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### This Holy War

Mr. George S. Arundale, President of the Theosophical Society has declared: "This war is a holy war. It is a crusade of righteousness against the forces of cruelty. It is a world war, and the fighting in Europe is but a symbol of the actual clash everywhere between right and wrong in the many garbs in which these opposing forces may clothe themselves."

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### The British War Cabinet

Mr. Winston Churchill—Prime Minister, and Minister for defence.  
Mr. Neville Chamberlain—Lord President of the Council.  
Mr. C. R. Atlee—Lord Privy Seal.  
Lord Halifax—Foreign Minister.  
Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

—The Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Jaffna Hindu College commenced on the 13th inst. The All Ceylon Industrial Rally and Carnival organised in connection with the above celebrations began the following day and continues for a week. Owing to the unavoidable absence of His Excellency the Governor, Mr. M. Prasad, Government Agent, N. P., declared the Exhibition open.

His Excellency the Governor in the course of his message to the Exhibition and Carnival states:

"The world has never stood in greater need than today of sane and sound education, unalloyed with political nostrums or narrow nationalisms. May Jaffna Hindu College long serve this ideal."

—A large and representative gathering of Old Boys and members of the public in response to the invitation of the Vice-Principal and staff of Jaffna Central College attended the Garden Party held to meet their new Principal Mr. and Mrs. K. S. D. Williams, on last Saturday in the Central College quadrangle. Mr. J. W. Arundiprasam thanked those present for responding to the invitation. Mr. W. D. Niles welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Williams on behalf of the public. Mr. Williams replied briefly and expressed his determination to do his utmost for the welfare of the College.

—The Executive Committee of Education have constituted itself into a Special Committee co-

operated with seven local educational experts, to investigate the present education system in Ceylon and recommend measures of reform. This Special Committee will not be functioning under a Commission bearing the seal of the Governor, but will be free to pursue the inquiry according to its own lights. When this body, which started its inquiry on the 15th inst, concludes its recommendations, the Minister of Education will submit them to the State Council.

—The Paddy Officer of the Agricultural Department has discovered a new simple method of increasing paddy yields in Ceylon.

The discovery in brief, is that if a plot of paddy land with plants 3 to 4 weeks old is harrowed with an ordinary three rupee plough the yield is increased by about 12 bushels per acre. If this method were adopted all over the Island we would have an extra 6,400,400 bushels of paddy per year i.e. the equivalent of cultivating an additional 160,000 acres under present methods.

### Wedding

—A pretty wedding took place on the 8th instant at the Memorial Church, Wellawatte, the contracting parties being Miss Lucy Annammah, the eldest daughter of the late Dr. A. M. Richards of the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, India and Mrs. Richards of Jaffna, granddaughter of the late Mr. Charles Ramesar of Tellipallai and Mr. R. A. Vairamuttu of the C. G. R. second son of Mr. S. S. Vairamuttu retired Foreman Plate Layer, C. G. R. and Mrs. Vairamuttu of Tellipallai.

Rev. N. K. Nalliah officiated. A largely attended reception was held at the bride's residence at which Mr. R. O. Basill proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom to which the bridegroom suitably replied. The toast of the hostess, the mother of the bride, was proposed by Mr. K. Knagaratnam, assistant Auditor-General and was replied by Dr. S. W. C. Ramesar.

### Personal

—Mr. A. Ponnambalam of Nuwara Eliya Kachcheri has been transferred to Jaffna Kachcheri.

—Mr. R. V. Naganathan, Chief Clerk, Magistrate's Court, Mallagum has been appointed while performing the duties of Superintendent of Process Services at Mallagum, to administer the oaths or affirmations which are requisite to the making of affidavits in the Judicial District of Jaffna.

—Messrs Naganathapillai Eham baram, Chiniah—Arulampalam, Samuel Kandavanam Thiravaiyagum Joseph, Thuraijasingham Sabapathy have been appointed Notaries Public.

—Mr. K. C. Nadarajah, a son of Madahyar K. Chinnaamby, retired Manager of Vadamaradchi, has taken his oaths as an Advocate.

