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A NOBLE SCION OF THE NAVALAR TRADITION

M. M.

The Puranas form an indispensable part of the Saiva religious texts which help our people to imbibe the tenets of our religion and lead a religious life, and to be benefitted with the grace of Lord Shiva. That is why Sri la Sri Arumuga Navalar had stressed in his lectures and writings the importance of Purana padanam in our temples, madams and schools. He had prescribed the manner in which the Puranapadanam should be conducted, the qualifications of those who take part in the Puranapadanam and those of the devotees who go to listen to it. He has affirmed emphatically that those who take part in the Puranapadanam shall be blessed with health, wealth and eternal bliss.

Sri Pundit M. Vetharaniam of Erupalai who passed away on the 13th instant at the age of 90 had done a great service to our religion by conducting Purana Padanam in the prescribed manner in the different parts of Jaffna. He was immensely helpful to the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai in conducting the Purana Padanam from 1940 to 1952, பெரிய புராணம், சந்திரபுராணம், திருவிளையாடற் புராணம் were puranas or which he made commentaries under the auspices of the Sabhai to the satisfaction of the devotees who went to listen to his valuable commentaries திருவாதவூரடிகள் புராணம் also formed part of the Purana Padanam in the month of Markali, the period of Thiruvembavai.

Pundit Vetharaniam was a student of Sri A. Kumaraswamy Pulavar of Chunoakam when he was officiating as the head of the Pundit class at the Navalar Saivaprakasa Vidyasalai which had produced learned Pandits

like Pundit Retneswara Iyer of Uduvil and Pundit Murugesu Iyer of Urelu Sri T. Kailasapillai also was one of the teachers of the said Pandit class. He had earned a brilliant reputation to the Navalar tradition. Sri Votharaniam's father was also a Pundit who was a direct student of Navalar. Both the father and son were staunch Saivites and per-regular Sivapooja daily. It was the noble ambition of Navalar that those who take part in the propagation of the Saiva faith should receive the prescribed திகைப்பு (initiation) and perform Sivapoojah regularly.

It may not be out of place if we mention the fact the Saivaparipalana Sabhai was able to acquire the land where the Navalar Mandapam is now situated by virtue of the holy blessings of Lord Shiva on account of the religious Sadhana of Sri Vedaraniyam.

Sri Vedaraniyam was also engaged as a teacher in some schools and coached several students to pass the Pundit and the Pala Pundit examinations. He possessed the noble qualities which should be found in

WEDDING

The marriage of Selvan Siva Sri Tharan the eldest son of Sri R. N. Sivaprakasam, President, Saiva Paripalana Sabhai and Chief Editor of the Hindu Organ and the Inthusathanam to Selvi Gnana Sakthi daughter of Sri V. Kanagaratnam, retired teacher, Alaveddy South will be solemnised according to Hindu tenets between 11-55 a. m and 1-25 p. m. on Monday the 24th instant. There will be a reception on June 25th 1974 between 4-30 p. m and 6-30 p. m. at the Bridegroom's residence,

a teacher. Humility was his chief virtue. He disliked praising his abilities and blowing his own trumpet. He was an embodiment of 'தாழ்மை' humility.

"தாழ்வெனும் தன்மைபோடும் சைவமாடு சமயஞ்சாரும் ஊழ் பெறலரிது." said Arunanthy Siva Chariar.

We have lost in him a noble scion of the Navalar Tradition

May his soul rest in peace at the holy feet Sri Nadarajah.

America Invites Ceylon

Professor Miguel Jimenez, President of the International Union Against Tuberculosis, on behalf of the Organising Mexican Committee has invited Mubandiram Dr. E. P. Rasiyah. J. P, the North Ceylon Regional Representative to the C. N. A. P. T. to attend and participate in the Celebrations of the XXIIIrd International T. B. Conference to be held in Mexico, America in 1975. In doing so he has written that,

"... a series of outstanding social activities will form part of the programme with the maximum of facilities for lodging, entire transportation etc, giving you the opportunity to enjoy the traditional Mexican hospitality.

