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

## King's Message

The King in the course of a broadcast message to the nation on May 24, said: "I am going to speak plainly to you in this hour of trial, I know that you would not have me do otherwise. Let no one be mistaken. It is no mere territorial conquest our enemies are seeking. It is the overthrow complete and final of this Empire and of everything for which it stands and after that the conquest of the world".

## National Day of Prayer

In response to the King's desire Ceylon joined with the rest of the Empire in observing the National Day of Prayer, May 26.

In church, temple and mosque prayers and supplications were offered on behalf of the Empire, of its Allies and of the cause in which they unite.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams."

## Royal Assent

After occupying only two and half hours on the passage through both Houses of Parliament, the Emergency Powers Extension Bill became law at 6.10 p.m. May 22, when a Royal Commission signified Royal Assent to the Bill.

By this Bill His Majesty's Government are armed with powers such as no democratic government ever enjoyed before and it has been given those powers by willing representatives of the people, themselves motivated by a complete knowledge of their constituents' desire that no time should be lost in mobilising the whole resources personal and public, of the nation to meet an unprecedented crisis.

## Bernard Shaw's Comment

The Emergency Powers Act was the subject of the following comment by the famous author, Bernard Shaw:

"In two and a half hours, this country did what Russia has not yet done in twenty years,

When Germany made its move to conquer the world, someone had to bell the cat. We took on the job, and now, for one or both of us, the hour has come.

"We are in a very tight corner; but what can we do? We can either practically surrender, or we can die in the last ditch; I think we should be in the last ditch."

## Dominions Mobilise

Following the lead given by Great Britain efforts are being made throughout the Dominions to mobilise all the available resources for the prosecution of the War.

## Indian Problem

Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, soon after he had taken office said his experience had predisposed him to faith in self-government, both for its own sake and as the strongest bond of unity between those enjoying it as free partners in the British Commonwealth.

"I know well the difficulties besetting a discussion of India's constitutional progress towards the goal on which her heart and our honest purpose are equally set. I know you do not expect me today to express any opinion on them."

"I approach them with a fresh and unprejudiced mind and with that plain good intention of which Burke once spoke as the best contribution which a public man can bring to any problem."

A communiqué issued, May 25, indicates that the Government of India have at last awakened to the imperative need for mobilising the resources of the nations in its defence. Increasingly leaders of varying schools of political thought are realising how undesirable it is to

continue their campaigning in the face of the nation's peril.

## Rebate of Duty on Ceylon Tobacco

### Travancore Action

News has reached us that as a result of persistent representations from the Ceylon Government and Jaffna Merchants, the Travancore Government has given a rebate of Rs. 65 per candi on Ceylon Tobacco imported into Travancore.

It may be recalled that very lately a deputation consisting of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Asst. Registrar of Co-operative Societies and Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam, President, Malayaian Tobacco Sales Society visited Travancore and interviewed the authorities on this subject.

### The Jaffna Hindu College Golden Jubilee Celebrations

The celebrations organized by the Jaffna Hindu College to mark the fiftieth year of its existence were concluded on the 24th inst. The Industrial Rally and Carnival, held in this connection, lasted ten days. There was a regular stream of visitors to the exhibition from every part of the peninsula. And the exhibition was carried to success by the active co-operation and whole-hearted support of most of the leading ladies and gentlemen of Jaffna Hindu College.

The Rally, as observed by our Government Agent, has, apart from its educative value, given a much needed impetus to trade and industry. It has been a great event in the social and commercial life of the peninsula. It is hoped that the efforts of the organizers would bear ample fruit.

### Matriculation

We have received the following analysis of the last January Matriculation results of some of the Jaffna schools from one of our readers. We understand that this is the correct analysis according to the results published in the Times of Ceylon.

The analysis published in our last issue, was according to the results in the Ceylon Daily News. Schools Whole Part First Division

J. H. C. 27 8 2  
P. C. 19 8  
S. J. C. 19 4 1  
J. C. 12 4 1  
J. C. C. 11 4  
S. H. C. 7 4

**Honours List Deferred.**

It is announced officially that publication of the honours list which would in the ordinary course have taken place on the day appointed for the observance of the King's Birthday, June 13th, is necessarily postponed for a few weeks, owing to the changes in the administration.

