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CONFERENCES IN CONTRAST

Inspired by the enligh'tening thoughts of the revered Guru of Kamakodi Peedam of Kanchipuram, the idea of a World Hindu Conference was first practically worked out in the immediate presence of the Venerable Kanobi Periyavar. In consequence of this inaugural Conference, a full fledged World Hindu Conference was later convened with Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian Metropolis, as the hosting venue, in the month of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy six, with Dr. T. M. P. Mahadevan, of Madras, as President.

We are delighted to feel that a convenient opportunity has been created for us to view the so-called World Hindu Conference of 1982, recently held in the Capital City of Colombo, along with a review of that Conference in Kuala Lumpur in 1976 still fresh in our mind.

Long before the 1976 Conference was due to be held, delegates were invited from the various countries where Hindus resided; sufficient care was taken in the selection of delegates from Sri Lanka. The Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha was also rightly and appropriately called upon to name a delegate to the World Conference. The Sabha selected the Editor of the 'Hindu Organ' as its delegate.

The Delegation from Sri Lanka was under the distinguished leadership of Dr. K. Kailasanatha Karukkal, a Dean of the University of Jaffna. As Professor of Hindu Civilization and as a practising Kurukkal, Dr. Kailasanatha Karukkal, was a s eminately qualified to preside over one of the sessions of THAT Conference. The entire congregation of delegates could see in Professor K. Karukkal an ideal spokesman on behalf of Hinduism.

Every Dick, Tom and Harry of the Hindu Fold cannot nominate himself

as a convener of a Hindu Conference, much less arrogate to himself the authority of speaking on behalf of the Hindus of the world. Dr. K. Karukkal was there, of right by virtue his great scholarship and proven prowess as a performing Brahmin Karukkal.

It would certainly be relevant here to state that as part of the manifold activities of THAT World Hindu Conference, Brahma Shri K. Kailasanatha Karukkal functioned as the presiding Sivachariyar at a Changabisakam Ceremony held at the Kandaswamy Temple in Scott Road, Kuala Lumpur, and kept the vast congregation spell bound in spiritual attention for full four hours. The Venerable Karukkal was very ably assisted by Brahma Shri Sundramoorthy, Lecturer in the University of Malaysia.

Here we would with a feeling of glee refer our readers to the account of appreciation of Dr. Karukkal's ability as a practising Sivachariyar that was published in the Inthusathanam of January 1977

Should we say anything more to distinguish THAT conference from THIS Conference!

The Saiva Paripalana Sabha as such did not exist in the straying minds of the self-styled conveners of THIS conference, although the Hindu Organ and the Inthusathanam had been featuring the preparatory announcements and programs of THIS Conference and had furnished the organizers of the Books Exhibition with copies of rare publications in English on Saivism. What a contrast between THAT Conference and THIS Conference.

Hindus must be full Hindus; neither alloys nor artificial make-shifts can pass for the pure stock. A Hindu, to assume representative authority as such must have received "Initiation" and should be an uncompromising Vegetarian. Any other pseudo-Hindu will be only profaning and polluting what is expected to be pure and entitled to respect.

Apart from this aspect, there is one very unpleasant thing that has discredited THIS Conference. This Conference, held as it had been in Sri Lanka, should have invited ALL the Members of Parliament, Chairmen of District Development Coun-

Prince of PAROPAKARAM AS A SPIRITUAL TEACHER Patriot Ponnampalam Ramanathan

In this issue of the 'Hindu Organ' which is of special significance as marking the ninety fourth year of the Saiva Paripalana Sabha and the conspicuous occasion of the Jayanthi of Sriman Ramanathan, a distinguished past president of the Sabha, we approvingly make an use of the studied reference to the spirit of RAMANATHA ILADCHIYAM drawn up by a Scholar, learned in the Shaiva Shastras as a devoted student of Saiva Periyar Sivapathasuntharampillai and Saiva Scholar Suppiah Natesapillai both contributors to the cultural progress of Parameswara College — now the proud premises of the University of Jaffna, namely Siddhanta Yithakar Murugesu Gnanaprakash B.A., B.Sc. emeritus Principal of Parameswara College President Thiruketheeswaram Restoration Society, President Saiva Educational Society, member, Parameswara College, Board of Directors and Steward of Eelaththu Sivanadiars—in the course of his highly educational research paper read at the Seminar of the World Hindu Conference held in Colombo on April 23, 1982 presided over by Justice Shri S. Sharavanananda. Extracts from this excellent essay are published below: Ed. H. O.J.

Religion which is the veneration, to the spiritual teacher are revealed the highest knowledge and the highest wisdom can not be acquired from books. We may thrust our heads into all corners of the world, we may explore the Himalayas, the Moon and the solar systems, we may do the most recent researches in the quantum theory or the second Law of Thermodynamics, we may continue our further research on the proton and the neutron of the physicist or the unicellular Bacilli of the Biologist, we will not find religion anywhere, until our heart is ready for receiving it and our teacher has come to commune with us in the hitherto unspoken language of pure consciousness and unblemished love. And when that divinely appointed teacher comes, and we serve him with childlike confidence and simplicity freely opening our heart to his influence we will see in him the hitherto unknown God manifested. To those of us who seek God with such a spirit of love and

divine appointment a bond of heavenly love is forged between the Guru and the disciple. This love will swell up and become an unceasing flow, if the disciple discovers that the Guru is equipped with not only unblemished love but also unblemished character and moral certitude.

Re - Establishing The Public Library —A RELIGIOUS GLORY

What was once the pride of the reading public of this country — the Jaffna Public Library — had been in the space of an hour reduced to ruins by a group of vicious ruffians. The loss in terms of money is large; but larger is the disadvantage that has resulted from this insensible incendiarism.

Lovers of writings, books and other library publications have all risen to a man to render all possible help in re-establishing the damaged Library. It is in keeping with the zeal of the people of this area for preservation of books of knowledge that a spontaneous urge for supporting the restoration movement has been evident from the very moment of destruction of this library.

The Mayor of Jaffna, has called for aid from all; it is our duty as citizens of this historic city to rally round this movement and restore the Library to its pristine glory and usefulness.

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we have the right to comment on it. But what is there to prevent any Hindu Member of Parliament from raising a volley of questions in the proper place and even demanding auditing of the accounts.

That Conference of 1976 held in Kuala Lumpur, hosted by the Hindu Association of Selangor, Malaysia stands, removed from THIS Conference of 1982, supreme in its splendour, significance and scope.

We are eagerly awaiting for one conference such as that of 1976 so that Hindus of the world can feel that they can rightly sit in a properly Constituted Conference.

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