

**Rates of Subscription**  
*Eng. Guardian*  
 Yearly Rs. 6-50  
 Half Yearly Rs. 3-50  
*Eng. & Tamil Guardian*  
 Yearly Rs. 10-50  
 Half Yearly Rs. 5-50

# The Catholic Guardian

ESTABLISHED AS A FORTNIGHTLY, 1876; ISSUED AS A WEEKLY, 1878.

REGISTERED AS A NEWSPAPER IN CEYLON.

Telegrams: "GUARDIAN", JAFFNA.

Telephone: NO. 100.

"Nisi Dominus custodierit civitatem frustra vigilat qui eam custodit eam."

**Rates of Advertisement**  
*Family*  
 Announcements Rs. 5-00 per insertion  
 Order Nisi Rs. 5-00 per 2 insertions  
 Trade Advertisements on Application

Vol. 73, No. 22.

JAFFNA, THURSDAY JUNE 10, 1948.

PRICE: 10 CENTS.

## PRESS SUNDAY SPECIAL

### Tolle et lege-Take and Read

### Dangers of Our Day

This sentence meant the turning point in the life of a great soul.

It produced a great luminary in the Church of God—St. Augustine.

You will find the beautiful story narrated in moving words by the Saint himself at the end of the eighth book of the "Confessions."

Good reading has produced giants in wisdom as well as in holiness. You know the story of Ignatius Loyola; it was reading the lives of saints that changed the wounded Spanish Knight into a 'good soldier of Christ.'

It was the forceful impression made by one sentence—*Securus Iudical Orbis Terrarum*—that put Newman on the road to conversion.

Down the arches of the years good reading has played a great part in the production of great souls, has brought many to the feet of the Master.

Consider such conversions as those of Haliday Sutherland, Alfred Noyes, Vernon Johnson, Paul Claudel, Ronald Knox, John Stoddard, etc.

If a good book elevates, purifies souls, a bad book degrades, drags down man to the mire.

A lily, when fresh how beautiful it is. What lustre! What fragrance!! Wait till it fades—What an ugly colour! What a nauseating smell!! The Romans had a proverb, very expressive as most proverbs are: *Corruptio optimi pessima*—The best thing when corrupt becomes the worst. A good book is 'a thing of joy for ever'; a bad book is a fount of corruption.

How many souls lost, how many generations sent over the precipice by a bad book! The world still experiences the pessimism, the sense of frustration sown by Voltaire, Rousseau, Karl Marx, Nietzsche, Machiavelli.

Modern cities are full of unhealthy germs which gradually kill the body. Most modern presses and bookshops are full of subtle poison that kills the soul. You will find the venom stealthily infused in the publication of the yellow press, in cheap magazines, suggestive journals

and books. Virtue is derided as old-fashioned; vice is placed on a pedestal.

To be a vagabond is to be a hero; lying, deceit, fraud, baseness—these are considered "modern", "progressive". How many innocent souls are seduced, how many dragged down to the darkness of despair.

There is one bulwark to stem this tide of corruption; one light to dispel this darkness—The Catholic Press. It is an Apostolate, this work of the Press. It is an armour of offence and defence, "Arma Veritatis". Are you loyal to the Catholic Press? Do you support this modern form of apostolate?

We are Christians and therefore also apostles. The two are inseparable as Fr. Plus says: "To be Christ is to be a Christian; to radiate Christ is the apostolate of the Christians."

"You are the light of the world; let your light shine before men", said the Divine Master.

Ours is a missionary land, a land still in darkness.

We owe it to God and to our country to leave it at the hour of death a little more Catholic, a little more lightsome—let your light shine in the darkness.

A light shines in the night; it leads amid the encircling gloom. The brighter the light, the more brilliant the flame, the farther it will shine, the greater the amount of good it can do. Let us not be dying lamps but burning lights in the Church of God. A great means at our disposal to achieve this end is the reading of Catholic literature, the constant company of chosen books. Read, study the Holy Gospels; you will become acquainted with the books, the words, the gestures of the most perfect man that ever trod this earth.

When in trouble or anxiety, when the trifles of this world seem to weigh your soul down, read a page or two of the Epistles of St. Paul. There is no better antidote for discouragement than the brazen voice of this athlete of Christ summoning you to struggles fresh and conquests new for the love of Him who lived and died for us.

REV. FR. S. NICHOLAPILLAI.

Under the above caption we have had a series of discourses delivered by one of the most brilliant preachers England has ever had. Unequaled for their wit, wisdom and eloquence, these discourses launch a vehement attack on the most pressing evils of the times. Were Father Vaughan living today, he would employ his eloquence to decry in unmistakable terms the dangers arising from tendencies in modern English literature.

The Second World War has let loose on society a cataclysm that was precipitated by the 'isms' that sprang up after the first. They cropped up like mushrooms in winter, but continue to exist with all the freshness and vigour of spring-tide.

#### ROSARY CRUSADE AGAINST COMMUNISM

The danger of Communism is the greatest that today threatens the Church, the world, your own home.

The danger is very close. Darkness is sweeping across Europe, getting now so near that its shadow is already over Britain.

Will you, the person now reading this—priest, workman, scholar, schoolboy, housewife—act now?

The "Universe" invites its readers to join in a campaign to Our Lady of Fatima—who made a specific plea for prayers for Russia—to do three things.

See Page 8 for details

We have been entertained to a spate of political theories and social principles which have succeeded in setting nation against nation. The U.S.S.R. is a stark example of euphemism. Under cover of restoring his rights to the poor labourer and of placing society on a more equitable foundation, the Bolsheviks engendered class-war and class-hatred. Social inequalities underwent a strange metamorphosis. Capitalism was attacked as vile and unjust; in its place there arose the spectre of Communism, a remedy that was infinitely worse than the disease. Religion was thrown overboard and Communism spread like wild-fire all over the West. In countries like Mexico, China and Yugoslavia,

Communism seems to have come to stay. It has bred civil war and dissensions wherever its virus has seeped through. The propaganda has been most sagaciously carried through by an output of literature calculated to rouse the masses and to hold them in thrall. Leninism, Trotskyism, Marxism and Stalinism—these are modes of thought that have infected society and social ethics. Fascism came in its train with Mussolini its great protagonist. Even England found an Oswald Mosley to sponsor this evil. Hitler's *Mein Kampf* put the coping stone on the efforts made by this coterie of dictators who passed for reformers and leaders of modern thought. Sad to say, this influence has filtered through to this little island of ours and has even crept into the sanctuary of the school students who in normal school-life struggle with the elements of grammar and idiom, students who cannot string out one coherent English sentence, are found to grow excessively eloquent over the glories of Communism and the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. Such is the harm engendered by modern political literature.

This picture, however brief, would be incomplete without a reference to another tendency that has found expression in a type of literature that passes muster in universities and halls of learning. The study of psychology which should normally clarify our notions of mental processes has been tainted by the morbid emphasis placed on the working of the sub-conscious intellect. True, the sub-conscious plays a very important part in an analysis of the processes that shape desire, will and thought. They have admittedly modified and influenced our reactions to our environment. But to immortalize sex and interpret every thought, word or deed as the inevitable outcome of the sub-conscious stream, would be a most facile assumption. Gone are the days when Scott and Dickens, Doyle and Thackeray, Addison and Steele stood for what was best in literature especially for the student-class. We see recommended to pupils of today the works of men of the stamp of James Joyce and D.H. Lawrence, to mention just two of a big gang.

(Continued on Page 8.)

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### The Family Rosary

Thirty-one years ago the Blessed Virgin appeared to three little children in Fatima, Portugal. Our Blessed Mother gave them an important message which she wanted all the world to know about. Mary told them to pray much to her and especially pray the Rosary. The Blessed Virgin promised these little children that she would protect and save the world if many people did this.

**Do you have the family Rosary in your home every evening?**

Perhaps you could ask your father, mother, brothers, and sisters to kneel down before going to bed and all say the Rosary together. Our Blessed Mother will surely keep her promise of special blessing and protection for your family.

Prayers said by persons in a group are very pleasing to Our Lord also. We know this is true because one time He said: "Where two or three are gathered for My sake there I am in the midst of them."

In saying the family Rosary then you are doing what is pleasing to Jesus and Mary. No other prayer could more surely bring God's blessings down upon your family.

## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

When Anthony of Padua died, the children cried in the streets.

"Our dear father, Anthony, is dead," they wept.

And all the bells of the churches rang of their own accord. Angels came to earth to ring the bells for the death of the saint.

Anthony wanted to be a martyr. He wanted to die for the love of Christ.

Instead, Our Lord asked him to work among the poor and needy.

So Anthony went about Italy working wonderful miracles for the people. He gave them miraculous food. He healed their sickness.

Whenever he spoke of Jesus, everyone listened and loved the Saviour, too.

One night the Divine Child came to visit Anthony. He kissed the saint gently and told him how much He loved him. You have often seen statues of St. Anthony with the Child in his arms.

Ever since his death, he has done wonderful things for those who pray to him. He is still the Franciscan Miracle-worker.

His feast is next Sunday, June 13.

## Catholics Among the Australian Team

Ray Lindwall, reputedly the world's fastest bowler, is one of the three Catholic members of the Australian players. The other two are Lindsay Hassett, who captained the Australian Services team, and Ernest Toshack, medium-paced left-hand bowler who is expected to do extremely well in English conditions.

The power and influence of the Catholic press are so great; even seemingly insignificant activity in its favour is of great importance.

