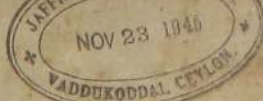


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NEWS

LOCAL

Second Regional Theological Conference

The above Conference convened by the Rev. D. T. Niles, Secretary of the National Christian Council met at Udurt Girls' English School last week-end to discuss the subject "Sin and Salvation". More than forty people attended the Conference which commenced on Thursday evening and ended on Saturday.

Demand for General Election

At an Executive Committee meeting of the Jaffna Progressive Association held on the 14th inst. presided over by Mr. R. C. Proctor, retired Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court, a resolution was passed protesting against the continuance of the present State Council which has already run nine years. It was also resolved that copies of the above resolution be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor and the Secretary of State for the Colonies for their favourable consideration.

Inter-Collegiate Soccer Champions

The Inter Collegiate Soccer Competition organised by the Jaffna School Sports Association concluded on Saturday when the final matches were played on the J. S. S. A. grounds. The first Eleven teams that met were Jaffna Hindu College and St. Henry's College, Javalai. The match ended in a draw, each side scoring one goal, and they were both adjudged joint Champions for the season. The Jaffna Hindu College Second Team, defeating Kokuvil Hindu College by 3 goals to nil, won the Second Eleven Championship.

Repercussions in Jaffna of the Colombo Harbour Strike

On account of the dislocation caused by the Harbour Strike in Colombo, there has been a shortage of rice in all Co-operative Stores in Jaffna. The people were under a misapprehension that the ration has been cut. The Government Agent, however, has assured that the matter would be averted shortly as supplies have been requisitioned from Kilinochi and other Internal Purchase Scheme Stores.

Request for a Hospital for Valigamam North

At a general meeting of the Parapara Nanmai Viruthi Sangam, held at Kankesanthurai, it was unanimously resolved to request the Minister of Health to acquire the buildings and equipment of the military hospital at Kankesanthurai and establish a hospital for the Valigamam North Area. It was urged that as Kankesanthurai was 12 miles from the Jaffna Hospital, the need was urgent for a hospital in the area. It was also pointed out that these buildings, being situated in a residential area and within a short distance of Keerimalai, a healthy resort, should on no account be used for accommodating tuberculosis patients.

Personal

—Mr. C. J. Elizezer of the Staff of Mathematics Department of the Ceylon University has been awarded the Ph. D. degree of Cambridge University for research in Mathematics.
 —Mr. E. R. Salvadurai, District Judge, Galle has assumed duties as District Judge of Jaffna relieving Mr. S. S. J. Gunasekara who was acting in the post.
 —Mr. C. O. Elias of the Staff of Jaffna College has received information that his eldest daughter Miss Monie Elias has been successful in the Intermediate Examination in Arts of the Travancore University.

INDIAN

—The second Indo-Ceylon Athletic Contest is to be held at Bangalore on Feb. 9 and 10, 1946. The Ceylon's Amateur Athletic Associations Trial Meet to select the team to represent Ceylon has been fixed for January 4 and 5, 1946. This meet will be held on the Police grounds at 3 p. m. each day. In order to discourage the novice from entering the Trial Meet, (for which entries close on Dec. 31) the Ceylon A. A. A. authorities have set up a series of standards for each event which they expect the ultimate competitors to obtain.

It may be recalled that Ceylon would have sent out a team of Athletics to India in 1942 but the entry of Japan into the War necessitated the cancellation of the proposal. At the first Indo-Ceylon Contest held in Colombo 1940, India won by a lead of about 8 points.

—The Diamond Jubilee of the Indian National Congress which falls on December 28, this year, will be celebrated next year as most of the members of the Working Committee favoured postponement in view of the problems arising from the forthcoming elections to the Central and Provincial legislatures.

—The consecration of Canon G. T. Belwyn, Bishop-elect of Tinnevely and Canon P. Muthyalu, Assistant Bishop-elect of Dornakal was held on the 14th ult. at St. George's Cathedral, Madras. The Most Rev. G. Hubback, the Metropolitan of India, assisted by the Bishops of Madras, Dornakal and Travancore and Dr. Foss Westcott, the ex-Metropolitan conducted the ceremonies of the consecration.

—The death is announced of Mrs. Maud Arden Eddy, wife of Dr. Sherwood Eddy in September last at a hospital in Brooklyn. Mrs Eddy was born in Ootacamund, India and was married in Madras in 1838 when Dr. Eddy was a Y. M. C. A. Secretary working among Indian Students in South India.

