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THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM OF SRI SKANDA

ON THE LOVELY LAP OF MAJESTIC MANIK GANGA

IN Sri Lanka, though there are innumerable places of worship to cater to the religious needs of the people of different faiths, yet 3 places of pilgrimage stand unique. They are Sri Padma or Adams Peak, Madhu and Kathirgamam or Kataragama. These command the homage of people of many religious faiths, regardless of superficial differences in their tenets and modes of worship.

Kathirgamam is situated in the S. E. part of Ceylon far away from the distractions of modern civilisation, on the lower slope of one of 7 hills that form a sort of a ring in the midst of a tropical forest of surpassing beauty, where, you are surrounded by Nature in all its glory. To a sage, forests like this, envisaged the retirement from the conflicts of world desires, the recriminations of social relationship and the establishment of Peace and Love.

The varied plant life, each in its own dedicated sphere serving a purpose Divine, beyond the ken of man, expressing itself in the harmony and unison of mutual embrace, the running brook, the soaring hills and the thickets that conceal the happy homes of denizens of the forest, from the reptile to the elephant, impart a unity which the earnest mind of devotion or art or philosophy attributes to a Divine power. The forest is one Expression and

an attractive Expression of the Divine Life. The Lord dances in joy over the wide forest; you see the magnificence of the Lord in creation.

By some irony, while Buddha Gaya (in India) a temple dedicated to Lord Buddha is under the control of Hindus, at Kathirgamam, the present abode of Murugan (the Maha Dewale) a purely Hindu temple is being managed by Buddhists. Nevertheless, Hindus, Buddhists and other religionists congregate here and offer their prayers unaffected by considerations of caste, creed or nationality. The savant and the seeker stand in the same level. It is a significant fact that within about a third of a mile of this hallowed spot, the Lord manifests Himself in various forms and grants Dharsan to Buddhists as Buddha in the Kiri Vihare, as Subramaniam to the Hindus in the

By
E. P. RASIAH

Maha Dewale and as Mohamed to the Muslims in the mosque where the devotee Kathiralai Issalam Havat Nabi Andavargal remains enshrined.

"துருவம் யகதவன் வேறு வேறின்றி யான் ஒருவனே யங்கங்கிருந் தன்பற்கு முத்திரை வித்தென்ற யாவற்கும் அறிவித்த வதனமனியே"

Meaning of Kathirgamam

While Pundits, Scholars and Historians wrangle over the derivation and correct significance of the name "Kathirgamam" and attempt to prove the correctness of the learned expositions of their varied contentions, let us take the simple view of devotees that Kathir-gama-giri indicates "The Land of Light and Love". This view seems more appropriate from the fact that Kathirgamagiri is synonymous with "Jothees-gamagiri" another name given by devotees to this place for, the Lord had manifested Himself here in the form of an effulgent, luminous Light.

Date of Construction
of Temple

The actual date of construction of the original Temple and its magnificent Town is lost in the mist of antiquity. "It was at a remote period long anterior to that of Rama and Ravana, who are said to have flourished nearly 24 centuries before the Christian Era"

According to Dhicksbina Kailasa Puraanam and allied books, six sparks are said to have flashed

from the frontal eye of God Shiva, when blood-curdling news reached Him from His devotees about atrocities committed by Soorapadman, an Asura monarch of extraordinary supernatural and physical prowess. He had not only subjugated and humiliated Devas but had also ill-treated his subjects. He ruled his extensive Kingdom from Mahendrapuri, a heavily fortified but beautiful Town, situated in a South-easterly direction from Kathirgamam (said to be now submerged under the Indian Ocean).

The six sparks, in course of time jointly took shape as a Divine off-spring with 6 heads, 12 arms but with one body and was known by several names including those of Arumugan, Murugan, Karthigesan, Subramanian, Kankesan, Kandasamy, Kanda-Kumaran, Sri Skanda etc.

The purpose of this Divine creation was to conquer EVIL and establish VIRTUE on a firm basis.

"அருவமு முருவமாகி யகாதிபாயப் பலவா யொன்றாய் பிரமமாய் கின்ற கோதிப் பிழம்புதோர் மேனி யாகத் தருணைக் முகக் காறும் கங்கன்பன் னிரண்டும் கொண்டே ஒரு திரு முருகன் வந்தார் குறித்தன னுவகையாய்".

The Battle Royal-Soora-samharam

Accordingly this Divine Arumugan with His satellites travelled down to Kathirgamam and

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CAUSES OF SENILE DECAY

Over-Eating And Lack Of Work

HOW to keep young while growing old? This was the question that doctors and scientists discussed during the week end in the Belgian city of Liege, writes a correspondent in *Bombay Chronicle*.

Experiments, it was stated, had shown that over-eating was the root cause of feebleness.

"My experiments at Chicago," said American Anton Carlson, had proved that when animals are not allowed to gorge themselves, they live much longer. Those completely starved on alternate days, lived longest of all."

Most doctors seemed to agree that too much fat was the cause of people not staying young. Fat resulted in the hardening of arteries leading to interruption in blood flow.

It was pointed out that the number of cases of hardened arteries dropped in Germany

when there was shortage of fat. Enforced Idleness

The doctors believed that enforced idleness after 60 was also cause of senile decay. If elders were to be occupied in work, they would be far healthier.

Another astounding revelation made by the doctors was that boys were more susceptible to infant ailments than girls. Their plan is to try to change their sex for a few months with a view to improving their chances of survival.

The two British doctors claimed that they were working on ways of removing wrinkles and grey hair. Dr. Geiringer of the Edinburgh University claimed to have discovered a way of restoring colour to grey hair. In three cases, he had turned grey to almost completely black.

