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

Methodist Festival

The 126th anniversary of the landing in Ceylon of the first batch of Methodist Missionaries on 29th June 1814 will be celebrated in Jaffna on the 28th and 29th inst. On the 28th, Friday at 3.30 p. m. there will be a Bankoffering Sale at Jaffna Central College Hall, opened by Mrs. R. S. D. Williams. On the 29th a United Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Peter's Church Jaffna at 9 a. m. when Rev. V. B. Muthivalay and Rev. D. T. Niles will deliver addresses. At noon, there will be a Fellowship lunch. At 4.30 p. m. a public meeting and concert will be held, presided over by the Rev. E. M. Weaver, when the speakers will be Mr. R. S. D. Williams and the Rev. S. Selvaratnam. All Christians in Jaffna are invited to join in the celebrations.

Wesley Deaconess Convocation

The concluding public service connected with the Wesley Deaconess Convocation was held at St. Peter's Church Jaffna on Sunday last at 6 p. m. when a very large gathering was present, and two women who had finished their training and period of probation were dedicated. They told the congregation of their call and conversion after which they were given the Badge of the Deaconess order. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. M. Weaver, assisted by the Rev. James S. Mather and the Rev. M. S. Chuniast.

J. N. E. S. Delft

Mr A. E. R. Rajaratnam; has taken charge of the work of the Jaffna National Evangelical Society at Delft from this month. An installation service was conducted at Delft Church on the 9th inst. by Rev. G. D. Thomas and Rev. S. T. Aseevatham and proved a time of much inspiration and blessing to the Christians in the island.

Mr. Rajaratnam is a son of the late Mr. Anuthanayagam John and Mrs. John of Manipay and had his theological training at Serampore.

Scholarships for Village Lads

The scheme for granting scholarships to village boys whose parents are too poor to continue their education, which was inaugurated last year, is to be in force next year also.

The Director of Education is now calling for applications for the grant of these scholarships. The applicants who are selected have to sit for a competitive examination held at various centres in the Island.

Sixty scholarships are awarded under this scheme to pupils below ten years of age attending Sinhalese, Tamil and Bilingual schools in order to enable them to pursue their studies at the Government Training College School or at an approved Assisted or Government English School.

Fifty of the scholarships are reserved for competition among boys in each of the electoral districts in the Island. Of the remaining ten scholarships, two are meant for competition among the village boys in the Western Province and the rest among boys in the other Provinces.

Karachi Inland Scheme (Jaffna District)

There are 111 persons in the colony. The colonists, their wives and children number 98 and the remaining 13 persons are dependent relatives. The colonist allottees are given all possible medical aid. The whole colonization area has been surveyed for mosquito breeding places, and the breeding of mosquitoes is controlled as far as possible. Drains have been cut to prevent the stagnation of water, and the wells have been

stocked with larvivorous fish to destroy the mosquito larvae.

The violent storm of November 15 did a certain amount of damage to buildings and plantations, and made it necessary for a few of the colonist allottees to abandon their houses temporarily and seek refuge in an empty ward at the Kilinochchi Hospital. On the whole it may be said that the Karachchi-Inland colony is making progress, and that the morale of the allottees continues to show improvement.

The total extent of land developed here up to the end of 1939 was 216 acres.

Administration Report

General Elections

The General Election of the State Council which is normally due to take place not later than January, 1941, is to be postponed for two years. The reasons for the postponement as given by the Secretary of State, are (1) General dissatisfaction with the present Constitution, (2) Questions regarding the franchise and the delimitation of the Constituencies.

Wedding

The marriage took place on the 14th inst. at Christ Church Galle Face Colombo, of Mr. Vijayaratham Canagasaby, Inspector of Co-operative Societies and a son of Mudaliyar V. Canagasaby of Manipay and Miss Regina Padmawathi, daughter of Mr. J. Taabayah Bartlett, Proctor S. C. and Notary and Mrs. Bartlett. After the service a reception in the presence of a large gathering was held at the Bride's residence, Boswell Place, Wellawatte.

