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**NEWS**

**LOCAL**

**Tractors for Kilinochi Farmers**  
 It is learnt that the Government is prepared to help the farmers under the Karachi Irrigation Scheme by getting their lands tractor-ploughed for the Kalapokam sowing. A meeting of the Karachi farmers was held on Saturday at Ramanathan College, Chunnakam to consider the Government's offer.

**Death Sentence at Jaffna Assizes**  
 The accused in the Nallur Kalliankadu murder case, Eliathamby Chelliah, was sentenced to death by Justice Caneheratne at the Jaffna Assizes. The Jury by a majority of six to one found the accused guilty. The accused was indicted with having on March 26 this year committed the murder of V. Nallathambi by stabbing him with a kris knife when the latter attempted to stop him from obstructing the funeral procession of Thillampalam Chelliah.

**"A Bold Enterprise"**  
 The Agricultural Produce Sales Society of Tenmaradchy has leased out a mill, the first Co-operative Mill in the North, and the opening ceremony took place recently at Chavakachcheri. Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, the Government Agent in declaring the mill open congratulated the Society on its bold enterprise and promised to do his best in supplying the mill with the necessary paddy for hulling purposes. Mr. G. de Soya, Commissioner of Co-operative Development, speaking on behalf of the Department congratulated the Society and the Northern Division Agricultural Producers Co-operative Union which gave the impetus to the Society to undertake this responsibility. The Society expects to hull about 120 bushels of paddy a day.

**The Annual Christian Convention**  
 The Annual Christian Convention organised by the Jaffna Christian Union commences on Monday, 3rd of September at St. John's College, Chundikuli. As announced earlier in these columns Rev. Paul Ramaseshan and Rev. Saverimuttu, will be the chief speakers. A special Study Group for young people is to be held every day at 3 p. m. Arrangements are being made to provide food and lodging to those who wish to stay at Chundikuli for the duration of the Convention which will conclude on Wednesday.

**H. S. C. Examination—New Features.**  
 The Higher School Certificate Examination will, in December this year, be conducted for the first time by the Education Department, Jaffna will be one of the centres. The Examination will be open to private candidates also, provided they have passed the S. E. C. and are over 20 years of age. Successful candidates will be classified into two divisions and there will be also a "Referred List". Sinhalese and Tamil will be made compulsory subjects from next year. The Examinations will be held twice a year in May or June and in December.

**Public Lecture**  
 "The Present Situation in India" and "Basic Education for Ceylon" were the subjects of two lectures delivered at the Jaffna Central College Hall on Wednesday by Mr. E. W. Ariyanayagam and Srinimati Asha Devi, Secretaries of the Hindustani Talimi Sangh, Wardha. The lectures were under the auspices of the Northern Province Teachers' Association.

**The Orient Recreation Club**  
 The 3rd Anniversary Celebrations of the above Club culminated in a Dinner held at "Sri Skanda Lodge," Manipay. Mr. P. Selvaratnam, the Secretary of the Club welcomed the guests and paid a tribute to the enthusiasts of the Club who evinced great interest in its activities. Mr. R. C. S. Cooke, Asst. Registrar of Co-operative Societies, proposed the toast of the Club. He said that he was happy to see great co-operators, prominent dramatists and sportsmen among the members and it was among the members that were required for the future uplift of this country. At the Annual meeting which preceded the dinner, the Office bearers for the ensuing year were elected. Mr. V. Veerasingham was elected Patron, Mr. K. Chornalingam, President and Mr. P. Selvaratnam, the Secretary.

**Textile Quandy**  
 It is learnt that the Textile Controller is experiencing considerable difficulty in regard to the distribution of textiles throughout the country. He has asked for instructions from the Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce for a workable proposal. The Controller has found that it is well nigh impossible to ensure a fair distribution of textiles if the claims of the Co-operative Stores are to be conceded. "The Executive Committee of Labour Industry and Commerce has now to decide," says the Controller "whether our scheme of controlled equitable distribution of textiles should be subordinated to a Government policy of nursing consumers' co-operatives or whether we shall free ourselves of this obligation and devote ourselves entirely to a distribution scheme in the consumers' interests."

**Personal**  
 Mr. E. W. Ariyanayagam, Secretary of the Hindustani Talimi Sangh, Sevagram, Wardha, and Mrs. Ariyanayagam are on a short visit to Jaffna after attending the A. C. U. T. Silver Jubilee Celebrations at Kandy.

