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CULTIVATE DESIRE FOR UNION WITH GOD

It Is The Goal Of Life

THE whole world may be reduced to two broad divisions in so far as its outlook on life is concerned: (1) those who believe in a materialistic view of life (2) those who have faith in a spiritual view of life. Amongst the latter there are a few people who have never taken the trouble to have a clear conception of the meaning and purpose of human life.

Most of us are so much engrossed in living that we do not care to know what life is. We are content with paying mere lip homage to the value and importance of religious and spiritual life. Our indifference is so great that we do not study and ponder over our sacred scriptures and the true significance of their underlying meaning.

God—Fountain Of Life

We all desire perfection, peace, harmony, security, true enlightenment, and 'happiness exempt from decay'. Still how few there are who are seriously willing to tread the path that leads to our desired goal. Every type of religious people assign the highest position to uncaused Cause, to a Being whom they call God both in His unmanifested and manifested form. He is looked upon as the source of our being, and the highest virtues imaginable are attributed to Him. He combines in Him perfection, peace, wisdom and happiness in the highest degree. He is the fountain of life from whom all evolves and to whom it returns. Any good or great thing we long for can only be attained in the true sense of the world by our nearness to Him. On this vital point all religions are at one. In ordinary life we generally trust one whom we respect for his goodness, but it is the strangest irony of fate that One whom we should trust more we trust less or not at all. We have full and abiding trust in human promises, but a as not sufficient confidence in the words and promises of that Immortal One whom we worship as God.

Divine Promise

Quite a large number of the followers of the Sanatana Dharma with a clear conscience look upon Sri Krishna as the highest Avatar of Vishnu and Srimad Bhagavadgita as His Vani—utterance on the battle-field Kurukshetra—which is meant to be a scripture of Yoga for Sarva bhutani, all humanity without any distinction of caste, creed or colour.

If we really and conscientiously believe in Him as a Divine Being who 'equally dwells in the hearts of all beings' and whose union would endow us with all divine qualities, free us from the bondage of birth and death, sorrow and suffering, and, above all, the pairs of opposites, and bring us perfect happiness, is it or is it

not up to us to have complete confidence in His Divine Promise and set our feet on the Path of spiritual progress? In the viii Chapter, 14 verse of the Gita the Blessed Lord says, "He who constantly thinketh of Me, not thinking ever of another, of him I am easily reached, O Partha, of this ever harmonised Yogi" Again in ix Chapter, 22 verse He holds out His Divine Promise in these words: "To those men who worship Me alone, thinking of no other, to those ever harmonious, I bring full security. "He, the highest Spirit, O Partha, may be reached by unswerving devotion to Him alone, in whom all beings abide, by whom all this is pervaded". (viii. 22).

Could there be anything more certain, unequivocal and perfectly definite than these words?

Conditions To Be Fulfilled

Now, the fulfilment of His promise as embodied in the above extracts is dependent on an uncompromising condition which must be literally fulfilled before anything could be achieved. The condition may be summed up in one word; devotion, Bhakti, the nature of which is pithily described by Narada "as extreme devotion to some one" (Narada Sutras translated by E. T. Sturdy, p. 19); the element of devotion to an individual is of its very nature. Further, on page 28 (Narada Sutras) we read, "It is surrendering all actions to God, and feeling the greatest misery in forgetting Him".

Then Narada described the man who has obtained this love: "Obtaining which man becomes perfect, becomes immortal becomes satisfied; and obtaining which he desires nothing grieves not, hates not, does not" delight (in sensuous objects), makes no effort (for selfish ends); knowing which he becomes intoxicated (with joy), transfixed and rejoices in the Self." (Narada Sutras pp. 22, 24).

How could such devotion be attained? First by cultivating intense desire for union with God. No one has ever been able to gain anything in the form of wealth, honour and worldly enjoyments without sufficient yearning for them, and paying their due price.

Sage Ramanuja's Advice

Sage Ramanuja advises such neophytes to purify their bodies first, by taking pure food, abstaining from animal and other coarse stuff. Pure thought and noble emotion should be cultivated. So also cleanliness should be observed, so that the body may in every respect be a worthy temple of the devotee who has to use it while he treads the Path of Love. He then passes on to give the

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Pencil Stub and Gandhiji

An Anecdote

Kaka Kalelkar the friend and colleague of Gandhiji, relates this interesting anecdote in *Khaddar Malar*:

During the 1915 Congress in Bombay I had the privilege of spending some time with Bapuji. One day I noticed him searching furiously for something in an agitated mood.

I asked him: "Bapuji, what are you searching?" "A small pencil," he answered.

I took one out of my attache case to give him.

"No, no. I want the small pencil I am searching for," Bapuji said.

"Use this for the moment, Bapuji, and I shall search for yours later," I replied.

"You do not understand, Kaka," he said "I should not lose that pencil. It was given to me in Madras by the young son of G. A. Natesan, (Maniam Natesan, the present managing editor of the *Indian Review*). And with what affection he ran and gave it to me; and how can I afford to lose it?"

We both searched the rogue of a pencil, and Bapuji felt at ease only after it was found.

The pencil was hardly one inch long.

It reveals how great Gandhiji was even in small things.

Bribery Commission Inquiry Concludes

24 Public Sittings

The inquiry by Mr. A. E. Keeneman K. C., the Bribery Commissioner into cases of bribery and corruption in the Public Services concluded:

The inquiry covered the period September 1, 1939 to January 28 1948.

The Commission was appointed on May 18, 1948 as a result of a motion in Parliament by Mr. P. G. B. Keeneman M. P.

The first public sitting began on November 22, 1948.

The Commission has had 24 public sittings and an equal number of private sittings.

The first interim report has already been submitted by the Commissioner to the Governor-General.

