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### WEDDINGS

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Devadharshanan



Jeanne.

The marriage was solemnised between Samuel Devadharshanan Ambalavanar and Lisa Jeanne Campanello on Saturday the 30th of May at the Church of St. Leo, Corona, New York. Samuel is the youngest son of Mr. & Mrs D. S. Ambalavanar of Elmhurst New York and Lisa Jeanne is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Campanello of Corona, New York.

Thevarajah



Christina.

The marriage was solemnised between Mr. P. Thevarajah, a Worker in charge of the Samathanapuram Church in the Diocese and Miss Christina Chelliah at the Karainagar Church on Saturday the 10th of June at 10:00 a.m. The Pastor of the Church the Rev. A. V. Jesuthasan conducted the service. The Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar solemnised the marriage and the Rev. Daniel Thiagarajah preached the homily. Thevarajah is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Pasupathy of Karainagar and Christina is a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Chelliah of Chankana.

### COLOMBO CHURCH

#### FELICITATES

DR. HENRY RAJARATNAM.

The members of the Colombo Church and other friends felicitated Dr. Henry Rajaratnam on his being elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (F. R. C. P.), England on Monday the 5th of June at 6:30 p.m. The felicitation took the form of a Thanksgiving Service at the Colombo Church conducted by the Pastor the Rev. T. S. Premarajah. The Rev. James Ratnayagam also took part in the Service. The Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar preached the sermon. Mr. C. D. Chianakone, one of the lay elders of the Church made a brief felicitation speech. A special song composed for the occasion by Mr. Ramanathan, another senior

member of the Church was sung by the choir. Dr. Henry Rajaratnam made an appropriate response with the testimony of faith as a Christian doctor. A fellowship dinner followed the Service.

### FLOOD RELIEF — SOUTH SRI LANKA.

The Jaffna Diocese of the C. S. I. has sent a contribution of Rs. 10,000/- to the Bishop of Colombo for the flood relief work undertaken by the Colombo Diocese in the South. It has been observed that the damage inflicted by the floods on life and property in the Rataapura and Kegalle districts are the worst ever experienced in those areas.

### DO YOU KNOW?

The total extent of wild life reserves in Sri Lanka is about 2500 sq. miles and constitute only about 10 percent of the total land area. Fifty years ago there were 40,000 tigers but today there are only less than 2500. There are about 85 species of mammals 400 species of birds and less than 1500 wild elephants. Wildlife is endangered all over the earth—300 species of mammals, 400 species of birds, 200 species of reptiles and amphibians, and 100 species of fish of the more than 1.5 million species of insects on our planet most play important roles in ecosystems. About 20 percent are directly useful to man, while only 2 percent are directly harmful.

More than 60,000 of the world's 265,000 plant species are at risk of extinction. Some 20 of the more than 20,000 known edible plants dominate world food supply - a dangerous dependence on a handful of crops.

### 'A' level papers.

The present structure and pattern of many of the G. C. E. A level question papers will be changed we learn from next August. Candidates will be offered more options in their choice of questions.

The commissioner has said there will be no change in the format of Paper One in Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Botany, while part A of Paper Two will also remain the same.

In Part B of Paper Three candidates will have a wider choice - the option of selecting four out of eight questions

## Twenty — Five Years OF TEACHING SERVICE.

A Service to thank God for twenty — five years of Service to

JAFFNA COLLEGE

by

MR. S. BALACHANDRAN B. Sc. (Cey.) Dip. Ed.

WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 12TH JULY

AT 8.45 a.m. IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH, YADDUKODDAI.

Friends, Old Students and well-wishers are Cordially invited.



against the previous four out of six.

In most other subjects Science Arts and Commerce too there will be more questions giving candidates a wider choice. The number of questions they must answer will remain as at present.

### Fifty Years Service.

Mr. R. A. S. Paul (Retired Sub-Manager Bank of Ceylon) completed fifty years service with the Y. M. C. A. movement in Sri Lanka. From the year 1938, while a student, he took an active part in the 'Y' work. He was for sometime Hony. Secretary of the Navaly YMCA.

In 1985, he received an Award for long standing membership with the Colombo Y. M. C. A. He is now one of its most senior members. He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Paul of Manipay. Gratefully Remembered:

### Prof. Hilary Crusz.

We are sorry to record the death of Prof. Hilary Crusz, Emeritus Professor of Zoology at the Peradeniya University, who was one of the last batch of students to graduate with honours from the London University as a student of the University College, Colombo at Thurston Road. He obtained his Doctorate in 1948. He was made Professor in 1964, at the age of 44. He was a christian and never found any reason for conflict between Science and his religious beliefs.

At the request of the Archbishop of Colombo, he brought out a book "Creation and Evolution. The Foreward for this book was written by Dr Cyril Ponnampereuma. His interests were not confined to his main discipline. Zoology - English Lite-

rature and Music were some of his other pursuits which made him a much loved and revered mentor among those who were privileged to be his students. He was a distinguished Professor of St. Peter's College, Colombo.

### In Memoriam.



### JEYARAJAHS

For Blessings of our wonderful parents,

The love and joys of VALENTINE,

Accept our deepest heartfelt

thanks—

We are so grateful Lord.

Affectionately remembered by their loved ones.

10, Church Road, Chavakachcheri.

WITH EVERGREEN MEMORIES OF OUR BELOVED



(Emma)

EMILY GNANARATNAM SATHASEEVAN.

Born: 20-06-1917

Died: 08-01-1988

Deeply cherished and fondly loved by

SAM, LIZZIE and MEENA

Where The Lord Guides — The Lord Provides

Short Story.

