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**Fifty Two Year Old Foundation
Fruit Bearing Festival on Oct. 6**

Sunday Signifies Splendour of Light

The light of learning that was lit five decades ago in the historic town of Tinnevely and named after 'the All Powerful All Pervading All Perceiving PARAMESHVARA, by the undisputed leader of Glorious Lanka, that redoubtable reformer of Reformers, sage, scholar and statesman, Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan, has, after years of steady radiance, become brilliantly effulgent as a seat of University Education.

The Campus has come. The beginning has been befittingly made. The Premier of this country has taken upon herself the privilege of presiding over the ceremonial opening, an occasion that enables her pay her homage to one of the most distinguished statesmen of Lanka, one who had been revered and remembered by every Prime Minister, every President and earlier by every Governor representing the British Crown.

The occasion obviously is great, outstanding and of course the first firm and full step in the direction of creating harmony, good-will and high hopes.

Letter to the Editor

Which is the Wise Step?

Sir,
It is not a wise step for the Tamil People to take any steps directly or indirectly to prevent the Premier from making her first visit to Jaffna.

It is the inherent right of every Tamil leader or citizen to be allowed to go anywhere he likes both within and outside Ceylon. Similarly it is an inherent right of every Sinhalese leader or citizen to be allowed to go anywhere he likes both within and outside Ceylon. Why should we deny this right to Mrs. Srimavo Bandaranaike when she is making arrangements to visit Jaffna? Rather than opposing her visit to open the Campus at Parameshwara College, it would be better if our energies are directed towards increasing the courses at the Campus and making it more useful to the people.

It is also not available to have any form of demonstration near about Saiva Temples as it will be interpreted as an act aimed at desecration of holy places of particular religionists.

Besides when the Campus is to be opened at Parameshwara College which was built by the great national hero Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan whose service to the nation, Tamils, and Saivites cannot be measured in words, any step taken to prevent the people from participating in the opening ceremony would be a mark of disrespect shown to the memory of this great man.

Finally the visit of the Premier Jaffna is a good opportunity for the Tamils particularly those who belong to political parties which support the government genuinely to explain the sorry plight of the Tamils and cause the Government to take necessary steps which would make them live in Ceylon with decency, equality and self respect. This indeed would be a service to the future generations of

Personal Contact with the President of the All World Divine Life Society

DR. W. KANAGARATNAM

Jaffna was gifted to have had the Dharsan of Swami Chidananda Maharaj, President of the All World Divine Life Society, established by Swami Sithananda Maharaj Swami Saraswathy Maharaj came to Jaffna to preside over the Second All Ceylon Divine Life Conference which went on for three days from September 12 at the Divine Life Society Hall at Nallur. Swami delivered religious discourses on all three days in the above hall and also had discourses with devotees on Divine Life and the attainment of everlasting Bliss.

The enlightened Swami's altruism knows no bounds. Besides heavy responsibilities at the Ashram he travels frequently on his mission. In spite of imperfect health the Swami had come down here to attend the conference. During his presence here he busied himself in Divine discourses not only in the Divine Society hall, but in his residence and the several religious places he visited.

I had the rare privilege of the Swami's Dharsan and hearing his Divine discourses at different places. He deals with the abstruse subject of Vedanta Philosophy in such simple terms and such vivid expositions that every devotee understood him without difficulty.

In the Divine Society Hall Swami spoke on all the three days on Divinity and Divine Life.

In man there are three ingredients i. e. the ani-

Tamils as well as to the Ceylonese Nation.

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Kalagam,

mal, the human and the Divine. The animal in him is the past tendencies acquired in his previous births. This evolutionary nature from plants to the living insects, animals and so on is sung in Sivapurana by Maniavasagar "புல்வாய், யூடாய், புழுவாய், மரமாய், பல்விருகமாய் பறகவாய்". The truth of this conception is also provable by the behaviour of some people is dreams to hop and jump and also other disposition of theirs in ordinary life.

