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Impact of the Mahatma on Ceylon; Some Aspects

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The impact of Mahatma Gandhi on Ceylon has been very great, varied and far reaching. It has influenced our people in almost every walk of life, politically, socially, culturally, ethically and from the religious and spiritual angle. So far as the Hindus of Ceylon are concerned, since the advent of Portuguese power in our country and the introduction of what is termed Western Civilization in the sixteenth century the lives and teachings of Sri La Sri Arumuga Navalar, Bhagavan Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, and Sri La Sri Yoga Swami-gal have to my humble mind deeply influenced the life of the Hindu Community in general. I am referring now only to Hindu personalities. The lives and efforts and teachings of many other great souls have also considerably contributed to our betterment. However, the revered names herein mentioned seem to occupy places of special importance taking into account the results achieved in the transformation of character and inward nature of people. With regard to the teachings of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna Mission and Mahatma Gandhi, it could be said that their influence is not confined to the Hindus alone but has embraced the other communities in Ceylon as well. Though the present series of articles are intended to celebrate Gandhiji's Centenary and to re-affirm and propagate, in however a feeble manner, some of his ideals, reference to the general back ground is opposite and necessary. In the same context, it would be profitable to remember that Gandhiji was influenced by the teachings and life of Swami Vivekananda, who was

called the 'Patron Saint of Modern India' as well by the lives and teachings of several other great religious and political prophets, seers and savants. In furtherance of the object of reaffirming and propagating some of Gandhiji's ideals and of assisting the religious and general progress of the public, the Mahatma's own "Reflections Regarding God" in his own words have been published already. In continuation of that illuminating article, and to be read along with it, the following passage from a recent writing of one of Gandhiji's colleagues and another Great Soul and Devotee of God, Sri La Sri C. Rajagopalachariar Avergal would be very, very helpful if I may be allowed to say so with all deference. These are several Rajaji's words:—

"God is not only a truth but a necessity. Man cannot get on without God as some substitute for deification. Our old religious leaders when their dialectics put aside God as the Jainas and Buddhists did, deified their teachers and adored and offered worship to the gurus as to gods. In modern times when God is dismissed from the thoughts of man, the craving is satisfied by some second-class material; their country or language or some other irrevocable dogma is taken up for deification. Adoration is a necessity for life. Any adoration ordinarily is good and harmless but mammon is a harmful substitute for God."

The above passage from Rajaji is supplementary to the Mahatma's Reflections."

THE HINDU FORUM

By AGASTIYAR

Traditions die hard. Under foreign domination thousands of Hindu pupils had their education in the hands of Christian teachers in Mission Schools. Government put an end to that system but the Christian teachers are still in charge, perpetrating the same mischief against Hinduism by disguised methods. One such flagrant case was the Nallur Training College. These columns had occasion to expose some of the anti Hindu activities in this College. There was a change in form but not in spirit. The Christian principal with his staff of Senior Christian teachers undertook the Training in Saiva lines of almost 100% Hindu group of Teachers. The few Hindu teachers on the staff received no encouragement nor were they interested in Hindu training activities as that would court trouble from the Head of the School. By the grace of Shiva a Hindu Principal was given his turn in Jaffna and posted to this school and the Christian Principal, a Batticalonian by birth, one who had never served outside Jaffna, was sent there to take his place. The whole force of Christian actionists appear to have raised a howl of protest. The Hindus are watching the position. It is hoped that the Department will do justice to the Hindus and see that the Hindu children and Hindu trainees get a chance with a Hindu Head of the College.

It is not a strange coincidence that another institution where Christian actionists have their way is the Scout movement. It had its origin in the Christian world and the Commissionership goes by lineal descent, every Commissioner nominating his successor. The movement is generally for Buddhist and Hindu scouts and many of them

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Letters to the Editor

"TWO CENTENARIES"

Sir, - In the course of this year Ceylon along with several other countries will be celebrating the birth centenary of the late Mahatma Gandhi. I received a pamphlet bearing the name and address of Mr. S. Sivasubramaniam, Joint Secretary, Indo Ceylon Society and I was very happy to see the contents of this pamphlet in print in your journal dated March 8th. Mr. Sivasubramaniam's credentials to be one of the chief organisers of such a centenary are well-known and need no assessment from a simple soul like myself. What I am concerned with is the pattern of the celebrations and the impact of all the pageantry, speech-making, publications etc on the people of our country. At one time we in Jaffna took upon Gandhi as one of our own living saints and many a school boy had the ambition of fashioning his life after Gandhiji. Noble, educated and cultured men like the late Mr. W. Ariyanayagam became absorbed in the Wardha system of education and the lone pioneer struggle of Mr. Navaratnam of the staff of Jaffna Hindu College with his Wardha school at Karai nagar is well known. Mr. Ariyanayagam is no more but steps should be taken to give better support to Mr. Navaratnam's school. (I write this on the assumption that the school still exists).

