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OURSELVES

Owing to the Christmas and New Year Holidays, there will be no issue of the "Morning Star" on the 21st and 28th of this month. Our next issue for the New Year will be on the 4th of January.

NEWS

LOCAL

Teachers' Camp

A Teachers' Camp organised by Miss L. G. Bookwiler, Manager of Jaffna College Affiliated Schools, commences tomorrow evening at the Uduvil Girls' English School. The subjects to be discussed at the Camp will be of religious and educational value. Mr. K. S. Arulnandhy, Principal of the Govt. Training College, Colombo and Mr. K. Nesiiah of St. Thomas' College are among the leaders of the Camp which is intended to provide both recreation and instruction.

Sinhalese and Tamil Speeches in State Council

It is understood that the Standing Order of the Council will be amended in the course of the first sessions next year to permit members to speak in either of these languages with the permission of the Speaker. Shorthand writers in Sinhalese and Tamil are being trained for the purpose with the aid of text books which have recently been published but the question whether interpreters will have to be engaged has not yet been considered.

The Law Society of Ceylon

The monthly meeting of the council of the Law Society of Ceylon was held at Trinity Place, Hutt Road on Saturday 8th inst. The President Mr. S. J. C. Kadirgama, presided. Members from Colombo, Hatten, Negombo, Gampaha, Kegalle, Chikwa, Kalutara and Balajitaya were present. Among the matters discussed and decided upon were the following: Financial Statement, Budget for 1946, Incorporation, Recommendation of Proctors for Apprenticeship, Panel of the Council of Legal Education, Attorney General's Circular to Crown Proctors. Adoption by the State Council of the Motion of Mr. H. de Z. Sriwardena M. S. C. and member of the Council of the Law Society, re-appointment of Masters in Chambers.

"Communalism and the New Constitution"

The above was the subject of the "Ramanathan Memorial Lecture" delivered by Dr. W. Ivor Jennings M.A. LL.D., Vice-Chancellor, Ceylon University, at the Parameswara College Hall, last Saturday. Mr. A. Mahadeva, Minister of Home Affairs, presided. Tracing the causes of Communalism in Ceylon, Dr. Jennings said that they were due more to linguistic causes than to racial differences. He emphasised the necessity of Ceylon having one language if communalism were to be rooted out. He was of opinion that Communalism under the new Constitution would fast disappear because it would compel the people to form parties not on communal lines but on economic lines. His advice on the part of the Southern Commission was not all accidental, but international. Mr. S. Natesan M. S. C. proposed a vote of thanks.

Personal

Mr. T. S. Cooke Jayaratnam, Chief Secretary of the Central Province of India, has been appointed Adviser to the Governor of the Central Provinces in succession to Sir Geoffrey Burton.

Wedding

The marriage took place at St Paul's Church, Kynsey Road, last Saturday of Dr. Milton Paul, Professor of Surgery, Ceylon University and Visiting Surgeon of the General Hospital, Colombo and Miss Irma Madeswaral Philips, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. F. Thampoe Philips, Revd. Basil Jayawardena officiated. The bride who was given away by her father was attended by Misses Cynira Philips and Anukanti Rajasingham as bridesmaids, Mr. Robert Paul was the bestman.

The marriage was solemnised at St. Mary's Cathedral, Jaffna on the 29th ultimo of Mr. X. M. Sellathambo, D. R. O. Mantai and Miss Mary Josephine Thangamalar, daughter of the late Mr. M. T. Josepha Health Officer, Jaffna. Revd. Fr. J. Emilianuphilal officiated assisted by Fr. O. A. Gurusamy and Fr. L. A. Singarayar. A well attended reception was held at the bride's residence "Dr. Thambi-muttu Vaas" at which the toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, Government Agent N. P., supported by Adigar A. Naganathan. The bridegroom replied thanks, Mr. James Basiah, the uncle of the bride, thanked all the guests for their presence in large numbers.

Obituary

We are sorry to record the death which occurred on the 2nd inst of Mr. P. V. Vythilingam, who was for some time a preacher under the J. C. S. I. U. C. and later a teacher under the Jaffna Council of the South India United Church. He is the son-in-law of the late Rev. Veerakathippillai. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. C. Thambirajah, assisted by Rev. E. T. Williams and Rev. J. V. J. Arnold. He leaves behind besides his wife, three daughters, one son and a host of relations to bemoan his loss.

