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The Baron Bought a Monastery and Made a Friend

Wrapped in a fur-lined cloak, Baron De Nicolai, ex-Russian General, ex-aidé-de-camp to the Czar, ex-Governor of the Caucasus, signed his name to the deed, and bought Parkminster, Sussex, for the Carthusians. The owner of the property, a Protestant, standing by him, did not know the Baron was a monk.

May 10 this year marked the 65th anniversary of its consecration as England's one and only Carthusian church and of the solemn perpetual enclosure of 12 Fathers and 10 Brothers within a monastery which possesses one of the longest cloisters in the world, claimed to be second only in dimensions to that of the *Grande Chartreuse*.

To-day Parkminster, a 110-acre estate on the Horsham-Brighton road, comprises a strict religious community of almost perpetual silence, in essence eremitical, of 23 Fathers and 17 Brothers.

Twelve nationalities are represented, but English aspirants are few. "Carthusians will never be numerous," one of the Fathers told me smilingly, "yet ours is a life of supernatural joy."

Near Parkminster a great modern school bears the honoured name of "Charterhouse", recalling the great monastery in London despoiled by Henry VIII, who martyred 18 of its monks. One of Parkminster's monks studied the history of the ancient Charterhouse, during his non-Catholic days, and was induced as a result to seek admission to Parkminster.

Men from China, from Austria, and from Poland have come great distances in order to seek perfection there.

VISITORS TO CHAPEL

Visitors to the external chapel, where Sunday Mass can be heard in summer at half past seven, and at a quarter past ten, will see a variation from the Latin rite similar to that used among Dominicans, at both of which the Offertory preparations are done before Mass.

Our Lord is said to have appeared to Fr. Norton Chauncy, last Prior but one of the pre-Reformation Mount Grace (Yorks) Charterhouse, and to have promised "that there should yet be thirty-three Charterhouses in England."

There were nine at the time, but the impression is widespread that, if true, the promise implies that the Conversion of England will not be complete until that number is neared.

The Carthusians could claim unbroken descent from pre-Reformation days till modern times as do the English Benedictines, but for the fact that the line snapped in 1825 with the death in England of a monk from Sheen Angelorum, the community carried on through Penal days on the Continent as a continuation of the famous Sheen Charterhouse. Parkminster is therefore an entirely new foundation from the *Grande Chartreuse* itself.

A French priest who took over the neighbouring parish, and famous Marian Shrine of West Grinstead, where he built the present church, found the property at Parkminster, known at that time as Picknowle. The owner was a Mr. Boxhall, a staunch Protestant. The priest told the *Grande Chartreuse* superior all about it at a time when

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Diplomatic Relations Between Vatican and India

No news has given more joy to the Catholics of India since last August 5th than that reported in a brief Reuter message which appeared in the local Press last Sunday. It is officially announced from Vatican City that diplomatic relations have been initiated between the Holy See and India with the establishment of an Inter-nunciature in India and an Indian Legation at the Vatican. The event has not been unexpected for it had been known for some time past that Pandit Neburu's Government desired to open diplomatic relations with the Holy See and as a first step wished the Apostolic Delegation to move to New Delhi.

Although it is customary to speak of Vatican diplomacy and to apply to its workings the ordinary terms of secular diplomacy, it should be borne in mind that it is not of a political nature, for the Holy See is not concerned with politics as such, the purpose and aims of the Church being spiritual. The advantage is mutual which arises from the maintenance of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and a State. For the Church, there are opportunities to safeguard the spiritual interests of her subjects in a country with whose Government she is on friendly terms and in constant communication. On the other hand, nations have not a little to gain by sending accredited representatives to a Power that is at once international and supranational, is highly respected throughout the world and exercises no little moral influence. Hence it happens that more than forty countries are officially represented at the Holy See. Of the countries of Asia, China and the Lebanon maintain relations with the Vatican; Japan opened diplomatic relations with it during the war, but these have been broken off by the occupying power. Now India will be the third country of Asia to exchange diplomats with the Vatican.

The representatives of the Holy See sent to governments are called by the generic term, legates, whose work consists in promoting friendly relations between the Vatican and the government of the country to which they are accredited and secondly to watch over the interests of the Church in this

country. An Internuncio in Vatican diplomacy follows immediately after a nuncio and is, therefore, a minister of the second class. But he has the same faculties as a nuncio and is furnished with similar credentials and instructions. A legation is an embassy of the second class.

