

• Panel of Educationists hammers out solution to denominational schools question

AGREEMENT WITHIN SIGHT

Sub-committee appointed to work out plan

(from a Messenger correspondent)

THE Messenger understands that at last Saturday's Conference of Educationists drawn from all denominations held at St. Peter's College Hall to hammer out an agreed solution on the question of denominational schools, it was agreed by all present, Mr. Kularatne included, that religion should be the foundation of all education.

Among those present at the Conference were Very Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai, Mr. P. de S. Kularatne, Mr. Panditha Gunewardene, Mr. D. B. Ellapolla, Mr. T. B. Jayah, Mr. S. Siva Subramaniam, Rev. Cyril Abeynaike, Rev. Denzil de Silva and Senator A. M. A. Azeez.

SUB-COMMITTEE

A sub-committee was appointed to find out if it was possible to work out a plan, by which those denominations which were not able to build their own schools could be assisted by the State to erect the school buildings necessary to maintain high standards in education.

An atmosphere of cordiality prevailed. The meeting was told that the Buddhist Congress no longer asked for the physical take-over of the denominational schools. This was a very heartening statement and did much to allay the fears of denominational bodies.

In a circular issued by the Director of Education, the managers have been informed that "in view of the need

to achieve a more unified system of education in the country, the Government has decided as a step towards

• Unique and important event in August

A NATIONAL SEMINAR FOR THE RELIGIOUS

(by a "Messenger" reporter)

THE Messenger understands that a 3-day National Seminar for Religious Orders, Congregations and Institutes of Ceylon will be held from 7 to 10 August, 1959, at Aquinas University College in Borella. Information to hand indicates that some 800 Sisters, Brothers and Priests have been alerted. The actual number of participants is likely to be considerably higher.

In rigid adherence to procedure, the prior sanction of the Holy See has been obtained for this National Congress by His Excellency Dr. James R. Knox, Apostolic Delegate for Ceylon.

He lit the torches in a moving ceremony at the cemetery. From there they were carried on foot to Trivandrum, a distance of 150 miles, by day-long relays of runners.

Mr. Padmanabhan lit the torches from candles burning at the tombs. He then placed the torches in the hands of the assembled mothers and widows of the first victims. Young girls with their sarees crossed over with black sashes, students, workers and others participated in the relay.

In Trivandrum, the torches from Angamali were joined by similar torch relays from Pulluvila, Kochuveli, and Cheriathura, scenes of later

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IT IS KNOWN THAT HIS EXCELLENCY WHO FIRST CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF THIS UNIQUE FIRST-EVER NATIONAL SEMINAR IN THE EAST, HAS PERSONALLY CONVOKED THE ASSEMBLY. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE HIMSELF INTENDS TO PRESIDE AT EACH OF THE SESSIONS. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE THE BISHOPS OF THE ISLAND ALONG WITH THEIR VICARS-GENERAL.

Ceremonially, the Seminar is expected to open with Community Mass of the Holy Ghost at 9-30 a.m. on 7 August, 1959, at All-Saints' Shrine, Borella, and conclude with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4-30 p.m. on 10 August.

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The March of the Torches

KERALA'S DRAMATIC PROCESSION

(INC News Service)

A DRAMATIC relay of torches signifying the Catholics killed in police firings headed by the widows of two of the martyrs, marched in a memorable procession to the house of Red Kerala's Governor, Ramakrishna Rao, and handed over the latest demand for the ministry's ousting.

The march of the torches commenced seven days earlier at the tomb of the seven victims of Angamali, scene

of the first firing.

Leader of the ouster campaign was Mr. Mannoth Padmanabhan, a Hindu.

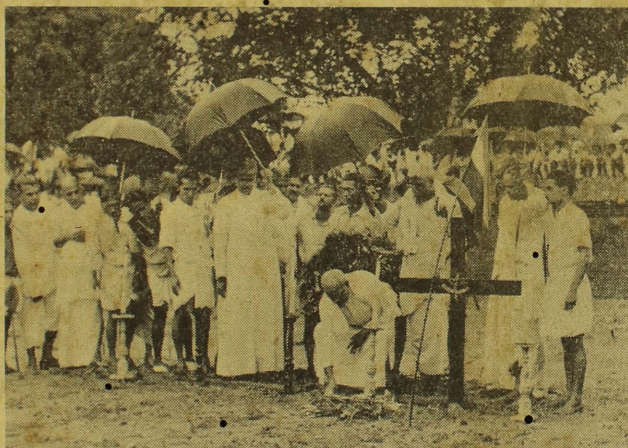


Photo I.N.C.

Mannoth Padmanabhan, 82-year old Hindu leader of Kerala's "deliverance" struggle, seen placing flowers at the grave of the Catholics in the Catholic cemetery at Angamali before lighting seven flaming torches that were carried to Trivandrum in a mammoth demonstration of loyalty to the martyrs. It was here that seven Catholics died as victims of Communist government repression.

POLES RIOT AND STORM TOWN HALL

CATHOLICS in the Polish new town of Krasnik Fabryczny near Lublin rioted and stormed the town hall when the municipal authorities refused to give permission for a temporary chapel to be built, it was learnt in Warsaw. The rioting broke out on June 26th, and police had to use tear-gas and truncheons to bring the crowd under control.

Krasnik Fabryczny is a Communist-planned "new town" built around a metallurgical factory, and the Communist planners did not make any provision for building a church.

Reports from Vatican circles indicate that the Pope is not enthusiastic about going to Castelgandolfo to escape the summer heat of Rome, says British United Press. It is known that the Holy Father has ordered the installation of air conditioning equipment in his Vatican apartments.

An unofficial committee of local Catholics was formed to raise funds for building a chapel, and in the meantime they set up a cross and a statue of Our Lady on a vacant site where a priest came to celebrate Mass.

When the committee began to collect building materials for a temporary chapel, the authorities banned it.

Western observers in Warsaw regard the riot as an isolated incident, although Church-State relations have gradually shown a slight deterioration during the past year or so.

Benedictine Head leaves for Rome

(by a "Messenger" reporter)

THE Superior Major of the Sylvestro-Benedictines in Ceylon, Very Rev. Fr. D. G. Phoebus O.S.B., left for Rome last Thursday by QUANTAS to attend the General Chapter of the Sylvestro-Benedictine Congregation.

The General Chapter is held once in six years. At the Chapter various matters pertaining to the improvement and development of the Order are discussed.

It is at this Chapter, too, that the Abbot-General and the Superior Majors of the various provinces are elected, for a period of six years.

Very Rev. Fr. Phoebus will, after his work in Rome, tour England and Europe and visit many Benedictine monasteries.

He will be back in Ceylon by November this year.

V.I.P.'s queue to see the Pope

POPE John XXIII was reported to be receiving several prominent persons in private audience before leaving for his Summer "holiday" at Castelgandolfo. He gave an official audience to the Foreign Minister of Paraguay, Dr. Raul Sapena Pastor and two days later he received the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Segni. Last week he received in private audience President Gronchi of Italy and his family, and also saw the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Kobosuke Kishi. He was also to receive the newly-married Belgian royal couple, Prince Albert and Princess Paola, before leaving for Castelgandolfo.

Seminaries must have obedience

SEMINARIES which fail to demand full obedience from students in the interests of "self-development" are criticised by the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities in a decree sent to all bishops.

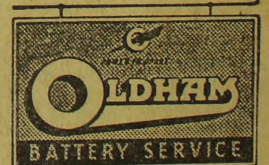
The letter accepts the need for the gradual development in students of a sense of personal responsibility and initiative.

But it adds: "What one wishes to denounce as deleterious is that passive attitude of the educator who, abdicating his position of superior

and thus turning upside down the true concept of discipline, fears that command may be harmful to the character of discipline and almost might constitute undue interference with the sanctuary of the conscience of others."

Obedience, says the Congregation, "is a hinge for the training that must be given to aspirants to the sanctuary."

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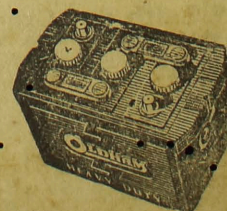
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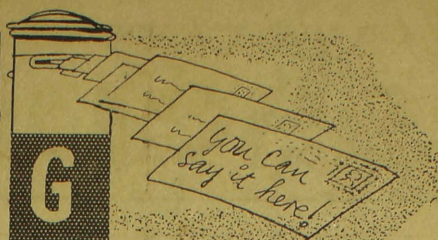
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State Control, a Marxist trend

THE latest craze in this country is to make all schools State controlled. The subscribers to this trend of thought who go on such flimsy arguments as proselytisation in denominational schools, are blind to the fact that under State control the children will be deprived of any religious education. It is the duty of the State not to promote any one religion with the money of the tax payers belonging to diverse faiths, nor could they be compelled to belong to one particular faith. Little thought is given to the immense harm that such a course would do to young receptive minds if a godless regime takes over once such an act passes into our statute books.

It is clear that the advocates of this policy are either being prompted by jealousy or are suffering from an inferiority complex.

The country has not forgotten the holocaust of the recent racial riots. The caste issue has raised its ugly head once again. A scurrilous booklet written to defile a person held in deep and tender veneration by the followers of another faith is still a matter of living memory. Base ingratitude has been shown by the forced occupation of the site chosen to commemorate the memory of a great educationalist who worked and died in our midst in the service of the young. The sick and the dying are being deprived of the tender care and the selfless services of the hos-

pital nursing sisters. Even the international symbol of the Red Cross has been effaced in certain quarters though it continues to be used by world organizations. All these to placate the thirst of religious maniacs and extremists who are ready to let the country go to rot and ruin and our sick to suffer and die. So determined are they that soon ingratitude will begin to be known abroad as our national characteristic.

While enjoying the fruits of the activities of these bodies and institutions, to attempt to kill them is to destroy the very tree that offers them shade.

W. G. V. Fernando.

Agalawatta.

II

MR. T. U. de Silva has put his thoughts down on paper. But he has got all mixed up. The proposals made by our Archbishop he thinks are laws laid down for the government. He makes much of the fact that ours is a democratic country. Then, may not a man make a suggestion in such a country? Again he says: "The Buddhist Commission Report is only a cross-section of the views expressed by the majority of the people of the country. . . . More than eighty per cent. of the people who discuss it and dilate upon its contents have not read it in the original. Within the past three months I have had many calls for

the Buddhist Commission Report from Ministers of State, Parliamentarians and other politicians. This shows they are now interested in it." What a large number of people don't know what is in the Buddhist Commission Report! Then who in the name of truth and reason formed "the majority" in giving their views? This puts me in mind of the Communist "majority vote" as given by a refugee.

The Communists invite all and sundry to their meetings and the hall is packed. Very soon, those who disagree with the proposals leave the hall and there is left a small minority. The vote is taken and passed by those remaining—a very small minority of those invited, but the majority, or all, of those few who are left. The next day, the headline news is splashed across the papers that the vote was a "majority vote" or a "unanimous vote"! I wonder if this is how the Buddhist Commission Report also got the views of "the majority of the people"? Could someone please enlighten me, since we seem to be getting so interested in each other's religions?

