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TEN THOUSAND EYES WITNESS KANDY BISHOP'S SOLEMN CONSECRATION

3 Hour drama unveils Church's Ritual Splendours

A BLESSING
from the new
BISHOP

Photo by Leo G. Fernando

Ceylon's entire hierarchy participated
— from Harrison Peiris — (Special Messenger correspondent)

TEN thousand eyes in a crowd five-thousand-strong were held captive throughout the nearly three-hour-long dramatic enactment of the Church's colourful ceremonials last Saturday at Katugastota when His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara, O. S. B., was consecrated Bishop of Kandy, according to the Roman Pontifical.

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IN THAT INSTANCE, BY THE MAHAVELI RIVER ON THE SOIL OF CEYLON'S HILL CAPITAL AND STEELED BY THE NINETEEN HUNDRED YEARS OLD CHURCH'S UNIQUE AND SOLEMN RITUAL, THE NEWLY-CONSECRATED BISHOP LINKED HANDS WITH ST. PETER, CUTTING ACROSS THE GULF OF THE CENTURIES. THUS WAS FULFILLED INDEED THE PERFECT SOLIDARITY AND THE UNBROKEN CONTINUITY AND STRENGTH WHICH IS OUR FAITH.

Spiralling high over St. Anthony's College grounds towered the massive cadjan and bamboo stadium. Every inch of the structure was neatly packaged with a sea of heads.

Dominating the scene and indubitably the cynosure of the ten thousand eyes was the scarlet and purple galaxy which included His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Bernard Regno, Titular Bishop of Bagai and Consecrating Prelate of the day; His Lordship Rt. Rev. Mgr. Ignatius Glennie, S.J., the Bishop of Trincomalee; His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Emilianus Pillai, O.M.I., the Bishop of Jaffna; and the Very Rev. Fr. D. Barzenbach, Vicar-General.

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I., Colombo's Metropolitan, occupied the throne directly facing the Consecrating Bishop's throne. Also in attendance were Their Lordships the Bishops of

Galle and Chilaw, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Laudadio and Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund Peiris, O.M.I., respectively.

Other distinguished personnel who graced the occasion included the Anglican Bishop of Kurunegala, the Rt. Rev. Lakdasa de Mel; the Mayor of Kandy, Mr. E. L. Senanayake and Mrs. Senanayake; Puisne Judge Mr. M. F. S. Pulle; and the Kandy Magistrate, Mr. Fred Alles.

Ten minutes to seven, the Bishop-Elect's father, Mr. Simon Pallegge Nanayakkara, a paralytic for the last two-and-a-half years, was slowly wheeled into the front rows. Together with him and close by him stood his wife and the members of the family circle.

Out beyond, early morning sunbeams filtering through the prisms of the clouds, tipped the distant mountain-skyline into streaks of silver. From the meandering Mahaweli came the swish of the lulling croon and murmur of the waters.

Kandy is awake. A breeze tip-toeing through unfamiliar spaces strays high and sets the white streamers hanging on the roof of the stadium into a slender rustle.

Addressing the Consecrating Bishops, the Senior Assistant Bishop voices: "Most Reverend Father, our Holy Mother the Catholic Church prays that you would raise this priest here present to the Episcopal charge."

Questions the Consecrator: "Have
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Fr. Peyton's Office Recalls Ceylon Rosary Campaign

(from a Messenger reporter)

WRITING to His Grace Archbishop Cooray, Fr. Sughrue of the permanent office of Fr. Peyton's World Crusade of the Family Rosary recalls the Campaign here in Ceylon in 1955, referring to it as "a new victory", "a new milestone" in the World Crusade.

"Under your leadership and inspiration," says the letter, "priests, Religious and faithful substantially and effectively contributed to the effort to get the whole world conscious of, aware of, and disposed to accept and practise all that is implied in the little sentence: 'The Family that Prays together, Stays together.'"

The World Crusade is now at an important turning-point, for it has embarked on a massive campaign to cover the whole of South America. But with Irish good humour and American "know-how" to carry him through, Fr. Peyton has armed himself with mobile equipment — jeeps, river-boats, etc. — and especially with his newest weapons, the Rosary Film "in glorious technicolour," and the most up-to-date

production. To meet the needs of the South American campaign, he is taking out with him a Spanish version and has everything needed to give his own shows anywhere in the jungle.

However, the "equipment" he counts on most of all is an autographed letter from Pope John XXIII.

The letter concludes: "May the facts contained in this letter give this October to the families of your Archdiocese who are still faithful to their pledge a renewed encouragement and appreciation and may they reach those who are still to be won with a new plan to join the ranks of the families across the world whose daily Family Rosary brings down upon the world God's blessing and love and the preservation of good Christian Family Life."

• Pope John's Third Encyclical October Rosary for peace and unity

COINCIDING with the present period of intensive East-West negotiations, Pope John XXIII last week issued an Encyclical calling for the recitation of the Rosary during October for "peace and concord among nations", and for intentions "dear to our heart", the Rome Synod and the Ecumenical Council.

Inviting the entire Christian world and especially the sick, the suffering and children, to join him in "this supplication to the men of destiny to overcome their differences," the Pope, without mentioning Communism, made it clear that there could be no conciliation between the ideals of Communism and Christianity.

The 1,800 word Encyclical, the Pope's third in the first year of his pontificate, said that prayer was necessary — "so that the men responsible for the destinies of great and small groups, whose rights and whose immense spiritual richness must be scrupulously con-

served intact, can evaluate attentively the grave task of the present hour."

"We pray to God," he said, "that they (world leaders) will strive to get to the root of their differences and with goodwill overcome them."

Above all they would have to bear in mind the sad wreckage and damage caused by war and not put any trust in such a solution.

The Pope returns to Rome

POPE JOHN RETURNED TO ROME FROM CASTELGANDOLFO LAST WEEK, ESCORTED BY 12 ITALIAN MOTOR-CYCLE POLICE.

Instead of driving through Rome, he went along a bypass to St. Peter's hospital where he called on Archbishop Carinci, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, who is a patient there.

His Holiness spent about 20 minutes with him.

Thousands of villagers cheered the Pope as he left Castelgandolfo after spending two months there.

At Castelgandolfo he received about 200,000 people in general audience and many more in private audience.

WEEKLY POST BAG

FAMILY PLANNING AND GOD

ACCORDING to our Family-Planners we are in great danger of multiplying ourselves to the extent of misery. Dr. Firmin Bear, distinguished soil scientist from Rutgers University, states he has no fears about our capacity to feed the growing population. Dr. Herrall De Graff, food economist of Cornell University states that we have the same amount of cropland as 35 years ago and 62,000,000 more people, yet we eat better today because food output per acre is up 70 per cent. And these experts are convinced we are far from having reached the limit of productivity in our physical resources.

What has been said pertains to this country. It cannot be denied that in other countries, such as India and China, the amount of food being currently produced is not sufficient for the needs of the existing population. It is no exaggeration to say that half of the world's population goes to bed hungry each night. The population of these countries also is skyrocketing. How much greater the problem will be in 50 years from now?

Again, even on the level of potential agricultural resources, if these were sufficiently utilised; if modern techniques and aids to farming were sufficiently widespread, enough food will be raised for all. The rice yields for India, for all its tremendous size, is only one-third that of tiny Japan. Suppose India were farmed as Japan is, its granaries would be overflowing with rice.

Along with this, there is the matter of better distribution of the world's food, a solution which is scarcely even mentioned in high places. The only answer given by those who do not recognise God or His law would be that people must stop having children, and they must do this by the practice of contraception. There are not wanting those who contend that this solution to the world's ills must be put into effect on a wide scale even here and now.

For the Catholics, such a solution is an evil thing. Those who argue thus are blind to the fact that the fate of the world is in the hands of divine providence. God made the

world; He knows well the earth's potential for food; He knows well how far the human race must increase before its appointed task on this globe is done. He desires man to use all possible means to draw food from the earth — for the sustenance of all, without selfish restrictions. For the rest — God's providence may be relied upon to care for the human race which He created.

God is not going to ask for an accounting of the general destiny of mankind; that is His business. But He will demand an accounting of the single acts that they have deliberately performed in accordance with or against the dictates of conscience.

W. L. S. C.

Colombo 9.

Cyprian on the unity of the Church

PRESBYTER'S quotation in the last issue of the *Messenger* from St. Ignatius of Antioch on the role of the Bishop was instructive and illuminating. The unity of the Bishop and the people should, I think, focus our attention to the related but bigger question of the Unity of the Church itself.

May I take the liberty of quoting the wise words of St. Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr, on the subject? It is well for us to remember and keep constantly before our eyes these wise words:

"The Lord is speaking to Peter: 'I say to thee,' He says, 'thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.' Upon him alone He builds the Church. This Unity wrought to hold firmly and defend, especially we Bishops, who preside in the Church. The Church also is one: it spreads widely into a multitude through the increase of its fertility, just as there are many rays of the sun but one light, many branches of a tree but trunk founded on a tenacious root and when many streams flow from one spring, although the number of them gives the impression of scattering owing to the abundance of the overflowing waters, yet unity is preserved in the source. Take away a ray from the body of the sun; the unity of light does not suffer division;

break a branch from a tree: the broken part will not be able to germinate; from the source, cut off a stream: the stream cut off runs dry. So too the Church of the Lord transfused by light stretches its rays throughout the whole earth; yet there is only one light, which spreads everywhere, and the unity of the body is not divided. It spreads its roots all over the earth in its rich fruitfulness, it expands widely in broadly flowing streams: yet there is but one head and source. He cannot have God for his Father who has not the Church for his Mother. He who does not hold this unity does not hold the law of God, does not hold the faith of Father and Son, does not hold life and salvation."

In these troublous days these words of the holy Martyr and Bishop should give us consolation and encouragement and be a shield of fortitude in the many hindrances and snares we have to surmount.

Oscar M. Abeyratna.

Colombo 8.

Krushchev's words

IN the course of a speech at a reception in the Kremlin to honour the East German delegates, (Glasgow Herald 19-9-55 and The Tablet 1-10-55) Nikita Krushchev blurted out: "If any one should expect that behind our smiles we doubt the teachings of Marxism and Leninism, those who wait for that can wait until Easter falls on a Tuesday. We favour co-existence not because we deny Marxist-Leninist principles but because we remain loyal to them: Capitalism is doomed even or especially if the 3rd world war does not take place."

W. L. S. C.

Colombo 9.

Catholic ballet

IT has been brought to my notice that your paper reports have more than once referred to the so-called "First Catholic Ballet in Sinhalese" at the Aquinas Fair. A similar ballet has been staged much earlier by the boys of Joseph Vaz

College, Wennappuwa, and I think there were other attempts even earlier.

I shall thank you or any of your readers for further information on this matter.

"Wennappuwite."

