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## First Indian Governor - General

H. E. Sri C. Rajagopalachari

### SIDE LIGHTS IN A COLOURFUL PERSONALITY

IN the investiture at Delhi, of the first Indian Governor-General of Free India, Indians have paid H. E. Sri C. Rajagopalachari the highest honour they can possibly give to any compatriot.

The honour is rendered, all the greater by the unanimity of approval with which the appointment has been proclaimed all over India. Not one voice of dissent has been heard either in the Press or from the public; nor any suggestion anywhere, that there could have been a better choice.

This is a very lofty honour—an implicit tribute of praise to the character and the personality of one of our most remarkable elder statesmen.

#### Nearest The Mahatma

Rajaji, to give him the name by which he is affectionately and most widely known, has frequently been spoken of, as "the nearest approach to Mahatma Gandhi." It can be said, that, just as Pandit Nehru is the political heir of the sainted Mahatma, so Sri Rajaji is his cultural, if not his spiritual heir.

There is considerable truth in it. The very physiognomy and the look of the face suggest it; the simplicity, almost austerity, of his dress and habits, proclaim the kinship: the ideals of non-attachment and non-possession still rigidly held by the (now) highest paid officer of the State, bespeak the new light that the Mahatma spread, though, unfortunately not all his followers follow the light: his attitude towards political opponents, (of whom he has had many) and even of political assailants (of whom there have been quite a few) follows the highest standard of the revered Mahatma.

#### Ceylon A Member Of The World Health Organisation

News has been received that Ceylon has been elected a member of the World Health Organisation, which is now in session at Geneva.

This was communicated to Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, Minister of Health and Local Government, by Dr. S. F. Chellappan, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, who represented Ceylon.

The conference, it is gathered, discussed the question of establishing a regional organisation in the East to promote the work of health activities in India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Nepal, Burma, Netherlands East Indies, Malaya, China and Singapore.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, India's Health Minister and Leader of the Indian Delegation, was elected Vice-President of the Assembly.



When a Hindu Mahasabha fanatic assailed him brutally, at Simla, and Rajaji had to be removed to hospital, he remarked with almost grim irony, "He has been my best friend; he thought I would cut short this life of suffering."

He has had to face bitter opposition many a time, very early on Harijan uplift, again on the temperance movement, then in the anti-Hindi agitation, on the Sales tax question, on the Pakistan formula and on the 'Quit India' question. On every issue, he has stood firm and undaunted in the position he took up. He has countered opposition but never hit back personally, and never at all with the slings and arrows of personal venom, with which political controversy is too often disfigured.

Verily and truly his the man who walked with the Mahatma for thirty years, caught his gait and his peace, and justified his creed.

#### Stones For Prophets

Twentyeight years back from today, (May 1920) in a small provincial town on the West Coast, I remember the first public meeting of his, that I attended. He had hardly addressed his audience for about five minutes on an unexceptionable theme—the theme of national freedom—when brick bats and Soda-water bottles and wooden missiles flew at him.

I remember the look on his face—a look of pained amazement and wonder, of a sensitive intellectual, puzzled to find a cause for this sudden outburst. There was no trace of fear, no word of bitterness, either before or after, he was safely escorted away from the Pandemonium that raged—a Pandemonium that led to one of the most unusual communal riots—a Hindu-Christian riot! He guessed that the whole thing was a hired demonstration; and I now feel, he was right.

Many years later, he was addressing a public meeting on the Madras beach. Those were the days of the Anti-Hindi agitation. A well-aimed stone hit him full on the cheek-bone. He paused in his speech, pressed his hand on his face, and the next minute remarked brightly, "If every one of us had as such an aim in life, as my friend over there, we would have attained Swaraj long ago"—a witticism that was received with spontaneous applause and laughter.

On another occasion, I have heard, he was pelted with an

amalgam of coal-tar and rotten eggs; he coolly swished off the strange face-cream, and proceeded with his speech, as if nothing had happened.

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#### Liht Without Heat

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#### Thorns and Flowers

Opposition, even hostility, is the price that one pays, for the luxury of individuality, or independence,

in thought, word and deed. The man who never does anything, can never commit a mistake. The man who rows with the current is assured of smooth sailing. But the man who breaks new ground turns Earth's smoothness rough, for productive purposes, albeit will himself get, cut, and bruised. Of the glory and the anguish of the independent pioneer, Rajaji has had his full measure.

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#### Life and Rajaji

He has brought to bear upon life, his independent intelligence, his scholarship, his philosophy, and his highly sensitive mind. Life in turn, has reacted on him, to a lesser extent, by making him shrewd; astute, cautious, and to some extent, guarded, if not suspicious.

When he looks into your eyes, you are aware of being face to face with him.

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## Education Day In Jaffna

(BY C. S. PONNUTHURAI  
General Secretary N.P.T.A.)

WEDNESDAY, July 14, is being observed as Education Day throughout the Island and we give elsewhere the programme for Jaffna. This programme has been drawn up by the Northern Province Teachers' Association and the North Ceylon Tamil Teachers' Association in collaboration with the Education Officer, Northern Province. In the past this day was called the Teachers Day and efforts were made to bring to the consciousness of the public the various problems confronting the teacher so that the public may actively interest themselves in these problems and so in the future of the education of their children. We are now happy to note that the All Ceylon Union of Teachers has changed the scope of the day to Education in its entirety.

The programme for Jaffna falls into two main groups—the Conference and a demonstration of student activities. The Exhibition, the Oratorical Contest, the Physical Display and the Concert are all an attempt to give to the public an idea of the

activities in the various schools. The question that immediately suggests itself in the minds of many would be, are not all our schools, at some time or other during the year giving a demonstration of these activities in connection with some function connected with the school? If that be so why expend so much energy on a united effort?

The answer to this question is not only an apology for the activities of the day, but at the same time the philosophy behind the future of Education in Jaffna. Education which has become "Free" must ipso facto also be cooperative, to be of value to the citizen. The present trend in Education and the process of "levelling up" is the natural outcome of the aloof attitude of some of our schools in the past.

The march of time found some schools in the forefront, better organised, better equipped and better staffed while others struggled, destined, so to speak, to be the producers of "the hewers of wood and drawers of water." The gap widened and the better schools began adopting a superior attitude maintaining an aloofness which seemed to claim for each a uniqueness that saw no purpose in mingling in the common pool of education.

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## Dr. Malan's Party Won by 'Foul Means'

Says Smuts

Field-Marshal Jan Smuts, former Premier who was defeated in the recent South African elections, said the elections were won by his opponents using "foul means".

Addressing his first political meeting since the Nationalist gained their victory over Marshal Smuts' United Party, he said no honour could fall on any party which won an election by such falsehoods as they had practised.

He had relied upon fair play but the lesson was now learned and the next time "may be not far off"—the United Party would retrieve lost ground.

Referring to his personal defeat at Standerton, Marshal Smuts said he was a casualty but he was not "down and out." He stood today not as a defeated man but as a proud man.

He would return to Parliament as Leader of the Opposition with the knowledge that he and his party—not Dr. Daniel Malan, the new Premier and the Nationalists—spoke for South Africa.

