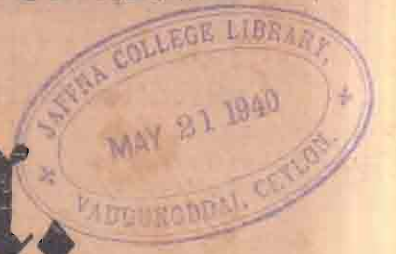


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## TIRUPATI ORIENTAL INSTITUTE

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### A PLEA FOR THE PURVA MIMAMSA

THE first number of the Annals of the Oriental Institute recently founded at Tirupati sets a high standard of erudition and scholarship. The contributors are distinguished scholars from different parts of the country. Mahamahopadhyaya Ganganath Jha of Allahabad gets the place of honour with his plea for the Purva Mimamsa which has been unduly overshadowed of late years by the study of the Vedanta, or the Uttara Mimamsa. The Mahamahopadhyaya maintains that, without the help of the principles of interpretation deduced in the Purva Mimamsa, a rational understanding of the ancient scriptures will not be possible and that we will be landing ourselves in absurdities. Dr. Belvalkar's article on the Ramanujiya texts of the Bhagavadgita, which follows, is of interest as showing that the common assumption of scholars no less than of orthodox Hindus that the Gita has come down to us almost exactly as it left the hands of its author, is unsupported by facts. Even as regards the number of verses, while most editions have seven hundred, one or two have about forty more. The Ramanujiya text in several stanzas noted by Dr. Belvalkar differs from the text used by Shankara in his commentary. The flexibility of the Sanskrit language lends itself to such variations more than almost any other language. The Gita, by the way, was one of the first works of Sanskrit literature to attract the admiration of American thinkers as the Upanishads were the first to evoke the praise of European thinkers. In his "Walden" Thoreau exclaims, "How much more the Bhagavad Gita is than all the ruins of the East." Thoreau's

latest biographer, H. S. Canby, declares that Thoreau derived inspiration from Emerson and the Bhagwat Gita. Another article bearing on the philosophy of Ramanuja is by Dr. K. C. Vardacharya. Tirupati is a shrine consecrated by Sri Ramanuja, and the Annals appropriately devote much space to his Visishtadvaita philosophy.

In his comprehensive review of the institutions in India devoted to the study of Sanskrit classics with which he prefaces his scheme for the Tirupati Institute, Professor K. V. Ramaswami Aiyangar speaks in high terms of the Sanskrit College founded in Benares by Warren Hastings at the instance of Jonathan Duncan, later famous as the Brahmin Governor of Bombay, who during his term as first Resident at Benares, took deep interest in the College. He personally supervised the arrangements and selected Professors and it was his practice and that of his successors for many years to regard it as part of their duty to promote the interests of the College. Professor Aiyangar refers with equal appreciation to the founding of the Sanskrit College in Poona by Elphinstone. The examinations for the diplomas conferred by the College on its graduates were conducted in his time in the presence and under the personal supervision of the Governor. The revival of Sanskrit learning in India owes not a little to the care and statesmanship of these pioneers. The Tirupati Temple is one of the wealthiest in India. For over sixty years it has been maintaining out of its surplus revenues, two Sanskrit Colleges and two English high schools. Hinduism, observes Professor Aiyangar, makes no distinction bet-

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## ORDINANCE TO PREVENT SALES OF LAND TO NON-CEYLONESE

Modelled on F. M. S. Ordinance

IT is understood that the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands proposes to introduce an Ordinance to prevent sales of land in private ownership to non-Ceylonese.

The Ordinance is intended principally to protect privately-owned agricultural land in the tank districts of Ceylon, the value of which is expected to rise with the restoration of ancient irrigation works and the systematic development of Crown land which at present is taking place, for instance, in Minneriya. The ordinance will, however, be applicable to all private land or free-holds in the country but its operation will be confined to areas proclaimed under it.

The introduction of the Ordinance was foreshadowed by the Minister of Agriculture and Lands in his speech on Monday on the occasion of the re-opening of the fully restored Kalawewa Tank. He said that he was not at all sorry that the restoration of the Tank had been so long delayed till present times when it was possible to protect land from the "invader."

### After F.M.S. Ordinance

It is understood that the provisions of the new Ordinance are being formulated on the lines of an Ordinance in operation in the Malay Peninsula whereby the settlements of the indigenous population are protected against the speculations of non-Malayans.

The Crown lands settled on the people under the Ordinance for the Systematic Development and Alienation of Crown Land, which came into operation in 1935 are prevented from being acquired by money-lenders and other speculators, mainly non-Ceylonese.

Another Ordinance providing a full code for the administration of Crown Land is shortly to be introduced in the State Council.

But there are large extents of private lands which are subject to the ordinary law of the country and which have fallen into the hands of non-Ceylon-

ese as for instance in the North Western Province. It is also pointed out that Ceylonese properties in the Pettah have passed into the hands of non-Ceylonese.

### Ministry's Opinion

In the opinion of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands the same phenomenon will be witnessed in the areas which are now being developed under the major irrigation works and where there is considerable private land.

It is proposed, however, to have the power under the proposed Ordinance to protect privately-owned land in any part of Ceylon.

The full details of the Ordinance have not yet been finally decided upon. It is felt that the Malayan Ordinance on the subject gives an adequate measure of protection to the indigenous land owner while the law recently passed in Palestine on the subject gives only partial protection to the Arab land owning population.

