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

Ceylon has its own Ministry

Mission Obsolete, Says Methodist Leader
"It is high time that 'The Mission' should be dropped from our local ecclesiastical vocabulary," says the Rev. H. R. Cornish, Chairman of the South Ceylon District, in the current issue of the Methodist Church Record. "There are still missionaries," he continues, "and still a large amount of financial assistance is received from England, but Ceylon has raised its own Ministry. The bulk of its circuits are entirely self-supporting and with its growth of the church it has become dominant in all matters affecting its own life and work."

Mr. Cornish states that it is time it was realised by all members of their Church that the Mission has now no identity and no function apart from the Church.

An Apt Quotation.
"I am for peace but when I speak, they are for war." With this quotation from Psalm 129, Sir Nevile Henderson prefaces the chronicle of his mission as British Ambassador to Berlin. He tells us that he went to Germany convinced that the peace of Europe depended on an understanding between Britain and Germany. He records his continual attempts to win the confidence and sympathy of the Nazi leaders, but he failed. Hence the title of his book "The Failure of a Mission."

Our present concern, however, is less with his book than with the aptness of the quotation he has chosen to preface it. How completely appropriate it is! It sums up the whole story of Sir Nevile's mission in a phrase. The preceding verse is scarcely less apt: "My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace." Truly the Bible is one of the best source-books in the world. It is difficult to conceive a state of affairs for which an appropriate text could not be found from within its covers. This is not surprising for the Bible embodies the accumulated wisdom of many peoples, the lessons of centuries of experience in varied circumstances and the counsel of proved sages. And all is presented in language which commands attention by its simplicity, beauty and directness.

Students and readers of English who neglect this great literature impoverish themselves.—M.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sending a cheque for Rs. 251, to the Gloucester Fund, the Rev. S. K. Bunker stated to the Times Representative that this amount was on their own initiative donated by the students of Jaffna College, having decided to give the money which normally would have bought their prizes to the relief of those who are suffering in the war.

A low birthrate, considerable fall in the marriage rate and higher death and infant mortality rates are the salient features of the vital statistics of Ceylon for 1939 which have just been issued in the form of a preliminary report by the Registrar General.

The construction of a Maternity Home and a hall for the Manipay Parish Social Service League was foreshadowed by Mr. M. Prasad, Government Agent, Northern Province, when he declared open the health exhibition organised by the Medical and Sanitary Department at the Manipay Memorial School under the auspices of the League on the 10th inst.

Mr. Prasad said he was specially pleased to note the great spirit of co-operation that prevailed between the Govern-

ment, Village Committee and the people of the parish in promoting the welfare of the parish. He hoped that example would be followed by the other parts of Jaffna.

—It is learnt that a White Paper on India has been published by the British Government containing the Governor-General's *Communique* of Feb. 5 on his discussions with Mr. Gandhi, the Congress resolution at Raigarh on Mar. 20, the Muslim League resolution at Lahore on March 24, and the Chamber of Princes resolution at New Delhi on Mar. 12.

The first Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna Mango Growers Association was held at the Timmerville Farm School last week. Adigar A. Naganathar presided. The report of the Jaffna Mango Show Secretaries was read by Mr. S. K. Thurairatnam and was adopted. In the unavoidable absence of the joint Secretaries of the Association, Mr. Subramaniam Lewis read the annual report and the accounts. The report showed a cash balance of Rs. 3000 to the credit of the Association. The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year. Patron Mr. D. S. Senanayake, Minister of Agriculture and Lands, President Mr. C. Arulampalam, Vice-Presidents: Adigar A. Naganathar and last year's vice-president, Joint Secretaries: Messrs J. S. Danforth and Dr. R. E. Jeboratnam, Treasurer Mr. J. Subramaniam Lewis.

—The Press has brought to the notice of the public that the Government are considering steps to help the local producer of foodstuffs by granting subsidies. It is also proposed to fix prices of commodities at remunerative rates.

—It is learnt that the Ministers at the Conference held at Nuwara Eliya last week, pointed out, in view of the fact that the Secretary of State had so far not produced the introduction of a new Constitution at an early date the need did not arise to postpone the general elections. This means that, if no reforms follow almost immediately, the dissolution of the State Council will take place before the end of the year, and the general elections will follow in or about January 1941.

It is also understood that so far it has not been considered to postpone the elections on the ground of any contingency arising from the war.

—Mahatma Gandhi it is reported has decided to send to Ceylon Mr. R. Ramachandran one of his secretaries, to study fully the conditions of the Indians here with a view to bringing about a better understanding and a peaceful settlement of the differences.

