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## SANCTITY OF TRADITIONS.

TRADITIONS CONSTITUTE A GREAT national asset of a people. They are the connecting links of the Present with the historic Past and give incentive to noble endeavours and great achievements. A nation which has allowed its traditions to be lost is like a ship cut adrift from its moorings. No nation can achieve greatness until and unless the traditions of the country form the basis of its life and the inspiration of its activities.

We are now living in an age when an alien civilisation is undermining the influence of national traditions and threatening their very existence. They are not recognised in the education of the youth of the country. The teachers themselves are strangers to them. Generation after generation has been allowed to grow up in ignorance of them. Perhaps this is inevitable under a foreign rule Germany conquered Poland. Polish literature and traditions were banished from schools and the children were being Germanised. England has not adopted German methods in her colonial administration, but, nevertheless, the reaction of foreign rule upon a people always tends towards their cultural detriment. Poet Tagore has done a great service to our young men by calling their attention to the sanctity of traditions and to the necessity of preserving them from oblivion.

The traditions are preserved and enshrined in the literature, history and religion of the people. For a long time in the secondary and higher education of the youths their mother-tongue did not find a place. It is only a few years since its value was recognised. The place that is given to it is only secondary. As regards history and religion they are ignored. In some schools positive efforts are made to destroy the religious traditions and to pervert the faith of youths in their religion.

It has been well said by the Poet that the traditions are the priceless treasure of a nation. It is no use glorying about them unless we make earnest efforts to maintain them and guard them from being extinguished by adverse forces. All that is best in a nation, all that is worth preserving, had been built up and promoted under the invigorating and sustaining influences of national government. The inevitable tendency of a rule that is not national is to denationalise the people and to make them forget their traditions.

“தரன் எவ்வழி குடிசும் உவ்வழி”  
(As the ruler, so the people)

It is a very expressive Tamil saying. The Ruler is the source of all power, influence and position which are sought after by the people in general. Very few can resist their bewitching charms. The aspirants for the favours of the ruler have to adapt themselves to his ways and traditions. To such people national ways and traditions so far from helping them to the realisation of their ambition are a stumbling block. It is no wonder that some among us despise them, while others ignore them or affect ignorance of them. How strong is the influence of the Government on the people can be seen from the fact that even popular representatives fall a victim to it. Our greatest men are no exception to it. A movement for the advancement of the country becomes very popular. It soon develops into a great force and power. It has to be fought and won in the Legislative Council notwithstanding Government opposition. The support for it in Council too increases. The Government notes it and bides its time. At the psychological moment for decisive action it signifies its opposition sometimes with a smile and sometimes with a frown. Then the supporters of the movement begin to fight among themselves. The men who have come to bless it remain there only to curse it. The cause is lost. The Government stands by, looks on and chuckles. Need we wonder at this when Government's favour and recognition are regarded by some leaders as the be-all and end-all of existence and when their vision of things is perverted.

Under such withering conditions of public life it is possible to maintain loyalty to the traditions of the country. The noble advice of the Poet can only be realised in this country only when the people are conscious that they are the rulers and not the ruled.

## LOCAL & GENERAL.

**KING'S BIRTHDAY**—The 63rd birthday anniversary of H.M. King George V. fell on Sunday (yesterday), June 3rd. The customary Levee at the Queen's House, Colombo, will be held today (Monday) by His Excellency Sir Herbert Stanley. The usual celebrations will be held throughout the Island today. At the Jaffna Esplanade a sports meet will be held all the schools and colleges in the Peninsula partaking in it. As usual today is a Public and Bank Holiday.

**“PROBLEM OF DEFECTIVES”**—Mr. M. Sabaratnam, B.A., Vice-Principal, Jaffna Hindu College, delivered an interesting lecture on the ‘Problem of Defectives’, under the auspices of the Ceylon Psychological Society, on the 28th ultimo at the Education Office, Jaffna.

**LONDON MATRICULATION EXAMINATION**—The London Matriculation Examination will commence on the 5th instant at the St. Patrick's College, (Jaffna centre). About 189 candidates are to sit for the Examination.

