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IMPORTANCE OF GURU-BHAKTI

(BY SWAMI SIVANANDA)

GURU'S form is the basis of meditation. His Feet are the root of worship. His words are source of Mantra and His Grace is the the root cause of Moksha (salvation).

Guru is one who has full Self-illumination and who can remove the veil of ignorance in deluded Jivas. Guru, Truth Brahman, Ishwara, Atman, God, OM are all one. So long as there is a world there are Gurus and Vedas to guide the struggling souls in the path of Self-Realisation. The number of realised souls may be less in the Iron Age when compared with the Satya-Yuga, but they are always present to help the aspirants. They are always searching for the proper Adhikaris or qualified aspirants.

Guru is Brahman Himself. Guru is Ishwara. Guru is God. A word from him is a word from God. He need not teach anything. Even his presence or company is elevating inspiring and stirring. The very company itself is Self-illumination. Living in his company is spiritual education. That which comes out of his lips is all Vedas or gospel Truth. His very life is an embodiment of Vedas. Guru is your guide or spiritual preceptor, your real

father, mother, brother, relative and intimate friend. He is an embodiment of mercy and love, His tender smile radiates light, bliss, joy, knowledge and peace. He is a blessing to the suffering humanity. Whatever he says is Upanishadic teaching. He knows the spiritual path. He knows the pitfalls and snares on the way. He gives timely warning to the students. He shows his grace on their heads. He takes their Prarabdha on his own head. He is an ocean of mercy. All agonies, miseries, tribulations, taints of worldliness, etc., vanish in his mere presence.

It is he who helps the aspirants in their Self-Realisation by imparting the true significance of "Tat-Twamasi" Mahavakya of the Upanishads through various Yuktis and Dristants.

It is he who transmutes the little Jivahood into great Brahmanhood. It is he who overhauls the old, wrong, vicious Samskaras of aspirants and awakens them to the attainment of the Knowledge of Self. It is he who uplifts the Jivas from the quagmire of body and Samsara, removes the veil of Avidya, all doubts, Moha, fear, etc.,

Festival of Arts

Jaffna to take part

At a meeting held at the Jaffna Kacheheri presided over by Mr. P. J. Hudson, Government Agent, Dr. G. P. Malalasekera and G. G. Mudaliar Wickremaratne addressed those present on behalf of the Ceylon Society of Arts, which intends to have a Festival of Arts in Colombo on the first anniversary of Ceylon's independence.

They suggested that Jaffna should be one of the leading exhibitors.

A committee consisting of all the D. R. R's Education Officer, the Divisional Agricultural Officer, the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Kacheheri Mudaliar (with Mr. W. M. Cumaraswamy and Mr. S. Srinivasan as joint-secretaries) was elected to make the necessary arrangements.

awakens the Kundalini and opens the inner eye of intuition.

You will find in the Gita: "Learn thou this by discipleship, by enquiry and by service. The wise, the seers of the essence of things, will instruct thee in wisdom." (Chap: IV-34.)

The Guru must not only be a Brahma-Srottri but a Brahma-Nishtha as well. Mere study of books cannot make one a Guru. One who has studied the Vedas and who has direct Knowledge of Atman through Anubhava can only be enrolled as a Guru. If you can find peace in presence of a Mahatma, and if your doubts are removed in his presence you can take him as your Guru.

A Guru can awaken the Kundalini of an aspirant through sight, touch, speech or mere Sankalpa (thought). He can transmit spirituality to the student just as one gives an orange to another. When the Guru gives Mantra to his disciples, he gives it with his own power and Sattvic Bhava.

Just as water is flowing in a river so also Jnana and Bhakti are ever flowing from him. A thirsty man only drinks the water. A thirsty aspirant who has implicit faith in his Guru and who is very eager to imbibe his teachings, can only drink the nectar from him. The student can imbibe from his Guru in proportion to the intensity and degree of his faith in him.

The Guru tests the students in various ways. Some students misunderstand him and lose their faith in him. Hence they are not benefited. Those who stand the tests boldly come out successful in the end. The period-

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Bribery Commission

First Inquiry Concluded

Another Begins

The inquiry into an alleged instance of bribery in which an employee of the Government Printing Office figured as the respondent, was concluded on Tuesday before the Bribery Commission.

Another inquiry was taken up during the afternoon's proceedings. The second matter taken up by the Commission was one concerning an alleged acceptance of an illegal gratification of Rs. 75 by a Supervisor of Food Control Barriers Mr. S. Navaratna who was alleged to have posed as a Price Control Inspector. He was alleged to have imposed on a boutique-keeper, of Wagodapola, Matale, named Sara'deen.

King not Well

AUSTRALIAN TOUR POSTPONED

It was announced from Buckingham Palace on Tuesday early morning that the Royal tour of Australia and New Zealand is indefinitely postponed.

The King is suffering from an obstruction to the circulation in the right leg. Complete rest has been advised. All the King's public engagements are cancelled for some months.

The tour of King George, Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret to Australia and New Zealand was arranged for the first half of next year.

Official Announcement

The text of the announcement ran:—

"As a result of advice, based on a very thorough examination which has been tendered to the King by his medical advisers and which has been endorsed by the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, the King has agreed to cancel all his public engagements for some months.

