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**Calendar of Events**

February 4:  
Foreign Missions Sunday, C.S.I.

February 6:  
Ceylon - America Society Reception at Trimmer Hall at 6 p.m.

February 7 - 10:  
"Camp Farthest Out" by Roland Brown and Marcia Brown at the Christa Seva Ashram.

February 11:  
Hospital Sunday, Special Service at the C.S.I. Church, Manipay, at 6 p.m.

**NEW PRINCIPAL FOR THE CO-OPERATIVE TRAINING SCHOOL**

Mr. K. Paramathayan, B.A. (Ceylon), Dip. in Ed., (Ceylon) and London, till recently of the staff of St. John's College, Jaffna, has assumed the Principalship of the Co-operative Training School, Jaffna.

**An Appreciation**

**THE LATE MR. J. T. R. PERINPANAYAGAM**

On the 6th January, 1968, James Thuraiyah Roberts Perinpanayagam entered into the fuller life of Everlasting Bliss. His call came when he was holidaying in England with his wife in the house of their eldest son, Dr. Mahendran Perinpanayagam, in Kent. He was richly blessed in life and had attained the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten. The late Mr. Perinpanayagam hailed from a distinguished and respected Tamil Christian family in Jaffna. His father was the late Roberts Vethavanam Perinpanayagam. His mother was a descendant of the equally well-known Hensman family.

boarder was bitten by a viper. Mrs. Perinpanayagam promptly applied her mouth to the wound and sucked out the poison. There are many other deeds of this kind which can be mentioned, but space will not permit this. Mr. and Mrs. Perinpanayagam cared for, nourished and nurtured the boys, who were entrusted to them, with great devotion and affection.

He was par excellence a teacher. As an administrator, he was the equal of the best.

His great qualities of head and heart were seen by all who came into contact with him during the long period of time when he served as a teacher at St. John's College, Jaffna, Trinity College, Kandy, Royal College, Colombo, as Headmaster of Royal College Branch, Bandarawela, during the war years and finally as Headmaster of St. Thomas' Preparatory School, Kollupitiya, where he served for 15 years.

He set up high standards of teaching and learning in every school where he worked. In Kollupitiya the magnificent hall, the class rooms, the administration block, the beautiful Chapel and the other buildings were put up during his stewardship. They were literally the result of his hard work and prayers. He was virtually the planner, the architect and the builder.

St. Thomas Preparatory School, in particular, therefore, can be said to be largely his creation and will always bear the impress of his kindly personality. Thomas Carlyle has said "history is the essence of innumerable biographies". The history of St. Thomas' Preparatory School is certainly that. But mostly it is the story of the complete dedication and self-less service of its beloved Headmaster J. T. R. Perinpanayagam.

Mr. Perinpanayagam actively participated in the work of the Bible Society, the Colombo Y. M. C. A. and many other organisations, too numerous to mention. He was an active churchman and helped the Church of Ceylon in many capacities. He also supported the other churches. His first love was St. John's College, Jaffna, and it always occupied a warm place in his heart. He was the President of its O. B. A. Colombo Branch and worked hard to maintain it as a private non-fee-paying school.

As a husband, parent and friend, Mr. Perinpanayagam's life was a model for others to follow. He had an affectionate nature and was humble and courteous at all times, to everybody big or small, old or young. The large concourse of people who attended his funeral in Colombo, which included the Governor General, Ministers of State, Judges, Heads of Departments, Principals of Schools and teachers, Doctors, Lawyers, parents, pupils, - present and past, bore ample testimony to the high esteem in which he was held and the love and regard they had for him.

However, it has been said that it is not the verdict of public opinion, but the verdict of God that settles destiny. I have no doubt that, when our dear friend and loved one entered the Eternal Presence, he was welcomed with the words - "Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of Thy Lord".

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Mr. Perinpanayagam is to be held at Christ Church, Galle Face, Colombo on 6.2.68 at 9.30 a.m. The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Kurunegala will preach at the service. For further details, contact the Noolaham Foundation, Jaffna.

