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## COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR VANNARPONNAI-NORTH-EAST INAUGURAL MEETING

An inaugural meeting was held at the residence of Mr. R. Sivagurunathar at Brown Road on Monday the 6th, December 1948 at 5 p. m. to form a Community Centre for Vannarponnai North East. Mr. R. Sivagurunathar presided. Well-wishers and supporters of the proposed Community Centre were present.

Mr. R. Sivagurunathar in his opening address thanked those present for giving him the opportunity to preside at the meeting and congratulated Mr. E. P. Rasiyah for the keen interest evinced by him in getting up that meeting. He further said that Mr. S. Paramsothy, Supervisor of Community Centres Mr. P. Nadesan, Health Education and Propaganda Officer, U. C. Jaffna and Mr. A. Nadarajah, Asst. Irrigation Officer, Kilinochchi would explain the objects of the Community Centre and the working of same. He further assured to give full co-operation and support to work the Community Centre very satisfactorily.

Mr. S. Paramsothy, Supervisor of Community Centres N. D. then explained the objects of the League and how it should be worked out. He further said that Community Centres would serve as a medium for various activities such as Health, Education, Industries, Agriculture, suppression of Crime, Sports etc. He further stressed that if the Centre is run according to the requirements he would get the necessary grant from Govt. to run the centre satisfactorily and smoothly.

Then Mr. A. Nadarajah Asst. Irrigation Engineer, Kilinochchi was called upon to speak as he was closely associated with the Community Centre at Kilinochchi. He gave a full description of the Kilinochchi Centre and said that as a resident of Neeraviady he welcomed a Community Centre for this area. He also said that he was the President of the Kilinochchi Centre and that he was happy to see Kilinochchi progressing very rapidly through the activities of the Community Centre.

Mr. P. Nadesan, Health Education and Propaganda Officer of the Jaffna Urban Council explained very briefly the part that the Community Centre could play in the promotion of the health of the area.

He further said that women occupy a prominent place in the activities of the Community Centre and stressed that the success entirely depended on the keen interest evinced by the women. He explained how the women of the area could play an important part in the activities of the Centre and concluded by saying that 'The Hand that rocks the cradle rules the World'.

On the proposal of Mr. E. P. Rasiyah duly seconded by Mr. K. V. Navaratnam, Proctor, it was

unanimously resolved to form a Community Centre for Vannarponnai North East.

The following were elected as Office-bearers, Patron S. U. Somasegaram, Education Officer N. D. President- Mr. R. Sivagurunathar; Vice-Presidents- Mr. Nad. rajah, A. I. R. (Jaffna Sub-Division), Dr. E. P. Kanagasabai Hony. Secretary- Mr. E. P. Rasiyah; Assistant Secretary- Mr. K. V. Navaratnam, Proctor; Treasurer- Mr. A. Vaithilingam Sub-Post Master, Neeraviady Committee:- 1. The Member for the Vannarponnai Ward U. C. or M. C. 2. The Member for the Kanthermadam Ward U. C. or M. C. 3. Mr. N. Mahesan 4. Mrs. C. Sarojini Rao, M. A. L. T. 5. Mr. V. Kandasamy 6. Mr. P. Thampoo 7. Mr. V. Sivasubramaniam.

At the close Mr. E. P. Rasiyah proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and to the visitors. He made particular reference to the students of the area for the keen interest taken by them in the get up of the Meeting.

### Prof. Das Gupta and Wife

### ACCEPT CEYLON UNIVERSITY POSTS

Professor S. N. Das Gupta, the Indian philosopher, has accepted the newly established Chair of Philosophy, offered to him by the University of Ceylon.

His wife, Dr Susama Das Gupta, has accepted the Chair of Sanskrit at the same University.

On their way to Colombo, the Professor and his wife will attend the East and West Philosophers' Conference at Honolulu from June 20th to July 29th next year.

### Unique Invitation

The invitation to Dr. Susama Das Gupta to attend the conference is considered unique in that she is the first woman ever invited to take part in an International Philosophers' Conference.

She was the first Indian woman to receive a Doctorate of Cambridge University (England) and the first woman to become a member of the University when it withdrew a former ban on women members last year.

## Saiva Paripalana Sangam

### Tamil Elocution Contest

The Finals of the above contest, in which many boys and girls from various English and Tamil Schools in Uva and privately took part irrespective of religion, was held at the Dharmaduta College Hall on 4-12-1948 with Mr. Ramasubramaniam B.A. (Hons) in the chair. Pandit Mrs. Pathmasani Rajendiram, Messrs. M. Nagalingam and S. Sivalingam acted as jurors. The following contestants won the prizes:

Senior Boys: 1st prize- Master M M Shaffi (Uva College); 2nd prize- Master V Kathamuthu (Dharmaduta College); Senior Girls: 1st prize- Miss P Vijayalakshmi; 2nd prize Miss A Kamalanayagi (Pri); Intermediate Boys: 1st Prize- Master J Mariya John (Govt. Tamil School, Passara); 2nd Prize- Master S Nadarajah (St Bede's College); Intermediate Girls: 1st Prize- Miss V Thangam; 2nd prize: Miss B Papa (private); Junior Boys: 1st Prize- Master N Selvaratnam (St Bede's College); 2nd prize- Master A S Kulasingam (Uva College); Junior Girls: 1st prize Miss P Guanampal (Private); 2nd prize Miss T Sambavi (private).

