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

REMINDER

If you are in receipt of our Reminder Cards, kindly remit your Subscription at an early date.

It's A Good Thing To Be

- To be blind when others are looking for trouble.
- To be dumb when others are messing in scandal.
- To be deaf when others are spreading gossip.
- To be busy when others are waiting for luck to break.
- To be pushing when others are hunting for pulls.
- To be tolerant when others are contentious.
- To be charitable when others are caught in mistakes.

The National Missionary Society of India

This week the N. M. S. of India will be remembered all over India and Burma in special Intercession. The churches in Jaffna are also invited to join in this Intercession. Recent news of this Society can be had from the N. M. S. Office, Royapettah, or Mr. Subramaniam Lewis, Chundikul. There will be a special meeting for Intercession on Sunday the 20th Oct at 3.30 p. m. in the St. John's Church Chundikul to which all are welcome.

J. Stanley Government English School

The Primary Classes at J. Stanley Government English School will be abolished from January 1941 and the School will be made Post Primary with classes up to the Junior School Certificate. A commercial bias will be given to the entire curriculum. After the J. S. C. Class there will be a Commercial Class studying for the London Chamber of Commerce Examinations. A keen and energetic Commercial Teacher holding adequate qualifications has already been appointed and the nucleus of a Commercial Class formed. Equipment has been supplied and will be substantially increased in the course. Further developments will depend on the response from the public.

Press Communique

(From the Governor's Office)
The following telegram received from the Secretary of State for the colonies is published for general information:-

"On behalf of His Majesty's Government I should like to send congratulations on the splendid way in which all sections of the community have united in support of the Government War Purposes Fund and other war appeals. It is a great encouragement to us in this country to know we have such a generous backing from Ceylon."

Government of Ceylon War Purposes Fund

The Fund now totals Rs. 738,334.13. A sum of Rs. 129,591.51 has been received since the last list was issued. This has been a good week for the Fund largely because of the magnificent donation of Rs. 100,000 received from members of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. Of this lakh of rupees, Rs. 82,650, will be retained in the Government War Purposes Fund for early transmission to the Secretary of State, the remainder being distributed in accordance with the wishes of the donors as follows:-

- Rs. 15,300, to the "Times of Ceylon Send a Plane Fund"
- Rs. 1,550, to the Gloucester Fund
- Rs. 250, to King George's Fund for Sailors
- Rs. 250, to St. Dunstan's Fund

A third instalment of Rs. 5,000, has been received from the Automobile Association of Ceylon which aims at collecting Rs. 100,000, for the purpose of purchasing a fighter plane. Rs. 1,000, has been received from the members of the Colombo Ladies Golf Club (2nd contribution). A telegram was sent during the last week to the Secretary of State requesting him to arrange for the payment of Rs. 325,000, from this Fund to H. M. Treasury. This is the second remittance making a total of Rs. 575,000 so far sent to the United Kingdom. *Previously Acknowledged*

From the General Public	Rs. 124,930.47
From Social and Sports Clubs of Ceylon	325,969.38
From the Emb. Services and Govt. Pensioners.	147,442.77

Total Rs. 609,342.62

Football

Jaffna Later-collegiate matches, *Last week's results*. B. Hartley vs. Parameswara *dynia*. A. Jaffna Central vs. Manipay Hindu *Draw*. A. Skanda Varodaya beat Victoria.

This week's fixture. 18th Friday A. Jaffna Central vs. Skanda Varodaya Saturday 19th. A. Manipay Hindu vs. Jaffna Hindu B. Jaffna College vs. St. Henry's.

LEAGUE

Last results. St. Antony's beat C. Y. L. Alberton's beat Y.M.C.A. *Next week's fixture*. Tuesday 22nd Albertons vs. C. Y. L. Thursday 24th Police vs. Jubilee.

Public Holiday

The Governor has declared Saturday November 2nd the day following the end of the Ramadan a bank and public holiday.

Taxes on Vehicles for 1941.
The Jaffna Urban Council decided at its last meeting to impose for the year 1941 the same taxes on vehicles and animals as are in force in 1940.

For every vehicle other than a motor car, motor tricar, motor lorry, motor bicycle, cart, hand cart, jinrickshaw, bicycle or tricycle Rs. 5.

