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## West's Religious Imperialism

ITS FUTURE IN ASIA

Missionary Invasion Should be Stopped

(ANTHONY ELENJIMITTAM

In The Indian Social Reformer)

ASIA is rising again as a united continent determined to be freed from the crushing weight of old imperial policy of the Christian West. Britain is quitting. Sooner the French and the Dutch and the Belgians follow the example set by Great Britain the better for them and for the world.

With the elimination of political domination the economic exploitation of the coloured races also will go. However subtle may be the means of economic exploitation of the coloured races by the white *sahibs*, there is no doubt left that all the strategy and diplomacy of the white continent or continents will not be able to stand a chance of victory over an Asiatic coalition. Atom secret will not be able to break the will of a united Asia.

### Invasion of Missionaries

After we have won our political and economic swaraj both from the British raj and from the Indian tyrants there is another danger which we should guard against, the danger of religious imperialism of the west. The invasion of the Christian missionaries of the coloured continents is largely a byproduct of the old imperialism. It is the imperial governments that largely financed these traders in religion. Of course they quote the words from the gospels. "Go ye and preach the gospel to all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost". The Protestants would prefer another version: "He who believeth will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned". Scriptural texts are quoted in and out of context, interpreted and misinterpreted in many ways. Verily is here the saying fulfilled: *Quo capita, tot sententiae* (as many heads, so many interpretations).

### Christ Was Oriental

With the exception of a few missionaries, most of the white traders in religion and their brown, yellow or black clerks, were a denial of the very life and ideals of Jesus of Palestine, the Oriental Christ. Although Christ, it is true, belongs to the world, he was nevertheless born in Asia. His language was Asiatic, his parables and idiosyncrasia were largely Asiatic. In fact some sort of oriental outlook is needed to understand the synoptic gospels, the fourth gospel and the apocrypha. But alas Christ remained crucified and Rome resurrected out of the tomb of Oriental Christ. Rome, according to the Sybilline and Virgilian oracles, is destined to rule and rule the world. The *"tu egeris imperio populos romane memento"* echoed in the heart of all representative types in the Latin races. And Rome ruled. And Rome rules. And Rome will continue to rule. Hence not in vain Rome is called the Eternal City.

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### Christianity—Its Present State

All the scions that broke off from Rome withered away as branches cut off from the tree. Every one who clings to any form of crystallised orthodoxy of the churches whether Roman, Un-Roman or Anti-Roman, empties out the Cross of Christ. The fight between the Catholics and Protestants does not manifest itself in killing and burning and discrediting one another any longer. Times are against Inquisition. The modern ideals of freedom of conscience of thought and action which the State fortunately has developed clash against the medieval conception of the divine right of kings, burning of heretics, witches and anti-clericals. There was a time when popes could do and undo the world at will, the supreme arbiter of nations and peoples. Even after the period of Humanism, Renaissance, Illuminism and all-round rationalism has triumphed over the tyranny of authority, and after the Protestant revolt divided the entire Christendom into two big blocks, the old prejudices and closed-door policy of the catholic church against the non-Catholic continued.

### Distinguished Visitor To Ceylon

Dr. S. K. Maitra, M. A. Professor of Philosophy, Benares Hindu University, who arrived in Ceylon on 6th April 1947 left for Benares on the 14th April 1947. He visited the Hakgalla gardens at Nuwara Eliya on the 8th inst. and the Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya on the 11th inst. He delivered a public lecture in Kandy on "Himself" at the Town Hall on the 9th inst. at 6 p.m. In Colombo, Dr. S. K. Maitra addressed a public meeting under the auspices of the Ramakrishna Mission on "The Cultural Heritage of the East" on the 12th inst. and on the 13th he addressed the members of the Vivekananda Society on "The Ideals of Swami Vivekananda."

## Jaffna Clerks Plan Trade Union Rally

At a meeting of the Jaffna Branch of the Government General Clerical Service Union held on the 9th inst. it was decided to hold a Trade Union Rally of all Government Clerks in the Peninsula on Saturday the 10th May 1947. The Rally will be preceded by a demonstration and a procession from the Jaffna Kacheheri to the Town Hall.

Mr. C. R. Kunanayakam, the Secretary of the Trade Union Committee of the Parent Union, said that if the Government did not concede Trade Union Rights and repeal all repressive Public Service Regulations without further delay the Union would have to launch a much more decisive form of campaign than the one organised during the Trade Union Week in March; that the Union was determined to see that Public Servants secured civil liberties and Trade Union Rights before the inauguration of the new Constitution, so that they might be in a position to protect themselves from hostile actions by any reactionary political party that might get into power in the next election.

## A Shipping Company To be floated in Ceylon

It is learned that negotiations are in progress between a group of Ceylonese and Indian businessmen for floating a big shipping company in Ceylon.

It is learned that if the proposal materialises, the capital will be contributed mostly by Ceylonese who will predominate on the Board of Directors.

In connexion with this venture the names of three prominent Indian businessmen are mentioned—Sir Fazal Ibrahim Rabiitoola, Sir Homi Mehta and Mr. F. H. Dinshaw.

Sir Fazal and Mr. Dinshaw are already in Ceylon.

It is understood that the sponsors have informed the Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce that the project's success will depend on the amount of support the Government gives and they wish to know the Government attitude for it.

