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PROBLEMS OF CIVILISATION

A Vedantic Approach Analysed

CONTEMPORARY students of Man have been asking the question, 'Is civilisation to be judged by the nature and number of problems it creates for man or by its skill to make life simpler and easier? In either case what is the spiritual fruitage of civilization for man?' Our civilization has reaped unprecedented successes, but along with it has brought into life unprecedented complications and problems newer than ever before. No doubt man's capacity to create and solve new problems has a spiritual content and this marks off the civilized man from his ancient forbear. But has man used his capacity in a way that nourishes his inner strength and spirituality and beautifies the outer world? It is a psychological truth that a mind ill-fed is more pernicious than a mind unfed. The frustrations of the modern man have been aggravated by the maladies of an ill-fed mind. No external cure can hope to remedy this frustration and those who suggest that the complexities of modern life can be resolved from outside are tackling the symptoms and not the disease. Civilization is man's response to environments and the process of simplification must start from within. Shifting the whole burden to scientific developments is unhelpful. Our effort in the following paragraphs will be to gain a full vision of the stature and significance of man in his ascent through civilization and to bring this new meaning of civilization to the solution of problems that have cropped up due to man's missing the true vision of himself.

The Rhythm of Growth

If we are disappointed and distressed today to see civilization making life a greater struggle than ever before, it is because we have not got the courage to look into the soul of its growth. The rhythm of all growth is success punctuated by struggle. Walt Whitman apprehended this rhythm when he wrote, 'It is provided in the essence of things that from any fruition of success, no matter what shall come forth something to make a greater struggle necessary.' As civilization advances a greater and more intense struggle becomes necessary for two reasons. Every advance towards maturity shows up more clearly in whatever shadowy form the existence of the immature; secondly success always carries with it the seeds of greater success and it is only through struggle that these seeds are nurtured and nourished to achievement. But then is success self-functioing? Who cognizes the maturity or otherwise in the path of progress and who operates the dynamism that enlivens and moves civilization?

Whence & How of Creation
Philosophy and religion have answered these questions by formulating the 'whence' and 'how' of creation. Who is the cause and prime mover of this creation, how does He move it and to what purpose are important problems in philosophy. Philosophy answers them through reason and religion through intuition. Philosophers have called the origin of creation, the uncaused cause the unmoved mover of creation which is beyond time, space and causation. Religions have called it God Ishwara. Poets have styled it the Eternity that shapes human ends and Hindus have named it Brahman. Names may differ, but the principle is the same. The source of creation must be a dynamic perfection which is undiminished by creation and always exceeds it. Then again creation must be purposive which means that it must have a powerful 'instinct' for perfection and must be steadily moving towards it. This means that the source and goal of creation are the same, namely perfection. If the origin and fulfilment of man are the same, then no progress or movement can be spoken of him. Indeed that is the first and last word of Advaita Vedanta, that man is already perfect and that all talk of progress and perfection about him is irrelevant. Yet man does not know this great fact about himself and makes all efforts to realize it. Until he comes by this realization, progress and perfection are full of meaning to him and so

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Kataragama Thondar Sabai Kalutara

A General Meeting of the above Sabai was held on 17-9-50 at the Gnanodaya College Hall. Several leading Hindus took part in the meeting and expressed their appreciation of the work of feeding done by the Sabai. It was unanimously decided to acquire a place to house the Sabai and a shrine room to be built in the madam.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year.

Patron: Mr. C. Balasingham A.G.A. Kalutara; President: Mr. N. Chelliah Overseer P. W. D.; Joint Secretaries: Mr. S. T. Sabaratnam Clerk D.C. Kalutara and Mr. K. Erampmoorthy; Treasurer: Mr. T. Rajaratnam Licensed Pawn Broker and a committee of 7 members.

Fluorescent Inks For Poster Printing

New coloured inks which may revolutionise poster advertising have been produced by a British firm.

The inks are stated to be much brighter than natural colours and to be seen and identified as brilliant as neon lights at four times the distance. They are being manufactured from fluorescent substances by patented processes and are non-toxic and harmless. They are also stated to be shown at their best advantage at dawn dusk or in bad light.

DEMOCRACY MUST NOT BE IMPOSED ON US

Tolerance - Basis Of Solution

Seimathi Vijayalakshmi, India's Ambassador to the United States, told the English-speaking Union in New York that India was determined to live up to her obligations to her Asian neighbours.

What America means to Europe, India means to Asia, she declared in appealing for a greater perspective in the American mind when dealing with international problems, particularly those bearing on Asia.

Asia looks to the United States for democracy, but nothing, not even the blessings of democracy should be "imposed" upon peoples when they were ready to receive them of their own accord, she declared.

Recently, the eyes of the world had been focussed on India because of Korea, she said. She declared Korea as an issue "of the greatest importance to the future of the world," and recalled how India had associated herself with the Security Council's actions in the interests of peace.

India's foreign policy, she continued, was aimed at increasing international co-operation and to refrain from doing anything calculated to prevent her from making a contribution to peace such as her past experience and geographical position enabled her to make.

