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NOTICE

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

NEWS

LOCAL

Jaffna Inter-Collegiate X'ian Fellowship Teachers' Camp

The above Camp was held at the Uduvil Girls' English School last week-end. Rev. M. Adiseshiah of Christian College, Madras was the leader, and gave special addresses in the evenings and also conducted the Bible Study and the Group Discussions. Mr. L. S. Perera, Research Student in History at the Ceylon University was also one of the leaders of the Camp and helped in the Group Discussions. The titles of Dr. Adiseshiah's addresses were: The content of History, the Disclosure of History and the End of History. On Sunday evening the whole camp moved on to the Christa Seva Ashram where the evening meeting was held. A number of visitors were present at this meeting. The camp broke after lunch on Monday.

Annual Meeting of the J. N. E. S.

The Annual meeting of the Jaffna National Evangelical Society was held at the Uduvil Church last Friday commencing at 9.30 a. m. The Service of Worship was conducted by Mr. J. J. Rastnarajah, B. A., B. D. who also preached the sermon. Rev. G. D. Thomas and Rev. S. T. Asarvatham officiated at the Communion Service which followed. The Business Sessions were presided over by Mr. William Black, the President of the Society. The Secretary, Rev. A. C. Theodorajah presented the Annual Report while the Treasurer submitted a statement of accounts. After lunch the Missionary Meeting was held presided over by Rev. G. D. Thomas at 2.30 p. m. Rev. Malcolm Adiseshiah of Christian College Madras and Rev. S. Selvaratnam of the Christa Seva Ashram gave special addresses. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all those who were in charge of arrangements for the day, particularly to Dr. T. Selvarajah for coming forward to bear the expenses for the Lunch served on the occasion.

More Buses Allotted

It is understood that the Director of Transport has made an allotment of 238 omnibus chassis to different omnibus companies. It is expected that the constructional period of the new vehicles will take about two months. These vehicles will be capable of accommodating 32 passengers each. The transport authorities are hopeful of supplementary estimates which if received on schedule will increase the number of new buses put on the road by the end of this year to 350.

St. Peter's Wesley Guild

At the opening service of the Guild held on Thursday the 24th ult. at 6.15 p. m. conducted by Miss P. Maria Theodorah (President), Rev. S. L. B. Fernando of the Methodist Mission, Wellawatte, spoke on "God flings a challenge". The Bible reading was taken from the book of Ephesians, Chapter 6, verses 10-18 and was read by the Vice President, Miss I. Theodorah who recited a poem entitled "I understand." The meeting was well attended.

To be Released Shortly! "DRAVIDA"

A history of the Dravidian Race from the Mohenjo-Daro period to the British period, with Maps and Illustrations.

BY E. L. TAMBIMUTTU

Foreword by K. A. Nilakanta Sastri, M. A., Professor of Archaeology and History, Madras University.

"The author deserves a word of thanks... this is the first book I have seen which seeks to satisfy a want that has been felt for some years."—Prof. Nilakanta Sastri
"It is a clear and succinct account of the history of the Tamil race..." Rev. Fr. Gnana Pragasam, O. M. I.

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Wedding

The marriage was solemnized yesterday at Methodist Church, Kandy by Mr. K. G. Rajaratnam, Deputy Sheriff of the Bank of Ceylon, son of the late Mr. C. H. Kadrovelipillai and Mrs. Kadrovelipillai, and Miss Elizabeth Annapparaman, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. V. A. Paul of Araly North, Vaddukoddai.

Personal

Mr. J. S. Kumaravelu, Food and Price Control Inspector, Jaffna, is transferred to Vavuniya from 21.5.45.

—Mr. E. J. Rajaratnam, Office Assistant to the Government Agent, W. P., has been transferred to the Jaffna Kachechi in the same capacity.

—Mudaliyar C. C. n. pathipillai, Office Assistant, Jaffna Kachechi, has been transferred to Huputales as A. G. A. (Emergency).

