

Communications

Letters to: THE ENGLISH EDITOR,
Vaddukodai &
THE TAMIL EDITOR,
Udavi, Chinnakam.

News to: THE NEWS EDITOR,
Tallipalai.

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Remittances to: THE MANAGER,
Tallipalai.

RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION, BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.

NEWS

LOCAL

Hospital Sunday Service

The Hospital Sunday Service of McLeod Hospital, Innvil and Green Hospital, Manipay was held last Sunday at the Manipay Church at 6 p.m. Rev. S. T. Aseervatham, assisted by Rev. S. Selvaratnam conducted the service. Special songs were rendered by the nursing staff of both hospitals. Mr. P. G. Gausson, Vice-Principal, St. John's College, Jaffna and Dr. J. T. Wilson of the Government Hospital, Kankeanthurai were the chief speakers. A special collection was taken which is to be sent to the Vellore Hospital.

Indian Agent in Ceylon

It is officially announced that the services of Mr. P. C. Matthews, I.C.S., have been placed at the disposal of the Government of India Commonwealth Relations Department for employment as their agent in Ceylon.

Education Department Delays

The Executive Committee of Education has, it is learned, decided that a special committee consisting of the Minister of Education, the acting Director of Education Dr. A. P. de Zoysa, and Messrs. V. Nalliah and A. B. S. Razik should hold an inquiry into the working of the Education Department.

Jaffna Central College

At the last J. S. C. Examination 17 boys were successful. Seven obtained First Division and 17 distinctions were secured, 5 in chemistry, 4 in botany, 2 each in General Science, Geography and English Language, and one each in Mathematics and Physics.

Cloth Rationing by Coupon

The Executive Committee of Labour Industries and Commerce approved of an individual rationing scheme for textiles on a coupon basis last Thursday. The details will now be worked out by the Textile Controller and it is expected that the scheme will be put into operation in a few days.

Ten-cent Note to go

It is understood that the ten-cent currency notes are to be withdrawn from circulation as quickly as possible and replaced by coins. A sufficiently large stock of ten-cent coins have been received from India. These are to be supplied to Railway Stations, Post-offices and Kachcheries so that they may come into circulation as quickly as possible. These institutions have also been requested to remit to the Treasury with their daily collections all the ten-cent notes that they collect and not to issue any of these notes over the Counter after the new supplies are made available to them.

The Colombo Branch of the J. C. S. I. U. C.

The Second Anniversary Celebrations of the above Association took place at the premises of the Dutch Reformed Church, Wellawita on Saturday the 10th inst. commencing at 5 p. m. A large gathering of the members of the American Mission Churches was present.

The function started with a business meeting presided over by Advocate S. J. V. Chelvanayagam. After the largely attended "Social" which followed, Rev. W. M. P. Jayatunga, B. D., Chairman, Baptist Mission and Mr. J. V. Chelliah, M. A., J. P. Retired Vice-Principal, Jaffna College, gave two inspiring addresses and urged the members to be loyal to their Mother Church. The function was wound up by interesting musical items. The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

President: Dr. S. L. Navaratnam, Vice Presidents: Advocate S. J. V. Chelvanayagam, Dr. J. S. Anandasingam, Mr. A. M. Thevaratnam, Secretary: Mr. S. K. Nalliah, Treasurer: Mr. J. P. Thairatnam,

The Colombo Tamil Kalagam

A Study Circle for Tamil Literature and Grammar was inaugurated, at the above Kalazam on Sunday, 4th of February. Mr. A. Sabaratnam, the President, presided. Vidyan Pandit K. P. Ratnam, B.O.L. who will be in charge of the Study Circle delivered a lecture on "Education in the ancient Tamil Land". We understand that twenty-seven officers have so far joined the Circle.

GENERAL

News of Missionaries

We glean the following from a letter received from Miss L. Clark:—

—Mrs. Ward is living in Florida about 30 miles from the place where Miss Clark is now living.

—Mr. Lewis Ward, Mr. Ward's eldest son, is in the Army as an officer who selects men for their particular jobs.

—Mr. Arthur Ward, the second son, is a nerve specialist located in Canada. He may join the United States Service.

—Mr. Bunker is studying in the Union Seminary, New York. The Bunkers are living in the Seminary quarters for married students.

—Mrs. Bicknell was in New York in September.

—Mrs. Harrison was quite ill and was in Clifton Springs, New York. She is now convalescing.

—Rev. R. Dudley is taking over gradually the work of Dr. Clark, who is nearing the retiring age. So are Dr. Eddy and Dr. Bell.