Violet Fernando.

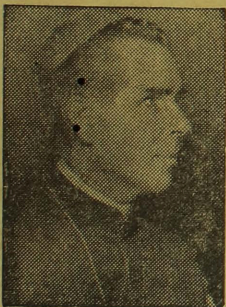
Negombo.

III

TO the demand in regard to assisted schools, the shortest and most sensible answer is: leave well alone.

Man needs outside help

BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS



ONE of the most popular courses in college today is psychology — not normal psychology, but abnormal psychology. The workings of the conscious mind hold less interest for the present day student than do the rumblings of the unconscious mind. Psychology has in some quarters preempted the field of religion and thus become a psychologism in which the subject matter is not how to grow in the love of God, but how to overcome anxieties, fears, worries and to believe in yourself.

"Do it yourself" technique

Suppose exactly the same principle of development was used in relation to the human body as is presently applied to the human mind by this "do it yourself" technique. Could the eye, by any amount of exercise see if there was not a light supplied to it freely from without? Could the ear, by any amount of friction or rubbing produce sounds of and by itself? Could the stomach generate its own food or must it depend on a world

outside itself?

There is nothing in the universe which reaches its perfection without some dependence on or relation to the external. Not even the coal will give light and heat without first a fire being applied to it; even then it releases the energy the sun stored up in it centuries before. The grain of wheat will not send forth the green stalk without contact with the environment of another world than itself.

• Man needs God

Why then does man think that his basic worries, fears, and inner unhappiness can be cured by himself and within himself? The best violin and bow in the world will produce no harmonies without an outside hand endowed with talent. The universe tells the lesson that everything that grows must be receptive to saving influences that come from the outside.

This does not mean that man does nothing. Such is the great error of the Eastern philosophies. Nor does it mean that God does nothing; such is the error of the Western world. But it does mean that man left to himself and depending upon his own resources in the end is nothing better than an unhatched egg. Even civilizations can decay from within if there is not a response to the Divine visitation from without: "How often would I have gathered thee to Myself as the hen doth gather her chickens under her wing and thou wouldst not."

• Faith and Grace

Life is not just a push from below; it is also a gift from above. The higher the life, the more it depends upon receptivity to saving powers from without. If human nature did not have evil tendencies within, if its mind was not darkened and its will weakened, it could do much more by itself. Human nature, on the other hand, is not intrinsically corrupt; rather, like

a sick man, it can do many naturally good things such as planting vineyards and the like.

But to lead a truly spiritual life, man needs to have his reason enlightened and his will strengthened. The first is done by faith, the second by grace. A new and Divine energy must be introduced from without, suffusing his mind and heart in a more vital manner than the sunlight brings out the images on a stained glass window. The moment a man begins to be humble and recognizes that he cannot do anything he wishes and by his own power, he creates within himself that emptiness which heaven can fill.

• The Divine Nature

Every man in the world is capax Dei; or he has the potency to become something that he is not. All psychology can do is to keep us in the line of our being, being with all its weakness and foibles. This outside life which is poured into the mind, on the contrary, enables us to enter into a new area of life. Just as there is something in biology which is not in chemistry just as there is a new subject matter in zoology that is not in botany, so there is a new mind, a new will in the man who lives by Divine Life.

As the moisture and the sunlight would never be in the plant until the plant came down to take them up into its kingdom; as the knowledge of the sun and stars would never be in our minds, unless they took them up first in sense impressions and then spiritualized them into thoughts, so neither can man enter into this higher realm of existence unless God comes down to take him up to Himself by the infusion of His Divine Life. That was first done in Bethlehem. It is still being done to many. The tragedy of life is not what people suffer; it is what so many miss — the power of becoming partakers of the Divine Nature. (Copyright . . . Reproduction in whole or in part forbidden).

others to grind with these worthy and cherished institutions? It shows that the Buddhist Commission's demand is not "pure-hearted or inspiring."

J. Paul.

Colombo.

Death Penalty

AN assault on womanhood by way of rape, even if perpetrated on a woman of advanced age, is considered in the U.S.A. to be a crime as foul and heinous as murder and the offender is sent to the electric chair. How compares this with the merciful laws of our country? A man committing rape will for the most part get a ten year term of imprisonment and a murderer a twenty-year term, to be reprieved by an amnesty or the like. Emboldened by this relaxing of the country's legislation, the killers keep on increasing in numbers.

The radio of yesterday blared forth a blood-curdling piece of information to the nation — a woman severed of both her arms was found floating on the Dandagamuwa river. It is a case of suspected murder. This is only one of the many abominable acts inflicted on society and yet a Commission decided not to enforce the death penalty. One cannot understand the choice of Dr. Noval Morris to serve on the Commission since he is an avowed opponent of the Death Penalty.

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INTENTIONS FOR JULY

GENERAL: That from a sense of justice and charity all may cooperate in avoiding road accidents.

MISSIONARY: That the Church's apostolic activities may flourish in Siam.

Electronics for Recovery of Tomb

Excavating is antiquated - X'ray maps instead

It seems fantastic—a fairy tale; but writing in "German Features" (6 July 1959) Franz Gelfer says it is being done today in the German Rhineland. "Since the Rhine and Ruhr landscape is rapidly changing due to industry, mining, land-clearing and settlements for an increasing population, archaeologists have to hurry to discover the historical secrets of the territory (with its abundant traces of the Roman-Germanic past). They are being helped in their work by the newly-developed devices in

the field of high-frequency technique which enable them to achieve results more quickly than the outmoded, costly, and time-consuming

primarily use a nuclear manometer to measure the earth magnetism in order to detect underground structures and ruins of fortifica-

meter" determines the density of the structures the earth may contain, "even single walls, trees, or the division of the barracks for men."

He mentions explicitly that it works for the discovery of a "tomb," the "site of a burial place."

The meter "draws, so to say, a subterranean map which the archaeologist has only to look at to perceive the site of a sunken Roman fortress or a mediæval settlement."

"These new technical aides are completed by coloured aerial photos which archaeologists read like a story book."

Archaeologists, for example, recognised in the entanglement of barren stripes in the high grass, traces of a whole Roman garrison, which the aerial photo showed in all de-

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excavation method permitted.

In future the German Exploration Community and the Landscape Association of Rhineland-Pfalz will

tions."

Franz Gelfer goes on to explain that the German "miracle device" of a "mobile geo-electric resistance

A Nation On Its Knees

THAT BRILLIANT MAGAZINE, *LIGUORIAN*, IN ITS ISSUE OF MARCH '59 CARRIES A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR US IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "A NATION ON ITS KNEES" BY FR. E. F. MILLER, C.S.S.R. THE BLESSED VIRGIN TOLD THE WORLD TO DO PENANCE AND THE PEOPLE OF MANILA HAVE TAKEN THE WORDS SERIOUSLY. AND THEY PERFORM THE PENANCE OF WALKING ON THEIR KNEES.

A powerful flotilla of U.S.A. warships lolls itself in the Manila

Bay with always an alert eye on massive deeply-dyed blood-red Communist China only two hours away by air, which is always ready at instant's notice to pounce upon and smother the West. Between these two stands the celebrated shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. For ten years 80,000 to 100,000 individuals of metropolitan Manila have attended the fourteen novenas held

of all ages and of every social position and intellectual attainment go staggeringly and painfully up the middle aisle of the church on their knees. The penitential journey begins at the front door of the church and ends at the communion rails some 300 ft. long. They do not go up to the picture on their legs as we do here. They go on their knees.

So, they slip and slide and bump along, sometimes three abreast, on a part of the anatomy that even in the widest stretch of the imagination was never intended to take the place of feet. This is indeed penance, and more than one person gets up stiffly when the holy work has been completed and limbs away to a pew to rest and to rub back circulation into the affected parts. The embarrassment that accompanies this spectacle before strangers makes the penance doubly hard and therefore doubly meritorious.

PENANCE AND PRAYER

The Blessed Virgin told them what to do. They are to do penance. It is as simple as that. Penance, joined with prayer, will save them yet. So they do penance on their knees. That surely is one reason and it is a good one. And they do it in church where God from His tabernacle and Mary in spirit from the picture can look down and see them as they make their sacrifice.

They feel that it would be wrong to appear before the picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help with their hands outstretched to receive but with neither hand outstretched to give. They stretch out their hands to give. And the gift is the hard penance of travelling the length of the church on their knees. It is a proof of their generosity and their sincerity. To all right-thinking people it seems like a wonderful idea, an idea that could with profit be copied by us in Ceylon.

tails: the site of a burial-place, trees, and walls."

How breath-taking. And to think that this dazzling flash of light has come to us almost casually.—through a news-bulletin that is being sent uninvited (but by no means unwelcome) to our humble *Sacred Heart Messenger*.

Getting back our wind, we scratch our head thoughtfully.

The method works; but can we ever hope to have a nuclear manometer and a team of technicians to work it?

Here is the test of our Faith and grim determination. With the more than nuclear power of the prayer of the multitude can we not move the "German Exploration Community" to undertake this small-scale operation of surveying an area 1 by 1/2 ml. to a depth of 10 feet?

Meanwhile, work on our old surface maps must go on to limit the area for depth-survey to the utmost. And to peg the probable area, we have to go on combing documents and commentaries for their slightest clues.

Here, then, is work for everybody while the Postulator battles with procedure in Rome; but most of all for those who pray, for if once the "mobile geo-electric resistance meter" is brought to bear on the stretch from Hantane slopes to Katukelle fringe, locating the historic church and the holy Tomb is child's play for the experts, a first-class miracle is required to get the team over with their equipment.

Who will successfully bell the cat? Through "German Features" (Lohmuenst 1, Hamburg 1) we might get into touch with the "German Exploration Community" on terms of friendly correspondence; but to get them to bite the bait of a feather in their caps by the success of this expedition would require the persuasive power of the Legation here.

To conclude, we have been merely thinking aloud. God grant that the right ears have been listening. To conclude still further down the page, God grant that, electronics or not, the daring of our humble Faith do wrest for us (or our children) the secret of our dreams.

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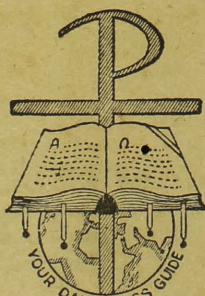
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Monday, 27 July: Mass of the 10th Sunday after Pentecost. Green. 2nd prayer of St. Pantaleon.

Tuesday, 28 July: Ss. Nazarius and Companions. Red. Wednesday, 29 July: St. Martha. White. 2nd prayer of St. Felix and Companions.

Thursday, 30 July: Mass of the 10th Sunday after Pentecost. Green. 2nd prayer of St. Abdon and Sennen.

Friday, 31 July: St. Ignatius Loyola. White.

Saturday, 1 August: St. Peter's Chains. White. Preface of the Apostles. 2nd prayer of St. Paul. 3rd of the Holy Machabees.

Unless otherwise stated, the prayer prescribed is always said (in the Archdiocese: "In time of tribulation").

RADIO LOG

JULY 25 to 27: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY** (Tamil) — F. S. Nadarajah, Esq.

