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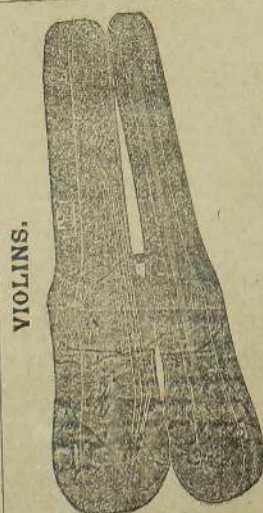
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ON THE ROAD TO THIRUVATHIKAI

ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE SIGNS of the times is the awakening of national consciousness among a section of the Christian community of India and Ceylon.

Recently some thoughtful men among the Christians have come to realise that their religion is an exotic plant which cannot survive the onslaught of national influences unless steps are taken to nationalise it.

Nationalisation must be true to history or to tradition. It must have a historical or traditional basis to stand upon.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

CORRECTION:—It was erroneously mentioned in the news columns of our last issue that in the program of the Students' Congress held on the 17th—19th April, 1928, the Welcome Address was made by Mr. S. Nadesan, B.A., Principal, Parameswara College.

BALA GNANODHYA SANGAM OF MYLIDDI SOUTH:—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Sangam will be held today (Monday) at 5 p. m. at Gnanodhya Vidyalai, Myliddy South.

THE KAITADI SAIVA UNION (COLOMBO BRANCH):—The monthly meeting of the above union was held on the 25th instant at 6-30 p. m. at Dawson Street, Slave Island with Mr. S. Ponnappah, the President in the chair.

BURGLARY AT GRAND BAZAAR:—A daring burglary is said to have taken place at Grand Bazaar, Jaffna, on the night of Friday the 27th inst. It appears that some thieves gained entrance into the shop belonging to Mr. C. Nadaraja of Vannarponnai East, by removing the tiles of the roof from the back side of the shop.

POSTAGE ON REGISTERED NEWSPAPERS:—The following rules have come in to force from and after April 30, 1928:—(1) The prepaid rate of postage on copies of publications registered for transmission at the inland newspaper rate, including any supplements thereto, is 2 cents for every copy not exceeding 8 oz in weight with a further charge of 2 cents for every additional 8 oz or fraction of 8 oz.

SAIVA MAHA SABBAI, KARAINAGAR:—The thirteenth annual general meeting of the Karainagar Saiva Maha Sabhai will be held on the 5th proximo at 4 p. m. at the Saiva Maha Sabhai Hall.

SCHOOL MASTERS ENTERTAINED:—The Indo-Ceylonese Community of Muar entertained Mr. K. Kathiravelu, Asst. Master Govt. Eng. School, Muar to a farewell dinner at the Muar Club on Monday, the 2nd inst. at 8 p. m. on the eve of his departure to Ceylon on leave.

LIQUORS TO SELL STAMPS:—It is learnt that Government has sanctioned the proposal of the Postmaster General for the sale of stamps and stamped stationery by licensed vendors, and the scheme will be brought into force shortly.

Mylidi Bala Gnanodhya Sangam

FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

In pursuance of the decision arrived at by the Executive Committee of the above Sangam and the invitations issued and the subsequent notice published in the Inthusathanam of April, 12th, the Fifth Annual General Meeting was held at the local Gnanodhya Vidyalai on Wednesday, the 25th instant at 6-30 p. m.

The Hall was tastefully decorated to befit the occasion with Thoranams, festoons and evergreens. From 3 p. m., there was a display of Oriental Music-Punctual to the appointed time the meeting began with Mr. S. Swaminathan B.A., in the chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

Then followed the election of office-bearers:— President: Mr. S. Swaminathan, B.A. (re-elected); Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. Ponniah, N. Poothappillai and N. Sinniah; Hony Secretaries: Messrs. K. P. Ponnambalam and S. Nagalingam; Hony Treasurer: Mr. S. Saravananam; Editors: Messrs V. Kandiah and S. Velupillai; Committee: Messrs. S. Selvadurai, K. Kandiah, K. Subramaniam, K. Sinnathamby, A. Mappanar, K. Vairamutti, N. Nagalingam, P. Veeravagu, K. Sinnacuday and K. Velupillai.

Mr. T. A. Thuraiappillai, addressed the House on Love, Patience, Unity and strongly urged that faction was the cause of enmity and hatred.

Then the Chairman spoke on the state of the Sangam and the School during the year under review. Then he went on to deprecate the high handed action of some of the members of the Sangam in having held a general meeting on the 9th inst. in the same Hall without informing about 13 members out of the 16 in the Executive Committee and without obtaining the permission from the President and the School authorities.

The Chairman then explained that the right of appointing the Panchayat rested on the Executive Committee. Since the School had to undergo manifold troubles during the year under review on account of the then Panchayat, he said that a new Panchayat had to be elected by the Executive Committee.

The day's proceedings came to a close at about 10 p. m., with a lyrical lecture by Pundit Manoja Thiyyagarejan to the accompaniment of instrumental music.—Cor.