### Main Outlines

The main outlines of the new Ordinance now being considered, it is understood, are as follows:—

When the authority appointed under the Ordinance is of opinion that there is a likelihood of private land being brought under the fiscal's hammer or of passing into the hands of non-Ceylonese the area will be brought under the operation of the Ordinance by proclamation in the Gazette.

The Minister of Agriculture and Lands or the appointed authority under the Ordinance will then instruct the Fiscal that the sales are to be confined to members of the indigenous population of the district.

If no such purchaser is forthcoming, the land may be sold to a person approved by the proper authority.

If no such arrangement is possible, it is proposed that Government should acquire the land and settle it under the Land Development Ordinance of 1935.

(Ceylon Daily News)

## Training of Village Cultivation Officers

Applications are invited from candidates from the Jaffna District between the ages of 25 and 30, and who have passed the Senior School Certificate Examination or an equivalent or higher examination for training as Village Cultivation Officers. Applications should reach the undersigned not later than 1 p. m. on 27th May, 1940. Further particulars will be furnished on application.

V. VISWALINGAM,  
for Govt. Agent, N. P.

The Kachcheri,  
Jaffna, 17th May, 1940.  
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## THE WAR SITUATION

SINCE THE INVASION OF Norway by Hitler on April 9th, the European military scene has witnessed kaleidoscopic changes. The German advance in the Low Countries has been swift and spectacular, even more so than in 1914. The Germans are reported to have reached Antwerp and occupied Brussels and Louvain. In the Sedan sector they were north of Bethel on Friday and might have arrived near the Aisne by now. The Allies will have to evacuate Brussels very soon so as to save themselves from the enveloping movement in Belgium and to preserve the line of communication. The German claim to have breached one hundred miles of the Maginot Line is denied by the allied command. It is unlikely that this impregnable line before which the Germans have been lying in wait for the past eight months could have been breached so soon. It is more probable, as is interpreted by the Allies, that they have breached the line extended during last year or so. The advance on the Sedan sector is a serious threat, as it aims at driving a wedge through the centre and, if unchecked, would threaten Paris. But the very boldness of German strategy has its own dangers. The Sedan salient, unless enforced by sufficient numbers and equipment, is open to counter attack and may at any moment be cut off.

Germany is repeating the successes of 1914. Then, as now, she captured Antwerp, forced the Allies out of Belgium and pressed southward towards Paris. General Falckner crossed the Somme and the Aisne, and reached the Marne. The seat of Government was removed to Lyons and Paris was threatened. Then by some mystery, or perhaps owing to the too rapid manoeuvre of the German Army, or by the superior strategy of Foch, Fal-

keyan beat a hasty retreat to the Aisne and the Somme and took up the immobile position behind trenches from which they never again advanced. We have no reason to expect that history will repeat itself in every detail, for the conditions of war never remain the same. The vast extension of the fighting strength of the bomber has revolutionised military strategy. The war is no longer a matter of sieges behind trenches, but one of swift movement, in which the tank and the bombing plane seem destined to play a dominant part. It is these that have given Hitler a decided advantage, for, as American opinion views it, German strength in the air arm and productive capacity are for the moment superior to the combined strength and capacity of Britain and France. It is too early to say whether this advantage will enable Hitler to force a decision in France. The chances are the Allies will be able to stem the tide of German advance and check the pressure on Paris when it comes. With their almost unlimited resources in men and material, with the staying power of Britain and the steel nerve of France and with the prospect of American assistance the Allies are bound to win ultimately, although for some time to come they may meet with reverses. In the Great War also, the Germans passed through a series of successes till the very end, and the Allied victory was in doubt. But ultimately it was the superior resources of the Allies that turned the scale and forced the enemy to a swift surrender.

## Hindu Board of Education

Mr. V. R. Thambya has given the management of the Urelu Ganesha Vidyalaya to the Hindu Board of Education. This is a registered and flourishing institution.

It may be mentioned here that this is the 98th institution under the Board's Management.

## Jaffna Association Committee Meeting

A Committee meeting of the Jaffna Association will be held on Thursday the 24th at the residence of Mr. S. Karagasabai. The following subjects will be considered:—War contribution by Ceylon, Statue of the late Sir P. Ramanaidya, Revision of the Railway Time Table, Lady doctor for the Jaffna Hospital, Publication of the Reform Despatch from the Secretary of State and other subjects.

## Personal

Adikar A. Nagasathar, President of the Board Directors of the Jaffna Hindu College, has not been able to be present at the Jubilee celebrations of the College being indisposed.

Sir Waitalingam Duraiswamy is having an attack of influenza and is confined to his rooms.