Prosperity of Sri Lanka

THERE is a belief that fine houses, cars, social functions — not to speak of many other amenities

which people enjoy — are an index to the prosperity and progress of a country. Of course this, in one sense, is an indication of prosperity but it is not the ultimate and real index when the whole population of a country is taken into consideration. It is only the prosperity of the fortunate section of the country.

To call "Sri Lanka" a prosperous country, both the rich and the poor must be able to obtain all their requirements without any difficulty and must have the means to get everything from life which is necessary for a happy, contented, peaceful and healthy existence.

At present our beautiful land appears to fall far short of this standard and the truth of this can be seen when we consider the abject poverty prevailing in the lowest strata of society, the unemployment of thousands, the prevalence of diseases like tuberculosis and malnutrition to which can be attributed the blindness and deafness of thousands of our children.

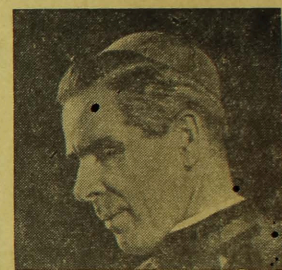
Francis Nethisingha.

Ja-Ela.

BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS

TIMIDITY

VIRGIL, the Prince of the Latin poets, was so bashful that when people looked at him or pointed him out in public, he would blush and hide himself. This could also have been modesty in Virgil who indeed was talented. But timidity can be in the make-up not only of the talented, but also the cruel. Rarely does one believe that anyone who would initiate a reign of terror and apparently never think twice of ordering someone to the guillotine, would be timid. But the French writer Dumas tells us of a conversation he once had with Robespierre who had sent so



therefore, a false fear, or a fear without an object. But on the inside of his mind, the timid person dreads the risk of being unappreciated or of being judged falsely. Some men who have great knowledge will not write books because they have a fear of being criticized by book reviewers.

Timidity is not the same as shame. Timidity, by its nature, is social; shame is not. Shame happens when a person looks at himself or bends back upon his own personality and bemoans his actions. The timid person, however, looks outside himself to others. Shame is often a consequence of a fault; the timid person, however, has nothing for which he may reproach himself. The timid person regards ridicule as a fault, because he sets such a great value upon the judgement of others. Shame considers what one has done or what one has become; the timid person concentrates on the difference between what he is and what he would like to be.

Related to pride

The timid person consequently tends to inactivity in order to avoid showing his shyness. He betrays a weak will and a reluctance to be active. That is why timidity is found more often among intellectuals than among men of action. For that reason timid persons are recommended physical exercises or anything to encourage activity, even to the repetition of actions which they have learned. The timid person, it has been said, has a very keen sensibility manifested by his fear of being wounded. Because he flies from society, he has to nourish his emotions within himself. He cannot trust himself in public because of his fear of being humbled. Timidity is not unrelated to pride, especially when one flies from social relations which might possibly deflate the ego. Pride, in its turn, has something to do with pessimism, inasmuch as the timid person is always afraid of everything turning out badly. He looks for the worst. Students who refuse to take examinations because of a fear of failure, actually tend to produce complete failure. What seems like humility or a withdrawal from others is at the bottom a pride, which fears that one may be less than others.

How timidity is to be overcome will be treated in the next article.

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Stupor

The second characteristic of the timid is that of stupor. Just as one can become frozen by fright, so the timid person, in the face of the one who might intimidate him, is struck by a kind of stupor. Every intellectual reaction to him is impossible; he becomes a mute before questions or else answers in absurdities. Not only does his reason become inactive, but he even becomes devoid of emotional states, such as love or hate or courage. The one sentiment that completely seizes him is a blushing bashfulness and shyness.

There are degrees of difference in timidity. When being timid degenerates into timidity, one can become a mask hiding some very grave psychoses, such as a melancholy state or schizophrenia.

Not fear

Timidity is not the same as fear. Fear is directed against a real danger whereas timidity has nothing serious to combat. It is,

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IN DEATH, HIS LIGHT STILL BURNS...

ONE year ago, on 9 October 1958, the entire Catholic world was plunged in a universal black and dense cloud of sorrow with the news of the death of His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Seldom in the history of the long and splendid line of Popes had there been one who had so graciously and so spontaneously entered into the inmost hearts of the people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

He was universally acclaimed as the most beloved Pope (and especially of children) of the modern era.

In a bewildering age of transitory changes and fluctuations, he towered over the battering waves of confusion, in security and disunity and once more symbolized in himself the impregnable fortress and Rock of Peter against which Time's relentless assaults and Man's diabolical machinations and dark designs are aimed and directed in vain.

With a humility that was sweeping in its impact and which astoundingly dominated his career and a charity that bordered on saintliness, he accomplished to the last the supremely grave and onerous charge as head of the 475 million Catholics.



ONE year after, his very name still conjures up an incandescent light that bravely flickers in the wind.

From the moment of the ending of his 82-year-old sojourn on this earth, when his eyes were closed in death for the last time, there has been a remarkable and unceasing wave of affection and reverence for his memory.

In this green isle of palm and cinnamon we too remember Pope Pius XII.

On this day, Catholics the world over turn their eyes and hearts to that

Prayer for the Beatification of Pope Pius XII

O Jesus, Eternal Pontiff, who deigned to raise Thy faithful servant Pius XII to the supreme dignity of Thy Vicar here on earth and to whom Thou gavest the grace of being the intrepid defender of the Faith, a courageous proclaimer of justice and peace, a luminous model of charity and of all the virtues, who with devotion glorified Thy Most Beloved Mother, deign now, in view of all his merits, to grant that being certain of his efficacious intercession with Thee, we may one day see him in the glory of the Altars.—Amen.

Permissu Superiorum.

light set on a Rock, to that light that is timeless.

There was something timeless about Pope Pius XII. It was this "timelessness" about which Alex Guinness, the actor, before he became a Catholic spoke.

Of Pope Pius XII, Alec Guinness said: "wherever he spoke of God he raised his eyes and arms, and I never realized before how beautiful and simple that movement could be.

"There was something about him which I can only describe as timeless, as if he could see the beauty of the past, the hope of the future and the fullness of the present, in a span.

"I am not enamoured of the Roman Church, but I rejoice to think that such a strong organization has such a lovable and strong man for its leader."

If popular acclaim is any index, the day the late Pope Pius XII died, he was also canonized.

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER 1959 MARKS THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF THE LATE POPE PIUS XII.

The Messenger salutes the deathless memory of the most beloved Pontiff of modern times...



THE PAPACY

"Prince of the Apostles! onward like a wheel
The world rolls blindly and the nations pant,
But God upon His Church has set His seal
Fusing His own eternal adamant
Through all its bastions and its towers in thee
Luminous it stands through thy solidarity."—Aubrey de Vere.

In the intervening twelve months that have passed by with their own interludes of joy and pain, the people's veneration of Pope Pius XII has gathered a momentum that is still moving to the final climax.

Catholic Ceylon too while saluting the memory of the saintly Pontiff and in intimate bonds of unity with the Catholic world and the Holy See, prays on bended feet, that the day of his Beatification may soon dawn.

..he could see the beauty of the past, the hope of the future and the fretfulness of the present in a span

Strands of the Story 211

GOING OVER THE GROUND AGAIN

It is not every day that we can expect to turn up some new clue; a good part of our searching for Father Vaz's lost Tomb consists in going over and over the ground again, re-examining our position, questioning each quoted testimony more closely.

There has in fact been a new suggestion — from a completely fresh quarter and, as we shall see, in quite a different direction.

It comes from Mr. Frederick Medis (not Mendis) of Jambugasmulla, Nugegoda, in a letter to the Editor that was finally sent over to our column. Mr. Medis tells us he is an "Anglican Catholic" — which makes us doubly appreciative of his contribution to our search. He is certainly of the knightly order in which we place all our hunters; for, besides residing at "Ivanhoe," he is pledged to the pen in the field of international correspondence, using Portuguese and Dutch among many other languages.

Mr. Medis, then, refers us *en passant* to an article by a friend of his in a September issue of the "Times of Ceylon" 1945: "Hunasgiriya, Peak of Mystery" that tells the story of the "weird experiences" both of them had when on 23rd August 1945 they "climbed Hunasgiriya, ascending via the hills bordering Panwila Estate and Madulkele."

The point of interest to us that he makes in his letter is that

"we returned to Panwila Estate at about 6 p.m. via Mount Hunasgiriya Estate. For several weeks we were recounting this incident to people we knew and it was during this period (I do not know by whom or when) somebody mentioned that Fr. Joseph Vaz was buried

FATHER VAZ FEATURE

in, or had some connection with, Hunasgiriya."

In good procedure, our Secretariate immediately sent the suggestion over to our field-officer, Knight V. M. A., who reported back without delay: "Hunasgiriya is 24 miles due east of Kandy. The route to Hunasgiriya is for a good part along the Taldeniya Road."

Consequently, though we may take it as certain that, in the course of his cross-jungle expeditions to the villages around Kandy, our Apostle went the way of the two hikers of 1945 and even reached the top of Hunasgiriya, this hill and its surroundings are definitely not the site of his tomb; for it is definite that the church where Father was buried was south-west of the inner city.

Hunasgiriya, then, is more than 25 miles wide of the mark; but this very fact is significant. It

shows that tradition is so strong, people are so attached to the memory of Fr. Vaz that for them a mere 25 miles is not a matter to take into consideration.

All weighed, then, we thank Mr. Medis for this bit of evidence and await further information on the Deschamps lithograph, mentioned by him, of people "on the spot where the Kandy Lake was to be constructed."

On the point of the converging evidence from Wahacotte we are indebted to the present guardian, Fr. Sebastian, for certain details and quite a project that we are forced to hold over for a time. It must also be mentioned that apart from two copies of a new edition of Fr. Helians' booklet from the Shrine, we have received an authentic first edition from Mr. Percy F. de la Motte of Pool Bank, Hatton. With warm thanks, we give his full address in case fellow-knights need to get at him.

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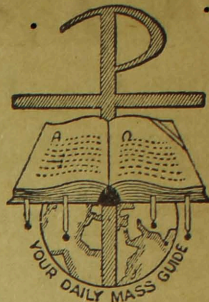
MORNING OFFERING

DIVINE Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, all my prayers, works and sufferings of this day, in reparation for our sins and for all the intentions for which Thou dost offer Thyself continually in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I offer them in particular for the intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer and for those proposed by the Holy Father for this month.

INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

GENERAL: That popular missions may become more frequent and more fruitful.

MISSIONARY: That all Christians may fully realize and carry out their duties towards the missions.



Sunday, 11 October MATERNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN. White. 2nd prayer of the Sunday (XX1st after Pentecost). Omit prayer prescribed. Creed. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.

Monday, 12 October Feria. Green. Mass of Sunday.

Tuesday, 13 October St. Edward. White.

Wednesday, 14 October St. Callistus. Red.

Thursday, 15 October St. Teresa. White.

Friday, 16 October St. Hedwige. White.

