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## VAIN ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE THE IRRECONCILABLE

Archbishop Godfrey, Delegate Apostolic Eng.

"I am not going to tell you this evening that the world is in a sorry plight because it is only too evident that there are difficulties without number which must be overcome if the world is to move from the storm-tossed sea of conflict into the quiet waters of the harbour of peace. There is no need for me to dwell on that truth.

"I would rather imitate the great St. Paul and repeat, very simply, that the days are evil, and then go on to urge you, as he does, to 'redeem the time'..."

"Broadly speaking, the world is divided between those who speak the language of God and those who definitely discard the principles which have been honoured all through the centuries of our Christian civilisation, and consider these principles as an outworn ethic for which must be substituted a new model, which will be more suitable for the requirements of modern life.

### 'DUE TO IGNORANCE'

"Those of us who are brought up in the Catholic tradition find it hard to realise that many of our terms and phrases mean nothing and carry no weight with those who are so immersed in the enjoyment of the material and temporal as to deny and deride any notion of the supernatural and eternal..."

"As a boy gazes for a long time at a piece of Greek prose which he has never seen before, and of which he can make nothing, so the Godless and the irreligious have become so impervious to the things of the spirit that they cannot make anything of the words we use.

"This must be, doubtless, sometimes due to their malice, but what we have to try to realise is that it may be, in many cases, due to their upbringing and ignorance. It is not easy for those who use Godly language and give utterance to Godly principles to realise that they are using a language which is not understood.

### 'NO MEANING'

"That is why international treaties

readily lose their meaning because the parties of the treaty use the same word and mean different things.

It may be also because right and wrong, just and unjust, the consecrated distinctions which are the warp and woof of Christian morality, have ceased to mean anything at all, have ceased to carry the meaning with which we are all so familiar, and which we would consider it criminal to deny.

"You see, I am not dwelling on the ugly happenings of the present time, many as they are. I am pointing to a fact which may sometime be overlooked when it is thought that reconciliation can be made between things that are irreconcilable, or that ideologies affecting the very basis and fabric of our human life, destructive the one of the other, can be made to walk arm in arm—by the dexterity of statesmen—through a smiling and peaceful world.

### 'FULL OF DANGER'

"It is all a great illusion, and the situation is so full of danger and I must concentrate on the Pauline exhortation that we must 'redeem the time.'"

Recalling the Holy Father's recent broadcast to Boston, Archbishop Godfrey remarked:

"His Holiness said explicitly that the Body of Christ, which is the Church, is menaced not only by hostile powers from without, but also by the eternal forces of weakness and decline.

"He went on to say that he knew that they were alert to the danger of this enfeebling process that has been going on.

"It has been going on," he said, "and we grieve to say it, in not a few parts of the Church, but then, the Holy Father continued—and this is the point I wish to stress—'this decline is due chiefly to ignorance, or at best, a very superficial knowledge of the religious truths taught by the loving Redeemer of all.'"

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## HENCHMAN OF THE HOLY SEE

(COMMUNICATED)

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Eugene de Mazenod did not hesitate to write to the Emperor. Failing to receive an answer he wrote again appealing to his religious spirit and wisdom. This too was fruitless. As member of the French Senate (an honour he had accepted purely in the interests of the Church) he now prepared to avail himself of constitutional rights. The Catholics of France had petitioned the Government to cease bargaining with Cavour and defend the inviolability of the Pope's frontiers. Eugene de Mazenod moved energetically to get the Senate to accept this demand of the nation. The debate on the motion had been fixed for 29 March 1860. He left nothing to chance. His biographer tells us how he called on the Papal Nuncio in Paris for instructions; discussed common action with the Cardinals who like him were members of the Senate; visited the highest and most influential officials of the Empire to endeavour to impress on them certain home truths that would win them over to the Papal cause. The day came, he insisted on adding his word to the speeches made by Cardinals Donnet, Matthieu, Gousset and Morlot, although it was clear the House was opposed to the motion. In fact when it was put to the vote there were 116 noes to 16 ayes. "What a shame," he says, "that before such a packed assembly only 16 Senators had the sincerity or courage to pronounce against the known policy of the Government." Convinced that there was nothing to expect from the time-serving Emperor and his Ministers, the valiant Bishop turned all his efforts towards eliciting from his flock the generosity of sentiments and of gesture called for by the sufferings of the Holy Father. At the beginning of the year (16 Feb. 1860) a Pastoral of his (the last) had acquainted them with the facts and principles underlying the Pope's temporal Sovereignty which Victor Emmanuel and Cavour were now seeking to destroy. "Providence has established the Pope in a position of neutrality among the various nations and of inviolability by any of them. This temporal Sovereignty accorded him by the

generosity of ages is a necessity for religion. It is demanded by his primacy of honour and authority in the Church of God." He concludes therefore that it would be an act of injustice to lay unholly hands on the "Patrimony of St. Peter."