Miss V Thangam obtained the Best Gold Medal, Miss P Vijayalakshmi the Girls Best Silver medal and master M M Shaffi the Boys Best Silver Medal. It is noteworthy that the Gold medalist is a Christian, the Boys Silver medalist a Muslim and the other a Hindu and that all spoke on Mahatma Gandhi.

Mrs K V Nadarajah gave away the prizes. Mrs Rajen-

## Moolai Co-op. Union Hospital

### 13th Annual General Meeting

The thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the Co-operative Union Hospital Society Ltd. was held on the 5th day of December 1948 at Victoria College Hall, Chulipuram with Mr. K. Kanagaratnam M. P., Parliamentary Secretary for Education in the chair. The following were elected to serve in the Managing Committee of the above society for the ensuing year K. Kanagaratnam M. P., (Parliamentary Secretary for Education) President. Mubandiram N Krishnaer J. P. and S. Mahadevan Esq. Vice-Presidents. M. Kathiravelu Proctor S. C. & N. P. Hony. Secretary. C. Srinivasan Esq. Asst. Secretary. R. Thambiah Esq. Hony. Treasurer.

Committee Members. Messrs. S. Karthigesu, S. Sittampalam, T. Ponnampalam, Dr. S. Thambiah, K. Nallathambi.

## 15,000 Dock Workers Strike in Bombay

Fifteen thousand Bombay dock workers went on a lightning strike on Tuesday because eight of their union leaders had been arrested under the city's Public Security Act. More than 5,000 marched to Bombay Secretariat demanding the release of the leaders.

dram announcing the results said that she had been a juror for many contests of this nature, but this was the best and conducted with broad-mindedness. Mr S Arumugrajah, the Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

### JAFFNA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

## Mr. Ponnampalam Returned For Nayanmarkaddu Ward

### Na'lur Returns a T. C. Candidate

MR. C. Ponnampalam Chairman, Urban Council, Jaffna was returned for the Nayanmarkaddu ward by a majority of 104 votes. His Tamil Congress Opponent Mr. K. Thurasingham polled 731 votes and Mr S. G. Chinnappah polled 11 votes. Mr. Chinnappah forfeited his deposit.

### NALLUR WARD

Mr. S. Viswalingam Proctor, a Tamil Congress nominee was elected for the Nallur ward by a majority of 153

votes. His opponent Mr. A. Thurasingham and L. S. S. P. nominee polled 575 votes and the other Independent Candidate Mr. C. T. Navaratnam polled 59 votes. Mr. Navaratnam forfeited his deposit.

These two elections were the most keenly fought ones so far and the results seemed to be uncertain till the last moment. Mr. C. Ponnampalam was not present in the Committee Room when the counting took place, but arrived later.

## NEED OF RELIGION

(By NRIPENDRA NATH SEN)

THE necessity of religion lies in human nature. 'Religious thought is in man's very constitution,' observes Swami Vivekananda, 'so much so that it is impossible for him to give up religion until he can give up his mind and body, until he can give up thought and life. As long as man thinks, this struggle must go on and so long man must have a religion.' But what is this struggle more precisely? When the biological man fighting a stark struggle for existence feels a little better of and manages to look round and beyond, he emerges as the reasoning and the speculating man confronted with the enigma of his own existence. Why must man put up a struggle for existence, or adapt himself to the environment or cultivate virtues such as goodness, courage etc., when he knows that the bright hopes and aspirations he has cherished day by day, the mighty culture which he has built up so assiduously, are all destined to be buried in the vast debris of death? It is this problem which religion seeks to solve, and it is this struggle of the enquiring

man, which religion promises to crown with success. Hence, it should be the ultimate aim of education to stimulate the education to ask sincerely the meaning of life, even if the educator be himself not in a position to answer the question. Animals do not ask this question, but men ask. And hence, the question is distinctively human. This question, so characteristically human, should not be suppressed by education on the plea of practical utility.

### Religion and Reason

But even if the vital need of religion be conceded, it has to stand and maintain itself against the onslaughts of reason. Man reasons, and therefore he is man. It cannot be given up or bypassed by simply saying that religion belongs to a super-sensuous plane, or is a matter of sincere belief of the resigned spirit. But the alternative, i.e. exclusive reliance on reason, brings home the realization of its limitation. Systems of philosophy that took reason as their sole guide found themselves

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1948

Treasure These Thoughts

The welfare of humanity is bound up with the pursuit of morality. All the great moral virtues, like love, charity, gratitude and patriotism, have for their ultimate end the good of mankind.