**Obituary**  
 We are sorry to record the death of Mr. K. Somupillai, Retired Teacher of the American Mission English School, Tellippalai. Mr. Somupillai counted many years of useful service as a teacher and was greatly loved and esteemed by his pupils and colleagues. He leaves behind two sons, Messrs. S. Nagaratham and S. Selvaratnam, one daughter Mrs. S. Nadarajah and a host of relations to bemoan his loss.

—We are sorry to record the death of Mr. W. J. Chelliah of Alaveddy who was for a number of years attached to the Dispensary at Mo Leod Hospital, Inuvil. Owing to ill health he retired a few years back. The funeral took place at his residence at Alaveddy South, Chunnakam.

Rev. J. V. J. Arnold officiated assisted by Mr. J. J. Ratnarajah. He leaves behind a son, Mr. C. A. Gnanaasegaram, Inspector of Schools, Bandarawela, and two daughters, Mrs. W. A. Vyravapillai and Mrs. C. E. Sinnathamby of the staff of St. Clare's, Wellawatte, to bemoan his loss.

—The death occurred recently in Colombo of Mr. Joseph Thambipillai Ponniah, son of the late Mr. Daniel Arumampalam Thampipillai, Broker of Colombo and of Chankanaal. The remains were interred at the Church of England Section of the General Cemetery, Kanatte. He leaves behind a son, Mr. Ollageasegaram Ponniah, a daughter, Miss Ruby Ponniah, a brother Mr. Alfred D. Thampipillai, four sisters and a host of relations to bemoan his loss.

**INDIAN NEWS**

The election of the Bishop of Tinnevely is to take place on the 18th of September at the first sessions of the Tinnevely Diocesan Council.

—It is learnt that the British Methodist Conference in July at Nottingham elected the Rev. Dr. R. Newton Flew to be next year's Conference President. Dr. Flew's rare scholarship is recognised by all the Churches, particularly in his notable book "Jesus and His Church."

—Dr. Wilson Hume has taken up appointment at the Y. M. C. A. National Office in Calcutta as Associate National General Secretary (with Mr. T. D. Santwan) of the Y. M. C. A. for India, Burma and Ceylon.

—The Third Prayer Conference of the S. C. M. Movement of India, Burma and Ceylon was held from the 17th to the 19th of August at the Methodist Theological School, Guindy, Madras. The speakers were Dr. M. S. Adishesiah, Rev. P. Ramaseshan, Rev. S. Estborn and Mr. M. A. Thomas.

—Mr. Jinnah has agreed to visit Ceylon in March or April next year.

**THE WOMEN'S CENTRE**

The William Mather Memorial Women's Centre was established in the buildings and grounds of the Orphanage at Maruthanadam in 1941. The Centre has two departments—an Industrial Department and an Orphanage.

The Industrial Department admits young women who wish to find a home and to earn their own living. The industries are weaving mainly, and various kinds of handwork such as basketry, mat making and needle work. There are 34 young women living in the centre with a weaving teacher and a matron in charge. In the Orphanage, there are at present 10 girls attending schools at Uduvil and Inuvil.

Miss L. G. Bookwalter is manager of the Centre at present. She lives in the Mission House at Inuvil. There is an Interdenominational Board of Management in charge of the Centre and various Committees to look after the various aspects of the work—an Industrial Committee, a Finance Committee, an Evangelistic Committee and a Home Committee.

The Centre is supported by voluntary donations from friends, from produce from the compound, and from the Industries.

The Board of Management has decided to procure a resident Head—a national young woman—who would be in charge of the Centre. She should be a graduate, an Inter or a trained teacher or a person with experience in Christian work. The Centre would be able to pay her a stipend of Rs. 100.

The Board hopes that a young woman of missionary spirit may wish to take up this work for the sake of the young women from all parts of Ceylon who come to the Centre, to find a home.

Please write for further particulars to Miss L. G. Bookwalter, Mission House, Inuvil, Chunnakam, N. P.

**NOTICE**

**OPENING OF MUSIC ACADEMY**

Professor R. Srinivasan, M. A., Retired Principal of the Travancore University will open the Music Academy of Ramanathan College and speak on "Music and Religion" at Ramanathan College Hall at 6 p. m. on Monday, 3rd September.

His daughter, Mrs. Kamala Krishnamurti, will give a music recital on the occasion.

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E. Goonaratne,  
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புதினக் குறிப்புகள்

காலநிலை

வேலவீரோசம் அரிசனமயிற் பதிநூற்று... வேலவீரோசம் அரிசனமயிற் பதிநூற்று...

குதுவா தம்பலோலை

வண்ணா... 23 வயசுள்ள திரி... வண்ணா... 23 வயசுள்ள திரி...