History however has the painful duty of telling us that the House of Savoy did not hesitate from such a sacrilege. To defend the lands of the Church the Holy Father was obliged to appeal to the valour of individual Catholic soldiers. Over this tiny army a Frenchman, La Moriciere, was appointed General. But valour alone and the sacredness of a cause can hardly suffice against numbers and armaments. After a splendid resistance La Moriciere was forced to surrender at Ancona. The Pope was virtually a prisoner in Rome and even that would soon be taken from him. His defeated General passed through Marseilles: there Bishop de Mazenod received him with every sign of admiration. Meanwhile he strove by every means to encourage his flock to succour the Holy Father by their contributions to Peter's Pence, he himself gave the lead. In letters to the Minister and to his clergy he insisted that this was a purely Christian act of devotedness, devoid of any political significance and without any bearing on the war between Italy and the Papal States. Years earlier when at the first manifestations of Masonic aggression the Pope had had to flee to Gaeta our good Bishop had not hesitated to offer him the hospitality of his own residence in Marseilles. Now (July 1860) he sought by personal letters to console the Holy Father assuring him of his and his people's love and loyalty despite the treachery of his country's government. He wrote: "Ever since Your Holiness is so painfully tried by the events that have taken place and that threaten you even more ominously, I cannot turn away my eyes from this apostolic throne on which the Vicar of Jesus Christ repeats in his sacred person the Passion of Him whom he represents on earth. This is the subject of my con-

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## PERSECUTION IN THE AZERBAIJAN

Religion is forbidden in Communist-controlled schools, says a report received by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in New York.

Worship has been restricted, the property of Christians and Moslems confiscated, and people are left to starve, if they do not accept Red ideology.

Those who have protested, says the report, have suffered a sad fate.

The Catholic Faith has been flourishing for centuries in the province.

Contrary to the popular belief of Iran as entirely a Mohammedan country, there is a vigorous Christian and Catholic minority of many thousands, a great percentage of whom are centred in Azerbaijan.

### TWO DIOCESES

Azerbaijan is the largest and richest part of the country, with a population of 7,000,000.

There are two Catholic dioceses, with more than 10,000 faithful.

One, Urmia or Rezayeh, dates from

the third century. In the other, Salmas, the town of Khousrabad formerly had a seminary and until recently was entirely Catholic.

Most Catholics in Azerbaijan belong to the Chaldean Rite, which has Mass in Syriac, and their ancestors were the first to reunite with the Holy See among all the East's dissident Churches.

### FREEDOM ENDS

From 1925 Iran's Catholics enjoyed the greatest measure of freedom and equality with the Moslem majority—until 1944, when the Russian—imported government took hold of Azerbaijan.

"Iranian Catholics, guardians of the Faith in their part of the world," the report concludes, "are to day cruelly oppressed by Communism, and unless their cause is pleaded by their fellow Catholics in America and propagated to other God-fearing people in that great democracy, they will slowly but surely perish, as will their sacred Faith, which they have suffered to preserve over the centuries."

## NUREMBERG: AN END AND A BEGINNING

—The Tablet's View

With the final act of the Nuremberg hangings the historic trial comes in one sense to an end. But, at the same time, the trial of the trial at the bar of history, an even longer and more involved process begins. We have already recorded our view that neither the indictment as it was framed nor the tribunal as it was composed will stand the test of time. But how Nuremberg will look in history will really be determined by decisions which still lie in the future. The Powers have proclaimed, and in this one context have enforced, a code of conduct for statesmen and soldiers which marks a great departure from the past. A great many of the national heroes of history in almost every great country stand condemned under it. Everywhere, but nowhere more than in Germany, a great distinction has in fact been made hitherto between acts of

public policy and private acts. Public men, rulers and soldiers have been allowed by the modern world to make this claim. It was Cavour, whose life so austere a moralist as Lord Morley proposed to write in a spirit of hero-worship, who said, "If we did for ourselves what we do for our country, what scoundrels we should be rightly held to be." It is all to the good if we can get rid of this dual standard of morality, and if we have made a beginning with some particularly glaring examples—but it must be a real beginning, not an isolated event. If the narrow margin is lost which separates it from the kind of "people's justice" which is no more than political violence, it will come to be looked on as a step downward and backward, towards more barbarous conceptions, not an advance on the statesmanship of 1815 or 1919.



