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THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT

Woman's Contribution To Life

THE phrase "the Woman's Movement" implies women going from one place or condition to another: a progress creating a path. From where to where are women moving? The noble pioneers of whom we have caught a glimpse were moving very definitely on the path of self-sacrifice, from ignorance to knowledge; from slavery to freedom; from injustice to justice; from impurity to purity; from sickness to health—and drawing with them others from the wretchedness of darkness to a beneficent light. How were so few able to accomplish this? They were altruists; and the knowledge that is won from altruistic search and service is of a supernal quality; it nourishes and sustains. The path of progress, for women as for men, is the path of duties, not of rights.

ed, glamour'd and led astray by half-truths, imitations and mere appearances, from the true values that we so urgently need and desire. "Campaigns" and ingeniously disguised "rackets" offer shortcuts innumerable to freedom, health, wealth and happiness. Many of these have been tried in the West and been found to lead to disappointment, frustration, disease and death

The Three Factors of Truth

Have we not suffered enough? Can we not see that Peace is not to be had by preparing for war? That moral values are lost through selfish, cruel, sensuous living? That Justice is not established by exploitation, by so-called "protectorates" or totalitarian governments, however named? That health is not gained by

The Path of Learning

Between ignorance and Wisdom lies the path of learning; women are on this path; humanity is on this path. On this path knowledge is acquired step by step and dangers are encountered—and Enemy No. 1 is partial knowledge, if we stop at that. It should be seen by now that a little knowledge is more easily exploited than ignorance. The awful success of modern advertising and propaganda has certainly proved this! By the dim light of a little knowledge many things appear alluring which, in the fuller light of more facts, we should recognize as dirty, dangerous or evil. The ease with which we may acquire a little knowledge, superficial knowledge, confronts us with one of the tests and trials of our day. But we must refuse to be fool-

The Summum Bonum Of Life

"That which is free from the touch of the minutest tinge of suffering, which will not become a prey to afflictions again in future, which is the highest fulfilment of desire,—that happiness alone is called heaven."—SRUTI,

injecting disease and filth into our bodies? That wealth is not obtained by robbing Nature and our fellowmen? That freedom will never be reached by making the citizen the slave of the State; or spiritual salvation by observing rituals and ceremonies or selling one's soul to a priest-ridden religion? To understand all this and realize its truth requires only simple logic and common sense, if we will but think things through.

Gandhiji showed people how to live in terms of Truth and Non-violence; Theosophy does the same and explains that Truth includes three things; all possible knowledge of Fact but also Moral Values and the Spiritual Principle which are at the base of these, as they are the foundation of natural law. Women must make constant use of these three factors of Truth in evaluating moves and directing the course of the Women's Movement. They must be thorough or they will not be able to do

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Most Efficient Dictating Machine

A machine claimed to be the most efficient dictating installation in the world has been developed by a British firm,

An outstanding feature is that it enables as many remote controlled desk units as required to be linked by cable to one master set at a quarter of a mile. The master set may be placed in the typist pool and, by pressing a button, the executive at the desk set can dictate a letter which is recorded on to a wire. By pressing another button the recording is played back and corrections can be made by the automatic replacement of an entire passage or just a few words.

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Siddha Ayurveda Association

20th Annual Meeting

Speaking at the 20th anniversary commemoration meeting of the Siddha Ayurveda Association, Mr G. G. Ponnambalam, Minister of Industries suggested to the physicians that they should patent indigenous specifics and advertise them and added that the question of the establishment of a Siddha Hospital has been deferred for consideration until next year. He promised to persuade the Government to acquire old manuscripts on the subject of Siddha medicine if found suitable.

Mr. K. S. Paripuranananther presided.

Resolutions

"This meeting is of the view that medical certificates issued by registered physicians should be recognised by government departments.

That a herbarium be established on a hundred acre plot in Jaffna.

This meeting urges the establishment of ayurvedic hospitals all over Ceylon.

That three representatives of this association be nominated to the Board of Indigenous medicine."

FINGER PRINT IN CRIME DETECTION

Identity Of Accused Proved In Several Cases

[In his Administration Report for 1949, the I. G. P. deals with the value of Finger Print in detecting crimes]

Interesting Cases.—This year we have had the largest number of murder cases in which finger prints, found at scenes of crime have considerably helped to prove the identity of the accused persons involved. The cases are as follows:—

On January 31, 1949, on hearing of the Ceylon Turf Club Robbery, a Finger Print Officer went to Norris Avenue, Borella and examined hiring car No. Z 6033, which was believed to have been used by the men who had committed this robbery. A large number of finger prints, and palm prints, were found on it. Some of them were blood-stained. From then a large number of finger and palm print slips, numbering 6,545 were received in this connection from various Police Stations in the Island. All these prints were checked

with the large number of prints found on the car. In addition, the prints of 1,200 re-convicted criminals, whose names were specifically mentioned by Police Officers and members of the public, were compared with the prints on the car. The prints were further checked with those in the Breaker's Collection (Single Digit. Collection) which contains the prints of 1,800 dangerous criminals. In order to trace the driver of the car, the finger prints of 1,942 persons, registered as bus and hiring car drivers, and bus conductors, filed on record in the Office at the Commissioner of Motor Transport, were checked with the prints on the car. Further, the photographs of the finger prints, found on the car, were distributed to all officers in the various sections of the Bureau. Then began the biggest search ever made with the prints in the Main Collection, which amounts to 105,000.