JULY 25: 10-00 to 10-05 a.m. **TALK** (English) — Rev. Fr. Claude Lawrence, O.M.I.

JULY 26: 9-00 to 9-30 a.m. **CATHOLIC HALF HOUR** (Sinhalese). 10-00 to 10-30 a.m. **CATHOLIC HALF HOUR** (Tamil).

JULY 27 to AUG. 2: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY** (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. Philip Dissanayake, O.M.I.

AUG. 2: 7-00 to 7-30 p.m. **CATHOLIC HOUR PROGRAMME** (English).

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The incorrupt body of St. Bernadette at Nevers.

Rector of St. Joseph's College on Marxist attempts to set up Catholics against Buddhists

Moral Values — the basis of Education

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

"IT is surely unthinkable that any democratic group, believing in the fundamental freedoms, would ever demand from the government such an act of wanton and unashamed oppression as the compulsory take-over of the denominational schools. Such an appropriation, or rather misappropriation, was so grave an injustice that we can hardly consider it a serious possibility" declared the Very Rev. Fr. Peter A. Pillai, O.M.I., Rector of St. Joseph's College, Colombo, at the recent school prize giving.

Referring earlier to attempts made in Marxist quarters to drive a wedge between Buddhists and Catholics as part and parcel of their campaign to destroy the denominational system, Fr. Peter Pillai said: "Both Buddhists and Catholics believe in the primacy of moral values and in the necessity of a religious background to education. The Marxists deny this and that is why the fundamental cleavage lies not between Buddhists and ourselves, but between the Marxists and those

who believe in religion."

The Rector also referred to the proposal recently put up by Mr. P. de S. Kularatne that since the Buddhist community, according to him, was not able to find the necessary resources to build the requisite number of Buddhist schools for their children, those schools should be built by the government for the Buddhists.

"We welcome this proposal in principle," said Fr. Peter Pillai, "and if it is implemented honestly and fairly, we shall certainly co-

operate in every possible way. We have in no way opposed the campaign to open Buddhist schools for Buddhist children."

Dealing exhaustively on the implications and the working of this move, the Rector stated that the Catholics were prepared to accept the proposal that after a short period of transition the government grant be given to them only in respect of Catholic children.

Mr. S. F. Amerasinghe, Secretary to the Treasury, presided at the prize-giving and Mrs. Amerasinghe distributed the prizes.

(Full text of the Rector's address on page six).

Kerala Archbishop sounds warning against Red Infiltration

(I. N. C. NEWS SERVICE)

STRONG action has been taken by Archbishop Joseph Parekkattil of Ernakulam to ensure and safeguard Catholics from being duped by Communist-sponsored organisations among Catholics.

The pastoral letter warning the Catholics against attempts at Communist infiltration into their ranks has been read in all the churches in the archdiocese of Ernakulam.

Issuing a categorical ban on the faithful joining, encouraging or attending independent Catholic organisations unauthorized by the hierarchy, the Archbishop has referred to past instances of "progressive Catholicism" under Communist auspices.

It is the Progressives who form the nucleus of the "national

Churches" in Communist lands, he recalled. In Communist China it is known also as "reformed Church," the Archbishop told his people.

Stemming from the Communist attempts at this infiltration, the Archbishop has called for a list of all Communists in his archdiocese belonging to Catholic families.

Archbishop Parekkattil said that it was only common reason that those flouting the rules of the Catholic Church or thrown out from it for valid reasons become disqualified from its privileges.

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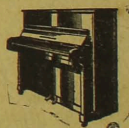
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HELP YOUR SCHOOL — DIRECTOR APPEALS

(from our correspondent)

"IT is the school that renders the highest possible services to the country in the National, Social and Religious spheres. It is the school that moulds the true patriots and the religious-minded man. Hence I make bold to say that the school is more important than even the place of worship," stated Rev. Bro. Stephen Modestus, F.S.C., the first old boy Director of St. Sebastian's College, last Sunday, at the complimentary Dinner to him and Mr. Stanley Fernando, Vice-Chairman, U.C., Moratuwa, given under the auspices of the Old Boys' Association of the College.

Rev. Bro. Patrick, F.S.C., B.Sc., Sub-Director, presided and covers were laid for 150. Among the other guests of honour were Rev. Bro. Athanasius, Director, St. Benedict's, Rev. Bro. Oliver, Director, De Mazenod College, two early pioneers of Lasallian culture at Moratuwa and two teachers of Bro. Modestus, Rev. Fathers C. Crevacore, Patrick Sapramadu, Ernest Poruthota, Hugh Fernando, Mr. Annesley de Mel and Rev. Bro. Mathias.

Capt Rupert Peiris, E.D., proposed the toast of Rev. Bro. Modestus and Mr. Stanley Fernando in fitting words.

Bro. Modestus in his reply

thanked the Old Boys and other well-wishers present that night.

In an appeal to the gathering he said that all true lovers of the country must come to the assistance of their schools to save the present generation from being carried away by the spirit of restlessness and indiscipline sweeping the world by giving our children a sound education. He appealed to all friends and Old Boys to come to the aid of the College building scheme.

Mr. Stanley Fernando, Vice-Chairman, in his reply thanked the Old Boys' Association for honouring him that night.

Vatican paper praises Queen's appointment

COUNT Dalla Torre, the editor, has in the Vatican daily "Osservatore Romano" praised the decision of the Queen to appoint a Negro — a representative of Ghana — to her staff as equerry.

The Osservatore editor says: "This foreshadows future calls of Commonwealth citizens to the royal palace without racial discrimination."

"This is an example that will not be devoid of effectiveness in the world, in any region where racial prejudice

and suspicion linger like a burning fire under the ashes.

"It is an example which cannot fail to be underlined by the Latin race, nourished with universality not less than with Catholicism."

Red newspaper accuses the Pope of lying

THE Hungarian Communist newspaper Magyar Nemzet has described as "slandorous lies" allegations made by the Pope about the persecution of Catholics in Hungary.

The government, it said, was paying salaries and pensions to Catholic priests, helping in the re-building of churches and in the education of theology students.

By comparison, it claimed, priests in Southern Italy were living in conditions "which cry to Heaven."

It added: "The Pope must have been informed by false and deceptive reports of reactionary forces."

(Editor's Note. — As frequently reported in the Messenger, Hungary's Communist regime has imprisoned priests on false charges, taken control of all ecclesiastical appointments, and carried on a sustained campaign against the Church).

Card. Stepinac ill again

THE condition of Cardinal Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb, has again taken a turn for the worse, according to reports reaching Rome. It is feared that the Cardinal, who has been suffering from a severe thrombosis in his right leg, may have to have his leg amputated.

Ten Commandments? Never heard of them!

A fourteen-year-old delinquent boy who lived in Red-ruled East Germany till his recent reunion with his mother in West Germany, appeared in court after he had committed several thefts.

"I am baptized but have never received Confirmation," he told the justice. "In the East Soviet Zone school I never had religious instruction, and never heard of the Ten Commandments."

The justice waived sentence. He paroled the youth and told him to get a copy of the Ten Commandments.

Pope Honours Maisie Ward

THE world-famous author Maisie Ward (Mrs. F. J. Sheed) has been awarded by the Holy Father the cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice for her work for the Catholic Evidence Guild of England.

Reform due for Index?

VATICAN City. — An Italian publisher of Catholic books has received the rare permission of the Congregation of the Holy Office to publish integrally Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables," which is on the Index of Forbidden Books.

The San Paolo Publishing House will put on the market soon an unexpurgated edition of the classic novel. Integral reading of the book was prohibited to the faithful by a decree of the Holy Office issued on June 20, 1864.

News of this action is looked upon as an indirect confirmation of reports that the Holy Office is taking under active considera-

tion a reform of the Index of Forbidden Books.

The preface and footnotes of the forthcoming volume of "Les Misérables" will supply those explanations to the reader that should protect him from any misinformation or moral damage that might result from the reading of the novel, it was explained.

An official of the Holy Office said that the permission given was not entirely without precedent. About 50 years ago a similar permission was granted for a book on the index, only on condition, however, that whole sections of the book would be deleted.

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Agreement — Religion as Basis of Education

WHEN His Grace the Archbishop asked at a recent School Prize-Giving: "Why all this acrimony?" he put into words what the greater part of sincere people in this country were asking. For, as we said in our leader last week, it is an awful tragedy that precisely at a time of our country's history when all hands should be at the plough, and when every ounce of effort should be utilised to the full in the task of educating our youth, misunderstandings on the one hand, and calculated ill-will on the other, should have brought about the sad position of today. The results of course were obvious; the atmosphere required to work in peace was there no longer; energies which should have been used to the maximum in the work of education, were being frittered away on thrust and counter-thrust in the educational controversy.

That was why we wrote as we did, in our leader last Saturday, for we sincerely believed — and our belief has been confirmed by the events of the past week — that there were enough persons of goodwill on both sides of the educational fence, as well as an ample region of agreement (which, alas, was being lost sight of amidst the clouds of controversy), to effect a peaceful settlement of the much-vexed question of the assisted denominational system. We pleaded then that those concerned should look rather at the points of agreement than at those of controversy; and we indicated, that in actual fact there was one comforting thought: all (except, of course, the Marxists) upheld the necessity of religion as the basis of education.

Since we wrote those lines, two important events have taken place, both of which are very hopeful for the future. There was, firstly, the Prize Day speech of the Very Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai, O.M.I., Rector of St. Joseph's College, last Friday; and secondly, there is the reported agreement reached at a meeting of certain educationists (which included Mr. P. de S. Kularatne, President of the All-Ceylon Buddhist Congress), that religion was to be the basis of education, and that therefore the denominational system of schools should continue to be available for those who desired to make use of such schools. This agreement, we repeat, is one of the most hopeful signs on the educational horizon of our times, and if only it were to be implemented in the correct spirit, it will undoubtedly lead to the removal of existing tensions, and the ushering in of a period of harmony in the educational sphere.

But in all this, two factors must be reckoned with. The Rector of St. Joseph's referred to the first of these in his Prize-Day Report, when he said:

"We can very easily come to a satisfactory mutual understanding, for we both (referring to Buddhists and Catholics) believe in the primacy of moral values and in the necessity of a religious background to education. The Marxists deny this and that is why the fundamental cleavage lies not between Buddhists and ourselves, but between Marxists and those who believe in religion...."

The Marxists are definitely opposed to all forms of religion; and they are also naturally opposed to any form of agreement between the Buddhists and Catholics, for it is only too well known that they fish best in troubled waters. This fact must be borne in mind.

The second factor that must not be forgotten is that in spite of the goodwill of the vast majority of Buddhists, there still remains a small coterie — infinitesimal in numbers, but vociferous in its views and opinions — which is sure to do its utmost to heighten and accentuate differences, rather than to help towards an agreement. Fortunately these are few, and their clamour need not worry us too much, for they certainly do not represent Buddhist opinion.