Saturday, 17 October St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. White.

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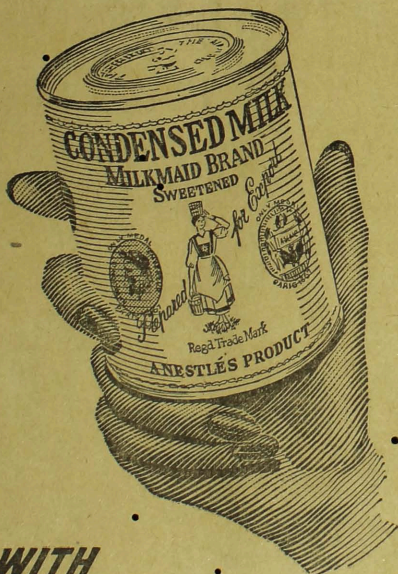
OCT. 10 and 11 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. J. Netti; singhe.

OCT. 11 7-00 to 7-30 p.m. CATHOLIC HOUR PROGRAMME (English).

OCT. 17 to 19 6-55 to 7-100 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Tamil) — Miss M. J. Manuelpillai.

OCT. 18 10-00 to 10-05 a.m. TALK (English) — Rev. Fr. Claude Lawrence, O.M.I.

OCT. 19 to 25: THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Sinhalese).



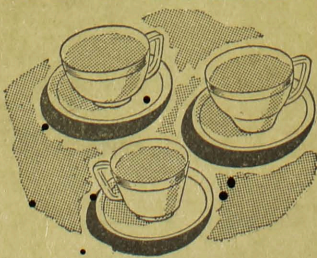
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DAWN OF A NEW ERA IN THE HILL COUNTRY

NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME WAS THE CONSECRATION OF A BISHOP IN CEYLON MARKED BY THE TRIUMPH OF THE SUN OVER GREY, GLOOMY, DARKENING CLOUDS AND DEPRESSING RAIN. LAST SATURDAY THE SUN SHONE BRIGHT IN KANDY, DISPELLING THE LOWERING CLOUDS THAT HAD BESET THE SKY FOR MANY A PREVIOUS DAY.

The sun shone out in a blaze of light, the unmistakable symbol of a new dawn, one may justifiably hope, for Kandy and for Ceylon. Clouds there will always be; but so will the sun always shine through. A new dawn —

"Surge illuminare Jerusalem,

quia venit lumen tuum et gloria Domini super te orta est. Arise and be illumined, O Jerusalem, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord has broken out upon thee."

In more ways than one, did this symbolism of light find fulfilment,

"You are the light of the world; a city cannot be hidden if it is built on a mountain-top." How truly has Kandy lived up to its name, which is only an abbreviation of Kande-Uda-Rate, the Kingdom set on a hill.

crate this Bishop Elect here present."

Pentecost renewed

And so the ceremony moved on to a climax — the anointing, the *Te Deum*, the benediction of the new Bishop in full pontificals, and the touching ritual of the newly consecrated bishop facing the Consecrator and saluting him on his knees three times, saying, "Ad multos annos."

The sun still shone. Kandy

"stream" encircling Kandy, carries its own symbolical message. A commentator on the Rite of Episcopal Consecration, writing in last week's *Messenger*, said very beautifully: "It was by a river that heaven and earth met when Christ entered the Jordan for His Baptism; it was by a river the Gave, that His Mother appeared to a little girl so late as the last century to console and pray for straying humanity; it is by a river, the Mahaveli, that the Power of the Most High will overshadow a humble son of St. Benedict."

"Fluminis impetus laetificat civitatem Dei. The river with its gushing waters makes glad the city of God." May God's vivifying grace flow through the Church of Kandy in abounding torrents. This is the living water that springs up unto life eternal. We may sometimes find this water cold, icy cold; but ah, does that matter, so long as it is water that brings us healing? "Vidi aquam egredientem de templo a latere dextro; et omnes ad quos pervenit aqua ista salvi facti sunt, et dicent, alleluia. I saw water coming forth from the right side of the temple; and all those to whom that water came were saved, and they shall say, alleluia."

A new era

May we see, then, in last Saturday's ceremony, the dawn of a new era. On that day the Church of Kandy came into its own. The first Ceylonese ever to become a bishop was, by a pleasing coincidence, Bishop of Kandy. In his election, history perhaps sought

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SPIES IN KANDY!

WHEN Robin Hood's specially assigned spies invaded the strictly guarded confines of St. Anthony's College sprawling grounds in Katugastota, it was ten p.m. on the dot! The air was tense and humming with activity. Squads of workers were putting the finishing touches to the imposing structure that was to accommodate the expected five thousand heads for the Bishop's Consecration on the morrow.

Rattling last minute instructions to a team of boys was REV. BRO. D. C. MACKY, O.S.B., veteran of St. Anthony's.

It was in the best and characteristic Brother Columban manner — deeply zealous, pointedly decorous and devastatingly alive. No doubt this Sylvester-Benedictine of a faultless 30 years' standing in the selfless service of his Alma Mater is a stalwart whose penetrating personality and infectious influence must inevitably percolate to the hundreds who come in contact with his daily life...

A large bouquet of the choicest Parma violets to ERIC LA BROOY, also of St. Anthony's, Katugastota — the quiet, conscientious worker who with clock-work precision and painstaking adroitness plastered and pinned the *Messenger* posters on walls and tree-tops! Under Eric's vigilance there were brisk sales of the *Messenger* on the Kandy Bishop's Consecration Day, reports one of Robin Hood's merry spies.

Feting the Bishop

HARD on the heels of the Kandy's new Bishop's Consecration comes the welcome news of a demonstration to His Lordship the RT. REV. DR. LEO NANA-YAKKARA, O.S.B. sponsored by the Old Boys (Colombo Branch) of St. Anthony's, Katugastota. Scheduled for 8 November 1959 the day will begin with Mass at St. Joseph's College Chapel, at 8 a.m. Timed for 1-00 p.m. is lunch at the G.O.H.

Flying Wheelers...

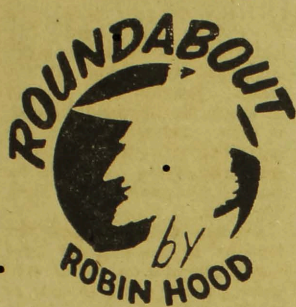
SPOT the "Flying Saucers" — I beg your pardon — the "Flying Wheelers," and win no prize! If you care for more details, listen! By the time you read this, sixty-hand-picked cyclists from a 128-strong Cycling Club in Moratuwa, will be well on their way — on a 3-day luxurious camp with a Scout Camp-fire, Film Shows, Cycle Races and lively discussions.

Self-styled THE MORATUWA FLYING WHEELERS (M.F.W.) they will be soon holders of the International Riding Licence which entitle them to participate in the well-known "Tour de France" and in the 1960 Rome Olympics too!

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Timely Talks

If you find time haggling heavily on your hands between those key



hours 12-30 to 1-00 p.m. or from 1-15 to 1-45 p.m. the L.C.P.A. Hall in Colombo might well be your rendezvous.

Every Tuesday at this specific hour the second series of the now famous lunch hour talks will be delivered under the auspices of the Catholic Diocesan Council and Central Council of Catholic Guilds.

For those who like to be posted up with the scheduled talks in the weeks ahead, here is the complete programme: 13th October: True Religion — FR. T. KURIACOSE, S.J.; 20th October: Creation — MR. TONY FERNANDO; 27th OCTOBER: Grace and Supernatural Order — FR. ROCCO, S.J. 3rd November: Original Sin — FR. JOE DE MEL; 10th November: Incarnation — FR. JOE DE MEL; 17th November: Redemption — FR. JUSTIN PERERA; 24th November: The Church — Christ continued — FR. JUSTIN PERERA and 1st December: After Death — What? — FR. MANIK MUTTUKUMARU.

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His record, unique in its impact, constitutes nine years (1908-1916) as a student, and forty-two years (1917-1959) as a teacher in his Alma Mater.

Mr. GUNARATNE held a special post on the Staff and has served under no less than seven Principals and two acting Principals at Holy Cross College.

In darker days

Kandy holds a revered place in the history of the Church in Ceylon. During the dark days of the Dutch persecution, the benevolence of the Sinhalese Kings of the House of Kandy made it possible for the flame of the Faith to be kept burning in our land. The Kingdom of Kandy has given us kings who embraced the Catholic Faith, a Catholic queen in Dona Catherina, and a prince who became a Catholic priest. Within its territory was the town of Wahakotte, once a royal city, but famous also in Catholic history, because in it the faith was preserved for many generations even though it had neither priest nor church. But what gives Kandy perhaps an even greater title to veneration is the fact that in Kandyan soil lies buried that man sent from God whose name was Joseph Vaz.

It was against this background of history that last week's significant ceremony unfolded itself. In the stately Latin of the Church, in phrases of sculptural incision, the new Bishop vowed obedience and loyalty to the Church and the Pope. One saw behind the bishop-to-be, the serried ranks of bishops and popes along the ages — from this the Church's newest bishop, through Regno and Beekmeyer, Pagnani, Sillani and Bravi, Pius X and Leo, right back to Peter.

The Church remains

This ceremony in Kandy on the 3rd of October 1959 linked up with that day nearly 2,000 years ago, when Christ spoke those decisive and timeless words that went up into eternity: "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, and to thee I will give the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven." While the royal line of Kandy is no more, the Church of Kandy remains.

The majestic ritual of the Church continued to unfold itself in all its splendour. Suddenly, in the midst of all this solemnity, came a tender and moving moment when the Consecrating Bishop in a voice broken with age and emotion, asked the Bishop Elect: "Wilt thou, for the sake of the Lord's Name, be gentle and kind to the poor and to strangers, and to all those who suffer want?" and the Bishop-to-be answered, in a firm and clear voice, "I will."

"Break your bread to the hungry," says Isaiah, "and bring the needy man without a roof over his head to your house; if you see him naked, clothe him, and do not despise the domestics of thy seed. Then will your light burst forth like the dawn." (Isa. LVIII. 7).

Another striking moment in the day's ceremony came when the Bishop Elect prostrated himself before the Altar, and from choir and congregation there rose up like a plaintive dirge the Litany of the Saints — Lord have mercy on him, Christ have mercy on him, Holy Mother pray for him. At its conclusion the Consecrating Bishop prayed: "We beseech Thee hear us that it may please Thee to bless, sanctify and conse-

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SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER 1959

One year after...

ONE year ago today, the world was steeped in mourning; in fact, as an American cartoonist symbolised the world-reaction, the entire globe was encircled with the band of mourning. For, Pius XII — the Pope who had been loved by millions, both inside and outside the Church, the Pope who had been respected and revered by all who came to know him, the Pontiff who went out to the world and brought the world to him — had reached the end of a long, eventful and epoch-making Pontificate.