NO UNDUE OPTIMISM

While the exchange of accredited representatives between the Vatican and India gives us deep satisfaction which verges on jubilation, it would be idle to expect that the problems of the Church in India will now melt away and that no further difficulties will arise in future. We have no illusions on the matter. Catholics will still have anxious times with regard to their religious rights, for the simple reason that the importance of these cannot always be sufficiently appreciated by those outside the Fold. Moreover, it is not always easy for power-intoxicated ministers of State to be magnanimous to small communities whom they would rather impress with an exercise of authority. In matters such as education, marriage, above all, the propagation of religion and conversions we shall not find all plain sailing. Nevertheless the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Vatican by India will not have been useless. With the presence of a Papal representative at New Delhi, one officially recognised as such, the members of the Indian Government will always have at hand one from whom they can obtain an authoritative declaration on any point of Catholic faith and discipline. This is of great importance in a country like ours where, owing to petty jealousies, it is not possible to put up before the Government any Catholic body as representative of the community, and where the Government does not give due importance to members of the hierarchy or a sufficient consideration to representations made by them. Finally in the new circumstances that are to come about, negotiations for settling any matter right, whether it be the redress of a grievance or the recognition of a right that has been infringed, will be carried on at top level as between two sovereign powers.—*The Examiner*.

"The Living Vatican"

Mr. David Waddington, the inventor of a special method of colour photography, whose camera portrait of the Pope created great interest some months ago, hopes soon to start on the task of reproducing by his photographic process the art treasures of the Vatican. By this means he hopes to be able to bring to those who cannot make the journey to Rome something of the splendour and genius of the decorations of the Vatican Palace. For centuries the greatest artists of Europe contributed to the completion of the buildings themselves, and through the ages works of artists of all nations have found their way to the Vatican Art Galleries. Mr. Waddington, a non-Catholic, struck by this great artistic wealth, sought permission to photograph in colour these masterpieces. Complete authorisation has now come through and a team of photographers and technical assistants under Mr. Waddington's direction will leave England within the next few weeks. The finished material is to be gathered into a book "The Living Vatican," which will be annotated into six languages. Such a book will be of immense interest not only to Catholics but to all non-Catholic art lovers and historians, to schools and universities throughout the world, and it is expected to run into millions of copies. Mr. Waddington is not greatly interested in the commercial aspect of this work,

though it will give a tremendous boost to his specially patented camera. He is more concerned with scientific accuracy, and, to ensure this, is setting up a committee—probably composed mostly of Catholic experts—to advise on the literary and other aspects of the undertaking.

The art treasures of the Vatican—and there are probably more gathered there than in any other one spot—have never been photographed in natural colour. There are many volumes illustrated in black and white and many with photographs which have been later tinted, but as the artist says: "Michael Angelo didn't do the tinting."

His Holiness has expressed himself greatly pleased with the London artists' work and this fact has undoubtedly had much to do with the permission for the new project. Mr. Waddington, on the other hand, has nothing but praise for the Holy Father's graciousness during the recent sitting, and classifies him as one of his best subjects. The work, costing thousands of pounds, will take many months but the artist expects that a world exhibition of many of the photographs will be given in London in October. Mr. Waddington said that he had been greatly helped by Archbishop Godfrey, the Apostolic Delegate, and especially by Mgr. Cashman, his secretary.—*The Examiner*.

Vocation in Life

"Do the laity realise that their own lives have a vocation?" Father Ivor Daniel asked a week-end conference of the Guild of Catholic Professional Social Workers in London. "Layfolk may say that they have not been invited to do more. But have they offered? Do men remain as altar servers after they grow up? Do women study plainchant? How much Latin do they know? I leave the answer to you and to the clergy who are lucky enough to have such people in their parishes." Father Daniel said that, in the past, the clergy, none too numerous, had to deal with a pious and undeveloped laity. "Of late, however there has been an increase in the number of cultured laity, coming from schools and colleges and as converts. Some priests hardly realise the extent to which they can be helped by

the laity. We to-day must be united against paganly irreligious, indifferent surroundings. In such a mephitic atmosphere, we tend ourselves to become indifferent and to accept the quasi-traditions of the past, instead of seeking reality. We make to our spiritual houses false ceilings. A lot of Renaissance lath and plaster will have to be knocked through to find the beams and walls and roof of our true spiritual building. In getting back to real foundations, we shall realize that the liturgy is not aestheticism but stern realism, the kind of realism exemplified by the priest-prisoners of Buchenwald. We can become spiritually intelligent by living with the Church, realizing our incorporation into the Mystical Body and priesthood of Christ and returning to the practices of the early Church."



Sacred to the Loving Memory
of a dearly Beloved Father

**Mudaliyar Michael
Joseph Puvirajasinghe**

President Moopbu (1895-1924)
of St. Mary's Cathedral, Jaffna

Recipient of Bene Merenti from
Pope Benedict XV.

Died 11th July, 1924

Eternal Rest grant unto him,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon him,

May he Rest in Peace.—Amen.

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Church Calendar

JULY 1948

THURS. ... 8 S. Elizabeth.
FRI. ... 9 S. Everilda.
SAT. ... 10 Seven Brothers MM.
SUN. ... 11 8 P.—S. Pius I.
MON. ... 12 S. John G.
TUES. ... 13 S. Anacletus.
WED. ... 14 S. Bonaventure.
THURS. ... 15 Holy Redeemer.

