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**Calendar of Events**

April: 22-25  
Sunday School Teachers' Conference at the Women's Centre.

April: 24th  
Service of Thanksgiving for the late Mrs. Alice Ramanathan Mather at the Dutch Reformed Church, Wallawatte, at 6 p. m.

April: 27th  
Service of Thanksgiving for the late Mr. V. Rajakumararaman Mather at the Navy College, at 8 p. m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE**

As intimated in our last issue, a Sunday School Teachers' Conference for all Churches in Jaffna, organized by the Religious Education Board of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India, is to be held next week in the Women's Centre, Marthamundai. It commences at 9 a. m. on Monday, the 22nd inst., with the opening address by the Ven. J. A. B. Navaratnam, the Archbishop of Jaffna, and goes on till 6 p. m. on Tuesday, the 23rd inst. The following are expected to lead the Conference, the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas, Miss A. C. Solomon, Miss Christobel Veeragobalpillai and the Rev. N. W. G. Sugumarajah.

**SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING**

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Miss E. S. V. Arambam, 'Sinnappillai Acca', of the United Girls' College, was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at 5 p. m. at the United Church. It was led by the Bishop of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India, the Rev. Dr. S. Kalandaram. The Bible lessons were read by Mrs. J. S. B. Kumarasingshe and Miss R. Thomas, and a prayer was offered by Mrs. L. Indalingam. The College Choir sang a special lyric, Miss A. H. Paramasamy, the Principal of the College, paid a tribute to the life and work of the deceased and the Rev. A. C. Tisambirajah presided over the service.

In the course of her tributes Miss Paramasamy said that Sinnappillai Acca's life reminded one of Abraham, the Father of the Faithful. Though bailing from an orthodox to a Unitarian, Sinnappillai Acca did not hesitate when the call came to her to accept Jesus Christ as her Saviour and Lord. She gave up everything and readily accepted Him. From that time till her death she never faltered nor regretted her decision, but remained faithful to her Lord throughout her life. She had no thought or worry about the future. Once she had put her hand into that of her Lord, she remained steadfastly calm and content. He who had promised would be always faithful. She possessed a detailed knowledge of the Bible and she was able to help many a person, she kept regular hours of quiet and enjoyed church worship. Devoted deeply to the cause of the poor and needy, a missionary, full of love for others. Her love was deep and unchanging, not merely to her relatives but to her friends, but to all the needy in the city and abroad. Who came in contact with her, it could well be said of her that she was a Messenger of Love. She gave generously. Though she belonged to this world, she behaved as though there was another world which ever beckoned her. Hence she had no desire to accumulate any wealth. The courage and joy she showed during her illness were remarkable. Miss Paramasamy concluded her tribute by saying that she was truly blessed of God and herself a blessing to all.

The Rev. A. C. Thambirajah in his sermon recalled the feeling of the ten thousand by Jesus that, when He told the disciples that they should be led, they asked Him how they could have the feet necessary for such a large number in a lonely place. He told them how many leaves they had with them. It was considered to them that they had forgotten how earlier five thousand had been led. These disciples failed to understand the situation through their own standards. They had little faith in their Master and Lord. God's power is really great. Today, we recall the lives of great souls, like Sinnappillai Acca. We must remind ourselves of the power of God in His life and work. Sinnappillai Acca was no University graduate nor had she gone abroad for training and experience. Yet she was chosen by God and

strengthened by Him to be His worker. God chooses the common and the weak, and reveals His power through them. He acts in the Church through such people. Yet, concerned as we are about our limitations, weakness and failure, we forget God's immense possibilities. When we look at the successful lives of people like Sinnappillai Acca, it is God's power, grace and love that we see. Carry over all: "Speak not of Grey, but of God's Saviour". God in His abundant grace and power uses us. It is He who protected Sinnappillai Acca's life and protected ours. Her God is our God. All issues, therefore, ought to be considered in relation to God and His Kingdom. Let us raise our eyes to the Kingdom where God reigns. He always performs His acts of glory.