## THE DOCTOR.

Six long years of anguish and waiting was coming to an end—Vijayan would be returning in a couple of weeks time. What a re-union it would be for Raji to meet Vijayan. But then, would he return single or would he bring a white woman. "Would he be single or would he be married, but he cannot"—these were the thoughts that were haunting the mind of Raji.

It was at the College social that they had, first met. Shy Raji just out of a convent was attending her first social in the midst of boys. Beautifully dressed in a green Daka saree and choli-blouse she came, and be it accident or otherwise, seated by her side was jovial Vijayan. The social went on, and but for the replies she gave Vijayan to his anxious questions she hardly spoke. Vijayan had tried his best to make her move free, but had failed miserably. Then amidst loud cheers it was announced that Raji would give a performance of Baratha Natyam. Gracefully she mounted the stage and gave a brilliant performance of a dance swaying her shapely body to the rhythm of the Baratha Natyam. She ended her performance and walked shyly back to her seat amidst thunderous shouts of applause. Vijayan was the first to congratulate her, and soon they were in conversation discussing, this, that and the other. They met quite frequently during College sessions, and within a short time an affair had begun. What queer things Dan Cupid could do in weaving the pattern of love.

Things did not turn out quite smoothly for these young lovers, for when the results of the Medical Entrance results were published, Vijayan's name was missing. His three attempts at the entrance had ended, and his only hope of being a doctor was to go abroad, but where was he to find the money? Yes, Raji was the only hope.

Vijayan forced her out of school into the teaching profession much against her father's wish, but being his only child, with no mother, who had passed away when Raji was a baby, he gave in.

Vijayan soon sailed for England and began his medical career, supported by Raji and the little he could get from his uncle. They lived in separation with the postman helping them in every way he could. But again disaster befell Raji, for her father was killed in a motor accident. Left an orphan, she entered the boarding of the school in which she was teaching. But here the teachers found pleasure in teasing her about young men who went to England and returned with English wives. During the holidays she went to her aunt's

expecting relief from her annoying fellow teachers, but here too, her aged aunt was no better, for she too kept on saying about this boy and that boy returning with an English woman.

The sixth year of Vijayan's stay in England was ending and his final examination was to be held soon. Working for his examination or otherwise he could not write to Raji for some time; and this in addition to the impact of the stories Raji heard, began to tell on her mind. Will Vijayan return with an English wife?

A letter arrived from Vijayan informing Raji of his success and his departure to Ceylon. But yet she doubted him. Could she see Vijayan with an English wife? Could she face the world? But will he...? Yes it was a nightmare working in her mind all the time.

Vijayan arrived in Colombo single with absolutely no attachments. He looked for Raji, but he could not find her. That night he entrained for Jaffna and on arrival at the Jaffna Station, he hired a taxi, and still in his train-soiled dress he arrived at the school in which Raji taught, only to be met by a set of women with gloomy faces.

When he asked for Raji, one of the ladies led him to Raji's room. Lying on the bed was Raji. He rushed in, and on feeling the body found it cold and stiff. Oh the side table was a bottle labelled "Poison Acetic Acid" and beneath the bottle a letter addressed to Vijayan. He read the letter. "I cannot bear to see you with another woman. Before anything of the kind happens it's best I end my life. Yours Raji."

Yes. Idle gossip had killed another woman!



**Dr. Jebanesan, Alumni,  
Ladies and Gentlemen:**

One of my favorite poems has been Lord Tennyson's "In Memoriam," particularly the lines "the old order changeth, yielding place to the new and God fulfills himself in many ways." So be it with men and with institutions. These lies of Tennyson have an even deeper meaning for us Tamils today because the very foundations of our society is being rocked and challenged from within. There was a time when there were pillars and guideposts that appeared to be changeless and timeless, but not anymore. However, in the midst of all this doubt and fear, there is one institution that has nurtured the Tamil man and the Tamil woman, given them direction and purpose, the crown jewel of our lives - our schools, particularly one school, Jaffna College. A school that owes its origins to the North American continent.

Principal Jebanesan, we welcome you tonight as the fulfillment of a changing order that connects us to the past 153 years and will bind us to the new century that will dawn in another 11 years. You are relatively young and, therefore, can take our children into this new century which we hope will be kinder than the old.

Justice H. W. Thambiah one told me, "Champion, you Jaffna college fellows always stand out in any company because you are not afraid to speak your mind. This spirit of independence and democracy has been the result of the American tradition of freedom of speech and thought. The art of public speaking we perfected in the school, and the elective principle was applied to all student positions. From the school council to the sports captains—all were elected. Occasionally we were stuck with a nitwit here and there but on the whole it worked for better student government. Democracy is not about important people in important places; democracy is about common people given the opportunity and the freedom to be important.

It is said that Kwame Nkrumah, the former President of Ghana, was returning after finishing his Masters at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. As his ship was leaving New York harbour and passing the Statue of Liberty, he raised his hand and said, "I will carry your message of liberty to my people."

In a real sense Jaffna College has been the institution that nurtured the independent movements of the 20's and the 30's. The teachers were in the best sense of the phrase, "disturbers of the peace." Handy Perinpanayagam's name will always be remembered as a man who put his ideals before profit. He was a great inspiration to generations of students.

When Dr. Jebanesan was appointed Principal, I wrote him a letter about the incident between one of the teachers and the Rev. Bicknell. I am told for years, the Rev. Becknell objected to the holiday granted to Jaffna College students and staff during the annual C. S. I. Synod. One year, the Rev. Bicknell was elected chairman of the Synod. At a staff meeting, the teacher asked him, "Now that you are the chairman and have the power why don't you cancel the holiday?" The Rev. Bicknell replied it is one thing to possess power, it is altogether a different thing to use it."