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POINTERS

Much seems to be happening
behind the Iron Curtain and in
the East, so much that it would
seem as if the centenary of the
first Communist manifesto were
to be celebrated in what would
be considered its most befitting
movement viz., a vast accretion
of Communist dominated areas.

We have had in Czecho-Slo-
vakia the slickest revolution ever
staged: there is the Communist
and very real menace in Burma,
Malaya and China and this
week's news about the Berlin
crisis seems to portend the So-
viets' determination to clear out
the Western powers from Ber-
lin which would then be made
the capital of a new Communist
puppet-state. This would seem
to be the overall picture of
Soviet strategy.

Thus far, all would seem to
indicate a complete Red success.
That however all is not well
behind the Curtain is becoming
a matter of conviction. Apart
from the staggering impact of
the war on personnel, industries
and resources, there has been
the psychological impact of
Western Europe on the Soviet
soldiers. This impact has been
marked in the realization of the
ideas of personal liberty and
dignity so completely lacking in
the U.S.S.R., and in the realiza-
tion of what dupes Communist
propaganda had made of them
with reference to the standard of
living in the West. Intensive
re-indoctrination of the Soviet
returning soldier was deemed
necessary. If it was not always
successful, liquidation would solve
the problem of the recalcitrant
and would serve as a reminder
to those inclined to be impertin-
ent enough to think for them-
selves.

From the Communist point of
view the impact of the Soviet
armies on the West made poor
propaganda. The bestiality of
the Red soldiers nauseated Eu-
rope to such an extent that all
the glamour hitherto associated
with the Reds died a rather sud-
den death.

That the revulsion in the West
is becoming marked is now com-
mon knowledge. We have in
mind not merely the reaction in
Italy, France, Holland, Belgium
and all of Germany outside the
Russian zone but especially the
significant fact that Cominform,
the camouflaged Fourth Inter-
national, has had to condemn,
of all people, Tito; and the
Jugo-Slav Communists are not
taking the condemnation lying
down. It is much too early yet
to pronounce on the Tito affair
and its possible ramifications and
implications. If Tito does not
come up to Stalin's specifica-
tions, these latter must be exact-
ing. Who can survive the test?
Who will face the test if he can
avoid it?

July, the Month of the Most Precious Blood

The months of May and June
were as blossoms of hope to our
needy souls, and now we are in
July the month dedicated to the
Most Precious Blood. How little
do we know of the graces that
surround us because of this laver
of healing which flows from the
wounds of Our Lord. Let us
press our lips to those sacred
wounds of our own making, and
take our refuge therein.

It was the will of God that the
Sacred Blood of His only begot-
ten Son should be the price of
our Redemption. Sacramentally
it is poured out at every moment
of the day and night in the Holy
Mass, whence it flows into the
channels of the seven Sacraments
as an atonement for our sins and
for our sanctification.

There were seven sheddings of
this Most Precious Blood. The
first time the Infant Jesus shed
it at His Circumcision, which was
a sign of the covenant which God
had made with His people. It
is an exhortation to us to teach
our children to serve God from
childhood.

The second shedding of Blood
was in the garden of Olives. This
was most painful for it was caused
by agony of soul. In the gar-
den Our Lord saw the sins of the
whole world, and of each one of
us in particular. He repented
for each of our sins with the deep-
est sorrow and asked God's par-
don for them on our behalf with
such deep sorrow that He fell
into an agony and sweated Blood.
He trembled at the thought of
the eternal loss of so many souls,
for whom He foresaw He would
suffer and die in vain.

The third shedding of Blood
was at the scourging. This pun-
ishment was one of excessive
cruelty. It made His whole
body into one large sore. Our
Lord underwent this suffering in
order to atone for our sins of the
flesh.

The fourth shedding was when
He was crowned with thorns in
reparation for our sins of thought.
The crown of thorns was in
mockery of a Royal Crown and
the reed was in mockery of
the sceptre of a king. Our Lord
shed His Blood the fifth time,
when carrying the heavy Cross
He fell several times under its
weight. Let us follow Our Lord
on the way of the Cross and suf-
fer with Him that we may be
glorified with Him.

The seventh and the last time
the Precious Blood was shed was
when His side was opened. Blood
and water came out, as an evi-
dence that these were the last
drops of the sacred Blood every
drop of which had been shed for
us.

Let us never forget the infinite
charity of Our Lord, when Cal-
vary is brought before our eyes
at Mass and we see the separate
consecration of Bread and Wine.
Let us return this great love by
devoting to Our Lord all the
affection of our hearts and by ful-
filling in our actions His Divine
Will.

C.W.M. SERIES.