கோலை

தாமரை பற்றுகையினுள் இயெசகக்க... தாமரை பற்றுகையினுள் இயெசகக்க...

யாழ்ப்பாண மியூசீசிப்பல் சங்கீதம்

யாழ்ப்பாணத்தல் இப்பொழுது கடை... யாழ்ப்பாணத்தல் இப்பொழுது கடை...

யூரோப் கண்பயிற் குறை

சுபயநீரகோட்டு வழக்குகள் விவசாய... சுபயநீரகோட்டு வழக்குகள் விவசாய...

முத்திப்பெட்டிக்குள் நேரம்

யூசும் இப்பொழுது முடிபெற்றிருப்... யூசும் இப்பொழுது முடிபெற்றிருப்...

குலங்கையரிசை

சென்ற ஆபாசத்தல் இலகையரிசை... சென்ற ஆபாசத்தல் இலகையரிசை...

வளையதப்புக் காட்சி

இவ்வகையில் முன்னொரு போதும்... இவ்வகையில் முன்னொரு போதும்...

சுபால் சந்திரபோஸ்

இந்தியாவின் பிரசித்திபெற்ற சிலை... இந்நவாசிய சுபால் சந்திரபோஸ்...

யுத்த முடிவின் தந்தகால நிலைமை

சென்ற வருடப் பத்திரிகையின் கூறப்... சென்ற வருடப் பத்திரிகையின் கூறப்...

களை இயெய்ச்செ கடற் தளபதிற்கு... களை இயெய்ச்செ கடற் தளபதிற்கு...

யாழ்ப்பாண மிருக உணவுச்சாலை

மீருக உணவுச்சாலை

மீருகங்களின் உணவுவகைகளுக்கு வருந்த வேண்டாம்

எம்மால் விற்பனை செய்யப்படும்... எம்மால் விற்பனை செய்யப்படும்...

த. இராசரத்தினம்

லோலை தறிப்பை வசாதகாரர்... லோலை தறிப்பை வசாதகாரர்...

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(English Hymns Translated)

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திரு புதி-மெட்டு: சாணமலாலயத்தில்

பரமன் திருச் சன்னித்யில்

அடிமனமே ஒளிக்கு... பரவியனை காணை... அடிமனமே ஒளிக்கு...

அரியபத கீழ்விலே

அருச்சலகை நேயிருப்பேன்... அருச்சலகை நேயிருப்பேன்...

நிரமேயிலா தென்னியும்

நிரமேயிலா தென்னியும்... நிரமேயிலா தென்னியும்...

சொருவெயல ரோமியக்

சுவாதலற யாடிவே... சொருவெயல ரோமியக்...

அருளே பொற என்விசாரம்

சொடியநிலம், நியமியை... அருளே பொற என்விசாரம்...

சரியாவெனக் கண்டயாடுதன்

குறைபாடற்றத சலிவொன்... சரியாவெனக் கண்டயாடுதன்...

பரமன் திருச் சன்னித்யில்

அருமைமறை துன் மான... பரமன் திருச் சன்னித்யில்...

சுருணையிரு மெனதிரகு

சமுமமைய துற்த... சுருணையிரு மெனதிரகு...

சுருணைசிறை மட்டுணையுள்

முடிபுகிறதப் பரமாவல்த... சுருணைசிறை மட்டுணையுள்...

தூய்மை

தூய்மை இவ்வகையில் கொடு... தூய்மை இவ்வகையில் கொடு...



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Friday, August 31, 1945.

## EQUIPMENT GRANT TO SCHOOLS

The principle of Free Education which constitutes the chief plank in the Educational Reform Proposals has been accepted by the State Council and the country at large. We would have wished that this principle was introduced in stages during a ten-year period giving time to both the Government and the Schools to make the necessary financial and academic adjustments. However, it has seemed wise to our statesmen to go the whole hog in one bounce. Therefore it is now up to the authorities of schools, as people vitally interested in education and the national progress of the country, to see how best they can make a success of this scheme.

