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## A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE:

My dear Bishop & Principal Rev. Paul.

May I write to profusely thank you and express our sincere gratitude for the generous gesture displayed in accommodating us at the hour of need. This is not the first time Jaffna College has come forward to help St. John's College. During the early days of privatisation of schools, St. John's was helped whenever there was a need.

We were deeply moved by your spontaneous response to our request in providing ideal conditions for us to commence school without any difficulty.

I wish to also place on record the support and encouragement given by you and your Vice Principal Mr. Noel Vimalendran for us to work without any hindrance whatsoever.

May I once again thank you for your concern on education for all.

Yours sincerely  
S. Thanapalan  
Principal  
St. John's College

What the Morning Star wrote 56 years ago

## IS IT TOO LATE?

The communal squabble goes on merrily in the press and political associations. "The Times of Ceylon" is adding fuel to the flame by a series of articles egging on the minorities to stand by the fifty-fifty demand. The minority Councilors denounce the Sinhalese leaders in scathing terms for their unyielding stand. Even Mr. Natesan, the mild Hindu, has delivered in Council blows straight from the shoulder on the adamant Leader of the House charging him with arrogance and lust for power. Minority associations are united in demanding balanced representation. Still the Sinhalese leaders give no sign of relenting, and their leader, if anything, seems to get stronger in his intransigent attitude.

But a silver lining has begun to appear in this dark cloud. Even the supposed champion of the minorities, the Times, has begun to see sense, and is advocating a Round Table Conference. Sir Macan Marikar has in his capacity as President of the Muslim Association advocated such a Conference. How encouraging that Mr. G.G. Ponnampalam, himself the chief protagonist of the minorities, has promised to co-operate in devising an agreed constitution!

Our Hindu contemporary has urged the same. However, there are no signs yet of any reaction to this attitude on the Sinhalese leaders except that some Sinhalese correspondents to the Times have favoured the idea. Of course the greatest encouragement for finding a modus vivendi comes from Mr. Mahadeva's fearless stand.

If ever a Round Table Conference materialises, the wise suggestion of Mr. Mahadeva, that extremists should not take part in the Conference and that only leaders with a national outlook should participate in it, should be adopted. No doubt the proposals thus arrived at should be ultimately submitted to all the Councilors and the various associations and leaders for final decision. As to those who participate in the discussion, the Sinhalese should erase from their minds the insane idea that Ceylon belongs to the Sinhalese race, and so they are entitled to dominate all other races. The minority leaders, on the other hand, should give up the preposterous idea of fifty-fifty representation. By all means let them urge the necessity for adequate representation.

Above all, let every one keep the grand objective of responsible Government before them and allow no second best thing to cloud this issue. It is very curious that in all these communal bickerings no one seems to discuss our chances of self-Government when Ceylon is communally minded. We wish that the European journal could discuss this problem without wasting a great deal of ink in fanning the communal flame. The Donoughmore Commissioners insisted on a measure of political unity for the grant of responsible Government. The Secretary of State has said the same thing in valid language and it is in the very nature of things that when the country is communally divided, there should be a third party to hold the scales even. We have a growing suspicion that there are some at least, like a correspondent in our columns two weeks ago, WHO FEAR THAT WE ARE not ready for self-government. If that be true, let the fifty-fifty and other communal schemes be fought for when the Commission arrives.

Who will bell the cat? Who will call the Conference? We have said time and again that the Speaker is the logical person to do it by his official status, the nature of his office, and his long political experience. If he feels it impolite to partake in the discussion, let him at least bring the various elements together that they may beat out their music, Will Sir W. Duraiswamy do it?

## ITS COUNCIL:

The annual meeting of the Governing Council of the Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary was held on the 16th and 17th of August 2000. The Rev. T. Thevanesan represented the Diocese at this meeting.

## NEW HALL AT CTS:

The new hall at Christian Theological Seminary was declared open on Monday the 17th July, 2000 by the Rev. K. Karunasekera, Superintendent Minister, Methodist Church, Jaffna, and dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Jebanesan, Bishop in Jaffna.

