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The Ideals In Student Life

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"Before we study the ideals, let us see clearly what is meant by an ideal. To begin with an ideal is an idea, and an idea is a thought. But an ideal is something more than a thought—it is a fixed thought, a fixed idea. The ordinary everyday thoughts that float in and out of your minds—thoughts about your studies, your games, your professors, your fellow students—these drifting changing thoughts are not ideals. They come and go, but an ideal is a fixed idea seated enthroned in the mind. Moreover, this fixed idea must be one that guides conduct, that shapes life, before we call it an ideal; for this ideal is that fixed thought to which a man conforms his life. We see everything through the ideas that remain constantly in the mind. As one of you might take a piece of blue glass, and another might take a piece of green glass, and looking at a white wall one of you would see it as blue, and the other as green, so we do see the world through the coloured glasses and this is pre-eminently true of our ideals, our most fixed ideas of all.

Yet further, an ideal is more than a single fixed thought; it is a collection of fixed thoughts grouped into a single, but complex conception and this group is the highest conception of the type represented that the thinker is able to form; the ideal is his best conception, his most perfect picture, of the type of which he is thinking. Take for instance the ideal of a soldier, and see how you form it. If you describe a particular soldier, you speak of his height, his colour, his race, his courage in battle, his loyalty to his county, his obedience to his commander, his faith to his comrades, his endurance of hardships, his steadfastness in defeat, his

mercy in victory. Now, how much of this belongs to the ideal of a soldier? Not his height, his colour, his race, for these vary with each man or each country, they are mere accidents and have no part in the ideal. But he must be brave, loyal, obedient, faithful, enduring, steadfast, merciful."

Good and pleasant as the life of a teacher is, I regard the life of a stu-

All Ceylon Saiva Conference

Owing to unavoidable circumstances the Saiva Conference fixed for 31-5, 1 & 2 June 1974 has been postponed to the middle part of June 1974.

Secretary
Saiva Paripalana Sabhai

dent as decidedly better and more pleasant and often have I wished that it were possible for me to begin my student life again, and again to sit on the school benches and listen to the teacher and grow wide.

The life of a student is full of charm, and what is more than this, is the most important period in a man's life. Wherein lies

Saiva Paripalana Sabhai Siththantha Examination

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- No. 14. Thiru V. Shanmugarajah (Second Division)
No. 16. Selvi P. Jegatheeswari "
No. 17. Selvi P. Santhirakanthiammah (Third Div.)
No. 15. Selvi P. Sakunthiathevi "

PRELIM

- No. 8. Thiru Siva Arumugaswami (Referred—Language) Third Division
No. 15. Thiru F. Vinayagamoorthy

its importance and unique significance?

In the first place, one cannot over-emphasize the point that this part is the formative period in a man's life. Alternative possibilities are out of the question after a certain period. It is only in the plastic period of our life that we can choose a line of action. This principle is accepted almost as an axiom in physiology and psychology. Our bodies and our minds form habits and at a certain stage we set like plaster. The brain ceases to multiply any further, the mind ceases to form any new habits. What kind of life we shall lead mainly depends upon the way we utilise this opportunity. After we have travelled in the first stage in the life journey, it is impossible to retrace our steps and

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Chekkilar Festival

Presided over by Shri M. SriKantha, the President of the Chekkilar Manram, the annual Chekkilar remembrance Guro Poojab Festival was fittingly celebrated last week.

Prizes for oratorical contests on the subject of 'Chekkilar' were distributed.

Vidvan K. K. Natarajan's book on 'Swami Pukal' was released.

Kantha Purana Discourses At Shri Sithra Velayutha Kovil

The High Festivals of Shri Sithra Velayutha Swami Kovil at Kopay North began last week with the Kodiyettam Ceremony. A ten day discourse on Shri Kantha Puranam has been organized by the Meibandar Aatheenam in consultation with Sithantha Paani Siva Sri Subramania Kurukkal, the High Priest of this shrine.

The Discourse was formally opened by Sithantha Paani Siva Sri Subramania Kurukkal with the chanting of blessings. Srimath Gnanapragasa Swamigal, Head of the Meibandar Aatheenam of Jaffna explained the purpose of the discourse and called upon Shri R. N. Sivapirakasam, President of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai to start the discourse.

Shri Sivapirakasam observed that it was appropriate that the High Festivals at the Murugan Temple should have a special feature of instructing the devotees on the greatness of the Skanda Puranam and added that if every Saiva Temple would follow this great example that has been set by the Meibandar Aatheenam, the religious propaganda in this Island would reach a really high level of usefulness.

