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## The Catholic Nun

By C. B. C.

It is interesting for people to pause to think of the reasons that impel certain people to do certain things at times. A constable arresting a citizen is said 'to do his duty'; a doctor healing a patient is said to be 'doing his duty.' Of all the people we meet in our daily life very few pause to consider the life of a Catholic Nun or a 'Rev. Mother' as she is often called. She is said to do more than her duty. She is 'about her Father's business.' She lives up to the command of God, 'Whatever you do, to the least of My brethren you have done unto Me.' To my fellow beings who have not yet paused to think about a Catholic Nun I shall speak in the terms of Daniel A. Lord who pays a magnificent tribute to these noble ladies who have consecrated their whole beings for the service of God and country.

A patriot is one who loves his country. To love a country is to love its citizens. It is love of their fellow citizens that vitalizes the lives of Catholic Nuns. 'Greater love than this no man has than to lay down his life for his brother.' The nun who nurses the leper and the T. B. patient finally lays down her life in the service of the country.

Lord writes 'that Catholic convents, where these noble ladies are housed, have nothing to hide save the lovely modesty of Catholic womanhood which naturally shrinks from the prying eyes of those who see mud on lilies and small rottenness in the fresh, blowing rose. To all who are genuinely interested, Catholic convents open welcoming doors. After all, the convent is the home of these splendid women, Our Catholic Nuns.'

'In these convents you will see thousands of the world's helpless cared for with a devotion and love that outdistances praise. Everywhere, one will see neatness and order and spotless cleanliness. Everywhere deep contentment and deeper peace. Everywhere there is the pervading spirit of the Merciful Christ, whose work these noble women are doing.'

'In our convents hundreds of thousands of Catholic women, clever, gifted, well-bred, personally attractive, have given up all that the world craves and seeks and stains its hands with blood and its soul with crime to obtain, that they may serve in poverty, chastity and obedience the suffering ones of Christ. Here they live the expression of the Eight Beatitudes, the concrete symbol of the Works of Mercy. They live elbow to elbow with poverty and every form of human suffering, in complete renunciation of the joys of home and family life, with their wills voluntarily bound in holy obedience.'

'And through their hands each year pass the manifold forms of human need. From the cradle to the grave, suffering humanity turns to them, confident of their universal love and devotion. The infant thrown aside by an inhuman parent, the old man staggering on the edge of the grave, the human wreck whose mind is a blank, the child who looks forward into a future dark through the loss of sight or hearing, those in mortal sickness, those in physical poverty, those in ignorance, those in need of spiritual truth and consolation, all these

may turn and all these do turn towards the Catholic Sisters.'

No organization in the world has ever been so busy staying the sorrows of mankind and binding up its bruises as these women. It may be the Catholic nun in the heart of China where her orphanages each year rescue thousands of abandoned babies from the rubbish heap; or in the jungles of Africa where she serves deprived black outcasts with the same zeal she shows to the pink and white baby placed confidently in her arms; or in the leper hospital at Hendela, Mantivu or Molokai; or in the unpaid sections of the Civil Hospitals in Colombo, Nawalapitiya, Kurunegala and Jaffna, you will see one and all labouring with that zeal that is alone found in the Catholic Sisterhood. You will also find them manning sanatoria for consumptives, directing homes for working girls, in asylums where erring girls flee to hide for a time their shame from the world and in the hospitals for incurables. They are not outside the range of schools for the blind and day nurseries. In fact nothing that touches human misery or want escapes their flame-like charity. What is true of their convents in U.S.A. is true of their Institutions in Colombo, Anuradhapura of Bombay; and if you would verify my account, go and see for yourself. Catholic institutions of charity are as open as air to those who come with sympathetic hearts and seeing eyes.

'Without these nuns the Church in Ceylon as well as everywhere else, could hardly hold its ground for a single day. They are the ones who place the faith in the hearts of children; they are the ones who place the faith in the hearts that would otherwise be bitter; they follow the priest, stabilizing his work and making it permanent and durable. No one can adequately appreciate the importance of these religious women, unless he studies it in terms of the numerous hospitals, asylums and schools which have sprung up built on the solid foundation of their unswerving Faith and their unshaken confidence in the providence of God. They are the silent, unthanked labourers whose days know no rest, whose nights are often spent at the bedside of sufferers, and who build not only with the splendid brick and stone of their stately edifices, but firmly and enduringly in the souls of our race.'

'In the Catholic Sister, the love of Christ for His fellow men goes on its way triumphant. In her, a world that doubts all purity, sees purity made a profession. In her, a world that talks altruism but practises arrant selfishness, sees devotion to others and a spirit of sacrifice that burns out her very life and blazes in the flaming torch of a heroic death. She is a splendid argument for the fact that the Church is Divine. Nothing but a Divine Institution could produce such Divine love and charity; no tree but the tree planted by Christ could bear such fruit.'