—Pope Pius XI.

## New Saint Patron of Prisons

The Holy Father has nominated St. John Cafasso—canonised last September—to be the patron saint of all Italian prisons.

The saint, a law professor in Turin, dedicated his life to alleviating prisoners' hardships.

Prison warders and chaplains presented a petition to the Holy Father last November through the S. Congregation of Rites asking for the nomination.

## Books Indecent and Otherwise

"Be on your guard against false prophets, men who come to you in sheep's clothing but are ravenous wolves within." *Matth. VII, 5.*

The above warning of Our Blessed Lord has a special force in our days, when men, because they know how to hold a pen, come forward to us in sheep's clothing to lead us astray by promises of liberty and happiness. These men offer us books, periodicals, magazines and newspapers which attack religion and morals. Thus we have in this world of ours a great mass of "indecent" literature.

I here take *Indecent literature*: "Indecent" in the etymological sense of the word. It comes from the two words "in" meaning "not", and "decent" meaning, "it is fitting, proper, correct, the right thing to do." Hence I take the word to mean that which is unbecoming a man to do, i.e., that which is not in accordance with man's essential nature.

### Indecent for all Men

A man considered in his entirety has a body, but he is not a mere animal, he has a soul, but he is not an angel. He has a series of essential relationships with his fellow men but he also has unbreakable relationships with God, his Creator. He has duties to the State since he has a social nature, but he has duties to himself which no State can touch. This in a nutshell is the essential nature of man. Hence all writings that attack the existence and the immortality of the soul, the existence and providence of God, man's individual rights, his obligations to God, to the State and to his fellow men etc. are "indecent" and therefore should be eschewed by all right thinking men who are conscious of their own dignity as men.

### Indecent for a Christian

This avoidance is only the beginning of Christian correctness of conduct. Man has been raised to a supernatural state. The Christian is born again to a new life. He has become a child of God. "Behold what manner of charity the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called and should be the sons of God." (I Jn. III. 5). The Christian in a word has become a partaker of the divine nature. Therefore any books that assail this new nature of man by denying Revelation, the Sacraments, and all the means that God has placed in his hand for his sanctification and salvation, are considered indecent for Christian to read.

### Spiritual Reading

What books then can a Christian read? Everything that befits the essential nature of man and a Christian. But if he is to keep his conduct under the guidance and control of motives of Faith, and to advance in perfection, the reading of spiritual books must be the substantial element in his daily intellectual nourishment.

The Gospel is the spiritual book par excellence. Every Christian family should possess a copy of it and read it frequently. But the life of Christian perfection as portrayed in the Gospel would appear to our weakness as something impossible to realize without the records of the lives of the Saints before us. Hence the reading of these lives should be a feature in the life of a Christian. In fine a few ascetical books should complete the spiritual library of a Christian.—(A.C.N.)

## 20,000 at Hollywood Rally

Some 20,000 Catholics of the Los Angeles diocese gathered in the open at the famous Hollywood Bowl to honour Our Lady of Fatima and pray for peace.

Motor cycle police escorted the Blessed Sacrament along the celebrated Sunset Boulevard.

Archbishop McIntyre of Los Angeles gave Pontifical Benediction in the arena.

# Holy Father and Palestine

An Encyclical Letter from the Holy Father calls on all the Bishops in the world to urge their people to pray for the cessation of the killings and the preservation of the Holy Places.

His Holiness says:

"Several indications seem today to show that the great community of peoples, after so much death and devastation caused by the long and terrible war, ardently turn towards the healthful paths of peace, and that people are now more ready to listen to those who, at the cost of much labour are attending to the work of reconstruction, who are trying to calm and compose discords, and who are preparing to resurrect from so much ruin a new order of prosperity, rather than to those who are still provoking mutual and harsh conflicts, hatreds and rancour, from which nothing but new destruction and misfortune can result.

"But, though we ourselves and Christian peoples have no small cause for consolation, there are events which bring great pre-occupation and anxiety to our fatherly soul.

"In fact although the war has ended almost everywhere, the desired peace has not yet calmed hearts and minds because, one can still see the sky darkened by threatening clouds.

### APPEAL TO GOD

"We, for our part, do not cease to do our utmost to avert from the human family the danger of more threatening calamities and, when human means show themselves insufficient, we address ourselves in supplication to God.

### PRAY FOR PEACE AMONG ALL MEN

"We exhort, at the same time, all our sons in Christ scattered in every country of the earth, to unite with us in asking Divine aid.

"For this reason, as in the past years, it has been a comfort to us to address our exhortation to all, and especially to the children whom we love so much, so that they may gather in great numbers around the altar of the great Mother of God to implore the end of deadly war.

"Thus, through this letter we ardently invite them not to cease such pious habits and to add to their prayers resolves to renew Christian lives and works of fruitful penitence.

"Above all, they should give to the Virgin Mother of God and our benign Mother most lively thanks for having obtained through her powerful intercession the end of the great world conflagration and for the many other benefits requested by us from on high.

"At the same time, the children should beseech her, with renewed prayers, that there should shine down as a gift from Heaven reciprocal, brotherly and full peace among men, and harmony among all social classes.

"Quarrels which do not profit anyone should stop. Contests which are often seeds of new misfortune should be settled with justice. Public and private relations among nations should increase and consolidate. Religion, the promoter of every virtue, should receive the liberty which is her due, and peaceful and humane work inspired by justice and the divine bread of charity should produce for the good of all the most abundant fruits.

"Do all you can to this end with your apostolic zeal so that the public prayers raised to Heaven will correspond to a revival of Christian life.....

### HOLY PLACES

"But there is at this moment another spectacle which afflicts and saddens our hearts exceedingly.

"We refer to the Holy Places in Palestine, which for a long time have been disturbed by sad events and which are almost every day devastated by new killings and new destruction.

"Yet, if there is a region in the world which should be particularly dear to every civilised mind, this certainly should be Palestine, from where, since the obscure origins of history, have

sprung for all humanity so much of the light of truth, from where the word of God Incarnate and peace to men of good will were announced by choirs of angels, and where finally, Jesus Christ, suspended on the tree of the Cross, brought salvation to all mankind and opening His arms as an invitation to all men to join in a brotherly embrace, consecrated with the spilling of His blood the great precept of truth.

"We wish, therefore, Venerable Brothers, that your prayers should have the special purpose of asking from the Blessed Virgin that the situation in Palestine should finally be restored according to equity, and that peace and harmony should happily triumph there.

"We have great faith in the powerful patronage of our Heavenly Mother, a patronage that innocent children especially will ask from her in a holy crusade of prayers.

"And it is precisely our task to invite and urge them to this with every solicitude and not only the children but also their fathers and mothers, who in this matter should, in great numbers, set them an example.

### NEVER VAIN PLEA

"We know well that we have never appealed in vain to the ardent zeal which inflames you and for this we can almost see already great multitudes of children and of men and women crowding the sacred temples to ask the great Mother of God all the graces and favours which we need.

### A VERY GREAT POPE...

Major-General Sir Edward Spears wrote in an article in the "Daily Mail" two days before the Italian Elections:

"If this momentous battle which so deeply affects the future of our own country is won it will be mainly due to the stand taken by the Roman Catholic Church under the leadership of a very great Pope.

"I am myself a Protestant, but when last week I had the honour of an audience with him I felt deeply the impact of the selfless, ethereal and saintly personality, as simple as a child yet with the unshakable faith of a martyr.

"The impression he gave was of an immense moral force mobilising a vast though invisible army on the side of freedom."

"May she, who gave us Jesus, grant that all who have gone astray from the right path may return to Him, moved by healthful repentance. May she, who is our most benevolent mother and who, in every danger has always shown herself to be our most ardent helper and mediatrix of grace, grant that a just solution be found to the conflict and that a secure and permanent peace of freedom shine for the Church and for all nations.

"A few years ago, as everyone will remember, while the last world war still raged, we, seeing that all human means proved themselves uncertain and insufficient to extinguish that immense conflagration, addressed our fervent prayers to the most Merciful Redeemer, through the powerful patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### DEDICATION

"And so our predecessor of immortal memory, Leo XIII, at the beginning of the twentieth century, wished to dedicate mankind to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, so we, similarly acting for the human family redeemed by God, wished to consecrate mankind to the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mary.

"We desire that, whenever the opportunity arise, the dedication should be made in the dioceses as well as in every parish church and in the families, and we are confident that from this private and public dedication will spring abundant benefits and heavenly favours."

## The Life of Rev. Sr. Alphonsa

2

"A saint of our own, a daughter or son of the soil", in this language we Catholics of the East, give vent to our sense of frustration in not possessing our own officially recognised saint. The Church in India and Ceylon is not lacking that sanctity in a remarkable degree, as we will see in the life of Sr. Alphonsa.

The daughter of Joseph and Mariammal, little Anna, for this was her baptismal name, was the last in a family of four children. The parents were well-known for their solid and traditional piety. Her grandfather's brother is still a Priest at Katamalur near Kottayam and her first cousin, a son of her aunt who brought her up is also a Priest whom I had the privilege of meeting during my pilgrimage. The shadow of the Cross early fell upon little Anna, for soon after her birth she was deprived of her saintly mother. Her father who is still living, a devout man, full of faith was concerned for the future of his little daughter, whom he entrusted to the care of his sister-in-law, who showed herself a true mother to the little child.