The story of those days is only too well known to our readers. One year is gone; twelve full months during which the Catholic world, shepherded by another Pope cast in a different mould, has tried to live up to the ideals which Pius XII left us.

Everyone knows that Pius XII was elected Pope more swiftly than any Pope since 1623; everyone also knows that he was elected by a unanimous vote (his own vote alone being cast for another); and everyone knows how wonderfully this truly prodigious Pontiff proved equal to the unprecedented confidence placed in him. The Pope is accustomed to impart his blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and to the world). How literally true this phrase was in everything that Pius XII did! If one phrase was to describe and sum up his life, surely it was this. Not only to the city but to the entire world, Pius XII became a familiar figure as no other Pope had been before him; not only to the city but to the entire world, his fatherhood, his teaching role, his guidance went out in a manner that had not happened before.

One year is gone, and the fragrance that Pius XII left behind, still fills the Church of God. He left the Church at a time when the prospect was not very inviting to optimism. In western Europe, the outlook was not too bad, but in Central and Eastern Europe, he had seen many tragedies, with militant and hostile Communist governments ruling over Catholic peoples. He had seen the almost total destruction of the Chinese mission-field, and in Asia and Africa a strong element of uncertainty had entered. Pius XII had seen the imprisonment of Cardinals, Bishops, priests, nuns and laity on an hitherto unprecedented scale — all these anxieties and sorrows Pius XII knew; and yet, with that spirit of buoyant optimism and trust in God which always filled him, he looked beyond them, and not long before he died, proclaimed to the world that the "second spring was near."

It is good for us to look back on all these things today, one year after the world lost Pius XII — and to recall something of the grief that filled the entire world, and shook it with a sadness that had seldom been evinced before on such a universal scale. Distinctions, differences, barriers were all thrown aside, as every class of person in almost every country in the world joined in the general chorus of mourning. The question that we ask ourselves today is this: has time dulled our memories and blunted our sense of dedication to all that HE stood for? If so, now is the time to rededicate ourselves and to commence anew.

What really was the secret of that spontaneous outburst of love and devotion on the part of so immense a multitude when Pius XII died? Even here in our own land, no Pontiff of the Catholic Church was ever mourned in the way that Pius XII was. The tribute of the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations still rings in our ears, when, among other things he said: "Here was a man of undoubted tenderness, depth, humility and total dedication to God." We would like to think that the secret of the universal and spontaneous tributes to Pius XII one year ago is to be found in a double explanation.

Firstly, it lay in the simple charity of the Holy Father; his simple love of God from which flowed a personal love for all who came across his path. Because he lived in such intimate union with God — we know that thousands are already praying for his beatification — he could not help but be personally intimate with all God's children. What signal proof of this was seen during the last war, when Pius XII threw all caution to the winds and rushed to the slums of Rome while Nazi bombers were screaming in the skies above, and God's poor were screeching with the wounds of war! How well too this shone out in his audiences, when the Pontiff would come forward and take you by the hand, and as he talked with you and gave you his blessing, you realised that for the Holy Father you were during those few moments literally the only person who mattered. It was the same at the mammoth audiences of thousands at St. Peter's. As he spoke, each member of that vast gathering felt that he was talking to him. The language did not matter; the love of God got through. Each person was of vital interest; he was yours and you were his.

How often the most matter-of-fact of men, looking as cold, and aloof as could be, came away with tears streaming down their cheeks; and how often even indifferent non-Catholics would leave his presence with a mist in their eyes! It was this extraordinary sense of Universal Fatherhood which broke through the bounds of the Catholic Church and won the hearts of all who came into contact with him, that is Pius XII's chief legacy to the world. A Pope of dynamic universality, who was all things to all men, and took the Papacy to the four corners of the world could truly repeat with his Master: "Little children, love one another as I have loved you." Today, one year after his death, we love to think that this is his supreme message to us who have had the privilege and the grace of being so specially his spiritual children.

The second reason for the world wide demonstration of devotion to Pius XII one year ago lay, of course, in the fact that Pius XII was the Vicar of Christ, the divinely appointed head of the Catholic Church on earth — for it was he who made the Holy See live for us as it never has before.

One year ago, he went to meet the God he loved and served so well. But before he died, his last words to the faithful were once again words of utter selflessness and universality — "Pray, pray for the Church," he said, in anguish over the tragedy of the Church in China. Not a thought of himself, but of the far-flung Church, away at the furthest extreme of the world. Pius XII died as he had lived — in the service of the Church, of his fellowman, an apostle of the universality of the Church, and of love for his flock. One year after, stretching through twelve full months, we seem to hear the voice of Pius XII again, as Pope John now gloriously

CURRENT / COMMENT

by the Editor

KHRUSHCHEV'S WEAKNESS for "GOD"

THE much-publicised visit of the Soviet Premier to the U.S.A. is now over. Everyone will of course hope that it will lead on to a genuine easing of international tension. But others besides ourselves, we feel sure, would have noticed a strange phenomenon in the reports that came in. On at least three or four occasions, the world's number one atheist Nikita Khrushchev, invoked the name of the non-existent "God" whom he does his utmost to battle against.

The most blatant of these instances was when he told a newspaperman quite frankly:

"I must say you are very wise, intelligent people in this part of the country. But God has helped you a lot. He's given you a good soil. But you mustn't think God is helping only you. He is helping us too. He is helping us too because we were developing quicker, and God, therefore, is on our side. He helps the intelligent!"

"God is on our side!" Strange and unexpected words, indeed, to be heard from the lips of one who at other times and in other places riles at God and does his utmost to wipe God out of human reckoning!

Red China's Tenth

Anniversary

LAST week, the Communist world celebrated the tenth anniversary of Mao-tse-tung's Red China.

The accent right through the celebrations was only on the efficiency and material progress of the socialist world. We have never denied that in a socialist regime the likelihood of greater material progress is certainly there under a unified control; in fact, we have said this on a number of occasions previously, citing the instance of Ceylon on a war-time footing, when all semblance of the democratic processes were shed, and Ceylon was under a Commander-in-chief.

But of the other big thing in life, not one word was apparently spoken at Peking's celebrations. The oppression and the curtailment of freedom, the denial of fundamental rights of man and the intolerance of any contrary view — these were forgotten.

Even on the economic plane, surely few believed in all the glib talk about the wonderful success of China's Communes. Is it not fairly well known that modifications have been made all along the line? That this mass regimentation, devoid of all family life, and of any personal incentives to work, has been gradually whittled down? And that in June this year Agriculture Minister Liao Lu-yen had to make the reluctant admission that land plant-

ed to food grains was running 1,300,000 acres behind 1958?

Other thoughts too entered our mind: the thousands of Bishops, priests, nuns and laity of the Catholic Church who had paid the price of their liberty (either

Press censorship

WITHIN the past week, the Cabinet has made two major moves — first, came the immediate restoration of the Death Penalty in a bid to check the alarming increase in crime; and second came the imposition of a strict and comprehensive Press censorship by Gazette Extraordinary on Tuesday night.

Readers will appreciate our inability to comment on these moves, and also on allied subjects in future weeks as long as the Press censorship remains in force. Editorial Comment will be drastically curtailed, and will steer clear of all local events coming within the purview of the censorship regulations.

of their lives or their freedom by continued imprisonment) for the practice of their faith; Tibet swallowed up in one huge gulp while the world looked on; and China's incursions into India and the consequent dispute.

These, of course, were passed over in silence.

KANDY CONSECRATION

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you the Apostolic Commission?" To which the Senior Bishop answers: "We have."

"Let it be read" commands the Consecrator. And Rev. Fr. Justus Sinnappu reads out in clear, ringing tone the Apostolic Brief given at St. Peter's, Rome, the fourth day of July in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, and in the first year of the Pontificate of His Holiness Pope John XXIII.

The solemn drama moves inexorably into the beautiful climax when the Bishop-Elect prostrates low before the altar of consecration.

And the choir breaks out into the sweet strains of the Litanies of the Saints.

Comes the moment when, invested with the crozier and sealed with the ring, with the mitre pressed on his head, the Bishop is enthroned. Simultaneously the choir breaks into the melodious strains of the "Te Deum."

Punctuated with the richness of the Church's ritual, the three-hour drama of Consecration draws to its close. The newly-consecrated Bishop goes out to the furthest corners of the stadium blessing the thousands of the faithful kneeling on the ground.

With the imparting of his first solemn benediction His Lordship is taken in procession to St. Anthony's College.

Calling all Colombo citizens!

WITH Colombo's Municipal elections around the corner, it would do good for all citizens of the Metropolis to reflect on their civic duties — one of which is undoubtedly the right and the duty of voting. We are stressing two points:

1. The necessity for every citizen of Colombo to realise his or her duties as a citizen.
2. Hence, the primary duty is that of ensuring that he is registered as a voter. The closing date for registration is Monday the 12th instant. It is not yet too late. May we appeal to our Colombo readers to make sure that they are themselves registered, and to ensure that any others of their acquaintance too are on the voters' lists?

Ignoring this would amount to forfeiting one of democracy's most precious and cherished rights — the right to vote.

TOMORROW IS FAMILY DAY AT TEWATTE

Mission Sunday News

- Remember the Special Poster Competition conducted by the National Director of the Propagation of the Faith? Here are the results: **FIRST PRIZE (Rs. 100/-)** R. D. F. Walter, Kurunegala Road, Chilaw.
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Philip Dissanayake, O.M.I.,
General Manager
of R.C. Schools, W.P.

Borella,
2-10-59.

reigning, calls for a General Council and keeps stressing the idea of unity in the Church — "Pray, pray for the Church!" It is for us who have had the grace to live under Pius XII's Pontificate to answer his call as fully as we can.

On that October day one year ago, as the world was plunged in grief and mourning, the mood of the occasion was crystallised in one phrase which echoed over the body of the dead Pontiff across the silent ranks of cardinals, diplomats, priests, nobles and officials. It was the voice of his eulogist, Mgr. Bacci reciting the last tribute to Pius XII.

"With his death a great light is extinguished on earth, and a new star is enkindled in the heavens."

May that star which was epkindled in the heavens twelve months ago, continue to guide the Catholic world for long years to come — even as the star on the first Christmas morn led the Magi to the Babe in the Crib!

OFFICIAL

FAMILY AND "BLOCK"
ROSARY CRUSADE

WE heartily endorse the appeal from Fr. Peyton's Headquarters reported in the news-items of this week's Messenger and exhort all Our "Priests, Religious, teachers and Faithful to make an all-out effort to renew the fervour and the Pledges of the 1955 Crusade."

Inspiration and courage will be derived from the thought that by fidelity to the Family Rosary (and that harmonised version of it, the "Block Rosary," that should not be abandoned because it is hard) we shall be sharing in the great apostolic enterprise Fr. Peyton is engaged in at present in the vast and partly impenetrable countries of South America.

✱ Thomas Cooray, O.M.I.,
Archbishop of Colombo.
Colombo,
4th Oct. 1959.

