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

PLEASE NOTE

Owing to the Hindu New Year the Star will not be printed on the 12th. Next issue will be on the 19th April.

MACKISON SCHOLARSHIP.

Among the needs of the Indian Church today, long recognised and lately emphasised afresh by the Tambaram Conference, are the production of Christian literature, of all kinds in the several languages of India, Biblical revision, commentaries devotional books, Christian doctrine, Christian biographies, Church histories and so forth; and the presentation by Indian Christians of the Gospel and of the Christian life and thought in English, for the non-Christian Indian, and as India's contribution to the universal Church of Christ. Opportunities for Indian Christians to devote themselves to this type of work are at present lamentably few. Such students as might develop into scholars able to produce the books needed, rarely have much time to devote to further study when their college course is over but, become absorbed in the varied activities and pressing problems of Church work.

It was therefore with peculiar pleasure and thankfulness that the Serampore College Council last year received a gift sufficient to endow a scholarship of Rs. 50 p. m. tenable at Serampore College for one year or for two years by means of which an Indian Christian of suitable qualifications may have leisure to undertake work of the nature indicated above. Such qualifications will normally include the possession of a satisfactory academic degree. It is but a small beginning, but it is to be hoped that, now that a beginning has been made other generous donors may come forward with similar gifts to supply this long felt need.

The Mackison "Scholarship" will be available from July, 1940. Applications which in future years will be due by January 31st may this year be sent in before the end of May through any member of the Serampore Senate or direct to the Principal, Serampore College, Bengal, from whom further information may be obtained.

(Note: "India" above is to be interpreted as indicating India Burma and Ceylon.)

Fundatocrappu & M. English School

On 28-3-40 occurred the opening of the New Buildings of this school which owes its existence mainly to the far-sighted generosity of the Manager, the Principal and Directors of Jaffna College, who consented to continue the school when they were reassured by its remarkable growth and efficiency attained through the untiring efforts of the Headmaster and staff.

The new Government Agent, Mr. M. Prasad formally opened the buildings and presided over the public meeting. After prayer by Rev. Kandiah and a welcome song by three pupils, Mr. L. V. Chinnathambi, the Headmaster, gave a brief account of the rescue of the school and its removal to the fascinating new site and buildings. Then Mr. S. Thambu of the staff made a statement of the accounts of the buildings.

Subsequently the photos of the late Rev. Bicknell, Messrs. K. P. Ampalvanar and N. Venupillai were unveiled by Mr. J. V. Chelliah, Rev. Kandiah and Mr. S. Thambu respectively. Eloquent speeches expressing the felicitations were made by Rev. S. K. Bunker, Principal,

Jaffna College, Rev. S. Kulandran, the President of the S. I. U. C. Jaffna Council and Messrs. C. S. R. Srinham and T. Buell of Bombay fame.

The successful function, came to a close with a cheery speech by the chairman and a vote of thanks by the manager.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Chandioli Reading Room was declared open on the 31st ult. by Mr. Philip Moses, J. P. It is a praiseworthy movement to combat the several social ills of the locality.

It is reported that all districts throughout the Island with the one exception of Batticaloa, have suffered from a shortage of rain since the beginning of this year.

Jaffna and Lunuvila have been the principal sufferers, the difference in the rainfall this year in the case of each of these places as compared with the corresponding period of last year being as much as 9 inches.

The Education Officer, Jaffna, was shifted from the 21st ultimo to Main Street, Jaffna, close to the junction with Station Road.

A farewell function and garden party to Dr. S. K. Chinniah D. M. O., Vaddukoddai on the eve of his retirement from Public Service and to Mrs. Chinniah were held on Saturday the 30th March at 5 p. m. at the Jaffna College premises.

Mr. Chas. Mathveln, Apothecary in Charge, Govt. Dispensary, Kokuvil has been promoted from Class I to Special Class with effect from the 19th March 1939.

Weddings

The marriage took place at Christ Church, Jaffna, on Wednesday the 27th at 4 p. m. between Mr. W. I. Nicholas, Excise Inspector, son of the late Ga. Muthaiyar J. C. Nicholas, C. C. S., and Rosa Muthaimalar daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hastias. The service was fully choral and was conducted by the Rev. G. A. R. Navaratnam. The attending witnesses were Mr. M. Prasad G. A. N. P. and Mr. P. R. Krishnamoorthy A. S. P. Jaffna. After the service a reception in the presence of a large and representative gathering was held at the bride's residence. The toasts were proposed by Messrs. S. J. Gunasegaram and G. Spencer. The bridegroom suitably replied. Mr. J. S. Nicholas thanked those present.