A conference of those interested in the venture was called in Friday last by Mr. Rajah Hewavitarne.

tions; the Governor's delay in answering the Union's demands was ominous and it was necessary that Government Clerks should close up their ranks and prepare for the final phase of the struggle.

## HINDUS SHOULD UNITE

### All-Ceylon Saiva Conference

"IT is no use harping on our past glorious heritage. Today the Hindu Society is being disintegrated. The foreign missions with renewed vigour are at their proselytising game and daily numbers of Hindus are being converted to alien faiths. Let us awake! Let us arise! Let us organise ourselves!" thus spoke Mr. A. Arulamba'am, Chairman of the Reception Committee of the All Ceylon Saiva Conference in the course of his welcome address delivered at the 8th sessions of the above Conference held on Friday last at the Jaffna Hindu Tamil School.

Mr. C. K. Subramania Mudaliar, the President-elect of the Conference and Rao Bahadur C. M. Ramachandram Chettiar were taken in a long procession to the Conference pandal which was tastefully decorated. Delegates and visitors from all parts of Ceylon attended the sessions.

Mr. A. Arulamba'am Chairman of the Reception Committee read his welcome address. In it he stressed the need for a religious outlook at this critical juncture in the affairs of the world.

where materialism stark and naked is threatening the existence of humanity. Hinduism, the speaker asserted, is the only panacea for relieving the world of all its ills and he appealed to all to study it and follow its precepts. Mr. Arulamba'am deprecated the lethargic tendency among the Hindus at the present time. Already enough havoc has been committed by men of alien faiths because of this lethargy. Only a few days ago the Vatican Radio had reported that more than 5 or 6 villages in the Salem District have been converted to the Catholic faith en masse. This was not particular to South India alone. In Jaffna too daily stories of conversions were reaching us. In the circumstances, it was no use asserting the speaker holding conferences and conventions and passing resolutions unless these resolutions were given effect to. He appealed to the Hindus to unite; to awake, arise and stop not till their cherished goal of a unified Hindudom is achieved.

Mr. C. K. Subramania Mudaliar then delivered his presidential address.



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TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1947.

**THE ALL-CEYLON  
SAIVA CONFERENCE**

SIVA - KAVI - MANI C. K. Subramania Mudaliar of Coimbatore presided at the All-Ceylon Saiva Conference held at the Jaffna Hindu College on the 18th 19th and 20th inst. The first conference of this kind was held at Keerimalai about thirty years ago; Swami Sharvananda presided. In the following year the Hon. Sir P. Ramanathan presided at the annual conference which was followed by a series of talks on every Sunday at the Ramanathan College for girls. From then onwards conferences have been held annually. It is fitting that Mr. Subramania Mudaliar who is well-known as a great exponent of *Peria Putanam* should have been selected to preside over the conference this year. Among the resolutions passed at the Conference may be mentioned the following:- (1) Children in schools should be taught the religion of their parents (2) That Managers and Principals of Schools who force children attending their schools to study any religion other than the religion of the parent or be converted should be condemned (3) The denominational schools which did not cater for at least 30 students of their denomination should not be entitled to any Government grant and that Government ought to recognise new denominational schools which had an average attendance of over 30 pupils of their denomination and (4) that an All-Ceylon Saiva Parents' Association be formed. We have many a time in these columns stressed that the child ought to be taught the religion of his parent. The debate on educational reforms stands adjourned for May. In the South several Buddhist institutions are taking active steps to make

**Atomic Bomb  
Recipe****French Scientist's  
Theory**

Federic Joliot-Curie, France's High Commissioner for Atomic Energy and a 1935 Nobel Prize winner for discovery of artificial radio-activity, has offered his theory on the principle of the still secret atomic bomb.

Writing in "The United Nations World", a new monthly magazine not connected with U N organisation, Dr. Joliot-Curie suggested a ball of Uranium 235 might be divided into two halves, each below the critical size which would explode in nuclear chain reaction.

'Place these hemispheres weighing, say, 30 kilos (66 pounds) apiece, at the two ends of a cylindrical tube, Dr. Joliot-Curie wrote, 'One hemisphere is fixed, the other mobile, so that an explosive charge placed behind it can cause it to slide swiftly into contact with the other half.

'Between the two, a source of emission of rapid neutrons constantly bombards with neutrons the plane surface of the fixed hemisphere.'

Dr. Joliot-Curie suggested this neutron source might be derived from a small amount of the radioactive element, polonium, which would give off natural alpha rays to bombard a quantity of the light element beryllium—also known as glaucium—to the point where it would give off neutrons.

'When the two hemispheres come together,' the French physicist said, 'the conditions for explosive chain reaction are fulfilled. You can form some idea of the explosion of two hemispheres weighing 30 kilos each when I tell you that the explosion of one kilo of uranium is equivalent to 300 tons of the most powerful explosive.'

Dr. Joliot-Curie was an alternate French delegate to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission last year, and has been a member of the French Communist Party since 1941. Writing on the Government atomic programme under his direction, he said France was working 'not to develop better instruments of mass killing, but new means of enriching life'

State Councillors implement this proposal made by the Minister of Education. It is to be hoped that the Hindu members of the State Council will not fail in their duty to support the Minister of Education when the debate is taken up in May.