**WOMEN'S CENTRE NEWS**

First, an apology! In a recent write-up it was stated that the Centre could not help "widows and babies". This should have read, "widows with babies" but even that is not precise. Let's try: "unwed, deserted or widowed mothers with babies". That's what we meant. There was a Board of Management Meeting at Marthamundai on Saturday, April 6. The Edson Lockwoods served tea, in celebration of their youngest son's wedding that day in far away Charlottesville, Virginia, to Sara Ann Emerson, Methodist missionary daughter from Jubahope, India.

A resolution was presented in appreciation of Mrs. M. A. Paul's years of service, three as Matron, and for more than three as acting Manager. She retired on April 3 on the grounds of ill health. A welcome was extended to her successor Mrs. Muthuveiru, widow of the late Mr. M. R. N. Muthuvelu. She had come to residence only that morning. In the interim Mrs. C. G. Kanagasundaram had been supervising, complained by her new resident, Mrs. Johnna of Araly.

A Committee was appointed to get Browns House ready for Dr. Bulliammal's occupancy. Mrs. G. E. S. Chelliah, Chairman, Mrs. Muthuveiru, Mrs. Kanagasundaram and the Rev. (Sevak) Sam Alfred. It is expected that at least the kitchen will be ready for the inter-denominational Sunday School Conference, to be held April 22-25 on the Women's Centre grounds, under the leadership of Mrs. S. Arambam, Chairman, Director of Religious Education in the Jaffna Diocese. Weavers are needed. There's an excellent loom, 11 looms, and a back list of orders, so that 3-4 girl applicants over 15 would be very welcome. Board and room are Rs. 30/- per month.

Mrs. T. Gomez was a leading Board Meeting for the first time, as a Methodist representative. Mrs. Janey, wife of the Superintendent of Prisons, was asked to take the Anglican seat vacated by the resignation of Mrs. K. Sneh. During Mrs. L. Lockwood's six weeks' holiday in India, the Vice-President Mrs. G. E. S. Chelliah will be in charge of the Centre activities.

**PERSONAL**

Dr. and Mrs. V. Robert Holmes are at the Carlton Hotel, Kodaikanal, where Dr. Holmes is holding two conferences for members of the U. S. Episcopal Foundation in India. The Holmes' will spend the week over Easter with the Lockwoods and Mrs. Bavine. When they return to their new home on the second floor of Fairlight House, 12, Bailey Road, New Delhi. Mrs. Holmes will go to the United States for a visit in early July; and Dr. Holmes will have to make his annual brief visit during the summer.

At the annual Royal School Sports Meet recently, Jan Martin Bavink broke the Junior record for the boys 100 yards dash.

**NORTH CEYLON TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

The Jaffna United Tennis Club that had fostered the growth of tennis for the past 60 years, can supply the 'new blood' to take the place of Pinto and Ferdinands' stated Muhammadam E. P. Rasiah J. P., President of the Jaffna United Club, whilst presiding at the Prize-giving at the conclusion of the North Ceylon Tournament on the evening of the 14th inst. Continuing further he said: "We have young players like the Selvadurai brothers, Eugena Joseph and the Subretnam brothers who have snatched the crowns from many a 'title-holder'." He added that some of these players who took part in the Tournament were sure to place Jaffna in the International Tennis Map of the World, if they ventured outside Jaffna.

**PALM SUNDAY AT MURUSUMUDDAI**

Palm Sunday should be a happy day for children, and it certainly was so for children and adults at the United Church of Christ at Navajevanam on April 7 at 7 p. m. At 6.30 a. m. a long procession with palm leaves sang the half mile from the road to the Church, which was well decorated with palms and flowers. The Church was full and overflowed into the garden. The entire service (except for the closing prayer) was conducted by children 7 years to 11 years. Adults shared in the congregational lyrics, and the young men sang a special lyric. A child of 8 years was the Leader, two children read Lessons, one led a prayer, little girls and boys of Navajevanam Sunday School sang the Children of Jerusalem, and repeated the 23rd Psalm in English. The sermon was preached by a boy of 11 years. The singing was joyous, and every spoken and read word was clear and distinct, a joy to listen to.