Patrician Old Boys Fete their Departing Vice-President

The St. Patrick's College Old Boys'
Association, Jaffna gave a farewell Din-
ner to Mr. F. A. Sandrasagra, a Vice-
President, on Saturday the 26th June.
The Rev. Fr. Chas. S. Matthews, O.M.I.
presided. Covers were laid for over a
hundred. Mr. V. C. Canagaratnam and
Mr. F. J. Armstrong spoke on the high
qualities of Mr. Sandrasagra as Regis-
trar and as a friend. Fr. Matthews
said that he could remember F.A. as a
smiler in his school days and that he
had an inimitable way of his own
getting out of scrapes. He referred to
his high sense of duty. Below is a
message sent by Very Rev. Fr. T.M.F.
Long, O.M.I. who could not be present.

Gentlemen,—It was a Cockney who
said "you cannot be in two places
at the same time without you be a
bird." I should very much like to be a
bird in the Cockney's sense this even-
ing. In view of the great issues in-
volved for the future of our schools, my
presence at the Minister's dinner this
evening is essential. But my heart is
with this gathering assembled to hon-
our F.A., to thank him and to wish him
God speed.

I am therefore reduced to having my
feelings vicariously expressed. But
what a competent vicar I am privileged
to have! May his adequate shadow
never grow less!

What shall I say of F.A.? My vicar
this evening is in a much better position
to tell you about F.A.'s school days.
The researches I have made on this

point convince me that in F.A.'s case
the child was unquestionably father to
the man. As a school boy he smiled
his way out of every sticky patch; he
had already discovered that the most
efficient universal language is a smile.
His nick-name, I do not know if he had
a nick-name, might well have been
Smiler. Even then he had displayed
the greatest aptitude for co-operative
work i.e. bringing the best out of every-
body. To this he joined an extraordi-
nary gift of subordinating himself, of
giving others the credit and especially
of never being upset by any difficulties
as he had the happy knack of thinking
on his feet.

These qualities the passage of the years
has developed to such an extent that
F.A. has been CO OPERATION incarnate
in the North for almost a generation.
And he has been the Jaffna Branch of
the O.B.A. incarnate. We shall remem-
ber F.A. and his work for the two car-
nivals, for the way his time, his purse,
his car, his services, were always at the
beck and call of the Rector and the
O.B.A. And when we think of what a
competent co-adjutor he had in his
Graceful wife we cannot help feeling
that he has been singularly blessed in
his life and his life's work.

That that same blessing may always
be his is the heartfelt wish of everyone
of us here tonight. God bless him and
his. And may we conclude in a phrase
now familiar to us all 'a 100,000 thanks.'

Mr. Sandrasagra replied in humour-
ous vein. He was very glad he said
that Fr. Matthews was present there
that day and wished that he would never
bid Farewell to St. Patrick's. Mr. F.A.
Sandrasagra promised that he would
always think of the O.B.A. Jaffna
Branch and would do his best to work
for the success of the Ten Year Build-
ing Plan launched by Fr. Long.

Gnana Soundari Helps to Raise an Edifice of Gnanam

*The Management of the Regal
Theatre, Jaffna has kindly con-
sented to give the Building
Fund of St. Patrick's College
two benefit shows on Saturday
the 10th inst. at 9 a.m. and
3 p.m. respectively. The at-
traction Gnana Soundari pos-
sesses is too well known to boom
the quality of the picture.*

*The 9 a.m. show has been ex-
clusively booked by the present
boys of the College. Old boys,
parents, well-wishers and friends
of the College are requested to
patronize the 3 p.m. show.*

LOCAL & GENERAL

70,000 Flock to Madhu Church.

Nearly 70,000 pilgrims were present
at the Sylvan Shrine of Our Lady of
Madhu for the feast this year. The
Rev. Fr. A. Huctin, former Adminis-
trator of Madhu and one who has been
associated with the church for over 25
years, says that never had such a crowd
gathered at the shrine.

The arrangements made by the Rev.
Fr. J. Brohan, Administrator of Madhu,
for the spiritual and temporal needs of
the people were good. Mr. R. L.
Arnold, the A. G. A., Mannar, was at
the camp to see to the convenience of
the pilgrims. Mr. P. Malalgoda, Magis-
trate of Mannar, with an Assistant
Superintendent of Police and a number
of constables were at the camp to main-
tain law and order. The sanitary
arrangements were good.

On July 2, the day of the feast, the
Rt. Rev. Dr. J. A. Guyomar, Bishop of
Jaffna, sang Pontifical High Mass,
assisted by a number of priests. The
miraculous statue of Our Lady was
taken in procession after Mass.

