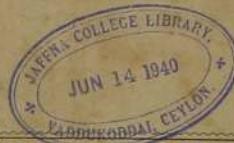


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RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTEETH A NATION, BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE

St. Peter's Church Jaffna
On Sunday 16th inst., there will be two special services in this Church. At 8.30 a.m. Miss M. Brown, a missionary lady from Trichinopoly will preach on the mass movement work she is engaged in. At 6 p.m. there will be a Wesley Deaconess Convocation service conducted by the Rev. E. Middleton Weaver, Chairman North Ceylon District, when two women workers who have finished their training will be "dedicated".

Annual Children's Week
The Week July 11-20 will be observed as the Children's Week in all the Churches of J. C. S. I. U. C. The Children's Rally will come off on Saturday the 20th at Vaddukoddai.

Postal Censorship

Members of the Public are reminded that in regard to correspondence addressed to places abroad:

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Golden Wedding

The Rev. E. Thambiyiah Williams, retired Pastor of the J. C. S. I. U. C. and Mrs. Williams celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage last Tuesday. Mr. Williams is the youngest son of the late Mr. Robert Williams of the Chandikuli Seminary and Mrs. Williams is the youngest daughter of the late Rev. B. H. Rice, revered Pastor of Vaddukoddai Church for many years. They were married on 11th June 1890, the late Rev S. W. Howland officiating, at Vaddukoddai Church, where last Tuesday a great thanksgiving service was held in the presence of a large circle of relations and friends. Rev. R. C. P. Welch, Rev. S. Kaleduran and Mr. T. Thambiyah conducted the service. After the service a reception was held at their residence. They have three sons, Mr. E. W. Arianyagam Secretary of the Wardha Scheme of Education in India, Mr. S. Selvam Williams of C. G. R. Colombo, and Mr. L. Savundarai Williams of the Staff of Jaffna College and two daughters Mrs. N. S. Saunders and Mrs. G. S. Chellaiyah.

Maternity Home at Manipay
The Maternity Home organised by the Manipay Social League was opened on the 8th inst. by Sir D. B. Jayatilaka. At the public meeting held with Mohandram S. K. Swaminathan, the President of the League in the chair, Mr. C. Theagarajan, Secretary explained how urgent the need for a Maternity Home was in Manipay for the poor, in addition to the Free Dispensary the Government gave them.

Mr. Jayatilaka in the course of his address, said that in days gone by people expected everything to be done by Government. It was perfectly true that Government should look after the health of the people and it was a happy sign that enlightened persons were coming forward to co-operate with the Government.

Colonisation

Seven thousand acres of good irrigable land available for colonisation under the Karachchi-Iranamadu Development Scheme in the Northern Province, will be placed at the disposal of inhabitants of the Jaffna district and special preference is to be given to applicants of the small farmer class.

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TEACHERS AND PUBLIC LIFE

In commenting upon a speech recently delivered by a member of the Indian Educational Service at Erode, insisting upon the right of teachers to complete freedom of choice with regard to teaching methods, the *Mail, Madras*, made this editorial observation: "It would be no less welcome if the head of the Educational Department were to proclaim with equal fervour the title of the Teacher to unrestricted enjoyment of the rights and privileges of citizens." Such a proclamation as is invited from the Madras Editor is happily not necessary to be made by us in Ceylon to our educational authorities, for the teacher here already enjoys to the full the rights and privileges of a citizen. However, we are surprised, and even nervous, at the attempts that are being made to curtail these rights and privileges. Following some recent public utterances of some teachers, quite hysterical outbursts have been made in certain interested quarters, frantically appealing to the educational powers that be, that teachers should be debarred from taking part in politics. In our opinion, nothing can be more unfortunate for the public life of a country than the muzzeling of teachers in the way proposed. It would be tragic in the extreme to allow their culture, wide knowledge, broad outlook, psychological insight into human nature, ability to bring to bear a detachment on questions at issue, and their idealism to be cribbed, cabined and confined only to the four walls of their class rooms. The public life of any country will be made richer nobler and purer by the active and full participation of teachers in it. Just now we can, as assuredly most of our readers can recall, with pride and pleasure, the excellent service rendered and the invaluable contribution made to our land by many of the illustrious teachers of the past. Happily some of them are living even now in our midst and continuing to give ungrudgingly of their very best to the service of our country. We shudder to think how much the poorer our public life would have been had our teachers of old been muzzled and silenced. And we also shudder to think of what the future will be with our public life deteriorating, surely and speedily, without the sobering, purifying influence of the teachers, if in the future such a ban is placed on them. We are of the number of those who feel perfectly justified in envisaging, under the circumstances, with fear and trepidation, the time when politics will become the monopoly of the legal profession and the business men. The result of it all will be monotony and barrenness in the political life of the people. We sincerely hope that our leaders and those responsible for running our educational institutions will not allow passions and prejudices of the hour to blind their judgement and ruin the future of our land. Problems, if there are any at present, are only of a local and passing interest, and should not be permitted to decide to muzzle the teaching profession as a whole.

