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

NOTICE.

Owing to the Easter holidays the Star will not be printed on the 22nd March. Next issue will be on the 29th.

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.

PROGRAMME

of  
Dr. Stanley Jones

TUESDAY 19th

9 a.m. Consecration Service and conference with Clergy at Christ Seva Ashram, Maruthanairamadam.

4.30 p.m. Reception by Y. M. C. A.

6.30 p.m. Public Lecture (First address) Subject:—"India's Five Resolutions".

WEDNESDAY 20th

8.45 a.m. Address Christian students of St. John's College, and Chundikul Girls' College.

3.30 p.m. Address Christian Students of Central College and Vembadi Girls' School.

6.30 p.m. Public Lecture (Second address) Subject:—"The Present Order—Fascism, Communism, Kingdom of God, Which?"

THURSDAY 21st

8.45 a.m. Address Christian students at Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai.

8.45 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Vaddukoddai, Public Lecture (Third address). Subject:—"Is the Kingdom of God the answer to the World's need?"

FRIDAY 22nd

9 a.m. Conference with Hindu Leaders in Jaffna at Kilner-College Vannarponnai.

4 p.m. Public Lecture (Fourth address) Subject:—"Is the Kingdom of God Idealism or Realism?"

SATURDAY 23rd

9 a.m. Conference with Lay Leaders—Chundikul.

4 p.m. Youth Rally at Chundikul.

6.30 p.m. Public Lecture (Fifth address) Subject:—"What Christ means to me?"

SUNDAY 24

At Point Pedro

N.B. All Public Lectures will be in the Quadrangle of the Jaffna Central College.

Interviews in the forenoons only.

Pulpit Dedication at Puttur. A very inspiring service was conducted at Puttur Methodist Church last Thursday, by the Rev. E. M. Weaver, Chairman Methodist Mission assisted by Rev. James S. Mather, Rev. M. S. Chinnum and Rev. Canon Somasundaram, who a new pulpit in memory of the late Rev. V. Ramalingam Samuel, donated by his widow Mrs. Celestine R. Samuel, was dedicated for divine use. There was a large gathering present from all parts of Jaffna. The pulpit is in teak and was made by local workmen with ornamental carvings in Dravidian style. Besides those mentioned already, Mr. A. S. Ragunathan, Notary Public, addressed the meeting.

Physical Training Examination. The following 18 teachers pass ed the examination in Physical

Training for 1939 and have been awarded certificates by the Department of Education.

S. Tharmalingam, Moessalai South, East, Chavakachcheri, M. Kandiah

Meessalai South Chavakachcheri,

K. Markanda, Balasubramania Vi-

dayalai, Anaikottai Manipay, V.

Ramalingam, Meibandan Vidya-

la, Illavalai, V. Arumugam, Si-

pragam, Vidyalai, Chankanal

East S. Kandasamy Siva

pragam, Vidyalai, Chankanal

East M. Arumugam, Maru-

pulap, Obavakachcheri, S. Val-

lipuram, T. M. School, H. B.

Nayamkudu, Chundukulai, S. P.

Arumugam, Arumugam, Vidyassa-

la, Chulipuram, S. Thedchana-

moorthy, T. M. School, Cheenak-

kalatty, Alavetty M. Nadara-

jah, Hindu Mixed School, Udu-

vil Manipay, M. Kumaravein,

A. M. School, Araly, Vaddi-

koddai N. Veluppillai, Earlalai

Chunnakam, E. Arumugam,

Meihandan T. School Chunnakam

M. Sivagnanam, T. M. School

Vigeshwara, Tholpuram, Chunnakam, T. Ponnudurai Thirugoga-

naman, Samantheri, Vidyasalai Chunnakam, M. Sinnadurai, Kander-

odai Saiva School Chunnakam

T. Vallipuram, Kanderodai Saiva

School, Chunnakam

St. Peter's Church Jaffna

Good Friday Service will

be held at 8.30 a.m. There

will be two short addresses

of Meditations on the Cross,

one in English and the other

Tamil. The Sunday ser-

vices will be at 5 a.m., 9

a.m. and 3 p.m. At the 3 p.m.

service there will be a short

sermon followed by Communion

Service.

Cambridge Senior Results Jaffna.