Mrs. Lalita Venkatram the All-India Radio Star is giving a series of recitals at the Jaffna Hindu College Hall during the All-Ceylon Industrial Exhibition and Carnival.

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Vs.  
Plaintiffs

No. 4727  
1. Samuel Maragann Rajasooriar and his wife,  
2. Julia Pakiam both of Manipay Defendants.

Under and by virtue of the Commission issued to me in the above case I shall sell by public auction the undermentioned mortgaged property for the recovery of the amount stated therein on Saturday the 1st day of June 1940 at 2 p.m.

**Property referred to**  
1. All that parcel of land situated at Manipay called Mylippanai Nochiolai and other parcels in extent 5 Lms V. C. and 6 kls. with well cultivated and spontaneous plantations half share of the Mango trees standing on the Western boundary land and bounded on the east by by-lane on the North by the property of the 1st defendant on the West by the property of Thangamiah widow of Velupillai and children and on the South by Road.

2. All that piece of land situated at Manipay called Nallinganthodam and Mylippanai in extent 9 Lms. V. C. with well, house buildings and mud house kitchen and cultivated and spontaneous plantations and bounded on the East by the properties of Mary Chellammah wife of Chellappan, Jane Ponnammah wife of Mutuvela and the heirs of the late Suppiak Arumugam on the North by the property of defendants and Ramalingam Ponnampalam and West by the property of Ramalingam Ponnampalam and Thangam wife of Velupillai and on the South by the property of Sithamparanathan Maragasu.

V. A. Duraiappab, Commissioner  
Jaffna  
4, 5, 40.

### Change of Name.

I, Ponniam Charavanamuttu of Tellipallai do hereby inform the Government and the general public that I shall henceforth be known as P. Balachandran and sign my name as such.  
P. Balachandran.  
Tellipallai,  
10th May, 1940.

### IN EVER LOVING MEMORY

DAVID VYRAVANATHAR KANDIAH  
Born 14th September, 1881 at Jaffna.  
Died 19th May 1939 at Kuala Lumpur.  
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Friday, May 17th 1940.

## A NEW LIFE MOVEMENT FOR CHRISTIANS

### II

#### THE DRINK HABIT

One of the main items on the programme of the New Life Movement for Christians, which has just been launched by the Jaffna Christian Union, is to keep liquor away from their personal and social life. It is necessary for those in the Movement to be forewarned that working this item to success will cost them a good deal of trouble and sacrifice. They may be subject to ridicule; they may have to endure unpopularity, for drink unfortunately has come to play a most important part in the social life of the country, the Christians included. Gone are the days when it was considered a shameful and wrong thing to drink, and when the man addicted to drink was tabooed from good society. Now peculiar and fashionable fads, that liquor is conducive to good health and that it is the hall mark of a civilized man to possess the drink habit, are unfortunately very much in vogue. Sometimes even priests are found to condone and even encourage such fads. In Jaffna particularly the Tree Tax system has made the drink habit more widely spread than ever. Recently an Excise Officer told the writer of this article that our students were getting used to this habit increasingly and that the next generation would have an overwhelmingly large majority of themselves addicted to the drink habit. What is the attitude of the Christian Church towards this question?

First, how does the Church treat her individual members who drink? Is she prepared to take any disciplinary action against her drunkard members? We fear she is not. On the other hand, she is afraid to lose members from her rolls and hence condones their practice and elings on to them. We agree that the Church should try her best to use her kindly, beneficial influence on such delinquents; but that does not mean that she should not be stern with regard to any disciplinary action she must take with them. Secondly, what is the attitude of the Church towards eliminating drink from social life? Can she afford merely to watch the growing practice of giving a place in all social functions to drink? The Church must create a very strong public opinion amongst her members that no function where drink is served can be termed a Christian function. It is incumbent on the Church to teach her members that it is not necessary for them to be civilized in the modern sense, but that they should be Christian. The Church must go back to her days of old and insist on her orthodox discipline for questions like drink.