—M. S. Jayanandam, approver in the Lakshimikanthan stabbing case, has been sentenced to transportation for life at the Madras High Court Criminal sessions.

FOREIGN

A shipment of 1,500 tons of equipment and supplies, such as coagulants and tapping knives, will shortly arrive in Malaya to assist rubber estates to resume operations. They will be sold throughout the Malayan Peninsula at moderate prices.

—Three Scientists who worked on the Atom Bomb at the University of Chicago described the Atom Bomb dropped on Japan as "firecrackers compared with what will be developed in 10 or 20 years."

—According to Missionaries returning to Britain from Japanese Prison Camps, Dr. Toyoshiko Kagawa, the great Japanese Christian and Socialist, was in Nagasaki when the Atom Bomb was dropped there on Aug. 9. This is the first news of Dr. Kagawa since 1939.

—General Sir Miles Dampsey is shortly relinquishing the post of General Officer Commanding Malaya, to take over the post of C-in-C Allied Land Forces, South-East Asia from General Sir Williams Slim who is going to take an appointment in Europe.

—Mr. Cordell Hull, former United States Secretary of State, has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace for 1945. The Prize is to be awarded officially on December 10. The Peace Prize for 1944 was awarded to the International Red Cross.

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"EDUCATIONAL EROSION"

Canon Macleod Campbell, former Principal of Trinity College and an eminent educationist has characterised the present trend in Education, not as Educational Reformation or Educational Renaissance as we would expect it to be called but as "Educational Erosion". Considering the precipitous manner in which changes in Education have been introduced into the country and in view of certain recent developments in the educational sphere, we are afraid Canon Campbell's somewhat gloomy foreboding is not outside the realm of possibility.

To prevent such a catastrophe should be the object of every one interested in Education in this country. Now that most schools in the island have committed themselves to the new scheme, there is little use in arguing at length on its merits and demerits but rather we should all, parents, teachers, Principals of schools, Boards of Management, and the Department of Education pull our weight together to prevent an "educational erosion" which would be the last calamity we would wish to befall our country.

A very good spirit which we wish every parent in Ceylon to display, was recently shown by the parents of certain students of the University. They have intimated to the Vice-Chancellor that they would continue to pay fees, despite the uncalled-for offer of free tuition that has been made to them. This attitude on the part of parents augurs well for the educational future of this island, under the new scheme. As Mr. Kularatne very rightly pointed out at the Committee Meeting of the Richmond College Old Boys' Association held recently, parents who could afford to pay should be glad to make donations, as at the University, to help the school where their children receive their education, to maintain its level of efficiency under the new system. We hope that wealthy parents would not take undue advantage of the new system and remain untroubled in conscience when receiving valuable benefits which cost nothing in cash. On the contrary it is as much the responsibility of the parent as that of the authorities of the school to see to it that the standard of efficiency of the school is not lowered. Failure on the part of parents to take such an attitude would inevitably lead to an "educational erosion" hitherto unknown in the history of the island.

The question of finance is by no means the only problem of the Assisted School. The dearth of teachers is a serious situation that has recently developed. What with an increase in the number of Central Schools in the island, and the creation of a number of special posts in these schools, teachers in assisted schools find it not merely a change but a lucrative business to seek pastures new. The allocation of special posts in assisted schools, being naturally limited, the management

is faced with a situation as precarious as it is dispiriting. A word in this connection about the Central School. According to a notification in the Ceylon Journal of Education, in the course of next year, a Central School is to be established in each electoral division. It has also now become the fashion for associations in our country (whose name is now legion) whenever they meet, to include among their pious resolutions one for the establishment of a Central School in the area. If these resolutions are to be favourably considered then at every turn in our country we would find a Central School. We wonder where the Department would get the adequate staff for these schools. Inadequacy of staff would result in a system of education which would undoubtedly be more lop-sided than the one which was in vogue before the introduction of these reforms and would be another factor contributing towards educational erosion in the island.

It is no doubt too early, at this stage, to judge the results of Free Education in our country. But this much we can say, after working the scheme for nearly two months, that its success depends on the degree of collaboration of the Parent, the School and the Department of Education with one another. The parent should see to it that he does not let down the school to which his child belongs. The school should see to it that it co-operates with the Department in its new educational policy. The Department should see to it that it does not, in its anxiety to take entire control of the Educational System, throttle the assisted schools which have been imparting instruction all these years in the teeth of apparently insurmountable difficulties. In fact throttling these schools would not be in the interests of the department itself as the Central Schools are just now in their infancy and it would take some time for them to attain any appreciable standard. An absence of understanding between the School and the Department and between the parent and the School would only result in an Educational erosion which (God forbid) would be the last calamity any man would desire for his country.