"His decision involves the indefinite postponement of the visit to Australia and New Zealand which the King and Queen had undertaken to pay, with Princess Margaret during the first half of next year.

"The King and Queen wish to express to the people of Australia and New Zealand the profound regret and bitter disappointment which they themselves felt at the abandonment of their tour, which they know will be shared by all those who were preparing to welcome them."

G. G. Back from Empire Parliamentary Conference

Progressive Scheme of Industrialisation Answer to Red Menace

—he says.

MR. G. G. Ponnambalam, Minister for Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries, told a Times Reporter on his arrival at the Katunayake airport on Tuesday evening after attending the Empire Parliamentary Conference in London, that he would urge the young men of Ceylon to turn to industrial and chemical engineering, which, he said, was bound to offer the widest possible scope for employment in the future.

Mr. Ponnambalam, who was met at the airport by a large number of friends and relatives, including Members of Parliament, told the Times Reporter that the aircraft he had arrived in had encountered a 90 m. p. h. cyclone over Bombay.

Referring to his industrial visit to Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and Germany, he said that Ceylon could learn many lessons from the remarkable development of small countries in Europe particularly Switzerland, Sweden and Denmark. He was particularly interested in studying the development of the iron and steel industries in Sweden, Switzerland and Germany.

'Answer to Red Menace'

"A progressive scheme of industrialisation, with a general raising

of the standard of living and affording increased means of employment," he declared, "will have to be Ceylon's answer to the Red menace. I venture to hope that Ceylon will be in a position to attract foreign capital, particularly by way of machinery and first-rate technical assistance. This will speed up industrialisation more than anything else."

In regard to the textile industry he said that while the pressure for production for export was very heavy in England, he thought it would be possible to obtain machinery from Belgium and Italy.

Turning to the fishing industry, Mr. Ponnambalam said he would recommend to the Government that international experts from Denmark and Sweden be invited immediately to survey Ceylon waters. He suggested ameliorating the conditions of the fishermen around our coastal areas by means of organisations on co-operative lines, each owning a Diesel motor-boat.

Mr. Ponnambalam added that a question worth investigating was whether it would not be feasible to provide a fillip to the building industry by a rebate of income tax on earned capital used in building.

University of Ceylon

To represent in Indian Varsity Debate

The University of Ceylon will be represented at the All-India University Debate to be held at the Allahabad University on November 28. The Ceylon University Debating Team will consist of Mr. K. M. P. Rajaratna, President, Union Society, and Mr. Y. Duraiswamy.

The subject for debate will be: India should remain in the British Commonwealth of Nations."

The Ceylon University team has left for India by air. They will be the guests of the Allahabad University.

It is learned that all Indian Universities are participating in the debate.

Two Nationalist Tamils

Invited to Jaipur Congress

Mr. S. Somasundaram, President, and Mr. A. C. Chella Rajah, General Secretary of the All-Ceylon Nationalist Tamils Conference have been invited to attend the annual sessions of the Indian National Congress to be held at Jaipur between December 17 and 20.

No Divorce!

Agreement for Rs. 50,000

A Burmese couple appearing recently before a Magistrate in Rangoon to register their marriage signed an agreement that whoever of the two first sought a divorce would have to pay a sum of Rs. 50,000 to the other party. The agreement is the first of its kind in Burma.

Passive Resistance Against Purdah

About 45 satyagrahis, including a number of married couples, offered "satyagraha" at a house on Harrison Road, in Calcutta where purdah was being observed by the bride in a marriage in the Marwari community.

The satyagraha was conducted under the auspices of the Social Reform Committee of the All-India Marwari Federation, and among those who participated in it were prominent local Marwari leaders.

The object of the satyagraha was to dissuade visitors from attending a marriage in which purdah was being observed. The satyagrahis carried anti-purdah slogans and mottoes.

THE GURUPOOJAH OF SRI LA SRI ARUMUGA NAVALAR

The Gurupoojah of Sri La Sri Arumuga Navalar was conducted by the Jaffna Saivaparipalana Sabha on the 23rd instant. During the day between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. worship, singing of Thevarams and Maheswara Poojah took place at the Neeraviady Thilakavathiar Madam.

During the night a meeting was held in the Jaffna Hindu College Tamil school with Mr. R. Sivagunathar, the president of the Jaffna Saivaparipalana Sabha in the chair to celebrate the memory of the Great Hindu Religious reformer.

The Chairman in the course of his presidential address said that the Tamil language and the Saiva religion were very old perhaps the oldest of all existing languages and religions. Unfortunately they two faced a serious set-back during the regime of the Portuguese and the Dutch in Ceylon. Even after the coming of the English though the English were tolerant of the Tamil language and the Saiva religion could not prosper well, as they were Christians. It was at that time that the Great Navalar was born in 1322 to revive the Tamil language and the Saiva religion. It was the duty

of the Tamils to remember the great Navalar and live according to the ideals preached and practised by him. The president in his concluding remarks told the students who were present at the meeting that they were the future custodians of the Tamil language and the Saiva religion. Men of his generation were growing old and unfit to serve them. Therefore it was that he took the opportunity to draw their attention to the holy duty they owed to their religion and language.

