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Great enthusiasm prevails at Galle Bishop's Silver Jubilee Celebrations

Ceylon's Bishops were all present

His Grace stresses position of Bishop in Church

(FROM OUR GALLE CORRESPONDENT)

FOR the first time in ancient Galle's history, all six of Ceylon's Bishops were present in person at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of His Lordship the Bishop of Galle, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Nicholas Laudadio, S.J., on Sunday, 25 October 1959.

Despite rain-sodden, dreary skies and overnight thundery showers, Jubilee day itself dawned fine and kept shining throughout. Great enthusiasm was displayed by the faithful who mustered strong for the celebrations. The Bishop's House was brightly illuminated and the Cathedral flood-lit.

Highlight of the occasion was the Solemn Pontifical Mass sung by His Lordship the Jubilarian. By 10-30 a.m. the Cathedral was filled to capacity. Busloads had arrived from the various parish units, earlier.

Special accommodation was provided for the 51 priests, 16 brothers and 85 nuns representing every diocese and religious order.

PROCESSION

Sharp at 11 a.m. the procession headed by the Cross and Candle Bearers and acolytes, moved out of Bishop's House. Rev. Brothers and Revd. Fathers came next while their Lordships the Bishops of Kandy, Jaffna, Trincomalee, Chilaw and the Jubilarian Bishop with His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo followed.

As the procession entered the Cathedral the Choir under Revd. Fr. A. D'Mattia, S.J. sang Ecce Sa-

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PAKISTAN SEEKS FR. PIRE'S HELP

AT a meeting in Oslo recently Fr. George Pire, the Belgian Dominican Nobel Peace Prize winner, while announcing a six-point programme of world-wide aid, revealed that he had been called in by the Government of Pakistan to help solve the problem of its refugees. Following are the six points of Fr. Pire's programme:

1. An attempt to relieve the poliomyelitis problem in two areas of Europe and two countries of Africa.
2. "Effective aid" to those who need it on the other side of the "Curtains" in Europe and Asia.
3. Aid for "poor brothers" from those who were more fortunate, especially in Pakistan which had a problem of ten million refugees and whose Government, Fr. Pire said, had given him the task of trying to solve it.
4. Aid without regard to colour, beginning with exchanges of letters, newspapers and visits between African and white children.
5. Aid to youth.
6. Intellectual exchanges.

POPE'S DAY



Eight days hence, 8 November 1959 will once again mark POPE'S DAY. Ever old, ever new, POPE'S DAY this year takes added and heightened significance: for the first time it will be POPE'S DAY with our present reigning Pontiff — His Holiness Pope John XXIII.

The faithful of this island, in union with the faithful the world over, will on this day unitedly pledge their solidarity and fealty to the Eternal Rock of the Papacy in the person of the Holy Father, Pope John XXIII.

- Elected: 28th October 1958.
- Crowned: 4th November 1958.

Sistine choir being reformed

POPE John is to reorganise the famed Sistine Choir in an effort to restore its ancient splendour.

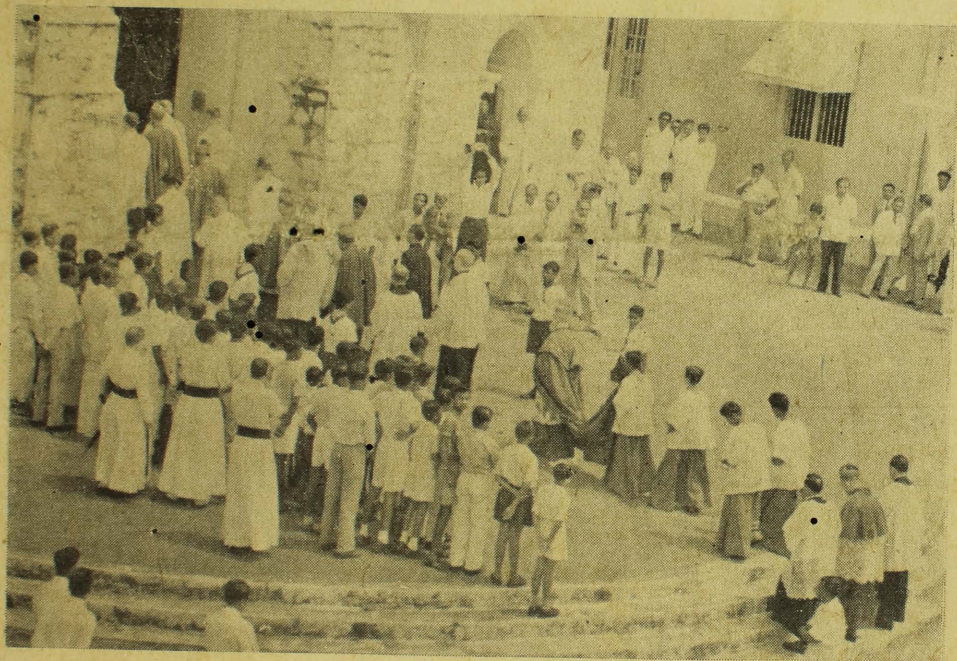
The choir, which goes back to the times of Pope St. Gregory the Great in the 11th century, performs during all ceremonies in which a pope takes part.

Its present statutes were drawn up by Pope St. Pius X in the early 1900's. Shortly after his election Pope John was told of the choir's problems by the present director, Mgr. Domenico Bartolucci.

The Pope then ordered Mgr. Bartolucci to prepare a new act of statutes (not yet officially submitted).

He also ordered a raise in salary for the singers.

According to the new rules, the number of members is to be fixed at 25 men and 30 boys.



The Jubilarian enters the Cathedral in the company of all Ceylon's Bishops
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT, Y.C.W., JAPAN.

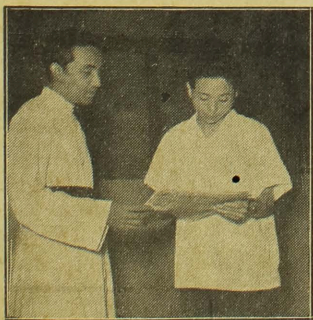
(a special "Messenger" interview)

IN town this week was young, competent and confident. Mr. Hideo Inohara, National President of the Y.C.W. in Japan, full of Japanese charm and courtesy, but no less of Japanese grit and efficiency. Mr. Inohara left us in no doubt that though it may be a long way yet to the brightness of noon, Japan is indeed the land of the Rising Sun.

He himself "saw the light" — the true Light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world — ten years ago, and from that time nothing would stop him from spreading that light.

With Hideo Inohara Catholic Life and Catholic Action have been, as they ought to be, synonymous, and right from the word "go" he threw himself into the apostolate of the Y.C.W., that dynamic Movement which Pius XI once called "an authentic form of Catholic Action." And for nine of his ten years in the Faith he has held the responsible office of National President.

Mr. Inohara was on his way back from a meeting of the International Executive Committee of the Y.C.W. The International Committee deals



● Mr. Hideo Inohara with National Chaplain of Ceylon's Y. C. W., Fr. Stanislaus Fernando.

with the affairs of the Y.C.W. from one World Council to another. The last Council was held in Rome, just after the Y.C.W. International Rally in 1957. The next World Council is to be held in 1961. Plans for that, as well as for the 1st Asian meeting of the Y.C.W. scheduled for early next year (with Kuala Lumpur as

venue), were discussed at the meeting of the Executive which Mr. Inohara had just attended.

The Y.C.W. in Japan, its President said, comprised some 160 sections and counted about 1,200 active leaders. Their work lay mostly amongst non-Catholics (Japan's Catholics numbering only 265,000 against a total population of 95 million) and they had about 3,000 non-Catholic contacts. A monthly publication, *New World*, meant again mostly for non-Catholics, has a circulation of 17,000.

One gathered the impression of slow but steady and consistent progress against heavy odds in an obviously difficult field. The influence of foreign materialist philosophers, a native naturalism, industrialism in full swing, the cult of success and pleasure, the struggle for existence — all these things put together certainly do not make an environment that is easy to penetrate. A Catholic intellectual revival and a more carefully thought out approach might possibly make some impact.

But there is no doubt that, all these difficulties notwithstanding, Japan's Y.C.W. is forging ahead, confident and undeterred — an object lesson and an inspiration to others whose work

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The Forgotten Apostle

IT IS SAID THAT ANY OF THE APOSTLES SHOULD EVER BE "FORGOTTEN." WHEN THOSE MAGIC WORDS "COME FOLLOW ME" CAME FROM THE LIPS OF THEIR LOVING MASTER, THEY LEFT ALL THINGS AND FOLLOWED HIM. IN THE FACE OF GRAVE ODDS THEY PREACHED CHRIST CRUCIFIED AND WERE HIS WITNESSES "IN SAMARIA, JUDEA AND IN ALL PARTS OF THE EARTH," UNTIL THEY OFFERED UP THEIR LIVES FOR THE TRUE FAITH.

The Church down the ages has a special regard, reverence and devotion to the band of Apostles selected by Our Lord and we cannot afford to "forget" any of them. It was an unfortunate coincidence that Jude, the cousin of Our Lord and His faithful Apostle, should have had the same name as the traitor Iscariot. The people despised Judas and hated his very name, and thus the name of the Saint too fell into disrepute.

But it would seem that Our Lord Himself was anxious to repair the good name of His faithful disciple, this "servant of Jesus" as he calls himself in his Epistle (Jude 1; 1). Devotion to St. Jude soon spread, and "when some special devotion takes root and flourishes in the Church, it is a sign that God wishes it so," comments Fr. C. C. Martindale, S.J. St. Bridget tells us how Our Lord appeared to her and bade her to have recourse to St. Jude. "In accordance with his surname *Thaddeus* (the amiable, the loving) he will show himself most willing to give help," said Our Lord. St. Bernard had a great devotion to St. Jude, and on his death-bed requested that a relic of St. Jude, which he had preserved, be placed on his breast, so that even in death he should not be without him who was a powerful protector of his purity.

RELATIVE OF CHRIST

St. Jude was the son of Cleophas, brother to St. Joseph, the foster-father of Christ. His mother, Mary Cleophas, one of the holy women who stood at the foot of the Cross on Calvary, was a cousin of Our Lady.

We can just imagine St. Jude at the home of the Holy Family at Nazareth, playing with the Boy Jesus. The other apostles of Christ were all novices, trained, taught and inspired, but the Apostle Jude must have had some idea of Our Lord, true God and true Man, even before the calling. And what is most striking is that he never mentions his early association with Christ, or his relationship, anywhere in his Epistle. He just walked humbly with the rest. It was probably due to that great humility which this Saint possessed that he is today on a very high pedestal. He is popularly invoked in all countries as the "Saint of the Impossible."

His clients look up to him and ask his intercession before God in cases of despair. The Shrines dedicated to him draw large crowds and many testify to the favours received. There is a Shrine of St. Jude in the Church of Mount Carmel, in Faversham, Kent (England), of very recent origin. It is in charge of the Carmelite Fathers, and Fr. Lynch, O.C., writing on the Shrine, says: "St. Jude may be the forgotten Apostle, but he is at the same time a common ground between Anglicans and Catholics, on a devotional level." The Shrine in Chicago, America, is in charge of the Dominican Fathers, and is of special interest as the forearm of the Apostle is now a priceless possession there.

The most popular Shrine in Asia is perhaps the one at Jhansi, in North India, in charge of the Capuchin Fathers. Apart from this Shrine which draws pilgrims from all over India, there is at Jhansi the Hospital of St. Jude, and a monthly magazine (*The Voice of St. Jude*) is being regularly printed under the care of the Fathers. A Ceylonese, Bro. Seraphin, does yeoman service at the Jhansi Shrine, and due to his efforts the devotion to St. Jude became increasingly popular in our country as well.

INDIGOLLA

Steps to build the first church in Ceylon in honour of this great Apostle, was first mooted by Rev. Fr. Philip Dissanayake, O.M.I., when he was Parish Priest of Gampaha. There was a 5 acre block of coconut land which the Archbishop of Colombo had purchased in the village of Indigolla, on the road between Yakkala and Gampaha, and the authorities agreed to build the church there in 1952. Thanks to the initiative of a well known Catholic business man in Colombo it soon became possible to purchase the adjoining block of 30 acres, which is today a Catholic colony with little bungalows springing up.

By
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Since the Carmelite Fathers came here in 1956 and were entrusted with this Shrine there have been great

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improvements. Very Rev. Fr. Marcel, the Superior, and his assistants have taken up residence there and are at the service of the pilgrims who now come daily to Indigolla. A bone relic of the Apostle, brought from Rome, is placed in a reliquary, and special prayers are offered by pilgrims. Every Thursday thousands of devotees go to Indigolla.

Thanks to the co-operation of the numerous clients of St. Jude, the church building commenced in 1952 is now completed. The Mission

House and a Monastery for the Carmelite Fathers have also been built. The floor of the church and some of the walls have yet to be cemented and this may be an accomplished fact very soon with the help of the numerous supporters of this church.

The Novenas for the annual feast commenced on 23rd October. There was evening Mass on the 28th, the Feast Day of St. Jude. The Feast is however celebrated on 1st November, and there will be Solemn Vespers this evening at 6 p.m. On Sunday there will be several Masses in the morning, followed by the High Mass at 9 a.m. and a late Mass at 11 a.m.

Rev. Fr. Ignatius, one of the Carmelite Fathers directly in charge of the Shrine, leaves today on a holiday for Belgium, his native land. The clients of St. Jude will miss this energetic monk who worked very hard to make the Shrine what it is.