A Letter to Every Member of the J. C. S. I. U. C.

The S. I. U. C. Foreign Mission

Dear Fellow-Members,

The South India United Church constituted by our Jaffna Council and seven other such Councils in South India has considered it high time that we start Foreign Missionary work. We in India and Ceylon have benefited directly and indirectly and our lives have been richly blessed by the enterprise of Western Missionaries, who have in the face of great hardships, particularly in the early days, and at great peril and sacrifice, brought to us the glorious Gospel of Christ. Having enjoyed these blessings for a century and more, it is realised that our turn has now come to go out and do our share in preaching the Gospel "unto the furthestmost parts of the world to those that still sit in darkness."

What this war-torn and despairing world today needs are not more International Leagues and Political Conferences with high-sounding professions and insincere peace-pacts. What it needs to bring Peace surely and permanently, is that God's Kingdom should come on Earth. There is no other hope for the world. Apart from the fact that our turn has come now to take the Gospel to distant lands, it is also realised that Indian Christianity has something special and distinctive to contribute to the growth of God's Kingdom.

The S. I. U. C. has therefore now launched a Foreign Missionary Society. Our Jaffna Council is invited along with others to rally round and do our share. To begin with it is planned to send a Missionary family to be based in New Caledonia. Very enthusiastic responses are coming in from all sections of the S. I. U. C. & Missionary Board consist-

ing of representatives of the various Councils of the S. I. U. C. is being formed, which will undertake the responsibility of organising and conducting the Foreign Mission work. Already one family Rev. and Mrs. Sathya Joseph, who are considered to be eminently suitable for the work, have offered themselves for the Papua field.

You will realise that this enterprise requires a very sound financial basis. For this each Council is being asked to organise an Auxiliary. To begin with, the Jaffna Council has appointed a Committee of three to collect funds and it is on behalf of this Committee that I am writing this letter to you.

Here is a great opportunity and a great challenge to every one of us. We who realise the urgency and importance of this great work, but who are unable to go to foreign Mission fields owing to our want of aptitude or the necessary courage, have a wonderful opportunity to share in the work by helping to send those who are able and anxious to go. This opportunity brings us also a challenge: a challenge to the national self-respect of an Eastern people who have enjoyed the blessings of Western Missions, a challenge to our professed Christian love for those less fortunate than ourselves, and, above all, a challenge to our loyalty to our Master who depends entirely on you and me and others like us to preach His Gospel and establish His Kingdom.

What shall be our answer? This Committee has enough faith in the members of our Churches to expect a very enthusiastic and generous response.

A few questions may arise in your mind, which must be answered. First, is this an Indian enterprise in which we in Ceylon are invited to join merely to help to foot the bill? Certainly not! It is ours as much as that of any other section of the S. I. U. C. and we shall be adequately represented on the controlling Board. It only happens that the first Missionaries happen to be Indians and we hope and pray that before long men and women will rise in Jaffna who will accept the call for work in foreign lands under this Board. Secondly, it may be

asked, are we not doing this sort of work in the Island and backward places in Jaffna? But surely this is nothing more than work in our home-land among our next door neighbours. If the American Missionaries had waited till all America was converted to come half round the world to us they would not have been in Jaffna yet? No doubt we are passing through difficult times in our Churches but this should not deter us from answering this great call. Let us go forward trusting that the infinite resources of God will be available for His work in proportion to the magnitude of our ventures of faith for His Kingdom. By all means let us do more and give more to consolidate and expand in our home-land the heritage given to us by the West and by the last three or four generations of our Church, but let us at the same time reach out far and wide for Christ, and these very ventures in the Foreign fields will strengthen the spiritual stamina of our Home Organizations.

We shall soon be celebrating, Christmas and spending lavishly on ourselves, our children, and our friends. Will you not send a substantial contribution at this time to help to send the message of Christmas to lands which have never heard or never realised the Love that came down at Christmas?

Please remember that while we ask you to make your contributions as large as possible, no contribution will be too small to be acceptable. Please send your contributions as early as possible to Rev. A. C. Thambyrajah, Vaddukodai, K. A. Selliath, Esq., Jaffna College, or to me. Your contributions will be acknowledged in the Morning Star. Asking for your fervent prayers for this great adventure for God?

I am,
Yours sincerely,
C. T. Chelliah,
Convener, J. C. S. I. U. C.
Foreign Mission Fund Committee,
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