I shall like that this first personal contact, you will let know to all your colleagues, social workers, nurses and welfare institutions related with Anti-Tuberculosis fight for their information."

What is Going to Happen to Our University Students?

M. M.

The observations made by the president of the Vidyodaya campus Dr. C. Dharmawadana on the conduct and learning of the present students are thought provoking and create a gloomy outlook on the future of our country — the land where Dharma was preached by the Hindu saints of India and Lord Buddha. The president is out-spoken and the public should be grateful to him for his plain-speaking. He who speaks the truth though it may be unpleasant to others is a true friend of the people. The student unrest is due to their not having grasped the real value of education. The chief object of education should be chiefly the acquisition of noble ideals which are essential for the formation of good character. Education without character will not be of any use to the student or his country. The president regrets that the students each of whom gets a loan of Rs. 150/-, each month from the government do not use it for the pursuit of their education. They do not buy books or any educational equipments but they spend the money on purchasing costly dresses and items which would help them to enjoy sensual pleasures. On an occasion when the dons wanted to prevent a ragging two dons were attacked by the students. It is these unhappy and shameful conduct of the students which has prompted the president to suggest the closing of the University.

If the University is to be any use to the country the authorities should take the necessary steps to eradicate these evils. They should admit into

the University students of good character possessing noble qualities. The students should not be allowed to identify themselves with any political party. Political interference is also one of the chief causes of corrupting the life of a student.

The teachers owe a great responsibility in the matter of the formation of the character of a student. Thomas Carlyle once said "I love two men in this world. One is a teacher and the other is a farmer." How wise is Carlyle? The farmer and the teacher are the two most important people in the world, because the farmer helps the people to preserve the body and soul together and the teacher weeds ignorance from the mind of the child and sows wisdom in the child's mind. In the present state of education we should admit that it is difficult for a teacher to build the character of a pupil while teaching the huge numbers of students attending his class. It is difficult for a teacher to enthuse noble ideals individually while teaching a class of more than two hundred students. Anyhow the teacher holds a high responsibility and it is his duty to build up the character of the pupils by his preaching and his example.

The student should do some self scrutiny each day do some meditation and should ask himself "What are the deeds I have done today? Will they cause harm or good to others? and then he should resolve within himself 'I shall not do any deeds which would cause harm to others. I shall think good and do good'. Some such self scrutiny would help them to live a noble life and derive benefit from his education,

THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

நானறிந் (து) அப்பொருள் நாடஇடமில்லை
வானறிந் (து) அங்கே வழியுற விம்மிடும்,
ஊனறிந் (து) உள்ளே உயிர்க்கின்ற ஒண்கடர்
தானறிந் (து) எங்கும் தலைப்படலாமே.

There is no possibility of my searching for and attaining the Truth (God) with my egoistic knowledge. If I tread the path (of true (Gnanam), taken by the great devotees, the Truth becomes manifest in all its glory and, realising that brilliant Light within me, I attain perfection and become all pervasive.



திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்

நமச்சிவாயவே ஞானமும் கலியும்
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நமச்சிவாயவே நாதவின் தேதும்மே
நமச்சிவாயவே நன்னெறி காட்டுமே.

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Fruits Can Solve Food Problem

The sages and hermits of old, according to records of religious literature, had subsisted on dried leaves and ripe fruits falling from trees flowing water in fresh springs and the all sustaining air helped them keep themselves fit for spiritual service. Fruits have acquired a foremost place in the necessities of life both as a spiritual energiser and sweet dessert in the plate of food. Hence the significance of this produce of trees; its scope in supplying the ingredients of life giving content is well known. In the context of the present precarious situation in the economic affairs of this country, nay in every part of the wide world, the need for fruits has been realised in earnest.

The season for fruits is on and is to a large extent relieving the strain on the householder in search of grains and subsidiary food stuffs. Scientific research has also come to the rescue of humanity in revealing the proteinic properties of all varieties of fruits and recommending the use of every known fruit as part of man's food. Thus the scope of agriculture has been extended to include all varieties of horticulture. Fructarians like vegetarians have the advantage of being eligible for all advantages of a full life.

