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NOTICE

Sunday October 5th will be observed as Council Sunday by all the Churches of the J. S. S. I. U. C.

The following will be the Preachers in the various Churches:-

Anaicoddi	Rev. R. C. P. Welch
Alaveddy	Mr. A. C. Thambirajah
Atehuvely	Mr. K. S. Jayasingam
Arady	Mr. P. W. Ariaratnam
Chaukacai	Mr. S. V. Alagaratnam
Chavakachcheri	Mr. J. C. Amarasingam
Eralai North and South	Mr. J. P. Ambalavanar
Karainagar	Mr. E. C. Lockwood
Maupay	Mr. J. V. Chellappah
Moclai	Mr. D. S. Sanders
Navaly	Rev. R. C. P. Welch
Nanzvil	Mr. J. T. Hensman
Paudaterrappa	Mr. L. S. Kalathungam
Puncudivuvu	Mr. N. Ponniah
Sandhipay	Rev. V. M. John
Telipallai	Rev. S. T. Aseervatham
Udappiddy	Miss L. K. Clark
Uduvil	Rev. S. K. Bunker
Usan	Mr. V. Arumugam
Vaddukodda	Rev. S. Kulandran
Varany-Kudatanni	Mr. D. P. Eliathamby

Friday October 4 is the Annual Festival of the Council and will be celebrated at Uduvil the whole day. Rev. E. K. Yesstason will preach the Sermon in the morning, Mr. A. J. R. Vethavannam is one of the speakers for the afternoon meeting.

The Play "Dowry Hunter" will be staged at the Concert in the evening.

Rates of admission to the Concert Re. 1, Cents Fifty and Twenty five and Ten cents for children.

All are cordially invited to attend the Festival and to stay throughout the whole day.

An Evangelistic Trip

Northern Assizes

Under the auspices of the J. N. E. S. an Evangelistic Trip was made to the island of Delft on the 28th-30th September, 1940. Revs. R. C. P. Welch, S. T. Aseervatham, G. D. Thomas, and Mr. K. S. Jayasingam joined in the trip. The party left for the island by the Government Boat, "the Silver Spray", on the 28th morning and reached at 12.30 p.m. At 3.30 p.m. on the same day the Annual Thank-offering of the Church was held. The Thanks-giving Service was conducted by the Rev. S. T. Aseervatham, which was followed by a Fancy Sale.

Another item on the programme of the day was children's exercises. The children of our school there gladdened the hearts of all present by their Koladham, dramatization, songs, etc. led by Mr. J. Ratnasingham Catechist there.

At 7 p.m. we conducted a Gospel preaching with the aid of magic lantern shows. It was largely attended. Sunday the 29th the Divine Service was conducted and the Rev. R. C. P. Welch preached a sermon on the "Vision of God" basing his thoughts on Prov. 29:18, and at the end of the service the Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered by the Revs. G. D. Thomas and R. C. P. Welch. A special service for children was arranged and Mr. K. S. Jayasingam addressed the children. Another Gospel preaching was conducted at Delft East, illustrated by lantern slides. If such trips are arranged now and then it would surely encourage our workers there.

Wedding

The marriage took place on Wednesday at Holy Rosary Church Slave Island, Colombo, of Mr. Mervyn St. B. Casie Chitty, Procurator, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. O. Casie Chitty of "Greenlands", Mount Lavinia, and Miss Abigail Babapulle, only daughter of the late Dr. C. Bivio Babapulle, and Mrs. Babapulle of "Abigail", Kollipitiya, Colombo.

Birth

On Sept. 24th at McLeod Hospital, Uduvil, to Mr. R. S. D. Williams, Principal of Jaffna Central College and Mrs. Williams the gift of a son, Christopher Peter Dennis.

Before Mr. Justice Nihill K. C. and an English speaking jury with Mr. J. S. Thirakajasingham as Foreman, a man named Suppan Kasiyan of Alway North was indicted with the murder of Kanchan Kumaran on 5th June 1940. The accused was found guilty by 5 to 2. Sentences to death was passed on the accused. The case lasted 4 days.

Obituary

There passed away on Tuesday last Mr. E. V. Nathaniel, Retired Station Master, at his residence in Station Road Jaffna. He retired from the Railway about three years ago, and was ailing for some time. The funeral took place the next day and was largely attended. The Service at the house was conducted by Rev. V. B. Muthuveloe, assisted by Rev. S. C. Daniel and Rev. James S. Mather. Addresses were made by Mr. M. Prasad, Government Agent, Mr. J. V. Chelliah and Rev. Muthuveloe. The interment took place in St. John's Burial Ground, Chundukuli. Many floral wreaths were sent by friends in Colombo and other outstations, and numerous telegrams were received. Mr. Nathaniel was 60 years old, and leaves behind, his wife five sons and two daughters besides numerous relations to whom he was beloved.