King's Birthday Honours

We are glad that the Government have recognized the service of Mr. C. Arulampalam by conferring upon him the title of a p. on the occasion of his Majesty's Birthday.

His active and sustained interest in the Co-operative movement in Jaffna and Agricultural matters has won for him the esteem and confidence of the Public.

Prize Giving

The Prize Distribution of Ramanaathan College will take place on Saturday the 22nd June, at 5 p. m. The Director of Education will preside and Mrs. Robison will distribute the prizes.

"CURSED BE THAT ITALIAN"

In a broadcast speech on Italy's declaration of War, Mr. A. Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, said Giuseppe Garibaldi, the hero of Italian independence had registered the debt which his country owed to Britain when he called down a curse upon any Italian Government which, in the future, should fight against the country that had saved Italy. This course, contained in letter 2, dated April 1864, is cited in Garibaldi's Autobiography: "England is a great and powerful nation independent of auxiliary aid, foremost in human progress, enemy to despotism the only safe refuge for the exile in Europe and the friend of the oppressed; but if ever England should be so circumstanced as to require the help of an ally, cursed be that Italian who would not step forward with me in her defence".

MATRIMONIAL

The marriage of Mr. J. W. Rajadurai Tampiyappa, 2nd son of Mr. T. W. Tampiyappa (Uduvil) with Miss Lily Punnigam, Bonno, will take place at Nugegoda.

OBITER DICTA

The world would be better and brighter if our teachers would dwell on the Duty of Happiness, as well as the Happiness of Duty. Lord Avebury.

In the arena of international rivalry and conflict men have placed patriotism above truthfulness as the indispensable virtue of statesmen.—Stanley Baldwin.

NEWS IN BRIEF

—Total prohibition for the whole of Ceylon has been recommended by the Galle Excise Advisory Committee. The resolution was moved by the Mayor and was adopted by a majority.

—As a result of the conference held between the Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce, representatives of estates proprietary interests and of labour an agreement has been reached whereby the present labour unrest on estates will be brought to end.

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யாழ்ப்பாணக் கிறிஸ்தவ சபைகள் அருகாமையிலுள்ள லீச்சு (Leitch) காமமாகுள்ள, யாழ்ப்பாணக் கிறிஸ்தவ முன்னரே கல்நீர் கொடுத்தது. மேலும் கிறிஸ்தவ சபைகள் கிறிஸ்தவ சபைகளுக்கு கொடுத்தது. மேலும் கிறிஸ்தவ சபைகள் கிறிஸ்தவ சபைகளுக்கு கொடுத்தது. மேலும் கிறிஸ்தவ சபைகள் கிறிஸ்தவ சபைகளுக்கு கொடுத்தது.

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THE DEATH OF MISS MARY LEITCH

The death occurred in America of Miss Mary Leitch in her 90th year on January 2nd 1940. The memory of the Leitch sisters will always be treasured in Jaffna for their single-hearted devotion to the cause of Jesus Christ and their love for the people of this land. Misses Mary and Margaret Leitch came out to Jaffna in 1879 and were first stationed in Manipay. After that they served at Udaval and Chavakachechi. They were great organisers and had a great vision for the Christian work in this land. Inuvil Hospital in particular owes its existence to the Leitch Sisters. Miss Margaret Leitch predeceased her sister some years ago. Miss Mary Leitch though advanced in years always took an interest in the affairs of this country. We give below the text of the resolution forwarded to the American Board by the A. C. M., at its recent meeting:

The members of the Mission by standing in silence desired to express their gratitude and respect for the memory of Miss Mary Leitch, word of whose death on January 2, 1940, in her ninetieth year, reached us recently. Miss Leitch and her sister, Miss Margaret Leitch, were missionaries of the American Board in Ceylon for eleven years, from 1873 to 1890. They brought unusual powers of energy, imagination and broad statesmanship to the work and their vision could not be confined to any one country or one type of work. The local endowments of the American institutions in Jaffna—Udaval Girls' School, Green Memorial and McLeod Hospital, Jaffna College—are all memorials to their love for the work in Jaffna and their ability to arouse the interest of others in it. God has worked mightily for the up building of the Kingdom in this land through them.

