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**THE MORNING STAR**  
Dear Subscriber,  
If you have not paid your subscription for this year yet, it will help us immensely if you will be good enough to do so before the 15th of October.  
Respectfully yours,  
**THE MANAGER.**

**EVENTS TO COME**  
Oct. 6 - Vembadi Old Girls' Association Annual Meeting.  
" 7 - Council Sunday. Worldwide Communion Sunday.  
" 12 - J. C. S. I. U. C. Festival at the Uduvil Church.  
" 12, 13 "Fifty-Fifty" by the Colombo Y. M. C. A. at the Jaffna Town Hall.

**NEWS**  
**LOCAL**  
**Proctors and Judicial Appointments.**  
The Legal Secretary received a Deputation from the Council of the Law Society of Ceylon on the above question on Friday 28th ult. Mr. S. J. C. Kadirgamar, President of the Law Society, led the Deputation. The other members were Mr. G. T. Hale, Vice-President, Messrs S. Somasundaram, Felix de Silva, F. Rustomjee and Mr. Valentine S. Perera, Secretary.

**Memorial Service**  
A service sacred to the memory of Mr. James Navaratnam Jesudason was held at St. Mark's Church, Badulla, in the presence of his wife, children, and several friends on September 26, with Holy Communion.

**Methodist Church: Children's Rally**  
Christian children connected with all the Methodist Churches in the Jaffna District had a whole day Rally on Sunday 30th Sept. at Vembadi. There was a very large gathering of children from all parts of Jaffna present.  
The Rally opened with a Divine Service at St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Chairman of the District, the Rev. James S. Mather. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. A. C. Thambyrajah of the S. I. U. C., Vaddukoddal, who, speaking on the anointing of David as King, said that God's ways were different from man's and He often chose the last and the least, and used them for His great purposes. Mr. Mather in his address referred to the part played by students in the Local Option Campaign in Jaffna in 1918 when within six years they closed all the 134 taverns that were in the Peninsula. He appealed to the children present to help to create a new world free from war, drink, poverty and such ills. The meeting then divided into groups in charge of several leaders and discussed religious questions. They re-assembled in the Church at 11.30 and had a Sing-Song.  
At noon there was a Fellowship Lunch, when Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Edwards of Colombo were the host and hostess. In the afternoon, there was a meeting at Vembadi Girls' High School Hall, when the several Sunday Schools gave items and they were much appreciated. After Tea, there was a Procession of Witnesses, and it concluded with the evening Service in the Church, conducted by the Rev. D. P. Niles, who in his address said that Christ was the centre of History, which His advent divided into before Christ and after Christ. Every day everybody wrote "1945", it meant 1945 years after

Christ came to the world. Mr. I. Yesuagayam of the Ashram also addressed the meeting.

**Personal**  
Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamar and family, Negri Semblan, Serampan are safe and well. Mr. S. J. Kadirgamar (Proctor) his brother received a cable to this effect.

**INDIAN**  
The convocation of the Annamalai University will be held on Nov. 27th. H. E. Sir Arthur Hope, will deliver the convocation address.

The election of the Bishop of Tinnevely took place at a meeting of the Diocesan Council held on the 18th. A panel of four has been submitted to the Metropolitan who along with the Bishops of Travancore and Madras will make the final selection. With his consent, Bishop Neill was also nominated as a candidate.

The consecration of the Assistant Bishop of Dornakal and the Bishop of Tinnevely will be held in Madras about the 15th of November.

**FOREIGN**  
Mr. Churchill is said to have been offered £ 250,000 by an American publisher for a history of the war.

It is now known that Goebbels tried to make peace with Russia just before the fall of Berlin and committed suicide when his attempt failed.

Work has been started on the presentation sword for General Eisenbomer, the gift of the City of London. It will be made by Tom Basley, aged 84, who made the Stalingrad Sword.

Sir Harold MacMichael, former High Commissioner for Palestine, has left London for Kuala Lumpur on his mission to Malaya at the request of the British Government. He will break his journey in Colombo for discussions with Lord Louis Mountbatten. It is learnt that Sir Harold's mission is primarily concerned with the study and re-examination of Government administration in the Malayan Government arising from the changed conditions as a result of the Japanese occupation.

A Danish Scientist who contributed to the discovery of the new atomic bomb escaped from Denmark by a fishing boat after the German occupation. He is Professor Niels Bohr.

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Lawyers in Malaya on account of recent grave war conditions and other obvious reasons will not be able to defend themselves or others. This situation calls for immediate action. Military Tribunals have begun to function.

Yours etc,  
Sam. J. C. Kadirgamar.  
Colombo,  
28th Sept, 1945.