—Mr. Willard Vinog, Miss Clark's sister's eldest son who was training men in radio work passed away at the age of 41.

—The following is found in the "Oversea's News", a supplement of the Missionary Herald: "The chances of his (Dr. Kennedy's) return are regarded as slight, although he is classified as "missing". Does this mean that his death has not been confirmed? We believe that confirmation of his death must have been subsequent."

Ceylon Government Railway

NOTICE

The Railway Level Crossing at 40 m. 28, 51c. Main Line will be totally closed for road traffic from 10.30 p.m. on Sunday the 18th to 3.0 a.m. on Monday the 19th February, 1945 and partially closed from 3.00 p. m. to 7.0 a.m. on Monday, the 19th February, 1945.

During the period of total closure, traffic from Polgahawela to Ambepussa and Alawa can pass through Narammala - Puyakgahakotawa Road and traffic from Giriulla to Ambepussa through Mingama-Warakapola Road.

During the period of partial blockage traffic will be assisted over the crossing.

W. G. HILLS,

2nd Feby. 1945. General Manager.

NOTICE

The Railway Level Crossing at 6 m. 28 c. 50 links between Mahalyawa and Katugastota - Matale Line will be closed for vehicular traffic from 7.0 p. m. on 19.2.45 to 6.0 a.m. on 20.2.45 for effecting repairs.

During the period of blockage traffic can be diverted through Malabar Street.

W. G. HILLS,

25th Jan. 1945. General Manager.

NOTICE

The Railway Level Crossing at 116 m. 43 1/2 c. Main Line, between Talawakelle and Watsgoda will be closed for vehicular traffic from 8.30 p. m. on Friday, 16.2.45 to 3 a. m. on Saturday, 17.2.45 for effecting repairs.

Traffic will be assisted over this crossing from 3 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. on 17.2.45.

W. G. HILLS,

17th Jan. 1945. General Manager.

Calendar of Events

Feb. 16, 17. — Annual Meeting of the J. C. S. I. U. C. at Vaddukodai.

Feb. 18. — Day of Prayer for the students all over the world.

Feb. 23, 26. — Annual Students' Camp of the J. I. C. C. F. at the Ashram.

March 5 — Annual celebrations of the Women's Centre.

GLEANINGS

Belgium Laughs.

The Belgians are laughing at a story about Hitler and Goering. This precious pair are said to have decided to escape from Germany in disguise. Hitler dressed up as an old man with a white beard and Goering as a fat woman with red hair. To find if their disguise was effective, they went into a Cafe and ordered two cups of coffee. When they tipped the waitress, she said, "Thank you, Mein Fuehrer, thank you, Herr Reichs Marschall." In astonishment Hitler asked her "How do you know who we are?" "Ssh!" the other whispered "I am Goebbels."

The Marvellous "Mosquito"

As they took breakfast, one fine morning several people in Karachi were able to read their London morning newspapers of the day before. The papers had been taken by a "Mosquito" of R. A. F. Transport Command which had made

a record flight from England to India, including two short stops at Tobruk and on the Persian Gulf for refuelling and food for the pilot and navigator, the flight of nearly 5100 miles was made in 16 hours 46 minutes. The average flying speed was 315 m. p. h. This was the fastest flight yet made between England and India.

Unfit for Active Service

Many of the world's greatest military figures would have been rejected by the draft boards of today for the following reasons:—

George Washington	: False teeth
Bismark	: Over weight
Nepoleon	: Ulcers of the stomach
Julius Caesar	: Epilepsy
Horatio Nelson	: One eye, one arm
Kaiser Wilhelm	: Withered arm
Duke of Wellington	: Under Weight

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We wish to remind you that Sunday the 25th inst. will be observed as the W. M. S. Sunday in all the Churches of the J. C. S. I. U. C. Special collection will be taken in aid of the Society.

K. SARAVANAMUTTU,
Secy. W. M. S.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. E. C. Daniel and Children thank all friends and relatives for their presence and messages of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

Pananthope,
Kopay.

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JAFFNA

The Morning Star

Friday, February 16, 1945

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The present writer was recently asked to broadcast his answers to certain questions put to him as regards religious education in schools, which may be summarized here for the benefit of our readers.

We may at the outset say that there is a prevalent misconception about religious education. When people talk about it, they generally mean religious instruction. Education certainly includes instruction, but it means much more than that. It no doubt is important that children should be instructed in the doctrines, history, etc., of their faith, but education involves, what is more important, the training given for translating into actual life the knowledge acquired in the class room. For this something more than mere instruction given by the teacher or the knowledge acquired from text-books is necessary.