Dawn of a
New Era

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its revenge, in that he was a descendant of the very Dutch who inflicted upon the Catholics of this island a terrible persecution. Then came a Bishop who hails from the land wherein lies the See of Peter, column and foundation of truth and unity. He is now followed by a child of the Kandyan hills whence Kings of old dispensed benevolence and kindness to a Church in travail, and yet others of a later period unleashed upon the Church a persecution more terrible than even that of the Dutch. But in vain did the rulers rage, and the masses devise evil schemes. Once again a son of the soil is prince of his people. And if he is faithful to his charge, as we have every reason to know he will be, when the Prince of pastors comes, the "prince and pastor" of our souls, He will give him an "unfading crown of glory."

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What does the future hold for us? At the Te Deum we prayed, "O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance."

Unity and Peace

Rightly may we hope for a new era for the Church in Kandy — not necessarily an era of external peace and calm, of untroubled days. The message for us may be no other than that which Mary gave King Alfred as he battled against the Dane to make England safe for the Faith:

"Naught have I for thy comfort,
Yea, naught for thy desire,
Save that the sky grows darker
yet,
And the seas rise higher."

But our light can shine in a darkness that will not succeed in quenching it. The sea may rise higher, but if we hold fast to our trust in God, for us there will always be a safe "port after stormy seas." A new era for us may mean a period of suffering, but one nevertheless of triumph, of spiritual purification and strengthening, of deeper faith, of greater unity, of inner peace. In the Litany of the Saints we sang: "Ut cuncto populo Christiano pacem et unitatem largiri digneris. We beseech Thee hear us that it may please Thee to grant to the whole body of Christian people the gifts of peace and unity."

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As the ceremony came to an end, and the people who had assembled for it broke into speech, I thought that over the babel of voices I could hear the Mahavali whisper: "Fluminis impetus laetificat civitatem Dei. The river with its gushing waters makes glad the city of God." And the message of the Psalm from which that line is

KANDY FETES HER NEW BISHOP

His Lordship enters his
Cathedral in triumph

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

A VERY large and representative gathering greeted Kandy's new bishop, His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B. on Saturday evening at the public reception held in the precincts of the Cathedral.

Initiated by the Diocesan Union of Kandy, the representative assembly included the members of the Kandy Municipal Council.

A tastefully decorated pandal spanned the entrance to the Cathedral.

Briskly and smartly-turned out squads of cadets and scouts drawn from all the Catholic schools in Kandy lined up and escorted His Lordship to a special dais on which were also accommodated His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I., and the other Bishops.

Mrs. Nanayakkara, the Bishop's mother was also accommodated on the platform with the Bishops and Parish Priests of 18 parishes belonging to Kandy Diocese. Mrs. Nanayakkara, beaming with happy smiles, was presented with

a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Mr. S. H. Jayatillaka, Secretary of the Kandy Ladies of Charity.

A song of welcome was sung in Sinhalese by the boys of St. Sylvester's College, Kandy.

After Mr. Fred Alles' speech of welcome (see full text below) an Address Paper was read by Mr. D. J. N. Seneviratne, Secretary of the Kandy Diocesan Union.

The Address, in a casket on which was engraved the new Bishop's Coat of Arms, mounted on two ebony elephants was duly presented to His Lordship.

After His Lordship's speech of thanks (text below) the Papal Anthem was sung.

The day's programme neared its end when His Lordship entered his Cathedral in triumph to the majestic strains of the "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus." After the



Another exclusive picture taken for the Messenger showing the new Bishop in his Pontificals.
[Photo by WILLIE WEERASEKERA.]

joint thanksgiving to God with his clergy and laity beside him, with the singing of the "Te

Deum" His Lordship's Day of Consecration was brought to its finale.

The Church of God will go on
till time is no more...

(Below is the full text of the address given by the Kandy Magistrate, Mr. Fred E. Alles, on the occasion of the welcome to His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B., Bishop of Kandy.)

My Lord,

Truly may I say with the Psalmist "Ecce sacerdos magnus. Hic est sacerdos quem coronavit Dominus" — "Behold the great Priest. This is the Priest whom the Lord hath crowned."

It is indeed a singular joy to me to be able to welcome Your Lordship on behalf of my fellow-Catholics and myself just at the threshold of your Cathedral. I consider it is equally my great privilege, first as a Catholic and next as Magistrate of this ancient City of Lanka, to say a few words on this great and happy day both to you and to us. No doubt to be made the Shepherd of a flock carries with that high office many cares, worries and responsibilities and may you receive consolation and happiness in carrying out your duties. My Lord, if I may be permitted to say, you have received today the plen-

tude of the priesthood and at your consecration this morning the fullness of Grace. My mind travels back through the centuries back to the beginning of Christianity, to that great day when Our Lord said to His Apostles "Go and preach to all nations." Today more than ever I am also reminded what the Roman Emperors said and did to the early Christians when they wanted a scapegoat. My mind also goes back to the Roman arena — the tears, the blood, the derision and the laughter of the crowd as those early Christians stood before the wild beasts. The answer of the Church is the same today as it was in those unhappy years. We receive the same derision, laughter and even suspicion. Only the arena is bigger. Whatever that may be, the answer of the Church will always be the same — then, today and until the

end of time. Fear and suffering will not break our spirit. We carry on. God does not need human hands to build His Church. The Church of God will go on till time is no more. During the past weeks we prayed for your Lordship and today in a special manner with the Grace of God you are now our leader. We follow you through thick and thin.

Our prayers, our good wishes will always go with Your Lordship.

OURS IS NO SECRET
ALLIANCE

—BISHOP LEO NANAYAKKARA

(Reproduced below is the address of His Lordship the Bishop of Kandy, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B., delivered at the public reception last Saturday.)

"I know that you have come not so much to pay homage to a person but to that office which he in his person signifies. You have come here to pay homage to a dignitary of the Church. Your presence here today has a deep significance. You have come here because you bow to the will of God who through his Vicar on earth, the Pope, has appointed a bishop to this diocese.

"I accept your homage because I bow to the will of God which has been signified to us by the Pope who is Christ's vicar on earth. You Catholics and I, your pastor, pay homage to the Pope.

"This homage to the Pope has been misrepresented by a certain section of the people of Ceylon. I would therefore like to say a few words about the allegiance we as Catholics, both laity and clergy, pay to the Pope. It is not a political allegiance.

"There is no secret alliance between the hierarchy in Ceylon and the Pope. Our allegiance to the Pope is something vital to our Christian life. Catholicism is a revealed religion whose dogmas have been revealed by God himself 20 centuries ago. Now God wanted to see that the dogmas revealed 20 centuries ago would not be erroneously taught or misinterpreted down the centuries.

He therefore saw to it, being God, that he would be with the Church whenever his dogmas were interpreted. He achieved this by giving his vicar on earth the special grace not to err when he taught the Catholic Church or interpreted the dogmas revealed by God.

"This grace we call the infallibility of the Pope — it is the special prerogative of the Pope. So, to us Catholics our allegiance to the Pope is a religious one. It has nothing to do with the politics of our country. In fact according to the tenets of our religion we are bound to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. But if there is anything contrary to the divine or natural law we as Catholics would oppose the Government. There is no contradiction between our loyalty to the Pope and loyalty to the country.

"We could remain loyal citizens of Ceylon and at the same time loyal to the Pope in our religious convictions. We may draw a parallel from the Buddhists in Germany, Italy or America. It is an accredited fact that Ceylon is the best interpreter of the Buddha's teaching. Therefore the German Buddhists, the Italian and the American Buddhists will look to the central authority in Ceylon for orthodox interpretation of Buddhism. But it does not preclude a German from being a loyal citizen of Germany, an Italian of Italy and an American of America."

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CATHOLIC HOUR

TOMORROW'S Catholic Hour, which was originally scheduled to be broadcast on 27 September, will be the second in the series entitled "A Way of Life" (featuring the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary) or Blossoms Around the Blessed Sacrament. During this Half Hour, the local composer, Nimal Mendis, will play one of his latest compositions.

• FATIMA HOSPITAL SCHEME FORE-RUNNER

Clinic & Dispensary
will be opened

DIRECTLY stemming from the Fatima Hospital scheme which is now well under way, the Messenger understands that the Fatima Clinic and Dispensary will be opened at 98, Alexandra House, Cotta Road, in early November.

A fore-runner of the larger Hospital scheme this Clinic and Dispensary is expected to consist of an Out-Patients Department and will be manned by Nursing Nuns.

The services of a full-time doctor who will be in charge of the institution will be available to the public. A panel of doctors, it is also hoped, will be in attendance at different times during the

week, to run special clinics on a voluntary basis.

It is stated that a nominal fee will be levied for medicines, but this will be waived in the case of those who cannot afford to pay it.

Meanwhile a call has gone out from the Fatima Hospital Association for donations and gifts of surgical and medical equipment, furniture, etc.

Such gifts should be directed to the Bursar, Aquinas University College, Borella, Mr. Ralph Jayewardene of St. Bernadette's, Ward Place, Colombo, or to Fr. Peter Pillai of St. Joseph's College, Colombo.

Wellwishers of the Hospital scheme are reminded that the collection for the Hospital Fund is now in progress, and that the first section of the Hospital will need four to five lakhs of rupees. If sufficient funds come in, it is hoped to make a start with the building by the beginning of next year. All who are willing to take part in the campaign are requested to contact one of the above-mentioned officials of the Hospital Fund Association as early as possible.

taken found echo in my mind:

"But the city of God, enriched with flowing waters, is the chosen sanctuary of the Most High. God dwells within her and she stands unmoved. With break of dawn He will grant her deliverance. Nations may be in turmoil, and thrones totter, and earth shrivel away before his voice. But the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge." (Ps. XLV, 5-8).

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IN MEMORIAM

12TH ANNIVERSARY
The dead are sacred



Mary Violet Peiris

Born 13-2-26—Married 12-6-47
Died 8-10-47

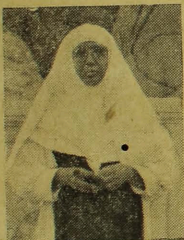
"Have patience Finian. Trust in God. The day I see you happy I die in peace. Even after my death I will be by you. Let God's will be done.—Viola".

"Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better." Ecc. Remembrances from your broken-hearted husband.

J. Finian Peiris
"Golden Flower"
40/11, Prince of Wales Avenue,
Moratuwa. 818



A Requiem High Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of



Revd. Mother Odilia Mary

at St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, on Friday, the 16th inst., at 6-30 a.m. Your kind presence and prayers earnestly requested. 4/2, Arthur's Place, Bambalapitiya. 838



Mrs. Florence Jones
Died 17th July 1959

I call upon the prayers of all who have known me. We have loved her in life, let us not forget her in death.

Requiem High Mass will be said at Sacred Heart Church, Katugastota, on 17th October 1959, at 6-30 a.m.