Football

The Jaffna Inter-collegiate Football competition conducted by the Jaffna Schools Sports Association commenced last week on the J. S. S. A. Grounds and will continue till the middle part of November. Following are the results of the matches played last week. Jaffna College beat Parameshwara, St. Patrick's beat Maupay Hindu, Hartley beat St. John's Jaffna Hindu beat Jaffna Central.

Fixture for this week-end, Oct. 4th Friday A. St. Patrick's vs. Skanda Varodaya; Saturday 5th B. St. John's vs. St. Henry's A. Maupay Hindu Vs. Victoria.

League Competition
The Jaffna League Football competition played under the Jaffna Football Association commenced on the 21st ult on the J. S. S. A. grounds and will be continued till the first week of November. Following are the results up to date C. Y. L. vs. Jubilee, Police vs. Alberton—Draw 2-2.

C. A. beat St. Antony's Jubilee Team.

The fixture for next week Oct 8th. Jubilee vs. Y. M. C. A. 10th C. Y. L. vs. St. Antony's.

Personal

—The Chairman of the Jaffna Urban Council moved that the Council do place on record its appreciation of the services rendered to the Council by Mr. R. A. M. Thuraiappah, Provincial Engineer and later Superintending Engineer since June, 1938.

—Mr. M. Thambipillai, District Inspector of Schools, Jaffna has assumed duties as District Inspector of Schools, Batticaloa.

—Mr. G. Crossette Thambiyah, has been appointed Additional District Judge, Colombo, consequent on the re-opening of the third Additional District Court.

—It is understood that the Executive Committee of Health has unanimously recommended the appointment of Dr. S. F. Chellappah, Assistant Director of Sanitary Services, to the post of Director of Medical and Sanitary Services when it falls vacant upon the retirement of Dr. S. T. Gunasekara in March 1941.

—Mubandiram J. N. Colanthalavelu, Secy. District Court, Jaffna has been promoted to the Special Class of the Clerical Service and transferred to the Land Settlement Department as Chief Clerk with effect from 1st November 1940.

—The services of Mr. W. T. Ratnagopal as Superintendent of Works of the Jaffna Urban Council have been extended till the Council requires them.

—Dr. R. V. N. Selvadurai, Surgeon, Galle Hospital, will be transferred to the General Hospital as Resident Surgeon.

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CHURCH UNION

The question is sometimes asked by those who take a merely academic view of Church Union negotiations, whether even in spite of the condition of the world to-day we are still going on with our Scheme of Union. Our hesitating reply is that the very putting of the question in such a form indicates a fundamental misunderstanding both of what we are aiming at and of why we continue to spend time and energy on it in the midst of a civilisation fighting for its very existence. We should answer not in spite of, but because of the condition of the world to-day, the urgency of union between the Churches is greater than ever before. The Union of the Churches is not a negligible side line at this time: it is not the fad of a few fanatics; it is directly related to the struggle that is taking place in the political and economic spheres throughout the world today; it is of vital importance as we try to look beyond the struggle to the better world which we long to see established. For the Christian it is not inappropriate to envisage this struggle, as Lord Halifax pictured it in a recent notable speech, as one between Christ and anti-Christ; all the values for which Jesus Christ stands are being challenged and every failure in the Church which is His Body makes easier the task of those who have set themselves to destroy the possibility of the acceptance of mutual trust and respect, of love and unselfishness as the governing principles of humanity. Whatever other contributions to the 'war effort' we may be called upon to make as individuals, it is thus clear that, as members of the Church, it is our primary duty to put right the things that we see to be wrong in a sphere that is so largely within our own control. The need is for a United Church embracing within itself such varieties of thought and practice as shall allow it to be a spiritual home for all those who hold the Christian faith, but with the variations unmistakably subordinate to the unity, so that the world may be able to recognise in it the Body of Christ.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Vaddukoddai Post Office