"THE SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE."

The question is being now asked frequently whether the country should not boycott the Special Education Committee, which was recently appointed by the Executive Committee on Education to examine and report on, the educational system of the Island and all questions connected with it. In favour of boycotting the Special Committee, it is urged that the Committee is a creature of the Minister of Education and his Committee, and as such it cannot enjoy the confidence of the public. Secondly, people think it ridiculous to expect any sound decisions on educational matters by a body consisting of a good number of persons most ill-equipped by their lack of academical qualifications necessary to understand and tackle such problems and by their well known prejudices and predilections. It is also very strongly urged that the Minister with his very powerful prejudice and even open hostility towards denominational schools, is the last man fitted to occupy such an important and responsible position as the chairmanship of that Committee. Along with the plea for a boycott of the Special Committee, a very keen disappointment has been expressed that

some of the Principals of schools who were strong advocates of a special Commission preferably composed of impartial and experienced educational experts from abroad, should have consented to serve on this Special Committee. Perhaps they thought that their case would go by default if they refused to serve. We do not want to question here their action in consenting. Now that they have decided to lend their support to this Committee, let us hope, along with them, that their voice, will be paid some heed. However, regardless of the fact that there are some very desirable and competent persons on the Committee, should a boycott be launched against it? We are tempted to say 'yes' on first thoughts. We have time and again pressed for an independent Commission of experts and also have expressed ourselves against this Committee. Now we have an additional reason why we should like to have the country nothing to do with it. And that is this: Now that the Secretary of State has decided to prolong the life of the State Council by another two years, we wonder if any serious attention will be paid to the report of the Special Committee may bring. It is too much to expect the State Council, which first took it for granted from the public utterances of the Minister of Education and the Leader of the House that a special Commission on Education was going to be appointed and then later acquiesced, without protest and without any examination, with the decision of the Minister and his Committee to constitute themselves with a few additions as the Special Committee, to give any serious and impartial consideration to its report. Whatever strong reasons there may be for the boycott, we do not think it advisable, for we know there will not be any united action. A boycott from some groups only will end in dismal failure. The Minister and his coteries will then have their own way. Such a boycott will land the persons launching it in the same position as were the Jaffna boycotters of the Donoughmore constitution of some years ago. Of course, if the country as a whole will refuse to have anything to do with this Committee or give it any aid it will be ideal.

CHRISTIANS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

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Our predecessors, faced with the economic and social problems consequent on conversion, sometimes made mistakes—precisely the same mistakes that we should have made in the same circumstances—and we need to do some plain speaking here also, as occasion arises, in order to clear the air. We need to tell our non-Christian brethren who speak still of "rice-Christians" that, while human motives are invariably mixed and only God can fully discern them, the only conversions we have any desire for are those in which, however, obscurely, however indirectly, a spiritual response to spiritual truth can be discerned. We need also to point out, however, that human beings are not naked spirits living in a world of pure ideas and that, in the minds of simple villagers a very genuine religious institution might well be inextricably involved with social, and perhaps even economic considerations.

Finally, we need to remind our Hindu friends, that, if there are dangers in allowing religious conversion to be too closely associated with economic and social improvement there might be even greater danger of misunderstanding if we professed a passion for human souls and at the same time displayed a callous indifference to their social disabilities and their economic struggles.

I imagine that these general considerations have been in

the background of the minds of most of us during these days of conference and have in their measure helped to determine our conclusions.

And what, broadly speaking, are our conclusions? That we cannot fail to be concerned with the social and economic conditions of the people among whom we work; that our main aim must be to enable them to help themselves and to help others; that the sure source and guarantee of social and economic health is Christian character, nourished by the grace of God.