'And we whose lives they have touched intimately in infancy, in boyhood, and in later life, we can stand with reverence and deep love before these noble women of Our Faith.' No wonder then we Catholics vie with one another to raise vocations among our children so that nuns and more nuns

## I.—The Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima

'Fatima' has become a household word among the Catholics in all parts of the world. The apparitions at Fatima form one of the most gripping true stories of this century. Their repetition is worth the attention of both old and young, believers and unbelievers, Catholics and non-Catholics.

It was on May 13th 1917 at midday that Our Lady appeared at Cova da Iria to the three little seers viz., Jacinta Marto, a little girl of seven, Francis her brother aged nine, and their cousin Lucy dos Santos, aged ten. Our Lady appeared on the foliage of an evergreen oak and with motherly tenderness, said to them 'Fear not, I shall do you no harm.' Let us look closely at this Lady. She is all beautiful. She seems to be from fifteen to eighteen years of age. Her dress, white as snow, tied at the neck by a gold cord, reaches down to her feet which are just visible barely touching the branches of the tree. A white veil embroidered with gold covers her head and shoulders and falls to her feet like the dress. Her hands are joined at the height of her breast in an attitude of prayer. A Rosary of brilliant pearls with a silver cross hangs from her right hand. Her face, of an ineffable beauty shines in a halo as bright as the sun, but seems to be veiled by a slight look of sorrow.

Our Lady, on being questioned by Lucy says that she has come from heaven and wishes them to go there (to the place of Apparition) for six months in succession on the thirteenth of each month and she adds 'In the month of October I shall tell you who I am and what I want.'

The Queen of Heaven assures the three of them eternal happiness in heaven but Francis however had to recite many Rosaries before he got there. It is the favour Our Lady asked of them that has a personal appeal to all of us in whatever state of life we may be in. Let us listen to her 'Would you like to offer yourselves to God to make sacrifices, and to accept willingly all the sufferings, it may please Him to send you, in order to make reparation for so many sins which offend the Divine Majesty, to obtain the conversion of sinners, and to make amends for all blasphemies and offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary?' This favour had to be accomplished chiefly through the daily recitation of the Rosary, to obtain peace for the world. It is needless to say that the story of Our Lady's first apparition spread like wild fire in the village and that the people ran after the three children asking them questions though few gave credence to their story.

Though the whole village, nay the whole country, was engrossed in the celebration of the feast of St. Antony, yet the three little seers never forgot that June 13th was the date for the second apparition of Our Lady. Before midday they reached the spot and recited devoutly the Rosary with other people who had come there. The Vision appears and asks them to come back on

may walk the face of the earth bringing comfort and solace to all and sundry."

July 13th and to recite the Rosary every day. Then the Lady departed as on the first occasion, in the direction of the East. From this day onwards, the Apparitions at Cova da Iria became the invariable subject of conversation. As was to be expected some believed, while others jeered openly, even reproaching the parents of the little seers with not recalling their children to reason.

At the third Apparition (July 13th) the parents of Francis and Jacinta, with a crowd of four to five thousand people were present. Lucy's mother, however, remained at home on the Pastor's advice. Our Lady appears, reminds them not to fail to return on August 13th and urges them thus 'you must recite the Rosary every day in honour of the Blessed Virgin, to obtain the end of the war through Her intercession, for only she can help you.' On being asked by Lucy to say who she was and to perform a miracle in order that all might believe in the reality of the Apparitions, Our Lady answered 'Continue to come here on the 13th of each month and on October 13th I shall say who I am and what I want and I shall work a great miracle in order that all may believe.' The Apparition said once more 'Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say often, especially when you make sacrifices, 'O Jesus it is for love of you, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary,' and concluded, when reciting the Rosary, say after each decade 'Oh, my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.'

The children were submitted to a long cross examination on August 11th by the subprefect of Ourem in whose jurisdiction Fatima lay. This official ordered Lucy to reveal the Lady's secret, and to promise not to go any more to the place of the Apparitions. Lucy persisted in her refusal and on August 13th shortly after noon they were put into the public prison and told that they would soon be taken out and burnt alive. The children were as constant in their determination as ever despite threats of torture and death. The date of the expected Apparition (August 13th) had drawn a crowd of nearly eighteen thousand persons and at the exact hour of the Apparitions the attention of all was drawn to the tree by a loud explosion. No one had seen the heavenly lady but there was unmistakable proof she was there as was proved by the flash of lightning and other extraordinary phenomena in the atmosphere.

Our Lady however appeared to the children on August 19th at Valinhos as they tended their flock there. She naturally complained of the wicked man who had prevented them from going to the meeting place on August 13th. Then she exhorted them once more to recite the Rosary and to do penance. She concluded by saying 'Pray, pray very much, make sacrifices for sinners. Remember that many souls are lost because there is nobody to pray and to make sacrifices for them.'