Four days after the robbery, (Continued on page 4)

HOW TO FIND GOD IN MAN

His Manifestation Should Be Understood

THERE is a new way of seeing God in man, and that is not as yet thought of the child as a mirror of the Godhead. But we find that ever country is now discussing child welfare. A new interest has been found in children, not merely because they are to build up the state as citizens, but because there is something fascinating, beautiful, attractive, inspiring, and spiritualizing in children. When we look into a child's face we may hear God's whisper. For children are slowly becoming to us the mirror of the Godhead in the coming civilization.

How shall we find the God in man? It has to be done by our understanding man, by watching what it is in man that inspires us. We will find then that what inspires us in man are the emanations, the flushes of the divinity which are in him. Let us consider the hero for a moment. Why is a person heroic? Because he has released the hidden power of the God in him, and because he has released that hidden divinity, we salute the divine as the hero. The hero is to be saluted, admired, imitated because the hero is God. When men give their lives for honour, then the sparks of divinity manifest in them. It is the divine in man which contemplates such a death and says, 'I cannot die, the only death which is when I do not serve'. It is in the people and us, in the hero, in the martyr, in the sacrificing man that we shall see some thing of the nature of God.

Prejudice an Obstacle

There are certain things in our civilization today which can prevent our discovering God in our brother man, and one of them is prejudice of race and colour. Every one of us, when thinking in general of the principles of life, must know that God is no respecter of persons, that God is not the God of the white race, that God is not the God of this, that, or other nation only. He is the God of all mankind. If there is one God, then there is only one humanity, and the distinction of race and creed mean nothing at all to God. We must, step by step, break down all such barriers that seek to limit the Infinite.

Let us not think that God will only reveal Himself to us in what we think are the great and glorious and inspiring deeds of humanity. Sometimes, thinking thus, we turn our back on scenes of suffering and degradation. Let nothing repel us, for even in suffering and degradation too there is something of the divine nature. Let us contemplate the sufferings of mankind, let our hearts go out in pity all the time, for 'pity is the touch of God in the human heart, and from that way he ever trod he never departs'.

enlarge our heart so that it is compassionate to all that lives, so that there is no suffering we are not willing to share. In suffering there awaits us the lesson of pity, and pity is a power which helps us to sacrifice in a larger way. Let us not turn our back, therefore, on life in any of its phases.

God has manifested Himself through all the phenomenal world—mineral, vegetable, and animal. But His highest manifestation is revealed in man who is essentially a spiritual being, although he has forgotten, for the time being, his essential nature and has identified himself with perishing forms. It is this identification with ephemeral bodies in which he is encased that leads him to believe that he is weak, sinful, and degraded. But the moment he analyses his own constitution he begins to realize that he is not the body nor his senses, and mind, but something far higher than these. To quote the words of Sri Krishna in the *Gita*: "Senses are great, greater than these senses is the mind; greater than the mind is reason; but what is greater than reason is He". This spiritual soul of man is ever existent, for 'it is not born, nor doth it die, nor having been ceaseth it any more to be'. It is Sat, Chit, Ananda (existence, consciousness, bliss). When a man learns to bear in mind his divine nature, in spite of all kinds of sorrows and sufferings which he may have to undergo in the outer world, inwardly he remains calm, serene, and dignified in his attitude to the happenings of the world. He knows that the outer physical life is subject to change, decay, and death. The real man in him is above all sorrow and suffering, and with Him he should identify himself.

(Extracts from *Prabuddha Bharata*)

WINGED CAT

A house porter in Madrid has been offered £ 3,000 for his cat

It is a remarkable cat in that it has what appears to be a pair of wings. She can flap these well-formed excrescences on her back exactly as though she were flying, but apparently she does not actually fly.

The porter has been offered £10 a day for the use of the cat for advertising poor though he ever to be paid

University News

Engineering Faculty Admissions

The following Tamil candidates have been admitted to the Faculty of Engineering.

Jaffna College: K. Pooogasoundaranayakam.

Jaffna Central College: M. Tharmalingam.

Jaffna Hindu College: S. Visuvanathan.

St. Patrick's College: M. D. Jesuthasan.



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Treasure These Thoughts

"I will be as harsh as truth and as uncompromising as justice;

—WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON

PAID CITY FATHERS

THE RECOMMENDATION THAT the members of the metropolitan Municipal Council should be granted a monthly allowance made, as it is, by the Municipal Bribery Commissioner, may throw a sinister reflection on the intentions of those who have volunteered to serve the citizens of the City of Colombo. It is evident that the Bribery Commissioner has taken into account the fact that a well-meaning and conscientious councillor will have to devote a deal of his time to attend to Municipal affairs and that, therefore, the loss of his attention to his normal vocation will have to be made good by the payment of an allowance. Whether this proposal has constitutional sanction is a question that has to be examined in the context of the principle on which the people's Representatives in the State Council had been paid an allowance and the members of the Parliament are now being given.