The human nature is love, compassion and so on. On one side, jealousy, hatred, anger, thought and discrimination on the other. The Divine attributes are the desire for super-mundane life and man's engagement in Nitija, Nymitya Karma, Yoga of work and worship and search after Truth and Self-knowledge.

The ultimate goal in man is self-realization. In nature physical development terminates with the human body. Further development is the development of the mind. It is introspection with inquiry thought and discrimination that will raise the human mind to self-knowledge and self-realization which enable the individual self to emerge with the cosmic self.

The mind is the product of many many births and is imperishable. The body is transitory but not the mind. It is by the exercise of the mind that the Sadhaka evolves in God-hood. Mind takes the form in what it glorifies. The concentrated mind is like a search light and if the mind is made to concentrate on a certain field of thought it remains there and evolves that way. Direct it to pure thoughts, holy actions and turn introvert it goes to the noumenon and when turned extrovert it goes to the phenomenon. The mind in its true

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Talks — Time Not Too Late!

Paying homage to the patriot of patriots' Mahatma Gandhi, the people all over the world, at least during this Jayanthi Week, remember the purpose of this pre-eminent social worker's searching after truth during his life time. Gandhiji's soul aim through his historic movement—Soul Force—Ahimsa Dharma — was to make man realize the effectiveness of a truthful life and understand the efficacy of movements for the redress of grievances by means of Soul Force using the weapon of Ahimsa. Today the world needs the re-birth of Gandhiji for, unfortunately, even in that Purnya Bhoomi Bharat these ideals are being ignored.

Here in our country, conditions are the same. Man, perhaps in his preoccupation with the battle of life in the worst economic crisis, is not in a mood to think of ideals. He thus unwittingly gets steeped more and more in darkness witnessing his own decline. It is in such circumstances that religion and moral culture help a rescue from utter ruin.

Mahatma Gandhi's life was dedicated to the cause of truth and to the saving of humanity from irreligion. His was a service based on the highest principles of selfless dedication to duty.

During this significant week we feel it our duty to appeal to the leaders of the different political Fronts to make fresh effort in solving outstanding problems by the most effective method, discussion.

Homage to Ramanathan Heritage

Two days hence the greatest event of recent times in the Northern Peninsula, the ceremonial opening of the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka will take place, perhaps paving the way for further such happenings. The occasion is essentially one where everybody would naturally pay solemn homage to the image of the Ramanathan Ideal of patriotic service in the field of education. The tens of thousands who assemble in the precincts of Parameshwara Puram on October 6, would naturally be elated how Eelam had produced a patriot *par excellence* who by his life long laudable service to the people became the idol of a whole nation.

Navalar Heritage is a rare acquisition of Tamilakam. And so is Ramanathan Heritage which when paraphrased stands for the high status of Tamilakam in higher learning, consecrated culture, devotion to God, duty and moral excellence.

As the Founding Father of the future of the progress Tamil speaking people, Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan's illustrious name stands inscribed in the innermost hearts of the people when he had sincerely served. And now the glorious chapter of his peerless patriotism stands inscribed in the structure of the Jaffna Campus of the University of Lanka that is to be declared open by the Premier of this country on Sunday.

We venture to suggest that in the context of the history of the movement to establish a University at Jaffna, the Authorities would do well to name the Jaffna Campus, the Ramanathan Campus.

**J.H.C. O.B.A. Fetes
 Mr. Justice
 Sharvananda**

The O. B. A of the Jaffna Hindu College feted a distinguished old boy Mr. Justice S. Sharvananda on September 29 at the Jaffna Hindu College Hall. Mr. C. Arulambalam M. P. President of the O. B. A presided.

Mr. K. E. Kathirgama-lingam former State Attorney - at - Law, Mr. E. Sabalingam Principal J. H. C., Mr. K. S. Subramaniam, Retired Teacher J. H. C. paid tributes to the Judge O. B. A. who had brought a great name to his Alma Mater. Mr. Sharvananda thanked the O. B. A.