Of the 419 Ceylon candidates who entered for the Cambridge Senior Examination held in December last, 174 (67 boys and 107 girls) satisfied the examiners. The following are from Jaffna.

S. Sundaralingam Central College P. Benjamin St. John's S. I. Sivaraman Manipay Hindu K. Ira-

thinasabapathy U. Kanapathi-

pillai, T. Kandasamy, S. Kandiah

K. Kathirgaman, K. Ramalingam,

D. P. Thevapalan, S. Thiru-

nathan, K. Vayravipillai, A. Vel-

autham, Horley College, M. Si-

sivathapparam, Vigneswara College

P. Somasundaram, A. Walton

Chundikul Girls' College S. Cha-

ko, R. Coomarasamy, V. S. Nal-

athambu, M. Navaratnam, R. A.

Rasiab, M. Sabaratnam D. P. V.

Subramanian. Udum English

School T. Hoole, B. N. Kannan-

kalasingam, B. Thambipillai Ven-

badi High School.

Volley Ball Tournament in the North.

Four matches were played in the Volley Ball Tournament arranged by the Point Pedro Athletic Sports Club. Keen competition was maintained and each match drew a fairly good number of spectators. The various referees had kept the games quite under control.

The following were the results

The Golden Star Club beat

the Alvay Volley ball Club

The Diamond Club beat the

Point Pedro Volleyball Club.

The Valvettiturai Recreation

Club beat the Maha Jana

Sabha Volley ball team.

The Maha Jana Sabha Vol-

ley ball team beat the Mathanai

Volley ball Club.

Farewell

On Monday the members of the Kadaiyai Methodist Church and friends met in large numbers at the Kadaiyai School hall at 4.30 p.m. to accord Rev. & Mrs. C. W. Gunaratnam a farewell.

The Circuit Steward Mr. R. P.

Gunaratnam, B. sc., presided and

proceedings began with a hymn and prayer. Mr. Gunaratnam referred to Rev. Gnanamuthu's short but memorable stay at Kadaiyai and thanked him for all that he had done to improve the Church in its various activities. He wished Rev. & Mrs. Gunaratnam continued happiness in the circuit (Tirukovil in the Eastern Province) to which they were going.

Children of the Vathiy Vernacular School sang specially composed songs. Rev. S. S. Samuel Messrs. S. K. Arasarathnam John Veluppillai and B. Joseph spoke eulogising the life and work of the departing minister.

EDUCATIONAL

The Education Department have started Commercial Classes at the Stanley Government English School, Jaffna. All commercial subjects are scientifically taught within shortest possible time. Candidates are presented for all local and London Commercial Examinations. Students of any age are admitted at any time of the year, and individual tuition given. Students can take up any number of subjects they like and the fees are very low. ShortHand and Book Keeping are taught in the post primary classes.

Mr. Samuel A. Ariyasingham

is the Head Master of the (B.C.)

Medalist in Pitman's Shortcuts formerly Chief Instructor of Commercial Classes Christian College Kotte, Colombo and later Principal School of Commerce Nawalapitiya, who counts seventeen years experience as a Commercial Teacher, has been appointed as the Chief Commercial Instructor of the commercial classes.

Any further particulars can be had from Mr. A. Ramanathan B. sc. Lond. Head Master Stanley Govt. English School Jaffna.

AUCTION SALE

In the District Court of Jaffna

No. 1480.

Kanapathippillai Veluppillai of

Vaddukoddai West.

Vs Plaintiff

Achimuttu widow of Sithampillai Arunasalam of Vaddukoddai West, personally and as legal representative of the estate of her late husband S. Arunasalam of do. Defendant. Under and by virtue of commission issued to me in the above case, I shall sell by public auction the undermentioned mortgaged land for the recovery of the amount stated therein at the spot on Saturday the 6th day of April 1940 commencing at 4 p.m.

Property Referred to

All that piece of land situated at Vaddukoddai West in the parish of Vaddukoddai in the Division of Valigamam West, Jaffna District Northern Province called "Kaddupulamkadavai" in extent twelve and a half lachams p. c. and bounded on the East by the property of Visaladechiyanah wife of Arumugam Kandiah, North by road, West by the property of Pouma widow of Veluthan Ampalavanar and shareholders and Thambipillai Kanapathipillai and others and on the South by the property of Kathiravelu Arunasalam.

