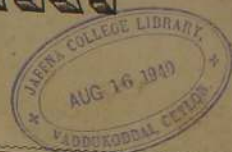


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RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION, BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE

WHAT SEEK YE? COME AND SEE! THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

(under the auspices of the Jaffna Christian Union)

will be held at the Fort Church on the 28th, 29th and 30th of Aug. Meetings each day will start at 9 a.m. All arrangements for convenience of those attending will be made. Noon and night meals will cost .15 cents per head. There will be a stall for Religious Literature, Hymn Books (1937 edition) will be on sale. If you have old copies bring them along. Collection will be taken at all meetings.

PRAY! PREPARE! ATTEND

S. KULANDRAN,
Ethalai, Secy. Christian Union,
7th Aug. 1940.

Government of Ceylon War Purposes Fund.

The Government of Ceylon War Purposes Fund which was launched on 21st June, 1940 has registered a total of Rs. 244,356 up to 7th August. The following are some of the special features of the 6th list which was issued for publication.

Donations have poured in from all quarters of the Island and from Ceylon's famous beauty spot—Weligama—that loyal chieftain Mudaliyar D. M. Somaraweera has contributed the handsome sum of Rs. 5000. This is the spirit that encourages one to give till it hurts and this is the spirit that the boys of St. Anthony's College Kandy, emulated when they surrendered the sum of Rs. 500, being the value of their school prizes and gave it ungrudgingly and unselfishly to the Government Fund. Even at a gay event like a carnival people have enjoyed themselves with a purpose—namely to swell the War Purposes Fund and thus Rs. 4,000 was generously subscribed by St. Peter's College towards this end. There was also an excellent response to the appeal made by the Social & Sports Clubs of Ceylon which including previous contributions has resulted in a total of Rs. 147,271. The present list includes the magnificent contribution of one lakh from the Luff Club and the second contribution of Rs. 14,000 from the Royal Golf Club. That the Clubs of Ceylon have risen to the occasion with true sporting spirit is unquestioned. The Colombo Garden Club has subscribed Rs. 5,000, the Kandy Golf Club has sent in the first contribution of Rs. 2,355, and Colombo Polo Club has given Rs. 1,950. Today Britain stands on the threshold of the most momentous and awe-striking periods of her history. At no stage in her Island story have the sinews of war been so much in demand as today.

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Social and Sports Clubs	Rs. 21,484.95
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Total	Rs. 73,593.81

All Ceylon Y. M. C. A. Conference

The third annual Area Conference of the Y. M. C. A. in Ceylon was held, as already announced in these columns, on the 3rd and 4th inst. at Udavil. Delegates were present from almost all the Y. M. C. A.'s. The theme of the Conference was: "Whither Y?" The Confer-

ence started on Saturday morning with a Corporate Worship led by Mr. C. F. Oorloof, C. C. S. The morning sessions were then taken with discussions on "The objectives of the Y. M. C. A." The Rev. D. T. Niles presided and the discussion was opened by Mr. J. Subramaniam Lewis. The afternoon sessions were occupied with "All-Island Co-operation." Mr. R. O. Buell, presided and Mr. B. Melder, C. C. S. opened the discussion. At the end of this conference, an All-Ceylon Advisory Committee was formed consisting of representatives from all the Associations to bring about more co-operation between the various Y. M. C. A.'s. The representatives from Jaffna on that Committee are: Messrs. A. J. R. Vethavanam, (Jaffna), A. T. Vethavanam, (Jaffna College), and L. S. Kulathungam (Udavil).

In the evening, the delegates were welcomed at a social by the Jaffna, the Jaffna College and the Udavil Y. M. C. A.'s. Mr. L. S. Kulathungam offered the welcome, supported by Mr. J. S. Lewis, Mr. H. Melder from the Matale Y. M. C. A. replied thanks. Dr. T. W. Graham also spoke a few words.

Mr. W. D. Niles presided over the public meeting held in the evening after the Social. Two addresses were delivered: one on "The Y. M. C. A. in India, Burma and Ceylon", by Mr. R. O. Buell, the Secretary of the Colombo Y. M. C. A., and the other on "The Y. M. C. A. in the West", by Dr. T. W. Graham, Dean of the Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin University and Member of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A.'s of U. S. A. and Canada.

The Study's programme opened with a Communion Service held at the Christa Sava Ashram, the celebrant being the Rev. S. Selvaratnam. After the Communion Service, the delegates attended the Morning Service at the Udavil Church, where the preacher was Dr. Graham. The first sessions were taken up with discussions on "The Y. M. C. A. and the Churches" opened by Mr. L. S. Kulathungam. Mr. C. F. Oorloof presided. "The Technique of programme making" was the topic for discussion. The discussion was opened by Mr. J. H. Dunderdale the Secretary of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A.'s in India, Burma and Ceylon, and was presided over by Mr. A. J. R. Vethavanam.