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Wedding

The marriage of Miss Mahaswary daughter of Mr. S. Velupillai Malayan Establishment Office Singapore to Mr. Sabapathippillai Murugesu Field Assistant Kegalle will take place on Sunday the 20th October 1940 at 10.30 p.m. No. 22 Alexandra Road, Weliswatta.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly be held between Jeffrey Rajasuriya of the Editorial Staff of the "Malay Tribune" Singapore, son of Mr. & Mrs. S. M. S. Rajasuriya (Retired District Engineer, F. W. D. Ceylon and brother of R. P. S. Rajasuriya Bar-at-law, Kuala Lumpur) and Dora Selvanesan, daughter of Mr. Victor A. Paul Proctor S. C. and Mrs. Paul (Graecyn) Arly North and niece of Dr. S. C. Paul, Colombo.

Personal

Mr. Rox G. Leembruggen has assumed duties as superintending Engineer Northern Division in place of Mr. R. A. M. Tharanga who is transferred to Gallor Superintending Engineer Southern Division.

—Mr. Allan C. Box Executive Engineer, Northern Province is transferred to Colombo and Mr. A. Salladurai succeeds him from the 1st of November.

—Mr. Bright R. Rajaratnam, Proctor S. C. has been appointed a Notary Public throughout the judicial division of Jaffna.

—Mr. S. Pasupathy has been appointed a Notary Public throughout the judicial division of Point-Pedro—Chavakachcheri.

—Mahanditam A. Celestin Nal liab, Chief Clerk, Fiscal's Office Colombo and Additional Deputy Fiscal for the Colombo District has been appointed Deputy Fiscal Jaffna from 1st November 1940.

—Mr. J. P. Kanthyah, Office Assistant, Colombo Kachcheri, is now in Jaffna on leave prior to his retirement.

—Mr. K. Rajakulasingam Anti-Malarial Inspector, Sungei Siput Perak, F. M. S. has returned to Manipay on short leave.

—Mr. A. V. Chelvanayagam, Agricultural Instructor Jaffna West has been transferred to Muttur, Eastern Province as Farm Manager and Farm School officer of Karathyan Aru Govt. Farm. Mr. R. P. Kadrigamar succeeds him.

THE JAFFNA ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna Association will be held at the Jaffna Town Hall on Saturday, October, 19, 1940, at 4, P. M.

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IMPROVING THE CIGAR INDUSTRY

The memorandum of the Jaffna Youth Congress, referred to by us in these columns last week, recommends mainly the following remedies for improving the cigar industry: the formation of Workers' Co-operative Societies and Sales Societies, the licensing of cigar factories, the introduction of registered trade marks or other distinguishing marks to differentiate the several grades of cigars, and old age pension to cigar workers. A criticism has been made that these remedies suggested will not be found practicable to revive the industry, which is now on its death-bed. While we agree with those who say that reform must first concentrate on putting the industry on a sound footing, we maintain that the suggestions put forward by the Congress aim at both improving the industry and the conditions of the workers engaged in it. The formation of the Workers' Co-operative Societies would solve the problem of unemployment among cigar workers and help them earn a living wage. Sales Societies would as it is done now by the Jaffna-Malaysian Tobacco Sales Society, buy over tobacco from the cultivators, sell the tobacco thus bought to the cigar manufacturers and the Workers' Co-operative Societies and test and grade the cigars handed over. We have had occasion to refer in these columns already to the good work done by the Jaffna-Malaysian Tobacco Sales Society. It is to be regretted that a large number of cultivators are not still aware of the benefits of membership of this Society. We would urge every cultivator to join it. The chief advantage of membership would be that the cultivator would be able to get a certain percentage of the value of his tobacco immediately and the traders and co-operative societies would gain much by eliminating the profits of brokers and middlemen. The licensing of cigar factories is an imperative necessity. The license must be issued only to factories agreeing to observe the following conditions, among others: "Workers should be paid weekly and such payment should be in cash and not in kind. Factories should have enough light and ventilation and should in other respects satisfy conditions imposed by health authorities. Cigars not passed as fit for use by the Sales Society should not be put up for sale. The last named condition would improve the type of cigars sold. It would prevent inferior grades flooding the market. Along with this, the manufacturers must be able to cater to the changed taste of the smoking public. The manufacturers have been for a long time indifferent to the changes in the taste of the public and gone on producing the same sort of cigars year in and year out. This indifference undoubtedly has contributed a good deal to the decline of the industry. Manufacturers must pay immediate attention to remedy this indifference.