Friends and relations are kindly requested to pray for the repose of her soul. Inserted by her husband and children, 69/43, Model Tenements, Mavilamada, Kandy. 830

H. Peter Rodrigo

A Requiem High Mass will be sung at St. Joseph's Church, Nugegoda, on Monday, the 12th, at 6-30 a.m. for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.

Inserted by his sorrowing children, 168, Dutugemunu Street, Kohuwala, 836



Cordelia Therese Van Arkadie

Born 10th October 1929

Died 6th June 1959

So early in life you departed from us
We miss your sweet face and lovely smile
But Jesus found it best to take you dear
May God grant you eternal rest.
Fondly remembered and sadly missed by her parents, brother and grand mother on her birthday.
1st Cross Street,
Mirihana. 839

J. A. Nazareth Corera

Died 17-10-54

Sweet Jesus grant him eternal rest.
Fondly remembered by his loving wife and children. 843



P. A. Martin Jayawardena

Born 3rd November, 1885

Died 17th July 1959

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. — Amen.

A Requiem High Mass will be sung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Galle, Friday, 16th October, 1959, at 6-30 a.m.

Kind prayers and presence of friends and relations earnestly solicited. (Inserted by his sorrowing children). "Cecilton," Park Road, Kaluwella, Galle. 845

Charles Paul Stephen Vitanachy

Died 11.10.58

A Requiem Mass at 6-10 a.m. on Tuesday the 13th October 1959 at St. Mary's Church, Dehiwela for the repose of his soul.

Prayers of the readers are kindly requested.

Inserted by his sorrowing sisters.
Initium Road,
Dehiwela. 823

VOWS

REV. Sr. Odile de St. Francis Xavier (nee Rita Monica Gomez) will be taking her Perpetual Vows at the Mother House of the Little Sisters of the Poor, La Tour St. Joseph, France, on Thursday, 15th October 1959.

Friends and relations are kindly requested to remember her at prayer especially on this day.
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Chairman, Fatima Hospital Fund,
St. Joseph's College,
Colombo. 824

THANKSGIVINGS

MY most sincere thanks to Jesus, Our Lady, St. Anthony and Pope Pius XII for a favour received. Mrs. C. de Silva. 810

THANKS to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour for signal favours received. A. Cloombo. 813

MY sincere and grateful thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Anthony and Blessed Martin de Porres for the miraculous cure of my wife from a recent illness. My grateful thanks to friends and relations who prayed for her speedy recovery. — J. G. Gomez, Wellawatte. 816

MY grateful thanks to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Holy Face, Mother of Perpetual Succour and Infant Jesus of Prague through whose intercession my son has recovered from a severe attack of meningitis. G. S. 819

MY belated thanks to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mother of Perpetual Succour, St. Joseph, St. Anne, St. Anthony and St. Sebastian for all the graces and favours received during the past year, and for having kept my family in good health. I also beg the favours I'm praying for. 828 J.P.A.

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CHURCH FEASTS

ANNUAL FEAST

OF

Our Lady of Fatima
MARADANA

The above Feast will be celebrated on Sunday, the 18th October. On Saturday, the 17th, Inaugural Novena to Our Lady of Fatima at 5 p.m., followed by Pontifical Vespers, by His Grace the Archbishop.

Sunday, the 18th Low Masses at 5-15 and 6 a.m. Pontifical High Mass at 7-30 by the Right Rev. Dr. D. Bernard Regno, O.S.B.

Low Mass at 5 p.m., followed by Grand Procession—if the emergency regulations allow—and, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our Lady of Fatima welcomes you all.

Parish Priest,
Fatima Church,
Maradana.

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Oct. 18th at 6.00, 6.30, 7.00 a.m. Low Masses.

8.00 a.m. Solemn High Mass, Benediction, Kissing of the Relic, Blessing and Distribution of Roses, and Almsgiving.

Any little help for the worthy celebration of the feast will be gratefully received. 821

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Feast of Our Lady
of Fatima

KOTAHENA

On Tuesday, the 13th inst. there will be a Holy Mass with singing at 6-30 a.m. in honour of Our Lady of Fatima at St. Lucia's Cathedral. 837

ORDER NISI
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF NEGOMBO

Testy. Juris. 3947

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of M. J. T. Basnayake of Taladuwa Road, Negombo. — Deceased. Panamabage Thomas Fernando of Kurana, Negombo. — Petitioner. Vs.

- (1) Victor Tissera Basnayake of Taladuwa Road, Negombo.
- (2) Jane Mary Gunatillaka of 2nd Bawalana, Negombo.
- (3) J. R. Wenceslaus Basnayake,
- (4) Lucy Pavistina Basnayake.
- (5) John T. Basnayake.
- (6) Josephine T. Basnayake.
- (7) John Jagarissa Tissera Basnayake, all of Taladuwa Road, Negombo. — Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before C. Thanabalasingham, Esquire, District Judge of Negombo, on the 3rd March 1959 in the presence of M. E. J. Tissera, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner abovenamed and the affidavits (1) of the Petitioner, dated 22nd April 1958, (2) attesting Witness dated 25th March 1958, and (3) attesting Notary dated 3rd March 1959 having been read.

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament bearing No. 1963, dated 27th November 1956, made by M. J. T. Basnayake deceased abovenamed and attested by M. E. J. Tissera, N.P. Original of which was produced and is now deposited in Court and the same is hereby declared proved. It is further ordered that the Petitioner abovenamed is the Executor named in the said Will and he is declared entitled to have Probate thereof issued to him accordingly unless the respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 8th May 1959 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. C. Thanabalasingham,
District Judge.

Negombo,
3rd March 1959.

8-5-59: The date for showing Cause against the above Order Nisi is, extended till 3rd day of July 1959.

Sgd. C. Thanabalasingham,
D. J.

3-7-59: The date for showing cause against the above Order Nisi is extended till 28-8-59.

Sgd. C. Thanabalasingham,
D. J.

28-8-59: The date for showing cause against the above Order Nisi is extended till 23-10-59.

Sgd. C. Thanabalasingham,
D. J.

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MOST of us know the Dead Sea only by name. It is really worth knowing something of this wonderful sheet of water. This is one of the great wonders of nature. No sheet of water has such extraordinary features and natural wonders. Twenty years ago the Dead Sea was an isolated and barren region, today it is a place of great activity.

The Dead Sea is in Palestine, it stretches to a length of about forty-seven miles and an average breadth

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it?

by
K. S. J.
Claude
Fernando
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but the level of the water is kept low by evaporation and absorption. The soil is of an absorbing nature. The concentration of salt in the water is 25 per cent. more than the ocean (ocean 3 per cent). The water is so bitter and salty that no fish can live in it. The fishes that are brought from the River Jordan will be soon seen floating dead. The water is so buoyant that the bathers find it impossible to sink. After they emerge they suffer from irritation of the skin. There is a legend saying that its exhalations are so poisonous that birds flying over it fall down dead of suffocation.

The British knowing the properties of the Dead Sea erected at the north end of the sea, along the shore, evaporating pans. The brine is pumped into these pans by a great suction pump laid at the bottom of the sea. Sodium chloride is first deposited in the pans and further concentration separates out crude potash. Then it is harvested mechanically and conveyed to the field mixers in the refinery. Some brine is left in the mixer, out of which Bromine, Chlorine, Caustic Potash, Magnesium and other valuable salts are obtained.

Out of the salts obtained from the Dead Sea many medical drugs are made to combat and cure diseases. Scientists have said that workers on the Dead Sea are in a healthy condition because of the curative power of the minerals mingled in the Dead Sea.

St. Joseph's College,
Colombo.

RETURNING from a visit to her native Eire the elderly lady was stopped at the dock by the customs officer, who asked if she had anything to declare.
"Only a bottle of water" she replied.
"What kind" asked the officer.
"Holy water" she said.
Long experience had taught the

officer not to take anything for granted, so he asked for the bottle. The lady protested, but he snatched it from her and took a whiff at the cork.

"Its whiskey" he cried "Glory be to God" exclaimed the old lady, "a miracle."—Sent by Rose Smith
All Saint's College,
Borella.

A Cat in peril

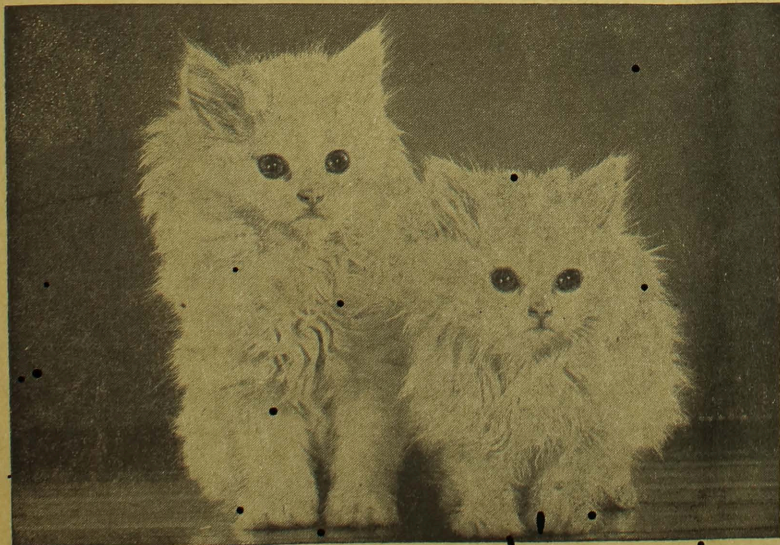
ONE day in the fire-wood shed I found a cat and I gave it milk and put it in a cage.

The next day I found out from everyone whether it belonged to them. No, it was not their cat, so I fed it and looked after it. One evening some folks came home and

told me that the cat was theirs, and they took it away in the car. But the next day the cat was neither ours nor theirs.

Aileen Daphne Ebert.
(9 years).

St. Anthony's Convent,
Kandy.



ALL-ISLAND CHAMPIONS from BADULLA SCHOOL

The
Winning
Team



The Schools-Mag presents the winning team—St. Ursula's English School, Badulla—who were all-Island Senior P. T. Champions.

Agency COLUMN Important

● Will parents please note that only enrolled members of the Schools-Mag have their names listed in the Birthday Corner? A number of letters and post cards are being received from parents and it is not possible to reply them individually.

● Schools-Mag members who have left school are requested to inform us. The Schools-Mag is specifically for those attending school.

Books I enjoyed

"COLLINS Children's Annual" is a book more suitable for smaller children, than for teen-agers. Its stories are more like "Fairy Tales" but still I enjoyed reading all of them and especially the article "Carilino of the South Sea Islands." The picture stories were very interesting and the games and puzzles kept me busy during the holidays. Although I was tempted to refer to the answers in the last page halfway through, I did not do so, till I had completed them, and found myself correct each time I did so.

Clarinda Bastians.

NEARLY 600 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED!