## ST. PAULS CHURCH:

St. Paul's Church at Sathiyapuram, Uduvil was dedicated on Thursday the 3rd August 2000 at 3.30 p.m. by the Bishop Mr. P. Thevamithiran, Worker in charge, Sathiyapuram gave the keys to the Bishop. The Bishop preached on the text "I was glad when they said, let us go to the house of the Lord"

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## FOUNDATION STONE LAID TO NEW CHURCH

The Bishop laid the foundation stone for the new CSI Church at Gandhijikiramam on Monday the 24th July. The Rev. G.D. Mynaseelan Circuit Pastor, Brother I. Rajkumar worker -in -charge and Bro. S. Stephen Sunthararaj Project Director also participated at this service.

## REQUEST FROM THE BISHOP OF COLOMBO :

Rt. Rev. Kenneth Fernando has requested C.S.I. Bishop of Jaffna to ask CSI Clergy serving in Wannu to conduct services and to extend their Pastoral Care to Anglican members in the Wannu Region. He has pointed out that there will be no difficulty as the Anglican Church and CSI are in full communion.

## BISHOP S.J. 60TH BIRTHDAY WORKERS STIPEND ENDOWMENT:

Pandaterippu Church  
Rs. 10,000.00  
Mrs. C.C. Sanders,  
(Hawaii, USA)- Rs. 2,000.00  
Mr&Mrs N. Nallarulanantham  
(Canada)- Rs. 5,000.00

## CHURCH BOMB BLASTS:

A Junior Warrant Officer of the Indian Air Force, along with 14 others has been arrested over a series of bomb blasts in churches in the South Indian State of Karnataka. It is understood that their intention has been to destabilise the country, and also to prevent any further foreign investments pouring into the state of Karnataka.

## SPONSORSHIP - VELLORE C M C :

The sponsorship privileges of four sponsoring agencies, have been suspended for the next academic year 2001. Among them are two in South India. They do not fulfil the minimum requirements for sponsorship privileges.

One of the basic requirements for sponsorship privileges is: - one hospital, 50 beds, 3 full time doctors and 5 full time nurses. These two agencies have been requested to upgrade their facilities.

Another agency also in South India has been suspended for a period of three years, the privilege to sponsor candidates, for having received a sum in excess of Rs.100/= from each candidate. This is against the college sponsorship regulations. It could have serious legal and other wider implications for the college. Many of these bodies sponsor as many as twenty to thirty candidates each, every year.

## PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED:

The Sri Lanka Parliament has been dissolved, from midnight of Friday 18th August. The general election for 196 seats has been fixed for Tuesday the 10th of October. The election would be held under the existing Constitution, on the proportional representative system. The new parliament has been summoned to meet on Wednesday the 18th October.

The dissolution came as a surprise to a few members, as they expected the term of parliament to be extended.

The present government came into power with a mere one vote majority and has survived its full term of office, of six years despite many members of the opposition benches who then stated that the government would not last more than three months.

## CHILDREN'S RALLY:

The Annual Children's Rally of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India was conducted on Monday the 14th August 2000 at Vaddukudai. As usual there were Singing, Bible Quiz, Art and Memorising competitions at the rally.

## நாவேந்தன் மறைந்தார்

பேராயர் எஸ். ஜே.

பிரபல தமிழ் எழுத்தாளரும் கல்லூரி அதிபருமாக விளங்கிய திரு. நாவேந்தன் (தம்பிராசா திருநாவுக்கரசு) ஜூலை மாதம் பத்தாம் திகதி மறைந்தார்.

திரு நாவேந்தன் 1932 ம் ஆண்டு டிசம்பர் மாதம் 14-ந் திகதி புங்குடுதீவில் பிறந்தவர். ஆரம்ப கல்வியைப் புங்குடுதீவில் முடித்துவிட்டு 1953-ம் ஆண்டு நல்லூர் ஆசிரிய பயிற்சிக் கலாசாலையிற் சேர்ந்து 1954-ம் ஆண்டு பயிற்றப்பட்ட தமிழ் ஆசிரியராக வெளியேறினார். அப்பொழுது நல்லூர் ஆசிரிய பயிற்சிக் கலாசாலையின் அதிபராகவிருந்த திரு. ஜே. ஜி. அரசரத்தினம் அவர்களின் அபிமான மானவனாகத் திகழ்ந்தார். இக்கட்டத்திலேதான் கிறிஸ்துவைத் தமது இரட்சகராக ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு திருச்சபையின் துடிப்புள்ள வாழி அங்கத்தவரானார்.