Another distinguished visitor was Rao Bahadur C. M. Ramachandran Chettiar who presided at the Conference on the 19th inst. The Chairman and the other speakers captured the imagination of the audience. Their addresses were of great educative value. They did not fail to impress the need for a religious education. It is the duty of all Hindus to do what ever may be necessary to conserve their faith and prevent proselytation.

**The Late  
Mr. N. Nadarajah K.C.****A Loss to Tamil  
Community**

The sad and unexpected news that Mr. N. Nadarajah K. C., Commissioner of Assize, Colombo died at 5 a. m. on last Saturday will be a shock to all. Mr. Nadarajah had his early education in Malaya and at St. Joseph's College Colombo. He was one of those who by self study passed the B. A. (Lond) Examination in or about 1920. He was for some time a teacher at St. Joseph's College. From 1922 he was practising as an advocate at the Metropolitan Bar till 20th March 1947 when he took his oaths as Commissioner of Assize, Western Circuit. Though by nature averse to accepting work under Government, still he accepted the post of Commissioner of Assize in a spirit of service to the country. He had a large and enviable practice at the bar: for a few months he practised in the Court of Requests, Colombo and later in the District Court of Colombo. Later he had a very large practice at the appellate court. After Sir P. Ramanathan and Mr. H. A. P. Sandrasegara he was the first to be made King's Counsel among the Tamils in recognition of his professional eminence. There are few in Ceylon who could be compared with Mr. Nadarajah. He was very industrious and a hard-working. After his marriage, his wife who is a staunch Hindu and a Tamil Pandit made him study Tamil and Hinduism which he had neglected in his youth. He was charitably minded. He offered several scholarships for poor students from his village to enable them to have a high school education and later University education. He gave to Karainagar a maternity hospital built at his own cost on a land donated by him to Government. There is hardly a public institution in Jaffna which has not been benefitted by his munificence. He has served on many commissions. He was one of the three on the Delimitation Commission; he was umpire in the arbitration proceedings held in connection with the Colombo Tramway dispute and he was appointed one man commission to inquire into the Police tragedy at Matara. He was president of the Colombo Vivekananda Society and a member of the Board of Directors, Jaffna Hindu College. He was one of the committee who recommended educational reforms and was a member of the Bar Council and Council of Legal Education. He had a very fine library which is said to have been bequeathed to the University of Ceylon. He was many a time host to many a distinguished visitor from India to Ceylon. His death leaves behind a void which will be difficult to fill. We extend our sympathy to his widow and his relatives, Ceylon in general and Tamils in particular have suffered an irremediable loss.

**Cremation**

The remains of Mr. Nadarajah were cremated according to Hindu rites at the General Cemetery Colombo on Sunday last.

A large gathering was present including the Acting Chief Secretary, Mr. C. H. Collins, who represented the Governor.

The pall-bearers were Mr. Alan Rose, Legal Secretary, Sir Mohamed Macan Markar, Mr. M. S. Aney, Mr. Justice Wijewardene, Mr. Justice Keuneman, Mr. Justice Nagalingam, Mr. C. W. W. Kannangara, Mr. H. H. Basnayake, Mr. G. Crossette-Thambyah and Dr. E. V. Ratnam.

Mr. V. Thambipillai set fire to the pyre.

**Congress - League  
Rapprochement?****Calcutta Paper's Report**

The Delhi talks initiated by H. E. Lord Mountbatten have reached a stage where a Congress-League rapprochement appears to be within sight, learns the *Amrita Bazar Patrika* from sources described by it as 'unimpeachable'

The paper says: "Political observers are looking forward to a final bargain by the two political parties wherein the Congress might accept grouping as envisaged in the Cabinet Mission's plan and the League would provide safeguards to the minorities in Group B and C in the form of joint electorates. This might be followed by Coalition Governments both at the Centre and in the Provinces."

According to the paper, Lord Mountbatten is credited with the firm determination to put down the present state of lawlessness in certain parts of the country and bringing about a workable compromise between the contending parties.

**U. N. P. and the  
Education Bill**

Mr. D. S. Senanayake, Leader of the State Council, who, accompanied by Mr. Tyagaraja, M. S. C., and Mr. T. B. Jayah, M. S. C., visited Mannar District in the course of a U. N. P. election campaign last week, promised his audience at Pesalai, a predominantly Catholic fishing centre, that he would remain steadfast in his opposition to the controversial Amending Education Bill.

The Minister, in this locality, was taken in procession. People carried banners inscribed with the letters "U. N. P." The Minister was profusely garlanded at every junction and, at a public meeting held in the school hall, a silver model of a sailing vessel was presented to him. The Rev. Fr. S. Peter, O. M. I. presided.

The U. N. P. party also visited Thavakkundu, a Muslim village Erukkalampiddy, Vidaltativu, and the animal breeding centre at Murunkan. They later left for Anuradhapura.

**The North Ceylon  
Tennis Tournament**

The above Tennis tournament, held under the auspices of "The Jaffna United Club" commenced on Easter Monday, with many entrants from South Ceylon also taking part.

On the evening of 12th instant, when the finals were played, a large gathering including several ladies witnessed the play.

Mrs. R. R. Nalliah, the wife of President of the Club distributed the cups to the winners.

Mr. V. Josph, who presided at the meet, thanked all present for gracing the occasion by their presence and the Secretary for his untiring efforts in bringing the meet to the success it was.