"India feels that the issues are so grave we cannot take decisions lightly in moments of emotion. We make no special claim to moral standard. No country in the world has a monopoly of wisdom. I believe that, materially prosperous though the United States is, her strength springs from certain spiritual

values that are enshrined in her early history".

Moral Values

India too had a past with certain moral and material values. It was not easy for her to take up a razor edge stand on the present but it had to be taken in the interest of the future because India wished to make her contribution when the time came. At a time of ideological conflict it was India's aim not to magnify points of variance but to minimise them.

Mahatma Gandhi had taught India that if the means were not worthy of it, the end could not be good. Counsels of tolerance and not submission to evil must be the basis of peaceful solution. What was needed was a combination of the ideals that inspired early American history and of the principles that had given the U.S. the leadership of the world. When that combination took place, she had no doubt that it would be the best sign for the world.

The Asian people would not have charity. Past experience had made them suspicious and they also had their pride. A particular pattern of living or thinking however good would be unacceptable to them if an attempt be made to force it upon them. If the United States did nothing but merely present democracy in its true form, the Asian people would readily accept, and follow U. S. leadership.

"When America gives such a lead India will be glad to follow. It is the duty of the American people to raise their voice for such a lead. If that voice is raised, more than it has been raised so far, we should be able to have the kind of world we long for".

COLOMBO PLAN--AN INSPIRING INITIATIVE

Asia's Role In The Commonwealth

Speaking at the Royal Empire Society in London (October 12th), Mr. Gordon Walker, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations said that we are today as much an Asian as a Western Commonwealth, and that one of the greatest forces of our day was the new and powerful nationalism of Asia.

Referring to the 'Colombo Plan' Mr. Gordon Walker said: "This is one of the most inspiring and imaginative acts of initiative since the war. It is a matter for great gratification that this has been possible because we are today as much an Asian as Western Commonwealth. Few people, I think, would have believed a few years ago, that the new Commonwealth could so soon have taken such a vigorous initiative in Asia.....one very important aspect of the Colombo Plan is that it has always been intended as a comprehensive plan for the area as a whole, to include non-Commonwealth countries within its framework. This is typical of a very important characteristic of the Commonwealth-we are a close and intimate group of powers, but in no sense an exclusive group. We never try to gang-up on the rest of the world. On the contrary, we all seek to have the friendliest and closest relations with neighbouring countries in all parts of the world."

The speaker went on to point out that in particular the new Commonwealth provided a unique bridge between Asia and the West, and as the new Asian Nations came to birth in a difficult and complicated world their future is unforeseeable.

Asian Friendship Needed

"One possibility is that Nationalism of Asia may range itself permanently against the West. That would be the greatest calamity that could befall the world. The Commonwealth which includes the great Asian, as well as the great Western nations, is the world's best hope that Asia and the West will develop in friendship and co-operation instead of hostility and suspicion. This, as I see it, is the task that history has confined to the British Commonwealth-there is no other association of nations in which the best of Asia and the West are equally represented and intimately united.

That we have such a task to fulfil today, shows how far the Commonwealth has changed and developed in the last few years. The British Commonwealth has gone through one of those calm and unsensational revolutions that is so characteristic of it as great as the change that was registered in the Statute of Westminster. As usual, the statesmen of the Commonwealth have

been content to do what was necessary without worrying too much about words and formulae."

"Although members of the Commonwealth are no longer united by a common language, law and the same sort of common loyalty to the Crown, the membership of the three great Asian nations has immensely increased the diversity of the Commonwealth and the role of the Crown in the Commonwealth remains of the highest importance, having been developed, rather than radically changed.

"As a result of postwar changes there is now a country in the Commonwealth of which the King is not King, in the sense that he is King of Canada, Ceylon or England" Mr. Gordon Walker pointed out. "But at the same time that India's relationship with the Crown was altered in this way, she recognised the King as head of the Commonwealth, thus bringing out one aspect of the Crown never fully recognised before."

New Links

The Secretary of State said that older traditional links were no less important because there were now newer links. "There are similar special affinities between the Asian members of the Commonwealth which they rightly wish to guard and cherish-most of the strength of the new Commonwealth derives from these inner struts and stays within the general structure, but they must never be allowed to create anything like an inner and outer circle in the Commonwealth. It is the very essence of the Commonwealth that there is only one kind of membership-we are all equal partners."

After speaking of the great unifying force of Parliamentary Democracy, almost unique to the Commonwealth; Mr. Gordon Walker went on to talk of "independence plus" which each member of the Commonwealth gained through membership. "We are each as independent and sovereign as any country in the world, but each of us, Britain included, is more powerful than we would otherwise be, by virtue of our membership of the Commonwealth. Each of us, in our own part of the world is stronger because we know we have the support and backing of the Commonwealth. Not only that. This independence plus is a moral factor of the greatest importance. The Commonwealth is so constructed that it can only act collectively or in support of particular members, when it is acts for good and moral ends. It is strength and not weakness of the Commonwealth that we

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2 Yrs. R. I. for I. R. C.