தம்மோடு ஆசிரிய பயிற்சிக் கலாசாலையில் பயின்ற ஏழாலை வடக்கைச் சேர்ந்த பூங்கொடி அவர்களை நேசித்துத் திருமணம் செய்து கொண்டார். திரு. நாவேந்தன் சாதாரண தமிழ் ஆசிரியராக இருந்துவிடவில்லை. ஏழுத்து நாடகம் திருச்சபை அரசியல் என்பவற்றிலெல்லாம் முழுமூச்சாக ஈடுபட்டார். தாம் பணியாற்றிய இடங்களிலெல்லாம் திருச்சபையாரின் நாடகம் அருளுரை என்பவற்றில் தமது பாரிய பங்களிப்பைச் செய்தார்.

தமிழரசுக் கட்சி மீதும் தந்தை செல்வா மீதும் அவருக்கு அதிக பற்றுதல் இருந்தது. 1956-ம் ஆண்டு பாராளுமன்றத் தேர்தலின்போது தமிழரசுக் கட்சியின் மேடைகளில் கொஞ்ச தமிழிலும் குமுறும் நடையிலும் கட்சிக் கொள்கைகளை அள்ளி அள்ளி வீசினார். கொஞ்ச தமிழும் குமுறும் நடையும் அவருடைய பிரயோகங்களையொக்கும்.

1958-ம் ஆண்டு தந்தை செல்வா சிங்கள சிறீ எதிர்ப்புப் போராட்டத்தை ஆரம்பித்த போது அப்போராட்டத்தில் ஊக்கமாக ஈடுபட்டு ஒருவராக சிறைவாசம் அனுபவித்தார். யாழ் கோட்டையிலே அப்பொழுது சிறை இருந்தது. சிறையில் இருந்து திருப்பியபின் சிறீ அளித்த சிறை என்றவொரு நூலையும் எழுதி வெளியிட்டார். இதில் சிறையில் தமக்கு ஏற்பட்ட அனுபவங்களை அழகுபட விவரித்துள்ளார். தலைவர் கு. வண்ணியசிங்கம் என்ற தலைப்பிலும் அவர் சிறியதொரு துண்டுப் பிரசுரத்தை எழுதி வெளியிட்டார். தமிழரசுக் கட்சி மீது மிகுந்த விசுவாசத்துடன் ஈடுபட்டுமே தமது நாவேந்தன் பிற்காலத்தில் சில தமிழரசுத் தொண்டர்களுடன் ஏற்பட்ட கசப்புணர்வினாலே தமிழ்க் காங்கிரசில் சேர்ந்து கொண்டார். திரு. ஜி. ஜி. பொன்னம்பலம் அவர்களின் ஆதரவாளரானார்.

அவர் எழுத்துலகிற் சாதித்தவை மகத்தானவை.

நமக்கு இருப்பதோ ஒரு முழுத்தமிழ்நாடு என்று ஆதங்கப்பட்டார் சென்னை எழுத்தாளர் புதுமைப்பித்தன். ஆனால் இலங்கை எழுத்தாளனுக்கு ஒரு அங்குலத் தமிழ்நாடு கூட இல்லை. இதனாலே அவன் புகழ் ஆற்றல் கலைத்திறன் என்பன வெளியிலுக்குத் தெரிவதில்லை. அவன் எழுத்தாற்றலும் ஆர்வமும் அவனை வறுமையின் கோர்ப்பிடிக்குள் சிக்கவைத்து விடுகின்றன. இவர் இலங்கை வாசகர்களை நம்பி எழுத்துலகில் ஆர்வத்துடன் ஈடுபட்டார். - நாவேந்தன் - - நம் நாடு - - சங்கப்பலகை - என்ற பத்திரிகைகளை மிகுந்த எதிர்பார்ப்புடன் ஆரம்பித்து நடத்தினார். அவையெல்லாம் அவரின் செல்வத்தைக் கரைத்துவிட்டுப் படுத்து விட்டன.

-தெய்வமகன்- - வாழ்வு - என்ற நூல்களையும் எழுதினார். நான் 1993-ம் ஆண்டு யாழ் பேராயாராக திருநிலைப்படுத்தப்பட்ட பின் ஆசிரியப் பணியில் இருந்து இளைப்பாறியிருந்த திரு. நாவேந்தனையழைத்து கிறிஸ்தவ தமிழ் இலக்கியம் படைக்கும்படி கேட்டுக்கொண்டேன். ஜோன் ஸ்கடர் நாடகம் - ஜோன் ஸ்கடர் வரலாறு - பெருநெருப்பு -

மகதலேனா மரியாள் - என்ற நூல்களை எழுதியதோடமையாது - உதய தாரகை - பத்திரிகைக்கும் விஷயதானங்கள் செய்து வந்தார்.

