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JAFFNA VENERATES FATIMA. UNPRECEDENTED CROWDS IN PENANCE AND PRAYER

Having toured the highways and by-ways of the diocese, the statue of Our Lady of the miraculous apparitions at Fatima made its triumphal entry into Jaffna at 5.30 p.m. on Friday the 9th inst. Catholic prisoners of the Jaffna jail lined up opposite the Fort rampart where a short sermon was preached to them. Some of them, overcome with emotion wept. A tastefully decorated pandal was erected on a suitable spot on the Police grounds at the Esplanade with a beautiful 'Arc de Triomphe' facing the pandal at a distance. The pathway along which the statue was taken to and from the pandal was bedecked with flags and bunting.

THE RECEPTION

Though the reception was timed to be at 5.30 p.m., devotees of the divine mother began to pour in streams along each road leading to the Fort by 4 p.m. To call it a crowd would be disrespectful. It was a congregation with "Ave" on its lips and the rosary beads in its hands. It was a congregation of penitential Catholics that reminded one of the vast concourse of people that had gathered at the valley of Fatima on October 13, 1917. They of Fatima awaited Our Lady to appear in person and they saw the portent of the sun. We in Jaffna grounded in Marian faith and devotion awaited the arrival of the statue of the apparitions to preach to us penance and prayer.

As has been said earlier in this paper, our hearts were ready to receive Our Lady. Preparations for her visit had been going on for weeks ahead. The diocesan papers wrote articles both in English and Tamil giving a full history of the apparitions at Fatima and their purpose. The diocesan Press published attractive little booklets of prayer to assist the Catholics in following the Pilgrim Virgin in the spirit in which she had come to us. "Fatima Matha" was on the lips of every school boy and girl, of every hearth and home.

When the statue arrived at the place of reception thousands of Aves rent the air. The statue was received by His Lordship Dr. Guyomar, O.M.I., Bishop of Jaffna and his Coadjutor Dr. Emilianus Pillai. Very Rev. Fr. G. A. Gurusamy, O.M.I., District Superior, Jaffna and General Manager of Schools preached the Sermon of Welcome. After that the procession started on its prayerful way to the new Cathedral.

THE PROCESSION

Jaffna is famous for its decorations. Various governors and prelates have expressed their satisfaction at the way in which the people of Jaffna pave the way to welcome them. But nothing can better the way in which the road from the Police grounds to the Cathedral had been decorated for the triumphal march of the heavenly queen. "Our hearts are ready," is the key to the success of that procession. The care taken to decorate the passage and the taste exhibited were outward signs of hearts determined to pray and to do penance. "Pray the Rosary" was the burden of the pilgrimage and the rosary entered into the design of the decoration. The rosary was prayed en route to the edification of the large number of non-

Catholics who joined in the veneration of the Virgin Pilgrim as whole-heartedly as the Catholics. The Mayor and members of the Municipal Council awaited the arrival of the statue at the entrance to the Town Hall and the Mayor offered Our Lady of Fatima his tribute of flowers.

AT THE CATHEDRAL

At the entrance end of the unfinished New Cathedral of Our Lady of Conceicao, Our Lady of Fatima was enthroned on an altar that had "Pray the Rosary" as its superscription. True to the instruction the faithful intoned the rosary throughout the night. Each decade of the rosary was preceded by a short talk on the mystery to be contemplated by the priest who led the rosary. At midnight Mass was celebrated by His Lordship the Bishop. The spacious Church and compound were over-flowing with penitents who hearkened to the call of the Pilgrim Virgin. In fact the Cathedral premises presented the appearance of a pilgrim camp like the ones one is accustomed to see at Madhu or at Talawila. Worn with worship a large number stretched themselves at the feet of Our Lady in blissful sleep only to be awakened by the sweet melody of the Aves or the tinkling of the Altar bell at the morning Mass.

THE MARIS STELLA PROCESSION

On Saturday a novel feature of the Virgin's visit was enacted in the form of the procession of boats from the Customs Jetty across the Lagoon to the newly constructed Naval Jetty in front of the reclamation ground. A very large number of men, women and children joined in the procession. About 100 boats neatly white-washed and with the rosary painted in blue carried the Maris Stella Pilgrims and the statue was accommodated in a specially built structure of three boats. The sound of Aves ascended to the heavens to the music of the ripples splashing the sides of the boats.

AT THE RECLAMATION STADIUM

From the Naval Jetty, Our Lady of Fatima was taken to the Stadium on the reclamation grounds. The sound of the Aves that never ceased swelled as the night advanced till at twelve His Lordship celebrated holy Mass. Following the Bishop's Mass there were two other Masses of thanksgiving after which the statue was removed to the Cathedral where it was again enthroned for the veneration of the faithful.

THE MANNER OF VENERATION

Jaffna has witnessed large concourses of people on various occasions such as the elections but never in the history of Jaffna was a concourse so orderly, prayerful and penitential as was the pious congregation that gathered to do honour to Our Lady of Fatima. Hindus, non-Catholic Christians and Muslims were there, mixed among the Catholics and hardly discernible except for their exterior distinguishing marks. The idea of penance had got so firmly rooted that an expensive wristlet lost in the Esplanade on the reception day was returned to the owner through the ecclesiastical authorities.