CHRISTIANS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

(Continued from last issue)

SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL NEEDS.
We are first and foremost the trustees of a spiritual gospel. And yet, in any actual situation, it is never possible for long to consider and deal with spiritual needs in total isolation from material needs.

There is, as you know, some ground for believing that our Lord himself, in his dealings with men and women in Galilee and Judea, would have turned aside on some occasions from those who came to seek his help in bodily sickness—not because he was careless of their need, but because he must, above all, deal with the needs of men's souls. And yet, again and again in the concrete situation, their need touched his heart, and he responded.

Similarly, in the first days of the Church, when the experience of the Spirit had come to them, the sense of fellowship inevitably (shall we say) expressed itself in the sphere of economics. Our gospel is a spiritual gospel, and must be spiritually received, and can be spiritually received by those whose outward circumstances are of the humblest. But it is chiefly, after all, in the material order that spiritual apprehensions and impulses find their expression, and conversely material circumstances do in fact in the majority of cases—whether or not they ought to—condition the inner life.

And so in actual fact, whatever we might say in theory, we who are concerned with men's souls find ourselves also concerned rightly and inevitably, with the outward circumstances of their lives, with rice and poultry and sowars and marriage-feasts. I certainly don't need to remind you that, at this point also, we are subject to serious, and sometimes most deplorably harmful, misunderstandings by our Hindu friends.

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The following is from the Chairman's speech:

"In my address to you two years back I dwelt at length on some of the salient features of the Insurance Act, and concluded by saying that as a whole the Act was an advance on anything of the nature we have had before towards improving the practice of Insurance business in this country. Since then, the Department of Government responsible for the administration of the Act and the Life Assurance Companies working in conformity with the Act should have acquired a practical knowledge of the actual import of the various sections of the Act affecting the business of Life Assurance, and the difficulties encountered in carrying out to the very letter the provisions of some of the Sections. The fact that Government themselves have both, before the Act came into force, and at the last Session of the Assembly after it came into force, introduced amending Bills which have since been placed on the Statute Books, has given proof of the anxiety on their part to remove anomalies which came to light in the practical administration of the Act which are inevitable in legislation of such a comprehensive nature,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

MEDITATION ON NEW LIFE

Jesus Christ the incarnation of Truth gave many new things to humanity. The following are some of them listed by a group of seekers:

1. A new conception of God—A Christ like God.
2. A New redemptive act of God—The Cross.
3. The Kingdom of God—A new order on earth both in the individual and the collective will.
4. A new community—the Divine Society on earth.
5. The Son of Man—A New collective humanity around the Universal Man.
6. The sacredness of human personality—A new conception.
7. The equal worth of men and women—a new valuation.
8. The worth of a Child—A new consideration.
9. A new type of power overcoming evil with good, hate by love, and the world by a Cross.
10. A new idea of love—not sentimental, not sexual.
11. A new victory over sin and death.
12. A new basis for family—one man and one woman living together till death parts them.
13. A new hope—deathless.
14. A New man by a new birth in this birth.
15. The new thing was just Himself. This is the centre of uniqueness.