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## NOTICE

A CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KALMUNAI, will be blessed and opened on Saturday the 27th May, 1950 at 5-30 p.m. by His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Glennie S.J., Bishop of Trincomalee, in the premises of St. Mary's College. All clients are cordially invited for the blessing and for the solemn Benediction that will follow.

Facilities for travelling will be provided by the Eastern Bus Co. on that day between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. between Alwarapattu and Batticaloa.

Donations and gifts are invited from clients of Our Lady for the Building Fund of the Chapel and College and may be sent to: Rev. Bro. Director, St. Mary's College, Kalmunai.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

MAY 1950

THURS... 25 S. Gregory P.  
FRI... 26 S. Philip Neri.  
SAT... 27 S. Bede.  
SUN... 28 PENTECOST.  
MON... 29 S. M. Magd. de Paz.  
TUES... 30 S. Felix.  
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## OUR LADY'S CITY

Comparisons are traditionally objectionable. They are however self-invited.

One's reactions to Colombo's reception of Our Lady of Fatima inevitably reminded one of Dublin's reception to her Son in 1932. On that occasion it was stated and felt that the city had become a Eucharistic City. This week Colombo was a Marian City, unmistakably. Our people have no inhibitions about displaying religious convictions and feelings. Everything spoke devotion because everybody was so obviously carrying his heart on his sleeve. This applied to Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

The faith shown was impressive, solid. In fact it was the very solidity and solidarity of the faith that made impressive the discipline so lovingly and faithfully exacted and observed. It could so easily have become uncontrolled. That it did not is a tribute to the organizers for whom no praise can be too high and for the people who grasped the reason for the regulations. Mere organizing ability, on which the Catholic Church is so often glibly felicitated, could never achieve this.

The warmth, the devotion, the appeal at once to one's esthetic and spiritual nature, the decorum, the dignity were to be seen at every point but nobody can cavil with us if we say that the combination of all these factors was seen at its very acme at All Saints' Church, Borella. One felt that She was there with her children of all ages, all children in the warmth and depth of their devotion.

Great graces are being showered on Ceylon at the moment.

Of that there can be no faintest doubt. That the work of preparation for Our Lady's Visit has been thorough was evidenced in all the Churches in Colombo before and during her visit. The visit in itself would have been an empty display had not such preparatory work been put in.

Jaffna's turn is to come soon. Jaffna is preparing, not in any childish spirit of emulation, to give Her an unrivalled welcome. On occasions like this our people are at their best and give of their best without counting the cost. That her reaction will be a signal one, in fact that it will later be recognized as one of the turning points in our history, is a justifiable hope and conviction.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

The *Introit*, gives us a prophecy which receives its fulfilment today. It is taken from the Book of Wisdom. The Holy Spirit fills the whole earth with His presence, and as a pledge of His being with us, He gives to the Apostles the gift of tongues.

The *Collect* tells us what favours we should petition for, from Our Heavenly Father on such a day as this. It also tells us that the Holy Ghost brings us two principal graces: a relish for the things of God and consolation of heart. Let us pray that we may receive both the one and the other, that we may thus become perfect Christians.

The *Epistle*. Four great events mark the sojourn of man on earth, and each of them is a proof of God's infinite goodness towards us. The first is the creation of man and His vocation to a supernatural state, which gives him as his last end the eternal vision and possession of God. The second is the Incarnation of the Divine Word who by uniting the human to the divine nature raises a created being to a participation of the divinity, and at the same time provides a victim needed for redeeming Adam and his race from the state of perdition into which they fell by sin. The third event is that which we celebrate today, the descent of the Holy Ghost. The fourth is the second coming of the Son of God when He will lead His Church to heaven. In these four divine acts, the last of which has not yet been accomplished is included the whole history of mankind. All other events bear more or less upon them.

First *Alleluia Versicle* is formed from the words of one of the Psalms, where David shows us the Holy Ghost as the Author of a new creation, as the Renewer of the earth. The second is the fervent prayer, whereby the Church invokes the Holy Spirit of love upon her children. It is always said kneeling.

*Sequence*. This is a hymn of exquisite beauty and is replete with tenderest love for Him who is co-equal God with the Father and the Son, and who is now about to establish His Empire in our hearts.

The *Gospel*. The coming of the Holy Ghost is not only an event which concerns mankind at

large, but by it each of us is invited to receive this same visit which today renew the face of the earth. The merciful design of the sovereign is to contract a close alliance with each one of us. Jesus asks but one thing from us: that we love him and keep His Word. If we do this, He promises us that the Father will love us and will take up His abode in our soul. He tells us that the Holy Ghost is to come that He may complete the habitation of God within us. The Sacred Trinity will turn this poor dwelling into a new heaven. In this same passage of the Gospel, which is

## Jaffna's Privilege

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima arrived in Ceylon, early in the day on Monday. It was brought to Jaffna by an Air India plane at 11 a.m.