IV—JAFFNA'S RESOLUTION RENEWAL OF MARIAN HOMAGE

The visit of the Pilgrim Virgin to Jaffna has afforded a singular opportunity to the Catholics here to display their devotion to Our Lady and their faith in her power. Marian devotion has been part and parcel of the Catholic life of Jaffna ever since the Catholic Church began to take root in the peninsula. In proof of this may be mentioned the fact that no less than six Churches within the limits of the Jaffna town have been consecrated to Our Lady from early times.

The Jaffna Catholics have undoubtedly realized that it is only through Mary that we can find the certain path to Christ, her divine Son. The means to pursue this end has been the Rosary and Jaffna's further proof of this love to Our Lady is that the Monastery at Tholagatty has made the Rosary its symbol, its inspiration and way of life. The rousing reception accorded to the Pilgrim Virgin and the filial devotion of the Jaffna Catholics towards their heavenly mother during the brief stay here is in keeping with the tradition of the Marian devotion in Jaffna and will help to perpetuate this tradition.

A correspondent in the latest edition of the *Ceylon Catholic Messenger* wrote "We in Ceylon show ourselves very good Catholics only during certain times and seasons. Then we take a long rest waiting for something fresh to make us arise from our torpor." But the visit of Our Lady of Fatima should, for all time, impress on us Catholics the triple message which she delivered at Fatima in 1917 and which she is now spreading in her pilgrimage throughout the entire world—Penance, the Rosary and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The message should become an inseparable part of our daily life both as individuals and as members of the society to which we belong. Personal sanctification and an exemplary life are the minimum that the message requires.

FAREWELL CEREMONY AT THE CATHEDRAL

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima was scheduled to start for Trincomalee on Tuesday at 6.00 a.m. from the Cathedral. Her devotees who were increasing in numbers and in fervour observed Monday as a day of pilgrimage to her temporary shrine at the new Cathedral. Hour after hour streams of pilgrims from the different town parishes wended their way to meet Our Lady of Fatima, reciting or rather praying the rosary all along the streets. School children, confraternities and other pious associations vied with one another to do honour to our Pilgrim visitor.

Nor did the night see rest from prayers. Throughout the night a vigil was kept by priests leading the rosary and the people responding without the slightest sign of weariness. At midnight His Lordship the Bishop whose devotion to Our Lady is indefatigable celebrated Holy Mass. Then many more rosaries ascended to heaven from the congregation that knew no thinning. The farewell Mass was said by the Rev. Fr. P. T. James, O.M.I., Parish Priest

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But if one is to be a real child of Mary one must try to aim at the very best method of pleasing Our Lady. When Our Lady asked for Penance, it has to be borne in mind that she included in that term every little action in which we give priority to God's will and not to our own. Whenever we follow the commandments of God or the precepts of the Church we give priority to God's will. Whenever we perform the duties of our state in life with the motive of pleasing God, we are undoubtedly performing penance. The message of Penance can be of course realized in a more effective manner by more positive forms of penance such as regular fasts and abstinence, sacrifices of all kinds and submission to God's will in all things.

Prayer particularly the Rosary has been a common form of our devotion to Our Lady. But what the message particularly stands for is that the mere uttering of words or the mechanical recitation of the Rosary does little good if any. We must pray with our hearts. We must meditate on the mysteries and think of the significance of the words we utter. It was precisely to stress this point that Our Lady urged us to spend a quarter of an hour in thinking over the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary. To come down to practice, the family Rosary, which was being recited by many families before the introduction of the cinemas is in danger of being neglected. Now the members of the family separate, come home at different hours and alas! there is too often no Rosary. Hence one of the resolutions that should be taken by Catholic families, consequent on the visit of Our Lady to our shores, is the resuscitation (if it be not introduction!) of the pious practice of the family Rosary.

The Visit of Our Lady calls thirdly for the Consecration of Ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She understands as nobody else does the significance of those words of her Divine Son "He that is not with me, is against me. He that gathereth not, scattereth." Hence He appealed to each one of us, "My Son Give me thy Heart." Our Lady in order to ensure our devotion to Her Divine Son, in like manner would have us consecrate ourselves to Her Immaculate Heart. It is precisely for this that Our Lady made that wonderful promise connected with the First Five Saturdays for she said "I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say the Rosary and spend a quarter of an hour with me in meditating on the fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary, with the object of making reparation."

Hence the net result of Our Lady's visit to Jaffna must be that we accept in toto the triple message of Our Lady and adhere to them through life. Let the Visit of Our Lady be to all of us a beacon light to illuminate our path, through this world steeped in ignorance and darkness, towards Our Salvation. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary ever reign in our souls!

P. SAVERIMUTTU.



In Ever-Loving Memory

OF

Mary Pillai Ponnuthurai

DIED 25TH JUNE, 1946

"To live in hearts you leave behind
Is not to die"(Inserted by her beloved husband
and children).St. Antony's Lane,
Mathagal, 13th June, 1949.**THE HOLY ROSARY
CAMPAIGN****A Message to the Campaigners**

Members of the Holy Rosary Campaign, please remember to renew your three promises to Our Lady on the occasion of her Visit and to make an Act of Consecration to her. Further it is recommended that you recite one Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Gloria for the deceased members of the Campaign. Please do not fail, to pray for the success of the Crusade. Promoters please encourage your members to do the same.

