



THIRU MURUK-ARRU-P-PADAI

Thiru Param Kunram

(By T. MUTTUSAMPILLAI)

Lines 1-6 have been already commented upon. Murukan has been described as the consort of the flawlessly chaste Devasena with forehead bright.

I. 6. மறவில் கற்பின் வானுதல் சணவன்.

According to story, Lord Skanda was rewarded by Indra for having vanquished Surapadman and his hosts with the hand of his (Indra's) daughter Deva Sena, and the marriage took place at Thiru Param Kunram; of His three Saktis viz. Ichcha, Kiriya Gnana Saktis Deva Sena is Kiriya Sakti; and it is customary to give preference to கற்பியல் மணம் over சணவியல் மணம். It is therefore appropriate that in this canto dealing with Thiru Param Kunram Deva Sena has been given prominence.

No picture of a bride groom is complete without the garland he wears and the poet now refers to the garland of kadamba flowers which adorns Deva Sena's consort.

II 7-11.

சாரகோன் முகத்த சமஞ்ஞல் மரமழை வான் பொழி விசம்பின வன்னுறை சிதறித் தலைப் பெயல் தலைஇய தண் நறவ காணத்த(து) இருள் படப் பொதுளிய பாரா மராத்த(து) உருள் பூத் தண் தர் பருளு மார்பினன்

The dark green sea has been inhaled by the clouds which have grown big as it were with child (rain); they (the clouds) deliver or discharge the rains which bring plenty (to earth) in the sky which is pierced or penetrated by the light from the luminous bodies such as the sun, moon and stars; in the cool and fragrant glade where the first down-pour has fallen the Kadamba tree whose trunk is big throws its thick foliage far and wide so as to cause darkness; and of its (Kadamba) wheel-shaped flowers is made the cool garland which rolls on His breast.

சாரகோன் connotes the sea, சமஞ்ஞல் மரமழை the clouds which have grown big with the aqueous vapour from the sea; வான் means light, the light from the sun, moon and stars; வான்நீபாழ் விசம்பு is the sky which is penetrated or

pierced through by the rays of light from the sun etc. தலைப்பெயல் connotes the first down-pour, பாராமாரா the Kadamba tree with its big trunk and உருள் wheel-shaped flowers.

The next thing referred to by the poet is Murukan's crown which is profusely bedecked with Kanthal blossoms.

II. 12-44

மால்வரை திவந்த சேனையர் வெற்பில் கிண்டினி சவையுய வொண் செஞ் செருடிக் கணைக்கால் வாங்கிய துப்பிற பிணத்தோள் கோபத் தன்ன தோயாப் பூத்துகிற் பல்சாசு திரைத்த சிங்க முக்குற சைபிணக் திபற்றாக் கவின்பெற வணப்பி னுவவொடு பெயரிய பொலம் புனை யவிரிமுழச் சேணிக்ந்து விளக்குஞ் செயிர் திர் மேணித் துணையோ ராய்த் விணையீ ரோதிச் செக்கால் வெட்சிச் சேறித் துண்ட யிடுபு பைத்தாட் குவளைத் தவிதழ் கின்னித தெய்வ வுத்தியொடு வலயபுரி வயின்வைத்தத் திலகர் தையுய தேக்கமழ் திரு னதன் மகாப் பருவாய் தழமண் னுறத் திசு தவர முடித்த துகளற முச்சிப் பெருந்தண் சண்புகு செரி இக் கருத்தகட் டுண்ப்பு மருதி னென்னிண ரட்டித் திணைக்கலின் மெழுதரு சீழ் சீர்ச் செவ்வரும் பிணை புற பிணையல் வளை இத் துணைக்க வண்காது திரைத்த பிணை யொண்டளிர் துண்பு னூகர் திணைப்பத் திண் காழ் கழங்குற டிரிஞ்சிய பூக்கேழ்த் மதய்வை தேவகமழ் மருதிணர் கருப்பக் கோங்கிண குவிமுதி ழிணமுலைக் கொட்டி விரிமலர் வேங்கை றுண்டா தப்பிக் காண்வர வெள்ளிற் குறுமுறி கின்ருபு தெறியாக் கோழி யோங்கிய வேன்றடு விநாகொடி வாயுய பெரிதென் நேசதிப் பலருடன் சீர்திகழ் சிலம்பகஞ் சிலம்பப் பாடிச் சூரமகளி வரடுஞ்சோனை மந்தியு மறியா மான்யமி லுடுக் கத்தச் சரும்பு முகாச் சுடந்தியுல காத்தல்