At 3 o'clock, after a brief halt in Palaly, it was taken in an Air Ceylon plane to Ratmalana. As the plane passed over St. Patrick's College at 3-30 p.m. the whole school assembled in the spacious lawn of the new grounds and cheered the Pilgrim Virgin.

taken from His Sermon at the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us that the Holy Spirit is sent indeed by the Father but sent in the name of the Son. A little further on, in the same Sermon, Jesus says that it is He Himself who sends the Paraclete. The Holy Ghost proceeds from the Father and the Son from one principle.

The *Offertory* is taken from the Psalm where David foretells the coming of the Divine Spirit, whose Mission it is to confirm what Jesus has wrought. The Cenacle is grander than the temple of Jerusalem. Henceforth the Church is to take the place of the synagogue and kings and people will become her children.

*Secret*. Having before her on the altar, the Sacred Gifts which have been presented to the Divine Majesty, the Church prays in the Secret that the coming of the Holy Spirit may be to the people a fire which may give them a more perfect understanding of the teachings of the Son of God.

The word of the *Communion Anthem* are from the Epistle. They celebrate the solemn moment of the descent of the Holy Ghost. Jesus has given Himself to the faithful in the Blessed Sacrament; but it was the Holy Spirit who prepared them for such a favour, who changed the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of the Divine Victim, and who will assist the faithful to co-operate with the grace of this Holy Communion, which nourishes and strengthens their souls into life everlasting.

*Post Communion*. Put by the sacred mysteries in the possession of her spouse, the Church prays that the Holy Ghost may abide for ever in our souls. She also speaks of that prerogative of the Divine Spirit, whereby He turns our hearts from being dry and barren of good, into gardens of fruitfulness. How consoling the thought that Our hearts are to be sprinkled with the dew of the Paraclete!

## Holy Father Opens His Arms to President O'Kelly

With both hands outstretched, the Holy Father rose smiling from his crimson-draped throne on April 28th to greet President O'Kelly of Eire in special audience at the Vatican. The President knelt and kissed the Pope's ring and then, seated in an armchair next

to the papal throne, talked to His Holiness for half an hour.

President O'Kelly was accorded the full honours due to the Head of a State. A guard of honour of the Palatine Guard and the Vatican gendarmerie was lined up in the courtyard of San Damaso as the three cars from the Irish Embassy drew up.

As the President stepped from the first car, the Palatine Guard, in full dress uniform with red plumes played the Irish national anthem.

Mr. O'Kelly made a personal gift of a gold chalice to the Pope.

At the end of the audience, Mrs. O'Kelly and the members of the President's suite was presented to the Holy Father.

After the formal visits to heads of the Vatican departments, the President and his party were escorted by a platoon of Swiss Guards to St. Peter's and the tomb of the Apostle.

His Holiness sent his special blessing to the "beloved Irish people."

The Holy Father also received the Grand Duchess Charlotte, ruler of Luxembourg, with Prince Consort Felix and their children, with similar ceremony.

## Wolves in Sheep's Clothing Trained

Bogus priests, trained in the Communist "seminaries" at Lvov and Chelm are infiltrating into the "regained territories" of Poland. There they are organizing conferences of "democratic" priests in an attempt to alienate the clergy from the Bishops. Because of the big post-war migrations of refugees into these areas and their unorganized state it is difficult for the Bishops to warn the faithful of the impostors' activities.

The Polish Communist Government passed a decree creating a State Office for Church Affairs—similar to Czechoslovakia's Church Affairs department. The office will begin functioning in a few weeks. Its creation dissolves the Ministry of Public Administration, whose head, M. Wolski, was entrusted with last year's negotiations with the Hierarchy.

A young refugee from Germany's Russian zone was accepted as a student for the priesthood by the Madrid diocese. He edified his fellow-students by him exemplary conduct and zeal. To the students' horror, policemen entered the seminary one day and arrested him. Under examination the young man confessed that he had been planted in the seminary by his Communist superiors. His task was to become "legally" ordained, return to Germany, apostatize and tell the world how wonderful it was to be free from papal tyranny. The story of the student is published in *The Priest*, a magazine published in the U.S.A.

## Freemasonry Still Has God on its Black List

Despite arguments and pretences, which may even delude Freemasons themselves, there is no evidence that Freemasonry's final aim—its historical objective for generations—which is the destruction of belief in God as taught by the Catholic Church has been abandoned, says Fr. M. Cordovani, O.P., Master of the Apostolic Palace to the Holy Father, in an article in the Vati-daily "Osservatore Romano."

"Even the very arguments which Freemasons advance these days for co-operation with Church organizations can lead only to indifferentism."

"They show how far those who propagate them are from understanding the meaning of the Faith and all it implies."

Fr. Cordovani warns against Masonic propaganda which says that no believing Christian need be afraid to join an organization "which itself upholds the ideas and morals of the Christian Faith."