**Vacant Post.**

Applications for the undermentioned post in the office of the Village Tribunal of Delft, Islands, will be received by the Government Agent, Northern Province on or before June 7, 1940. The post is non-pensionable. Local candidates will be preferred. Office Assistant Clerk; Salary Scale Rs. 240-18-402 per annum.

**Obituary**

The death occurred of Mrs. Eliza Thangammal Arnold, aged 70, on the 17th instant, at her sister's residence in Colombo.

The deceased was the widow of the late Harris Rasaratnam Arnold of the Secretariat, Madras, and a sister of the Rev. S. Selvadurai; and of Mrs. W. A. I. Hoover of Colombo.

The funeral took place on the following day at the General Cemetery, Kanata. The service at home was conducted by the Revs. N. K. Nalliah, assisted by Revs. J. V. Spencer, S. M. P. Selvadurai, and S. Selvadurai.

The service at the graveside was conducted by the Revs. J. R. Wright of the City Mission, Colombo and N. K. Nalliah.

### Jaffna Christian Women's Meeting

A meeting is to be held today, open to Christian women only, at St Peter's Methodist Church, Jaffna, commencing at 5 P. M. presided over by Mrs. A. R. Subramaniam. The subject is "What women can do for God in their own Churches". Speakers are Miss Everatt and Dr. (Miss) Thillipampalam.

### Jaffna Municipality

We learn that the establishment of a Municipality for Jaffna has been postponed for 1941. The elections will take place as usual.

### ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, JAFFNA,

POST-MATRICULATION CLASSES will begin on Wednesday the 12th of June. For admission students must have passed the London Matriculation examination or its equivalent.

INTER-ARTS AND INTER-SCIENCE CLASSES will begin on Monday the 17th of June. Admission Examination for these classes will be held from Monday to Thursday—10 to 13th June. The following subjects may be taken:

English, History, Logic, Latin, Tamil, Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology. A Scholarship consisting of free tuition for the course will be awarded to the student who qualifies in all his subjects and obtains the highest aggregate of marks in the examination. Applications for admission should be sent on or before Saturday the 8th of June.

PRE-MEDICAL CLASSES are being made to start a Pre-Medical class from the 1st of July.

For further particulars apply to the Principal, St. John's College, Jaffna, 29th May, 1940. 20-21.

**IN EVER LOVING MEMORY**

**Emily Rose Pavalam**  
Dearly beloved wife of

**B. T. SAMUEL NAYADORAI,**  
Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S.  
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Passed away to Eternity  
on

25th May 1939

18th May, 1932



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Lonely is our home today.  
For she who cheered us  
Has passed away."

"Till our lives depart  
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From the sorrowing husband,  
Rev. S. M. P. Selvadurai, F. M. S.

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## CHRISTIANS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

The Kodaikanal Missionary Union Conference closed last week after a most interesting session. The subject under consideration was so vital to those engaged in Mission work that the discussion groups increased daily in attendance, especially in those groups where the social environment of the Christian rural community and the economic development of this community were considered.

At the final session, the findings of these groups were presented and the animated discussions they provoked from the floor were very stimulating.

The President of the Conference, the Rev. A. J. Boyd (Principal of the Madras Christian College), delivered the closing address, which states in no uncertain terms the Christian position relative to the place the Christian Church should hold in India. He said:

I think we have to remind ourselves, and I am sure we have to remind the non-Christian friends who may have chance to read reports of our findings, that the Christian community is not our creation—but Christ's. How often have Hindu friends said to us that, while they appreciate our various forms of humanitarian service to India, they do not understand, and indeed heartily deplore, our desire for a vigorous, expanding, self-propagating Christian community! When non-Christian friends talk to us in this way, I believe it is our duty to try to understand the point of view which they express, and to give all their relevant objections due weight, but, having done that, it is also our duty—to them, and to ourselves, and to Christ,—to talk to them as plainly as they have talked to us.