—The Chairman of the Planters' Association of Ceylon, said at a recent prize-giving function that what was needed at the present time was not education and more education as that giving a practical turn to education. An Agricultural College in Ceylon was a greatly felt need.

—At a public meeting in memory of the late Mr. C. F. Andrews held at the Jaffna Central College hall under the auspices of the Indian Association Jaffna under the presidency of Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, District Judge, the following resolution was carried unanimously:

"The public of Jaffna record their profound sorrow at the death of Deenabandhu C. F. Andrews and their deep appreciation of his services to humanity at large and to India and to a Far East in particular."

—The nutritional survey of four towns in widely different areas of the Island has just been completed by the Nutrition Division of the Department of Medical and Sanitary Services.

The towns, nutritionally surveyed, are Horana, Pottalam-Jaffna and Vavuniya.

—The newly erected Maternity Home by the Jaffna Urban Council at Moor Street Jaffna was opened by Mrs. C. Ponnambalam wife of Mr. C. Ponnambalam, Chairman U. D. C. on Monday, the 22nd April at 8 p.m.

The Training-Centre for Deaconess and Social Welfare Workers PUTTUR,

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SALE UNDER PARTITION ORDINANCE

In the District Court of Jaffna, Eliathamby Muttithamby of Nallore now of Ratnapura. Plaintiff.

No. 13819 Va.

1. Yacopillai Marisall

2. and wife Thangamuthu

3. Kanagam daughter of Murugeshan

4. Santhiapillai Joseph all of

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EDUCATION COMMISSION.

Writing two months ago, while we welcomed the decision of the sub-committee of the Executive Committee on Education to appoint an Education Commission at long last, we feared that the Executive Committee would accept the sub-committee's recommendation to have a local Commission. Our fears to-day have been justified and the Executive Committee has decided to appoint a local Commission, consisting of themselves and ten others, some of whom may be the Principals of Secondary Schools. This decision of the Committee, we are sure, will satisfy none but themselves and their admirers, if they have any. The press and the public have been now for a long time unanimous in their demand that the members of the Executive Committee should not be included in the Commission, because it was felt that an Education Commission should be kept out of the pale of political intrigues and machinations. Besides, the qualifications of the members of the Committee themselves have been questioned. What qualifications can they claim to make them fit to sit on a Commission to examine the present educational system of the country? That they have been placed on their present seats of honour on the Committee by the mere play of luck they themselves cannot deny. Of course, we do not deny that there are one or two who are qualified on virtue of their deep scholarship rich experience of and intimate contact with educational affairs but even these cannot claim to enjoy any great confidence of the public. Qualifications apart, do the achievements lying to the credit of the Committee up to now warrant places for them in an independent Commission? Frankly, no. Almost the whole blame for the unrest, dissatisfaction, aimless drift and chaos prevailing in educational circles of the Island should be laid at the door of the Education Committee. The members have all along consistently and uniformly adopted a stupidly obstinate attitude to public criticism and demand. The most notorious of them to adopt such an attitude has been the Minister. And now it is seriously proposed that he should be made the Chairman of the Education Commission! In our opinion, he is the last man in the Committee that should have a place on the Commission. It can be safely said that of all the Ministers he is the one who is most criticised and who holds the least confidence of the public. His predilections and powerful prejudices are too well known to gain for any Commission over which he will preside any amount of confidence or support from the educational, or the general public of Ceylon. The Minister cannot expect that he can win public support by his cleverness. If the Minister and his Committee expect that their clever decision to include ten others in the Commission will prove a sop to the public they will find their mistake, soon and sure. Seventeen to form a Commission! Why and how the Committee struck up this "sweet seventeen" to form the Commission we fail to understand. Such a large number as seventeen will, instead of finding a useful and workable solution to our educational ills and needs, we are certain, make confusion in our educational world worse confounded. We hope that the State Council will not stultify itself by accepting this fantastic decision of the Education Committee, but will decide on ap-

pointing a much smaller Commission, consisting of educational experts, some of whom may be from abroad.



MALARIA IN TURKEY.

Turkey, which used to be called "The Sick Man," has, under the direction of Kemal Ataturk, become a modern and prosperous State. The number of illiterates there has diminished in a remarkable manner, thanks to the use of Latin characters, introduced on Ataturk's personal initiative. Women no longer wear the veil or trousers; universal suffrage has been instituted, and Capital Ankara is a model of well-chosen modern architecture.