Principal Jebanesan, I am sure you will use your powers wisely. I have known your parents, your brothers and your sister, many of whom I taught. It is most fitting that a man of your scholarship and your close connections to Jaffna College should lead this institution at this time. I convey to you my personal congratulations and that of all of us here tonight.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank those such as yourself who have remained in Jaffna and helped our people in their hour of distress. Your courage and commitment must remain immeasurable. Many of you were there when Jaffna College was taken over by the government and lived to see it being returned. It was returned because it was a transaction tainted by guilt. A guilt that would not wash away. Talking of takeovers, I am reminded of the sad, humorous, but true story of Bishop Lakdasa De Mel and the Bandaranaike government.

In the 1960's, the government of Sri Lanka had to redeem an election pledge which was to declare by law certain areas of Anuadhapura "the sacred city." Unfortunately, the Anglican Cathedral fell within the boundaries of the sacred city. The government negotiated to pay for the building of a new cathedral. Finally, after months of protracted talk, the local minister reported to Bishop De Mel. He said, "My Lord, the government will give us a million rupees in cash and the rest in gilt edged securities." The Bishop smiled and asked him, "Pray tell me how do they spell that word 'guilt'?"

When I was leaving Jaffna College in 1966, I went to the Rev. Bunker's office to wish him goodbye. We started talking and the conversation turned to the future of Jaffna College and the constant threat of a takeover. At one point I was quite surprised when he leaned over and said, "You know Champion, if the government of Sri Lanka enters into a serious dialogue with us about the possibilities of a University in the North and Jaffna College is chosen for that purpose, I will have no qualms about the future of the institution." He said he was opposed to a mere physical takeover because then it would be a hollow shell. One hundred fifty years of history must go with the institution if it was to go at all. Finally, his worst fears were realized. They took the buildings and he was mercifully spared the witnessing of the very painful event. The tragedy is that by 1974 no dialogue was possible.

I have always resisted the temptation to tell people what they should or should not be doing. When I visited Sri Lanka in 1982, Dr. N. T. Sampanthan formerly of Moolai Hospital asked me, "Champion, what advice do you have for us Tamils?" I told him, "Doctor I have no right to be giving you advice. I have taken my family and left. The day I decide to come back or at least send my children back, then I will exercise my right to tell you what should or should not be doing." Far too many of us in the comfort of our homes and our jobs, having seen to

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**தாரகை ஒளி:-**

காயத்தின் தழும்பும் உள்ளூறையடிக்கும்;  
பொல்லா தவனை யழுக்கறத் துடைக்கும்.

— தீதிமொழிகள். 20 : 30



**எங்கள் கருத்து**



**திருமறைக்குத் திரும்புங்கள்!**

நமது திருமறை ஒரு கட்டுக் கதை நூலல்ல. கவிஞனின் வெறும் சுற்பண்புமல்ல. அது, ஆண்டவரின் அருள்வாக்கு, இறையரசின் அறிவீப்பு. இதில், மீட்டின் நற்செய்தியுண்டு. படிக்கப் படிக்க உள்ளத்தில் உவகையளித்து நம் அகத்தில் அமைதியை வழங்கும் இது, நம் வாழ் வீரகு வழிகாட்டும் வளமான நூல்.

இறைவனின் உயிர்ப்புள்ள வார்த்தை இத்திருநூலில் பொதிந்துள்ளது. இவ்வார்த்தையின் ஆற்றலை அறிந்துள்ள நாம், அவ்வார்த்தையின் வழியாக எமது விசுவாசத்தைப் புதுப்பிக்கவும் அறிக்கையிடவும், மக்கள் அனைவரும் மனமுவந்து ஆண்டவரின் குரலொலிக்குச் செவிசாய்க்கவும், அதன் ஒளியில் வழி நடத்தப்படவும் இறைவனிடம் வேண்டுவது நம் கடமை.

மனிதன் அப்பத்தினால் மட்டுமன்று கடவுளின் வாயினின்று புறப்படும் ஒவ்வொரு வார்த்தையினாலும் உயிர்வாழ்கிறான் என்பது அருள்வாக்கு. இதற்கு ஏற்ப, நாம் இவ்வகைக்கவலைகளினின்று விடுவிக்கப்பட்டு, இறைவனின் வார்த்தைக்குச் செவிசாய்த்து, திறந்த உள்ளம் கொண்டவர்களாக வாழ அருள்புரிய வேண்டுமென இறைவனிடம் மன்றொடுவது அவசியம்.

விண்ணரசு நெருங்கிவிட்டது, மனம் திரும்பி நற்செய்தியை விசுவாசியுங்கள் என்று கூறிய இறைமைத்தனே, நாம் என்றும் அவரை எதிர்நோக்கி வாழ நமக்கு அருள் புரிவார். இறை வார்த்தையே எம் வாழ்வின் பாதைக்கு ஒளி. எனவே எம் அகதிரான் அகன்று ஒளிர வாழ்வு தரும் வார்த்தைகளை எமக்கு என்றும் அளிக்கும் இறைவன், நாம் சோதனைகளால் சோர்ந்து தளர்ச்சியற்றிருக்கும் தருணங்களில் தமது வார்த்தையால் புத்துயிர் அளிப்பார்.

உயிரும் உயிர்ப்புமாய்த் திகழும் இறைவன், நம் வாழ்வின் இறுதி நாளில், அவரின் வருகைக்கு நாம் ஆயத்தமாயிருக்கவும், உயிர்ப்பின் வழியால் அவருடன் ஒன்றித்திருக்கவும் அருள் வழங்குவார், நம்பிக்கையுடன் வேண்டுகின்றவர்களுக்கு!