His place is taken by Rev. Fr. Victor, a Sinhalese Priest who has been in the Carmelite Monastery in South India for many years. Friends of St. Jude welcome him to his native land and to the first church here dedicated to St. Jude, Apostle, Martyr and a Helper in difficult cases.

Short Story

PENALTY FOR MURDER?

A "DILETTANTE... yes, that is what I have become, a dilettante..." mused Andrew, toying with the subject and, in reality, concentrating on nothing, now looking at the dirt on his fingers gradually increasing in content by the occupation he was presently engaged in—an occupation which seemed to consist solely of rubbing his fingers along the dusty stone walls of his cell.

He suddenly seemed to realise what he was doing, for he stooped abruptly, spat vigorously on his fingers and wiped them on the sides of his trousers... cleanliness, decency, and... sanity... they all belonged to the past.

"Guilty!" they had said "guilty"—that solemn, drawn, look on old Forster's face... "to hang by the neck until dead," adjusting the little black square on his head, as he spoke the words... why had the old fellow to look so solemn about it—he was not going to be hanged... the hushed court-house—the men tight-lipped and tense... the few women present—white and trembling, wondering whether it was apt to faint or not—well why did they not, and take themselves out of the court-house? The young batch of law students—the young fools! Why had the idiots to look so hard at him? Bah! puppies, puppies, the whole lot!

FIVE YEARS AGO...

January... January, five years ago... a calm quiet January... little Stephen... Stephen to the rest of the world, "Chickie" to him. Chickie—what an absurd name for a little boy—but the boy had reminded him of a featherless chicken, when he was

BY R. RAMANATHAN

born, and he had been "Chickie" to him from the very first.

Laura... the child's mother... "my wife!"... he thought grimly, always ailing, ill... dead... he could not even remember her... except, perhaps her eyes... always piercing, always suspicious. Chickie—a gentle little boy, not a pretty child... no, you would never call Chickie pretty... he was ugly... ugly... like a monkey... but his eyes... the blue haunting eyes... filled with a strange longing... for what? He shrugged his shoulders... he had never known.

He had been a busy man, yet all his spare time had been for his child, his child whom he had been too jealous to even send to school; he had taught him, himself. Flowers and music and poetry; the little fellow knew them all, they made up his little world.

His had been a jealous, possessive, love... he had wanted the child for himself alone, it was his, it was not? He had a perfect right to it... why had that Donald to move in next door... "Uncle Don," Chickie had called

BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS

DESIRE

IN a land where dieting is one of the major peace problems, where egotism and selfishness create psychic problems, where production is not for consumption but for the creation of new and often artificial wants, moderation becomes less and less a virtue.

To the pagan Aristotle, virtue was the mean between two extremes. The opposite of every vice is not a virtue, but the

opposite of every virtue is a vice. The opposite of drunkenness which might be a Paraclausal condemnation of alcohol as an intrinsic evil is certainly not a virtue. Virtue is a road with two abysses on either side; it is easy to fall into either extreme. The romance and the thrill of life is avoiding both pitfalls. The belief that one is good and has no need of salvation is the ditch of presumption; the feeling that one is so bad he cannot be saved is the ditch of despair; the roadway between the two is hope. Frugality is a highway; wastefulness is the abyss on one side and greed the abyss on the other.

• Moderation

The proper province of moderation is to regulate those tendencies and urges in us which have no evil in themselves, but which may become evil because they are not restrained or moderated. There is nothing wrong in a man's desire for eating or mating or drinking, but there is something wrong about gluttony, adultery and drunkenness. The desire for knowledge is legitimate but there is such a thing as sobriety in drinking knowledge as there is in drinking beer. The man who is proud of what he knows is generally unteachable, and he who is unteachable has set a limit to what he can know. The desire to own property is good and a consequence of the natural law, but when it becomes a false infinite and a desire to own more for the sake of owning then it becomes a vice. The Chinese have a proverb that a bird can but roost on one branch and a mouse can drink no more than its fill from a river. On the walls of the Temple of Delphos was written "Avoid excess." The quicker the fire the sooner the ashes; violent fires soon burn themselves out.

• Excess

It may be retorted that if we

him... that Donald who was old enough to be his own father, an old man, very tall, very straight, with a rather austere expression on his face, very proud too, the perfect country squire, a well-known lawyer—a very clever one, they said... clever... bah!

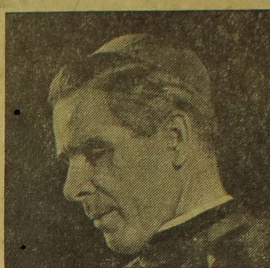
DEAD EYES

He had ignored him completely, that wretched Donald... he was dead now, but his eyes, yes, eyes once again, deep gray this time, was his entire world to be composed of eyes?

That man whom his child had admired most, perhaps, perhaps, whom he had loved most! He had wanted his Chickie's love for himself... he had collected his money, he had taken his Chickie to the continent, for a tour, he had said, leaving Donald, that awful monopolising Donald, to his briefs, and the papers he kept forwarding to the government; to the people he kept gathering, to support his cause—to abolish the death penalty. Just like that, Donald, fighting for a worthless, useless cause, abolishing the death penalty... well he certainly did not like to be hanged, but why worry over another man's neck, when your own was safe enough?

MEMORIES ARE OVER

That tour... the continent... from France to Germany, to Austria, Chickie laughing, happy, standing in that French hotel, a big smile, covering his ugly little features. "I could be a garcon, when I grow up, could I not, Father?" He, smiling at the waiter, saying "You'll next



have certain instincts and drives and passions, these should be satisfied; to moderate them is to destroy "self-expression." True, they should be satisfied according to our nature; but our nature is rational, not bestial; therefore first reason and then faith should govern and control the excesses of these drives. To say that man is made for "self-expression" is true only when its complement is understood that there is never self-expression without some kind self repression. A husband who beats his wife is expressing himself, but he is also repressing kindness. Nothing goes up but that something comes down. Repress a bad temper and kindness is expressed; repress a drunken rage and gentleness is expressed.

• God

There is a world of difference between wanting and needing. Our wants are unlimited, our needs are limited. The multiplication of artificial wants, such as a new type of wind-swept fender every year, intensifies unhappiness, for each day there is a vaster area of unsatisfied desires. Our wants are to the soul what a pulse is to the body: one revealing the spiritual health, the other the physical. The youth who has every whim and wish satisfied by his parents will grow up believing the world owes him a living. The principal cause of unhappiness is unregulated desires. Our desires are infinite, the supply and satisfaction of these desires however is limited. Hence frustration, anxiety, disappointment. Nothing short of religion can inspire a healthy detachment. Let a man think of himself as an animal and nothing can induce him to make a sacrifice of anything he considers essential to his biological well being. Only when he loves Someone more than himself will he surrender the lower for the sake of the Beloved. (Copyright... Reproduction in whole or part forbidden).

be telling me that you'd want to get into the Reichstag, to act as usher, I suppose." And so the days had gone by. The money was over, the tour was over, the memory of Donald, was it over too? Or... or, was it, still, there?

They had come back, to a new home. Months had passed, and though there was no sign of Donald there had been plenty of news of him... curse that man, and his death penalty! Chickie, whom he had educated, using his... Andrew's, education to read the papers, to follow his "Uncle Don's" progress... and then that day, Chickie's birthday of all days. Donald's arrival with his stupid old presents... who wanted them... had he not given the child sufficient? Chickie had run to Donald, hugged his presents, and clung to his arm, a proud child, a happy child, an ugly, happy child.

Then, it had struck him... he had known what he could do... he would kill that "Uncle Don" forever, he would kill his memory, he would kill the very thought of him.

His home was in a lovely locality, not a soul around, not even a wild-fowl, only the dark night had seen it. Donald coming alone, returning to the station, quite some distance from the house, his visit over, his goodwill extended to the ugly little child, as ugly as its father, but lovable nevertheless.

Nothing more... the club striking mercilessly on Donald's head... on his unprotected head, and the blood, why he could still feel the sticky liquid on his fingers... he remembered, bringing them near his nostrils... the smell of revenge had been upon them—it had been strangely

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FATIMA LETTER TO BE OPENED NEXT YEAR

THE Bishop entrusted with the third and final part of the Fatima "secret" has disclosed that it will definitely be opened before the end of 1960.

Bishop Pereira Venancio of Leiria has said that the sealed envelope containing the account written by Lucy—sole survivor of the three children to whom the Blessed Virgin appeared here 42 years ago, and now a Carmelite nun—"is to be opened after Lucy's death or at the latest in 1960." He said that "therefore it shall be opened in 1960."

The final part of the Fatima message does not consist of threats or prophecies of woe. This is certain.

Lucy herself, in her strictly enclosed Carmelite convent in Coimbra, the old Portuguese university town some 500 miles north of Fatima, has recently denied that she foretold terrible punishments for the world in the shape of new wars and the destruction of whole cities.

school at the convent of the Sisters of St. Dorothy in Oporto.

Wrote at Bishop's Request

In 1941, Lucy—then a lay Sister in the Congregation of the

Susan Lowndes Marques reports from Fatima

The second referred to devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary which the Blessed Virgin said in the apparition would be the means of saving many souls and giving peace to the world.

It was then that Our Lady asked

Expect Nothing Sensational says Fr. G. Gardiner O.P.

THE third part of the "secret" of Fatima is to be revealed in 1960. What will it be? Will it be some terrifying prophecy of the end of the world? Will it foretell some frightful global cataclysm?

These questions are being asked, with their implication that we can expect something sensational. It is natural that there should be curiosity about the "secret." Its existence, after all, was deliberately announced in 1927, 33 years before the date fixed for its revelation.

But those who expect a sensation in 1960 not only face certain disappointment, they run the risk of missing the whole point of the message of Fatima.

As Told Me By Lucy

This is the story of the "secret," as told to me by Lucy:—

In 1917, the children were told by Our Lady to keep secret three of the revelations made to them.



Our Lady of Fatima

HE KNEW SISTER LUCY

FATHER Gardiner, an Irish Dominican who was stationed in Portugal for 18 years, and is now back in Ireland, was a close friend of the late Bishop Alves Correia de Leiria and was one of the few people who knew Sister Lucy well enough to induce her to talk freely about the apparitions.

In 1927, Lucy, then a Dorothean novice, was accorded a private apparition, in which she was instructed to make known two of these revelations then, and the third in 1960.

The two parts of the "secret" then revealed were the vision of hell which was granted to the children in the summer of 1917, and the announcement made by Our Lady on the same occasion that she would come later to ask for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart.

Lucy: No Comment

Lucy had no reason to offer as to why these two revelations should have been kept secret for a time. With her usual unwillingness to add anything of her own to the message given to her, she would make no comment on my suggestion that to broadcast the vision of Hell might have distorted the message of Fatima, which is essentially an appeal and not a threat; while the second part of the "secret" could more fittingly wait until the need for prayer for the conversion of Russia had become obvious to the world—as it would not have been in early 1917.

Like First Two

Whatever the reason, the conclusion is obvious that, on the analogy of the two parts already revealed, we should expect the third part of the "secret" to contain some simple elucidation of, or addition to, Fatima's simple message of prayer and penance and amendment of life—and nothing more sensational than that.

On one occasion, looking for an authoritative answer which could give when a long explanation would be impossible, I asked Lucy if she could put the message of Fatima for me in one phrase. After a moment's thought she answered: "Our Lady came to ask for the conversion of sinners and the return of souls to God."

Core of the Message

That is the core of the message. The conversion of sinners and the return of souls to God is the end to which everything else—prayer, penance, the Rosary, the devotion of the Immaculate Heart—are



Lucy (extreme, right) is seen here with the other two Fatima seers, Jacinta and Francisco, both of whom are now dead.

Sisters of St. Dorothy—wrote at the request of Bishop Correia da Silva a full account of the first parts of the Fatima message or "secret."

This manuscript, the third which Lucy wrote for the bishop about the apparitions, is in the episcopal archives at Leiria. None of Lucy's accounts has yet been published in its entirety, but accurate type-written copies of them exist and can be seen by persons whose business it is to know them.

The 1941 account was written in Lucy's painstaking handwriting at the convent of the Sisters of St. Dorothy in Tuy, Spain. Lucy had entered the congregation in 1926. It was 22 years later, in 1948, that she was able to realise her girlhood wish and be transferred to the Discalced Carmelite Order, entering the Carmelite convent of Coimbra. It is there that she remains cloistered today.

"Three Distinct Things"

In the 1941 manuscript, Sister Lucy states clearly to the bishop: "The secret consists of three distinct things, two of which I will tell you."

The first was the vision of hell, which the three children saw on July 13, 1917, and which made such a fearful and profound impression on them that from that day forward they "made continual sacrifices and did penance for the conversion of sinners."

for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart and that people receive Holy Communion in reparation on the first Saturday of each month.

"Russia will be Converted"

This second part of the message after foretelling the war and the persecution of the Church, ended on a more hopeful note. It said that in the end "My Immaculate Heart will triumph... Russia will be converted and the world will enjoy a period of peace."

This theme of the final conversion of Russia runs all through the Fatima revelation from the apparition in July 1917—when the Russian revolution of November of that same year was still in the future—to the visions which Lucy has since had as a nun, and of which she has also written under obedience.