Anna showed from her childhood extraordinary piety and love for religion. She would busy herself with study and prayer, while her companions used to play. She fasted when she was not noticed and received Holy Communion every Friday and Saturday and on the feasts of great Saints. Although her aunt dressed her up in silk and decked her in jewellery, she preferred to dress plainly and in white. Her happy moments consisted in conversing with her companions about God and holy things. She used to be called a religious among her young companions. She began her studies at Arupukarai and for her higher studies she was sent to the Carmelite Convent at Muttacherai.

She was greatly influenced by the reading of the life of St. Therese of Lisieux and she wished to imitate the saint as much as possible. One night the Little Flower appeared to her in a vision and asked her to join a religious order. She consecrated her virginity to God and resolved to join a convent. Anna responded to the teaching of the Little Flower, and as years passed realized more and more in all its significance the doctrine of love and sacrifice, which has destined to transform her into a living flame of love, and a victim for Jesus.

When she attained the age of fourteen she was considered the most beautiful girl of the village. Several marriage proposals were made and the relations had fixed up a marriage for her. Hearing of this, and attributing this early proposal of marriage to her beauty, she began to pray that God may allow her to be afflicted with some disease that would disfigure her. After a whole night spent in prayer before the picture of the Sacred Heart, in the early hours of the morning she felt impelled to go to the garden be-

## The New Testament of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Newly translated from the  
Vulgate Latin by the  
Rt. Rev. Mgr. Ronald A. KNOX

The publication of this work is an event of outstanding importance in the religious history of the English-speaking world and in the literary history of the English tongue.

There have been other attempts to provide a version of the New Testament in modern English, but they have not been, as this is, the work of a translator who is himself a practised literary artist as well as a fine scriptural scholar.

Mgr. Knox has explained that his purpose has been "to secure, as far as possible, that the reader of 2150, if my version is still obtainable then, shall not find it hopelessly dated."

He has certainly succeeded in producing an English text free from archaism and obscurity. Many of its readers will feel as if they were making the acquaintance of the New Testament for the first time. Yet there is never any loss of dignity; even so famous a passage as the thirteenth chapter of the First Epistle of the Blessed Apostle Paul to the Corinthians has escaped injury in the process of being modernised.

See Page 6 for text

Published by Burns Oates & Washbourne Ltd.—Rs. 4/50 from all Press Sunday workers.

### The Lanka Ayurvedic Medical and Siddha Institute, Jaffna

#### Examination Results, 1948

The North-Ceylon Board of Indigenous Medicine, has declared the following students (arranged in order of merit) to have passed in the Annual Examinations held in March, 1948.

#### FINAL YEAR (D.A.M.)

- |                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. A. Thirunavukarasu | II Division  |
| 2. K. Kumarasamy      | do           |
| 3. P. Sripathy Sarma  | III Division |
| 4. K. Murugesu        | do           |
| 5. N. Navaneethamayam | do           |
| 6. K. Thambapillai    | do           |

#### THIRD YEAR.

Nil

#### SECOND YEAR.

- |                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Philips           | II Division  |
| 2. K. Pararajasingam | do           |
| 3. A. Nalliah        | III Division |
| 4. R. Abraham        | do           |

#### FIRST YEAR.

- |                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. N. Ratnasabapathy  | II Division  |
| 2. V. Sivapragasam    | III Division |
| 3. V. Muthukumarasamy | do           |
| 4. S. Velum Mylum     | do           |
| 5. G. George          | do           |
| 6. V. Chelliah        | do           |

REGISTRAR.

fore the others awoke. There she found some smouldering rubbish and put one foot gently on the fire. She suddenly slipped and fell into the fire and could not get out although she tried to do so, till her long hair also caught fire. Her cries brought her aunt and a crowd to the spot. Her legs had so swollen up and burnt that a goldsmith had to cut the anklets she was wearing on her feet. In spite of the best medical treatment she suffered for about nine months from the burns. They emanated such a noxious smell that even passers by on the road would get the stench. The marriage proposal fell through and her prayer was answered.

(To be Continued)

C.W.M.—SERIES.

## S.P.C. O.B.A. (Jaffna Branch) Farewell Dinner to Mr. F. A. Sandrasagra

At a Committee Meeting held on 5-6-48 it was decided to have a Farewell Dinner in honour of Mr. F. A. Sandrasagra, Asst. Registrar of Co-operative Societies and one of the Vice-Presidents of the O. B. A. (Jaffna Branch) prior to his transfer to Colombo.

The Dinner will take place on Saturday, June 26th. at 8 p. m. in the College Hall.

All Old Boys who wish to participate in this Dinner, kindly send in your names and the Dinner Subscription of Rs. 5/- before the 20th inst. to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Alexander, 4th Cross Street, Jaffna.

S. F. Santiapillai,  
Hon. Secretary.

### FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF

- The New Testament—Translated by Mgr. Ronald Knox
- The Imitation of Christ—Thomas a Kempis
- The Secret of the Cure D'Ar's—Henri Gheon
- The Public Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ (2 vols)—Goodier
- The Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ—Goodier
- The True Vine & Its Branches—Leen
- In the Likeness of Christ—Leen
- What Are Saints—Martindale
- Radio Replies—Rumble
- The Question Box—Conway
- Action This Day—Spellman
- Calvary and the Mass—Sheen
- The Seven Virtues—Sheen
- The Cross and the Crisis—Sheen
- St. Teresa—An Autobiography
- The Song of Bernadette—Franz Werfel

## WEDDING

### ALAGARATNAM—S. NATURALAI

The marriage took place at the church of our Lady of Refuge, Jaffna, of Mr. Lawrence Alagaratnam (Dept. of Food supplies) son of Mr. & Mrs. S. A. Alagaratnam of Jaffna and Miss Cyrida Winifred Poomany Sinnaturai, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. S. Sinnaturai of Jaffna, on Wednesday, 2nd June, 1948.

The bride was given away by her father and was attended by Miss Teresa Angelina Alagaratnam and Miss Teresa Sinnaturai as bridesmaids. Little Jasmine Jayasingham acted as flower girl. The bridegroom had Mr. Paul Joseph Sinnaturai as bestman while the groomsmen was Mr. Antony Bastiampillai.

Rev. Father Stephen Vandekoen, O. M. I., officiated and said the nuptial mass. The signing of the register was witnessed by Mr. Regis Rajakariar, Advocate and Mr. M. Lawrence, Veterinary Surgeon, North Central Province.

The bride's parents held a reception at No. 55, 4th Cross Street Jaffna. Mr. A. R. Suppramaniam, retired District Judge, proposed the toast of the new couple to which the bridegroom replied.

The bride carried a bouquet of madonnas and the bridesmaids, pink carnations.

### The Praises of Mary

Mary is the first of creatures, the most acceptable child of God, the nearest and dearest to Him.—(Newman).

"Behold the Handmaid of the Lord"—This was the motto of Mary's life, the recurring refrain of Marian music.—(Feckes).

The same reasons which required the presence of Mary on Calvary prove also the necessity for her assistance at our passing away, since we are destined to enjoy the fruit of Redemption among the elect.—(Lepicier).

The Blessed Virgin was not raised up by God for mere service but for association and co-operation.—(St. Albert the Great).

## UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE OF THE JAFFNA CATHOLIC DIOCESAN UNION

### VERY REV. FR. J. BOEKENFOEHR, O. M. I.

(Asst. General of the Congregation  
of Mary Immaculate)

will deliver a lecture on

## The Work

of the

## Oblate Fathers

at 5-30 p. m. on Sunday, June 13

in the ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE HALL

HIS LORDSHIP

DR. J. A. GUYOMAR, O. M. I.

has kindly consented to preside

ALL ARE WELCOME

S. F. SANTIAPILLAI

Hon. Sec., Lit. Com.

**Feast of St. Francis Xavier  
Chilawatturai**

The Annual Festival of St. Francis Xavier at Chilawatturai will commence with Novenas on Thursday the 10th inst. and end with Solemn Mass and Procession on the 19th.

On the eve of the feast (18th) Corpus Christi celebrations will be observed.

There are special travelling arrangements for pilgrims between Murunkan and Chilawatturai.

PARISH PRIEST.

**In Memoriam**

S. T. Marks—In every loving and treasured memory of S. T. Marks. Died 13th June 1947.

"When least expected you wished goodbye,  
Your mission over you must go,  
In our memory you will always live,

Till in turn some day we die,  
Eternal rest be unto you,  
In heavenly bliss may you live."

(Inserted by wife and children)

13, Cathedral Street,  
Jaffna.

**Church Calendar**

JUNE 1948

- THURS. ...10 S. Margaret.
- FRI. ...11 S. Barnabas.
- SAT. ...12 S. John Sahagun.
- SUN. ...13 P.—S. Antony.
- MON. ...14 S. Basil.
- TUES. ...15 S. Germaine.
- WED. ...16 S. Francis Regis.
- THURS. ...17 S. Marcián.

**The Catholic Guardian**

JUNE 10TH 1948

**THE LATE**

**FR. S. ASIRVATHAM, O. M. I.**

On Saturday, the 5th inst., at 10 p. m. Rev. Fr. S. Asirvatham, O.M.I. died of enteric at the Civil Hospital, Jaffna. The funeral which took place the following evening was an impressive tribute to the memory of a man and a ministry that had meant so very much to the diocese and to the town of Jaffna.

Fr. Asirvatham was sixty-eight years of age at his death and had been a priest for 41 years. His ministry had taken him to practically every mission in the diocese; he had been in turn district superior of both Mannar and Valikamam and while parish priest of the Cathedral had been a member of the Bishop's Council.