“பற்பல முறையினும் பல்லேறு வகையிலும் இறைவாக்கினர் வாயிலாக நம் முன்னோரிடம் பேசிய கடவுள், நாம் வாழும் இவ்விறுதி நாட்களில் நம்மிடம் தம் மகனின் வாயிலாகப் பேசியுள்ளார்” (எபி 1: 1, 2) என்பதில் ஐயமில்லை. ஆகவே, ஆதியிலிருந்து தமது வார்த்தையினாலே உலகை வழிநடத்தி வருகிற இறைவன், நாம் என்னும் அவரின் குரலுக்குச் செவிசாய்க்கவும், அவரது உயிர்ப்புள்ள வார்த்தையின் பணிக்கு நம்மை மனமுவந்து ஒப்படைக்கவும் முன்வாருங்கள்.

இப்பொல்லாத நாட்களில், தீமையின் இருள் எங்கும் குழந்துள்ள வேளையில் அனைவர்க்கும் ஒளிபாய்த்த திகழ்வது நமது திருமறை. உண்மை வழி காணவேண்டுமா? தீமையகற்றி நன்மையை நாட வேண்டுமா? தளர்ச்சியைப் போக்கி, மனப்பயம் நீக்கி, உயிர்ப்புடன் மக்களுக்குப் பணி செய்ய வேண்டுமா? அப்படியாயின் திருமறைக்குத் திரும்புங்கள் - ஒழுங்காக நாள்தோறும் வாசியுங்கள் - சிந்தியுங்கள் - செபியுங்கள்: நிறைவான வாழ்வைப் பெறுவீர்கள்.

திருமறையை வாசியுங்கள்!  
வாசித்ததைச் சிந்தியுங்கள்!  
சிந்தித்ததன்படி செபியுங்கள்!  
வாழ்வு வளம்பெறும்!!

(இம்மாதம் 19 ஆம் நாள், — மரியன்னை பேராலயத்தில் நடத்தப்பட்ட குருத்துவத் திருநிலைப்படுத்தும் திருவழிபாட்டில் பங்கேட்ட பால் இது.)

பல்லவி  
ஆண்டவரே பரிசுத்த குருக்களை நீர் தாரும்  
அருள் வாழ்வில் உம் குருக்கள் வாழ அருள்கூரும்.

சரணம்  
இறைமகனின் திருப்பணியைத் தொடர்ந்தெங்கும் ஆற்ற  
இருள் குழந்த உலகினிலே அருள்விளக்கை ஏற்ற  
வாழ்வளிக்கும் உண்மைகளை உலகிற்கு வழங்க  
வற்றாக பேரன்பின் ஊற்றாகத் திகழ

(ஆண்டவரே)  
நெஞ்சிற்கு நிறைவளிக்கும் இறைவனையே புகழ  
நிலவுகளில் அமைதியின் தூதுவராய்த் திகழ  
நஞ்சான கொள்கைகளை அஞ்சாமல் தூக்க  
நலஞ்சேர்க்கும் நெறிகள்தனை பவமாகக் காக்க

(ஆண்டவரே)  
புனித்தின் நறுமணத்தைப் புவிமேய்க்கும் சேர்க்க  
புண்ணை நெஞ்சத்தில் புத்துயிரை வாரக்க  
கருணையிலே தந்தையெனத் தாயெனவும் இலங்க  
கற்புநிறை வாழ்வுக்குக் காவலராய்த் துவங்க

(ஆண்டவரே)  
தீமையெனும் நோய் நீர்க்கும் மருத்துவராய் டிவிளி  
நிரிபோல் எரிந்துருகும் தியாகிகளாய் ஒளிர  
திருவருளின் சாதனத்தால் இறை உயிரை ஊட்ட  
திருச்சபையாம் இறையரசை நாடெல்லாம் நாட்ட

(ஆண்டவரே)

**தெல்லிப்பனை மிஷன்  
கல்லறைத் தோட்டத்தில்  
ஆராதனை.**

காலை ஆராதனை முடிந்ததும் அனைவரும் வாகனப் பவனியாக, தெல்லிப்பனையில் உள்ள மிஷன் கல்லறைத் தோட்டத்திற்குச் சென்று அங்குள்ள டாக்டர் டானியேல் பூவரது கல்லறையிலும், அங்குள்ள மற்ற மிஷனரிமார்களின் கல்லறைகளிலும் மலர் வளையங்கள் சாத்தினர். அமெரிக்க நாட்டின் இலங்கைத் தூதுவர் மாண்புமிக் திரு. எட்வோர்ட் மார்க்ஸ் அமெரிக்க நாட்டின் பெயராலும், யாழ். பல்கலைக் கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் துரைராசா, கல்வித் துறையின் பெயராலும், பேராசிரியர் கே. கிம் ஆசிரிய கிறிஸ்தவ மன்றத்தின் பெயராலும், டாக்டர் பிரேமன் நயிலிஸ் அனைத்துலகத் திருச்சபை ஒன்றியத்தின் பெயராலும், டாக்டர் தயன் சன்ட் கார், தென் இந்தியத் திருச்சபைப் பேரவையின் பெயராலும், டாக்டர் பொப் போர்ட்டர், அமெரிக்க மிஷன் சங்கத்தின் பெயராலும், மலர் வளையங்களை வைத்தனர். பேராயர் அம்பலவாணர் அவர்கள் நன்றி தெரிவிக்கும் செயல்தைச் செய்து ஆசிரிவாதம் கூறினர்.

அனைவர்க்கும், தெல்லிப்பனைக்கு இல்ல முன்றலில் தேநீர் விருந்துபசரணை தெல்லிப்பனைச் சபையினரால் அளிக்கப்பட்டது. இதன் பின், அனைவரும் வட்டுக்கோட்டைக்குத் திரும்பினர்.