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### NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna Diocesan Union will be held at the Catholic Club, Main Street, Jaffna, on Sunday the 15th of December, 1946, at 10 a.m.

M. JACOB,  
Hon. Secy., J.D.U.

### Church Calendar

DECEMBER 1946

FRI. ...6 S. Nicholas.  
SAT. ...7 S. Ambrose.  
SUN. ...8 9 A.—IMM. CONCEP. (Oblig.)  
MON. ...9 S. Leocadia.  
TUES. ...10 H. House Lor.  
WED. ...11 S. Damasus.  
THURS. ...12 S. Columban.  
FRI. ...13 S. Lucy.

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DECEMBER 6TH 1946

### THE UNIQUE PRIVILEGE OF OUR BLESSED LADY

On Sunday next the Catholic world will celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. By the words Immaculate Conception is meant that our Blessed Lady was from the first instant of her existence was exempt from the taint of original sin. A pertinent question will be what is original sin. The Church teaches us that it is a sin we inherit from our first parents. If it is so it is a sin in a special sense only because in its ordinary meaning sin is a personal transgression of the law of God and not some evil inherited from another. To have an idea of original sin one must go back in mind to the creation of man. When God created man He at the same time elevated him to a state far above his nature commonly spoken of as supernatural state. It consists in this: that God willed that man should participate in His eternal happiness by sharing in His divine life. To befit Him for this unspeakable privilege man's soul was adorned with sanctifying grace, a quality inhering in the soul making

him partake of the Divine Nature. Thus was man raised far above his nature and supernaturalised. He owes this to the gratuitous abundance of God's love. Adorned with this grace his soul became transformed into a reflection of the ravishing beauty of God Himself. Along with the sanctifying grace the first man was endowed with many a preternatural gift. All these gifts and privileges were given to Adam not as to an individual but to the Head of the human race. In creating man God created mankind and in enriching him with gifts both preternatural and supernatural He intended them to be for Adam as well as for his descendants. The continuance of these favours was conditioned on his loyalty to his Maker. But Adam disobeyed God's command and thereby forfeited for himself and his descendants the gifts and privileges to which by nature he had no claim. First of all, man lost the godlike gift of sanctifying grace and made void the end for which God had created him. Now, since God wished man to be united with Him and share His happiness and glory it is evident that the frustrating of God's loving design is an aversion from Him; and since aversion from God is the essence of sin, man is rightly said to inherit from Adam with his human nature the stain of sin which is called original sin. The fall of man from his high state is the cause of all the miseries of this life. By the disobedience of one man sin came into the world and every human being with one exception is in consequence tainted with this sin which is washed away in Christian baptism by the redeeming merits of Christ. Only in the case of our Blessed Lady was that exception made so that from the first instant of her existence she was free from the guilt and stain of original sin and was full of grace. It was fitting that she who was destined to be the Mother of the Son of God, the living fountain from which He drew His most precious blood and the material of His most holy flesh should be prepared for this her ministration by a pre-eminent sanctification.

## The Political Forces That Threaten Religion

was the subject of a very scholarly but simple lecture by Mr. Cyril E.S. Perera, the well-known Colombo lawyer of Colombo at St. Michael's College, Batticaloa on the 24th of November, under the auspices of the Trincomalee Diocesan Union. The Very Revd. Fr. John T. Linehan, S.J., Vicar Capitular presided and introduced the lecturer amidst applause as a Ceylonese of the Ceylonese. The lecturer traced the evolution of the State and its relations with religion from the dawn of history to the present time. Whatever was the origin of the state, whether it was the result of a social contract due to the common sense of man, or to the grasping of power by the strong man of the tribe—in the beginning, the ruler seems to have had all the rights and the subject only duties. There were no economic problems because they were solved by the system of slavery; no religious problems because the ruler and the ruled belonged to the same faith. Then came the time of the Greeks and Romans who tried every form of