Single-mindedness characterized the man and his work throughout. He gave himself wholeheartedly to any work his superiors entrusted to him; without fuss but with the completest self-dedication he was at the beck and call of his flock, able to deal with even the most intractable on account of the sympathy of which he was compact and on account of a frankness that could at the same time be calculated and disconcerting.

It cannot be said of many but it could be said of Father Asirvatham that he never wasted a moment. He was a diligent student especially of pastoral and ascetical theology, and the diocesan retreat he preached in

the late twenties was a revelation even to the clergy who might have thought they had realised his thoroughness. His unction they and all his different parishes took for granted.

He had preached either alone or with the late Father Gnana-prakasas, O.M.I. several missions: on such missions, his zeal, his eloquence and his grasp of both his matter and of the language, spoke straight to men's hearts and we say men's hearts advisedly as he was a man's man and the virile quality of his life, of his character and of his squaring of precept and practice told inevitably. In the confessional on such occasions as at Madhu he was quite prepared to spend the whole day and a good part of the night as well.

For the occasional sermon he was in constant demand. Few of those privileged to hear it can ever forget his sermon at the funeral of Bishop Brault. It was the tribute of one great heart to another.

Dying with harness on his back would have seemed the fitting end to his career. Such was not God's plan. In 1945 one of his legs had to be amputated and the rest of his life had to be spent in a wheeled-chair. By special indulgent he was allowed to say Mass daily in his room: the rest of the day he spent writing sermons or vetting those of younger brothers in the ministry, preaching, for he wheeled his chair to the Church, hearing confessions or catechezing or in that forceful controversial writing wherein he could be devastating.

In a very real sense then we may say that he *did* die with harness on his back and the diocese has lost another zealous missionary whose memory will long be treasured by his brother priests as a model, and an inspiration. To his Lordship the Bishop and to Fr. Asirvatham's relatives, especially to his brother, Chevalier S. Arulanantham, K.S.G., go our completest condolences.

May the soul of this faithful great-hearted servant of God rest in peace. For many his life and example made understandable the burning love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for sinners.



**OUR BISHOP CALLS FOR  
CATHOLIC ACTION ON  
PRESS SUNDAY**

9-6-48.

Dear Fathers,

Dearly beloved Brethren,

The Catholic Press is very active all over the world but in spite of its exertions we cannot say it reaches every Catholic home or every Catholic of readable age. And so the fact remains that a number of people are more or less uninfluenced by Catholic doctrine as current-

ly exposed in our newspapers, magazines and books. Such people, if living in indifferent surroundings, may gradually give up their faith or become a prey to common ideologies. For practical purposes they are a dead weight on the church.

For this sad state of affairs what is the remedy? The answer is: propaganda, organized propaganda by means of Catholic Actionists who visit the homes and introduce everywhere a Catholic Newspaper. In this way Catholics become alive to the teaching of the Church, are in contact with its life and follow her advance in her struggles in every land. There is no fear for their perseverance in the faith.

There is not enough reading of Catholic literature among our Catholic public and yet books of interest are not wanting in the Catalogues of our Catholic lending Libraries. If our aim is to train a strong Catholic body we shall not attain it until our Catholics are a well-informed and well-disciplined community.

Such thoughts naturally come to our minds when we think of Press Sunday and raise its importance in our eyes. We hope you will make them yours also and contribute by your efforts and your love of Catholic Action to make this Sunday a landmark in Catholic Jaffna.

Wishing you the real spirit of Catholic leaders,

I remain,

Yours devotedly in Christ

✠ J. A. Guyomar, O. M. I.,  
Bishop of Jaffna.

**MARY'S MISSION**

9-6-48.

Dear Reverend Fathers,

The recent Mission tour of Our Lady of Madhu round the Diocese has revealed that a deep devotion to Our Lady can manifest itself among the faithful if occasion arises. It seems to us that the flame thus raised should not be allowed to burn itself out but should be kept alive, by adopting the following practices:

1. Once a year in every parish or church to hold a night of devotions in honour of Our Lady according to the programme of the Grand Retour. A committee to which you should send your own suggestions has been formed to work out the details of the programme.
2. To encourage the practice of reciting the last decade of the Rosary with arms outstretched and offering it for the conversion of sinners.
3. To continue the Hail Mary Bank in our churches, schools, confraternities and institutions. The number of Hail Marys recited may be recorded and sent to Bishop's House for publication in the "Guardian."
4. To propagate pictures and medals of Our Lady of Madhu.

✠ J. A. Guyomar, O. M. I.,  
Bishop of Jaffna.

**The Death of Revd. Fr.  
S. Asirvatham, O. M. I.**

"Ah! must  
Designer Infinite!—  
Ah! must Thou char the wood,  
ere Thou canst limn with it?"

In the secluded little village of Atchuvally, there stands a modest little tomb in the Centre of the Cemetery with the following words inscribed in marble: "Sacred to the memory of B. Soosai-pillai and wife Mariapillai.....Father and Mother ever valiant.....they dwell in their home at Nazareth." The tomb stands over the grave in which the parents of the late Fr. Asirvatham lie buried. The words are eloquent of their noble life and high character.

Soosai-pillai (Joseph) was a stalwart among the men of his district, a virile Catholic, a man of stern independence, strong, fearless, tireless in the pursuit of his occupation, tilling his own farms, and calling no man his master. Mariapillai (Mary) had in her all the qualities of the valiant woman mentioned in the Scripture. "Mary" and "Joseph", did really model their little habitation after the holy one of Nazareth long ago. The Lord had not given them much of worldly wealth, but He had deigned to bless their union by giving them a son, who was afterwards destined to bear His "call", become one of his priests, and work in His vineyard in North Ceylon, as one of the most learned and Apostolic Oblates that laboured in that Mission.

Being blessed with a boy, possessed of striking qualities of mind and body and heart, his parents had to strain to the utmost all the slender resources at their disposal, to give him the much coveted education at St. Patrick's College Jaffna. And just as they had nearly exhausted their all, and were about to reap as they hoped, the full benefit of all their sacrifices, the voice of Jesus came to go with Asirvatham "come! Follow me", through the late Fr. GnanaPrakasas and the still living old and venerable catechist Santiapillai. All the golden hopes of his poor parents fell shattered to the dust. The proud father's ambitions heart rebelled for a time, and even the tenderest of tender mothers, she whose heart had always thrilled to hear the steps of her manly boy returning home from College, quailed for a time. But in the end, their virile Faith asserted itself. The Grace of God triumphed. They willingly and even cheerfully made the grand sacrifice; "for their eyes were opened", and young Asirvatham was allowed to enter St. Martin's Seminary. Deo Gratias! For what wealth more resplendent, than to have a son, a priest!

Father Asirvatham's career as a priest is worth recounting. But it is impossible to do any justice to it here. For, it belongs to the domain of biogeaphy. Yet, it may be asserted without the least qualification, that any priest and Missionary of God would be happy and contented, if he could possible produce the record of services, Fr. Asirvatham rendered to his Lord, as a shepherd of the flocks entrusted to his care.

He belonged to that magnificent phalanx of priests, trained and put into the field by the great Missionary Prelate, the Right Revd. Dr. Joulain of holy memory. Alas! That line is nearly dying now. Of them, yet a few are left to us—Learned Sebastian, and venerable Santiago, veteran Stanislaus, sweet Emmanuel, holy Hilary, prudent Xavier and a few others. By stature, by courage, by prudence, zeal, by the magnificence of his sacred eloquence, by the invincible influence he wielded by his holy life, by his great leaving and holy examples, Fr. Asirvatham stood among his brethren, like a light set upon a mountain.

A disciple of Fr. GnanaPrakasas of immortal memory, he was a prolific writer in Tamil on religious matters. There is not one among his brethren, who could write so fast, and so effectively, when the moment required it. As a controvertishist, he was peerless,

and was indeed dreaded by his opponents.

Mannar sealed his career as a Missionary priest. Ill and at death's door, he was saved for the ministry by the ministrations of Dr. Jameson at Manipay hospital. Talaimannar compelled him to utter his "Consummatus est". His leg was amputated. But even after that, he continued to work from his wheeled chair. A prolific writer, he spent the days of his enforced imprisonment, in pouring out his thoughts in writing.

Our Lord had determined to nail to His Holy Cross, the priest of His predilection. He was confined to his room for over two years, lame, sick and full of all kinds of ailments. Yet, no murmur of complaint escaped his lips. Always cheerful, and always seeking to do something for the glory of God, even in the midst of all his infirmities. His was indeed a vocation within a vocation—one given only to God's privileged ones.

And when the end came, how calmly and cheerfully he rendered his soul to God. The serenity and stillness, and calmness and the peace, that dwell in the Heart of Christ, appeared to have been communicated to His priest, at the solemn moment of death. To his brother, who was by his death-bed, he had said the day before, "Do not mourn for me. I am going Home. I am an Oblate, and do feel, that I am resting in the arms of my Immaculate Mother. What more do you want for me?"

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY PAMPHLETS AT REDUCED PRICES FOR PRESS SUNDAY**

With a view to popularizing the absorbingly interesting publications of the Australian CTS, we are offering a wide range of these at the special rate of 10 cts. per pamphlet.

Hundreds of titles to select from.....Prices below cost..... Buy one, read one.....After reading it please pass it on to your neighbour.