**THE RAMAKRISHNA MISSION (CEYLON BRANCH)**—Notice has been given by Hon. Mr. M. M. Subramaniam who will move in the Legislative Council, a month hence, the first reading of a Bill to incorporate the Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch).

**OFFICIAL**—Mr. B. V. Sethukavalar, Head Clerk, Trincomalee Kachcheri, is to act as Office Assistant to the A. G. A., Trincomalee from May 27 to June 23.

—Mr. S. Subramaniam is to act as Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Point Pedro and Chavakachcheri, from June 1 to 6.

**A NEW J. P.**—Mr. K. Kanagasahai, Crown Proctor, Jaffna, is to be a Justice of the Peace for the District of Jaffna.

**A JAFFNESE SUCCESS IN MALAYA**—The Field and Office staff of the Oriental Government Security Life Assurance Co. Ltd., Kuala Lumpur, entertained Mr. V. V. Thambyayah at a Tea Party on Wednesday evening, the 23rd ultimo at the Great Eastern Hotel, in honour of his being confirmed as the Branch Secretary of the above Life Assurance Co., in Malaya, as from 1st May, 1928. Short congratulatory speeches were made by Messrs. Oppiamany, Sandrampillai and Derrayappah and Dr. Jansz to which the guest suitably responded. In concluding the function which included a group photo, Mr. Sinnathamby thanked all those present on the occasion and the party dispersed with calling three hearty cheers to Mr. Thambyayah by Mr. Oppiamany. —Cor.

**ALLOCATION OF BUILDING GRANTS**—Last Friday's Gazette publishes certain amendments to the Code of Regulations, for Assisted English Schools re the allocation of building grants.

**REGISTRATION OF TRIRUNNELVELY SCHOOLS**—The Tirunelvely East (Mashuthamby) Varanahar Aliah School, which is under the management of the Hon. Mr. S. Rajaraman, General Manager of Schools, Hindu Board of Education, has been registered as a grant in aid school with effect from May 1, 1927.

**JUDICIAL CHANGES**—Mr. W. D. Niles, D.J., Cullow, has been appointed as the Commissioner of R. quessis, Colombo. Mr. M. A. Arulanandan, A. D. J., Jaffna, will succeed Mr. Niles at Cullow and Mr. Arulanandan's place to Jaffna will be filled by Mr. James Joseph, Advocate of the Metropolitan Bar.

**NEW POST MASTER GENERAL**—It is understood that Mr. M. S. Suresh goes on leave from next month preparatory to retirement and that Mr. G. W. J. Prasad, Assistant Post-Master General will act as P. M. G. Mr. H. A. Bruce, who is at present Rubber Controller, will assume duties as P. M. G. from November next when Rubber restriction ceases.

## Result of a Chinese Cracker.

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‘Rabba Villa’, otherwise known as Mudaliyar Veda would have been completely burnt if not for the timely assistance rendered by the neighbours and the Staff and Students of Victoria College, Chulipuram. The fire broke out on Friday the 1st instant at 12 noon when the South West Monsoon was blowing hard. Providentially the major portion of the house was saved and the loss is estimated to be Rs. 1500/. There were no other damages except the completely burnt front portion of the house. The house burnt is the residence of Messrs. O. M. Onellipparam and N. Onagaratham of Chulipuram, Jaffna. —Cor.

[This is a historic building. The late Canagarathna Mudaliyar first opened the school which subsequently developed into Victoria College in its outer verandah and porch. We should be thankful to Sivaparam that it has been saved from the jaws of Agni deva. —Ed. H. O.]

## Prohibition and People's Duty.

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By Mr. C. Narayana Menon, M. A.,

The Hon'ble Mr. Duraiswamy presiding over the Students' Union at Pannagum referred to the re opening of liquor shops and stated that Government was the greatest sinner. While leaving this statement alone, I wish to point out in a general way the duties of the people.