பிற்காலத்தில் அவர் வாழ்வு சற்றுத் தடம்புரண்டு சென்றதனை யாரும் மறுக்க முடியாது. வாழ்வில் ஏற்பட்ட தோல்விகள் அவரை விரகதியின் விளிம்புக்குத் தள்ளிவிட்டன. அவரின் ஆற்றல் வீணிலே அழிகின்றன என்று நான் வேதனைப்பட்டேன். இந்தியாவுக்குச் செல்ல வேண்டும் தமது புகழ் அங்கு பரவவேண்டும் என்ற ஆசையை என்னுடன் பலதடவை பகிர்ந்து கொண்டார். வயோதிபமும் நோயும் வாழ்க்கை முறையும் அம்முயற்சியில் அவருக்கு வெற்றியளிக்கவில்லை. தமது கவலைகளை மறக்க தமது வாழ்வியலையே மாற்றிக் கொண்டார். சிறிது காலம் யாழ்ப்பாண மாநகர சபையின் துணைமேயராகவும் பணியாற்றினார்.

திரு நாவேந்தன் தமிழ்ப்பற்று வாய்ந்தவர். தமது பிள்ளைகளுக்கு மலர் அரசி - மதி அரசி - அரசமோகன் என்ற பெயர்களை வைத்தார். மலர் அரசி தந்தையாருக்கு முன் வாழ்க்கை ஓட்டத்தை முடித்துவிட்டார்.

நாவேந்தனின் வாழ்வு ஒரு கலைஞனின் வாழ்வு. பல கலைஞர்கள் எப்படி வாழ்தார்களோ அப்படியேதான் நாவேந்தனும் வாழ்ந்து முடித்தார். துரதிஸ்ட்வசமாக நமது நாட்டிற்கு பிறந்தமையால் அவர் புகழ் அதிகம் பிரகாசிக்க முடியவில்லை.

என்றோ ஒரு நாள் நாவேந்தனின் ஆக்கங்கள் கவனத்திற்கு எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப்படும். அவரின் கலைத் திறனும் மின்னல் வேகத்தில் எழுதிக்குவிக்கும் ஆற்றலும் எதிரிகளைச் சுட்டுப்பொசுக்கும் எழுத்து வண்ணமும் பல்கலைக் கழகங்களிலும் ஆய்வுக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படும் என்பது மறைக்கமுடியாத உண்மை.

நாவேந்தன் வாழ்வுக்காக நான் இறைஞ்சனைத் தழிக்கின்றேன்.

## செல்வி ஜெஸ்மி

(எழுதுவது பேராயர் எஸ். ஜெபநேசன்)

செல்வி ஜெஸ்மி கிருபாராஜனின் அகால மரணம் பற்றிக் கேள்விப்பட்டே அதிர்ச்சி அடைந்தேன்.

ஜெஸ்மி யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரியில் எனது மாணவியாக இருந்தார். கல்வியில் மிகச் சிறந்த மாணவிகளில் ஒருவராகத் திகழ்ந்த ஜெஸ்மி வலைப் பந்தாட்டம் முதலிய விளையாட்டரங்குகளிலும் மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் தனது பங்களியினைச் செய்தார். அவருடைய முகத்தில் எப்பொழுதும் ஒரு புன்சிரிப்பு இருக்கும். அவருடைய கல்லூரி நாட்கள் இனிய வசந்தமாகவே முடிவுற்றன. புன்னர் இங்கிலாந்துக்குச் சென்று விட்டார் என்று கேள்விப்பட்டேன். மீண்டும் இலங்கைக்கு திரும்பி பரி. யோவான் கல்லூரியில் ஆசிரியராக அமர்ந்தார்.

