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JAFFNA AND PROHIBITION.

THE RE-OPENING OF A FEW TODDY taverns in the most backward and the least enlightened areas in the Jaffna District has created some jubilation in the circles of the anti-prohibitionists. They now ask the Ceylon public to believe that the people of Jaffna, as opposed to prohibition and that the Jaffna Councillors who support it go counter to their opinion. We regret that the "Ceylon Morning Leader" has fallen a victim to this misrepresentation and its editorial of the 21st instant is based on incorrect information. The principle of local option is a great privilege and by its exercise the Jaffna people have succeeded in closing all the taverns of every description in the District. The object of local option and the effect of the popular opinion as expressed in such polls have been defeated by the importation of large quantities of cheap foreign liquor into the District. What the Councillors asked the Government to do is to give effect to the verdict of the people by preventing the importation of foreign liquor and arrack and to effectively control illicit traffic in toddy. Local option is not an end in itself, but it is only a means to an end, which is the abolition of drink altogether. The end should not be lost sight of by any infatuation for the means.

In the closure of taverns by local option the temperance workers had to contend against the tappers and renters only. But now they have to fight not only against them but also against the Government which has shown scant sympathy for the cause of temperance in Jaffna. After the abolition of taverns the country has been allowed to be flooded with cheap foreign liquor. It is the illicit trader and not the consumer who is responsible to this state of affairs. Government knows it. It has the power to stop it. But it did not act and merely looked on as if its powerful arms were paralysed. The suddenness of the Government and its affected helplessness so far from creating any reaction in favour of taverns have only strengthened the faith of the people in the efficacy of prohibition.

The failure to re-open taverns in important centres is an additional proof that the heart of the people is sound and that their support for prohibition is genuine. Only in four areas people have given their verdict in favour of re-opening of taverns, while in three important areas the anti-prohibitionists have miserably failed. Jaffna Peninsula and the Islands have a population of over 8,00,000. The villages that voted for re-opening are Kilyaly, Masar, Mihavil, and Chorapattu in the Pachchilepali Division and Mirusavil, Chandapokkaddy, Kudaman and Kluthumaddaval North and South in the Tenmaradchi Division. Their total population numbers 3,239. At Palavi and Kachchai no one turned up to give his vote in favour of re-opening the taverns. At Allarai, Kachchai and Vellampokkaddy the anti-prohibitionists were able to persuade only a ten per cent of the people to support them. At Mesalai North and South and Vellampokkaddy none except a dozen or two turned up to support them. The total population of these villages is 5,070. We are sure the reverses which the anti-prohibitionists have met at Mesalai, Allarai and Palavi await them at the other areas which are yet to poll. The failure of the present campaign is not only a vindication of the attitude of the Jaffna Councillors but also it is an unmistakable evidence that the majority of the people of Jaffna do not want toddy. Let the people press now for the establishment of prohibition.

MUDALIYAR C. RASANAYAGAM AND TODDY DRINKING.—Mudaliyar C. Rasanayagam was the Presiding Officer at Kilyaly. There he is reported to have made the following remark in the course of his harangue to the toddy-drinking folk of Kilyaly. "Councillors and temperance agents had promised to get the old system on the abolition of the tavern system, therefore the villager voted for the abolition of the tavern. That promise had been satisfied. Seeing no other machinery by which to obtain toddy the villager said that he was voting that day for re-opening taverns." Where did the Mudaliyar get this precious information? Did he get it from his present admirer Mr. A. P. Thambyah, or did he derive it from his own historical imagination which he sometimes allows to run riot? If the villager had been duped by Councillors and temperance agents why did the people of Kachchai, Allarai and Mesalai refuse to give corroborative evidence to Mudaliyar's discovery?

LOCAL & GENERAL.

KING'S BIRTHDAY.—Monday, June 4, will be observed as a Public and Bank Holiday on account of the Birthday of the H. M. the King, as June 3rd falls on a Sunday.

PERSONAL.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyagarajah, son-in-law and daughter of the late Mr. C. Namasiyayam, Head Shroff, Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Colombo Branch, who are now spending a holiday in Europe, were presented at Their Majesty's Court on the 9th instant.

—Gate Mudaliyar A. Naganather, J.P., U.P.M. has gone on a short visit to Kandy on the 22nd inst. and will be away from Kopyai till the 27th inst.

GOVERNMENT UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.—Last Friday's Gazette notifies that in and after 1929 a Government University Scholarship in Oriental Languages will be awarded on the results of the B. A. (Honours) Examination of the London University. Revised regulations for the awards for the Scholarship are published in the same Gazette.

LAND SALES IN THE NORTH.—The Government Agent, Northern Province, will put up to auction on July 4, 1928 at about 11 a.m. at the Jaffna Kachchai 45 allotments of Crown land situated in the Delft, Punakari, Islands, Valikamam East, Tenmaradchi and Karachi Divisions.