—Mahatma Gandhi

THIRUVEMBAVAI

THE TEN DAYS IMMEDIATELY preceding the Full Moon day in the month of Markali (December-January) are set apart by Hindus of Tamilnad for Thiruvembavai Poojah. It may be incidentally mentioned that months are named after the constellation with which the Moon appears to be in conjunction in the Hervey's. The first month of the Hindu year is called Chitrai, after the Nakshatra of Chitra (the Star Spica) because the moon is in conjunction with Spica on Full Moon day in the month of Chitrai. Those who are used to sky-gazing would not have failed to have been attracted by the constellation of the Orion. The head of Orion the Hunter represents the Nakshatra known as Mrigaseersha and the Full Moon day in the month of Markali falls on or about the day when the Moon is in conjunction with the head of Orion. Next to Mrigaseersha towards the east is the Nakshatra known as Ardra (சிறுதரணி). In Greek Mythology Ardra is the brightest star of the Orion group and is known as Betel jesse. The Temple of Natarajah in Holy Chidambaram draws large crowds of Hindus for Ardra Dharsanam and the Thiruvembavai Poojahs are performed at Thillai with great solemnity. Those who have visited the Holy Shrine at Chidambaram during Thiruvembavai days will bear testimony to the sanctity with which the poojah is performed there.

Thillai or Chidambaram is of special significance to Hindus. St. Manicavasagar among Brahmins and Thirunavaliappar or Nandan of the so-called scheduled caste attained bliss there. Manivachakapparaman is the great Tamil poet who sang Thiruvachakam, in which there are twenty songs under the heading Thiruvembavai. Every one of the twenty songs ends with the words El or em bavai (உல்லவையி) which literally

means Reflect Oh Maid! Superficially the song has immortalised the ancient custom of maidens going to the lotus-tank for a bathe and on the way calling other maids to wake up from sleep and join with them in bathing. Spiritually the maids are said to be Navasaktis. The songs are full of praise for Lord Shiva; true to nature and still beautiful are the passages one comes across in the songs: God and Truth are synonymous; those who are spiritually inclined will read the songs discerning God, Truth and Beauty.

It will be difficult to pick or choose any one of the twenty songs as the best of the lot; all the songs are equally important. The first song begins with the praise of Him (represented by the Light) who has neither beginning nor end awakening from sleep the maidens who are still sleeping sweet and yet clinging to their beds in the early hours of the morning; and the curtain drops with the praise of Him to whom can be traced the creation, existence and dissolution of the whole universe including human beings.

The philosophy contained in Thiruvachakam is said to be the same as that of the Vedas, the scripture of the Hindus. The greatest ambition of the poet as portrayed in the Thiruvembavai songs appears to be an infinite desire to devote his life to the service of God and His followers; the poet states that if he could realise his ambition, there would be no more want for him and it will be a matter of supreme indifference to him whether the sun rises in the East or not.

From the point of view of health it will be beneficial to bathe in the mornings during the wet months of the year. The day is good which is spent in meditation and prayer. Thiruvembavai days give an opportunity even to the irreligious among Hindus to bathe early in the mornings and pray to Lord Shiva. The peal of conches and the singing of Thiruvembavai songs in the small hours of the mornings by that class of Hindus known as Pantarams will rouse up from sleep even those who are unwilling to get up from their slumber; and having been awakened from sleep willingly or unwillingly one would do well to bestir oneself from bed, bathe and spend the morning in the traditional way.

Ramanathan College

Hundred Percent Passes in Inter-Arts

Seven girls were presented for the London Inter Arts Examination, 1948, from Ramanathan College and all the seven have passed. Their names are given below:-

- Miss. Gnanamalar Annamalai.
Sivapakiam Kandyah.
Sivabukoolam Murugesu.
Mangayathkarasi Vettivelu.
Puvanewary Kandiah.
Buvanewary Swaminathan.
Sagidavi Thiagaraja.

LAW SOCIETY OF CEYLON

Fifth Annual General Meeting

A large gathering of members consisting of representatives from Anuradhapura, Avisawella, Badulla, Balapitiya Batticaloa, Chilaw, Dandegamwua, Galle, Gampaha, Gampola, Jaffna, Kalutara, Kandy, Kegalle, Kurunegalle, Mata e, Padadura, Point Pedro and Colombo attended the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Law Society of Ceylon which was presided over by Mr. Sam J. C. Kadirgamar, President.

Messrs. E. M. Karunaratne, E. G. Jonklaas and L. V. B. de Jacolyn, Vice Presidents were also present.

In submitting the Annual Report of the Council for the year ended 1947, the President stated that it was an eventful year. The first part of the year was devoted to securing the Passage of the Ordinance to incorporate in that year by the Law Society Incorporation Ordinance No. 33 of 1947, which received the Governor's assent on 2nd July. This was the culmination of the efforts of the Society to secure the Professional legal status with statutory powers to look after the interests of the Profession and of the public in its relationship with the Profession in legal matters.

The second part of the year the office of the Society was organised. The Society now functions as the official organisation of the proctors of Ceylon with its Headquarters at Hulsdorf.

The Disciplinary Court also functions and disposes of matters referred to it.

Steps have been taken to establish a Reference Library for the use of Members. A large number of books and publications have been collected. The only regrettable feature is the fact that the arrears of subscriptions have amounted over Rs. 10,000/-.

The President appealed to the Members of the Council and all officers and Hon'y Secretaries of District Law Societies to do their best to ensure the collection of these arrears and to see that every Proctor keeps his membership in good standing.

Mr. A. C. Mohammad proposed and Mr. C. C. Somasegarum seconded that the Annual Report be adopted. This was carried unanimously.

