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

### PLEASE NOTE.

All Subscriptions for 1940 are payable within the first three months. The Manager will be obliged if these are remitted without undue delay.

### The Jaffna College Prize Day

The Prize distribution of Jaffna College came off on Friday the 1st of March at 6 p. m. The Rev. S. K. Bunker the principal presided. Mr. E. L. Brady, the Principal of Royal College, was the chief speaker while Mrs. Brady distributed the prizes.

The proceedings began with devotions led by the Rev. S. T. Aservatham. Two girl students then sang welcome songs (specially composed for the occasion) by Mr. S. A. Visuvaniam of the College Staff.

In reading the report of the College activities during the past year, Mr. Bunker said, "We now have 336 on roll, which is forty more than ever before. The increase in number is chiefly in the lower school which seems to indicate that numbers will remain like this for a time." Referring to the success in the Intermediate examination he said that it was the best the college ever achieved.

The Principal spoke of how the College was "scratching the problem of how to relate a strictly academic education to life in a land which is and apparently must remain mostly agricultural. Our approach will be through clubs to encourage boys to follow up their natural interests, to learn better ways of raising paddy, vegetables, goats and cattle."

Mr. Bunker mentioned a bequest from America which has come to Jaffna College. Five thousand dollars have been left by Mrs. Caroline Hastings Lawrence to establish a Hastings Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Lawrence was the daughter of Dr. E. P. Hastings, the first Principal of Jaffna College, and the sister of Rev. Richard Hastings a later Principal of the College.

Mrs. Brady then distributed the prizes. Before she did so, an announcement was made that the Student Council of the College had decided that all money to be spent on the purchase of prize books be forwarded to the Red Cross Fund and that certificates be granted to those who had won prizes.

After the College choir had sung a song Mr. Brady addressed the gathering. He spoke on the true aim of education. True education, he said, was not wholly a training for a career or to provide a sort of mental gymnastics and that when a boy has had enough of these he would be able to turn his hand to anything.

Continuing he said, a school is not a knowledge shop but a society with a life of its own. True education will teach us tolerance, not the tolerance of indifference but the tolerance born of deep faith in the richness of other peoples' personalities. In concluding he gave the following message:

"To the students—look ahead.  
To the teachers—be bold.  
To the parents—be patient."

The President of the Student Council proposed the vote of thanks, which was seconded by Dr. C. T. Chelliah. The proceedings came to a close with the singing of the College Song.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

The Annual Meeting, the 126th in the series, of the Ceylon Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held on February 28th at the Colombo Y. M. C. A. hall.

According to the report of the society, 59,551 copies represent the circulation of the scriptures last year. But, it is pointed out that in spite of this encouraging figure the decline in circulation which set in recently was not arrested in 1939. It is also recorded that Bible reading as a daily habit has been waning among Christians during recent years.

### Midwife for Manipal.

The Manipal Village Committee has engaged the services of a midwife whose services will be available to the poor free of any cost. Her residence is next to that of Mr. C. Thiagarajah, Secretary of the Manipal Parish Social Service League.

### Personal.

Mr. Samuel A. Ariasingham, Medalist in Pitman's Shorthand has been appointed by the Education Department as Instructor of Commercial Subjects in the Stanley Government English School Jaffna.

Pandit K. P. Ratnam, Headmaster of Moolai Sivaprakasa Vidyalaya has been awarded a scholarship by the Education Department tenable for two years with the option of extension for one year for Tamil research at the Madras University.

Mr. S. S. Soosaipillai was presented with the Long Service Medal by the Government Agent recently for meritorious services to the Government as Udayar of Karampan, Kayts for 49 years.

Mr. T. Kumarasamy has been appointed to be Additional Magistrate, Mallakam on March 15, 1940 to try M. C. Mallakam Case No. 19000.

Mr. Edwin Black Assistant District Engineer of the Way and Works Department of the Railway has been promoted as District Engineer.