#### PERSONAL

Mrs. Maheswari Mahadeva has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Tamil at the Ceylon University. She is the wife of Mr. Nataraja Mahadeva, Assistant Commissioner of Labour. Mrs. Maheswari Mahadeva is a past pupil of Ramanathan College from which she entered the University on a scholarship and obtained a first class honours degree in Tamil. She was nominated by London University Senate to the Ceylon University for the Government Scholarship for Oriental Languages in 1941.

#### Govt Training College, Colombo

##### Tamil Manram

On the 6th instant Pandit S. Kanapathipillai delivered a lecture on 'Tamil' at the Govt. Training College, Colombo, under the auspices of the 'Tamil Manram' of the College. Pandit K. P. Ratnam, Lecturer in Tamil of the College introducing the speaker to the audience said that there were two groups of Tamil scholars in Ceylon—One group studied Tamil after passing the Matric or Intermediate Examination for the sake of gathering good posts in the Government and in University—The other group studied Tamil from their childhood under eminent Tamil scholars. Pandit Kanapathipillai belonged to the latter group.

His profound scholarship in Tamil and his popularity and eminence in the field of learning and his masterly delivery of speeches were due to the interest he had in the study of Tamil and the inspiration he got from his Guru Kumaraswamyppulavar.

## Universal Prayer

Om Sadguru Paramatmane Namah

THOU art Self-luminous Thou art without parts, without actions, without limbs, without any taint or fault, without birth and death. Thou art our Father, Mother, Brother, Friend, relative, Guru and sole Refuge. Thou art the embodiment of Peace, Bliss, Knowledge, Power, Strength and Beauty.

O All-merciful Lord! Through Thy Grace, may I realise Truth. May I always entertain sublime thoughts. May I serve humanity with Atma Bhava. May I be free from greed, lust, egoism, jealousy, hatred. May I behold the one sweet immortal Self in all beings. May I realise Brahman with pure understanding.

## Congress President To Visit Tamil Nad

Tour Likely In September

The Congress President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, will be visiting Tamil Nad in September. Mr. Kamaraj Nadar, President of the Tamil Nad Congress Committee and Dr. P. Subbarayan, who went to Delhi to invite the Congress to hold its session in South India, met Dr. Rajendra Prasad. As the Working Committee had decided to hold the session in Jaipur, the Congress President regretted that it was not possible to



alter the venue this year. He, however, agreed to visit Tamil Nad during September.

Mr. Nadar and Dr. Subbarayan called on the Governor-General, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari.

## Select Spiritual Gems

(By Sri Swami Sivananda Saraswati Rikhiresh)

What is the object of Seva or Service? Why do you serve poor people and suffering humanity at large? Why do you serve the society and the country? By doing service you will purify your heart, Egoism, hatred, jealousy, idea of superiority will vanish. Humility, pure love, sympathy, tolerance and mercy will be developed. Sense of separateness will be annihilated. Selfishness will be eradicated. You will get a broad outlook of life. You will begin to feel oneness or unity of life. You will develop a broad heart with broad generous views. Eventually you will get knowledge of the Self. You will realise "One in all" and "All in one." You will feel unbounded joy. Society is nothing but a collection of units or individuals. World is nothing but manifestation of God. Service of humanity and country is service of God only. Service is worship. One should work with bhava. Then only he can have quick realisation and purification of heart.

Sense of separateness is a great fetter. Kill this sense of separateness by Brahma Bhavana or developing adwaitic unity or consciousness and selfless service. The sense of separateness is an illusion created by ignorance or Maya.

Develop eager enthusiasm for selfless, disinterested service. Have a wide generous, large hearted tolerance. Be kind to all. Love all. Serve all. Serve the Lord in all.

Just as a mother loves her only son immensely when he has died, so also you will have to develop boundless love for all beings. This is the highest qualification for an aspirant. The astral body of one who has this boundless love will shine with fine brilliant, lustrous colour. There will be a glow of ineffable splendour.

He who ignores his own pleasures and comforts and tries to help and always thinks how he can help and serve others is really an advanced student in the path of spirituality. He has got the master-key to open the realm of spiritual bliss. You must think quickly and act promptly with accuracy and consideration when an emergency arises. You must not be rash and impetuous. You must be cool and collected. Many aspirants want to do some nice work, some writing, collection of flowers for pooja, arranging books in the library, some typewriting, some kind of supervision and management etc. They dislike works such as drawing of water, cleaning utensils, washing clothes, sweeping, nursing the sick patients, cooking, cleaning bed-pan etc. They consider these are all menial services. They have not understood the real spirit of Karma Yoga and Vedanta. They are yet babies. They need religious discipline and service. I will put these baby-aspirants in carrying the motion buckets of sick patients for one year and cleaning the plates for one year and sweeping the room and washing the clothes of sick people for another year. Then only they will be ready for the competition.

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### BUS TRANSPORT

THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND WORKS, Sir John Kotalawala, has submitted to the Cabinet a memorandum outlining certain reforms regarding Omnibus Companies. On his last visit to England he studied the question of nationalisation of transport systems in that country. The Minister does not favour the immediate nationalisation of bus companies because it is neither practicable nor feasible and it will be uneconomical to nationalise an industry before it is developed to its fullest capacity. He has explained that nationalisation will mean that Government will have to take over, over 1,200 buses each of which cost the companies between Rs. 14,000, and Rs. 20,000 and a few double deckers which cost Rs. 67,000 each; thus the cost of buying over the buses from the companies will be roughly Rs. 15,000,000 without paying anything for the good will of the business; the State will also lose income tax, profits tax, and the duty on petrol which the bus companies now pay. He therefore suggests in his memorandum that private owned bus companies should be converted into public companies in which no single individual should be permitted to own more than 1/50 of the total number of shares and provision should be made for the bus workers receiving five to seven and a half per cent of the net profit in addition to their wages; among other suggestions contained in the memorandum are provisions enabling a Government Director to be on the Board of Directors of each company whether the Government owns shares or not and entitling the Government to have the right to acquire shares at any time at market value.

Before the railway was opened to the North, passenger transport was on the hands of mail contractors. The late Asaippillai Vanniar was the greatest pioneer who carried mails and passengers by horse drawn carriages from Jaffna to Kandy and other places in the South. He also maintained a service for the transport of passengers and mail between Jaffna and Point Pedro. Mr. Asaippillai's sons were the first to introduce in the second decade of the present century Motor Omnibus transport for mails and passengers in the North. The services of the Asaippillais is now past history. It was only in the third decade of the 20th century that men from Koralgama and other parts of Jaffna mortgaged or sold their valuable lands and purchased motor-cars which plied between Jaffna and Koralgama, and Jaffna and Pt. Pedro, carrying persons for hire; these motor cars in course of years were replaced by motor Omnibuses owned absolutely by certain individuals. Touting for passengers, clashes between bus owners were the rule of the day and the Nelson plan was formulated during the last world war with the intention of putting an end to unhealthy rivalry among bus owners and bettering conditions of transport for the

public. After the introduction of the Nelson plan, bus owners in different parts of Ceylon formed themselves into different companies which alone were granted route licences in the nature of monopolies. Strikes became common and great is the inconvenience and hardship caused to the travelling public. Sir John Kotalawala's plans are intended to ameliorate conditions of passenger transport.