One Vaithilingam Mathiaparanam an Island re-convicted criminal with 3 previous convictions was arrested at noon whilst committing house-breaking and theft in a house opposite that of Mr. E. P. Rasiah's at Van-East on 11-10-50. The Jaffna Magistrate sentenced him to 2 years' R. I. and thereafter to 2 years' Police supervision.

NOTICE

The office of the Hindu Organ and Intusathanam and of the Saiva Prakasa Press will be closed for *Vijaya Thasami* on Friday 20th inst. There will be no issue of the Hindu Organ and Intusathanam on 20-10-50.

MANAGER.



Hindu Organ

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Treasure These Thoughts

'I have known the Infinite Being, who is self-effulgent and beyond all darkness and delusion; knowing Him alone can one be saved from death. There is no other way to immortality.'

—Shvetashvatara Upanishad.

A WARM WELCOME

THE RIGHT HON. D. S. Senanayake, Prime Minister of Ceylon, is now at Jaffna on his first official visit. The warm welcome accorded to him by the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council and citizens of Jaffna must have removed the doubt if any in his mind as to whether Tamils in the Northern Capital would co-operate with him whole-heartedly or not. Not only in Jaffna Town but also in the other parts of the peninsula the people are showering their affections on him and their response is natural and spontaneous.

Ceylon has been fortunate in the choice of its first Prime Minister. The Right Hon. D. S. Senanayake has been called to his high office straight from the plough; he is first and foremost a farmer intent on making his country self-sufficient in food. He stated at Jaffna that Freedom was not attained by himself; the foundation had been laid by great men like Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan, Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam, Sir James Pieris and many others who had departed their lives when freedom was achieved; his claim to leadership was due to the fact that he sat at the feet of such eminent men and sincerely followed them; it was necessary to follow in order to be followed; and he would be satisfied if he succeeded in uniting all parties in the Island to work for the progress and advancement of all. He paid a valiant tribute to what Sir P. Ramanathan, then the Hon. Mr. P. Ramanathan, did for the Sinhalese during the dark days of 1915 when Martial law was proclaimed and stated that as a Sinhalese, he promised and expected to repay the Tamils with gratitude, for all that the great

Tamil Knight and others had done in the past.

The Right Hon. D. S. Senanayake belongs to the Old Brigade; he is one of the surviving few who toiled for Ceylon's Independence, he is thus in a position to realise the invaluable services rendered by the Father of the Ceylon National Congress and other Tamil leaders who were in great measure responsible for the awakening of the national consciousness and winning freedom. Tamils cannot think of a better man than him among the Sinhalese for leadership. It is a well-known truth that Love is superior to Hate and Love conquers all. Here is a leader who loves the Tamils and it is their duty to love him and win him.

Jaffna has done honour to whom honour is due. When people in many parts of the globe are passing through a period of trials and tribulations caused by civic strife, partition, famine, floods and earthquakes, our little Island has been able to enjoy stability and peace, the best fruits of freedom; and this is in great measure due to the Right Hon. D. S. Senanayake. He remains the greatest unifying force keeping together such diverse elements as the leader of the Sinhala Maha Sabha and the leader of the Tamil Congress within the Cabinet; and so long as he is sincere in his desire for peace and in working for the common weal of Ceylon he can rest assured that the Tamils will not lag behind others in co-operating with him.

Moolai Co-operative Hospital

Land Mark of Self-Help

The Co-operative Hospital at Moolai—the premier institution of its kind in the East—has given treatment, during the year ending April 30 1950, to 12,440 out-door patients and 2,820 in-door patients, and has made a net profit of Rs. 13,639.36. These facts were revealed in the Annual Report which was read and confined at the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Co-operative Hospital Society Ltd., held at the Pannakam Meihaudan Vidyasalai.

The Report went on to say that a Labour Room and Operation Theatre, which now contain furniture and instruments to the value of Rs. 19,000.00, were completed during the year and declared open in March by the Hon. Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, Minister of Health and Local Government. New quarters had just been built for the nurses, and would be declared open by the Prime Minister today.

Govt. Donation

The provision for treating in-door patients at the Moolai Co-operative Hospital consists of 50 rooms and open wards, accommodating 100 beds in all. During the year, the Government had donated Rs. 15,000.00 as maintenance grant, while the Village Committee of Chankanai and Vaddukodai had contributed Rs 100 each to the Free Treatment Fund of the Institution.

The Hospital has maintained its reputation as the landmark

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NORTHERN CAPITAL ACCORDS ROUSING RECEPTION TO PREMIER

Mr. Senanayake Pays Tributes To Tamil Patriots



BEAMING with smile, Premier Senanayake shook hands with Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam and the Mayor of Jaffna as he alighted from his compartment when the decorated train arrived sharp at 8-30 a. m. yesterday at the Jaffna Railway Station.

A very large gathering assembled within the station premises while a surging crowd waited outside to welcome the Prime Minister. After inspecting a Guard of Honour, the Premier drove to the Town Hall along tastefully decorated streets and between continuous lines of school children on either side.