The President next submitted for adoption the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1947. This was unanimously adopted.

The following Office-Bearers were elected.

NOMINATIONS

President: Mr. S. J. C. Kadirgamar, Vice Presidents Mr. G. T. Halo, Mr. E. M. Karunaratne, Mr. E. G. Jonklaas Mr. L. V. B. de Jacolyn

COUNCIL COLOMBO

Messrs. Amerasekera S R, De Silva, Felix, Gratian, George H, Gunasekera S, Kadirgamar S N, Mohammad A C, Martensz David E, Motha George R, Perera B J St V, Pereira J M, Pereira Merrill W, Ram Iswera H V, Ratnakaram S, Raja M C, Rustonjee P, Sevaprasadam C, Somnathan S, Somasunderam S, Weeraratne Martin, Weerasooriya D E.

OUTSTATIONS

Messrs: Sivakolundu, A. Anuradhapura; de Silva, P. G. Avisawella; Subramaniam, K. V. M. Batticaloa; de Silva, K. T. E. Balapitiya; de Silva, R. L. Balapitiya; Nadarajah K V Badulla; Corea S C Shirley Chilaw; Vanderkoon W S M Chilaw; de Silva C Victor S Dandegamwua; de Silva M W R Gampola; Wiratunga D C Gampola; Kularatne H de S Galle; de Silva Anthony J M Hatton; Subramaniam M K Jaffna; Somasegarum C C Jaffna; Coorey J Austin Kalutara; de Abrew H A Kalutara; Perera G G Padadura; Thanabalasingham C Pt. Pedro; Ismail H S Puttalam; de Zoysa Cyril Kalutara; Kannangara J A W Kalutara; Peries E Ashley Kegalle; Abeywickreme A I de S Kegalle; Coomaraswamy N Kandy; Karunaratne A S Kandy; Marikur M A S Kandy; Wickrematille V R Kandy; Markus Frank Kurunegala; Tambiraja P Kurunegala; Wejeyeknon B R C Matale; Balasuriya W Matare; Samarasinghe S Matare; Siriwardena I de Z Negombo; Fernando C M Negombo; Sumanattake P P Neliya; Fernando Llewellyn S Padadura; Marapana P Ratnapura; Rajaratnam D Trincomalee; Ratnatunga H D Tangle.

Mr. C. Thanabalasingham proposed and Mr. K. V. Sivakolundu seconded that Messrs Carter and De Costa be appointed Society's Auditors and the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Mr. Ranjit Sewagana be elected Member-Auditors. This was unanimously adopted. The following resolutions were adopted. Mr. F. Rustonjee proposed and Mr. M. A. S. Marikar seconded. "That Bye-Law 6 (5) be amended by substituting the word "thirty-one" instead of "twenty-one" in lines two and three." The Bye-Law thus amended will read: "Notice of any motion to be moved at any annual general meeting shall be given to the Secretary in writing at least thirty-one clear days before the day appointed for the holding of such meeting." Mr. J. Austin Coorey proposed and Mr. H. A. de Abrew seconded: "That the Law Society do take immediate steps to have the motion passed by the Society in 1944 and by the State Council in 1946 implemented re the appointment of Masters-in-Chambers of District Courts in the Dominion." Comments were offered by Messrs. V. L. Tillekeratne, A. R. Seneviratne, C. Thanabalasingham, M. A. S. Marikar, F. Rustonjee and G. C. W. de Silva. Mr. J. Austin Coorey proposed and Mr. A. R. Seneviratne seconded: "That steps be taken early to have (1) the Civil Procedure Code amended and (2) the Scales of Costs revised." Comments were offered by Messrs. K. V. Nadaraja, C. Thanabalasingham, K. T. E. de Silva, P. Tambiraja, N. J. V. Coorey, S. C. Shirley Corea and M. A. S. Marikar. Mr. J. Austin Coorey proposed and Mr. V. L. Tillekeratne seconded: "That Council of the Law Society do take all necessary steps to inaugurate a Pension Scheme for Proctors." Comments were offered by Messrs. K. V. Nadaraja, C. Thanabalasingham, H. A. de Abrew, G. G. W. de Silva, P. Tambiraja and Fred de Silva. Mr. Mervy St. Casie Chetty proposed and Mr. S. Somasundaram seconded. "That this Society is of opinion that the Rent Restriction

Bill Section 19 (2) (a) should be amended by the addition of the words 'not less than two of them shall be lawyers' after the words 'Town Council' and that Section 19 (9) should be amended by the addition of the words 'who shall be an Advocate or Proctor or not less than 6 years' standing after the words 'Chairman of the Board'." Comments were offered by Messrs. H de S Kularatne, J Austin Coorey and Ranjit Bewagama.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Manipay Town Council