The marriage of Mr. Ampalam Rajaratnam B. A. of the Staff of Jaffna Central College with Miss Rose Jayannay, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Arundpragasam was solemnised at St. Peter's Methodist Church Jaffna on Friday last, in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relations. Rev. James S. Mathar officiated and was assisted by Revs. M. S. Chinniah, S. J. Jegasoorthy and B. C. D. Mathar of S. I. U. C. Church, Karainagar. After the service, a largely attended reception was held at Jaffna Central College Quadrangle, when Mr. A. R. Supramaniam, Retired District Judge, proposed the toast of the couple, and the bridegroom replied suitably.

Christ Church, Point Pedro, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, 27th ult. when Mr. J. J. Kanagaratnam, Sheriff, National Bank, Nawara Eriya, U. D. C. and nephew of Muthaiyar S. W. G. Coomanyagam J. P. led Miss Lily Gunaratnam, younger daughter of Mr. James V. and Mrs. Velupillai of "Emily Villa" Pt. Pedro, to the altar. Rev. M. S. Chinniah assisted by Rev. S. R. Winslow conducted the service. A reception followed at the bride's residence.

FIGURES AND FACTS.

The amount of New Life Assurance Business written by the Oriental last year was—3 665 Policies Assuring Rs. 7,73,10,49.

It is learned that Schools and rural centres are receiving free, 20,000 copies of the Sinhalese and 8,000 of the Tamil editions of "Ceylon and War" monthly. In addition, there are 9,000 subscribers and about 6,000 copies are sold monthly.

For the spiritual need of those serving with the Forces, the Bible Society has issued 700,000 New Testaments in each copy of which the King's gracious message commending the reading of the Book has been inserted.

There are 14,500,000 silver rupees now held by the Currency Commissioners to be returned to the Indian Currency authorities and to invest the proceeds at interest. The net gain to revenue may be estimated at Rs. 20,000 per annum.

Nearly 200 candidates have been successful in the music examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, London held recently.

The Sultans of the four Federated Malay States have expressed a unanimous wish to offer the sum of £ 2,000,000 as a gift to the British Government to aid in the prosecution of the war.

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES AT JAFFNA COLLEGE.

New Intermediate Classes in Arts and Science will be formed at Jaffna College on June 17th, 1940. Students will be admitted to these classes only if they pass our Intermediate Entrance Examination which will be held in May 20th-23rd, or if they hold a certificate that they have passed the Headmasters Post-Matriculation Examination.

The Three students passing highest in this examination will be awarded our Academic Merit Scholarships of free tuition for a year in the Intermediate Class. Syllabi for this examination will be sent upon application to the Principal. Applications to take the examination should be sent to the Principal, with a fee of Re. 1 on or before May 10th.

The new Post Matriculation Class will be formed at the College on May 27th.

S. K. Bunker, Principal.

The Registration and Engagement.

is announced and the marriage will take place shortly of Miss Pearl Violet Allegencesam eldest daughter of the late Mr. A. E. Ollagasekaram of the Audit Department Singapore and a grand-daughter of the late Mr. Ollagasekaram Sub-collector with Mr. R. Daniel Sivaguru, Proctor and Notary, Chavakachcheri.

The Register was attested by Mr. C. R. Thambiah Proctor, and Dr. E. P. Canagasabai, Pensioner, Jaffna.

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The Managing Committee of the Jaffna Library Society Limited has sent us a copy of an appeal it has recently issued, calling for more support for its work from the general public. We would like to commend that appeal to-day to our readers. The Jaffna Library, as our readers know, is a longstanding institution. In these days when organisations spring all of a sudden like mushrooms and have only a very short period of existence, it is a matter of legitimate pride for the Library to count on a century long period of service to the people. This Library, the oldest of its kind in North Ceylon was founded exactly one hundred and three years ago in March 1837. The Reading Room attached to it was opened in October 1841. Ever since that time, in spite of occasional vicissitudes, we are told, it has had a continuous spell of service. That it has filled a real need in the cultural life of the town of Jaffna will be readily admitted by all. It contains to-day about 3000 volumes on a varied and large range of subjects, providing for peoples of varied tastes. Recently it has been registered under the Societies Ordinance and has assumed the new name The Jaffna Library Society Limited. And now the Committee of the Society look forward to making it serve a larger public than it has hitherto done and more attractive in more pleasing surroundings than in the past. It is planned to acquire new premises and put up a modern building specially designed to cater to the Library and club facilities. Plans are also well in hand to get a larger stock of new publications both for the Library and the Reading Room, special equipment and suitable furniture. We hope that the Society's endeavours to secure larger support for its work will bear good fruit and result in an increased membership, more enthusiastic interest in its usefulness and more active practical aid. We wish another successful spell of service for the Society under the new auspices.