Civic Welcome

At the Town Hall, which was filled to overflowing, the Prime Minister was conducted to the platform by the Mayor. The Minister for Industries and members of the Municipal Council were accommodated in the platform.

A song of welcome was sung by students of Ramanathan College.

Replying to the Civic address of welcome, the Rt. Hon. D. S. Senanayake said that he was overwhelmed to see the people of Jaffna assembled in large numbers to receive him and was touched by the warm manner of welcome and added that ever since he became the Premier of Sri Lanka, he had longed to visit Jaffna and at the last occasion, when all arrangements had been made for his visit unfortunately illness had overcome him and he was prevented from fulfilling his desire.

Debt of Gratitude

Continuing, the Prime Minister recalled to mind the days of foreign domination and how the Tamils contributed their past worthily to the cause of freedom. The doughty deeds of Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan who braved the seas and went to England and pleaded the cause of a section of the people who were put to suffering as the result of misunderstanding and the work done by Mr. H. A. P. Sandrasegaram in London were always remembered by that section with feelings of gratitude.

Sir P. Ramanathan, Sir P. Arunachalam, Sir A. Kanagasabai, Mr. A. Sabapathy—these were some of the great names that always struck their minds whenever they reviewed the constitutional progress of the Island, said Mr. Senanayake and stated that the co-operation extended by the Tamil Community was characteristic of them and the Sinhalese people would, being under a debt of gratitude always respect the wishes and aspirations of the Tamil Community.

Referring to the Civic address which was in the customary style, the Premier said that all requests made therein would be referred to the respective Ministers and remarked that in a popular government elected by the people there was no need for prayers.

Striking a personal note, Mr. Senanayake made mention of the fact how his having sat at the feet of the great patriots, Sir P. Ramanathan and Sir P. Arunachalam had enabled him to take a keen and lively interest in the affairs of the people. The Premier assured the people of Jaffna that the maxim 'Divided we fall, United we stand' applied most appropriately at the present moment and declared that a United

Sri Lanka could face any situation with success. The interests of the Tamil Community, Mr. Senanayake said, amidst applause were safe in the hands of their representative referring to Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam and concluded his speech by thanking the people once again for the most cordial welcome accorded to him.

Enthusiastic Welcome At Neervely

The most striking characteristic of the Senanayake Family is their patriotic spirit for self-less service to the country said the centenarian Adigar A. Naganathan presiding at the Public Reception accorded to the Premier at Neervely yesterday at 5 p.m. by the residents of Kopay Electorate.

The spacious Attiar Arunasalam School Hall was crowded to overflowing a large number having to listen to the proceedings from outside the Hall.

An address of welcome in English was read by Mr. C. Aru-

lampalam, Proctor, Chairman V. C. Kokkuvil, and another address in Tamil was read by Pandit N. S. Murugesu.

The Federalist Foxes

Replying to the address of welcome, Mr. Senanayake referred to the services of Adigar Naganathan and his family and thanked Mubandiram Attiar Arunasalam for his great philanthropic act of having provided a school with a very spacious hall, for the village. Referring to disruptionists, the Premier said he was reminded of a certain type of jungle animal, known as the fox, that took it as a hobby to see that other animals quarrelled among themselves with a view to feeding on their carcasses and added that the federalists very much resembled the fox in their outlook because they wanted the country to be disunited in order that they might leap into prominence.

Mr. Senanayake went on to trace the great bonds that have tied the Sinhalese and the Tamils

together for several centuries and the united front presented by them to the Foreign Rulers and said that in his personal life his respect and admiration for the Tamils were very high. The Premier recounted the story of his wedding to which, besides his own family members, only one other friend and that a Tamil was invited.

Unity is Strength

The Prime Minister said he would have to repeat one thing again and again and that was the paramount importance of mutual understanding and harmonious living. Paying a tribute to Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, Minister of Industries for the great progress the Island has been making recently in industrial projects the Premier, said that even more important than industrial expansion was Agricultural progress as Sri Lanka's prosperity depended on agriculture.

Civic Address Of Welcome

Mr. C. Ponnambalam Mayor of Jaffna, read the following address. "We, the Mayor and Members of the Jaffna Municipal Council, deem it a great privilege to extend to you, Sir, the Premier of our Free Sri Lanka, a most cordial welcome on this your first visit to this ancient city of Jaffna, the centre of Tamil Culture and civilisation in this Dominion.

Sir, you are today, Ceylon's Man of Destiny. The undisputed position of eminence you enjoy in the public life of this Country is the culmination of nearly half a century of selfless and devoted service in the cause of our beloved motherland. Your courageous advocacy of the rights of the people in the days of the British Administration of Ceylon, your dynamic efforts to improve the lot of the common man under the Donoughmore Constitution, your skilful direction of the movement for the achievement of Independence have won for you a lasting place in the grateful hearts of the people of Ceylon. Your diplomacy at the conference of the Commonwealth of Nations has added lustre and brought glory to Sri Lanka, its youngest member.