**The Late Mr. C. Coomaraswamy**

The death that occurred last week in Colombo of Mr. C. Coomaraswamy has removed from the country not merely a leading member of the Tamil community but also one of its most distinguished citizens. He was, as described by Senator Obeyesekere when speaking on the vote of condolence on his death before the Senate, an extremely versatile person and served with rare distinction in all spheres. He was, first of all, a distinguished Civil Servant. Entering the Civil Service in 1910, at the age of 23, (before that he was a clerical servant) he filled most acceptably several important positions for a period of 37 years. Some of the positions he held were; those of the Deputy Commissioner of Stamps, the Acting Registrar General, the first Registrar of Motor Cars (responsible for organising the Motor Commissioner's Department), the Government Agent of the Uva and the Northern Provinces, and the District Judge of Kurunegala and Jaffna. In these and all other positions he was found to be an extremely able and efficient administrator.

When he retired in 1947, he was made a Senator by the late Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the then Prime Minister. His nomination into the first Senate was welcomed generally as one conforming to the intentions of the Constitution. Unfortunately his services on the Senate was limited only to two years. In 1949 he was appointed the High Commissioner for Ceylon in India. The five years he spent in New Delhi were rather eventful years. It fell to his lot to handle the explosive situation created by the adoption of the Indian and Pakistani Citizenship Act by Ceylon's Parliament. He had to explain to India the reasons behind the passing of that Act. He emphasised: "Ours is a small country with a population of over 8 million which is expanding. But India has nothing to fear about Ceylon's attitude towards her." The manner in which he thus acquitted himself as a diplomat left nothing to be desired.

He was a trusted leader of the Tamil community and worked hard for the opening of the Hindu temples to the depressed classes. He was President of the Board of Directors of Jaffna Hindu College.

Never a demagogue out for cheap popularity, he was noted for the soundness of his opinions and clarity of outlook. One thing that distressed him was the feeling of suspicion and animosity that marred the relations between the Sinhalese and the Tamils. During the tragic days of the communal troubles in 1953, it was in his house and under his direction that a circular letter to the Sinhalese from the Tamils was drafted, explaining to them the real grievances of the Tamil community. Minister Tiruchelvam very aptly called him the other day in the Senate as one symbolising the unity between communities.

**HIS SMILE**

*What is the Grace of God theologians talk so much about? They make the whole thing seem mysterious. What is God's Grace, but just His smile, Welcoming us into His close embrace?*

*The smile of God to greet men as they run their race, The smile of God to wipe the dust from off my face, The smile of God when I am in disgrace, This is God's grace.*

*The smile of God behind his frown, when I do wrong, The smile of God which shines through His rebuke, The smile of God when life, when sin, when self defeats my life,*

Bryan de Kretser  
Eritipur.

**WEDDINGS**

The marriage was solemnized at the C. S. I. Church, Chavakachcheri, on Saturday, the 27th January, at 4-30 p.m. of Mr. George T. Vaidyanathan, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Thuralanpah of Araly North, and Miss Christobel Satkunathay Navaratnam, daughter of Mr. G. Y. Navaratnam of Station Lane, Chavakachcheri, and the late Mrs. Navaratnam. The Rev. A. C. Thambirajah officiated at the solemnisation, assisted by the Revs. R. S. Jayasingam and N. Kathiravelu. Following the church ceremony, the bride's father held a reception at the Dierberg College quadrangle. The bride is a grand daughter of the late Rev. E. K. Yesuthasan.

The wedding took place on Monday, the 29th January, at 4-30 p.m. at the St. James' Church, Nallur, of Dr. S. Mathesan, Lecturer in Dental Surgery at the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya and son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Sinnathural of Nugal West, and Miss S. Mathesana Mathaparanam Arasaratnam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Arasaratnam of Nivalur Road, Jaffna. The Rev. R. H. Hoole officiated at the solemnisation, and the Rev. W. R. Kumarasamy preached the homily. A reception was held at the bride's residence after the solemnisation.

**HOSPITAL SUNDAY**

**A COMBINED SERVICE**

by the

**MISSION HOSPITALS**

will be held on

**Sunday, 11th February, 1968,**

at the

**C. S. I. CHURCH, MANIPAY,**

**AT 6 P. M.**

Preacher: DR. V. A. BENJAMIN

All are cordially invited to be present.