It has been argued that in this modern age which is becoming more and more democratic in precept and increasingly socialistic in practice, the opportunity for serving the country, not being regarded as an exclusive privilege of the rich, has been thrown open to all who have within them the urge to do public service. It may be that the members of Local Government Institutions will not be able to devote themselves to the service of the people except by foregoing their chances of earning their livelihood. In this connection the functions of a member of a Local Government Institution will have to be analysed in graphic detail to find out what amount of time would be taken up by the work involved and whether that work could be done in such a manner as to prevent any interference with the normal affairs of the member in his private capacity. Besides attending meetings of the Council which are not held more than once a month, the member may be called upon to serve on some Committees. It cannot be denied that the work in a committee, more than the attendance at a meeting of the Council, would require much attention. But the work in a committee cannot be expected to be done over a period of time to deprive

KOREAN WAR

SECURITY COUNCIL SANCTIONS USE OF FORCE

CAPTURE OF SEOUL REPORTED

BY seven votes to one, with Russia absenting herself again, the U. N. Security Council branded the North Korean attack as a breach of the peace and allowed member nations to aid the Southern Republic.

Yugoslavia voted against while America, Britain, France, China, Cuba, Ecuador and Norway voted for sanctions.

India and Egypt abstained from voting having not received instructions from their Governments.

Truman's Directive

American air and sea forces have been ordered into action by President Truman to safeguard the security of other Asian non-communist states.

Capture of Seoul

The North Korean Army, according to a North Korean Radio announcement, entered and completely occupied Seoul, Capital of South Korea.

Act of Aggression

'Pravda' the Soviet Newspaper accusing Truman of aggressive activities says

"President Truman's declaration and his action, which has

the member of most of his working hours.

Another aspect of the sacrifice the member of a Local Government Institution has to make is the expenses he has to incur in the course of his attending to work as such member, namely, travelling and other incidental expenses. A flat rate of travelling allowance cannot be fixed as the volume of travelling expected of city councillors will not be of equal proportion. In this broad view of the question, what looks reasonable is the payment of a travelling allowance on casual rates together with the refund of expenses actually incurred. It may be that such travelling claims can be so adjusted as to amount to something more than a reasonable monthly allowance. But any such abuse of the concession can be checked by strict scrutiny of travelling claims as such checking will not be difficult particularly when the area of travelling will be naturally within the limits of a city. It will be idle to hope for the standard of selfless service of the public men of old for they had sacrifice as their badge. Let those who aspire to follow in the footsteps of the great men of the past, remember the fact that in serving the people an amount of personal inconvenience, physical discomfort and pecuniary embarrassment will have to be faced without heart-burning.

no example in international relationship after the war, is one more proof that the leading American circles are not limiting their actions to preparing for aggression but have gone over to direct aggressive actions.

Mac Arthur in Korea

General Arthur flew to Korea to make first hand strategic appraisal of the measures necessary to stem the Communist onrush from the North.

Nehru The Symbol Of New Nationalism

The Socialist weekly *Tribune* of London that Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, was far and away the most dynamic person in South East Asia.

"By all in the area, who have not fallen a victim to Communism, he is looked on as the symbol of the new nationalism. A man of broad culture and of international understanding, his well chosen phrases lack the provincialism of some of his colleagues' speeches. His is a comprehensive vision and recognised as such by the people of South-East Asia".

Writing on Pandit Nehru's recent visit to Malaya, the *Tribune* said that as Pandit Nehru saw it Britain would at some time in the reasonably near future have to relinquish control of Malaya. "Colonialism in South-East Asia is dead or dying".

In the meanwhile, the terrorists' campaign of violence was deplorable. It was unproductive and would pervert the thinking of future generations.

"India had clearly demonstrated that to win freedom from the British it was not necessary to resort to violence," the *Tribune* observed.

The *Time and Tide* declared that Pandit Nehru in a recent speech in Singapore as a disciple of Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of non-violence, expressed his detestation of Communist terrorism.

"He went on from this to an analysis of the British position in Malaya. As an Asian nationalist it was natural for Mr. Nehru to utter some platitudes on "moribund colonialism" and to express the conviction that one day the British would go.

"What required more courage and wisdom was his no less emphatic statement that if the British were to go now or too soon the only result would be chaos and catastrophe," the weekly said.

Stalin's Views On Language

Marxist Theory Rebutted

The *London Times* discusses M. Stalin's views on language as set out in an article in *Pravda*. "Russian professors of linguistics must almost have swooned when they opened their *Pravda*" says *The Times*. "They found an article by Stalin himself completely shattering the school of thought that has hitherto been the most fashionable and most correctly Marxist in Soviet teachings on the science of languages".

"It all springs", *The Times* continues, "from the work of N. Y. Marr, a man of brilliant mind, half Scottish, half Georgian", who early in this century inquired into some Caucasian languages, evolved his own ideas on the origins of languages in general and "after the Bolshevik Revolution tried more and more to trace the growth of languages according to Marxist tenets, combining much that was useful with much that was fanciful".