Benevolent Interest

The inhabitants of this town have every reason to be specially grateful to you for the benevolent and abiding interest you have shown in all matters affecting the welfare of our City. Your influence and efforts contributed not a little towards securing the biggest Housing Scheme, which would clear to a great extent, Ceylon's worst slum that had existed for over a century.

On occasions like this, it is customary to address the Head of the Government, on our most urgent needs. We earnestly appeal to you, Sir, and to your Government to give top priority and put into effect without further delay our Century Old Proposal for a Scheme of Pipe Bore Water Supply.

This town cannot also continue long without a proper Scheme of Drainage.

The removal of the present Infectious Diseases Hospital to another site outside the border

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SONGS OF WELCOME TO PREMIER

May you make our Lanka united,
Inspiring in us Love that knows no bounds
May the Country rise in glory and grow
In prosperity, reflecting our contentment.

MAY you live long, our first Premier Senanayake,
Praised by eloquent bards as the
Protector of the land of Samanta
Mountain and Mahavaliganga!
May you establish Peace and Harmony
Overflowing, regardless of differences of
Race, creed, and language
Always reaching through affection
The hearts of the people!
And making the ever abiding land of
Love the basis of government.

WE are like unto a child that beholds the mother's face,
We are like unto the skylark that has drunk the gentle
drops from Heaven

We are like a creeper which losing for a while its support
and withering while being tossed by wind
Has come by a Kalpaka Tree.

Your coming has given us fresh Hope,
Regard us with the same look of friendship
With which you greet us today Senanayake true and
good, May you live long!

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 22ND OCTOBER TO 28TH OCTOBER 1950

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

There will be some domestic troubles this week. You will find it difficult to make both ends meet in your financial affairs. Social life also may be a bit disappointing. Week end will bring in some compensation for all this.

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

You will have some amusing experiences this week. Good time for social and financial affairs. Whatever opposition you had for some time will melt away. Go ahead with your new plans.

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

You will face with some opposition in your affairs this week. But it will not be of a serious nature. Don't risk money in speculation and keep your temper under control.

CANCER *Punarpoosa 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]*

The first day of the week may land you into some difficulties; you may create some new enemies this week unless you are very careful. Don't rely much on new friends. Petty official troubles in the family circle specially with in-law shown.

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

The first half of the week is not favourable for any new undertakings. Take care of health and avoid accidents. Second half of week good for social and personal affairs. Ruin to enemies also shown.

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

First half of the week may be utilised for interview and new undertakings. Some success promised. Second half of week may cause you some annoyance. Official troubles and quarrels shown.

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

Go slow in all your undertakings for some time to come. Mental worries, unavoidable expenditure and troubles through secret enemies shown. Professionally a good time but you will have to work hard for your success. The last day of the week must be spent with care.

SCORPIO *Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]*

Some eye troubles indicated this week. Don't take any chances in any affairs this week. Avoid domestic troubles also. Disputes with officials may upset you a bit week end.

SAGITTARIUS *Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thamir Rasi]*

A favourable time financially. Problems that were troubling you for some time past will be solved automatically. As far as possible avoid any new dealings and investments.

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

You will win much fame and money this week. Misunderstandings will be cleared and you are sure to succeed along your chosen path.

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

A week of much physical and mental activity. You will find it difficult to take rest. Health must be given particular care. Don't risk money in speculation.

PISCES *Pooradati 4, Uttiradati, Revati. [Meena Rasi]*

Don't make any important changes this week. Mental restlessness and troubles in the family circles shown. One of your friends may help you to solve a problem week-end.

Moolai Co-operative Hospital

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of voluntary efforts of the people. It is indeed a pride and a compliment to its founders that it is to be copied in other parts of the country as a modern Co-operative undertaking. It has served in a spirit of humanitarian service all parts of Jaffna, and its development particularly during the last two years has no doubt been striking.

Committee of Management

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President: Mr. K. Kanagaratnam M. P. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. C. Ragnathan Retired Deputy Commissioner of Co-operative Development, and Mr. M. Krishna J. P. Hony. Secretary: Mr. M. Kathiravelu, Proctor S C and Commissioner of Oath. Hony. Treasurer: Mr. K. Sinnappo

The following members were elected to the Working Committee; Messrs R. Gunaratnam, P. Rajasundaram, P. M. Sangarapillai, S. Karthigesu, C. Sirinivasan, V. Subramaniam, K. Nallathambiy.

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited from approved Contractors for the construction of four bungalows on four lands within the Municipal limits of Jaffna.

The drawings, specifications, and schedules of quantities can be seen and all information obtained from our Office.

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Swami Sivananda At Kurunegala

On 13.10.50 at about 9.20 p.m. under the auspices of the Kurunegala Saiva Maha Sabai, a reception was accorded to His Holiness Swami Sivananda Saraswathi on his way back to India after visiting Colombo. The train stopped for over ten minutes and a large crowd of devotees gathered to pay their homage to the Swami. As the Talaimannar train steamed into Kurunegala Station, over a thousand people welcomed His Holiness with cries of "Harō Harō". A special dais was erected on the platform and the Swami was conducted thereto with 'kudai', 'kodi', 'alavadam' 'poorna-kumbum' and the chanting of devotional songs.