The conference is the first

Origin Of The Roman Calendar

From Cairo comes an interesting information from an archaeological point of view about the Pyramids, writes *Prediction*. A team of workers, digging at Sakkarah, 16 Kilometres from the Pyramids, has discovered a gap in the ground; this led them to dig more deeply. At 25 yards depth they found a kind of lobby leading to funeral rooms in which were six sarcophagi in a perfect state of preservation. The coffins were surrounded by 365 statuettes which were supposed to represent the days of the year. This would lead us to believe that the 'Roman Calendar' existed long before its supposed invention!

Reference in Court to Proctor's Death

Referring to the death of Mr. J. A. J. Tissaveerasinghe, Proctor of Jaffna, Mr. T. Muttusamy Pillai, Crown Advocate, said that the late Mr. Tissaveerasinghe, who had been enrolled as a Proctor in 1911 was one of the veteran practitioners in Jaffna who had maintained the best traditions of the noble profession.

Mr. W. G. Spencer Acting District Judge with whom Mr. P. Malalagoda, A. D. J. was associated said that he endorsed all that had been said by the Crown Advocate about Mr. Tissaveerasinghe.

YOUTH AS MEANS OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

WAYS of promoting international understanding among children are discussed in a recent publication in the United States. Entitled "World Understanding Begins with Children," it was prepared by the U. S. Office of Education in response to thousands of requests from American teachers for practical suggestions in teaching elementary school children about other lands and cultures.

"A major challenge to those concerned with the guidance and training of children today," the booklet notes, "is to prepare them to take their places in a world in which they will be brought into increasingly closer relationship with the peoples of other lands."

"It is never too early to start teaching children international understanding," says Dr. Delia Goetz, author of the new publications. She points out that little children can get a good start by studying their own communities and thus learning what interdependence of peoples means. When they get a little older they can trace the beneficial role other countries have played in the development of their own country. Finally, in studying the work of the United

Nations and its specialized agencies, they realize the advantages gained by all when nations work together.

They Know About Other Countries

International understanding is best developed by building on existing interests of the children, according to the booklet. World events have widened children's horizons. For example, many American children know something of the countries where their fathers served during the war. Others have sent books, clothing, or CARE packages abroad, and some have helped to "adopt" towns or families in other lands.

Thousands of school children throughout the United States exchange letters with children in many countries. All these young Americans are eager to find out about the lives and countries of their friends abroad, the booklet says.

Individual interests in such fields as aviation or animal life often provide children with incentives to gain and share their knowledge of other countries, the booklet points out. Books with foreign settings and stories of travel adventure may be supplemented by motion pictures, slides, music, and dances that teach about the cultures of other peoples, the pamphlet notes.

Is There A Sub-Conscious Mind?

One of the errors into which people have fallen by reason of lack of spiritual understanding on the part of psychologists and scientists is that man has more than one mind. People refer to the "conscious mind", the "subconscious mind" and the "superconscious mind." Man has no 'mind' of his own and he certainly cannot have two or three minds. The brain has no power of itself to think! It is only an organ of co-ordination. There is only one mind.

Divine Mind! Man's mind is his portion of Divine Mind. That is to say, man is a spiritual being clothed in a physical body but he also is a creature endowed with free will and by reason of his will, he can and does function on different planes of consciousness.

conference of its kind to be held to explore the chances of extending the average human life-span to 100 and beyond.

Increased Expectation Of Life

During the past 50 years man's expectation of life has considerably increased. This is revealed by the President of the British Medical Association, Sir Henry Cohen.

Sir Henry says that there have been considerable changes in the pattern of life. "Since the start of the century the expectation of life at birth has increased for the male by 18½ years and for the female by over 20 years. A man of 40 today can expect to live another 31 years and a woman another 35.

There have also been changes in the pattern of medical treatment. Improvements in radiology enable us to visualise practically every crevice and cavity of the body. It has advanced the accuracy of diagnosis to an 'almost incredible' degree. The radio-active isotopes now being produced at the British Atomic Establishment promise further advancement.

Unaccountable Presence In Dwelling House

4 WEEKS R. I.

One V. Sinner of Neeravadi, on seeing Chellappa Kandasamy inside the verandah of his house about midnight on 14th June last, is said to have raised an alarm. When Kandasamy took to his heels, the neighbours gave him chase. He was finally arrested by Mr. E. P. Rasiah and two others and handed over to the Police.

Kandasamy was later charged by the Police in the Jaffna Magistrate's Court with being found inside the premises of Sinner and being unable to give a satisfactory account. He was convicted and sentenced to 4 weeks' R. I. He admitted three previous convictions including one of 3 months' R. I. for theft of a goat.



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Treasure These Thoughts

"Again and again do not allow yourselves to take births and deaths. Again and again do not keep yourselves confined in this universe. Give up your connection with yourbody which gives you little bits of bliss only to make you more miserable".

KRISHNA YAJUR VEDA

BUDGET CRITICS

WHAT WAS HAILED AS THE common or poor man's budget or sunshine budget by spokesmen from the Government benches has been described as Thuttu-dekka or Pensay Budget or dicky-dicky budget by those of the Opposition. Healthy criticism is always necessary to make Government realise the point of view of the opposition. It is only when all the pros and cons of a matter are discussed that the truth can be discerned. Dr. Colvin R. de Silva, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition stated that as the poor man would be helped to the tune of 3 cents per day, it was a Thuttu-dekka budget, or as the individual from the middle class stood to benefit 4 cents a day it was a Pensay budget. The Member for Vavuniya explained that dicky-dicky meant 'unsound, shaky or queer'; it also meant 'a male donkey'; so he called the budget a dicky-dicky one.