Then two students of the Jaffna Hindu College declaimed essays chosen from the fourth standard Tamil reader written by Navalar. Their declamation was much appreciated by the audience. Messrs. S. Kularetnam and P. Appucuddy spoke next on the life and works of Sri La Sri Arumuga Navalar. They dwelt in detail on the service that Navalar rendered to the Saiva Religion, the Tamil Language and the society. Mr. P. Appucuddy remarked that the best form of gratitude that they could show to the great Navalar was to lead a life according to his teachings.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the lecturers by the Chairman.

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Treasure These Thoughts

True religion is, in fact, identical with morality. There is no religion higher than Truth and Righteousness.

—MAHATMA GANDHI.

KANGANY RAJ

THE STAGE HAS BEEN SET for the introduction of the Indian Citizenship Bill for discussion in the House of Representatives. The correspondence that passed between the Governments of India and Ceylon is being released simultaneously in both countries. As a prelude a memorandum has been sent by the Kandyan National Assembly and the Kandyan Youth League setting out objections to certain sections of the Indian Citizenship (Registration) Bill. The memorandum points out that 660,000 Indian labourers living among a scattered Kandyan rural population of no less than 2,235,000 have completely submerged by the advantage of their dense concentration among a scattered rural people, a very large number of the Kandyan electoral areas; in consequence in the present Parliament, Kandyans living in no less than six areas have been virtually disenfranchised, in no less than 22 areas the fate of the Kandyan representation hangs precariously in the balance; and the Kandyans are compelled to woo the Indian population and subject themselves to domineering terms and conditions imposed on them by the so-called Ceylon Indian Congress. The memorandum demands that provision should be made in the Indian Citizenship Bill to ensure to the Kandyan people full and unfettered freedom within the limits of this Island, free from the dictation of a foreign element, whose existence has in no way bettered the Kandyans; the Government of Ceylon should not sacrifice Kandyan interests for the appeasement of Indian clamour; and finally a Kangany Raj should not be substituted in place of the

erstwhile British Raj. The suggestion has been made that uninterrupted residence for a period of 21 years prior to June 1946 should be made necessary as a condition precedent for registration as a Citizen and that all absence should be defined as "interrupted" unless it is proved to the contrary by (a) documentary proof or evidence on oath that every such absence was intended to be temporary and (b) documentary proof or evidence on oath that absence on no occasion exceeded a period of 6 months' duration.

The complaint that the Indian population of 660,000 by virtue of the fact of concentration among a scattered Kandyan population of 2,235,000 have submerged a very large number of the Kandyan electoral areas is untenable; disagreement among Kandyans themselves who belong to different factions is probably being exploited by the Indian labour population. The Kandyans are more to blame for their differences than the Ceylon Indian Congress which has been accused of dictating to the Kandyans who voted the Indian population during the polls. If Kandyans could unite, there will be no chance of their being exploited by the C. I. C. In Free Ceylon the system of Party Government prevails though parties are still not fully developed. There will be no room in the future for Kandyan or an Indian candidate seeking election to Parliament on a communal ticket. The Kandyans' fears cannot be real.

A Kangany Raj in place of the erstwhile British Raj, it is feared by the Kandyans, will be established, if the Indian Citizenship Bill will enable all the Indian residents in the Kandyan provinces to register themselves as Ceylon citizens. Such fears are unfounded. The statistics regarding population as set out in the memorandum proves beyond doubt that there cannot be any reason for thinking that a Kangany Raj will replace the British Raj.

Citizenship rights have to be jealously guarded. It should not be possible for foreigners to register themselves as Ceylon Citizens without fulfilling the terms and conditions which will be imposed by the Citizenship Bill. The requirements should be strict regarding applications for registration made by persons who migrate to Ceylon from other countries after the appointed date contemplated by the Bill. Those who have already settled down in the Island and made Ceylon their home and contributed in no small measure to the prosperity of the Island deserve to be treated sympathetically. The suggestion regarding 21 years' residence or the definition of uninterrupted residence as set out in the memorandum cannot be supported. When a period of 7 years residence before the appointed date contemplated in the Bill is being considered by the Indian Government which probably wants the period to be reduced by a year or two, the demand of uninterrupted residence for 21 years appears to be a bolt from the blue,

Lawyer challenged by witness

To a Sabre duel

Maitre Bene Florit, lawyer in the current Paris trial of the Cagoulauds—the "hooded men" of the pre-war French Fascist Organisation—was challenged by one of the witnesses, General Chauvin to a sabre duel.

Maitre Florit, who is appearing for the family of a policeman, was stated to have declared that the general's evidence regarding a Paris bomb incident—alleged to have been caused by the Cagoule—was "lies".

General Chauvin stated out of Court that he had asked Maitre Florit to withdraw the allegations and apologise, or to settle the dispute by a sabre duel.

M. P. Sued

A case has been filed in the District Court of Colombo by W. J. Elizabeth Perera of Goulding Lane, Slave Island, through her Proctor, Mr. W. H. W. Perera, against Mr. Somaweei Chandrasiri, M. P., for Moratuwa, claiming a sum of Rs. 2,132, which she alleges is due to her from Mr. Chandrasiri on five promissory notes.

The Judge has directed summons to issue on Mr. Chandrasiri returnable on February 7, 1949.