The Commissioner is now finalising his second report which is expected to be submitted to the Governor-General shortly.

It is gathered that the Commissioner may suggest the appointment of a permanent department to inquire into cases of bribery in the Public Services.

The verdict of the Commissioner on the cases heard will be

Registration of Tellippalai Co-op. Dispensary

Minister Ratnayake's Visit

"The individual's health should be the concern of the entire community, and a movement to ensure it on co-operative lines has great scope for service," said the Hon. Mr. A. Ratnayake, Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings, on the occasion of the Registration of the Tellippalai Co-operative Vaidiyasalai on Friday, 12th inst, at 6. p. m. He said that medical assistance was given on a co-operative basis in the olden days, when Ayurvedic Physicians served the community inspired solely by humanitarian considerations. He humorously remarked that if mosquitoes could co-operate in attacking men and ruining their health, it was but necessary that men should in turn join together to fight against disease. In complimenting the efforts of the people of the Parish to set up a co-operative undertaking to promote the health of the area, he said that this institution was the second of its kind in the island, the first being the Moolai Co-operative Hospital. He hoped that the rest of the island would emulate their praiseworthy example. Mr. T. Balachandran, D. R. O interpreted the Minister's speech.

Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam M. P. in welcoming the Minister thanked him for the honour he had done the Society by his visit. He also referred to the progress the Vaidiyasalai had made within a period of two months, and paid a tribute to the consulting Physician, Dr. Ponnambalam L. M. S. who had volunteered his services to the Society free of remuneration, and to his Assistant, Mr. V. Subramaniam, formerly of the Malayan Medical Service.

Mr. R. C. S. Cooke, Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, then registered the Society amidst applause, and wished the new infant all success and prosperity in the future.

Mr. T. T. Jayaretnam, Vice-President, proposed a vote of thanks to the Minister, The Minister and party were then shown round the dispensary.

examined by the Public Service Commission.

In cases where the Commissioner finds that a charge of allegation made against a Public Officer has not been established, the Commissioner may award to that member if he was represented by Council, such sum as he may fix as costs of representation

In the House of Representatives

Kanatte Site Suggestion For Freedom Memorial

Speaker's Warning To Mr. Dahanayake

THAT the Annual Appropriation Bill should be read six months hence—that was how Dr. N. M. Perera M. P. for Ruwanwella registered his protest against a budget which had not cared for the proletariat. This constitutional device to tickle the feelings of the Government served as usual, only as a comic interlude. With 63 members present only 18 votes could be got together by the opposition to delay the Third Reading of the Budget.

Independence Memorial

"This so called Independence" raged the turbulent M. P. for Galle when a discussion on a token vote of Rs. 100/- for an Independence Memorial threatened to develop into an exciting wordy warfare. Spicing his remarks a little too much, Mr. Dahanayake went on to suggest that the Memorial should be at Kanatte and not at Torrington square. This provoked the ever-wary Speaker to immediate action and the Mr. Dahanayake was sternly warned that he would have to withdraw from the chamber if he harped further on the matter in that unparliamentary manner.

Opening of the Health Office at Tellippalai

"Days have changed now, even the public realise that they should Co-operate with the Health Department and that the Officials also have come to know that they cannot achieve their object without the co-operation of the public" said Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam, Member for Kankesanur, in opening the M. O. H's Office for Vaikam North, Tellippalai on last Saturday evening.

Continuing Mr. Chelvanayakam said that the opening of the Health Office would serve the area in preventing communicable diseases and caring for expectant mothers and infants, and exhorted the public to make the full use of the opportunity offered by the Government.

Dr. P. Rajasingham and Dr. K. Nagalingam also addressed the meeting. They thanked Mr. Chinnappab, the landlord for having offered such a beautiful building for the Government.

Nallur High Festival

Special Sanitary Arrangements

The Sanitary arrangements provided by the Jaffna Municipal Authorities in, connection with this years Nallur Kandassamy Temple Festival deserve special mention.

The Manager of the Temple is extending full co-operation to the Municipal Authorities in making these arrangements.

The following are some of the Special arrangements worth mentioning.

A Temporary Police Station has been opened.

A Municipal Health Office has been opened by the side of the Police Station.

Three Temporary Markets have been opened for the use of the traders, hawkers and other business men who frequent the temple for the business.

36 Temporary Latrines and a good number of Urinals have been installed in the Camp area.

The Municipal Electrical Department has installed special up to date light with Mercury Lamp bulbs to important Junctions and Veethies within the Camp area.

The most interesting arrangements worth mentioning is the provision of Spiroons to the Public in all the Four Veethies of the Temple.

A Health Education Centre has been opened at the Madam by the side of the Tank and good collection of Health Posters, Placards, Slogans etc. are exhibited at this Madam on High Festival days.

The Mayor, Mr. S. A. Saba pathy, the M. O. H., Dr. Rajasingham and Mr. P. Nadesan Propaganda Officer, who are paying personal attention to this matter deserve to be congratulated on this praiseworthy effort.

Special Talks on Health, Educational and Religious matters have been arranged and eminent personalities are expected to give talks on the loud speaker installed in the Municipal Health Office.

NOTICE

The Offices of the Hindu Organ and Intusathanam and of the Saiva Prakasa Press will be closed on Tuesday the 23rd and Wednesday the 24th inst. on account of the Nallur Kandaswamy Temple Car and Thirtham Festivals. There will be no issue of the Hindu Organ and Intusathanam on 23-8-49.

Manager.



Hindu Organ

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Treasure These Thoughts

"When all the desires that dwell in the heart fall away, then the mortal becomes immortal and attains Brahman here itself."

—KATHA UPANISHAD.