Sir, We learn that the Minister of Local Government has sanctioned the establishment of a Town Council for Manipay as from January 1950. The Public of Manipay demanded the setting up of such a body as far back as 1947. In fact, there was a Public Meeting and the Assistant Commissioner of Local Government stationed in Jaffna, also took part in the discussion and explained the various advantages of a Town Council. At the end, a resolution demanding the immediate establishment of a Town Council for Manipay was passed and sent to the proper authorities. It is surprising that up-to-date the Public is not aware of the steps that are being taken to implement the resolution that was passed at the Public Meeting. The Manipay Village Committee, composed as it is of members from four other villages as well, cannot be expected to display any enthusiasm about the proposed Town Council. The Public is anxious to know how the details in regard to the setting up of the Town Council are being worked out. Manipay is fast growing into an important Town. It has two big educational institutions, and up-to-date hospital with five doctors, a Government dispensary, a big Post Office and several other amenities of life. The approximate voting strength would be three thousand five hundred. In the Village Committee, Manipay has five members and it is time the people of Manipay consider the number of wards the Town Council should have. If the Assistant Commissioner of Local Government has drawn up a plan of his own, it would be desirable that the Public is made aware of it and suggestions invited from them. Nobody will deny that the Public has this elementary right.

The Statutory minimum of Members of the Town Council is five and the maximum is eight. There is no reason however for restricting the Membership to the minimum number. There are obvious advantages in a larger membership which should not be lost sight of and of which the community should not be deprived. Larger membership generally means a larger volume of public interest and the enlistment of a larger number of talented and interested men to the service of the Town. Larger Membership means also smaller wards and the reforms more intend familiarity of the members with the problems and needs of the constituents. On the other hand, it is impossible to think of any advantage accruing from restricting the number of Members. Of Course, to convert the existing wards of the Village Committee into Town Council Wards is a labour saving device and an easy task. A little extra labour spent on a rearrangement of wards, providing for a larger number of members is well worth the effort. It is a salutary practice to consult public opinion before the authorities concerned decide on a thing finally. It is hoped that the department will consider and consult public opinion and do the needful.

Yours etc, S. Rajendran, Secretary of the Public Meeting.

United Nations of the East

Mr. Sarat Bose's Intention

The leader of the Indian Socialist Republican Party, Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, who is on three months' health tour of Europe, is expected to leave Vienna tonight for Paris.

Asked about his present activities Mr. Bose said that he was trying to organise a United Nations of the East which would be entirely free of European influence. His newly founded Socialist Republican Party would fight for the complete freedom of India from all trace of British influence. Premier Pandit Nehru had shown himself "too weak towards the British" Mr. Bose added.

Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose told Reuter he foresaw a United Nations of South Asia embracing India, Pakistan, Nepal, Burma and Ceylon. It would be prepared to support, "with arms if necessary", any rising against foreign domination in his area.

The relations in this alliance with the British Empire would depend on how much influence Britain tried to keep in that part of the world, he added.

Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose said his Indian Socialist Republican Party demanded repayment of Britain's "war debts" to India amounting to £ 80,000,000 in goods taken during the war if not, his party would propose confiscation of British property in India, he stated —(Reuter)

Lieutenant General Cariappa

New Indian Army Chief

Lieutenant-General K. M. Cariappa, 48-year-old General Officer Commander-in-Chief of India's western Command, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army and Chief of the Army Staff, to succeed General Sir Francis Roy Bucher.

Standard of Living in Asia

DEPLORABLY LOW

Dr. S. Chandrasekhar, Demographic expert of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation, said in a lecture in Paris that the standard of living in India, Burma, Ceylon, China, Siam, Indonesia, Korea and Japan was deplorably low. He said a quick and effective remedy would have to be sought to avert war.

Parents Murder Three Daughters

A middle-aged Scots couple—William Park and his wife Mary—were sentenced to death by the High Court for the murder of three of their daughters aged 15, 14 and 12. The parents and their five children, the prosecution said had been found in the gas-filled kitchen of their Glasgow home. The parents in evidence said they were worried when they learned one of the girls was pregnant,



## NEED OF RELIGION

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in a hopeless maze of antinomies. Reason is not enough. It has got to be supplemented by immediate experience or intuition or inspiration. But how are we to know that an inspiration in question is not an hallucination or delusion, a chaotic rumbling of the brain cells, or simply fraud and hypocrisy? Two tests may be applied. Firstly, inspiration must not contradict reason, because it is a development of it. And secondly, inspiration must be perfectly unselfish and universally good. In a nutshell, a true religion, while it must be based on the bed-rock of inspiration, should conform to the established canons of logic and to the democratic criterion of universal welfare.

### Religion and Science

Religion in its purest form, as it is taught by the great prophets, represents man's attempt to conquer his inner nature, which in its naive form is a medley of inconsistent desires and wishes, of thoughtless actions and passions. Religion represents the will of man to follow consistently a path without being led astray by random passions. And science, in its purest form, is an attempt to know external nature by minute analysis and to conquer it by mechanical devices. Though some scientists and their overzealous followers make too much of their abilities and give themselves airs, yet science has nothing to do with the conquering of the inner man. It would be useless to have control over external nature, when man is a slave to his own nature. To accord science a supreme and absolute status would be tantamount to a consummate nonsense in view of its limitations, antinomies as revealed by modern scientists themselves and also in view of the havoc

which it has wrought in the last wars. Hence, science should go with religion, cheek by jowl. Since the meaning of life belongs to the sphere of religion, science must be made subservient to it. The synthesis of religion and science will also be beneficial to religion, for the danger of its degeneration into dogmatism and fanaticism will vanish.