Judge Injured in Bus-Car Collision

Mr. V. Manicavasagar, District Judge, Ratnapura, whilst returning home on Monday evening from the Courts, met with an accident when his car came into collision with a bus of the Panadura Motor Transit Co. near the Residency, Ratnapura.

The car was very badly damaged, and Mr. Manicavasagar sustained a fracture of the leg. He was removed to the General Hospital Colombo.

His driver too sustained severe injuries on the head, and was removed to hospital.

It is alleged that the accident was due to the bus skidding.

Gurupooja of Sir P

The Gurupoojai of the late Sir Ponnampalam Ramanathan will be celebrated by the Saivamangayar Sabai at Ramanathan College on Sunday the 5th December 1948.

1 Year for fish thief

Before Mr. R. K. Selvadurai, District Judge, Jaffna, K. Narasingham was charged with house-breaking and theft of four bags of Maldiv fish, valued at Rs 322, belonging to a co-operative wholesale establishment in Hospital Road. Narasingham was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

Gampola Election Petition Dismissed

Mr. Justice Windham delivered his judgment on Thursday dismissing with costs the Gampola election petition. The costs were fixed at Rs. 4,000.

IN PARLIAMENT

EXPORT DUTY ON COCONUT INCREASED

THE House of Representatives met on last Tuesday after its recess. Mr. A. F. Molamure the Speaker presided. Export duties on various coconut products have been raised as the result of a motion introduced by Mr. J. R. Jayawardene Minister for Finance.

The Minister for Health and Local Government, Mr. S. W. R. D. Pandaranake, introduced the first reading of the Bills to amend the Medical Ordinance and to provide for the registration and supervision of nursing homes.

Mr. J. R. Jayawardene, Minister for Finance, introduced the first reading of two Bills to amend the Estate Duty Ordinance, to provide for the appointment of a Deputy Commissioner of Estate Duty, and to amend the Stamp Ordinance.

Mr. C. Sittampalam, Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, moved the first reading of a Bill to amend the Post-Office Savings Bank Ordinance, while the Minister for Agriculture and Lands, Mr. Dudley Senanayake, moved the first reading of the Bills to amend the Tea Research Ordinance and the Crown Lands Ordinance.

An order by Mr. C. Suntheralingam, Minister for Trade and Commerce, to give preferential treatment under the Agricultural Products Act to the following locally-grown products was passed: chillies, green gram, red onions, black pepper, mustard, tamarind, turmeric and coffee.

Dr. N. M. Perera said that the House should have more information on that matter, especially in regard to the quotas to be fixed and the price.

The House next discussed an adjourned motion on the re-instatement of strikers without any punishment.

Sir John Kotelawala, Minister for Transport and Works, said that the strike took place one-and-a-half years ago over the dismissal of certain employees of Rowlands Garage. The result was that a poor clerk met with his death and the Mayor was manhandled.

The strike took place at a time when people were leading a hand-to-mouth existence. About 8,000 men were involved. He issued an ultimatum for the people to return to work, and they all returned except 172 from his Departments.

Some of them had served for over eight to ten years, one of them had put in 32 years' service. Those men walked the streets for over a year and ultimately came to him.

He asked them to apply for re-instatement and 140 people applied. Seventy were taken back and 82 dismissed.

It was for those who misled them to look after them. They should own their mistake.

Wednesdays' proceedings
Mr. Dahanayake moved: "That this House demands the immediate introduction of an Old Age Pension Scheme."

Mr. Dahanayake said that it was the duty of the Government to assist helpless old persons by giving them an adequate contribution to meet their ordinary expenses. There were, he maintained, hundreds of people in the towns and villages who died of starvation.

Mr. T. B. Jayah Minister of Labour and Social Service, said the Members who had stated that the Government had done nothing to assist people who were in need, showed great ignorance. He had always made it clear that in future there would be no more waiting lists and that everybody who deserved assistance would be given aid and

that quickly.

Continuing, Mr. Jayah said that the assistance given to deserving people amounted to a very large slice of the national income. It would soon reach the figure of Rs. 40 million.

The Government was alive to another aspect of the problem, the assistance to needy children who were the future hope of the country.

The Government had under consideration a Health Insurance Scheme, an Unemployment Scheme and a National Provident Fund Scheme. The last mentioned Scheme deserved special attention. In fact Lord Beveridge, who was in Ceylon recently, was much impressed by the Scheme, Lord Beveridge realized the vast possibilities of the Scheme and the sincerity of the Government that drew it up.

A token vote had already been passed for that Scheme and the Scheme was now being considered by experts. It might take some time to come into operation but when it came into force it would be a much better Scheme than the Old Age Pension Scheme.

Dr. N. M. Perera asked what was the difficulty in accepting that motion. It was a mistake to look upon that motion as an alternative to the assistance given by the Public Assistance Committee. The two were vastly different things.

He added that the Public Assistance Scheme was badly administered.

Social Service Report

Mr. D. S. Senanayake, speaking on the motion when the House resumed its sitting after the tea interval, said that recommendations contained in the report of the Social Service Commission had to be implemented gradually taking into consideration the priority given to them.