He maintained, *The Times* writes, that "it was wrong to think of languages as racial. They were developed in relation to thought which, in turn, was shaped by the social structure and processes of labour. Languages became articulate, he surmised, when man first made tools" and "as the means of production developed, the languages of the people underwent corresponding qualitative changes from time to time and became different languages".

The Times says that he forecast that mankind would recreate language with the coming of new social forms and the new thoughts arising from them.

"M Stalin sweeps it all away", continues the newspaper. "Language, M. Stalin goes on sensibly enough, is not a super-structure which varies with economic systems as political, legal and other institutions vary. Of course, the Russian vocabulary has received additions since the Revolution with the growth of technology and science, but 'the basic fund of words and grammatical structure' have been preserved in their entirety. It is still the language of Pushkin. M. Stalin gives many more glimpses of the obvious before rounding on the philologists again".

The Times concludes: "M. Stalin speaks as a Marxist, but behind the Marxist is the national leader who has praised the Russian literary and cultural heritage and now resents an attempt to make the rich Russian language seem simply a kind of by-product of pots and pans and steam-pipes.

"What must now be expected after this tirade is a series of recantations from the luckless professors—and some of the scientists who carried Lysenko's theory of genetics to absurd Marxist lengths may also begin to be careful. Many Russian students who have fretted at the time they have had to waste under the Marx regime may be able to study linguistics in more traditional ways, but a greater blessing for them would be freedom to express themselves fully in the language."



BY YALPADI

Preach Freedom—think before Practice!

Is there a gap between theory and practice, and if so how big is it? Speaking on freedom of the press in the Imperial Press Conference at Ottawa, India's representative Mr. N. M. Cama (of the *Bombay Chronicle*) seems to have said, "Freedom of the press in theory is a thing we should all aspire to have. In practice, however, it might do more harm than good. As in all freedoms what passes for freedom, especially among those who have recently come by it, is as far from freedom as sin is from virtue. You know the sort of freedom that is abroad now in the press, and they want more of it too. As another delegate to the Imperial Press Conference said earlier the newspapers today carry more entertainment than information." By the way, when the Imperial Press Conference was first formed in London in 1910 Sir Surendranath Banerjee, the then Bengal lion, and India's orator and great editor of *Bengalee*, attended it. Much controversy surrounded his visit as die-hard Anglo-Indian Journalists and civil servants picked holes in Banerjee's paper and his journalism and India's politics and press. How distant have we travelled from those days!

Life-eternal

Getting back to the Hindu theory of life in everything in nature. That seems to be the point of the claim of Soviet woman biologist Olga Lepeshinskaya who holds that life is not limited to the cell, but that every kind of protein substance existing in nature is capable of metabolism, of development although it has no cell structure, and therefore the research scientist can produce a living cell from either the white or the yolk of egg. In Hiroshima and Nagasaki where atom bombing destroyed life on a wide and deep scale they are researching to determine the deadly effects of the radio-active rays on living things. The Russian lady biologist can give them hope of being able to replenish life even after atom bombing!

The News behind the Name!

Writing about newspapers, the death of Mr. D. R. Wijeyawardene removes a strange kind of Northcliffe. He had deliberately and temperamentally kept himself in the background when he could have used his papers to plaster his name throughout the island almost every day. A great editor once stated it to be his policy, as it ought to be of every journalist, to avoid his name appearing in print in his paper except under unavoidable circumstances. There are a few papers today in which you never know who writes which or what, everything is impersonal, institutional. But the many have

their editors and staffmen attending this conference, opening that show, closing a prize day or something or another somewhere. Their names are supposed to be news! Wijeyawardene has set a model for Ceylon in more ways than one.

Face-lifted Newspapers

Postwar newspapers in Malaya and Singapore seem to have realised the futility of relating their issues to some set newspaper practices. The *Straits Times* and *Malaya Tribune*, do not mention anything about their serial numbers of issues, such as volume and No. Under the titles it is just plain date and place with number of pages and price. The former paper, in the old days used to have five figure numerals to indicate the daily issue, counting from the inception. It is now one hundred and five years old. Malayan papers have now patterned themselves on the cheap and popular British papers, and a cosmopolitan country like Malaya can easily take to the style. The *Straits Times* in the old days used to be like a respectable elderly lady with stern face and correct demeanour!

Names Don't Matter

It was not exactly a brick that Dr. Ambedkar dropped when he told Sinhalese Buddhists that their outlandish names struck him strange. Names, as we know here, don't matter among Sinhalese and Tamils Buddhists, Christians and Hindus. The trend is now towards Buddhist names from the Dons and the Des, though the leaning towards Tamil names in Jaffna among Christians is not so pronounced. That Niles Kanthar became *කන්තාර* and MacIntyre *මැක්‍යන්ට්* in colloquy in the early decades did not deter those who donned foreign names from sticking to them. But the way we pronounce some Sinhalese names shows they are as much foreign as were the foreign-imported ones. The Tamil papers write of *විජයවර්ධන*, because we have been taught to swallow the 'r' in our English pronunciation; so we speak of 'Wijeyawardne'. We ought to say Wijeyawardene, with emphasis and stress on the r, to convey the true meaning of the name. Tamil writers would do well to write *விஜயவர்தன* and feel happy they have rendered justice to the name. *විජයවර්ධන* would be a torture! It might have been *විජයවර්ධන*.