## Centenary Year Christian Medical College & Hospital, Vellore "Milestones"

- 1900 - Single bed dispensary
- 1902 - Schell Hospital for Women & Children ( 40 beds)
- 1903 - First Training Course for Compounders
- 1906 - First "road side" dispensary
- 1909 - Nursing School - diploma course
- 1918 - Medical School for Women diploma course
- 1924 - Hospital on present site - 267 beds
- 1932 - Medical College moved to College Hill
- 1942 - Medical College - Degree Course
- 1945 - Laboratory Technician Training Course
- 1946 - College of Nursing - Degree Course
- 1947 - First batch of men medical students
- 1948 - First reconstructive surgery on Leprosy patients in the world
- First Neurological Science Department in South Asia
- First Eye Camp
- 1950 - Medical Postgraduate course - M.D. & M.S.
- 1951 - New Life Centre - Leprosy
- 1956 - Mental Health Rehabilitation Centre
- 1957 - Rural Health Centre
- 1961 - First successful Open Heart Surgery in India
- First Middle Ear Microsurgery for deafness in India
- 1962 - Medical records & Physiotherapy Courses
- 1963 - College of Nursing Building
- 1965 - Fleming Memorial Research Laboratory in Virology
- 1966 - First Rehabilitation Institute in India - Williams Research Building
- 1968 - Occupational Therapy & Hospital Administration Courses
- 1969 - College of Nursing - Postgraduate degree course
- 1971 - First Kidney Transplant in India
- 1974 - New Operation Theatre Complex
- 1976 - Artificial Kidney Unit
- 1977 - Rural Unit for Health & Social Affairs
- 1978 - I C M R Centre of Advanced Research in Virology
- 1981 - New Schell Eye Hospital
- 1982 - Degree Programmes in Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Medical Records Science.
- 1983 - Low cost effective care unit
- 1986 - National AIDS reference & surveillance centre
- Bone Marrow Transplant
- 1990 - 1000th live donor kidney transplantation
- 1992 - 10,000th open "Heart Surgery"
- 1994 - Diploma course in Pastoral healing ministry
- 1996 - First carotid bifurcation stenting in India
- First transeptal carotid stenting in the world
- First transjugular mitral valvuloplasty in the world
- 1999 - First Total Hip & Knee replacement surgery
- First Liver transplantation
- 2000 - Sewage Treatment plant

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ஒரு மோட்டர் சைக்கிளில் மின்னல் வேகத்தில் சங்கானைக்கும் சண்டுக்குளிக்கும் இடையில் பறந்து திரிந்தார். அதுவே அவரைப்பற்றிய கடைசிக் காட்சிகள்.

சங்கானை திருச்சபை வழிபாடுகளிலும் அவர் பக்தியோடு பங்குபற்றுவதனை அவதானித்திருக்கிறேன். துன்பத்தை தன்னகத்தே அடக்கி இன்பத்தை மட்டும் பிறரோடு பகிர்ந்து கொள்ளும் பண்பு அவருடையது. பிறரை மகிழ்வித்த ஜெஸ்மி தனது உள்ளக் குமுறல் களைத் தனக்குள் அடக்கிக்கொண்டார்.

மகிழ்ச்சியான காரியங்களையே பேச  
உலகம் உனது சோகக் கதையில்லாமலேயே  
சோர்ந்து கிடக்கிறது

என்பது ஒரு ஆழ்கில் அறிஞனின் வாசகம்

ஜெஸ்மி இதனையே தனது வாழ்வின் இலட்சியமாகக் கொண்டு விளங்கினார்.

## EDITORIAL

## POLITICIANS AND STATESMEN

"Once upon a time the trees decided to elect a king. First they asked the Olive Tree it refused ..... Then all the trees finally turned to the thorn bush. You be our king they exclaimed. And the thorn bush replied, "If you really want me, come and humble yourself beneath my shade. If you refuse let fire flame forth from me and burn down the great cedars of Lebanon."

Judges 9 : 8 - 15

William Evarts Gladstone the greatest British statesman of the nineteenth century at the eve of the 1891 general elections declared "My mission is to pacify Ireland". He held that Irish Church, the Irish land and the Irish University Education were the ramifications of the Irish problem and that his goal was to find a lasting solution to the problem.

The people of Ireland were restless for many years. William Evarts Gladstone felt that people of Ireland had suffered for a very long time. After the elections he introduced the Home Rule bill.