THE Quiz Contest conducted by Mr. L. C. Duncan Abeyratne (Schools-Mag 12 and 19 September 1959) drew in a total of 586 entries.

The lucky winner of the prize of ten rupees is MISS AUDREY FERNANDO-115, PRINCE'S GATE, COLOMBO 12. She had an all-correct solution for parts A and B and 189 words for part C of the contest.

Here are the answers

PART A

1. St. George is the Patron Saint of England.
2. In Roman Numerals LXXIV stand for 74.
3. At Waterloo the British and Allies defeated the French.
4. Excalibur is the sword of King Arthur.
5. The dance called the Fox-Trot is so called after its originator, a Mr. Fox from New York.
6. A metre is longer than a yard.
7. The Sahara Desert is in Northern Africa.
8. "Auld Lang Syne" was written by Robert Burns.

9. There are usually 4 prongs in a table fork.

10. The chemical formula NaCl stands for common salt.

11. A catamaran is a kind of raft.

12. Napoleon was an Italian (Corsican).

PART B

1. America.
2. Spain.
3. China.
4. Canada.
5. Japan.
6. Denmark.
7. Java.

ANOTHER NEW QUIZ FOR YOU
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Birthday Corner

OCT. 10 — 16

October 10: P. Kodithuwakku (Matale), Joyce Joseph (Kandy), Rosanne Pigto (Wellawatte), Brandon Hubert (Grandpass), Francis Machado (Colombo 13), Francis A. R. Anandappa (Colombo 13), Frank G. Selvadurai (Kotahena), Teresa Fernandez (Demodara), D. S. F. Perera (Kandy), Denise Bartholomew (Colombo 5), Joyce de Silva (Moratuwa), Valerie Kroon (Kotahena), Indrani Ambigoda (Colombo), Therese Perera (Kolonnawa), Sriani Gunatilleke (Kalutara), Albert Bular Kulmar (Amparai), Premil Perera (Ragama), Deepa Samarasinghe (Colombo 12), Rukmal Jacintha Dias Jayasinghe (Matale).

October 11: Romaine Balfour (Diyatalawa), Edward Wise (Dehiwela), Kenneth Bekmeyer (Kandy), Sriyani Amasekera (Ratnapura), Chrysanthia Jayatilleke (Galle), M. Clarice Rosairo (Borella), D. Leonard Miranda (Kochchikade), M. T. Gunasiri Senarathne (Colombo 10), M. T. Jaysiri Senarathna (Colombo 10), Dolores Van Reyk (Nugegoda), Mary Nicholas (Nugegoda), Cyril Perera (Kelaniya), Blossom Fernando (Moratuwa), Eric Silva (Nugegoda).

October 12: Philomena Agbrose (Dehiwela), Bernadette Fernando (Moratuwa), Sherine Herft (Dehiwela), Cynthia M. Candappa (Hendala), Sri Ranjan Waas (Colombo 5), Malik De Croos (Negombo), Roma de Silva (Colombo), Marlene Selvapulle (Colombo 15), Sunendra Gunatilleke (Kalutara), Christine Antony (Wattala).

October 13: D. Alwis (Nugegoda), Terese Fernando (Negombo), Manilal Fernando (Mt. Lavinia), Terrie Hyde

PEN-GEM

Last week's winner of the PEN-GEM Award was RATNA MALAWARAT-CHY of St. Benedict's College, Kotahena.

(Nuwara Eliya), Maureen Leonidaas (Dehiwela), Lorenz Herft (Dehiwela), Aloma Sathanadher (Kelaniya), Lillian Smith (Matale), Chrisostam Joseph (Jaffna).

October 14: Marie de Silva (Kalutara) Surendra Perera (Minuwangoda), Philip de Almeida (Kandy), Therese Weerasinghe (Dehiwela), Ruth Anandappa (Kotahena), Alan Tambinayagam (Mt. Lavinia), Winifred C. A. Alapart (Kotahena), Shanthi Amarasinghe (Galle), Cecilia Indrani Saverimuttu (Batticaloa), Carl Kronenberg (Colombo 13), Deryck Barthelot (Kandy).

October 15: Shanthi Gunatilleke (Galle), Shiranie Ross (Colombo 6), Lankaputhi Dalpathado (Negombo), Joyce Fernando (Moratuwa), A. Aro-kiam (Navalapitiya), Mahendran Victoria (Matale), Lindsay de Silva (Wellawatte), Sheila Barsenbach (Kandy), Louis V. Rasiiah (Jaffna), Yvonne Carmen Nugera (Dehiwela), Therese R. Fernando (Nainamadama), Surendra Perera (Dehiwela), Jean Forbes (Dehiwela), Pauline Elias (Grandpass).

October 16: Joseph L. H. de Silva (Dehiwela), Bernadette Fox (Trinco), Mary G. N. Fernando (Puttalam), Saundri Cooray (Colombo 4), Joseph Weerasinghe (Dehiwela), Fenton Loyola (Colombo 5), Lakshmi de Silva (Korallawella), Malkanthi Perera (Dehiwela), Gwendoline Perera (Colombo 9), Maureen Graham (Kohuwela), Srikantha Abeyratne (Colombo 9), Sheranthi Nugawela (Ratmalana), Rodney H. Perera (Boralesgamuwa).



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THE GREATEST DRAMA IN THE WORLD

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by **Felicia Davidson**

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Being God — as well as man — His prayers, merits, and His offerings are infinite in value.

Star of the sea

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STAR OF THE SEA,
MARY MY MOTHER
LOOK UPON ME

G. D. Petronella
Warnakula

Moratuwa.

TALKS WITH Juniors

Spiritual Exercises-III

My dear Teen-agers,

Often enough we remain low at the foot of the ladder of perfection simply because we never cared to realize the value of the many means at our disposal to grow in sanctity.

To many the Holy Mass has come to mean a categorical command — a Command with a capital 'C'. It's just a "must" which cannot be missed — something to be got through at all costs to avoid the terrible calamity of mortal sin. To others it's something they wouldn't like to miss for sentimental reasons. They have never missed Mass since

their age of reason so they feel "bad" if they do so. To a few others it means little or nothing more than a show-off of their Sunday-best, a display of their latest frock or slirt or shoes or tie.

In the next few 'talks' we shall try to understand better the meaning of the sacred drama on the altar.

May the Lord of Sacrifice teach you to learn and live the sacrifice of the Lord.

Always in Jesus and Mary,

Uncle Ashley

Next week: WHAT IS THE MASS?

WHAT RELIGION MEANS TO ME

by

ONE of the most important aspects of the Schools-Mag is fortunately my own motto, as it guides me to believe that first things must be given first place, if we are to have a correct view of life.

This is Religion. "Religio, Mores, Cultura" my Alma Mater's motto too emphasises this fact more vividly to me.

With religion as my back-bone, I go forward to face life's obstacles with the sole thought that *Deo Volente* (with God's will) everything must be done *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* (for the greater glory of God).

Religion not only in thought, but also in word and deed, deserves to be termed as such. It teaches me what is right and right is might. We should not fear to stand up against any devil's advocate on behalf of Christ's teaching which means so much to each individual.

Therefore with the strong arm of religion as a bulwark, we must be prepared to face the modern evils and its trends that tend to make the teen-



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ager a prey to all its foul seductions in various forms.

St. Benedict's College, Colombo.

COMPETITION PRIZES

QUIZ COMPETITION

HERE is the second in the new series of fascinating competitions specially arranged for teen-agers and sponsored by St. Michael's Bookshop, the popular book-sellers of 6-10, Jampetah Street, Colombo 13.

This time we have for you a Quiz Contest. And once again St. Michael's Bookshop offers two splendid prizes for the boy and girl who have all-correct answers and whose entries are the first to be drawn after the closing date. If no all-correct solution is sent, the prizes will go to the nearest correct.

Post your entries (and don't forget to fill up the competition coupon!) to the Editor, Schools-Mag, c/o The Catholic Press, Borella, to reach him not later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 October 1959.

A competitor may send in more than one entry but each such entry must be accompanied by a competition coupon.

...AND HERE ARE THE QUESTIONS

- (1) For what is the town of Oberammergau famous: Miracle Plays; relic of the Holy Shroud; Passion Play; Black Virgin?
- (2) Cardinal Mindszenty, fearless champion of the Church's rights, is the Primate of: Roumania; Bulgaria; Holland; Hungary; Austria?
- (3) Who said: "You call him a Dumb Ox; I tell you this Dumb Ox shall bellow so loud that his bellowings will fill the world?" Of whom were they said?
- (4) For what religious orders or congregations do the following abbreviations stand? O.M.I., C.S.S.R., O.S.B., S.J., O.S.M.?
- (5) A Bedesman is: A maker of rosary beads; one who prays for the souls of another; a church usher; a hermit?
- (6) Who was Simon Bar Jona?
- (7) Who is called the Father of English History?
- (8) What famous Catholic scientists do you associate with pioneer work in: (a) Electricity? (b) Bacteriology? (c) The laws of Heredity?
- (9) The famous character "Father Brown" was created by: Ronald Knox; Agatha Christie; G. K. Chesterton; Robert Hugh Benson; Fr. Owen Dudley?
- (10) What is (1) an Acolyte? (2) a Neophyte?

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LOOK OUT FOR MORE COMPETITIONS WEEK BY WEEK IN THIS NEW AND FASCINATING SERIES OF COMPETITIONS WITH PRIZES SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR ALL TEEN-AGERS.



Dear Editor,

I shall be pleased if you will enrol my twin children Ann and Rohan Abeyaratne as members of the Schools-Mag. They take a great interest in your page, and read the articles regularly.

Mrs. W. F. Abeyaratne.

Chilaw.

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 St. Joseph's Girls' School, Nugegoda. I am in S.S.C. Prep.

Mary Carmel Fernando
Pannipitiya.

Dear Editor,

The Schools-Mag is very interesting, and I anxiously wait till Sunday dawns to read it.

I am a student of St. Benedict's College, in Std. IV. I have made up my mind to be a member of the Schools-Mag, and herewith I am sending a form.

Joseph Brian Alles.
Mattakkuliya.

Dear Editor,

We are two sisters sending our forms to be enrolled members of the Schools-Mag. We are regular readers of the Messenger especially the Schools-Mag. We attend Holy Family Convent, Kurunegala. I am

Mirihana.

Schools-Mag Enrolment Form

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Cut this out and post the completed form to the Editor, SCHOOLS-MAG, Catholic Press, Borella, to get your Membership card and number.

Why not Mass Cards?

But what strikes me most is that the person or persons responsible for making this insertion really know just exactly what they are doing. It seems such a pity that people waste such large sums of money on buying elaborate floral tributes as a deed of last respect to a departed soul.

In a sense it is undoubtedly a way of paying respect to one dead. But in yet another sense it appears rather a stupid wastage of money, when such funds could have very well been put to a more profitable end.