T. C. RIFT

THE ALL-CYLON TAMIL Congress was organised by the Tamils in the Island for the purpose of winning for Ceylon freedom and at the same time protecting and safeguarding the Tamils. When the Soulbury Commission came to Ceylon for drafting the new constitution the A. C. T. C. pleaded for safeguards for the minority communities; the efforts of the Congress failed to make any impression on the Commission. When elections were held under the New Constitution, the Tamil Congress nominated candidates for elections. The success of the nominees was phenomenal. Events have happened since then which show that Members of Parliament returned as Congress nominees have divided themselves into two groups led by the President Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam and Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayagan respectively. On last Sunday when a largely attended District Congress Committee was held at Jaffna the Secretaries of the Colombo Committee purported to hold a meeting of the Working Committee at Colombo. The decisions of the two meetings are different; while the Jaffna meeting decided to take disciplinary action against such members of the Congress as failed to carry out the mandate of responsive co-operation the Colombo meeting decided to rule as illegal all action taken by the Jaffna District Committee.

The Tamils are a minority who should stand united if they want to make any contribution towards their own progress or the progress of the different communities in the Island. The allegations made by the Leaders of the rival groups against each other will not help either party. The constitutional questions raised by the Working Committee can never be

"We Seek The Friendship Of All"

Nehru's Appeal To The Nation

HOISTING the National Flag on the ramparts of the historic Red Fort, on August 15 (Second Anniversary of the Independence Day), Prime Minister Nehru said that taking a long view, India had been marching ahead on sound lines and consolidating the gains which accrued to her after the freedom. "Despite obstacles, our inherent strength and our determination are taking our country forward".

The Prime Minister added: "Today we are stronger than before. Today our country is counted among the big nations of the world. You are big citizens of that country. We should have big hearts and big minds. No small man can accomplish a big task nor face a big issue we are capable of solving all our problems if only every man and woman of India does his or her duty. If they do their duty by concentrating on their work and by cooperating with others we shall marvel at the speed which India progresses."

Nehru reminded the people that India's battle of freedom was fought without army, without arms and without economic resources. Undoubtedly we had great leaders among whom Mahatma Gandhi was the greatest. But in the ultimate analysis, it was the people who fought the battle. They fought relying on their own courage with faith in their leaders and in their country. "Compare that strength with the far greater strength which the free India has today strength for fighting external as well as internal enemies."

Asking the people to have confidence in themselves, Nehru reminded them of the time when their hearts were lit up and warmed by the light which had carried them through darkness

solved if the rift remains. The time has come for the different groups to work together without quarrelling with each other. It is heart-rending to see the Tamils who have been always noted for their political sagacity to be divided among themselves. We do not propose to defend or espouse the cause of either party. The will of the majority should prevail. It is necessary that the leaders should meet together in conference in the first instance and again place their respective views before a properly convened meeting of the Congress and carry out the decisions arrived at by such meeting. Steps should be taken to call a plenary session of the Congress. It will not be proper for one party to challenge the propriety of holding such sessions or to refuse to participate in the sessions by raising subtle questions regarding constitutional procedure. It is to be hoped that the Leaders of the two rival groups will co-operate with each other in convening a plenary session of the Congress without indulging in vile abuse; each party will be free to place its views for consideration; both parties should agree to take the verdict of the plenary sessions.



and difficulty without the aid of any military power or force. "Let us not forget today the giver of that light, Mahatma Gandhi, and in all that we do, let us remember the ideals Gandhiji stood for and in furtherance of which he laid down his life".

The Prime Minister said that it was the duty of everyone to help in the establishment of peace in the country irrespective of differences on the question of policy. "I grant that every country has the right to change its laws, even to change its Government. You also have the right and you may do whatever you like in a peaceful manner. But if there are people who choose the other path, the path of violence and coercion, it is evident that they have no faith in democracy".

Stating that freedom should be broad-based on self-reliance, Nehru observed: "We seek the goodwill and friendship of all those who reside in this country to whatever race or country they may belong. We seek the friendship and cooperation of all peoples and we will welcome help from any quarter. But primarily we must depend on ourselves and not on any outside body or country."

"Not Hostile to Any Country"

"We are not hostile to any country nor do we want to meddle in other peoples' affairs. Every nation should be free to go the way she likes or to follow any path which she considers best. Just as we do not like to meddle in other country's problems so do we like others not to interfere with us. That is why we have decided as a matter of policy, that we will not join any of those blocs which we find in the world today. We will be aloof from all of them and yet be a friend to each of them. We intend to progress on our own lines. We have resolved on this policy as this is the only way to serve the cause of world peace."

Referring to his forthcoming visit to the United States Nehru said: "I propose to carry there with me our countries message of friendship and love, for certainly we want their friendship. Keeping our freedom intact we are out to befriend all nations."

Developments In Asia

Talking of the developments in Asia, Nehru said that revolutions that were taking place in several countries were the concern of the people there. "It is not our job to disturb them in their freedom or to criticise their form of Government or their way of life. We should impartially survey the world events and stretch out our hand of friendship to all."

Indian Affairs

Problem Of A State Language

Congress Recommends English For Ten Years

The Special Committee appointed by the Congress Party to consider the question of the official language of India has reached conclusions which are now being put in the form of a draft Article for consideration by the Party again.

It is understood that the Committee has decided that English will be the only official language for the next ten years, and thereafter, if both Houses of Parliament decided by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, it could be extended for another five years. The implications of this decision seems to be that after 15 years, Hindu will automatically become the official language of India.

The Committee has also provided that after ten years if the need for the continuance of English for international purposes was felt, Parliament could authorise its by a simple majority vote.

The Committee, by a majority is understood to have decided that international numerals should continue to be adopted. The protagonists of Hindi, however, do not appear to have fully reconciled themselves to this decision.