INDIAN

The Andhra University at its annual convocation held recently awarded Prof. S. Chandrasekhar, M.A., in absentia the Sir C. R. Reddi National Prize for 1945 which is given to a Scientist of international reputation. Prof. Chandrasekhar is the second recipient, the first being his own uncle, Sir C. V. Raman.

A group of Chinese professors, on their way to England saw Gandhiji for the first time at Sodepore Ashram, Calcutta. About 4000 railway tickets are now being collected everyday at Sodepore Station. The prayer meetings are attended by a good sprinkling of Americans, Chinese and other nationals. Mahatma Gandhi is expected to pay a visit to the residence of Subhas Chandra Bose and also to the residence of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose during his present stay in Calcutta.

FOREIGN

The Foreign Secretaries of the United States, Britain and Russia will meet in Moscow on December 15 to tackle and array all official and international issues including the control of atomic energy.

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THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

The condition of the world after two thousand years of Christ's Birth is not much changed. During these twenty centuries, there have been tremendous and marvellous changes in all directions.

But in the spiritual realm the change is not very marked. There is not much change in the heart of man. Why? When the news of the Birth of Christ was announced to the shepherds and to the magi, they obeyed.

When the Evangelical prophet, Isaiah, foresaw and predicted the messianic age, his prophecy was full of types and symbols, the interpretation of which is spiritual. He speaks of a transfigured menagerie, i.e. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.... And the sucking child shall play on the whole of the Asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den."

This transformation takes place first by transforming the contending forces in the soul of man of which St. Paul speaks in the 7th chapter of Romans.

The reason why many a man's heart is not changed is because man has not obeyed. If man obeys, then, He is sure to transform the wild, growling, gnashing menagerie of mankind into the city of God. Many a Christmas has come and gone, but we remain unchanged. Why? We have not obeyed, "A life was begun at Bethlehem which changed other lives and is changing the face of the world, and would change ours if we would let his Baby fingers pull down our stubborn neck as low as His manger and let His loving spirit fill our hearts. A life was begun in Bethlehem which offers to all men the key to the problems of the art of living."

G. D. T.

THE PEERLESS CHRIST

But Thee, but Thee, O Sovereign Ruler of time, But Thee, O Poets' Feet, wisdom's tongue, But Thee, O man's best MAN, O Love's best Love, O Perfect Love, in perfect labour with, O all man's comrade, servant, King or Priest, What if or yet, what mole, what flaw, what lapse, What least defect, or shadow of defect, What rumour tattled by an enemy, Of influence loose, what lack of Grace, Over in tortures grasp or sleep's or death's, Oh what amiss may I forgive in Thee, JESUS Good Paragon, Thou Crystal ORNAMENT.

EL-SHADDAI — GOD THE ENOUGH

A Message for the New Year

"The Enough" is not an adequate term, I know. It falls very far short of the facts, but, as a working equivalent of "El-Shaddai," the great ancient Hebrew name for God, I do not think it could be bettered. "The Enough" God is much more than that, of course. His resources are His finitely exceed our requirements. His sufficiency so immeasurably surpasses every demand that we may make upon it, and yet, is it not marvellously comforting and reassuring to reflect that, however much more than enough God is to meet and match our human need, He is certainly enough, nothing less than that?

Now, there are many things in the world of which man thinks they have not enough. One thinks

He has not enough money! another that he has not enough power; a third that he has not enough learning, and so on. It is generally assumed that if only it were possible to have a sufficiency of such things, satisfaction would immediately result.

But that is not so. The assumption is false. For the real trouble is, not that people have not enough of these things, but that the things themselves are not enough; and that even if a person could possess everything of that nature that he longs for, he would still be conscious of cravings unfulfilled. Because the plain fact is, that there is ultimately only one way in which the human heart can have enough: only one thing, or, to be more exact, one Being that is enough for man, and that is God!

God is The Enough! We can do without health; we can do without wealth; we can do without education; we can do without social standing; we can do without almost everything, but we cannot do without God, He, and He only is The Enough.

Let us try to think of one or two senses in which that is so.

1. God is The Enough in Creation

All around us in this wonderful world we see evidence of His sublime sufficiency. Earth, sea and sky abound with illustration of the fact. Consider, for example, the vastness of the universe. An astronomer tells us that in relation to the myriads of other orbs that people space the way-side planet we inhabit is like a tiny speck of dust in one of the great London railway stations in relation to all the other specks of dust around it, or like a single grain of sand among all the other grains of sand on all the sea-shores of the world. They further state that if the earth were to fall out of its orbit and so spin away into space, it would create no more disturbance in the surrounding ether than the dropping of a pea into the Pacific Ocean!