This, he points out, is merely an appeal to the credulity and ignorance of simple men.

"Church leaders know well that it is for a good reason that Canon 684 and, still more, Canon 2335—which inflicts excommunication on those supporting Freemasonry of any rite—are still in force."



# Local and General

## Nuns Prepared the Chariot for Fatima Statue

The Nuns of St. Anthony's Convent Borella decorated in blue and white, the motor chariot, which takes the famous statue of Our Lady of Fatima round the country's parishes.

An altar was erected in the garden along the approach road of the terminal building at the Ratmalana air port. The statue was carried there to the accompaniment of invocations recited in three languages.

Archbishop Cooray of Colombo then officially received the statue after which a short service was held, and the Very Rev. Fr. D. J. Anthony, O.M.I., delivered an address in Sinhalese.

The Ratmalana Catholic railway employees have been given the honour of being the first organized body in Ceylon to receive the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

## Jaffna Catholic Club

The fortnightly discussion group of the Club met on Friday 19th inst. at 6:30 p.m. and discussed at some length the question posed by Mr. N. P. Jegannathan. "Is there salvation outside the Church?" Rev. Fr. B. Wm. Jesu Thasan, O.M.I., the President, directed the discussion. There was fairly large gathering.

## S.V.P. Jaffna

The quarterly meeting of the Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul Society, Jaffna was held on Sunday 21st May at 5:30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Confraternity Hall with Mr. R. J. Paul, the President of the Particular Council, in the chair.

Mr. A. Philippupillai read some extracts on "Humility and Fraternity." Then St. Joseph's Conference, St. James's Conference, St. Mary's Conference and Mount Carmel Conference presented their quarterly reports and statements of accounts.

After a few comments on these reports by the Secretary, Particular Council Mr. P. Saverimuttu, Rev. Fr. J. Francis, O.M.I., spoke at some length on the meaning of "Real Charity" and how it should be practised by members of the Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Mr. M. V. Aseervatham proposed a vote of thanks to the reverend speaker on behalf of the Conferences and the President thanked the speaker on behalf of the Particular Council.

The meeting terminated with the usual prayers.

## Million Indians Can Register

The general council of the Ceylon Indian Congress has directed Indians in Ceylon to register themselves under the Ceylon Citizenship Act.

The council, by 81 votes to 8, decided at a special meeting on Sunday to stop boycotting registration under the Act.

Over a million Indians are expected to seek registration as Ceylonese and forego their rights to Indian citizenship.

## Mr. W. A. de Silva Returned

Mr. W. A. de Silva, former Director of Education, who contested the Ambalageda-Balapitiya by-election as an independent candidate "opposed to the present administration," was on Sunday returned to represent this electorate in Parliament by a majority of 1968 votes.

## Giant Landslides are Feared Again

The menace of the moving hills of Kotmale has precipitated top-priority action by the Government to save the inhabitants of the village settlements in the valley below.

The Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries, Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, has directed the Government Mineralogist, Mr. L. J. D. Fernando to undertake, without delay, a geological survey of the region. A team of investigators will leave for Kotmale within the next few days.

First of the havoc caused by the movement of these hills occurred in May 1947. Land surfaces, three to four acres in extent, began sliding down the hillsides, bringing in their train, massive boulders which crashed down into the valley.

## Sundays are Busy Days for Kayts Police

While Sunday is a day of rest for the average citizen, the Kayts police find it the busiest day of the week. People from various parts of the islands of Leyden, Mandaitivu and Karainagar choose Sunday to throng the police station premises for arbitration of disputes.

The average number of disputes settled each Sunday is about 30 and the crowds consisting of complainants, respondents and witnesses total several hundreds.

Police Inspector Murugesu, who assumed duties a few months ago, has encouraged the settlement of petty disputes outside court.

"Arbitration of minor disputes helps to stem grave crime," he says. He adds that burglary, cycle thefts, pocket-picking, touting and drunkenness have diminished since the patrolling of the town was started.

## The Jaffna Psychological Association

At the monthly meeting of the above Association held on Monday 22nd inst. at St. John's College, Mr. P. Saverimuttu M.A. (Lond.), the Secretary gave an instructive address on "Animal Learning." He distinguished between Habit or Motor learning. He dwelt at some length on the views of Thorndike and Kohler and spoke of the difference between insight and intelligence. A lively discussion followed.

Dr. C. T. Cheliah will speak on "Human Learning" at the June meeting and Rev. J. T. Arulanantham will speak on "Classroom Learning", at the July meeting.

## King's Message to Empire Youth

The following message sent by His Majesty the King on the occasion of Empire Youth Sunday, to the Rt. Hon. Lord Elton, Chairman of the Empire Youth Sunday Committee for Great Britain and Northern Ireland, has been transmitted by Lord Elton to His Excellency the Governor-General and the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister:—

"The Queen and I send our sincere thanks to the members of your Committee for their loyal message, and ask you to convey our good wishes to all who are observing Empire Youth Sunday.