—Rev. S. Kulandran has left for India and will be shortly proceeding to America on an year's leave.

—Miss A. Ramabai Lewis has obtained a first class in the Philosophy Group of the B. A. examination of the Madras University. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Subramaniam Lewis of Chundikuli.

—Mr. K. Neeliah, M. A., of the Staff of St. John's College, Jaffna has accepted an appointment at St. Thomas' College (Gurunhawa Branch) and will be leaving Jaffna shortly.

Obituary

The death occurred on the early hours of Friday the 25th May of Mrs. Agnes Roseline Kadrovelu wife of Mr. K. D. Kadrovelu, Agricultural Instructor, Batticaloa. She took suddenly ill on the 23rd and in spite of all possible medical aid rendered she passed away peacefully fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church in the presence of a host of relatives and friends. The funeral took place on Saturday evening at the General Cemetery, Alaidichchola in the presence of a very large and representative gathering. The service at St. Mary's Cathedral and the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Fr. Jerome D' Sa, Parish Priest, Batticaloa, assisted by Rev. Fathers Lazarus and Thambimuttu. She leaves behind besides her husband, three sons, two daughters, her mother, Mrs. J. C. Hisever-singhe, and a host of other relatives to bemoan her loss.

INDIAN

Retirement of the Metropolitan of India

The Bishop of Madras writes that it is proposed to present a purse to the Most Reverend Foss Westcott, Metropolitan of India, Burma and Ceylon to mark the occasion of his retirement from the high office which he has held for a record period with such great distinction. It is believed, writes the Bishop, that many, non-Christians as well as Christians will wish to be associated with this tribute to one who has, during many years, won the trust and affection of people of all kinds throughout India, Burma and Ceylon.

GENERAL

Britain's General Election

It is learnt that Britain will go to the polls on July 5 and the election results will be declared on July 27. The present Parliament, now in its tenth year will be dissolved by Royal Proclamation on June 15. Mr. Winston Churchill has formed a "care-taker" Government for the three-week period that must elapse before the dissolution of Parliament. The seventeen-day General Election Battle will be one of the bitterest fought in Britain. Over 1,500 candidates are expected to take the field.

FOREIGN

Nobel Prize for Chemistry

Dr. Chou Hsing, Dean of the Science College of the National Szechwan University will be awarded the Nobel Prize for 1944 for his work in chemistry according to the *China Information Bulletin*. He is the first Chinese to win such a well-known international prize.

The Colour Bar and Race

The following is a statement on the Colour Bar which has been issued by the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland with the support of the Executive Committee of the British Council of Churches:

"(1) The Conference of Missionary societies in Great Britain and Ireland is deeply thankful for the repeated affirmation of responsible statesmen of the United Nations that there must be full freedom of opportunity for all the peoples of the world without discrimination on racial grounds. It affirms that the prevention of the spread of such discrimination and the speedy elimination of it where it exists are obligations, not only of common justice, but also of the Christian Faith, which holds that mankind is made in the image of God and that all men, whether coloured or white are of equal worth in the sight of God.

"(2) The Conference, therefore, urges that the British people, who through Parliament are ultimately responsible for the administration of British colonies overseas, should not tolerate in those colonies any artificial barriers to the progress and prosperity of the native inhabitants and should support all Government efforts to remove them. According to clear evidence briefly summarized in the book 'Colour Contact' (Edinburgh House Press) such barriers at present exist, in Northern Rhodesia a colour bar, maintained by the White Trade Unions, prevents the employment of Africans on the railways or in the mines on other than low paid unskilled work. A similar colour bar more extensive in scope, particularly in the municipal areas is firmly established in Southern Rhodesia which though otherwise in effect an independent Dominion, still requires the formal sanction of the Crown for legislation affecting native interests. The exclusion of Africans in Southern Rhodesia and Kenya from large areas of their own country, and the hardship occasioned by the Pass Laws, are further examples of discrimination which are bound to be attributed to racial prejudice.

