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## Self Sufficiency Through Cottage Industries

By J. C. KUMARAPPA

MOST of us reserve our ideas of a better world. Metaphysical concepts are for meditation. We may retire from this noisy and hedonistic world to contemplate on higher things. It was Gandhiji's mission to raise the dignity of man by getting his will done on earth as it is in heaven, to give a practical expression to his ideals.

The two concepts we most associate Gandhiji are Truth and Non-violence. There did not remain abstract terms in the way he tried to interpret them. He found our lives steeped in untruth and violence. His mission was to purge our everyday life of these wherever met with. He was not content to explain the philosophical implications of Truth and Non-violence by learned discourses.

### An Interpretation

When a drunkard takes his earnings to the toddy shop and gets intoxicated it is easy to understand that there is violence and dishonesty in his deeds. His wife and children have a right to his earnings. He is depriving of these and so there is dishonesty and untruth in it. He loses his rational life and does violence to himself. A devotee of Truth and Non-violence, therefore, will work for prohibition to realize Truth and Non-violence in the daily life of the people.

It is in this way that everyone of the eighteen items on the Constructive Programme has come to existence as an expression of his ideals. Thus it is that Gandhiji brings his teachings into practice. This is his unique contribution.

Just as the drunkard introduces violence and untruth into his everyday life, every one of us unconsciously becomes a party to a violent and untruthful life. It is not so easy to see the beam in our own eyes as it is to see the mote in that of the drunkards.

We have got so accustomed to our humdrum life that we rarely stop to consider the normal consequences of each one of our acts. Some even resent that any moral value should be applied to economic transactions. One thing that distinguishes a man from brute beasts is his ability to recognize rights and duties to his fellow creatures and understanding of spiritual and cultural values.

### The Animal Plane

A monkey which goes into a fruit garden is only concerned with satisfying its own needs. It does not worry about the condition and labour that brought about the existence of that garden. It gets without any thought being bestowed on the antecedents which was necessary to bring into existence the supply. In the same way, when a man goes to a shop and buys an article without giving any thought to all that has gone into the manufacture of that article, he acts exactly on the same plane as the monkey. He loses his dignity as a rational human being and descends to that of the animal. It is the duty of every buyer to examine the conditions precedent because he succeeds to those and becomes

responsible for them. We do recognise this some time in a limited way. If a child is murdered for its necklace and the ornaments is offered for sale most of us will decline to buy it purely on the basis of cheapness of it. We would hold that one who buys that necklace takes it along with the blood guilt of the seller. But this moral consideration is often relegated to the obvious incidents only and are not projects into every act of the common day.

### A Common Act

It is common knowledge that milk is mostly obtained from milkman who neither allows enough for the calf nor even provides for their own children. They extract every drop of milk from the cow, sell it away and perhaps give their children a little tea which is cheaper.

Let us examine the moral implications of this transaction, both as regards the milkman and his customer. He deprives the calf of its right and probably causes it to starve and die of malnutrition. In this he is guilty of both, dishonesty and violence. He deprives his children of their due. Again he is nothing but dishonest and violent, and cheats them of their rightful food milk and substitute the stimulant-tea. This is the same sin repeated for the third time.

The customer who buys this milk takes over the guilt of the milkman, though he may not have performed the deeds himself. If he buys it without thinking he descends to the level of brute beasts, and is in no way different from the self-centred monkey. The passing of money between the customer and the milkman make no difference to the moral setting of the transaction.

### Shifting of Crops

Many a poor farmer had been tempted by high prices to part with his land on which he had been cultivating food say paddy. The purchaser then grows, may be coconuts. This product is used to extract oil in mills from which soap may be manufactured. In such cases, after a few years the original farmer goes through the purchase money and is reduced to a field labourer. He gets, not his own paddy dehusked, but polished rice from the market. Thus suffers from malnutrition, while no doubt the soap manufacturer nets in a good profit.

In this transaction there is dishonesty in that the short-sighted greed of the former is taken advantage of and he is induced to part with his land that he has been providing him with a livelihood. This creates a shortage in the food supply of the community when the new crop of coconuts are used for making soap. This causes violence to the community also.

The unthinking buyer of soap, (Continued on Page 2)

## Ceylon Sends Too many Money Orders

More money orders are going from Ceylon to India than the Indian postal authorities can cope with expeditiously.

It has been intimated by the Indian postal authorities in the Daily List, that on account of the unusually large number of Money Orders remitted from Ceylon to India, delay in disposal of Money Orders is unavoidable. It is notified for general information that it will therefore not be possible to obtain reports on individual complaints or comply with requests for amendments of payees names and addresses till the issues of money orders to foreign countries reach the normal level. If the Indian Postal Administration cannot make a payment, a refund order will be issued to the remitter.

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT NOT FOR ONE PARTY'S BENEFIT

### Director's Address At Pallai

I WANT to clear the doubt in the minds of certain people who think that the Rural Development scheme is meant to help the supporters of one political party. Nothing is further from the truth. I appeal to the people not to be misled by such mischievous propaganda" said Mr. B. Y. Perera Director of Rural Development in an address at Pallai.

Mr. B. Y. Perera the Director of Rural Development accompanied by Mr. P. J. Hudson G.A.N.P. visited Pallai on Wednesday (11-8-48) and explained to a large gathering of the residents of Pachchilappi-Karachchi the details of the new Rural Development scheme of the Government. The meeting was held at the Pallai C. C. School Hall. Mr. P. J. Hudson G.A.N.P. presided at the meeting.