Dr. S. L. Navaratnam, Superintendent of the de Soysa Lying-in-Home has been awarded the Fellowship of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists which is regarded as the highest degree obtainable in that line of Medicine.

Dr. K. Kathiravelu, D. M. O. Ingriya is now on leave at his residence at Navaly, Manipal preparatory to retirement.

### Obituary

His youth was void of blemish. His record at school was not unenviable. His brief span of years he spent joyously and serenely. Such was the appraisal by his teachers of the worth of John Arasaratnam who died in poignant circumstances on the 24th ultimo. Young Arasaratnam had been bitten by a dog. The superficial wound had healed soon under a paint of iodine. All about the dog-bite had been forgotten. But no one knew what had happened to the dog which Arasaratnam had fondled and patted. Exactly three weeks later when on his week-end visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Muttiah, Uduvil, the young man suddenly developed symptoms of hydrophobia and within twenty hours of the first onset of the dreaded disease his 19 years of life drew to a close.

### India Sunday School Union.

The India Sunday School Union announces its well-known summer courses of training for Sunday School Teachers at the St. Andrew Teacher Training Institution, Coonoor. In co-operation with the India Christian Endeavour Union these courses will include the J. E. Expert Course lecturers given by Rev. V. W. Abbey.

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Registrations should now be made with the Principal, St. Andrew Teacher Training Institution, Coonoor, Nilgiris.

### BICKNELL MEMORIAL FUND

"Valli Thirumanam" will be staged at Jaffna College, Vaddukkottai on Saturday, the 10th March 1940 at 8.30 p. m. in aid of the Fund by a group of talented amateurs.

Rates: Reserved Rs. 5 00, 1st Class " 3 00, 2nd " " 1 50. Please book your tickets early.

### CEYLON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

ADMISSIONS, 1940-41

The new Academic Year 1940-41 begins on July 16, 1940.

Applications for admission (in the prescribed form available at the College Office) should reach the Registrar not later than April 13, 1940.

All candidates who passed the London Matriculation examination (or secured exemption from it) later than January 1939 will be required to pass an Entrance Examination. A candidate who passed the London Matriculation (or secured exemption from it) in January 1939 or at an earlier date must either (i) pass the Entrance Examination or (ii) produce a Headmaster's certificate that he has successfully completed at least one year's approved post-matriculation course in a Secondary School.

The Entrance Examination will be held at the University College and will begin on May 27, 1940.

S. A. EDWARD, Ceylon University College, Colombo, 1st March 1940.

### EVER LOVING MEMORY

S. A. EDWARD Died: 5th March 1920 and

EMILY RASAMMAH (Mrs. S. A. Edward) Died: 8th March 1939.

"All is dark within our dwelling Lonely is our home today, For those who smiled to cheer us Have for ever passed away." (Inserted by their sorrowing children.)

8-3-40. Kokuvil.

IN EVER LOVING MEMORY of WILLIAM RAJARATNAM FITCH

Born 20th May 1911. Departed to glory: March 9th 1938. "Safe in the Arms of Jesus Safe in His Gentle Breast Peacefully sleeping free from pain In God's own time we shall meet again." (Inserted by his sorrowing ones) Kandy Road, Jaffna.

In Remembrance of the late REV. V. RAMALINGAM SAMUEL Born in Aug. 1875. Entered into Glory in March 7th 1939.

Thy body hast thou sacrificed Thy life hast thou laid down, In the service of Thy Master (Inserted by his wife)

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தயவுசெய்து கவனியுங்கள்

1940 ம் வருடத்திற்குரிய பத்திரிகையின் மூலக்கருவியை பற்றி தயவுசெய்து கவனியுங்கள்...

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Ponnachchi widow of Appachipillai. V. A. Durayappah. Commissioner. Jaffna. 10-2-40.

AUCTION SALE. In the District Court of Jaffna. Dead, 1. Visuvanathar Ramalingam Samuel and wife.