"(3) The Conference is well aware that great benefits have been brought to the native peoples through British rule, settlement and commerce, and that much further progress is being planned. It is confident that the people of this country, when alive to the facts, will demand fair play for every man whatever his colour, by which policy alone the spirit of true partnership in colonial affairs can develop. It would view with grave misgiving any changes in the existing political status of African territories at present under British control which would impair or limit in any way the power of the British to give the fullest effect to this policy, or subject the native population to policies based on different principles. Any such abdication of responsibility by the British people would seem to be a breach of trust. It would delay indefinitely the fulfilment of the just hopes of the native people and as a result would accelerate the growth of racial bitterness.

"(4) The Conference strongly endorses the following words from a statement of the Episcopal Synod of the Church of the Province of South Africa, which referring in the first place to the Union, have wider application: 'We affirm that the effect of Colour Prejudice is cruel, wasteful and dangerous; cruel, for it deprives those who are its victims of the opportunity of making full use of their capacities and talents, and so causes frustration and despair; wasteful for it deprives the community of the skill of many which would otherwise be used for the benefit of all; dangerous, for unjust treatment meted out by one section of the community to another creates fierce and ever-increasing resentment, with results that no one can foresee.'

CHUNDIKULI GIRLS' COLLEGE Old Girls' Annual Reunion

on
SATURDAY, JUNE 9th 1945
All Old Girls are cordially invited to spend the day at the school.

PROGRAMME:—

9.00 A. M.	Communion Service
10.30 A. M.	Business Meeting
1.00 P. M.	Lunch
5.30 P. M.	Ten, Tennis and Entertainments
Lunch	Rs. 1.50
Membership Fee	Rs. 2.00
	R. S. V. P.

Mrs. D. C. ARULANANTEAM,
Secretary,
Chundikuli Girls' College,
Old Girls' Association,
Chundikuli.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mrs. Navaratnam Chelliah and children beg to thank all friends and relations, who attended the funeral, sent wreaths and messages of condolences in their late bereavement. They regret their inability to thank them individually.

"Pushpa Cottage,"
Chundikuli, 28-6-45.

THE SHOP FOR THE BEST BOOKS

- General and Regional Geography by *Unstead and Taylor*.
- Geography of Ceylon by *E. K. Cook*.
- Introduction to Tropical Botany by *M. J. Legg*.
- Light and Sound by *Stewart*.
- Heat, Light, Sound and Magnetism and Electricity by *MacKenzie*.
- A Class Book of Physical Chemistry by *Lawry and Sargent*.
- Introduction to organic Chemistry by *E. J. Holmyard*.
- Higher Algebra by *Hall and Knight*.
- Pitman's Shortland New Era Edition.

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Friday, June 1, 1945.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO JAFFNA

It is our privilege this week to welcome to our peninsula His Excellency the Governor, Sir Henry Moore, Jaffna, we believe, has already earned a unique reputation for entertaining and receiving honoured visitors. The Soulbury Commissioners were so lavish in their compliments to us that on the eve of their departure from the peninsula, they termed the reception given to them as "incomparable". We have little doubts that His Excellency too will take with him, when he goes back to Colombo, happy memories of a welcome which was as enthusiastic as it was spontaneous and genuine.

In one respect His Excellency's visit to Jaffna is unique. While our distinguished and honoured visitors often paid only flying visits to our peninsula it is most gratifying to note that His Excellency has come to stay, though for a brief period. His decision to spend five days in Jaffna, despite the fact that he is not a stranger to the place, is an indication of His Excellency's desire to study our problems personally and to acquire a firsthand knowledge of them. It augurs well for the future of this Island that we have in His Excellency a Governor who has made it a point to acquaint himself thoroughly with all parts of this fair Island which he has been called to administer.