THE FRIENDS OF REUNION

A DECADE OF PROGRESS IN CHURCH UNITY - 1927-36.

Much valuable study was done by a number of Commissions in preparation for the World Conference on Faith and Order which met in Edinburgh in 1937 and the reports of these commissions have since been published by the Continuation Committee of the Conference. Most of these reports are in booklet or pamphlet form, and they vary considerably in the demands which they make upon the reader's powers of concentration, as well as in the permanence of their value to the study of Church Unity.

The largest, and one of the more readable, of these reports is a book of 140 pages entitled A Decade of Objective Progress in Church Unity. It is a summary of what has actually been achieved in the field of Reunion all over the world during the ten years which separated the Faith and Order Conferences of Lausanne and Edinburgh. It is a bold statement of facts without any attempt to draw conclusions or point morals; nevertheless the facts themselves are so significant that they cannot fail to impress the reader who studies them with imagination.

Here are a few of the facts which the book reveals: During the ten years under review no less than 54 cases are recorded where some movement towards corporate union has been made. Of these 14 have already reached their consummation in union, 27 are continuing in the form of conversations or authorised negotiations and 13 have proved abortive and have been indefinitely postponed. Of those which have been consummated the most important have been the union of the Presbyterian Churches of Scotland, the Methodist Churches of Great Britain, and a large group of non-episcopal churches and missions to form the Church of Christ in China, (The United Church of Canada, embracing the former Presbyterian Methodist and Congregational Churches of the Dominion took place in 1925 and therefore falls outside the period under review).

More significant, perhaps, than those unions which have been achieved, are those which are still in the stage of negotiation. Some of these are notable for the size of the Christian community concerned, as in North India where over a million Christians belonging to non-episcopal Churches are involved; others are remarkable for the fact they concern Churches of such different traditions as the Anglican and Free Churches, as in South India and Nigeria.

In addition to these, "officially authorised conversations" not amounting as yet to "negotiations" are taking place between the Anglican Church on the one hand, and English Free Churches, the Moravian Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Churches of Latvia and Estonia respectively on the other.

With the exception of the conversations between the Anglican Church and the Church of Scotland—which were indefinitely postponed in 1934—the majority of the cases which are reported as "rejections" concern groups of small churches in America.

G. B. J.

MUST BUILD BETTER ORDER OF HUMAN LIFE.

The Archbishop of Canterbury preaching in Canterbury cathedral said that at no time within the last seventeen hundred years had the powers of evil been more active and insolent. He said: "Truly it is a spectacle of humanity suffering in bitter pangs. We cannot believe that it is God's will that this reign of brute force should prevail. We cannot doubt that it is in accordance with God's will that Britain and her Allies should do their utmost, regardless of cost, to end this evil."

The Archbishop of Canterbury urged that, after overthrowing the powers of evil embodied in Germany's present rulers and winning back the lands they had ravaged, it would be vital that they should build on the ground thus cleared a better order of human life.

CONFORM TO CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE.

"Christianity assures hope and peace to all who practice it," declared His Holiness the Pope in a Latin homily pronounced during the High Mass at St. Peter's recently.

His Holiness painted a sombre picture of the terrors and scourges—especially the war—which are now afflicting the world, and called on all men to conform to the Christian doctrine taught by the Saviour. "The only remedy for the moral, social and economic disorders from which all nations are suffering."

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"GOD'S TENTH."

Nine parts for thee, and one for me,
Nine for earth, and one for heaven;

But oh, how slowly given
In Gospel land thy life is spanned,
With all Christ's blessing o'er thee,
While o'er the earth, without new birth,
Lost millions sink before thee
They sink to hell, whilst thou couldst tell
The glorious Gospel story:
For from the gold which thou dost hold,
My tithe could bring them glory.
Ten parts for thee and none for me,
All for earth, and none for heaven!
For from thy gold, which thou dost hold
My tithe thou hast not given,
No souls for thee, no souls for me
All for hell, and none for heaven!
For from thy gold which thou dost hold
My tithe thou hast not given.