The Fundamental Message

The general feeling now at Fatima itself is that this final "secret" must refer to something we already know, but it will spell it out in plainer terms than before. However, it should be remembered that Lucy herself wrote that the three parts are distinct.

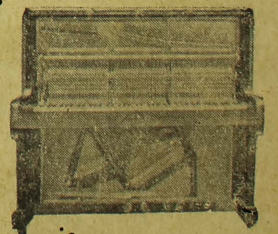
The fundamental Fatima message of penance and prayer, including the Rosary, will still be the primary one, as Bishop Pereira Venancio indicates.

the means.

Whatever there is that is sensational in the Fatima Story must be seen as God's way of vindicating the children's claim to be bearers of a message from heaven. Now that the need for vindication has passed, we should be missing the point of the story if we continued to seek sensation.

In the Spirit of Fatima

Perhaps next year's revelation will provide the final vindication by containing a reference to something that could not possibly have been known when the envelope was sealed. What many talks with Lucy have made me feel, however, is that if the "secret" increases our urge to heed our Lady's message of prayer and penance and amendment of life, it will be far more in the spirit of Fatima than if it merely provides us with some new sensation.



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A Glow Over The Tomb?

TO Knight G.I.O.M. we are indebted for the map of the Bogambarawewa that accompanied Fr. Justin Perera's article in the Messenger of 3rd October. The outline can now be considered fairly definitive and, as a first result, sites within that thick black ring are definitely disqualified. At the time of Fr. Vaz's death and burial (1711) they were under water—at the bottom of the Wewa.

Quite a good patch has therefore been eliminated from our Quest; we are particularly thankful that, on these grounds, we can take it for granted that Father's tomb is not in the hands of a body whose religious susceptibilities would keep it from us.

In this connection an interesting legend has been reported. Father Vaz is supposed to have stated that the place of his burial would be marked by a light; could this be fulfilled now by the votive lamps of the Mosque?

Forgetting for a moment that we have just excluded the Mosque as out of question because where it stands was right in the Wewa, we must say that the legend of the light is completely out of harmony with all we know of our revered Apostle. Humility marked him in and out, from beginning to end (most of all at the end). He would never have referred to his tomb as being of any consequence whatever.

No doubt there are two sides to the question. Patriarchs (of the New Testament as well as the Old) have sometimes been inspired to leave

definite instructions for their burial, because they could not close their eyes to the fact that in God's Providence their tombs were to be rallying-points of unity and fidelity for their spiritual offspring. Thus

FATHER VAZ FEATURE

even St. Benedict had his tomb made beforehand, making Monte Cassino, not Subiaco, the cradle of the Benedictine monks.

Fr. Vaz belongs to the other set of God's Saints who would have liked their bodies to be buried where nobody would think of them again.

With an amendment, then, the legend could stand. Fr. Vaz did not say so; but a belief has sprung up that a heavenly light should indicate his Tomb.

Such a legend is in keeping with the high esteem and deep veneration in which successive generations have held our Apostle. It is in keeping with the needs of the situation; for under the circumstances only a heavenly light can guide us to the Tomb that has been lost for two and a half centuries.

If Heaven, responding to the ingenuous prayers of our children and Nuns, does drop a "flare" over

the spot of our seeking, all to the good and glory of Religion. What all of us should be able to expect (and ask for in prayer) is that a heavenly light will shine in our hearts and minds and keep us on the trail—with both eyes open, all our scientific instruments adjusted to the task and a sixth sense (the "flair") sniffing the right clues.

Getting down to immediate tasks, we would say that the next step is for our Knights to draw another ring—an outer one—indicating the area round the former Wewa that was so low-lying and marshy in Fr. Vaz's time that the church (and consequently, the Tomb) could not have been there.

There is the antiquarian's approach to the problem—combing the archives for old maps and surveys. Tenants might have the plans on which the "reclamation" was carried out for the sites of their present grounds and buildings.

Another approach—also scientific, we believe—would be to map the former marshes with the help of our water-diviners. We are not sure just where the possibilities end; but from what we hear the frontiers of this science have been considerably extended with a new entrant (N. C. F.) in the field. Here, of course, the light may be, only a will-o'-the-wisp since we are on marshy ground; but let nothing be neglected in the great all-out concerted Quest.

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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.

RADIO LOG

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NOV. 1: 10-00 to 10-05 a.m. TALK (English) — Rev. Fr. Claude Lawrence, O.M.I.
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Trinco Rally Opposes Family Planning

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE 32nd ANNUAL RALLY OF THE CATHOLIC ACTIONISTS OF THE DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE WAS HELD THIS YEAR AS USUAL ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, OCTOBER 25, WITH THE RALLYING POINT AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BATTICALOA.

There was a preparatory triduum of Masses both morning and evening and Rosary, Sermon and Benediction. On Sunday itself when more than 200 delegates from the different parishes of the diocese were present, Holy Mass was offered by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. d'Sa, Vicar-General, at which a sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. Henry Ponniah, the Parish Priest of Puliantivu. This was followed by breakfast at which the Catholic Association of Puliantivu acted as hosts to all the delegates.

FAMILY PLANNING

Then followed the Annual General Meeting at the beginning of which a message from the Holy Father was read in which he imparted the apostolic blessing which was pronounced by Mgr. d'Sa in the absence of the Bishop. The chief business of the meeting was the passing of the resolution: "The Trincomalee Diocesan Union protests emphatically against every form of artificial contraception which is disguised under the name of the Family Planning Movement and which directly flouts the religious convictions of the Catholic Body, and calls upon all Catholics to have nothing to do with the Movement." Before the resolution was put to the house, Rev. Fr. Henry Ponniah, very learnedly but at the same time in language adapted to the understanding of the average layman, showed how contraception is a sin condemned by Holy Scripture, the traditional teaching of the Church, especially of the recent Popes, and the natural moral law. Then Dr. C. Saverimuttu who proposed the

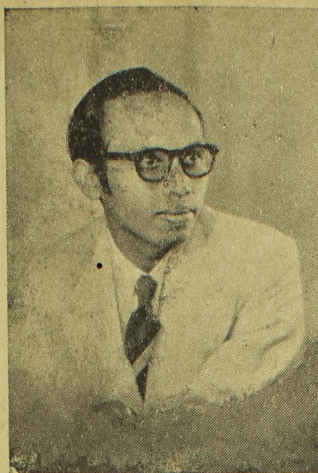
resolution gave the medical aspect of artificial contraception. He spoke very plainly to the mixed audience which however consisted of adults only, of the methods of contraception employed and the dangers to the physical, mental and moral health especially of the women. The resolution was put to the house and passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

The following were elected, office-bearers for the new year: **President:** Mr. J. J. David (re-elected); **Vice-Presidents:** Mr. M. Benedict (re-elected), Dr. C. Saverimuttu and Mr. P. C. Ragel; **Hony. Secretary** Mr. K. L. Rajendram (re-elected); **Hony. Asst. Secretary:** Mr. S. Kamalanathan; **Hony. Treasurer:** Mrs. F. R. Tisserasinghe.

The President, Mr. David, who had thanked those who had cooperated with him during his term of office, thanked the house for re-electing him.

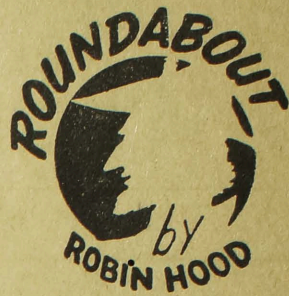
Rev. Fr. E. Crowther, S.J., the Spiritual Director of the T.D.U., in the concluding address apologised for not having got ready the draft of the revised constitution for discussion at the meeting. The draft was ready a week before, but there was not sufficient time for circulation before discussion. Moreover he himself was not fully satisfied with it, as he felt that it should include some rules on the spirit in which the constitution should be worked, the Catholic spirit which is no other than the spirit of Jesus Christ, the spirit of humility and love as opposed to the spirit of the world, the spirit of pride and selfishness.



BETWEEN TWO LOVES - A LIFE'S DECISION

...And a hundred songs have blossomed over our land

Mr. C. T. Fernando



WAY back on a day seventeen years ago, CYRIL TUDOR FERNANDO held spell-bound an audience at St. Mary's College, Nawalapitiya with the fire of his youthful oratory. To deafening, thunderous peals of applause, he stepped down the stage, hugging the Gold Medal captured for his first love: ORATORY.

But, somewhere deep inside him stirred another love: SONG. In the intervening years ahead was a grim duel to death. In the titanic struggle for survival, SONG valiantly survived!

Perilously poised on the sharp edge of the razor-blade of decision, the silver strings of ORATORY snapped, giving way to the golden ecstasies of SONG.

And down the years C. T. FERNANDO has winged his way

into the hearts of thousands of his countrymen through such familiar strains as his earlier "Pinsidu Wenne" and "Suvanda Rosa," on through "Am-bilimame" and "Barabage," to his very latest "Kandulu Bindu Hale" and "Rasika Lowe."

He is also remembered for his host of nostalgic Christmas Carols: "Nisala me Reye," "Nattal Siriya" and "Mariya Maw Kuse," the words of the last-named coming from the gifted and giant genius among us: FR. MARCELLINE JAYE-KODY.

A self-taught singer, C. T. FERNANDO has over a hundred songs to his credit, but he has to work hard for his living. He is attached to the Government

Official Language Department and is the father of a six-year old son bidding strong to follow in his father's singing footsteps!

Hundred songs did I say? You can hear some of them next Tuesday 3rd November 1959 when C. T. FERNANDO keeps a date with Radio Ceylon from 8.15 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

My only regret is that this quiet, conscientious and hard-working singer with Song in his blood cannot devote all his time to it. Robin Hood is reminded of Showman Billy Rose's one-time plaint:

"Sixteen songs and what do I get? Another day older and deeper in debt, The songs I write are destined to die, Unless they are licensed by BMI."

• ARE you a husband or wife?

SUNDAY, 1 November 1959 will see the initiation of yet another CANA CONFERENCE, at Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

Husbands and wives will muster strong to hear FR. JUSTIN PERERA talk to husbands and wives.

At 5-15 p.m. there will be parallel sessions: A Talk to wives by FR. MANIK MUTTUKUMARU and a Talk to husbands by FR. V. PERNIOLA. Benediction and Renewal of Marriage Vows will conclude the programme.

• ST. Jude again

LIVE wire behind the St. Philip Neri's Catholic Book Depot and vigilant Hony. Secretary of the Literature Committee of the Colombo Catholic Diocesan Union, I. V. FERDINANDUSZ has brought out the

third edition of that popular booklet "St. Jude Thaddeus—Apostle and Martyr."

Devotion to St. Jude has been increasingly stepped up in recent years in Ceylon and this booklet, with devotional exercises, Litany etc., available at the Catholic Book Depot, Colombo, should find a great demand.

• STARS revue stood

TIME was, when Robin Hood stood enraptured by the feast of dance, song and colour rhythms of the "VIDURA BALLET" of many, many years ago. CHITRA SENA has come a long way since then. If you have a heart for the beauty of the Oriental dance patterns, here's good news: CHITRA SENA SCHOOL OF DANCING will be seen in action at St. Benedict's College, Kothahena, on 8 November 1959, at 6.30 p.m.

Other dazzling names in the 2-hour packed programme labelled "STARS REVUE" in-

clude RUKMANI DEVI, HEC-TOR EDIRISINGHE and Hawaiians, JERRY 'CRAKE, DOUGLAS and ESTELLE DE NIESE, LUIS MORENO, PENNY and VIVE DE KAKAUWE.

The show is under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency BERNARD A. GUFLER, American Ambassador and MRS. GUFLER.

Comperes are CHRIS GREET. To add vivacity to the show are THE RHYTHMAIRES, GAY CABELLERS and the GYM BOYS, among others.

• ALIVE and kicking

VERY much alive and kicking is the COLOMBO MUNICIPAL CATHOLIC GUILD. Recorder of its manifold activities is a cyclostyled sheet which is regularly despatched to its members. In the copy I have before me, interspersed with important "dates" are very readable, informative tit-bits.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

IT IS BUT RIGHT AND PROPER THAT ON THIS DAY WE DO A LITTLE PRAYERFUL THINKING OF THE SAINTS AND OF THEIR HAPPINESS. BROADLY SPEAKING, SAINTS ARE THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN HEA-

VEN. NOW, ONLY THOSE WHO DIE IN THE STATE OF GRACE CAN ENTER HEAVEN. HENCE, PEOPLE ON EARTH WHO ARE IN THE STATE OF GRACE ARE ADDRESSED AS SAINTS.

A canonized saint is a servant of God of whom the Pope has proclaimed that he is in heaven and whose name is inscribed in the

soul will see God face to face and will possess Him. The body will enjoy perfect health, happiness, youth and beauty. There, nothing whatsoever will be wanting to our happiness.

IN HEAVEN

Oh, what joy will inundate our hearts when we meet there our parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends! Heaven is the house of peace and rest where suffering and sorrow are unknown and where disease and death can never enter. Love is enthroned in heaven and we love one another so tenderly that we are all one through our union of heart and soul; hence, there is no room for jealousy or selfishness.

What happiness, what felicity, what companionship, what songs of joy we shall have in heaven! Let our hearts ever yearn for the country of true happiness, peace and never-ending joy!

All are perfectly happy in heaven, but all do not enjoy the happiness of heaven equally. Our degree of glory depends on the amount of sanctifying grace we have amassed during life. It is to our great advantage, therefore, to try and increase our sanctifying grace by the assiduous practice of good works, prayer and the fre-

By Brother Anthony of Padua F.S.C.