The "Star" has been particularly honoured by His Excellency's visit to our Press and Industrial Plant, Industrial Education was started in the Mission premises at Tellippalai as early as 1883 and the 57 years of unbroken tradition we have had of training not only the heads but also the hands of the students is, we feel, sufficient ground to deserve a visit from any distinguished visitor to our peninsula, much more of His Excellency on whom has fallen the responsibility of administering the Island at a time when industrially it stands on the threshold of a new era. We wish His Excellency a happy stay in our midst.

SCIENCE AS THE SERVANT OF MANKIND

Lord Woolton, Minister of Reconstruction, speaking at the British Association's Conference sometime ago pleaded that the "Scientist must be given his chance to serve the country". It is most gratifying to note that the Ceylon Association of Science at its sessions held recently has revealed the possibilities of giving the Scientist such a chance of bringing the mysteries of Science into the field of human life and allowing them to play a supreme part in the general happiness of mankind. Mr. Wadia, by stressing in his Presidential address

H. E. the Governor's First Official Visit to Jaffna

Public and Civic Reception at the Town Hall

Public Address Supports "Non-domination"

His Excellency, Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, G. O. M. G. Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Ceylon arrived in Jaffna on Wednesday morning on his first official visit. A special engine brought His Excellency's Saloon from Navatkuli. His Excellency was received at the Station by Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, Government Agent, Mr. C. Ponnambalam, Chairman of the Jaffna Urban Council, Representatives of the North in the State Council, Members of the Reception Committee and other leading citizens of Jaffna and conducted in procession along a decorated route to the Jaffna Town Hall where a public and civic reception was accorded to His Excellency.

Address by the Urban Council

The address presented by the Chairman and members of the Urban Council brought to the notice of His Excellency some of the needs of the peninsula such as the meagre resources available to Local Government Institutions, slum clearance and housing, good water supply, a proper scheme of drainage, improvements of roads and the establishment of an Infectious Diseases Hospital. Replying to this address the Governor said:—

"Mr. Chairman, I thank you, Sir, for the address of welcome which you delivered to me on behalf of yourself and the members of the Jaffna Urban Council. I have been much looking forward to this opportunity of learning something, at first hand, of your local government problems. I must confess that returning here after all these years I am a little surprised that Jaffna, as the second largest city in the Island and the capital city of the ancient Jambh Kingdom, has not yet attained the dignity of a Municipality. I am told that such a step has been proposed

the necessity for inculcating the Scientific outlook in the people of the Island, has laid his finger at the most notable weak spot in Ceylon's national economy. An absence of a scientific outlook in Ceylon has chiefly been responsible for the Island's pitiful dependence on imports of food from foreign countries. Both Mr. Wadia and Mr. Anandha Nimalasuriya should be congratulated on their attempts to educate the Island on two of the most vital problems in Ceylon—Nutrition and the exploitation of the Island's natural resources.

This new crusade of Science as servant may well be the herald of a new era. The War, we have seen, has revealed Science both as a Master and as a Servant. At no time in history has the Scientist been so miraculously equipped to do either good or evil. He has conquered the air, contracted space and leapt forward in his attack on insidious disease. But at the same time he has been the king of Death and his fiendish instruments have flown through space and destroyed the handwork of the God of Life. To turn this mighty force of brain, intellect and reckless experiment into ways of good for everyone is a responsibility that has fallen on all nations. Ceylon too should contribute its share to the new deduction of the resources of Science to the service of man,

more than once, but its further consideration has been postponed for the period of the war. Now, I am not in a position to evaluate the financial advantages or disadvantages of such a proposal, but would only say this—that in my experience elsewhere I have found that the first purse strings of a Central Government are more readily loosened when a local government body shoulders its own responsibility and spends within reasonable limits.

Much progress has been made of your slum-clearance and housing schemes; much, I know, still remains to be done. But I understand that, with the assistance of the Town Planner sent by the Minister for Local Administration, a scheme has been drawn up, and that it is lack of materials rather than of efforts which is retarding progress.