Tail-Piece

Another Commonwealth Conference is to meet in Colombo, this time, we are told, at secretariat level. From Ministerial and Ambassadorial levels we come, in due course to clerical level, so that he rank and file may have a chance too.

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Heart Pain Eased By Talcum Powder

Dr. Samuel A. Thompson, a New York physician, told a recent meeting of the Jefferson Medical College Alumni Association in Philadelphia, that two tea-spoons of pure talcum powder inserted between the heart and its cover, when the heart is covered by a simple, comparatively safe operation, has been shown to relieve the pain of coronary occlusion, the severe heart ailment caused by the closing of arteries feeding blood to the heart. The new technique, he added, will go a long way towards rehabilitating those persons crippled by the pain of the disease.

In experiments on 42 persons over a 12-year period, Dr. Thompson determined that the talcum powder irritates the heart, a process that forces new blood supply to the pumping organ.

When the coronary malady strikes, the blood vessels feeding the heart muscle are closed down. The heart, deprived of food, grows weak. Then, because it takes very little blood flowing through its own chambers, it may cease to pump and thus cause death.

By putting the talcum powder in a much purer form than that used on babies into the heart cover, the heart is inflamed by the irritation of the powder. This inflammation, stimulates the arterial runners to grow more rapidly. Often overnight enough of them have been produced to send a large supply of blood into the heart, relieving the bloodlessness caused by coronary occlusion and hence the pain.

The surgeon merely cuts out a portion of the rib directly over the heart. He slits the heart cover without touching the heart and then blows or pumps the talcum powder in. The talc remains harmlessly in the heart for the life of the patient.

Tiruketheeshvaram

The Annual Sangha abishekam at Tiruketheeshvaram will take place on Sunday, the 2nd July, 1950 and will include Puja, Singing of Thevarams, Bajana, religious discourses at the temple and meeting of the Working Committee of the Tiruketheeshvaram Temple Restoration Society at the Tiruganasambantha Moorthy Nayanar Madam.

Maheswara Poojap will be conducted by the P. W. D. Overseers of the Mannar District at their cost.

230 Die in Petrol Blaze

As a result of a depot in the Irug Petroleum Company containing inflammable and explosive materials catching fire 230 people were killed and a thousand were injured.

18 adjoining houses were completely destroyed.

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that which they might to help the world at this crucial hour.

It is true that those who demand all the available facts, who seek and will act only in terms of moral values and high principles, will always be in the minority. But history proclaims that it is such minorities, and even single individuals, who have ever moved majorities to better ways.

To protect, to preserve, to maintain or restore order and harmony is natural of woman. As Olive Schreiner wrote in *Woman and Labor*: "There is a living thing, it will die if it is not cared for," says the average woman... instinctively "Success and sustenance are woman's natural contribution to human life, and it is vitally important that she make them generously at this time and make them intelligently. But she cannot do so without knowledge of the above-described three factors of Truth, which have been learned and linked up, recorded and taught, by the Wise Ones of our race.

Guidance is not wanting

At every step and on every problem that confronts women today, there is guidance in the writings of the greatest of the pioneer women, who was the student and faithful expounder of that accumulated wisdom of the ages, which she gave out under the name of Theosophy. If the clear warnings of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, given in connection with her setting forth of those facts, moral values and spiritual principles, had but been adequately studied and acted, the world would have been spared the two recent great wars and we should not find ourselves in the present widespread chaos. Many, not understanding her and her great mission, have belittled her and ignored or misunderstood her work, but the Theosophical principles which she expounded are echoed in countless pieces of advice given by Gandhiji, who has recorded in his Autobiography the significant impression which her *Key to Theosophy* made upon him. And in that work of hers and in her other writings there are the necessary knowledge, wisdom and direction for altruistic service for all who want them.

(Extracts from the Theosophical Bulletin.)

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Excavations At Tirukketisvaram

Glory of Hindu Culture Revealed

[Mr. S. Sanmuganathan Assistant Archaeological Commissioner has done a great service to Hindu Culture by the successful way in which he has conducted the excavations at the Ancient Temple at Tirukketisvaram, as is seen from the official report of the operations published below.]

Mantai in the Mannar District is the ancient Mahatitha (Sin Matota), the principal sea-port of Ceylon when Anuradhapura was the capital of the Island. There are frequent references to Mahatitha in the chronicle that it was flourishing from the earliest historical period.

The walls and double moats of the ancient city can still be traced in the site.

Archaeological investigations were carried out on the site in 1887 by Boake and by A. M. Hocart in 1925-28. The results of Hocart's work could not be published in adequate form as he had to relinquish his post as Archaeological Commissioner due to ill-health in 1929.

The ancient Saiva shrine of Mahatitha called Tirukketisvaram is referred to in Tamil devotional hymns dating from the 7th century A. D. The Pali Dathavamsa also testifies to the existence of a Brahmenical shrine at the site in ancient days.