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பரிசுத்தவேதாகமத்தை  
வாசித்தலைப்பற்றியது

தடக்கும் யுத்தமும்  
டவுளின் ரகசியங்களும்

ଜ୍ଞାନୋପରିବ୍ୟ ମହାବୁଦ୍ଧକମ ଉତ୍ତମ  
ଶଳେ ଯାହାକିମିଲାଣ ଅନ୍ତର୍ମୁଖୀ  
ମାତ୍ରମ୍ ପାତକୁମିଳିରା ଏତିପରିବ୍ୟ  
ଏମ୍ ତଥାପି ତୁ ଗୁଣିରବିଲିବେ  
ନୟମଙ୍କୁ ତିରୁକେନ୍ତରକୁମ୍ ଭୂତ  
ରୂପକଣ୍ଠକୁ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନା କରୁଥିଲା  
ଏବଂ ଭ୍ରମିଲିବାକୁ ତଥାପିକିମ୍  
ତୁମଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରତି ତଳାପାଟଙ୍କରୁମ୍,  
ତେ ରକ୍ଷଣାକାରୀ ମହାବୁଦ୍ଧଙ୍କ ଉତ୍ତମ  
ପରାମରଣକଣ୍ଠକୁ ମିଳୁପାତଳ,  
ତଥା ତାମ ଭୟପିଲିବାମ ଗନ୍ଧ ପରା  
ପରାମରଣକାରୀଙ୍କରୁମ୍। କେବଳ ଆପଣଙ୍କ  
କରନ୍ତୁ ଯୁତକାରୀ ହୁଅଥିବାକି ଦେଖି  
କରନ୍ତୁ ବେଳାପରି ଯୁତକାରୀ ଚେବି  
ମ ଛନ୍ଦର, କିମ୍ବାକାର ପୁତ୍ରକାର  
ତୁ ବେଳାପରି ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧକାରୀ ଅବ୍ୟକ୍ତତାପ  
କରିବାକାରିଙ୍କଟେ ବାଲୁକିରିବାକାର, ଏବଂ  
ପେରାରୁନ୍ କାହିଁଟାମ, ଉପରି କାହିଁ  
ବେଳାପରି ଅବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଙ୍କ କାଳମ ଦେଖି  
ଦେଖିଲୁ, ପକ୍ଷମ ମୁହଁରା, ଅତିଥିମ  
କମାକୁମ୍, ତଥା ଯାତାପିତ୍ତମ ଏବଂ  
ଏତ ପରକାଳକୁମ୍ କଣିକାତ୍ମିଲୁ ଏବଂ  
ଯୁତକାର ବାରୁମ୍,

தெசுதார் கடவுள்கள் கானத்  
கிள்கு வரவும், கடவுளைக் கொ  
யெற்ற மன்னாக், போன்றது  
பூ தெசுதார் கடவுள் உப  
கிள்குவும், டாலன் எதிர்பார்க்கும்  
தமிழ்நாட்டுப்பாடும் தெங்ன  
ம் கீதிலை மூலம் பகிளக் குள்  
ஏன்றும் கிள்கு வரவும், கட  
வுக் குளத்துக்காலிகளின் கெத்த  
தெசுதார் கடவுள்களுக்கும் பூப்  
கெப்புதும், பேரிட்டுத் தாம  
ந்தபக்தத்தால் கடவுளின்  
நிதி சித்தோப் பாவுதின் ஸ்தா  
கவுவுடன் மன்னாக்கல் பிரான் லக்  
பிரிட்டியர்க் கெபாட்ச் செப்பு  
கானுமீபோன ஒன்றின் மகிப்  
து நித மெப்பால் பீப், மனித  
க்கத்து ஒவ்வொரு ஹாட்டப்  
னி கிரேவுடத்தெந்தமனின் இன்  
புதியதாய் அத்து மஹிதாலை  
பெபுதுவிடையே காமாக்க  
உள்ள சர்வ ஒன்றுமூல் கடவுள்கள்  
பூபைக்காணும் கிள்குக்கெப்பு  
கடவுளைக் கொக்கமாகு, கீதி  
ஒப்பும் ஸ்தாக்காக்கப்பட வடிவ  
ஏக்க அத்தீவிக்கீப்புர். இச்சுதை  
தூலிக்கருக்கு கூட்டத்தை  
ஏப்பதாக நிற்புக்கொண்டு, கட  
வுப்பதாக நிற்புக்கொண்டு, கட  
வுப்பதாக நிற்புக்கொண்டு, கட  
வுப்பதாக நிற்புக்கொண்டு, “இன்ன  
திருத்த காலே தேவன் என்று  
கொ” (அறு கீஞ்சபம்)