Mr. S. Srinivasan, D.R.O. Pallai welcomed the Director on behalf of the people of his division and said that it was a great gesture on the part of the Director to have chosen Pallai as one of the very few places for his visit in the Jaffna district. Pallai represented one of the most backward areas in the district economically, educationally and in other spheres. Malabar has been wiping out year after year a large part of the population. Government has realized that the villages form the real backbone of the country. The people's Government of an Independent Lanka has come forward to better the conditions of the villagers. A scheme which is practical and which if worked out with the full cooperation of the people and the officers will in the course of a few years alter the whole structure of village life has been drawn

## Ceylon in the International Association of University Professors and Lecturers

We learn that Messrs. K. Kularatnam M. A. (Lond), Lecturer in Geography and P. Kandiah M. A. (Cantab), Asst. Librarian have been unanimously elected to represent the University of Ceylon in the I. A. U. P. L. for the next two years. They will both leave for Europe by the Orion on September 8th. The I.A.U. P. L. works in conjunction with the U. N. E. S. C. O.

IAUPL considers that international collaboration in the intellectual field has never been more essential than at the present day. It believes that all Universities should be actively conscious of the international mission with which they are charged by the circumstances of the times and that they should seek to fulfil it by all means within the measure of their respective resources.

The Universities should labour for the closer approach to one another of the peoples of the world by making them better known to each other through the medium of their teaching and by the abolition of the barriers to the free circulation of men and their teachings.

Nearly twenty nations were represented at the last conference of the IAUPL in Brussels.

## G. G. Opens Agri. Exhibition

### Premier's Message

Ceylon's present standards of agriculture and the living conditions of her farmers were poor compared with those of other countries, declared Mr. D. S. Senanayake Prime Minister, in a message to the organisers of the Yaligamam East Agricultural Exhibition.

The exhibition which began on last Thursday evening at the Attiar Hindu English School Hall at Neervely, was opened by Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam K. C., M. P. for Jaffna, in the presence of a large gathering.

Mr. T. Murugesampillai, Divisional Revenue Officer, Kopyai, in inviting Mr. Ponnambalam to open the exhibition, said it was the first public appearance in the North of the Tamil Congress leader after he had secured an unanimous mandate from his party to change over from the Opposition to the Government.

### Premier's Appeal

Mr. Ponnambalam presided at a public meeting, held later on the school grounds, where the Premier's message was read by Mr. Murugesampillai.

Mr. Ponnambalam, in his speech, referring to the needs of the area, said the Government should guarantee an equitable price for agricultural produce and provide the necessary marketing facilities for farmers if Ceylon was to be made self-supporting in regard to food.

He announced that the Government had provided money in the next year's Budget for carrying out important development projects in that area, such as the Jaffna Lagoon Scheme, the Pokunai Irrigation Scheme and the A. T. Chuvay Colony Colonisation Schemes.

Mr. E. J. Rajaratnam Assistant Government Agent (E), appealed to the farmers to join the Agricultural Producer's Societies, which, he said would greatly benefit them.

Pandit N. S. Murugesu also spoke.

## Income Tax Board Of Review

The Minister of Finance has appointed the following to be members of the Income Tax Board of Review for a period of three years from August 5, 1948: Messrs. M. F. Abdul Caffoor, Stanley Dins, R. P. Gaddum, A. H. Macan Markar, T. W. Roberts, Waldo Sansoni and H. Wijenathan.

## Dhyana Yoga (MEDITATION)

### The Thought of God or Atma

(Continued from our last issue)

You should know the ways and habits of the mind through daily introspection, self-analysis or self-examination. You should have knowledge of the laws of mind. Then it will be easy for you to check the mind-wandering. When you sit for meditation, when you deliberately attempt to forget the worldly objects, all sorts of worldly thoughts, irrelevant and nonsensical thoughts, will crop up in your mind and disturb your meditation. You will be quite astonished. Old thoughts that you entertained several years ago, old memories of past enjoyment, will bubble up and force the mind to wander in all directions. You will find that the trap door of the vast magazine of thought and memories within, in the subconscious mind, is opened or the lid of the storehouse of thoughts within is lifted up and the thoughts gush out in a continuous stream. The more you attempt to still them, the more they will bubble up with redoubled force and strength.

The mind properly and direct thoughts and the mental energy in the divine channel. You can rearrange the thoughts and make new associations on a new Sattvic basis. You can throw out useless worldly thoughts just as you remove the weeds and throw them out. You can cultivate sublime, divine thoughts in the divine garden of your mind or Antakarana. This is a very patient work. This is a stupendous task indeed. But for a Yogi of self-determination who has the Grace of the Lord and iron will, it is nothing.

Be not discouraged. Nil disperandum. Never despair. Through regular and constant meditation you can purify the sub-conscious mind and can control all thoughts and memories. The fire of meditation will burn all thoughts. Be sure of this. Meditation is a potent antidote to annihilate the poisonous worldly thoughts. Be assured of this.

During introspection you can clearly observe the rapid shifting of the mind from one line of thought to another. Herein lies a chance for you to mould

Meditation on the Immortal Self will act like a dynamite and blow up all thoughts and old memories in the sub-conscious mind. If the thoughts trouble you much do not suppress them by force. Be a silent witness as in a bioscope. They will subside gradually. Then try to root them out through regular silent meditation. The practice must be constant. Then only one can attain self-realisation surely and quickly. He who practices meditation by fits and starts and for a few minutes daily will not be able to achieve any tangible results in Yoga.

How can sense-control be tested in a lonely forest, where there are no temptations? The Yogic student of the cave (seclusion) should test himself after he has sufficiently grown up by entering the plains. But he should not test himself every day. (Continued on page 3).

## Don't Murder Gandhi Again!

This is the plea made by "Filmindia".

"Filmindia" is horrified that several Indian film producers are contemplating making a life story of Mahatma Gandhi.

"The honest truth is," says the paper, "and every decent and sincere person in the industry will admit it, that there is not a single producing concern in India today capable of picturizing Gandhi's life."

"There is no actor in the country who can portray that great saint on the screen, and not one director who can do justice to such an epoch making film."