The Government was deeply interested in improving the living conditions of the poor. The mere payment of pensions to aged persons would do very little to improve their lot. It was possible that the money would ultimately in most cases be utilised to help others for whom it was not meant.

It had been the tradition in the east for the young to look after the old. He did not know how things were now after the propagation of new ideas by reformers. It was the intention of the Government to provide decent and comfortable homes, for the old where they would be well looked after and in that connection the Minister for Labour and Social Services was taking action to have a home of that nature established at an early date.

Better Living Conditions

The standard of living of the people had to be raised and the conditions in which the poor lived had to be improved in a way that would last. Those things had to be done gradually and he could assure the House that they would receive the attention of the Government.

He opposed the motion because he did not want the Government to be confused or bled by motions of that nature to abandon its program for the amelioration of the living conditions of the people.

The motion was put to the House and lost, 31 voting for and 46 against.

News in Brief

A woman named K. M. Josephine Perera of Minuwangoda, who had accused Excise Inspector K. S. Pirasoody of Minuwangoda of having forcibly taken Rs. 87 from her possession was found guilty of selling toddy illicitly by Mr. V. S. Gunewardene, the Negombo Magistrate, and fined Rs. 200. She was charged by Excise Inspector Pirasoody. Her sister Anohamy, who was charged with aid and abetment, was discharged.

Mr. D. J. L. Samaraweera, a teacher of St. Luke's College, Ratnapura was struck by lightning and died in hospital. He had cycled home after school and was leaving his house to visit a friend when lightning struck him. He was taken to hospital in a passing car. Mr. Samaraweera, an old boy of the school, had been on the staff for 25 years. The school was closed as a mark of respect.

Mystery surrounds the death of a Ceylonese named M. R. Dingiri Appahamy in the Pioneer Corps in Malaya according to information received by Dr. N. M. Perera, M. P. for Kuanwella. From Ceylonese resident in Malaya. According to Dr. Perera's information Dingiri Appahamy had been first sent to an asylum as he was supposed to have gone off his head. Later he is alleged to have been put in a dark cell and on the following day he died. Dr. Perera's informants allege that no Ceylonese were allowed to see the body. Dr. N. M. Perera has made representations to the Permanent Secretary to the Minister for External Affairs and Defence to order an immediate inquiry into the circumstances of the death.

Galagedera Karthelias, alias Kara, a proclaimed offender, was sentenced to 14 years rigorous imprisonment by Mr. R.R. Crossette Thambiab, Commissioner of Assize, on being found guilty along with two others, Albert Costa and C. Ratnapala Peiris, in the Kohuwela hold-up case. Albert Costa and Peiris were sentenced to twelve years rigorous imprisonment each. S. Paulis, another accused, was found not guilty and acquitted and discharged. The accused were charged with having in May last year at Kohuwela robbed Mr. Hector P. Wijesinghe, General Manager and Accountant of the Co-operative Stores Union, Mudaliyar's Division, of a sum of Rs. 10,379.95, and also with causing hurt to Mr. Wijesinghe by striking him with an iron rod and fracturing a bone in his forearm. Karthelias was further charged with criminally intimidating Mr. Wijesinghe by threatening him with a revolver.

The English novelist, A. E. W. Mason, author of "The Four Feathers", died at his London home on Monday aged 83. He had been suffering from asthma and heart trouble for four months.

Rome newspapers have demanded an investigation into the "case of the human torch"—a 22-year-old servant girl who is reported to have made a suicide pyre of her own clothing on the floor of a Rome Police cell. The girl, Desdemona Palombi, was found standing almost naked on the flaming heap of clothes by Policemen who earlier had questioned her over the disappearance of a diamond ring from the home of her employer. According to newspapers she had been held by the Police for four days. The Police rushed her to a hospital. She died 48 hours later, muttering "I am innocent".

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cal examinations in the Adhyatmic University of sages are very stiff indeed. In days of yore the tests were very severe. Once Goraknath asked some of his students to climb up a tall tree and throw themselves head downward on a very sharp trident (Trisula). Many faithless students kept quiet. But one faithful student at once climbed up the tree with lightning speed and hurled himself downwards. He was protected by the invisible hand of Goraknath. He had immediate Self-Realisation. He had no Deha-Adhyasa for his body. The other faithless students had strong Moha or attachment for their bodies.

Once Guru Govinda Singh tested his students. He said: "My dear disciples! If you have real devotion towards me, let six of you come forward and give me your heads. Then we can have success in our attempt." Two faithful disciples offered their heads. Guru Govind Singh took them inside the camp and cut off the heads of two goats instead.

There is a good deal of debate and controversy amongst many people over the matter of necessity over a Guru. Some assert with vehemence and force that a preceptor is not at all necessary for Self Realisation and spiritual advancement and that one can have spiritual progress and Self-illumination through his own efforts only. They quote various passages from the scriptures and assign arguments and reasonings to support them. Others boldly hold that no spiritual progress in a man, however intelligent he may be, however hard he may attempt and struggle in the spir-

itual path, can be possible unless he gets the benign grace and direct guidance of a spiritual preceptor.