(Continued on page 2)

Co-operative Tractor Service First Station At Batticaloa

Mr. V. Kumaraswamy, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Food, deputizing for Sir Oliver Goonetilleke declared open the Tractor Service Station of the Eastern Province Co-operative Agricultural Societies' Union Limited. In congratulating the Eastern Province Co-operators for being the pioneers of this great and useful undertaking in Ceylon, he said, "You are all aware of the Island's food situation and how Government is doing its best to step-up food production. We as a nation are rice-eaters. Our people are famous for rice, chillies, onions and children. We must eat less rice and grow more food. I am glad to acknowledge that the Eastern Province has contributed and is contributing largely in the matter of food production. Co-operation has really flourished recently in this Province due to the indefatigable zeal and untiring efforts of your Assistant Registrar, Mr. R. Rajaratnam. I am happy to pay my personal and official tribute to the work of Mr. Rajaratnam. The Government is doing its best for you. In other countries, subsidised rice is sold to the consumers between 70 cts. to 90 cents per measure but our consumers obtain their rice at 25 cents per measure. I am prepared to render all assistance to the Agriculturists of this Province. I wish your Union and this venture great success".

Earlier Mr. K. W. Devanayagam, the President of the Union in welcoming Mr. Kumarasamy and other visitors said, "This is a great event in the history of the Eastern Province and is a real milestone in the march of progress in Co-operative Development. In this world crisis when we go begging for food overseas, our Union and our Societies are stepping up food production by extensive and intensive cultivation, manuring, weeding and mechanized method of ploughing. Eastern Province is the granary of Ceylon. In 1912, when there was an acute shortage of food it was the Eastern Province which came to the rescue of the people of Ceylon."

Mr. H. C. Goonewardene, G. A., E. P., Mr. Manicka Idankadar, Director of Food Production and Mr. White of Messrs. Brown & Co., also spoke.

Mr. S. Ponniah proposed a vote of thanks.

SUBLIME SYNTHETIC IDEAL OF RELIGION

THE HOPE TO ESTABLISH STABLE WORLD ORDER

IT may sound somewhat strange to take up and defend the cause of religion in this age of science and industrial achievements; but the value of religion as one of the most potent factors for achieving world peace can hardly be over-estimated. It has become customary with us to eulogize the unique power and glory of science in making our lives more comfortable. In doing so we lose sight of the fact that mere material comfort and cultural refinement involve only one side of the complex human nature. Science, for instance, does not reach the sphere of motives and is still a stranger to the concepts of right and wrong in ethics on the study of which human welfare and happiness ultimately depend. Even

[By R. D. SHARMA]

such problems as famine, disease, and starvation have not been solved by scientific technology, not to speak of integrating man with himself. Science has indeed given us power and control over material Nature, but it has woefully failed to probe the mystery of life and the universe; it has told us nothing about the ultimate goal of life and endeavour. Is it possible, then, to hope for the salvation of the human race through science? Rather, we have to lament with Wordsworth:

Rapine, Avarice, Expense— This is idolatry, and these we adore.

At present we are living in a world rent by misunderstanding, bitterness, and strife. The modern world knows too much of 'besieging a town' or 'setting an army in army', which was the demand of Aurangzeb from his father

whom he blamed for having kept him completely in the dark about political tactics and diplomatic manoeuvring. We are witnessing everywhere a revolution—revolution not only in society, but also in the thought world, resulting in an all-round change in the political, social, and spiritual life of man. The tempo of life has incredibly increased. The vast energies of nations are being employed in extending man's power over his surroundings, their machines, armaments, and organizations are multiplying at a rapid rate for offensive and defensive purposes. Self-interest, material greed, and lust for power are the dominating ideals of the day. Patriotism has killed piety and passions have overpowered logic. A new slogan which says 'Blessed are the strong, for they shall possess the earth' is bringing about chaotic conditions in the world

The Way Out

Is there any remedy for the confusion and civilized barbarity engendered by this mania for war? Wars are ostensibly carried on in the name of order, justice, and civilization; yet we are far from goodwill, love, and peace. How can feelings of sympathy, tolerance, and benevolence prosper in an atmosphere of suspicion, fear, and frustration? 'War', as Jawaharlal Nehru has said, 'is really the negation of truth and humanity'. When there is the deliberate and persistent propagation of hatred and falsehood, we can have little hope of the establishment of a secure and equitable social order.