The Member for Vavuniya paid a compliment to the Minister of Agriculture regarding the agricultural development of the Island. He aired the same views as ourselves when he stated that whatever amount was spent on making Sri Lanka self-sufficient in food could not be considered waste; it is money well-spent. In this connexion it is our duty to state that the argument of the Opposition that the peasant cultivator is being penalised is sound and true. Under the present rationing system anybody who is a paddy producer is deprived of his rationed rice to the extent to which he has paddy available for his own consumption. Thus a total producer who produced enough for himself and others of his family of five persons stands to lose Rs. 252 a year. The calculation is correct. It is the duty of Government to remove this anomaly and give paddy producers their rice rations; by doing so cultivation will be encouraged; the producer will be able to get his ration at cts 37 or 30 and if necessary sell his surplus at cts. 84—or more per measure. The industry of a peasant cultivation ought to be rewarded. As things are the idle are helped while the industrious are penalised

for the fault of producing paddy by their toil.

The observations made by the opposition in reference to sugar are correct. According to estimates the Government expected an income of not less than Rs. 13,000,000 from customs duty in respect of that commodity and a larger amount by way of profit on the sales. In 1948 the profit on sugar was Rs. 34,000,000. The consumption of sugar has increased from 66,000 tons to 100,000 tons a year and if the rate of profit continued to be cts. 20 per pound, the Government would make an increased profit of Rs. 47,000,000; but if the profit was at cts. 10½ per lb, there would still be a profit of Rs. 24,000,000. While admitting that the observations regarding figures are correct, we think that the action taken by Government in regard to sugar is justifiable. Colossal amounts have to be spent on education and agricultural development; the poor as well as the rich stand to benefit and they must bear the expenses caused thereby. The money required for Free Education, Agricultural development, Health and Social Services and other essential items has to be found.

Taking all things into consideration, it must be stated that the Budget will give relief to the poor man. Those in Government Employ will still stand to gain notwithstanding reductions in dearness allowances; similarly others who are employed in other walks of life will be benefitted. Nothing has been done by way of relief to the peasant cultivator or paddy producer. It is to be hoped that this anomaly will be removed at the earliest possible opportunity.

In Indian Parliament

Plot To Murder Nehru Disclosed

In midst cries of 'shame' Sardar Patel told the Indian Parliament that an associate of L. B. Bhopal, former President of the Hindu Mahasabha had disclosed that a group of people wanted to murder Pandit Nehru.

The Government was determined to meet the twin challenge of those who sought to create inter-communal hatred and to disrupt democratic society by violence declared Patel.

Northern Assizes

Accused Acquitted In Murder Case

Thirunavukkarasu son of Velan Podiyar of Valvetti stood charged with the murder of one Vairavan Sivanan of the same place in January this year.

After trial the Jury returned a unanimous verdict of not guilty and the Judge acquitted and discharged the accused.

Mr. A. Mahendra Rajah Crown Counsel prosecuted while the accused was defended by Mr. K. Subramanian Advocate, with Mr. J. Rajaratnam, Advocate (assigned) and Advocate J. V. C. Nathaniel instructed by Mr. Sam A. Sabapathy.

In the House of Representatives.

Surfeit of Speech - Making

Exercise In Epithet Coining

THE flood-gate of speech-making has not been sluiced as yet though the Speaker has been endeavouring to remind the members of what ought to be the characteristic of an impressive speech.

Speaking on the budget Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education quoted extracts from the leading article of the "Hindu Organ" in support of the acceptance of the budget.

Mr. Kanagaratnam said:

I am glad that in this respect I am fully supported by the leading article of the leading journal in Jaffna, namely, the "Hindu Organ" issued on July 25th, 1950 the day on which we started this Debate. The heading of the article is, "A bold and broad Budget." There are two striking observations made in this editorial which I would like to read for the information of this House. The first one is:

"The crimson-coloured Communist fire-brands who disturb the peace of mind of the unoffending Finance Minister at the Galle Face Green and thereby shook public opinion would have crawled beneath their guilty conscience in abject humiliation and shame when they realised the fact that it was the selfsame statesman at whom they had aimed stones who had resolved to provide them with cheaper rice and less costly bread."

"It may be that the budget proposals introduced by the Finance Minister do not provide for the ideal Utopian Socialist State but it will have to be acknowledged that a distinct change of approach to the question of ameliorating the hardships of the common man and providing for better living conditions has been made. We would, however, remind the Government that a check on over-expenditure in incidental items such as Commissions of Enquiry, and conferences, should be had in order that the common man may be given more and better relief in the years to come by the conservation of revenue."

Village Committees

I now come to the question of grants to village committees. There again, if the Government is genuinely interested in the general welfare of the villagers it should see to it that village committees are given sufficient subsidies to provide the necessary facilities for the people living in the villages, particularly in respect of road facilities, wells and other improvements. Here again I know the difficulties that the Hon. Minister of Health and Local Government has. Every village committee prepares a list of the necessary items and sends it on to him through the Assistant Commissioners of Local Government in the various divisions. There are, I believe, some 463 village committees in the Island—and each committee will see that at least 6 to 10 items are sent to him in a priority list. It has now become the custom, forced no doubt for want of funds, for the Hon. Minister to accept only one item in respect of each village committee with the result that at the end of the year when a further list is submitted containing the requirements for the following year there will be more and more items included in the priority list. Thus

when the last item on the priority list comes to be taken up it would, perhaps, be not before a period of 10 years had passed since its inclusion in that list. In these circumstances, I would suggest that a portion of the surplus money which is now set apart to meet the loan fund expenditure be allocated to the Hon. Minister of Health for this purpose.