Do we have such skilled and fair statesmen in Sri Lanka? Will any party leader declare "my mission is to pacify North East"? Sri Lanka has produced many artful politicians, but wise statesmen were lamentably low. During the election campaign we are going to see many people beating the communal drums. Men of integrity and wisdom will shun politics because politics has become not only dirty but dangerous game in the third world.

At the general elections the Tamil people reject the incumbent government expecting a fair deal from those who were in the opposition. No doubt the Tamil people are disillusioned. But they cannot keep away from voting. Indifference in politics can bring more disaster.

### BOOK REVIEW

LETTERS TO LEE

#### "MENTORING THE NEW MINISTER"

In "letters to Lee", we see an imaginative and committed mind elucidating the task of the Christian Minister in a rapidly changing world.

The book is in the form of letters from a Senior Pastor to a Junior who had passed out of Andover Newton Seminary and taken charge of a church with his wife Chris.

The author Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton who had been a minister in the United Church of Christ in U.S.A is sharing with his student Lee (and with us) the rich and varied experience he had in the Lords Vineyard for more than 40 years. He had experienced joy and anguish and had heard appreciation and gossip. No doubt the gossips narrated make this theological treatise a very interesting and attractive book.

The high sense of humour, deep piety, administrative skill and scholarship of the author are interwoven from the Introduction to the "Afterword". His wit and wisdom are seen in every page. It was Mahatma Gandhi who said, "if not for my sense of humour I would have died long ago".

The maxims of Paul Clayton remind us of the sayings of Mark Twain.

1. I have found clergy to be the most disrespectful members of the church staff.
2. We clergy have trained to be center of attention.
3. A good friend of mine who lives on the Boston Marathon route married two runners in the midst of a race. He considered this an authentic act of ministry. I, on the other hand would have felt that the setting was a circus environment.
4. If for example they want a 15-minute (funeral) service and four of them want to speak and they want five hymns I point out the problem.
5. Make sure the water (for Baptism) is warm. Icy water on a baldhead makes infants and old men scream.
6. If the child is screaming and holding on to the parent for dear life, of course don't try to take the child away.
7. Where two or three are gathered together there is conflict.
8. People who go away frustrated and bored will never give you a second chance.

9. Successful pastors are life long learners.

10. When you retire, be sure, you don't end up as a big fish in the little pool!

The first letter is on creating a work environment. This letter along with the letters on Ministry with others, on Public and private life, Leadership style and Power in the ministry, the author is giving some valuable hints on winning the hearts of the congregation. Here is an excellent formula to be a successful Pastor, "After you attend compassionately to a few families in crisis, preach a few good sermons, plan a few well run programs, your pastoral relationship, your authority your ministry will grow". The other 13 letters are in fact articles on Pastoralia - wedding, funeral, baptism, planning for Sunday, making Christian Education work, A system of parish care, stewardship that works, Education for mission, The church crisis, Evangelism, spirituality for the clergy, reforming the congregation and continuing growth for the pastor.

Among these letters, the letter on Funeral was most touching.

"If at a retreat you were asked when did you experience God present in your life? Probably 85% of the answers would link the Holy sacred moment with the death of a loved one. Even Bible witness to this truth - Is. 6: 1 -

For me to say "He was a good father" is fine; but it is far more effective if they can tell me a story demonstrating that truth. I simply take notes. It is a redemptive process, for the family. Usually stories pour out along with tears."

In the letter on Education for mission the author's deep knowledge of the problems of the first worlds fundamentalism and the third worlds poverty is evident. He asserts that siding with the poor is an opportunity to witness the power of the cross.

In his letter on reforming the congregation the author asks "How can I move this congregation away from the country - Club nature to being a faith community? We are reminded of an incident related by Jimmy Carter in his book "Living Faith".

"Later the diner manager asked Tony, what kind of church you belong to?"

He replied, "I belong to the kind of church that throws birthday parties for whores at 3.30 a.m. in the morning."

It has been wisely said that the FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF A CONGREGATION IS A THEOLOGICAL DOCUMENT. The author drives home this point in his letters on "Education for mission - "A myth in congregations holds that the finance committee and the mission committee are competitors. To the contrary mission DRIVES THE WHOLE BUDGET."

The author gives a glimpse of his childhood in the letter on Spirituality for the clergy. We have to thank Rev. John Martin who spotted Paul Clayton when he was an "awkward" 13 year old with a bad stutter and a severe learning disability" and inspired him to join the Lords ministry. He had seen in Paul Clayton what no one else saw.