DIRECTOR,
Holy Rosary Campaign,
St. John Bosco's College,
Hattori.

CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE 1950

THURS....15 S. Germaine.
FRI....16 SACRED HEART.
SAT....17 S. Marcin.
SUN....18 3 P.—S. Ephrem.
MON....19 S. Juliana.
TUES....20 S. Silverius.
WED....21 S. Aloysius.
THURS....22 S. Paulinus.

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**THE BIRTHDAY
HONOURS LIST**

We had occasion, on the publication of the New Year's Honours List, to comment rather sharply on what was missing from the list. Today the time has come to comment on the Birthday List. The omission has been made good. The Tamils have not been bypassed.

We congratulate sincerely the recipients of honours while we still maintain that the list is incomplete. But there is time to remedy that.

The Grand Old Man of the Tamils, as he is called elsewhere in this issue, has been honoured. We are sincerely glad that it has been recognized that honour was due to him even though we continue to be of the opinion that a higher distinction would have been more appropriate. The little more and how much it is, the little less and what worlds away.

To Sir Kanthiah Vaithianathan a very special word of felicitation is due. In his career there has been that quality of omniscience, of silent service, graciousness, tact and the completest level-headedness that one associates with the Civil Service at its best. If one may be pardoned the pun he has been pre-eminently the civil servant of the public. Big responsibilities have never discovered the least

strain of inadequacy to any situation. To Sir Kanthiah and Lady Vaithianathan go our very best wishes.

Our G. A. and our first Mayor are also honoured. The G. A. has been with us for quite a time and few have studied us, our needs and even our weaknesses as he has. Few have kept their heads so completely as he has, fewer still have so successfully resisted being stampeded either by popular clamour or the flattery that we lay on, sometimes maladroitly, sometimes with infinite subtlety.

Sam's name had to appear. It is a tribute to him that he is perhaps the one man in Jaffna that is known everywhere by his Christian name. Sam set up a fine tradition as our first Mayor, a tradition that will, we are sure, continue. He studied every question for himself and he was not afraid to say No when there was any question of jeopardizing the public interest. Fearless, incorruptible yet ever ready to listen carefully and sympathetically to anybody and to any case put to him, he was an excellent choice for our first Mayor. He richly deserves the honour conferred on him. We congratulate him sincerely.

**Feast of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus**

In the Liturgy of this feast, there is scarcely any mention made of the Heart of flesh assumed by our Saviour. The *Introit* which is taken from Jeremiah extols the infinite mercies of Him whose heart did not cast off the children of man.

Collect. The Church deeply moved with gratitude for the immense blessings brought to her by the Sacred Heart prays in her collect that her children may have the grace to appreciate those divine benefits, and receive with holy joy the fruits they are intended to produce.

The immense love which fills the Heart of the man-God and led Him to undergo unparalleled sufferings in order to save us, the meekness and humility of that Divine Heart which He Himself would have us take as the chief characteristic of His whole life—these are the mysteries proposed by the Gradual and Alleluia verse, that we may know them and let them influence our conduct.

The Gospel. Today's Gospel tells us of the beautiful path by which the Church first came. Yes, she was born from the heart of the man-God. She is the work of His love; and it is for this His bride that He has accomplished all His other works. Eve was taken from Adam's side, and it was done as a figure of a future mystery. His side was opened that His bride the Church might come forth. She has but to go to the Sacred Heart and there she will find everything she needs for us.

The Offertory is taken from the 102 Psalm which extols the numberless favours and infinite mercies of God.

The Secret. Let us unite with the Church in imploring Our

Lord to enkindle within our souls the flames of His holy love, that thus our hearts may be in unison with that of our high priest, who offers a sacrifice which is both His own and ours.

The Preface is that of the Holy Cross. Our Jesus was still attached to the sacred wood, when His heart was pierced and opened.

Communion: In order to excite in her children sentiments of reparation to the Sacred Heart, which is so much in the spirit of this feast, the Church at the moment of Communion reminds them how their Jesus was abandoned in the midst of the sufferings which He endured out of love for us.

Post Communion. The Church now prays that her children may increase in true humility, may abate the pride which is so rare in this fallen world, and prove themselves to be the disciples of Him who was meek and humble of heart.

**The Third Sunday
After Pentecost**

In the *Introit*, and the whole Mass for this Sunday, we are taught that prayer must have amongst its other requisite qualities, that of humble repentance for our past sins and of confidence in God's infinite mercy. It is the first Sunday which has no rubrical connection with the great feasts we have been solemnizing.

Epistle. The miseries of this present life are the tests to which God puts His soldiers. He passes judgment upon them and classifies them, according to the degree of courage they have shown. Therefore, it is that we all have our share of suffering. That combat has commenced. God is watching how each of us comforts himself. Happy they, who during these days of probation have recognized the hand of God in all the trials they have had, and have humbled themselves under its pressure, lovingly and confidently. Against such Christians, who have been strong in faith, the "roaring lion" has not been able to prevail. They quietly and joyously unite their sufferings with the sufferings of Christ.