"We are glad to know that on this day young people will be gathered together in worship not only in these islands but in many parts of the Commonwealth overseas.

"This corporate act of worship will, we hope, help them to realize their privileges and responsibilities as citizens of the British Family of Nations, whose well-being will pass into their keeping as they come to manhood and womanhood. We pray that under God's guidance they will grow in courage and unselfishness so that they may be worthy to uphold the tradition of brotherhood and service which are its life-blood."

## Three Tanks Can Transform 50,000 Jungle Acres

Investigations are being carried out by the Irrigation Department to bring 50,000 acres of jungle land in the North-Central Province under cultivation by restoring the Kandalama Tank in the Matale district and the Maha Kanadarawa Tank in the Medawachchiya district and the fifty mile-long Yoda Ela which joins these two tanks.

Fertile land, presently neglected due to lack of irrigation facilities in the Horowupotana, Kala Wewa and Medawachchiya areas, could be brought under cultivation if the scheme is implemented.

The M.P.s. whose electorates will be benefited have asked the Government to undertake the scheme as it would help to produce more rice.

Kandalama Tank in the Matale district is to be restored shortly. Preliminary investigations are being conducted. Its restoration will supply water for paddy fields in that area.

## Schools Lack Colour

"Ceylon schools lack colour" was the chief observation made by Mr. Lloyd E. Brooker, head of the Audio-Visual

section of the U.S. Department of Education, in an exclusive interview he gave the Sunday "Observer" reporter on the eve of his departure for the United States after a two-week observation tour of the rural schools and city educational centres in the Island.

"I think education has made vast strides in Ceylon," he said "but nearly every school and college lacks colour. There aren't enough maps, diagrams and pictures."

## Fantastic, says 'Osservatore'

The Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano" describes as fantastic statements than an *entente* is being considered between the Holy See and Islam against Communism.

"The fact that the Islamic powers are in agreement on the future of Palestine does not mean they are in alliance against a third party," says the "Osservatore."

## Mother to See Her Daughter Canonized

A mother is to attend her child's canonization on June 25—probably for the first time in history.

She is Signora Assunta Goretti, aged 87, mother of Bl. Maria Goretti, murdered defending her purity 41 years ago.

Bl. Maria's brother, Mr. Angelo Goretti, 62-year-old New Jersey, USA, dye worker, is also on his way to Rome for the ceremony.

## Holy Father's Exhortation to Bank Officials

"Work is for Christians a service to God, one of the most important means of sanctification and one of the most effective means for conforming to the Divine Will and meriting Heaven," the Holy Father told the Italian banking officials and employees in the Vatican's Hall of Benedictions.

His Holiness attributed to day's discontent to indifference to the fact that there is no longer a true, clear idea of the Christian value of work, or that at least the idea is no longer vital in men's minds.

"No Christian can consider labour in any but the true Christian sense," he warned.

"Work must also serve the general welfare. It must show a sense of responsibility for the advantage of all."

## Scouts Build 68ft. Bridge in Six Days

In six days Catholic scouts of the Nice diocese in France have built a bridge 68 feet long over the river Tinee near the Italian frontier.

The old bridge was destroyed in the war and the scouts offered to build another as nothing seemed likely to be done otherwise.

About 200 boys worked day and night replacing each other every three hours. Some of them had less than six hours' sleep at night during the week.

On Easter Monday Bishop Remond of Nice blessed the bridge as it was opened by the civic authorities.

## Cardinal Mindszenty 'Did Not Know His Mother'

Cardinal Mindszenty did not recognize his mother when she visited him last year, according to an article in the "Osservatore Romano" by Gino Maggi, who visited the Cardinal's mother just before Easter.

Signor Maggi ignored warnings that the entire village where she lives was guarded and spied upon.

"Many strange peasants have gone there, occupying the homes of people thrown out for secret reasons," he writes.

The Cardinal's mother received him in her farmhouse, in a room decorated with pictures of saints and a photo of her son.

"God knows where the Cardinal is and how he is," she said.

"Those others, they also know—but I pray even for them to the Lord every day."

## QUIET

"I must be quiet. I speak only with God. Who knows all."

"When the Cardinal was in the prison hospital in Budapest, he did not recognize me."

"He seemed a man without a will, without consciousness—he who was always energetic, vigorous, resolute."

"Once at Esztergom, when I was in the garden he told me:

"This is the last time, my mother, that I will work the earth here. Within a year, next spring, who knows where we shall be."

"And, in fact, a year later he was already condemned and imprisoned."

## RED MASS

### Guild of St. Alphonsus Liguori

The annual Red Mass for Catholic Judges, Lawyers, Justices of the Peace and their families and Law Students will be celebrated this year at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena, on Whit Sunday, 28th May, 1950 at 9 a.m.

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I., Archbishop of Colombo will say the Mass and preach.