Full credit is due to the author for presenting in a systematic and sequential manner the problems in managing a congregation. His insights are of tremendous value not only to U C C but also to the young Pastors all over the world who experience misunderstanding, gossip, inadequacy and frustration. Reading this book will make them confident and optimistic.

Bishop S J

செல்வீ .....

தமக்குக் கிடைத்த செல்வத்தினைத் தமது உற்றார் உறவினர்களோடு பகிர்ந்து கொண்டார். தமது மரணத்திற்குச் சில நாட்களுக்கு முன்பு சங்கானை குருமனைத் திருத்தத்திற்கு ரூபா 50000.00 செலுத்தியிருந்தமை குறிப்பிடத் தக்கது. செளந்தர்யமான ஜெஸ்மி 30 வயதில் தன் வாழ்வை முடித்துக் கொண்டது ஏன்? நல்லவர்கள் இந்த உலகிற்கு துன்பப்படுவது ஏன்? ஆயிரக்கணக்கான வருடங்களாக மனிதன் இந்தக் கேள்வியையே கேட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறான்.

இறைவனின் வழிகளை நம்மாற் புரிந்து கொள்ள முடியாது. இறைவனின் நீதியிலும் அவரது எல்லையற்ற ஞானத்திலும் நம்பிக்கை கொள் என்பதே நமக்கு கிடைத்த கட்டளையாகும்.

தேவரீர் சர்வவல்லவர் என்றறிவேன்  
நீர் செய்ய நினைப்பது உம்மால் ஆகாததன்று  
அறிவில்லாமல் ஆலோசனையை மறைக்கிறவன்  
யார் என்றே  
ஆகவே நான் உரைத்ததைப் புத்தியில்லாமல்  
உரைத்தேன்  
எனக்கெட்டாத அதிசயங்களைப் பற்றி அறியாமல்  
அலம்பிவிட்டேன்.

யோபு : 42 : 2 - 4

ஜெஸ்மியின் பிறப்பினாலும் வாழ்வினாலும் அவர் குடும்பத்திலேற்ற மகிழ்ச்சியை நினைத்து இறைவனை துதிக்கின்றோம்.

கடவுள் தாமே இவர்கள் கண்களில் இருந்து கண்ணீர் யாவையும் துடைப்பார் .

## A FALSE ASSUMPTION

Parity representation, or as it is popularly called fifty-fifty, is dead, and therefore there is no point in discussing its merits and demerits. But when an old stalwart like Mr. C.K. Swaminathan bowls his thunderbolt against the Tamil Congress and its leader on an entirely false assumption, it is impossible to keep silent. The purpose of his letter published elsewhere is designed to offset the efforts of the congress leader to rally the ranks of dis-spirited Tamils, by entirely misrepresenting the purpose of the Congress in sticking uncompromisingly to the fifty-fifty demand. Mr. Swaminathan takes it for granted that the purpose of that demand was purely to increase Tamil representation. Whatever the rank and file of the Congress may have thought about it, the more intelligent leaders based the demand not on a communal, but on a national basis. As we understood it, it was designed not merely to increase Tamil representation, but to prevent domination by a single race, and to bring about a healthy party system. Whether the means adopted to bring about such a desirable result approved by political thinkers both in England and India was a wise one, we have discussed in these columns over and over again, and we do not mean to rehash the arguments now. We would certainly agree with our correspondent that Mr. Ponnampalam did a disservice to the Tamil Community by his uncompromising attitude, if Mr. Swaminathan can prove that the object of the Congress and its leader was merely to increase Tamil representation. Mr. Swaminathan argues that better representation than that allotted to the Tamil provinces now was proposed at different times by the leaders of the major community, and charges Mr. Ponnampalam of doing a bad turn to the Tamils by rejecting those favourable terms. What the Congress and its leader was after, was something very much higher and broader. We feel sure that if this is admitted even a rejection of the rates of 49 : 51 is justifiable.

We do not know exactly the position of the Congress now. If it is a policy of fighting for increased Tamil representation, it would look as though our correspondent's explanation of the Congress policy in the past is justified. To our mind the path of wisdom is to carry on the agitation for achieving the same supreme goal: prevention of domination. The Congress thought that it could be best achieved by a device suggested by that statesman the Duke of Devonshire. But that has been rejected by the Soulbury Commission. Now the thing to do is to find another means for collecting the same object.