# THE ALL-CEYLON INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

## The Art and Educational Sections

(COMMUNICATED)

There was a purpose in my omitting the Art and Educational Sections of the Exhibition, reserving these for a separate account. The reason was the importance of these two features. I am afraid a large number of people are missing these two sections. The reason is that there is not enough publicity given to these at the entrance. A specially decorated and illuminated poster must announce to the public that the visit to the exhibition is incomplete without seeing the Art and Educational Sections. To my mind these two sections are the cream of the Exhibition. To miss them will be like eating the icing off a cake and throwing the cake away. The solid, substantial and enduring features are there housed in the Dormitory and the Science Laboratories. The Winzer Art Club or to give its American rendering "Klub" is nursing and rearing up an infant who is going to revolutionise life even in dull Jaffna. It is a pleasure to spend a good half hour in the Art Section. Very many of the exhibits are in the line of portrait paintings in various media. While studying some of the paintings I was reminded of the famous lines in Ruskin on the truth of resemblance in portraiture. Ruskin on the truth of resemblance in portraiture. Ruskin says "Recognition is no proof of real and intrinsic resemblance... A man is known to his dog by the smell, to his tailor by the coat, to his friend by the smile: each of these knows him, but how little, or how much depends on the dignity of the intelligence." The power of the painter lies in bringing out the inner man. That is what we look for in a portrait painting. Judged by this standard there are a few portraits that reach this height. It rests with our budding artists to realise that there is tremendous power in their brush, in their colours to capture and perpetuate.

The still life studies showed a vast range in boldness of execution and breadth of design. It would be invidious to single out any particular picture for praise. Some excellent models of busts are on view. The medium is clay. Most of them are in clay. I was particularly fortunate yesterday when I happened to have the subject of a model by the side. It was model No 75. The artist had not merely caught the form but also the effect. It was clear that the artist had been happy while at his work, that is why the model seemed to live and breathe.

The camera studies of Mr. Lionel Wendt will, I hope, put more art into our photographers both amateur and professional. Gramophone music is generally called canned music. Photography is also canned art, if the man who manipulates the camera does not catch the spirit of the artist. Just as the brush can live in the hands of the artist, just as the musical instrument in the hands of the virtuoso can speak, so too the camera. That is what Mr. Wendt's studies show. The cloud effects, the play of light and shade, the expression of face and form, the

beauty of the curves of the body have all been caught by the camera. In one sense the camera, especially the modern one which can take pictures at speeds of even 1/1000 of a second, can be a very valuable ally to the artist. The wealth of detail in some of the pictures have to be seen and studied if one is to really assess their value. Another feature revealed by these studies is the unusual angle at which an artist can bring his camera into play and catch the fleeting play of light and shade. It is not the usual stereotyped "Stand with your back to the wall, look happy, and hey presto, your picture is taken" A very large number of the studies are in one sense photographs of what some would call the commonplace. Where is the art, or what is the artistic effect of man bathing at a well? True, to the Philistine there is no art, unless it is posed for, or laboriously sought. But Mr. Wendt has given a soul to some very commonplace settings. His imagination has been that of the poet and the artist combined. The organisers of the Exhibition have done a distinct service to Jaffna in giving us the opportunity to see and admire these photographs.

## The Educational Exhibition

Though a good deal of time and trouble, not to mention travel and propaganda have been necessary to organise the Industrial side of the Exhibition, all that pale into insignificance when compared with the planning and execution of the Educational Exhibition. The four teachers who bore the burnt of fitting up the Exhibition and supplied the brain power really deserve the thanks of all Jaffna, especially the school population, for the brilliant show they have fitted up. For the average school boy and teacher this section is the *piece de resistance* of the whole Exhibition. The biggest defect in our educational system today, especially in Jaffna, is that it is too academic. We are examination-ridden. From the beginning of our school curriculum we are obsessed with the idea of examinations that we have little time for anything else. Some schools begin planning for the matriculation from the 1st Form! How are we to correlate and co-ordinate our school curriculum from the 1st Form so that the boy or girl can pass the Matriculation easily seems to be the be-all and the end-all of our educational policy. The result is that school life has been robbed of its joys. It will be heresy to suggest that handwork should be a subject in some classes. Even the teaching of science in our schools has come under that ban. How many of our boys who pass their Matriculation in Electricity and Magnetism or Physics or Chemistry really think of these subjects in their relation to every day life. How many think of these subjects from the point of view of a hobby? Geography, History, even Botany and Nature Study have all degenerated into pure cram. The organising of a historical ex-

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# WEEK BY WEEK

BY MAN ABOUT TOWN

THE Ramayana always raised many questions and created many problems. One is the geography of Valmiki. The Ramayana has been associated with many places in India and Ceylon. Their sanctity and religious importance have soaked into the very bones of Hinduism. But conclusions arrived at by Mr. Paramasiva Iyer in his book have upset all those associations and all those sacred values. According to this author, modern Ceylon is not the Lanka of Ramayana. Nor is the Adams Bridge the Sethu built by the Vanaras. "For the first and only time in the Ramayana," says the author, "Ceylon is indicated in Sarge 41 Krishkinda as 'the abode of wicked Ravana, glorious as Indira.' It is not named but is described as an island opposite the Mahendra mountain which Agastya had fixed in the sea where the Tamraparnee enters it near Pandya Kavata or Kolka". The author considers this to be an interpolation. "There is good reason to believe," he says, "that Ceylon was faked in to Lanka in the eleventh century A. D." This, according to the author is due to the tremendous power of the Cholas who ruled during this period. If Ceylon is not Lanka what about the Sethu? says the author; "Not only was hill-top Lanka made out to be 'Ceylon island,' but Adams bridge, the chain of sand banks between Rameswaram and Mannar islands, was identified with Nalasethu or causeway of stones, rocks, trees, bushes and creepers raised by vanaras by command of Rama.