The Committee also agreed that Hindi should be comprehensive enough to assimilate Sanskrit and other regional languages in India. On this question also there is sharp difference of opinion. An influential section has been urging that Urdu and Hindustani should be specifically mentioned along with Sanskrit.

On the question of the Centre undertaking to grant financial subsidies to the units for the propagation of Hindi, no decision appears to have been reached though members from non-Hindi speaking areas have been pressing this issue.

National Committee On Health

The Government is considering the question of setting up a National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, comprising representatives of administrations entrusted with the compilation of such statistics.

The Committee will produce national and international statistics in the sphere of health.

The Committee will pay particular attention to the statistics needed for tropical diseases and the problems of population and malnutrition.

It will co-operate with the Public Health authorities in the solution of problems of statistical education and training in the field of vital and health statistics.

Will Report to W. H. O. Committee

The Committee will report its findings and recommendations from time to time to an Expert Committee of the World Health Organisation for consideration on an international basis.

In the establishment of this Committee Ceylon is pursuing the policy enjoined by the World Health Organization as the existing means of collecting health statistics in different countries have been found to be inadequate.

India and France have been requested to pay particular attention through their respective National Committees on Vital and Health Statistics to the problems of morbidity and mortality from tropical diseases.

Amended Train Service for Jaffna

G. M. R.'s Promise

An amended train service will operate on the Jaffna-Kankesan-turai section, possibly from next week, Mr. M. Kanagasabay acting General-Manager of Railways told an Observer Reporter.

He had taken up with him the protest of the Jaffna Railway Passengers' Association.

Mr Kanagasabay assured him that the problem of the Jaffna-Kankesan-turai section had been occupying the attention of his staff for some time and they had been busy working on the details of certain adjustments.

He hoped that they would be able to finish the work before the end of this week so that he would be able to introduce the amended service on that section at an early date—next week if possible.

As regards improvements to the stations and halts, he said that the Building Department had the work in hand and improvements had already been effected to some of the stations on this section.

"Most of the stations had been built in the old days to accommodate trains consisting of eight to ten carriages but today the normal complement of carriages on the mail trains is between 15 and 17," he explained.

Mr. Kanagasabay admitted that the mail trains to and from Kankesan-turai had not been keeping to time but those delays were invariably due to causes beyond

Do Not Waste Earth's Riches

The United Nations World Resources Conference warned that man has reached a critical hour and must learn not to waste the earth's riches.

Mr. Fairfield Osborn, President of the Conservative Foundation told the assembled scientists and experts that their meeting was a sign of the evolution of human society, that 50 years ago it would have been impossible.

"Slowly but surely the shackles of selfish nationalism are dissolving," he said.

"This world meeting may make a great, perhaps even an epochal contribution to the future of civilisation."

the control of the Railway management,

A broken signal wire rendering the signal defective repairs to the track necessitating the train slowing down to speeds of four to six miles an hour over long sections and loading and unloading of large quantities of luggage and parcels were instances of how delays could unexpectedly occur.

"But", he concluded, showing me the train delay report for Monday, August 16 which had just reached him, "there have been instances when the mail trains have run to scheduled time—then everybody has been happy."



Austerity in Luxury

London report of our Finance Minister's "master plan" for cutting imports in an austerity drive to conserve dollars, tells us that it had been prepared by him "in the seclusion of his luxury suite in Claridge's aristocratic West End hotel". Perhaps it was thought people in Ceylon for whom austerity is being shaped might expect the author to do the shaping in an austere and belittling atmosphere! Not our flying bosses, certainly, to have any qualms of conscience about such things. Unless they live grandly how can they draw up schemes for you and me? Perish the thought of parsimonious philosophy in planning for the people!

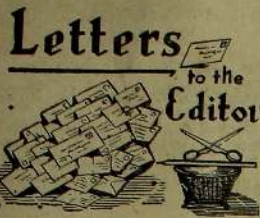
Poor Understanding

In an interview in New Delhi Sir Arunachalam Mahadeva expressed surprise at the failure of the general public in India to understand Ceylon's Exchange Control regulations. That is in the words of the Daily News correspondent, and must be correct. Are we to take it that all the Indian papers and leaders who have expressed their dissatisfaction with the rules and regulations as they affect the Ceylon Indians, are so many muffs? For us to speak of Indian want of understanding of such things argues want of certain things in our own crania. And what about the "failure to understand" the same thing of people in Ceylon? Sir Arunachalam Mahadeva will do much to retain his ancestral reputation if he can manage to speak less on these strange affairs

unless he can place the case on perfectly unassailable grounds. Why shut one's eyes to the patent unfairness of the exchange control rules and procedure to Indians in Ceylon and Tamils in Ceylon. Sinhalese, Burghers and Malays may have no occasion to have dealing with India, but Tamils in Ceylon have plenty, and our rule-makers seem to ignore or forget these. By the way, what is Mr. Ponnambalam who professes to watch the interests of Tamils doing about it? Is he sure he is being fair to them? Think, Sir, think!

Warn The M. Ps

Is it not strange and remarkable that so many years have passed without anything being done to make use of the seaports in Jaffna, though at certain intervals in the past the topic came for attention and hope was raised in the Jaffna man's breast of restitution of time-honoured communications between South India and Jaffna by sea? Some years ago we were tantalised with the story of a steam boat service between Jaffna and Point Calimere. Now, I ask, and ask seriously, what is it that Councillors from Jaffna have done to take up this question and see that it was satisfactorily solved? From what one can guess all of them have preferred to go the easy way. I think we should call the preseat representatives in Parliament to account to tell them clearly and plainly that Jaffna means to have her connections with India restored and that if they don't wake up they will be chucked out and disgraced. Can't we do this much?