The events of last week, then, are hopeful. The agreement that the educational system of the country must be worked out, with religion as the basis, is most reassuring. And the goodwill and understanding that have been engendered, are most promising indeed. It is with these thoughts in our mind that we repeat once more what we said last week: let goodwill prevail over hatred, and let our points of agreement prevail over disagreement — for, it is only in such an atmosphere that harmony can ultimately be achieved.

It is in this spirit that we make our own the words of the Rector of St. Joseph's in his Prize-Day Report:

"Let us assure our Buddhist brethren that if they are really concerned with the advancement of Buddhist education, there need not be any dispute between themselves and ourselves."

The Marxists plan to destroy our schools — Fr. Peter Pillai

WE REPRODUCE BELOW THE FULL TEXT OF THE PRIZE DAY ADDRESS BY VERY REV. FR. PETER PILLAI, O.M.I., DELIVERED AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

THE QUESTION OF DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS IS ONCE AGAIN IN THE FOREGROUND. SOME OF THE MARXIST PARTIES ARE ALREADY CAMPAIGNING TO DESTROY THE DENOMINATIONAL SYSTEM. THAT IS A REQUISITE OF THEIR MATERIALISTIC PHILOSOPHY, AND THEY ARE MERELY RUNNING TRUE TO FORM.

They are not happy that in Kerala their strategy of slow strangulation of the denominational school system has been brought into the open by unexpected resistance on the part of the victims. But whether their campaign be camouflaged or whether it be accompanied by the fanfare of trumpets, no one can be in the least surprised that they find the denominational school system an insuperable obstacle to their plan for a Marxist dictatorship.

Misappropriation

But it is surely unthinkable that any democratic group, believing in the fundamental freedoms, will ever demand from the Government such an act of wanton and unashamed oppression as the compulsory takeover of our denominational schools. Such an appropriation, or rather misappropriation, is so grave an injustice that we can hardly consider it a serious possibility. It is difficult to believe that any important section of the Buddhist community for example, will ever be guilty of what we can only call open persecution.

But it is certain that there is among some of the Buddhists, a sense of grievance against the Christian schools. As far as we can make out, at the back of all this loose talk, the burden of the charge against us seems to be that our schools contain a certain number of Buddhist children who are deprived of a Buddhist education. As we ourselves are so anxious to educate our Catholic children in Catholic schools we can quite understand the feelings of Buddhists who would like their children to be given an education with a Buddhist background. But we have in no way opposed the campaign to open Buddhist schools for Buddhist children. On the contrary we have welcomed this move to provide Buddhist schools, and where the Buddhists have found it impossible for financial and other reasons to build Buddhist schools, we have been glad when the State opened schools, in which the Buddhist children could at least obtain instruction in their own religion. For if the Buddhist parents wish to take their children away from our schools in order that these children may obtain religious education either in Buddhist Assisted schools or at least in State schools, they have a right to do so, and neither the Catholic body nor any one else should stand in their way. This has always been our position.

Prior right

It would seem that the argument as now put forward is that as many Buddhist parents who ought to know better, are still continuing to send their children to Christian schools, even when they have opportunities of educating them in Buddhist or State schools, some kind of compulsion ought to be brought to bear upon them, so that they will remove their children from schools where Buddhist religious instruction cannot be provided. We believe with the United Nations that "parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children," and that it is for the Buddhist parents to express their views on

their right to choose a suitable type of school. We are not however going to take part in the controversy as far as the right of Buddhist parents is concerned.

Acceptance

Accordingly we are prepared to accept the proposal that after a short period of transition, Government grant be given to us only in respect of Catholic children. We subscribe to the following memorandum drawn up by educationists representing every denomination:—

"We urge the continuance of assisted schools along with State schools and with certain modifications of the present system. We stress that the religious element in education

SALIENT POINTS...

- Whether their campaign be camouflaged or whether it be accompanied by the fanfare of trumpets, no one can be least surprised that the Marxists find the denominational schools system an insuperable obstacle to their plan for a Marxist dictatorship.
- We have in no way opposed the campaign to open Buddhist schools for Buddhist children. On the contrary we have welcomed this move to provide Buddhist schools.
- We are prepared to accept the proposal that after a short period of transition, government grant be given to us only in respect of Catholic children.
- The fundamental cleavage lies not between Buddhists and ourselves, but between the Marxists and those who believe in religion.

is indispensable. The various religious denominations have emphasised that every child should have education in the atmosphere of his own denomination in addition to instruction in his own religion. We consider that religion as provided for in a government school would be inadequate compared to what would be possible in a denominational school. It would help our thinking if we divide our considerations into—

- (a) Ultimate objectives,
- (a) Transitional arrangements.

In respect of these we make the following suggestions:—

- (a) Ultimate Objectives:
 - (1) That provision be made for: Government Schools; Denominational Schools with State assistance; Unaided Schools.
 - (2) Each denominational school with State assistance shall be run mainly for children belonging to its own denomination. Fees may be charged for other children in attendance as provided in (3) below.
 - (3) When the parent has the choice of sending his child to a school of his own denomination or to a Government school, but prefers to send the child to a school of another denomination, the school be permitted to charge fees. But where in a locality the parent has no school

of his own denomination or a Government school and is thereby compelled to send his child to a school of another denomination, the Government should pay a grant to the school in respect of such a child.

(4) Unaided schools should be permitted to charge fees.

(b) Transitional Arrangements:

(1) In order to avoid excessive dislocation when passing from the present to the ultimate position and in order not to prejudice the interests of children of other denominations now in various denominational schools, suitable transitional measures would have to be adopted.

(2) That where a denomination is unable to open schools in an area for its children, the State be requested to open schools in that area.

(3) The present provision for granting assistance to a school in respect of children other than those of the denomination of the management be continued in the interests of children already in school for such temporary periods as are necessary and agreed to by consultation between the Government and each school.

(4) The need for new denominational schools for children of that denomination should be recognized, and present restrictions regarding the opening of such new schools should be removed.

A sacrifice

One effect of these recommendations will evidently be to compel us to close down that small number of schools where there are too few Catholic children. These children will have to be distributed among the larger schools, and this will certainly entail financial hardship on the Catholic community, as Scholarships will have to be found for many of these children. But this sacrifice we are willing to make.

The proposal that parents who wish to send their children to the Assisted school of another denomination and pay fees should not be prevented from doing so, has the merit of safeguarding, at least to a certain extent, the right of the parent to send his child to the school of his choice. As far as these parents are concerned, the educational institution becomes for all practical purposes an unaided school. In point of fact however, very few parents will be affected by this permission, as they would normally prefer not to pay fees.

Assurance

Quite recently Mr. P. de S. Kularatne has put forward another proposal, viz., that since the Buddhist community according to him is not able to find the necessary resources to build the requisite number of Buddhist schools for their children, these schools should be built by Government for the Buddhists. Just as there are now Government Muslim schools, there should also be Government Buddhist schools. He is not opposed to Government Hindu schools and Government Christian schools wherever they may become necessary. We welcome this proposal in principle and, if it is implemented honestly and fairly, we shall certainly co-operate in every possible way. This proposal is embodied in the Scottish system of education

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CEYLON WILL HAVE TWO CATHOLIC HOSPITALS

Marawila & Colombo projects well under way

Schools-take over

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and it seems to work very satisfactorily in Scotland.

Let us assure our Buddhist brethren that if they are really concerned with the advancement of Buddhist education there need not be any dispute between themselves and ourselves. We can very easily come to a satisfactory mutual understanding, for we both believe in the primacy of moral values and in the necessity of a religious background to education. The Marxists deny this and that is why the fundamental cleavage lies not between Buddhists and ourselves, but between the Marxists and those who believe in religion. A frantic effort is being made by some of the Marxists to set up the Buddhists against the Christians in general and the Catholics in particular. One might wonder how, after their gory exhibition in Tibet, they can dare to adopt such tactics. But they have got away with so much in the past, that they believe that their method of the big lie is always successful. Let us hope that this time at least their dishonesty will be completely exposed.

KERALA

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firings, to make up the mammoth assembly that thronged the outskirts of the governor's house.

15 women carried the torches in the final stage of the procession from Mahatma Gandhi College. In the portico of the house, surrounded by the flames of the torches, the memorial charging the Kerala ministry with "establishing a Communist State in Kerala" was formally presented to Mr. Rao.

P. T. Chacko, leader of the Opposition, told the governor that if the present situation were allowed to continue, it would constitute a "danger to the whole of India."

At the commencement of the trek to the capital, Mr. Padmanabhan addressing the people stated that the torches were symbolic of the flare of resentment burning in the hearts of Kerala's 15,000,000 people.

National Seminar

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1959, at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kottahena.

Sessions, it is understood, will be held in all three languages separately and will cover lectures, open discussions and questions. The themes will dwell on spirituality, discipline and the apostolate.

It will be recalled that this proposed all-Ceylon Seminar stems directly from the series of "national congresses" initiated at the request of the Sacred Congregation of Religious in the U.S. in 1952 and followed two years later by Brazil, Argentina and Canada in turn. In 1955 there was a congress in South Africa exclusively for the Sisters. This was followed by the Liverpool Congress for Britain and followed by Colombia at Bogota, and Spain at Madrid in October 1956.

FATIMA VILLA

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WEEK-END RETREATS:

July 25 — 26: S.S.C. Students (in Sinhalese). No vacancy.

July 31 — 2 Aug.: Available.

Aug. 7 — 25: Reserved for Priests and Religious.

27 — 30: Catholic Actionists

Sept. 4 — 6: Available

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17 — 19: Available

24 — 27: Adult Sodalists. No vacancy.

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(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

IN pursuance of the government policy of discontinuing gradually the services of the Religious Sisters from all State hospitals, the Messenger understands that two projects, Catholic Hospitals—one in Marawila and the other in Colombo, have, with Government approval, been undertaken, and that both projects are now well under way.

The Messenger carries separately, as a supplement to this issue, the Pastoral Letter titled "Catholic Hospital" by His Lordship the Bishop of Chilaw, in which His Lordship deals exhaustively with the work done by our Nuns. His Lordship also discloses in it the details concerning the Catholic Hospital project in Marawila.

THE MESSENGER HAS ALSO RECEIVED INFORMATION REGARDING THE COLOMBO PROJECT WHICH WILL BE KNOWN AS THE HOSPITAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA.

The Chairman of the Fatima Hospital Board, Very Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai, O.M.I., has released the following communique:

THE HOSPITAL OF OUR LADY of FATIMA

will all be served by the nuns and the nurses working under their direction.

OUR hospital project has been under discussion for very many years, and preparations were made for the scheme by the purchase of land for the purpose adjoining the Aquinas University College playing fields at Wanathamulla. It is now time to proceed actively with the construction of the building.

The present plans are for a 250 bed hospital which, when completed, will cost around two and a half million rupees. The first part of the scheme for a 50 bed unit will cost from four to five lakhs of rupees.

The Fatima Hospital will cater to all classes, the poor, the middle class, the well-to-do. They

The Treasurer of the Fatima Hospital Fund is the Bursar, Aquinas University College, and all donations are to be sent to him. Those who want tax exemption, because of donations to the approved charity known as the Corporation of the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon, are kindly requested so to inform the Treasurer of the Fund who will obtain the necessary receipts and forward them to the donors.