A 'Patha-pooja' was performed and His Holiness was garlanded. Mr. Spencer Rajaratnam, District Judge, Kurunegala welcomed the Swami on behalf of the Kurunegala Saiva Maha Sabhai and the other citizens of the town. He said:—

"Most Revered Swamiji."

We, on behalf of the Kurunegala Saiva Maha Sabai and the other brethren of this ancient town of Kurunegala, extend to Your Holiness a warm and hearty welcome. Though your Holiness has not been able to visit any place other than Colombo in Lanka, it is our good fortune that Your Holiness has graciously consented to set your foot-prints in this town of ours. We are and will ever be deeply grateful for this special honour.

It was only the other day that Your Holiness honoured our Sabai by sending your soul-stirring message on the occasion of our 20th Annual Celebration. This has urged us to extend our activities to disseminate religious dharma on a wider scale.

We beg of you for your continued divine guidance and pray that your Holiness would be pleased to offer us a few words of blessing."

An address was also presented to His Holiness on behalf of the members of Mahatma Gandhiji Dharma Sabha, Kandy.

Swami's Blessing

The Swami then commenced his speech with a Japa of "Om" and "Geerthanams". "The Goal of life is the attainment of self-realisation or God-consciousness. There is one supreme underlying intelligent principle or Essence or Atman or Brahman or the Supreme Self who dwells in the chambers of your heart. He exists in the past, present, and future. He is Existence Absolute, Knowledge Absolute and Bliss Absolute. An ignorant man vainly searches for his happiness and peace in perishable external objects, that are conditioned in time, space, and causation. He has no peace of mind. His desires are not gratified. He amasses wealth, begets children, gets titles, honours, name fame and yet his mind is restless. He has no abiding joy and lasting happiness. He is still in want of something. He has no feeling of fullness. The feeling of fullness and external satisfaction can be obtained by realising one's own Self through spiritual Sadhan, Self-restraint, Purity and Meditation and by attaining the highest rung in the Yogic ladder. Peace and happiness can be found only within. One cannot certainly find it in external objects. Wealth, women, children, property, palatial buildings cannot give you the ever lasting Peace. Look within. Realise your oneness with that One Supreme Self who lives in the chambers of your heart. You will ride over all difficulties or crises of life very easily and will come back with triumph in all experiences. Mysterious in this Peace."

In concluding his message the Swami prayed and offered sacred blessings to the congregation.

Colombo Plan—An Inspiring Initiative

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have no central organs of government that can direct the power of the Commonwealth as a whole—everything we do as a Commonwealth has to be agreed on by all the members.... it is inconceivable that the Commonwealth could plot or plan aggressive war. Such a thing would be violation and negation of its whole nature in a just war against aggression. We have shown too, in such matters as the Colombo Plan that we can intimately co-operate together in peace time for good and constructive ends. This unique characteristic of the Commonwealth that we are a fellowship of nations that can only operate and act together for moral ends, is I believe, one of the most important secrets of its unity... I am convinced the British Commonwealth is the greatest force for good in the world today."

Ceylon Government Railway Level Crossing Repairs

The Level Crossing at 17 miles 46 chains (Railway-mileage) on Oruwella Road between Egoda Uyana and Panadura Railway Stations will be closed for vehicular traffic as follows for effecting repairs:—

Partially from 6.0 p.m. till 10.30 p.m. on Sunday, 29-10-50. Traffic will be assisted over the Crossing.

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of the town is most imperative considering the rapid growth of the population of the town and the incidence of epidemics.

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—Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council.

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The Level Crossing at 8 miles 25 chains (Railway-mileage) on Nawinna-Mirihana Road, will be closed for vehicular traffic as follows for effecting repairs:—

Partially from 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. on Saturday, 28-10-50.

Traffic will be assisted over the Crossing.

Totally from 9 p.m. on Saturday, 28-10-50 till 2 a.m. on Sunday, 29-10-50.

During the period of Total closure, road traffic may be diverted through Nugegoda-Mirihana Road.
E. C. WIJESSEKERA,
for General Manager, C. G. R.
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Colombo, 10. 19-10-50.
(G 51 17)

PROBLEMS OF CIVILISATION

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he moves up the 'spiral' of evolution. We say spiral advisedly because only a spiral movement will satisfy the conditions of progress for man.