government, giving names to these forms which are in use up to the present day like democracy, aristocracy, autocracy. The Romans ended up with the Roman Empire which extended from Britain to the Indus. It was during the Roman Empire that religion, the Catholic Faith came first into conflict with the State. And then a strange thing happened: the religion preached by twelve poor fishermen within three hundred years swallowed up the mighty Roman Empire. This followed the Dark Ages and the Middle Ages when again there was no serious conflict between religion and the state because ruler and ruled belonged to the same religion. Then came the Protestant Revolt with its right of private interpretation of the Bible and its emphasis of the importance of the individual, which gave rise to the Individual Philosophy of Voltaire and Rousseau. The rights of the individual were extended logically from religion to politics. This culminated in the French Revolution and in general, the ruler being deprived of his rights which were now all transferred to the individual subject. From individualism in politics to individualism in economics was only a step. For every man, it was said, should be able to arrange his economic life, i.e. to work as much as he liked and employ on any terms he liked. There was no compulsion or slavery, argued the merchant princes, because the labour was free to take service or not. Thus came in Capitalism which spread mostly in Great Britain, Scandinavia, Holland and Belgium. The lot of the working man was most miserable. It was then that the Labour Party in England began to be formed, and Pope Leo XIII issued his famous Encyclical on the Rights of the Workingman.

Germany was a capitalist country but entered the race for colonies too late. She together with Japan found she could get a place in the sun, only if she could compel the others by force of arms to give up a part of their colonies. The result was the war of 1914-1918, and later the war of 1939-1945. In the meantime the Russians following the teaching of Karl Marx found that in the sphere of economics individualism led to disastrous results, and tried to remedy these evils by an over-emphasis of the social character of man: what mattered was not the individual but the group; the group swallowed up all the rights of the individual. Communism was clutched at eagerly by the Russians who gained thereby freedom from economic want (which they did not have before) and missed no political freedom because they never had experienced it. Communism is commonly favoured now but it is not generally understood that it is a religion and not merely a political or economic theory, since it denies the existence of God, all spiritual values and realities and the immortality of the soul. It is as impossible for any man who possesses a religion to be a Communist as it is impossible for a Catholic to be at the same time a Buddhist, or Hindu or Muslim.

Communism is the great danger now to religion. Catholics may feel confident in the Church built on a rock, and in their clever Popes and pastors. But an army is made up of soldiers and generals, and success can be achieved only if all fight this new insidious foe. The fight has to be carried on by first acquiring a knowledge of what communism really is, and then by exposing it not necessarily in public discourses and lectures of which few are capable, but in private conversations. This is the form of Catholic Action most necessary now.

After a few remarks by Revd. Father Godfrey J. Cook, S.J., a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. M.A. L. Kariapper and seconded by Mr. E. Eliathamby.

## Farewell to Mr. C. E. Fonseka, Executive Engineer, Jaffna

A very representative and large gathering assembled at the Town Hall, Jaffna, to bid farewell to the departing Executive Engineer, Mr. C. E. Fonseka and Mrs. Fonseka.

Proceedings commenced with a group photograph which was followed by a Garden Party. The public meeting was presided over by Mr. C. Ponnambalam,

Chairman of the Reception Committee and Chairman, U.C.

Mr. G. J. Sebastian, one of the Joint Secretaries of the Reception Committee read the address which was presented enclosed in a casket of Kandyan Art Design worked in silver and gold mounted on an ebony plinth with two elephants.

Mr. Ponnambalam speaking said that on behalf of the citizens of Jaffna he expressed the appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Fonseka for the people of Jaffna. Mr. Fonseka did not work for his salary but he evinced personal interest in his work. The speaker said that he was glad that Mr. Fonseka would be in charge of Water Works. The idea for a Water Supply Scheme for Jaffna Town was mooted 123 years ago since the year 1823 and yet they had no scheme. The Jaffna Karayur Scheme has been given priority and it was expected that necessary funds should be provided by the State Council before its dissolution. He thanked Messrs. D. S. Sumanayake and S. W. R. Bandaranaike, for the action they took in that matter and that all Jaffna would be very grateful to them. He similarly hoped that Mr. Fonseka would see that the Water Scheme for Jaffna was also given priority. The speaker did not believe in speaking about cooperation or raising cries of racial discrimination for attaining leadership but he believed in action and therefore appreciated Mr. Fonseka because he was a man of action.

Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, G.A., N.P., said that he thought that that function was organised by the public of Jaffna and that the officials who were blamed for their actions at the present time had no place in the function. But although an official he also belonged to the public and that he was glad to say that the public appreciated all the good work done by Mr. Fonseka. The three major works referred to in the address, Pooneryn Causeway, Pannai Causeway and the Pungudutivu Causeway would stand as a living monument for his work in Jaffna. The speaker made special mention of the Pooneryn Causeway named after the late Mr. Mahadeva, as a means of improving communication between the North and the South and thus building the most needed bridge between the Sinhalese and the Tamils. They were all indeed very grateful to Mr. Fonseka for this work. The speaker also referred to the fact that Jaffna was a flat country and that at certain times of the year they had more water and at other times no water at all. It was reported that the level of the sea was higher than the land and there was thus no possibility of an efficient drainage system for the Jaffna Town. But with Mr. Fonseka in charge of the Water Works, they hoped that he would be in a position to help them out of the difficulty and devise some means of affording necessary relief to the residents of Jaffna Town. In concluding the speaker wished Mr. and Mrs. Fonseka all success and happiness in their new sphere.