The issues involved in the Educational Reform Proposals have been narrowed down, after months and years of discussion and debate, to the following two details: (a) The '30' rule, (b) Equipment Grant. It is reassuring to find that the '30' rule has been held over for further consideration. The following schedule of rates for maintenance and equipment grant is being discussed in the State Council at the moment:—

### 1. Assisted English Schools:

For each unit of average attendance:—

(a) in the primary classes—

Rs. 250

(b) in the junior section of the post-primary classes (that is to say in the 6th, 7th and 8th standards)—

Rs. 5,00

(c) in the senior section of the post-primary classes that is to say, in classes above the 8th standard:—

(i) where an approved science laboratory is not provided—

Rs. 10,00

(ii) where an approved science laboratory is provided—

Rs. 15,00

### 2. Assisted Vernacular or Bilingual Schools:

For each unit of average attendance

Rs. 1,00

We have no doubt that the rates proposed are woefully inadequate. The many items of expenditure there are in a school besides teachers' salaries are too well known for us to repeat them here. The Minister seems to think that the employment of 'excess' teachers by schools is an unwarranted burden on parents, and he has made much of this in the debate now proceeding. Excess teachers are employed not for the sake of teachers themselves, but for the sake of good education for the children. Parents appreciate that they get value for money and do not grudge paying higher tuition fees even when there may be schools charging lower fees in the neighbourhood. Thus schools fill a deficiency on their staff brought about by much too stringent 'Code' regulations. It is admitted that Assisted Schools now spend Rs. 1,500,000 per year on items other than teachers' salaries. As against this, it is now proposed to pay a maintenance and equipment grant of Rs. 300,000 which is just one-fifth. Schools are asked to find the remaining four-fifths, or stretch to that extent within a month from now, for, the time given till October 1948 has no meaning whatever. The Minister himself has said that he could

not understand how some schools can continue to charge fees while others don't. It is suggested that Assisted Schools should build up Endowment Funds to meet such expenses. It is an understatement to say that a school of medium size and ordinary efficiency spends at least Rs. 10,000 a year on maintenance and equipment. A fund of 3½ lakhs will be necessary to yield this income annually. Can this fund be collected overnight? The Minister has also said recently that if Government was going to pay for everything then Government must have full control. It should not be forgotten that the Government is not paying anything towards capital expenditure, which is a formidable item for which all the resources of Assisted Schools will be needed.

The curriculum and syllabus for the primary classes of all schools, that is, Tamil and Sinhalese primary, English primary and English secondary, are to be identical. The consequence of Free Education will therefore be that children will leave the smaller schools and gravitate towards the bigger and better type of schools in the order mentioned. A parent would obviously like to put his child in a school where the child can go from the Kindergarten to the H.S.C. without a break. Such schools are normally more efficient too. All that the parent has to do is to choose the school. He does not have to pay. On the other hand, a prudent Manager will consider that the immediate future is the time for consolidation and not expansion. At the rates proposed he will have no money for furniture and equipment, leave alone additional class-rooms, necessary for rapidly increasing numbers. We therefore foresee that schools will decide to limit numbers. If so, can the State provide enough schools for the thousands of children who may not be able to gain admission to Assisted Schools?

From every point of view, the present situation calls for co-operation between the Government and the Authorities of Assisted Schools if this great ideal of Free Education is to be a success. The dual duty of Government is to open schools where they are wanted and make it possible for the present Assisted Schools to continue usefully and vigorously. On the other hand, Assisted Schools should pull their weight with the Minister in order to make this inspiring ideal blossom forth and bear fruit in the fullness of time for the glory of Lanka.

We would suggest, as a reasonable and feasible solution, the following two alternative proposals:—

(1) That the rates of equipment grant be:—

(a) Rs. 30,00 per each unit of average attendance in the post-primary classes, and

(b) Rs. 15,00 in the primary classes; or

(2) That schools be allowed to charge an equipment fee, inclusive of games, at the rate of Rs. 3,00 per month in the post-primary classes and Rs. 2,00 per month in the primary classes.

The total grant according to the first plan will be Rs. 1,500,000, but if this amount is going to be the last straw that might break the camel's back, we suggest the second. It may be argued that if a fee is charged it will not be Free Education. If so, how about the games fee that has been approved? Games constitute a part of physical education, without which no education is complete. Also, if education is to be really free, then books, clothes and even transport will have to be provided. But we are sure that the public is not going to resort to such hair-splitting arguments when there are more substantial things for which they

have to be grateful to the Minister. The parents will certainly not grudge paying a small fee towards maintenance and equipment.

We hope that the Minister will not stumble over this pebble of Rs. 1,500,000, but will allow it and keep all parties happy and contented for the sake of his own cherished dream.