**PRESS SUNDAY**

The special work of Press Sunday forms essentially, part of the apostolate of Catholic action. The diffusion of Catholic Literature is not a private enterprise undertaken by a few individuals or by the Clergy, but it is an organized work undertaken by Catholic Actionists in co-operation with, and under the direction of the Bishop.

We form an integral part of the Church, and therefore cannot excuse ourselves from taking part in this branch of Catholic Action. The extension of the kingdom of God is equally our own concern. Let us on the occasion of this Press Sunday revive our enthusiasm for the grand apostolate of Catholic Action to be carried on through the diffusion of Catholic Literature.

Constant reading of the daily press and non-Catholic periodicals, soon has an injurious effect upon those of us, who are not thoroughly grounded in our Holy Faith. The prevailing spirit of religious indifferentism and superficial articles on religion and science, gradually weakens the faith of one not well instructed. He finds his religious beliefs openly slighted. Several pages are filled with accounts of crimes and with divorce proceedings.

Against the evil effects of the secular press, we have to be very

careful. We should read the Catholic view-point on topics of the day from our Catholic papers or magazines, which explain clearly Catholic principles. There is also a wave of anti-Catholic fanaticism sweeping over the country, which can be counteracted only by a strong Catholic Press.

Our Catholic papers must appeal for circulation not on any basis of charity, but on the merits of the papers themselves as attractive and well managed media.

Let us show earnest activity and make a resolution on this Press Sunday, to do all in our power to secure subscribers to our "Guardian" and "Messenger." By spreading Catholic Literature, we will help to spread our Holy Religion.

C.W.M. Series.

**Occasional Browsings.**

**Sex Education or "Psychic Rape"?**

It is strange that Ceylon should think of introducing the subject of sex education in schools at a time when other nations have realised to their cost that such education has miserably failed to bring about the desired results.

Outstanding educationists in Germany, France, the United States, New Zealand and Australia have been most outspoken in their opposition to the teaching of sex hygiene in the schools. Detailed instruction in sexual matters is inadequate to furnish the sanctions and checks necessary to educate children to purity, and it is morally harmful because it increases the flame of sensuality it is supposed to quench. The public discussion of sex details destroys modesty and shame, the two natural protectors of chastity. In this connection I may quote the words of Mr. R. Watson, a distinguished Australian educationist:—

"Reputable physicians and psychologists all agree that it is desirable that the child should be kept in ignorance of sex as long as possible. Dr. J. Elliot Ross in *Innocence and Ignorance* points out that of 5000 cases examined by Exner it is shown that the first enlightenment on sex knowledge varied from six to eighteen years, the sharpest rise in the graph being between twelve years and fourteen years. Therefore with group instruction we would have six-year infant adolescents in the same mental age grouping!—a situation which reveals an unpardonable ignorance of modern medical research."

"Experience in America of sex hygiene taught to segregated groups of either type was one of grave scandal in homo-sexual practices."

"Sound pedagogy demands positive idealism, not negative teaching. By reason of their training, doctors and nurses, when called upon to act the role of teacher, lay undue stress on the pathological aspects. The unsoundness of this is shown by the fact that medical books on sex in public libraries are not notoriously the most thumbed volumes as the result of being constantly pored over by perverses."

In America, many educators denounced the reckless type of sex instruction which some attempted to inject into the schools. For instance, Dean Shailer Matthews, of the University of Chicago, said: "It is a mistake to teach boys and girls to substitute physiology for the Decalogue," and G. Stanley Hall designated this form of sex enlightenment as a "psychic rape" of the young.

Many educators in America agree with Dr. Elizabeth Whitney, consultant in mental hygiene at Stanford University when she summed up her knowledge and experience as follows: "Twenty years ago there was a general movement towards sex education. Many of us had high hopes that it could solve many of the difficulties of marriage and relationships between men and women. In this it has signally failed."—by J. A. DE SILVA, *The Ceylon Catholic Messenger*, June 6, 1948.

**LOCAL & GENERAL**

**Jaffna Diocesan Union.**—A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Jaffna Diocesan Union will be held at the Catholic Club on Monday the 14th at 5 p. m.

**Jaffna saved Rs. 1,400,000 in six months.**—Muhandiram C. Thiagarajah, District Organizer of the Savings Movement in Jaffna, announced that the total investments of the district from October 1, 1947, to March 31, 1948, amounted to Rs. 1,452,195-75, the target being Rs. 2,000,000, at a meeting of Chairman and Secretaries of Savings Committees and V. C. Chairman held at the V. C. Hall, Manipay. Mr. P. J. Hudson, Government Agent, presided.

It was decided to hold a Savings Week for Jaffna District during the week ending August 15.

Mr. C. Suriyakumaran, Assistant Commissioner of Local Government, offered his whole-hearted co-operation.

**Personal.**—Mr. Sam. J. C. Kadrigamar, J. P., has been re-appointed a member of the Tribunal of Appeal under the Motor Car Ordinance.

**The Kayts and Matale Election Petitions.**—The Kayts election petition will be taken up for inquiry on August 23 and the Matale election petition on September 20.

Mr. Justice Basnayake says that owing to lack of staff it would be difficult to hear two election petitions at the same time.

**Mr. M. Corea leaves Rs. 5,000 to the Seminary.**—Mr. Manuel Corea, of Barber Street, Colombo, who died on October 8, 1947, has bequeathed Rs. 5,000 to the Bishop of Tuticorin, South India, to be utilised for the maintenance and education of seminarians.

**Dakota encounters 'dirty weather'**—An air Ceylon Dakota on a special charter flight to Australia was an hour and a half overdue when it landed at the military air-field on Singapore Island at dusk on June 1st from Ceylon with only half an hour's fuel in the tanks.

The pilot, Mr. S. J. P. Fernando, said they had encountered "dirty weather" and had difficulty in finding Singapore.

The Dakota, carrying 17 naval personnel, was on its way to Sydney to collect a trawler purchased by the Ceylon Government.

**Animal sacrifice opposed.**—The killing of goats in Hindu temples was condemned and a resolution requesting the Government to prohibit it by legislation was passed at a meeting of the Manipay Village Committee, presided over by Muhandiram C. Thiagarajah, Chairman.

**Remedy for Plague.**—Two internationally known plague experts from India disclosed on May 12th that two Sulpha drugs and Streptomycin had proved effective in treating human bubonic plague victims.

In a paper before the Fourth International Congress on Tropical Medicine, Doctors S. S. Sokhey and P. M. Wagle, of the Haffkine Institute, Bombay, said the death rate in recent tests had been reduced to 3.3 persons per 100 patients when Streptomycin was used. Sulphadiazine showed a death rate of only 4.2 and Sulphamerazine a death rate of 9.5. Approximately 2,000 delegates from more than 40 nations are attending the Congress in Washington.

**Mass for Tiso.**—High Mass for Mgr. Tiso, former President of Slovakia, was offered in St. Peter's, Rome, on the first anniversary of his execution as a "war criminal." Present was Dr. Karel Sidor, former Czech Minister to the Holy See, who was sentenced by a Czech court last October to 20 years' imprisonment.

**Queen Mary Celebrates her 81st Birthday.**—Queen Mary celebrated her 81st Birthday on May 26, at Marlborough House, her London home. Telegrams and messages of greetings began to arrive early in the morning. Flags were flown over Government offices and public buildings.

No formal celebrations were planned, but the King and Queen had arranged a family luncheon party for 26 guests at Buckingham Palace.

**In Praise of Coffee.**—"Coffee travels down one's stomach and sets everything in motion. One's ideas advance in column, like battalions of the Grande Armeé. Memories come up at the double, bearing the standards which are to lead the troops into battle. Light cavalry deploys at the gallop. The artillery of logic thunders along with its supply of wagons and shells. Brilliant notions join the combat as sharpshooters; the characters don their uniforms, the paper is covered with ink, the battle has begun and ends with an outpouring of black fluid like a real battlefield.—Balzac.

**Man Fell 5,000 Feet and Lived.**—America's three-day memorial holiday—the first bank holiday of the summer season—which ended last night, was estimated today to have claimed the lives of nearly 400 people through accidents.

One man cheated death in a spectacular fashion, however.

Giving a performance in an air show in Michigan a 27-year-old stunt-ace fell 5,000 feet in a parachute which did not open—and yet suffered only a slight cut over an eye. Telephone wires caught his unopened parachute and left him dangling in the air until help came.

In Norfolk (Virginia) nine U. S. marine and 13 Navy men perished when a Navy launch was swamped in choppy waters when returning 90 men to their ship after Memorial Day leave last night.

**Gazetteer of India and Pakistan.**—A Gazetteer of India and Pakistan is shortly to be published by the Government of India. The work of compilation has been completed.

The Gazetteer, which will be published in two volumes of 500 foolscap pages each will list alphabetically every name appearing on every quarter inch map of undivided India and will give, in respect of each name, the description. The map sheet on which the name occurs, co-ordinates correctly to five minutes of latitude and longitude as well as grid co-ordinates furnished for each name. In all the Gazetteer will contain about 200,000 names.

At the time of compilation, it was intended to publish only a limited number of copies for use by the Government of India offices. Considering, however, the wider use of the publication as a reference book in other offices and firms where Survey of India maps are used and as a guide for ordering maps, the Government have decided to make the Gazetteer a priced publication.

**Fire in Dutch Palace.**—Fire destroyed most of the roof on May 18 of Queen Wilhelmina's palace of Noordeinde in The Hague, and for a time threatened palace treasures which were removed under the direction of Prince Bernhard, husband of Princess Juliana.