Tree Tax

Sir,
It would have evoked lot of interest to your readers when they read the Prime Minister's version on Tree Tax in Jaffna.

One must admire him as a Statesman and a Leader. He stated that Tree Tax was introduced as a trial in Jaffna and it is not the intention of the Government to introduce it to the rest of Ceylon. He naturally and rightly thinks it is not in the best interests of the country.

While congratulating Mr. A. E. Goonasinghe for the interest he takes with regard to temperance movement, I must frankly say Tree Tax has done a lot of harm in Jaffna which is economically very poor.

The percentage of people who take toddy in Jaffna has, I daresay, increased during this 15 years of trial from 5 per cent to 75 per cent, resulting in poverty, crime and discontentment, and on the other hand mistrust on the so-called leaders, who support a bad cause.

Now that this trial period of 15 years has passed, will the Government please amend the Tree Tax Ordinance so that the Jaffna people may be given the right to vote and abolish Tree Tax by polling. It is a pity that this right of polling is not allowed in the Tree Tax Ordinance and the

Henpecked Husbands form a Mandal

The foundation stone of a new organization known as 'Marda Mandal' was laid when a few henpecked husbands of Pauri-Garhwal found it difficult to stand the strain of repeated nagging from their wives.

The organizers when interviewed said that wives were becoming more and more unreasonable and instead of remaining good-housewives by helping their flubbies in social affairs were transgressing into men's domain, resulting in unnecessary interference with men's recreation and pastime. The organizers further added that wives ought to behave as gentle eyes and that "equal rights" did not mean competition with men in every sphere of life. This competition which was on the increase in every day life will not be tolerated and hence we have founded this organization. We mean to start a campaign against Mahila Mandal in right earnest.

Jaffna people during the last 15 years have protested in vain.

Wrong things can never continue for ever. Let us hope that the Prime Minister who has the welfare of all the communities at heart gives this legitimate concession to the Jaffna people—the right of voting—as is now enjoyed by those outside Jaffna peninsula and save themselves from ruination.

Yours etc.,
T. GUNARATNAM.
No. 8, Station Road,
Wellawatte.
15-8-49.

Report On Alleged Contempt Of House

The majority report of the Committee of the House of Representatives appointed to investigate the question of alleged contempt of the House by the Member for Galle, Mr. W. Dahanayake, was tabled on Tuesday in the House. The dissent of Mr. H. Sri Nisanka was also tabled with it, and the Prime Minister moved that the majority report be accepted.

German Museum Director on Study Tour

Dr. Alfred Nawrath, former Director of the Bremen Museum, has been invited by the Indian Government to study for six months in India.

Dr. Nawrath is famed for his books on Indian religious and population problems which he proposes to examine again during his forthcoming visit to India. He will also study Indian industrial and medical developments.

The scientist now lives in the outskirts of Bremen. He was dismissed by the Nazis from his post as Museum Director, when they came to power in 1933, owing to his strong opposition to the Nazi movement.

He told Reuter's representative that he was looking forward to his journey to the "great country of India" which he hopes to make in October.

Jaffna Co-op Central Bank Ltd.

The Twentieth Annual Report

The Board of Directors of the Jaffna Co-operative Central Bank Ltd. have much pleasure in presenting to the Share-holders of the Bank the Twentieth Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th, April 1949.

1. The accounts for this year disclose a net profit of Rs. 31,762-16, which is Rs. 7,542-65 more than the previous year. According to the by-laws of the Bank 25% of the net profits has been set aside as statutory reserve of the Bank, and 10% of the net profits has been set aside as audit levy, leaving a balance of Rs. 20,741-52 for distribution.

2. **Membership:** The number of members at the close of the year is 602 (individuals 24 and societies 578) as against 24 individuals and 549 societies in the previous year.

3. **Turn-Over:** The turn-over for the year is Rs. 45,111,039-01, which is Rs. 1,303,251-22 less than the previous year. This does not mean that there has been a fall in the business. The figures shown this year represents the actual receipts and disbursements during the year, excluding the renewals of security deposits. However, the working capital as on 30-4-49 shows an increase by Rs. 352,657-34.

4. **Loans:** The loans granted during the year under the cash credit system amounts to Rs. 16,938,234-67. The amount granted under other loans is Rs. 566,197-94. Last year cash credit loans were Rs. 17,84,881-87 and other loans Rs. 467,153-25. The outstandings on 30-4-49 on ordinary loans and cash credit amount to Rs. 2,176,902-97 as against Rs. 1,773,132-70 in the previous year.

5. **Investments:** A sum of Rs. 878,966/- is invested in Government Securities and a sum of Rs. 16,880/- is placed in Ceylon Savings Certificates. Government Securities to the value of Rs. 825,000/- are lodged with the Bank of Ceylon for purposes of overdraft.

6. **Meetings:** There were 4 meetings of the Board of Directors and 11 meetings of the working committee during the year.

7. **Conclusion:** As the Co-operative Federal Bank will function early our Bank intends to have dealings with this Bank to the mutual advantage of both institutions. The Board expresses its grateful thanks to the Permanent Secretary, the Registrar and the Assistant Registrars for the advice and guidance which they have given to the Bank. The work of the Hon. Secretary, the manager and the staff is also appreciated by the Board.

Minister's praise for the Bank

The Honourable Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings Mr. A. Ratnayake who was present at the Annual General Meeting said "This is the Premier Co-operative Bank in Ceylon. The business of this Bank has increased tremendously. I appreciate the good work done by the Bank for the year under review. If members feel that the working of this Bank is satisfactory then it is a great credit for the Bank."

"We must save ourselves from poverty without sending money out of Ceylon. When there are enough lands why can't we clear the jungles and convert them into agricultural regions and thereby put an end to unemployment."