Better Roads Wanted

I know, coming from a village and representing a rural area to what extent the people in the villages are suffering for lack of proper road facilities. It is really urgent, therefore, that they should be provided with better modes of going about to do their business in the respective villages.

Some Hon. Members of this House have with some justification criticized the very slow pace at which industrialization is taking place in this country. With a purely agricultural economy, it is impossible for the people of this country to obtain that standard of living which will provide them with at least the minimum comforts that are necessary for human beings.

Mr. V. Kumaraswamy (Chavakachcheri) congratulated the Finance Minister and said:

The figures indicate that the

revenue of the national exchequer has increased correspondingly for social welfare, for improving the health of the people and for raising the standard of living of the masses of the country. There is one significant feature which has escaped the attention of the Back-benchers on the Government side and has been spared the inane vapourings of the Opposition Members. I refer to the signal peace that we are enjoying. The Government has given us security and safety. In this Island home of ours we are very fortunate in enjoying the blessings of peace which other countries in South-East Asia are not enjoying.

We Are Enjoying Peace

Look at the spectacle of national strife in the fair and fertile fields of Burma. Watch what is

Second Reading of Budget passed by 42 votes to 31.

happening in Malaya where armed communists are murdering unarmed children. Watch what is happening in China, Korea, Indo-China and other places. There we know that war is carried on against innocent people, people who are trying to live a peaceful and harmonious life. Should we not thank our Cabinet, though whose, may I say, skillfully enlightened and rather able foreign policy, we have had peace and enjoy the advantages of peace? During a war, Mr.

Speaker, the energies of this country, the vast resources of this country, will be prevented from being put into use for the amelioration of the people. To that extent I must congratulate this Government for having presented us with peace conditions which are very vital and necessary for our launching into big schemes, schemes that will be ultimately beneficial to this country.

The first thing that is essential either for the Opposition or the Government in this world is peace. We have that peace, and the credit for it goes to the Cabinet. I hope the Cabinet will maintain its unique place in international politics and that this country will continue to enjoy the blessings of peace.

Menace of Drink

The M. P. for Chavakachcheri wanted more active steps to be taken to free the Island from the clutches of the habits of taking intoxicating drinks.

Water Supply

He suggested the tapping and diverting the water from the Matale Hills through the Nalanda Oya, Malivata Oya and Elephant Pass to Jaffna.

Not Co-ordinated

Mr. C. Vanniasingham (Kopay) deplored the lack of co-ordination in government planning and administration and enquired at what stage the compromise over the question of National Language was.

Mr. Montagu Jayawickrema (Weligama) said that in the sphere of social services Ceylon was far ahead of both India and Ceylon.

Mr. I. M. R. A. Iriyagolla (Dandagamuwa) said that the party system had failed.

Mr. Colvin R. de Silva (Wellawatte-Galkissa) ridiculed the budget as 'Pensay' Budget and remarked that the common man had been hit. He offered two solutions to the problem of cost of living viz., direct subsidies to the consumer and not to the distributor, by way of dearness allowance, or direct trading by the Government over the whole range of commodities covered by the cost of living index. The present system of partial rationing and partial control was not operating satisfactorily.

Dicky-dicky Budget

The most vehement criticism of the budget came from the member for Vavuniya who appeared to have scanned the Treasury figures with great patience.

A great deal of his attack was directed on the Ministry of Industries. In competition with the B. S. P. Leader, Mr. Sutheringham laboured hard to find epithets to describe the Budget and called it a 'dicky-dicky' budget.

PERSONAL

Mr. K. Sellaiah, Librarian of Jaffna College Library, is leaving for England shortly to attend the Centenary Conference of the Library Association of Great Britain as a delegate at the invitation of the Association. Soon after the Conference, Mr. Sellaiah will undergo a course in Librarianship which will comprise a comprehensive Library tour of Great Britain and the Continent.

SCHOOL-BOY DEBATE IN SECURITY COUNCIL

INDIA VOTES WITH RUSSIA

THE dramatic suddenness with which the Russian delegate decided to attend the Security Council meeting pointed to sensational developments in the U. N. O. True to expectation M. Malik spoke out the Soviet mind in the matter of Chinese Representation, referred to the present Chinese Representative as belonging to the Kuomintang group and ruled that Dr. T. G. Tsiang was not fit to represent the Chinese Mission.

This ruling was challenged by the American delegate. At the voting, pressed for by the British delegate, India and Yugoslavia voted with Russia, while Britain, France, U. S., Egypt, Cuba, Ecuador, Norway and Nationalist China voted against.

Delegate not Recognised

M. Malik merely waved his hand when Dr. Tsiang sought permission to speak. The Nationalist Chinese Representative had some bitter remarks to make and said he strongly protested against the chairman's language and added "I forgive you as you probably used this language out of ignorance".

Constitutional Representative

Dr. Tsiang said that M. Malik had no power to make a ruling such as had been given. Even if he had, the ruling was unjust and unfair. "I represent the only Chinese Government based on the Constitution drafted and

passed by the Chinese people", he said. "I represent the only Chinese Government at the moment which is a representative one elected by the Chinese people. My right to be here is beyond dispute."

Replying, M. Malik again reiterated that the Soviet delegation could not agree with the "illegal" decision just taken. As a result of historic events the Chinese people had scored a crushing victory against internal reaction and foreign imperialist oppression, M. Malik added. As a result of this victory, the Kuomintang group did not represent the Chinese people.

"The Kuomintang group is not an elected Government but an ejected Government", he commented. "The Chinese people has ousted this group from its midst and does not regard it as its Government."

M. Malik speaking on the question of a 'peaceful settlement in Korea' read Stalin's reply to Nehru and commented that Stalin had 'promptly welcomed Nehru's noble initiative'.