I am afraid that until the war situation improves it may be that much progress may not be made of your water supply scheme. Your request has my full support, and I am told that due to your own efforts and the financial assistance provided by the Central Government an improved scheme is now being proceeded with. Here again the question of materials presents serious difficulties, which I know the Minister is only too anxious to overcome. But you must remember that it is not a problem confined to Jaffna alone. Local conditions in Jaffna present, I know, special difficulties for the preparation of an effective drainage scheme. I have only just arrived and it was only when coming up in the train that I had the opportunity of seeing a very interesting document by a very well-known son of Jaffna, Mr. Balasingham, and also reports by the Irrigation Department as to the possibility of doing something in a big way with your lagoons.

I know that there are these difficulties for a drainage scheme, but I feel none the less that your Council could prepare an application for financial assistance which could be put up and examined by the Central Government. I see no reason why it should not be sympathetically considered by the Headquarters.

I shall shortly be seeing the state of your roads, and the improvements made and are in process of being made to the Hospital since it was taken over by Government from the Friend-in-Need Society. I understand that accommodation there is likely, ultimately, to be expanded to 800 beds, but I quite agree with you that a town of the size of Jaffna is fully justified to have an up-to-date Hospital with all the necessary facilities.

In conclusion my wife and I are most grateful, Sir, for your good wishes and for the opportunity that this visit gives us of seeing so much in, I am afraid, a somewhat brief visit. Thank you very much indeed". (Applause.)

Address by the Public

The public address presented by the Chairman and Members of the Reception Committee, referred to the period of intense:

political activity throughout the Island and supported the principle of non-domination in any scheme for the future constitution of the Island. It also referred to the scanty support given to Agriculture in the Northern Province out of the public revenue and to the disadvantages of the young men and women of Jaffna in the sphere of higher education. Replying to this address the Governor said:—

"I am most grateful for the very hearty welcome that had been extended to my wife and myself on behalf of the inhabitants of Jaffna. Both of us have been looking forward very much for this opportunity of revisiting Jaffna, and we are particularly glad to be doing so at a time when the victory in Europe makes it possible for the full weight of the Armed Forces of the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States to be directed against Japan. We can now look forward with confidence to the early liberation of those who are in enemy Camps, who are still suffering under the heel of our enemy. I know that His Majesty the King can rely on your loyalty to assist the Fighting Services here in Ceylon in their efforts to speed up the hour of final victory. (applause)

Now, the visit of the Soulbury Commission has inevitably given rise to much political activity throughout the Island, and it is but natural that the Tamils of Jaffna should take this opportunity of bringing to my notice all the principles which they consider should be observed in any reform of the constitution that may eventually be agreed upon. But at the present time it is not necessary for me to inform such an intelligent audience as this that it is quite impossible for me to make any public pronouncement upon the subject, or indeed to embark upon any controversy as to the extent to which the agricultural and educational schemes of the Northern Province have received consideration in the formulation of recent policy. Such questions have no doubt been fully represented already to Lord Soulbury and his colleagues, and I am sure they can be relied upon to state their views dispassionately, after a full and impartial examination of all the evidence available. But I should like to take this opportunity of paying a tribute to the industry and enterprise of Jaffna and her sons. Everywhere they hold positions of trust and importance, both in business and public life of the Island and more so in the Government Service. No one, who has the best interests of Ceylon at heart, would wish to see any obstacles put in the way of the young man of integrity and push rising to the top whatever may be his race, caste, colour or privilege. (Loud applause)

It only remains now for me to thank you again, Sir, for your good wishes and to say how much I am looking forward to seeing something of the changes and developments which have taken place here since I last served in the days when the late Mr. H. B. Freeman was Government Agent and Sir William Twynham still lived in honourable retirement as the last Rajah of the North". (Continued and loud applause.)

His Excellency and party were then conducted to the lawn where Lady Moore planted a jak sapling and a mango sapling in memory of their visit to Jaffna. A Photo of their Excellencies was taken at the conclusion of this ceremony.