Martyrology or Catholic Calendar. But before doing so, the Holy Father makes sure that the person to be canonized led a life of heroic virtue, and that through his intercession, miracles have been wrought.

All cannot become canonized saints. There are millions of saints in heaven who have not been canonized, such as priests, religious and Catholic laymen who have died in the state of grace. These saints have no special feasts in their honour like the canonized saints. Therefore on the feast of All Saints, we honour solemnly not only the elect who are canonized but also all those unknown saints both of the Old and of the New Testament.

Who can conceive the happiness enjoyed by the saints in heaven! "How lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord! Glorious things are said of thee, O City of God!" Heaven contains all possible joys. The

Police Chief called in for Portrait of Cure d'Ars

WHEN the ecclesiastical authorities wanted to construct a portrait of St. John Vianney—the Cure of Ars—they called in, among others, a police chief.

He was the head of the department specialising in reconstructing the likenesses of missing people.

With his help and that of artists and photographers, what is believed to be a likeness of the Saint has been produced.

SHOWN TO PRIESTS

The portrait, made for the centenary of the Saint's death, was shown to priests from many parts of France when they attended one of the last meetings of the centenary celebrations. St. John Vianney would never pose for a painter or have his picture taken. The various likenesses of him, said to be "taken from life," are in fact based on unreliable sketches made usually under difficulties.

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SATURDAY, 31st OCTOBER 1959

Freedom of the Press

SELDOM perhaps in recent years has the subject of the freedom of the press engaged so much attention, been so much before the public eye, and taken up so much space in the country's publications, as in the past few weeks; for, hardly ever has the freedom of the press been so curtailed and rendered so hollow and meaningless a thing as it had been here till the lifting of one of the most extensive censorships imposed in any Commonwealth country.

All that had to be said in the cause of the freedom of the press has been said; in fact, little has been left unsaid, on the necessity of a free press. It would hardly be necessary for us to reiterate the arguments put forward so cogently and so forcefully by the national press about the blanket of an overall censorship that descended on the country barely a few weeks ago. In fact, we are in complete agreement with almost every word that was said so effectively and so well, in emphasising — for the benefit of those who seemed to have forgotten it — that the freedom of the press is in truth the freedom of the public, and that the right to the liberty of the press is a right of the people. All this could not have been said better nor more effectively; and coming as it did, against a heavy background of one of the most comprehensive and odious press censorships in this country, it told a tale which the people of this country understood.

And yet, there is one other aspect of this entire affair of the freedom of the press which we would wish to take up. At the best of times, this is a point which would be important, but it needs special emphasis just now when there are those who will make the utmost of the present atmosphere, and talk loud and long on the necessity of freedom for the press, while forgetting the responsibility of the press.

The national press of the country has insisted on the need of a free press in a democracy. And much to our satisfaction, almost the entire English national press added still another word — a democracy, they said, needed a free and a responsible press. Here, to our way of thinking, is journalism at its best — for, it is not easy to think of the higher values when feelings are as charged as they have been, and freedom fettered as it was. And yet, not only did the national press fight for a free press in a democracy as being the inherent right of the citizen, but for a free and a responsible press.

This is precisely the note that we would wish to strike. Freedom of the press is indeed essential in a democracy — but that freedom has to be a responsible freedom; it has to be sober, impartial, decent, truthful. Can that be said of the press in Ceylon? Can we truthfully proclaim that the much-vaunted freedom of the press in Ceylon, has also been at all times a responsible freedom, that was in keeping with the high role of the press in a democracy? Can the national press of the country claim to have at all times been truthful, impartial, and fair to all?

Our thoughts go almost naturally to two burning issues of our day — the religious and the racial. Who is there who would deny that much of the bitter catalogue of crime and bloodshed of last May and June was due in fact to the outpourings of fanatics in certain sections of the press? Who really could deny that racial feelings and racial hatred had been fostered to bursting point by an irresponsible press which had betrayed its freedom and prostituted its exalted role?

And still closer to us, on the religious issue, the same bitter story is being written all over again — a story of bitterness, hatred, envy and mud-slinging. Few surely will have forgotten the "Kanni marriage heti" — over which the government of the day and its successor remained blissfully silent. Few too would have forgotten other scurrilous tracts and papers, weeklies and monthlies, which have continued publishing the most violent attacks against the Church, disseminating the most foul falsehoods against us, and thus carrying on a regular and sustained attack against one section of the citizens of the country. Right in the midst of the recent censorship, our office received two copies of one of these scurrilous monthlies, reeking with hatred and animosity against the Catholic Church, and full of the most baseless and vicious attacks against our supposed machinations. Not even the censorship seemed to have affected them! And all these in the name of freedom of the press!

When will people begin to understand that there are certain standards of decency to be observed? When will they come to see that even in the parry and thrust of debate, there is a code of morals to be followed? And when will the government itself realise that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander as well — that if absolute restraints are imposed on the press when it suits them, it should be equally vigilant when the most elementary principles of journalistic responsibility are violated, and when a section of the country's citizens are being systematically vilified and made the target of abuse and unwarranted and utterly unfair attack.

Let us by all means clamour for the freedom of the press; let us defend it at all costs, as a valued ingredient of the democratic way of life that we cherish; let us protest with all the vigour at our command against any inroads that are made. But let us at the same time be mature enough and honest enough to insist, likewise on a responsible press, that knows to be loyal to its high vocation. For, if a free press is essential to the democratic way of life, an irresponsible press is surely its most deadly enemy.

CURRENT / COMMENT

by the Editor

Where, O where, is the "People's Government"?

THE most comprehensive press censorship enforced in this country has now been lifted. Not even in the dark days of the war had Ceylon or any other Commonwealth country experienced such a total blackout.

Even the blindest observer of the political and national scene can see one fact looming large on the debris of unfulfilled promises — the government which came into power on an unprecedented landslide in 1956, which hailed its own victory as the "victory of the people," and gave itself the name of the "people's government" in the heyday of its popularity, has gradually but surely become the government which has in a moment of panic allowed itself to violate the basic rights of the citizen in a democracy.

It is surely a bitter twist of fortune, that a government which kept insisting that it was a "people's government" should now live in mortal dread of the "people"; that a government which, through sheer bravado threw open the doors of Ceylon's legislature and permitted anyone at will to occupy the Speaker's Chair, should now, for the second time, introduce the most rigorous security blanket that enshrouds the House, and deny the people even the most normal access to Parliament. What a far cry indeed from the days of not so long ago!

A "people's government" seeking security from the "people"! A "people's government" taking cover from the opinions of the "people" under the cloak of an unprecedented press-gag! That is the incredible position.



The so-called "People's Government" started off with a fanfare of trumpets; that was largely meant to catch the popular imagination. We were among the many who sounded the warning that their policy would create a monster which would finally devour its very creators. Months and years went by; the damage kept increasing; and yet they refused to see what everyone else was seeing most clearly — until the terrible tragedy of a month ago. It needed the cold-blooded assassination of the late Prime Minister to give people a jolting, open their eyes, and make them realise that it was the monster of their own creation that finally devoured them. And thus has ended the story of the "People's Government." Few, if any pretend any more that a "People's Government" is in existence. The damage has been done; the boomerang has struck; and the country is in the throes of a terrible malaise. The need of the hour is for courageous men with love of country, fearless men with high values, who will risk all to restore the peace and concord that once was ... and now is no more!

That "Notebook"!

NO comment on the past weeks could possibly omit reference to the notorious "Political Notebook" of Radio Ceylon. For sheer fatuity, it was hard to beat. One wondered whether its very compilers expected listeners to believe the slightest shred of the propaganda it put across.

Two of the many purple-patches deserve mention. There was the refrain (repeated on more occasions than one) that it was the national press that had caused and fostered the malady of strikes that gripped the country. Memories must be particularly short if government men had already forgotten the very large part they had themselves played in the sad catalogue of strikes, and if they

chose to forget the weakness and the vacillation that whetted the appetites of the strikers.

Then there was the other strange and blatant statement that now at last the country was enjoying peace, law and tranquillity after four years of lawlessness. Was it the intention of the "Notebook" to imply that the regime that ended on September 26th was one of lawlessness and indiscipline that ruined the country?

These are but two instances — but how many more could be produced. The experience of those two weeks has been a costly but necessary lesson: for it gave the country an object-lesson and a foretaste of what could happen in a dictatorship with a Press that was completely muzzled and a Radio that was totally subservient to the government in power.

The Censorship and Ourselves

THE protest made by the National Press during the days of the censorship was one of the most effective they could have thought of. Editorial columns completely blank, cartoonists off duty — nothing could have been more telling, and in no way could they have made their point so strongly.

Naturally, some of our readers have asked us what our attitude was during this period. As we then stated, our Editorial Comment had of course to be severely restricted, in order to steer clear of matters coming under purview of the censorship. But beyond that, it was our decided conviction that for a paper such as ours, blank editorial columns were not the answer.

We have always had, and will always have, a message that transcends the narrow and limited confines of the passing scene — and that message can hardly be affected by the laws of censorship.

Whatever the travail of the nation may be, it is the vocation of a Catholic paper to continue giving that message. And that, we continued to do, and will continue to do ...

Tibet once again

IRELAND and Malaya have brought Tibet into the headlines once again, and due to the resolution sponsored by them, the United Nations have placed on record their strong disapproval of Red China's rape of Buddhist Tibet.

It will remain to the undying shame of Asia that it needed a nation like Malaya to sponsor its resolution fearlessly, while the big ones who usually spoke loud and long on freedom and

high principles, preferred to take cover under the cloak of abstention. In fact, an Indian leader has spoken strong words against India's own silence.

Ceylon — the country that calls herself Buddhist — was among these abstentions. Was it the same policy as that which was pursued in the case of Hungary?

Surely it is not necessary to reiterate the terrible indictment made by the Dalai Lama on the ruin caused in Tibet by the Red Chinese? Buddhists of Ceylon, at least to some extent, worked themselves into a pitch of excitement over the massacre in Tibet, the destruction of Buddhist temples and books, and the sustained attack against the Bhikkhus. But apparently, it was short-lived. The delegation that went to Mussoorie returned with firm resolutions; for a short while, they continued being active in informing the Buddhist mind; and then, it all fizzled out.

But the inactivity and the silence has reached a new disgraceful pitch, when Ceylon's representative at the United Nations refrained from voting on a resolution which expressed grave alarm over the repression and the violation of fundamental rights. Is it that Ceylon's love of freedom varies as it suits or does not suit her politics?

The World Council and Family Planning

A COMMISSION of the World Council of Churches seems to have decided that contraception is morally licit. And in the course of the report published in the "Ecumenical Review" (the quarterly journal of the Council), it states rather strangely that there is no moral distinction between the so-called "safe period" and the use of contraceptives.

As we have pointed out on a previous occasion, though we are naturally pained at this position taken by this Christian body, it has not come to us as a complete surprise. The progressive laxity on this matter can be followed down from the Lambeth Conference of 1938, when the erstwhile stand on family planning and contraception was slightly modified, down to the Lambeth Conference of 1958, when all pretence was thrown away.

We find it hard to see how a representative Christian body, dedicated to Christian principles, could proclaim contraception as against the law of God before 1938, and how after that date, it could gradually whittle down its own understanding of God's law.

The position of the Catholic Church is well known — we stand by God's law, and on that, we know no compromise.

OFFICIAL POPE'S DAY

IN connection with the first anniversary of the Coronation of Our Most Holy Father, Pope John XXIII gloriously reigning, Pope's Day is to be observed throughout the Archdiocese on Sunday, 8th November, with the prayers prescribed in the past and a Rally on the following lines:—

(i) Assembly of the Parishioners and of the children from all the schools within the parish limits.

N.B.—The time for this assembly is left to the decision of the Pastors; the presence of the children is independent of the special school celebrations to be held on 4th November (anniversary of the Coronation) detailed instructions for which have been forwarded by the General Manager.

(ii) Hoisting of the Papal Flag with singing of the Papal Anthem.

(iii) Allocution on the Divine Mandate, Mission and Prerogatives of the Pope (with special reference to the present Holy Father and his declared programme, especially the Ecumenical Council).

(iv) Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

✠ Thomas Cooray, O.M.I.,
Archbishop of Colombo.
Colombo, 28-10-57.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS

Pastoral Visitation and
Confirmation Services

31st Oct. to 4th Nov: Kadelana.

7th to 12th: Moratuwa.

14th to 18th: Dehiwala.

22nd to 24th: Wellawatta.

28th Nov. to 2nd Dec: Bambalapitiya.

2nd Nov: 7-30 a.m. Pontifical Requiem High Mass at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena.

3rd Nov: 7-30 a.m. Pontifical Requiem High Mass at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena.

Notice to the Clergy

THE Annual Pontifical Requiem High Mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased Archbishops and clergy of the Archdiocese will be celebrated at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena, on Tuesday, 3rd November, at 7-30 a.m.

His Grace the Archbishop kindly requests all the Clergy of the City and the suburbs to make it a point to be present.

Vicar-General.

School Front

HIS Grace the Archbishop directs that all schools of the Archdiocese are to observe "Pope's Day in Schools" on 4th November (Anniversary of the Coronation) on the same lines as last year. Namely:

(i) Holy Mass for the Pope's intentions, especially the Ecumenical Council;

(ii) Assembly and March past the Papal Flag;

(iii) Allocution on the significance of the observance (separate talks to groups of classes can be held outside of the assembly);

(iv) Acclamations of loyalty. Anthem.