**Vacancies for Teachers**

Manipay Hindu College requires the services of a Science Graduate and an Arts Graduate from the 1st of May. Apply to the Manager, Manipay Hindu College, Manipay.

V. VEERASINGHAM,  
Principal.

(M. 6, 11 & 22)



Letters to the Editor

**KARAIYOOR AND G. G.**

Sir,

I was present at the U. N. P. meeting held at Koddady, Jaffna on the 5th April.

Mr. C. Ponnampalam, the Jaffna Mayor made an impassioned speech exposing the shock tactics of the Tamil Congress and its President, Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam.

The All Ceylon Tamil Congress thrives on the grievances, imaginary or real of the Tamils. The more grievances the Tamils have against the Government the greater is the justification for the existence of this communal caucus. It seems to me that sores are always kept open and not cured. For once grievances disappear and sores heal, the need for the existence of the Tamil Congress disappear.

For sometime the Tamils had a grievance that there was no Tamil Minister of State. When one was elected to this coveted office he was frowned upon and branded a traitor to the Tamil cause.

When another Tamil Member of the State Council aspired to become a Minister of State, the President of the Tamil Congress who was reported to be in Jaffna at the time rushed to Colombo and did his bit to prevent this great catastrophe to the cause of the All Ceylon Tamil Congress.

The Karaiyoor Slum is another case in point. As long as the Government failed to remove this eyesore it was well. It provided the necessary ammunition for attacking the government. It came in very handy when Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam made his case for fifty-fifty before the Soulbury Commission. When serious steps were made to remove this sore, everything possible must be done to prevent it! Hence, I take it, was the telephone conversation with Sir Oliver Goonetilleke requesting him to report adversely on the scheme.

There is a curious interview reported in an evening paper. Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam does not deny having made this request. The most obvious thing to do is to say that no such request was made by him to the Financial Secretary. What a refuge in words! words! words!

Yours etc,  
A Voter.

Jaffna  
April 16th, 1947.

**Mr. Natesan and the Tamil Congress**

Sir,

With reference to the letter of Dr. E. M. V. Naganathan, Joint General Secretary of the Tamil Congress, published in your issue of the 8th instant, I have to state categorically that I never expressed to any person any wish to rejoin the Tamil Congress. On the contrary I have consistently refused to accede to the wish expressed by some members of the Tamil Congress that I should rejoin that organization. On more than one occasion, Mr. S. Elayathamby, Proctor, tried to persuade me to rejoin the Tamil Congress. I refused to do so. I understand that Mr. S. Elayathamby, stated this openly at a meeting of the Tamil Congress held in Alaveddy. Mr. C. Nagiah, teacher, Manipay Hindu College, asked me if I would rejoin the Tamil Congress, saying

that he had taken "the initiative" in order to bring about a rapprochement between the Tamil Congress and me. I told him that I could not accede to his wish. One Mr. Kandaswami of Neeraviadi came to me introducing himself as a supporter of the Tamil Congress and requested me to attend a conference of some Tamil Congress leaders, which he said was to be arranged with a view to inviting me to rejoin the Tamil Congress. I declined to attend any such conference.

With regard to Dr. Naganathan's speculations about my chances in the forthcoming election, I can only characterize them as wishful thinking on his part.

Yours etc,  
S. Natesan.

Jaffna  
20-4-47.

**The Y. M. H. A. Movement**

Sir,

It is gratifying to note that the Hindu Young Men's Movement is still active and doing some very useful work. The movement was started by some of us sometime in the latter part of 1916. The late Mr. A. V. Somasundaram, then a young student, and myself were the prime-movers. The inaugural meeting was held at Ananda Mahal, Kanderamadam, which was specially lent for the purpose by Mr. M. Asaipillai. The big hall was fully crowded. The late Sir A. Kanagasabai presided.

The first President was Sir A. Kanagasabai. Mr. V. Muttukumaru, M. A., and myself were the first Secretaries. The Treasurer was Mudaliar S. Chittambalam.

The credit of placing the movement on a firm footing belongs to the late Mr. M. S. Eliatamby and Mudaliar S. Chittambalam. Mr. Eliatamby had the leisure as well as a fertile brain; Mudaliar Chittambalam had the unflagging zeal and marvellous rallying force.

The movement attained its zenith when Mr. M. S. Eliatamby was the Organising Secretary and the late Mr. A. Ambalawanan its General Secretary.

Some of its noteworthy activities were: mass initiation ceremonies, popular religious lectures in villages, publication of a magazine, "The Young Hindu", Friday religious discourses at the Y. M. H. A. Headquarters (in a building near Kilner Institute) by the late Mr. S. Subramania Iyer, B. A., L. T., distribution of religious tracts (Mudaliar Chittambalam had a lot of them for free distribution. Some of them were written by his father, who was in his time a great propagandist), Conferences and Students Camps at Keerimalai, anti-animal sacrifice campaign (the late Mudaliar Sabaratnam took a leading part in this). Thevaram competitions, and so on.

It is thus seen that the Y. M. H. A. had, for its guidance in the choice of its activities, the noble example set by the late Arumuga Navalar.

Among those who presided over the Y. M. H. A. Conferences at Keerimalai were Srimath Swami Sharvananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Mr. B. Sanjiva Rao, Sri-

mathi Andal Ammai, and Sir Ponnampalam Ramanathan.