The Very Revd. Fr. T. M. F. Long, O.M.I., Rector, St. Patrick's College in a humorous speech referred to the good work done by Mr. Fonseka and expressed the hope that Mr. Fonseka would build a permanent bridge between the two major communities in the Island, the Sinhalese and the Tamils as referred to by Mr. Coomaraswamy.

Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam, Chairman of the Vaddukkodai Village Committee spoke on behalf of the villages and referred to the large amount of improvements effected by Mr. Fonseka for the villages. He said that Mr. Fonseka had won the hearts of all the Jaffna people and that he was very human to the core.

Mr. Fonseka thanked all those present for their presence in large numbers and for the kind sentiments expressed by the speakers. He thanked all his subordinates for the efficient assistance given to him. He was also very grateful to the Government Agent and the Chairman of the Jaffna U.C. for all the ready assistance given to him at all times. He bade them farewell or rather "Au Revoir."

## LOCAL & GENERAL

**Pastoral Visitation.**—His Lordship the Bishop left this morning for Mannar on pastoral visitation. He will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pesalai, Mannar and Pallimunai.



**New Missionaries.**—We welcome the Revd. Fathers Ferdinand Renard, O.M.I., and James de Wit, O.M.I., who recently arrived from Belgium to strengthen the number of missionaries of the Jaffna Diocese.

**St. Patrick's Football Fixtures** will be played at 4-30 p.m. each day in St. Martin's Seminary grounds.

- Dec. 6th Fri. Vs. Urumpiray Arsenal
- " 7th Sat. Vs. Jacobites 1st XI
- " 9th Mon. Vs. Jaffna Cen. 1st XI
- " 10th Tues. Vs. Parameshwra College (Inter-Collegiate Champ.) 1st XI
- " 11th Wed. Vs. Kokuvil Hindu College 1st XI
- " 13th Thur. Vs. Skanda Varodya College 1st XI.

Admission Rates:—10 cts. Standing, 25 cts. Seats.

**Archbishop Paul-Yu Pin.**—Calls, scuffling and a threat to "beat" a delegate marked the fifth plenary session of the Chinese National Assembly, debating China's draft constitution on Saturday.

Archbishop Paul-Yu Pin, Apostolic Vicar of Nanking, who presided over the 1,180 delegates, had to use considerable tact to restore order.

The threat to beat the delegate was made after he had repeatedly heckled and interrupted the Mongolian representative, who was demanding that the racial minorities problem should be referred to a committee.

**Silence Abets 'Worst Crimes of Age.'**—Describing in his monthly letter the forced migration of millions of people as "the greatest crime of this age," Bishop Muench of Fargo USA—liaison official in Germany between the German Bishops and the U.S. Military Government—says:

"There is nothing in all history to equal it—except perhaps the fact that there is neither an out-cry against these atrocities by the peoples of other nations nor any action by governments with power to take it."

**Eire.**—Mr. De Valera told the Dail that after examining the reports of Archbishop Stepinac's trial he was convinced that the trial was not fair, so he was taking the course open to him, namely, asking the States that are in diplomatic relationship with Eire to make representations.

**Archbishop Braves Brigands.**—Alone, unescorted, Cardinal Ruffini, Archbishop of Palermo, has been making a pastoral visit of the district of Montelepre, headquarters of the Sicilian brigands—and has called upon the brigand chiefs to release persons whom they are holding as hostages.

**Swiss Contributions to the Missions.**—The six Dioceses of Switzerland have made large offerings this past year to the various Pontifical Mission Aid Societies: £13,313 to the Propagation of the Faith; £5,735 to the Holy Childhood, and £4,248 to Native Clergy. This sum taken together makes a remarkable average donation per person, but more than this, the offerings for this year represent an increase over those of last year in spite of the depreciated value of money.

**S.V.P. Work.**—Vatican Radio states that the St. Vincent de Paul Society members in the Netherlands have during the past 20 years: had a hand in the conversion of 21,000 people; seen to the baptism of 10,000 children; made arrangements for the regularisation of 11,000 marriages, and distributed 74 million florins in material relief to the poor.