A Communion Service will be held at the Ashram at 8-30 a.m. on the same day followed by a Conference of Christian Medical Workers in Jaffna.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the Ashram.

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**CAMP FARTHEST OUT**

Pastor Roland Brown and Marcia Brown will conduct a Camp Farthest Out at the Christa Seva Ashram from 4-00 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7th, till noon on Saturday 10th. For further details contact Rev. S. Selvaretnam at the Christa Seva Ashram.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**DR. A. R. S. WILLIAMS**

who passed to the life beyond on 2nd February, 1961.

A life well spent  
Safe in the arms of Jesus.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Thambirajar.

"Santha Villa",  
No. 4, Old Park Road,  
Jaffna.

**ATTENDING THE E. A. C. C. CONFERENCE AT BANGKOK**

Mrs. A. J. C. Sivaratnam, wife of the Rev. A. J. C. Sivaratnam, Warden of St. Thomas College, Mount Lavinia and Chairman of the East Asian Women's Conference, is also attending from Ceylon the Conference of the E. A. C. C., now being held in Bangkok.

**NEWS OF FRIENDS ABROAD**

Mr. Valentine Danish, recently in the Jaffna College School Department, writes from 140 Lakeview Ave Havenhill, Massachusetts, that in his Christmas vacation he had dinner at Irvington, Massachusetts with Mr. and Mrs. Manoharan, of the Undergraduate staff, at the home of Dr. M. D. Dastgir and his wife. Mr. Danish is nephew of Mr. Vethavanam of Vaddukoddai, and a son-in-law of the Rev. and Mrs. J. T. S. Handy of Kopye is another Old Boy of Jaffna College, currently at the Primate Research Center of Harvard Medical School.

Valentine reports that he spent a week over Christmas with the Pilgrim Fellowship (young people's group) of a Church in Oberlinfield, Western Massachusetts.

**VISITS OF DISTINGUISHED EDUCATIONIST AND THEATRICAL DIRECTOR**

The British Council is sponsoring the visits of two distinguished persons to Ceylon early next month. The first is Dr. Marjorie Reeves, the distinguished educationist and medieval historian, who will be in the island between the 6th and 13th of February. Among her engagements are two lectures: on the 7th on "Archaeology and Legend", under the auspices of the Classical Association of Ceylon and the other on the 12th on "Problems of Higher Education and the Education of Women", under the auspices of the Ceylon Federation of University Women. Both these will be in Colombo.

The second visitor is Mr. Peter Potter, the eminent theatrical Director. He will be visiting Ceylon for about one month beginning from the 17th February. He will be conducting workshops. Mr. Brian Presland, who was recently here with the Progress Productions, is also expected about the same time as Mr. Potter and will be directing the backstage aspects of the workshops.

**RETURNING TO CEYLON**

Notices has been received that on January 9, 1968, the Executive Council of the U. C. B. W. M. authorized Miss Dorothy G. Appleby (Ceylon) to return to the field. The return is in response to the request of the Jaffna Diocese for work in the Marumattal Office. She should be arriving at the end of February.

**PERSONAL**

Mr. E. S. Appudurai, Deputy Secretary, Employers' Federation, who left the island in December to attend the I. L. O. Conference representing the Employers' Federation, returned to the island last week. After the Conference he had been visiting England, the United States, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore. In Canada he spent some time with his brother, Mr. E. R. Appudurai, who is a Lecturer at the Toronto University.

Mr. Vijayaratanam Chagasabai, Assistant Commissioner, Co-operative Department, has been transferred to Jaffna. He is the second son of the late Mudir, and Mrs. V. Chagasabai of Mudir, Chagasabai Road, Manipay.













2ND FEBRUARY, 1968.

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

The twentieth anniversary of Ceylon's Independence, which falls on the 4th inst. should normally be celebrated with great rejoicing throughout the country.

First, the people are in no mood for celebrations because of the very paralyzing difficulties they are experiencing in their daily lives.