In these days of gross materialism when men instead of learning to live together find great pride and delight in living against one another, Gandhian ideal may find little favour. Communism with its claimed object of creation of a peculiar socio-political set up which would bring about greater material prosperity for all appeals better to the Haves of today. Yet these very same adherents of Communism can be weaned away from having faith in a system which comes

into existence through violence and progressively destroys the freedom, dignity and capacity to think of the individual human. Gandhism on the other hand can be adopted at practical level within the framework of Parliamentary Democracy and the Gandhian system does not overlook the material improvement of the individual as many suppose. Gandhi was a great Hindu who took in what is good from other

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Pasupathy Chettiar Day at Thiruketheswaram

The Anniversary of the late Mr. ST M Pasupathy Chettiar one of the founders of the Jaffna Hindu College and Hindu Organ was celebrated in a fitting manner at the Thiruketheswaram temple by the Restoration Society on Mai Maham day this week. There were special poojals and water-cutting ceremony in which the descendants of Mr. Chettiar and hundreds of devotees took part.

Special programmes were also organised at the Jaffna Hindu College. At the College main Assembly, Messrs. Vidvan Kanapathippillai, V. Erampamorthy and E. Mahadeva paid tributes to the devoted service of Mr. Pasupathy Chettiar in establishing the Jaffna Hindu College to be one of the most leading national educational institutions in Ceylon and in restoring the Thiruketheswaram temple to what it is today. Mr. Pasupathy Chettiar acting on the words of his uncle, the Great Navalar, tracked through the dense jungle of the Vanni in 1890 with bullock carts and masons etc and did the early restoration work. The present Restoration Society continued the restoration work from where Mr. Chettiar left,

in a system which comes



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FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1968

CENTENARY THAT COUNTS

True to the great cultural tradition of the East, particularly of India and Lanka the remembrance of the lives of great men of all time has become embedded in the public activities of the present generation. The greatness of a person be he patriot, poet, philosopher or philanthropist has been assessed not by a panel of competent judges nor by academies but by the spontaneous acknowledgment of that fact by the people. The criterion of this recognition appears to have been the volume of usefulness of the life of a person to the country as a whole. There have been instances where the example of the life of a single individual has been recognized far beyond the limits of his or her land as something invaluable to humanity itself. One such instance is the life of that incomparable servant of the people, Mahatma Gandhi, that illuminating idol of humanity.

History has recorded the greatness of many leaders distinguishing those who were born great from those who achieved greatness and those upon whom greatness was thrust. The orbit of activities of these distinguished leaders varied and seldom could one sphere of life find more than one ideal exponent commanding world-wide attention. Religious leaders there have been but they themselves differed one from another each pursuing a particular interpretation of the tenets of a distinctive Faith but the Saiva Saints proved a significant exception. Literary geniuses also had compartments of intellectual eminence demarcated. But in the field of social and political work, patriotism has been discovered in every single individual aspiration with the result that there have been great many patriots all along the

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religions. This does not mean that one should take up to the study of comparative religions as an intellectual pastime. Gandhi spoke mainly to the Indians but his teachings have a universal appeal and in my opinion Gandhism is the best alternative to communism we can find. Gandhi's centenary should remind us that it is high time that we thought of ourselves as humble units of national society and set about re-organising our individual lives and I appeal to all Hindu Tamils in Colombo and Jaffna to place their services at the disposal of Mr Sivasubramaniam and fellow organisers of the centenary celebrations.

The other centenary I wish to refer to is the centenary of the Education Department of Ceylon which comes of next year. From items appearing in the national press from time to time one gathers that a publication dealing with the history of education in Ceylon will be brought out. In all probability the public would be participating in this venture only as readers and commentators after publication. Hindu Tamils will be interested in reading about references to Arumuga Navalar and Sir P. Ramathan. Among societies the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai and the Hindu Board of Education will receive special mention along with various mis-

lous history of mankind. However, the emergence in the political horizon of a soul-force that carried with it the potentiality of universal usefulness and inspired humanity with self-confidence reaffirming reasoned belief in the omnipotence of God was reserved to the spiritually nourished soil of Bharat, Bharat where greatness thrives.