**Clergy in Politics.**—Catholic clergy may take an active part in German politics and become councillors, according to an official announcement in the Cologne Archdiocesan organ. Catholic clergy possess the normal political rights of private citizens, being subject only in their professional behaviour to the authority of their clerical superior, the announcement added.

**No Vatican Appeal for Frank.**—Cardinal Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, in a statement said that an appeal to the Holy Father to intervene on behalf of Hans Frank, executed at Nuremberg, was received at the Vatican, but that no action was taken. The appeal was from Frank's wife, who had asked the Cardinal to forward it to Rome. "Conscious of my duties as a pastor I did so, though with reluctance,"

said the Cardinal. Frank became a Catholic in Nuremberg gaol.

**A Laudable Example.**—In proportion to the collections made in the different centres where cricket matches were played last year by the Australian Services XI, Australia's share of profits amounting to Rs. 80,566 is being distributed to charitable organisations in India by the High Commissioner for Australia in India, Sir Ivan Mackey. It is worthy of note that Madras gets the largest allocation, viz., Rs. 32,665.

## SILVER JUBILEE OF Mr. A. Gnanapragasam, Editor of the "Sathia Vetha Pathukavalan"

The Silver Jubilee of Mr. A. Gnanapragasam, Editor was celebrated on Sunday 1st December at St. Charles' School Hall, Main Street, Jaffna. A large number of Catholics was present in spite of the unfavourable weather.

Proceedings commenced at 3-30 p.m. with a group photograph of the Celebration Committee with His Lordship Bishop of Jaffna and the Jubilarian.

His Lordship sang the "Te Deum" and imparted Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral. He was assisted by Revd. Frs. James de Wit, O.M.I., and Ferdinand Renard, O.M.I., two newly arrived priests from Belgium acting as Deacon and sub-deacon respectively.

At 4-30 p.m. the Jubilarian was garlanded in front of the Cathedral by Mr. J. Roman and taken in procession to the accompaniment of native music in a decorated car to St. Charles' school hall. He had on his right Revd. Fr. S. Gnanaprasakar, O.M.I., who was garlanded by 'Mooper' S. Rajendram. The school hall was tastefully decorated to suit the occasion.

Revd. Fr. Gnanaprasakar, the Chairman rising amidst applause explained to the audience the significance of the function and traced briefly the history and growth of the "Sathia Vetha Pathukavalan" (The Tamil "Catholic Guardian"). He congratulated the Jubilarian who, though a layman like his predecessor, had done everything to maintain the journal as a first rate Tamil production.

Chev. S. Arulanantham speaking next dwelt on the greatness of Catholic journalism.

An address was read by Mr. K. T. Gnanapragasam and a purse was presented to the Jubilarian by Mr. James Manuelpillai.

Revd. Fr. L. A. Singarayer, O.M.I., next said that the Editor was one of the old boys of St. Joseph's Institute, Colombo of whom all the old boys were really proud. He stressed that the Editor's devotion to St. Joseph was really remarkable.

Mr. V. A. Johnpillai dwelt on the religious zeal with which the Editor carried on his missionary work fearless of criticism or displeasure.

Mr. G. S. Puvirasinghe spoke of the abilities of the Editor as a writer and said that he thoroughly deserved that enviable post.

Mr. G. J. Benedict speaking next said that the "Sathia Vetha Pathukavalan" was held in high esteem by several editors of Catholic and lay publications in India.

Then Mr. A. Gnanapragasam rising in his usual modest way wondered whether he deserved all that had been said and done to him that day. He traced his life briefly and said that it was St. Joseph who had been his solace throughout his twenty-five years of editorship. He thanked all those present for their appreciation of the work he had done for Catholic journalism and said that one way of showing their regard was to become subscribers to that paper. He also thanked the organisers and speakers and all those who had contributed towards the function of the evening.

Mr. P. Saverimuttu thanked, on behalf of the Celebration Committee, Rev. Fr. S. G. Hilary, O.M.I., who started the move for this celebration, Revd. Fr. S. Gnanaprasakar, O.M.I., for consenting to be the Chairman for that function, the President and members of the Celebration Committee for their co-operation and hard work, and the public for their kind contributions. He also thanked all those who had come that evening to attend that function in spite of the un-

favourable weather. In the intervals a group of boys and girls of St. Charles' school sang songs of welcome and praise while a din of crackers emphasised the common jubilation.