It was at the earnest request of the Y. M. H. A. Executive that Mr. S. Shivapathasundarampillai was induced to publish his Saiva Botha textbooks with what results, every Hindu school teacher knows. Mr. Sivapathasundaram will ever be remembered by the Hindu school world as one of the best exponents of our religion.

Among those who associated themselves with the movement in those early days may be mentioned Mr. Eliappah, Registrar of Marriages, Nallur, the late Mr. V. S. S. Kumaraswamy, Pandit V. T. Sambandhan, the late Pandit K. C. Nathan, the late Mr. A. Thillai nather of Vaddukodai, and the late Mr. K. C. Chidamparapillai of Karaveddy.

Chelliah Kurukal, son of Thevarakanapathi Kurukal, was the Y. M. H. A. priest. He could deliver inspiring sermons.

A worker, though in a very humble way was Nagalingam, the Hindu Organ paper boy.

Yours etc.  
M. S. R. Singhe.  
Pandateruppu  
18-4-47.

**Kataragama Pilgrims' Thondar Society Ltd. Colombo**

The 21st Annual General Meeting of the Kataragama Pilgrims' Thondar Society in Colombo was held at No. 137, Forbes Road, with the Vice-President Mr. M. S. Thiruvilangam in the Chair.

The annual report and accounts for 1946 were adopted unanimously and the following office-bearers were elected for 1947:—

President: Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, (Retired Auditor General).

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. K. Nagalingam, K. Mathiapparanam, M. S. Thiruvilangam, V. A. Kandiah and Mr. S. Saravanamuttu.

Hony. Secretary: Mr. V. Nallasekarampillai.

Asst. Secretary: Mr. V. Ponnu-samy

Hony. Treasurer: Mr. P. Kanagaratnam

Asst. Hony. Treasurer: Mr. K. Ramanathan

Other members were also elected to form the Committee. Messrs. C. K. Ratnam and K. Chellappah were elected as auditors.

**SENANAYAKE'S "INDEPENDENCE"!****A Myth Says Mr. Thondaman**

"It has often been proclaimed that Ceylon will attain its independence within the next three years. But can that independence be attained by the method suggested by Mr. Senanayake? No, it is an impossibility" stated Mr. Savumiamoorthy Thondaman President of the 7th session of the Ceylon Indian Congress held on Friday last at Nawalapitya.

A large crowd was present at the sessions of the Congress. Mr. R. E. Jayatilleke M. S. C., Chairman of the Urban Council opened the "Swatantra Nagar."

Mr. M. S. Aney hoisted the national flag. He said that the flag was a symbol of unity, fraternity and freedom. He expressed the remarkable history of India's great struggle during the last 25 years. Among those who sent messages of goodwill were Pandit Nehru, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi, Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar and Acharya Kripalani.

Mr. Thondaman in the course of his presidential speech further said:

Ceylon under the Soulbury Commission recommendations has been given a constitution on the Cabinet model with a plethora of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. The State Council has expressed its disappointment that the admission of Ceylon to full Dominion Status has been deferred. The Leader of the State Council pleaded that in the Declaration of 1945, we have a specific promise of Dominion Status and he has also given us some inkling into the implications of the promise. Stressing the importance of Ceylon as a base and a link in the chain of imperial communication and claiming that we have provided Headquarters and the facilities required by the South East Asia Command and the East Indies Fleet during the war, the Leader had suggested to the Secretary of State a method which would: (1) assure Great Britain of a friendly government, another Dominion (Ceylon) on the sea and air routes to Australia and New Zealand and

(2) assure Great Britain of naval and air bases that would dominate the Indian ocean. He has further explained "It would add to the power of British Commonwealth of Nations. It would place another Dominion in a most important strategic position, halfway between England and Australia. It would complete the triangle in the Indian ocean." Mr. Senanayake puts and answers himself the question, "Was it not better to establish a new Dominion on the sea and air routes to Australia and New Zealand, in an island which guards the whole Indian Ocean?" (Vide 'Path to Freedom') Keeping in view the statements made by the Leader of the State Council, it is pertinent to ask when he expects a free and independent Ceylon to emerge. It has often been proclaimed that Ceylon will attain its independence within the next three years. Independence undoubtedly we aspire to but will it and can it be reached on the method suggested and assured by the Leader of the State Council? Nothing short of Purna Swaraj for Ceylon is the demand of the Ceylon Indian Congress. For this purpose I am of the firm belief that a free India is a necessary corollary to a free Ceylon. A policy of isolation for Ceylon from India will not be helpful to her advance. An early settlement of the differences between India and Ceylon should be arrived at in a spirit of understanding and mutual goodwill. The common interest of both the countries should be knit together in amity and co-operation. In such joint strength and unity of purpose lie our salvation and sovereignty. As described by Mahatma Gandhi, Ceylon is a pendant in the necklace. It is my earnest hope that the contact and participation of the Ceylon delegates at the Asian Relations Conference have already created the necessary spirit for such understanding and goodwill. On behalf of the Ceylon Indian Congress I can assure the support

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# Books Review

## Five Tamil Idyles of Paththup-pattu

Mr. J. M. Somasundarampillai has published a collection of studies and translations of five of the ten Tamil poems known as Paththup-pattu. The author has given in his prefatory note an outline of the important works in Tamil classical (Sangam) literature viz The Ten idylls, the Eight Collections, Tholkappiam, the Eighteen Compositions in short verses, and the Five Epics.