At 6 p. m. a Procession of 80 from Navajevanam sang along the road of Murusumuddai to the United Sunday School where the Sunday School children, parents and friends were waiting. All sang lyrics until just when the boys of Navajevanam gave the Palm Sunday story through a Shadow Play, and Unit Sunday School children joining in the singing. This was followed by a Bible Strip of the days from Palm Sunday to the Ascension. The pictures were clear and the experienced narrator brought out the message very clearly. Navajevanam Choir sang a number of hymns to fit the message of the pictures. The witness to this area was sincerely and reverently given, and the likeness helped by their quietness.

**WEDDING**

The marriage was solemnised last Monday, the 15th inst., at 4.30 p. m. at the Cathedral Church, Vaddukoddai, of Mr. Richard Rajaratnam, Atumayyasingam, of the seat of St. Bernard's College, Polgahawela, and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Rajaratnam, of Sivaprasadam Road, Jaffna, and Miss Menaldini Atumayyasingam, of the seat of Al-Iffan Madaya Vithayalya, Polgahawela, and daughter of Mr. C. J. Arumayyasingam, a physician, Central Dispensary, Pinnewells, and Mrs. Arumayyasingam. The Rev. J. J. Ratanasajah officiated at the solemnisation, assisted by the Rev. Donald Barlow. The Rev. L. N. Hironaka presented the homily. A reception (wedding to Anterior Regulations) was held, following the Church ceremony, by the bride's parents at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ratanasajah, an uncle and aunt of the bride.

**WANTED**

A Lady Warden for Wesley House, Trincomalee, which is a hostel for young working women. Salary and free quarters provided. Apply to the Superintendent Minister:

Rev. L. J. Julian,  
The Manse,  
Doddys Road,  
Trincomalee.

**Mr. and Mrs. Edson Clark Lockwood** announce the marriage of their son **Leonard Merrick** to **Sara Ann Emerson** on Saturday, the sixth of April, at four-thirty o'clock. Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Youth Column**

My Dear Youngsters,

I hope all of you have enjoyed your holidays, the Ceylonese Avarudu and our Easter Sunday. Judging from what I see around, it looks to me that some of you have been very active recently. Congratulations on releasing your first issue of "உள்". My best wishes to all of you on its Editorial Committee. Do keep it alive and interesting.

I also happened to be on the ramparts of the old Dutch Fort in Jaffna on Monday last and was quite interested in finding a big crowd of you being very busy in the Church with Poppets, Radio Plays, Film-strips, Slide Shows, etc. I always knew you had it in you. Well, soon the Jaffna community will have to sit up and take notice of its Christian Youth if all of you start taking your faith and witnessing seriously. In your own local Church too I've heard many pastors say that you are a great asset. The play by you from Earlalai is another eye-opener to your initiative and talent.

I am sure many of you often find time to sit down and think of the various events in your life and sometimes even wonder about your future. Some may be tempted to just live for the present and let the future take care of itself.

While you are living in the present, remember that you as an individual are very precious in God's eyes and because He is God, He loves each one of you as though you were the only one person to love. Only God is capable of such a great love. At the word 'God' each one of you would have your own idea of Him - it might be the right impression or a wrong one. If you start off with a wrong impression, then you will have handicaps and the moment you fail an examination, or lose a dear one, you begin to falter. When you want to picture God in your mind, think of Him in the person of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Gospels.

- The following are the winners:
- Open Singles: F. S. Sebastampillai
  - Open Singles - Runner-up: S. Kandassamy
  - Handicap Singles: F. S. Sebastampillai
  - Handicap Singles - Runner-up: Mast. Frank Sebaratnam
  - Open Doubles: Gregory Joseph and S. Kandassamy
  - Open Doubles Runners-up: N. Veerasinghe and N. S. R. Nadarajah
  - Mixed Doubles: F. S. Sebastampillai and Miss Selvadurai
  - Mixed Doubles Runners-up: C. Vamsadeva and Miss Kandiah
- The Mr. Jimmy Rajaratnam proposed the Vote of Thanks.