The rejection by U. S. of the Nehru proposal is indicative of the American attitude added M. Malik.

The Soviet Union had been challenged by Mr. Warren Austin U. S. representative in the Council to forward a genuine proposal for peace in Korea.

FACT ABOUT SPIDERS

Historically speaking spiders have always been a subject for awe. Turenne and Gustavus Adolphus shuddered at the sight of them. Cardinal Wolsey studiously avoided certain dark corners at Hampton Court where long-legged spiders lurked; one species is still called "The Cardinal" today, writes a British Journal.

Britain's Biggest

How big spiders grow (in popular imagination) can be gathered from a Milanese hero who claimed to have slain one which he found lapping up the oil in the cathedral in 1751 and which was "as big as a Pekinese." In Britain the biggest is an old weaver called Aranea, which weighs just over a gram. Exotic "giants" weigh an ounce.

The author of the latest book on them, John Crompton studied insects intensively in China and Africa before he settled in Cornwall. But it is doubtful whether he can have found any life histories more exciting than those of the 565 species of the British Arachnida, which mass as densely as two and a quarter millions

to the acre in suitable habitats like rough grassland.

Female spiders show an amazing solicitude for their young often journeying for months at a time with a brood of 40 or 50 on their backs. A creature called Theridion feeds her progeny from her mouth while she sits suspended under a bell-shaped web.

Courting Customs

They all have their own courting customs. "Euphrys" waves his legs up and down "Ballus" adopts a nautical roll to display his magnificent calves, and when "Pisara" goes a wooing he forgets his own natural hunger, catches an insect, ties it up in a parcel of silk, and hastily hands it to his prospective bride lest she eats him instead.

The cannibalistic quality of spiders nuptials has always fascinated the arachnologists. Females often eat their suitors. Psecygnatha handcuffs the jaws of his wife-to-be, and another creature of the same family ties down his light of love to the ground with silken cords—just to be on the safe side.

G. C. S. U. NEWS

Office - Bearers Transferred

The following office bearers of the G. C. S. U. are reported to have been transferred from their present stations

K. Sivasubramaniam, Secretary, Badulla Branch, to the Land Commissioners, Dept. (outstation).

S. Kulanyagam, Committee member Badulla Branch, to the Land Commissioner's Dept. (outstation).

A. R. Asirvatham, Secretary Nuwara-Eliya Branch, to Tangalle.

S. Thiagarajah, Secretary, Kandy Branch to Anuradhapura.

P. Tambimuttu, President, Audit Branch (Colombo), to Batticaloa.

T. Thuraiatnam, Secretary of the Audit Branch (Colombo) to Dandegamawa.

C. Kumaraswamy, food Control Dept; a member of the Council of Management, Colombo, to Vavuniya.

C. Chandrasekera, President Badulla Branch to Matale.

J. D. S. Tisanyake, Secretary, Kegalle Branch to Colombo.

A. Sittampalam, of the Colombo Kachcheri to Anuradhapura.

Latest Atomic Product On Show

Many Uses Of "C-14"

One of Britain's latest and most important atomic products, "C-14", has just been on show for the first time at a London exhibition, being held in connection with the International Congress of Radiology. Within a few months Britain will be producing more than half the world's total output of this valuable new product.

"C-14", is an isotope of the common element carbon, and has a wider range of uses in scientific research than any other isotope. To take only a few examples of its many applications, "C-14" can be used in biology, to study the processes by which food is turned into living matter by animals and human beings; in medicine, to study the behaviour of vitamins, hormones, drugs and cancer-producing substances; in agriculture, to investigate how plants such as wheat and potatoes turn carbon dioxide from the air into starch and sugar—also to help in combating plant diseases such as the tobacco virus; and in industry to study the distribution of carbon in steel or to study the production of synthetic petrol or in the analysis of complicated chemical mixtures and to study the behaviour of petrol in engines.

To take the new isotope, nitrogen in solid form is "cooked" inside atomic piles at Harwell for 12 months. Even after this long treatment only two in every 1,000,000 nitrogen atoms are converted to "C-14".

U. N. P. Meeting At Tinnevely

At a meeting of the U. N. P. held at Tinnevely presided over by Mr. S. Rajaretnam former Legislative Councillor, a branch association was inaugurated.

Mr. S. Natesan, Senator S. R. Kanaganayagam, Pandit Anandar and Messrs S. T. Solomons and R. T. Chelliah addressed the meeting.

Office Bearers

President, Mr. Thillaiampalam, Secretary, Mr. T. Coomarasamy.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1202

In the matter of the estate of the late Arunasalam Aiyathurai of Seremban. Deceased
Arunasalam Thambyrajah of Vannarponnai East, Jaffna. Petitioner.

1. Arunasalam Navaatnam of 18, Rajasinghe Road Wellawatte.
2. Arunasalam Somasundaram Bank of Malaya Seremban, Malaya.
3. Rasammah widow of Vaitilingam of Stanley Road, Jaffna.
4. Sellammah widow of Sithamparapillai of do.

This matter of the petition of petitioner praying that he as brother of the deceased abovenamed be declared entitled to administer the estate of the deceased and that letters of administration be issued to him accordingly coming on for disposal before William Gunam Spencer Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 28th day of June 1950 in the presence of Mr. A. Thanabalasingham proctor on the part of the petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to administer the estate of his

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1199

In the matter of the intestate Estate of the late Thankammah wife of Sinniah Nadarajah of Urumparai North. Deceased
Sinniah Nadarajah. Petitioner.

1. Nadarajah Perumalpillai a minor appearing by his guardian-ad-litem.
2. Casipillai Thambyaiyah both of Urumparai North.