The world has not as yet recovered from the shocks and handicaps resulting from the last two devastating world wars. The nations of the world

(Continued on page 4)

FOR SALE

Building Land about 17 lachchams close to JAFFNA Hindu Ladies' and Boys' Colleges. Rs. 2000/- a lachcham.

For Particulars write to:

T. Nadarajah Proctor 31, Ferry Street COLOMBO 12

(M. 168. 14 & 18)



Hindu Organ

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14, '52

Treasure These Thoughts

We reach God through the love of one another Love for love's sake. There is nothing better. It sweetens every act of life.

CITIZENSHIP ISSUE FOR ARBITRATION

THERE was a general sigh of relief when the Cabinet ratified the Rice-Rubber Trade Pact with Red China and showed to the wide world that the common-sense approach was the best course of action in matters relating to the welfare of the people. Coming on the wake of this statesmanlike decision, the re-opening of parliamentary discussions on the vexed question of Indian and Pakistani Citizenship, has thrown back the country to a state of misgivings.

The Indian and Pakistani Citizenship (Amendment) Bill introduced by the Premier in the House of Representatives has only made a healing wound fester again but with more acrimonious annoyance. Often have we pointed out in these columns the imperative need for the question of Indo-Sri Lanka relationship being solved in a spirit of magnanimity and human understanding to the sincere satisfaction of both nations. Comradeship and common interest have been the bonds of friendship of these two Asiatic countries of ancient glory. These factors of fraternity should not be allowed to be overshadowed by fleeting feelings of individuality.

The decision of the Privy Council on the interpretation of the significance of residence in the context of the Citizenship Act was expected to make a rapprochement between India and Sri Lanka easier than ever before. But it

now appears that the judgment of the Privy Council has disturbed the equanimity of the Government of this country.

Premier Nehru's statement in the Indian Parliament on this question indicates that the possibility of the citizenship issue being settled by free and frank discussions between these two countries has been blasted and that only arbitration by a third party can find a permanent solution to this vexed problem. Premier Dudley Senanayake cannot lose sight of the fact that Premier Nehru's latest observations are indicative of the feelings of a wronged neighbour who nevertheless, by invoking the aid of some neutral nation, seeks to avoid unpleasantness.

Leadership should not lack in the quality of vision. But this requires wisdom and foresight in abundance. Sri Lanka and Bharat cannot afford to live in mutual distrust bubbling with bitterness particularly in an age where the whole world has been forced to look to the great culture of the East for redemption.

Arbitration is the final stage in the method of peaceful settlement of a dispute. Sri Lanka cannot therefore shirk her responsibility in this matter by rushing legislation through the Parliament in an attempt to circumvent inconvenient circumstances.

In Parliament

The Maian Method!

Moving the Second Reading of the Indian and Pakistani Residents (Citizenship) Amendment Bill, the Prime Minister said that provision had been made in the law for the manifestation of the intention of permanent residence and solemnly declared that his Government was only too willing to give every possible concession to those who were entitled to citizenship to get themselves registered.

The Communist Chief compared the Premier's pious statement to an 'exhibition of skating in thin ice'.

The Federalist spokesman took the Premier to task for not honouring the declarations of his father the First Premier and deprecated the Premier's rush method in introducing the Amendment Bill before having finished consultations with the Indian Government.

Mr. C. Vanniasingam continuing his vehement protest against the 'Amendment Bill' drew attention of the House to the paramount factor in democracy namely the respect for the decision of a court of law and concluded that the attempt to circumvent the recent Privy Council decision on this subject was undemocratic.

THIRU MURUK-ARRU-P-PADAI

(Continued from page 1)