The studies and translations of Thiru-Murug-attup-padai and Kurrinji-pattu (1) are the work of the late J. M. Nallaswamy pillai, who translated Siva gnana-poatham into English. The style is suited to the theme. It may be mentioned that Sir P. Arunachalam has also translated Thiru-murug-attup-padai into English; parts of Nallaswamy pillai's translation of Thiru-murug-attup-padai are like Sir P. Arunachalam's translation—in blank verse. The translation of Kurrinji-pattu is in prose.

The translations of Mullaip-pattu and Nedu-nal-vadai are by Mr. J. M. Somasundarampillai himself who states that 'the diction of the poem is surpassingly rich, and it is needless to point out that much of its exquisiteness is lost in the translation', and that 'an attempt is made to give a possible word-for-word rendering.'

There is also a translation of Kurrinji-pattu by the famous scholar, the Rev. Dr. G. U. Pope. The translation of Pattinap-palai is by Rao-Sahib K. Kothandapanipillai.

Those who are not advanced enough to understand the Tamil Text of Paththup-pattu will find this book extremely useful. The sublimity of thought or the exquisiteness of expression in Nakirar's Thiru-murug-attup-padai it will be impossible for one to reproduce in any other language, but a genuine attempt has been made to reproduce as far as possible the theme of the poem.

## The University of Ceylon Review

The aims and objects of the Review which is published twice a year, in April and in November, are to give scholars in literary subjects an opportunity of developing contact, to provide a medium of publication for the research in such subjects and to provide for a learned Review for Ceylon. In the last publication of the Review, G. C. Mendis in a learned article on 'The Pali Chronicles of Ceylon' examines the different opinions of different scholars on the subject. He has taken pains to point out that Professor Malalasekera's views cannot be accepted as correct; probably, in some future number of the Review, Professor Malalasekera who is an eminent Pali scholar will be able to throw more light in the matter.

Krishna Prasanna Mukerji's contribution, 'The Institution of Property' has been thoughtfully written; at the very outset he says that it is necessary to understand the difference between the two concepts of 'institution' and 'association', and also to differentiate between property and proprietary rights. He points out that there are different kinds of goods viz goods which

cannot be objects of proprietary rights, goods which cannot be owned by a private individual but could be owned by the state, and goods which could be the subject of private property. He also deals with the historical and legal aspect of the subject and the three alternative ideas or theories of proprietary philosophy.

S. A. Imam has written about 'Some Indo-Aratic cultural contacts' in the realms of philosophy, medicine, astronomy and astrology. A. P. Buddhadatta has contributed an article on 'The early Buddhist councils and the various Buddhist Sects' and E. R. de S. Saratchandra on 'The Abidamma Psychology of Perception and the Yogacara theory of mind.' There is also a translation by E. J. Thomas of F. Bernheim's 'Certainty of History.'

## Caravan

The February number of Caravan is full of interesting stories and articles. The editor has argued strongly why titles should be revived in India; according to him, every human activity is actuated by the expectation of some gain or fear of some pain or suffering, and rewards in the shape of titles and honour cost nothing to the state; he cites the example of Russia as a country which tried the experiment of abolishing titles and again reviving them. Care has been taken to cater for all kinds of persons and satisfy all sorts of tastes. Caravan has won for itself an enviable place among the best-edited monthlies in India.

## Madras Commercial Review Conference Number

The Editor Mr. M. Gunda Rao has at some length dwelt upon the importance of middle men in trade. The conference number of the Madras Commercial Review, which is a weekly publication dedicated to the cause of trade, commerce and industry contains the speeches delivered by Dr. Sir. R. M. Alagappa Chettiar, chairman of the Reception Committee and Sir. A. Kaleswara Rao President of the Madras Provincial Yarn Merchants' Association. The resolutions adopted at the conference and the speeches of Sir. Alagappa Chettiar and Sir. Kaleswara Rao show that the textile policy of the Prakasham Government in Madras was inimical to the country, and that producer-cum-Co-operative Societies are more a bane than a boon. There are several articles which stress that all controls in respect of copper, aluminium and steel should be removed. The resolution adopted by the conference of Provincial Trade Interests, convened by the Andhra Chamber of Commerce are similar in tone to the resolutions adopted by the Madras Provincial Yarn Merchants' conference.

## Naranthanai Rural Welfare Society

The first meeting of the above society was held at Naranthanai, Kayts on the 16th instant, with Mr. T. Thillainathar in the Chair. Speeches on rural upliftment were delivered. After the election of office-bearers, the meeting came to an end.

## Mulliyavalai Paddy Growers' Association

The Assistant Government Agent, Vavuniya Mr. A. S. Kohoban Wickrema attended a meeting of the Mulliyavalai Paddy Growers Association on a special invitation by the Association. Mr. C. M. Tharmalingam gave a brief account of the difficulties the farmers of Mulliyavalai had to undergo by reason of the fact that while they reside in one Revenue Officer's Division, their cultivation is done in another Revenue Officer's Division—their paddy lands being surrounded on all sides by jungle. He requested the A. G. A. to see that the Government promptly pays the money for the paddy levied from the cultivators. He said that the people of this district were happy that in Mr. Kohoban Wickrema they have an administrative officer who is keenly alive and sympathetic towards the welfare of the poor cultivators of this district.