Respondents.
This matter coming on for disposal before William Gunam Spencer Esquire, District Judge of Jaffna on the 21st day of June 1950 in the presence of Mr. A. Thanabalasingham, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner 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 2nd respondent abovenamed be and he is hereby appointed guardian-ad-litem of 1st minor respondent abovenamed for the purpose of these proceedings unless the respondents abovenamed or any person or persons interested shall on or before the fifth day of September 1950 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary and it is further ordered that the said minor 1st respondent be produced in court on the said date.

This 21st day of June 1950
Sd. W. G. SPENCER,
District Judge.
Drawn by
Sd. A. Thanabalasingham,
Proctor for Petitioner.
(O 49 4 & 8.)

deceased brother and letters of administration issued to him, unless the respondents or any others shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the sixth day of September 1950 at 10 A. M.
This 28th day of June 1950
Sd. W. G. Spencer
District Judge.

Drawn by,
Sd. A. Thanabalasingham
Proctor for Petr.
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Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 6TH AUGUST TO 12TH AUGUST 1950

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

This week will be very helpful to you in finance and personal comforts. Domestic harmony may be upset a bit owing to illness in the family circle but there is no cause for alarm. Business journeys promised week end.

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

A powerful help is likely to be offered to you this week. Ruin to enemies and triumph over competitors also indicated. Favourable letters will reach you before the end of the week. Domestic harmony and mental peace also shown.

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

A beneficial week for your family affairs and property. Some gains through lands or houses also shown. Financially you will find some improvement but expenditure also will be on the rise. Mental peace will be far away from you for some time to come.

CANCER Punarpoosa 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

Avoid wags and controversies this week. Health also must be given particular care. Excess of heat in the body shown. Some troubles through secret enemies also indicated. Your routine affairs may go on smoothly in spite of all this. But there will be mental restlessness through out.

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

Some of your personal problems will be solved before the end of this week. You will have to work hard and probably have to shoulder some other's responsibility also. Have nothing to do with father's relatives for some time to come.

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

The first day of the week must be spent with care, mental worries and quarrels indicated. The rest of the week will be favourable. Some gains through the father or father's relatives promised. Go ahead with new plans and adopt yourself to circumstances if you want to succeed.

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

The first half of the week will prove a bit irksome. Unnecessary blames, loss of money and misunderstanding with friends shown. Second half of the week looks quite promising. You will make up for the loss incurred earlier.

SCORPIO Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

First half of the week promises to be lucrative. You will get an extra income; success in new venture and fame shown. Second half will be disheartening. You will not have mental peace and will have to face much criticism.

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

A promised help may fail. You will have to be very careful in all your dealings this week. As far as possible avoid interfering in other people's affairs. Health also must be given particular care.

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

In spite of a good income and professional success this is not promising to be a peaceful week you will have to overwork yourself. Domestic problems will tax you a lot and a friend of the opposite sex may cause you some annoyance. Your patience will be taxed a lot.

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

Opposition will melt away this week. Powerful help is likely. Much of the anxieties that you had for some time will vanish. Fame and social advancement also promised.

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

This is likely to be a gloomy week. Business and professional matters will be unfavourably affected. Avoid quarrels and misunderstandings. New ventures must not be undertaken now.

Manipay Inaugurates A Ratepayers Assn.

A Public Meeting convened by Mudaliyar C. Thiagarajah, Dr. S. Saravnamuttu, Messrs S. G. C. Mills, P. Sinnathurai and other Ratepayers of the Manipay Town Council took place on 29. 7. 1950 at 4. 30 P. M at the Manipay Community Centre hall to inaugurate a Ratepayers Association.

Mr. V. Veerasingham, J. P. was elected Chairman pro-tem Mr. S. Rajendran Proctor S. C. was elected Secretary Pro-tem.

Mudaliyar C. Thiagarajah adumbrated the various objects of the meeting and proposed the inauguration of the Rate-payers, Association for Manipay and this was seconded by Mr. S. Rajendran who stressed the necessity for such an association. The Meeting unanimously adopted the resolution.

The following office-bearers were elected.

Mr. V. Veerasingham J. P. President, Muhandiram V. Kanagaratnam Vice-President Mr. S. Rajendran, Proctor S. C. Secretary Mr. R. C. Chelliah, Head Master Station School, Manipay Treasurer, An executive committee consisting of the above office-bearers and four members from each of the five wards was elected. Mr. S. Thambipillai was elected Auditor.

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encamped at a place called Hemakuda, to wage a war against Soorapanman and defeat him and his brothers and thereby end their tyranny. Thus with Hemakuda as their base to direct their operations, Arumugan made Kathirgamam His Head Quarters. A tremendous battle was fought for some length of time in and around Mahendrapuri, the capital of this Asura monarch. During the battle, haughty Soorapanman, is said to have mysteriously changed his form often, assuming various shapes. In the end, after a hand to hand fight between the youthful Arumugan and mighty Soorapanman, the latter was defeated, his capital destroyed and immersed under water near about the Eastera Archipelago, and thereby relief rendered to the people and Devars. Thus Arumugan, the Divine offspring, completed the main mission of His Avatar.

Kathiramalai & Sinthamani Temple

In the meantime, Visvakarma, the master-craftsman is said to have constructed an ideal Town—a thing of architectural beauty—at Kathirgamam. In the centre of the Town on the hill-top of Kathiramalai, a magnificent building named, Sinthamani Temple, was erected to serve as a fitting abode for Murugan.