"Our film producers have already scandalized hundreds of the great Indians of the glorious past...but we can never forgive a producer portraying Gandhi in the same shoddy manner, for we have lived with Gandhi, have heard him and seen him, and we know that a man has yet to be born who can represent

## Chetty On Churchill

Mr. Shanmugam Chetty, Indian Finance Minister, told the Indian Parliament that but for Indian help to Britain in the war "not only would England have been a dependency of Germany but Mr. Churchill would have been a captive in Berlin".

"I think Hitler would have had enough sense of humour not to hang Mr. Churchill, but might have kept him in a museum or better still made him his butler." He went on.

Mr. Chetty was speaking in a debate on Indian sterling balances. "We are all familiar with the language used by Mr. Churchill especially with reference to India," he said. "He talks about his having saved us from pillage and slaughter by the Japanese. Well, if Mr. Churchill puts such a query I have the answer for him".

him on the screen or the stage.

Hollywood, please note adds the British film magazine "Pictoregoet".



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THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY

THE TWO DOMINIONS OF India and Pakistan celebrated on last Sunday, August 15, the first anniversary of their attainment of Independence...

The refugee problem which India has tackled with great determination is ample proof of India's capacity...

In all the messages of H. E. the Governor-General of India, India's Prime Minister and his Deputy, touching references have been made to the passing of the Father of the Nation...

COPRA CONTRACT

The Hon. Mr. C. Suntheralingam Minister of Commerce and Trade has returned to the Island after having made a bargain with Britain regarding sale of copra...

the same terms to Pakistan. At the end of 1949 a long term contract will be concluded. The Minister has not clearly disclosed statistics regarding Ceylon's coconut production...

India's Independence Day

CELEBRATIONS IN JAFFNA

It is very regrettable that the Ceylon Communist Party has criticised the Indian Leaders and called India's Freedom a fake one. The Indians can forbear any insult to them personally but they can never tolerate the leaders of their motherland being insulted...

Sidelights and Lightsides

The Gaekwar of Baroda who has returned post haste to India from abroad to answer his Legislative Assembly's complaint about his squander-mania on racing...

There's plenty in his home to force him to take him to brooding!

For the UNECAF session at Ootacamund recently, 12 cases of Scotch Whisky, 54 of gin, 25 of beer, 5 each of sherry, brandy and vermouth and ten of champagne with half a case of assorted after-dinner liquors, worth Rs. 4,433, were imported...

And wasn't it a CAFE too?

A complete set of his publications was presented by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to Indian troops operating in the North-eastern theatre of the Kashmir Valley...

Quad-i-Azim Jinnah's token to his men would be a tone—an Epitome of his career, "Never give in."

At the Trinity College of Music, London, (Ceylon Centre) prize distribution held in Colombo, there was just one solitary male prize-winner among many females...

They're so much music at home that they don't care for it outside!

The recent explosion in the I. G. Farben works in Germany by which 200 Germans were killed is attributed to the sun's heat detonating an ether solution in a railway tanker...

The Germans had always wanted a place in the sun.

Indian papers are discussing the implications of Pakistan's confession to the U.N.O. Commission about soldiers in Kashmir.

It is to get out of complications.

Books Unwritten: "I HAVE NO TEARS TO SHED" By Mr. Ponnambalam.

"NEW WORLDS TO CONQUER" By Mr. D. S. Senanayake.

Independence, we, the Indian residents in Ceylon greet the people of India. Ceylon though not free in respect of Defence has otherwise achieved her freedom. But we in Ceylon are being treated as helots by the Ceylon Govt. and are denied our citizenship in this country...

The resolution was proposed by Mr. A. Sitaranam and seconded by Mr. E. O. Elias.

Kachchai Illaignar Samooka Seva Sangam

A Reading Room at Kodikamam under the management of the above Sangham was opened by Dr. S. Subramaniam (Retired Provincial Surgeon) on Monday the 9th inst. at 6 p.m. Mr. V. S. Karthigesu, J. P., U. M., presided over the Public Meeting...

Mr. Vanniasingham, M.P. for Kopay, who spoke next, said that the Ceylon Citizenship Bill must really help those who wanted to nationalise themselves as Ceylonese and not make them leave the Island with bag and baggage...

ONE THING AND ANOTHER

BY YALFADI

Taste of Horseflesh: What the rulers of Indian States feared would happen if their paramountcy was not provided for when the British overlordship in India was given up, was not an idle apprehension...

To tell the Jaffna man about saving money were foolish, but one speaker at the Savings Week meeting in the Jaffna Hindu College the other day averred that it was necessary because of the extravagant habits the present day Jaffnese had learnt by association with "civilisation".

Deflate-How? The efforts of people and Government to fight inflation, almost everywhere unsuccessful, indicate that the evil has got out of hand, and has roots in unfathomable depths and unseen directions...

Extravagant Living: Speaking about extravagant ways of life in Jaffna, let it be said that from top to bottom

Ceylon Contingent for Empire Parliamentary Conference

Mr. A. E. Goonesingha, Chief Government Whip and Minister without Portfolio, will attend the Parliamentary Conference to be held in London in October, in place of Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, Leader of the House of Representatives who will stay behind.

Mr. Goonesingha who has been entrusted by the Prime Minister, with the task of forming a Ceylon branch of the Inter Parliamentary Association, is now in communication with Lord Stansgate about sending three observers to the Inter-Parliamentary Association conference to be held in Rome next month.

The observers Senator (Dr.) M. G. Perera, Mr. R. G. Senanayake, M. F. for Dambadenia, and Mr. Montague Jayawickrema, M.P. for Weligama, will make the journey at their own expense. They will not have the right to vote at the conference.

The Ceylon delegation will now consist of Mr. A. P. Mollaware, the Speaker, Mr. Goonesingha and Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, K.C., M.P. for Jaffna.

Mr. Goonesingha has tried unsuccessfully to contact Mr. Ponnambalam to lead the team of observers writes the political correspondent of the Times. The observers will now have to choose their leader, who will have to reply to the welcome speech made by the chairman of the conference. They will be the guests of the Italian Parliament.