**உடுவில் மகளிர் அளித்த  
நாடகக் கண்காட்சி.**

காலை 12.00 மணியளவில், உடுவில் மகளிர் கல்லூரி மாணவர் அளித்த நடனங்கள், சிறப்புப் பாடல்கள், டானியேல் பூவரது வரலாற்றைச் சித்தரிக்கும் நாடகக் கண்காட்சி ஆகியன இடம்பெற்றன. பேராயர் அம்பலவாணர் அவர்கள் தலைமையில் இவ் வைபவம் நடைபெற்றது.

இவர்கள் அளித்த வரலாற்று நாடகம், கிறிஸ்தவ இறையியல் கல்லூரி மாணவன் திரு. பி. லோகநாதனால் எழுதப்பட்டது. யாழ். பல்கலைக்கழக விரிவுரையாளர் திரு. மொனன்குரு அவர்களால் பழக்கப்பட்டது என்பது இங்கு குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

**விருந்துபசரணை.**

இவ் விழாவில் பங்கெடுத்த அனைவர்க்கும் நன்பகல் விருந்து அளிக்கப்பட்டது. ஏறக்குறைய ஆயிரத்து ஐந்தாறுபேர் இவ் விழாவில் சமூகமளித்தனர். நல்ல முறையில், விருந்தை ஒழுங்கு செய்த திரு. எஸ். இரத்தினவேல் அவர்களின் திறமையை, அனைவரும் பாராட்டியது இங்கு குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

**பொதுக் கூட்டம்.**

இவ் விழாவின் இறுதிக் கூட்டம் பிற்பகல் 2.30 மணிக்கு, பேராயத்தின் திருக்கோவிலில், பேராயர் அருள்மிகு டி. ஜே. அம்பலவாணர் அவர்கள் தலைமையில் நடத்தப்பட்டது. தொடக்க வழிபாடு, அருட்திரு. டி. ஆர். அம்பலவாணர் அவர்களால் நடத்தப்பட்டது. இவ் விழாவின் பிரதம விருந்தினராகிய அமெரிக்க நாட்டின் இலங்கைத் தூதுவர் திரு. எட்வோர்ட் மார்க்ஸ் சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவாற்றினார்.

இதன்பின், பின்வருவோர் தமது சபைகள், நிறுவனங்கள் பெயரால் வாழ்த்துச் செய்தி வழங்கினர்.

**அவர்களின் விவரங்கள் பின் வருமாறு:**

பேராசிரியர் கே. கிம்- கிறிஸ்தவ ஆசிரிய மன்றம், டாக்டர் - பிரேமன் நயிலிஸ் - அனைத்துலகச் சபையியக்க மன்றம், டாக்டர் தயன் சன்ட் கார் - தென் இந்தியத் திருச்சபைப் பேரவை, டாக்டர் பொப் போர்ட்டர் - அமெரிக்க மிஷன் சங்கம், அருட்திரு பிதா ஜெயசீலன் - ரோமன் கத்தோலிக்கத் திருச்சபை, அருட்திரு. கே. கோவிந்தராஜு - இலங்கை மெதடிஸ்த் திருச்சபை, அருட்திரு. யே. சர்வானந்தன் - அங்கிலிக்கத் திருச்சபை, டாக்டர் எஸ். ஜெபநேசன் முதல்வர், யாழ். கல்லூரி, இவர்கள் அளித்த செய்தி, யாழ். பேராயத்தின் வருங்காலத் திருப்பணிக்குப் பேருக்கம் அளித்தது.

இதன்பின், யாழ். பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த் துறைப்பேராசிரியர் கே. சிவத்தம்பி, யாழ் பொதுமக்கள் சார்பில் தமது வாழ்த்துச் செய்தியை வழங்கினார். இதன்பின், பேராயத்தின் செயலர் அருட்திரு. ஏ ஜெயக்குமார் நன்றியுறவு வழங்கினார். பேராயரின் செபத்துடனும் ஆசிரிவாதத்துடனும் கூட்டம் நிறைவுற்றது.

டாக்டர் எஸ். ஜெபநேசன் எழுதிய வண. டாக்டர் டானியேல் பூவரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு நூல், அனைவர்க்கும் இலவசமாக அளிக்கப்பட்டது. விழாவின் இறுதி நிகழ்ச்சியாக மரநாட்டுவிழா வைபவம் நடந்ததுடன், அனைவர்க்கும் தேநீர் விருந்துபசரணை நடத்தப்பட்டது. விழா இனிது சிறப்பெய்தியது.

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யாழ். கல்லூரி.**

(5 ஆம் பக்கத் தொடர்ச்சி)  
உதாரணமாகக் கூறுவதானால் யாழ். மாவட்டத்தில் ஓராண்டில் சராசரியாக 20 ஆயிரம் இளைஞர்கள் ஜி. சி. சாதாரண தரப்பரிட்சைக்குத் தோற்றுக்கொள்கிறார்கள். இவர்களில் சுமார் 6 ஆயிரம் பேர் அளவிலேயே, ஜி. சி. உயர்தரப்பரிட்சைக்குத் தோற்றுக்கொள்கிறார்கள்.