The major transport system in the island is the Ceylon Government Railway. Except during the war years the loss to Government on account of the Railway was not little; in recent years the deficit on the railway is threatening to become colossal. The experiments made by Government in acquiring fully developed estates like Kenne were another example illustrating what losses may be anticipated from Government undertakings. Sir John is therefore right in thinking that the time is not opportune at present for the nationalisation of bus transport. With power passing into the hands of the proletariat nationalisation has to be envisaged; the provision enabling Government to buy shares at market value is good. In India the Government has provided for workers in all industries getting a share of the profits. The efficiency of any service always depends on the contentment of those who man the service. The workers' tendency to strike should be remedied and the only way to prevent strikes is to give the workers a share of the profits.

The days of private owned bus companies are numbered. Those who profit under the Nelson Scheme are a few persons who by accident or otherwise happened to be the owners of buses at the time the scheme was introduced. During the war years share holders of bus companies earned abnormally high profits. The days of big profits have gone. It is time Government implements the minister's plan without delay.

### A MINISTER'S THREAT

A severe warning that Government would no longer tolerate Curilla warfare by members of the public service was addressed by Mr. J. R. Jayawardana to a meeting of the Government Temporary Clerical Service Association. The Public Service League at the time of the second reading of the Trade Union (Amendment) Bill reminded Mr. Jayawardana of his election pledges, to Government clerks. The attainment of Cabinet Rank should not make one unmindful of one's pledges if any. Democracy is Government by the people, for the people, for the people. Ministers have been installed in office by the people. The days when Kings claimed divine right to rule over their people are gone for good and it will not be proper for Ministers or any Government to pretend to such rights. Any Government which is intent on remaining in office for any appreciable length of time must fortify itself by winning the confidence of all sections of the people. The greatest good of the greatest number should be the guiding principle of Ministers, public servants, and other sections or groups of people. Fascist and totalitarian methods should be always avoided. Magnanimity lies in feeling for one's inferiors and no head

## ONE THING AND ANOTHER

BY YALPADI

DO you wish to be healthy and wealthy? Then be wise and eat red sugar and economise. In various parts of the Island red sugar is on supply now but the people seem to fight shy of it. Communism is in the air and anything red must frighten. White sugar has gone underground for the paradoxically human reason that people want what is scarce. Food Commissioner Alvappillai will not let things there or thus. He pretches to the people that red sugar is more nutritious and economical. He advises Ceylon householders to use red sugar and curtail expense. So they said when rice was in short supply and wheat and corn flour had to be eaten. But why think the public are fools to be fooled by this kind of health-and-appeal nonsense? Why not tell the blunt truth that only red sugar has come and the white had been cornered?

If Government becomes economy minded and sacrosanct and frugal and philosophical there are quite a hundred and one ways in Government's methods that can receive immediate attention. Less officers, for instance, and what a big slice of the budget!

Speaking about wise and useful living, a Alvappillai, ask any householder anywhere in the Island to be told that living is now sky high, I mean cost. Colombo, they say, is easier to live in than almost any other provincial town, while Jaffna ranks very high in the cost of living. Cooly hire, wages of servants, wherever they can, be got, transport, tips and such are abnormally high, though prices of essential commodities whose rise first caused wages to shoot up, are now certainly down. Everybody complains living is dearer and dearer but everybody goes on paying through the nose. Some aver that the high cost of living is an index of the high standard of living. Really, have we a high standard of living, or is it high living and simple thinking?

The Air-Ceylon and Air India planes hum over our heads daily back and forth between India and this Island, making it appear that things are moving fast in this era. But you cannot post a letter in Jaffna for Air transit to India and expect it to reach there as quickly as you may hope. Jaffna will send your letter by train to Colombo, and Colombo may send it by Air mail. The Aeroplane leaves Colombo for India at 7 a.m. but does the Jaffna train reach Colombo in time to catch the plane? This requires some looking into!

That Jaffna should be an airport and still have no facility

of any department can hope to succeed who alienates the sympathy and loses the co-operation of persons working under him. Greatness is achieved and can be maintained only by lovable and humanitarian methods, and not by violence or threats. That the Public Servants will not be intimidated by the thunder of the Finance Minister is the reply which the Minister's warning has solicited from the G.C.S. U. It is to be hoped that the Prime Minister will be able to prevent his colleagues in the Cabinet from making public utterances which provoke nothing but hatred and that the Prime Minister will be able to carry on the Government for the greatest good of the greatest number by lovable methods.

for sending mail by air is paradoxical, but it is a fact. I know the mail-carrying contract went to the India service between Colombo and Madras, and Air-Ceylon touching at Jaffna has to negotiate for getting the Air-mail carrying contract. But should it not be done as quick as Air?

Why speak of quick-air mail service, when our postal service is slow-as-molasses? Jaffna has one delivery of mails, and on Sundays we are without it. By a peculiar system of doing less work for more pay that is the craze of the day, our Post Offices don't close mails on Saturdays, keeping them for Sunday, evidently thinking that mails despatched on Saturday and reaching places on Sunday will have, any way, to rest there. So, why not at the starting place? Thus if you post a letter on Saturday for say Madras in South India, it reaches there only on Tuesday. Time flies, but who cares in our Post office?

Now, let us have a laugh at ourselves, prater permitting. In one of my last week's paragraphs I referred to Malaya murder mania, but it came out as "Malaya under mianim". There are many Jaffna Marias in Malaya, and I am hoping they will laugh with us too.

We are all subject to the pranks of the Printer's Devil. Once upon a time I wrote in a bantering manner about WINE-BIBBERS. With great perspicacity the P.D. made it URINE-BIBBERS, and it went alright too. Of course those were temperance days in Jaffna. Now under tree tavern conditions, well, let's leave it at that.

Here's something more to sustain the laugh. A first Form boy reading his "Easy Grammar and Composition," correct these sentences exercise found so many printer's mistakes that he said to his tutor, "It must be the Hindu Organ Press, that made this book." Joke ends here.

### In the Law Courts

#### False Personations

A number of people were found guilty of having committed the offence of personation during the last Parliamentary elections in the peninsula Mr. R. R. Selvadurai District Judge Jaffna tried the cases. Mr. T. Muttusamipillai, Crown Advocate Jaffna conducted the prosecution.

Ambalam Nagarajah was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine Rs. 300 on his proctor Mr. S. Nadarajah pointing out that he (Nagarajah) was nineteen years of age and pleading in mitigation of Sentence.

Chellappa Veeravagu was sentenced to fine of Rs. 500.

Murugesu Arumugam was sentenced to a term of 3 months R. I.

Kanapathy Sarmugam was sentenced to pay a fine Rs. 300.

Sithambaram Alvan was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 500. He was defended by Mr. A. Sambandan instructed by Messrs C. C. Somasegaram and E. Kannuthurai.