Mr. D. S. Senanayake, Prime Minister, will be away from Ceylon next month, for about six weeks to attend the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London. It is likely that Mr. Bandaranaike will be appointed to act for him.

HEALTH WEEK IN JAFFNA

Chairman's Appeal

1st day. 15-8-48. Priests of all denominations! I appeal to you to preach to those who will be attending your Temples, Churches, and Mosques that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness". Please preach to them that they should not endanger the health of their neighbours. I appeal to you to talk to your congregation at least once a month on health matters!

2nd day. 15-8-48. Managers of Schools and School Teachers! I appeal to you on the second day of the Week. Every School has tremendous advantages and opportunities for the development of attitudes and behaviour, that are conducive to health, happiness and successful living. Thanks to free education; practically every child now goes to school; and therefore your responsibility to train the future citizens of free Lanka is now greater. You as Teachers occupy a most strategic position in guarding the health of the students. Please remember the oft quoted slogan 'Sound mind in a sound body'. Please live up to your responsibilities and help us in the great battle against disease and distress.

3rd day. 17-8-48. Food handlers! My appeal to you on the third day is made after an experience that I have had with Urban Council administration over a long period of years. We have by-laws for the control of food handling establishments. It is difficult to closely supervise for 24 hours of the day; and find out whether by-laws are adhered to. It is only when you realize that these laws have been framed to safeguard the health of your fellow citizens and others, that food-borne disease can be efficiently checked. I would therefore appeal to you:

- (a) Not to wait till notices are served to comply with the by-laws but to keep your premises up to standard at all times.
(b) Not to throw refuse on to the roads, but to deposit them in covered dust bins.
(c) To wash your hands with soap and water each time you use a latrine, otherwise you are likely to infect the food you handle.
(d) Wash dishes, plates, spoons and other equipment used for saving food with hot water and soap.
(e) Please do not expose food to the contamination of flies and dust. Flies have been accused of spreading no less than 23 diseases.
(f) Milk vendors! Please do not adulterate the milk with water! Milk is the only single article of food that contains all the nutritional requirements to build a healthy nation. Therefore, if you adulterate milk you are guilty of making your fellow citizens a C3 nation instead of an A1 nation. Remember that free Lanka needs an A1 nation. Also please see that milk is produced and distributed under very good sanitary conditions as milk is also a very suitable vehicle for spreading bowel diseases such as enteric, dysentery, diarrhoea, etc.
(g) Owners of Aerated Water manufacturers! Please carry on your trade under good sanitary conditions. Please do not dumb broken bottles within the Urban Council area; and thus endanger public safety but see that these are buried!
(h) Licensed Butchers! Please do not slaughter animals not passed as fit by the Health Authorities.
Food handlers! Please remember that if you do not adhere to my appeal you will be selling dirt and disease for money to an unsuspecting public.

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(Continued from page 1)

therefore, is saddled with these grave responsibilities. How many of us can plead "Not guilty".

When the rice mills dehusked the paddy and polish the rice, they are depriving the people of the nutrition contained in the bran, pericarp, the germ, etc. as these are removed in the process. This again increases the malnutrition of the people and causes diseases and death. It is both dishonest and violent.

Similarly, when the vegetable oils are converted into vanaspathi the mills are depriving the oil of its nutritious qualities and introducing into the product elements that may be harmful to the consumer. The same is true of flour mills, and sugar mills, as they reduce the nutritive values of wheat and cane juice the original material. Here again are simple examples from everyday life, which increase violence and untruth in our lives to which both the millowner and the consumer become parties.

The farmers who supply their produce to such mills also are parties as they form an important link in the chain.

Foreign Trade

Articles that cross political boundaries are often part of commerce based on war. The Japanese trading rights in China, or British markets in India were results of armed conflicts. Every one who buys or sells goods which form part of their trade becomes a party to the conflict.

If Burma is held under political bondage for its petroleum and we use kerosene oil—a by-product, we are sharing with the ruler of Burma in their aggression. There is violence and dishonesty in such a course. How many of us are conscious that the simple act of lighting a kerosene lantern makes us party to imperialism?

What Remedy?

If the projections of moral responsibilities lands the producer, middleman and consumer in common guilt, what is the remedy?

Gandhiji's spiritual approach to life laid the guilt at everybody's door and showed that we are all tarred with the same brush. None of us can plead ignorance without being reduced to the place of the brute beasts. How then shall we face this grave situation plunged in the violence and an truth of an economic organisation which calls for the greatest destruction to be able to junction at all. (America is budgetting this year eleven Billion dollars for its army-navy and air force—for its programme of destruction.)

Gandhiji's Solution

The Resolution offered by Gandhiji is perfectly simple. Use only goods manufactured within the range of your knowledge and by methods easily understood by you. This is the meaning of the programme of self-sufficiency through the organisation of village and cottage industries prescribed by Gandhiji to meet the situation.

This will not only absolve us from participating in the terrific violence and untruth that prevails in the present-day society but it will also lead the war stricken world from destruction to the fuller realisation of all that is noble in man. This offers the practical act that should follow our prayer "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," and it is Gandhiji's attempt to bring heaven on earth.

In the Bharat Jyotshi

THE NORTHERN DIVISION CO-OPERATIVE CONFERENCE 1948

By A. Arulambalam

(Hon. Secy. Northern Division Co-operative Federation)

FOR some years the Co-operative Conference has become an Annual event in the North. This conference is held in the month of July or August, a time comparatively not so busy to the ever industrious Jaffna farmer to whom nature is unkind. This part of the year is also the mango season in the arid north. The Conference is held under the auspices of the Hon. Secretary Northern Division Co-operative Federation which is the first Provincial Union to be registered in the Island. For a considerable period the area of operations of the Northern Division Co-operative Federation included the North and Eastern Provinces. This Federation conducts training classes, holds propaganda meetings and publishes a Journal called the 'Ikkitheepam'. It has 728 societies as members and collects and levies from them and administers the fund with the aid of the Government Subsidy. It also appoints and pays its Sub-Inspectors. Almost all the hundred odd societies in the Northern Division scattered from Vavuniya North to Point Pedro and the distant Island of Delft are represented at the conference by delegates, who display a great enthusiasm and give a real and living interpretation to the co-operative motto of Each for All and All for Each.

