the various ways of preparing dishes from local grains and wheat were carried out by Mrs. S. N. Eliathamby and Mrs. A. R. Subramaniam. Hundreds of ladies were found to be keenly interested in watching these demonstrations. A public meeting followed which was presided over by Mr. G. C. Thambiah, District Judge. The next item of the day was a music recital by Mrs. Paranjothiammal Rajamaniccam.

On the final day of the exhibition at 11 a. m. a Health Concert was held under the distinguished patronage of Mr. H. S. Perera, Director of Education. An A. R. P. display and food demonstration followed. A public meeting presided over by Mr. W. Gunan Spencer, Mallakam Magistrate, terminated the activities of the Health Week.

War Savings Certificates As Prizes

Distribution of Savings Certificates as prizes for Health activities was a special feature in Manipay. Prizes were offered to the best and healthiest Clinic and Maternity Home Babies, Best-kept Tea Boutique, Compound, Health Plays, Food and Industrial shows etc.

The week included a Food Show at Sandilipay (opened by Mr. V. K. Nathan), Divisional Inspector of Schools, an Industrial Show at Kaddudai (opened by Mr. G. Crosette Thambiah, District Judge, Jaffna) and intensive Health Propaganda, organised by the Manipay Social Service League. As a result of a stirring appeal made by Mr. C. Thiagarajah, President, at Kaddudai an up to date Textile Centre is in formation, Rs. 1,000/- having been contributed on the spot, the donors being Mr. T. Thambiah and Mr. K. Thambiah, each contributing Rs. 500/-. The Week came to a close on the 25th instant with a public meeting held at the Manipay Hindu College under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. F. Chellappah D. M. and S. S., Dr. Chellappah spoke in

eulogistic terms of the varied activities of the League.

At Kaddaiveli

The Food and Health Exhibition of the Malaria and Health Week at Kaddaiveli organised by Mr. P. Vincent, Sanitary Assistant, was declared open on Thursday the 22nd instant at 4 p. m. by Mr. J. R. Sinnathamby, Assistant Government Agent (Emergency). A public meeting presided over by Mr. J. R. Sinnathamby followed soon after the judging of exhibits, and the speakers were Mudaliyar K. Chinathamby, Dr. Vanniasekara, and Mr. S. Maheson. The President said that it was very creditable for the Sanitary Assistant to have been able to make such a success of the Exhibition.

On the 23rd, instant elocution contests on health, A. R. P. and Food Production subjects took place at 10 a. m. At about 3 p. m. a public meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. Perumynar, D. R. O.; Point Pedro. Dr. C. Sabapathy and Mr. S. Maheson, A. R. P. Head Warden, were the speakers. A concert, for which items were contributed by 19 schools, was held under the patronage of Mr. M. Peethamparam (Inspector of Schools). Over 3000 people consisting of ladies, school-children, teachers and the public of the area attended the concert. The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and the Medical Officer of Health were present. On the morning of the last day, there was Food demonstration by school-girls and lady-teachers. Miss K. Mathiaparanam, Mudaliyar K. Chinathamby and Mr. W. Wijeyaratnam were the Judges. At 3 p. m. there was an A. R. P. display. At 7-30 p. m. the prizes were distributed by Mr. V. T. Pandita Gunawardene, Acting Magistrate of Point Pedro.

ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 128.

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of Vadivampikai wife of Senthirajah of Sandilippai

Deceased.  
Candappar Subramaniam of Sandilippai

Petitioner.  
Vs.  
Ledochchunypillai wife of Subramaniam of do Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. C. Thambiah Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on the 7th day of June 1943 in the presence of Mr. S. Sivagnanam Proctor on the part of the petitioner abovenamed and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 24th May 1943 having been read.

It is hereby ordered and decreed that the deceased abovenamed died intestate and that the petitioner abovenamed is entitled to have letters of administration issued to him of the said deceased as father and sole heir unless the respondent abovenamed or any other person shall appear in this court on or before 16th July 1943 and show sufficient cause, to the contrary, to the satisfaction of this court.

This 7th day of June 1943.

G. C. THAMBIAH,  
District Judge.

The date for shewing cause against this order nisi is extended to 3rd September 1943.