In the New Turkey, special care has been devoted to questions of hygiene. Under the direction of the Minister of Public Health, which has remained unchanged, this statesman has obtained results that formerly would not have been deemed possible. This fact stands out most clearly, in connection with the fight against malaria. In 1930, there were still vast regions where most of the inhabitants suffered from this malady. On the initiative of the minister, radical steps are now taken for improving this situation. Quinine has been distributed on a large scale, and great efforts are being made to exterminate malaria mosquitoes. The results already obtained enable one to state that Ankara, for example, is practically free from malaria.

The fact that Quinine is an excellent curative and preventive remedy for this malady is brought out by the last report of the Malaria Commission of the League of Nations. To prevent malaria, this Commission recommends the taking of 6 grains of Quinine per day throughout the fever seasons. Should an attack have already made its appearance, the malady is dealt with by employing the short Quinine treatment: 15 to 20 grains of Quinine every day for 5 to 7 days. In this case, it is not necessary to apply additional treatment, but should there be a relapse, the treatment is repeated as before, with the same dose.

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 medical supervision, whereas such supervision is essential in the case of synthetic products.

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THE RED CROSS.

The romance of the Red Cross which is a symbol of relief to human suffering, had its inspiration in Florence Nightingale's work in the Crimea. The organisation was started by a Swiss banker, M. Henri Dunant, who happened to be in Northern Italy in 1859 during the Italian-Austrian battle at Solferino and came upon the horrible scene, after the battle of suffering and death due to a complete lack not only of hospital equipment but also of doctors and trained ambulance-men. To-day there are 64 National Red Cross Societies which are in continuous touch with the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva, all activated by a desire to relieve suffering, particularly of war victims.

During the Great War of 1914-1918, the British Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance

Association joined hands under a combined War organisation and undertook the responsibility of supplementing the provision made by government to help war victims in co-operation with the authorities. The same procedure has been adopted again in the present war and the joint War Organisation is controlled by an Executive Committee under the presidency of the Earl of Cromer. Their funds are entirely derived from the appeal issued on their behalf by the Duke of Gloucester and supported by the Lord Mayor of London.

Under the International Red Cross Convention the whole of the relief provided by this organisation in time of war is confined to the sick and wounded of the Fighting Forces, prisoners of war and civilians injured or sick as the result of hostile action. They, therefore, supplement the official arrangement for the provision of ambulances, the supply of personnel—doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers, stretcher bearers and "searchers" for the missing and wounded, and also manage and control a number of auxiliary and convalescent hospitals. Many thousand books, magazines and newspapers are regularly supplied to hospitals, hospital ships and ambulance trains. The international and non-belligerent nature of the Red Cross Society enables it to render invaluable assistance to the authorities to trace missing and wounded men and civilians interned in enemy countries, and to send food and clothing to prisoners of war.

Ceylon and the War Jaffna Urban Council

At a General Meeting of the above Council held on Friday the 12th inst. it was decided.—To request the Minister for Labour, Industry and Commerce and the Minister for Health to carry out an economic and dietary survey of the Jaffna Town early. (b) To request the Minister for Labour, Industry and Commerce to start suitable industries in Jaffna early. (c) To authorize the Chairman to write to the Minister for Communication and Works to alter the time of arrival and departure of the trains from Colombo and Jaffna, viz., to start them at 8 p.m. in Colombo and Jaffna to arrive at Jaffna and Colombo at 6.30 A.M. (d) To authorize the Chairman to request the Government and the Ministries concerned to take suitable steps to make the Keerimalai Tank bacteriologically safe for bathers and advertise it as a holiday resort both in Ceylon and India. (e) To request the Government to appoint a lady doctor to be attached to the Jaffna Hospital to be in charge of clinics and maternity homes in the Town as is being done at Trincomalee and Baruwala. (f) To withdraw its Rs. 50,000 from the Kachchera and deposit Rs. 10,000 in the current account of each of the following banks: Chartered, Imperial, National and Mercantile Bank Colombo and Jaffna.

Weddings.

The marriage took place at the Methodist Episcopal Tamil Church, Malacca Street, Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday, the 24th April of Mr. Alfred Yesuratnam of Sungi Rasa Estate, Klang and Miss Millie Naysamani Hunt youngest daughter of Mrs. H. R. Hunt of Kuala Lumpur.

The wedding took place according to Hindu rites at Tellippalai of Mr. C Kanaganayagam, son of Mr. N. Challappah, retired Post master, Tellippalai, and Miss Sivanandavalli daughter of Mr. K. S. Kanagarayar, Proctor S. C., Tellippalai & Mrs. A. Kanaganayar.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Memorial Church, Moor Road, Wellawatte, on Wednesday the 17th inst. between Mr. T. H. Sukirtharan Winslow, Field Aast, Irrigation Dept. Ambalantota a son of Mrs. M. R. Winslow of Sangavu, Manipay, and Miss Daisy Pavasini Ramalingam, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. N. Ramalingam of Nuggedoda.