The flames had taken firm hold of the building before the fire brigade arrived. Queen Wilhelmina was not in the building.

The fire, believed to have been caused by painters using blow lamps to remove varnish, started in the top floor and the whole roof was quickly engulfed.

**NOTICE**

St. Anthony's Ancient Shrine Wahacotte.

The Feast of St. Anthony will be celebrated

ON

Sunday, the 13th June 1948.

**PROGRAMME**

1. Inauguration of the "Bravi Home" by the Bishop of Kandy on the 12th June at 4-30 p.m.
2. Pontifical Vespers on Saturday at 7 p.m.
3. On the Feast day Mass at 6, 7, 8, & 9.
4. Feeding of the poor at 1 p. m.

D. O. FILIPPONI, O.S.B. Parish Priest.

## The Pope's Paper— L'Osservatore Romano

Although its circulation is not large when compared with many other dailies of the world, yet in the esteem in which it is held, in the influence it yields, there is none other comparable to it. Its contents are sent by press-reporters all over the world.

The sixties and seventies of the last century were critical years for Europe and the world. The claims of pseudo-science, the air of scepticism and indifference were obscuring the intellects and warping the judgments of men. Passion and prejudice ruled the day. There was more than ever the need of a sure finger pointing out the right path in that era of political and religious turmoils.

The Marquis Augusto Baviera founded the daily in 1861 as a Catholic paper with no special connection with the Vatican.

Since then, it has had to pass through many a crisis, the greatest being in 1870 when Garibaldi marched on Rome. The next morning everyone rushed to the office of the "Osservatore Romano" to buy copies of the journal, but there was none to be had. For 28 days it remained suspended and then it appeared as if nothing had happened in the meantime.

In 1890 Leo XIII purchased it, made it the organ of the Vatican and appointed Casoni editor, advising him to preserve the utmost balance, fairness and independence. It is this impartiality, this unswerving fidelity to its motto "Unicuique suum" that accounts for the displeasure it causes to opposing camps in times of crisis.

One still remembers the fretting and fuming it caused in Fascist circles during the days of Hitler's visit to Rome. Mussolini had spent millions in adorning the capital. The whole city was like a scene in fairy-land—gorgeous decorations, singing fountains and exquisite illuminations. The Italian press ran special editions in celebrating the glories the Fuhrer. But the "Osservatore Romano" went its way.....there was not even a line about the event in the paper..... the whole affair seemed not worthy of notice.

The ordinary circulation of the daily is about 20,000. At the beginning of the war it jumped to 60,000. As Hitler's legions marched into France the figure was doubled and in the following days the circulation was 150,000.

Mussolini became nervous; he set the Fascists to threaten and molest the vendors, to confiscate, burn and destroy the copies of the "Osservatore." There were ugly scenes on the roads as the people waited anxiously in the evening to buy the "Osservatore Romano." Things were heading to a crisis.

Finally the Editor Count Giuseppe della Torre—his very sight is an education—announced that concerning war nothing but the official communique would be printed. There would be no commentary. He absolutely refused to print more than 35,000 copies.

## JUNE THOUGHTS

1. The devotion of all devotions is love for Our Lord. It ought to be the principal devotion of a Christian. Our Lord came into this world for this purpose. He Himself said: "I am come to cast fire on earth, and what will I but that it be kindled."

2. Our Lord revealed to St. Margaret Mary His wish that the devotion to His Sacred Heart should be propagated in order that we should make reparation for the injuries His Heart constantly receives in the Blessed Sacrament.

3. The Feast of the Sacred Heart on the first Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi is celebrated for three reasons: (a) In order that we may return thanks for His instituting this Most Holy Sacrament. (b) In order that we may make amends for the insults which He receives from sinners in the adorable Eucharist; and (c) In order that we may make up for the honour which He does not receive in many Churches.

4. We must often meditate on the mystery of the Incarnation, of which a tender devotion to the Sacred Heart cannot fail to remind us.

5. Though the angels love God most profoundly yet He did not become an angel but a man. He did so because He loved us with an everlasting love.

6. God was pleased to create us in His own image, and also to take upon Himself our very nature, which is infinitely inferior, and thus elevate it above the angelic nature.

7. The angels do not possess, like us the privilege of calling Him "brother". What a powerful motive for love and gratitude. Our Lord is Our Redeemer who shed His precious Blood for us, because for His love for us.

8. God has loved us so much, that if all angels and saints with Mary their Queen were to unite, they could not arrive at the smallest part of the love that He bears to us: His love is infinite, ours finite.

9. God loved us from all eternity, and for the love of us He made Himself Man and chose a life of suffering and death on the Cross for our sake. Therefore He has loved us more than His honour, nay more than His very life.

10. It is this love that has induced Him to remain with us on our Altars. He remains there under the appearance of bread, without movement in a spirit of love and atonement.

C. W. M. SERIES.

(To be Continued)

The printing is managed by the Salesian Brothers. When one of the red-rags—apparently in desperate need of some news—once announced that the staff of the "Osservatore Romano" would go on strike, the Salesians had a hearty laugh at the innocent ignorance of these comrades.

S. N.

## The First Epistle of the Blessed Apostle to the Corinthians

### Chapter 13.

I may speak with every tongue  
That men and angels use;  
Yet, if I lack charity,  
I am no better than echoing bronze,  
Or the clash of cymbals.  
I may have powers of prophecy,  
No secret hidden from me,  
No knowledge too deep for me;  
I may have utter faith,  
So that I can move mountains;  
Yet, if I lack charity,  
I count for nothing.  
I may give away all that I have,  
To feed the poor;  
I may give myself up  
To be burnt at the stake;  
If I lack charity,  
It goes for nothing.  
Charity is patient,  
Is kind;  
Charity feels no envy;  
Charity is never perverse  
or proud;  
Never insolent;  
Does not claim its rights,  
Cannot be provoked,  
Does not brood over an injury;  
Takes no pleasure in wrongdoing,  
But rejoices at the victory  
of truth;  
Sustains, believes, hopes, endures,  
to the last.  
The time will come  
When we shall  
Outgrow prophecy,  
When speaking with tongues  
Will come to an end,  
When knowledge will be swept away  
We shall never have finished  
with charity.  
Our knowledge, our prophecy,  
Are only glimpses of the truth;  
And these glimpses will be  
swept away  
When the time of fulfilment comes.  
(Just so, when I was a child,  
I had the intelligence,  
the thoughts of a child;  
Since I became a man,  
I have outgrown childish ways.)  
At present, we are looking at a  
Confused reflection in a mirror;  
Then, we shall see face to face;  
Now, I have only glimpses  
Of knowledge;  
Then I shall recognize God  
As He has recognized me.  
Meanwhile,  
Faith, hope and charity persist,  
All three;  
But the greatest of them all is  
Charity.

Extract from *The New Testament*  
Newly translated into English by  
Mgr. Ronald A. Knox.

## First Communion Day is Family Communion Day

First Communion Day has now become Family Communion Day at St. Gregory's Church, Chorley.

Instead of the usual row of little boys and girls dressed in white, the children go to the altar rails one at a time, each accompanied by his or her father and mother, brothers and sisters, who form a family guard of honour for the privileged little one.

The innovation is front page news, and the idea is being copied in many parts of England.

Encouraging reports have been received of the good effects that have followed on bringing the family into active co-operation on First Communion Day.

Men and women who could not be persuaded to make their Easter duties could not resist the requests of their little ones. For, children simply do not understand anyone being "out of the Church," and won't take "No" for an answer when asking Mummy and Daddy to go to Holy Communion with them on the Great Day.

## BOOKS FOR PRESS SUNDAY

	Rs.	cts.
Jesus Christ the Son of God...	2	45
The Risen Jesus	2	45
Apologia	5	25
Belief and Reason	3	50
What is Education	7	35
200 Sermon Notes	10	50
Christ the Ideal of the Monk	7	35
Poems of St. John of the Cross	2	45
Our Blessed Mother	7	35
The Christian Sacrifice	10	50
My Spiritual Exercises	6	30
This War is the Passion	4	00
The Kingdom of Promise	4	50
Christ, the Church & the Soul	1	75
Towards the Realization of God	2	50
Laws of Life	3	00
What are Saints	2	00
Confessions of St. Augustine	6	00
The Folly of the Cross	5	95
Jesus King of Love	2	50
The Way to Jesus	5	50
Every Inch an Apostle	1	00
The Layman's Ritual	4	00
The Small Missal	4	00
The New Testament —Knox	4	00
Australian CTS pamphlets	1	00
Irish CTS pamphlets	1	00
Way of the Cross	15	00
Declaration of Dependence	2	00
The Glories of Mary	2	50
Jesus Christ, Model of the Priest	2	25
Radio Replies	2	50
Secret of the Little Flower	3	50
The Splendour of the Rosary	8	75
Bernadette and the Apparitions	3	00
The Cross and the Crisis	2	50

### To All Parish Priests

These and scores of several other titles are available. Please call early in person or send one of your authorised representatives.

S. F. Santiapillai,  
Hony. Secretary,  
Literature Committee,  
Jaffna Catholic Diocesan Union  
St. Patrick's College,  
Jaffna.

### To All Parish Priests

Dear Rev. Father,

Many of your parishioners who are employed outside your parish and who are regular readers of the *Catholic Guardian* have expressed the wish that we should run a *Diocesan News Section* giving news of activities, connected with their parishes.