The gradual; keep the same strain it encourages the faithful soul to confidence. Let him cast all his care upon His Heavenly Father; has he not graciously heard him in all his necessities and troubles? As to enemies, let him cast away the thought, "God will see to that, and if it so please Him, He will avenge the soul they persecuted."

The Gospel. The parable of the sheep was a favourite one with early Christians. The same is put before us in today's Gospel, that our confidence may be strengthened in God's infinite mercy. It reminds us of Our Lord ascending into heaven, carrying thither the lost human family which he had won back from Satan and death and sin.

The Offertory is an outpouring of gratitude and love for the God who dwells in Zion. He does not abandon them that seek Him; He does not forget the poor man's prayer.

The Communion Anthem recalls to our minds and with such appropriateness the merciful teaching of today's gospel, now that the Eternal Wisdom has regained full possession of the lost groat by means of the Sacred Banquet which He Himself has given to the repentant prodigal.

OBITUARY

Sgr. A. Tomas Gomez, the father of the Rev. Fr. S. Gomez, O.M.I., Parish Priest, Vankalai died on the 31st of May at the age of 80. The deceased was robust and healthy but began to decline in health last year. Fr. Gomez requests his priest brethren and pious Catholics to pray for the repose of the soul of his beloved father.

**Pilgrim Tells Own Story
of Throat Cure**

Mrs. S. Wijesooria, of Nugegoda, who claims to have been suddenly cured of a chronic throat ailment at Lourdes, arrived in Colombo in the "Orion" on June 12 with the final batch of Holy Year pilgrims. This is her story:

In 1937, following an illness, her throat was affected. In rainy weather or in cold climates she became hoarse and found it almost impossible to talk. Although specialists were consulted, no cure was effected, and her husband and she had almost given up hope of her ever recovering her voice.

They went on the Holy Year pilgrimage and her voice did not trouble her much until they reached Port Said. Then she was not able to speak at all and at one time the question of her returning to Ceylon immediately was debated. But she decided to continue. When Rome was reached, she could not speak.

At Lourdes she decided to enter the baths, but before doing so consulted a throat specialist there. He said that nothing could be done but gave her prescriptions to follow.

The next day she entered the baths. According to her, she stood on the first step leading to the water and was midway through a prayer when she felt as though her throat "was being cut." She became unconscious, and on recovery found she was able to talk normally.

All the pilgrims who returned are unanimous in confirming her sudden recovery.

**Adigar A. Naganather,
J.P., U.M., C.B.E.**

Adigar A. Naganather, the Grand Old Man of Jaffna, and a veteran chieftain of the Tamils, has been for many years "the foremost man in the North by reason of his aristocratic family connection and by his long life of service to his country." Gifted with unusually robust health, which he has maintained to the ripe old age of 100 years, he has been hailed as the very embodiment of the history of Jaffna.

He was for many years Head Shroff of the National Bank of India Ltd., Nuwara Eliya, where he was succeeded by his son, Gate Mudaliyar N. Canaganayagam. Since his retirement, his life has been one of service to the country. He was, among other things, of particular assistance to the people in his capacity as a popular arbitrator in labour disputes and in that vital campaign against ankylostomiasis among the estate population in 1917.

In Jaffna, he has been President of the Board of Directors of the Jaffna Hindu College for many years, in succession to the late Sir Ambalavanar Kanagasabai. He was President of the Saiva Paripalana Sabha and Manager of the Skanda-Varodaya College. The Adigar had also been largely instrumental in the promotion and vitalizing of the Co-operative movement in the North, and in the establishment and successful conduct of the Jaffna Co-operative Central Bank, of which he was first Managing Director and then Patron. He was for many years on the Selection Board for the appointment of District Revenue Officers. Adigar Naganather is a keen agriculturist, and has

contributed a great deal to the agricultural and general uplift of Jaffna's inhabitants.

He had moreover, during the course of two world wars, despite his advanced age, exerted himself greatly in the furtherance of war efforts in addition to the personal monetary contributions he had made towards educational and charitable funds.

Adigar Naganathan has been Jaffna's most picturesque figure since the death of Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan and it has been said of him, that as Adigar of the Tamils, he has maintained and, in large measure, enhanced the high dignity attaching to that ancient rank.

We who have urged that a higher honour should have been conferred on the Adigar rejoice with him all the same in the honour that has been done him.

INFANT JESUS HOME, JAFFNA

Started in a small way not far from the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a little Home for babies and little children unwanted by their parents or abandoned by their mothers. A visit to the Home will convince even the casual observer of the immense pains—nay the extreme pleasure—the lady in charge of this home takes to relieve the sufferings of these innocents and to brighten their dark and dismal lives. This Home is typical of such institutions—thriving in the midst of difficulties and financial stringency. There are at present gathered in this Home eight children of various castes and creeds under the motherly supervision of the lady in charge assisted by a poorly paid assistant. The Home needs the minimum requirements that young human beings require. There is a dearth of clothing for the babies and playthings for the toddlers. There is an urgent need of the services of a medical officer who will undertake that work induced by the spirit of Christian charity. There is an acute shortage of foodstuffs particularly in the form of milk and fruits. The St. Vincent de Paul Conference, St. James' Parish, Jaffna, is the only body that has so far been regularly though not lavishly supporting this institution for the last six months as a quasi recognized home. Did not Our Lord Jesus ask the Apostles to "suffer little children to come unto me?" Did not St. Vincent de Paul spend a great part of his busy time in alleviating the wants of such deserted young children? Did not other Saints, like St. Ignatius Loyola, St. John Baptist de La Salle spend much of their time in planning and promoting the education of young infants. Truly a Christian home is the foundation of a lasting and religious education.