Obituary.

The death occurred on the 18th inst. at Vaddukoddai of Dr. K. Kanagarayar, the late

Co-operative Union Hospital. The funeral took place the following day, according to Hindu rites, and was largely attended.

News has been received that Rev. J. N. Rawson, Vice-Principal of Serampore College died suddenly this week. Mr. Rawson came out as a Missionary under the Baptist Mission in Bengal about thirty years ago and was soon after appointed to the Staff of Serampore College. Mr. Rawson lectured on the History and Philosophy of Religion. His book on the Katha Upanishad published by the Oxford University Press received a favourable reception. Mr. Rawson endeared himself to successive generations of students by his kindness and impulsive generosity.

The cremation of Lady Arunachalam widow of Sir Ponnampalam Arunachalam took place at the General Cemetery Kannanthur Colombo on Sunday evening.

Personal.

—Mr. M. V. Seevaratnam, Inspector of Schools, Batticaloa has been transferred to Kandy and has been succeeded by Mr. N. S. Samuel from Jaffna.

—Miss A. Hudson Paramaswamy B.A. of the teaching staff of the Uduvil English School has left for the U.S.A. on a year's leave to do post graduate work at Oberlin University. She will resume duties at Uduvil in August 1941.

—Mr. C. Coomaraswamy C.C. the Commissioner and his Secretary Mudaliyar C. Arasaratnam are now in Jaffna with the stenographer. It is expected that the Commissioner will send his report to His Excellency the Governor at the end of this month.

—Mr. N. W. Arasaratnam of the staff of St. John's College, Jaffna, left last week for Coonoor Nilgiri Hills, to attend the Vacant Course for Sunday School Teachers. The course will be for over a month and he is expected to return by the 12th of May 1940.

AUCTION SALE.

In the District Court of Jaffna-Ponnambalam widow of Kanthapar Vallipuram of Kokuliv.

No. 5561.

1. Sithamparanathar Chellappah 2, and wife Thankamma both of Vannarpoona East.

Defendants.

Whereas the abovenamed Defendants have been directed to pay the plaintiff abovenamed the sum of Rs. 3761.00 with interest thereon at 9 percent per annum from 2.3.1934 till payment in full (less Rs. 1000) being the principal amount due on a Promissory note dated 3rd May 1939 and sued upon in case No. 9238, Jaffna at present held at Point Pedro.

By virtue of the Commission issued to me in the above case dated 29th February 1940 I shall sell by Public Auction the undermentioned property with its appurtenances on Wednesday 1st May 1940 commencing at 2 p.m. at the spot.

PROPERTY REFERRED TO ABOVE.

An undivided 7 1/2 share of all that piece of land situated at Vannarpoona East in the parish of Vannarpoona called Nonnyantharai in extent 97 1/2 Lms. V. C. with stone built houses well cultivated plantations and palm groves and bounded on the East by the property belonging to the heirs of Perinpanayakanandiar Ponniah, on the North and West by lane and on the South by the property belonging to Sinnammal widow of Sabapatipillai and Sinnathambu Thambo and shareholders,

Visuvalingam Selvadurai, Commissioner, Valvettiy. 9th March 1940.

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ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.
In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Emily Gnana-pragasam wife of Charles Appa-durai Gnana-pragasam of Manipay Deceased.

Testamentary Jurisdiction | No. 833

Charles Appadurai Gnana-pragasam of Manipay presently of Avissavella, Petitioner

Vs.

1. Charles Keerthisingham Gnana-pragasam

2. Nanay Pavalarany Gnana-pragasam

3. Lilly Annarany Gnana-pragasam

Minor.

4. Thomas Wilson Jeyasingham Gnana-pragasam Minor

5. Muriel Pakiarany Gnana-pragasam

6. Vethanayagam Thomas Muthayangampillai all of Manipay Jaffna.

Respondents,
This matter of the petition of the abovenamed petitioner praying that the abovenamed 6th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad-litem over the 4th and 5th minor Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interest in these Testamentary proceedings and letters of Administration to the estate of the above named deceased coming on for disposal before Simon Rodrigo Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 2nd day of February 1940 in the presence of Mr. D. J. Gnana-pragasam Procurator on the part of the petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the petitioner having been read;

It is ordered that the abovenamed 6th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad-litem over the 4th and 5th minor Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interest in these testamentary proceedings and that the Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before 17th day of April 1940 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 2nd day of April 1940.
Sgd. Simon Rodrigo,
District Judge.

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