Sri Lanka for Mary.—The first
Marion Congress in Ceylon commences
today and concludes on Sunday. All
Catholic Ceylon will be there in person
or in spirit to honour our Blessed Lady.
Of late, devotion to Mary has taken
very practical and permanent forms.
The late Archbishop Masson, O.M.I.,

placed Sri Lanka under the protection of Mary during the War and as an Act of Thanksgiving to her decided to erect a votive Basilica, dedicated to Our Lady of Sri Lanka at Tawatte. His Lordship the Bishop of Jaffna inaugurated the Grand Retour of Our Lady of Madhu in his Diocese and glorified the Divine Mother in every nook and corner of the Jaffna Diocese. And today His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo sings a paean of praise by opening the Marian Congress at St. Joseph's College. These are events that will live in the memory of all Ceylonese as landmarks in a century of self-denying service rendered to Sri Lanka by the sons of de Maenod.

Welcome.—We extend a hearty welcome to a new venture in Catholic journalism. The BEACON is to be the monthly periodical of the Trincomalee diocese.

To its active editor, Fr. Tambimuttu and his collaborators we offer our sincerest best wishes. Within a short time we predict that the BEACON will be a weekly. There is the need, there is the ability and there is every reason to be assured of success.

Air Ceylon Planes to Fly to India Daily.—Air Ceylon will operate a daily service to India from Tuesday July 27.

At present Air Ceylon runs a Colombo-Madras service four days a week. This will be increased to five trips a week from Sunday 11, the additional trip being done on Sundays. The service on Saturdays will be operated direct between Colombo and Madras without a halt at Kankasanturai the plane leaving Ratmalana at 8 a.m. On Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, the service to Madras and back will be via Kankasanturai.

From Tuesday July 27, there will be a regular service to Trichinopoly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the plane leaving Ratmalana at 9 a.m.

Memorandum of the North-Ceylon Tamil Teachers' Association.—During the recent visit of the Minister for Education to Jaffna, the President and Secretary of the North-Ceylon Tamil Teachers' Association submitted a Memorandum to him in which they raised the following points:

1. The appointment of a Committee on the lines of the Burnham Committee to deal with the professional rights and emoluments of teachers.
2. A Pension Scheme for Widows and Orphans.
3. The separation of the Primary Departments attached to English Schools.
4. The medium of instruction in Post-primary Schools.
5. The Equipment Grant to Primary Schools.
6. Head Teachers in small schools.

Jaffnese to do Post Graduate Work at Columbia University.—

Mr. I. P. Thuraiatnam, Principal of Union College, Tellippalai, leaves for America shortly on the invitation of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. While in America he will do post-graduate work in education at the Columbia University. As President of the Jaffna Schools Sports Association, for many years Mr. Thuraiatnam distinguished himself as a thorough organizer and did everything to put Jaffna on the athletic map of Ceylon.

The Co-operative Chief's Plans.

—The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Mr. Edmund J. Cooray, has decided to tighten his grip on the finances of co-operative societies in the Island.

He has set up a special headquarters audit branch which will scrutinize minutely all transactions of co-operative officials and institute prompt legal proceedings against defaulters.

This branch will be supervised by an Assistant Registrar, assisted by field officers such as inspectors and sub-inspectors who have had experience in organizing stores.

Profit-Sharing for Workers.—

Sir John Kotelawala, Minister for Transport and Works, who has submitted a memorandum to the Cabinet explaining why private-owned bus companies should be converted into public companies, emphasises the need of workers receiving a share of the profits in addition to their wages. Such a

principle, he says, is in line with modern thinking and would also bring about better co-ordination and work.

Sir John, who studied the nationalization of transport systems in England while on his last visit to that country, is not in favour of the immediate nationalization of bus companies. He thinks it "neither practicable nor feasible" and says that "it is uneconomic to nationalize an industry until it has been developed to its fullest capacity."

A Rift in the Lute?—Between last Thursday and this there has been a resignation and come back in the Cabinet. Hon'ble Mr. C. Suntheralingham, Minister for Trade and Commerce resigned according to Parliamentary practice when a difference occurred between him and the Cabinet on the question of floor prices. As a result of an adjustment the Minister is back at his desk.

Crime Takes a Holiday.—For the first time in the history of Jaffna not a single plaint was filed by the police at the Jaffna Magistrate's Court on June 30.

It was also the last day on which Mr. Fred E. Alles, the Jaffna Magistrate, presided at the Magistrate Court of Jaffna, before leaving for Badulla on transfer.

Mr. R. R. Nalliah, the senior member of the Bar, speaking on behalf of the members, stated that Mr. Alles had discharged his duties without fear or favour, treating all the practitioners with the same courtesy.

Mr. Alles thanked the members of the Bar for their kind co-operation and the staff of the Court, who had assisted him greatly in the speedy administration of justice.

Eleven to Win Back France.—The first eleven members of the new Congregation of Missionaries of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus—founded by 75-year-old Mgr. Martin to help re-Christianize France—took their vows in the centuries-old Abbey of Bassac, in the Charente district, which, after lying derelict for 160 years, is to be the congregation's mother-house.

