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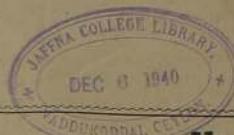
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RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION, BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF  
THE JAFFNA COLLEGE ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION

WILL BE HELD ON  
SATURDAY, 7th DEC. 1940  
at 3.30 p.m.

IN THE OTTLEY HALL,  
JAFFNA COLLEGE, VADDUKODDAI.

AGENDA :

(1) To consider the reply of the Board of Directors to our Memorandum regarding representation on the Board.

(2) To consider the proposal for the Joint Management and publication of the Miscellany by the College and our Association.

J. F. Ponnambalam,  
Hon. Secy. J. C. A. A.  
Jaffna,  
27th Nov. 1940.  
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Christmas Bazaar

The woman members of St. Peter's Church Jaffna have a Christmas Bazaar tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. at Jaffna Central College Hall, in aid of their Social and Evangelistic work. There will be several stalls where will be sold at reasonable prices, useful articles made by the members with their own hands, such as cakes, sweets, pickles, needle-work etc. The sale is to be opened by Mrs. Ponnambalam, wife of Mr. C. Ponnambalam, Chairman, Jaffna U.D.C.

NEWS IN BRIEF

—The Dedication of the Christ Seva Ashram Chapel - a kind gift of the Jaffna Inter Collegiate Christian Fellowship has been fixed for Friday December 17th

—Dr T Z Koo of the Student Christian Movement and Dr S Jesudason of the Christu Kula Ashram will speak on that occasion.

The Ceylon Government has been informed by the Secretary of State for Colonies that Mr. T. W. Davies, one of the Principals of the Economics Department of the Colonial Office, will shortly arrive in the Island to confer with the Board of Ministers on certain economic problems.

It is understood that the authorities have decided to take steps to reduce the non-essential consumption of Petrol in the Island by voluntary means.

Experiments are being conducted by the Medical Entomologist with Margosa oil for the purpose of determining from scientific point of view its value as an insecticide. The object underlying the experiments is to ascertain whether Margosa oil can be made use of in the Anti-Malaria campaign conducted by the Medical Department.

The rice import figures for the period January 1, to November 4, this year reveal an appreciable reduction as compared with the figures for the same period last year. The reduction is in the neighbourhood of 10 per cent.

All the older pupils both boys and girls attending Sihaless and Tamil schools throughout the island will shortly begin to receive a free cup of tea every day. The gift it is learned, will be made by the Ceylon Tea Propaganda Board.

The Education Office Colombo states that on instructions received from the London Chamber of Commerce, the Autumn Examination is cancelled. The candidates will be allowed to sit for the Spring examination.

At a conference of a number of leading citizens of Jaffna held at the Residency Old Park, under the Chairmanship of the G.A.N.P. it was decided to organise a Rotary Club in Jaffna. —Under the auspices of the Jaffna Inter-Collegiate Christian fellowship Jaffna S. C. M., and the Y. M. C. As, Jaffna Dr. T. Z. Koo will deliver three addresses at the St. John's College Hall, December 15th, 16th and 17th at 5 p.m.

Urban Council Elections

The following are the results of the elections:

Ward 1: Mr R R Nalliah (sitting member) 642; Mr Emmanuel Tiruchelvam 378; Majority of winner 263.

Ward 2: Chevalier S Arulanathan 1,462 (Ratepayers' Association candidate); Mr Vital Moses 1,291; Majority of winner 171.

Ward 3: Mr M Sinnathurai (Ratepayers' Association candidate) 1,027; Mr V A Durayappah (sitting member) 909 Majority of winner 118.

Ward 4: Mr C Ponnambalam (Chairman and sitting member) 1,436; Mr Edwin D Heusman 305; Majority of winner 1,131.

Ward 5: Dr A S Ramarathnam 259 (Ratepayers' Association candidate); Mr V V Sivamurthy (sitting member) 362; Mr O T Narayanan 12; Majority of winner 597.

Ward 6: Mr K Aiyadurai (sitting member and Ratepayers' Association candidate) 713; Mr M Asaiapilla 480; Majority of winner 233.

Ward 7: Mr R Sivagurunathar (Chairman of Ratepayers' Association) 1,239; Mr S Patanjali (sitting member) 1,044; Majority of winner 195.

Ward 8 Mr S M Aboobucker 1,748; Mr Sam! A Sabapathy (sitting member) 1,499; Mr Habeeb Mohamed 479; Majority of winner 248.

Cheap Tickets

First, Second and Third Class cheap return tickets at 1½ single fares for the double journey will be issued between all stations 25 miles or more apart from December 21 to 31, 1940 inclusive, available for return up to and including January 6, 1941.

Tour Ceylon Tickets for 14 days unlimited travel over the entire railway system will be issued from December 21 to 31, 1940, at—First Class Rs. 50; Second Class Rs. 25; Third Class Rs. 12.50. Half fare for children under 12 years. Three quarter fare for students 12 years and over certified by Principals or Headmasters of Schools.