**MATERIAL PROSPERITY & MORAL RESPECT.**

All jackals have the same howl. The Bureaucracy in Ceylon is like its sister in Madras. For two years I was in the Madras Government Secretariat in charge of Excise, and I know well how Government tries to increase and perpetuate the drink evil. The favourite device of our Government is to try prohibition as an experiment in some small areas, and to post special preventive staff obviously to enforce prohibition but really to damn it. I have heard of Excise Officers giving drink to people and then arresting them. Thus a report is cooked up showing an enormous increase of illicit tapping. The Government with its thousand mouths advertises the failure thus gaining its desire and credit for good intentions in the bargain. A similar trick is perhaps being played in this Jaffna. The Government is hiding its time. It waits for the people to huddle. It wants to give the dog a bad name before hanging it. But the people of Jaffna are foolishly conniving at illicit tapping and even walking into the enemies' trap by demanding drink. I appeal to my brethren, Hindu or Catholic or Protestant, to make common cause. To reopen shops is an enormous calamity. Our national existence depends on prohibition. Mahatma himself has shown us that material prosperity and moral respect cannot be attained unless the evil of drink is rooted out. If any doubt this I am prepared to accept the challenge. Meanwhile I emphatically protest against the tactics of those schemers who seek to perusecude ignorant people that they want drink.

Jaffna will fall miserably and shamefully if prohibition fails. And prohibition must necessarily fail if people are lukewarm. Six Excise Officers cannot prevent illicit tapping, transport and sale. People must regard this as their collective responsibility. In my opinion those who connive at drink are great sinners than those who drink. If there is tapping in the next compound, and if I fail to inform the Department, I deserve greater punishment than the drunkard. He has the excuse of habit, I none. The Jaffnenses are slow to learn this. When I was travelling last year, a number of people got into our compartment at Menkulam with their bags. Fearing a surprise they began to distribute the bottles—two to each passenger. They willingly obliged these smugglers. I refused and there was no end to the insult and derision I had to suffer. I told them they were deceiving themselves and strengthening the bonds of slavery. When I suggested informing the authorities they took me for a meddler. But this is not meddling. Drink is a public nuisance, a crime against society and unborn generations. It is only strong public opinion and support that can enable Government to try prohibition: and when such public opinion is created there is no need for prohibition. **THE PERMIT SYSTEM.**

There is nothing more practical and useful than the permit system. After long and careful study of the problem I also came to the same conclusion and outlined it in the Madras Papers. We must thank God that able workers have been found here at least to undertake the task, and that Government has allowed it. With public support we can prevent new people contracting this habit. The difficulty is to persuade those who are slaves to drink to give it up. The following hints will, it is hoped, help earnest persons. All doctors, except those who have been bribed by wine merchants and brewer's associations, are agreed that today is not a food. Labourers smother their appetites and also pains in the muscles by drink. Thus they hide from themselves the warnings of Nature and finally become chronic patients. Underfeeding is not so injurious as consuming fermented foods. At least in Jaffna labourers get enough to eat. The labourers working in Nallipakkam distillery confessed before the Madras Excise Committee that they never felt any desire for drink simply because they had enough to eat. One of the managers told us that labourers who allowed a supply of sugar never taste drink. I appeal to all labourers in Jaffna to eat good food, drink rice water and use plenty of sugar—I mean of the palm-juice. They will soon give up drink. If they can find amusement in singing or staging plays they will be quite safe.

**DRINK CAUSES PREMATURE DEATH.**

Doctors tell us that drink is the symptom rather than the cause of disease. D. N. Strathmore, I. C. S. in his book on Liquor Control says that drink is Nature's method of eliminating undesirable. He quotes many doctors to show that only the physically unfit take to drink. If drink is denied to them they will continue to live and produce healthy children. If they drink they lose soundness and die soon. Hence these doctors recommend drink. My observation generally corroborates this view. Yet I cannot reconcile myself to the policy of allowing our brothers to poison

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## Sanctity of Tradition.