T. Rathanayagam a bus conductor of the N. O. B. Company was acquitted and discharged. He was defended by Mr. A. Sambandan instructed by Mr. S. C. Cathiravelu.

## SILVER JUBILEE

Palar-Gnanothaya Sangam-Myldiddy South

The Sangam celebrates its Silver Jubilee on the 17th and 18th July 1948. This Sangam has been working for the rural welfare of the Kadduvan and Myldiddy-South-Varuthalavelan Kirama-Vidhana areas in Kanakanthurai electorate about 9 miles from Jaffna Town. Hon'ble Mr. C. Suntharalingam Minister for Trade and Commerce, Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam, C. M. P., Mr. S. Thondaman M. P., Mahavidevan Piramasari S. Kanakasir, Mr. M. Gnanaprasanna B. A. B. Sc., Pandit S. Kanapathippillai, Vidvan K. K. Nadarajah B. C. L. and Vidvan Ghandi Bahawathar (Madras) are some of the prominent men who have consented to partake in the celebrations and address on this occasion. Singing competition among school children, Dance, and musical entertainments are some of the other items of the programme. Various resolutions concerning the rural development of the above areas also will be discussed at the meetings.

## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN HINDU SCHOOLS

(BY M. MYLVAGANAM)

Secretary, Saiva Paripalana Sabai Jaffna

All those interested in the welfare of the Hindu religion should think seriously of the reference made by the Principal of the Mahajana College, Tellipalai regarding religious instruction in the Hindu schools in his report read on the Founders' Day on 24-3-48 at a meeting presided over by Mr. S. Nadesan, the Manager of the College. He says in his report that it is deplorable to note that the Hindu religion is not seriously taught even in schools with a Hindu label. Most of the Hindu schools, forgetting the real aim of education, pay their utmost attention to preparing boys for examinations. Religion in these schools is given an insignificant place in the school curriculum, because the teachers and the pupils think that it would not help them to pass examinations. They have failed to realise the truth expressed by St. Thiruvalluvar in his Thirukkural: "அறிவு மூலம் சான்றோர் வாழ்வாச, மற்றவர்களுக்கென்றே அறிவு இல்லை" (Knowledge is the basis of the life of the wise, and for the others knowledge is only for show).

"Of what use is education to one if one does not learn to worship the holy feet of the Omniscent God." Truly, the first place must be given to religious instruction in our schools and taught in the right spirit, if they are going to be of any use to our society.

The little religious knowledge imparted to the pupils in our Hindu Schools is merely theoretical, the practical aspect of which is sadly neglected. There are four religious paths of salvation enjoined in our religion for its aspirants. They are Chariy, Kiriy, Yoga and Gnana. The first path, Chariy, is suitable for the school children as it consists of serving God with the body, the tongue and the mind. Those who follow this path should receive initiation (சாஸ்திரம்) and carry on with their body such practices as cleaning the temple premises, cultivating flower plants, gathering flowers for poojas, etc., with the tongue they should repeatedly repeat the holy mantram, the Panchakshari, the mystic five letters,

சுருதிக்கு உத்தமம் கருவியாகக் குறிப்பிட்டு வழங்கிவரும் சாஸ்திரம் அது அருமை நமசிவாய நமசிவாய

The chanting of the Panchakshari, the holiest of all mantras leads one towards God. With the mind they should contemplate on children. The mind of school children is so subtle and powerless to contemplate on God as 'nirguna'

## Saiva Maha Sabha BOOK REVIEW

Kurunegala

What You Should Know About Your Child

The Eighteenth Anniversary of the Kurunegala Saiva Maha Sabha was celebrated in the Sabha Hall on the 27th ultimo with the President Mr. T. Sinniah in the chair.

The following office-bearers were unanimously elected for the current year: Patron: Mr. P. Tambiraja; President: Mr. T. Sinniah; Vice President: Messrs T. Sivasubramanian and S. Ambalavaner; Honorary Secretary: T. Bhagavadas; Asst. Secretary: P. Selvadurai; Honorary Treasurer: P. Chinnathambi; Asst. Treasurer: S. Iyengarajah; Auditors: Messrs: E. A. Kandiah and V. A. Alvappillai; Librarian: S. Vignarajah; Committee of Management: Messrs S. Manickarajah, V. M. Raniyah, S. Sambanthan, K. Visuvaniam, K. Gnanasabai, V. Alvappillai, K. Muthuliahambiy, P. Amarasingham and V. Sockalingam.

Very instructive lectures were delivered by Pandit K. Kandappa on "This is the Opportunity Moment" and by Pandit V. T. Sambandhan Editor Ithasathanam on "Temple worship".

By Dr. Maria Montessori, Interpreted and Edited by A. Gnanaprasanna in B. A. Adlocata. Member, British Psychological Society. Publisher: F. P. O. Loc 434 Colombo in four parts. Part I, already published; other parts will be published shortly. Price Rs. 21 per part.

Dr. Maria Montessori is undoubtedly the most outstanding figure in Educational History. To her is due the Montessori system, which has become popular in all parts of the globe. Parents and teachers owe a deep debt of gratitude to her for having originated it. Mr. A. Gnanaprasanna has interpreted and edited, 'What you ought to know about your child', by Dr. Montessori. Part I of the book has already been published and it is expected that the other parts will be published shortly. To interpret the Montessori system is no easy task. Mr. Gnanaprasanna who was himself a Trained Teacher, before he graduated, specialised in Psychology and Education, and became a lecturer at the Training College, deserves the thanks of parents and teachers, for correctly interpreting Madame Montessori and editing the book. Though he has taken to law his interest in psychology and education has in no way diminished. The book is written in a language which suits the theme. In 1894, Dr. Montessori distinguished herself by securing an honourable double degree as Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Surgery. In 1906, she became interested in Education and set up Schools which were called Houses of Children and which became true Educational Laboratories. In 1912, her historical volume called 'The Montessori System' was published and was translated and read in most countries of the world. In 1913 she gave her first International course of lectures and in 1917, 'The Advanced Montessori Method' by Dr. Montessori, was published.

The Montessori System has caused a great revolution in the educational history of the world. The child is the father of the man; he is the builder of Peace and of war in the world; his education cannot be neglected. Every parent and teacher who has not yet read 'The Montessori System', should lose no time in reading 'What you ought to know about your child'. Mr. Gnanaprasanna has faithfully and correctly interpreted Madame Montessori. It is a book which every parent and teacher should not only own and possess, but also read and be guided by.

### Road-rail service for Kataragama pilgrims

For the convenience of Kataragama pilgrims a co-ordinated railway road passenger service will be established between Matara and Tissamaharama. A railway will book passengers and luggage at Tissamaharama.

The fare for the road journey between Matara and Tissamaharama has been increased from Rs. 2.10 to Rs. 2.50 for adults, and from Rs. 1.05 to Rs. 1.25 for children.