யுத்தசமாச்சார  
வியாக்கியானம்  
( । ம பக்கந் தொடர்ச்சி )

மாம் காலம் தாழ்த்த அவர்கள்  
தி ஆயர் இதுவரையும்  
கருகி, ப  
முடிடப்

நவத்திரையே சீதா தேசவ  
அன்னவளை வாய்ப்புக்கிட  
அவை பேர் முண்ட பின்பு  
ஆரமாத்தினா அனேச  
விருத்த சம்பந்தமாக  
விருத்தப்போது குகிள்ளன,  
கலிருத் தால்தத அவை  
க்கறி கல்லூலி. ஆகேவுமா  
காக்க குகிள்ளூயும் பேரா வக  
பும் பெருக்கின்றன-ன.  
பவிருத்திலும் துண்ணமீறியும்  
ந விருத்தப்போத்துவரன்  
அவைகளும் போது சியூலிக்  
லீ ரீப்பாவையெடுத்தில்  
ஏட்டாயிருந்த ஸ்மானப்  
மொன்று இங்கிலாந்தச்  
ரூக்கான் வாஸ்தப் பதை  
ஏழு கடதுமும் ராகானி  
எவ்வும் பீதத்தெயா இப்  
ந தகப்பட ஸ்மானப்  
பும் கல்லூரு பஸ்புபித்திக்  
து. மத்திய பல்லி திரீயீப்  
போருகு க்கேஸ்வரம்  
க்களிலும் அது படைகளை  
அரசனக்கீர்த்திம் பலப்  
பெருக்கி. சுருக்கிக்கறு  
எனக்கப் புமா காரணமூயு  
கிரகத்தக்கதக சீத  
என்பை பொருத்தமான இத-  
னவேரி புக்கையை எல்லாவும்  
தக்கவுரி ஆரமாகப் பசப்  
ஏக வெளுந்திக்கொண்டன.  
ஏம் மேலாகத் திருக்கினப்  
மத்தியபூயும் தமது பக்கை  
த்துக்கொண்டன. கேள்

தினங்களுடைய சிகிச்சை இல்லாம், சுபா, தூய்மீனிலிருப்பதைப்போல இதற்கு ஏற்றுக்கொறுத்து திடு செய்யப்பட்டு வரும் படியை படியிட செரிக்கங்களை தேவையிட வேண்டும் என்ற காலை சிழுங்கார கேட்டு நிற்ற எண்ணிப் போதுமானில்லை என்றும் தற்குடன் தமது வகையாரியைப் பற்றிக்கொள்ளுகிறேன். இப்படிகள் கடமைப்பகுதி மெய்கிரகம்

கங்காக்கில் அவர் இத்தனிக்குச் செல்ல நாம் படித்து அதனைப் பேற்றி நாம் கூறும். அவனுக்குத் தாங்கள் கூறும் வேண்டியிருக்கிறதென்பதை நான் பஸ்பாடி, உடிஸிலையாக கப்பல் கொண்டு வருமாற் கட்டுத் தான் கூக்கியுறுதலினாலே அவர் உடல் வறப்பூயும் என்றால் தெருத் தண்டர். இருந்துச் சூடு இடையைப் போக்கின்மீது மாற்றுக்கொண்டு போகவிட்டுப் பார்க்கிறார். இந்த வெறுட்டுகளும் தான் பல்லும் பலிக்கமட்டா. ஒன்றுக்குப் பல்லும் நடுக்கம் முன்னேங்கி கங்காக்குக்கொண்டு பார்க்கிறார்.