"Work and Wealth make a Labourer a Capitalist" says a journal entitled *Work and Wealth*, from Calcutta.

If labourers turn capitalists who will urge us to "down with capitalists"?

Research-men have discovered in tea vitamin B and riboflavin. Quite a lot of us, then, are full of both vitamin and riboflavin!

And they certify that even tea stored for a year retains the two elements.

That's good tea propaganda.

Research on the water in ripe coconuts has shown that it has no commercial value.

But our housewives use it in cooking. It adds that peculiar flavour which we relish. So why bother about trying to market it!

Reports from many world centres blamed sunspots for almost worldwide interference with short-wave broadcasts during twenty-four hours, and some international communication services had been brought almost to a standstill, said a London message some days ago.

Starting from stray occurrences this sunspot business has begun to interfere with world wide communications and international ones at that. Look for the Communist!

Sardar Patel, Deputy Prime Minister has been advised by his doctors not to fly high. To serve him a new pressurised cabin has been added in a government plane.

Quite a few high-ups in Ceylon and India also must be told not to fly high, as they have been inclined to do since freedom came. Pressurised cabins can't be supplied to them all!

Britain has been warned by a London Daily Herald writer that she will go the way of Rome if she does not apply the brake on sports. Rome, he states, was so engrossed in sports that she lost the empire, and Britain has been making a fetish of sports, hence the warning.

In spite of the Battle of Waterloo having been won on the playing fields of Eton Britain it is now felt, has become absorbed in sports to an unhealthy degree.

And we Easterners, have we not taken to sports with much gusto? Listen to the talk of school boys to learn that it is sports, more sports and still more sports with our youth.

And well-meaning but misguided elders egg the youth on to a surfeit of sports—look at the international games now figuring so much in our public

Why can't we improve fishing industry when we have got enough facilities?

Co-operation is the best way to improve the economic upliftment of the people of this country. There is no other way better than the Co-operative Movement" he added.

In concluding he said, "The Bank cannot take risks. If you attempt to take risks the future of the Bank is at danger. Most Banks are very cautious and are on the correct side. This Bank has many efficient members to guide the future of the Bank. I congratulate the Committee for the excellent work done so far."

activities.

As a result of the Financial Talks in London our Finance Minister, they say will propose measures for further lightening of our belt.

Yes but what can he expect from us when we make so much fuss of women's dress? See the papers so full of reviews of the fashion parade at the races, at social gatherings. Perhaps the obliging fashion critics will introduce some chic belts for our bright young things, and not-so-bright nor-so-young things to tighten!

Pipe Water To Kayts

In declaring open the new building of the Community Centre at Kayts, Mr. A. L. Thambiyah M. P., announced that Kayts would have a pipeborne supply of water during the coming year.

Mr. Thambiyah M. P. appealed to those present to offer their utmost cooperation to the present Government which he said was alive to their needs and was endeavouring to serve them well and truly.

Mr. D. Rajendra, Assistant Commissioner of Local Government, thanked the people of Kayts for giving the lead to the Community Centre movement.

Every Varsity Student A Wage Earner

Education in America

"In America there is no problem of Primary and Secondary Education. Education there is compulsory up to the age of 16", said Dr. P. N. Banerjee, Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University, addressing the staff and the students of the University Teachers' Training Department about his recent experience in the U.S.A.

Dr. Banerjee said that the system of secondary education differed in the 48 States of the U. S. A. A headmaster in a Secondary School, he said, "draws a monthly salary of Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 6,000. General Eisenhower, former Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, who is now the President of the Columbia University, draws a monthly salary of Rs. 30,000. At present there were 33 lakhs students in different Universities in America. By 1960 they wanted to raise it to 50 lakhs. Every University student in America and Canada was a wage-earner.

Although the people of America he said, had attained all the material comforts, they were curious about the "mysterious East", and very eager to come to the East in search of the peace of mind.

Concluding Dr. Banerjee warned about bogus American degrees. He came across a number of bogus institutions in America who used to confer "bogus degrees" on correspondence only on payment of fees.

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 21ST AUGUST TO 27TH AUGUST 1949.

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

A downward trend in finances is likely during this week mostly through your carelessness. Better to take the ordinary precautions required when tackling important deals. Adapt yourself to circumstances and don't lose your temper over trifles.

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

Business well prosper. If employed a successful bid for promotion shown. You can safely widen your activities and go ahead with your plans.

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

You will have to face some important issues during the course of this week. It will be advisable to avoid clashes. Avoid heated arguments. If you follow my advice you will stand to gain a lot from next week.

CANCER Punarpoosa 4, Poosa, Aayila [Kataka Rasi]

Health must be given particular care for a month to come. Petty official troubles and trouble through secret enemies also shown. But you need it worry much as Jupiter's Gochara is favourable. Don't make any hasty or wrong decision on an important affair week end.

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

You will be highly worried about your domestic affairs this week. Don't make any binding personal arrangements. Take care of health specially eye-troubles.

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

You will gain a lot through your friends of the opposite sex. Important matters can be postponed for next week when Mars also turns favourable. Favours from brothers and sisters and income through landed properties shown.

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

Not a favourable week for social activities. Avoid clashes and concentrate on your profession or business. Don't take any financial risks. A good week for normal routine.

SCORPIO Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

The first half of the week will see you in much difficulties. Official troubles, clashes with friends and misunderstanding in the family circle shown. Tension will ease during the latter half. Even then keep clear of activities which risks your reserves of money.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thamu Rasi]

Give attention to matters that need clarification and quick dealing first half of the week. Second half may land you into some difficulties. You may be made a scapegoat if you don't behave carefully.

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

Beware of health and hold fast to your purse strings this week. Wednesday and Thursday will be the worst out of the lot. Avoid accidents. Family clashes also shown.