The Eleventh annual conference of the Co-operators of the North was opened by the Hon. Mr. A. Ratnayake, Minister for Food and Co-operative Undertakings on the 23rd of July, 1948. This conference is unique in the sense that it was the first to be held after Ceylon became independent, and that it was opened by Lanka's first Co-operative Minister. Moreover, another Co-operative Minister the Hon. Sri K. Chandramouli from Madras would have graced the occasion had not very urgent duties compelled him to cancel his visit at the last moment. However, in a very cordial message, he expressed the hope that Ceylon and India, which were bound together by inseparable ties, would march together and achieve lasting peace, happiness and prosperity through joint co-operative effort.

Mr. V. Veerasingham, J. P., the president of the Federation and a land-mark in the co-operative history of Jaffna, welcomed the distinguished visitors which included the Hon. Minister for Food and Co-operative Undertakings, Mr. G. de Soya, the Commissioner for co-operative Development, Senators and members of Parliament, the Government Agent of the Province, Mr. S. B. Yatawara the Senior Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the numerous delegates. The president said that the co-operative movement based on the accepted morals of the land will not only be the economic saviour of humanity but will rehabilitate the moral and spiritual values cherished by mankind. If democracy is threatened with failure by the onslaught of "isms" which hold before people hopes of unrealisable ideals and urge them to violence and bloodshed it is due to their ignorance of co-operative ideas. For this reason it is necessary to create a healthy public opinion and spread the co-operative ideals through a co-operative daily. The president also commended the idea of a World Co-operative Federation in order to ensure economic stability and prosperity for all nations big and small. Regarding the movement in Ceylon he pleaded for a better status and better pay to the co-operative officers, especially to the Sub-Inspectors of the Department. To the honorary officers he commended the ideal of service and warned them not to be drawn into petty party politics.

The President's welcome address was followed by the Co-operators' Song—a dance recital given by the children of Manipay Hindu College to the accompaniment of music. This item was greatly appreciated by the audience.

The Hon. Mr. A. Ratnayake then delivered his opening address. He said that he was glad to open the conference because in Jaffna the co-operative movement was going from strength to strength like the stately mango-tree in Jaffna which spreads its branches in all directions giving more and more fruits so delicious to man. In the midst of disconcerting news about co-operative societies from the different parts of the Island it was refreshing and heartening to read of the solid achievement of the Jaffna societies made up as follows:

- No of Credit Societies ... 411
No of Thrift Societies ... 18
No of Co-op. Stores ... 427
No of Wholesale Unions ... 10
No of Special Type Societies 77

- Total No of Societies ... 943
Total number of members ... 124,208
Total number of Ration Books ... 329,035
Working Capital ... 7687,400

After reviewing the work done by the Cooperative Federation the Jaffna Malayalam Tobacco Sale Society, the Moolai Co-operative Hospital and the Agricultural Production and Sales Societies, the Hon. Minister said that the Government had decided to guarantee minimum prices for a number of agricultural products which would step up their production of paddy, onions, chillies, ginger, and green gram. By doing this the Government would be helping not only the farmers but also helping the country to achieve some degree of self-sufficiency with regard to her essential food requirements without which no country can really be free. Continuing the Minister said that cooperation surmounts the barriers of nationality, race, creed and colour that divide mankind and that the success of the cooperative movement depended on the qualities of character such as honesty, integrity and loyalty. International Cooperation, joint action and pursuit of a common policy by cooperative organisations of different countries are becoming necessary because today cooperation has become an international movement. In conclusion the Minister wished greater victories to the cooperators in the future and said the knowledge of what the Jaffna Societies has achieved during the past filled him with hope and courage for the future.

Mr. G. de Soya, the Commissioner for Co-operative Development, Mr. P. J. Hudson, the Government Agent, N.P., Mr. S. Nadesin, Senator C. Coomaraswamy, Mr. C. P. de Silva, Additional Land Commissioner, Mr. S. B. Yatawara, S.A.R., and Mr. S. U. Somasekaram, the Education Officer, N.P., spoke at the conference emphasising the different aspects of co-operative activity in the Northern Division during the year 1947-48.

A lively discussion on the Future of the Store Movement took place. The general opinion of the delegates appeared to be in favour of amalgamation of societies and forming larger central organisations which would be able to supply all the needs of the consumers at competitive prices. The Commissioner of Co-operative Development said that an All Ceylon Federation of the Co-operative Consumer Societies would be formed very early and that this apex organisation would be able to withstand the competition of private trade.

Several resolutions relating to co-operative activity were passed at the Conference. One resolution demanded the establishment of a Central Market in Colombo for the sale of all food articles produced by the Co-

Law Society's Acting President

Mr. E. M. Karunaratne, Proctor S. C., Vice-President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ceylon, has been appointed Acting President of the Law Society during the absence from the Island of the President, Mr. Sam J. C. Kadigamar who has left Ceylon to represent the Law Society at the two International Conferences at Netherlands and in Belgium and to pay a courtesy visit to the Law Society of England.

M. E. M. Karunaratne is a Senior Proctor held in high esteem by the profession. The leading criminal lawyer in the Southern Province, he is a member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Law Society. And has evinced a keen interest in the founding, inauguration and incorporation of the Law Society of Ceylon.