"அதி விசித்திர அலங்காரம் பொருந்திய மடமாளிகைகள், கடனோடாடாக்கள் மண்டபங்கள் வாய்ந்தன..... ஒரு கரத்தை சிற்பிதால் விதிப்பது இயற்றி அக்கரின் எழுவில் சித்தியையும் அருள் வந்தன, கோடி, சூரியப்பிரகாசம் உள்ளதும் கவரத்தின்னங்காலே குயிற்றப்பட்டதும் மங்களம் வாய்ந்ததுமாயி 'சித்தாமணி' என்னும் ஆலயத்தை அமைத்து இத்திர சிவத்தினால் சிங்காசனமும் ஆக்கினான்..... பல மலைகளின் எழுவிலே, சோமன் சூரியன், அக்வினி என்னும் முக்கடர்களைச் சேர்த்து பெற்று உலகுக் கொல்வாம் போகோரியாய் விளங்குவது கதிர்சாம மலை என்று அறிச".

From the battle-field when the victorious war-god returned to Kathirgamam. He was received and accommodated in this Sinthamani temple. He rested there for some time receiving the adoration of Devars and Bhaktars and in turn giving them His boon and blessings.

Marriage of Deivayanaaimman

After spending some time in the Sinthamani temple, Murugan and party returned to India; staying at Tiruchendur where sprang up another gigantic temple. He is then said to have gone to Tirupermukundram which has earned the proud distinction of providing Bala-Subramaniam with His Chief Consort, Deivayanaaimman. Here a temple carved out of a Rock has been dedicated to Him.

After remaining here for some time, Murugan with His consort decided to return to Kathirgamam. They crossed the Palk strait by boat and touched on one of the Northern Ports of Ceylon. Some hold the view that to commemorate this historic landing of Lord Kankesan, the port and town was named after Him as "Kankesanur". From here they moved on to Kandavanam—place midway between Valveti and Pt. Pedro—where temple was built and dedicated to Him. They then

slowly moved down to Kathirgamam.

Marriage with Valliamman

Here, Narathar who finds delight in throwing the apple of discord wherever he goes, is said to have tried his pranks even on Subramaniam. The latter, after an interesting romantic episode, wooed and won the hand of Valli, the adopted daughter of the Vedhas of that area. Subramaniam thus fell a victim to Naradar's machinations and decided to make Kathirgamam their permanent abode.

"சித்தாமணி ஆலயத்தில், கவரத்தின் மயமான சிம்மாசனத்திலே வள்ளி கரங்கி தெய்வகரங்கி சமேதராய் அகேச கோடி சூரியப்பிரகாசத்தோடு கதிர்சாம கிரீச எழுத்தருளியிருக்கிறார்."

Beauty of Manik Ganga

To this temple added beauty was given by the Manicka Ganga. This river, rising as it does from Namunukulakanda, and after meandering about 50 miles flows lazily past shady trees into the Indian Ocean, sanctifying Kathirgamam and supplying sacred waters to the temple and its devotees. Historians place this river along with top-ranking holy rivers of the Hindu world for its virtues.

"மாசு படிந்த உன்னத்தைக் கழுவி மாணிக்க மயமாக்கி இறைவன் திருவடி படித்தருளிய தாய்மையையடையாக்கி விடுகின்றது. எனவே இதற்கு மாணிக்க கங்கையெனும் பெயர் மிகப் பொருத்தமானது."

Kalyanagiri Alias Muththulingaswamy

One Kalyanagiri from Kashmere, being distressed at Subramaniam making Kathirgamam His permanent abode, came over to Kathirgamam with a view to taking Subramaniam back to India and there to retain him permanently. Desirous of getting His Dharma in person, this Kalyanagiri said to have started a life of fasting and prayer. As this involved remaining seated at one spot undisturbed, two Vedha urchins (a boy and a girl) came and voluntarily served him and attended to his needs. Although for 12 years he continued his fervent fasts, yet the Lord had not blessed him with His vision. Being greatly disappointed and worried, he took a bold step. He got hold of a gold plate and on it drew the hexagonal Yantra (the Divine personification of Subramaniam) and recited the prescribed mantras in right earnest and thus infused into it not only the Lord's supernatural vitality but also His mystic power. He then locked up this Yantra radiating with the virtues of Subramaniam, inside a small strong box and made preparations to transport it to India.

His Vedha servant girl, however, stealthily got hold of this Box and took to her heels, not caring this, Kalyanagiri is said to have chased her. Unable to evade or escape him, she is said to have ultimately run inside the Maha Dewale and clearing curtain after curtain, disappeared. Almost behind her, ran Kalyanagiri, even unto the sanctum sanctorum. There to his astonishment he saw Subramaniam and His Vedha consort, Valli seated. This resplendent vision unnerved him and he remained transfixed there worshipping them. Only after some time did it dawn on him that for

12 long years,—true to the saying அத்தனாந்தம் அடியாற்றும் அடியேன்—this mighty Murugan and His Love, in the guise of Vedha urchins had served him as menials, instead of his serving them. Thereafter he changed his mind and decided to remain in Kathirgamam and doubly serve them.

Accordingly Kalyanagiri appears to have, with the assistance and patronage of Kings Rajasingha I and II constructed the present set of buildings for Deivayanaaimman and Valliamman. He had also built a madam now called Kalyanamadam from where he had gone into a state of samadhi. As his body reached a pearl-white hue, he was called Muththulingaswamy and enshrined by his devotees and followers in the temple now called by his name.

According to Dr. Daviz who accompanied the Governor, General Robert Brownrigg to Kathirgamam "the Kalyana-madam is greatly respected and is the chief curiosity at Kataragama.....it belonged to Kalyana Natha, the first priest of the temple, who on account of his great piety passed immediately to Heaven without experiencing Death."