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

Domestic troubles and mental restlessness shown. But financially a good week. You will have to work hard for your success as secret enemies will be working against you. Week end must be spent with care.

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

A very favourable week. Things will turn more favourable from next week. Only defect is you will have to face criticism and quarrel with friends of the opposite sex. Financial gain shown week end.

Cultivate Desire For Union With God

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great maxim, "pure food, pure mind and constant remembrance of God."

Control The Mind

The would-be devotee is also advised to practise freedom from desire. Then he must practise turning his thoughts to God.

When his mind wanders, he should try every time to curb and control it, always bearing in mind the Lord's consoling words: "the mind may be curbed by constant practice and dispassion." The aspirant has to bring his mind back to the object of his devotion when it runs to other things. "He will have a fixed time when he will keep his wandering mind engaged in His worship. Later on, by habitual practice, his mind will love to dwell on the object of his devotion."

Do Good To Others

As he is pursuing the path of devotion he is ever ready to give for giving is the very nature of love. "Love asks for nothing save the right to give". Therefore, active doing of good to others is part of the training of the devotee.

The company of good and holy men is another think that is enjoined on the aspirant. He should not waste his time and energy in frivolous conversation and worldly pursuits of a distracting nature. Sacred scriptures and good books containing accounts of saints and sages should be read, and not worthless literature with which the modern world is flooded. Those who desire to become adepts in physical sciences do not read stories and literature.

Goal Of Life

Everything has its own price. Is love of God to be gained with out any effort and necessary trouble? When shall we learn to work for God as we work for name and fame? When shall we seek His face and glory with the same zeal as we seek the toys and trivial things of this transient and joyless world?

Thus, step by step, following various stages there will come a time when God, diligently sought and reverently worshipped, shall reveal Himself to his devotee and the Divine promise will be fulfilled by fulfilling the condition that is necessary for it.

Blessed is he who makes this the goal of his life.

(From the Vedanta Kesari)

The J. H. C. Old Boys' Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna Hindu College Old Boys Association Colombo Branch, which was presided over by Mr. A. Comaraswamy M. A., Principal, was held at the Kathiresan temple premises, Bambalapitiya, on Sunday the 14th August 1949.

Mr. V. Suppiah, Secretary of the Association, submitted the Annual Report. He stated that it was a matter of pride and satisfaction to note that old boys of the Jaffna Hindu College had been given posts of responsibility and trust by government to assist in effecting the changes necessary under the new constitution. Nothing was so encouraging than to see certain old boys in the Legislature of the country shaping and guiding the destinies of the Island. They were glad to see that their old boys in their own way have assisted and are continuing to assist in the building of a new Lanka.

Mr. A. Coomaraswamy, Principal and President of the Association solicited the support of the association to assist in the forthcoming carnival celebrations.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:-

President: Mr. A. Coomaraswamy, M. A.; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. M. A. Azeez, M. B. E., S. U. Somasegaram; A. R. Anantharaj; T. Sivapiragasapillai; A. Nadarajah; K. C. Thangarajah; Secretary: M. Sri Kantha; C. C. S., Asst. Secretary; Mr. T. Sri Ramanathan; Treasurer: S. Senathirajah and a committee of management consisting of ten members.

NOTICE

The current sale price of firewood at Jaffna, Chunnakam and Point Pedro Check Depots are as follows:-

Jaffna Dept	Rs. 27 00 per ton
Chunnakam Depot	" 30 00 "
Pt. Pedro Depot	" 27 25 "

2 The weighing charges have been included in the above amounts but loading at 65 cents per ton will be recovered if the purchasers do not provide their own labourers.

3 Receipts should be obtained for amounts paid to the Depot-keepers in charge without fail.

E. C. Tamby Raja
Div. Forest Officer
Northern Division

Jaffna (G. 55, 19).

Useful Minerals From Sea Water

Wealth from the sea, if only we can exact it intelligently, is immeasurable. Apart from the profits from the fishing industry the U. S. A. is annually extracting crores of rupees worth of wealth from sea water. The name only two chemicals, magnesium and chlorine are recovered from the sea.

Besides common salt, sea water contains many useful minerals. Prof. W. Haber, distinguished German scientist, who successfully produced ammonia from air after the first World War, carried out a series of examinations in 1924-28 to find if gold can be extracted from sea water. The results showed that gold could be extracted but that it would be uneconomic to win it.

It is surprising to note that 15 crores worth of magnesium is extracted from sea water in a year! Apart from this, lakhs of rupees worth of magnesium salts are also obtained. Bromine is yet another substance now being produced from sea. More than two crores rupees worth of bromine is extracted from sea water in U. S. A. by a private company every year.

On a rough calculation, it appears that the aggregate value of all materials which the U. S. A. produces from sea water annually would be about Rs. 30 crores.

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, Northern Province up to 12 noon on Tuesday August 30, 1949 for the necessary improvements to Puthuvadduvan Manakulam in Pooneryn-Tunukkai Divisional Revenue Officers Division, N. P.

2. Tenders should be on forms obtainable on application from the Kachcheri, Jaffna where all particulars can be obtained. Tender forms will be issued up to 12 noon on Saturday August 27, 1949 only on the production of a receipt for Rs. 25/- deposited for each form at the Jaffna Kachcheri. (G 57 17)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1071

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Eliathamby Thevathasan of Kondavil

Deceased
1 Muttu Navaratnam and wife
2 Ratnamah both of Vannarponnai East Petitioners

This matter coming on for disposal before S. S. J. Coonasekera Esq. District Judge, Jaffna, on the 18th day of July 1949 in the presence of Mr. V. Navaratnarajah Proctor on the part of the petitioners and the affidavit of the petitioner dated having been read;

It is ordered that the 1st named petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to have Letters of Administration of the Estate of the deceased issued to him accordingly unless any person or persons interested shall on or before the 1st day of September 1949 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 25th day of July 1949
Sgd. S. S. J. Coonasekera
District Judge

Drawn by
Sgd V. Navaratnarajah
Proctor for Petitioners
(O. 55, 19 & 26).