May we very kindly ask for your whole-hearted co-operation by sending us news items about your work in your parish, that the *Catholic Guardian* may truly be a diocesan paper.

Editor.

## A SEARCH ENDS

For twenty years he had fought and worked hard for Communism. No effort was too great to make, no time too precious to spend for it. Yet, today, Douglas Hyde, news editor of Britain's leading Communist paper, has turned from Communism—thoroughly disillusioned.

"Appalled by what the Communists did in Czechoslovakia," he sought "some other answer to the problems of our day and a way out of world chaos." His search brought him to the Catholic Church. First he asked the Parish Priest at Wimbledon, London, to baptize his two children, Rowena and Jocelyn. He and his wife are now taking instructions and will soon be received into the Church. She too had been a member of the Communist Party and a writer for the paper.

# Around the Catholic World

## BRITAIN

### Country to be Dedicated to Our Lady

Cardinal Griffin will dedicate England and Wales to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on July 16.

### First Convert

Archbishop Masterson of Birmingham recalled that the first convert he received started his journey into the Church by reading a CTS pamphlet.

His Grace smiled as he recalled the title—"The Holy Donkey and Another." Cardinal Griffin urged the members to leave pamphlets in public places and in trains and buses.

He himself, he said, had found a pamphlet in a railway carriage. "I read it and it did me a lot of good," said His Eminence—"and I left it there for the next comer."

## ROME

### Holy Year

It now seems certain that the Holy Father will proclaim a Holy Year in 1950. The announcement is expected on Ascension Day next year.

## INDIA

### Indian Mother

It certainly looked as if Mrs. Sera D'Souza, an Indian mother in the Mangalore town of Moolky, deserved a medal—and the Holy Father has now given her one, the gold cross *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*.

Mrs. D'Souza has five children. Boniface, the eldest, is the Jesuit rector and principal of St. Joseph's College, Bangalore.

Jerome, also a Jesuit, is rector and principal of Loyola College, Madras, and a member of India's Constituent Assembly.

Leo is a secular priest in the Mangalore diocese.

John, the youngest, is headmaster of St. Joseph's High School, Calicut, Malabar.

Mary Viola is the superior of the Ladyhill Convent, Urwa, Mangalore.

## S. AMERICA

### Reds Destroy Nearly all Bogota's Churches

Practically every church in Bogota was destroyed or severely damaged by fire in the Communist directed uprising at Bogota, the Colombian capital. The residence of the Papal Nuncio was reduced to ruins. The Nuncio, Archbishop Beltrami, escaped unhurt.

## U.S.A.

### Room for World's Hierarchy in this Sanctuary

There will be room for every member of the Church's Hierarchy in the sanctuary of America's National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception being built at Washington.

The entire Hierarchy totals 2,695 members according to the *Anuario Pontificio*.

The shrine will be one of the largest churches in the world. Its dimensions have been purposely kept smaller than those of St. Peter's. The companion will be 335 feet high; the dome will have a roof of gold. As America's Catholics come from many races, marble used in the construction has been purchased from many parts of the world.

The shrine will also serve as a University church of the Catholic University of America.

## IRELAND

### Ireland Gives £41,000 to Catholic Italy

Over £41,000 was sent to Archbishop McQuaid of Dublin for the Christian non-party campaign during the Italian general election.

Expressing his gratitude to clergy and laity, His Grace said a special word of thanks to the poor and to working people in offices, shops and factories.

The Holy Father, describing the prayers of Catholic Ireland as a "great consolation," has bestowed his blessing on the Irish people.

## CHINA

### Communist Persecution Gives 82 New "Martyrs" to China in 1947

Almost every week the Catholic Press carries stories of the death and the imprisonment of the missionaries and the faithful in China at the hands of the Communists. The fact is that by any standard there is a full-scale persecution of the church in that country in which the hierarchy was so recently established.

Fully documented evidence of the death during the past year, 1947, of 82 priests, nuns and faithful, has reached the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide in Rome, as well as full evidence of the imprisonment of at least 150 priests, nuns and faithful, without mention of the hundreds of missionaries who have been expelled from the areas in which often they had flourishing missions.

## THE HOLY FATHER ON GOOD READING

To read is to enter through graphic signs, more or less complicated, into the thought of others.

Now since the thoughts of the just are judgment and the counsel of the wicked deceitful, it follows that some books, like some words, are sources of light, of force, of intellectual and moral liberty, whereas others only bring snares and occasions of sin.

However, a word is often only a flash. In the night and in the storm it may be enough for the wayfarer to find the right path again.....

The book acts less rapidly, but its action is prolonged with time. It is a flame that may lurk under the ashes or burn like a dim light in the night, and then suddenly rekindle, beneficial and devastating.

It will be the lamp of the sanctuary always ready to point out to the faithful who approach the Holy Tabernacle and the Divine Guest; or it will be a volcano, whose terrific eruptions throw whole cities into desolation and death.

You desire pleasant conversations, wise and comforting words, and rightly detest blasphemy and corrupting speeches. Therefore also seek out good books and shun the bad.

"Anything which you will do for the good press I will consider as having been done for me personally. The good press is very close to my heart and I expect much from it."

—Pope Pius XII.

## 'Life' Gives Credit to the Pope

### For Election Victory

The final credit for the defeat of the Communists in the Italian general election goes to the Pope, say the influential American Magazine *Life*.

As U. S. newspapers seem to have forgotten in their final assessments, the big news of the Italian campaign was that the Roman Catholic Church took off its gloves.

"With such a line, the Church can frustrate the prediction that a new wave of anti-clericalism may be Italy's reaction to the Papal Legion parade.

"Have Christian beliefs no function in the political and economic rebirth of Europe? We do not believe it.

"This war is not over. Let the Pope's legions remain at their posts, fighting for a society in which Communism is no longer a problem because justice and prosperity are no longer strangers—a society where righteousness and progress are partners again."

# Melbourne Catholic Diocesan Centenary

Melbourne (Australia) witnessed brilliant scenes during the celebration of the Catholic Diocesan Centenary from May 2 to May 9.

The opening day, a Sunday, was a day of bright sunshine, and thousands were unable to gain entrance into St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the visiting Cardinals Gilroy, of Sydney, and Spellman, of New York—were given a liturgical reception. There were 40 Arch-bishops and Bishops, 36 Monsignori, and priests and laymen from Ireland, England, Scotland, America, the Philippine Islands, the Pacific Islands, and New Zealand, as well as from all the States of Australia. A picturesque figure was Arch-bishop Mar Ivanios, of Trivandrum, India.

Solemn Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by the host and sponsor of the celebrations, Arch-bishop Mannix of Melbourne, Cardinal Gilroy presided and Cardinal Spellman preached the occasional sermon. An Apostolic Letter from His Holiness Pope Pius XII to the Arch-bishop was read, conveying cordial greetings and felicitation. After reviewing the remarkable growth of the diocese, the Pope declared: "Verily these have been a hundred years of proud achievement. God has blessed your apostolic activity and that of your predecessors with a rich harvest, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne as it stands today represents a well nigh miraculous growth from the humble beginnings of a century ago."

On the Sunday afternoon 45,000 people assembled in the grounds of Xavier College, Kew, for the Laity's Reception to the visiting dignitaries, who were introduced by Archbishop Mannix. After an address of welcome by Mr. Justice O'Bryan, speeches were delivered by Cardinals Gilroy and Spellman, by Bishop Grimshaw (Plymouth) Mgr. Fulton Sheen, and by Mr. de Valera, former Premier of Ireland, who had to rise and speak in response to insistent calls. "Archbishop Mannix", said Mgr. Sheen, "looked like Leo XIII, Cardinal Mercier and Cardinal Newman rolled into one".

Solemn Pontifical Benediction was given from a huge open air altar by Cardinal Gilroy, and the massed thousands at prayer were an impressive sight.

At a civic reception by the Lord Mayor, Sir Raymond Connolly, the speakers were Cardinals Gilroy and Spellman, Bishop Grimshaw, the Lord Mayor, Dr. Evatt and the State Premier, Mr. Hollway. Cardinal Gilroy sounded a warning against atheistic Communism, and the Premier congratulated the Church on the stand it had taken.

Among the features of the celebrations was the Children's Mass, attended by 15,000 in the Melbourne Exhibition, and at which Bishop Grimshaw preached the sermon, linking up his native Somerset and the Benedictine foundation at Downside with the early history of the Church in Australia.

### VAST CROWDS AT MASS

The giant Melbourne Exhibition

Building was filled for the Men's Night service and for the Women's Mass and the final Mass.

At Men's Night, on Friday May 7, 220,000 men gathered from all quarters, arriving in over-loaded trams, buses, vans and private vehicles. After the recitation of the Rosary, the sermon was preached by Mgr. Fulton Sheen, who dealt with the philosophy of Communism. Benediction was given by Cardinal Spellman.

On Saturday, May 8, 250,000 women attended Pontifical Mass in the Exhibition and an equal number were present on Sunday for the final Mass of the celebrations, when the Catholic life of Australia was consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### 100,000 AT PAGEANT

Fifty thousand people, were unable to get into Caulfield Racecourse, on Sunday night, May 9, when the centenary celebrations ended with the presentation of the modern morality play, "No Mean City".

The police estimate that 100,000 saw the performance.