### LIVES OF PURITY AND SACRIFICE.

Under the auspices of the Young Men's Buddhist Association of Colombo, Mr. O. E. Andrews delivered an absorbingly interesting lecture on ‘Gautama, the Lord Buddha,’ on Friday last at the Headquarters of the Association. Dr. F. P. Mahasarakera, presided, and introduced the lecturer. The following is a portion of the report of the lecture as appearing in the ‘Ceylon Daily News’—  
“Mr. Andrews began his discourse with a message from Poet Rabindranath Tagore, who being unable owing to ill-health to fulfil any engagement of a public nature, had wished him to tell the audience how his heart went out to the young men of this Island, and pressed upon him to urge the young men to hold fast to the traditions of the country, and not allow the links with the past to be in anyway broken; he asked them also to think of the great country, India, in which Gautama, the Lord Buddha, was born and lived a life of purity and sacrifice as they were commemorating almost that very day the message of peace and charity and compassion which had been to Ceylon a priceless treasure and a gift that could not be estimated in its value to everyone who had been born in this Island. The Poet's message to them was that they hold fast to the great traditions alluring to them with their heart and soul, for they were the very best thing in life and nothing could ever take their place in what-over they could do in building up a great culture, refinement, intellectual progress and all the best that went to make up human life.”

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themselves for the benefit of society. I believe that drink causes disease just as much as disease causes drink. The text books on medicine tell of terrible diseases caused and aggravated by drink. Wise doctors seldom give liquor even as medicine. The civilized world has entirely given up port wine and brandy for treating women after childbirth. It is a pity that Saivite women should continue to use these pernicious drugs. The incidence of womb troubles among present day ladies (especially from the F.M.S.) is great mainly because of this medicine. It seems to me that diseases must be cured by natural methods such as dieting, water-treatment, exercises etc. Then the desire for drink will cease. Dr. Kubne tells of patients who lost all desire for drink after taking his treatment.

**RELIGIOUS TURN WILL SAVE A DRUNKARD.**

Mental diseases cause much of the drinking in Jaffna. It has been fully established that crime, insanity and drink are allied. All criminals are drunkards, and all drunkards are becoming criminals if they are not already so. With profound insight Shakespeare shows Lady Macbeth drunk just before Duncan's murder. Drink makes the moral faculty dull and finally kills it. A criminal after his first murder or theft becomes a drunkard. He wants to forget himself. In a lesser degree, the modern hankering for excitement—cinema thrills, vulgar songs opera dancing—results in the waste of nervous energy. We give up water for the sake of tea. Then tea becomes tana. Toddy, wine, whisky and brandy are further steps to the final break-down. This is most often found in those who fall in life. The world is full of many a Jude the Obscure who takes to drink as a last recourse. Not disappointed ambition only, but success also causes drink. I know of many high officers in the I. O. S. who drink. I have come to the general conclusion that drink is the result of repressed religious instincts. Harold Bagbin in his Life Changers records how people suddenly lose all desire for drink after religious upheavals. I know that thousands left off drink and even began to loathe it when Non Cooperation began. If a person drinks, let him go to temple and pray every day. He will easily conquer the habit. Or let him find a new interest.

Sometimes, by merely observing my mind, the desire for intoxicants will die. I shall coincide with an instance from my own life. When, after various disappointments, I accepted a post in the Secretariat, I fell a victim to tea. I used to return from office at 9 in the night and drink cups after cups. They did not cheer me in spite of Cowper's poem. When I had disagreeable flies dealing with punishments I used to drink more. I am afraid that the dismissal or suspension of many a poor man was due to my tea. I tried in vain to escape. I knew that it was poison. At last, one day, it dawned upon me that I was trying to escape my own thoughts. I faced to thoughts boldly. My mind felt like a child under observation. Soon I gave up tea. I have since then come down one more step in the ladder of life, yet I do not feel any desire for tea or tobacco at all. If each drunkard will analyse his own mind, he too can escape.

**FINED FOR ATTENDING OFFICE WITHOUT SHAVING.**

An interesting suit has been filed by an employee of the Karachi Imperial Bank claiming one rupee deducted from his salary for attending the office without shaving.

**ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE.**—The

Nabru Committee appointed by the All Parties Conference on Saturday last will meet at Allahabad on the 6th of June. The All Parties Conference concluded its sittings. The Committee to draft the constitution was formed with Pandit Madlal as Chairman.