N.B.—The school celebration does not exempt the children from attending the Parish Rally on Sunday, 8th November.

Philip C. Disanayake, O.M.I.,
General Manager of
R.C. Schools, W.P.
Borella, 28th October, 1959.

Personal

REV. Fr. Joseph Fernando of St. Sebastian's Church, Sea Street, Negombo, will be grateful for the prayers of readers for the repose of the soul of his father who died recently.

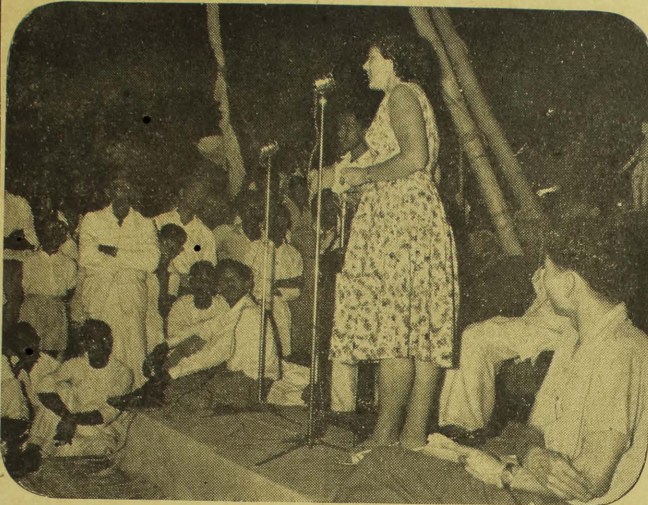
3000 ATTEND MORATUWA FISHERMEN'S RALLY

(from our Moratuwa correspondent)

THE feast of Christ the King was celebrated at Moratuwa last Sunday in a unique manner by a 'Fishermen's Rally'. The Young Christian Workers' Movement of Moratuwa, which had obtained the co-operation of the fishermen by months of hard work, was solely responsible for this great rally. A gathering of over three thousand assembled at the Sea Beach for this meeting.

The rally started at 4-30 p.m. with a Dialogue Mass. Rev. Fr. Stanislaus M. Fernando, O.M.I., celebrated the Mass on an altar erected on a boat drawn to the shore. In the course of his sermon, Rev. Fr. Fernando spoke of the great service rendered to society by the fishermen in spite of the great hardships they had to face. He pointed out that Chris-

portion of their time and energy. However, he said, this was fully worth while, because it would be for a noble cause, the cause of Christ. He urged the Catholics to actively participate in this campaign by placing themselves at the disposal of these young men. He said that the priests, by reason of their office, were pledged to help the people, and the faithful



Miss Yvonne Tap of the Women's Section of the Y.C.W. International addressing the Rally.

(Picture by Annesley Charles Silva)

tianity was based on love—love for one's neighbour. He said that if the campaign just about to be launched was to be a success some would have to make a number of sacrifices, yielding a good

too, by their Baptism and Confirmation, were pledged to carry the light of Christ to others; and the best way to do so was by their love.

The blessing of the sea was an-

other feature of the rally. Rev. Fr. Edmund Fernando, Parish Priest of Moratuwa, went out to sea in a gaily decorated boat which was accompanied by five other boats. After Fr. Edmund had imparted a special blessing to the sea, the procession of six boats returned to the shore.

PLAN OF ACTION

Joe Martino, President of the Moratuwa Branch of the Y.C.W., presided at a mass meeting which followed. Welcoming the gathering, he explained the reasons for their decision to launch this campaign. He said that an inquiry conducted by them had revealed that there were one hundred and seventy-eight houses without ventilation. The minimum individuals living in a house were five and the maximum thirteen. In forty-four houses there were three hundred and forty-two people. There were over two hundred and fifty people using one lavatory. There were 1,736 sick people; and there were 240 children not attending school.

Explaining their plan of action, he said that they would establish a night school for those 240 children. They would also do something to look after the little children so that the parents could go to Mass. They would erect houses similar to the ones they had built at Rawatawatte. They would also establish a co-operative thrift and savings society. He appealed to the people to co-operate with them to make it a success.

One of the fishermen addressing the gathering said that the Y.C.W. was the only organisation that was interested in them and promised their co-operation. Miss Yvonne Tap, a member of the Y.C.W. International, spoke of the work done by the Y.C.W. in France for fishermen. Hideo Inohara, an executive member of the Y.C.W. International, also addressed the gathering. The meeting then closed with the entire crowd joining in singing the Y.C.W. anthem.

First Communion at Kurunegala

(from our Kurunegala correspondent)

ABOUT 110 young boys and girls, dressed smartly in white and with decorated candles in their hands, were the cynosure of all eyes during a special festive Holy Mass, celebrated at St. Anne's Church, Kurunegala, on the 24th October, 1959.

Accommodated in a special place in the church these little boys and girls, from the Holy Family Convent, the Sinhalese Girls' School and St. Anne's College, waited expectantly to receive for the first time in their lives, the Holy Eucharist.

Addressing these First Communicants, Rev. Fr. Don Vincent said that that day was to them of much importance and that they should consider the Blessed Sacrament as the food of their souls. "Ask Mary, Our Blessed Mother," said he, "to help you to love Jesus more and more."

With their hands joined together and heads bent in silent prayer, the little boys and girls knelt at the Altar Rails and received the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Mass was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The singing during the service was rendered by a section of the students of the Holy Family Convent, Kurunegala.

Law College Catholic Society

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

AT a meeting of the above society, the following were elected office-bearers for the current year: President: Mr. W. A. Hilary Fernando (re-elected); Vice-President: Mr. Roland Anthony; Secretary: Mr. R. W. M. Kingsley Perera; Treasurer: Miss Marie Wickramasinghe; Editor: Mr. Alfred Silva; Class Representatives: (Final Year) Miss S. Obeyesekere, (Second Year) Major T. P. E. Dias, (First Year) Quintus Tissera.

"I HAVE DEDICATED MYSELF TO THIS COUNTRY"

— Bishop of Galle

The following is the full text of His Lordship the Bishop of Galle's address of thanks at the recent Silver Jubilee celebrations held in Galle:

I must thank Mr. Perera for the nice things he has said, voicing the sentiments of the whole Diocese and people. I am very glad that he has made it a point to stress that in the Diocese, there are two Seminaries which have come up—a small Apostolic School for the Jesuits and a Seminary for the Diocese.

There is in vogue, here and there and in the papers, a kind of family planning, and this, I am sure you know, is against God's providence and also against Catholic doctrine. Mr. Perera said that there is a lot of good that has been done in the Diocese. That could not have been realised if I did not have any Priests. I wish

to say that more could be done in this connection. I have in mind another kind of family planning.

And that is this: let each family give a boy as a priest and a girl as a nun; it is then only that we can give glory to God for the good of Ceylon. That is the kind of family

institutions, but more good could be gained if I should have the co-operation of each and every family—not financial co-operation only, though that is also good. There was a father who said that there should not be 7 sacraments but 8, and the 8th is money.

He has Built for the Future

The following is the text of the address delivered by Mr. Francis Perera of Kegalle at the Galle Bishop's Silver Jubilee celebrations:

Today we have come from far in order to see His Lordship who has served the Diocese to the satisfaction of all denominations.

I remember 25 years ago, His Lordship paying his first visit to Kegalle, and on that occasion he made a stirring appeal for co-operation, and he made a promise that he will not fail us. I am sure that every Catholic in the diocese of Galle has not been let down.

For the last 25 years, he has done very much for the Diocese. Look at the new missions he has established in the Diocese of Galle. Look at the new institutions that have come up. Let us also look at the Seminaries he has established for the fostering of vocations in the Diocese.

He was aware of his duty and he has built for the future, and the

Catholics of the diocese are grateful to him for his splendid record of work.

His Grace the Archbishop, in his sermon in the morning, expressed most of the wishes we would like to tender to His Lordship on this occasion.

Let us, the Catholics in the diocese, think of what His Lordship has done and pray to God that he will be given the strength to work for many years more to come.

I wish to say that this occasion cannot be allowed to pass without some token being given to His Lordship of our esteem and gratitude. I have pleasure in presenting Your Lordship with a purse that has been subscribed to by every Parish in your Diocese. I have also the pleasure in presenting Your Lordship with a Spiritual Bouquet.



● A view of the Garden Party held in Galle

planning that I have in mind.

I have to thank all the people for the co-operation they have given me during these 25 years. Of course, one tries his best, and, sometimes, does not succeed in complying with the request of every parishioner.

I must say I have always tried my best to guide you, to console you and also to respond to your wishes. What I wish you to do is to increase this co-operation, so that more glory be given to God and more good be done for our Sri Lanka. I say 'our' because I have dedicated myself to the service of this country as though it were my own.

We have in the diocese many

According to various circumstances we must have money also, but we must have something more than that, and that is prayer, for without God's help we cannot do anything. We may have a lot of money; we can do a lot of things with money, but without God's grace, everything comes to naught.

Let us pray for each other. I am certainly praying for you. According to Canon Law and for the spiritual well-being and the salvation of my parishioners, let us have this reciprocity of prayer: I will pray for you, and you pray for me.

I have also to thank all those who are on the Committee, and

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Classified ADS

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Wilfred A. Muttukumaru
(died: 3 November 1940)
Merciful Jesus, grant him eternal rest.

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A Loving Birthday Tribute
in Fondlest Memory of
Peggy



Grace Wilhelmina Delores Cooke

Born: 30-10-41
Died: 1-3-57

In loving remembrance

Your 18th Birthday dawns with sad regret
Of you whom we loved and can ne'er forget.

"Veiled from our sight, withheld from our embrace
Wrapped in God's silence which we dare not break
Yet in our dreams we see your beloved face."

Just as you were, you will always be
A beautiful thought in our memory.
Fondly remembered by Mummy,
Daddy, Jackie, Percy, Anton, Marian and Lorna.
55/1, Peterson Lane,
Wellawatte.

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of



Edwin Reginald Verdun Fernando
Called to rest on 30th October 1948.

Merciful Jesus, grant him eternal rest.

Fondly remembered by his brothers and sisters.

Akkarapanaha, Negombo. 945

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of
Joseph Louis Pereira
Died 30th October 1952

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him. 939

Mahapatabendige Jusey Perera
Teacher, Tudella, Ja-Ela

One year has passed away
In grief we still remain,
You lit our days so gay
Now hope with tears remain...

God plants His dearest flowers
His field... our little life...
One day He plucked this flower
And gave eternal life.

(Fondly remembered by his sorrowing wife and children).

"Loretto,"
Tudella, Ja-Ela, 1.11.59. 940

THANKSGIVINGS

MY grateful thanks to the Infant Jesus of Prague, to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and to St. Jude Thaddeus for a safe confinement and for many other favours received. **G. R., Colombo.** 925

SINCERELY thanks to Our Lord Jesus Christ, Blessed Mother of Perpetual Succour and to St. Jude for the success in my Examination. I apologise for the long delay. **M. W.** 928

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B. A. POWELL,
Negombo. 917

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A MOMENT OF DEEP SIGNIFICANCE



ON Monday, October 12th, His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. F. X. Fenech, O.F.M. Cap., Bishop of Jhansi, officiated at the ceremony of Profession in the Chapel of the Noviciate of the Franciscan Brothers of the Blessed Sacrament, when **Bro. Seraphim** pronounced his vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. **Bro. Seraphim** is an old boy of the Ampitiya College, Kandy, and presently is attached to the Office of the Shrine of St. Jude, Jhansi, U.P. (India). 930

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

No. 18990/T.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of **Peter Gnanapragasam** also known as **Aloysius Peter** of No. 96, Wasala Road, Kotahena, Colombo.—*Deceased.*

Grace Alexandra Gnanapragasam, widow of the late **Peter Gnanapragasam** also known as **Aloysius Peter** also of No. 96, Wasala Road, Kotahena, Colombo.—*Petitioner.*

AND

1. Mary Margaret Gnanapragasam now Revd. Sister Annabel of Carmel Convent, Ampitiya;
2. Revd. Father Vincent Gnanapragasam, S.J. of St. Michael's College, Batticaloa;
3. Celestina Flora Manuel nee Gnanapragasam of Kurunegala;
4. Dr. John Baptist Gnanapragasam of Castle Street, Borella, Colombo;
5. Violet Francis nee Gnanapragasam of Singapore;.....
6. Ignatius Gnanapragasam;
7. Callista Jeyarajah nee Gnanapragasam;
8. Thomas Gnanapragasam;
9. Claude Gnanapragasam;
10. Julia Ada Gnanapragasam;
11. Raymond Gnanapragasam;
12. Emmerencia Gnanapragasam;
13. Regno Gnanapragasam;
14. Rohini Gnanapragasam;
15. Peter Canisius Gnanapragasam;

16. Angelo Mathias Arulsekeram Gnanapragasam, the 10th to 16th minor respondents all of No. 96, Wasala Road, Kotahena, Colombo, appearing by their guardian-ad-litem;

17. Chellam Peter Saverimuttu of No. 17, 55th Lane, Wellawatte, Colombo.—*Respondents.*

This matter coming on for disposal before **J. E. A. Alles, Esquire**, Additional District Judge, Colombo, on the 24th day of September 1959, in the presence of **Mr. L. G. Motha**, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner, dated 23rd September 1959, and the affidavit of the Notary dated 23rd September 1959, having been read:

It is ordered that the 17th respondent abovenamed be and he is hereby declared appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 10th to 16th minor respondents abovenamed.