கொண்டன, அவைகள் முன்வரத் திட்ட காரியம் சூதிப்பது நிற்றி தெருவிலும் தெருவிலும் பார்ப்பும் விரிவான பாதுபீடுமாறு பிரிவு வைக்க திறக்கத் தான் என்றிடமிருக்கிறது. வைக்கின்றித் தாக்குக்கூடியவை கேசாக்களை. ஏனையின் அவையிலிருந்து, பணம் என்றுவிவரமுறை பல படிவவரை மிகுங்கிண்ணன.

இருமௌவி விமானங்கள் இல்லை என்று காற்பிலே பறந்து தாங்க முயற்ற சித்திரமைப்படவில்லை. ஆனால், இங்கீல் விமானங்களை ஜெப்மென்ஸ்க்ரூப் பறத்த சென்ற தெவிகோலத்து என்று பிடித்ததை நான்கிறுக்கின்றே, கூலி கேரளத்தில் இங்களாகின்ற கிழமைக்கு காலம் 300 மைல் காற்றுத்தொள்ள ஒரு தீவ். அது 19 மீ

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The  
Morning Star

Friday, March 15, 1940.

DR. E. STANLEY JONES.

Next week Jaffna will have once again the privilege of having for a few days Dr. Stanley Jones in her midst. Dr. Jones is too well known throughout the world for us to introduce him to our readers. His dynamic personality, his powerful eloquence, his wide scholarship, and his unquenchable passion to preach the Gospel have always captivated the numerous audiences which gathered to listen to him influenced the lives of many and gripped the hearts of all who came in contact with him. His service all these many years in the most trying climates of India has been incalculable. His understanding of the Indian life and thought has made him immensely popular and very useful in that country. To Ceylon and Jaffna he is no stranger. He has been here more than once, and every time he came here countless thousands of people, Christians and non-Christians thronged to hear him. We have no doubt that the same warmth of reception and enthusiasm will be evinced by our people this time as in the past. On this occasion he comes to us under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Associations in Jaffna. Jaffna is very fortunate in having this distinguished preacher and author to visit us during the most important week of the Christian year namely, the Holy Week. We wish to associate ourselves heartily with our Y.M.C.A.'s in offering Dr. Jones a warm welcome to our midst and a happy stay with us.

## RIGHT USE OF MONEY.

We are pleased to find that the Ceylon Christian Council which met last week in Colombo for its Annual Conference, presided over by the Bishop of Colombo, resolved to request all preachers and teachers as proposed by the Rev. James Mather, to educate the public on the right use of money. Money is for use, not for abuse. Great harm is done to the whole country through the evil custom of extravagance on the occasion of weddings, funerals and other social functions. Numerous homes are ruined by living beyond their means. Large sums of money are wasted on costly sarees, and on other expensive ways of living. On the other hand, people gave too little for deserving causes which often are found to suffer for lack of adequate support. They had no money left over to help those in need, because all the money they had were spent on themselves, on satisfying their own vanity, and on extravagant living.

As the proposer said at the Christian Council Conference, this was one of the greatest problems of Ceylon at the present time but it was the least thought of. There were several conferences and committees held to consider other problems e.g. Education or political reforms, but no thought seemed to be given to this important problem of extravagance which is responsible for the economic ruin of many. There is a great deal of indebtedness all over Ceylon, and besides, the Ceylon Church was too dependent upon financial assistance from Western countries, and these unhappy features were due to the fact that people spent more than what they had, and wanted to imitate their neighbour who in his turn imitated somebody else, and thus the vicious circle continued without an end.

Bishop Azariah in his recent book 'A Christian giving has

a chapter entitled "Our Lord's Teaching about Money." He says, there are few subjects on which our Lord has given clearer and fuller teaching than the subject of money." Then he examines several important passages one by one and shows His principles and teachings. This book is available at the C. L. S. Madras at 50 cents a copy, and we commend it to all our readers.

We are of the conviction that it is high time our people banded themselves together and banned extravagant living. There is great need for the people to go back to simple life, simple dress simple food etc. Our teachers and preachers can do much in this matter, and we believe they will do it and bring about a speedy reformation. Let everybody without waiting for the other person begin at once, and the work will soon be done.