செருக்கன் கண்ணி யிலைந்த சென்னியன்

From மாவலரை in line 12 to சென்னியன் in line 44 is one long involved sentence. The points to remember are (a) Kanthal blossoms profusely adorn His crown (b) the Kanthal tree itself stands in a bower on a mountain slope (c) celestial maidens are singing and dancing in that bower and (d) the person, jewellery, attire, and other particulars relating to the maidens are described in great detail. Following the text so far as possible the substance of those lines is as follows:—On a mountain which rises very high and is overgrown with bamboo bushes (மாவலரை சிவந்த சேணுயர் வெற்பில்) is a bower where celestial maidens who are at once beautiful and awe inspiring are dancing (குர மகளிர் குடுஞ்சேலை). Tinkling anklets are tied to their bright and beautiful lit le feet; the calves (of their feet) are well-formed and developed; their waists are slim and their shoulders sleek and smooth; they are wearing clothes which are red in colour like the Indra Goba, the colour being natural and not having been produced artificially by dye; they are wearing waist-meats with the lesser number of strands; their beauty is natural and is free from make-up; the beautiful jewels which they are wearing are burnished and made of the purest gold; their faultless bodies are bright and can be seen from a distance; their hair which is of even growth has been done up by their commands; into the hair has been tucked the little petals of the Vedchi flower whose stem is red and the white petals of the Kavalai whose stalk is green; the hair ornaments Theiva Uththi (தெய்வ உத்தி) and Valanpuri (வலம்புரி) have been put each in its proper side of the head; the talakam (தலகம்) beautifies their fragrant foreheads which have been further beautified by the ornament which is in shape like the gaping mouth of a fish; their hair is tied up in a faultless knot into which has been tucked the big and cool champaka flower and round which (knot) is tied a garland made of Marutham flowers which have a dark outward petal and inner white petals, and the red buds of the water lily whose stalk stands under water; their ears are beautiful and from their ears on either side hang leaf-shoots of the Asoka reaching their bejewelled breasts; their young busts which are like Kangu buds have been besmeared with Sandal-wood paste which is fragrant like the Marutha flower and over the paste has been strewn the pollen of the white Vengai flower; they are throwing at one another the tender leaf shoots of the wood-apple tree; they are singing in praise, "Long live the flag of the dauntless, ever-victorious Chanticeer"; the mountain sides are reverberating with their singing; and they are dancing in that thick bower into which even the sun's rays do not penetrate; and in that bower are big and cool Kanthal flowers which are profusely bright and untouched by bees; and those Kanthal flowers profusely adorn this Crown.

COMMUNISM THRIVES ON IMPERIALISM

VIETNAM AN EXAMPLE

THE French finally convinced the United States that Communism must be contained at Hanoi in Indo-China as well as at the "waist" of Korea. For more than four years the French fought the battle of Vietnam unaided; Washington is now persuaded that once this door to South-East Asia is in Communist hands, Malaya, the Philippines, Thailand and Burma will be organised as "people's republics" and add their valuable resources to Moscow's war potential.

This decision to assist the French in holding back Ho Chi Minh is sound strategy if viewed solely as a means to end Communist expansion. Since 1946 the French have been losing an average of one soldier every hour and have been straining their own national budget. But the decision is short-sighted in so far as it underestimates the motivation of the opposition Vietminh in nationalism and anti-colonialism. France's chief purpose in waging this costly war has been to regain a lost out-post of empire. In joining with the Europeans, despite the good motive of the American government, Washington runs the risk in Asia of identifying itself with the old colonialism.

Ho Chi Minh and his cohorts are admittedly Communists. Not so are the villagers who feel the major brunt of the fighting. The people have chosen to seek freedom from Western control, and have accepted as leaders the one group which appears capable of wresting power from the French. Prior to World War II many nationalists in Asia believed that only by embracing Communism could the subject peoples break the bonds of Western colonialism. That notion still persists among the Vietminh, despite the experiences of India, Pakistan, Burma, South Korea, the Philippines and Indonesia. French imperial intransigence has delayed the coming of a belief, in the Vietminh, that Communism offers no true free-

dom. rating with their singing; and they are dancing in that thick bower into which even the sun's rays do not penetrate; and in that bower are big and cool Kanthal flowers which are profusely bright and untouched by bees; and those Kanthal flowers profusely adorn this Crown.

To the nationalists who have been killing French soldiers for the past six years, freedom has become a religion, and the French are seen as the essence of evil. The purge some time ago of purely nationalist, non-Communist elements in the Vietminh for deviationism proves that the Communist high command fears the nationalist character of their support; the purge took place when it was discovered that the nationalists were developing regional autonomy rather than following Moscow's orders. When Premier of Indonesia for the third time, Dr. Sutan Sjahrir said in Bombay, "We Indonesian Socialists have full sympathy with the cause of Ho Chi Minh", but he was speaking of nationalism, not of Communism.