Tender Notice

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, Northern Province, up to 12 noon on Tuesday, August 24, 1948, for the construction of a masonry regulator and regressing Veraval channel in Punnakari-Tunukkai D. R. O's Division, N. P. Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the Kachcheri, Jaffna, where all particulars can be obtained. Tender forms will be issued up to 12 noon on Saturday, August 21, 1948, only on production of receipt for Rs. 25 deposited for each form at the Jaffna Kachcheri. (G. 66. 17 & 48).

operative Agricultural Production and Sales Societies of the Island. Another requested the Co-operative Wholesale Establishment to import all foodstuffs imported at present from India through the Producer Co-operative Societies in India and thus ensure not only a fair standard in prices but also forge ties of friendship with India economically also. The Conference also desired that a Co-operative Insurance Society for Life, Fire, Crops and General Purposes should be formed early in order to safeguard the movement from providential and accidental loss or damage. The educational value of conferences of this nature is great indeed.

As usual, the conference was followed by the annual general meetings of the Jaffna Co-operative Central Bank and the Northern Division Co-operative Federation Ltd. These meetings were well attended and at both meetings the Hon. Mr. A. Ratnayake and Mr. G. de Soya, C. C. D. were present. They addressed the member delegates and congratulated the institutions on the very good work that they were doing.

This year's conference was of special interest to the co-operators. They were glad not only to receive Ceylon's first Co-operative Minister but also were happy to entertain Mr. G. De Soya, the Popular Commissioner for Co-operative Development at a tea function in honour of His Majesty conferring on him order of the British Empire. Glorious tributes were paid to the qualities of head and heart of the Commissioner by several distinguished speakers. Gate Modaliyar K. Chinnaibam, by the founder of the oldest Co-operative Society in the North, was also entertained by the co-operators on the rank of Gate Modaliyar being conferred on him.

This co-operative week-end also marked the laying of the Foundation Stone for the Jaffna Co-operative Bank Buildings, for Ceylon's first Co-operative Cottages and the Administration Block of the Moolai Co-operative Hospital by the Minister.

Jaffna is definitely co-operative minded. Under the Co-operative Flag all Ceylon shall unite and make Lanka once more and forever more the pearl of the Indian Ocean.

Rural Development Not For One Party's Benefit

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It was not a theoretical scheme but a practical one drawn up after successful experiments in certain parts of the country. In its details the scheme was elastic and could be modified to suit conditions in different parts of the country. A headmen's division will, generally, form the smallest unit which will be covered by a rural welfare society. Measures aimed at improving the condition of the villages will be discussed in these societies and put up to the Divisional Committees consisting of Local Government officers, and chairmen of village committees who are very important people in the village. The D. R. O. will be chairman of the divisional committees. There will be District Committees consisting of local heads of departments with the G. A. or A. G. A. as chairman. Matters that cannot be disposed of by the Divisional Committees will be referred to the District Committees of which D. R. O's will be members. The district Committee will refer matters which they cannot dispose of to the Central Committees in Colombo consisting of Permanent Secretaries. Thus all matters concerning the needs of a village will be expeditiously dealt with. Citing examples of the type of work the Rural Welfare Societies could do the Director said that petty disputes could be settled, theft of praedial produce could be prevented by regular patrolling by members of these societies. Unnecessary petitioning and litigation could thus be avoided.

Doubts Cleared He further wished to clear the doubts in the minds of certain people who think that the scheme is meant to help the supporters of one political party. Nothing was further from the truth, he expounded to the people not to be misled by such mischievous propaganda. The scheme has been drawn up by the present government with the sole aim of bettering the conditions of the villagers in all parts of the country. Welfare societies will be formed in all parts of Ceylon and they will work for the improvement of the conditions of the people regardless of any distinctions. After a lively discussion Mr. Perera thanked the D. R. O. for the great interest he was taking in the scheme and said that he would give all assistance in his efforts to make the scheme a success.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA Testametary Jurisdiction No. 906.

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Raganatha Iyer Sivaramalinga Iyer Ratanasabapathy Iyer of Kakkul, Deceased-Raganatha Iyer Sivaramalinga Iyer Raganatha Iyer of Kakkul. Petitioner.

- Vs. Minor 1. Lalithabathi daughter of R.S. Ratanasabapathy Iyer
2. R.S. Ratanasabapathy Iyer Venkadesa Iyer
3. R.S. Ratanasabapathy Iyer Kathiresa Iyer
4. Ratanamma widow of R.S. Ratanasabapathy Iyer all of Kakkul Jaffna.

Respondents. This matter coming on for disposal before Mr. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 19th day of July 1948 in the presence of Mr. M. Mathiaparaman Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 19th July 1948 having been read: It is ordered that the abovesaid petitioner declared entitled to have letters of administration over the estate of the abovesaid deceased and the same issued to him accordingly unless the respondents or any others shall on or before the 25th day of August 1948 appear before this court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the petitioner do produce the minor respondents in court on the said date. This 19th day of July 1948 Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai District Judge. (O. 57. 17 & 20.)

Sale of Land Near Thaddatheru Junction

Tenders will be received by me or the Secretary, District Court, Jaffna for 21 days from date hereof from intending purchasers of an undivided one half share of the land called "Peibanvalavu" bearing assessment No. 56 in Arasady or Chemmani Road, near Thaddatheru Junction in extent 4, 5/8 Lms. V. C. with house well and all other appurtenances described as land No. 2 in the inventory filed in Testametary Case No. 685 of the District Court of Jaffna, belonging to the heirs of the late Sivagunathar Ponnusamy of Neeraviyady and bounded on the East by Hindu College Lane, North by Arasady or Chemmani Road, West by property of K. Marimuttu and on the South by property of P. Thanamma and P. Sangarapillai. N. B. The remaining half share belonging to the administratrix in the above case will be sold to the successful tenderor for the same price. The highest tender or will be sold the property if the court deems the price to be reasonable.