Mgr. Martin has founded two other congregations—the Missionaries of the Plain (in the Luçon diocese) and the Oblates of St. Teresa (at Lisleux).

£5,000,000 Damage in Half-hour Storm.—Thirty one people were killed and at least 90 injured when a cloudburst struck Shanghai on July 4. Press reports estimated that the damage caused by the half-hour storm totalled £5,000,000.

Many casualties were caused when the wind tore the roofs of two old wooden houses which collapsed killing all the inhabitants.

The Argentine cruiser, Argentina, that had come on a training visit, broke her moorings and drifted upstream before control was established. The cruiser was not damaged.

'Whisky can be made from Sawdust.'—Plentiful supplies of good whisky could be made cheaply from sawdust and oil refinery wastes, thus saving huge quantities of grain for food, according to Dr. Robert S. Arias, chemical engineering professor at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

'Alcohol identical in quantity with that obtained from grain can be made from non-edible raw materials,' he said, in an address to the American Chemical Society here.

'More than 10,000,000 tons of sawdust are now being wasted every year in the United States,' he said.

'Each ton could yield about 50 gallons of alcohol. This source alone would be enough to supply more than three times the conceivable demand for alcoholic drinks.'

'All these processes have been thoroughly tested, and customers would not be able to tell the difference.'

Hirohito Asked for Pope's Photo.—Emperor Hirohito of Japan who has asked the Holy Father for his photograph is to receive not only a portrait but a copy of the film "Pastor Angelicus."

His Holiness has ordered the immediate preparation of Japanese sub-titles for a copy of the film which illustrates his life and work.

Tito Tries Goebbels's Stunt.—Having failed to shake the Catholic

people's confidence in their Bishops and clergy by condemning them, at rigged trials, as wartime collaborators with the Nazis and Fascists, Yugoslavia's Communist Government is now preparing to stage a series of "immorality trials" of priests and religious.

The pattern is identical to the trials organised in Germany in 1934 and 1935 for the same purpose.

There is not the slightest doubt that these accusations are as baseless as those brought by Goebbels against Germany's clergy.

Moscow's Eyes on Asia.—The "Manchester Guardian" warned in a leading article on June 15th that if the Western Union and the Marshall Plan build a wall against Soviet advance in Europe, "the Russian machine may reverse in its tracks and move back towards Asia. Moscow may decide that it is foolish to risk destruction in gambling too high in the West, when in the East there is an empire for the taking. Moreover, it may think that paramountcy in Asia would lead in the long run to paramountcy from the Sea of Japan to the Atlantic."

Schismatic Bishop Reconciled.—Bishop Wladyslaw Faron, former leader of Poland's Old Catholics—a schismatic sect—has been reconciled to the Church after nearly 25 years. Two apostate priests were received back as well as almost all the sect's central committee.

Aga Khan to Give £100,000 to School.—The Aga Khan will give £100,000 to found a Muslim education institute at Mombasa, it was announced on June 10.

The British Government will contribute another £100,000 and the Kenya Government £50,000 towards the institute which is to provide higher education for the Arab community in East Africa, including Zanzibar, and for the Aga Khan's own Indian followers.

Feast of the Church of the Holy Martyrs

The Annual Feast of the Church of the Holy Martyrs, Mannar will be celebrated as usual by the Bharatha community on the 12th inst. There will be Vespers on Saturday, and on Sunday morning a High Mass will be sung followed by a Procession and alms giving.

We request all the Bharatha community of the Mannar District and other Catholics to pray for the Beatification of the Martyrs of Mannar who laid down their lives for the Faith.

S. SINGARAYER, O.M.I., Parish Priest.

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I. V. FERDINANDUSZ,
Hony. Secretary,
Literature Committee,
Colombo Catholic Diocesan Union.
Colombo, 29-6-48.

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CEYLON GOVERNMENT RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Chairman, Way & Works Head Office Tender Board, will receive, at the Chief Engineer's Office, C.G.R., Macallum Road, Maradana, tenders up to 12 noon on Friday, August 6, 1948, for the construction of Ten Sets of Workmen's Dwellings on Railway land at Anuradhapura.

For further particulars please see Government Gazette of Friday, 9th July, 1948.

Sgd. W. A. SHAW,
Chief Engineer, C.G.R.,
Way & Works Office,
C.G.R., P.O. Box No. 370,
Colombo.

CEYLON GOVERNMENT RAILWAY NOTICE

The Railway Level Crossing at 173 miles 22 chains, Talaimannar Line, between Madhu Road and Murunkan Railway Stations, on the Mannar-Madawachchi Road, will be closed for vehicular traffic from 7 a.m. on 17-7-48 till 4 p.m. on 18-7-48 for effecting repairs.

During this period urgent traffic will be deviated over a temporary level crossing at the spot.