Secondly, in spite of the fact that the National Government has succeeded, to some degree, in restoring national unity and in meeting the justifiable demands of minorities, which had suffered discrimination, humiliation and oppression under its predecessors, the Governments of the late Mr. Bandaranaike and Mrs. Bandaranaike and the Coalition, the minorities still nurse a feeling of frustration and resentment.

Then, again, large numbers of the Tamil themselves continue to feel that they are regarded here in the land of their birth only as second class citizens.

ment to observe the Independence Day as a day of mourning as due to the aberrations of one individual, its leader Mr. C. Suntharalingam. Quite a number of people are in this Movement.

EVANGELISM IN THAILAND

Sunday, the 4th of February, will be observed in the churches of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India as Foreign Missions Sunday.

When the Church of South India came into being, it realised that carrying on missionary work outside her own borders was essential for its own life.

It was because the Western churches realised this that the Gospel came here. About a hundred and fifty years ago missionaries from America and England came to India and Ceylon and preached the Gospel here.

The first missionaries sent out by the Church of South India worked in Papua, in New Guinea, off the coast of Australia.

In 1958 the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Manickam of the Tinnevely Diocese were sent as our missionaries. They have been working there now for ten years.

The financial responsibility for supporting this work lies on the Diocese of the Church of South India. Each Diocese is responsible for an allotted amount to be paid yearly.

Bishop's House, Vaddukottai.

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE-SEMINAR OF TAMIL STUDIES

By A. SHANMUGATHASAN, (Lecturer, College Department, Jaffna College)

The Tamil language, which was once considered to be spoken by the people of the region consisting of Thiruvangadam as the Northern boundary, Kanyakumari as the Southern boundary, and two seas on the other two sides, has now become an international language spoken by Americans, Russians, Czechs, Swiss, Rumanians, etc.

The International Association of Tamil Research, (I. A. T. R.) was founded in 1961 after the 26th International Congress of Orientalists held in New Delhi, which was attended by Prof. K. Kanupathi Pillai from Ceylon.

The Convenor of the Second International Conference for Tamil Studies, Mr. Subbiah (an eminent Dravidologist), with the assistance of Mr. V. S. Thiagarajamudaliyar and the Government of Madras, started making elaborate plans to make this Conference a grand one.

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Delegates from different lands started coming from the 29th of December, 1967. The Hospitality Committee of the Conference, manned by leading industrialists of the Madras city, had made elaborate arrangements for the comfort of the foreign delegates and observers.

pus of the University of Madras, located by the side of the Marina Beach.

This Conference was organized with a two-fold purpose: first, to bring together scholars interested in various fields of Tamil studies and enable them to exchange information through research papers and discussion, on their respective fields; second, to enable University and other academic organizations, not presently interested in Tamil studies, to assess first hand through their own observers the value and scope of Tamil studies for possible inclusion in their own University programmes.

The general procedure adopted during the Conference week was to devote the mornings to Plenary Sessions at which leading scholars presented papers on some broad aspects of Tamil studies. The afternoons were devoted to the presentation and discussion of shorter papers on the following fields:

At the Plenary Session on the 4th January Fr. Thannayagam was the Chairman and Prof. Jean Filliozat, the President of the I. A. T. R., and Dr. K. K. Pillay presented papers.

He said that there is immense material at the disposal of the scholars who want to study Tamil and the Tamilians through archaeology and through all the different sources completing and explaining the archaeological ones. He illustrated his statement with many evidences.

On Friday morning January 5, the I. A. T. R. President, Prof. Jean Filliozat, occupied the chair. Dr. H. D. Sankalia, who presented a paper on "The Beginning of Civilization in South India", was unable to attend the Conference. His paper was read by Dr. Sarkar.

On the third day Dr. Kamil Zvelebil spoke on "From Proto-South Dravidian to Old Tamil and Malayalam". The acme of the Conference was reached in the second paper of this morning session. It was on the "Tamil Brahmi Inscriptions of the Sangam Age" by Sri Irvatham Madhavani, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Food, New Delhi.

UNION WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

By the Rev. Dr. James S. Mather.

One of the most inspiring and memorable Services I have attended in my whole ministry, now extending over fifty years, was the "Joint Service of Prayer for Church Unity", held in St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kottahena, on 25th January, 1968, during Christian Unity Week.