A. THANABALASINGAM, Anaipanthi, Proctor. (M. 59. 13 & 17)

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited for the construction of Operation theatre and labour room. The plans, specifications and schedule of quantities can be seen at the office of the Secretary of the Co-operative Union Hospital any day during office hours. Registered contractors who have carried out single contract amounting Rs. 30,000, or above under the Government will be eligible to tender. Tender form can be had on application with a deposit of Rs. 100/-

The deposit will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderor. Sealed tenders will be received by the Secretary, Co-operative Union Hospital Ltd., Chulupuram marked on the top of the cover "Tenders for operation theatre & Labour Room" up to 12 noon 25th August 1948. The lowest or any tender will not be accepted.

K. S. PILLAI, Hony. Secretary. (M. 87. 13 & 17)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA Testametary Jurisdiction No. 887

Sinniah Chetty Ramiah Chetty of Vannarponnai Jaffna. Petitioner.

- 1. Ramanathan Chetty Balasubramanian Chetty
2. Nagarathnam widow of Ramanathan Chetty both of Vannarponne West, Jaffna the 1st respondent is a minor appearing by his guardian-ad-litem the 2nd respondent.

Respondents. In the matter of the Estate of the late Thanukuy Chetty Ramaratnam Chetty deceased, of Vannarponne West Jaffna.

This matter coming on for disposal before Mr. R. Selvadurai, Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 31st day of May, 1948 in the presence of Mr. V. S. Samsuntharam, Proctor on the part of the petitioner, and the affidavit of the above-mentioned petitioner dated 26th April, 1948, having been read.

It is further declared that the said 2nd respondent, be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st respondents and that the said Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as his brother-in-law and that he is entitled to have Letters of Administration and the same issued to him accordingly unless the respondents or others interested shall on or before the 30th day of June 1948, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the Petitioner do produce the minor respondents in court on the said date. This 31st day of May, 1948. Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI, District Judge. The above Order Nisi is extended for 18th August 1948. (Initialled). K. R. S. D. J. (O. 55. 13 & 17).

Copra Pact In A Nutshell

Here is the copra agreement in a nutshell:

- 1. Britain will pay £55 per ton P. O. B. for copra, and/or coconut oil equivalent to 40,000 tons in terms of oil during January-December 1949.
2. This means that Britain will pay about Rs. 189 per candy against Rs. 150 under the last contract—an increase of about Rs. 39 per candy.
3. The Pakistan Government will get 8,000 tons in terms of oil or and copra or coconut.
4. The Ceylon Government has guaranteed to the producer Rs. 150 per candy from now on until the end of 1949. This is an increase of Rs. 25 to the producer.
5. This agreement will come up for revision at the end of 1949 when it is expected Ceylon will enter into a long term (five-year) contract.
6. If no agreement is reached, Britain and Pakistan will pay Ceylon at the rate of not more than £57-12-0 per ton of copra f. o. b. (Ceylon Ports not less than £47-8-0 f. o. b. for shipments in 1950.
7. For any quantity above 40,000 tons Britain will pay at the rate of £50 per ton of copra f. o. d. in respect of shipments during July 1 and December, 1948 and £53 per ton f. o. d. during 1949.

Maharaja of Bhavanagar Governor of Madras

The Maharaja of Bhavanagar has been appointed to succeed Lieut. General Sir Archibald Nye as Governor of Madras, says a communication issued from Government House, New Delhi.

Thirty-six year old Col. H. P. Sir Rao Siree Krishnakumarasinhji Bharsinhji, is a Gohel Rajput and a direct descendant of Sevjaji, believed to have settled in this country about 1260. Educated at the Rajkumar College, Rajkot and Harrow, England, he succeeded to the Gadi on the death of his father, Maharaja Sir Bhavinahji on July 17, 1919. He married in 1931 a daughter of the Maharaja of Gondal and has two sons and three daughters.

Ceylon Government Railway NOTICE

The Railway Level Crossing at 244 miles 75 chains, Northern Line, between Navakuli and Jaffna Railway Stations, on the Jaffna Kachcheri Road to Nallore, will be totally closed for vehicular traffic from 10.00 a. m. on Friday 20th-48 till 4.00 a. m. on Saturday 21st-48 for effecting repairs. During this period, vehicular traffic will be diverted through Old Store Road.

M. KANAGASABAY, Aets. General Manager P O Box No 355. Colombo, 12th August 1948. (G. 64. 17)

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, Northern Province, up to 12 noon on Tuesday, August 24, 1948, for providing a flag pole and regrating the Kiranchi Vaikkal in Kiranchi village in Pallavayarankadda, in Punnakari-Tunukkai D. R. O's Division Northern Province.

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DHYANA YOGA

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now and then like the man who removed the young plant daily after watering, to see whether it has struck deep roots or not. May you all attain success in Yoga and enter into Nirvikalpa Samadhi or the blissful union with the Lord by controlling the senses and the mind and practising regular and constant meditation.

II. Meditation

Meditation is the keeping up of a continuous flow of one idea of God or the Self. At the time of meditation the mind becomes steady and assumes the form of the chosen object of meditation.

You will experience bias in meditation when the mind becomes steady, when the dissipated rays of the mind are slowly gathered. You must be regular in meditation. Meditation must be practised in Brahma Muhurta between 4 and 6 a.m.

Have two or three sittings for meditation. Cultivate Vairagya. Observe Mewna. Keep up Brahmacharya. Increase the period of meditation gradually. You will have definite progress in meditation.

When you sit for meditation, even if the mind runs aimlessly even if the divine thoughts cannot be generated, you should not leave the practice of meditation. Gradually you will get peace of mind. Whenever the mind gets blank, repeat mentally the attributes of the Lord, Omnipotence, Omniscience, Omnipresence, Satचित-ananda, Purity, Perfection, Infinity, Eternity and Immortality. Repeat the Gorn stotras or any hymn. Gradually you will raise divine thoughts. When the mind becomes very turbulent, you can start doing routine Karma with spiritual thought in the back ground.