It was decided that hereafter this conference be called the All Ceylon Y. M. C. A. Conference and the next conference was fixed to take place at Galle next year.

The Ashram Anniversary.
The first anniversary of the dedication of the Christa Sava Ashram, at Marathanmadam will be celebrated on Wednesday 21st instant. At 6 a.m. Rev. V. B. Muttavallan will celebrate Holy Communion. At 8 a.m. there will be thanksgiving service at which Rev. D. T. Niles will be the preacher. Lunch will be provided at noon to all attending. At 5 o'clock in the evening a public meeting will be held, presided over by Rev. E. M. Weaver, Rev. A. Ralla Ram (General Secy. S. C. M. India, Burma and Ceylon) and S. S. Sivapiragasam n. so, will be the speakers. All are cordially invited.

Personal
Mr. B. P. Nicholas, Managing Director of the Oriental Bank of Malaya Ltd., accompanied by Mrs. Nicholas, arrived in Colombo on the 8th inst. by the "Honourable Man" on his annual inspection visit to the Jaffna Branch. They will be in Jaffna

for about a month from the 20th instant.

—Mr. S. Mahason has been appointed Registrar of Births and Deaths of the Kaddaveli Parish and Registrar of Marriages of the Vadamaradchi Division.

—Miss Winifred Sabaratnam, a daughter of Mr. C. S. V. Sabaratnam of the Post Office, Kuala Lumpur has been awarded a Scholarship for having obtained the first class in Hongkong and Malaya in the recent A. T. C. L. examination.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Edwards of Colombo are spending their holidays at Vaddukodai.

—Mrs. V. J. Seevaratnam wife of Dr. V. J. Seevaratnam of Kajang F. M. S. who was in Ceylon on a short stay has returned to F. M. S.

—Mr. D. Walton has been appointed Registrar of lands Jaffna with effect from 12th instant vice Mr. R. K. Arulampalam transferred.

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E. B. Tisseverasinghe,
for Chairman D. R. O.,
District Road Committee's
Office,
Jaffna, 12 August 1940.

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EDUCATION IN 1939.

The Administration Report of the Director of Education for 1939 is a valuable document, teeming with facts and figures which should be of great interest to all concerned about the educational affairs of our land.

The Report has some interesting facts with regard to the cost of education. The gross cost of school education in 1938-39 was Rs. 29,311,788 an increase of Rs. 1,506,619 compared with the previous year.

It is more than gratifying to see the Director of Education urging the introduction of the vernaculars as the medium of instruction in the early stages of the scholastic career of a child. These are his words: "It is hoped that the school authorities will even now see the desirability of doing away with the present unsound system of educating a young child through a foreign tongue and of making the mother tongue of the child the medium of instruction in the initial stages at least."

We are also glad that more attention is paid to the study of the vernaculars in the English schools. We must congratulate the Government on its decision which will come into full force in 1943, to include Sinhalese and Tamil as compulsory languages for Sinhalese and Tamil students respectively in all competitive examinations for recruitment in the Public Service.

This decision, in the words of the Report, "will, no doubt, stimulate the study of Sinhalese and Tamil in all schools."

Another point of interest in the Report is its reference to what some of the schools have been able to contribute to the Food production Scheme. The Director records: "Progress in food production by school children continued at a steady rate until the outbreak of war when interest in this work was greatly stimulated by the Island-wide food production campaign inaugurated by the Minister of Agriculture and teachers showed great keenness to participate in the scheme. Many unused lands adjoining schools were immediately cultivated by pupils with the permission of the owners. Not merely the back to the land campaigners, but even others will receive no little satisfaction from this progress."

NOTES OF AN ADDRESS AT KINGSWOOD COLLEGE, KANDY.

By E. Middleton Weaver

I want to take this opportunity of stating my strong conviction that education divorced from religion is not only incomplete and unsatisfactory but is a positive evil. The world to-day is having presented to it an impressive object lesson in the results of anti-religious education. The Governments of two great countries, having renounced God, have set out to destroy the religion in which for centuries their peoples had been nurtured. They have done this in the interests of a social theory and a doctrine of the States as the supreme object of loyalty. For a generation more or less these Governments have controlled education. With what result? They are seeking to force their system on mankind with ruthless savagery. 'War, for these States, means the subjection of all moral and spiritual considerations to the supreme end of conquest. The standard of truth and righteousness is no longer the nature and the eternal will of God, but the exigencies of the Dictator. That is right which serves his purpose and that is true which corresponds to his interests. Piety is the surrender of spirit, soul and body to his will. Hate must oust love and relentless cruelty replace the natural feelings of humanity. That this should be possible after a single generation of godless teaching is a fact full of solemn warning. Education divorced from religion inevitably makes for brutality. The beast in man can be exercised only by religious faith.