## Kokuvil Hindu College

### Old Students' Association

The Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Kokuvil Hindu College Old Students' Association (Colombo Branch) was held on Sunday, 27th June 1948, at the Saiva Mangayar Kalagani Hall, Wellawatte, followed by a Social and a Public Meeting. Mr. V. Nagalingham B. A. (Hon) Principal of the College, who presided expressed his deep disappointment and concern on the recent announcement of the Minister of Education giving time till 1950 for schools which had not already joined the Free Education Scheme. He complained of the very meagre equipment grant given to the schools which had readily joined the Free Education Scheme and added that the present policy of the Government was strangling these institutions which had welcomed Free Education as a measure for the greater welfare of the country.

Mrs. Motwani, Principal of Museums College, Colombo, in the course of a very thought-provoking address said that in her opinion the present system of education we have is mass education and not what is really wanted, viz. education of the masses. She attributed the present very high cost of free education to a multiplicity of schools established haphazard without any regional planning. This leads to waste of available material and has tended to bring about a state of affairs wherein everyone including Government members to think that Free Education is a white elephant.

As a remedy to this state of affairs and with a view to economy and the proper direction of the talent of the nation's youth she suggested State Education as contrasted with Free Education. Schools should be planned and established on a regional basis according to the needs and numbers of the school-going population. This, if achieved, will be a remedy for the present dearth of trained teaching staff. This will also do away with denominational schools which in their multiplicity and emphasis on religious differences and communal interests in the minds of the tender youth are detrimental to the development of citizenship of the future Lanka. She also deplored the present system of compartmentalising education in separate Sinhalese, Tamil and English classes for the young. This system, though perhaps introduced with the best of the motives, has in actual practice been found to be detrimental to the interests of a growing free nation. She further suggested that the State and politicians should get together and decide once and for all what the State language is going to be and carry on all education in that language.

Senator C. Coomaraswamy who followed dealt with the origin and development of the schools under the Board of Directors of the Jaffna Hindu College and affiliated schools and the difficulties encountered in the course of their sure but slow growth.

Mr. P. Srisankaranarayanan after congratulating the Principal and the students on the excellent progress shown by them and on athletic achievements during the past year exhorted the old boys to develop courtesy and regard for elders in their dealings and in general life. He also deplored the present tendency of modern Jaffna youth to ape the foreigners in their expensive habits and advised them to go back to the standard of a decade or two back when the people of Jaffna were known as the Sects-men of Ceylon as a result of their thrift, industry and frugal living.

The meeting came to a close with a vote of thanks by Mr. V. Suppiah one of the Vice-Presidents.

## RAMAKRISHNA MISSION

### (Ceylon Branch)

THE Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Ramakrishna Mission, Ceylon Branch, took place recently at its Ceylon Branch Headquarters, at 44th Lane, Wellawatte, Colombo with Swami Siddhatmanandaji in the chair.

A Board of Management was elected for a period of three years with forty members including the following office bearers:

President: Swami Viceswarananda; Vice-President: Swami Siddhatmananda; General Manager of Schools: Swami Natarajananda; Secretary: Dr. G. Wignaraja; Treasurer: Mr. R. Murugapillai.

A report of the activities during the year ending 30th June 1948 is given below:

### Colombo Centre

**Religious Activities:** The usual daily worship at the shrine room, occasional religious discourses, weekly classes on devotional songs, the celebrations of the Birthdays of Sri Sarada Devi, Swami Vivekananda, Sri Ramakrishna and the festivals of Maha Shivaratri, Wesak Day, Sri Krishna Jayanti, Navaratri, Dipavali etc., had been some of the regular features of the Ashrama activities. Interviews were granted to earnest aspirants and instructions and facilities were given to them for performing spiritual practices.

**Preaching Activities:** Swami Siddhatmanandaji delivered lectures on religious and cultural subjects under the auspices of the following institutions: Buddhist Brotherhood (University of Ceylon), Y. M. B. A. (Dehiwala), Vivekananda Society (Colombo), All Ceylon Christian Theological Conference (Lanana), Y. W. C. A. Religious Branches (Colombo), St. Luke's Church (Borella), and a few Social Welfare organisations at Maradana and other places.

**Lectures and Music Recitals at the Mission Hall:** Several lectures on religious and cultural subjects were delivered by V. V. Giri Esq. the High Commissioner for India in Ceylon, Sri Dilipkumar Roy of Sri Aurobindo Ashrama, Pondicherry, Swami Asheshanandaji, who stopped at Colombo on his way to New York to join the Ramakrishna Mission, Vedanta Centre there, Mr. T. P. Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai, Professor of Tamil, University of Madras, and Swami Avyaktanandaji, Head of the Ramakrishna Mission Vedanta Centre, London. Recitals of devotional music were rendered by Sri Dilipkumar Roy, Swami Chinnayyanandaji, Sadhu Sri Murugadas, the Thirupukal Students of Wellawatte and Professor V. V. Waziyar of Shantivanam.

**Flood Relief Work:** The Ramakrishna Mission in cooperation with Vivekananda Society, Colombo and the Government Agent Western Province conducted Flood Relief Work from a relief centre at Maradana and at Kelaniya, Peliyagoda and Hanwella area. The Mission and Society workers distributed cooked food, old and new cloths, candles, leaves and conducted inspection of thirteen villages in Hanwella area and submitted reports to the Government Agent mentioning the names and condition of the afflicted people requiring urgent help. This work was conducted from the end of August 1947 to the end of January 1948. The Mission and Society workers paid frequent visits to the relief area for inspection and distribution of necessary materials.

**Distinguished Visitors:** Sri Dilipkumar Roy of Sri Aurobindo Ashrama, Pondicherry, the famous Indian poet, mystic and musician, came here in September 1947 and stayed at the Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama for about three weeks. He gave lectures and music recitals at the Mission, Vivekananda Society, Y. M. B. A., Y. M. C. A. and other places. He gave two recitals from the Broadcasting Station. His lectures and music recital were very much appreciated.

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### Our Astrological Feature

## WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 11TH JULY TO 17TH JULY 1948

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

A somewhat difficult week financially. There will be petty official troubles. You may be even made a scape goat. Have your temper under control or you will find yourself involved in serious troubles. Health must be given particular care on Friday and Saturday. Don't start anything new on these days.

**TAURUS** *Karkai 2, 3, 4, Rohini, Mithunashirsha 1, 2—[Idapa Rasi]*

A favourable week for new undertakings. If unmarried a good week for romance. Financial gains, ruin to enemies and mental harmony indicated. This is a profitable week for dealing with officials and a fairly good week for speculations.

**GEMINI** *Mithunashirsha 3, 4, Thiruvathirai, Panarasam 1, 2, 3—[Mithuna Rasi]*

Although there may be some helps from elders in the family constant rupture in the household indicated. Health a new given particular care. New undertakings will not bring forth the desired results and there will be constant official troubles. Avoid tussle with friends and immediate bosses in office.

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

A favourable week financially, easy to complete ventures started last week. You will develop social contacts. Adopt your self for any favourable changes that is coming this week. Keep clear of speculations and do not rely much on a new friend's advice.

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

Difficult to reconcile expenditure and income this week. You will find the influence of the stars unfavour-

able for some time to come. Don't commit yourself in any new undertakings. Take care of your health and don't count on new friends keeping their promises. You will have to work hard for your success.