G. C. T.  
D. J.

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## WHAT EDUCATION SHOULD AIM AT

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we're really and truly trying to turn our backs on it, and the sharper it stands out, the quicker we'll turn from it. Big changes are coming. The war has speeded them up. At the core of them is the idea of service, the idea that Democracy implies not only privileges, but responsibilities too. I don't know whether more than a few people have been the danger of competitive schooling—the mischief of putting up knowledge as something to be fought for by gangs of pupils. But many have seen the evil of the results. Because of this, there's a widespread movement urging training in citizenship, training to fit the youth or the girl for their responsibilities as democratic citizens.

### Pitfalls

"But there are pitfalls. In my view, one of the biggest of them is the way our enthusiasm is driving us towards the idea of nationalising education and drafting youth into this Group or that Service. Look at the crop of health leagues and study groups and training corps. Inevitable in war, yes. But they began long before the war, and they're being built to out-last it. They're grand in many ways. Essential, as things are, as a short term Policy. But is community organisation to go on forever? Because as I see it, it's not Democracy. It's the very thing we're up against—the Thing that gave birth to the Hitler Youth and the League of German Maidens, and the uniform State school that turns out good little Nazis like peas in pods. But there's no short-cut to a Democracy. You can't impose it: you've got to build it from the bottom up. Which means you've got to develop whatever there is of worth in each individual boy and girl until they're ready to contribute their bit of thinking and their piece of effort. It's a slow job. But when it's done, one below in its solar plexus won't bring about its collapse. You can destroy a Fascist or a Nazi state by killing one man, but only by destroying every man in it can you destroy a Democracy that's been soundly built.

### Teaching to Live

Well now, to get back to my little boy, what sort of a school is it that I want for him?

I believe I've found the place I want. A new school, a small school, but unless I'm mistaken, a school that's going to prepare him not to earn his living, but to live. A school that will teach him to go straight for the truth, whatever he may be at. No compromises, no false loyalties, no codes that cut across his impulse to go for that truth. Truth is the word of God, and he must be shown he can't have it two ways. A school that will teach him how to go straight for the truth—in other words, clear thinking. I'm not interested in prodigies. They're about as useful as poodle-dogs. Truth isn't something that God put there for poor, benighted men and women and children to puzzle out in agony of mind. It's a kind of glorious final chord that comes naturally when once you get the hang and the rhythm of the melody; so it's for the

school to teach the boy how to be master of his instrument—his mind. Then third, there's his body. This school I've found will see to it his body doesn't let down his spirit or his mind. It won't accomplish that by forcing him into the mould of competitive games, any more than it will train his mind by forcing competitive lessons on him. I'm not against competition in sport—it stimulates. But it must be spontaneous, a happy thing, not a solemn drudgery of intensive training that throws out the whole balance of body, mind and spirit as much as "swotting" does.

Some of you may think it's a "crank" school I've been looking for. It's the crank schools I've been trying to avoid. The crank schools that produce over-developed muscles along with poverty of mind. The crank schools that produce bunches of Balliol scholars and let the rest sink or swim. The crank schools which charge as much in fees as would keep two poor families for a year, all for the privilege of a name. And the crank schools which charge no fees at all but crowd forty or fifty pupils under the one teacher. Oh no, it's a crank school that I wouldn't have for my boy. What I want for him is just a fair chance to develop all of himself. Unless my boy, and all the other girls and boys, get the habit of thinking straight now, a new and worse thing than this war will raise its head. Democracy has had two chances. Can we expect it to come up three times?

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### VALIGAMAM EAST TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

At the twelfth annual general meeting of Valikamam East Teachers' Associations held recently at C. M. S. College, Kopya the following five resolutions were unanimously passed:

(1) That the introduction of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme be settled with the Ministry of Education before

any newly-proposed salary scheme is considered;

(2) That all recognised teachers on the eligible staff of any school be entitled to pension rights.

(3) That trained teachers of Malaya who have either passed Final or Senior Normal or who possess the Raffles College Teacher's Diploma be classified as trained teachers in Ceylon;

(4) That the Ministry of Agriculture subsidise either in money

or by supplying implements etc, the food production drive in which schools are presently engaged;

(5) That the Teacher's Certificate Examination and similar examinations of teachers be modelled on the lines of government departmental examinations i. e. the subjects passed in one examination by a failed candidate need not be offered at the subsequent examination.

Office-bearers for 1943-44 were elected.

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