We shall be grateful not only for donations, but also for offers to serve as promoters of the scheme. We hope that there will be many promoters who will undertake to collect at least Rs. 1,000/-.

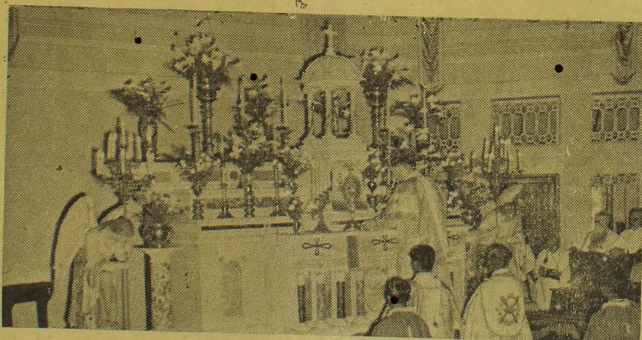
Jubilee Celebrations at St Joseph's

(by a "Messenger" reporter)

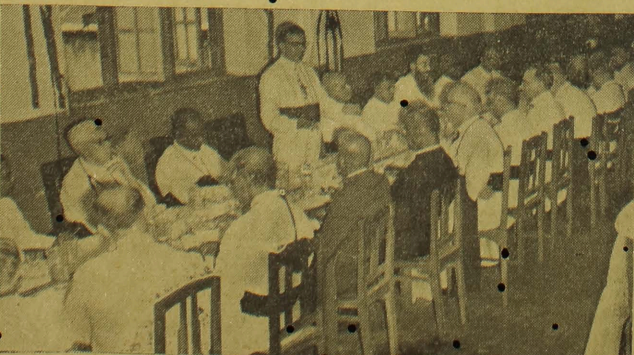
ONE of the largest and most representative gatherings of priests from every Diocese of Ceylon, assembled at St. Joseph's College last Wednesday, to fete the Very Rev. Fr. Peter A. Pillai, O.M.I., on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee of Priesthood.

Celebrations had already commenced in the morning, but everything came to a standstill by 10-30,

as the crowning event of the day — High Mass sung by the Jubilarian — was ushered in by the



● The crowning moment. High Mass is sung by the jubilarian.



● At the luncheon, His Grace is seen speaking.

(Photos by Donald's)

S.V.P. Day at Katugastota

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

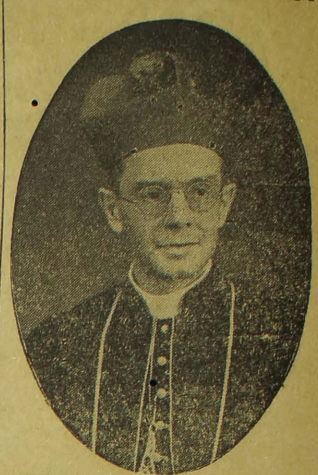
A ROUSING talk by Revd. Fr. Hyde rang down the curtain on the celebrations of the feast of St. Vincent de Paul in Katugastota. The St. Vincent de Paul's conference and the Ladies of Charity celebrated this the feast of their Patron Saint.

Holy Mass at 7-30 a.m. was followed by an almsgiving to the poor of the parish. The two associations then enjoyed a hearty breakfast to which the "Blue Army" was also invited.

The Secretaries of the two associations, Mr. L. C. Pereira and Mrs. P. Amerasinghe, read the reports at the half-yearly general meeting which followed.

Revd. Fr. Hyde, by his talk on the life of St. Vincent de Paul, enlightened the members considerably. The parish celebrated this feast for the first time.

Ad Multos Annos!



On the occasion of the patronal feast of Dr. Ignatius Glennie S.J., Bishop of Trincomalee, which falls on Friday, 31st July, we offer His Lordship our prayerful good wishes.

REV. FR. C. V. CROOS O.M.I.

IN the early hours of Monday the 20th July, the Rev. Fr. Croos, O.M.I., expired, after a long illness.

That evening his body was taken to his own church, of Colpetty, where unending groups of his flock had gathered. The next morning, Requiem Mass was sung by the Vicar-General, the Very Rev. Fr. C. J. Reymann, O.M.I., and in the evening His Grace the Archbishop presided at Vespers.

One of the largest gatherings of clergy, religious, and laity — there were almost a hundred priests — took part in the funeral procession; and at the cemetery, the crowd of mourners had increased to vaster proportions.

The poor and the rich, the unimportant and the important, the unknown and the known... they were all there, in a silent, sad, but most eloquent testimony to all that the much-loved veteran Fr. Croos had been to so many. A priest of God loved by so many; a religious, respected and admired by all. And now his long priestly life — within barely a few weeks he would have reached his Golden Jubilee — had ended. But the end fitted in admirably with the whole: quiet, calm, serene, patient in illness.

The end had come. But the farewell at Kanatte was not over until his life-long friend, Rev. Fr. Basil Wiratunge, O.M.I., had chanted the last prayers.

R.I.P.
(fuller obituary notice in a subsequent issue).

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Contributed by the Parishioners as a token of their gratitude towards their late Pastor.

All parishioners, friends and wellwishers are hereby invited.

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Feast of the Holy Redeemer

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE feast of our Holy Redeemer was celebrated at Makewita on Sunday, 19th July, preceded by Vespers on Saturday sung by Rev. Fr. Mahe, assisted by Rev. Fr. Moise and the Parish Priest.

High Mass on Sunday was sung by Very Rev. Fr. D. J. Anthony, O.M.I., who also delivered the sermon.

Catholic School Front

To the Principals of English

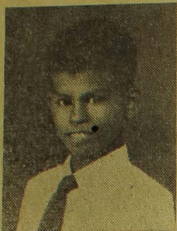
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IN MEMORIAM



Justin Jerome Albrecht

Born: 16th February 1945

Died: 25th July 1957

It is two years since you left us, We never knew that you were leaving us so soon.

Sad and sudden was the parting. Hard and painful was the blow. We mourn and pray for you in silence.

We have only your beautiful memory.

As we treasure that memory our whole life through.

A Requiem High Mass will be said for the repose of his soul at St. Sebastian's Church, Hultsdorp at 6.15 a.m. on 27th July, 1959.

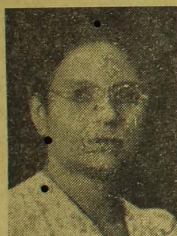
Inserted by his parents, brothers and sisters. 439

Eugene Gonis

Died: July 26th 1953

R. I. P.

Inserted by his sisters, Rachel and Myrie. 457



Adeline Dorothy Richard (Dottie)

Died: 1st August 1957

In remembrance of the 2nd anniversary of her death. Requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of her soul at St. Anthony's Cathedral, Kandy on 1st August, 1959.

Fondly remembered and inserted by her beloved husband.

280, Trincomalee Street, Kandy. 454

N. D. Wilfred

Called to God 27th July 1955

What though in lonely grief we sigh For a loved one no longer nigh. Submissive would we still reply. Thy will be done.

Fondly remembered by his loving wife and children.

346, Sinharamulla, Kelaniya. 451

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

H. Don Francis Dias

Died on 27th July 1958

A Requiem High Mass will be sung at St. Anthony's Church, Kandy, on 27th July at 6.45 a.m.

Inserted by his beloved wife and children.

"St. Joseph's Villa," Illukwatte, Pilimatalawa. 468

MULLER

(Sam)

Died 26th July 1955

Fondly remembered by his loved ones

791, High Level Rd, Nawinna, Nugegoda. 474



Lucy Gomez

(Mrs. A. G. Gomez)

Died: 1st August 1956

Lord Jesus, by Thy Sacred name, By Thy meek suffering and shame, Preserve this soul from cruel flame.

Requiem Masses will be said for the repose of her soul at 6.00 a.m. on Saturday, the 1st August, 1959, at St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya and at The Cathedral, Kandy. R. I. P.

THANKSGIVING

GRATEFUL thanks to Pope Pius XII for a great favour granted. M. Rodrigo. 444

MY grateful thanks to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St. Therese for my success in the examination.—Lilian. 464

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INVITATION

MISS Mary Grace Irene Tennekoon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Tennekoon, Asgiriwalpola, and Clement Pieris, son of late Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Pieris of Gampaha, will be pleased to see all their relations and friends at their marriage at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena, on Saturday, 1st August, 1959, at 8 a.m.

No individual invitations please. Asgiriwalpola, Udugampola, Gampaha. 447

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CHURCH NOTICES

FEAST

OF

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CHURCH

PETTAH

NOVENAS: 31st July to 7th August, 1959 at 6.15 p.m.

VESPERS: Saturday, 8th August, 1959 at 6 p.m.

FEAST DAY: Sunday, 9th August 1959

Low Mass at 7 a.m.

Low Mass at 8 a.m.

High Mass at 9 a.m.

Low Mass at 11 a.m.

Evening Mass at 5.15 p.m. followed by the Procession.

TAMIL SERMONS: By the Rev. Fr. Jacob Fernando, S.J.

Very Rev. Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald S.S.S.

460 Father Superior.

ST. ANNE'S FEAST

KURANA

1st August: 8 p.m. Vespers

2nd August: Low Masses from 5 a.m.

High Mass at 8 a.m.

Salpila in aid of Building Fund. 466 Parish Priests.

S. O. S.

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ALL DEVOTEES OF

St. ANNE

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2. Come and bring others to the FAIR from 23rd—26th July—from 7 p.m. to 12 p.m. 458

NOTICE

Please collect your IN MEMORIAM blocks and photographs within one month after insertion in our paper.

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MANAGER.

KALA OYA

The Feast of OUR LADY OF LOURDES

AT KALA OYA

will be celebrated on Sunday, the 9th August, 19.9

Vespers at 7.30 p.m. on the 8th August.

9th Aug: Mass at 6.30 a.m.

High Mass at 8.00 a.m.

Donations towards the building of the new Church will be gratefully accepted and individually acknowledged.

Rev. Fr. A. Reginald de Silva, O.M.I., Parish Priest, Kekirawa. 418

ORDER ABSOLUTE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

IN the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Rance Carmel Miso of 29, Ropley Avenue, Balwyn, E 8, Melbourne, Australia. — Deceased, Victor Stanley Livera of No. 4, De Fonseka Place, Colombo 4. — Petitioner.

No. 18811/T

This matter coming on for disposal before V. Siva Supramaniam, Esquire, Additional District Judge Colombo, on the 11th day of June 1959, in the presence of Messrs. Abrahams, proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 4th June 1959 and the affidavit of the witnesses dated 13th April 1959, having been read:

It is ordered that the Last Will bearing date 29th day of December 1952, made by the deceased abovenamed, the original of which has been produced and is now deposited in this Court, be and the same is hereby declared proved and that the petitioner abovenamed is hereby declared entitled as the attorney of the husband who is the sole heir of the deceased abovenamed to have Letters of Administration with the Will annexed to the estate of the deceased abovenamed, issued to him accordingly on his payment of estate duty and taking oath of office.

Sgd. V. Siva Supramaniam, Additional District Judge. This 11th day of June, 1959.