Pott-Thaalam Prize

Chelvi Kanmaniammah Ramalingam, Pannisai Arasi of Vaddukoddai was awarded the coveted prize of "Pott Thaalam" (புத்தலம்) distinct contribution to the revival of Panniru Thirumurai devotional songs most sacred to Hindus by her series of recitals to the accompaniment of music on electoral basis at all Hindu temples and Institutions. This prize was donated by Shri K. Kanagarajah, the well-known philanthropist and Saiva Worker.

Muh. Rasiyah Honoured

On the evening of 25th instant, at the Royal College Hall, Colombo, His Excellency The President of the Republic of Sri Lanka was pleased to present "The President's Badges" to Boy Scouts and Special awards to deserving laymen.

The newly designed "Thanks Plaque"—the highest award to Civilians—was awarded to Muhandiram Dr. E. P. Rasiyah, J. P. of Jaffna for his meritorious services to the Boy Scouts movement for the last 25 years in varied capacities.

He was the only Tamil and the other two recipients were Mr. Faleel Caffoor of Colombo and Mr. S. Stembo, Attorney-at-Law, Moratuwa.

Saiva Maha Sabai Kurunegala

The following Office Bearers were elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Saiva Maha Sabai Kurunegala held on 16-5-74 at the Sabai Hall.

President: Dr. A. Subramaniam.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. S. Gnanathevam, Dr. K. Kugathasan, Dr. V. Varatharajan, Mr. K. Kumara-perumal, Mr. K. Sivagnanasundaram. Hony. Secretary: Mr. K. Tharmalingam. Hony. Asst. Secretary: Mr. A. K. Nadarajah. Hony. Treasurer: Mr. S. Vigneswaramoorthy. Hony. Asst. Treasurer: Mr. T. Vadivelu. Hostel Superintendent: Mr. N. Vaithianathan. Librarian: Mr. A. Arulandam. Committee Members: Messrs. M. Kanagaratnam, S. Kulasingham, V. Suppiah, M. S. Kandappu, P. Jesuthesan, K. Navaratnam, T. Rajaratnam, M. Ramalingam and T. Ramamanickam.

THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

அண்டம் முதலாய் ஆவனி பரியந்தம்
கண்டது ஒன்றில்லை கனங்குழையல்வது
கண்டதும் கண்டியும் ஆகிய காரணம்,
குண்டுகை கோளிகை கண்டதனாலே.

Nothing material whether small as an atom or large like the huge earth can exist without the Mother's Grace. We see diversions of male and female in the world as a result of difference in the manifestation of the blue-throated Lord and His Sakthi.



திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்

நமசிவாயவே ஞானமும் கவிமியும்
நமசிவாயவே நானறி விச்சையும்
நமசிவாயவே நானறி நேத்துமே
நமசிவாயவே நன்னெறி காட்டுமே.

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FRIDAY MAY 31, 1974

SCARCITY OF SPICES

In the land that was known all the world over centuries ago for rare spices, it is ironical to note, there is scarcity of this commodity. Lanka of old, the Granary of the East, fell into a depression with the advent of foreign rule and consequently even the spices supplied to the rest of the world also came to be in short supply. Now that the present economic crisis has induced the people to grow their own requirements it will be appropriate if the Authorities also would assist such activities with adequate governmental aid in the form of lands, agricultural implements, manure and seeds.

At present, the spices that form an important ingredient in the preparation of food, have become rare. Some merchants who had the opportunity to hoard these items in the Black Market have become sole distributors. The scarcity is such that even for medical needs garlic, cummin and other spices are not available except at prohibitive prices. It is not by rice alone that man lives. He requires subsidiary articles of food, condiments and many other articles that go to make a good preparation of food. Co-operative Societies though helpful in distributing at least small rations of these spices are unable to meet the needs of the people. The Authorities will do well to pay immediate attention to this question and evolve a method of equitable distribution of articles of food at fair prices.

PLEASING PROSPECTS

Sir P. Ramanathan's dream is coming true. The promise made by the Minister of Education during his recent visit to Jaffna is being put into practical development. To give the matter the required impetus, the Director of Education Northern Range, is working day and night enabling the commencement of the preliminary arrangements for the establishment of the Campus. And appropriately Parameshwara College, the institution that was earmarked by its illustrious founder at the very inception has been chosen to adorn the North as the seat of University Education. Parameshwara the Giver of all Boons has answered the incessant prayers of the parents and pupils of the North.