And it was this Bharat that has given to the world and for all time a worthy example of ideal greatness in every aspect of life, religious, cultural, literary and political. Gandhiji was very affectionately and most appropriately called 'Mahatma' as he represented the best approach to the highest conception of human conduct. The present generation is certainly fortunate to have the opportunity of celebrating the centenary of such a giant among the truly great.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

sions. These are random anticipatory comments of mine and let us wait and see what the actual publication will give us. Hope the publication will be in all three languages and be moderately priced.

This centenary should help to bring schools and the general public closer to one another with the Education Department acting as the go-between. The switch-over to Swabasha as medium of instruction has come to stay but there is still a snob value attached to the English school. There is the question of disparity in teacher's salaries. Adult Education has made very little progress. These are some educational matters of public interest. Let us all co-operate with the Department of Education in the manner expected to make the centenary celebrations memorable and learn to appreciate the efforts the Department of Education makes to improve the quality of Education imparted to our children.

Yours etc.

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Jaffna, 7-3-'68

Temple Entry

The editorial in the 'Hindu Organ' of March 15, regarding the above subject, under the caption "Correct Course" gives a correct lead, if I may be allowed to say with respect. A good deal of misconception relating to this all important matter could be removed if

1 we Hindus attempt to solve the problem in a religious prayerful and humble manner

2 we think of our religious duties rather than of rights—The duty to worship our Deities and the duty to make provisions for all Hindus (Saivaites) to worship our Deities is paramount.

When these two considerations are borne in mind, the solution is made easier.

The Hindu community in Ceylon is faced with one of the greatest problems, perhaps the greatest in the opinion of my humble self, since the advent of the Portuguese to our country four hundred and sixty years ago; in addition to the solution of the problem locally, the Hindu community in Ceylon has also its duty to Hindu religious culture and civilization in general and the world at large.

Thus a doublefold duty of the gravest importance and the highest religious and spiritual significance is cast on us the Hindus of Ceylon.

We have further a duty to keep the Hindu community united and in an atmosphere of co-operation and harmony; a similar duty lies with us as Tamils and Ceylonese. We cannot live in isolation, and be a source of trouble and unrest. We have to put our house in order, our community in order. A festering sore must be cured without being allowed to poison the whole organisation.

Acrimonious public controversy and bitterness and mutual reproach are best avoided as far as possible. The method of peaceful, silent, and personal persuasion could be tried first. Public denunciations and mutual criticisms are likely to accentuate existing divisions and differences among Hindus, tend to detract from our religious faith and create an erroneous impression in the minds of non-Hindus regarding our holy religion. The co-operation of the Hindu priesthood which has done so much for our religion, both Brahmin and Saiva Kurukkals, is absolutely essential and their invaluable lead very deferentially sought. The co-operation of those who

do not have access to our temples now and their harmonious and non-aggressive assistance also must be enlisted in a practical and gradual manner.

As the editorial rightly says, the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai could give a lead in this noble cause and at the same time secure the assistance of other organizations like the Sri Ramakrishna Mission, the Hindu Congress and the Hindu Religious Affairs Advisory Committee. Eminent Hindu Savants and leaders from India also could be invited to give a helping hand.

I wish to be permitted to give the following quotations for earnest consideration—One is Sri La Sri Arumuga Navalar Avargal:

"நம்முடைய செயல்கள் அனைத்தும் சுருதிக்கும் யுக்திக்கும் இசைந்திருக்கவேண்டும்"

Harping on some utterances alone in some ancient books in 'his Kali Yuga without exercises of யுக்தி commended by Sri Navalar is dangerous in a modern world in a changing and cosmopolitan society. All eminent books have to be considered together, taken as a whole & the weight of authority as applicable to prevailing conditions preferred.

The other is from சிவ தருமோத்தரம்

1 புலையரே யெனினு மீசன் பொங்கழலடிபிற புத்தி
கிலையரேலவர்க்குப் பூசை கிகழ்த்துகனெறியே
யென்றுந்

தலையரேயெனினுமீசன்ருமரைத்தாளினேச
மிலரென்னியற்றும் பூசைப்பலந்தருவாரேயாரே.

2 குரவன்றனக்கு விதிமுதலும் கொடுக்க
குன்றுக் குணமொழுக்கம்

விரதமுடைய வேதியர்க்கும் விழைவாற்
பதமுமிசைவிக்க

பரம னடியாரவர் தமக்கும் பங்குகாரர்
பாருடல்

விரவு நோயர் விழிமிழந்தார் விருத்தர்
தமக்கும் விருப்புறவே.