இவ்வாறு உயர்தரப் பரிட்சையில் தோற்றுபவர்களில் சுமார் ஆயிரம் பேரளவிலேயே பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் பல்வேறு துறைகளுக்கும் தேரிந்தெடுக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். பல்கலைக்கழகக்கல்வி வாய்ப்பு பெறாத மிகுதி 19 ஆயிரம் பேரளவிலேயே, ஜி. சி. உயர்தரப்பரிட்சைக்குத் தோற்றுக்கொள்கிறார்கள். அவர்களுடைய எதிர் காலம் யாது? இவ்வாறு உயர் கல்வி வாய்ப்பை இழந்த இளைஞர்களுக்கு, தொழில் நுட்பக் கல்வியை வழங்குவதன் மூலம் அவர்களை எதிர் காலத்தை உறுதியானதாக முடியும். தொழில் நுட்பக்கல்வி பெற்று அவர்கள் பிரதேச அபிவிருத்திக்கு பங்களிக்கவும் முடியும்.

கேள்வி: உங்கள் தொழில் நுட்பக் கல்லூரிக்குரிய விசேடமான சிறப்பம்சங்கள் என்று எவற்றை நாம் குறிப்பிடலாம்.

பதில்: முழுநேரப் பொறியியல் தொழில் நுட்பப் பயிற்சி நெறியினை வழங்கும் ஒரே ஒரு தொழில் நுட்பக் கல்லூரி இதுவாகும். வடக்குக் கிழக்குப் பகுதிகளில் இவ்வாறான தொழில் நுட்பக் கல்வி நிறுவனம் வேறு எதுவும் கிடையாது.

அனைத்துப் பயிற்சி நெறிகளும் ஆங்கிலத்திலேயே போதிக்கப்படுகின்றன.

தமிழ் மொழிமூலம் ஆரம்ப இடைநிலைக்கல்வியைப் பயின்று விட்டு, தொழில் நுட்பக் கல்வி பெற வரும் மாணவர்களுக்கு ஆங்கில மொழியில் ஏற்படும் தடவ்களை நீக்குவதற்காக வாரம்

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seen in the increasingly unpredictable and whale behaviour of the weather. The international community is making attempts to co-ordinate efforts to put a brake on mankind's collective suicide attempt. This will include efforts at cutting back on the use of fossil fuels developing alternate sources of energy, energy conservation and very importantly reforestation. Developing nations will obviously have to be assisted in these efforts by the wealthier nations especially since they are so dependent at this stage on fossil fuels. The environmental issue is a global one and overrides all our regional problems important though those may be. Even in the midst of other problems, our people in the North should make efforts to see that the forest cover is not badly eroded. As attempts are made to settle people, the temptation to clear tracts of forest area is immense, but somehow play its part especially in increasing awareness of this problem and also by involving itself in tree planting programmes. This generation may not benefit, but their grandchildren certainly will.

#### Jaffna Principals in London.

Old girls and Old boys of Uduvil Girls' School and Jaffna College were delighted by the brief visit of the Principals of their alma maters to London in May. Miss Chelvi Selliah and Dr. S. Jebanesan spent a few days in London enroute to attend a meeting of the Jaffna College Board of Trustees in Boston, U. S. A. Brief though their stay in London was, it gave both of them the opportunity to meet old friends and alumni of their Schools. For the alumni it was a chance to get first hand news of the considerable progress both schools have been making recently inspite of the prevailing unrest in Jaffna. The Jaffna College Alumni association in Britain is already well established. It was a fortuitous coincidence though, that Miss Selliah was in London at a time when the alumni of Uduvil Girls' school are proposing the formation of a similar body. Her meeting with many of the Uduvil alumni certainly gave them the necessary encouragement to go ahead with these plans. It was interesting that among the Uduvil alumni present were many Old boys!

#### The Rev. J. J. Ratnarajah Remembered.

A service of remembrance and thanksgiving was held on the first Anniversary of the death of the Rev. Ratnarajah. The service held on 11th June took place at the residence of his son Jebanandan Ratnarajah on the outskirts of London. It was attended by many relatives and friends. The service was conducted by Brother Ebenezer of the Emmanuel Tamil Fellowship. He also preached the message in the process of which he highlighted the many remarkable aspects of the Rev. Ratnarajah's life. Special items were rendered. The service was followed by lunch.

the safety of our children and our families, wax eloquent about what other people and their children ought to be doing.

Having said that, I however, want to share some general thoughts with you. First of all, I am glad that the Board of Trustees has in the recent past made it a practice to invite the Principals of Jaffna College and Uduvil to be present at their annual or bi-annual meetings. The missionary movement must come of age sometime when it should be appropriate for those who were thought to sit in darkness to respond with a vision of the gospel as seen by new voices and new faces. Those that sit in darkness are not necessarily those in Asia and Africa. On the contrary, a certain darkness has descended upon the West and they need to hear the gospel of the Christ of the Asian road and the Christ of the African road. In a real sense, Dr. Jebanesan, you are today a missionary from Jaffna to the United States, and God fulfills himself in many ways.

Finally, even as we sit here, momentous Changes are taking place. The Communist world is beginning to unravel. In 1967, I remember Professor Mukerjee telling us in his political science lectures that he would be surprised if any of us at age 19 were not Communists. "It is a new idea," he said, "It is exciting and you want to change the world." Then he said, "If by 19 you are not a Communist, you are a fool. But if you remain a Communist by the time you are 23, you are damned fool." He also went on to say "any revolution that becomes an end in itself and not a means to an end will always enslave the very people on whose behalf it takes up arms." The Russian revolution, the Cuban revolution, and most recently, the Iranian revolution, are classic examples of this. Not one of the Ayatollah's closest associates when he was in exile in Paris is with him now. They have all been executed, imprisoned, or fled the country. And now in China and in Russia, the common people wonder why a few people in the party have the good life while everybody else goes without.

Dr. Jebanesan, our peoples troubles have to end someday maybe soon, but how that day will come and when it will come we do not know. But when it does come will we be ready? Will our children be ready for peace?

When UNESCO was founded after the Second World War, somebody included a poem in its charter and I would like to quote the last verse of that poem because I think it is very appropriate.

Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that we have to erect the ramparts of peace.

Women are a pain in the neck,  
If you marry one you'll be a wreck,  
They harass you all the days of your life,  
Till you wish you haven't got a wife.

Women are a giddy lot  
As touchy as touch-me-not,  
you tell them "Someoae is sick in bed."  
They'll soon be spreading "He is dead"

They lengthen, they darken and pluck their eyebrows  
Till you think they look like cape cows!  
They shout on the roads. If they stand in a bus  
They jabber, mutter and make a big fuss.

They are forward and grumpy and severely rude,  
You find that most women are crude;  
They delight in picking out the faults of others  
Women themselves are careless mothers.

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust:  
Show me a woman whom you can trust!  
They'll turn out your pockets and open your purse  
Till you begin to swear and to curse.

Most women are more like beasts  
Who only sit and wait for good feasts.  
So never get married: a Bachelor be  
'Course then you'll be happy, wealthy and free!

We pledge to you tonight our loyalty and our affection. You carry with you our prayers and our hopes for a better day for our people and our school.

— SPEECH DELIVERED BY  
DR. E. A. CHAMPION AT  
THE JAFFNA COLLEGE  
ALUMNI MEETING IN  
TORONTO ON 3-6-1989. —

#### NEWS:

#### Fundamentalism on all sides.

The Salman Rushdie affair refuses to die away. Recently, Muslims from all over Britain marched on Westminster to urge the government to extend the blasphemy laws to include Islam in addition to Christianity. This would enable the banning of the book 'Satanic Verses'. Close to thirty thousand, the largest such gathering of Muslims ever in this country participated in what was on the whole a peaceful protest. However, it was massed at the end by some factions setting light to the book in question as well as burning an effigy of the author. Some of the younger participants ended up in a head on battle with the police as well. All this in the vicinity of the houses of Parliament.

In case the British public felt that this was yet further evidence of medieval Islamic fundamentalism, they were soon reminded that inflexibility of views applies to other faiths as well. The Lord Chancellor (the supreme judicial figure) was suspended by his Church - the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland. His crime? - he had attended the burial services for two of his colleagues. The problem arose because the burials were according to the Roman Catholic Mass. The Free Presbyterian Church, which is ecumenical in outlook, considers all Roman Catholic worship as idolatrous! Some even consider the Pope to be the 'Anti-Chri-

st'. Members are forbidden from attending Roman Catholic mass. The Lord Chancellor, who is a very intelligent and highly regarded man, resigned from the Church. This controversy has now resulted in a split in the Church with fourteen of the thirty ministers breaking away.

#### The 'Greeting of the West.'

Environmental issues have come to dominate the thinking of both the public and government of the west. Scientific evidence has convinced people that unless steps are taken immediately, mankind as a whole is going to suffer the consequences of unbridled man made pollution.

Of greatest concern is the 'greenhouse effect' which is a gradual warning of the earth. This is due to two main reasons. The ozone layer in the atmosphere which protects the earth from the sun's rays has developed 'gaps' over both poles. This has happened over the last ten years and is due to the release of CFC's (chlorofluorocarbons) into the atmosphere. CFC's are used to pressurise contents in aerosol cans and refrigerators. It has been estimated that if we were to stop the use of CFC's altogether today - it would still take another fifty years to restore the ozone layer.

The second main contribution to the 'greenhouse effect' is the increased emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The use of fossil fuels like coal, oil etc. in ever increasing amounts is the main reason. At the same time the trees which are responsible for absorbing the carbon dioxide are being cut down in ever increasing numbers. Large tracts of rain forest are being cut down especially in the Amazon region and elsewhere in the developing world at an alarming rate.

The consequences of the 'greenhouse effect' are already

## THE 200TH, BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF DR. DANIEL POOR.

Not everything around was dark and gloomy on Tuesday, the 27th of June, 1989, as political events in the country fore-shadowed. The newly renovated Cathedral Church at Vaddukodai stood majestically in the morning glow spruced up for the occasion with its eight cyclopean pillars and four massive walls, now stretching the entire length, and the near century old partition brought down to give the church its original form and dimension.

A group of little children dancing, to the accompaniment of violin music and song, led the clergy procession into the church, through the aisle up to the altar-entrance.

The entire church building, full to capacity with a bulge of teenagers and adults in their twenties constituting more than half the congregation was an image change of tremendous significance in our contemporary church annals.

A feature of the Service Order was the provision to lead in the Litany for lay-representatives from the churches of the Diocese and of other laymen to lead sections for the response by the congregation.

The three Bible lessons were read by Mr. W. D. Kulathungam, Miss C. V. Selliah and Rev. Christo Roberts.

*The Sermon:* The Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar, the Bishop of the Diocese preached the Sermon. Basing his text on Romans, chap: 16, verses 32 and 33, the Bishop said that the event we are celebrating reminds us of Karl Barth's wellknown comment that the biblical injunction "Honour thy father and thy mother" implies a commitment on our part to honour the fathers and mothers of the church. Dr. Daniel Poor came to Jaffna, 173 years ago and made history in our land by demarcating our areas as a church and more importantly by giving the society he demarcated a new complexion.

In his mission he followed the trail of stalwarts as William Carey of the Modern Missionary Movement who opened a new world to his students whom he gathered round him in India by first taking geography lessons with them on Vasco de Gama, Captain Cook and Magellan and their pioneering discoveries. Dr. Daniel Poor followed Carey's footsteps at the Batticotta Seminary where, he opened a new world to the poor students who came under his influence — a new world in Literature, Science, Astronomy, Medicine and Technology.