The Ideals in Student Life

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begin again. This fact makes student life the most significant part of our life and annexes to it responsibilities that are truly awful.

There is another fact that adds to the importance of this period in our life. Student life is the period of noble aspirations. When we are students we can transcend our petty individuality; we can live for others and plan schemes for the amelioration of our suffering brethren. We can look beyond ourselves; family affections do not exhaust the store of altruistic sentiment. We are perhaps less business like, less matter of fact. But this is no reproach. There is something higher in human nature than this qualities. Very often, the dreams of student life remain mere dreams; the castles that are built in the air are not followed by others in brick and mortar and cement. But even then, these dreams and airy castles are valuable. Idealists are indispensable to society as Realists and but for dreaming, waking life would become exceedingly insipid. A large measure of good and beneficent activity of mature life is resolved upon in student life. Student life is the period of noble aspirations and enthusiasms and this is the second fact that makes it an all important period in our life.

This much is the importance of this period. Now how should we pass this period of probation? How should we utilize this opportunity so that we may be able to lay secure foundations for a happy, prosperous and good life?

Above all, every student should see that he is an efficient unit.

He should be efficient as an animal and efficient

in what is characteristically human. As an animal he should have a strong and healthy body. It is disgraceful said Socrates to die prematurely. Some of our young men who ought to be all energy are little more than moving dispensaries and hospitals with so many medicines in their stomachs and many diseases in their systems. A young man ought to be more ashamed of a weak stomach and bed bowels than of less costly trousers or slippers. Even where we care for our bodies, we attend to the outer parts more than to internal organs. The hair are regarded as more valuable than the lungs. Our ideas about the relative importance of things (such as food and dress) demand a revolution. We ought to understand that our first business as human beings is to be good animals, and student life is precisely the period when we can lay secure foundations for a healthy life. Another element in the efficiency of student life concerns that which is generally regarded as the chief, if not the sole purpose of this life. I mean making the best of our opportunity for our intellectual development. A student when he enters upon the university course gives an undertaking to his parents and to his college. And he owes it to them no less than to himself that he should work like a man to satisfy all reasonable expectations. Student life is very pleasant and college life offers the student an opportunity of showing others and perhaps seeing for himself what he is worth. If he cannot acquit himself well enough, here, he cannot acquit himself very well in his subsequent life. The factor that counts most in the individual's success anywhere is, in the majority of cases, his personal effort and worth and in the college every man has a chance to determine what kind of man he is.

Reviewed News

Indian Railways in the News

Now that the twenty day strike has been called off and the situation has almost come to normal it is suggested that some one who is competent to prepare a balance sheet of profit and loss supplied the information to the public. How many working hours have been allowed to waste? How many functions, duties and other absolutely necessary arrangements had to be cancelled owing to the strike? How much the Indian Government has lost and what penalty by way of wages the employees have to pay?

It is important that such a study of a strike would reveal the inherent defects, may the concealed venom it has to poison the body politic. The figures in relation to the recently called off Railway strike in India are simply stunning - who gained, who lost, that is not the question. How much all had lost is the lesson that these figures silently but sternly teach. Strikes are permissible but he that useth it must know that it is a double edged weapon. It hits him against whom it is used and fails not to hit back at him who useth it.

PARTITION NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MALLAKAM

No. P. 1500

A. Sellathurai Meriyannayagam of Oddahapulam, Vasavilan.

- Plaintiff
1 Chellappah Thiyagarajah of Atohuvely South
2 Kanapathy Nagamuttu
3 Kanapathy Karthy and wife
4 Periyapillai
5 Karthi Kulathai all of do
6 Muttiah Sivapiragasam of Puttur West

Defendants
To: The Fiscal Marshall Mallkam and Grama Sevuka Vasavilan

It is hereby notified that Action No. P. 1500 has been instituted in the District Court of Mallakam under the Partition Act No. 16 of 1951 for the Partition/sale of the land called "Konavalai alias Konavalaitkadu alias Patkurai" in extent 137 Lms. V. O. but according to possession 187 Lms. V.O. and 10, 1/3 Kls, and situated at Vasavilan in the Parish of Myliddy in the Division of Valigamam North in the Jaffna District, Northern Province.

The defendants in the aforesaid action are summoned to appear in Court on the 18th day of July 1974 at 10 O'clock in the forenoon.

This 23rd day of May 1974, By order of Court Registrar

Drawn by C Mahesan Attorney-at-Law for Plaintiff.

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