The pageant depicted the growth of the Church in Melbourne during the century and the triumph of faith over cynicism and despair. On an out-door stage—the largest ever erected in Australia—the players moved freely about but were clearly audible to the tremendous audience by means of an elaborate system of microphones and amplifiers. The spectacle reached its climax when the curtains drew back and revealed a tastefully decorated altar, to which the Cardinals, Arch-bishops, Bishops, and Monsignori, and students and priests of the provincial seminary and religious orders, ascended in procession up the terraced steps for the final Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### LABOUR DAY MASS

Two thousand Catholic unionists attended the eight o'clock Mass celebrated on Labour Day, April 26, a public holiday, before the traditional march through the streets organised by the Trades Hall. The occasional sermon was preached by Arch-bishop Mannix who, referring to the Italian election, said that it was "a contest between God and Satan... sanity prevailed and the victory was with God... the victory, however, is by no means final and decisive." The Arch-bishop hoped that the Italian Government would be wise and strong; that the big landed estates would be thrown open to the Italian peasants, and that industries would be fostered on Christian lines. The workers, said the Archbishop, were the bone and sinew of Australia, and on them rested a great responsibility. They should jealously guard their rights but should not ignore their duties. They should strive for decent conditions and decent pay, but should be equally ready to give faithful service and honest work. If they did their part there should be a happy future for Australia.

## Subscribers' Enrolment Form

The Manager,  
"The Catholic Guardian,"  
Jaffna.

Dear Rev. Father,  
Please enrol me as a subscriber to the "Catholic Guardian" / "Sathivetha Pathukavalan" from this date and post same to the following address:

Name.....

Address.....

Date..... Signature.....

## Dangers of Our Day.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Chivalry and heroism, fortitude and wisdom, honour and integrity, purity and justice—these were norms to which we have tried to adapt our students. Today, it is an altogether different tale. Ideas suggestive of sex and all its implications are the farrago of material on which the juvenile mind is urged to browse at leisure. Most gratuitous statements have been made from public platforms and in books advertising what is nothing short of pornographic literature. In a review written for a local magazine, a member of this school of "intellectual sincerity" goes the length of describing D. H. Lawrence's way of thinking as consistent with the attitude represented by the best Catholic writers of all time—a most audacious estimate at its best. It is most unfortunate that such statements have been allowed to pass unchallenged. The Devil quotes Scripture for his own purposes; small wonder then that these critics do likewise.

Let us therefore counteract these influences by commending to our friends the beauties of wholesome Catholic Literature. As Press Sunday comes along, we should begin to realize the necessity and value of reading books written by truly great men of the past and the present. Catholic books can divert and entertain; they can instruct and edify. How necessary it is for us to acquaint ourselves with the knowledge of our Faith. We need to arm ourselves against the attacks made on us and on notions we hold dear. Let us cultivate the habit of reading good books ourselves and inculcate the same in others. We can contribute our mite by making Press Sunday this year the big success it ought to be. "Take up and read" exhorted the Bishop of Hippo. We can procure a book, a brochure or a pamphlet for ourselves. Should circumstances not permit, we may at least help the sale of Catholic literature outside our homes. May we build up at home a decent library of good books which will prove to be very precious possessions indeed. "Me poor man! my library is dukedom large enough." A long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together—let these sentiments animate us as we enter into the spirit of Press Sunday.

## A Rosary for Russia

Thirty-one years ago Our Lady came to earth six times during six consecutive months to ask three peasant children in Portugal to give her message to the world.

The message was so simple that today, although many thousands have done as Our Lady wishes, many thousands more still stand apart, sceptical or anxious, arguing: Penance and Prayer—there is nothing new in that; no reason why Our Lady should come to say what her Son told us when He was on earth.

And while they stand back, doing nothing, the enemy advances—as Our Lady said it would if prayer were not redoubled.

Communism has spread over most of

Europe, has tentacles over the whole world.

If all our readers join in a whole-hearted campaign, starting, now pledging themselves to carry out the wishes of Our Lady of Fatima, there will be a tremendous volume of prayer and penance that must surely help to sway the struggle against Communism.

It would mean that hundreds of thousands of Rosaries would be said that otherwise would remain unsaid. This, surely, must be good.

So this is an appeal, not just to those who already have a devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, but to everyone of goodwill who sincerely wishes to see Communism crushed.

We suggest the following practical steps—the things Our Lady asked for when she appeared to the children at Fatima.

### 1. A Daily Rosary

This need not be said at one's bedside, or in church. Most people are too tired, too occupied to stay up late or to make a special visit. They could say it in the bus on their way to and back from work, on the way to Mass and back from church, while going to school or returning from school, going to market or returning from there, using their fingers for beads, if necessary reciting it in parts—a decade in the morning, the others later.

### 2. A Daily Act of Penance

The best would be getting up early for daily Mass. Those who cannot do this could devise something to suit their own circumstances—anything provided it is something that recurs daily.

### 3. Mass, Holy Communion and Confession of Reparation

on the first Saturday of every month. Our Lady asked for the "first five Saturdays" as a devotion of reparation for the offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.—*Universe*.

## Ovation for Hungarian Cardinal

While the Hungarian authorities heap abuse on Cardinal Mindszenty and accuse him of being a trouble-maker the people show how much they venerate the man who fearlessly resists all pressure and ignores all abuse. Fifty thousand Hungarians gathered for an open-air Mass, gave an overwhelming demonstration of their loyalty to the Church and to his Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, who told them that the Catholic Faith and a pure Christian family life are the only safe bases of genuine Hungarian patriotism. At the same time, Hungarian radio propaganda increased its attacks on Cardinal Mindszenty charging him with "malicious distortions" and "ignoring the great work of reconstruction done since the liberation."

"Hungary to day needs more than ever the Divine Commandments without which the lives of the individual family, nation and entire humanity are beset by uncertainty and trouble," the Cardinal said. "Hungarians need the force of the Sacraments that keep them on the path of just laws and order. I have come to tell you the truth—the truth that will bring victory..... We are Catholics and Hungarians. We fight and struggle—but we are not forsaken because Our Blessed Lady of Hungary raises her arms in protection over us."

Cardinal Mindszenty offered the Mass on the market square of the town of Satoraljaiuhely, in the heart of the Hegyalja district in eastern Hungary, the home of the world-famous Tokay wine. For miles the people, irrespective of their religious affiliations, lined the roads and cheered the Cardinal as he drove past them. Villages competed in erecting arches in honour of the Cardinal. At the outskirts of Satoraljaiuhely, the Cardinal and his travelling companions—among them the Rev. Fabian Flynn, C.P., representative of War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference in Hungary—were greeted by city officials led by the burgomaster. A special horse-drawn

carriage, reserved for distinguished guests of the town, was placed at the Cardinal's disposal. He was driven in it to the market square of the picturesque town where 50,000 sang their traditional hymns in honour of Our Lady while waiting for the Cardinal's arrival.—*The Examiner*.

## The Royal "Family"

Once again the King and Queen were drawn to themselves the special love of the whole people, and, on this occasion, in direct connection with the most admirable of the many examples which they give to their country.

The Silver Wedding was the feast of the royal "Family" in the most literal

sense of the word, and their Majesties did not fail in their broadcasts to underline what home, family, and children have meant to them in their arduous life task.

Let us thank God then for the Royal Family and thank the King and Queen for the high service which their dedication to the Christian way of life renders to our country.—*Catholic Herald*.

## Catholic Mother of 1948

Mother of 14 children—eight of them priests, seminarians or nuns—Mrs. Richard McSorley, of Philadelphia, has been chosen as the Catholic Mother of 1948 by the National Catholic Conference on Family Life.

## GROTTO AT MANTHAI

Dear..... There was in 1658 a large church at Manthai—a village on the 6th mile from Mannar on the Pooneeryn Road which enshrined the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Madhu. To save the statue from the Dutch vandals who were doing their work on the island of Mannar in 1670, her devotees round Manthai removed the statue reverently to the jungles of Madhu. The large church unfortunately lies razed to the ground for the last 300 years.

It is not our wish to rebuild the ancient church in that very spot. But to defeat the purpose of the Dutch persecutor at least partly and to commemorate her in that place in which the persecutor thought her name would be wiped out for ever, it is our desire to honour her at least with a Lourdes Grotto.

Therefore Dear..... We are sure we shall not count in vain on your kind generosity to assist with a liberal donation towards its erection. Contributions no matter how small will be all acknowledged by us personally. You will be encouraging us also immensely with your kind words of advice on the matter.

Looking forward anxiously for your timely gift in honour of Our Lady of Madhu and in union of prayers.

Yours sincerely in Xt.,  
Fr. John Singarayer,  
Parish Priest.

Adampan, 23\*4-48.

I bless the appeal and recommend it.

✠ J. A. Guyomar, O.M.I.,  
Bishop of Jaffna.

23\*4-48.

# Believe in—IT

## INDIA TYRES

### Are the finest tyres made

In these days of changing values it is a relief to use a product in which craftsmanship and superlative quality of materials are the principal criteria.

Believe in India Super Tyres' MILEAGE for your pocket's sake COMFORT for your body's sake SAFETY for your peace of mind

Available from all approved dealers

## WALKER SONS & CO. LTD.

Incorporated in England. Liability of Members is limited.

Printed and Published for the Proprietor by BASTIAMPILLAI SANTIAGOEPILLAI residing at 39, Main Street, Jaffna, at St. Joseph's Catholic Press, Catholic Mission Premises, Main Street, Jaffna, on Thursday the 10th June, 1948.