**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING**

FOR THE LIFE of **VICTOR RAJAKULARATNAM MATHER** will be held on **Saturday, 27th April, 1968, at 5-00 p. m.** at the **J. D. C. S. I. Church, Naval.** All are welcome.

**Letter to the Editor**

**CASTE IN BUDDHISM**

Dear Sir,

I have been following for something in your columns the subject of caste in the North. What baffles me is the attempt on the part of Buddhist monks to set right this social problem when distinctions of caste are rampant among their societies.

It is not a secret that the most influential and the largest order of monks in Ceylon, the Siamese Society, does not admit to the full designation any one but a candidate who claims Goigama descent on both sides. This has resulted in monks of other castes also forming themselves into groups, though not so openly.

The Hindu religion admits castes and it is very difficult for a follower of the teachings of Mann and other great seers of the past to break from that tradition. But what excuse have the disciples of the Buddha, whether bhikkhu or layman, to adhere to a system which the Master condemned?

Not long ago I heard a discussion between two 'learned' Buddhist monks, where they misinterpreted the noble words of the Buddha which said it was not birth but actions (conduct) which made a man an outcaste or a Brahman.

According to these bhikkhus the passage meant "One's (previous) karma makes a man an outcaste or a Brahmana". They went on to comment that a person of low birth should not strive at great deeds. That in itself was a sin. The discussion was over Radio Ceylon.

This was what the Buddhist monks of the eighteenth century openly taught, when they denied fellow human beings admission into the order to strive for the highest goal. Had not a few good monks at the turn of the last century gone to Burma and brought a new ordination, very few persons in the coastal districts would have remained Buddhist! The majority of Buddhist monks still abide by their distorted interpretation of the Master's word.

When I was at places like Chunnakam, Kautiarolai etc., in the Jaffna Peninsula, I came across a few youths who were anxious to enter the Buddhist order of monks. Now the bhikkhu in charge of the Nuga Vihara in Jaffna, I believe, belongs to the Siamese order. Can he admit them? May I request our Buddhist monks and lay leaders as well, to "cast out first the beam in their own eye" so that they may "see clearly to cast out the mote from their brother's eye".

What have the two venerable prelates of Kandy to tell us? What is the verdict of our lay Buddhist leaders? What about the otherwise vociferous All-Ceylon Buddhist Congress? Are they anxious to preserve the new rules of the societies of Buddhist monks, introduced in the eighteenth Century, just as they were concerned over the aralya trees in our historic archaeological reserves?

C. E. GODAKUMBURA, Nugegoda.

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A NOBLE MISSION

MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

By Rajan Kadrigamar.

My first seeing and hearing Dr. Martin Luther King was at a Rally in Uptown New York...

The Rally which began thus was a strong reminder that the Afro-American had come of age...

The next speaker was the Rev. Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, a stockily built, humorous speaker...

After these two introductory speeches Dr. Martin Luther King rose to speak. There was a standing ovation from the crowd...

soul-force of a Gandhi and, above all, the spirit of Christ. King's speech was a dignified, typical Southern Negro drawl...

He always referred to "that great country India" with affection and great respect. He mourned the fact that he could not meet Gandhi in person...

As he speaks on and on a hushed silence falls on the crowd swayed by this man of destiny before them taking them through a great journey...

This is the great climax of King's speech, the climax of the rally and everybody joins in singing the song "We shall overcome..."

His dreams, his words, his gestures, his prayers will not be easily forgotten especially by his beloved people—his white and black followers...

(continued) tated, in concomitant measure, the ageless spirit which is Uduvil's. Milton's "Samson Agonistes" begins with the line "A little onward lead thy gutting hand..."

"APRIL SHOWERS" AT UDUVIL

(Some musings by an Old Boy).

The Vesper chime from the age-old Church tower struck six as I took my seat, deep in the wall of the auditorium...

A stranger to Uduvil might have expected, on his arrival at the portals, bands playing, loud-speakers blaring, people milling everywhere...

The programme opened with the "Percussion Band"—the traditional debut of Uduvil Kindergarten...