Well, the Infant Jesus Home, provides the scope for the practice of beneficence to all generous hearted and sympathetic Catholics and non Catholics. It is a cause worthy of the visit of Legionaries and the support of Vincentians. Medical practitioners, with a social outlook, will find here a deserving field for their honorary practice. The Members of the Jaffna Health League will find here an asylum for the unwanted babies whose welfare needs their support and encouragement. Every Conference of St. Vincent de Paul could help this Home with funds, food and discarded clothing and playthings. Nothing is too good for these children and nothing is useless for them. It is a cause worth everybody's support.

Will all those interested (and who will not be interested?) send their gifts, and donations to:

The lady in charge,
Infant Jesus Home,
St. James' Parish, Jaffna,
or The Rev. Fr. Parish Priest,
St. James' Parish, Jaffna.

I Like to be a Citizen of Ceylon

"I like Ceylonese so much that I should like to become a citizen of Ceylon," declared Dr. B. R. Ambekdar, the Indian Law Minister who arrived in Madras on June 12 from Trivandrum. Dr. Ambekdar who expressed his admiration for the Ceylonese people in these words, had recently been in the Island to attend the Buddhist Conference.

Local and General

Central Clerical Exam.—1950

A competitive examination for male candidates wishing to enter—

- (i) The General Clerical Class of—
 - (a) The General Clerical Service;
 - (b) The Railway Clerical Service;
 - (c) The Postal Clerical Service;
 - (d) The Customs Clerical Service; &
- (ii) Class II of the Postmasters' and Signallers' Service, will be held in Colombo, Kandy, Galle, Jaffna, and Batticaloa, commencing on Sept. 20, 1950.

Public Examinations

Candidates for the Higher School Certificate and Senior School Certificate (English/Sinhalese/Tamil) Examinations from Government Schools and from non-fee levying Assisted Schools will be admitted without fee only on one occasion for the same examination. For a subsequent entry the usual stamp fee is payable. Candidates who have already sat for an examination without fees will not be admitted to the same examination unless the full fee is paid. This regulation will be effective for examination to be held after 1-10-50.

Silver Jubilee of Teacher

Pupils and well-wishers joined in paying their tributes to Mr. A. Gnana Pragasam, senior science teacher, who celebrated his 25th anniversary as a teacher at St. Benedict's College at a "social" held at the K.C.Y.M.A. Hall on Saturday evening. Prof. A.W. Mylvaganam, Professor of Physics University of Ceylon, said that Mr. Gnana Pragasam was one of those who had revolutionized the teaching of geography in schools. He drew attention to the exhibition held at St. Benedict's in 1932, 1933 and 1937 which had been an immense success.

Rev. Bro. Austin, Director of St. Benedict's College, said that the large number present at the social was eloquent testimony to his wide popularity as a teacher.

Messrs. B.D.H.J. de Silva, Clarence Fernando and T. B. Lionel also spoke. A presentation was made on behalf of the old pupils and teachers.

P.W.D. Catholic Guild

The Annual General Meeting of the above Guild was held in the P.W.D. Head Office Premises on Wednesday the 7th June, 1950.

The following office-bearers were elected for the coming year:—

President: Muban. J.A. Leon Perera Wijewardene.

Vice-President: Mr. S. Gnanapragasam.

Hony Secretary: Mr. Francis X. Joachim.

Hony. Treasurer: Mr. H.L. De Soysa.

Asst. Secretary: Mr. P. D. A. G. De Silva.

Asst. Treasurer: Mr. H.H. de Silva.

Librarian: Mr. H. Henry.

The following members were also elected to represent the committee of management.

- (a) Ministry of Transport & Works: Mr. S. Ranatunga; (b) General Office: Mr. P. C. Cooray; (c) Financial Section: Mr. T. D. Jerome; (d) Architectural Section: Mr. J. Ryan; (e) Designs Section: Mr. E. C. P. Ranasinghe; (f) Water Works Section: Mr. W. H. Fernando; (g) P.W.D. Office at Torrington Square: Mr. J. E. Perera; (h) Bridge Section: Mr. E. Benedict; (i) Govt. Factory: Mr. W. M. Fernando; (j) Civil Aviation Dept.: Mr. V. E. Fernando; (k) Air Ceylon: Mr. L. C. Samarakoon; (l) Minor Employees: Mr. L. C. Perera.

The Lanka Ayurvedic Medical College and Siddha Institute, Jaffna

The North-Ceylon Board of Indigenous Medicine has declared the following students to have passed in the Annual Examination held in March 1950.