Arrangements for robing will be made at the Mission House, Kotahena. All those assembled will leave the Mission House in procession entering the Cathedral by the main door. All are therefore requested to be present at the Mission House by 8:45 a.m.

The Mass will be followed by a Social and Annual General Meeting at the K.C.Y.M.A., Kotahena, when the Guild will offer its congratulations to the President, the Hon'ble Mr. E. G. P. Jayatileke, K.C., Chief Justice, and to two Vice-Presidents, the Hon'ble Mr. M. F. S. Pulle, K.C., Puisne Justice and the Hon'ble Mr. V.J. St. Clair Swan, Puisne Justice on their recent appointments.

This being a unique occasion all members are cordially invited to be present with their families.

J. B. GREGORY, O.M.I.,  
Spiritual Director,  
St. Lucia's Cathedral,  
Botahena, 13.

\* Those attending are requested to inform one of the undersigned.

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May 10, 1950.

Mal. E. No. 467.

## SOCIAL BURDENS

"Of all known diseases, endemic malaria is the most widely spread and has the most serious character. No other disease has such a pernicious effect on the people living in regions where it is prevalent."

These words were spoken years ago by Professor E. Marchoux of the Pasteur Institute in Paris. Other scientists in the field of tropical medicine have expressed a similar opinion, because malaria indeed influences to a high degree the social welfare of a country, because this disease can become the cause of grave economic losses. When we realize that in malarial countries this disease counts its victims by the thousands and even by the millions, the losses in energy and wealth to society become understandable.

Small wonder, therefore, that research workers have long studied the malaria problem. The expert Malaria Commission of the now defunct League of Nations has been intensively occupied with this subject and concluded that QUININE plays an important part in the fight against malaria. As a preventive measure they advised a daily dose of 6 grains (400 mgm.) of quinine during the whole malaria season and as a remedy for an acute attack of malarial fevers, a daily dosage of from 15 to 20 grains (1 to 1.3 gm.) of quinine during a period of from 5 to 7 days. This recommendation is embodied in a report published by the Commission in 1938 and is still followed today on a large scale in numerous malarial countries.



# I. The Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima

(Continued from Page 1.)

The date of the fifth Apparition September 13th drew a crowd of about thirty thousand at Fatima. The parents of the little seers were also among the crowd. A light white cloud was seen to form about the tree and from the limpid and cloudless sky there began to rain upon those present a shower, as it were, of white flowers, which on coming near the earth vanished without touching it. The Apparition insisted once more on the necessity of continuing the recitation of the Rosary in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order that she might put an end to the war. She announced that on October 13th St. Joseph and the Infant Jesus would come also to give peace to the world, and that Our Lord would bless the people.

The 13th of October was to be a great day in the story of the Apparitions at Fatima. For it was on this day that the Lady had promised (1) to say who She was and what she wanted (2) to work a great miracle that all might believe in her Apparitions. All Portugal awaited this conclusive proof of October 13th. The continuous rain and the gloomy weather had not deterred the 70,000 people from assembling there. A detailed account of this Apparition has been given in these columns earlier. Our Lady's message was "I am Our Lady of the Rosary. I want a chapel built here in my honour. The Rosary

must be recited every day." The Lady adds that the war will end fairly soon and continued "Men must amend their lives, and ask pardon for their sins." Then with a look of grief, and in a suppliant tone of voice: "Men must no longer offend Our Divine Lord, who is already offended too much."

At this moment commenced the solar prodigy which was the great miracle promised, which took place precisely at the time and place fixed, and which was to compel men to believe in the reality of the Apparitions and to obey the message which Our Lady of the Rosary brought them from heaven.

This prodigy was accompanied by a Multiple Vision wherein the three members of the Holy Family appeared; Our Lady herself appeared in her triple appearance as Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of the Seven Dolours and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the scapular in her hand. Our Lady wished, in this manner, to impress more deeply on the minds of the faithful the title of Our Lady of the Rosary, which She gave Herself at Fatima, recalling in the three successive scenes the three sets of mysteries, joyful, sorrowful and glorious, on which we meditate when we recite the Rosary. P. SAVERIMUTTU.

## AUCTION SALE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Joseph Pedrupillai alias Thamboo of Nallur, Jaffna.  
No. 5575.

Vs.

1. Sophia Casimir Tissaveerasinghe widow of F. A. Tissaveerasinghe of 129 Campbell Place, Colombo admintx. of the late Francis Alexander Tissaveerasinghe in Case No. 12777 Testy. Colombo and

2. Savirimuttu Soosaipillai, Temple Road, Jaffna.

Under and by virtue of the Commission issued to me in this case I shall sell by public auction the undermentioned mortgaged properties for the recovery of the sum of Rupees Four thousand and thirty seven and cents fifty with interest on Rs. 3,000 @ 6% from 7-6-49 till 21-11-49 and thereafter on the aggregate amount @ 5% from 21-11-49 till payment in full and costs Rs. 333-82 (that is incurred cost Rs. 264-70 Prospective cost Rs. 69-01) on Saturday the 8th July 1950 commencing at 2 p.m. the first four lands and on the 10th July 1950 at 4 p.m. the 5th land.