This leads me to plead that the present is not a time when the different religious communities of the island should quarrel about which denomination should educate the youth of the land. Let all the religious educate as many as they can and see to it that they grow up respecting religious sanctions and inspired by a religious spirit. Christian institutions have no jealousy of other denominational institutions and do not wish to work in opposition to them. We do not, of course, for one moment abate our claim for the uniqueness of the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. But God has spoken in many ways. There are other religions whose worship and discipline have a high moral value. Personally, I would far rather that Ceylon boys and girls were being educated in Buddhist and Hindu schools where those religions were earnestly taught, than in secular State schools from which religious teaching was excluded or only admitted as a supplement.

For Religion must never be regarded as a mere addendum to instruction. The religious needs of pupils could never be adequately met by allowing priests or clergy to enter State schools and superimpose a little religious instruction upon the secular curriculum. To fulfil the idea of religious education the atmosphere of religion must be all pervasive. It must enter into every part of the school organisation and life. The work must be done in a spirit of religious service by religious men and women. Short of this religious teaching will be a useless farce.

(To be continued)

NEWS IN BRIEF

(Indian)

The general reaction among the people of India, to the statement of the Viceroy with reference to declaration that Dominion Status was the objective for India, to the framing of the future constitution for India, and to the expansion of the Executive Council, seems generally favourable.

The declaration "represents a sincere and enlightened gesture on Britain's behalf to India."

Indian leaders should recognise that this is no grudging concession.

It represents the will of the British people.

Gandhiji's absence from the Poona meeting a few days ago of the All India Congress Committee is not unnaturally regarded as confirmation of a definite cleavage between Gandhiji and the Congress on the subject of non-violence.

A special meeting of the Senate of the Madras University at the Senate House, Sir Mahomed Usman, Vice-Chancellor presiding, adopted a resolution urging the Government the necessity of imparting compulsory military training to all men students, and nurses training to all women students in the various colleges under the University.

Candidates numbering 1,439, including 206 women, received degrees at the convocation of the Madras University held recently. Sir Arthur Hope, Chancellor, presiding.

Sir Sumanthiam Chettiar, Dewan of Cochin delivered the address.

The degree of Doctor of Literature has been conferred by the University of Oxford on Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, founder and head of Visva-Bharati. This strengthens the bond between an ancient and a new centre of learning.

A variety of drugs, dressings and surgical instruments which India formerly imported from abroad are, since the war, being made in India.

A scheme costing Rs. 7,00,00,000 for the expansion of India's factories is being undertaken in addition to the expansion of production in ordnance factories as they stood on the outbreak of the war.

Of the 6,00,000 persons who die annually in India between 1,00,000 and 15,00,000 die from causes attributed to malaria.

It is estimated nearly a million persons are affected by leprosy in India. It is in an official report for 1939. The Christian church in India and Burma is asked to remember before God the lepers of the land on Sunday, August 25th.

An extension course on lines similar to those of the Courses held in previous years has been arranged by the United Theological College, Bangalore.

Vembadi Girls' High School

Miss E. Scowcroft the Principal of this school, who is leaving on furlough to England was given a send-off at a public meeting in the school compound last Friday. Rev. E. M. Weaver, Manager of the School presided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Father Long C. M. I., Mrs. T. A. Karahandamalingam, Mr. J. C. Charles and Miss Sathiyath Thambiah. The head girl of the school read an address, and Miss R. Sittampalam made a presentation. The acting Principal Miss M. B. Barker was given a warm welcome. Miss Scowcroft replied suitably. The new Principal is a daughter of Rev. J. A. Barker who was a missionary in Pt. Pedro for many years, and Mrs. Barker, and who have numerous friends in Jaffna.

The following day the Old Girls' Association of Vembadi had a farewell function for Miss Scowcroft. The meeting was presided over by the President of the Association, Mrs. M. S. S. S.

Dr. (Miss) P. Solomon, an old girl, and Mr. W. G. Spencer Advocate, an old boy were the chief speakers. A portrait of Dr. Nallamma S. Iyer was also unveiled by Mrs. N. Newman.

Mooloya Commission.

The Mooloya Commission of which Mr. C. Coomarasamy, District Judge of Jaffna was appointed Commissioner sat at Kandy from Feb. 2, 1940 to April 2, 1940.