Final Year or D.A.M.—P. Philips (2nd class), K. Pararajasingham (3rd class), V. Chelliah (3rd class).

Third Year or I.A.M.—V. Sivaprasam (3rd class).

Second Year or S.A.M.—T. Thambiayya (3rd class), S. Paramanatham (3rd class), K. Kanapathipillai (3rd class), V. Sinnappu (3rd class).

First Year or Premedical—Nil.

The order followed above is according to merit.

WHO Committee to Meet in Ceylon

The Regional Committee of the World Health Organization will meet in Nuwara Eliya in September this year to discuss the programme for 1951.

This is the first time a regional meeting is being held outside Delhi.

The conference will be opened by the Minister of Health and Local Administration. He will also preside.

The programme of the conference will be mainly the drawing up of the needs of member nations for 1951.

Civil Servants May Get a Bonus

Certain Civil Servants will in future be entitled to an honorarium or bonus.

The minute gazetted on June 2 stated that Civil Servants in acting appointments were not eligible for "acting pay."

Under this regulation, the Government expects all Civil Service personnel to be available to do work in any post calling for their training.

It is stipulated that these extra emoluments should not exceed one fourth of the initial salary payable in the acting office.

Dearness Allowance May be Doubled

Government is considering the adoption of a proposal to increase the dearness allowance payable to all Government servants. If the proposal is carried out, the dearness allowance will be nearly doubled.

Not only will the dearness allowance be doubled if the proposal is carried out, but is also likely that allowances will be paid in retrospect for a period of nine months.

Air Ceylon Begin a New Schedule

Air Ceylon began a new schedule of service from June 12.

The daily morning and evening services to Jaffna in the internal network start at 7 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. This service previously started at 10 a.m. and 3 50 p.m.

The daily service to Madras via Jaffna, which previously began at 3-50 p.m., now begins at 3 p.m. This service connects Nagpur, Bombay, Karachi, Delhi and Calcutta from Madras.

The Trichinopoly service via Jaffna will leave at 7 a.m. where previously the service left at 7 p.m.

The once-a-week service to Karachi on Mondays via Trichy and Bombay, which used to leave Colombo at 7 a.m. will now start fifteen minutes earlier.

Malaya Guerillas Will be Defeated

British War Minister, John Strachey and Colonial Secretary James Griffiths, on their return from the Far East on Sunday both expressed confidence that the Malayan guerillas would be defeated, and pledged Britain to advance Malaya towards full self-Government when the emergency is over.

But neither Minister was prepared to predict an early end to Malayan warfare.

Mr. Strachey said it was impossible to forecast how long it would take to suppress the "Communist uprising," and emphasized that this was not a job for the army alone.

"It is very largely a problem for the police and civil administration following on the army," he declared.

English Hierarchy Centenary Celebrations

Four Cardinals and more than 60 Bishops will attend a banquet in London's Grosvenor House on September 30 to mark the centenary of the restoration of the Hierarchy of England and Wales. All the English Bishops will be there and at least 40 Bishops from abroad. Those who have already accepted invitations include Cardinal von Preysing of Berlin, Cardinal Frings of Cologne and Cardinal Gerlier of Lyons. Norway, Sweden and Denmark are sending their Bishops and, of course,

there will be Archbishops and Bishops from Scotland and Ireland and various parts of the British Empire. The banquet will be one of the main social events of the centenary congress.

WEDDING

FRANCIS—JOSEPH

The marriage was solemnized at Our Lady of Refuge, Jaffna of Mr. J. N. Francis, son of the late Mr. Paul Francis, Secretary of Courts, Kays and of Mrs. Annamma Francis with Miss Rane Magdalene Joseph, daughter of Mr. B. P. Joseph, Chief Clerk, District Court, Jaffna and of Mrs. Joseph.

The service was fully choral. Rev. Fr. B. Wm. JesuThasan, O.M.I., a relative of the bridegroom officiated. The bride who was given away by her father wore a white benares saree with a broad silver border to match. She carried a cascade bouquet of madonna lilies and tube roses.

The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Marcus Thambiah as bestman. The bride was attended by Miss Violet Joseph as bridesmaid. The flower girls were Misses Saverimuttu. The attending witnesses to the marriage were Mr. W. G. Spencer, A.D.J., Jaffna and Mr. R.C.S. Cooke, Asst. Registrar of Co-op. Societies.

The reception was held at the Town Hall, Jaffna and was well attended. Mr. R. R. Selvadurai, the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Justice proposed the toast, seconded by Mr. R.C.S. Cooke, A. R. C. S. The bridegroom replied appropriately.

Letters to the Editor

The Pilgrim Virgin

Dear Sir,

The passage of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima through the different provinces of Ceylon is being welcomed with such enthusiastic marks of devotion, that it has been decided to end up the Ceylon Tour with a great demonstration on the last day, viz. July 15th at the Victoria Park in front of the Town Hall. This will give an opportunity, not only to the Catholics, but to the very large number of non-Catholics who have shown such great interest, to pay their final homage to Our Lady in a fitting manner.

Voluntary subscriptions from Catholics as well as non-Catholics willing to contribute towards the expenses connected with the visit of the Pilgrim Virgin, and especially with the final ceremonies at the Victoria Park will be gratefully received by the Chairman Fatima Committee at St. Joseph's College, Colombo.