PROMOTIONS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.—The following members of the Civil Service have been promoted.—Mr. T. W. Roberts to Class I, Grade I and Messrs. H. E. Newman and G. S. Wodeman to Class I, Grade II.

STUDENTS' LITERARY UNION.—The 3rd Anniversary of the Students' Literary Union of Chulapuram, Tholapuram, Moolai and Pannagam was held on the 19th inst. at 5.30 p.m. in the Pannagam Hindu Vernacular School hall. The Hon. Mr. W. Duraiswamy presided. [A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.—Ed. "H. O."]

FATAL STABBING INCIDENT.—News of a fatal stabbing incident is reported from Chunnakam. It would appear that an altercation between two cousins on the night of Saturday last at Chunnakam ended in a young man named Thambyarajah being fatally stabbed. The unfortunate victim was removed to the Jaffna Civil Hospital immediately but succumbed to his injuries on Sunday morning. A post-mortem examination was held by Dr. C. Candiah, J. M. O. The Jaffna Police motored to the spot and are making inquiries.

MOTOR DRIVERS ON STRIKE.—For some days past the drivers of hiring cars in Colombo, especially those that have been discontinued from service by one Minerva Hire Company, have gone on strike and are inducing their fellow drivers of hiring cars to strike work. On Sunday afternoon a dastardly outrage is reported to have been committed by some of these strikers in company with other hirelings on three cars belonging to the above-said Company. These cars were returning from Kandy to Colombo conveying Europeans, including ladies, who were passengers on a steamer when some men waylaid and threw stones damaging the cars and injuring seriously a lady passenger. The other occupants were slightly injured. The incident was reported to the Police who have succeeded in arresting two of the culprits and are scouring the Western Province in search of the others.

Open letter to Mr. J. M. Hensman

Sir, I. For sometime past you have been giving vent to your anger and hatred towards the Hindu religion in the columns of the "Morning Star." It is a month since you concluded the last article of the first series with the promise that you would establish the historical character of your Jesus on sure and solid foundations. Nothing has been heard of it as yet. They say that discretion is a better part of valour. I am sure you have very discreetly abstained from treading in your old saga on the dangerous quicksands of historicity. In the issue of the "Morning Star" of the 13th inst. you have returned to your old game. You are again parading to the astonished public your capacity to write arrant nonsense on subjects of which you are deeply ignorant. Your ignorance deserves to be pitied rather than to be resented. Your effusions on religious matters should be treated with a silence of contempt rather than they should be replied to. But as a fellowman I owe a duty to you. That duty is that you should be reformed of your errors and placed on the road to the attainment of truth which has been hitherto denied to you. "கயமாகு னாமையினுள்" I can tell you straight away that the God of your ancestors whom you have forsaken is no jealous God, nor is He a God of vengeance who condemns to eternal damnation persons for their opinions. But He is the God of infinite Grace and Love.

Nowwithstanding your audacity to throw stones at Him you will not remain long a stranger to His Grace. Is it my fervent prayer to Emperuman that you may be granted grace to become a Hindu in this birth, and that if the sacred privilege is not to be given to you now, you may be given the divine assistance to enter your ancestral religion in the next birth.

I am sure, Sir, that in my efforts to correct you of your religious errors you will pardon me for employing the same weapon as you do in dealing with the Hindu religion. In my opinion it is the only weapon that can be profitably used to carry conviction to a man of your mental and spiritual development. You are, Sir, neither a Modernist nor a Unitarian, but a Christian, an orthodox Christian of the Established Church. I do not know with what faction of this Church you have now identified yourself. Anyway you accept the teachings of St. Paul or St. Peter regarding the inspiration of the Bible. You regard your Bible as the word of God written by inspired Saints and Prophets. (vide 2 Timothy, III. 16 and 2 Peter, I. 21) It is said that some portion of the Bible is written to the direct dictation of Jahveh Himself whom you worship.

Do you remember, Sir, the expedition which your God Jahveh sent against Amalek and the terrible commission which He gave to Saul to execute. If you do not remember I can tell you what it is.

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt."

"Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass." (I. Samuel, XV. 2 & 3.)

Can you find in the annals of history a greater crime against humanity than this dastardly massacre of the children of Amalek at the express behest of Jahveh? Jahveh is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who is also the God of Jesus as well as of the Christians of the present day. Is not the worship of Varava, Pidari or Amman, which you affect to despise, infinitely superior to the worship of this Jahveh? You know that Jahveh is described in your scriptures as one who is fond of blood. He is a great lover of the fat of the flooke and when he is ravenously teased that nothing short of human blood will appease his anger. You quote a passage from a book of Govinda Das. I shall follow your example by giving you a passage about the God Jahveh from the European writer Edouard Dojardin on the cult of Jahveh.