If their fear is that a strong and expanding Christian community will, in the political sphere, become some day a menace to the interests of this or that other community, let us tell them that we, for our part, are by no means devoted to the idea of communal divisions in politics and should in fact be happy if that system could ultimately be broken down. If their fear is that a strong and expanding Christian community will tend to weaken the national solidarity, let us try to convince them, that on the other hand, such a community might well become an important moral and economic asset to the nation.

If their fear is that the Christian community is un-Indian in its ways of thought and modes of worship, and not sufficiently conscious of the wealth of its ancient heritage, let us confess to them that we sometimes share their fear, and let us assure them that we want the Christian community in India to be rooted in the land, and proud of everything in India's heritage save that which is in opposition to the mind of Christ.

(To be continued)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## "A DANGEROUS OPINION"

Sir,

A letter entitled "A dangerous opinion" by the pen of Mr. S. Kulandran published in your paper, the "Morning Star," has just reached me. On perusing the letter, I find that the writer has made a feeble attempt in it, to expose what he considers to be a dangerous opinion in the teachings of those "bands". I venture, therefore, to furnish a reply to his letter. In fairness to the cause of Christ it would

have been better had Mr. Kulandran taken the trouble to ascertain before hand what those "bands" teach and preach before he rushed into print.

I have yet many things to say unto you but ye cannot bear them now and as such that I would deal with certain truths which would prove to be of real help to the reader.

If Mr. Kulandran presumes that St. Paul would have sought the help of St. Luke, I must point out to him that he has presumed wrongly on this point. When Epaphroditus was sick nigh unto death St. Paul says that God had mercy on him and he does not say that St. Luke treated him. Can he prove or quote any word from the Bible that St. Paul sought the help of St. Luke?

For John the Baptist came neither eating bread, nor drinking wine and ye say he hath a devil. The son of man is come eating and drinking and ye say Behold a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners (St. Luke 7:33 to 34). From whom shall these "bands" escape. If they get divine healing, ye say that it is by nature and if they die ye say that those "bands" had killed them.

The ecclesiastical systems speak of Jesus and call Him the Healer, but their words are merely words of mockery even as were the words of the three supposed friends of Job. All these religious systems (denying Jesus as Healer) pose as God's representatives but in fact are members of Satan's organization and are therefore frauds and "forgers of lies" and doctors of divinity with no value.

The clergy of His day, from whom better might have been expected were the instruments used by the Satan for His persecution. The religious leaders of present time likewise misrepresent God. They advance their own wisdom to turn the minds of the people away from God and from His Word. The time has come now when the people must cast away the stumbling stones which the clergy have put in their pathway and must use their own mental faculties to understand the Scriptures.

God's anointed class and which class was pictured by Elihu is the only class of people under the sun who today are magnifying the name of Jehovah God as the Healer, and who give to Him the glory and are not giving glory and honour to man. There is every reason why this anointed "band" should rejoice and sing for joy because of the privilege granted unto them to declare the name, majesty and loving-kindness of the almighty God and tell the people how their sicknesses and diseases are healed.

Yours faithfully,  
S. Paul.  
Martin Road,  
Jaffna,  
27-5-40.

Sir,  
We do greatly appreciate what Mr. C. S. Ponnumthurai has written in your last issue. The programme of New Life Movement has rightly stressed that "While the programme is resolved into distinct points, it is understood that a CHANGED LIFE is a pre-requisite for all points and underlies the whole programme."

The Jaffna Christian Union would feel grateful to our Christian leaders if they would kindly follow the example of Mr. Ponnumthurai and express their views on the programme through your valuable journal, J. Subramanian Lewis Convenor

New Life Movement Committee,  
Chundikeni,  
27th May, 1940.

## ESTATE SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Sir,  
There is an increasing demand in the Estates of Ceylon for educated youths who are able to fill Clerkships, Teacherships etc. at the same time making themselves useful by organising recreational activities for children and adults.