We are given to understand that as a retrenchment measure the Government has now reduced the Vaddukoddai Post Office to a one-man-office. This was done some months ago and representations from the public were then made to us immediately that we should raise a protest against it in our columns, but we refrained from doing so at that time since we wanted to give the innovation a fair trial and see it in actual working. Now the scheme has worked for sometime and we are convinced that it works much inconvenience and hardship to the public whom the office serves. Already we find the Alumni Association of Jaffna College and its Branch Association in Colombo have both taken up the matter and have made representations to the Post Master General and the Executive Committee of Communications and Works. We hope the authorities concerned will give these representations their careful consideration and restore the Office to its former state of being manned by two men. There are three things we wish to mention particularly as contributing to the hardship of the public, first making one officer deal with Money Orders, Telegrams, sale of stamps, Savings Bank Deposits, and Withdrawals, etc; secondly, the closing

of the Office between 12.30 and 1.30 p. m. and thirdly the closing of the facilities to send telegrams between 5 and 7 p. m. except on payment of late fees. We need hardly add that the area Vaddukoddai Post Office serves is a large one, including the Village of Araly, Moolai and Tholpuram.

CEYLON

(Speech by R. S. D. Williams Esq., B. A., Principal, Jaffna Central College at the Alumni Dinner, Jaffna College).

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, first of all I must thank you for the honour you have conferred upon me by inviting me to share the joys of this fellowship to-night and by asking me to propose the Toast to your Beloved Country. It is a real pleasure to find myself amongst such a loyal, friendly and distinguished company of Old students and well-wishers of this famous college. You will pardon me if, to begin with, I strike a serious note, for at this time of very grave international crisis it is extremely difficult not to feel continually for one's land and people whose welfare is so barbarously threatened by all the forces of destruction and death. In far away Ceylon, where all is so peaceful, where its citizens can go about their daily tasks without a dread of bombers swooping down out of the clouds, where none need fear that the next hour may bring news of the loss of home and perhaps some loved one and where our women folk and little children are free from atrocities that have blighted lives in other countries—in such a Ceylon it is very difficult to enter into the experiences of those who are face to face daily with the full horrors of war. And in those lands across the sea where death, descending from sky, can blot out a whole city like an elephant's foot on a swarm of ants, we find men losing not only homes and loved ones but their very souls. Writing of one bombing expedition in which he took part in N. Africa, Mussolini's son-in-law said "It was great fun watching the people running about on the ground below like a lot of rabbits."

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, may Ceylon never know these things: may the sacrifices of those other nations be sufficient; may the sons and daughters of this land, which we love so much be able to pass into a peaceful future without having to walk through the valley of the shadow of death; may the citizens of this land be able to maintain sanity of judgement and breadth of outlook in these days so that from among the people, there shall come leaders actuated by no selfish motives but who will foster the virtues of peace here and help with the problems of world reconstruction when the conflict is over.

But, for a moment, let me turn to lighter vein to a few brief observations on my experiences as a newcomer to Ceylon. Since our arrival in Jaffna last May, Mrs. Williams and I have been overwhelmed by the warmth of welcome afforded us. You have shown yourselves to be very warm-hearted folks—warm-hearted folks living in a very warm embracing climate. When I first went to the continent of Africa some years ago I was greeted by an African gentleman who assured me that his people were glad to see me and were, as he put it, ready to give me a very cool welcome! It would seem as if that gentleman was less familiar with English idiom than with the sort of climate than with those arriving from pleasing to a temperate land. Our welcome to Jaffna has certainly not been a cool one, literally nor metaphorically. But why do the guardians of Ceylon's furnace take so vigorously on occasions

THE LATE DR. L. P. LARSEN.

By Rev. James S. Mather one of his students in Bangalore.

All over India and Ceylon there will be hundreds of people of all races and creeds who heard of the death of Dr. L. P. Larsen with a sense of personal loss. Dr. Larsen was born on 8th November 1862 and came to India in 1889. He was a Danish missionary and worked in India for more than forty years. He was connected with the Y. M. C. A. in Madras for some time when he did a great work among young men and educated Hindus. But his greatest work was done in the United Theological College in Bangalore, where from its inception in 1910 he was Professor of Comparative Religion and Biblical Exegesis for fourteen years. He was Principal for thirteen years, and helped to mould the policy of the College, being really its great architect and builder. His students who are now to be found all over the Church in India and Ceylon, occupying positions of great trust and leadership will all bear unanimous testimony to the influence exerted by him in effecting radical transformations in their outlook and life through the example and inspiration of this great Servant of God. The writer has said before this on several occasions and will repeat it again that he has not yet come across any one, missionary or Indian who came so near the model of a true Christian which is given in the New Testament as Dr. Larsen did.