American influence in Asia is jeopardized by the failure of the U. S. to understand the factors operating in Vietnam which make this more than a simple struggle against Soviet domination. At the moment a Ho Chi Minh victory would be a triumph for Moscow. A French victory would only insure continued civil war and more of the same chaos, famine and suffering now being experienced by the once rice-rich peoples of Tonkin, Annam and Cochina China. Noting American participation on the French side, with no positive proposals for a unifying settlement the Asian peoples tend to say that American freedom is for domestic consumption only.

Is it impossible for the United Nations to put forward a plan for settlement of the conflict? True, the Vietminh are indoctrinated with Moscow's political viewpoint even if they have not accepted ideological Communism. There is intense bitterness on both sides. But suppose the U. N. offered to remove the Emperor Bao Dai, and offer a U.N. protectorate to Cochina China, Tonkin and Annam? Looking forward to progressive self-rule and free elections? Peace might come to this ravaged land. The people on both sides are war-weary, and might listen. Or is the U. N., also tired and harassed, unable to formulate and carry through plans for a constructive settlement? —WP.

Historic Keerimalai Springs

A. C. L. G.'s Statement On Improvements Required

[Recently Dr. C. W. W. Kannangara, the Minister of Local Government visited Keerimalai. Mr. T. V. Chellappah Chairman, V. C. Tellippalai in welcoming the Minister reviewed the efforts made and the help promised by the Government in the matter of renovating the historic tank. Minister S. Natesan and Mr. C. Suriyakumaran also were present at the Conference.]

The significance of the Keerimalai Springs derives both from its religious and historical importance. It has long been recognised as a spa with rich mineral waters; and it is also the site for several religious festivals. The area has acquired an Island wide reputation. Thousands visit the place every year.

The bathing facilities comprised a larger tank used by males and a smaller one reserved for females, the water to the latter being fed from the former.

Requests for improvements have been made for over 30 years at least. As far as official records go proposals have been made from about 1922 by Proctor, Comaraswariar and others.

The only response to these has been some patch work done out of contributions by Jaffna V. C. and meagre Government Grants. By about 1947 it was noticed that some of the steps round the tank began to sink; it was feared that the springs may even go out of use.

The manner in which the springs were being used, the sanitary arrangements both in the tank and outside were also hardly conducive to the good repute and usefulness of this place.

As such a decision was made by the A. C. L. G., to effect large scale and planned improvements to the area. This was quickly supported by the Chairman V. C. and all persons interested. The first step was therefore taken with a Conference on 22-4-48 at Keerimalai to which, President of V. C. Association, M. P. P. of the District, trustees of certain charitable institutions of the area, D. R. O., the Irrigation Engineer, Kili-nochchi, M. O. H. Jaffna, A. S. P. Kankesanturai and the Town Planner were invited by the A. C. L. G. and the Chairman V. C. Also included were those who had written on the subject to the authorities in the past.

The final proposals and blue print were the result of this Conference. The following is a summary of the improvements contemplated:-

(a) Connecting the two tanks, with a dividing wall in between, thus giving a larger area to each.

(b) Deepening the tank for

females by a few inches.

(c) Provision of change rooms, showers, cloak rooms, and reading room, those to be located more or less by the tanks. Latrines to be provided at a suitable spot.

(d) That portion of the sea near the Tank to be cleared of stones and levelled to enable sea bathing.

(e) Further out (inner perimeter) the place where the religious ceremonies take place to be further improved; in addition some rest rooms to be provided for pilgrims.

(f) The outer perimeter to contain a model restaurant (vegetarian), a proper lay out of the approach roads, a lawn, touching up of the temple by the tank, and general aesthetic improvements.

(g) Not least among the change to be effected were provision for policing of the area, sanitary control of tanks, restaurants and surroundings and similar measures.

In the formation of estimates and blue prints for the above improvements, the A. C. L. G. and Chairman V. C. gratefully acknowledge the assistance in various ways of Mr. K. Kanagatnam former M. P. and Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education, of Mr. Sanmuganathan, Architect and Artist whose help was sought in formulating proper design in the structures of the Irrigation Engineer, for valuable advice and practical assistance, and of course, the Government Town Planner.

From 1941 up to now grants to the extent of Rs. 19,500/- was received and the following items were completed:-

(a) steps in danger of collapsing were removed and reset.

(b) the two tanks were connected and a dividing wall was set up (enlarging and deepening of the tanks was included)

(c) fixing of automatic sluice taken in hand.

(d) blasting and removing of some rocks was done in the sea.