THE ANNUAL FEAST OF



ST. ANNE'S CHURCH WATTALA

With the hoisting of the flagstaff the Novenas commenced on 23rd July.

Novenas daily at 7 p.m.

Novena sermons by Rev. Fr. Luigi O.M.I., of Wennappuwa.

Saturday, 1st August at 8 p.m.: Vespers will be sung by Rev. Fr. P. Schins, O.M.I., Vicar Forane.

Sunday, 2nd August: There will be several Low Masses commencing at 4 a.m.

High Mass will be sung at 7 a.m. by Very Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai O.M.I.

After the High Mass there will be two Low Masses for the benefit of the late comers.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

Parish Priest.

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Youth Society

Dear Editor,

We students have formed a Youth Society known as the "Ceylon-Commonwealth Youth Society." The chief aims of the Society are: (a) to foster among youths of the British Commonwealth a spirit of goodwill, friendship and cordiality, (b) the development of cultural relationships

Teacher enrolls her Montessori pupils

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing eight enrolment forms for the children in my Catechism Class who have not already been enrolled in the Schools-Mag.

As a parent and teacher I must thank you for this weekly page especially "Uncle Ashley's Talks" because I feel that in the strain and stress of this work-a-day world very little time is spent in deepening the spiritual life of our little ones.

May God bless you and may your labour be blessed with abundant fruit.

P. Samuel.

A.M.I. Montessori Centre,
Colombo 3.

between the countries of the Commonwealth.

The activities of the Society are varied: viz. Social Service, Sports, Drama, Music, Films, Literary and International. Membership is open to girls and boys of the age group of 12-25.

As a member of the Schools-Mag, I sincerely hope that you will publish details of this Society in the Schools-Mag., so that other members who are interested can join the Society. Membership forms and other particulars can be had from me, at No. 20, 3rd Lane, Koswatte, Rajagiriya.

Lionel Ferdinand.
(Schools-Mag Member No. 101)

Dear Editor,

We are three sisters sending in our forms to be enrolled members of the Schools-Mag. We are regular readers of the Messenger especially the Schools-Mag. Wishing the Schools-Mag many more members and all the best.

Jean, Joan and Evangeline Young
Colombo 5.

Dear Editor,

I am already a happy member of the Schools-Mag. We wait anxiously till Sunday dawns, first to go to Church and next to get our copy of the Schools-Mag. My three little sisters are very eager to become members, so I have collected three coupons and I am enclosing them. I am in Form II. I read and explain to my sisters all the stories especially Uncle Ashley's column.

Sriyanie Jayatileke.

Convent of the Child Jesus,
Ratnapura.

Dear Editor,

The Schools-Mag is very interesting and I read it every week. I have made up my mind to be a member. I am a student of Holy Family Convent, Kurunegala. I am in Form III.

Ann Wiratunga.

Kurunegala.

Campaign against Indecent Literature

CATHOLIC SCHOOL-BOYS TAKE FIRM STAND

Sometime back the Schools-Mag featured an article from Carmini Rutnam of Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy, on the dangers of reading lewd literature. Carmini wrote: "This type of reading matter is all too common in our book stalls where the sellers have no thought for the young and innocent." (Schools-Mag, May 23, 1959).

Here is how a group of Melbourne school boys tackled the problem. This should be an eye-opener to our own Ceylon youth and a pointer to the positive type of approach to a particular problem. — Editor.

Teen-agers set public example

A GROUP OF MELBOURNE SCHOOL-BOYS HAVE, BY REFUSING TO HANDLE CERTAIN PAPERS THAT THEY CONSIDER OBSCENE AND INDECENT, SET A REFRESHING EXAMPLE TO THE PUBLIC. THE BOYS, MOST OF THEM IN THEIR EARLY TEENS, HAVE NAMED 21 PUBLICATIONS AND CAUSED NO LITTLE UPSET AMONG THE DISTRIBUTORS OF THIS TRASH.

YOU may wonder that such a thing should happen, or that boys should be involved. The boys are concerned because one of the features of Melbourne life is the number of boys who make spare-time cash by selling papers and magazines at street-corners and station stands on behalf of news agents.

REACTION

The reaction of the news agents has varied. Some have respected the boys' consciences; others have

objected and threatened reprisals. But the boys have not budged an inch from their stand.

Publishers have even gone so far as to approach their schools, but they have been given short shift by the teachers who told them they thought the boys were doing a fine work by making a stand for Christian morality.

The Advocate, Melbourne Catholic weekly, reports that a representative of the big Sydney firm, Consolidated

Press, made one such call. He was told that the firm's attitude was beyond comprehension.

The boys' stand came at a particularly appropriate time, since it occurred during June, Catholic Press month in Australia and New Zealand. Most parish priests in Melbourne referred to it in their sermons and urged their flocks to back the boys by refusing to buy sexy magazines.

• IS YOUR NAME CARMEL?

THE patron saint of girls named Carmel or Carmela is naturally Our Lady of Mount Carmel whose feast day is celebrated on July 16.

This feast of Our Lady is celebrated by the western Church and the Italo-Greeks, Chaldeans and Malabarese.

It was at first a feast proper to the Carmelite Order, to celebrate its own probation at Rome and St. Simon Stock's vision of Our Lady and the brown scapular.

It is in connection with the brown scapular that the feast has obtained a wider observance.

Provincial Champions again

• St. Anthony's English School, Dematagoda

WE had our Sports Meet on the 20th of June. There were team games between the two houses—the Theresians and Agnesians—the former won and were awarded a large and beautiful cup.

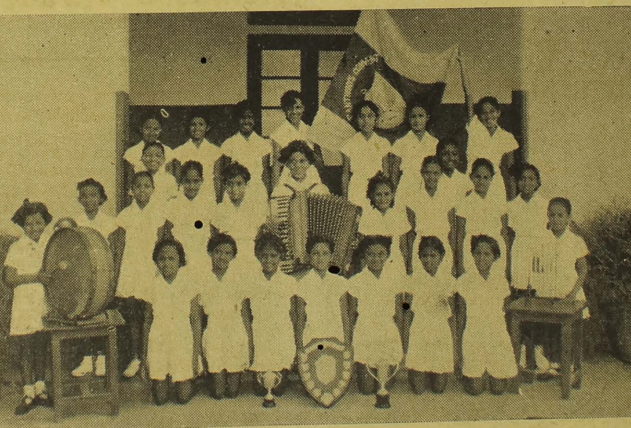
Besides these there were very interesting class games. The most interesting one was the Obstacle Race of the J.S.C. (A) English Section. This game split our sides with laughter as the contestants had to daub their faces with flour.

Bernadette Gallander.
(Schools-Mag, No. 2201).

PROVINCIAL CHAMPS!



ST. Bernard's Convent, Nawalapitiya were Central Province champions at the Provincial Athletic Meet held last month.



The Junior P.T. Squad of St. Anthony's Convent, Kandy was placed first in the Central Province P.T. Competition held on Saturday, 6th June, 1959.

• St. Anthony's College, Panadura

ST. Anthony's College Volley Ball team has added yet another laurel to its crown.

As champions of the Panadura district, they have defeated all schools in Horana, Alutgama, Panadura and Kalutara. They are now the School District champions in the Panadura-Kalutara-Totamuna.

Inquisitive old lady: "The man in the top flat has a lot of correspondence, postman, you have always some thing for him."

Postman: "Yes, I had a row with him once, and ever since he sent himself a post card daily because I have to climb five flights of stairs to deliver it."

Sent by P. Bernard Fernando.



He will attend 10th World Jamboree in Manila...

PATROL Leader Sirimal R. R. Perera embarked on the Cambodge with the Ceylon Contingent to attend the 10th World Jamboree to be held in Manila. Sirimal won the Scout Cord as a Junior Scout. He has also won the coveted Queen Scout Badge and Parchment. Sirimal is just sixteen.

THIS IS MY SCHOOL!

I AM a boy attending St. Joseph's Boys' School, Nugegoda. Our school is situated in the premises of our Parish Church in Nugegoda. Our School Manager is Rev. Fr. Charles J. D. Souza. He takes a keen interest in all our activities both spiritual and temporal. We all love him very much.

Our school, though small maintains a high standard of education. Our Principal and teachers are very good, and we boys co-operate with them, to improve the school.