### PROPERTIES REFERRED TO :

on 8-7-50 at 2 p.m.

1. A divided allotment of land to the extent of 40 acres 2 roods and 35 perches and bounded on the North and West by Road, East and South by J.A. Navaratnasingham and a Road, out of the land called Pulivalaichankadu situated in the village of Pulopalai, Pachchilapalai, Jaffna District, in extent 55 acres 2 roods 35 perches.

2. An allotment of land called Pulivalaichankadu situated in the village of Pulopalai aforesaid bounded on the North by the lands claimed by Sinnachy

and others and Road on the East and South by Road and on the West by the lands claimed by T. Sithamparapillai and others and now of the mortgagor containing in extent 13 acres, 2 roods 32 perches.

3. An allotment of land called Pulivalaichankadu situated at Palai and bounded on the North and East by Railway land and the South by T. P. 161499 and on the West by T.P.161499 and lot E 235 in P.P. 2475 containing in extent 3 roods and 23 perches.

4. On that allotment of land situated at Periyapalai in the parish of Pulopalai aforesaid called and known Athay Vayal in extent 38 lms, P.C. and 2 kulies bounded on the East by the property of the mortgagor North by Rail road, West by, Sinnatankan and on the South by the property of the heirs of V. Kariappan and the mortgagor.

On 10-7-50 at 4 p.m.

5. An undivided one-fourth share of all that house and premises situated at 5th division of the Jaffna Town in the Division and District of Jaffna containing in extent about 5 lms. V.C. with well and other appurtenances belonging thereto and bounded on the East by the property of the heirs of the late M. Puvirajasinghe North by the property of Rasamma wife of Bastiampillai and West by the property of the heirs of the late M. Bastiampillai and that of J. S. Puvirajasinghe and on the South by Main Street, Jaffna.

V. A. DURAYAPPAH,  
Auctioneer, Broker, Valuer and Commissioner.

Jaffna, 15-5-50.

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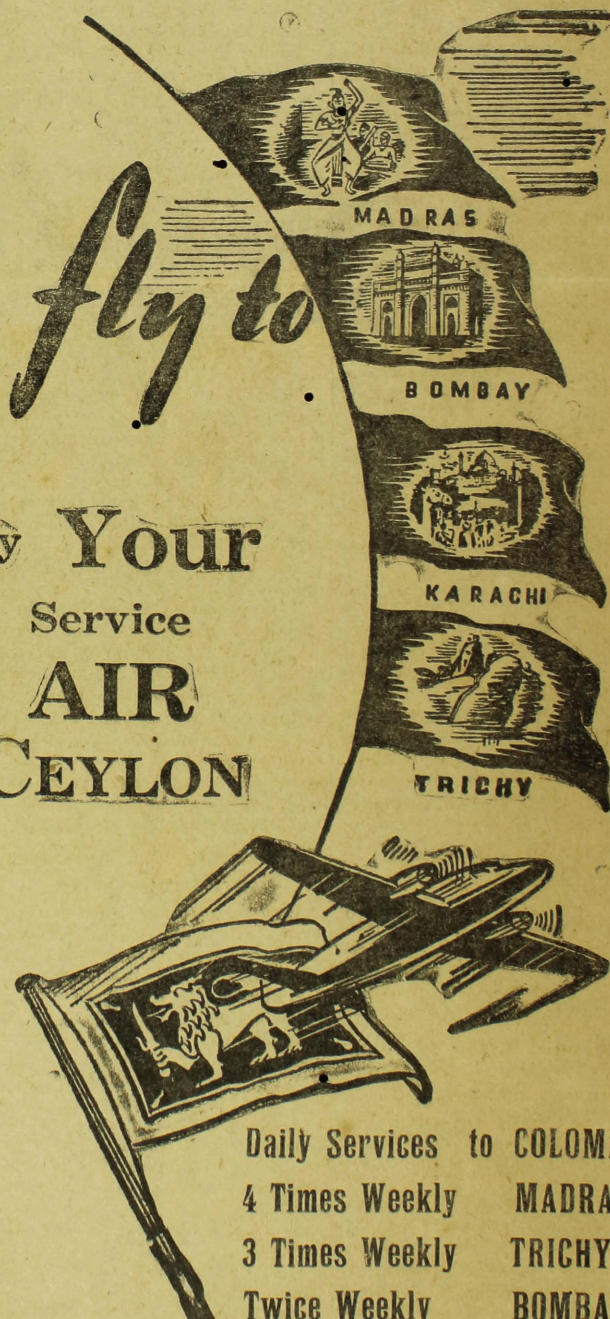
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