Now open your eyes and watch carefully what is actually going on in this world around us in various fields of activity. Even a cook needs a teacher. He serves under a senior cook for some years. He obeys him implicitly. He pleases his teacher in all possible ways. He thus learns the technique of cooking. He gets knowledge through the grace of a senior cook, his teacher. A junior lawyer wants the help and guidance of a senior advocate. Students of mathematics and medicine need the help and guidance of a deeply learned professor. A student of science, music, astronomy or astrology wants the guidance of a greatly advanced scientist, musician, astronomer or astrologer. When such is the case with ordinary secular knowledge, then what to speak of the spiritual path, wherein the student has to walk alone with closed eyes? It is universally admitted that an efficient teacher is needed in all branches of knowledge in this physical plane, and that physical, mental, moral and spiritual culture and growth can only be had through the help and guidance of competent teacher or master. This is an universal inexorable law of nature. Why then do you deny, friend, the application of this universally-accepted law in the realm of spirituality as well?

Spiritual knowledge is a matter of Guru-parampara. It is handed down from Guru to his disciple. Study Brihadaranyaka Upanishad. You will have a comprehensive understanding of this truth.

Gaudapadacharya imparted Self-Knowledge to his disciple Govindacharya; Govindacharya to his disciple Shankaracharya; Shankaracharya to his disciple Sureswaracharya Matsyendranath imparted knowledge to his disciple Goraknath; Goraknath to Nivrattinath; Nivrattinath to Jnanadeva; Totapuri imparted knowledge to Sri Ramakrishna and Ramakrishna to Swami Vivekananda. It was Ashtavakra who moulded the life of Raja Janaka. It was Goraknath who shaped the spiritual destiny of Raja Bhartrihari. It was Lord Krishna who made Arjuna and Uddhava get themselves established in the spiritual path, when their minds were in an unsettled state.

Some aspirants do meditation for some years independently. Later on they feel actually the necessity for a Guru. They come across some obstacles in the way. They do not know how to proceed further, how to obviate the impediments on stumbling-blocks. They then begin to search for a Guru.

The student and the teacher should live together as father and a devoted son with extreme sincerity and devotion. The aspirant should have an eager receptive attitude to imbibe the teachings of the master. Then only the aspirant will be spiritually benefited. Otherwise there is not the least hope of the spiritual lift of the aspirant and complete regeneration of his old Asuric nature.

You are all aware how devoted was the hunter Ekalyva towards his Guru, Dronacharya. That is the reason why he became an expert in archery. He served and worshipped the image only. Once Shankaracharya wanted to test the devotion of his disciple

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He Stole a Law-book

Before Mr. F. Conrad Perera, the Jaffna Magistrate, a man named K. Kanagasabapathy was charged with the theft of a law book, entitled "Law of Contracts" from Mr. T. Genasingham, a law student, residing at Navalar Road.

Kanagasabapathy, who pleaded "guilty", was sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

PERSONAL

Messrs. A. N. L. Jansz, C. C. S. and B. R. Devarajan, C. C. S. have left Colombo by the B. O. A. C. plane on the 24th instant to attend the fourth sessions of the U. N. O. Economic Commission for Asia and Far East at Lapstona in Australia, as delegates from Ceylon, to be held on the 29th inst.

After the sessions Mr. Devarajan is proceeding to New Zealand to study the working of State Insurance there.

Mr. Alfred T. Durayappah took his oaths as a Proctor before Justice Nagalingam and Justice Windham last Friday. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. V. A. Durayappah of 'Malai-Vasam' Chundikul.

Emis alias Levanis, the waterer of Moratuwakande Estate, Galagedera, Padukka, was acquitted by Mr. A. C. Z. Wijeratna, the Avsawela Magistrate at the inquiry held when the Padukka police charged him (Emis) with attempting to cause the death of a trader named Don Auneris by shooting him with a gun and causing hurt to him.

Defunct Teachers' Association Revived

The Valikamam East Teachers' Association defunct for more than three years, was revived at a largely attended meeting held at the Christian College, Kopay.

Mr. L. S. Kulatungam, president of the Northern Province Teachers' Association, presided, and said that it was regrettable that some branch associations were defunct at a time when important problems confronted teachers. It was very necessary that teachers should wake up to their responsibilities.

Mr. S. U. Somasegaram, Education Officer, Northern Division, said that with the dawn of Freedom the Government was planning a system of education in keeping with the traditions of the Sinhalese and Tamil races.

Mr. T. Manickavasagar deplored the recent Headmasters' Conference trying "to wreck the Free Education Scheme" and said that it was the duty of every teacher to rally round the N. P. T. A. and resist "attempts by vested interests to torpedo the scheme."

The following were elected office-bearers: President, Mr. G. S. Chelliah; Secretary, Mr. S. K. Kandiah; Treasurer, Mr. A. C. Selvarajah.

On a complaint lodged at the Bambalapitiya Police Station by Mr. Rosslyn Koch M. P. of No. 111, Havolsk Road, Sub-Inspector W. Johnson produced before Mr. D. J. R. Gunawardene the Colombo South Magistrate on Monday a domestic servant named Walter Abeysekera of Wewagoda Matara on a charge of committing theft of cash Rs. 300 belonging to Mr. Koch. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and sentence were deferred till December 6.