**MALAYAN RELIEF INFORMATION**

Sir,  
The next item on the list of Priorities is the securing and

the passing on of information about the fate of persons in Malaya to relatives in Ceylon. It would be ideal if our Government will immediately establish a Bureau in Colombo for the purpose and secure the co-operation of the Military Administration in Malaya in receiving and clearing inquiries till such time as Government takes a decision as to the organisation it would establish for looking after the affairs of 30,000 Ceylonese in distress in Malaya. It is reasonable to expect that our Government will take necessary measures to meet the situation.

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S. J. C. Kadirgamar.  
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# The Morning Star

Friday, October 5, 1945.

## OUR CHURCHES

The coming week is of special interest to us as marking another milestone in the history of the Jaffna Council of the South India United Church. This Sunday is to be observed as Council Sunday—a day of special thanksgiving for the work that has been accomplished hitherto and a day of special dedication for the immense task ahead. It is also expected that during this week every Church in the field would take stock of its past achievements with a view to find out what it has actually done and what it has failed to do and every member likewise recollect what part he has played in the development of his Church. Such an introspection will be of immense advantage both for the individual and the Church to which he belongs.

By far two of the major problems with which the Council is faced are the dearth of Workers and the need of Voluntary Lay Leaders. Time was when every year fresh blood was infused into our Churches by the appointment of young graduates from the Bangalore and Serampore Theological Colleges all of whom made a remarkable contribution to the development of the Churches in their charge. But now for some years we have not had many young men offering themselves for the Ministry and with the prospect of some of our senior ministers retiring from service in the near future, the Council is faced with a problem which is as acute as it is distressing. Closely allied with this problem is the other question of finding qualified voluntary lay leaders to take up responsibilities in the Church. It is a sad reflection on our Churches that our Ministers are taxed to the utmost capacity and are burdened with responsibilities which the laymen can very well take upon themselves. Besides being a strain on the Minister such a state of affairs is least desirable in a Christian community that aims at filling a definite place in the life of the village in which it is placed.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish a speech delivered by Principal Kellock in India. In this speech he suggests the lines on which Christian leaders may be trained and also the types of leaders that we require. His classification is very exhaustive and of the five main types of leaders he mentions, the special need in our Churches is for numbers 1, 3 and 4. While we have at least a few ordained pastors, the numbers of voluntary lay leaders and women workers in our Churches are practically nil; The Women's Centre at Maruthanadam, for instance, is in need of a full-time woman-worker of the type Principal Kellock refers to in the third category of

Christian Leaders. The few lay leaders we have, fall under the category of specialists and have been entrusted with responsibilities which are often too much for one single man to discharge. Above all as Principal Kellock points out "The seed-bed for the growing of this needed leadership will be the home, the school and the college and the institutions for the training of Christian workers and the climate for it will be the atmosphere of a friendly worshipping Christian Community". Do we not see here an answer to the question as to why there is such a dearth of young Christian workers and lay leaders? Have our Churches and Schools provided the "climate" and "seed-bed" necessary for the growth of this much needed leadership? This is a question which our Churches and educational institutions should answer for themselves.

The Annual Letter issued by the Council mentions one achievement which deserves our sincere congratulations. The formation of Youth Auxiliaries to our Churches is commendable and deserves the co-operation and support of all those interested in the Youth of our country. The Committee of Work among the Young needs the co-operation of every member of the Church to put into effect its ambitious programme. Work among the Youth has never been more urgent than today. It will

## TRAINING OF WORKERS

(Extracts from a speech delivered by Principal Kellock to the B. R. C. C.)

One essential need is the development of strong and enlightened Christian leadership of the Church by Indian men and women. In every sphere of the Church's life there is need of persons who, having understood the vital truths of the Christian faith and being inspired by its liberating spirit, can meet the perplexing and diversified problems of the Indian scene with true Christian insight, courage and effectiveness. The seed-bed for the growing of this needed leadership will be the home, the school and the college and the institutions for the training of Christian workers; and the climate for it will be the atmosphere of a friendly, worshipping Christian community.

### Five types of Christian Leaders

There are five main types of leaders required: (1) *Voluntary Lay Leaders*. These are men and women engaged in the ordinary occupations of life who know what Christianity is, what it teaches, what it stands for. Members of groups that have recently come into Christianity and that are living in a non-Christian environment greatly need the service that such voluntary lay workers can render. Much can be done through short-period Institutes and similar methods to encourage the growth of a body of enlightened and instructed exponents of the Faith who will give this much needed leadership. (2) *Full-Time Lay Workers*. At present this type of worker plays and probably still for a considerable time to come will continue to play a very important part in the ministry of the Church to its far-scattered people. These lay workers need to be adequately trained for their wide and various duties. They function as assistant pastors, school

of districts, teachers in theological schools and colleges, and who could write books on Christian subjects. There is need for a certain number of such leaders, persons fitted by natural ability and by training to be put on what might be called the 'high command.'