In many centres the work of the Church of Christ is seriously handicapped for lack of funds. Church authorities are faced with problems of closing work down and reducing workers. But this is so, not because there is no money in Ceylon, but chiefly because in many cases Christian people will rather reserve their money for demonstrations of their status when weddings or funerals come, and on the other hand they will allow in the meantime the Church and the Kingdom of God to suffer. Won't our people for the love of Christ give up their costly dress, go in for simple life and help wholeheartedly the work of their Lord who gave his life for them?

God or Gold ?  
Which do you serve?  
God or Gold ?  
Which has possession of you?

## JAFFNA URBAN COUNCIL.

The last Administration Report of the Jaffna U. D. C. gives the revenue for 1939 as Rs 327,000 compared with Rs. 306,000 in 1938. As before the Electricity scheme yielded the biggest slice of income, Rs. 142,000. The Property Rate of 12½ per cent brought in Rs. 72,000, Markets Rs. 32,000 and Licenses Rs. 29,000. The Debt outstanding at the end of the year was Rs. 300,000 and the accumulated surplus Rs. 66,000.

The Report claims that the state of public health in the Council's administrative area can be regarded as satisfactory, but the figures given do not seem to justify such optimism. With an infant mortality rate of 219 and considerable numbers of deaths from various communicable diseases, Jaffna indeed compares unfavourably with other towns in Ceylon. The Report states that special attention was paid to Child Welfare and Maternity work, Latrine construction and Health Education.

The Karayur Housing Scheme received a grant of Rs. 9,000 from Government. A sum of Rs. 19,000 was spent during the year in erecting tenements.

## CEYLON-HINDUS IN THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Ever since the Widows and Orphans' Pension came into operation in the Straits Settlements, Ceylon Hindus in the employ of the Straits Government were not eligible to contribute towards the Scheme as the Law Officers of that Government held that Ceylon Hindus were not debarred from contracting polygamous marriages in that Colony. Strangely enough Ceylon Hindus in the employ of the neighbouring Federated Malay States Government were eligible, nay compelled, to contribute to the Scheme as in Ceylon and such of those not on the pensionable establishment who were transferred from the Federated Malay States to the Straits Settlements Government, consequently on the Decentralisation policy, stood to lose the privileges which would have ordinarily accrued to them if they continued to serve under the F. M. S. Government.

These grievances were pressed on the Straits Government over and over for a number of years by the Neelam Foundation. [noolaham.org/aavanaham.org](http://noolaham.org/aavanaham.org)

by the Ceylon Tamils' Association in Singapore and others, without success. When Mr. R. Sri Pathmanathan, M. S. C., visited Malaya in 1937 representations were made to him regarding the grievances, and he on his return to the Island, drew the attention of the Hon. The Chief Secretary of Ceylon to those grievances by means of a number of questions in the State Council. He pointed out that the marriages of Ceylon Hindus, unlike those of Indian Hindus, were legally registered and were governed by laws in Ceylon which made it a penal offence for any Ceylon Hindu to have more than one wife at a time; and that Ceylon Hindus in the Straits Settlements should not be penalised for no fault of theirs. He also urged the Chief Secretary to take steps, through the Secretary of State, to remove the disabilities complained of.

Mr. T. M. Pillai, President of the Ceylon Tamils' Association in Singapore has now written to Mr. Sri Pathmanathan that their battle had at last been won and that he had been notified by the Colonial Secretary, Singapore, Straits Settlements, that Ceylon Hindus in the Colony were eligible to contribute to the Straits Settlements Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme. Mr. Pillai also thanks Mr. Sri Pathmanathan for the interest and trouble he took over the matter which greatly contributed to the success of the Association's efforts.

## Dear Friends,

Those of you who received our last Circular letter after the 1st Feb. would have known that almost all our programme for Feb. had to be abandoned because of illness on the family. I was the culprit and was laid up with mumps. I should have run away from the place immediately, but I foolishly stayed on hoping that I was well segregated. But before I was quite free two others were down. It has been very unfortunate, but the regrets were far too late. A good friend of the Ashram wrote and said that they expected the Ashram to be a place not of infection but purification. Purification it has been! How I cannot say, but we hope to put them all into action.