As the scheme was a large one, it was felt that financial

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRI PATY"

FROM 16-11-52 TO 22-11-52

ARIES *Aswini, Barani, Kartikai 1st part [Medha Rasi]*

This week will upset you both mentally and physically. You will find it difficult to make both ends meet. Domestic worries and official troubles shown. Monday afternoon Tuesday and Wednesday must be spent with care.

TAURUS *Kartikai 2, 3, 4, Rohini, Mirugasirisha 1, 2 [Idapa Rasi]*

You will not be able to achieve anything substantial this week. There will be a lot of opposition and backbiting. Beware of scandals. Wednesday night Thursday Friday must be spent with care. Week end turns favourable again.

GEMINI *Mirugasirisha 3, 4, Thiruvathirai, Punarpusam 1, 2, 3 [Mithuna Rasi]*

You will find much improvements in your affairs this week. Triumph over competitors and domestic harmony promised. Your official troubles also will be cleared and your merits will be recognized by your boss. Go ahead with your ventures. Spend the last day of the week with care.

CANCER *Punarpoosa 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]*

Health must be given particular care this week. Financial conditions should improve. You will gain new grounds in your business deals. But domestic troubles will remain a problem.

LEO *Maha, Pooru, Uttira 1, [Singha Rasi]*

You will find it difficult to come to some settlement regarding an important affair this week. You will gain enough of money but will spend it very quickly. Some good news from overseas promised week end.

VIRGO *Uttira 2, 3, 4, Atta, Chittirai 1, 2 [Kanni Rasi]*

After a long time you will be able to negotiate certain things without fear this week. Opposition will melt away and it will be easy for you to influence people. Friends of the opposite sex will prove of immense help to you week end.

LIBRA *Chittirai 3, 4, Swati, Visaka 1, 2, 3, [Thula Rasi]*

Your health should improve from this week. Success in new undertakings also promised. Domestic harmony and triumph over competitors also indicated.

SCORPION *Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]*

Health must be given particular care. Petty official troubles and domestic worries also shown. If you go out of the way to help friends you will get into troubles. Week end promises some financial gain.

SAGITTARIUS *Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thanu Rasi]*

You will be able to succeed in your affairs without much difficulties. Expenditure will be on the rise but you will get enough money to meet it. Petty official troubles shown mid-week.

CAPRICORNUS *Uttiradam 2, 3, 4, Thiruvonam, Avittam 1, 2. [Makara Rasi]*

You will find it very difficult to negotiate things this week. Misunderstandings with friends and troubles through secret enemies also shown. Beware of accidents.

AQUARIUS *Avittam 3, 4, Satayam, Pooraddati 1, 2, 3 [Kumbha Rasi]*

Improvements in your financial and domestic affairs promised. Triumph over competitors also shown. Go ahead with your new ventures.

PISCES *Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revati. [Meena Rasi]*

You will find the first two days of the week a bit troublesome. But improvements promised later. Success in all undertakings promised.

assistance for it should be made in stages. The works so far done comes under Stage I which was estimated in 1948 at Rs 65,000. Stage II was expected to cost Rs. 23,000 and Stage III Rs. 44,000.

Unfortunately after 1948, all action on this seems to have come gradually to a standstill till again in September 1951 when at a Conference in Colombo of V. C. Chairmen, summoned by the late Prime Minister, the request was renewed on the suggestion of the A. C. L. G. by the Chairman, V. C. Tellippalai for Rs. 70,000. This was supported by the Jaffna District Village Committees Association. Unfortunately this grant was not obtained owing to the death of the late Prime Minister whose intention it was to give the subject favourable consideration. It may be mentioned that support for improvement to Keerimalai was also offered earlier by the then Minister for Health and Local Government on a visit to the site.

The request for Rs. 70,000 was therefore further renewed

TRAVEL AIR CEYLON

TEMPTING REDUCTION OF FARES

With effect from 1st November, 1952

★

Jaffna/Colombo & Vice Versa

Single Ticket Rs. 42-00
Return Ticket Rs. 70-00 only

(M. 161 7 11-2-12)

during this year and the A. C. L. G. has been in close touch with the C. L. G. on the subject.

The A. C. L. G. and the Chairman V. C., Tellippalai are aware of the sympathetic interest shown in the proposed improvements by leading citizens both in the North and the South. Assurances

have been given of substantial contributions for the cause to the supplement the assistance given by the Government. If Rs. 70,000 is given as grant, it seems certain that the balance money required for completion of all stages in the proposed scheme can be got from private sources.