All subscriptions will be individually acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,
G. R. M. DE MEL,
A. M. MUTHUCUMARU,
Joint Hony Secretaries,
Fatima Committee.

C.R.N.V.R. Headquarters,
Colombo, 8th June, 1950.

NOTICE

The complimentary dinner to Mr. P. Saverimuttu, M.A., Principal Palaly Training College which was fixed for Saturday the 17th inst. has at the request of many friends been postponed to Wednesday the 28th inst. Dinner subscribers please note the change of date.

S. F. ALPHONSUS,
St. Patrick's College.

THANKSGIVINGS

Grateful thanks, St. Anthony for many favours received.

BENEDICT.

Our Lady of Fatima for a favour immediately granted.

A. R.

Bl. Martin de Porres for a favour received.

A. R.

Correction: Order Nisi No. 1143 extended till 20th June, 1950.

Jaffna Venerates Fatima

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of the Cathedral at 5 a.m. and the farewell prayers were led by the Rev. Fr. L. J. Augustine, O.M.I., Rev. Fr. S. Rajanayagam, O.M.I., preached the farewell sermon touching on the highlights of Our Lady's visit. He offered to her the determination of the Catholics of Jaffna to continue their customary Marian tradition which had certainly been renewed and rejuvenated by Our Lady's visit.

There was wisdom and foresight in our caption, "Our hearts are ready." One could perceptibly feel that the Catholics of Jaffna had prepared themselves not only to receive Our Lady but also to take to heart the message she brought to us. After all one had seen and heard one cannot in the least doubt that Our Lady was pleased with the contrite hearts her children of Jaffna offered to her; one cannot doubt the deluge of graces that is in store for us. Ave Maria.

North Ceylon Oriental Music Society, Jaffna

Pass List of the 1950 Examination

Note: * before name denotes distinction in general theory.
† before subject in brackets denotes distinction in the practical of that subject.

Teachers' Grade

- 1st. Class:- Dharmavathy Ruthrapathy (Violin)
2nd. Class:- Saraswathi Nadarasa (Violin)
Pass:- Kandiah Nalliah (Vocal)

Grade V.

- 1st. Class:- Murugesu Varnakulasingham (* Vocal)
* Leelawathy Somasundram (* Vocal * Veena)
* Sethichelathevy Navaratnam (* Violin)
Sarasvathy Nadrasa (Violin)

- 2nd. Class:- Ramupillai Thirunavakarasu (Vocal)
Vallipuram Paramasamy (Vocal)

- Murugambal Nadarajah (Vocal)
Maheswarythevy Appathurai (Veena)
Retnam Rasanayagam (Vocal)
Sivanithi Satchithanatham (Vocal)
Nannmalar Nagalingam (Vocal)
Sironmany Ponnuthurai (Vocal)
Thambypillai Rasiah (Vocal)

Grade IV.

- 1st. Class:- * Primrose Sebenesamalar Sherrad (Violin)
Rajamalar Ariyarajah (Veena)
* Kumaravelu Chelliah (Flute)
Sathiwathy Sabaratnam (* Vocal * Violin)
* Pasupathy Balachandran (* Vocal)

- 2nd. Class:- Wigneswari Pathmanathan (Vocal)
* Muthiah Sambasivam (Vocal)

- Rajamany Kanthiah (Violin)
Iyappamenon Sangarayanayanan (Vocal)
Ruthrani Sivakanthi Nallanthan (Violin)
Pass:- Sherragratnakurukkal Markanda Iyer (Vocal)
Velupillai Thambyrajah (Vocal, Violin)
Thevanesam Perinbanyagam (Violin)

Grade III.

- 1st. Class:- * Poomany Velupillai (Vocal)
Gnanasakuntala Gnana-sundram (Vocal)
Rajamany Maepenar (Violin)

2nd. Class:-

Pass:-

- Mohenambikai Sellakuddy (* Vocal)
* Balambikai Nadarajah (Vocal)
* Vallinayaki Subramaniam (* Vocal)
Yogarajnam Manickam (Vocal)
Ponnambalam Theiventhran (Vocal)
Saraswathipillai Nagamuthu (Vocal)
Kirirajakannikambal Ratnasamykurukkal (Vocal)
Kamalanayaki Vythilingam (Veena)
Pathmavathy Thurairatnam (Vocal)
Lily Annamalar Chelliah (Violin)
Kandiah Balasubramaniam (Vocal)
Kamalathevy Sivasubramaniam (Vocal)
Hannah Rubavathi Rajaratnam (Violin)
Sarchinthevy Thababalingham (Vocal, Violin)
Sarathathevy Ponnambalam (Violin)
Kamalawathy Arilingam (Violin)
Pathmavathy Arilingam (Violin)
Savithiridevi Wijayarajnam (Violin)
Annaletchumy Ithambo (Violin)
Manomany Ponniah (Violin)
Parameswary Chinnappah (Violin)
Parvathakalyani Kanasabapathy (Vocal)
Ranee Sathiyavathy Amirthanayagam (Violin)
Kamalavathy Ponnudurai (Vocal)

Grades II. & I.