The author advances many arguments and the conclusions are indeed startling. "Your arguments are *prima facie* sound," says Sir P. S. Sivasamy Iyer in his note to the author.

## Rouse the Empire

The Welsh Wizard's exhortation to the Empire to put forth its whole strength to resist the common peril is not a day too soon. This is the real need of the hour. To rouse the Empire, India must first be satisfied. Signs are not wanting that Churchill is not unmindful of this pressing need. His appointment of Mr. Amery as India Secretary shows that he has given up his past policy and notions regarding India. Mr. Amery is no dishant. He is a realist. He will take a correct view of the situation and grasp the hand of fellowship offered by Gandhiji for a sure and speedy victory, the Empire should be roused. India's sympathies are with England and Congress is still conciliatory. Let not England lose a tremendous opportunity.

## Canker of Public Life

Public life in Jaffna is fast degenerating. There are too many petty quarrels and squabbles. The Tamils have failed miserably in the recent past by joining with reactionaries in the island. They should have long ago understood the nature of the puerility that does duty for leadership today. The greatest need today is a leader. The

Tamils were proud heirs to All-Island leaders.

## Tragic Lot

The heroics and antics of the so-called leaders have been so woeful in the past that there is nothing surprising in their recent performances. They are all incoherent medley—their speeches are a collection of threats and cajolings, of pleadings, of fighting challenges and sweet nothings for place. Most tragic indeed is Jaffna's lot.

## Religion to Politics Overnight

Some seven years ago, a Young Men's Hindu Association was organised at Manipay. The organisation just flattered to fail. It virtually died after sometime. But to the surprise of all it was transformed overnight into a Youth League and the occasion for the *thamasa* some days ago was the seventh anniversary celebrations! Prominent people in Manipay say that, that meeting was but a show more, a feeler at Manipay for political ambitions. Time will speak. I will not comment now.

## A Critical Time

The Allies are now faced with a situation that demands swift and determined efforts. German policy is not to over-run Belgium, but to march through her to Paris, and after a lightning war impose a peace on the Allies. Fortunately for the World, the Allies have two real war leaders in Mr. Churchill and General Gamelin. Churchill, a born leader with a dynamic personality, he has rallied the nation behind him. He is striving for victory at all costs. In this hour of danger, no better man can lead the Empire.

## RAMANATHAN COLLEGE

### Matriculation Success

Out of the 13 candidates presented for the London Matriculation Examination in January 1940, following nine have passed. Misses P. Sri Jayadevi, V. S. Nageswary, S. Mahalakshmy, K. Maromany, C. Sakirbalakshmy, S. Rajarajeswari, S. Rasapoornam, R. Chenthamany and T. Maheswary.

### Americans In Britain Told to Leave

London, Friday. American citizens in Britain today were advised by their London Embassy to leave for home as soon as possible. It is estimated that between 4,000 and 5,000 Americans are now in Britain. There was a steady stream of callers at the American Embassy today asking for advice about evacuation and passage home.

### Gibraltar Too

An evacuation scheme for women, children, aged and infirm, is being prepared in Gibraltar. Americans residing in Gibraltar have been asked by their Consul to leave as soon as possible owing to the prevailing situation.

## A CURRENT COMMENTARY

### THE HINDU COLLEGE GOLDEN JUBILEE

S. A. P.

THE Hindu College occupies a unique position among the Hindu institutions of the Island, as it was the first flower of the Hindu Renaissance in Ceylon. Other Hindu institutions in the Island owe their existence to the example set by it. Its position as the premier Hindu institution throws on it heavy responsibilities and it has, through fair and foul weather, tried to live up to its responsibilities. It is now the duty of the present generation to see that its future is brighter than its past.

It is now admitted that our outlook on education in the past was very narrow and that our aim was to give a purely literary education. Happily now there is a change for the better and it is accepted that the aim of education is to train the whole child and we are glad that Hindu College is endeavouring to live up to this ideal. Its Y. M. H. A., its music class, its workshop, its wrestling class—all show that it is moving in the right direction. Providing all these facilities means a heavy drain on the financial resources of the College and it is because of this, the College has appealed to its Old Boys and to the Hindu public for funds on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee.

During its existence of fifty years the College has sent into the world men of whom any college could be proud. The secret of its success is due to the catholicity of its outlook and to the quality of its staff. The College has always had on its staff men of learning who would never condescend to reduce themselves to the level of coaches. It is therefore nothing but proper that the Golden Jubilee of the College should be celebrated in a fitting manner.

### The Industrial Rally and the Carnival

The Old Boys of the College can congratulate themselves on making the celebrations so attractive and so useful. The Industrial Rally and the Exhibition are of great educational value and the Carnival provides numerous sources of healthy amusement. Of the numerous stalls in the Industrial section, one stall deserves special mention and that is the stall run by the Perumakovilady Weaving Society. This society has given life and hope to a number of people who were on the verge of starvation. The weaving industry was thriving in Jaffna before machine-made foreign clothes killed it. If this industry is revived it will reduce the unemployment problem in Jaffna. As clothes are a necessity, it is easy to find a market for Jaffna-made clothes. The support given to the products of the Perumakovilady centre is encouraging.