Further excavations commenced in April 18th 1950, and is in progress. An ancient road almost forty feet wide from the Eastern gate is located. Running parallel to it is another ancient road narrower in width. On either side of these roads there are vestiges of buildings. The road from the eastern gate leads to a building,

probably a temple of a later period. No definite date can be assigned to it until further investigations are carried out. However at this spot a "THIRTHA KAL" is found which fits into pieces that are lying around the modern temple. A damaged lingam, one of the largest found in Ceylon, is said to have been found in this spot some forty years ago. Further excavations at this site would reveal the nature and use of this building.

A pottery rimmed well or soakage pit and two stone lined wells have been located. The stone well 3'-0" in diameter has been successfully dug 32'-0" below the present surface up to water level. This has yielded some interesting pottery types and fauna bones which are receiving study.

Considerable types and forms of pottery from Rome, Arabia and China have also been found. Among them are Aretine pottery which should be a source for dating the strata.

Outside the city walls some burials were located and excavated. One of these pits revealed a full skeleton in situ with associated pottery. Dr. P. K. Chanmugan, Professor of Anatomy of the University of Ceylon visited the site and exhumed the remains and brought it to the University for comparative

Cement Production Next Month

Minister's Statement

At a Press Conference in Colombo on Wednesday, Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, Minister of Industries said that the construction of the Cement Factory was almost complete and that the production would begin in July.

The Minister also stated that normal production would be 100,000 tons of cement a year i. e., 10,000 tons more than the local needs and that the quality would be better than that of the imported stuff.

Further skulls and bones from the neighbouring pits were also collected and sent to the University.

Beads of considerable variety have also been found. A systematic study of the pottery and small finds will take time for further investigations.

An object of great interest is a small toy ivory chariot drawn by four horses. It has two ten spoked wheels joined together with an axle and hub. The semi-circular basket or body acting as a guard on the front rests on the axle. The pole attached to the axle is in the centre between the two pairs of horses. At the end of the pole is a yoke which rests right across the neck connecting the four horses.

Owing to climatic conditions and lack of water excavations will be terminated in the near future and continued next for further period of three months.

I. L. O. Asian Committee

Ceylon Gets A Place

Fifteen countries stood for election for 3 vacant seats on the Committee in the Asian Advisory Committee of the International Labour Organisation.

Ceylon came second in the ballot and was elected to a place.

Malayan Ceylonese Honoured

Mr. S. Murugesu Office Assistant, Central Trade Registry, Dept. of Statistics, has been honoured by His Majesty the King at the last Birthday Honours by the grant of an M. B. E.

He has been a prominent member of the Tamil Community in Malaya and did much to promote its interest there.

He hails from Karainagar.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1191

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Kamalambikai wife of Elaiyappa Katheesvaranathan of Wyman Road, Jaffna.

Deceased.

Elaiyappa Katheesvaranathan of Wyman Road, Jaffna.

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Katheesvaranathan Kumaraswamy
2. Katheesvaranathan Sri Devi
3. Katheesvaranathan Kala Devi and
4. Katheesvaranathan Mahendran, minors appearing by their guardian-ad-litem.
5. Kulandavelu Chelliah Nadarajah all of Wyman Road, Jaffna. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before W. G. Spencer, Esq. District Judge of Jaffna on the 26th day of May 1950 in the presence of Mr. A. Thanabalasingam, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 26th May 1950 having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner abovenamed as the surviving spouse of the deceased abovenamed be and he is hereby declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said deceased issued to him accordingly and that the 5th respondent abovenamed be and he is hereby appointed guardian-ad-litem of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th minor respondents abovenamed for the purpose of these proceedings unless the respondents abovenamed or any person or persons interested shall on or before the 19th day of July 1950 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary and it is further ordered that the said minors let to 4th respondents be produced in court on the said date.

This 26th day of May 1950.

Sd. W. G. SPENCER, District Judge. 16-6-50. (O. 34. 27 & 30.)

OBITUARY

We regret to record the death on Monday the 19th inst. of Mr. A. Kandasamy, F. M. S. Railway Pensioner of Vaddukodai, a brother of the late Mr. A. Sithamparanathapillai, Notary Public. The funeral took place on the same day.

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 2ND JULY TO 8TH JULY 1950

ARIES Aswini, Barani, Kartikai 1st part—[Medha Rasi]

Happiness this week is to be found in new friendships and link-ups with strangers. Socially also an interesting week. Good news of family promised week end.

TAURUS Kartikai 2, 3, 4, Rohini, Mirugasirisha 1, 2 [Idaya Rasi]

A good week for making any important changes. Essential to keep a close watch on your business affairs. Do not trust any one. You may have to face up some criticism and gossip week end.

GEMINI Mirugasirisha 3, 4, Thiruvathirai, Purnapuram 1, 2, 3—[Mithuna Rasi]

The first two days of the week will not be very favourable. In spite of petty worries professionally a good week. Some chances of "gamblers luck" promised week end.

CANCER Purnapoosa 4, Poosa, Ajilya [Kataka Rasi]

The first two days are favourable for negotiating any important deals. The following two days may prove a bit irksome. Petty official troubles, mental worries and troubles through enemies shown. Likelihood of substantial gains week end.

LEO Maha, Pooru, Uttira 1, part—[Singha Rasi]

The first half of the week will be happy and successful. Interesting social developments also promised. Thursday and Friday must be spent with care. Week end will be favourable again.