Thirdly, what is the attitude of the Church towards the Excise policy of our government? We are afraid that the Excise policy of the government is now taking a very bad turn. The Tree Tax system was introduced in the place of the Tavern System, with the result that, though there is apparently less drunkenness, the drink habit has grown with a tavern at the foot of every tree. Now it is proposed to allow sweet toddy to be tapped without any permit. The result that will follow from this is obvious to everybody but the advocates of this system. Not only sweet but even fermented toddy will be tapped without any permit, and floods of toddy will freely flow in the country. The Church must stir herself at once and

express in no unambiguous terms her strong protest against the proposal. She must moreover make the Temperance Movement a strong item on her programme and work it over with unflinching enthusiasm and energy. The New Life Movement can help the various Churches to organise Temperance Movements. More than this the Movement must bring about with the greatest speed a change in the attitude of the Christians towards drink.

### THE DRINK PROBLEM

(By Rev. James S. Mather)

In the programme of the New Life Movement in Jaffna, the eradication of the Drink evil is one of the most important items. The tradition, heritage, and sentiment of our people are all against drink. The great Religions of this land, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam prohibit its use. Through drink in the past, countless lives have been ruined, innumerable homes wrecked and brought to misery and shame, and several lakhs of rupees been drained out of the Island. A poor country is yearly getting poorer and poorer through the import of whisky and other foreign liquor. Further, illicit liquor traffic is seriously affecting the morals of the people. The complex problems of crime, unemployment and poverty are created and aggravated by drink.

To the members of the Christian Church, total abstinence from drink is a duty which they cannot shake off, or be excused from. Whatever one may say about drinking in moderation or in social functions there are on the other side the great principles of Jesus Christ taught very clearly in the Gospels which enforce total prohibition.

The day has come, I think, when the whole country unite and rise against Alcohol. We should protect our homes against unhappiness, discord and decay. The whole country should rise in defence of their sacred religion. There should be no liquor shop anywhere in Ceylon. There should surely be total prohibition. Failure in America is no argument in Ceylon because here conditions are different and more favourable.

When I say this, I do not ignore the other side. There is the loss of revenue to the State. But this should not influence us at all. If the State could not be run without the revenue derived from the traffic on "Stame water" as Islam has rightly named it, then does it mean that our representatives in the State Council are such men who could run government, only by the degradation of humanity, by destroying homes and ruining man's body, mind and soul? Surely not!

There are those who say that Prohibition is interference with the liberty of the individual. How many other things there are where we have surrendered personal liberty for the common good! For instance, the speed limit is interference with the motorist's personal liberty. There are people who are able to use alcohol, it is said, in moderate doses, without getting temperate, but for every such person, there are a thousand people who when they touch it soon lose all self-control and ruin themselves. For the sake of the common good, moderate drinkers should not grudge foregoing their own liberty in this matter.

What a different country Jaffna will be if alcohol was unknown here! The New Life Movement will make our country new. That is its great aim. Shall we not all give its Programme our careful consideration and shall we not subscribe to it? Let us to-day begin by resolving not to touch alcohol. Let me remind my readers that God is ready to give His power to everyone who is sincerely eager to be free from the fetters of Drink.

### THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN CEYLON

(Extracts from the recently published Administration Report for 1938-1939)

**THE STRENGTH OF THE MOVEMENT**  
There were 1,512 societies at the end of the year with a total membership of 66,397 and a total working capital of Rs. 738,627. The number of the registrations is 241, but there were 28 cancellations so the nett increase is 213 societies. The figure for the previous year was 212 registrations with a nett increase of 182 societies. The new registrations are composed of 194 credit societies, 13 thrift societies, 15 unions, 4 stores, 5 producers and sale organizations, and 9 "special type" societies.

#### THE PANDATERUPU IRRIGATION SOCIETY

To those who have seen that familiar feature of the Jaffna landscape the well-sweep and the well-sweep runner, the objects of the Pandaterupu Irrigation Society will need no explanation. At its sessions last year the Jaffna Co-operative Conference appointed a committee to consider practical ways and means of solving the irrigation problems of the Jaffna farmer, and the committee recommended the organization of societies for the joint purchase and maintenance of a certain type of mechanical pump whose efficiency had been demonstrated to them by its advertisers. The first society was organized at Pandaterupu and duly registered, but when the pump arrived, it was found to fall considerably short of expectations. It has been returned, with some pertinent inquiries and in the meanwhile the society is on vacation.