### Art Exhibition

Before I saw this exhibition, I did not know that there was so much of artistic talent in Jaffna. Among the artists, the first place should be given to Mr. S. R. Kanagasabai, who, through his

## GERMANS 70 MILES FROM PARIS

### AMERICA PERTUBED

### PUBLIC SENTIMENT WITH ALLIES

Washington, Friday.

A pall of gloom settled over Washington when the people heard of the fall of Brussels and Louvain and that a German column was 70 miles from Paris. There were saddened crowds everywhere.

Radio commentators refer movingly to the situation confronting the Allies. One hears with increasing frequency on the lips of the man-in-the-street: "We shall have to go over."

There is little criticism of Mr. Roosevelt's message to Congress demanding defence measures on a heroic scale. The majority of the newspapers throughout the country express vigorous approval.

paintings of Nainativu Swamiar and Somasundara Pulavar, has shown that he is a master of the art. Mr. Saamuganathan shows signs of great promise. Through his photographic studies, Mr. Lionel Wendt has raised photography to a fine art.

### The Educational Exhibition

The reputation of the College has gone high as a result of the Exhibition, for everyone who sees it is all praise for those responsible for it. The fact that the exhibits were mostly done by students with the help of teachers adds to the value of the exhibition. The models of the various types of irrigation works and of the hydro-electric scheme deserve special mention.

### Music, Drama, and Dancing

The daily programme of Nageswaram music is much appreciated by the people. Mrs. Lalitha Venkataraman's performances are drawing large crowds. Her singing being free from technical intricacies is much appreciated by laymen. Special mention should be made about the three Tamil songs—Solla-Valliy, Venu-Va-Ya and Adu-Maile-sung at the end of the first performance.

The drama Lava Kusa, staged by the students of the College was a great success. The girls who played the part of Rama and Sita did their parts well and the boy who played on the harmonium seems to be a prodigy. The tendency on the part of the students to imitate the professionals ought to be checked.

Three types of dancing are represented in the carnival, namely, the Jaffna Folk Dance, the Bombay Dance and the Kathakali Dance. The great drawback with our folk dance is that it is not produced well. The dancing is perfect but the singing is coarse and the make-up crude. One does not see much art in the Bombay Dance. The Kathakali dancers were at a disadvantage because they did not come with their troupe. The little they showed was perfect. It will be good if our producers of drama take a lesson from them about makeup and stage effects.

## ALL - CEYLON INDUSTRIAL RALLY AND CARNIVAL

### Large Crowds See Show

THE Carnival grounds continue to draw large crowds in spite of inclement weather. Daily thousands are seen from early in the evening till late in the night at the grounds enjoying themselves to the full.

On Wednesday Prof. C. Suntheralingam formally opened the Show. In the course of his speech, he declared that the Jaffna Hindu College is one of the leading National Institutions in Ceylon. On Thursday Mr. O. E. Gonetilleke, Auditor-General formally opened the Show. Dr. Malalasekera was to have opened the Carnival on Friday, but owing to the dislocation of train service due to floods he was unable to be in Jaffna. In his place Dr. S. Subramaniam opened the Show. However Dr. Malalasekera sent the following message:—

"The cancellation of trains prevents my coming and I am very deeply disappointed. As President of the Ceylon Buddhist Congress, I send you the greetings of the Sinhalese Buddhists and their best wishes for the success of your carnival.

"The Hindu College was started to counteract the forces which were threatening to destroy ruthlessly Ceylon's national heritage. The success achieved during the last 50 years is indeed heartening, but much leeway yet remains to be made.

"The Hindus and the Buddhists are culturally flesh of one flesh, and bone of one bone. We have common enemies insidiously undermining our influence and the furtherance of our activities. We cannot allow petty interests and paltry differences to endanger our solidarity in the pursuit of common ideals.

"Let us fight shoulder to shoulder to achieve the fullest stature of national regeneration, Hindu kal-juriyar vaalha. (May the Jaffna Hindu College flourish)"

On Saturday the Carnival was declared open by the very Rev. Fr. T. M. F. Long O. M. I. who deputised for His Lordship the Bishop of Jaffna. On Sunday Mr. N. Nadarajah opened the Carnival. Today Mr. S. Pararajasingam opens the Show.

So far the Exhibition and Carnival has attracted unprecedented crowds from all parts of Jaffna and outside. The Hindu public—men and women—the Old Boys of the College and its well-wishers have all loyally and enthusiastically contributed their share to the remarkable success of the All-Ceylon Industrial Exhibition and Carnival.

### ENEMY AIR LOSSES

#### Over 1,000 In Low Countries Alone

London, Friday.

It is officially stated that it is believed the enemy air force lost over 1,000 aircraft since the German invasion of the Low Countries. The Air Ministry states that to the losses in the Low Countries must be added the losses in Poland and Norway.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

#### First Meeting Held on Wednesday

The Special Committee appointed by the Ministry of Education met yesterday for the first time.

The Committee consists of the members of the Executive Committee of Education and the following with the Minister of Education as Chairman:—

Mr. Bradby, Principal of the Royal College, Mr. H. S. Perera, Principal of the Government Training College, Mr. P. de S. Kularatne, Principal of Ananda College, the Very Rev. Fr. M. J. LeGoc, Rector of St. Joseph's College, R. W. Stopford, Principal of Trinity College, Mr. E. A. Nugawela and Mr. S. Sivapathasundaram, retired Principal of Victoria College, Jaffna.