It is understood that the principal finding of the Mooloya Commission is that the shooting of the estate labourer, Govindan, was unjustifiable.

The action of Police Sergeant Suraweera who fired the fatal shot, is held to be bona fide; therefore, no prosecution lies against him.

The Commission it is learned holds that the Police were faced with a certain situation at Mooloya Estate, Hewaheta, on January 10th this year; and had to use their discretion in taking immediate action in the circumstances. The action they took was the shooting of Govindan.

Obituary

Mr. E. T. Jacob, retired Station Master of the F. M. S. Railway died at his home at Pankudativu on Tuesday the 6th instant. The funeral which was largely attended took place the next day. Revs. E. T. Williams and J. P. Ambalavanar conducted the service at his house both of whom paid high tributes to his friendly spirit and Christian faith. The committal Service at the Crematorium was in charge of Rev. B. C. D. Mather and the body was committed to the fire in accordance with the deceased's desire expressed before his death.

His five brothers and two sisters having predeceased him, the late Mr. Thambu Jacob was the surviving son of Kantappa Jacob who was a Catechist under the American Mission at Karaitivu. He first married Miss Sinnathangam Peter of Pankudativu and had two daughters. The elder was married to Dr. A. E. Duraisamy of Kuala Lumpur, the younger is the wife of Rev. J. V. Aiyadurai of the Malayan Methodist Church. He married later at Pankudativu and has a son a student at the Chavakkacheri Training School.

On Wednesday the 7th instant there passed away Mr. Edmund Sinnathambiy in his residence at Kadaveily. The deceased was headmaster of the Methodist Tamil School in Cherrier Street, Jaffna, for about thirty years, and was held in high esteem by one and all. The funeral took place the next day and was largely attended. The services at the house and in the cemetery were conducted by the Rev. E. M. Weaver, Rev. James S. Mather and Rev. K. S. Murgesu.

The death occurred on the 11th instant of Mrs. Dora Eleanor Paul wife of Dr. S. C. Paul of Colombo. She was the only daughter of the late Dr. Simon de Melho Aserappa and was 64 years old. She was a keen social worker and was a past President of the Women's International Club. She was a prominent member of the Tamil Ladies League and the Women's Christian Union. She leaves besides her husband, six sons and three daughters. The funeral took place on the 13th instant and was largely attended.

The remains of Elizabeth Sornammah Jesudasson, widow of Dr. C. Jesudasson, Annaiotti, Manipay, mother of Mrs. W. S. Nathaniel and late Mrs. C. Arasaratnam were interred in the Manipay burial grounds on the 3rd inst. The deceased was the daughter of the late Mr. J. A. Backus. She leaves her daughter (Mrs. W. S. Nathaniel) and two grand daughters. She was 62 years at the time of her death.

NOTICE

NALLUR KANDASAMY TEMPLE, ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1940, 9th August 1940 to 3rd, September, 1940.

Permission having been granted to move processions and conduct religious assemblies according to custom round Nallur Kandasamy Temple and along the adjoining sections of the Pt. Pedro and Old Store roads during the period of the festival, hence a hereby given to the Public that traffic will be diverted from sections of the Pt. Pedro road and Old Store road adjoining the Temple along Waman Road, Navanthurai Road and Nallur Cross Road No. 1 during the time that such processions and religious assemblies are moving round the Temple.

P. R. Rajanagatne, Asst. Supt. of Police, N.P. Police Office, Jaffna, 6th, August, 1940. 30-31

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In the District Court of Jaffna in the matter of the estate of the late Velupillai Chelliah of Karainagar West

Deceased; Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 913.

Arumugam Poopalapillai of Karaitivu West presently of Galmagwa.

Vs. Petitioner, 1 Kanammah widow of Velupillai Chelliah

2. Chelliah Selwanayagam

3. Kanmany daughter of Chelliah

4. Annappooranum daughter of Chelliah

5. Chelliah Nadarajah

6. Nessammi daughter of Chelliah

7. Rajeswary daughter of Chelliah all of Karaitivu West.

Respondents. This matter coming on for disposal before C. Coomarasamy Esquire District Judge Jaffna on this 31st day of July 1940 in the presence of Messrs. Aboobucker & Sultan Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the petitioner and affidavit of the petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the abovenamed minors 2nd to 7th Respondents for the purpose of watching their interest in this case and it is declared that the abovenamed petitioner is a creditor of the abovenamed intestate and is entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 21st day of August 1940 at 10 a. m. show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

Sgd. C. Coomarasamy District Judge. The 2nd day of August 1940.