M. KANAGASABAY,
Ag. General Manager,
P.O. Box No. 355,
Colombo, June 24, 1948.

Tenders Notice for Sale of Land at Karaiyoor, Jaffna

By permission granted in case No. 388 Guardianship of the District Court of Jaffna, on the 23rd day of June 1948, offers are invited for the purchase of the undermentioned property belonging to the minors namely Kurunathar Thirunavukkarasu and Saraswathy daughter of Kurunathar both of Karaiyoor, Jaffna.

Sealed tenders stating offers for the said land which is fully described in the schedule have to reach the Secretary of the District Court of Jaffna or the Proctor for the Curator in the said case No. 388 Guardianship of the District Court of Jaffna namely Mr. Suppappillai Rasiyah of Koddady, Vannarponnai West Jaffna within twenty one days from the date of publication of this Notice.

The Court reserves to itself the right to reject any tender.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

An undivided 2/3rd share of all that piece of land situated at Karaiyoor in Chundikuly, Jaffna called "Chempapuliady-Vayal" in extent 3½ lms. P.C. with house and cultivated plantations and bounded on the north by Road east by the property of Naganathar Arumugam Joseph and the heirs of Manavetpillai Chelliah south by the heirs of the late Henry Patrick Arasanilai and on the west by the property of Dominic Rasamman wife of Jesuthasan.

S. RASIAH,
Proctor for Guardian and Curator
in case No. 388 Guardianship,
District Court, Jaffna.
Koddady, Vannarponnai West,
Jaffna 2nd July, 1948.

The Baron Bought a Monastery and Made a Friend

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religious persecution was threatening in France shortly after the Franco-Prussian war.

Would Boxhall sell it to monks? Rather than risk refusal, it was thought wise to introduce the would-be purchasers in lay dress, and to tell Boxhall that the De Nicolai, presented to him as an aristocrat from Russia, which he indeed was, was willing to close the deal.

SECRECY—AND SEQUEL

When preliminary negotiations had been completed, there came the day of signing. Secrecy was no longer necessary. De Nicolai, only a Junior-Professed monk at the time, kept on his fur-lined cloak, and wrote "Grande Chartreuse" as his address.

Boxhall: "So you live near the Grande Chartreuse?"

De Nicolai: "No at the Grande Chartreuse itself."

Boxhall: "But that is a monastery, is it not?"

De Nicolai: "Yes, certainly."

Boxhall: "But...are you a monk?"

De Nicolai: "I am."

Boxhall began to laugh, and both became great friends. Boxhall's daughter later became a Benedictine nun.

The building of the great monastery (it has two sets of cloisters) began shortly after, hundreds of English, French, German and Belgian workers being employed.

Ceaseless prayer, in silence and solitude began officially in 1883, when the workers had at last completed their job. "The day the last prayer is said here will be a sad day for England," the Carthusian Father told me.

Monks sing office in common in the middle of the night, live in separate cells, and go out together for a long weekly walk in the neighbouring countryside, wearing their white habits.

Uninterrupted supplication on the part of the Englishmen among them has the conversion of England for its aim. Asked what he would himself do to bring about the conversion so much desired, my Carthusian Father said: "I would start with myself...and that alone would be a full time job."

"There is a French saying attributed to Elizabeth Leseur: *qui s'élève élève le monde*—who raises himself raises the world; and it is true."—*Catholic Herald*.

Law Society of Ceylon

The June Meeting of the Council of the Law Society of Ceylon was held on Saturday June 19, 1948 at 11 a.m. at the District Court, Colombo, the President, Mr. S.J.C. Kadigamar, presiding.

Others present were: Vice-Presidents: Messrs. E. M. Karunaratne (Galle), Louis V. B. de Jacolyn (Avisawella) and members from Kalutara, Galle, Chilaw, Nuwara Eliya, Balapitiya, Kurunegalle, Gampaha, Gampola, Jaffna and Colombo.

Among the business transacted were the following:—

(1) The bearing frequent transfers of Judges and Magistrates has on "law's delays." The Council was of opinion that frequent transfers of Judges and Magistrates contributed their quota to "law's delays." It was decided to address the Judicial Service Commission on the subject.

(2) The giving of assistance to the Training School After-Care Association in the supervision of ex-inmates of the Youthful Offenders Training School. In response to a request from the authorities of the Training School the Council agreed to give assistance.

(3) Proposals of the President for the purchase of headquarters were considered and he was authorised to take necessary steps.

(4) The long delay in the shifting of the Colombo Land Registry from Rajagiriya to Colombo, preferably near the Courts. The Minister of Home Affairs has been addressed on the subject.

(5) Benevolent Fund: The Council voted a sum of Rs. 1,000 to the President's Benevolent Fund for the relief of members in distress.

(6) Mr. David E. Martensz and Senator Cyril de Zoysa were elected to the Council.

(7) The Secretary reported what action was being taken in professional matters.

(8) The Council ruled that all Proctors, including those who have not renewed practising licences were eligible for membership in the Society.