Under and virtue of the commission issued to me in the above case I shall sell by public auction the undermentioned mortgaged property to recover the amount stated therein on Saturday the 30th day of March 1940 at 4 p. m. at the spot.

PROPERTY REFERRED TO. An undivided 7/8 share from and out of all that allotment of land called Kundiyaruppa in extent 6 Lms V. C. and Puthukudam and other parcels in extent 7 1/2 Lms. V. C. both forming one block and aggregating to a total extent of 13 Lms. V. C. with stone built houses well and other appurtenances belonging thereto situated at Chundically and bounded on the East by the property of Murgesu Sinnathurai North by lane West and South by roads.

ORDER NISI. In the District Court of Jaffna. In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Cader Mohideen Segu Mohamed of Vannarponnai West, Jaffna. Deceased. Testamentary. No. 840.

Abdulcader Nachchia widow of Cader Mohideen Segu Mohamed of Vannarponnai West Jaffna. Plaintiff. Vs. 1. K. S. Mohideen Hadjar of Main Street, Jaffna. 2. Thianganmah widow of Yoo-suff Nayan Abdulcader of Vannarponnai West, Jaffna. Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before O. Coomaraswamy Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 9th day of February 1940 in the presence of Messrs. Aboobucker and Sultan Proctors on the part of the petitioner above-named; and (1) the affidavit of the said petitioner dated 1st February 1940 and (2) affidavit of the Notary and witnesses to the Last Will, dated 2nd February 1940 having been read;

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பேசல்மிஷன் கலிக்குறிநர். உலகப் பிரசித்தி பெற்ற திரைப்படங்கள் உடனடி விநியோகம் செய்து கொடுக்கப்படும். உலகப் பிரசித்தி பெற்ற திரைப்படங்கள் உடனடி விநியோகம் செய்து கொடுக்கப்படும்.



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Friday March 8, 1940.

**THE WORD OF GOD.**

*"Break Thou the bread of life,  
 O Lord, to me,  
 As Thou didst break the loaves  
 beside the sea;  
 'Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee,  
 Lord,  
 My spirit pants for Thee, O Liv-  
 ing Word,  
 O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto  
 me,  
 That He may touch my eyes, and  
 make me see,  
 Show me the truth concealed with-  
 in Thy word  
 And in Thy Book revealed, I  
 see Thee Lord"*

Alas for you jurists! You have taken the key that unlocks the door of knowledge, you have not entered yourselves, and you have stopped those who were entering. (Lk. xi. 52.)

To turn to the Bible is to go to meet the living God; but to treat it as if it contained dead maxims is completely to miss the way. Here God speaks.

There can be said to be three ways of reading the Bible. The first way is to read it ALLEGORICALLY and those who read it allegorically know what is written there before they have read it. It is like the definition which somebody gave of modern painting; where he said that it is an art in which a man paints a picture of a poached egg on toast and calls it 'sunrise in the sub-conscious', in allegorising anything can come to mean anything else.

The second way of reading the Bible is to read it HISTORICALLY. It is an attempt to find out as accurately as possible what actually happened and what the writer meant for his time. This is an essential study. But it is not enough.

The Bible must also be read EXISTENTIALLY. This means that when I open my Bible to read it, I take my stand before God since in its pages God is speaking. If I obey what he says, I enter into Fellowship with Him, which is Life; if I disobey or refuse to listen, I cut myself away from Him, which is death. So that in either case something happens to me, myself, my very existence. To read the Bible existentially is to approach it in this spirit.

Is it not for this cause that ye err, that ye know not the Scriptures nor the power of God? Mk. xii. 24.