A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ANOPHELES DYNASTY.

The Anopheles Dynasty is not an unknown race in the annals of humanity. Its power is shown by the fact that throughout the world conditions and leagues are organised to fight against it. A world wide campaign is not launched against an imaginary enemy. This dynasty, bearing an Egyptian-sounding name, is certainly not the creation of the imagination of Edgar Wallace or some other novelist. It actually exists and the losses that this powerful family inflict every year on commerce and industry all over the world are incalculable. On the other hand, every year it has the death of three and a half million of people on its conscience.

This is really terrible! In what form does this Anopheles Dynasty operate? It most frequently works in the dark. And on what does its secret power repose? On a venom invisible to the naked eye, and on people's ignorance.

Although its secret was discovered in the last century by the Englishman Ross, one has not yet succeeded in destroying its power. The Anopheles Dynasty never yields, for, it there are no political frontiers. Nobody finds mercy at its hands, neither rich nor poor, neither workmen, peasant man, nor woman, and it doesn't matter whether the victim is a Christian Mohammedan or a devotee of Brahminism or Buddhism. These Anopheles are mosquitoes, international mosquitoes. When a member of the Anopheles family, himself infected bites a man, he gives him malaria.

One proof that this family of mosquitoes with the Egyptian sounding name, is one of the greatest enemies of humanity, is the following, every year, 800 million cases of malaria are reported. It is fortunate that the League of Nations helps the world wide campaign against this terrible family of insects by making known the arm that destroys the power of the Anopheles Dynasty, namely Quinine. The Malaria Commission of the League of Nations recommends the daily taking of 6 grains of quinine as a preventive measure during the fever season, and in the event of an attack, a dose of 15 grains to 20 grains of quinine per day during 5 to 7 days. On page 124 of its report, issued in 1933 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.

In this manner, the evil caused by the malaria mosquitoes is limited. It is certain that without this marvellous remedy quinine—humanity would be quite defenceless against the Anopheles Dynasty.

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"WISE MEN ON RELIGION"

"Let mental culture continue always to progress; let the natural sciences continue to grow in depth and breadth, and the human intellect to expand as it may, it will never go beyond the elevation of moral culture of Christianity and it shines forth in the Gospels." (Goethe).

"He that takes away reason to make way for revelation puts out the light of both." (Locke)

"The reasonableness of a religion consists in the belief in its doctrines leading naturally and directly to form the character which it recommends." (Erastus of Linthien).

"The only argument for human immortality in the Gospels is in the words of Christ, 'God is not the God of the dead but of the living.' St. Augustine gives this in seven words: 'Quod Deo non perit sibi non perit.'"

They talk, blasphemously enough, that the Holy Ghost is the President of their General Councils, when the truth is, the odd man is still the Holy Ghost." (Seiden.)

A motto for the Bishop's study fireplace: "Peter stood and warmed himself." Virgil on Disenchantment: "Duc signis pecudes; er prima piacula sumo."

"Mr Watts did not endeavour to assist his eloquence by any gesticulations, for as no corporeal actions have any correspondence with theological truth, he did not see how they could enforce it." (Samuel Johnson.)

Lord Clarendon on the Anglican clergy in the seventeenth century. "They understand the least and take the worst measure of human affairs of all mankind that can write and read."

"The Reformation that has been Luther's monument; the Reformation that is to be well trace itself back to Erasmus."

"That the glory of this world is in the end appearance—leaves the world more glorious, if we feel it is a show of some fuller splendour. But the seasons curtain is a deception and a cheat if it hides some colourless movement of atoms, some spectral wool of intangible abstractions, some earthly ballet of bloodless categories." (F. H. Bradley.)

"We have definite evidence that the character of St. Francis corresponds exactly with the portrait which has come down to us. Francis has always been one of my strongest reasons for believing that Jesus was very nearly such as he is depicted for us in the Synoptic Gospels." (Reenan)

"In modern religion an idol has been made of easy amiability, and for the enthralling spectacle of God as Father, men have substituted a pretty picture of the eternal grandmother." In the same way the stern and stormy figure of Christ has been watered down into a soft and gentle picture.

Theodore Beza to Henry of Navarre: "Sire, it belongs to the Church of God, in whose name I speak, to endure blows and not to inflict them. But it will please your Majesty to remember the Church is an axvil that has worn out many hammers." (J. N. Figgis)

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