The Present Stage In The History Of The Tamils

Need For Another Navalar

It is a painful lesson we learn from history that man does not learn anything from history:—we sorrowfully agree with Hegel when we witness the march of events in mid-twentieth century.

The Tamil world has undergone a series of trial. Foreign invasions, both military and cultural have disturbed its peace. On the face of these trials effective opposition and successful assimilation have preserved its civilization from decay—the usual fate of most of the civilizations known to historians. People belonging to other nationalities and religions—came and conquered the land. But time to time leaders of thought appeared to steer the nation to safe havens. In our own era Navalar and others made war on those who tried to deform our people.

Today another threat is sweeping down the land. The foreign domination is at an end. But the dragon—seeds that were sown by these aliens are just blossoming. Our duty today calls us to the task of preventing our people from tasting the poisonous fruits thereof. The hydra-

(By A. S.)

headed monster that has raised its hood seems to threaten the very foundations of our culture. The most dangerous thing is that it proclaims to offer shade and peace to our race, under its all-embracing hood. It promises to take us back to the Paradise we lost. Its name goes as 'Annathurai-ism', Materialism, Atheism, Racialism, Communism etc.

Its propaganda has a 'know-how' of its own for showing up and magnifying the seamy side of our civilization and for making its own 'ism' appear a desirable alternative way of life to a dissatisfied faction of our men and above all to the majority of our immature youth. The awakened intellect is vigorously active in these days of the Tamil Renaissance. Its hunger is appeased by the giant, the printing press, which miraculously transforms the paper from Canada into 'golden volumes'. Anything printed is stuffed in with both hands by the intellectuals of the growing generation. The Cinema is another instrument of great importance. This new vehicle has been lent to this new 'ism' by the producers, whose god is the Five-lettered—MONEY.

It is proclaimed abroad that the Tamil people will never go down and comfortably lie down in their easy-chairs. Even the few who see things in their proper perspective prove to be arm-chair critics who do nothing. The Catholic Europe laughed when it read Erasmus' works that ridiculed the clergy. It realized its mis-

SUBLIME SYNTHETIC IDEAL OF RELIGION

(Continued from Page 1)

want to realize their truth and strength in war; they think they are nourished in war and wasted by peace, taught by war and deceived by peace! This ideology has led the leaders of nations to believe that power is the test of a nation's greatness, that periodic wars are a biological necessity. Such deviation from the plane of idealism has only tended to intensify the catastrophe rather than bring succour to troubled humanity.

Clear Understanding Wanted

A critical analysis of the world situation reveals the fact that our development has been lop-sided. We have no clear ideas about the supreme ends of life as well as the means leading to their attainment. Even such a stern realist as Sir Stafford Cripps, addressing the Bar Association at San Francisco, in 1948, made a very useful suggestion. He said, 'The world crisis is basically a moral rather than a political or an economic one... Some form of personal religion is essential in maintaining the vitality of the human spirit'. This emphatic declaration brings us face to face with the central questions of the values of life, of philosophy and religion. The changes in the material aspects of the external world, wrought by man, have not inaugurated a corresponding change for the better in the internal life of man. For the creation of a new outlook and attitude which would serve as an antidote for the excessive secularism and wrong conceptions of human life and destiny prevalent today, we need a thorough re-education of man in order to intensify his faith in God and in himself, in more precise terms, we need a vital and

take when the volcano erupted. Navalar raised his voice against the Nalloor authorities and the priests of Chidambaram; the people never cared to listen to his advice that religious instruction—Gnanadharma—is the urgent need of the times.

Every Tamil parent has a duty that calls him to eternal vigilance over his child's intellectual food. Every Tamil has a duty he owes to his ancestors. He should perform "Tapas" and pray for the birth of a Navalar today one who will trace the course for the flow of that eternal river of history.

comprehensive religion which will ensure the lasting victory of Spirit over matter and enable us to counteract the mechanical and grossly utilitarian theories in the present-day world. If the leaders of nations become illumined with the 'Light from the great heights', then they would cease to act in a way detrimental to human welfare

The Need For Religion

Religion teaches us that man is not a mere political or economic being, but that he has far wider horizons, invincible hopes and spiritual aspirations, ever impelling him to subordinate the temporal to the eternal.

'For, the enjoyments that arise from contact with objects are only sources of pain. They have a beginning and an end, O son of Kunti, and the wise find no delight in them'.