Such word-pictures, inadequate though they are, do nevertheless assist the mind to form some faint idea of the magnitude of the order of things in which we live. Let a man listen to the Astronomers and ponder what they say and he cannot but experience an expansion in his conception and estimate of God. The bigger your world, the bigger your wonder at the creative might of its Maker. In proportion to your vision of the vastness of the universe will be your view of the greatness of the Infinite Mind that planned and fashioned it and of the Power that brought it into being.

Yes! God is The Enough in creation. The vastness of the universe proclaims it. Conceivably, the world might have been constructed on a lesser scale. There was no absolute need, so far as we can see to build it in so big a way. Why, then, is it so large? Surely it is to show us that God is gloriously sufficient eternally — the great Enough?

Consider again, the amazing exuberance of vitality which confronts us everywhere in the world. Look, for instance, at that stagnant pool. It teems with microscopic life. Or look at that field. It is peppered with sweet and fragrant flowers scattered about in lavish profusion. Or take a walk in the woods in autumn. See! The ground is strewn with thousands of seeds and nuts, each capable of reproducing the plant or tree from which it fell. Or take the human population of the globe, the millions of men and women living on the earth.

What do you make of it all? Do you not feel, turn where you will, a wonderful prodigality of life, a positive super-abundance of created things? Well, what is it all for? What purpose does it serve? To what does it point? Is it not, once again, to the same impressive truth that God is The Enough in creation?

2. God is The Enough in Providence.

A modern writer tells how once he asked an old man how he could venture to live alone in a single cottage miles from any where. The old man answered simply that he was "provided for." He was, he explained, "Provided for by God, hour by hour!" That was how he contrived to

live under such seemingly solitary conditions. And indeed, is it not how we all continue to live at all? For is not every one of us God's debtor for everything he is and has? As Isaac Watts has it in his grand old hymn:

Thy providence is kind and large, Both man and beast Thy bounty share;

The whole creation is Thy charge, But salute are Thy peculiar care.

Is it not so? The Psalmist says it is, "Thou openest Thy hand," he writes, "and satisfiest the desire of every living thing." Of course, we all know, in a way, that we are utterly dependent upon the benevolence of God. Yet how few of us realise it in any vivid and vital fashion! How few of us ever pause to reflect that we are Pensioners of Providence.

There is one thing that economists are always telling us. It is that the fundamental cause of all the poverty and destitution which exist in human society to-day is to be found not in any failure of production, but in a failure in distribution, the food is there, but it is not properly apportioned. Yet how wrong it is to blame God for all this! The fault is in ourselves. It is we who are guilty of this gross offence. For God has given us His gracious promises, "While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." So, for centuries, it has proved, and so, as God wills, it will go on. For all our material needs God has furnished an abundant supply. He is The Enough in providence.

3. God is The Enough in grace

This is the crest and crown of it all. God is The Enough in creation; — yet! God is The Enough in providence! — certainly! But here in the depths of His unfathomable grace. He is more truly The Enough than ever.

In New York there is an office where big business deals are frequently transacted and on the wall of that office hangs a card bearing this inscription: "We talk abundance here." And when a man begins to speak about the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ he "talks abundance". In the spacious language of the hymn,

So plenteous is its store — Enough for evermore. God is The Enough in grace.

You need grace to overcome sin and there is enough grace for that! God may be said to love the angels, but He cannot be said to exercise grace towards them. It is sin that transforms love into Grace, undeserved favour. Truly in a believer's ear grace is "a charming sound!" Smart wonder that when Moody, the evangelist, was meditating on this moving theme, the thought of it so thrilled him that he flung down his pen and ran out into the street, addressing the first man he met with the demand: "Do you know 'grace'?"

"Grace who?" came the surprised rejoinder.

Ah! Grace is a wonderful thing, and there is grace for the vilest, grace for the weakest, grace for the least, the just and the lost, grace to meet and deal with the fact of sin. (Selected.)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service in memory of the late Mr. Richard Mutiah Rajasooriar will be held at the Naval Church on Friday 21st December 1945 at 4 p. m. All friends and relatives are invited to be present.



In Affectionate Memory of Thayalam

Who departed this life 17th December 1941

It seems but yesterday that you Did in our midst shed forth your love; How days have sped and years four! But yet your fragrance lingers on.

(Inserted by her loved ones).

"Old Castle", Kopy, 12-12-45.



In Ever-loving Memory of

Stella Mangalamany Kunanandham

Died Dec. 23rd 1943

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