#### THE THOLUTHAM-MOOLAI UNION CO-OPERATIVE HOSPITAL

The Co-operative Hospital has reason to be pleased with itself over its year's work. It has just finished building a cottage ward, with accommodation for four beds and furnished with all necessary conveniences. The estimated cost is Rs. 7,000. The number of cases treated indoors by the society's doctor was 4,898 and the number of outdoor calls was 297, of which 222 were from members. The membership has risen to 215 and the working capital is Rs. 12,091. The Share Capital has increased from Rs. 2,216 to Rs. 2,528, but the profits have declined, to Rs. 3,796 from Rs. 8,711 owing to the construction of the ward.

The society has been liberally assisted with donations both from Ceylon and Malaya. A sum of nearly Rs. 12,500 will be received before the current co-operative year is over. To be continued.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

#### THE VERNACULAR LANGUAGE OF THE PEOPLE OF NEGOMBO.

Dear Sir,

A speech in Tamil dealing with the birth of the Prophet and the precepts of Islam by a twelve year old Sinhalese boy named Wilmet Charles Fernando, from Negombo was a feature of the proceedings of a mass meeting which was held on Saturday (20. 4. 40.) under the auspices of the Rahumania Muslim Young Men's Association on the Nawalapitiya Recreation Grounds, in connection with the Prophet's birthday celebrations.

This reminds me of an extract, about a century old, under the caption "An Interesting Fact.—"Preference of the Natives for Education in the Vernacular Language," in the issue of the *Morning Star* of April 27, 1843, which I reproduce below for the information of your readers. "At Negombo, there is a Government School with two attentive and intelligent masters and the lessons of one class are almost daily heard by an European. The boys are taught exclusively in English; the average attendance is about 60 and they pay a fee of 3d. each per month. In the same place there is a private school conducted by a native, on his own account in which Tamil alone is taught and the children receive for 3d. each per month, 130. This is a striking proof of

the preference paid by the people, to education in their own language."

It will be interesting to know to what extent Tamil is even to-day the vernacular language of the people of Negombo.

Yours faithfully,  
M. Ramalingam

"Ayodhya"  
Alexandra Road  
Wellawatte.

#### ASTHMA SANATORIUM

Dear Sir,

There are a large number of people suffering from this dire disease, which in almost all cases is transmitted from generation to generation, thus affecting the vitality of many a family, throughout the Island—if not all over the world and I feel it incumbent on the part of the Medical Department to free the country from this malady by means of organised Research and otherwise.

I would urge the authorities concerned to investigate into the question by collecting statistics from both the past and the present sufferers with a view to establishing a "Sanatoria" for affording facilities or treatment of Asthma and the allied ailments, in view of the varied climatic conditions prevalent in the Island—a rare advantage.

There are a number of patent medicines claiming immediate cure but in my opinion some of them give relief only for the time being followed by increased suffocation for free breathing, debilitating the subject not to speak, of the excessive costs yet without the desired or claimed result.

About ten years ago there appeared in the columns of the "Ceylon Daily News" of the Asthma Research Council in Great Britain, whose experience in this connection will no doubt go a long way when formulating a scheme to suit local conditions.

Will the Minister of Health or his head of the Department please move in the matter? Meanwhile, will a member of the State Council introduce a motion, thus earning a undying gratitude of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,  
S. R. Sathaseviam

Kaithady,  
2.5.1940.

### THE INDIAN REVIEW

In an article on "Belligerent rights at sea" in the *Indian Review* (Madras) M. K. Nambiyar says that the control of contraband, the ban on German exports and the diversion of neutral trade cannot but have repercussions in Germany before long and that there is no reason why the war will not be decided at sea, where Great Britain has superior advantage over Germany and every other nation.

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