First of all, the pupil should have a teacher who is a living illustration of the truths he seeks to impart. Religion, it has been well said, is not taught, but caught. The noble example set by the teacher, and his practice of what he preaches act much more powerfully on his pupil. He catches more easily the teacher's spirit and is inspired to follow in his footsteps. Then there is the general atmosphere prevailing in the school. The traditions of the institution, and the noble examples set by a host of saintly people that had gone before, all contribute to the spiritual development of the young mind. Here is an answer to the question whether religion could be taught in state schools. From our remarks above, it would seem clear that it could not be. Those who advocated the teaching of religion in state schools in the Report of the Special Committee on Education did not know what they were talking about.

One of the knottiest problems in religious education arises when in a school there are pupils of different faiths. How are they to be taught? One faith practised at home, and another taught at school certainly would tend to confuse the young mind and perhaps, at least in some cases, result in loss of all faith. The solution lies in concentrating on certain fundamentals common to the various religions. It is fortunate that in the case of a class consisting of Hindu and Christian children, there is much in common between the two religions in their idea of God, His qualities, the soul, sin, etc. These may be illustrated by passages from the Bible, and from those in the writings of Hindu saints. But this is not enough. There are doctrines in the two religions that are distinctive to each, and if they are not calculated to conflict with the faith practised at home, they may be taught safely. Numerous Hindus, for instance, have borne testimony to the fact that their hold on religion was strengthened by the distinctive religious principles they learnt in Christian schools.

Should teachers be allowed to try to change the religion of their pupils? It goes without saying that any attempt to 'convert' an innocent child by unfair means is wicked. Teachers should not take advantage of the immaturity of their pupils to unsettle the faith in which the child is being trained at home. Generally speaking, the

attempt to change the label of anybody in order to increase the number of one's own religious community is equally wicked, and it is precisely such unscrupulous people that our Lord denounced in scathing terms. But true conversion should be encouraged. It is a foolish position to take that one's religion in which one is born is good enough for him. When one sees that a faith other than the one in which he is born conduces to a better and nobler life, the path of wisdom is to change his faith. There is nothing wrong in encouraging a mature student to change his religion when he has a genuine desire to change his way of life.

What is the aim of Christian schools? How do they differ from other schools? This may be answered by the consideration of the larger question. What are the aims of education? Various answers have been suggested. Some take a rather narrow view of it and say that the aim should be preparation for making a living. Education should certainly aim at preparation for life. But life is much more than making a living. This is a very incomplete view of education. Others say that education should be a preparation for citizenship. This view ignores the individuality of the pupil and merges all his interests in the State. He is nothing, and the State is everything. This is the view held in totalitarian countries like Italy and Germany. Training for citizenship is a noble ideal. But it is an incomplete one. A third ideal is training in character. Undoubtedly this is a much nobler aim than the two previous ones. But this too is incomplete. The ideal that embraces all this and is a perfect aim is the perfection of the whole personality of the pupil, his body, mind, and soul. How can this be done? This certainly can be done partly by instruction in the class room. But there is, as we have indicated above, a more efficient method. Let us repeat the saying quoted above about the pupil catching the spirit of the master.

Now we come to the answer of the question: What is the aim of Christian schools? It is placing before pupils the concrete personality of One who has been a Perfect Person. In plainer words, the aim of Christian schools is to present to pupils the life, example, and inspiration of Jesus Christ, the noblest embodiment of human personality. Men of all faiths acknowledge this. What harm is there when Christian schools aim at exposing pupils to the influence of this Person, so that they may catch the spirit and inspiration of the finest flower of humanity. We admit with great regret that there are schools which call themselves Christian that do not fulfil this ideal. These should either be scrapped or turned over to the State for mere secular education.

Notice

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE Inquiry into Rice Purchases in India

In pursuance of a resolution of the State Council passed on 17th November, 1944, the Public Accounts Committee will hold an inquiry in respect of rice purchases in India referred to in the Auditor General's Report for 1941-42 (Sessional Paper XVIII-1943) and the Auditor General's Report for 1942-43 (Sessional Paper IX-1944).

2. Any person or persons in a position to give evidence before the Committee on matters relevant to the inquiry or in possession or control of any paper, book, record or document relating to the matters under inquiry are requested to communicate with the Secretary before 15th February 1945 and to state in writing the gist of the evidence which they are in a position to give or the nature of the documents in their possession or control.