".....Each of the little Palestinian king-doms has its god. Moab adores Camor; Ammon adores Milkou; Ephraim and Judah adore Jahveh. These deities entirely resemble each other, and all are fed with the fat of the flocks; in exceptionally grave circumstances children are sacrificed to them....."

"One day the kings of Samaria, the capital of Ephraim, and of Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, set out to make war on Moab, king of Moab. What does Moab do? He says to himself that perhaps Jahveh, the protector of Jerusalem and Samaria, is not inaccessible to corruption; and, in solemn sacrifice, he offers up to him his eldest son. Jahveh, won by the sacrifice, grants him the victory; Jerusalem and Samaria are betrayed by their god, and vanquished. So we read, almost in the mid chapter of the second book of Kings." ("The Sources of the Christian Tradition" pp 8 & 7.)

Neither Amman, nor Pidari, nor Varava has been ever guilty of this crime. I shall give you a passage from the Bible and request you to read it as I furnish you to it.

"And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plumb out of the house of Ashub; and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipes a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down."

"And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies."

"Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day." (2 Kings XXI. 11-16) Neither Pidari, nor Varava, nor Amman ever dealt with their worshippers in the manner described above. Jahveh is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob whom your Lord Jesus worshipped!

I need not pursue any further this distressing tale of the exploits of Jahveh. I shall only bring to your notice the description of this God by Theodore Parker, the great Unitarian Christian preacher of America. "Jahveh" says Mr. Parker, "is capricious, revengeful, exceedingly ill-tempered; he has fierce wrath and cruelty; he is angry even with the Hebrews and one day says to Moses 'take all the heads of the people and hang them up before the Lord against the sun.'" The effect of the worship of Jahveh is seen in the history of Christian civilization of Europe. The placing of Jahveh on the vacated throne of Jupiter had been the cause of many miseries in Europe. Students of History will not fail to note that Christianity which is only a transformation of the cult of Jahveh under Hellenic influences has been an obstruction to the social, moral and intellectual progress of Europe. It is the spirit of Jahveh that influenced the cruel transactions of the Christian white races with the native population of Africa, America, Asia and Australia. Herbert Spencer has rightly observed that the European colonists outside the law of blood revenge among savages and massacre a village in retaliation for a single death—a fact which shows that 2000 years of Christian culture has changed the primitive barbarian very little. This vengeance idea is derived directly from the teaching and the example of Jahveh and his son Jesus "The History of 2000 years," says the Rev. G. A. Studdard Kennedy, an orthodox Christian, "that have passed since Jesus rose again is a dark and terrible business. There are no words that could do justice to the awful picture, to the horrors of its everlasting wars, its oppression, persecutions, cruelties, lies; Christ's name has been made a war cry and under the banner of the Cross man have stretched to plague and to burn to murder women and torture children and to trample tenderness and beauty under foot." ("Food for the Fed up," p. 253) Another writer makes the following testimony to the consciousness of Christian civilization.

".....For then ensued age upon age of invasions, massacres, crusades, Bartholomew Days, sacks of cities, thirty-years' wars, Jew bannings, witch burnings, lynchings, tortures, and the like, whereof we cannot even yet be sure that we have seen the end." ("The Cross in the Crucible" by S. Haldar P. 18)

You, Sir, accuse the Hindu masses of polytheism and idolatry. Are the masses of Christian Europe free from idolatry and polytheism? I shall make a Christian writer speak to you on this subject. Dr. L. R. Farnell is the Gifford Lecturer at the University of St. Andrews for the year 1924—25. He shows in his lectures that Christianity is not free from idolatry nor from polytheism.

"Of the higher world religions the only two that have remained consistently non-idolatrous are the Judaic and the Islamic.....The history of Christianity in this matter has been strange and tragic. The early church upheld for a time the Judaic idea; but the spirit of the Hellenic and Mediterranean idol lover triumphed soon over the spirit of Moses and the popular religion of Christendom, except within the shrinking borders of Puritan Protestantism, must today be called idolatrous." (Ibid P. 123)

By the by, you are, Sir, not a Puritan Protestant. I shall speak about Eucaris, Rasi Presence and Reservation, on another occasion if necessary.

The following reference is made by Dr. Farnell to the story of atonement by a blood-sacrifice.

"The ritual of the gift offering to God, either of the fruits of the earth or of the animal life, has not usually survived in Christendom as an orthodox act of worship.....But as we might expect, the feeling that inspired it has not wholly died out among us.....The idea of Vicarious Justice or vengeance is inherited from the savage state of our race, when the morality was tribal, communal or corporate only, when the sense of individual responsibility had not arisen, when the sin of one affected the whole group, when the savage blood-feud was satisfied with the slaying of any member of the offending tribe through the individual slain may have been wholly innocent of the original offence." (Ibid P. 129.)

As regards monotheism of Christianity Dr. Farnell maintains that it is untenable. "Mediterranean polytheism was never permanently overturned and that many of its fibres Continued up.