Dr. Daniel Poor was not only interested in knowledge for knowledge sake but continued his labours in Jaffna and for a time in Madurai with the sole object of eventually "making every knee bend" and every one take a share in spreading the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world.

Today our mission in the light of our missionary heritage is to continue the "struggle" which the old Missionaries waged in bringing god's "kingdom" to this land. The prayer "Thy Kingdom Come" is a prayer which commits us to a revolutionary change in the life of our community.

Through our history of 500 years in Sri Lanka (first under Portuguese, then under the Dutch, then under British, then under Independence) at no time the Bishop said, did the Tamils experience such devastation as during the last ten years.

Our Struggle for Peace should not take on merely the colours of a distant vision (*Cogito Ergo Sum* - I think and therefore I am) but the colours of a more important commitment. Our existence itself should constitute the struggle. The task is one of involvement.

It was a British Sociologist who said "The world has cancer and the cancer is man". The World Council of Churches has expressed it in a more benign way by saying that man must become an integral part of his community. The task before us today as a Christian Church is the struggle and not only a distant vision.

The Communion Service followed. There were well over 500 persons who partook of the Holy Communion.

At the end of the Service, a group went in a motorcade (8 miles) to place a wreath at the grave of Dr. Daniel Poor at the mission cemetery at Tellippalai. Other pioneers buried at this hallowed spot are: Mrs. Daniel Poor and James Richards - the only member of the "Haystack Five" to reach a foreign field. (The other member Samuel Mills died at sea on his way to West Africa). The Bishop conducted a brief Service at the Mission Cemetery, assisted by Rev. Christo Roberts, the Presbyterian of the Tellippalai Church. The members of the Tellippalai Church were at home to the guests.

'The Entertainment' programme was in charge of Uduvil Girls' College, whose Orchestra group gave a performance, before the curtain went up on a "pageant" in Tamil marked by its novelty and the dexterity with which each 'actor' played her role before the footlights. Within the narrow compass of a stage and

a time frame of 45 minutes were concentrated dialogues, dances, and even side-lights pertaining to missionary endeavours in the 19th century including glimpses into Dr. Poor's Ordination] at Newbury Port and his journey on board the *DRYAD* in 1816. The rural scene at "Myillydy" of Dr. Poor the pioneer Missionary in the midst of a people swayed by feelings sometimes of awe and of wonder, sometimes of hostility but all the time of eagerness to listen to his discourses in Tamil and what he (the white man) had to say to them was well depicted.

Particularly colourful and portrayed with a display of intrinsic histrionic talent and an expertise (in costume manner and deportment of a professional standard) was the scene portraying the search of the one sheep that was lost. The flutter of the "search" was well brought out. Inquirers from the village wish to know the quality and breed of the sheep lost, if it was worth searching for. The reply of the anxious shepherd with his furrowed brow, was tart "It is not a sheep of any high breed. It is one of the ordinary kind," (Dr. Poor was not merely a scholar of repute. He was primarily an Evangelist).

All the other finer points in the "Pageant" were well brought out equally well by the children of the teen-age group, who participated in it. It is a "performance" where symbolism played a more important part than formal dialogue and on this score, it threw on the participants and those who trained them an immense burden.

As was announced at the beginning it was a "novel" performance to which the Christian church in Jaffna has been introduced as a means of Evangelism at the grass root level. The merit of the performance lies in the success with which the children were able to reflect the life and work of Dr. Poor not in dialogue and song alone but more effectively in symbolism clothed in native garb and easily assimilated by people of other faiths and people of our own faith. "By indirections find directions out" is one of Shakespeare's own favourite dramatic devices.

If theatre is the seed-bed of our culture, then Dr. Mounaguru of the Jaffna University (Fine Arts Department) and the teachers (many hands we know were indefatigably involved in this venture) of Uduvil Girls' College deserve our gratitude for acquainting members of our church with an understanding of an important element in our cultural heritage - Tamil Drama in its many novel forms to enrich the life of the community.

### THE PUBLIC MEETING.

The Bishop, the Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar presided over the Public Meeting at 2-30 p.m. in the church, following a brief ceremony at 2-15 p.m. when a corner stone was laid by Mr. Edward Marks, representing the American Ambassador in Sri Lanka, for a three-storey block for the Primary School of Jaffna College which would move, when the building is complete, to the main school campus from its present site in the Cathedral premises.

The speakers at the Public Meeting were: Mr. Edward Marks, who brought the greetings of the American Embassy in Sri Lanka, the Rev. Dr. Dyanchand Carr who conveyed the greetings from the Church of South of India, Dr. Premam Nilas who represented the World Council of Churches, and Prof. Kim Kyung-Jae, from Seoul Korea who spoke on behalf of the Christian Conference of Asia. Besides our guests, we had our own leaders of our community representing varied interests — Professor Sivathamby, addressing the gathering on behalf of the general community, Dr. Porter speaking on behalf of the UCBWM and Dr. S. Jebanesan on behalf of Jaffna College and missionary education in Jaffna of which Dr. Poor was the fountain head.

A thought generally expressed by all speakers at the Public Meeting overtly or by implication was that the very fact that we have been able to celebrate this event amidst disturbing focal points of instability in the land constituted the finest testimony we can give to Dr. Daniel Poor and the pioneers.

At the close of the meeting, the large gathering witnessed a climactic tree planting ceremony in the church premises. Tea and short eats were served for all at 5-00 p.m.

The day's hectic programme ended at about 6 p.m. with a giant stand-by generator installed in the premises, lighting the way home the people even along the main road, after an event in the J. D., C. S. I. annals which revealed a dimension they had not witnessed before in the small and somnolent village of Vaddukodai, once the home of the BATTICOTTA SEMINARY of Dr. Daniel Poor.

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