Messages of congratulations were received from Hon. Mr. A. Mahadeva, Minister of Home Affairs, Very Revd. Fr. D. L. Hyde, O.S.B., Administrator of Kandy Diocese, Very Revd. Fr. J. Linchan, S.J., Vicar Capitular, Diocese of Trincomalee, Revd. Fr. S. Asirvatham, O.M.I., and Revd. Bro. P. Ignatius, S.S.J.

## Do You Know Series VII of CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

1. When is the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary?
2. What feast of our Lady is celebrated on the 21st of Nov.?
3. When was the Rosarian Congregation founded in Ceylon?
4. What is the Special Devotion during the month of January?
5. What is the Special Devotion during the month of August?
6. In what century was the heresy of Wycliffe condemned?
7. What is the greatest of all Christ's miracles?
8. What lesson do we learn from the Parable given in Matthew XIII vs. 31-32?
9. What do we promise in Baptism?
10. What is a reliquary?

(For Answers See Below)

## Do You Know Series VII

1. July 2nd.
2. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
3. 2nd Feb. 1928.
4. Holy Family.
5. The Immaculate Heart of Mary.
6. 14th century.
7. He raised Himself from the dead.
8. The marvellous spread of the Catholic Church.
9. We promise in Baptism to renounce the devil and all his works and pomps.
10. Small box, casket or shrine for relics.

## St. Anthony's Confraternity

Address delivered in Tamil by the Rt. Revd. Dr. J. A. Guymar, O.M.I., to the members of S.A.S. :-

"There is a good deal of talk about social improvement and the amelioration of one's status in life. Everywhere people are clamouring for better wages, better education and a greater share in the goods of this world: they are right but there is one sort of improvement that ought to come first; spiritual improvement, which really effects a deep change in man, without which the other does not count for much," said His Lordship in his address to the members of St. Anthony's Confraternity, Jaffna on the occasion of their celebrating on Sunday, 24-11-46, the 25th anniversary of the consecration of their homes to the Sacred heart.

His Lordship added: "This spiritual improvement results especially from the knowledge of our Lord and from the loving acceptance of His Law. To attain this there is no better means than the devotion to the Sacred Heart. Our consecration to the Sacred Heart will incline us to contemplate the virtues of our Lord and to put them into practice in our daily lives: He will be like a mirror to us in which we shall see Him and see ourselves: we shall regulate our thoughts according to His, we shall adjust our actions to His—until we become more and more similar to Him. This is the sort of spiritual improvement that we should above all look for. In the unity of mind with our Lord that will result from our devotion to the Sacred Heart we shall experience the greatest blessing really worth getting in life. God will be inclined to bestow upon us His choice of favours herebelow until He crowns them by giving Himself fully to us in the blessedness of heaven."

In welcoming His Lordship the Hon. 'Moopu' stated that S.A.C. was fortunate by the grace of God to see their members form the nucleus of the Rosarian Monastery of Tholagatty and the senior members consecrate their homes to the Sacred Heart and to spread this noble devotion among their neighbours. He also thanked the several Revd. Frs. and Brothers present there for their loving patronage and benefactions to the Confraternity and particularly to Revd. Bro. E. Groussault, O.M.I., the founder and director of the society.

A group photo of the junior and senior members with their families was taken with His Lordship as the central figure. A social followed presided over by Rev. Fr. L. S. Joseph, O.M.I. Blessed be he Most Sacred Heart.

## NOTICE

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Jaffna Diocesan Union will be held at the Catholic Club on Monday the 9th at 5-30 p.m.

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## Vain Attempt to Reconcile the Irreconcilable

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"He went on to say that he was fully aware of the magnificent results achieved in the Catholic missions among the infidels, of the three millions and more receiving instruction in the Faith, almost half a million entering the Church each year. Yet there was much to be done within the Church.

"We were to try to restore to the world a sense of sin, which it was in danger of losing, and he quoted the well-known first chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, in which the Apostle declaims against the uncleanness of his age.

"His Holiness described this practical denial or neglect of God as the fountain-head of the rising flood of evil that appals the serious-minded to-day, and strews the path of human life with so many broken homes.

### 'REWARD OF NEGLECT'

"Would that the world would listen to those words and be warned betimes of the dangers that beset us. For, if we do not hearken, God may leave mankind to reap the reward of its neglect and evil ways.

"Statesmen of many nations meet in conference. The contrasts and conflicting views that have been manifested, with the subsequent disputes and clashes, ought to have made it abundantly clear that they need a law outside and above themselves. Such a law means a Lawgiver who is above all, the Lord God.

