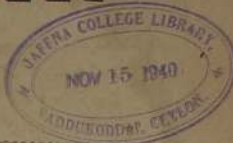


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A Prayer

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who, in all our affliction art afflicted; look down in pity upon all who are suffering in this time of strife and warfare of nations. Protect the defenceless, succour the wounded, receive the dying, and console the anxious and bereaved. Turn the hearts of our enemies, we beseech Thee and forgive both them and us for our share in the sin that has brought this anguish on mankind; open up to us a way of reconciliation and lead us into the path of peace Amen!

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Ministry of Labour, Industry and Commerce is making arrangements to introduce the manufacture of hand-made paper into Ceylon as cottage industry. The management of Messrs. The Ceylon Hardware Stores, Colombo, opened a New Branch stores at Jaffna, adjoining The Mercantile Bank of India Ltd. Hospital Road, Grand Bazaar, Jaffna, on the 11th instant. It was declared open by Mr. R. Wyeth, Agent, The Mercantile Bank of India, Jaffna.

Mr. Myers, the representative of the Orthological Institute, who had been engaged in popularising Basic English, is expected to arrive in the Island during November and will be here for about two months. He will also conduct a Basic English Vacation Course for teachers during the Christmas vacation at St. Patrick's College, Jaffna. At the end of the course an examination is to be held for those teachers who wish to qualify for the Orthological Institute's "teacher test" certificate.

The number of infant deaths during 1939 was 35,173 as against 33,630 in 1938. The infant mortality rates were 186 as compared with 161 the previous year. While infant deaths increased, maternal deaths decreased, the figures being 3,870 for 1939 and 4,196 for 1938.

As a result of a decision of the Ministry of Health the work of the Department was centralized in 1939. The Provincial Surgeons who were in charge of both medical and health work in the provinces were replaced by Divisional Medical Officers of Health and Divisional Medical Superintendents. The reorganization has placed public health work and the supervision of dispensaries in charge of Apothecaries under the Divisional Medical Officers of Health and the hospitals and dispensaries in charge of Medical Officers under the supervision of the Divisional Medical Superintendents.

At a conference of Education Department officers held last week it was decided to extend adult education facilities throughout the Island. And it was agreed to admit sixty unemployed teachers and sixteen Head teachers to be in charge of the Adult Education centres.

A curious feature is mentioned concerning the nominations of candidates for the forthcoming Urban Council elections in Jaffna and Matara. In Jaffna every seat is being contested; and in Matara all the sitting members have been returned unopposed.

It is understood that Mahatma Gandhi is not likely to undertake the proposed fast in the immediate future.

At the Executive Committee meeting of the all India Council of Indian Christians held recently, the Committee urged all the Missions to create Trusts in India representative of all the Churches concerned, and transfer properties to such Trusts.

President Roosevelt Elected

It has been announced that President Roosevelt has been re-elected for a third term by a substantial majority over his rival, Mr. Wendell Willkie, a republican candidate. In congratulating his rival over his success Mr. Willkie said:—

"The popular vote shows the vitality of our Democratic principles. The Republicans will continue to work for the unity of our people in the completion of defences, in sending aid to Britain and in the insisting on the removal of antagonisms in America—all to the end that the Government of free men shall continue and may again spread throughout Europe."

President Roosevelt's re-election is welcomed in all quarters in London and the Empire. The Canadian Premier declared that the election has placed the whole of North America against the Axis, and he was more confident of victory now than ever.

Personal

Mr. S. Velumrugu has been appointed President Village Tribunals Tenmaradchi, Pachchilappai-Karachi, and Panakari-Tunnakkai divisions, Northern Province, with effect from November 1st 1940.

Mr. R. G. Leembruggen, Acting Superintending Engineer N. D. has been nominated to be a member of the Jaffna Urban Council in place of Mr. R. A. M. Thuraiappa.

Obituary

Dr. A. N. Coomaraswamy, District Medical Officer, Panadura, collapsed in the examination room, while he was examining a patient at the hospital on the 8th inst.

Dr. Coomaraswamy joined the Medical Department as a District Medical Assistant in 1914. After serving in a number of outstations he was appointed District Medical Officer at Lunugala in 1925. He was appointed Superintendent of the Anchylostomiasis Campaign in 1935. In 1938 he was appointed District Medical Officer, Panadura.

Jaffna Inter-Collegiate Football

The championship match between the winners of the A group (St. Patrick's College) and the winners of the B group (Jaffna College) will be played on the J. S. S. A. grounds, tomorrow at 4.30 p. m. Mr. R. Rajaratnam will referee.

Following are the results of the matches played last week: St. Patrick's beat Victoria, Jaffna College beat Hartley, Jaffna Hindu beat Skanda Varodaya, St. John's beat Parameshwara Manipay Hindu beat Skanda Varodaya

Dr. Tambyah's New Appointment

Dr. T. Isaac Tambyah has been appointed to the teaching staff of the Divinity School, Colombo. The appointment will take effect from January 4th 1941, when Rev. D. E. J. Hodge who came from Singapore, releases him at Bandarawala.

His Lordship the Bishop of Colombo, referring to Dr. Tambyah at the Diocesan Council meeting said, "Dr. Isaac Tambyah has proved to be a most acceptable priest in charge at Bandarawala, and continuing he added, "As one of my Examining Chaplains, Dr. Tambyah's gifts and knowledge will now be placed more directly at the disposal of the training of Ordinands in the Diocese by his appointment on the staff of the Divinity school."

Sadhu Peter

Our readers will be happy to hear that Sadhu J. Peter who was in Jaffna about two years ago will be back here again before the end of this month. Since he was here last the Sadhu has visited many parts of Malaya, Burma and India. Wherever he has gone the Sadhu will be remembered for his deep spirituality and forceful preaching. Those who require the Sadhu's services are asked to communicate with Rev. S. Kulandran, Erlalai, Chunnakam.

NOTICE

The J. C., S. I. U. C., Workers' Conference will be held at the Telliappalai Church on Thursday the 21st inst. at 9.30 a. m.

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