And so the wheel comes full circle and we find that in the last resort the end and the means are in a sense identical. All sorts of subsidiary means are no doubt required—agricultural demonstration centres, village welfare centres, stud bulls, marketing schemes may all play a part, and must play a part—out behind everything else and beneath everything else there must be Christian character nourished by the grace of God. Is not that a rediscovery in experience, a chastening rediscovery and yet a heartening rediscovery of the most fundamental of all religious truths? "Not by might nor by power but by my spirit said the Lord of Hosts". Salvation is of God. It is Christ Himself who saves his people, and if we are to serve his purposes the one thing needful above all is that He himself by the Spirit should be living in our hearts.

CHRISTA SEVA ASHRAM

Dear Friends,

I am really sorry this letter was so long delayed. Part of this letter was started on the 20th, May, which was our Birthday and then kept away till today. Holy Communion was celebrated at 5.15 a. m. and at 8.20 Rev. S. B. Saravanamuttu of the Methodist Mission lead a Thanksgiving Service. At the Communion Service, Selvanayagam offered himself for a further three years stay in the Ashram. Part of the reason for the long delay in issuing this letter was the fact that I was away in Travancore at the Christvasram, Kottayam. The stay there was a time of real inspiration and help. Sadhu Mathai and his colleagues Job and Chandu can inspire lot of life. I happened to be present for most part of the Youths' Conference of the Church of India and the Mar Thoma Church. The youth there is very progressive. One thing was kept saying and it went home to me—there is a tendency in the Church to play for safety and unless the Church is willing to lose itself and her very existence it need be, for the sake of the Kingdom, it cannot live. Whether it be in the fight with the powers that be or whether it be with evil in any form, she cannot make any compromise with the absolute standards of truth and honesty and love our Lord stood for. This thought has kept haunting me and I ask myself the question—am I willing to lose myself for His sake.

Although it is very late, we cannot be without placing on record the sad loss India and the Christian Church has sustained by the passing away of Charlie Andrews, Paton Annan had the joy of being with him during the last few days. In one of his letters to us he speaks about it. 'He was barely conscious, but he would open his eyes and give one of his beautiful smiles; he could speak but few words and his thoughts were still of others. His going is a great challenge for us all. I was hoping to include in this sheet an appreciation, but I am afraid I have to put it off to another time.

We had the annual meeting of the Ashram Board of Management in May. Space will not permit me to give my annual report here, but perhaps we may get it printed separately in due time. I wish to state what I said in reference to what I feel is a great

need for the whole Ashram movement in India. The thought has come to several of us that there should be a linking up of all the Ashrams in India to help us to be a corrective on each other and for inspiration. We hope that such a fellowship will be inaugurated during this year. In this connection I may mention that we are looking forward to a visit from Dr. Jesudason of the Christu Kula Ashram in August and from Bishop Pakenham Walsh of the Christu Sishya Ashram, Tadakam, Coimbatore in September. Niles is just back from Europe and he says that institutions like Iona in Scotland, would also like to link themselves up for fellowship with the Ashrams here. We mean to take it up soon, and do something which I believe is very necessary for the whole Ashram movement in India, which is so young and will greatly be profited by such a linking up.

Normal work is going on in the Ashram. The weaving machine works regularly with Christie on the seat. Our first set of bed sheets will be on show soon. The School holidays saw a number of people who stayed with us for short or long periods. I am including an article written by George as a result of his three weeks' stay with us. Several people have wanted to know what is happening in the Ashram and that article will say quite well what we are trying to put into a day. We are twelve now. Theager left us to join School.

I am sending this news sheet only to those who have asked me to send one to them. If therefore any of you know of anybody else who will care to read this, please ask them to drop me a note.

All good wishes to you,
Yours sincerely,
S. Selyaretnam.

A PRAYER.

Help us, our God, to look above the fogs of economic strife and the dust clouds of marching armies, to Thy clear purposes of peace and brotherhood and good will shining in the blue heavens above the wrath of men. And begin it in us this day. Amen.