Will the reader please add to this list and at least try to live up to these new things in his daily life.

J. Subramaniam Lewis

THE NEW LIFE MOVEMENT

Sir,

Most of the points of the programme for the New Life Movement are quite elementary for the average Christian. There are however some clauses which deserve our serious attention. I would specially commend clauses 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11.

I dare not comment on clause 5 which requires "each Christian person to realise the duty of evangelistic work of some kind." One has to feel a real conviction before attempting this. One's life must recommend Christ to others. Religion is more caught than taught. In preaching the Gospel to a non-Christian world, the Christian must reflect the image of His Master. Otherwise he will be letting down Christ before the very people to whom he attempts to recommend Him. Clause 6 deals with regular and proportionate almsgiving. Most of us set apart no fixed amount for charity. The fact of the matter is, we have no definite plan of dividing our income into the different items of expenditure. We just spend our monies as they come and take loans to meet unpaid bills. It is true that we are stewards of the money placed in our hands, our use of money will largely determine and shape our character. It is of the utmost importance just as much as prayer is—first to set apart at least one twentieth (let us start with that, as one tenth may give the shock to some of us) of our income to Church and charity. Then no charitable cause will flag for want of support nor the poor beg for their bread.

Regarding the money we spend on ourselves, a simple and safe rule to observe is "Never buy anything till you have the money for it."

Clause 9 deals with the removal of social disabilities. In this matter we are very far from the Kingdom of God. Let us act or cease talking.

The same desirous note has got to be struck at clause 10, which states "that dowry should not be made a condition by either side in a matrimonial proposal." In a good many cases parents are to blame for the state of affairs. So long as parents do not grant to their children—sons as well as daughters free choice of their partners, this evil will exist; for a young man must fall in love with something in the absence of some person. Many a honourable love match is met with parental objection etc.

dowry or of caste prejudices or merely for the reason that it is not an arranged match." Again so long as young men feel that marriage is a concession on their part and a mighty piece of luck for their partners, this rowdy evil of dowry is bound to continue. For is it not true that many a worthless young man is "in high demand" while many an accomplished girl must "tarri?" Public opinion must be created that marriage is as much a need for man as it is for woman. This will then open the eyes to the fact that he should be content with getting what he lacks instead of insisting on a lakh. Yet fact or no fact, preach or legislate as long as and as much as you will, all involved in a matrimonial proposal will play hide and seek with the dowry till either the proposal breaks or the heart of the giver.

Space prevents me from touching on clause 11 relating to observances of superstitious practices and auspicious days. Some, however, cling to it as a part of nationalism. But should we not purge our national life of its oddities?

Thanking you for the favour of publishing the letter in your eagerly looked forward paper.

Yours faithfully

A. W. R.

India's Dharma

In the course of a long letter, Mr. A. Ranganathan writes:

I believe it to be the sacred Dharma of India to give the Allies her full support, without making any distinction between moral and material support. My submission is (1) Congress should resume office immediately. (2) It should declare complete Dominion Status as its immediate objective. (3) It should give its support to the Allies for early and successful conclusion of the war, even if Britain is so unwilling as to delay to alarm that India will be a Dominion like Canada at the close of the war, if not earlier. (4) Britain should realise that any one-sided support it obtains from a subject India can never be the same as that from a free India which she may rightly consider herself to be, with a timely assurance to that effect by Britain. (5) The assurance should be such as to leave no doubt about it in the minds of any body in or outside India. (6) The Congress, except for the dropping of Satyagraha for reasons stated above, need not relax her efforts to have Swaraj or Dominion Status at the close of the war. (7) It should immediately apply itself to preparing a draft constitution for India and the securing for it the largest measures of agreement, from all sections in India.

OTHER DICTA

If you have genius, industry will improve it; if you have none, industry will supply its place.—Sir Joshua Reynolds.

Example is the school of mankind, and they will learn at no other.—Burke.

I have every good for thee wished many a time.—Cicero

They seem to take away the sun from the world who withdraw friendship from life; for we receive nothing better from the immortal gods, nothing more delightful.—Cicero.

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