In trying to interpret, infer and apply ancient literature, religious, and semi religious, the overriding principles, the general spirit, the substantial part which will tend to promote the religious spirit and not restrict or retard it, the weight of authority, and the fact that we are living in the Kaliyuga in a cosmopolitan society, and the sublime Hindu Ideal of one world have to be kept in mind with the utmost humility by the priesthood and the laity

If some of the sayings in some of our ancient books are to be applied too literally and without due allowance for the weakness of human nature

in this Kaliyuga, then we the Hindu Community in Ceylon will be reduced to a parlous state when there will be no priesthood and no set of Hindu worshippers, and no temples functioning, since there has been an all round decline in Hindu Society both collectively and individually, no section there of being expected. To get out of the rut and attain a higher standard of religious living and Saivite conduct, and adjustment and a re-orientation in a spirit of humility and dedication and self suppression has become imperative.

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Astrological

WEEKLY FORECASTS

SRIPATHY

FROM 24 - 3 - 68 TO 30 - 3 - 68

ARIES Aswini, Bharani, Kartikai 1st part [Meda Rasi]

Financially a good week. Happiness through children promised. You will be in a hurry to pick up quarrels. Excessive heat in the body likely. Eye troubles also shown.

TAURUS Kartika 2, 3, 4 Rohini, Mithuna 1, 2, 3 [Idapa Rasi]

Friends will be very helpful this week. New ventures will be delayed but successful. Expenses will be heavy. Some old investments will bring in good results.

GEMINI Mithuna 3, 4 Thiruvathirai, Purnamasam 1, 2, 3 [Mithuna Rasi]

Sunday and Monday must be spent with care. New ventures will be successful rest of the week. Gains through landed properties also indicated. Friends of the opposite sex will be helpful.

CANCER Purnamasam 4, Pooram, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

Professionally a good week. But spend Monday evening, Tuesday and Wednesday with care. Rest of the week will turn favourable again. But illness to father or troubles through paternal relatives likely.

LEO Maha, Pooram, Uttirai 1, 2 [Singha Rasi]

An unsettled week. You will have no mental peace. Troubles in the office likely. Scandal mongers may land you into difficulties. Spend the last day of the week with care. Losses or theft likely.

VIRGO Uttirai 3, 4, Attha Chittirai 1, 2 [Kanni Rasi]

Domestic affairs will be in a mess. Beware of accidents. Health too will be unsatisfactory. Expenses will soar.

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

A good week. Triumph over competitors and financial gains promised. Fame and social success also indicated. But minor domestic upsets indicated.

SCORPION Visaka 4, Anusha Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

Minor accidents likely. Mother's health will suffer. Your health too will not be satisfactory. Financially a fairly good week.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1, 2 [Tharu Rasi]

Clashes with friends and relatives likely. Abdominal complaints shown. New ventures will be delayed. Financially a good week.

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

Younger brothers and sisters will be helpful. Gains through agricultural pursuits likely. But beware of scandal mongers week end.

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

Quarrels and misunderstandings with friends and relatives likely. Domestic affairs also will be in a mess. But professionally a good week.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revathi [Meena Rasi]

Health will continue to be a problem. Domestic worries shown. You will have to face much criticism and opposition in your affairs.

avoidable duty. His success as a lawyer secured for him the honour of being Crown Proctor of Jaffna very early in his career.

Reference to the death of Mr. Navaratnarajah was made in the District Court this morning (a fuller report will appear in our next issue.)

Funeral takes place to day at Kondavil. Our condolences go to Mrs. Navaratnarajah and the bereaved family.

The Hindu Forum

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have gathered wide experience and made their mark in the scout world. And yet in the North the Commissioner is a Christian, an active Y. M. C. A. worker, who has held the post for over fifteen years. A case appears to be made to the Hon. the Buddhist Minister that he is irreplaceable. The Christian chain would be broken and the Christian phalanx round him would have to give up their tactics of keeping active dynamic. Hinduism out of their camps and scout practices. Some time ago there was a scout function which reminded one of a church parade. There has been a Buddhist break away in the Head Quarters. Would the Hindus in Jaffna be given a chance to control the movement and build up the training of Hindu Scouts on Hindu lines. Surely fifteen years is certainly too long for the same person to hold the leadership, particularly when there is the urgent need for Hindu leadership to get a chance in the new patterning of education in the future.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

No./T 2138

In the matter of the intestate estate of Ponnampalam Subramaniam of Suthumalai

Deceased

Maheswari widow of Ponnampalam Subramaniam of Vadukoddai East

Vs Petitioner

1 Achimanthu widow of Ilagupillai
2 Subramaniam Shanmuganathan
3 Maheswari wife of Kanagasabai and

Order Absolute in the First Instance

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 2197

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Kandappar Gnanaprasam of Periyamalai, Karainagar North, Jaffna.