VIRGO Uttira 2, 3, 4, Attai, Chittirai 1, 2—[Kanni Rasi]

In spite of financial anxiety this should be a happy and successful week. You will gain much favours through your friends. Success in litigation also promised. But the last day of the week must be spent with care.

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

An interesting week for schemes and striking success promised before week end. Socially also an interesting week. Friends of the opposite sex will help you a good deal. But health must be given particular care.

SCORPIO Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

Put off any far reaching changes for some time a change of place or a small trip indicated. Essential to keep watch on subordinate officers. Health still remains a problem.

SAGITARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Tharu Rasi]

Do not take promises of help or offers too seriously this week. Interesting social developments shown. Some changes may be necessary in routine works.

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

Some unexpected changes take place in household affairs this week. Happiness through children and mental harmony also promised. Financial success promised week end.

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

An interesting week socially though you may have to face up petty criticism and gossip. There is a likelihood of substantial gains in a new venture.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revati. [Meena Rasi]

Don't be forced into distasteful undertaking this week. Upon your choice depends success or failure. Misunderstandings with marriage partners also indicated.

FINGER PRINT IN CRIME DETECTION

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the body of the driver John Silva was found in a jungle, a few miles away from Puttalam. A Finger Print Officer was sent to the scene, and he succeeded in taking the finger and palm prints of the deceased, whose body was in a highly decomposed state. These prints were not identical with any of the prints on the car.

Led to Confession

On March 25, the finger prints of one Wijedasa Perera were brought to the Finger Print Bureau by the Inspector, Cinnamon Gardens. A Finger Print Officer recognised the prints as tallying with some of those found on the car. The Inspector and other officers were informed of this at once. After a careful comparison, 28 finger prints and 3 palm prints, found on the car, were identified as those of Wijedasa Perera. Up to this time, Wijedasa Perera, who had been in the custody of the Police for a considerable time, had totally denied all knowledge of this robbery and murder. It was only after he was confronted with the finger print evidence that he first confessed to the Police. On this confession, Rupananda de Silva was arrested and his finger prints were received at 7 p.m., the same day. At p.m., 2 set of finger prints found on the car were identified as those of Rupananda de Silva. When he was confronted with the finger print evidence, he, who had hitherto totally denied all knowledge of the murder and robbery, made a statement. Later, the finger prints of three more suspects, namely, James Seneviratne, Wajira Muanasinghe and Premalal Rajapakse were identified with some of the prints found on the car. The total result has been that the finger prints of five accused in the case have been identified, as identical with those found on the car.

car used and the suspects involved in the case.

Double Murder Proof

On June 7, 1949, at Kudiandy Valavu, Chuunakam, one Chellappah Vinasithamby and his wife Sellarshipulle were clubbed to death. A Finger Print Officer was summoned to the scene. Several finger prints were found. Later all those prints were found to be identical with those of a suspect.

Jungle Shooting Case

On October 10, 1949, the body of one D. D. Samarawickrema, a contractor, was found dead at a lonely spot in a jungle between Maho and Galgamuwa. It transpired that he had alighted from a car to answer a call of nature. The assailant removed a gun from the deceased's car, followed him for some distance and shot him dead from behind. The car was examined for finger prints and all the decipherable finger prints found were identical with the prints of the assailant. Finger print evidence was given and the case was committed to the Supreme Court.

Palm Print Evidence

On August 2, 1949, at Bulugahatene, Katagastota, two girls aged 14 and 5 were found clubbed to death in their home in the absence of other inmates. A wardrobe was found forced open, and cash and jewellery removed. Several palm prints were found on this wardrobe. These were found to be identical with those of one of the inmates and of another. Palm print evidence was recorded in this case and the case was committed to the Supreme Court.

Robbery Traced

On July 3, 1949, one N. V. Herath Hamy complained to the Kiriella Police, that, thieves had entered his house the previous night, murdered his wife and three children and ransacked the place. A Finger Print Officer was summoned to the scene and the ransacked articles were examined. Finger prints were found on those articles, and on comparison, these were found to be identical with those of the complainant, Herath Hamy. This excluded the possibility of any outside person having committed this crime. The latter was then suspected of having committed these murders. Finger print evidence was given in this case and Herath Hamy was sentenced to death.

Estate Robbery

On the night of January 24, 1949, in the absence of the male occupants a gang of several men entered the bungalow of Mrs. Irulappen of Halpe Estate, Ella, by forcing the door open assaulted and tied up the inmates and removed jewellery and other articles to the value of Rs. 2,675. A Finger Print Officer visited the scene and examined several articles which had been handled by the thieves, and several prints were found. These prints were compared with the prints of the inmates and Island Registered Criminals with the same modus operandi. Some of the prints were found to be identical with those of the inmates and others with those of suspect Island Registered Criminal 752/33 Heen Baba. On February 7, 1949 evidence was given in the Sup-

FISCALS' COMMISSION

Public sittings of the above Commission will be held at King's House, Fort, Jaffna the 10th and 11th July, 1950, commencing each day at 10 a.m. The Commission will also hold sittings at the Point Pedro District Court on the 13th, the Chavakachcheri Court House on the 14th, and at the Mallakam Court House on the 18th July.