INDIAN & FOREIGN.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AT K'LUMPUR:—April 13 was the New Year Day for all sections of the Hindu community with the only exception of Telugu whose calendar starts on a different date. At the local Hindu Temples were finely decorated with evergreens, flowers and banana trees and special Poojara ceremonies were performed. Hundreds of devotees visited the Temples and prayer services were conducted.—"T.N."

AMERICA'S HATS AGAINST MISS KATE:—"The Bancroftian" of India publishes a cable from Professor Pope of California sent to Lala Lajpat Rai, saying:—"A large meeting was held here to protest against Miss Mayo's 'mother India' Disingenuous speaker, scholars, lawyers and clergymen, declared that the book was untrustworthy and unjust. The audience was sympathetic and enthusiastic. This is the seventh meeting in two months to protest against this deplorable book. America must not judge India by Katherine Mayo, nor India America. A decided reaction is setting in against the book all over America."

PENDING SUIT FOR DAMAGES:—Forward publishes the correspondence between the suitors to Baba Gurudit Singh and The Englishman's editor. The former demand the withdrawal of a statement published in The Englishman of 17th March, 1928, in which Baba Gurudit Singh says he will take legal action against The Englishman for defamation, while the latter through their editor denies that the statement was false, and declines to comply with the request. Baba Gurudit Singh claims Rs. 50,000 damages.

A MUNIFICENT DONATION FOR AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION:—Sir Osward Jeebhoy, Bart of Bombay, donated 10 lakhs of rupees for founding a public school for Parsi boys which is said, will be the first institution of the kind in the country.

New Converts to Hinduism.

ACTIVITIES OF THE HINDU MISSION.

The following is the Progress Report for the year ended March, 1928 of the Hindu Mission, Calcutta, as appearing in its monthly journal the Hindu Mission-Bulletin:—

The religions of those reclaimed from April, 1927 to Mar., 1928: Animists (Christians and Mohammedans) 62,814; born Christians, 922; born Mohammedans, 697; Total, 64,663.

Add to these about 20,000 converted previous to April and the list is certainly a formidable one, likely to induce incredulity about the accuracy of the estimates. Hence, these figures require some explanation to make one fully convinced of the potentiality of the movement. One who is engaged actively in this field knows what a long vista lies untraced before us. Even we could not have formed any idea of all its possibilities a few months ago.

From the above, it is clear that the Animists form nearly the whole mass of our converts. Now who the Animists are well known to everybody. They are, as we have told ere this, in their ideas, outlooks, in some of their customs and usages, and in all other respects real Hindus. They were being Hinduised peacefully through generations. Unhappily backed by the political sovereignty came in between the Hindu society and these aboriginal people and began to convert them into their own faith. Islam has also recently entered the field. But these unsophisticated people still retain a solemn reverence for Hindu religion and seek their highest realisation in religion in Hinduism.

As regards our other converts, though born-Christians and Mohammedans they are, yet their forefathers were all Hindus. It is a well known fact that nearly all the Muslim population of Bengal are converted Hindus.

During the period under review, the Mission has rescued 8 out-cast women and has made adequate arrangement for their support and their livelihood. Shelter and other forms of aid have been given to thirteen helpless widows, fourteen orphans and six girls.

For the promotion of physical culture the Mission arranged the exhibition of the feats of physical strength, laith and sword play and other wonderful gymnastic skill at six different places. The Mission is now in possession of four magic lanterns. About four hundred slides have been specially made to order, depicting the scenes of our social and religious life in the days of yore and the glorious periods of our history, our achievements that confront us to day have also been incorporated together with the suggestion of remedies. Lantern lectures have been found to be very effective tonic for the invigoration of our community.

OBITUARY.

MRS. K. DHARMALINGAM.

We regret to record the sad and untimely death of Mrs. Dharmalingam, beloved wife of Mr. K. Dharmalingam, Chief Clerk and Cashier, A. O. Harper & Co., Ltd. Fort Swatteecham, which event took place on Friday the 30th March, 1928, at about 7 a. m. in Fort Swatteecham. The deceased lady fell ill at about 11 p. m. on the previous night and passed away after the lapse of only eight hours. She was 21 years of age at the time of her death. She leaves behind an infant daughter, her husband, and her parents to bemoan her loss. We tender our heartfelt condolence to the members of the bereaved family.—Cor.

Swallowing a Safety Pin.

A WARNING FOR THE CARELESS.

A certain Tamil lady in the M. M. S. feeling the night a bit warm is said to have changed her dress while she was half asleep at about 11 p. m. While doing so she had a safety pin in her mouth and fell fast asleep. The pin was not closed. It went into the throat and got stuck. At about 11.30 p. m. she complained of pain in her throat. In the morning she was treated for mums and sore-throat, as she was not aware of the pin which she had in her mouth. It was rather fortunate that she lady had no recollection of it, as otherwise the more knowledge of this a one would have affected her health very badly not to say anything of the medical treatment in the way of operation &c. After two lapses or nine days she managed to pull out the pin herself. It measured 1 1/2 in length. The pointed side was in first, and she lived on a very small quantity of milk and other liquid food during these nine days. It is believed that the pin was pushed out bit by bit when she was treated for sore-throat. The pin was now visible when the throat was painted.