And it is further ordered that the Last Will and Testament bearing No. 1498, made by the deceased abovenamed on the 7th day of March 1956, and attested by **Mr. L. G. Motha**, of Colombo, Notary Public, the original of which has been produced and is now deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved and that the petitioner is the Executrix named therein, and that she is entitled to have Probate thereof issued to her accordingly unless the respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 10th day of December 1959, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. V. Sivasupramaniam,
Acting District Judge.
This 24th day of September 1959. 892

SHORT STORY

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pleasant... satisfaction—yes that is what they had smelt of.

He had disposed of the body... burnt it in his own field... not a trace had been left, and yet, it had been all discovered after almost an year... reminding him of the titles on the comics he had seen at Peter's book-stall, "crime does not pay"... or... had it not? It had paid after all, he had got rid of what he had hated, yet one could not be sure... did it pay... did it not... did it... did it not?

Chickie... his money had all gone on his case... not a penny left for Chickie. Someone had to adopt him... and, who had come forward?... that Donald's wife... the irony of it all... yet he had not said a word; what could he have said?

IN PRISON TONIGHT

Those months in prison... fear... he had never known fear... even now, even tonight... tomorrow he would be dead... "hanged by the neck until dead"... he could picture it all now... the boards... the ropes... the sand... they had measured him that evening, measured him, for his death... supposing his neck did not break at first? It was a bit gruesome... anyway it would be soon away... where would they dump his body... his remains?... he laughed.

His Chickie... his child... Chickie and birds, and flowers and poetry... those words of Harold Monro:

"Shall you and I leave everything behind

Go westward walking,
Never again be conscious of the mind,
But walking, talking,
Of flowers and birds and clouds,
With no routine,

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Nor wonder ere again what consciousness may mean?"

The outside world read the evening papers with a mixture of feelings, some with joy, some with fear, some praised the now dead Donald, some rebuked him, while others just stared at the papers' headlines "Death penalty abolished!"

ST. ANTHONY'S COLLEGE

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Old Boys' Retreat

A Retreat in English will be preached by

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to Sunday Nov. 8th: 4 p.m.

Non-Old Boys are also most welcome.

Those wishing to follow, please send your name to
952 the Secretary, O. B. A.

The Third Atonement Saturday

of the
Parish of the Sacred Heart,
Katugastota

Penitential Procession

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Holy Mass at Halloluwa 4 p.m.

D. Theophane Wickramaratne O.S.B.,

950 Parish Priest.

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Congratulations!



Schools-Mag member LORNA LUCILLE FELICITY FERNANDO, six years old, a student of the Convent of Our Lady of Victories, Moratuwa, was successful in obtaining a Pass with Honours for piano-forte playing, in the Initial Examination held this year, conducted by the Trinity College of Music, London. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Fernando of Lunawa.



Rhymes with green!

Dear Editor,
Please note that I'm OREEN and not Orem as stated sometime back in your columns. I'm sure it was an error.

Oreen Leonard.
(It was, Oreen! Hope we've got you correct this time!! — Editor).

The Malayan Student

Dear Editor,
Please be good enough to ask your readers if they are interested in reading and contributing to the *Malayan Student*. If they write to me I shall give them the necessary details. It's a monthly, interesting journal dedicated to students. Those wanting details are requested to send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Cecilia Ratnam.
"Collins' Crescent,"
Ratnapura.

I like Poetry

Dear Editor,
I was very much taken up by the two articles you published about Poetry Writing. I have never written a line of verse before. But the two articles compelled me to write.

I first tried my hand at writing one entitled "At Sun Set." And now I love to write poetry.

P. Bernard Fernando.
Negombo.

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St. Francis

ST. Francis was a holy man
And he laid down a wondrous plan.
He said, "A saint of God I'll be!
And do His work all joyfully."
"Oh thank the Lord that I can pray
I'll praise Him always, night and day."
And he was kind to everyone
He always prayed, "Thy will be done."

Rita Warnacula.
St. Philomena's School,
Horana.



Magnificat



Our Blessed Virgin Mary

OF all the women, Thou art the most blest
And of them Virgin, Thou art the highest
Abundantly praised, full of Grace
Mary Immaculate, we sing in praise.
Masters of Music sing with tongues of gold
Of love and praise of thee, now, as of old
Yet thine own song, Virgin, reaches the heart
Of saint and sinner—the Magnificat
For the Lord chose thee to be His mother
And all shall call thee 'Blessed' for ever.

Felicia Davidson

St. Joseph's Convent,
Grandpass.

MY ROSARY

WITH my beads in my hands,
I kneel to you in prayer,
Mary, Queen of Heaven,
And Mother and Maid so fair.

As I rise at early dawn,
To greet the new born day,
I take my beads and pray,
Mary, keep me pure today.

Ere I reach the school gate,
To the silent church I steal,
There at Mary's shrine to kneel,
And her tender love to feel.

At eventide we gather round
Mary, the Queen of our home,
And with our beads, our trust we keep,
Dwelling on mysteries deep.

When on the pillow my head I lay,
My precious beads again I clasp,
Mother shed over me thy mantle bright
And keep me safe through the long dark night.

Moyra Berman.
All Saints' College,
Borella.

Our Queen

SUN-CLOTHED! Star-crowned!
The gentle moon beneath her feet,
In queenly majesty she stands,
Sublime and spotless: sweet
As fragrant lilies. Her hands
Drop graces on the earth below.

Virgin, pure and undefiled,
Mother of the Holy Child,
Sovereign, merciful and mild—
Take the offerings that we lay
At thy sinless feet today,
Keep us pure from sin, we pray.

Rose Sela.

All Saints' College,
Borella.



LADY IN BLUE

WHO is the lovely Lady in blue
Who smiles as we kneel in prayer,
Who comforts us when we're lonely,
And soothes us when we're in despair?
Who can she be, this creature of love
For whom the sun does shine?
This beautiful Lady dressed in blue,
Who brought us Our Saviour Divine?
The answer was brought by an angel
on wing
"She's Mary, the Mother of Jesus our King."

MARY MACKAY.

St. Bernard's Convent,
Nawalapitiya.

Queen of All Saints

QUEEN! enthroned in starry splendour,
Midst haloed throngs and angel hosts
We gaze on thee in joyful wonder,
Whilst thy praises ring through
heaven's coasts.

The blessed train of Apostles,
And the glorious martyr band
Who fought and won earth's battles
Beside thee take their shining stand.

The bright array of Virgins,
Robed in immaculate white
Breathing the lily's fragrance,
Are ravished by thy wondrous sight.

The serried ranks of doctors
In thy defence more eloquent
Than earth's greatest orators
Ne'er saw thee more resplendent.

Awake! awake ye lyres and sing her
praise,
This Queen of all heaven's denizens,
While we who still do tread earth's
rugged ways
Await in hopefulness—blest visions.

Marie Rezel.

All Saint's College,
Borella.

THE ROSARY—Our Greatest Treasure

THE Rosary is our greatest treasure. It plays an important part in our life. Many conversions have been brought about by the Rosary. It is the favourite prayer of Our Lady. It has been recommended to us by her on several occasions. The Rosary is beautiful as well as simple. As Catholics we should recite the Rosary daily in order to please Our Lady, and at the same time gain merit.

Many children and grown-ups too do not realise the merit they could gain by reciting the Rosary. They just go on fingering the beads and mumbling the prayers from beginning to end without meditating on what they are saying or doing. What a

by
OREEN LEONARD

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lot of merit they could gain if they give sufficient thought to what they are saying?

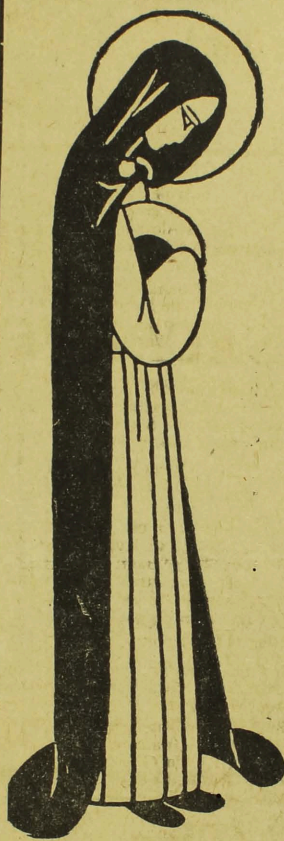
A WEAPON

The Rosary is a vocal prayer with meditation. This is important for the proper recitation of the Rosary and in order to gain the indulgences attached to it. It is a sweet chain that binds us to Mary and her beloved Son. The Rosary is a powerful weapon against our enemies. Our Lady, when she appeared to the three little children at Fatima took the trouble to teach them how to recite the Rosary properly and told them that she was "the Lady of the Rosary."

DAILY ROSARY

Only if we recite the Rosary daily can we die hoping that Our Lady will be praying for us too as we used to pray thus to her:—

"Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen."



MARY'S VIRGINAL CHASTITY

VIRGINITY is an angelic virtue. There has never been and never will there be an example of this virtue equal to that of our dear Lady. Mary was the first to plant the lily of purity in the garden of the Church. St. Ambrose calls her the standard-bearer of virginity for she was the first to unfurl its banner. She was the first one to consecrate herself in the flower of her maidenhood by vow to God. She did this at a time when a perpetual vow of chastity was unheard of. Our Lady's holy and humble esteem of chastity is shown when the Angel told her that she was chosen to be God's mother. She was alarmed, for she knew her vow had been accepted by God. She was reassured when the Angel said that it would be the Holy Ghost who would overshadow her. Hence the holy Fathers of the Church cannot find enough titles to praise the virginity of Mary. They call her "Virgin of Virgins," "Most Chaste," "Inviolable."

Let us, therefore, children of this Most Chaste Virgin, imitate her throughout life.

Rose Marie Jamieson

St. Ursula's Convent,
Badulla.

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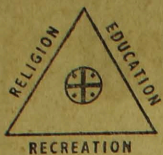
UNCLE Ashley thanks those who sent him "get-well-soon" messages and all those who prayed for his speedy recovery, during his recent illness.

Members' Parade

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CALLING CATHOLIC STUDENTS

THE Catholic Church expects every student to be a zealous student Apostle. This does not call for anything extraordinary. What is asked for is that each and every student engage himself in doing good, by deed and example. Soldiers of Christ we are by right of confirmation and so we should be to the bitter end.

The basic principle of Catholic Action is to see, judge and act. Many are the problems that exist around you but you do not open your eyes wide enough to see. If you care to scrutinize your surroundings you would be astonished at what you see and realize how blind you have been.

INADEQUATE

SEEING A PROBLEM IN ALL ITS ASPECTS IS INADEQUATE IN ITSELF. WHEN YOU ENCOUNT A PROBLEM — JUDGE, ANALYSE THE CAUSE OF IT AND GO INTO THE CORE OF IT WITH A CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK. ALWAYS JUDGE AS CHRIST WOULD HAVE JUDGED. THEN YOU COULD REST ASSURED THAT YOUR JUDGMENT IS FREE OF ERROR.

The final step is to act. Here too you should act in a Catholic manner. Always act in the manner that you think Christ would have acted. If your judgment had been impartial

Birthday Corner

OCT. 31st — NOV. 6th

Oct. 31st: Mohaa Alwis (Kotahena), Ronald de Alwis (Koswatta), Malathi Muttukumar (Puttalam), Shanti Meedeniya (Nugegoda), Marie de Souza (Dematagoda), Bridget Rajanayagam (Kays), Dushantie Jayatilake (Ratnapura), Tania de Silva (Mahara).

Nov. 1st: Jeymine Ratnam (Kandy), Lynette Taylor (Lunuwatta), Cynthia Ratnayake (Nugegoda), Sonia Sitalani (Colombo 4), Marshal W. Silva (Wattala).

Nov. 2nd: Carmen Don Daniel (Dalugama), F. Veronica Lawless (Kandy), Jerome K. Wallis (Colombo 6), Philomena Chelliah (Wattala), Tony Massillamany (Colombo 10), Mervyn A. Rozairo (Maradana), Nir-mala Peirera (Colombo 5), Sunil Fernando (Colombo 15), Olive Selmerman (Talangama North), Jayantha Costa (Negombo), Marie S. Perera (Moratuwa), Kamalanee Perera (Ja-Ela), Douglas Fredrick Arndt (Colombo 6).

Nov. 3rd: Winifred Wannappa (Kotahena), M. Peiris (Kandy), Malini Perera (Wattala), Upali Abeysekera (Colombo 7), Diana Anne Floor (Trincomalee), Mariam de Silva (Muttuwal), Winifred Wannappa (Wattala), Lorraine David (Wellampitiya).

Nov. 4th: Leoni Fernando (Negombo), Lalith de Coonghe (Negombo), James Wambeck (Lunuwila), Lourdes F. R. Leon (Ragama), Thelma Christiansz (Nawala), Joseph D. Daberera (Dankotuwa), Nimal Vincent (Wattala).

Nov. 5th: R. Berli Fernando (Moratuwa), Antony Singarayer (Trincomalee), Oscar N. Abeyratne (Borella), Julian Fernando (Maradana), Cecilia Fernando (Kandy), Harin Fernando (Colombo 7), G. Antony Caspersz (Boralesgamuwa), Iranganie Abernathy (Moratuwa), Tilak de Almeida (Paiyagala), Carmel Gomez (Colombo 7).