THE PASSING HOUR

MAJORITIES AND MINORITIES
What happened the other day at the election of the Acting Minister of Labour should be an eye-opener to those who hug the delusion that the minorities are helpless and that the major community is selfish. There was a majority of the minorities present, and, of course, a minority of the major community. And one of the latter was elected unanimously: Go back to the two previous elections for the same post. Then a majority of the major community, and a minority of the minorities were

present. And a minority man was elected! Another significant fact. The defeated candidate protested that two members of the major community were not allowed to vote. In other words, he would have won if they were present! Lesson: Talk no more about the Sinhalese-Tamil split.

BRAIN OR BRAUN?

Just now the football season is on. Boys not only play football, but think football, discuss football, and dream football. Why, you will be astounded by the knowledge of the average boy of scores made not only by the local teams, but elsewhere, this year and other years. Would you believe me, I actually met a school boy who rattled off the names of famous football players, tennis stars, and cricket champions of the world. With all this rubbish filling his poor little head, how could he retain in his memory declensions and conjugations, historical facts and figures, and mathematical and science formulae? Result: Matriculation massacre.

THEY PLAY IT IN ENGLAND!

Yes, they play this game in western countries. But these are cold countries. For the tropics, in my opinion, it is too warm and strenuous a game. Have you ever been at a football match? You ask a mother what she thinks about her boy lying down flat on the ground when the first half of the game is over. I will not mention the accidents that often happen.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

To my mind the school authorities are most to blame in this matter. They egg on their pupils to take an extraordinary interest in sports, and make much of their victories by celebrating them with holidays, brass-bands, and picnics. The boy who is a good runner, jumper, or high scorer at cricket is more popular with them and the pupils than a boy brilliant in his studies. They are undermining the sense of values and are exalting the physical over the intellectual.

THE POWERS THAT BE

The powers-that-be aid and abet school Principals in this idolatry of sports. When a boy is an applicant for a position under Government, his school record is merely glanced at, and the invariable question is, "Have you played cricket or football?" Some years ago a student of the University College who made a record in high jump jumped into a high position in Government service.

"PLAY THE GAME"

You hear *ad nauseam* in prize functions the slogan, that sports build character. This superstition is bolstered up by such phrases as, "this is not cricket," "play the game," "he is a sport," and the like. Prospero says of his treacherous brother that by oft repeating that he was the king he came to believe his own lie. Can an enthusiast for these sports lay his hand on his heart and say that, at least locally, these matches foster sportsmanlike spirit? I have never seen a team taking a defeat in the so-called "sportsmanlike spirit." On the other hand, the members go away with a hang-dog look, sometimes vowing vengeance, and sometimes cursing the umpire or referee. Teachers too take this attitude and quarrel bitterly about decisions in sports. Do I hear some one say, "The misuse of a good thing is no argument against it"? Ah, but there are other sayings such as, "A tree is known by its fruits" and the "proof of the pudding is in the eating."

THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER.

This god of the market place should be dethroned. The glorifying of brute force has gone too far. By all means encourage young people to play, to exercise their muscles, and develop a sound mind in a sound body. But for God's sake do not exalt them and give to the detriment of their minds. Above all, I plead for

the abolition of competitive sports. Co-operation, and not competition should be our goal.

MANY RETURNERS OF THE DAY

This reminds me of the 72nd birthday of the Mahatma that occurred on the second of this month. The day was celebrated even in distant Jaffna with much *elal*. We must regard it as a great privilege to be the contemporaries of this great soul, and, I may add, of that supreme artist, Rabindranath, who is seriously ill. May we pray for his recovery.

WAR JOKES

In the midst of all this hell the Britisher could not refrain from jokes. It was a newspaper boy that put up an advertisement something like this: "Hitler promised to be with us on this date. He is here at Madame Tussaud's (a reference to the wax figure of the Führer at the famous wax works in London). The other is with reference to Hitler removing from the Louvre the famous statue of Moses. A wag has said that Hitler was found kneeling before Moses (a Jew) saying, "O Moses, tell me how you crossed that sea!"