The Scout Colony at Kalutara has therefore decided to work closely with Potters outside. It was

a limited number of young men for training in Montessori and Wardha work, Cub, Scout, Rover, and adult club work, Games, Handicrafts etc. and in methods of earning by such supplementary activities as the keeping of Cattle, Poultry and bees and the cultivation of home gardens. The minimum qualifications for an Estate School teacher, I understand is the S. C. Tamil or J. S. C. English with Tamil as one subject.

Youths educated in English will also be able to receive a training in commercial subjects so that they may add to their income by serving as School Master-Clerks. Those interested in the above plan are requested to communicate with the undersigned.

Yours faithfully  
J. H. de Saram,  
Chief Commissioner  
3rd May, 1940.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
REV. H. PETO'S PRINCIPALSHIP

May 28th was a full holiday for St. John's College, Jaffna, in honour of the completion of twenty years' devoted service by the Rev. H. Peto. Celebrations began at 7 a.m. with a Cricket Match between the Staff and students of St. John's College. The former team was captained by Miss M. E. Vandene Uriesen whose eleven included the Principal and the Vice-Principal. The students were captained by Miss P. Mathucumara, a student of the Post Matic Form. The one innings match ended in a victory to the students.

In the evening there was a Garden Party organised by the Senior Boys and the Prefect Body. The visitors were thoroughly entertained to a Fancy Dress Football Match. Various costumes were exhibited by the players including perfect representations of a typical Jaffna old man, a Sannyasin, a Burgher lady, a Moor Girl, a Bai, a Veddha, a Negro and a Chundikeni Girl. The last carried the prize for best performance.

At about 8 p.m. a complimentary dinner was held in the Figg Hall by the members of St. John's College Masters' Guild. Very high tributes were paid to the Rev. H. Peto and his work by Mr. E. M. Pournadurai the President and Messrs. P. T. Mathai and K. Nesiah. The twenty years were marked by the creation of great minds and of healthy and noble traditions. Discipline and true sportsmanship were the two chief things Mr. Peto had inculcated in the hearts of the 2500 boys who had passed out of his hands during his regime. Possessed of a large heart and broad sympathy he had endeared himself to masters and boys alike. What was left for him to achieve before his silver Jubilee was buildings for the School. Rev. Peto's reply was full of reminiscences packed with wit and humour. He always looked upon the members of the Staff as brothers and sisters and wanted them to regard him not only as an Englishman but also as their elder brother. Proceedings of the day terminated at 10.30 p.m. Cor.

GOVERNMENT CERAMIC CHEMIST  
IN THE NORTH

Under the auspices of the Thunali Potters' Association, an interesting lecture on Pottery was delivered last week at the Kandasamy Temple Veerthy, by Mr. D. Sunderavelu, Ceramic Chemist of the Dept. of Commerce and Industries, Colombo. Mr. Sam T. Solonians, President of the Point Pedro Maha Jana Sabha and of the Vadamarachchi Co-operative Union, was in the Chair.

There was a large gathering present, both of members of the public and of the Potters' Association. In introducing the lecturer, the Chairman said that Mr. Sunderavelu had come at a time when Indian Pottery was tending to out Ceylon pottery and pointed out that with superior clay, the local potters could compete very favourably with potters outside. It was

up to the Government to make arrangements with the Railways to transport clay at concession rates from places like Mankulam, Murugan, Omanthai or Valaichenai.

Mr. Sunderavelu then explained in detail the new method of making and 'burning' pots. By that method, pots will be less liable to be broken and a larger of return will accrue to the potters. He illustrated his lecture with a 'wheel' with which he said would mean quicker work than with the wheels now in use in Thunali. The lecturer promised to convey to the Director of Commerce and Industries the request of the President as regards the transport of clay from other places. Mr. Velappan Neelakanddy proposed and Mr. S. Kandiah seconded a vote of thanks to the lecturer. Later Mr. Sunderavelu accompanied by Mr. Solomons went round the village to see the efforts of the local potters. Cor.

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