Being a Catholic School it was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in its first year 1953. This consecration is renewed every year and celebrated on a grand scale. Apart from this great day, our school also celebrates the feast of our school Patron, St. Joseph.

~~~~~ says ~~~~~

Philip Van Reyk

(Schools - Mag No. 3044.)

We start in the morning with Mass and Communion by all the teachers and pupils, followed by a tea, matches and games. The Patron's day is brought to a close with devotions to St. Joseph.

I am proud to be a student of this school, and I hope all the boys of this

Dear Editor,

My school is out in the country beyond N'Elia. It is a lovely, big school and my daddy is a Senior Master here. We have, I think, the prettiest swimming pool in the Island. I swim, play tennis, cricket, soccer and hockey.

I won't take much of your valuable time describing this really and truly beautiful spot and do hope that you'll be able to look this place up some time when you can make it; we'll love to have you with us. I have an Uncle who is a Priest and an Aunt who is a Nun and my daddy's any mummy's cousins (two of them) who are also priests.

God bless you.

Ralph Amerasinghe.

(A lovely letter indeed, Ralph! To live in a lovely place like N' Elia, you must be lucky too! And here's hoping you will write more often to the Schools-Mag! God bless you. — Editor.)

school will strive to keep up the good name for:

St. Joseph, our patron and guide  
Day by day is at our side  
To guard us its pupils of our school  
And abide by its Golden Rule.

St. Joseph's Boys' School,  
Nugegoda.

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## Birthday Corner

JULY 25th—AUG. 1st

July 25: Veronica Fernando (Nugegoda), Carlo Perera (Galle), Antonia Wijeyesinghe (Borella), Lucy Bastiansz (Kotahena), Jeanne Don Paul (Wattala), Joseph Savundranayagam (Anuradhapura), Jeremy de Silva (Dehiwela).

July 26: Rita Perera (Matale), Srilal Fernando (Colombo 13), Sperling Ziegelaar (Dehiwela), Celestino Fernando (Maradana), Annon de Croos (Negombo), Joseph David Moldrich (Colombo 4), Merino de Almeida (Borella), Jennifer Dias (Dematagoda).

July 27: Lilamane Bastiansz (Colombo 14), A. C. Perera (Kandy), Tyrone Candappa (Mutwal), Jayalath Wijesekera (Colombo 10), Arlene Jones (Colombo), Felix Cooray (Nuwara Eliya), Rohini Gulasekaram (Colombo 4).

July 28: Colman Ebert (Nugegoda), Kamini Malawana (Borella), Roshan Cowesjee (Nugegoda), D. R. C. Fonseka (Kandy), D. R. C. Herathge (Kandy), Charmaine Oorloff (Kandy), Maureen Weerasinghe (Wattala).

July 29: Angelo Gooneratne (Dehiwela), Anne Wambeck (Lunuwila), Florence Tennekoon (Kelaniya), Shirane Fernando (Moratuwa), Esther Ferreira (Dehiwela), Rane Perera (Colombo 5), M. Fernandopulle (Borella), Beulah Nugara (Dehiwela), Marcelle de Silva (Mutwal), Marguerite de Silva (Mutwal), David Samarasinghe (Mirihana).

July 30: Ignatius Abraham (Bandarawela), Sherine Jayasekera (Mutwal), Annesley de Silva (Kelaniya), Prema Gunewardene (Nugegoda), Marie de Silva (Peradeniya), Elsworth de Fry (Kotahena).

July 31: Neville Ramanaden (Dehiwela), Marie Wijeratnam (Kotahena).

Teacher: Tom, you ass, why did you make such a silly mistake?  
Tom: What can I do sir?  
Teacher: Tell me how many legs you have.  
Tom: Four, sir.  
Teacher: How's that, you ass?  
Tom: Why sir, an ass has four legs.  
Sent by W. E. Malcolm Fernando.  
(Schools-Mag No. 1885).

• We have pleasure in introducing two new writers to our columns from All Saints' College, Borella.—Editor.

## CARMEL—Our Lady's Garden

THE Word 'Carmel' means a garden. Isaiah speaks of the "beauty of Carmel" and Jeremiah of its fruit. This "garden enclosed" is Our Lady of Carmel herself, and all her wealth of beauty and fruit are for her Son.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel wants all her children to be thus "enclosed." We cannot all be Carmelites, but we can all have a little Carmel of our own where we can shut ourselves up with the child and His Mother, even amidst the most distracting surroundings. There we can cultivate

## To Our Lady of Mount Carmel

FAIR Lady of the Scapular  
Thine armour safe we bear,  
And place ourselves with perfect trust  
Neath thy protecting care;  
We hold thy livery as sign,  
Of our salvation sure—  
As covenant of peace with thee  
While Life and Love endure.

A mother thou to all our race  
But more abundant share  
Have we of thy maternal Love  
Because thy garb we wear;  
O grant that we may worthy prove  
Thy children true to be,  
Until our time of exile o'er  
We reach to heaven and thee.

Blossom Francke

All Saints' College  
Borella.

Aug. 1: Pat Wickramasinghe (Colombo 4), M. G. Perera (Kandy), Daphne Fernandez (Colombo 14), Priyeshanti Kirthisinghe (Negombo), Cyril Nicholas (Nugegoda), B. A. N. Nissanka (Kandana), Mahinda Silva (Andiambalama).

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SCHOOL.....  
DATE AND YEAR OF BIRTH.....

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## Member's Parade

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1701. G. Pathagunaseelan (Kiriella), 1702. Indranie Remigius (Moratuwa), 1703. Myra de Silva (Moratuwa), 1704. Sriya Fernando (Moratuwa), 1705. Earl Ferdinand (Borella), 1706. Kumari Raju (Colombo 6), 1707. Charmaine Raju (Colombo 6), 1708. Shirley Silva (Moratuwa), 1709. Shirley Weerasinghe (Colombo 13), 1710. Phoebe Lowe (Colombo 14), 1711. Bertie Fernando (Beruwala), 1712. Roshan Silva (Moratuwa), 1713. Siltha Perera (Moratuwa), 1714. Hyacinth Fernando (Moratuwa), 1715. Heron Waas (Colombo 5), 1716. Premus Silva (Moratuwa), 1717. Roshni de Fonseka (Colombo 7), 1718. Anny Motha (Matale), 1719. Margaret Rajapakse (Negombo), 1720. Christine Anandappa (Colombo 14), 1721. Yasmine Symons (Doralesgamuwa), 1722. J. Pius (Trincomalee), 1723. Neila de Almeida (Moratuwa), 1724. Aruni Leema (Negombo), 1725. Hyacinth Nainthy (Moratuwa), 1726. Ranjanie Silva (Moratuwa), 1727. Vasanthy Spaulding (Colombo 6), 1728. Wilfred Perera (Galle), 1729. Marie Sirimanne (Negombo), 1730. Precil Fernando (Moratuwa), 1731. Sunil Fernando (Moratuwa), 1732. J. A. R. Moldrich (Grandpass), 1733. Leonard Ferdinand (Borella), 1734. Christine Bevan (Waharaka), 1735. Prithvi Sirimanne (Negombo), 1736. Gamini Cooray (Moratuwa), 1737. Shirani Abayakoon (Moratuwa), 1738. Bertram Thurgood (Colombo 9), 1739. Fatima Wanasinghe (Negombo), 1740. I. Sahabandu (Colombo 14), 1741. Patrick Jansz (Colombo), 1742. Brian Herft (Mutwal), 1743. Sarojini Raju (Colombo 6), 1744. Delecia Silva (Moratuwa), 1745. Ferida De S. Wijeyeratne (Divulapitiya), 1746. Constance Perera (Moratuwa), 1747. Geraldine Kelani (Colombo 2), 1748. Assunta Wanasinghe (Negombo), 1749. Astrid Silva (Moratuwa), 1750. Shirley Jackson (Trincomalee).

(To be continued)

## TALKS WITH Juniors

## THIS MYSTERIOUS CONSCIENCE

My dear children,

Before we proceed to the intricacies of Examination of Conscience it would be well for us to get a clear grasp of this mysterious thing we call conscience.

Conscience is a silent Teacher. It teaches us what is right and wrong.

Conscience is a silent judge. It weighs our every action and either commends or reproaches us.

Conscience is a silent interpreter. It interprets our actions in the light of moral law.

Conscience is an invisible light that illumines life's path.

Conscience is a silent dictator often obliging us to do the right thing and avoid the wrong. Often enough when we do wrong it is in spite of our conscience. No wonder St. Augustine wrote "Video meliora sequor deteriora." "I know and see the more correct but I do what is worse."

Conscience is a wise Counsellor—prompting us to walk the right way.

Conscience is the still voice from within beckoning us to do God's Will, teaching us to live according to His Laws.

Conscience is a mysterious awareness—a veritable and instructive consciousness of right and wrong.

You may be rich or poor, big or small, educated or not, pure or impure. Everyone experiences this voice of Conscience.

Maybe we often ignore our Conscience, maybe we even stifle it, but the little voice continues to speak within us.

Conscience is the best proof for the existence of a spiritual faculty within us—proof for the existence of a spiritual soul.

Always in Jesus and Mary,

UNCLE ASHLEY.

## Middle Way at St. Sebastian's College

(from our correspondent)

UNDER the auspices of the Literary Union Society of St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa, Senator Justin Kotelawala delivered a lecture on the 'Economics of the Middle Way' and 'Aqueducts of Prosperity.'

The Meeting was presided over by Mr. Ranjan Fernando, President of the Union and among the large gathering of teachers and students present were those from the Convent of Our Lady of Victories, Methodist High School, Moratuwa, Princess of Wales and the Prince of Wales Colleges.

Senator Justin Kotelawala prefaced his lecture by saying that never in the living memory of the Ceylonese was there such despair, apathy, uncertainty, discrimination, the selection of jobs, ill-will, wanton disregard for for life, cost of living sky-rocketing, corruptness and laziness as they are found today.

Continuing he said that both under the Capitalist and Communist system a worker is a foot-stool of the bosses. His happiness, and even his very life depends on the whims and fancies of the Capitalist or the Communist party boss. For the first time in the history of man they will accumulate capital and be economically free from these bosses. So the real freedom of the working class can only be found in the 'Economics of the Middle Way.' The local Marxist holds the illusion that they are the stooges of the new Communist Imperialism that is arising in the world. If they wish to be really progressive they should give up their parasitic thinking and embrace the new civilization that has sprung up from the soil of Ceylon.

The Middle Way is the logical conclusion to man's discovery in the process of evolution. It is in complete accordance with Hegel and dialectical materialism. The Aqueducts of Prosperity will collect waters from the Kalu Ganga, Nilwala Ganga, Walawe, Manik Gange, Belihuloya, Mahaweli,

Maha Oya, Deduru Oya and the Kelani and will send them to any part of the country. The lecturer claimed that it is possible to make the salt water lagoons of Jaffna, Elephant Pass, Batticaloa, Puttalam, Negombo and those down South into fresh water lakes. He elaborated his talk with the aid of maps, diagrams and figures.

He appealed to the youth to despise those vain egoistic leaders panting for power who use class hatred, religious hatred, communal hatred and caste hatred to divide the people. He appealed to them to spread this new economic doctrine of love and create an United Ceylon and march forward.

In concluding his lecture which took one hour, he made a passionate appeal to the youth and said that a happy and prosperous Plan for Lanka has been presented to them and requested them to grasp it with both hands.

The audience greeted the lecturer vociferously and many speeches followed including one from Rev. Bro. Modestus, the Director of the School who in thanking the lecturer invited him to their school more often.

## COMPETITION CORNER PRIZES

CHILDREN are requested to fill in the blanks and form a word according to the Clues given.

The Competition is open to all Members and non-Members of the Schools-Mag.

Any number of entries may be sent but each entry should be accompanied with a cutting of this Competition.

A prize of Rs. 5/- will be forwarded to the sender of the first correct solution opened. All entries should be addressed to Geo. P. Solomons, No.

## WHAT IS the WORD?

7. Windsor Avenue, Dehiwela and they should reach him on or before 6 August.

1. HO—SE—You would like to own one.
2. SH—PS—People love to enter them.
3. POE—S—Connected with verse.
4. —OOTS—Disturbing sounds.
5. S—IRT—Something worn.
6. TRA—S—Modes of travel.



# W O M A N AND H O M E



## ★ BEGINNING A NEW SERIES...

Dear Friends,