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

Avoid misunderstandings in the family circle, and tussles with friends. Health may cause worry and interfere with your plans. Avoid hasty decisions. Attend immedi-

ately to any complaints of the chest, head and eyes. On the whole a bad week.

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

An enjoyable week. Prospect of some financial luck week end. New business interests will develop and you will make profitable contacts. Go after what you want boldly. You will have domestic peace. But be careful of secret enemies on Thursday.

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

You must spend this week very cautiously. Health will be very unsatisfactory. There will be an unexpected loss. Domestic conditions will not be helpful and children's health will cause you much anxiety. Tension will ease a bit from Friday. Keep your temper under control the whole of this week.

**SAGITTARIUS** *Moolam, Pooram, Uttiradam 1. [Thiru Rasi]*

This week is not favourable and you will find yourself from the frying pan to the fire. Domestic harmony and peace of mind will be very far from you. Health must be given particular care or you may find yourself in bed. Avoid frictions in the family. Misunderstanding among friends also shown.

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

Your financial and health problems must improve this week. If you are a businessman make use of this week for profitable transactions. Friends will help you a great deal. You will meet with fund of good will wherever you go. A best week to launch new ventures.

**AQUARIUS** *Avittam 3, 4, Salayam, Pooraddati 1, 2, 3. [Kumbha Rasi]*

There is an indication for a change of place if it has not taken place already within the course of the last fortnight. You will find your enemies who worked for your downfall involved in troubles. You won't have much domestic harmony this week. Most of the time you will have to spend on business and you will have no time for any recreation. Take care of health specially eye troubles.

**PISCES** *Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revathi. [Meena Rasi]*

A favourable week. Easy to get the better of adversaries and to settle business. Parents or an elderly person will help you out of difficulties. But health upset possible Thursday or Friday. Be on your guard against deceit and check over expenditure Friday and Saturday.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Addressing a propaganda meeting at Kalutara Mr. D. P. R. Gunawardana, L.S.S.P. Leader repeated a statement which he said had given offence to the B. L. P. and the Communist Party—that the U. N. P. Government would remain in power until the next General Election.

A plaint has been filed in the District Court of Kandy on behalf of Mr. George E. de Silva, ex-Minister for Health claiming Rs. 50,000, from Mr. H. A. C. Wickremaratne, Proctor, for alleged defamation.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is expected to unveil a portrait of the Governor General Mr. C. Rajagopalachari in the Madras Legislative Assembly chamber during his ensuing visit to the City on July 24th.

The total expenditure on connection with the Independence Celebration amounted to Rs. 661,679. This was the figure according to a statement tabled in the House of Representatives by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Home Affairs.

By a majority of 57 votes to 24 the House of Representatives extended to May 1, 1950 the time limit for schools to decide whether or not they would join the free education scheme. The Tamil Congress voted with the Government.

### Camp Post Office Opened at Kataragama

A Camp Post Office was opened at Kataragama on Tuesday, and will function till July 22 in connection with the Esala Festival.

Wireless telegraph service will be provided between the Camp Post Office and Matara for the first time this year. It is expected to begin this service on July 13, states the Post Office Daily List.

### NOTICE

Ceylon Government Railway  
Kataragama Pilgrim Traffic—  
July 9, 1948.

In connection with the above festival, a co-ordinated Road/Rail Passenger Bus Service will operate between Matara Railway Station and Tissamaharama Out-Station from 8th to 27th July 1948 both days inclusive.

The following is the authorised road passenger fare from Matara to Tissamaharama—  
Adults Rs. 2.50  
Children (3 years and 12 months under 12) 1.25

On the outward journey pilgrims will be able to purchase their Rail and Road tickets at all Railway stations and Out-Station and on the return journey at Tissamaharama Out-Station.

Goods and Parcels can be booked through to and from Tissamaharama Out-Station and all other stations and Out-Station, where such traffic is normally accepted.

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to the Governor-Generalship of India, has been greeted, one reads the verdict—the unerring instinct of the masses, and the reasoned assent of the classes, that in Rajaji with his rich store of culture and training, his philosophy and his insight, his vision and broad sympathies, we have just the ideal Peace-Maker we need.

The Peace-makers may or may not please everyone. But yet, 'Blessed are the Peace-Makers, and they shall be called the children of God,' and, for another quotation, 'Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the Earth.' (M. S. N.)

From The Orient Illustrated  
Weekly

## Sent To Mortuary Alive

### Patient's Strange Experience

At a largely attended meeting held under the auspices of the Haputale Pragathasheeli Tharuna Sangamaya, at the Sunday Fair grounds, N. A. Martin Perera, a labourer, told a gathering of nearly a thousand persons a strange experience of his at an up-country hospital.

Speaking through a loud-speaker, Martin Perera said that a few weeks ago he entered hospital for treatment, and was operated on. Just before the operation was performed he said, something was held to his face, which made him senseless. He regained consciousness only at night, and looked round to make sure where he was.

It being pitch dark he had to feel with his hands. He found he was on a zinc-covered table. Then fear began to grow fast in him, and he tried to make sure whether other patients were by his side. Finding himself all alone in a room, which he now suspected to be the mortuary, he began to yell as loud as he could but attracted nobody's attention until morning, when the D. M. O. and some others came and removed him to the patients ward. Later he was discharged.

Mr. Robert Gunawardene, M. P. for Kotte, commenting on this incident, said it was not the first of its kind happening in hospitals, and this particular incident, he said, could not be overlooked. He promised full support to see that those responsible were properly dealt with.

Mr. Jack Kotlawa M. P. for Badulla, speaking next, expressed regret at the manner Martin Perera was treated, and said that an inquiry would be held very soon regarding the matter.

The meeting resolved to request the authorities to hold an inquiry into the incident.

### Order Nisi Declaring will proved

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 895

In the matter of the last will and testament of the late Annapoornamma wife of Sithambarampillai Sivagnanasunderam of Mandaitivu. Deceased. Petitioner.

Kurunthar Saravanamuttu Mandaitivu Respondent.  
This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 15th day of June 1948 in the presence of Messrs Saravanamuttu and Nadarajah Proctors on the part of the petitioner, and the affidavit of the abovesaid petitioner dated 21st April 1948 and that of the attesting Notary Public and witnesses dated 7th June 1948 having been read:

It is ordered that the last will and testament of Annapoornamma the abovesaid deceased dated 7th January 1948 attested by V. S. Nadarajah Notary Public under No. 637 be and the same is hereby declared proved and that Sithambarampillai Sivagnanasunderam the abovesaid petitioner is the executor named in the said last will and testament and that he is entitled to have probate of the same issued to him accordingly unless the respondent or others shall on or before the 15th day of July 1948 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 15th day of June 1948  
Sd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge Jaffna,  
(O. 44 9 & 13)

## FIRST INDIAN GOVERNOR-GENERAL

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face with a gentle, cultured, sensitive soul, willing to be nice, but not altogether sure about you; and so you get a little shaky, yourself; the eyes question a little to intensify!

The sainted Mahatma when he looked at you, gave you the milk of human kindness, whole and simple. Sree Rajaji gives you, on presentation, milk with sugar added, but with also a good proportion of his favourite beverage, the bitter but stimulating decoction—Coffee!