Persons desiring to give evidence before the Commission are requested to send a brief statement on which matters under reference on which they wish to give evidence so as to reach me on or before the 3rd July.

V. ALLIRAJAH
Secretary.

Office of the Fiscals' Commission,
P. O. Box 401,
Colombo, 23rd June, 1950.
(G 34, 27 & 30)

reme Court of Kandy, Case No. 2/M.C., Badulla, Case No. 7,804, and he was sentenced to 10 years rigorous imprisonment.

Jewellery Theft

On the evening of February 16, 1948, ladies at 17, Boyd Place, Colpetty, were dressing to attend the Hon. Speaker's party in honour of Ceylon's Independence. While changing they left the dressing-room for a few minutes, and when they came back, they discovered Rs. 8,000 worth of jewellery had mysteriously disappeared from a jewellery box in the wardrobe. The house was full of visitors who had arrived from outstations to attend the party. As a car was parked in the portico with the driver in attendance, no outsider was suspected. A Finger Print Officer was promptly summoned to the scene, and some decipherable finger prints were found. After those of the inmates had been eliminated a number of fragmentary finger prints were unidentified. These prints were compared with those of several suspects suggested by the local Police and the Criminal Record Office, but this failed to yield any result. Later, when these prints were compared with those of all the Island Registered Criminals, they were found to be identical with those of an I. R. C. This came as a great surprise, as the complainant had ruled out the possibility of any outsider having done it. Some guests were suspected and they were finger-and palm-printed. This caused a great deal of unpleasantness between the guests and the people in the house. The accused was charged only on finger print evidence, and on his own plea, was sentenced on May 17, 1949, to 2 years' rigorous imprisonment and 4 years' Police supervision.

Conclusive Proof

Mr. W. D. Rozairo of 5, St. Mary's Road, Mattakuliya, made a complaint of house-breaking and theft of jewellery to the value of Rs. 25,000. A finger print officer was summoned and he found some decipherable finger prints on a jewellery box and on a wardrobe. The local Police made enquiries and then handed over the inquiry to the Central C. I. D. These finger prints were compared with those of several suspects and all the Colombo Island Registered Criminals. They were identified as those of Island Registered Criminal 607/30 Albert, who had been absconding for a long time. Some years later a man was suspected of forging currency notes in the Southern Province and he was arrested. When his finger print slip was sent to the Finger Print Bureau, he was traced as I. R. C. 607/30 Albert, who was wanted in this case of burglary. He was charged for house-breaking and theft, in this case in S. C., Colombo Case No. 44, and, on April 8, 1949, was sentenced to 4 years' rigorous imprisonment.

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1st Class (Violin)

*Lalitha Nadarajah, *Vallinayaki Thamoatham, Sunderanayaki Thambo, *Parameswari Subramaniam, *Thirupathy Kantharatnam, *Navukkarasi Gurusamy, Loganayaki Sinnappu, *Sivarooi Sivaramalingam, *Sripathyambal Ponnudurai, Pathmaneswary Murugesapillai, *Paramakalyani Kandiah.

2nd Class (Vocal)

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2nd Class (Violin)

Nooline Philips, Pathmasini Kumarasamy, Maheswary Thambo, Sarojinthevy Velupillai, Selvanayaki Kandiah, Tharmavathy Remalingam, Gnaneswary Selliah, Pushpavathy Nagalingam, Jeyasothi David.

(Veena)

Sivaaanthi Nallainathan

PASS (Vocal)

Nithianandadevi Sivasubramaniam, Parameswary Sabaratnam, Buvanewary Sivakkolunthu, Kamalathevy Thambiyah, Subathradevy Krishnapillai, Lucukudchumy Ponnambalam, Sugirthaladchumy Nagalingam, Annaledchumy Nagalingam, Vimala Ruth Jesudasan, Sellamuttu Sinnathamby, Kothavary Kathiravelu, Puvanewary Mutthiah, Rajloganayaki Sathasivam, Sivasewary Nadarajah, Sarveswary Selladurai, Venasithamby Shanmugam.

(Violin)

Vimala Ruth Jesudasan, Grace Samathanam Athamparam, Parameswary Muthiah.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1171

Velupillai Kandiah of Neervely Vs. Petitioner.

Minor 1 Rasiah Sivapathalingam and 2 Suppiah Rasiah of do Respondents.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Ramasamy wife of Suppiah Rasiah deceased of Neervely.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 3rd day of April 1950 in the presence of Mr. S. Patanjali Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the above-mentioned petitioner dated 3rd April 1950 having been read.

It is ordered that the said 2nd respondent be appointed guardian ad-litem over the minor the 1st respondent and that the said petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as her father and that such Letters of Administration be issued to him accordingly unless the respondents or other person or persons shall on

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or before the 6th day of June 1950 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the petitioner do produce the minor before court on the said date.

This 3rd day of April 1950.

Sgd. William Gunam Spencer,
District Judge.

6-6-50
Time to show cause extended to 4-7-50.

Sgd. Wm. G. Spencer,
District Judge.
(O. 40, 27 & 30)

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