For more than forty years, we have been praying for Church Union in Ceylon, and many of our leaders have toiled hard, seeking to bring together the several Denominations belonging to the Protestant group.

After the Service, Archbishop Cooray had a "social" at his residence, for all Ministers who attended the Service, when we had an opportunity to exchange greetings and views.

Now, the main purpose of my writing about this "Joint Service of Prayer for Church Unity" is this: in the present situation in Ceylon, one United Church, being an urgent and pressing need, should we not give very serious consideration to the question of all Churches in Ceylon uniting, on the principle of "Unity in diversity, not unity of uniformity"?

Let me state the following, to help my readers to understand what I have in mind, or get a glimpse of the vision that is before me:-

- (1) Nature of the Union: Federal; the name of the United Church: Church of Christ in Lanka (Roman Catholic Branch), Church of Christ in Lanka (Methodist Branch) etc.
(2) Object: "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister."
(3) Each branch of the united one Church will carry on,

continued to explain his findings eloquently with slides and charts. On Sunday, the 7th, the organizers made arrangements for the delegates and observers to visit the temples of Mamallapuram. In this context, I should like to refer to the Cultural Programme arranged for the delegates. Arrangements were made to provide entertainments—music, dance, drama, dance drama, etc. in the evenings Auditorium as well as at the Jaffna Annamalai Maunram. A number of leading citizens of Tamilnad played host at lunch and dinner for the delegates. Dinner hosts also provided entertainments after dinner at their residences.

(To be continued)

with its present Church machinery; the Anglicans with their Diocesan Council; Methodists with their Synod etc. But the changes we need may arise, at the time of, or after, the Union, as they may decide. The proposed Organic Union of the Churches is primarily, at the top. There will be one Church Assembly, consisting of representatives of the Branches of the one Church. This Assembly will deal with general policy, joint work, but emphasis on the Church's primary task of Evangelism; it will speak "in the name of Jesus", to the country on public questions as the need arises; it may make "recommendations" to the Branches of the Church, when necessary. Even stations of workers may be "recommended", though the Council or Synod of the Branch Church will continue to do the final stating.

(4) I've negotiated for Church Union, on the basis of "Unity of Uniformity," the negotiations will take many years, may be more than fifty, but there is urgent need for Church Union today. Besides, it is impossible for us to think alike, on all subjects. Even now in our several Churches, we do not have uniform beliefs in all things. We all believe that Jesus Christ is our Saviour and Lord, and 'the Light of the World,' as He taught. Is not this belief enough to bind us all together?

(5) The proposed Union on the basis of 'Unity in Diversity' has two great advantages: (a) it will be ready to use as a good instrument for joint action, almost immediately. (b) it may lead to larger Union, when we have worked together for some time in the way suggested above. There is already mutual recognition of the Ministries, on a small scale, and it will gradually grow and increase when we get to know one another better, as we are bound to do, in and through joint-work, and corporate prayer.

Finally, a divided Church discredits her own beliefs and what she preaches. A divided Church has within her poisonous germs, running in her blood stream, which vitalise her and make her 'witness' barren and unfruitful. After political independence came to Ceylon, the Church has suffered some severe losses, due to disunity in the Church. Only union of all Christians in Ceylon and the speedy establishment of a United Church, on the basis of 'Unity in diversity', will save her from further losses, and equip her to become a powerful instrument to build a great nation, to which all of us will be proud to belong.

RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE DRAFTS

The U. N. debate on religious tolerance ended on a note of deep discord and admission of failure. For the first time the Communist countries, with sometimes generous support from countries with Moslem, Hindu and Buddhist backgrounds, attempted to rewrite the draft to mean that the guaranteed right to "believe in atheism" represented in fact the atheist's right to fight religion in the name of religious freedom.

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IN MEMORIAM



IN EVER-LOVING MEMORY

of JOVATHAN PONNAMBALAM KINTHYAH

(Relied U. C. S.)

Born : 9-2-1881

Died : 7-1-1964

"Death doth bid, but not divideth Thoa art but on Christ's other side"

Inserted by his loved ones

22 Kachcheri Nallur Road, Jaffna.