## Henchman of the Holy See

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tinual anxiety: I feel keenly for the entire Church all that its Head suffers."

There were no passing words. They sprang from the innermost depths of his soul. A contemporary biographer of his, Canon Ricard, does not hesitate to say that these sorrows were in part responsible for his sudden decline and death. (Ricard. ch. 24. p. 447). "I feel keenly..." "I suffer violently" would be the literal translation of his letter to Pope Pius IX.

These are words that every Oblate and every client of Bishop de Mazenod must treasure: they were written in his very life-blood; they are embroidered in the very woof of his eighty years; they are the final and culminating expression of his devotedness to the Holy See.

Divine Providence spared him the worst sorrow of seeing the plunder of Rome itself. One of his last consolations was to receive a special message and blessing from the Pope as he lay on his death bed. As it was read, he joined his hands and listened to it with utmost love and reverence. After the Pope's words of commendation he looked forward only to one thing—the "well-done" of the Divine Master himself.

### CONCLUSION

Personal devotedness to the Holy Father as instanced by St. Therese and Don Bosco, is a distinctive feature of modern saints. The Church will have no difficulty in recognising it to an outstanding degree in the life of Eugene de Mazenod.

### NOTICE

Sale of Toddy Rents in Mannar District

Tenders are hereby invited for the purchase of exclusive privilege of selling toddy in Mannar District during the period 1st January 1947 to 30th June 1947. Tenders should reach the A.G.A., Mannar not later than 10 a.m. on Monday 9th December 1946. The conditions of sale and any other particulars can be obtained on application at the Mannar Kachcheri.

K. V. RENGANATHAN,  
Asst. Govt. Agent, Mannar.  
23rd November, 1946.  
The Kachcheri, Mannar.

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### TENDER NOTICE

The Government Agent, Northern Province, Jaffna, will receive tenders up to 12 noon on Tuesday January 7, 1947, for the construction of a cement concrete flood regulator for paddy fields in Elathumadduval North.

Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the G.A., N.P., on a deposit of Rs. 25 for each form. Further particulars can be obtained from him.

Sgd. M. SRIKHANTA,  
for Govt. Agent, N.P.  
The Kachcheri,  
Jaffna, 14th November, 1946.

### DRIED CHILLIES

Tenders will be received by the Assistant Government Agent (Emergency) Jaffna at the Jaffna Kachcheri up to 12 noon on Monday 16th December, 16th 1946 for the purchase of 170 cwts. of dried chillies of two qualities.

2. The chillies may be inspected at the Subsidiary Foodstuffs Store, Bankshall St., Jaffna.

3. The successful tenderer will be required to deposit the purchase amount within a week from the date of acceptance of his offer.

M. SRIKHANTA,  
Asst. Govt. Agent (Emergency) Jaffna.  
The Kachcheri (B),  
Jaffna, 29th November, 1946.

### Distribution of Subsidiary Foodstuffs

The undermentioned commodities will be issued in the Jaffna District to all consumers except those served by Co-operative Stores on the basis of the rations given below for month of December, 1946.

Oorid whole 1 oz. per con. for whole month.  
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M. SRIKHANTA,  
for Govt. Agent, N.P.  
Jaffna, 30th November, 1946.

### Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

In the matter of the intestate estate of Vaithilingam Gunaratnam of Navaly South,

Deceased.  
Testamentary } No. 629  
Jurisdiction }

John Somanather Vaithilingam of do,  
Petitioner.

Vs.  
Sellammah wife of Vaithilingam of do,  
Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge of Jaffna on the 31st of Oct. 1946 in the presence of Mr. S. Tirunavukkarasu Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the affidavit and petition of the Petitioner.

It is ordered that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have letters of Administration of the estate of the deceased as father and one of the heirs of the deceased and that letters of Administration be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondent or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 13th day of December 1946 appear before this court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 31st day of October 1946.  
Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,  
District Judge.

### Government Vacancies— Salt Department

Vacancies exist in the Salt Department for the undermentioned posts:

Engineer. Inspector Grade II.  
Asst. Engineer. Inspector Grade III.  
Asst. Chemist.  
Asst. Superintendent.

2. Applications must be received in my office by 12 noon on Saturday 14th December, 1946.

3. For full particulars, see advertisement in the Government Gazette of 29th Nov. 1946, a copy of which could be had on application to my office or the provincial offices of this Department.

E. B. TISSEVERASINGHE,  
Actg. Salt Commissioner.  
Salt Department, P.O. Box 539,  
Colombo, 25th November, 1946.

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