P. H. WICKRAMASINGHE,
Secretary.

Audit Office, Public Accounts Committee,
Wellawatte, Ceylon.
7-1.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir: Friends of the William Mather Memorial Orphanage would appreciate being told that it has been necessary to send home the majority of the children because of a new rule concerning the parents of the children. A child should have no parents in order to be in an Orphanage. We would appeal to friends to support one of these girls, wholly or in part at Rs. 100.00 for a child for a year and call the children back. Also, we wish to ask you to send us girls who have no parents and need a home. They should join the Orphanage this month. We shall be grateful for your interest and help.

Yours sincerely,
L. G. Bookwiler,
Manager.

II

Dear Sir: One would have thought that the recent letter to the M. Star re the omission in the Fourth Commandment was a bit of pleasantry, but it appears to have started a serious discussion. Since you invite other explanations, what about the simple and prosaic one that either the original "legal draftsman" or a subsequent copyist inadvertently omitted the word? Any other attempt at explanation savours too much of the idea of divine inspiration in a sense untenable in the light of modern criticism.

Yours truly,
C. T. C.
[We invite explanations from other readers.]

III

The following letters were received by Mr. Ariam Williams and Rev. E. T. Williams on the death of the latter's wife:-

Sevagram,
21-1-45.

My dear Ariam,

On learning of your mother's death I wanted to write to you about Allah's prayer Jamshed has sent me. In it there is a portion which means that death is but a door to immortality. Knowing this I hope that you will not grieve over this apparent loss but rejoice that your mother has passed from mortality to immortality.

Love,
Bapu.

Sevagram,
22-1-45.

My dear Williams,

I have told Ariam that there is no cause for grief over your partner's death, you know this much better than I can describe. Ariam goes to you out of duty towards you. Keep him as long as you like and speed him on to his work as soon as you think he can come back.

With love,
M. K. Gandhi

DISTRIBUTION OF ANIMAL FOOD

The distribution of all animal foods including coconut ponnac for the Jaffna District will be controlled by me commencing from 1st March, 1945. All permit holders are hereby informed that the permits held by them would not be valid after 1st March, 1945, and that they should apply to the Manager! D. R. O. for new permits.

E. GOONARATNE,
Asst. Govt. Agent (E),
Jaffna,
24th Feb. 1945.

ORDER NISI

In the matter of the estate of the late Thangammah wife of P. Coomarasamy of Vaddukoddai West

Decceased
Perumynar Coomaraswamy of Vaddukoddai West

Petitioner

No: 361 Tety. Vs.
1. C. Balasubramaniam, and
(Minor) 2. Rasathurai both of Vaddukoddai West

Respondents
This matter coming on for disposal before H. A. de Silva, Esquire, District Judge of Jaffna on the 25th day of January 1945 in the presence of Mr. J. F. Ponnambalam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner above-named and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 12th day of January 1945 having been read: It is ordered that the abovenamed 1st Respondent be and is hereby appointed Guardian ad litem over the 2nd Respondent and that the Petitioner is entitled to and letters of Administration be issued to the Petitioner on the abovenamed estate unless any person or persons shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the 26th day of February 1945 on which date the said minor shall appear in Court. It is further ordered that the Petitioner is entitled to costs of this application.

Jaffna, 26th day of Jan. 1945
Sgd. H. A. de Silva
District Judge

Drawn by
Sgd. J. F. Ponnambalam
Proctor for Petitioner.



In Memoriam

R. V. Tambiturai

Died: 15th Feby. 1944

"No offering of my own I have
Nor works my faith to prove;
I can but give the gifts He gave
And plead His love for love".
(Inserted by his sorrowing wife.)

Notice

Latest News: -

Mr. D Ramchand

Proprietor, Novelty Silk Store, Main St., Jaffna

Wishes to inform his patrons, customers and friends, that a small but selected consignment of Regulated Textiles such as suitings, shirtings, poplins, printed fabrics, furnishing materials, etc., etc., have just landed at Colombo Fort and shall be here in Jaffna within the next few days.

Finding much difficulty in obtaining such goods and in view of the acute demand in Jaffna for the same, "Mr. D. R." has contemplated a scheme of distribution of such goods according to which, of course, first chance shall be given to his regular customers and then to middle-class people, ladies and school children, etc.

All necessary care shall be taken to see that the goods are sold to the proper people in need.

A man has been set apart to book the names of such customers; and to avoid RUSH, dates shall be fixed and numbers allotted to them. Considerable arrangements and attention shall be provided for out-station customers.

A specified quantity of cloth shall only be issued daily.
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THE SHOP FOR THE BEST BOOKS

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