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TENDER NOTICE

Ceylon Government Railway

The Chairman, Way & Works Head Office Tender Board, will receive, at the Chief Engineer's Office, C. G. R., McCallum Road, Maradana, tenders up to 2-30 p. m. on Friday December 10, 1948, for the construction of a Food Depot and Rest Rooms for the Railway Staff at Dematagoda.

For further particulars, please see Government Gazette of 19th November, 1948.

Sgd. W. A. SHAW, Chief Engineer, Way & Works Office, C. G. R., MacCallum Road, Maradana. (G. 99 23, 26 & 30)

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 28TH NOVEMBER TO 4TH DECEMBER, 1948

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

Don't worry much over petty affairs. Life will be somewhat unsettled till the 16th of next month. Possibility of a treachery or back biting shown mid-week. Spend Tuesday and Wednesday carefully.

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

Your closest associate may make heavy claims upon you this week. It will be difficult to attend to your own affairs. Petty official troubles and unavoidable expenditure also shown. Thursday and Friday are critical days for you

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

Financially a good week. Change over in working conditions should turn out to your advantage. You may have to clash with one of your old associate or co-workers week end.

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

Health must be given particular care this week. Don't be in a hurry to make far reaching changes either in home or in your work. Competitors will be alert and you will have to work hard for your success.

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

You may lose some money through speculation or carelessness this week. You will find relatives and friends also expensive. Difficult week for cash deals but propitious for anything that needs specialised skill or knowledge.

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

Don't spend time brooding over past mistakes. Get on with your new undertakings. Good results in collaboration with friends. You will stand to gain much through kindness and good will than through business acumen this week.

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

This week promises to be a week of restlessness and curious cross currents. Speculation will hold many danger therefore avoid it. New friends may land you into some difficulties if you are not careful.

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

Take care of health this week. It is essential to keep a clear head if you want to make any progress. An expensive week but money laid out now will bring in good results next month.

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

Take care of health specially abdominal complaints this week. You will find it difficult to settle down to steady work. Long awaited letters may reach you this week but it will not bring the news you could have wished.

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

A bad week for your personal affairs. You may be blamed for a certain action for which you are not directly responsible. Petty official troubles and ill-health also shown.

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

A good week financially. Things will brighten up and you will be in high spirits. You will find a fund of good will wherever you go and I expect you to have a harmonious time at home.

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

A good week financially. I would advise you to go full steam with your plans and be sure of success. The only defect I find relates to your domestic conditions and it may manifest itself in the ill health of wife or children.

(Continued from 3rd column)

Padmarada. The river Kavri was in full floods. Sankara was standing on the banks of the river. Padmapada was standing on the other bank. Sankara beckoned Padmapada to come to him immediately. There was no boat even. Padmapada, not caring for his life, at once jumped into the river. He did not know swimming. This is real devotion. Through the grace of Sankara, Padmapada was walking quite easily on the water. At each step a lotus flower appeared. Hence his name Padmapada (lotus in the feet).

There is no hope of salvation for the deeded soul without the healing, magnetic touch and guidance of a spiritual preceptor. It is Guru only who can effect a radical change in the angle of men and raise them to sublime, transcendental heights of eternal life in Atman with Cosmic Consciousness, Divine Glory, Atmic effulgence and splendour. Hear the emphatic declaration of the Srutis:—

"This Atman is not to be attained by a study of the Vedas or many explanations, nor by intelligence, nor by much learning or hearing; but Atman can be attained only by him who seeks to know it. To him this Atman reveals His true nature".

(Kathopnishad: Valli II-25) Harih Om Tast Sat! Peace be unto all beings!

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Tamil Oratorical Contest Semi Finals

The Semi Finals of the above contest took place at the Dharmaduta College Hall on the 17th 18th and 19th inst. Messrs K. V. Nadarajah M. P., S. S. Nambikai and S. K. Shanmugampillai acted as jurors. Sixty contestants, boys and girls from Dharmaduta College, St. Bide's College, Uva College and Passara Government Tamil School and privately including Hindus, Muslims and Christians took part in the contest.

The following contestants were selected for the finals:

Senior Boys: A. Arumuganathan, V. Kathamuttu, M. Shaffi, V. Sockalingam.

Senior Girls: A. Kamslanayaki, A. Sellammah, K. Thiruvudaimany, P. Vijayalakshmi.

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Intermediate Girls: P. Babu, K. Jayarani, V. Thangam, C. Thirusreemathiseethalakshmi ammal.

Junior Boys: S. Kulasingam, M. Nizam, N. Selvaratnam, T. Raguram, S. Vivekananthan.

Junior Girls: P. Gnanampal, T. Sambavi, K. Umarani.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF POINT PEDRO

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 949

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of V. K. Murugupillai Sivakolunthu of Puloly West Deceased.

V. K. Murugupillai Nagalingampillai of Puloly West Petitioner.

Vs.