**What Doctrine of
 Surrender Means**

The vital requisite for a penitent who seeks refuge in God is his unshakable confidence in the Almighty's unfailing mercy. After tendering his assurance and pleading his loyalty to God, he should cease entertaining any doubt of the needed protection. Till such time as God decides to take him into His fold, he should continue to conduct religious duties with utter dedication, with the only idea to please Him and without anticipating any reward. The seven verses contained in a letter which Sri Rukmini addressed to Sri Krishna urging Him to marry Her and thwart Her proposed wedding with Sisupala, project the principles governing the Doctrine of Surrender. The Lord's act in making the messenger who brought the letter, open it and read the contents highlights the role of a preceptor in guiding a devotee to perceive God. Sri Rukmini's suggestion as to how She could be rescued reveals the recommendatory powers the Divine Mother wields to plead to the Lord on behalf of the penitent.

In his discourse in Mylapore, Sri K. V. Santhana Gopalachariar said Sri Krishna's concern to safeguard the Sastras, is reflected in his query to the emissary who delivered the letter, whether he had been discharging his religious obligations properly and effectively. Controversy if any about the procedures in religious austerities should be settled by obtaining the advice of those steeped in tradition, who do not change the roles to suit their personal convenience.

— Madras Hindu

**Sir P. Ramanathan - Subject
 of Seminar**

Guiding the Seminar discussion held at the Jaffna Central College Hall Shri S. R. Kanaganayaham, President of the Hindu Board of Education referred to the voluntary promise made by former Premier S. W. B. D. Bandaranaike that the name of the Great Leader Sir P. Ramanathan would be perpetuated by the establishment in the North of a Cultural University like the Vidyodaya and Vidyalandara Universities and said that the widow of the Premier who made that promise would honour her bereaved husband's bold words by declaring open the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka in the premises of Parameshwara College that was founded by Sir P. Ramanathan.

Mr. M. Vythilingam Retired Principal of Chavakachcheri Hindu College, Mr. S. Shivapadasunderam Retired Principal of Vaidheswara Vidyalaya Mrs. R. R. Navaratnam, Retired Principal of Ramanathan College and Mr. K. Sockalingam Principal, Parvathy M. V. participated in the Seminar.

**Attempt to Upset
 God's Plans will be
 Futile**

To rely on human ingenuity and attempt to upset God's plans will end in miserable failure. Divine supremacy will always prevail over all acts of mortals. Kamsan made tight security arrangement to ensure that the eighth child of Vasudevan and Devaki, imprisoned by him, was seized the moment it was born but contrary to his expectations, the jail guards were overpowered by sleep at the most opportune time, all obstructions were automatically removed and the divine child was carried to a distant place of safety and exchanged for a female child. Enraged at the manner he was cheated, Kamsan ordered all infants in his territory to be killed. Sri Krishna was tended in Gokulam but efforts to wipe Him out

were thwarted. The very first foe was the demoness, Putana, who tried to administer poisoned milk, but her very life was sucked away. Another attempt was to run a cart over the divine child but the wheel was smashed to pieces.

Sri Vittalachar in his Bhaagavatham discourse at Utharadbi Math, Triplicane, said a study of the exploits of God-incarnate would cleanse a devotee's mind and instil in him a sense of confidence that faith reposed in the Almighty would fetch protection in time.

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nature is Sattvika. The Sattvika mind, pure in nature easily merges in the Divine in man. When man attains this he is said to have attained Nirvana, self-knowledge or Brahmanhood by different ideologists.

This the man may attain in this birth or after many births. It all depends on his endeavours. Many ways are laid down by the Rishis and Sages of old. Whatever route is all lead ultimately to the Truth that there exists but only Brahman.

It is by the real understanding and true knowledge that everything perceived is but the manifestation of Brahman and a phantom of the mind which has to be discarded and to be one with Reality can be realized.

The only means to this end is the annihilation of the concepts of the mind and the direction to the awareness of the Self in us.

To do this, the concepts of mind include functions of the external senses such as the eye, ear, body and so on and that of the intellect and internal senses with the egoistic feeling must be completely suppressed and the mind made Sattvika and made to emerge in the Self. This self realization is pure consciousness and Bliss.

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