The urge to discover new methods of life often comes in times of adversity and distress. And the incentive that has been created at present is really a boon to humanity as a whole. The common man has learnt the value of every produce and has been compelled to preserve all products conserve all cultivation, gather every gift of nature in his bid to stage a revival - The struggle for man's survival is suggestive enough to make him pin his faith on fruit growing. The land that was a landmark in the speciality of spices can become the world's garden of fruits if only we remember history and try to live up to our old traditions of agricultural activities. Schools have already shown their special interest in such enterprise. Let us all strive to be fruitful to ourselves and all others.

Reviewed News

August is Awaited for the August Event

The Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka is now a fact, in fact a full fact. In the midst of intelligent guesses, misinformed and mischievous whispers, and calculated and insinuating comments, the fact stands. The Director of Education is daily doing something in this context that makes the fact remains a fact-

The transfer of students from Parameshwara College to Mnttutamby Vidyasalai and other neighbouring schools has been the subject of administrative activities for sometime. Hence even rumour-making mischief mongers are unable to keep pace with the speed of the steps that are being taken to open the Jaffna Campus at Parameshwara College

Event of Enlightenment

Parameshwara College is an institution that has from its very foundation secured a fame for two reasons - The founder was well famed educationist who had certain fundamentals before him as guiding factors. The establishment sprang up as symbol of these fundamentals. The other was the intention of the Founder to make the institution a University. And this aspiration worthy as it was not a secret opinion, Tamilakam as a whole is extremely pleased with the Premier's decision to approve the Minister's choice of site-

Bangladesh Fully Backed for U N Membership

What has been a thorny problem for some years has now turned out to be a rosy issue for the U. N. It is understood that this newly carved nation has been unanimously voted into the U. N. Here is an achievement that has a tinge of romance. China and Pakistan have both given their support to Bangladesh being admitted to the U. N. Political miracles have now become a regular feature. If China, U. S. A. and U. S. S. R. can get together why cannot Pakistan and Bangladesh make a similar gesture.

INSPIRATION for YOU

(By E. P. Rasiah J P.)

You will possibly find that one or two out of the undernoted maxims seem to give an answer to your present problems in life. Select them and read them over several times. Repeat them at intervals and try to act up to them. They are the winnowed wisdoms of Great Thinkers. They may become a turning point in your life and give you relief:-

1. If it is not right, do not do it; if it is not true do not say it.
— Marcus Aurelius
2. The mind naturally takes the tone and complexion from what it habitually contemplates.
— Bishop Hall
3. He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.
— Pierre Charron
4. Remember that there is nothing stable in human affairs; therefore avoid undue elation in prosperity, or undue depression in adversity.
— Socrates.
5. If we are ever in doubt what to do, it is a good rule to ask ourselves what we shall wish on the morrow that we had done.
— Lord Avebury,
6. He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for, every man has need to be forgiven.
— Lord Herbert.
7. A man without mirth is like a waggon without springs, in which one is caused disagreeably to jolt by every pebble over which it runs.
— Henry Ward Beecher.
8. To live is not merely to breathe; it is to act; it is to make use of our organs, senses, and faculties—of all those parts of ourselves which give us the feeling of existence.
— Jean Jacques Rousseau.
9. It is only an error of judgement to make a mistake, but it indicates an infirmity of character to adhere to it after discovering it. Or, as the Chinese say: "The glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time you fall."
— Christian Bovee
10. உன் புகழ் பேசு. உன் பணி புரிந்து, உன் னடியாரைப் பேணி, உன்னருள் நாட அருள்வாய்.
11. நானெனும் அகந்தை மாழ. எனதெனும் பெருமை சாய. என்னுடனும் ஆணவ மொழிய எனக்கெனும் ஆசை அகல அருள்வாய்.
12. நின் சாயல் என்னில் விளங்க, நின் சிந்தை என்னுள் வளர. நின் பணி எனதாக, நின் பதி என் இலக்காக அப்பனை அருள்வாய்,
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