1. V. K. Murugupillai Thamo-
- therampillai of Alvai North
2. Rajalingham Sivasubramaniam of Puloly West of do.
3. Rajalingham Seevaratnam of do.
4. V. K. Murugupillai Subramaniam of do.
5. Ramalingham Sivakolunthu of do.
6. Thambillai Vythingham of do.
7. wife Thangamma of do.
8. Rajapooopathy widow or Siva-
- pragasam of do.
9. Nallathamby Kandiah and
10. wife Ratnam of Alvai South
11. V. Arumugam Sithamparapillai of Alvai North
12. wife Rasamma of do.
13. K. Pandaram Kanthavanan and
14. wife Ratnam of Puloly West Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before S. R. Wijayatileke Esquire, District Judge, Point Pedro on the 20th day of October 1948 in the presence of Messrs. Kandaiya and Mailvaganam Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 7th day of July 1948 having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner be and he is hereby declared administrator of the estate of the deceased and that he is entitled to have Letters of Administration issued to him unless the respondents or any other person shall on or before the 8th day of December 1948 show cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 20th day of October 1948

Sgd. S. R. Wijayatileka, District Judge.

(O. 107, 23 & 26)

The Congress and Labour Union Staffs' Association

A meeting of the Staff of the Ceylon Indian Congress and Labour Union was held at the Central Office on the 19th November 1948 at 3 p. m. to inaugurate a Staff Association.

The Chairman elect Mr. P. M. Palle in his opening speech welcoming the Staff dwelt at length on the denial by the Organisation to their representation in the Working Committee of Ceylon Indian Congress and in the Executive Council of Ceylon Indian Congress Labour Union and the Ceylon Indian Congress Committee. Agitation he said for this had been going on for several years and he stated that it was time United action is taken to ameliorate their conditions.

A memorandum was approved and the Secretaries were authorised to forward it to the Secretaries of the Ceylon Indian Congress.

The following Office bearers were elected:—

President: Mr. P. M. Palle. Joint Secretaries: Mr. N. Sivanpillai and Mr. W. L. Sagayan. Treasurer: Mr. C. Angamuttu.

Committee, Messrs. R. Srinivasan, R. S. Karlimuthu, M. Sunderam, S. D. Punniam, and P. K. M. Rajamoney.

WANTED

Wanted for the Urumpirai Hindu College from 17-1-49 a qualified Sinhalese teacher. A knowledge of English at least up to the J. S. C. essential. Apply Manager, before 15-12-48. (Mis. 159, 19 to 3-12-48.)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 922

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Annapooranam widow of Nadarajah of Urumpiray in Jaffna Deceased

Kasippillai Tharmalingam of Urumpiray in Jaffna Petitioner Vs.

1. Yoheswary daughter of Nadarajah
2. Nadarajah Jegasingam
3. Padmavathy daughter of Nadarajah and
4. Ratnam wife of S. Rasa Ayernar all of Urumpiray Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 6th day of August 1948 in the presence of Mr. A. Subramaniam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner and the affidavit of the attesting Notary and witness of the Last will No 1694 dated 31st May 1946 and attested by A. Subramaniam having been read:—

It is ordered that the 4th respondent be appointed as Guardian-adjutem over the minors and that the petitioner is declared entitled to have probate of the Last Will and Testament of the abovementioned deceased as executor mentioned in the Will and the said Last Will be declared proved, unless the respondents or any other persons shall appear before this court on the 7th day of September 1948 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 6th day of August 1948 Sgd. L. W. De Silva District Judge.

8-11-48 Time extended to 29-11-48 29-11-48

Intld. R. R. S. D. J.

(O. 108 23 & 26)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No 952

In the matter of the intestate estate of Sabapathy Sinnathamby of Suthumalai South Deceased.

1. Karthigesu Kandiah and wife
2. Poomany of Suthumalai Petitioners.

Vs.

1. Sinnathamby Subramaniam and wife
2. Thangaratnam both of Suthumalai Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge of Jaffna on the 13th day of October 1948 in the presence of Mr. S. Thirunavukarasu Proctor on the part of the petitioners and the affidavit of the 2nd Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered and declared that letters of administration of the estate of the late Sabapathy Sinnathamby of Suthumalai be issued to the 2nd Petitioner as daughter and heir of the deceased unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 12th day of November 1948 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the court to the contrary.

This 13th day of October 1948

Sgd. D. H. Panditha Gunawardena, 12-11-48. District Judge.

Time to show cause is extended till 10th Dec. 1948.

(Sgd.) R. R. S. D. J.

(O. 110, 26 & 30)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 951

In the matter of the intestate estate of Velupillai Subramaniam of Navaly South Deceased. Subramaniam Myivaganam of Navaly South. Petitioner.

Vs.

Alagammah widow of Velupillai Subramaniam of Navaly South Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 13th day of October 1948 in the presence of Mr. S. Thirunavukarasu Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered and decreed that Letters of Administration of the estate of the late Velupillai Subramaniam of Navaly South be issued to the Petitioner as son and sole heir of the deceased unless the Respondent abovenamed or any other person or persons shall on or before the 12th day of November 1948 appear before this court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.

This 13th day of October 1948. (Sgd) R. R. Selvadurai, District Judge.

12-11-48. Time to show cause is extended till 10-12-48.

(Sgd) R. R. S. D. J.

(O. 109, 26 & 30)

Ceylon Government Railway NOTICE

The Railway Level Crossing at 1 mile 04 chains 50 links, Kelani Valley Railway, between Maradana and Baseline Road Railway Stations, on the Baseline Road, will be totally closed for vehicular traffic from 10-00 p. m. on Saturday 27-11-48 till 5-00 a. m. on Sunday 28-11-48 for effecting repairs.

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