### Religion and Humanism

It is true that institutional religion has hitherto given scant consideration and betrayed 'virtuous contempt' for the wails and woes of the underdogs of society in which they have been perennially submerged. It is true that priests had often played the men false, rode rough-shod over their 'carnal desires', and talked in words hardly comprehensible to them. But we have to remember that the great prophets were invariably the champions of common men. They recognized the inherent equality of men more than anyone else. The difference between modern democracy and the ancient is that while the former is economic, the latter is spiritualistic. We have yet to see whether economic democracy is itself a sufficient stimulus for progress and has a promise of stability; for, the spiritual hunger of men cannot be satisfied by economic projects and equitable monetary distribution. A democratic society must be based on religion, which alone can give a meaning to our effort. The equality and brotherhood of man must be something more than economic contraction. Hence, education which aims at making pupils' active participants in a democratic state must be re-evaluated from the standpoint of religion.

(From the Prabuddha Barata)

## Vivekananda Society Explains

The Council of Management of the Vivekananda Society, Colombo, has considered a requisition addressed to the Hony. General Secretary by Mr. A. Nagalingam and others and has ruled that matters dealt with therein are outside the purview and objects of the Society. The Society is a religious institution and it would be improper and unconstitutional for the Society to support or protest against particular appointments to offices or posts in Government. Moreover, even the discussion by the Society of the suggested resolutions in the requisition or the subject matter therein is detrimental to the interests of the Society.

2. While the Society will endeavour to enunciate broad and general principles relating to Hindu and/or Tamil culture in addition to Hindu Religion, the Society will not be justified in interfering in the matter of the selection of appointment of the personnel of Government or in attempting to canvass support for or to oppose the appointment of particular individuals to particular posts.

3. The Council of Management of the Society is conscious of its duty towards the Society and the Hindu public of Ceylon and cannot sanction any course of action which is bound to result in harm to the Society and to the Hindu public. The Council of Management regrets deeply the publication of the contents of the requisition in the Press without proper inquiry or investigation, and further deplores the action of some members in regard to this publication.

## Jaffna Railway Passengers' Association Demands for Urgent Reforms

### C. G. R's. Lethargy Deplored

THE Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna Railway Passengers' Association was held on Saturday, the 27th November 1948, at the Union College Hall, Tellipallai.

Mr. T. K. Rajasekeran, the President, speaking from the chair, said that there had been some noticeable improvement in the train service in the Jaffna District since the Special Meeting of the Association held on 30.5.47. At that meeting, a number of resolutions were passed by the Association which were duly forwarded to the Railway authorities for necessary action.

Continuing, Mr. Rajasekeran said that it had not been sufficiently realised that the Jaffna Railway was one of the most paying sections of the Ceylon Government Railways. He regretted that adequate attention had not been paid to the comforts and conveniences of the travelling public in the North.

Speaking about the delay caused to trains especially at the Jaffna Station he said that the Railway management had prepared a blue-print for remodelling the Jaffna station but regretted that the scheme was being shelved "owing to shortage of steel and other building materials." At this station, the ancient method of changing points by pointsmen at the spot was still being employed.

He was sorry to state that in spite of repeated requests to run Diesel Units in the North, the Railway management had not found it possible to do so. Instead a car was being provided which had admittedly long outlived its economic life.

Among the resolutions passed at this meeting were the following:

1. The Jaffna Railway Passengers' Association reiterates its request that mail trains should halt at all way side stations within the Jaffna peninsula as non-stoppage, in the absence of other public conveyances, works hardship on the passengers who have to detrain at these wayside stations.

2. This Association views with regret the indifference shown by the Railway management to its repeated requests to shorten the periods of halt of the (7-3) a.m. down train from Kankasanturai and the 4-55 p.m. up train from Jaffna at the Chunnakam station, in order to save some time for the regular passengers (mainly school-children, teachers, officers, business men, etc.) and urges upon the authorities to give this matter their immediate attention.

3. This Association requests that Tellipallai wayside station and either Kondavil or Kokuvil wayside station should immediately be converted into full-fledged stations with gates for the level crossings in order to reduce delays to trains running between Kankasanturai and Jaffna and to prevent fatal accidents at these level crossings.

4. While appreciating the provision of a train on Saturdays leaving Jaffna at about 1.25 p.m. for Kankasanturai, this Association requests the Railway management to avoid delay to this train at the Kokuvil Kondavil and the other wayside stations by not unloading goods at these wayside stations.

5. This Association regrets that waiting rooms at stations are not suitably furnished and requests that the minimum requirements compatible with the

comforts of the passengers should be provided forth with.

6. This Association points out the unsuitability of the waiting rooms at the wayside stations (which at best can be described as cattle sheds) and urges upon the authorities to provide decent waiting rooms for passengers as protection against sun and rain.

7. This Association wishes to impress on the Railway management the necessity to speed up trains, particularly the mail trains in order to attract more passengers to the Railway and, incidentally, make the Railway pay its own way. The following were elected office bearers for the ensuing year:-

President: Mr. T. K. Rajasekeran, M. A. (Re-elected); Vice-Presidents: Mr. K. A. Sebastian (Re-elected) and Mr. S. Kandavanam; Hony. Secretary: Mr. S. Sabaratnam (Re-elected); and Hony. Treasurer: Mr. K. Muttulingam.