Scrutator.

FRIENDLY TALKS

"WE WANT THE IMPORTED ARTICLE, BUT NOT AS HEADS." Scrutator.

The Scrutator has very pithily expressed the emotional re-acton of our English educated generation towards those who have shown us the way to power. One sympathises with the Scrutator, and realises at the same time that this strange mentality is a case for psych-analysis.

The English Language is a newly acquired instrument in our hands. Its richness and elasticity have captured our imagination without touching our intellect. Through its aid we have come to read of the culture, the daring, the initiative, the organising capacity, the energy, the creativeness and strength of character for which English and American civilizations stand. We have been duped into the belief that because we have read of these and passed a few examinations we have already acquired these qualities. We feel therefore, though we are only just a few, that we are no more in need of their leadership. Now let us have our revenge. We shall assume leadership, and let us have the pleasure of lording it over them!

I wish that instead of clamouring for the leadership of organizations which the white man has created for us or of departments where he is placed at the head, we who are so conscious of our superiority could turn to our own villages which require organization and leadership. There are several problems in the urban and rural life of our country which require intelligent and capable handling. There are urgent social services which languish for lack of leadership. There are Educational and religious Unions which are becoming notorious for lack of leadership. There are many urgently needed social reforms. When we have shown our capacity to create our own organisations and to direct our own affairs, then it would be time for us to discard the imported article or to ask it to play the second fiddle in our services.

Our silly reply to this has always been, "how can you expect a man to learn to swim before allowing him to enter the water?" There is a large sea of problems around us into which we can plunge. Why show anxiety to enter just the pools built by the 'foreigners' in order to prove that you can float there as well as he does? I wish our own generation could build its own pools, show its initiative and mastery in floating!

We have started no doubt certain institutions — in revenge, Pale imitations of the originals. The spirit that inspired them is already working their ruin. Some schools have been started in villages — because a few teachers wanted employment. Hospitals too will perhaps

Jaffna College — the spirit that animated and has maintained the Manipay and Inuvil Hospitals — the honesty, the integrity, the self-sacrifice and leadership they had called for?

Have we acquired these qualities? We have not followed the precepts; we have had hardly time for their spirit to permeate our lives, but we want very example to be outlawed we shall be satisfied with leadership — power in our generation.

A FRIEND

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

The Founder's Day Celebrations and Prize Giving of the above school came off on Saturday, the 12th of October. The programme commenced at 4.30 p.m. with a Physical display by the students of the school. Mass drill, Ward drill and Pole drill, by the boys, and Dumb-bell drill by the girls were special features of the display. The Art and Hand work Exhibition which provided another focus of attraction, was open throughout the day. The exhibits, were classed under five chief heads—Art, Needlework, Science, Photography and Hand-work.

The Prize Giving Function commenced at 6 p.m. with the Principal in the chair. Rev. R. C. P. Welch offered a prayer, An English Recitation, a Tamil declamation, an English farce, dances by the Kindergarten children and by the lower school girls were the chief items on the programme. Careful and systematic training and a desire on the part of the students to give their best were easily discernible in the items which were doubtless of a very high standard.

Professor Suntharalingam, the chief speaker, in the course of his speech, referred to the occasion as a unique one, as it signified the completion of one successful year in the career of the new amalgamated institution. He congratulated the college on its various activities, especially in the training that the school gave the pupils to use their hands to the best advantage. He exhorted the students to learn to be self-reliant and to do their best, since - just work always brought just results. Referring to the grave international situation at present, Professor Suntharalingam said that the world to-day was in a critical stage. The leaders of the different countries were turning their minds to difficult problems. Under such circumstances, he said that the people of the country should give up the insularity and pensiveness of their outlook and should think of themselves in terms of the world at large. He deplored the desire on the part of the leaders to make the people their footstools and the attitude taken by the young men in Government Service towards the farmers and others in low ranks of life. He drew the attention of the audience to the truth of the Manchester saying, "From gutter to gutter it is only three generations". In concluding he gave the principal and staff his very best wishes in their task and hoped that the Principal will always have by his side, God.

The Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Suntharalingam. Mr. Lyman Kulathungan, Secretary of the Board of Management proposed a vote of thanks. The function terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

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