The Committee will conduct an investigation into the present system of education for the purpose of recommending a reform of the system.

### MANIPAY RESIDENTS MEET

#### Need for Balanced Representation Urged

A resolution affirming "the Tamil demand for a scheme of balanced representation to be immediately incorporated in an amended Constitution" was passed at a public meeting of the residents of Manipay and adjoining districts held on the grounds of Maruthadi Pillayar Temple, Manipay.

Mr. V. Veerasingham, President of the Manipay Young Men's Association under whose auspices the meeting was held, presided.

Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam was the chief speaker. The others who spoke were:—Messrs. S. Swaminathan, R. Sivagurunathan, V. S. Karthigesu, T. Muttusamy Pillai and A. R. Subramaniam.

A resolution praying for the speedy victory of the Allies in the War was also passed.

#### Welcome to New Principal

A large and representative gathering of Old Boys and members of the public in response to the invitation of the Vice-Principal and staff of Jaffna Central College attended the Garden Party held to meet their new Principal Mr. R. S. D. Williams and Mrs. Williams, on Saturday the 11th instant in the College quadrangle. Mr. Mr. J. W. Adrudprakasam thanked those present for responding to the invitation. Mr. W. D. Niles welcomed the new Principal and his wife. Mr. Williams replied briefly.

### Tirupati Oriental Institute

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ween sacred and secular in the sphere of knowledge and, therefore, the maintenance of high schools imparting secular education is not opposed to Hindu sentiment. The Institute is another expansion of the educational work of the Devasthan. It will devote special attention to Dravidian culture in addition to Sanskrit. With reference to the silly controversy between Aryan and Dravidian over Sanskrit as the language of the Aryans, one of the savants pointed out at the Conference recently held to inaugurate the Institute that, during the dark ages of India when the lamp of learning was extinguished in the North, it was the Dravidian South that kept the flame alive. In the words of Barth, the time came when the Vedas were more studied and commented upon on the banks of the Cauvery than on the banks of the Ganges.

There are two points to which we should call attention in expressing our warmest good wishes for the Institute. The first is the one to which we have already referred in our comment on the Conference. The word Oriental may well be dropped. It is meaningless as applied to an Indian institution by Indians themselves. The next is more important. We gather from the papers relating to the new Institute that the Hindu religious feature of it may come to dominate its utility as a field of scholarship. This would be unfortunate and not in consonance with the broad conception of culture of Hinduism. The Institute should be open to, indeed it should invite and welcome, scholars from all lands, provide hospitality and, for those who need it, even pecuniary assistance. Scholars all over the world over are not men of overflowing resources. There is in every cultural centre in the world an increasing interest in India's ancient thought and a desire to study it on the spot in its own natural setting. We should welcome this interest and this desire.

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N. PROVINCE.

### Four Thousand Planes for Allies

Washington, Friday.

The Anglo-French Purchasing Commission stated today that the Allies have ordered about 4,000 planes of all types in the United States at a cost of \$650,000,000 (£165,000,000).

The Allies intend to spend about \$600,000,000 (£150,000,000) more on the purchase of the latest types of machines recently made available. About \$350,000,000 (£87,500,000) have been spent on non-aviation supplies, such as machine tools, munitions, electric equipment, clothing, horses, mules, etc.

### Auction Sale

D. C. J. No. 14902.

Vinasitanby Asari Nagalingam Asari of Vannarponnai, now of Kumbakonam in South India.

Vs. Plaintiff.

Periatanby Kanagaretnam of No. 205, Dematogada Road, Maradana.

Defendant.

#### PROPERTY

All the piece of land situated at Vannarponnai East called "Siruppalamar Sirupulam Thalamadam Adiarkunallur Vacampum" in extent of 2½ lms. V. C. with stone built house well and cultivated plantations bounded on the East and North by Subramaniam Chettiar Mailvaganam, West by road and South by Kumarasamy Thendauthapany and registered in volume D 217 in Jaffna Land Registry.

In terms of the Commission issued to me by the District Court of Jaffna in Case No. 14902 D. C. J. I shall sell the above property by public auction on Saturday 8th June 1940 at about 10 a.m. at the spot.

N. KANDIAH,

Commissioner.

(Mis. 34, 20-5-40.)

### Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

(held at Point Pedro)

In the Matter of the estate of the late Ganapathipillai Mahason of Thunnalai South, Kaddavelli, Point Pedro Deceased. Nesamany widow of Mahason of Thunnalai South

Vs. Petitioner

1. Mahason Ganesan
2. Sivathevy daughter of Mahason
3. Mahason Arunakirinathan
4. Thangachobey widow of Thiagarajah—all of Thunnalai South Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before S. Rodrige Esquire Additional District Judge of Jaffna on the 4th day of May 1940 in the presence of Mr. M. Sivapragasam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the petition and affidavit of the petitioner.

It is ordered that the 4th respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-Item over the minors 1, 2, and 3 respondents that the petitioner be declared entitled to take out Letters to the estate of the deceased Ganapathipillai Mahason and that Letters of administration be issued to the petitioner, unless the respondents appear before this Court on or before the 30th day of May 1940 and shew sufficient cause to the contrary.

This 10th day of May 1940,

Sgd. S. RODRIGO

Additional District Judge.