We have suggested a very effective way: the forming of a Parliamentary Opposition. We were in hopes that the Tamil Congress as the best established group would take the leadership in this task, purging itself of all communal taint. But another group has already taken the initiative. That ought not to matter. The Congress can still become the major partner in this scheme. But if the Congress wants to constitute itself a communal Opposition, we are sure that it would be ineffective, and would not achieve the object of an Opposition Party.

The danger looming ahead is the establishment of Fascism in Ceylon. The United National Party's object is clearly that, will the minorities realise the danger and – to use a phrase, which is worn threadbare – HANG TOGETHER OR HANG SEPARATELY?

Mr. Swaminathan revives a very unpleasant question at the tail of his letter: the justifiability of Mr. Ponnampalam calling certain Tamil Members traitors. If deserting at the last moment the cause for which they had stood, thus preventing the discussion of the White Paper in Parliament is not a disgraceful act, we should like to know what it is? These members may well exclaim: "Save us from our friends".

### Demise of Miss. Mary Elias :

It is with deep regret that we announce the untimely death of Miss. Mary Elias on 17th August in California.

She has the unique distinction of having been with Jaffna College from her infancy up to the time of her retirement, as a student, a staff member, warden of the Girl's hostel and as a supervisor of the lower school. Her late father Mr. C. O. Elias too had very long connections with the College.

### Sow Good Seeds :

The "Newspapers" then owned by the Europeans in the colonial days, around sixty years ago, is "CREDITED" with having sowed the seeds of communalism.

The seeds have now grown into a large tree, which cannot be pruned, nor its branches lobbed, or its tree cut down. Let us not in this millennium sow the seeds of hatred, either in words, in writing or at work or in deeds.

## TAMIL WISDOM

மடல்பெரிது தாழை மகிழினிது கந்தம்  
உடல்சிறிய ரென்றிருக்க வேண்டா - கடல்பெரிது  
மன்னீரு மாகா ததனருகே சிற்றூ றல்  
உன்னீரு மாசி விடும்

Big is the front of the palm but scentless;  
sweet scented is the tiny magizha flower.  
Judge not men therefore from size merely.  
The vast ocean has water not fit a bath;  
The tiny spring by its side has good drinking  
water.

கலையாகிக் கொம்பாகிக் காட்டகத்தே நிற்கும்  
அவையல்ல நல்ல மரங்கள் - சவைநடுவே  
நீட்டோலை வாசியா நின்றான் குறிப்பறிய  
மாட்டா தவன்நல் மரம் .

They are not trees which stand in the forest in  
all the glory of branches and twigs. It is he  
who in the midst of an assembly stands like a  
tree unable to read a word of writing.

அற்ற குளத்தின் அறுநீர்ப் பறவைபோல்  
உற்றுழித் தீர்வார் உறவல்லர் - அக்குளத்திற்  
பொட்டியும் ஆம்பலும் நெய்தலும் போலவே  
ஒட்டி யறவார் உறவு .

They are not kinsmen who like birds in a tank  
forsake it when water dries up; they are the  
real kinsmen who like the lily and the water-plants  
in that tank, suffer with it.

உடன்பிறந்தார் சுற்றத்தார் என்றிருக்க வேண்டா  
உடன்பிறந்தே கொல்லும் வியாதி - உடன்பிறவா  
மாமலையி லுள்ள மருந்தே பிணிதீர்க்கும்  
அம்மருந்து போல்வாரு முண்டு

Regard not your brothers, as kindred; for  
disease grows within one and kills. The medicine  
from the far off mount cures the illness.  
There are people who are like that.

From  
AUVAIYAR'S  
"Moothurai"

### A NEW STAMP



A new Rs. 3/50 stamp to mark the ter-jubilee of St. Patrick's College, Jaffna was released by the Ministry of Communication on Friday the 21st July.

A function to mark the event was conducted at Mathews Hall, St. Patrick's College, Jaffna. The function was presided over by Rev. Fr. A.J. Bernard, Rector of the College. Mr. N. Thanikasampillai Additional Director of Education Jaffna, Mr. S.S. Mariathas President of the College Old Boys' Association, Mr. S. Stanislaus President of the Teachers' Guild and Mr. S.R. Devarajan Senior Prefect of the College also spoke.