"To live creatively and for purposeful ends lifts mankind to those high levels that link his life with that of God."

THE LATE REV. HENRY PETO

The funeral of the late Rev. Henry Peto, Principal, St. John's College, Jaffna, who was drowned on Thursday evening while bathing at Thondaimannar beach, took place last Saturday morning in the presence of a gathering of more than 2000.

The body was embalmed by Dr. R. Kennedy, Director of the Manipay and Inuvil Hospitals, early on Friday, and after a short service by the Rev. V. B. Muthuvaloe at the Principal's bungalow, was removed by the students to the Robert Williams Hall, where it lay in state till the time of the funeral.

On Friday evening there was a short service at St. John's Church, which was attended by the teachers and students of both St. John's and the Chundidi Girls' Colleges and old boys and friends, Canon Somasundaram preached a sermon.

On Saturday morning long before the appointed time a large gathering of the different representatives of the different missions in Jaffna both clergy and laity, heads of sister institutions and students from the various Colleges and leading members of the general public assembled in and outside the hall.

The Rev. R. W. Stopford, Principal, Trinity College Kandy, in a moving speech referred to the fact that St. John's had lost a very beloved Principal. He (the speaker) knew perhaps better than many could know how very real and in-

tense was Mr. Peto's affection for the school. He was above all a school master. He maintained a very happy relationship with the students for a period of 20 years. The late Mr. Peto's most distinguished characteristics were his buoyancy of spirit and optimism.

Tributes to the memory of Mr. Peto were also paid by the Rev. J. T. Arulanatham, Vice-Principal St. John's College, Mr. A. J. E. Vethavanam, Divisional Inspector of Schools, the Rev. E. Middleton Weaver, Chairman, North-Ceylon Methodist Mission, and Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, District Judge, Jaffna.

The body was then removed to the Church by the teachers, where a service was held. The Rt. Rev. Dr. C. D. Horsley, Lord Bishop of Colombo assisted by the Ven. F. L. Beven and Rev. V. B. Muthuvaloe officiated. The Bishop preached an appropriate sermon and said that the Church of Ceylon mourned the loss of a good friend and priest.

The body was removed from the Church by the Old Boys to Mr. Peto's car, which was draped in pure white, with floral wreaths hanging round on all sides. A procession of the boys of St. John's carrying the floral tributes, followed by the girls of the Chundidi Girls' College and the choir and priests, followed the hearse which was pulled by the senior boys of the College and the members of the public.

At the entrance of the burial ground the old boys with Mr. E. T. Dyson, Government Agent Central Province, carried the coffin, which was met by his Lordship the Bishop, the Right Rev. C. D. Horsley and the other priests. A short service was held at the graveside. The committal prayers were said by the Bishop, who pronounced the benediction.

ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna
Testamentary } No. 868.
Jurisdiction }

In the matter of the intestate of Francis Selvadurai Martyn of Chundikuli.

Decceased,
Mercy Alagaratnam Martyn of Kachechi Lane, Chundikuli,
Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Lillian Kamalavathy Martyn
2. Stephen Selvarajah Martyn
3. Augustin Alagarajah Martyn
4. Navamalar Vimalavathy Martyn all of Kachechi Lane, Chundikuli.
5. Chellatamby Nagarajah of Chundikuli presently of C. G. R. Batticaloa.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before C. Coomaraswamy Esq. District Judge, Jaffna on the 2nd day of May 1940 in the presence of Mr. D. Rajadurai Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the said petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the said petitioner be and is hereby declared entitled as widow of the deceased to have letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased issued to her unless the respondents or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 17th day of July 1940 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the 5th respondent abovenamed and he is hereby appointed guardian-ad-litem over the said 4th respondents abovenamed who are minors for all purposes of this action unless the respondents or others interested shall on or before the 17th day of July 1940 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy,
District Judge.

This 3rd day of June 1940.