It was quite appropriate that Uduvil should have chosen scenes from Richard Brinsley Sheridan's "Rivals" as her main English performance for the evening...

I would like to measure the success of Sheridan at Uduvil not merely by the absence of some common pitfalls of school players...

For here in "Rivals" was a province of comedy which was peculiar to Sheridan—the pure comedy, the joyous gift of laughter for its own sake...

"To this day", said A. N. Whitehead "I cannot read King Lear, having had the advantage of studying it accurately in school..."

The English operetta—"The Princess and the Commoner" and the Tamil Play were kinds of comprehensive items that brought to the stage quite a good segment of the school population...

To the list of front line participants in the "Showers", should be added those, who behind the stage, were engaged either in the specialised tasks of decor and costumes...

Tribute to Martin Luther King

Following is the text of an appreciation of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King issued jointly by the leaders of three international Christian organisations based at the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva...

"It is hard to think beyond the loss, the waste, the shame today. Martin Luther King was the heroic colleague of all in this house, and dear friend of many. He visited us, worked with us and for us...

"By international consensus Dr. King was a first citizen of the world. In the United States he was a man hope for a tormented nation...

"And now he is violently dead. That this demonic violence proves Dr. King's point is little comfort at the moment. For any consequent violence will only invoke violence...

"In the summer of 1966 Dr. King was to preach at a service in Geneva's Cathedral of St. Pierre, at mid-point in the Church and Society Conference...

"We missed him then; we miss him now. But we heard; we hear."

IN MEMORIAM

Think of us, dearest Appah, while 'er life's lonely path, we seek thee, Missing thy voice, thy touch and thy true loving hand that guided us...

IN EVER-FRAGRANT MEMORY of S. J. JEYANAYAGAM Called to rest: 19-4-'67

Thanks be to God for the soul's eternal rest. Your ever-sorrowing wife, Suthan and Ariya.

Manipay. 13 15-15

An Appreciation

THE LATE DATIN NESAMANI RAJASOORIA, P. J. K.

"The charities that soothe and heal and bless, lie scattered at the feet of men like flowers."

Nesamani Payson Retnam, born on 4th May 1913, was the daughter of Mr. E. T. Payson Retnam, Advocate, Metropolitan Bar, Ceylon, and Mrs. Payson Retnam of Manipay, Ceylon.

Nesamani received most of her education at the Holy Family Convent, Colombo, where she proved herself a most capable and responsible pupil...

In 1932, Nesamani married Mr. R. P. S. Rajasooria, Crown Counsel, Kandy, and both of them left for Malaya a year later. Together for 36 years, she and her husband made a happy home, full of love and hospitality to all who visited it...

Her acts of Social Service were many and varied. To mention a few, she was the President of the Kuala Lumpur Rotary Club Inner Wheel, the President and Founder Member of the Selangor Consumers' Association and Malayan Council, President of the International Club, President of the Indo-Ceylonese Association, Selangor and Chairman of the Red Cross Fund-Raising Committee and Rehabilitation Centre, Cheras, Kuala Lumpur, and leader of several other Social and Charity Organisations.

In recognition of her services, she was awarded the P. J. K. by His Royal Highness, the Sultan of Selangor, in 1957.

Every good cause had her support—no one ever knew a fraction of the gifts she gave. Her's was a generosity which produced no barrier between the giver and the recipient, for her's was a self-giving. The Ceylonese community will be the poorer by her death.

To her children, Lalita (Mrs. S. P. Rajasingham, Wellington N 2), Devi (Mrs. K. Sandrasegara, Singapore) and Rajan Rajasooria, who are men and women in the world today, we say we mourn with them for they will never miss a mother till she is gone. Her influence will long remain in the lives of all who know her and especially in the lives of her children. May her sweet and honoured memory continue to be a morning star in our horizon.

Finally in thinking of the life of Datin Rajasooria, one is reminded of the words of Richard Jefferies:-

"To reflect that another human being, if at a distance of ten thousand from the year ... would enjoy one hour's more life, in the sense of 'fulness of life', in consequence of anything I had done in my little span, would be to me a peace of soul."

M. W. N. Kuala Lumpur.

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