Perfection is both vertical and horizontal. Man must have scope for a vertical movement, and in his horizontal growth he must keep always the same distance from the centre of creation (which is his own centre). Such a movement is possible only in a spiral. Between Brahman, the central pillar of the spiral, and Prakriti (Nature), the outer rim, man moves up making civilization, changing history. One generation hands over the heritage of its successes and failures to the other and thus the moving spirit of man climbs up the spiral. William Morris pictured this spiral beautifully when he said, 'I pondered...how men fight and lose the battle and the thing that they fought for comes about in spite of their defeat, and when it comes turns out to be not what they meant, and other men have to fight for what they meant under another name'. Thus man moves up the spiral of civilization, and in his ascent what animates and directs him is Brahman, the measure of all values in creation and the eternal witness to the march of history. The Vedanta, in its empirical

plane of discussion, accepts the spiral theory of civilization as one of the factors of its working hypothesis. According to Vedanta, Brahman the supreme unchanging Spirit, is the centre and unmoving mover of creation. It throws round it the spiral of Nature, the Prakriti which is the tangible universe the aggregate of primeval subtle elements earth, water, fire, air and ether with all their permutation and combinations. Brahman also projects the individual man with his mind intellect and the 'I' sense. The important fact about this spiral is that Brahman and Nature have no beginnings (*prakrim purusam caiva viddhyanadi ubhaopi*) and so no progress can be predicated of them both. They are the same and unchanged at any point of the spiral in the sense that all distances between the centre and the circumference of the spiral are the same. Even so Brahman and Nature are the same at any point in history. There is no addition to or subtraction from the uncreate Brahman; and the elemental Nature is just the same now as at the time of creation and it will be the same centuries after. (The discovery of electrons and protons cannot change the fundamental character of the elements.)

Culture Springs From Brahman

This is not to say that civilization is impossible. Civilization is man's response to the unmoving silent sentinels of his growth, Brahman and Nature, and the quality of civilization depends on the nature of man's response to these inspirer of history. The unchanging and unprogressive Brahman and Nature provide the essential condition for the moving of civilization. They remain stationary, thus offering the frame for man to move up with his civilization. Brahman is eternity, above time; but this eternity must be validated in the accents of time. Brahman is beyond Nature; it is the spaceless, causeless, and timeless reality. But it is in and through the matrix of the space-time-cause complex that this reality is known. To know Brahman as validating itself through space-time is to know it as history-maker. Thousands of years of history make a tradition. Thousands of years of tradition make a culture and culture takes its rise from Brahman, the Imperishable (*acara prabhoo dharmah; dharmaya prabhuracuta*). Culture in one aspect is valuation, in another expression. Valuations change with changing experience. Every age has its own valuations its own appraisal of the things worth-while, revealed in its literature, in its literature, in its thought forms, in its social movements that characterize it. These change

with times. Moreover, the mode of expression, the style of culture is inherently changeful. And thus between one country and another, cultures, traditions, and morality vary with time. As Swami Vivekananda observes, 'Society is just a passing phase.' Society is only a time-sequence, it is a becoming not a being, a process and not a product.

But the fundamental hungers and aspirations of the human soul which put on the clothes of valuation and expression are the golden thread that runs through the process and bear eternal witness to human history. These aspirations do not change with time or country. Why? In these deepest and real longings of the human soul is reflected the face of Brahman, the unchanging Reality. Human society feeling its way up through different stages of civilization is materializing the beauties of the face in the values of social life. And the more such beauties are realized the greater is that society. We shall show in the sequel how this conception of civilization as a movement between Brahman and Nature furnishes us the correct spiritual background to understand man's efforts in civilization and vouchsafes to man a freedom that makes him use it for purposes of self-discovery. Civilization gives infinite scope for man to choose between truth and error and to advance from lesser truth to higher truth. (From the *Prabuddha Bharata*)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No-1222

In the matter of the Last Will and testament of the late Mary Theresa alias Thavamani daughter of Mariampillai Chrysostom alias Ponnuthurai of Hospital Road, Jaffna

Deceased

Mariampillai Chrysostom alias Ponnuthurai of Hospital Road Jaffna
Petitioner

Vs

1. Sebastampillai Pemiras of Martyn Road Jaffna

2. Sebastampillai Joseph of Small Bazaar, Jaffna

3. Francispillai Johnpillai and wife

4. Elizabeth of New Road Koyathoddam Respondents

This matter of the petition of the petitioner praying that he be declared entitled to have probate of the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased and probate thereof issued to him accordingly, coming on for disposal before Gunam Spencer Esq. District Judge, Jaffna on the 4th day of September, 1950 in the presence of Mr. F. L. T. Martyn Proctor for the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to have probate of the said last will and probate issued to him accordingly as executor named in the said will unless the respondents or any others shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the 6th day of November, 1950 at 10 a. m.

This 5th day of October, 1950.

Sgd, W. G. Spencer
District Judge

Drawn by,
Sgd. F. L. T. Martyn
Proctor for Petr.

R. Sivasupramaniam,
Proctor for Guardian & Curator,
(O 12, 13 & 17)

PERSONAL

Mr. A. Ampalavanar, Chief Clerk, Sessions Court, Kuala Lumpur, in the Malayan Govt. has retired from service with effect from 4th October 1950. He was in service for 34 years and intends proceeding to his native place at Karainagar in Jaffna.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
515 Curatorship

By order of Court made in the above case tenders are invited from intending purchasers of the land fully described in the schedule hereto and belonging to Arumugam Ramanathan Minor. Tenders should reach me or the Secretary, District Court, Jaffna within two weeks of this publication stating the price for which the intending purchasers are prepared to buy, the said land which will be sold at the discretion of the Court.