### Minister's Plan for New Steel Industry

Mr. G. G. Ponnampalam, Minister for Fisheries, Industrial Research and Industries, told the press that the Government would tap the 6,000,000 tons of iron ore in the south-west of Ceylon, as the first step in setting up an iron and steel industry.

He added that the first stage of the Government's blue-print would be a small-scale iron furnace for smelting scrap and iron ore. This, he said, would be ready by February.

## Jaffna Apothecaries' Cup Soccer Competition

**SUBAS BEAT ORIENTS**  
A very interesting Soccer Match was played on Wednesday evening in the J. S. S. A. Grounds when the Subas S.C. defeated the Orients by 2-0 goals in a keenly contested game. There was no scoring to the first half. On changing ends the Subas S.C. netted the two goals. Though the Orients pressed hard from start to finish, all their attempts proved futile as the Orients forwards could not beat the Subas goal-keeper.

Mr. V. Subramaniam refereed the match. The Orients will meet the Subas Club again on Thursday the 16th inst for the championship as both the teams have equal points. Following are the results of other matches played in the course of last week.

### Harlequins to Visit Jaffna

The Harlequins Sports Club Champions of the De Mel League and City League Football Tournament will visit Jaffna during the Christmas holidays to play four matches at the invitation of the Committee of the Jaffna Sports Association. The teams that will meet the Harlequins will be 1. Combined Colleges

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3. Jaffna selected
4. Jaffna Sports Association XI

The matches will be played on the 23rd and 25th Dec. 1948 at the J.S.S.A. Grounds and on the 26th and 28th December at the St. Patrick's College Grounds.

There are six All Ceylon Players in the Harlequins S.C. which is the strongest team in the Island.

### Our Astrological Feature

## WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 12TH DECEMBER TO 18TH DECEMBER, 1948

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

The first 3 days of the week will be chaotic and uncertain. After Tuesday you will find it easy to arrange re-shuffles and to take up any new scheme you fancy.

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

This will be a week of restlessness and curious cross currents. It will be difficult for you to settle down to your work after Tuesday. Speculation holds many dangers. Friends and relatives will not prove helpful.

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

You will get a better job or have a bigger turnover and in addition make speculative gains. The first 3 days of the week will prove to be very helpful. Make capital use of the 3 days.

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

Latter half of the week will be of much help to you in all your undertakings. Ruin to enemies financial gain and favours from friends shown. Health will improve.

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

Take care of health after mid week. Avoid clashes with friends and especially labors relatives. On the whole although this week will be a strenuous time, yet it is likely to prove profitable.

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

Patience and tenacity will get you a long way this week. Good results shown from efforts of the last 3 to 4 months. You may be let down by subordinates in some affair. A little caution readed in new undertakings. First 3 days of the week will not be very favourable.

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

The first 3 days may prove a critical business period. After Wednesday life should be more settled. Don't hesitate to put all you know into this years efforts. You will find that profits come in more swiftly this week than the previous ones.

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

Your progress will be very satisfactory this week. Foreigners and strangers will help you a good deal. The opposition you had in your affairs may melt away. Spend Thursday afternoon, Friday and Saturday forenoon carefully.

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

You may gain much financially this week but your mind will not be at peace. Health complaints also possible. Avoid scandals and misunderstandings with friends week end.

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

There will be constant official troubles for some time to come. Little misunderstanding with wife may upset you a lot. Avoid speculations and stick to routine. Take care of health specially eye complaints.

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

A very favourable week after Wednesday. A good week for investments. Good prospects of happiness shown. Young people will prove helpful this week. A bumper week socially also.

**PISCES** Pooraddati 4, Uttiradati, Revati. [Mena Rasi]

You will make good progress in your undertakings. Ruin to enemies and happiness through relatives also shown. If you can succeed in getting your plans in order sticking to them you will be surprised by the progress you make.

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## ORDER NISI

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Testamentary Jurisdiction  
No. 366 P

In the matter of the intestate estate  
of the late Ramalingam  
Chelliah of Karanavai South  
Deceased

Kaddaipillai Thamu of Karanavai  
South Vs. Petitioner  
/1. P. S. Ratnam of 27 Imbi Road  
Kuala Lumpur

2. and wife Annammah of do  
3. E. Thirunammah of do  
4. and wife Agnammah of do  
5. Chelliah Thiagarajah of do  
6. Chelliah Rajaratnam of do  
7. Chelliah Thangarajah of do  
8. Ponnar Chinniah of Karanavai  
South Respondents  
This matter coming on for disposal  
before G. O. T. de Silva Esquire  
Additional District Judge,  
Point Pedro, on the 3rd day of December  
1947, in the presence of Mr.  
K. Ramalingam Proctor on the  
part of the petitioner and the petition  
and affidavit of the petitioner  
having been read.