### The Mind of Christ

We must do all we can to provide the leadership or specialized service which, functioning at different levels and in various directions, is clearly a vital need of the Church in the years ahead. For the Church must be permeated with the mind of Christ and its membership furnished with an adequate grasp of the purpose and the principles of Christianity. The Church needs workers who, coming out from short-period Institutes, from Bible Schools and Theological Schools, will saturate the membership with the knowledge and inspiration of the Faith. It needs women leaders, who will do that particularly for the women and children. It needs leaders who will be able to understand the issues at stake in many a situation that is likely to arise with testing challenge. It needs leaders who will be able to apply the lessons of history to the circumstances of the day. It needs leaders who will be able to pass on to the Church membership that vision of the Kingdom of God which will keep the Church on the right path.

### Humanity Marching on Bewildered

We are living in a time when humanity is on the march, but uncertain and bewildered as to the way. The matters to which our minds are set and the work about which we confer in this Council have as their meaning and essence the things of which the world today stands sorely in need. The principles and inspirations that underlie our existence as a Christian movement are the guiding lights which humanity needs for its true direction. We may well feel exhilarated by the high nature, the momentous issues and the beneficent purpose of the enterprise in which we share as part of the Christian Church. Therefore let us strengthen the feeble knees and gird up our loins. Let us to our tasks, as Mr. Churchill said to the people of Britain and the Commonwealth when they stood alone and when the war was at a stage that made courage, determination and self-sacrificing devotion an urgent necessity. Let us to our tasks in village, town and city, in pastorate or institution, in teaching and preaching, in the field and in the homes, in hospital and dispensary, in hostel, school and college, in worship and prayer, in thinking and writing, in disseminating the Word of God and distributing literature. Let us to our tasks with high hearts, with unquenchable hope, and with the love of God and man, with the fellowship of God in Christ, vitalizing all our endeavour,

(Dnyanodaya)

## Morning Star Fund for Malayan Relief

Remember your countrymen in travail:  
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OUR readers will be glad to know that we have opened a Fund for the relief of our countrymen now in Malaya. No special exhortation from us is, we feel, necessary to commend this worthy cause. Malaya has been, not long ago, our EL DORADO. There is hardly any public fund in Jaffna that was not enriched by Malayan Coiffers and hardly any appeal that has not met with the most enthusiastic response. The turn is now ours! Let us rush to alleviate the distress of a people who have always been keenly alive to our problems and needs.

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be very desirable if the Churches could widen their sphere of influence so as to embrace in their fold not merely the Christian children but the entire youth of the village whatever their caste, creed or nationality may be. The problem of youthful offenders in our country is a matter in which our Churches should be naturally and genuinely interested. A cursory glance at the Administration Report of the Commissioner of Prison and Probation Services issued recently will show that out of 10293 convicted persons in the island, 1123 are youthful offenders between the ages of 16 and 22. Roughly one in every nine convicted persons is a youthful offender. Haven't our Churches a special responsibility in this direction?

With most of our educational institutions falling under the Government Scheme, the Church has now become the main centre of Evangelism. The time is therefore now ripe for a re-orientation of the methods and programme of work that has been in vogue hitherto. Intelligent planning and thorough organisation are required to make the Church a living influence in the village. This new responsibility the Churches under the Council have to assume in the coming years. The degree of their success will of course depend upon the strength and character of the persons associated with the work.

teachers, community-welfare workers, and they have to instruct candidates for baptism and full membership, lead their congregations in voluntary evangelistic efforts, promote adult literacy and undertake many other duties of a pastoral and social service nature. (3) *Full-Time Women Workers*. There is great need for trained women workers to deal with the work relating to women and children. Their work would comprise not only religious instruction and worship services, but also the giving of instruction in the nurture of children and the standards of the Christian family life, practical service of many kinds and witnessing to non-Christian women. Most of the women at present doing this kind of work are of small educational qualification (less than Vernacular Final generally). Efforts should be made through high schools and colleges to get workers of higher grade to enter this service. (4) *Ordained Pastors*. For the future of the Church the quality of the Pastors cannot be over-emphasized. The Church must have its ordained ministers and they must continue to be the backbone of the system, holding the different elements together in unity and effectiveness, upbuilding, guiding and inspiring both leaders and people. Their selection and training must be such that they will be a body of men genuinely respected for the moral and spiritual quality of their lives, for their intellectual equipment and their gifts of leadership. (5) *Specialists*. These would be Christian workers of high grade as regards natural endowment, intellectual training and experience of affairs, the kind of persons who could be made superintendents

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