The Assistant Government Agent in reply thanked the Association for having given him an opportunity to attend that meeting of the paddy growers of Mulliyavalai. An association of this nature the A. G. A. said could be of great and valuable assistance to the cultivators. He said that the yield in these parts was comparatively poor and that the farmers should endeavour to get better yield from their lands. He further said that once the emergency regulations were revoked the cultivators should try to get good price for their paddy. In conclusion the A. G. A. said that he would always give his unstinted assistance to promote the interest of the cultivators.

After the meeting terminated some villagers complained to the A. G. A. that their dwelling houses and compounds were not habitable on account of the marshy nature of the soil. The A. G. A. inspected one of the compounds and saw a house which was about to collapse and which has been vacated by the inmates and lying abandoned. He promised to take the matter up with the proper authorities. —Cor.

## Press Workers Support Free Education

The following resolutions were among those passed at a meeting of the General Committee of the Ceylon Press Workers' Union held last week at 124 Shorts Road, Slave Island.

"That this union calls upon the State Councillors to vote for the Free Education Bill at present before the State Council and to see that it

## Senanayake's 'Independence'!

(Continued from page 3)

and co-operation necessary for a strong and independent Ceylon in which all sections of its population will be assured of a sense of security and equal treatment irrespective of race, creed or class. While we have always stood for the freedom of Ceylon we have strongly protested against the Soulbury Commission's proposal denying the franchise rights which the Indians in the island have demanded on a footing of equality with the rest of the population. The State Council embodying the White Paper of August 31, 1945 and the Ceylon Constitution Order-in-Council embodying the White Paper proposal and retaining the impracticable test of domicile for the franchise for the Indians was promulgated on the 17th May 1946.

Mr. V. V. Giri, former Congress Minister for Labour and Industries in the Madras Government addressing the Congress appealed for harmony between Ceylonese and Indians in political, economic and cultural relations.

"A free India and a free Ceylon will not only be assets to Asia but also to the world," he said.

The present world trend was towards a socialistic order, on the principles of democracy, he added. Referring to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's leadership, he said that Pandit Nehru's vision in the Inter-Asian Conference would "stand out as a landmark dividing Asia's past from its future."

He expressed pleasure regarding the observations of Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, the chief Ceylon delegate, that the results of the Conference were 'far-reaching' and that a supreme effort should be made to achieve unity and harmony between India and Ceylon.

"With this as a background," Mr. Giri said, "the future relations between India and Ceylon—political, economical and cultural—should be built on a strong edifice. Indian settlers in Ceylon, whether they be workers, peasants or businessmen, must feel proud that they are in Ceylon and that their interests are identical with the interests of the Ceylonese; Rancour and bitterness have no place but mutual understanding and goodwill should lead to the happiness of both peoples."

is passed before the present Council is dissolved."

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M. SRI KHANTA  
A. G. A. (E), Jaffna

18th April, 1947,  
G. 13, 22.

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Jaffna, 16th April, 1947.  
G. 12, 22.

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
No 346 Testamentary)

In the matter of the Intestate estate of the late Narayan Chetty Govindasamy Chetty of Vannarponnai East Deceased

Govindasamy Chetty Natarajah. of Vannarponnai East:

Vs. Petitioner.  
1. Govinda Chetty Thiruvankadam and wife 2. Pakkaya Ledohmy both of Vannarponnai East 3. Govindasamy Chetty Mathidewa of Galgamuwa 4. Govindasamy Chetty Minor. Somasundaram of Vannarponnai

" 5. Govindasamy Chetty Narayanasamy of do  
(dead) 6. Narayana Chetty Krihna samy, and wife  
Chellammah of Vannarponnai East. Respondent

This matter coming on for disposal before H. A. De Silva, Esq. District Judge Jaffna on the 24th day of November 1946 in the presence of Mr. V. K. Subramaniam, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the 7th Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 4th and 5th Respondents abovenamed and the petitioner be declared entitled to Letters of Administration of the estate of the abovenamed deceased unless the Respondents shall appear on the 22nd day of January 1947 and show cause to the contrary.

This 24th day November 1946

Sgd. H. A. De Silva,  
District Judge

10 3-47  
This Order Nisi to show cause extended to 2-4-47

Id R. R. S.  
D. J.  
(O. 11, 22 & 25.)

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 680.

In the matter of the estate of the late Ponnampalam Chelliah of Punnalaikkadduvan who died in Kuala Lumpur Deceased.

Thangammah alias Anirhaya widow of Ponnampalam Chelliah of Punnalaikkadduvan Petitioner.

Vs.  
Minor 1. Easwari daughter of Chelliah  
" 2. Chelliah Radhakrishnan  
" 3. Chelliah Paramsothy  
" 4. Chelliah Vivekanandhan and  
" 5. Chelliah Balasingham all of Kadduvan  
G.A.L. { 6. Ka diah Chellathurai & wife  
7. Muththachchi both of Punnalaikkadduvan Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq. District Judge Jaffna on the 12th day of March 1947 in the presence of Mr. A. Kumaraswamy Proctor on the part of the Petitioner, and the affidavit of the abovenamed Petitioner dated 11th day of March 1947 having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 6 and 7 Respondents be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors 1 to 5 Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interests and of presenting them on these proceedings and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to the Petitioner as his lawful widow, unless the said Respondents or others interested shall on or before the 30th day of April 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

The 12th day of March 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.  
(O. 7, 22 & 25)

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 685

In the matter of the estate of the late Sivagurunather Ponnuswamy of Vannarponnai East, Jaffna Deceased.