It is ordered that the 8th respondent  
be appointed guardian ad litem  
over the minors the 5th, 6th  
and 7th respondents, that the petitioner  
as attorney of the widow of the  
deceased be declared entitled  
to obtain Letters of Administration  
to the estate of the said deceased  
and that Letters of Administration  
be issued to him accordingly unless  
the respondents or any other  
person or person shall appear before  
this court on or before the 16th day  
of January 1948 and show sufficient  
cause to the contrary.

Sgd. W. Thalagopatiya  
District Judge.

Drawn by  
Sgd. K. Ramalingam  
Proctor for Petitioner

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## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MANNAR  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 703.

In the matter of the Estate of the  
late Kanageswari wife of Sara  
vanamuttu Muttucumaru of  
Erukilampiddy, Mannar.

Kanapathipillai Chinniah Sara  
vanamuttu of New Road, Koiyathoddam,  
Jaffna Vs. Petitioner

1. Paleswary daughter of S. Muttu-  
cumaru (minor) of Athimodдай,  
Mannar and  
2. Saravanamuttu Muttucumaru  
Teacher, Govt. School. Athi-  
modдай Mannar Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal  
before B.G.S. David Esquire,  
District Judge, Mannar on the 16th  
day of November 1948 in the pre-  
sence of Mr. S. A. M. Navaratnam  
Proctor on the part of the  
petitioner and the petition and  
affidavit of the said petitioner  
having been read.

It is ordered that the 2nd respondent  
be appointed Guardian ad litem  
over the minor, the 1st respondent,  
for the purpose of protecting  
her interests and of representing  
her in these Testamentary  
Proceedings and that the  
Petitioner be, entitled to take out  
Letters of Administration to the  
estate of the abovenamed deceased  
as her father unless the respondents  
or any other person shall on or  
before the 17th day of December  
1948 show sufficient cause to the  
satisfaction of this court to the  
contrary.

This 16th day of November 1948,  
(Sgd.) P. G. S. DAVID,  
District Judge.

(O. 115 7 & 10)

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D J

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D J

18-11-48 Extended and reissued  
for 23-12-48 Intld. S. R. W  
D J

(O. 114 7 & 10)

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 968

In the matter of the Last Will  
and Testament of the late Mary  
Thangaratnam Lewis wife of  
J. S. Lewis of Manipay  
Deceased.

Joseph Subramanian Lewis of  
Manipay Vs. Petitioner.

1. Rev. Albert Emmanuel  
Kanagasenan Lewis of  
Vavuniya  
2. David Rasasenan Lewis,  
Howard Settlement,  
Dam Street, Colombo  
3. Paul Sundrasenan Lewis  
4. Gladys Sundrabai Lewis  
5. Samuel Jayesenan Lewis,  
all of Manipay  
6. John Aroon Kumar Luwis,  
Agricultural Institute,  
Allahabad, India and  
Minor 7. James Sundarsenan Lewis  
of Manipay Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal  
before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr.,  
District Judge, Jaffna on the 18th  
day of November 1948 in the pre-  
sence of Mr. S. Rajendram Proctor  
for the Petitioner and the affidavit  
of the Petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the Last Will  
and Testament of the abovenamed  
deceased be declared proved and  
that Probate thereof be issued  
to the Petitioner as Executor  
named therein and that the 1st  
Respondent be appointed Guardian  
ad litem over the minor 7th Res-  
pondent for the purpose of pro-  
tecting his interest in these pro-  
ceedings unless the Respondents  
or any other persons appear before  
this Court on the 17th day of Dec-  
ember 1948 and state objection to  
the contrary.

The 18th day of November 1948.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

Drawn by  
S. Rajendram,  
Proctor for Petitioner.  
(O. 113. 7 & 10)

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 967

In the matter of the intestate of the  
late Thamothersampillai Nada-  
raajah of Kondavil  
Deceased.

Murugesu Kanagasasingam of Kon-  
davil Vs. Petitioner.

1. Nadarajah Arasakularajah  
2. Nadarajah Kugadasa both  
of presently at Singa-  
pore  
Minor 3. Mankayathkarasi daughter  
of Nadarajah of Kondavil appearing by her  
guardian ad litem  
4. Ammakuddy widow of  
Vaithilingam of Kon-  
davil Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the  
petitioner praying for Letters of  
Administration to the estate of the  
abovenamed deceased be issued to  
him and the 4th Respondent be  
appointed guardian ad litem over  
the minor the 3rd Respondent,  
coming on for disposal before R. R.  
Selvadurai Esqr., District Judge  
Jaffna on the 16th day of Novem-  
ber 1948 in the presence of Mr.  
Navaratnarajah Proctor on the  
part of the petitioner and the  
petition and affidavit of the peti-  
tioner having been read:

It is ordered and decreed that  
the petitioner be and he is hereby  
declared entitled to Letters of Ad-  
ministration to the estate of the  
said deceased and the 4th res-  
pondent be and she is hereby ap-  
pointed guardian ad litem over the  
minor the 3rd respondent, unless  
the respondents or any other in-  
terested shall show sufficient cause if  
any to the contrary on or before  
the 16th day of December 1948  
It is further ordered that the  
minor is to be produced on that  
date.

This 16th day of November 1948  
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

Drawn by  
Sgd. V. Navaratnarajah,  
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(O. 116, 10 & 14)

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