Nov. 6th: Leonie Wood (Rajagiriya), Marina Wallis (Negombo), Lenita P. Fonseka (Moratuwa), Lenani Fernando (Moratuwa), L. F. Katugampola (Kandy), Marlene Davidson (Trincomalee), Laurelle Van Ryke (Trincomalee), Anthony Vanderput (Battaramulla), Malcolm de Silva (Kelaniya), Patmaranee Rajaratnam (Kalmunai), Shiera Fernando (Maradana), Lionel Seger (Piliyandala), Chrysanthi Perera (Kadawata).

...See, Judge and Act, says Nihal Jayawardene

(Schools Mag No. 1923)

and genuine it would undoubtedly be the correct course of action.

Every individual student could contribute his share to make this evil world a better place to live in. Begin with your immediate environment. Open up your eyes and lo! you will behold a vast number of problems. Take one problem at a time, according to its importance, and judge. Approach it with a Christian attitude.

SEVERAL SOLUTIONS

There may be several solutions to the problem but always consider the best course of action and act accordingly. You may not be able to act on your own in which case devise a method for obtaining the help of others. Make them realize the importance and nobility of the work you are engaged in and they will, no doubt, join you in the interests of this noble cause.

Catholic Actionists among the laity are of paramount importance to the Church in this Modern Age. Laymen could do greater work than the priests themselves in allying themselves with the masses in order to act in their interests, which the priests could not possibly do. Hence the Catholic Church expects each and every soldier of Christ to act with the purpose of inculcating the ideas of Christ into the ignorant. Then you could claim that you have contributed something for your fellowmen. You have at least made an effort to repay your obligation towards your Creator and Saviour.

THE GOAL

Students, one and all, let us carry out this task to the best of our ability. Let us rally round the banner of our Master. To adore, love, serve Him and to attain eternal happiness were we created. Let us in attaining this goal pave the way for others to enjoy this bliss.

St. Anthony's College, Wattala.

• **Herschel De Kauwe (Schools-Mag No. 434) gives some useful hints on...**

How to be a good boy

TO be good is to be obedient to your God, your parents and your elders. You should be kind and gentle to the younger ones, and be helpful to the aged. Thus you fulfil God's commandments.

• To be a good boy you don't need to be saintly. To be good you must try to please your parents by striving to come first in your form in school.

• To please God you ought to go to Mass everyday. You must try to give the poor something. You should visit the chapel for a few moments in the morning and afternoon in school. These are some of the activities of a good boy.

RAGALA...ideal place for a restful holiday

IT was a very exciting day, for our family, for it was Daddy's birthday and he had promised to take us on a picnic to Ragala. It was a bright, sunny morning and we were busy and Mummy, of course, as usual had all the hard tasks, packing the various parcels and at the same time preparing our morning tea. Finally, we had our tea which was kiribath and seeni sambol. After tea we started on our unforgettable journey.

Peep! peep! we went through the gates and along the winding roads to Ragala. I often look back on that morning not so much on account

of what subsequently happened but for the sheer pleasure of recalling its beauties.

Village Huts

The world round us was calm and peaceful and we had an amusing time listening to the humorous jokes cracked by Dad and my Uncle Joe. It was a very interesting journey and we were able to see some of the most beautiful landscapes of Lanka.

The huts of the simple villagers were almost hidden from our view by the coconut palms. The surrounding hills rose up to a height of about two or three thousand feet and on the hill slopes grew tea and sometimes rubber trees.

Bernadine Miranda

Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy

As the road went up the hills we were able to see the water falls which rushed over the big rocks and stones, splashing silvery foam.

Harrasbedda Fair

As it was a Saturday we were able to see the Fair which took place at Harrasbedda on a large, open space. Villagers had gathered from all around bringing yams, coconuts and other vegetables, sweet mangoes, juicy pine apples, luscious papaws and various other fruits.

• The beautiful village maidens gracefully balancing their loaded baskets on their heads arrived laughing and chatting and some maidens returned home after making a good profit on their goods. They were dressed in the best they could afford and the men were in strikingly colourful shirts about their business briskly.

As we went further, the morning was misty and cold. Ragala's fresh green scenery was a rich treat to weary eyes. Ragala is the most beautiful place I have ever seen in my life. It is an ideal place for a restful holiday. At last we reached our destination and alighting from the car we had a grand lunch after which we had a gala time.

After a happy day we had to go home with heavy hearts and Night with its mantle of stars beckoned us to sleep. In a little while we were at home in bed snoring happily, dreaming of the past day.

R. I. P.

THE Schools-Mag regrets to announce the death on the morning of 1st October, of Mrs. Solomons, wife of Mr. Geo. P. Solomons, of Dehiwela.

Mr. Geo. P. Solomons who has been an ardent admirer of the Messenger Schools-Mag since its inception two years ago, and who has conducted many competitions for our members writes: "In my humble efforts to foster the welfare of the Schools-Mag, my wife spared no pains to give me all assistance and encouragement. I appeal to all members of the Schools-Mag to offer their prayers for the repose of her soul."

I'm sure all members will heed the request. May her soul rest in peace. — EDITOR.

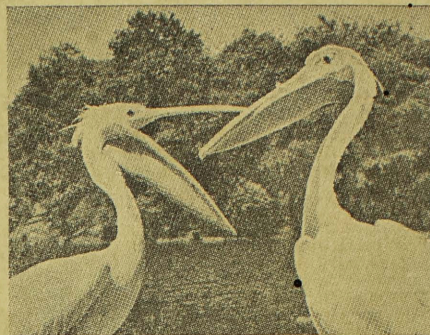
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(To be continued)

Yes! we're two Pelicans in the Zoo!



TALKS WITH

Juniors

SACRIFICES of OLD

My dear children,

A sacrifice, therefore, is a gift, and a gift symbolic of our inward sentiments. Right from the time of Adam, Adam included, gifts and sacrifices were offered to God.

Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noe and Abraham, Jacob, Isaac, Moses and Aaron, Melchisedech, David and the prophets, they all offered sacrifices, gifts to God.

One incident in the life of Cain and Abel mentioned in the Sacred Scripture is worthy of consideration. Cain and Abel, both offered sacrifices to God but God accepted Abel's gifts and didn't much care for the gifts of Cain. The reason why God was pleased with Abel's gifts and sacrifices is because Abel's gifts came from a pure, dutiful, grateful and

sincere heart. Abel's gifts were accompanied by correct sentiments. Abel's gifts were truly symbolic of rich, interior sentiments. On the contrary Cain's gifts were just a matter of course, a matter of routine. Naturally, God was more pleased with the sacrifices of Abel.

This little story of Cain and Abel teaches us how important it is to offer our sacrifices with the correct motives and sentiments.

May God bless you and help you to understand the true spirit of sacrifice.

Always in Jesus and Mary,

Uncle Ashley

(Next week: BLOODY AND UN-BLOODY SACRIFICES).

The Child's Book Shelf



THIS week I like to introduce you to a fine series of books specially written for teen-agers. They are known as THE REAL BOOKS and are written by well-known authors, illustrated by modern artists, carefully checked and set in handsome format. REAL BOOKS have been planned to help boys and girls relate their studies at school to real experience and outside reading and to increase their understanding of our fascinating world.

• Here is a book for any girl: THE REAL BOOK OF DOLLS AND DOLLS' CLOTHES by Catherine Roberts. How to make rag dolls, paper dolls, pipe-cleaner dolls — all kinds of dolls — all with enchanting costume changes.

• THE REAL BOOK OF CRIME DETECTION by M. G. Bonnet takes you behind the scenes of Police Headquarters in England, America, France and Canada, showing how the law fights crime — and how young people have often assisted.

• THE REAL BOOK OF MAGIC by Joseph Leeming describes and illustrates over 170 magic tricks, mind-reading acts and table stunts — all quick and easy to learn and perform.

• THE REAL BOOK OF THE WILD WEST by Adolph Regli gives

you the stories of the men and women who fought Indians, bandits and outlaws to conquer a wild frontier.

Look out for more interesting titles in the coming weeks.

Boys and girls who want further information regarding the above or other books are invited to write to H. P., c/o The Editor, Schools-Mag, Catholic Press, Borella. Questions on children's Catholic and general books will be welcomed.

Stamp Corner

IRISH POSTAGE STAMPS

IN a circular sent to the Schools-Mag, the Post Master General, Dublin states that because of changes in postal rates in recent years the production of postage stamps in the 1½ d. and 2½ d. denominations has ceased. Such stamps will be withdrawn from general sale as from the 1st November, 1959 but philatelists may obtain them from the Philatelic Section, General Post Office, Dublin, for a further period of three months after that date.

Feminine Forum

MARY is OUR QUEEN MODEL and IN FAMILY LIFE

FAMILY life is not a pathway of roses. It is always a rugged path of trials with many ups and downs, consisting of both happiness and sorrow. The qualities needed to make a perfect family are love, patience, understanding and charity.

When life looks bright and fair, all of us rejoice and praise the Lord for all His bountiful mercies. But, how many of us do the same in times of sorrow, trial and crisis? It is then Our Blessed Mother Mary, stands as our Model. Undoubtedly, it is really human of us to feel frustrated, depressed and disappointed when the dark cloud of trial envelops our families. Although it is easier to preach than to practise, we must always remember, that it is then as children of Christ and Mary, we should be all the more firm in our faith and implore Our Divine Lord to grant us the courage to go through the path of darkness without despair.

We should strive to follow in the footsteps of our Blessed Mother and be an example to many around us. Every one of us at some time or other experiences many hardships in family life—financial crisis, illnesses, and pain of mind due to many reasons. But, through them all, we should try never to despair or lose our faith.

On the contrary we should place our trust in the infinite

By
Therese Casinather

goodness of Our Divine Lord and always submit and act according to His Divine Will as Our Blessed Mother Mary did when she lived in the little village of Nazareth nineteen hundred years ago.

It is always the mother who should keep her family together by her example and prayers when the other members doubt and despair in time of crisis. She must instil into the minds of her loved ones the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. Every young bride of today should look up to Mary as her Model in her new life that she is to begin. Life's ways are always devious and through all Joys and Sorrows, she must lift her mind and heart up to Mary, our Beacon Light, who shines through all ages, leading everyone of us, who place our trust in Her, to the Feet of Her Divine Son.

The Beloved Dead

UNDER the shadow of a cross
In a solitary graveyard
our beloved dead
rest in everlasting peace.

They companioned our way
through life's night and day;
toiling, sweating, growing old
to bring a smile to our lips,
to soothe our fevered brow...

The blue sky, the stars
fire-flies with their lanterns bright
Rose and white periwinkle plants
keep watch over their graves.

Let us burn a candle bright
place a flowery wreath
and think of them
revive our love...
This day
dedicated to them,
let us pray
for their souls...

Nimal Sarathchandra.

For Her – A Hair Raising Experience!



This young lady, standing on a steel insulated from the earth and touching the live terminal of the W. B. N. Van de Graaf Electrostatic Generator is at a potential of half a million volts. Each hair on her head, therefore, has a similar charge and repels adjacent hairs, thus giving the hair raising effect. The machine, which is cheap and non-lethal, is intended mainly for school laboratories. (Courtesy: U.I.K.S.)

TEEN-AGERS IN NEED

by VINCENT J. GIESE

TEEN-AGE boys and girls are just emerging from childhood. They are beginning to feel the urges and emotions of adulthood and new powers within themselves. Discovering a whole new world outside the family circle, they want to explore it, try it out, taste it. This alone explains much of their thrill-seeking, their tendency to react against authority and all the things that remind them of childhood.

DESPITE their bravado, their cock-sure attitude toward life, teen-agers are basically insecure. Beneath their urges for adult life there is fear because they know they are not equipped emotionally and psychologically to handle all these new situations.

It is at this moment that teen-agers desperately need and want a kind of understanding friend, someone who will be patient and gentle with them, and not forever dismiss their new and wild ideas as childish or moronic. Nudging, failure to take them seriously, to accord them respect and treat them as young men and women, is precisely the kind of handling that has forced them to seek acceptance in gangs with standards of their own.

MANY teen-agers grow up outside the Church. Their school subjects are learned without any kind of Christian framework in an amoral environment which is secularized to the core. Parents may not be faithful in the practice of their religion and often there are broken homes.

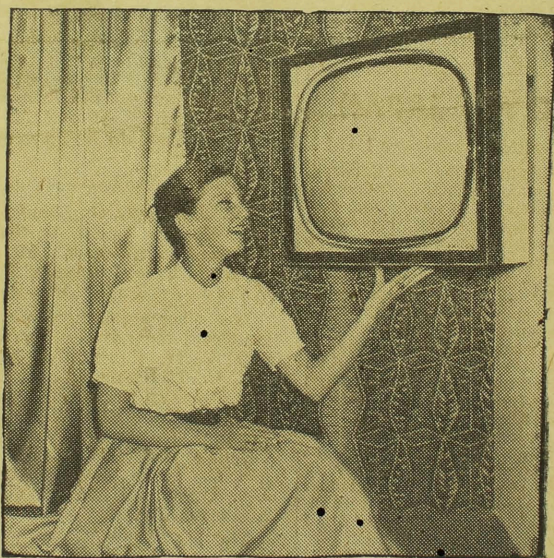
Yet because our young people have not yet been hardened by life, because they are completely open to new ideas—and ideals—deep beneath that outward show of callousness and independence, there is a refreshing honesty and sincerity and spontaneity.