If we are to have an abiding faith in spiritual values and in the brotherhood of man, we shall have to renounce the pursuit of the struggle for self and power and gain an insight into the profound meaning of existence. Without a transformation in man himself, there cannot be any change for the better in life and society. Even an ideal system of economic efficiency and political stability cannot root out selfishness and greed which are ingrained in man. The peace of the world does not depend ultimately upon signed charters and political treaties. The more enduring corporate efforts of individuals and groups can alone bring into being a society of men, strong in the fearless search for God, who is the supreme source of all that is true, good and beautiful. Religion transforms human nature and gives man an integral vision of life and truth. When we strive to evolve and act upon the sublime synthetic ideal of religion, we may hope to establish a stable world order, in the spirit of the great poet who sang:

'Serene will be our days and night
And happy will be our nature be;
When love is an anerring light
And joy its own security.'

—Prabuddha Bharata

Social Play—Super Attraction

in aid of the

SAIYA PARIPALANA SABAI NAVALAR ASHRAMAM

ON

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 1952

at the

JAFFNA TOWN HALL

The Co-operative Officers' Recreation Club
will stage their latest hit

"Susilavin ★ ★ Kathal"

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction
No 1527

In the matter of the intestate
estate of the late Vairamuttu
Rasaratnam of Thirunelvely
Deceased.

1 Vairamuttu Somasunderam
and wife
2 Achchimuttu both of Thiru-
nelvely Petitioners.

Vs,

1 Perampalam Chelliah and
wife 2 Chelvaladchumy of Ban-
darawella 3 Arulammah widow
of Vairamuttu Visuvalingam
of Tirunelvely 4 Pootatamby
Vallipuram and wife 5 Pak-
kiam of do 6 Kanagasabai Ku-
marakulasingam of DMS (H)
Office Maradana 7 Kumaru
Thiagarajah and wife 8 Sem-
potothy of Thirunelvely 9
Sinnatamby Mathiaparanam &
wife 10 Thangachipillai of do
11 Thambapillai Ramupilai &
wife 12 Annalechumy both of
do Respondents

This matter of the petition of
the petitioners praying that
they be declared entitled to
have letters of administration to
the estate of the abovenamed
deceased and letters thereof
issued to them, coming on for
disposal before K. D. de Silva
Esq., District Judge, Jaffna, on
the 2nd day of October 1952 in
the presence of Mr. A. Thana-
balasingam proctor on the part
of the petitioners and the peti-
tion and affidavit having been
read:

It is ordered that the peti-
tioners be and they are hereby
declared entitled to have letters
of administration to the estate
of the abovenamed and letters
thereof issued to them, unless
the respondents or any others
shall show sufficient cause to
the contrary on or before the
24th day of November, 1952 at

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1504

In the matter of the Intestate
Estate of the late Chelliah
Neekilappillai Rajadurai of
Siruvilan Deceased
Mariampillai Seivaithampillai
Chelliah of Siruvilan

Vs Petitioner
Gnanappu wife of Mariampillai
Seivaithampillai Chelliah of
Siruvilan Respondent

This matter coming on for
disposal before K. D. de Silva
Esquire District Judge affms
on the 13th day of August 1952
in the presence of Mr. S.
Ilayathambi Proctor on the
part of the petitioner and the
affidavit and petition of the
petitioner dated 15th and 18th
days of August 1952 respec-
tively having been read.

It is ordered that the peti-
tioner be declared entitled to
the grant of Letters of Admini-
stration to the estate of the said
deceased and that Letters of
Administration be granted to
him accordingly unless the
abovenamed respondent or any
other person shall on or before
the 29th day of September 1952
appear before this Court and
show sufficient cause to the
satisfaction of this Court to the
contrary.

This 18th day of August 1952
Sgd. W. G. Spencer
District Judge.

29.9.52. Order Nisi extended
for 14th November 1952
(Sgd.) K. D. de Silva
D. J.

(O 118 11 & 14)

10 a. m.
This 10th day of October, 1952
Sgd. K. D. de Silva,

Drawn by District Judge,
Sgd. A. Thanabalasingam,
Proctor for Petitioners,
(O 119. 11 & 14.)

Printed and Published by S. P. KANDIAH, E. J. S. A. (Lond.)
residing at 245, Navalar Road, Jaffna, for and on behalf
of the Proprietors the Saiya Paripalana Sabha, Jaffna, at
their Press, the Saiya Prakasa Press, Vannarponnai, Jaffna,
on Friday, November 14, 1952.