Difficulties of Missionaries in Yukon

The Yukon is attracting numerous prospectors to the gold and silver mines again just as it did in the "Gold Rush." This is especially true of the Klondike region along the Yukon River where mines are becoming more numerous every day. At Dawson eleven dredges—among these one of the largest in all Canada—are working without any let-up. At Mayo old mines are being re-worked and in the neighbourhood of Fort Selkirk toward Carmack important deposits have been discovered. Some 2,000 Whites are digging here in search of precious minerals. There are many Whites working along the Alaskan Highway in many capacities. The road is no less than 1,600 miles long. Though it is not yet completely open to traffic, plans are being discussed for building hotels, restaurants, garages and service stations every twenty-five miles. This project if it is to be realized will require many workers in addition to those already engaged. Recently there have been some additions to the population. Several hundred of White trappers and several thousands of Indians complete the population picture of the Yukon. The population runs to about 11,000 with about 3,000 Catholics. In this territory there are twenty missionary priests, all Oblates of Mary. Ten years ago there were only two or three. The priests of the mission are assisted in their apostolate to day by four Brothers and ten Sisters. The mission is not an easy one. Climate, difficult modes of travel and very poor means of communication, make life quite rugged. The last, but not the least, inconvenience that missionaries must endure is the religious indifference of so many in their constantly moving and adventurous population. The missionaries nevertheless carry on their work. They visit the camps regularly, they go to the mine installations and also to the more isolated prospectors, most of the time on foot. One of the missionaries did not hesitate to work as a regular worker in the water and the mud putting in "points" that are used to thaw the frozen soil in order to make it workable. This soil is frozen too hard even in summer. Thanks to the contacts that he made in this way the missionary was able to remove prejudices on the part of many miners to missionaries and he was able to do some positive good. The seven schools of the mission, especially the one run by the Sisters of Providence at Whitehorse, are developing, and a new one, a boarding school, is being built for Indians at Teslin.—*Examiner*.

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Sale of Arrack Rents Jaffna District 1948-49

Sale of the exclusive privilege of selling Arrack in the arrack taverns of the Jaffna district for the year 1948-49 will be held at the Jaffna Kachcheri at 11 a.m. on Wednesday August 11, 1948.

Tenders should be on the prescribed form which may be obtained at a Kachcheri on production of a Tender receipt of Rs. 750 for each group of taverns. Further particulars appear in the Gazette of July 2, 1948.

P. J. HUDSON,
Government Agent, N.P.

The Kachcheri,
Jaffna, 28th June, 1948.

JAFFNA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE is hereby given under section 17 of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance, No. 53 of 1946, that the preparation of the Electoral Lists of the Jaffna Municipality has been completed. Copies of the Electoral Lists will be available for inspection, free of charge, during office hours at the office (pro-tem) of the above Municipal Council, viz. Urban Council Office, Jaffna.

2. Any person—

(a) who claims to be entitled to have his name entered in the Electoral Lists but whose name has not been so entered:

(b) who claims that his name has not been entered in the correct list and should be transferred to some other lists;

(c) who being a person whose name has been entered in the above lists, objects to the name of any other person appearing therein;

shall forward his claim or objection in writing to me within fourteen days of the publication of this notice.

P. J. HUDSON,
Election Officer,
Jaffna District.

The Kachcheri,
Jaffna, July 1, 1948.

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders under sealed cover will be received by the Assistant Government Agent, (Emergency) Jaffna up to 12 noon on Saturday, July 17, 1948 for constructing the following Agricultural Roads under Karachchi Irrigation Scheme:—

(a) Road via road reservations in lots Nos. 45 (E), 129 and 47 (I) in I.S.P.P. 5.

(b) Road via road reservations in lots Nos. 38 (L & M), 81, 81 A, and 81 (E) in I.S.P.P. 5 in R B 4 of D 3.

(c) Road via road reservations in lots Nos. 171, 172 etc. in I.S.P.P. No. 3.

2. Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the Kachcheri (Emergency), Jaffna and on distinctly separate forms for each of the roads (a), (b) and (c).

3. Tender forms will be issued up to 12 noon on Thursday, July 15, 1948, only on production of receipt for Rs. 25 deposited for each form at the Jaffna Kachcheri.

4. Further particulars can be had from the Kachcheri (Emergency), Jaffna.

E. J. RAJARATNAM,
A.G.A. (E), Jaffna.

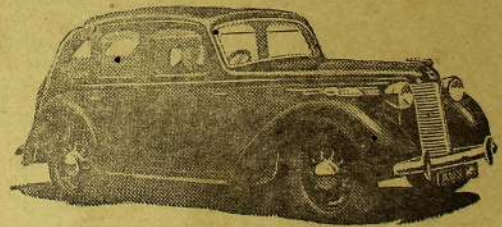
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