Deceased

Pakkiam widow of Kandappar Gnanaprasam of Periyamalai Karainagar North, Jaffna.

Petitioner

This matter coming on for disposal before N. A. de S. Wijesekera Esquire District Judge on the 22nd day of February, 1968, in the presence of Mr. Rasiah, Proctor on the part of the petitioner abovesaid, and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 16th February, 1968, and the affidavit of the witnesses of the Last Will and Testament dated 16th. February, 1968, having been read:-

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament of the said Kandappar Gnanaprasam, deceased, executed by him dated 31st. May, 1967, the original of which has been produced and is deposited in this court be and the same is hereby declared proved, and it is further ordered that the petitioner abovesaid is the Executrix named in the said Last Will and Testament and that she is entitled to have Probate of the said Will issued to her accordingly with a copy of the Last Will annexed on her taking the usual oath.

This 22nd day of February, 1968.

(Sgd.) K. E. Kathirgasingam Acting District Judge, Jaffna (O. 294 22 & 29)

Kanagasabai, all of Suthumalai Respondents.

This matter coming on for final disposal before G. C. Niles Esquire District Judge Jaffna on this 15th day of October 1967 in the presence of Mr. S. V. Somasunderam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner having been read,

It is ordered that the petitioner be and is hereby declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said deceased and that Letters of Administration be issued to her accordingly unless the respondents abovesaid or any other person or persons shall on or before the 19th day of January 1968 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 15th day of October 1967.

Sgd. G. C. Niles District Judge

Extended to 8-4-68.

Sgd. G. C. Niles District Judge.

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The Jaffna Co-operative Stores Ltd.

Whereas V. VISWANATHAN of No. 11, Park Gardens, Colombo - 5, Attorney of SANMUGANATHAN KANAGASABAY of 138/8, Temple Veethy, Nallur, has applied to the Directors of the abovesaid Company for the issue of a duplicate Certificate in respect of 5 Ordinary Shares of Rs 100/- each numbered 8396 - 8400 registered in the name of Sanmuganathan Kanagasabay, the original of which is represented to have been lost or mislaid notice is hereby given that if within two weeks hereof no claim is made to or no objection lodged with the undersigned, the Directors will proceed to deal with the application for duplicate Certificate the original of which will be deemed to have been cancelled.

S. Padmanathan, Secretary.

The Jaffna Co-operative Stores Limited.

420 Hospital Road, Jaffna, 22nd March, 1968. 294 22, 29 & 5

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

No. 2174/Testy

In the matter of the intestate estate of Kadirgamu Manoharempillai of Thumpalai.

Deceased

Annammah widow of Kadirgamu of Thumpalai

Vs. Petitioner

1 Thambimuttu Thirunavakarsu and
2 wife Eledchumipillai of do
3 Kadirgamu Parimalaalskar of do
4 Jayabarathadevi daughter of Kadirgamu of do

Respondents

This matter coming for disposal before G. C. Niles Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 3rd day of January 1968 in the presence of Messrs Rajaratnam and Durairajah Proctors on the part of the petitioners and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 4th January 1968 having been read,

It is declared that the petitioner as mother of the deceased is entitled to Letters of administration unless the respondents shall on or before 8th day of May 1968 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the 1st respondent be and he is hereby appointed guardian ad-litem over the 3rd and 4th respondents unless the respondents shall on or before 8th day of May 1968 show sufficient cause to this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. N. A. de S. Wijesekera District Judge.

Drawn by Rajaratnam & Durairajah Proctors for Petitioner

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Passing Away of

Mr. V. Navaratnarajah, J. P. U. M.

We regret very much to record the sudden passing away yesterday of Mr. V. Navaratnarajah, J. P. U. M., Crown Proctor, Jaffna, son of the late Mr. K. S. Veeravagu Notary Public, brother of Dr. V. Nadarajah, the Hon'ble Justice V. Sivaramaniam, Dr. V. Rajadurai, Mr. V. Kanagasabai Engineer, sister

of Mrs. A. Sambandan and Mrs. M. Vaithilingam brother-in-law of Mr. A. Sambandan, Advocate & Mr. M. Vaithilingam Engineer. The strain of a very large and lucrative professional practice must have adversely affected the health of Mr. Navaratnarajah to whom legal work was an un-

ORDER NISI

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