*D. T. Niles,*  
 "The meaning of the Cross is the meaning of Jesus, and the revelation of God. We say symbolically that it is the Cross that saves, but the cross in itself is a ghastly tragedy, as meaningless as iniquity. Could any loved disciple have ever wished to see the blood-stained wood again, or could he ever pass that 'place somewhat ascending' without a shuddering horror? Theology made mysteries of what is humanly clear, and never more so than in dealing with the crucifixion. Its secret is not transaction, but meaning, and it is what Jesus was in Himself that gives its meaning. Action is a form of speech and the Cross is the language in which the Saviour is perfectly revealed, and through which He comes to us. The peculiar quality of Jesus was His self-giving, in fact His love. This marked His life, but was proved supremely in His death. The Cross does not therefore, merely tell us something that happened twenty centuries ago, it tells us what Jesus is, Who is the same yesterday, today and forever."

Holliday in Reconciliation and Reality.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
 That were an offering for too small  
 Love so amazing, so divine,  
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.**

The Christian Council in Ceylon held its Annual Meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Colombo on Saturday last, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of Colombo. There were many subjects before the Council, and Educational Policy naturally came in for careful examination. The Rev. R. S. de Saram, M. A. made a careful analysis of the implications of the proposed amendments to the Educational Code and several delegates addressed the Council on that subject. There was a general feeling that the amendments have little chance of passing the State Council. One paper has suggested that a general strike was threatened. It is scarcely necessary to say that no threat was uttered, but one speaker ventured to predict that the amendments were of such a revolutionary character that it would be impossible for assisted schools to function under them, and that a violent rupture would be inevitable. The stability of all assisted schools, whether Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, Moslem or Private, is equally threatened by these amendments and the opposition is solid.

No decisions as to future educational policy were made at this meeting. A representative committee was appointed to consider certain definite proposals and it will report to the Council before the end of June. It was generally felt that the attitude of the Government to denominational schools is so unfriendly, and the outlook so uncertain, that the churches must review their position and make united arrangements for the maintenance of Christian educational institutions in the Island. It was recognised that our primary educational duty lies with Christian children and with the children of non-Christian parents who have confidence in our system of education.

On one point immediate action was taken. It was decided to send a deputation to the Director of Education with regard to the attitude of the Department to disciplinary measures on teachers by Christian bodies. In this matter Christian managers claim no more liberty than should be accorded to managers of Buddhist, Hindu or Moslem schools. If a teacher takes service in the school of a religious body he is under an obligation to observe the rules of that body; and, if he fails to do so, the Education Department should not hinder appropriate disciplinary action on the part of the management.

The Council had a full agenda. It listened to an illuminating address by the Rev. J. S. M. Hooper of India on the subject of Church Union and appointed a committee to deal with this subject during the year. It also received reports from the three delegates who attended the Annual Meeting of the National Christian Council held at Nagpur in December 1939.

One very important item was the consideration of the report of a sub-committee on the appointment of a full time secretary for the Council. This report was adopted and sent down to the constituent bodies. It was felt that, in view of the much to be desired unification of Christian forces, the work of the Council cannot be satisfactorily managed by a part-time official. Great appreciation was expressed of the services of the Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. Vincent Mendis, but he himself was foremost in advocating this change. Problems are multiplying. The churches must act together and they must act promptly after considered judgment. All this means that the man at the centre must be in constant touch with every constituent unit. It is greatly to be hoped that the proposal will gain the approval and support of all the churches.

**A FRENCH GENERAL'S OPINION OF QUININE.**

During the Great War from July to December 1918, 60,000 French soldiers of the Macedonian army went down with malaria; 20,000 men had

already been sent back to France and there were only 20,000 men left in the front line. General Sarraill then wrote to the War Minister: "My army is demobilised in the hospitals!"

Following this terrible epidemic, the French Government sent out the brothers Sergent, the well-known malaria specialists, with a view to preventing the complete wiping out of the French army by malaria parasites. A system of complete treatment by quinine was organised and men who tried to avoid it were severely punished. Strict regulations were enforced so as to ensure the success of the anti-malaria campaign.