Yantra

The magnetic Yantra, given Vim and Vitality by this devotee Kalyanagiri alias Muththulingaswamy, radiates its mystic power even to this day. It is this Yantra that adorns the Holy of Holies and thus attracts thousands of devotees to go there in all humility and pay their homages. It is this Box wrapped in cloth that is brought out on festival days to majestically mount the elephant and go round the temple.

The pujas are performed here by the Children of the Forest—the Singhalese Kapuralas, they know not and chant not any mantras. They bandage their mouths with a saffron cloth and mounam (silence) would appear to be the mantra authorised there. The voice of silence is perhaps more eloquent than the spoken word.

"Whenever a devotee, wishes with devotion, to adore ME in any FORM he likes, into that form I infuse myself and give him unshakable faith".

Camphor is burnt here by devotees as a token of their desire to burn their sins likewise.

The Present Temple

"To people who have feasted their eyes on the rich treasures of art amidst the magnificent pagodas of South India, with their towers projecting into the sky, the sight at Kathirgamam would first produce a sense of frustration. They would seek in vain for the pomp and glory of ornamented idols and their paraphernalia of worship as is the common feature of temple worship in South India and here.

The Lord of Kathirgamam is God in hiding. It is the Play of Hide and Seek. The Lord has gone into hiding. The devotee's part in the play of creation is to seek. The Joy of creation is the zest of the search and the Great Find, if you are lucky to get it. The Holy of Holies is hidden by curtains. The pilgrim sees but the last curtain on which is drawn Sri Subramaniam with Valli and Deivayana. The Lord seems to instruct the devotee to look behind the curtain of Nature. You are told to rip open the curtains of the Kosas with which you have hidden the Lord within yourself. We have heard of the Rahasyam or secret at Chidambaram. At Kathirgamam, methinks one sees

the Rahasyam of Guha. Murugan is known as Guha because he inhabits the caves of the human heart in its recesses.

According to Dr. M Covington "It would appear that this solitary and barren village situated as it is in a malarious district without any natural advantages, is entitled to no distinction. Except in connection with its holy shrine which itself has no artificial or architectural attractions.....Its only attraction consists in its sanctity".

History records that the Singhalese King Dutugemunu re-built this Temple for the blessings of Kathirgamam Theio, who helped him to defeat the Tamil King Elala at Anuradhapura. Then again, Manavarma and later Kings Rajasingha I and II also seem to have repaired or rebuilt these temples. With all their king's attentions the size and state of the present buildings do not reflect much credit to their benefactors, or the present management.

It must be rightly presumed that the luminous Sinthamani Temple and its magnificent Town said to have been built by Visvakarma have been destroyed and razed to the grounds or perhaps they are in ruins overgrown by thick jungle undiscovered by human beings.

Administration of Temples

From the point of management of these temples, they could be divided into three groups—

(1) The Maha Dewale (where the Yantra is found) Valliamman temple and Paththini Kovil are administered by Buddhists according to the provisions of the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance.

The cash and other offerings from devotees to the temples are said to tip Rs. 15,000/- if not more. Besides, there appear to be several lands donated by philanthropic devotees; yet the main temple itself (a small square structure with an unimposing tiled roof) is in a dilapidated condition."

(2) Manicka-Pillayar Kovil, Deivayanaaimman Kovil, Vairavar Kovil, Muththulingaswamy Kovil Sellakathirgamam (or former Kathirgamam) and Kathiramalai are managed by the successors in office of the N. Indian Bawa community according to a Trust Deed executed by Kesapuri alias Paal-Kudi Bawa in 1898 with the assistance of Sir P. Arunachalam, the then Registrar-General of Ceylon.

This deed has been ratified by the District Court of Badulla with the addition of a Board of Management consisting of 6 Hindus to administer these temples.

(3) The Kiri Vihare and Perumal Kovil are under the control of Buddhist Priests.

Duty of Devotees

Devotees of this temple appear to have spent lakhs on Dharmasalas or Madams for pilgrims in a haphazard way that makes their efforts look like waste. Presumably this is due to want of an intelligent co-ordinated plan among these devotees. Hereafter the educated and intelligent Bhaktars should join hands and pre-determine a plan for the erection of future buildings and development, if any.

Steps should be taken to divert a portion of the large income that annually flows in, to more useful purposes—erecting convenient habitations for devo-

tees, putting up proper bridges, ensuring a good water supply etc.—so that the poor, pious Bhaktars could be benefitted, for, it is said:

"When devotees are served the Great Lord is Served, but when the Idols alone are served the Lord in the heart of devotees is not served."

"படமாடுங் கோயில் அன்புற் கொண்டு சயின் படமாடுங் கோயில் நன்பர்க்காக படமாடுங் கோயில் நன்பற் கொன்றயின் படமாடுங் கோயில் பண்பர்க்கு மாடுமே"

Conclusion

Religious and public-spirited Societies such as the Vivekananda Society, servants of Kataragama pilgrims Society Saiva Maha Subbas and the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha, have from time to time raised their cries inter alia for the improvement of this tem-

ple and the Restoration of its management to the Hindus. However reasonable the cause may be, yet after centuries of neglect and apathy, a satisfactory solution cannot be found overnight. Sustained agitation has to be maintained to win over our Singhalese brethren and convince them of the righteousness of our cause. The rest lies with the Omniscient.

Whilst discouraging the growing tendency among a few who couple pleasure and pienie in a long motor trip to Kathirgamam we should exhort every Hindu to make it a point to go on pilgrimage to Kathirgamam at least once in 3 years, if not yearly, wash their sins in the Manick Ganga and by prayer and penance make provision for the future of his or her soul.

"ஆடுவதும் பாடுவதும் ஆனந்தமாம் சின்னேத் தேடுவதும் சின்னடியார் செய்கை பார்பாடேம்".

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