(C. 6, 20 & 23-5-40)

## Rate-Payers Call Increase Exorbitant

### Jaffna Deputation Meets Minister

A Deputation from the Jaffna Urban Ratepayers' Central Association waited on the Minister for Local Administration on Saturday morning to make representations against the increase in the assessed values on property made by the Urban Council of Jaffna.

The deputation was led by Mr. A. Mahadeva and others on it were Messrs. T. M. Anthony, J. D. Weerasingham, S. T. Nagalingam, K. Thuraiappah, M. Ramapathan and C. Nadarajah.

The deputation mentioned to the Minister that when they met the Chairman of the Urban Council to object to this increase in the assessments, which in their opinion was of an exorbitant character, he had directed them to see the Minister for Local Administration as he (the Chairman) was powerless to alter the assessments.

#### Great Hardship

The Chairman had stated [that he would address the Minister on the subject.

They urged on the Minister that the revised assessments had resulted in great hardships to taxpayers.

In certain cases the amounts they had to pay represented as much as an 800 per cent. increase. They produced tax receipts to show that, for instance where a tax of only 50 cents per quarter had been paid in 1939, a sum of Rs. 4.16 had been paid for a quarter this year.

In another case Rs. 19.38 had become payable this year against Rs. 5 in 1939.

The Minister, it is learned, informed the deputation that the Chairman of the Urban Council had the power to recover the tax on the basis of last year's assessments or to revise the present assessments without referring the matter to the Ministry.

#### Objections Filed

The deputation mentioned to the Minister that more than 80 per cent. of the ratepayers had filed objections to the increased taxes which they had been called upon to pay.

The Chairman had informed some of the objectors that they must pay the amount under protest before May 15, and any balance which would fall due would be paid back to them if the objections were upheld.

In this connection, it was submitted that under the provisions of the Ordinance the Chairman had no power to recover the tax, pending decision of the objections raised.

## Premier in France

Paris, Friday.

Mr. Winston Churchill had one of the greatest triumphs of his career when he visited Paris yesterday, according to well-informed circles.

He had a conference with M. Reynaud, M. Daladier and General Gamelin.

The talks continued until late in the evening and it was stated that he "made an extraordinary impression, everybody being struck by his firm decision and determination."

## PARIS CALM AND SERENE

### Police Watch for Undesirables

Paris, May 17.

The outward appearance of Paris is calm and serene, though the city is now decreed to be in the army zone, which involves certain restrictions on the movement of civilians. There has been a certain movement, out of the capital, of persons with homes or relations in the provinces.

Belgian cars are frequently seen and, occasionally, a lorry-load of refugees or a motor-car loaded with household goods, with children inside and women on running-boards hanging on to the sides. To facilitate the movement of refugees and army convoys, the main Northern entrances to Paris have been closed to other traffic.

The police are busy watching for undesirables. At railway stations and in the streets civilians are stopped and asked to show the papers proving their identity.

## The All-Ceylon Industrial Exhibition

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cursor, the fitting up of an aquarium, the cultivation of a school garden will be looked upon as a sheer waste of time.

Such being the attitude of teacher and taught, Manager and Principal, towards practical education, Jaffna Hindu College has really done a service in placing educational handwork on a pedestal by fitting up an Exhibition which in its range, originality, variety, and utility stands in a class by itself.

"One impulse from a vernal wood  
Can teach you more of man;  
Of moral evil and of good  
Than all the sages can."

That is what nature can teach. Just a look, even a cursory one at some of the models, and attempt, however crude, to express your ideas in a practical form can teach you much more than hours spent over a book, or listening to the explanations of a teacher. The various methods of irrigation, the kinds of houses of people in far off lands, the various types of transport invest the dry bones of a Geography with life. The study of a river basin and the sight of the water moving along crystalize the hazy ideas garnered from books and maps. The working of the solar system model will give you a better grasp of the causation of seasons, the length of day and night etc. than all the diagrams and pages of print.

The models of the battleship, the submarine, the mine, the working of a paravane give a more realistic interest to the school boy in the war. A model of Hitler's secret weapon the Magnetic mine, described as "devil's brew of delicate clockwork, which must have taken at least four years to tool up and get into production," is also shown. The way in which mine explodes when the magnetic needle is deflected by the presence of a ship is also demonstrated.

To those who have not seen the Educational Exhibits, and especially to the schools, I shall only give this bit of advice: "Spend a half hour looking at those models and you will have learnt more than what you would normally learn in two terms."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

### A Standing Complaint

Sir,—Allow me space in your valuable paper to give expression to a standing complaint and a perennial insult (not to speak of gross violation of justice) the treatment meted out to passengers from India at Mandapam Camp.

I was travelling along with a few others Mr. Kuricose of St. Servatius College, Matara, Mr. Srinivasan, Principal, S. K. V. College, Kandarodai, Chunnakam K. L. George, Wesley College, Colombo, P. A. Mathai St. John's College, Jaffna on the 12th evening. The Junior Doctor in charge asked for our tickets, when we produced the health pass granted to us by the Director of Quarantine, and as some of us had booked tickets from Madura and Manamadura, he refused to allow us to proceed to Ceylon for three reasons.

1. That we must be subjected to vaccination and disinfection, as we must have travelled third from our starting place to Manamadura and Madura.