Results will be published and sent to candidates when they are received from the Examiner.

S. P. SATCUNAN,
President N.C.O.M.S.

Education Office,
Jaffna, 27-5-50.

BOOK REVIEW

St. Patrick's College Centenary Souvenir

Edited by Advocate A. GnanaPrakasam and containing stimulating contributions from some of the most eminent men in Ceylon, this souvenir, bearing the title "Century of Progress," records the progressive growth of Ceylon from 1850 to 1950.

The Rt. Hon. D. S. Senanayake, Prime Minister, who writes a foreword says: "If the true test of the worth of an educational institution is the character of the citizens it moulds and sends into the country, then St. Patrick's ranks among the foremost of our secondary schools on account of the generations of its past students who have displayed a respect for authority, a love of service and genuine patriotism during the last one hundred years."

Says the editor: "The college and the country are interconnected. The college is a co-related part of the developing organism, the NATION. In focussing on the college in review, the whole country has to be caught up in perspective."

This catching-up process is accomplished with the aid of such distinguished writers as Mr. S. A. Pakeman, one-time Professor of History at the University of Ceylon and now an honoured Member of the Parliament of Ceylon, Mr. H. A. J. Hulugalle at one time Editor of "The Ceylon Daily News," Mr. H. D. Jansz, Editor, "The Ceylon Observer," Mr. T. A. Burns, Director of Public Works, Mr. Dudley Senanayake, Minister of Agriculture, and others of known eminence.

The souvenir contains "Gleanings from the Annals of St. Patrick's" which may be regarded as descriptive of the landmarks of the history of this reputed northern educational institution. T. S. — In the "Times," 5-6-1950.

Order Nisi Declaring Will Proved

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

In the matter of the last will and testament of the late Margaret Ellen Manuel widow of John Manuel of Jaffna Town.

Deceased

Testamentary Jurisdiction } No. 1182

1. Mary Josephine Thangapon widow of J. B. Sinnathamby and
2. Wenceslaus Louis Edirmanasinghe both of Jaffna Town.

Petitioners.

Vs.

1. Euginius Vincent Navaratnam Edirmanasinghe
2. Mrs. J. Simon both of Jaffna Town
3. Mrs. M. M. Edirmanasinghe of the Home for the Aged Colombogam
4. The Parish Priest of the Cathedral, Jaffna,

Respondents.

This matter coming on for determination before W. G. Spencer Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 16th day of May 1950 in the presence of Mr. Vital Moses Proctor on the part of the petitioners and the affidavit and petition of the petitioners dated 16th day of May 1950 and the affidavit of the Notary who attested the Last Will and Testament and the witnesses thereto having been read:

It is ordered that the last will and testament bearing date 1st March 1950 and attested by Vital Moses Notary Public under No. 899 the original of which is now deposited in Court be and the same is hereby declared proved and that Probate thereof be granted to the petitioners as the executors named in the said last will and testament unless the respondents or any person or persons interested in these proceedings shall appear before this Court on or before the 7th day of July 1950 and show cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 16th day of May 1950.

Sgd. W. G. SPENCER,
District Judge.

The above Order Nisi is extended for 30-6-1950.
Extended till 20th June 1950.

Drawn by:
Vital A. Moses,
Proctor for Petitioners.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Gregory Joseph of Jaffna who died in Colombo.

Deceased.

Testamentary Jurisdiction } No. 1143

Rosalind Joseph widow of Gregory Joseph of 4th Cross Street, Jaffna.

Petitioner.

Vs.

- Minor 1. Anton Joseph
" 2. Mildred Joseph
" 3. Juliet Joseph and
4. J. G. Aloysius all of 4th Cross Street, Jaffna.

Respondents.

This action coming on for disposal before T. Muttusamy Pillas Esquire District Judge, Jaffna, on the 25th day of May, 1950 in the presence of Mr. W. B. Canagaratna Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th respondent be and he is appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors 1st to 3rd respondents for the purpose of watching their interests in these testamentary proceedings and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased abovenamed be granted to the petitioner as widow of the said deceased unless the respondents shall appear before this Court and show cause to the satisfaction of this Court on or before the 14th day of June 1950.

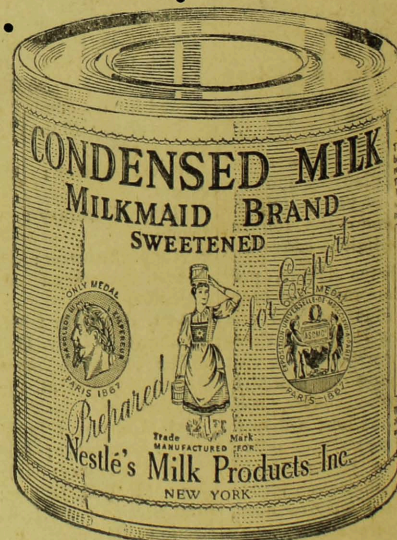
And it is further ordered that the said minors be produced before this Court on the said date.

The 25th day of May, 1950.
Sgd. W. G. SPENCER,
District Judge.

Drawn by:
Sgd. W. B. Canagaratna,
Proctor for Petitioners.

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