I say this not because I am personally against the idea of buying wreaths but merely because this money could have definitely been put to a more just and profitable use.

On the occasion of a recent bereavement in the family, some of my friends went through great pains to discourage their relatives and friends from sending floral tributes. The daily newspaper published the plea "No Flowers by Request."

Yet despite their emphatic efforts, ultimately it required two cars

in Std. V and my sister is in Std. II. Rosaline and Srimathie Wiratunga. Kurunegalle.

Dear Editor,

I would like to be a member of the Schools-Mag.

My favourite hobbies are Drawing, Reading and Knitting.

Therese Adams.

in the funeral cortege to transport these elaborate floral tributes sent by well-meaning, but sadly misguided friends.

It would be heartening if we dispensed with this utterly deplorable waste of money on floral tributes that ultimately die a few days later, worn out and useless on the cemetery garbage piles.

The trend among us Catholics should be primarily to divert the

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funds we might spend on a wreath to some charitable project or institution that will put such funds to a more competent use.

By far the most acceptable and fitting tribute that any Catholic layman could pay a departed soul is a Mass Card.

We mortals never seem to accept the plausible compatibility and the spiritual paranormal faculties contained in a Mass Card. We seldom or never realize that it is far more beneficiary to the departed soul and will prove even more comforting for his friends to realize that a number of Masses have been offered in his name to speed his soul to heavenly bliss.

The subject of floral tributes prompts me to recount the tale of a man who was trying to jolt his Chinese colleague regarding the Oriental custom of placing delicacies near the body of a deceased person prior to his burial.

"When do you think will your friend get to eat all the food you have placed near him?" quipped the friend.

Came the Chinaman's retort with a sprightly air of hilarity, "Just about the same time your friend would get to smell all those flowers you've placed atop his grave!"

Anthony Filbert Embuldeniya.
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Feminine Forum

● We bring you the first in a series of articles dealing with the exemplary and inspiring lives of mothers of Saints.

Mothers of Saints

MAMMA MARGARET Mother of St. John Bosco

ONLY a Saint could love all the saints. Some of them seem too singular, stubborn, or self-sufficient to be entirely amiable. We try to remember that the stern demands of sanctity sometimes preclude amiability to some extent. And we feel that wholehearted love demanded by Christ for perfection gives little time for the winning of friends or for living as it is done in the modern world. But who can deny that gentle St. Francis, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Philip Neri, St. John Bosco, and many others, were among the most winning of God's chosen? As for St. John Bosco, he was especially blessed; for his mother, Margaret, was with him in his apostolate almost every step of the way — until her death.

She was born in 1788 in Capriglio, a beautiful village in Italy. Margaret was a warm-hearted hard-working girl who could neither read nor write. This was common among peasants in those days. But she had something more important; she had a profound and beautiful faith. Everything she did was subject to the Divine Will.

She was the eldest of the family, and her brothers and sisters called her the "little mother" while she still was just a girl. She revealed her great maternal heart from the beginning. Francesco Bosco, a crofter from Becchi, was no doubt aware of these qualities in Margaret when he wooed her. He was a widower with an elderly feeble mother and an unruly ten-year-old son, Antonio, on his hands.

Margaret

Margaret consented to marry Francesco. In due time, she gave birth to two sons, Joseph and John. The latter was born on August 16, 1815. She had resolved never to show partiality to her own children, but Antonio responded to no effort of Margaret's to prove that she was ready to love him.

The marriage lasted only three years, for tragedy struck. Francesco contracted pneumonia and died suddenly. Margaret was desolate over the loss of her husband, and naturally anxious about her family. There she was with a sick old woman, a thirteen-year-old step-son, and two baby boys to look after and to support. She had always known what it was to be

The Cure of Ars once remarked, "Virtue passes readily from the heart of a mother to that of her child who imitates that what it sees its mother doing." This is especially borne out when one examines the lives of mothers of saints. The life of Mamma Margaret, the mother of St. John Bosco, is the first in a series of the lives of these unsung, yet remarkable heroes of God.

poor. Now she was to know great poverty and harder work than she had ever known before.

Her trust in God never wavered. It was a time of drought that had ruined the vines and harvest. But by using every effort of mind and body, and many prayers, she weathered the crisis with the help of two farm hands and the sullen Anthony.

Son

From his birth, John was responsive to his mother's spiritual training. He was born on the Feast of the Assumption, and she had dedicated him to the Mother of God. Maybe this was his strength. While we know that God sometimes seems to select the weak and the small, the hidden soul, for His mysterious operations so that His divinity and strength may shine forth, we have to admit that certain souls are strong from birth. There just has to be an occasional strong one — else who would the weak lean on?

Whether Margaret and John were both born with great hearts and amazingly strong personalities, or whether it was their built-in faith and love of God that made them that way, it would not be fair if we said that God did it all, even though His grace accompanied them all the way — for He plays no favourites. It is best to conclude that adversity not only sharpens the wits — it refines the soul of those of faith. Margaret and her son were workers, people who literally had no time to be weak and self-pitying.

Cross

It was part of her cross that Margaret could do nothing with Anthony. He appeared to resent his step-mother's having a share of the farm, a feeling that is not new or unusual in step-children. But with her two sons she was

most successful with their spiritual training. God was as real to these boys as their next-door neighbour. Prayer was as natural as eating or sleeping. Margaret's credo was simple: Jesus Christ died to save our souls, there is only one goal and that is through obedience to His Commandments, through love of others, honest work and cheerful acceptance of our lot. She was glad, she said, that Joseph and John knew poverty for she felt it would make them hardy.

Everything might have been peaceful if it hadn't been for Anthony, who disliked the ardent and gay John more and more as day followed day. John was lively, and he had a most appealing personality. There is no room here to describe what a talent he had for bringing out the best in others. He found joy in leading others to a softer approach to living. When his mother asked him why he played with rough-necks, he said, "Because when I am with them, they are not horrid — and they forget to use ugly words."

Problem

John was little more than a child when he told his mother he hoped to become a priest. Margaret was overjoyed. She did wonder where seminary fees would come from. She turned the problem over to God. She managed somehow to send John to the village school, arousing resentment in Anthony.

The hostility of Anthony finally brought on a serious crisis. Exactly what occurred is not revealed, but it must have been bad for she told John, "God cannot bless a disunited family. Your brother Anthony is in danger of damnation." She didn't have to tell John it was he whom Anthony particularly disliked.

Goodbye

There was abuse and violence from Anthony, and Margaret made a heart-breaking decision. She told John he would have to go away — at least for a while. Any mother can understand the heroism of Margaret, for John was only thirteen years old at the time. She helped him pack a knapsack, and bade him an agonized good-bye, saying only, "God will protect you."

How glad she must have been when she learned that, after some difficulty, John had obtained a job as cow-herd, and was being well treated by the farmer who employed him. John did not tell her he was making friends right and left as he did everywhere he went. John Bosco's life would probably have turned out as it did even if a kind uncle had not appeared to settle all disputes in the family.

(To be continued).



A MOTHER'S SUPPLICATION

THEN let me go — where the earth reaches sky,
Where untroubled waters lap gently over golden sands,
Where blue deepens into a myriad tints,
And the shine of stars lingers in heart and eyes.

Then let me go — where my empty arms can keep
A baby's dimpled cheek against my throbbing heart,
And let dear close nestling heads

lovingly creep
Into the shelter of my love, so true and deep.

When in this strange relentless way life starts,
Beating a painful rhythm on the keyboard of my heart
Leaving me stricken with an aching poignancy,
Lord I beg of Thee, through this storm of grief, shelter Me.

B. Samarasinghe.

Dancing tree-tops

By R. P.

RIGHT up on the fifth-floor-room of a hospital, I sit by the bed of a sufferer. "I cannot bear it any longer," the patient moans.

"Divine Heart of Jesus," I repeat a prayer for her comfort, "I offer to Thee, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary . . . all my sufferings of this day."

Let your pain be your offertory. It is easy for me to say it, you may tell me. I have done it. Many others are doing it.

Make your pain a symphony. Some of God's sweetest melodies are studies on the Black Keys . . . Hail Mary!

Didn't He come to us through a mother, to understand us tenderly as a mother would? She'll pray for you . . . "and like a drooping flower, under the cover of the kindly night, her weary eyelids rested in a peaceful slumber."

It is dawn. She wakes up with a smile saying "I feel so refreshed today. Don't you pray for me at home? Is it only last night you asked for God's blessing on me?" she asks. "Perhaps our united prayers make you feel restful" I tell her.

I step out of the room for a while and watch the dawn. The city still sleeps. Trees are awake to welcome God's miracle of light.

In front of me, I see a tree-top, looking like an enormous bouquet of gold. Why, every flower looks like a little maid in a lotus pink and green skirt.

To the right of my golden tree-top, stands her kindred men, all in a purple array, after shedding her gold.

To her left is another enormous

bouquet of brown buds ready to burst into gold. They all seem to stand at attention, waiting, waiting for what?

A gentle breeze. They are swaying. The dancing tree-tops! Thaa! Thee! — Thaa-Thaa-Thee! — They sweep down, form an arch, rise, and mauve meets gold.

Gold meets brown. Breathlessly I watch their dance of joy to their maker. Their salutation of joy. "O all ye green things on earth, bless ye the Lord."

The city sleeps still. Ah! what is that I see beyond the dancing tree-tops? A new red roof, on it a cross seems to beckon me. "O cross, that liftest up my head."

I dare not ask to fly from thee. The church of the Lady of Fatima. Hail Mary . . . ! A joyful peace fills my soul. Silver showers of rain gently kiss the dancing flowers for a while. Man wakes. Cars rush below.

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● **SMILES OVER KANDY** — This picture of His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B., was taken exclusively for the *Messenger*, shortly after his consecration.

● **THE MOMENTOUS MOMENT** — The head of the Bishop-Elect is bound with a long napkin in white. Soon after, the Consecrator turns to the Altar and kneels, intoning the hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus."



● **HANDS THAT BLESS** — The newly-consecrated Bishop gives his blessing to the faithful. On his right is the Consecrating Prelate, His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bernard Regno, O.S.B., Bishop of Bagai.



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● **END OF A HAPPY STORY** — The newly-consecrated Bishop walks up to his parents and is greeted by his family circle. Facing His Lordship in the foreground in white is his mother, and immediately hidden by her is his father.



● **PAGEANTRY IN PURPLE** — Another picture taken exclusively for the *Messenger*. Ceylon's entire hierarchy, participating in the ceremonies, poses for the *Messenger* photographer. Reading left to right: The Bishops of Trincomalee and Galle, His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, the new Bishop of Kandy, the Consecrating Prelate and the Bishops of Chilaw and Jaffna.

● **SPLENDOR OF SOLEMNITY** — In full Pontificals the newly consecrated Bishop rises and advances, flanked on his right with His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Glennie, S.J. and on his left the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bernard Regno, O.S.B.