2. That 3rd class travelling was not conducive to health

3. That we had no vaccination certificates.

The Superintendent, Dr. Deotram who was there also was of the same opinion, but two Chettiyars who had also come from Manamadura were allowed to go that evening. It was strange that for them alone bus journeys and third class travelling were conducive to health.

On further argument and discussion, I informed the Superintendent that I was in charge of an Institution and that I had also as good a sense of responsibility as himself. I undertook to get myself vaccinated on my arrival at Jaffna. But first he refused to consider my request and appeal, but later he relented and said that he would allow us to cross over if we left our luggage at Mandapam for disinfection. When I accepted the proposal at once I was allowed to leave only a bedding (out of sheer formality), and proceed. I left the bedding in charge of a teacher H. S. N. Sarma of Manipai Hindu College, who, however, was detained as he had only a third class ticket; and the bedding was brought by him the next day. In this connection, I may state that after so much fuss Mr. Kuricose was allowed to proceed with all his luggage. The Doctor alone can explain for the differential treatment meted out to me and Mr. Kuricose and some others in the matter of the so called disinfection of the luggage.

Those who are friends and favourites of the Medical Officers and those who have a flare for argument seem to get over Mandapam Quarantine restrictions easily; such preferential treatment ought to be stopped at once; and it is the duty of the Government to see that only reasonable restrictions are placed on people travelling into Ceylon. One is almost tempted to ask (when one looks at the sneering, surly faces at the Camp) whether this tyrannising and ill-treatment is not a part of the Anti-Indian Drive. No where in the world have we heard of such fantastic quarantine restrictions. The Quarantine Camp sees to be an agency for the S. I. R. Y. for getting the Rail

## DECISIVE BATTLE NOW ON

### ENEMY PENETRATES FRENCH DEFENCES

### ALLIES CONFIDENT OF FINAL VICTORY

THE first stage of what may prove to be the most tremendous battle in the history of the world is now taking place in France and Belgium. It is freely admitted in responsible quarters in London that the military developments of the last few days have brought about a situation of the utmost gravity.

In the light of exchanges at first-hand between the British and the French Governments, there is renewed confidence in the ability of the Allies to retrieve the situation, but the critical testing-time has come more rapidly than could have been anticipated a few days ago.

The situation arises through the success of the German army in penetrating the French defences in the neighbourhood of Mezieres by means of mechanised columns thrown forward without support. This success can only be seen in its proper perspective if it is recalled that the positions which have been broken through are no part of the Maginot Line, but of an extension of the French frontier defences constructed during the past 12 to 18 months.

It is also relevant to note that the German Command appears to have thrown weight of material into a single attack at this point which has exceeded any reasonable expectation and is highly significant of the desperate will of the German Fuehrer to attempt a smashing blow at great risk.

It is believed that the Germans are employing some 1,200 tanks in this operation, including, it is understood, a new type of heavy tank which has not been seen before. The method of advance is to prepare the way for tanks by low-dive bombing. The heavy tanks are followed by infiltrating mechanised troops. Considerable use has also been made of parachutists.

When the advance of the tanks is checked, they withdraw until a new wave of bombing has confused and incapacitated the defence. They then renew the advance. The tanks and armoured cars are not supported by any considerable numbers of infantry.

The gains obtained by these tactics, however, are not exempt from the dangers which attach to any salient.

way more higher class passengers, while people after Talaimannar seem to prefer the third class.

It is high time that the D. M. and S. S. makes a thorough enquiry into the funny state of affairs at Mandapam and sees that only reasonable restrictions are imposed there, and ensures that persons holding responsible offices are treated courteously and equitably, (for they possess as much civic sense and responsibility as those in the Medical Profession.)

I am,  
Yours truly,  
A. SITARAMAN.

Hindu English School,  
Urumpirai,  
Chunnakam Post.  
19th May, 1940.

## Tirupati Oriental Institute

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While it is appropriate that the special studies and training needed for the conduct of worship at Tirupati, which is governed by a special Agama for the study of which there is no provision elsewhere, should be confined to the traditional environment, there is no such necessity in the study of other scriptures and classics. Even as regards temple ritual, if any foreign scholar wishes to study it, special provision should be made to enable him to do so. The great need of Hinduism, its culture and philosophy is free access to the wide spaces of international life. We cannot get such access unless we show hospitality to international scholars and welcome them to share in the rich legacy that has come down to us. Perhaps we are mistaken in our impression that the Tirupati Institute might take on a denominational and sectarian complexion. We hope that we are. We are

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## Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 843.

In the matter of the Estate of the Estate of the late Ledchumipillai, wife of Thillaiam. palam Namasivayam.

Deceased  
Kanapathipillai Vairamuttu of Athiyady, Jaffna.

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Nagamwah alias Nageswary daughter of Namasivayam.
2. Thillaiampalam Namasivayam of Sandilippay.

Respondent's

This matter of the petition of the abovenamed petitioner praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before C. Coomaraswamy, Esquire, District Judge, on the 15th day of February 1940, in the presence of Mr. T. S. Kanagaretnam, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of

the Petitioner dated the 23rd day of January, 1940, having been read, it is ordered that the 2nd respondent be appointed guardian ad-litem of the 1st respondent and that the Petitioner is declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondents, or any other person shall, on or before the 19th day of April, 1940, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 4th day of March, 1940.

Sgd. S. RODRIGO,  
District Judge.

Extended for 24-5-40.

Itld. S. R.

D. J.

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