Milk is good; Coffee is good, each in its place. We have nothing to complain. The loss for the saint is the gain for the statesman and the administrator. In the balance sheet (human values, every loss has its gain and every gain is bought with a loss. The wise man therefore never complains.

### Artistic Sensitiveness

Sensitive Rajaji is, with the sensitiveness of an artist—sensitive to praise, and sensitive to blame; but so regimented, so guarded, so disciplined that they don't shape his actions. Your appreciation he likes, but that won't advance you an inch, materially; your criticisms hurt, but for that reason, he won't damn you.

Sentiment and action live in two separate compartments—

neighbours, but with little more than a nodding acquaintance, certainly not related to each other.

Of the many parables, similes and metaphors, the delight of his audiences, the butt of caricaturists and parodists, the source is that same artistic sensitiveness. The super-sensitized plate of his mind has received and registered so many different impressions, with, even, some overprinting, that their correlation and juxtaposition flash out most naturally in the form of parables and metaphors and analogies.

How could it be otherwise? You may admire them; but their individuality is undeniable and their mass appeal is tremendous! Sensitiveness is an asset to the man the poet and the artist. But if you destroyed the ego completely, sensitiveness will also die with it.

But a sensitiveness kept in check, a philosophy correlated to life, a scholarship meliorated by experience, a cultured and artistic temper knocked into shape by life's conflicts and clashes, are unquestionable assets to a statesman, a diplomat, and a Peace-maker.

### The Ideal Peace-Maker

That, was on a provincial scale, the task that was assigned

to Rajaji, in the governorship of West Bengal on Freedom's Eve—the task of a Peace-Maker—to bring peace for the populace, peace amongst political contestants and peace between the two dominions whose borders meet in West Bengal.

The fair degree of peace achieved on all these three fronts, wherein the personal traits of the Governor were no small contributory assets, argue a task well accomplished.

The task of the Governor-General in Delhi today, is the same task on a wider compass and on a national scale—the mission of a Peace-Maker amidst countless disruptive forces, both within and without.

But this is the distinction of Rajaji—that while as a Peace-Maker, as a tactful statesman, as a cultured sympathiser with the other man's point of view, he restrains, he suppresses, he draws and compromises on non-essentials, he can stand steel-firm, meet his Thermopylae and take the risks, on essentials.

We have seen how on vital issues he never compromised, but stood firm as a rock. There are many questions on which he does not press his points too far because he does not consider it worth while. One such is his preference for the Roman script—for all Indian languages. You have probably never heard of it. That shows he is independent, by unobtrusive and unaggressive, by nature and by culture.

In the universal acclaim, with which the selection of Sree Rajaji



## SELECT SPIRITUAL GEMS

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uncommencement of meditation.

If an ashram is not properly conducted the kitchen becomes a fighting centre. The whole Maya is in the kitchen. The aspirant says: "I did not get ghee or vegetables today." Another aspirant says: "The dhali soup was very watery. Viswanathan added plain water to the soup. He dislikes me." A third man says: "Vimal swallowed a large quantity of sugar. There is no sugar for milk." But if there is real, developed Karma-Yoga to train the young students, the real Adwaita Vedanta begins in the kitchen of an ashram and ends in the Vashishtha Ganga of Himalayas. A kitchen is the best training ground or school for developing tolerance, endurance, forbearance, mercy, sympathy, love, adaptability, the spirit of real service for purifying one's heart and for realising oneness of life. Every aspirant should know cooking well.

If one lives with his Guru he must be prepared to do willingly any kind of work assigned by him. If you create interest in works which the mind revolts to do, you will like to do by and by any kind of work. By so doing you will develop your will-power.

Balance of mind brings about real, lasting happiness to a disciplined man. It is not a commodity that can be purchased in the market. It is a rare commodity that is attained by protracted, selfless service with Atma Bhava, equal vision, controlled Indriyas and self-respect by developing virtues such as adaptability, broad and generous tolerance and a high degree of endurance, serenity, calmness, command of temper etc. and by removing anxieties, worries, fear and depression by spiritual sadhana and meditation. It is serenity and balance of mind that can give real, eternal happiness to man. The whole wealth of all the three worlds, the whole enjoyments of all three worlds is nothing when compared to the bliss enjoyed by that great soul who has serenity and balanced mind. Now tell me honestly where is this? Who is a great man? Is it in a rich King with an unbalanced and unbridled mind living in a place or in a poor saint with a magnificent calm and balanced mind living in a grass hut on the banks of the sacred Ganges?

If you want to serve another man really you should try to please him in all respects. You should not do him any thing that pleases you. You should do such actions as can bring him immense happiness. This will constitute real service. But generally people under the camouflage of serving others try to please themselves only. This is a serious mistake. He who gives the handle of a sharp knife to another to hold, holding the sharp blade himself does real service. A real sevak rejoices in suffering. He takes on his shoulders the most difficult and the most uninteresting works. He kills his own little self to please others. He willingly undergoes suffering to serve and place others.

To stop this breath by Kumbhak for two hours to roll beads for twenty-four hours, to sit in Samadhi for forty days in an underground cellar without food, by cutting fringes of the tongue and practising the Kechhri Mudra, to stand up on one leg in the hot sun to do Triatka on the sun at twelve o'clock, to chant OM OM OM in silent forests, to shed ocean of tears while doing sankirtan, all are of no use unless one combines burning love for Him in all beings and fiery spirit of service in serving Him in all beings. Most of the aspirants are lacking in these two qualifications. Hence they do not make any progress in their meditation in solitude. They have not prepared the ground, the Antakarna by protracted practice of love and service in the beginning. I have seen several Bhaktas with a half dozen roses on their necks and wrists and malas in their hands, muttering frequently Hare Kram Hare Krishna. They will never

approach a sick man while he is in a dying condition and give a drop of water of milk and never ask "What do you want brother? How can I serve you?" Out of curiosity the will be looking at him from a distance. Can you call all these people as true Vaisnavites or Bhaktas? Can there be an iota of benefit in their meditation or Brhman? A Janta Narayan (living Narayan) in the form of sick patient is in a dying condition. They have not got the heart to serve him a bit or even to speak a few kind encouraging words at a critical juncture when his life is trembling in the balance. How can they expect to have darshan of that All-merciful Hari when they have such a heart mad: up of flint, when they have not got the eyes to see Hari in all beings and the spirit of service to serve Him in all these forms.

Only that man who has knowledge and devotion can do real efficient service to country and people. Gyana and Bhakti must be the basis of Karma Yoga. Gyana can be combined with Karma Yoga, or Bhakti Yoga can be combined with Karma Yoga in the beginning. The Gyana-Karma Yogi thinks and feels that he is serving his own Atma and realises Adwaitic consciousness. Bhakti-Karma Yogi thinks and feels that "he is serving his Lord in all, his own Isham and realises God-consciousness and darshan of his Beloved. Mere philanthropic work with sympathy at the best without knowledge and devotion is mere social scavenging only. It is not Yoga or worship. It is on a lower plane. It cannot elevate a man much. The progress is slow and dull. It is the mental attitude or bhava that does immense good.