Keeping the mind in an unoccupied state is not the realization of the self. It will be of some use to you. You will have to generate the Brahmakara Vritti by constantly meditating on the Self.

There is much of impurity (Mala) in the mind. That is the reason why you do not get any satisfaction during meditation. The object of meditation is to attain God-head, to attain knowledge of the Self, to know that you are identical with Atma, that you are in essence the immortal at-ervading Self.

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One Thing And Another

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Social Council as "an individual employed by an information agency, or a national of a contracting State, who is regularly engaged in the collection and reporting of news material." Russian amendments insisting that the convention should apply only to individuals of foreign citizenship employed by a foreign information agency, were rejected.

A great denouement is expected by some people in the coming week when Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam faces his Tamil Congress colleagues in meeting. A few recent happenings where G.G.P. has taken prominent part seem to have indicated the way of the wind's blowing. At one such in Jaffna, the Vallugam East Agri. Exhibition, he advised the people to help Government in their undertakings. Mr. Ponnambalam who so long had been "complaining and demanding," said a speaker, would shortly have the privilege of executing and commanding, meaning that he is to be invested with responsibility in Government. In Government it ordinarily would be "explaining and defending," when others would have taken the role of "complaining and demanding."

VEDANTA MOOLA SARAM

OR THE ESSENCE OF THE UPANISHADS

(By A Science Graduate)

(Continued from our issue of 10/8/48)

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XX. THE KATHA UPANISHAD. (Contd.)

These lines from Thayumanavar, particularly the words...

Some Misconceptions

Before concluding these notes on the Katha Upanishad, we consider it necessary to correct certain misconceptions regarding it.

There is yet another and that a more material misconception regarding this Upanishad which should not be allowed to remain unchallenged.

It is not easy to know God (II-7 & 8, III-14). Not by the eye (VI-9) not by argumentation (II-8 & 9), not by the wicked nor by those with minds imbued or intellect not concentrated, not even by knowledge (II-24) not by word nor by the mind nor by the eye (VI-12), not by the study of the Vedas nor by intellectualism nor by manifold science (II-23) can God be perceived.

The intellectualists seem to be obsessed with the idea that the Vedas are the only revelation and immediately they come across the statement that God cannot be gained by the study of the Vedas...

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ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 901. In the matter of the intestate estate of Sangarapillai Kanapathipillai Nagalingam of Anaicottai Deceased

Visaladchy widow of Sangarapillai Kanapathipillai Nagalingam of Navaly Petitioner

1. Nagalingam Kandasamy 2. Nagalingam Subramaniam 3. Nagalingam Kamalambikai 4. Nagalingam Sivalambikai 5. Nagalingam Saraswathy 6. Nagalingam Mahalukshmy 7. Nagalingam Sivasammuganathan all of Navaly all being minors appearing by their Guardian-ad-litem the 8th Respondent

It is ordered and decreed that the 8th Respondent abovenamed be and is hereby appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Respondents minors for the purpose of representing them in these Testamentary proceedings and that Letters of Administration of the late Sangarapillai Kanapathipillai Nagalingam of Anaicottai be issued to the Petitioner unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 3rd day of August 1948 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.

Drawn by (Sgd) S. Thirunavukkarasu Proctor for Petitioner, 3/8-48. Time to show cause is extended till 24-8-48. (Inld. R. R. S. D. J. (O. 52, 13 & 17)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA (held at Point Pedro) Testamentary Jurisdiction No 336/P. T. In the matter of the Intestate Estate of the late Amuthambikai wife Ponnambalam Vallipuram of Puloly East. Deceased.

Ponnampalam Vallipuram of Puloly East. Petitioner. Vs. 1. Vallipuram Selvarajah do 2. Vallipuram Savantharajan do 3. Subathiradevi daughter of Vallipuram do

The 3rd respondent is a minor represented by her guardian-ad-litem 1st respondent. Respondents. This matter of the petition of the abovenamed Petitioner praying for Letters of administration of the Intestate Estate of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before W. Thalagopitaya Esqr. Additional District Judge of Jaffna on the 30th day of October 1947, in the presence of Mr. C. Thanabalasingam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and on reading the petition and affidavit of the petitioner.

It is ordered that petitioner as the husband of the abovenamed deceased is entitled to administer the said estate and that Letters of Administration be issued to the petitioner accordingly unless the respondents or any other person or persons interested shall show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary on or before the 11th day of December 1947.

This 30th day of October 1947 Sgd. S. K. THALAGOPITIYA, Additional District Judge. Drawn by Sgd. C. Thanabalasingam, Proctor for Petitioner. 11-12-47. Time to show cause extended for 22-1-948. 22-1-48. Time to show cause extended for 19-2-1948. 19-2-48. Time to show cause extended for 18-3-1948. 18-3-48. Time to show cause extended for 20-5-1948. 20-5-48. Time to show cause extended for 9-7-1948. 9-7-48. Time to show cause extended for 20-8-1948. Inld. S. R. W. D. J. (O. 55, 13 & 17)

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ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 909

In the matter of the estate of the late Kandiah Sanmuganathan of Nallore. Deceased. Chellammah widow of Sanmuganathan both of Nallore. Vs. 1. Shanmuganathan Sathinathan 2. Sathiammah widow of Sanmuganathan both of Nallore Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 24th day of July 1948 in the presence of Mr. C. C. Somasegaram proctor on the part of the petitioner and on reading the

affidavit and petition of the petitioner.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 2nd Respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minor abovenamed 1st respondent and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the petitioner as the mother of the said deceased, unless the abovenamed respondents appear before this court on the 26th day of August 1948 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary. This 24th day of July 1948. Sgd, R. R. Selvadurai, District Judge. Drawn by C. C. Somasegaram, Proctor for Petitioner. (O. 54 13 & 17)

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