Dr. Larsen was a true Christian, a great model. In him one saw wide scholarship and true piety well combined. He was a saint as well as one of the most educated and most enlightened Westerners who ever set his foot on India's soil. In him one saw a true Christian's love and sympathy with those in need, as well as an administrator's iron firmness. He was a scholar who was also a great Revivalistic preacher. At Conventions in India and Ceylon he was a speaker who was always in demand everywhere. His addresses on such occasions made deep impressions and were both edifying and inspiring. His expositions were original and appealed to the brains as well as to the heart, to the educated as well as to simple folk. In Jaffna the people will never forget his convention address delivered many years ago at Udulvil Church when he first came along with Dr. Eddy and Rev. Walker, or his address few years later at the Jaffna Port Church, or his public lectures at Vannarpantal.

His books will long be read and studied by successive generations of students, young and old. His book on "Prayer" for instance shows the depth of Dr. Larsen's thinking as well as the heights to which he climbed in his undertaking of true religion. His book "Oneness with God" is another which will long be read with great profit.

I have not referred here to his work as the Chief Reviser of the Tamil Bible which speaks for itself and will always be in our hands and keep on ever reminding us of his Biblical Scholarship and devotion to the truth.

His old students and friends were frequently received in his home and entertained. We know how he and Mrs. Larsen were a happy pair, and how jointly and devotedly they served the Kingdom. They rose most magnificently above all colour prejudices and differences, and there was no one who did not feel at home in their company. To Mrs. Larsen and the members of the family, many hearts will go out in deepest sympathy at this time. None have any reason to mourn for him as people often do. We should in fact praise God for his life and work because Dr. Larsen has indeed been a great gift of God to the Church in India and Ceylon.

To be continued

GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON WAR PURPOSES FUND

Since the last list was issued on the 19th September the Fund has grown from Rs. 537,269.35 to Rs. 563,958.23, i. e. an addition of Rs. 26,688.88. Of this sum Rs. 10,752.24 comes from the Social & Sports Clubs of Ceylon, which includes a personal donation of Rs. 1,000 from Mr. N. D. H. Abdul Caffoor.

Printers' Pic Carnival: The Government Press Sports Club has contributed a further sum of Rs. 2,500 being a final instalment from moneys collected at the Printers' Pic Carnival; generous subscriptions have been given to other War Funds from the same source. This high successful carnival reflects great credit on the Committee of the Government Press Sports Club which organised it.

A generous subscription of Rs. 1,500 has been received from the Palamadula Sports Club and the Dutch Burgher Union has contributed Rs. 1,500, Rs. 1,000 of which represents the part proceeds of an evening of Fun and Fare. The Colombo Lawn Club has sent a first instalment of Rs. 1,000. The Fort Tennis Club has very generously donated Rs. 1,500.

The most notable of the subscriptions received from the general public is the sum of Rs. 1,750 received from the Girls' Friendly Society being the proceeds of a Bargain Sale. There is also the contribution of Rs. 1,000 from the Saffragam Rubber and Tea Co. Ltd. which example, it is hoped, other Companies will follow.

War Purposes fund not devoted to Local Defence: There is some reason for believing that an impression has gained currency that the moneys collected for the Ceylon War Purposes Fund are devoted to local defence purposes. That impression is entirely incorrect. The primary object of the Fund is to collect moneys for remission to the United Kingdom for general war purposes. Already Rs. 250,000 has been remitted in that way and another Rs. 250,000 is about to be remitted. The Fund is in no sense a part of the public revenues of Ceylon. All the moneys collected will be remitted to the United Kingdom except such amounts as particular donors may desire to contribute through the Fund to particular war charities.

Jaffna Plane Fund: It may be mentioned, however, that in order to assist the Jaffna Plane Fund public officers have been permitted to divert from the War Purposes Fund to that Fund their monthly contributions for six months beginning from the month of July. It was thought that a number of officers, particularly officers whose homes are in the Jaffna Peninsula, would like to help on this deserving local Fund.

Previously acknowledged: Rs. Cts. From the general public 125,524.75 " Social & Sports Clubs 295,603.18 " Public Service & Govt. pensioners 113,036.45 Total 537,269.38

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENT

F. R. T. We thank you for your letter of appreciation, which however we have decided not to publish. Ed.

REMINDER

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REVIVAL MEETINGS

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This matter coming on for disposal before C. Coomaraswamy Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 13th day of September 1940, in the presence of Mr. V. Dharmalingam Proctor for the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read It is ordered that the 1st Respondent abovesaid be appointed guardian ad-litem over the minor the abovesaid 2nd Respondent to represent her in the Testamentary proceedings and that the Petitioner be declared entitled to take out Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased as widow of the deceased and that the Letters of Administration be issued accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 23rd day of October 1940, appear and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.

C. Coomaraswamy, District Judge. Jaffna this 18th day of Sept. 1940.

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