A Karma-Yogi who does all works in the form of worship of God in this beginning, who surrenders his body, mind, soul and all his actions as flowers or offering at the Lotus feet of the Lord, who is ever absorbed in the Lord by constant thoughts of God, loses himself in God-consciousness by total self-surrender. He becomes absorbed in God. His will becomes one with the cosmic will. This is his last advanced stage. He realises that whatever that is going on in the world is the Lila of the Lord or Divine sporting. He realises the truth of the utterances in Brahma Sutras "Lokavattu Lila Kshiyam." He feels he is one with the Lord and is a partner in His Lila. He lives for Him only. He lives in Him only. His thoughts and actions are now of God Himself. The veil has dropped. The sense of separateness is totally annihilated. He enjoys the Divine Aiswarya.

A Doctor when he is working in the hospital should think that all patients are manifestations of the Lord. He should think that this body is a moving temple of God and that the hospital is a big temple of Brindavan or Ayodhya. He should think "I am doing all my actions to please God but not to please my superiors." He should think that God is the Inner Rule of this body and mind (Antaryami) that He only manipulates all his organs from behind the veil and that He is the wire-puller of this body. He should think that he only works to carry out the Divine will in the grand plan or scheme. He should consecrate all his actions, good and bad, at His feet and say "Om Tat Sat Krishnarpanamastu or Om tat sat Brahmapanamastu" in the end and at night when he retires.

This is Gyana Agni or the fire of wisdom or the fire of devotion that destroys the fruits of action, brings Chitta suddhi and knowledge of the Self and emancipation in the end. I have done such and such meritorious acts. I will get a good place in Swarga etc. I will be born in the next birth as a rich man. By constant practice of this nature, he will get slowly mental non-attachment for work. A lady when she does her house-

## Education Day In Jaffna

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for the benefit of the individuals. They thrived, oblivious of the problems around and competing with each other, produced a class that knew not where it stood. Some good clerks and a few civil servants emerged while many a genius in the smaller schools was lost to society.

The advent of Free Education was the time when the smaller schools woke up to march forward with the facilities provided by a Government that sought to give equal opportunities to all. Equal opportunity to all means a minimum equal standard in all schools with the wealth of the country equally divided among all schools. It seems strange that with the policy of the Government thus set, the bigger schools should still seek to maintain a distinctiveness. The country stands to benefit more from standardization than uniformity than from distinctiveness and the smaller schools realize this and change their attitude the better it would be for the common weal. The poor standard of our vernacular schools is a glaring example of this neglect.

We do hope that all schools in Jaffna have entered into the observance of Education Day with equal zeal. The Exhibition, the Oratorical Contest, the Physical Display and the Concert are opportunities for a sating of ideas, creating of standards and the demonstration of the common purpose in education. In and when all the schools come out of their seclusion and down from their pedestals, what they lose in giving will be saved up for them a hundred times in ways they perhaps never imagined. You cannot kick against the goad, at least not for long.

The subject for the conference is again of utmost importance today. The Minister for Education recently expressed his personal view that the time had come for local bodies to share with the Central Government the burden of the expenditure on education. It is up to us to examine early the implications of the policy and to find out how far it is feasible without loss to education. There are other aspects from which too this policy has to be examined. Let us hope that the conference will go into this question fully and well.

## Education Day

PROGRAMME FOR JULY 14:

- 9 a.m. Opening of Exhibition at Jaffna Central College. Admission by tickets.
- 10 a.m. Conference at the Jaffna Town Hall. Speaker: V. C. Jayasuriya Esq., Commissioner for Local Govt.
- 2-30 p.m. Finals of the Oratorical Contest, Town Hall.
- 5-30 p.m. Mass Physical display at Central College grounds.
- 6-30 p.m. Concert—Town Hall. Rates of admission—Rs. 3, 2, 1 and Students 50 cts.

hold duties should also entertain the above mental attitude. In this manner all actions can be spiritualised. All actions will become worship of God. A man can realise God-head in whatever situation he is placed in the world, if he works with right mental attitude as described above.

May the flute-bearer of Brindavan, the Lord of the Universe, lover of Radha, the joy of Devaki, grant us right belief, suddha Prem, right mental attitude and inner spiritual strength to do selfless service to the world and to realise God-head even while remaining in the world by doing Nishkama Seva with Narayan Bhava, by remembering Him at all times and, mind, and soul at His feet! May the blessings of Siva Hari be upon us all!

Letter to the Editor

## The All-Ceylon Tamil Congress

Sir—Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, the Chairman of the above Congress, and our parliamentary leader has "crossed the floor" and earned his "thirty pieces of silver". There is no other course left open to such of his former followers as do not approve of the step taken by him then to organise a new party on the basic principles on which the Congress was founded. The new party should aim to secure a government on principle of federal devolution with subordinate parties for each unit. To change over to the present form of government to one of federal devolution, no radical alteration of our Constitution shall be called for; but many Sinhalese constituents would, I feel sure, be pleased to join the party which is out to preserve for the territorial groups their ancient culture, language, race and local traditions and religion. Federal devolution should speed up National Unity much sooner than any other known system of government. It is the opinion of many political pundits that a federal system of government constitutes the sheet of anchor of liberty.

I appeal to my friends not to take things lying down, but to be up and doing to save our people from peril.

Yours truly,  
R. C. P.

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 880

In the matter of the estate of the late Krishnar Sinnathamby of Tholpuram Deceased

- 1. Gnanapragasam Arumugam
- 2. and wife Ledchumpillai both of Tholpuram

Petitioners.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the day of May 1948 in the presence of Mr. T. Vannianathan Proctor on the part of the petitioners and the affidavit of the petitioners dated the 10th day of May 1948 having been read: it is declared that the

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 735

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Kanagammah wife of Vairavannathar Saravannamuttu of Inuvil Deceased Vairavannathar Saravannamuttu of Inuvil Petitioner.

Vs.

- Minor 1. Saravannamuttu Sethurajah, by his guardian-ad-litem the 2nd Respondent
- 2 Suppaimaniam Thambi pillai both of do Respondents

This matter of the petition of the petitioner praying that the 2nd respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st respondent and that the petitioner as the widower of the deceased declared entitled to administer the estate of the deceased abovesaid and that letters of administration issued to him accordingly, coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq. District Judge, Jaffna on the 21st January 1948 in the presence of Mr. V. Navaratnarajah Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the 2nd Respondent be and he is hereby appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st respondent, that the petitioner as widower of the deceased declared entitled to administer the estate of the said deceased and letters of administration issued to him, unless the respondents or any others shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the 23rd day of June 1948 at 10 a.m.

This day of May, 1948.  
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai.  
District Judge.

Drawn by District Judge.  
Sgd. V. Navaratnarajah,  
Proctor for Petitioner.  
Extended for 21-7-48.

Intd. R. R. S.  
D. J.  
(J. 43. 6 & 9)

2nd named petitioner is the sole heir of the said intestate and is entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased Krishnar Sinnathamby unless any person shall on or before the 25th day of June 1948 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary

This 7th day of June 1948  
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai  
District Judge.

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