The biggest regret about the mumps invasion was our inability to have the Bishop of Colombo to open the Cottage which is the gift of the members of the Church of Ceylon. But we are told that he would do it when he comes on his next visit to Jaffna in July. We shall perhaps be forced to use the building earlier and await the formal opening in July. When we found that mumps was probably going to continue, we sent some of the members home and during some time, our numbers went down to three and four. But somehow work in the garden has gone on and we were able to sell some fruits from the tomatoe garden. We have kept other plants coming up steadily and perhaps we will have some vegetable or other from the garden for our daily meal. That is something about which we feel happy. During the month we have lost a good friend who has been called into rest. Mr. R. P. Aservantham not merely contributed towards the putting up of SHANTI in memory of his wife, but was a regular visitor with plenty of advice and help to get us going. We will miss him. Our Library is making steady progress—thanks also to Mrs. Brown who keeps on sending books regularly to the Ashram Library. I have chosen her name for special mention because of the keen interest she takes in our work in declining years and poor state of health. We purchased the seven volumes of the Tambaram Report. We have been to place the order for the Weaving Machine after all and we shall start work on it before the end of March and call some of you to come and see it work when we shall start a school. Christie has finally got his Weaving Certificate also.

I am going to make use of the previous period to go to the Island for a number of days. I am going to stay at Telliappal, at the American Ceylon Mission Press Telliappal.

the friends of the Ashram—7th, to the 10th of March.

Our leading article of last week was from a book of our friend Niles. Today a very useful daily reading Bible study and 200 copies only were duplicated from Geneva and we were fortunate in getting a copy for the Ashram. Niles is doing lot of propaganda for us I hear! Since my last letter we have had a few requests for prayers and we wish to assure them that we are remembering them in our prayer. We feel certain that this link of prayer will be a great blessing. Some of you have been kind enough to remember us by sending us gifts and by writing to us. We wish to thank you for it. It is an assurance of interest in the work and confirmation of the fact that the Ashram is timely in the work of the Kingdom in this country. If so, why not some more young men for this work please, and why not some more dedication and preparation of children by parents.

"The drum beats of His army,  
And the heart beats of our Love."

Yours cordially,  
S. Selvaratnam,  
Sevak.

## 'Simon Peter'

This ideal Passion-tide play by Miss Irene Caldwell, will be presented by Christ Church, Jaffna in St. John's College Hall on Saturday the 16th instant at 6.30 p.m.

It is full of power, beauty, pathos, and spirituality. It opens with a prologue, showing the despair of Peter's wife's mother, Miriam, at Capernaum, during the early part of our Lord's ministry and introduces Peter the impulsive, affectionate disciple who needs the refining fire to bring him to the perfection of Peter the Saint and Apostle.

Then follow six scenes depicting episodes at Jerusalem the first dealing with the denial by Peter, the despair of Judas Iscariot, and the tenderness of Mary Magdalene—once the idol of men's hearts, their plaything and their queen—now saved and wholly devoted to the Master. The second scene shows Pontius Pilate distracted and undecided, taking counsel with Claudia Procula, his wife, whilst the crowd are attempting to storm the Praetorium demanding the Nazarene's life. The next scene, with its dramatic interlude picturing the remorse of Judas, shows Peter with Andrew his brother, Mary Salome, and Joseph of Arimathea watching the Crucifixion from the latter's house, a scene of poignant yet powerful beauty.

The fourth scene shows the Lord's Mother, with the holy women before the Cross, cast on the waters of deep sorrow and suffering for the Son Who meant everything to her, yet bent to His Divine will in unquestioning submission, breathing those words

again, "Be it done to me according to thy word," while the Body of the Lord is being prepared for its entombment, and is one that should bring comfort and inspiration to all in similar sorrow. The sight of Peter, creeping alone to that empty Cross in an abandonment of penitence is a very effective feature in this scene. The return from Calvary to the house of John is enacted in scene five, which includes a beautiful vision of the spirit of Simon who announces to Peter and the others present the fulfilment of all prophecy in the uplifted Figure on the Cross. The last scene—the Dawn of Easter—deals with the finding by Peter and John of the empty tomb, (an exact model of which will be seen on the stage) their realisation of the Resurrection, and Peter's complete penitence, as with a voice of ecstasy he cries aloud, "Rabboni, Master!"

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