Coinciding with this month's FAMILY PAGE, we bring you a new series of articles titled "Married Saints." It should prove profitable and instructive

reading in every Catholic home.

Based on real life, this series, we hope, will inspire all married women to lead more devoted, more exemplary lives, so that their light may shine before all

men.

We regret that this month's sermonette has to be with-held, but it will be resumed later. — PATIENCE HOPE.

## THIS WEEK'S EXHIBITION

THERE is glad news for women-folk. All those who were looking forward to the much-publicized Ideal Home and Home Beautiful Exhibition at St. Bridget's Convent grounds, will rally round on 25 July 1959, at 5 p.m. when His Excellency the Governor-General will declare the Exhibition open while Mrs. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike will open the Ideal Home.

For the modest sum of 50 cents (adults) and 25 cents (children) — being entrance fee — this unique Exhibition has much to offer and all things indicate to it being one of the most memorable shows

ever put on in Ceylon.

### • Linen Section

A lovely Linen Section arranged by the nuns of St. Anthony's Convent, assisted by Mrs. H. Cooray and Mrs. J. L. M. Fernando is worth a visit from everyone.

### • Floral display

The ladies in the various Embassies in Colombo have grouped themselves to organize a floral display each day, drawn from America, Holland, Switzerland, India, Japan, etc.

### • Bride's linen chest

This simple, expensive, "do-it-yourself" exhibit is bound to be the cynosure of all eyes.

The young girl can be encouraged to collect such a chest over a period of 4 years at a cost of only Rs. 7/- a month and she is well provided to make a Happy Home. The 108 articles have been transformed into something fine with dainty touches of embroidery that anyone can do with a needle and few skeins of thread.

### • Cookery Book

This book is on sale at the Ideal Home and Home Beautiful Exhibition, at Rs. 6/- per copy.

There are 2 Sections, one on Ceylon Recipes, the other international. The editor Mrs. J. L. M. Fernando says "we hope the Ceylon people will find some interesting new recipes, and that the visitors to Ceylon and our friends abroad will enjoy making our dishes." The colour plate of a Ceylon meal done for the first time in a Ceylon Cookery Book looks most attractive.

The cloth cover is a Ceylonese one turned out by the Department of Industries. Recipes have been sent to it by such prominent personalities as Andre Simon Esqr., The President of the Wine and Food Society and renowned Gourmet, Mrs. Eisenhower, wife of President of U.S.A., Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks, Mrs. Pandit, Film Stars: Jerry Lewis, Anne Baxter, Senator Cairine R. Wilson of Canada, Mr. Tore Wrefman, one of Scandinavia's most famous Restaurateurs.

All in all, the Exhibition is a "must" for all women. It will run daily till 2nd August.



## MOTHER & HOME

A mother's love knows no bounds. She lives a life of self sacrifice in love. She is ever ready to give — but not count the cost.

Many a time she silently endures hardship to make her home happy and comfortable for her loved ones. Motherhood is a special grace from God. Every woman who is a mother should be humbly proud and thankful to God for bestowing on her this special grace.

The mother has a tremendous responsibility in the upbringing of her children. Her life itself should be a lesson for them. Every action of hers and the words spoken are quickly picked up by

the little ones and imitated. The Catholic mother should always make it a point first to see to the

By *Therese Casinather*

religious upbringing of her children. Today in this world of increasing vice, a mother should be vigilant lest her children fall a prey to evil. The more she loves God and adheres to the precepts of the Catholic Faith, the more she will be guarded and protected from the evils of the world.

## Sts. Adrian and Natalia

WE know that St. Adrian was a pagan officer at the imperial court at Nicomedia. One day he witnessed the scourging of twenty-three Christians and he was so moved by their constancy in suffering that he tried to join their number. Stepping forward he declared his intention, "Count me with these men, for I also am a Christian." He was arrested immediately. When his young wife, Natalia, to whom he had been married only thirteen months heard of his imprisonment she hastened to him to strengthen and encourage him for she was herself a Christian. Kissing his

chains she exclaimed, "You are blessed, Adrian, for you have found the riches which your father and mother did not leave to you, and which the wealthy themselves have need of in the day when neither father nor mother nor children nor friends nor earthly goods are of any avail."

ADRIAN sent Natalia home, promising to let her know when his hour was come. At the appointed time he bribed the jailer to take him to bid farewell to Natalia leaving the other prisoners as hostages for his return. When she heard of his coming she concluded that he had saved himself by apostasy and she refused to open the door. When he explained the situation they embraced and she returned with him to the prison where she remained with him until the end. Other women were in the prison taking care of the sufferers and word of it was brought to Diocletian. He had them all sent away but Natalia cropped her hair, put on her husband's clothes and bribed her way back into the prison.

The martyrs were sentenced to have their limbs broken, and Natalia asked that Adrian be allowed to suffer first in order to be spared the sight of the agony of the others. She was there with him when his bones were crushed with blows. Then his hands and feet were cut off and he died. The others died in like manner. After the execution the bodies were piled up to be burned, but a great storm came up and put out the fire so that the Christians of Nicomedia were able to gather together many relics of Adrian and his companions. The relics were taken to Argyropolis near Byzantium and there buried. Some months later Natalia, who was being persecuted by an imperial officer who wanted to marry her, followed the relics and died shortly thereafter. She was buried with the martyrs among whom she has always been reckoned.



### Some well-known uses of Vinegar

**Stings.** — A cut onion dipped in pure vinegar will relieve the pain of stings caused by wasps or other flies.

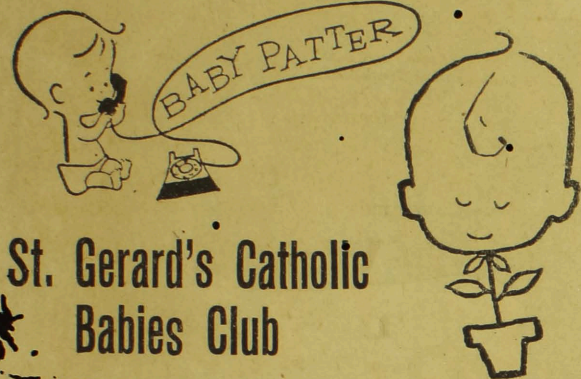
**Scalds.** — A piece of raw potato dipped in vinegar rubbed gently over the area will soothe the scald and prevent blisters.

**Heat-Sores on Lips.** — The sores will dry up quickly if they are dabbed frequently with a piece of cotton wool moistened with vinegar.

**Sprains.** — Massage gently but firmly with vinegar. Follow this treatment by applying a bandage that has been dipped in vinegar.

**Swellings caused by sudden blows.** — The swelling and discolouration can often be prevented if a piece of lint soaked in vinegar is applied immediately.

**Head-ache.** — Some head-aches are relieved by the application to the nape of the neck or forehead (or both) of a piece of cloth wrung out in a solution of vinegar and water.



## St. Gerard's Catholic Babies Club

### NEW MEMBERS

35. Elizabeth Marietta de Jong (4-7-57); 36. John Derek Rodrigo (26-11-58); 37. Philip Dave Arndt (8-12-58); 38. Suzanne Kathleen Margaret Rode (15-1-57); 39. Lourdes Dearnie Victoria (19-6-58); 40. Palitha Anthony Pieris (7-10-58); 41. Jayamal Boniface Jayaweera (26-1-57); 42. Theresa Marian Priyani Fernando (16-8-57); 43. Therese Christine Pereira (3-10-58); 44. Marie Lazerina Ravel (5-11-58); 45. Desnee Roxanne Niranjala Jayamanne (5-11-57); 46. Joseph Remmiestell Markroy Peiris (23-1-59); 47. Philomena Nirmalie Samaranyake (14-9-56); 48. Dinali Caryl Ann Perera (13-4-59); 49. Jeremy Martin Mendis Abeysekere (23-11-56); 50. Jude Mahendra Stephen Selvaratnam (26-12-57); 51. Anne Chrysanthi Marietta Gunawardene (30-7-58); 52. Pamela Larence Pereira (3-8-56); 53. Augusta Virginia Malkanthi Kulasekera (28-8-58); 54. Surathilina Joseph Anthony Gomes (8-3-58); 55. Lourdes Antoinette Ivy Yvonne Fernando (2-7-56); 56. James Chitral Mendis Weerasinghe (6-12-58); 57. Paul Ranjith Madawela (22-2-59); 58. Martinette Romayne Nimmi Devotta (11-11-56); 59. Duleep Fairlie George Dalpethado (31-12-56); 60. Marina Therese Cramer (2-8-56); 61. Laurian Hiran Jayawardene (19-10-57); 62. Renuka Marisette Jayarajah (4-10-58); 63. Delecia Gwendoline Reckerman (1-9-55); 64. Kenneth Carlyle Hepponstall (12-10-56); 65. Errol Joseph Hugh Felsing (6-8-58); 66. Shrimath Angelo Vianney De Zoyza (22-10-58); 67. Melanie Hermione Imelda Suranganee Perera (20-4-58); 68. Arlene Gertrude Elizabeth Stave, (11-4-58); 69. Angelo Ferdinand Chitral Suaris (30-5-58); 70. Renuka Benildus John Galhena (12-7-58); 71. Laksiri De Croos Dabrera (11-10-57); 72. Hyacinth Puntham Fernando Pulle (1-4-58); 73. S. Alexius Chitral Perera (17-7-55); 74. Anthony Priyantha Dias (16-7-58); 75. Sherrin Michael Fernando (29-9-56); 76. Marius Chrysanthus Rannal Jayamanne (25-10-56); 77. Chrysantha Sugritham Fernando Pulle (24-10-55); 78. Dushyantha Aloysius Perera (3-7-57); 79. Mary Rose Teresa Deutrom (18-10-56); 80. Preethie Nirmaline Jayasekera (4-2-58); 81. Albert Rohan Jayasekera (9-12-58); 82. Estelle Odette Alexander (9-9-56); 83. Nimal Surak Quintin de Silva (31-10-58); 84. Anthony Jude de Silva (22-4-58); 85. Judith Rance Antoinette de Silva (22-4-58); 86. Mary Lynette Deckker (2-1-58); 87. Patrick Maxwell Deckker (14-9-55); 88. Savitri Marina Therese Jayatileke (1-11-55); 89. Marie Jacintha Salanche Dias (10-5-57); 90. Marie Antoinette Bertina de Silva (5-11-57).

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# ● War danger is acute HAS RUSSIA WON NUCLEAR RACE?

**HAS Russia won a decisive advantage in nuclear weapons?**

That question arises from Khrushchev's brutally frank statement to Averell Harriman that the Soviet—

- would not tolerate German unity unless Germany was Communist;
- would back its demands for the abandonment of Free Berlin with its full military might;
- would back the Chinese Communists in any action to "liberate" Formosa with all its military resources.

Khrushchev's aggressive pronouncement makes mincemeat of the protestations of local Communists and fellow-travellers that

might;

- would back the Chinese Communists in any action to "liberate" Formosa with all its military resources.

the Soviet's aims are peaceful.

It proves conclusively that the proper place to hold the coming "Congress for Peace and Disarmament" should be not Melbourne, but Moscow.

Khrushchev's statement to Harriman provides further confirmation of the warlike peace which he outlined in his speech of June 18.

Some observers have interpreted the Khrushchev statement as part of a hard diplomatic bluff.

His threats, they say, were voiced in order to "soften up" the Western Foreign Ministers before the Geneva Conference was reconvened.

Accompanied by the dove-like cooings of Deputy U.S.S.R. Premier Kozlov, in America, the tactic is the age-old method of the carrot and the stick.

## READY?

Far more serious for those who are genuinely concerned with the maintenance of world peace is the alternative interpretation.

It is that the Soviet has won a decisive temporary advantage in nuclear weapons.

- That it believes that this advantage may last only a relatively short time until the U.S. catches up.

- That it is ready to use this temporary advantage to force home its most immediate objectives under threat of nuclear war.

- That if the West does not capitulate, it is ready to use the I.C.B.M. on Europe and U.S.A.

That would be Armageddon.

That this is no fanciful nightmare is indicated by the fact that

certain West European nations of the N.A.T.O. alliance are calling reservists back to the colours.

The world may be entering a decisive — and perhaps disastrous — period.

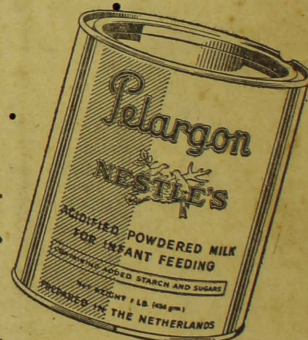
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