## FAREWELL TO METROPOLITAN

Civic Address by the Calcutta Corporation

The Most Reverend Dr. Foss Westcott, Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan of India, Burma and Ceylon, was presented a civic address on the eve of his retirement after 25 years of service, by the Mayor of Calcutta or behalf of the Aldermen and Councillors of the Calcutta Corporation. The address referred to the dark days of feud between creed and creed 19 years ago when the Metropolitan by his ceaseless and dauntless efforts helped to restore the reign of Reason in a frenzied world. It also recalled how tenderly and ceaselessly he soothed and comforted in his hour of affliction and suffering one of the noblest Englishmen India has ever known—Dinabandhu C. F. Andrews. The courage of the Metropolitan's convictions is stressed in the following extract:

You have often given expression to your sentiments with a boldness born of the Christian Soldier, in language which has often been regarded in some quarters as unorthodox. Thus, on the occasion of a broadcast following the passing away of Dinabandhu Andrews, you said:—"To our shame, we own the strength of racial prejudice with which many Europeans have regarded the peoples of the East. A sense of essential superiority of the white man over his darker neighbour has been one of the most divisive forces between the East and the West." Every word has the spark of truth in it,—the spark in which will be consumed that charnel house, where man in his supreme malevolence and ultimate unwisdom, dares to dominate over man.

Dr. Foss Westcott in his reply said that the life which he had spent in India was intensely interesting. Certainly India had been a home for him for the 55 years and he was sure that in future he would have the same opportunity of serving the country as he had in the past. He was so grateful to India for all it had so taught him and given him. Indeed, he valued so much the interest which the country had afforded to him in his life and the affection which many people of this country had given to him.

The present occasion reminded him of another such in 1933, when he had been invited by the Mayor to address this Council Chamber. On that occasion he had at his side four representatives of different creeds and races who were animated by the one conviction that unless they had God absolutely in the centre of their lives there was no hope for mankind to live together and no chance for them to establish peace and harmony in the world. He shared the same conviction with them.

Referring to the talk of peace going on today after the termination of war in Europe, Dr. Westcott recalled that after the last world war there was also the talk of a peace that would last, a peace that would mean the end of all wars and it was only a few years before men began to realise that the fundamental principle of a lasting peace had not been embodied in the Treaty of Versailles.

Proceeding, Dr. Westcott said that the principle of God's creation was diversity in unity. The whole beauty of creation depended on diversity and the speaker believed that it was the same with mankind. If they all looked the same way, if they all thought the same kind of thoughts, if they all followed the same kind of profession, the world would be a dull uniformity.

So, when one thought of the different races of India, each with some special gifts or characteristics, one felt that it was God's intention that each should make its special contribution for the benefit of the whole country.

Looking to India, he hoped that its diversity should not lead to antagonism. Recalling the words of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya during Mahatma Gandhi's three week fast he said that as people of different races who were to live in peace and harmony they must respect the religious convictions of those who did not see eye to eye with them. It is learnt that when he vacates his office at the end of this month, the Metropolitan will go to Ranchi at the invitation of the Bishop of Chota Nagpur and spend some time there.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

Sir.—Miss Hutchins' letter which appeared in your last issue should serve as an eye-opener not only to the J. I. C. C. F. but to the whole Christian Community in Jaffna. It is indeed a pity that we should be urged to use our own mother tongue among ourselves by a foreigner to that language. But wherever it comes from, it is a serious fact to be noted by us.

The letter is a pointer in a more important direction. Today the cry is that the Church is discrediting itself and thwarting its own purpose by a curious and forced attachment to foreign and stereotyped methods of worship and evangelism. The demand is everywhere for the nationalisation of the Christian religion. This can only mean nationalisation of means and methods, because religion as such is always universal and therefore cannot be nationalised. But it has to be presented in terms peculiar to each country, age, or people. Once the locality, the time or the people are changed, the expression though adequate in an earlier age, in another country, and among some other people, fails to continue to function efficiently. Hence the necessity of a new expression and a new interpretation which no thinking Christian today can fail to see.

Certain sections of the Church in India have made sincere attempts and good progress in this direction and in Ceylon too a beginning has undoubtedly been made in recent years. But however great our effort, if the language-medium itself is foreign, everything else becomes foreign.

A very commendable practice in China, I am told, is the hundred per cent use of the Chinese language even in Government Offices. The freedom we enjoy today does not allow us to go to that extent, but where we do enjoy freedom from fear there is no reason why in a completely Tamil speaking audience Tamil should not be used, not only for the sake of the weaker brother but for the sake of all.

Yours etc.

J. J. R.

[While welcoming both Miss Hutchins' letter and the above one, in our columns, we hope they do not give an impression to the readers that the J. I. C. C. F. had intentionally arranged the programme in English much to the annoyance of those not conversant with it. The J. I. C. C. F. is we are sure ever prepared to welcome suggestions. — The Editor.]

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