THIS is what we must discover and cultivate, and I know of no easier way of doing it than by being kind and gentle and understanding. As one writer put it, "Love is the fundamental law of Christianity and also of Christian education."

We must show them how the truths of Faith meet the needs of their lives—in their homes, schools, and neighbourhoods. They must find the Faith meaningful in the day-to-day choices of adolescent life.

THEY will find that religion is not just another course to be studied. It will also be a programme of personal positions to be assumed, reached and lived. In it they will find a vital and personal relationship to God. This relationship will help them meet the situations of their daily adolescent life in a world of un-Christian social pressures. (Ceylon "Messenger" and Paulist Feature Service—Washington 17, D.C. Copyright).

Wall Television Set



Miss Dagmar Rubicek of Montreal admires this new 21-inch television set specially designed to hang on the wall. This set—claimed to be the first of its kind—was one of the fascinating exhibits to be seen at the 1959 Radio Show held recently at Earl's Court, London. Slimmer sets, with a new variety of stylings, were a feature of this show. (Courtesy: U.K.I.S.).

Shopping

The mother went shopping with her small boy. In the store, the grocer invited sonny to help himself to a handful of cherries. But the boy seemed reluctant.

"Do you like cherries?" the grocer asked.

"Yes," said the boy.

The grocer put his hand in and dumped a generous portion into the little fellow's cap, which he promptly held out. Afterwards his mother asked him why he had not taken the cherries when first invited.

"Because his hand was bigger than mine", was the answer.

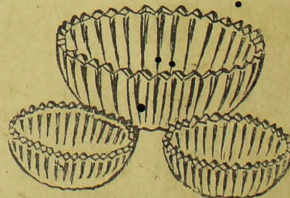
Thoughts inside a chapel

I LOVE the beauty of Thy house
the purity within,
The holiness which banishes all
thought of sin;
I feel the gentleness of loving hands
that tend
To keep it pure, undefiled, to a
deathless end.
When oft my aching emptiness this
serenity dispels,
I wish my weary soul could in this
quiet dwell,
Calm, confident in Thy mercy, I
rise from bended knee,
Strengthened with Thy blessing,
to face life's tragedies.
To them that inhabit the precincts
of Thy shrine,
Grant every blessing, make them
every moment Thine.

B. Samarasinghe.

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At St. Patrick's Prize Giving Fr. Arulnesan says EDUCATION SET-UP MUST HAVE NEW ORIENTATION

"THE pattern of our present education is a relic of the old colonial days and the whole set-up needs a new orientation in the light of the present needs of the country," stated Rev. Fr. S. N. Arulnesan, Rector of St. Patrick's College, Jaffna, in his Annual Report read at the College Prize-giving recently.

Chief guest of the day was Mr. C. Loganathan, General Manager of the Bank of Ceylon. Mrs. R. R. Navaratnam, Inspector of Schools, gave away the prizes.

Adverting to educational changes already taking shape, Fr. Arulnesan said the changes were to be welcomed. But in the real process, he asked will it be a levelling up or levelling down?

"Will the vernacular schools which up to now have suffered all sorts of disabilities be given opportunities to catch up with the high standards set in general by the 'English schools,' or will the latter be dragged down to their level? It seems superfluous to ask such a question. But we are rightly disturbed because persons from whom the country expects more responsibility in their utterances, carried off more by flights of fancy than good sense have declared that if

they are unable to level up, they would not hesitate to level down! In this we are heartily in agreement with the Minister of Education, now also our Prime Minister, that the Government should concentrate its energies to raise the standard of rural schools instead of raising a hornet's nest by meddling with controversial issues," stated the Rector.

The Rector also made pertinent comments on the University. He said:

"Our University, in spite of its shortcomings in other fields, maintains an academic standard comparable to the leading Universities of the West. Are we going to maintain this international standard, or are we under a false sense of nationalism going to reduce it to an insular and provincial status, a degree-producing factory that has no worth in the world outside? A University produces the future leaders of the country. Its leaders must be brought up in a broad and liberal atmosphere, an atmosphere free from all that is narrow, divisive and sectarian. A University must be a rendezvous of the best brains of the country, no matter what race, language or religion they belong to. In other words merit and merit alone should be the sole criterion of admission. Any suggestion of a quota based on racial, linguistic or religious lines is outrageous and foreign to the very idea of a University. If there is any sphere of human activity where political

expediency will lead to national disaster, it is in the sphere of education, especially at the University level. We hope that the powers that be, having at heart the interest of the country, will have the boldness to implement in general the main recommendations of the Needham Commission and relegate to oblivion what is euphemistically called the 'observations' of a dissenting member."

Mr. Loganathan greatly deplored the rapid invasion of politics into the class-room. He said the damage thereby done to education was irreparable.

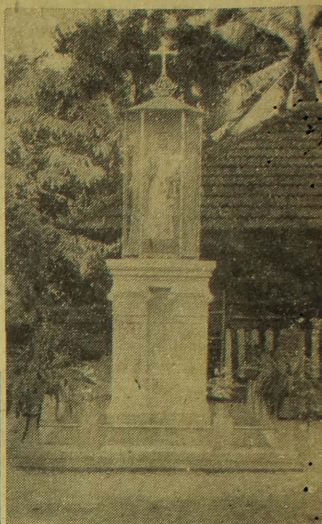
Dehiyagatha Erects Holy Rosary Shrine

(from our correspondent)

THE feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary was celebrated this year at Dehiyagatha on an unprecedented scale. A preparatory Retreat of one week was preached by a Carmelite Father who drew large crowds daily. On Vespers night, history was created when a life size statue of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, standing on a lotus flower and enclosed in a glass case was blessed and installed at the main road junction by the Vicar-General of Colombo in the presence of many Priests and a large gathering of Catholics. The lovely statue mounted on an artistic pedestal is now the cynosure of all eyes, and has made Dehiyagatha famous overnight.

Rev. Fr. Lambert, O.M.I. of

Tudella sang the festive Mass, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a proces-



sion. On the following day, an almsgiving was held within the church premises and over three thousand people were fed.

DEHIWALA PARISH UNION

(from our Dehiwala correspondent)

THE Parish Union of Dehiwala which is under the Patronage of St. Joseph held its third annual general meeting last Sunday. Proceedings began with the election of Mr. Cecil Jayawardene as Chairman pro tem, in the absence of the President Mr. M. M. P. Gunawardene who was away from town.

The chief item on the Agenda was a talk by Rev. Fr. Joe de Mel on "Some Aspects of a Missionary Parish." In his very interesting talk which was an eye-opener to many, he pointed out the duty of the parish to take Christ out to those who did not know Him. Christ, the Good Shepherd, knew His sheep by name. So every Christian should go out and come to know the non-Catholics who lived among them. Mr. A. S. Rodrigo proposed a vote of thanks.

At the election of office-bearers, Mr. Dontenwill D'Abnera was elected President. Ten Councillors were also elected. Very Rev. Fr. Cyril Peries, Parish Priest, then nominated Messrs. A. S. Rodrigo and A. J. Wijewickreme as Secretary and Treasurer respectively of the Parish Union for the third year in succession.

At a short interval during the meeting, Mr. B. W. Perera and his Orchestra supplied a few musical items.

Y.C.W., JAPAN

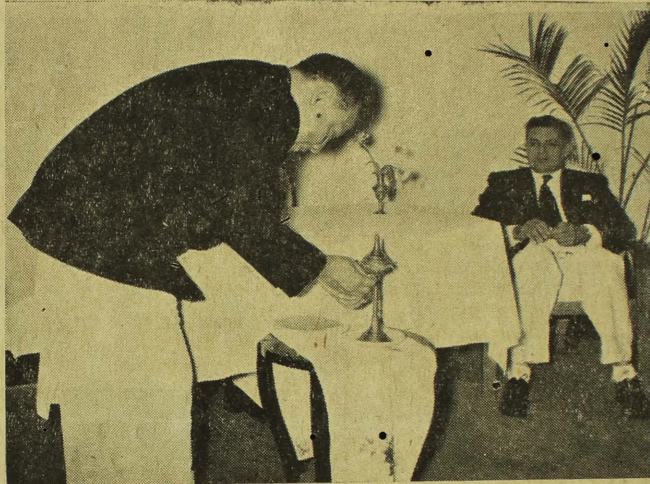
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might lie in terrain that is at all difficult. In Japan too the Y.C.W. has a different campaign for each year. Last year the campaign was "Preparation for Marriage," and a Marriage Guidance Course for young workers was organised. The Movement has the blessing and encouragement of the Bishops and the enthusiastic support of the Apostolic Internuncio.

Mr. Inohara seemed to be very impressed with the work of the Y.C.W. in Ceylon and the rapid strides it has made, and he is confident it has a great future before it.

So, we feel sure, has the Movement in his own country. The day will come, though he may not live to see it, when some Inohara of the future, passing through Colombo, will announce to a happier Messenger scribe that it really is cherry blossom time in Japan, "for lo the winter is over and gone, and the flowers have appeared in our land."

Negombo Social Assistance Bureau



Mr. T. S. Sally, the Negombo Magistrate, lighting the traditional lamp.

(from our Negombo correspondent)

MR. T. S. Sally, the Negombo Magistrate, declared open recently the Negombo Social Assistance Bureau, sponsored by the Negombo Catholic Lawyers' Guild. Mr. Sally stated that it was possibly the only scheme of its kind organised by busy professional men to relieve the lot of the poor and needy, irrespective of caste, creed or community.

The other speakers who congratulated the sponsors for that very deserving institution were Mr. C. Thanabalasingham, District Judge of Negombo, Mr. T. P. C. Carron, J.P., U.M., Crown Proctor and President of the Negombo Lawyers' Association, Mr. E. W. de Zoysa, Proctor, J.P., U.M., and Mr. M. C. S. Mohamed, J.P.

Mr. H. Paul Silva, President of the Negombo Catholic Lawyers' Guild, and Mr. C. M. Fernando, the Hony. Secretary, welcomed the large gathering of lawyers present.

Pallansena Parish Council

(from a Messenger correspondent)

THE first annual general meeting of the Parish Council took place at the Pallansena School Hall, on Sunday, the 25th October, at 5 p.m. Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Fernando, O.M.I., presided.

The report of the last year's work of the Parish Council, and the reports of the Legion of Mary, Sinhalese and Tamil, the workers Kamkaru Society, and the reports of the 4 churches were read and confirmed.

The meeting terminated with prayers in Sinhalese and Tamil. A free cinema show on the Vatican and the Pope was shown in the church premises.

Galle Bishop's Jubilee

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cerdos Magnus." When it reached the altar steps the Bishops took their special seats at the foot of the steps leading to the Sanctuary and the Archbishop his throne specially set up for him.

The Jubilarian knelt in prayer before ascending his throne which carried his coat-of-arms beautifully worked in wood and metal and presented by his Diocesan Seminarians at Ampitiya the previous evening.

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The altar cloth was specially worked by the Holy Angel Nuns. His Lordship's vestments were the gift of an old parishioner of Galle.

The Jubilarian celebrant was assisted by Rt. Rev. Mgr. T. N. Alles, Vicar-General, Assistant Priest; Deacons of Honour Very Rev. Fr. C. Iannacone, S.J., Superior Regular, Very Rev. Fr. P. Selmar, O.M.I.; Deacon, Very Rev. Fr. F. D. Sackett, O.M.I., Rector of Our Lady of Lanka Regional Seminary, Ampitiya, and Sub-Deacon Rev. Fr. Gilbert Wijeyaratne, Rector of the Galle Diocesan Preparatory Seminary, Kalgana, Galle.

ARCHBISHOP'S ADDRESS

His Grace preached a stirring eulogy. He dwelt on the position of the Bishop in the Church and his union with Christ and covered also a biographical sketch of the jubilarian, also stressing on the various activities and institutions that had sprung up during the last 25 years.

Vatican officials rub their eyes...

VATICAN officials were surprised one day week before last to see the Pope in Vatican Gardens shortly before noon. He walked up and down for an hour with his private secretary, Mgr. Capovilla.

No Pope has ever been known to take a morning stroll.

Pope John XXIII, however, had a good reason.

He had not had a proper walk since his return from Castelgandolfo, as arrears of work had awaited him, due to the large numbers of bishops who visited him towards the end of September and the beginning of October.

Having got through the work, His Holiness took the first opportunity to go into the open.

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those who are with badges. Without this committee, nothing could have been realised; but at the head of it is a man who is always trying to hide himself, and he is my Vicar-General.

I did not know anything of what was going to take place. You know the long story which can be said in a few words, the story of the duck and the hen. The hen fell into a pool and the duck said, "Do not worry," and said, "quack, quack." The duck knew what was going to happen but the hen did not.

My Vicar-General, on whom I rely, has done his work well. I must say that we divide the work. We are brothers and according to our own capacity and strength we do the work.

I am happy to say that all over

this place I see my people who have come from all over the diocese.

What I want you all to remember is: if I advance you follow me, if I stop you blame me. I do not know whether all the Catholics have followed me, I do not know whether they have blamed me—a little blame sometimes does a lot of good. These are lessons which we learn through experience and we put them into practice through the will of God.

I thank you very much for the two tokens—one spiritual and the other material—you have given me. I feel I have a little more life in me today, and keep on repeating 'ad multos annos'. Until I die, my life will be consecrated for the good of Ceylon and for the glory of God.