Conference Of Cigar Merchants

A preliminary Conference of Cigar Merchants organised by the Special Committee appointed by the Municipal Council was held at the Committee Room of the Council on Saturday the 13th day of August, 1949 at 10 a. m.

Mr. E. T. Hitchcock, M. M. C. (President), Mr. S. Visuvalingam, M. M. C., Mr. T. S. Durairajah M. M. C. and the following Cigar Merchants were present: Mudaliyar C. Muttuthamby, Annaipanthiadi, Jaffna, Messrs. A. J. Swampillai, Racca Road, Jaffna; P. T. Sinnarajah, Kantharmadam Jaffna; S. E. Ellayathanby Annaipanthiadi, Jaffna; M. K. Sinniah, Thiruvaveli, Jaffna; S. V. Muthuthamby, Kaladdi, Vannarponnai; V. V. K. K. Chelliah, Kantharmadam; A. Ponniah, Oddumadam; S. Kandiah, Oddumadam; S. S. Kandiah Kantharmadam; T. S. Kandiah, Thiruvaveli East.

1. The conference considered ways and means of increasing the sales of Cigars.

The following proposals were made:-

(a) "No one should manufacture cigars for trade purpose without a Licence." Mr. A. J. Swampillai dissenting.

(b) "To request Village Committees and Town Councils to take steps to impose a licence fee for the manufacture of cigars within their respective areas."

(c) "To urge on the Government to enforce necessary regulations to standardize the Weight, Size and Quality of cigars manufactured in Ceylon and control the prices from time to time."

(d) "To request the Government to enforce a quota system to regulate the import of Beedi or Beedi Tobacco and to increase the Import Duty on them."

(e) "To appeal to the Honourable the Minister of Industries, Industrial Research & Fisheries to appoint an expert to advise ways and means to improve the quality, standard and appearance of cigars manufactured at present by frequent inspection of the manufactories."

(f) "To request the Honourable the Minister of Industries, Industrial Research & Fisheries to render all assistance to the Cigar Manufacturers for the creation of a "Co-operative Fund" from which advances could be made available to those cigar manufactories that are in need of financial assistance on easy terms."

(g) "It was decided to form a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. S. Visuvalingam, A. J. Swampillai, P. T. Sinnarajah and S. V. Muttuthamby to call up a meeting by sending invitation to proprietors of cigar manufactories and to form a Union on a co-operative basis and submit the aforesaid demands to the authorities concerned."

2. Discussed ways and means for the relieving of unemployment among cigar workers.

"The proprietors were of opinion that the present unemployment among cigar workers was entirely due to the deterioration in cigar sales obtaining in the market today and if steps were taken by the Government to implement the above proposals the proprietors were confident of giving employment to all the unemployed cigar workers of Jaffna and even more."

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF POINT PEDRO

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 396

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of the late Sinnachchy wife of Veluppillai Kandappu of Karavaddi West, Karavaddi Deceased.

Veluppillai Kandappu of Karavaddi West, Karavaddi

Va. Petitioner.

1. Kandappu Murgesu
2. Kanapathipillai Kander both of Karavaddi West, Karavaddi Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before S. R. Wijeyatilleke Esquire, District Judge, Point Pedro on the 21st day of December 1948, in the presence of Mr. K. Ramalingam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 20th December 1948 having been read;

It is ordered that the 2nd Respondent be and he is hereby declared appointed Guardian ad litem over the 1st Respondent abovenamed, a minor, and the Petitioner abovenamed be and he is hereby declared entitled as husband of the deceased abovenamed to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased and that Letters of Administration be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person or persons shall appear before this Court on or before the 2nd day of February 1949 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd S. R. Wijeyatilleke, District Judge.

This 21st day of December, 1948,

Drawn by
Sgd. K. Ramalingam
Proctor for Petitioner.
2-2-49

Extended to show cause for 3-3-49, (Intld.) S. R. W. D. J.

3-3-49
Extended to show cause for 7-4-49, (Intld.) S. R. W. D. J.

7-4-49
Extended to show cause for 18-5-49 (Intld.) S. R. W. D. J.

18 5-49
Extended to show cause for 24-6-49

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1078

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Rajakarier Vijayaratham of Vaddukoddi, Jaffna late of Wellawatte Colombo Deceased

Maruthappiravally Vijayaratham widow of Rajakarier Vijayaratham of Changuevely, affina

Va Petitioner

- Minor 1. Ratneswari Vijayaratham
2. Kamaleswari Vijayaratham
3. Sooriakumari Vijayaratham, and
4. Kasinathar Vythilingam Subramaniam all of Changuevely, Jaffna Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before S. S. J. Coonasekera Esquire District Judge of Jaffna on the 2nd day of August 1949 in the presence of Mr. M. K. Subramaniam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 29th day of May 1949 having been read;

It is ordered that the 4th respondent be and he is hereby appointed guardian ad litem over the 1st, 2nd and 3rd respondents abovenamed minors and that the petitioner the widow of the deceased is entitled to have Letters of administration to the estate of the deceased issued to her unless any person or persons interested shall on or before the 31st day of August 1949 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 2nd day of August 1949

Sgd S S J Coonasekera
District Judge

(O 54, 16 & 19)

Intld. S. R. W. D. J.

24-6-49
Extended to show cause for 29-7-49 Intld. S. R. W. D. J.

29 7-49
Extended to show cause for 8-9-49 Intld. S. R. W. D. J.

(O. 53, 16 & 19)

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