Schedule

An undivided 2 share of all that piece of land called Madaththidhal 11 lms. V. C. but now forming a divided Lot in extent 2 Lms. V. C. and 13 1/2 Kls. (under partition decree in case No. 6363 D. C. Jaffna) and bounded on the East by the property of V. Somasuntherm by that of A. Sivasupramaniam and shareholders North by that of Venasithamby Thuraiappah West by road and South by lane.

R. Sivasupramaniam,
Proctor for Guardian & Curator,
(O 12, 13 & 17)

PREMIER'S VISIT TO JAFFNA

PROGRAM

17-10-50 (Tuesday)

8 00 a m Leave King's House
8 15 " Karaiyur Water supply Headworks, Triunelveli
8 30 " Tirunelveli Farm
9 30 " Leave Tirunelveli Farm
9 50 " Tondaimanar Barrage
10 15 " Leave Tondaimanar Barrage
10 30 " Puttur
10 45 " Leave
11 15 " Return to King's House
11 15 to 3 30 Reserved for Prime Minister's private engagements
3 30 p m. Leave King's House
4 15 " Arrive Manippay Hospital
5 15 " Leave Manippay Hospital
5 30 " Arrive Moolai Hospital
5 50 " Leave Moolai Hospital
6 00 " Arrive Jaffna College—Public Reception
7 15 " Retire to Rest Room provided at Jaffna College
8 00 " Dinner at Jaffna College

18-10-50 (Wednesday)

8 30 to 8 40 a m Visit Jaffna School of Dancing
9 00 " Arrive Uduvil School
9 30 " Leave Uduvil School
9 35 " Arrive Ramnathan College
10 35 " Leave Ramnathan College
10 50 " Arrive King's House
1 00 p m Lunch N D C F
2 00 to 3 30 Rest
3 30 " Leave King's House
4 15 " Arrive Nelliady—Public reception
5 10 to 5 15 Visit Thevaraiyali School
5 30 " Leave Thevaraiyali School for Valvettiturai
5 45 " Reception at Valvettiturai
6 30 " Leave Valvettiturai
6 45 " Pt Pedro public reception and Dinner

19-10-50 (Thursday)

8 50 a m Leave for St. Patrick's College
9 00 " Arrive at do
10 00 " Leave do
10 45 " Arrive Karainagar Jetty received by M P, introductions cross ferry
11 15 " Arrive Kayts jetty Public Reception
1 00 p m Lunch
2 00 " to 3 00 Rest
3 15 " Return Kayts jetty for harbour regatta
4 15 " To Fort Hammenheil (Tea at Hammenheil)
5 00 " Leave do
6 00 " Arrive Chavakcheri (Halt at Kaithady junction Public Reception)
7 15 " Leave
8 00 " King's House
8 30 " Rotary Club Dinner

20-10-50 (Friday)

a m Reserved for Prime Minister's private engagements
12 30 p m V C Chairmen's Lunch
2 00 " to 4 00 Rest
4 20 " Arrive Kokuvil Hindu College junction and join procession along K K S Road
5 20 " Arrive in procession at Town Hall Esplanade for all District Public Reception and Public Meeting
7 15 " Leave public meeting
8 00 " Arrive King's House
8 30 " Jaffna Malayalam Co-op Tobacco Sales Society Dinner

21-10-50 (Saturday)

8 00 a m. Leave King's House
8 05 to 9 10 Co-operative Rally at Town Hall
9 15 " Visit Sinhalese School
10 00 to 10 30 Meet Lawyers
12 30 p. m Lunch by North Ceylon Teachers' Association
2 45 p m. Leave King's House
3 00 " Mallakam Junction
3 15 " Public reception (Mallakam)
4 15 " Leave for Cement Factory
4 45 to 5 00 Arrive Cement Factory—Opening Cement Factory
7 00 " Retire to Guest House—Alfresco Dinner
9 30 " Leaves for Colombo by train

Police Notice

Members of the public travelling to Kankasanturai by car on the afternoon of 21st October 1950 to attend the ceremonial opening of the Cement Factory by the Right Hon. the Prime Minister, are advised to use the route via Palali Air Port, V. V. T. K. K. S road to Kankasanturai Town and the Cement Factory.

The reason for this is that there will be large crowds, procession etc on the main Jaffna-Kankasanturai road at this time which may cause obstruction delay and inconvenience to motorists.

A. C. Fernando
Supdt: of Police, N. P.
Police Office
Jaffna, 12th Oct. 1950.
(G 47 13, 17)

Sports News.

SOCCER MATCH

A large gathering witnessed the Foot-Ball Match played at the Vaidyalayam Grounds, Esplanade on 10th October 1950 in which the Jaffna Hindu College eleven defeated the Vaidyeshwara Vidyalaya eleven by two goals to Nil.

Mr. V. Ramakrishnan refereed.

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