Rasammah widow of Sivagurunather Ponnuswamy of Vannarponnai East Petitioner

1. Ponnuswamy Balasubramaniam, (minor) 2. Ponnuswamy Rajasundaram, 3. Ponnuswamy Kamadambikai 4. Ponnuswamy Ramachandran, 5. Ponnuswamy Nadasanasegaram, 6. Ponnuswamy Karunakaran 2nd to 6th respondents appearing by 7. Kathiresu Sivagurunather Rajarajam all of Vannarponnai East, Jaffna Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge Jaffna on the 27th day of March 1947 in the presence of Mr. A. Thanabalasingam, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and on reading the affidavit and petition of petitioner.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 7th respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minors the abovenamed 2nd to 6th respondents and that the abovenamed petitioner be granted Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased unless the respondents or any others shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the 28th day of April 1947 at 10 a. m. It is further ordered that the said minors be produced on the same date.

This 27th day of March 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.  
(O. 4, 24 & 25)

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 675

In the matter of the estate of the late Maheswary wife of Sellappan Apputhurai deceased of Vaddukodai East who died in Johore Bahru in Malaya Union Deceased.

Amcalavanar Vaithilingam of Vaddukodai East Petitioner

Vs.  
Sellappan Apputhurai of Vaddukodai East Respondents  
This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq. District Judge, Jaffna on the 3rd day of March 1947 in the presence of Mr. A. Kumaraswamy Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the abovenamed Petitioner dated the 28th day of February 1947 having been read.

It is ordered that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as father and sole heir and as such Letters be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondent or others interested shall on or before the 30th day of April 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 3rd day of March 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.  
(O. 6, 23 & 25)

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 677.

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Vaithilingam Thurai-rajasingam of Vannarponnai East Deceased

Thaiyalmuttu widow of Vaithilingam of Vannarponnai East

Vs. Petitioner  
1. Canagasabai Kantiah and wife  
2. Annapooran both of Vannarponnai East presently of Mount Lavinia Respondents  
This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge, Jaffna, on the 6th day of March 1947 in the presence of Mr. C. R. Malingam, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the abovenamed petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the petitioner as his mother unless the respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall appear before this Court on or before the 30th day of April 1947 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 6th day of March 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge  
(O. 5, 22 & 25.)

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 663

In the matter of the intestate Estate of the late Chellamma wife of Viravanather Sinnathamby of Paththimery Deceased

1. Thampoo Subramaniam and wife  
2. Sinraha kachchi both of Paththimery Vs. Petitioner  
3. Vairavanathar Sinnathamby of do. Respondent

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq. District Judge Jaffna on the 19th February 1947 in the presence of Mr. K. Aiyadurai Proctor for Petitioner and the Affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 20th February 1947 having been read.

It is ordered that the 2nd Petitioner as sole heir of the deceased is entitled to Letters of Administration to the Estate unless the Respondent or any person shall on or before the 21st day of March 1947 show sufficient

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
(held at Point Pedro)

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 339PT

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Kasinather Ramu Chinnathamby of Thunnalai South Deceased.

Kasinather Ramu Namasiyayam of Thunnalai South Petitioner.

Vs.  
1. Chithamparan widow of Ramu of Thunnalai South  
2. Ramu Faravanamtu of do  
3. Achchipillai wife of Kasinather Ramu Namasiyayam the petitioner of do.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. C. T. A. de Silva Esq., Additional District Judge, Jaffna on the 26th day of March 1947 in the presence of Mr. R. Navaratnam Proctor for the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 18th day of December 1946 having been read.

It is ordered that the Last Will of the deceased be declared proved, that the petitioner be declared Executor of the said Last Will and that Probate be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 2nd day of May 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 24th day of March 1947.

(Sgd.) G. C. T. A. de Silva,  
Addl. District Judge.  
Drawn by R. Navaratnam,  
Proctor for Petitioner.  
(O. 8, 22 & 25)

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 641

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Kathiresu Appalingam of Chaulai West, Jaffna lately of Johore in Johore in Malaya, Deceased.

Chellappah Kathiresu of Changanai West Vs. Petitioner

1. Kathiresu Tharumalingam  
2. Kathiresu Mathivanan  
3. Kathiresu Thambimuttu  
4. Kathiresu Pararajahalingam  
5. Kathiresu Panchalcharam  
6. Kathiresu Marakkandu  
7. Kathiresu Theivendram  
8. Nagamthi widow of S. Kasipillai  
9. K. Nagalingam and wife  
10. Valiarachi all of Changanai West, Jaffna Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on the 9th day of December 1947 in the presence of Mr. M. K. Subramaniam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 2nd day of December 1947 having been read.

It is ordered that the Petitioner as the father and heir of the deceased is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the above estate issued to him accordingly unless any person or persons interested shall on or before the 17th day of January 1948 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 9th day of December 1946

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge

The date for showing cause is extended to 28-1-47  
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge  
(O. 10, 22 & 25.)

ent cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 19th day of February 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge

Time to show cause is

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Drawn by

K. Aiyadurai

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