In a General Routine Order, addressed to the army doctors General Vassart made the following statement about the malaria epidemic and treatment by quinine: "In the fight against epidemics, carelessness is the most difficult enemy to vanquish. The orders concerning the proper taking of quinine must be carried out by all, conscientiously and without discussion. Discipline and military duty demand this." General Vassart well-knew where the real enemy was to be found. At that time, he certainly did not have the support of the Malaria Commission of the League of Nations, which, after prolonged research work, issued the following prescription: as a preventive measure, take 6 grains of quinine every day during the fever season, and for treating an attack, a daily dose of 15 grains to 20 grains of quinine for 5 to 7 days. On page 124 of its report, issued in 1938, this Malaria Commission stresses the fact that the harmlessness of quinine makes it a suitable drug for administration by subordinate personnel without constant supervision, whereas such supervision is essential in the case of synthetic products.

That the malaria mosquito did not succeed in completely destroying the French army in Macedonia was certainly due in a large measure to the perspicacity of the army commanders, General Sarraill and General Vassart who saw that the treatment by quinine of the entire army to preserve it from malaria, was both a duty and an imperative necessity.

M. Eng No. 182.

**Jaffna Urban Council**

At a special meeting of the above council held on the 24th ultimo it was decided.

(1) To adopt the Chairman's Administration Report and Statement of Receipts Disbursements for the year 1939.

(2) To sanction a supplementary vote of Rs. 6,932 under head "B 2" and to request the Chairman to submit a list of roads that required immediate attention.

(3) To sanction a supplementary vote of Rs. 1,750, under head "B 12" in addition to Rs. 1,500, already proposed for the following roads to be expended as follows: Kojathoddam Road Rs. 900, Attikada Road Rs. 750, Pan-

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darakulam Road Rs. 750 Kaladdy Amman Road Rs. 100. Koonathoddam Road Rs. 250.

The Chairman made a statement regarding the scavenging coolies stopping work for a few hours on the 20 instant and informed the members that by reduction of lorry coolies and cart coolies he expected a saving of Rs. 1,564, and by reduction of lighting coolies a saving of Rs. 1,725; making thus a total saving of Rs. 3,289 per annum which might be spent on works of permanent utility.

Mr. S. Patajali moved that the Council do place on record its whole-hearted support and appreciation of the services rendered by the Chairman and the Medical Officer of Health in connection with the stoppage of work by the scavenging coolies on the 20th ultimo and its co-operation with the Chairman in his endeavours to reduce expenditure as much as possible without the efficiency of the services suffering in any way.

**ORDER NISI**

In the District Court of Jaffna. Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 846

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Annah Cleveland Rasammah widow of Thuraisingham of Jaffna Town.

Decceased. 1. Edwin Black and wife 2. Jehanara Padmani both of Jaffna presently of Colombo, Petitioners.

Vs.

1. Padmarajasingham Thuraisingham of Jaffna presently of Vavuniya
2. Thairaimani Thuraisingham of Jaffna.
3. Nasarasamani Thuraisingham of do presently of Madras.
4. Manoharasingham Thuraisingham of Jaffna presently of Colombo.
5. Vignanasingham Thuraisingham
6. Baghasarasamani Thuraisingham and
7. Athulamasani Thuraisingham all of Jaffna, Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the petitioners abovenamed praying that the abovenamed 1st and 4th Respondents may be appointed Guardians ad litem over the 5th

to 7th Respondents abovenamed for the purpose of watching their interests in these proceedings and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased be granted to them coming on for disposal before Simon Rodrigo, Esquire Acting District Judge Jaffna on the 23rd day of February 1940 in the presence of the Petitioners who appear in person and their affidavit dated the 23rd day of February 1940 having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 1st and 4th Respondents may be appointed Guardians ad litem over the 5th to 7th Respondents for the purpose of watching their interests in these Testamentary proceedings and that Letters of administration to the estate of the said deceased be granted to the petitioners as son-in-law and daughter respectively of the deceased unless the Respondents shall appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary on or before the 20th day of March 1940.

(Sgd.) S. Rodrigo, District Judge, 23rd February 1940.

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