Indo Ceylon Railway

First, Second and Third Class cheap return tickets will be issued from December 13 to 31, 1940, available for completion of return journey up to midnight of January 16, 1941, from all stations distant 35 miles or more from Talaimannar Pier to stations Manamadurai and beyond on the South Indian Railway and vice-versa (stations on the Shoranur—Nilambur Railways excepted) at the following fares—

1st and 2nd Class: 1½ single fares over the C, G, R, and J½ single fares over the S, I, R.

3rd Class: 1½ single fares over the C, G, R, and 1½ labourers' fares over the S, I, R.

Wedding

The marriage of Ellen Rasamany, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. P. Cooke with John Rasiah Wilson, will take place at the Methodist Church, Colombo on Monday, 9th December 1940, at 4 p.m. and afterwards at their residence.

The marriage of Mr. S. Chelliah of Audit Office, Colombo and of the Kokuvil East Jaffna, Miss Kasamanie daughter of

late Mr. A. Velluppillai, F. M. S. General Hospital, Kualal Lumpur took place on the 30th November night at Namagal Vessam, Anairotti, Manipay, residence of the bride. The ceremony was in orthodox Hindu style.

The bride's youngest brother Master Kumaresan Velupillai was the bestman while Mrs. Rasiah sister of the bridegroom was the bride's maid. Matron of honour was Mrs. C. C. Somasegaram. The bridal dress was a Benares Tissue saree based on oriental floral design. The jacket was of French Silver with plain Indian sleeves. Her jewellery was of brilliants.

PERSONAL

Messrs. T. C. Rajaratnam and A. W. Nadarajah were elected President and Secretary at the annual meeting of the Tobacco Sales Society held recently.

—Dr. J. S. S. Kumarakulasinghe D. M. O. Alutuwara has been transferred to Talaimannar.

—Dr. W. S. Na haniel D. M. O. Talaimannar is transferred as D! M. A. Chilaw.

—Dr. K. Vytilingam of the Eye Hospital Colombo is to be House Surgeon Civil Hospital, Galle.

—Dr. S. Thirunavakarasu, House Officer Civil Hospital Galle to be D. M. A. Deniyawa.

—Dr. R. V. N. Selvadurai visiting Surgeon Galle Hospital has assumed duties as Resident surgeon Colombo. Dr. Wilfred Wickremasinghe who was at Jaffna has succeeded him.

—Mr. V. Sathesivam has been confirmed in his appointment as divisional Transportation Superintendent Ceylon Government Railway by the Secretary of State for Colonies.

—Mr A Vinasithamby has been appointed a Notary Public throughout the Vadamarachchi Division of the Jaffna District.

—The following members have been appointed to be members of the Provincial Road Committee, Northern Province for 1941. Messrs S. Natesan, J. V. Chelliah, S. M. Aboobucker, K. Somasundaram, and Mudaliyar C. Kapathipillai.

—Dr S Jesudason, Sevak, Christu Kula Ashram will be in Jaffna from the 11th of this month for a week. He will be the guest of the Christu Seva Ashram. He will preach at the morning service at the Uduvil Church on Sunday 15th at 8.30 a.m.

—Dr George Rajaratnam of the Christu Kula Ashram, Tirupattur will preach on Sunday 15th inst. at 6 p.m. at the Carol Service of the Union High School, Tel. lipai.

—Miss M G Northway, Principal, Chandikuli Girls' College is transferred to a Mission School in Sierra Leone West Africa. She expects to leave Jaffna at the end of December.

Messrs. Wadhams,

Main Street, Jaffna, have the pleasure to announce to their patrons and well-wishers that they have opened their Head Office for Ceylon in

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In view of the direct importing business their Head Office is carrying on, they are offering a

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PLEASE NOTE

Next issue of the Star, the Christmas number, will be on the 20th December. The Manager will be obliged if all dues are paid before the 15th instant. Our need is great and urgent.

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Friday Dec. 6, 1940

## DO YOU KNOW

Hitler and Mussolini are trying to persuade the World that the people of Great Britain "own" a quarter of the earth and sit at ease while the "enslaved" races of the Empire sweat and work for the sole profit of the British people. They know that this is false. Do you? Do you know the following facts?

No part of the British Empire pays taxes or tribute in any form to Britain. Every penny of the money raised by the taxes is spent upon the inhabitants themselves.

Instead of drawing taxes from the Colonies, the taxpayers of Britain help to keep them going. In 1940—in the middle of the greatest war in history—an Act of Parliament was passed providing that over £11 millions which had been lent to Colonies in past years should be converted into free gifts.

The same Act enables another £50 millions spread over 10 years to be given to the Colonies to help them to develop their own resources and improve their standards of living.

The British Commonwealth of Nations is a gigantic experiment in internationalism. It consists of (a) a group of completely independent nations working together in free association, (b) others such as India and Burma which are rapidly approaching the same status, and (c) a collection of Colonies and Protectorates which are being guided and assisted along the same road towards the same goal.

It is a worldwide association including white, brown, yellow and black member States. Its basis is not as Hitler and Mussolini would have the world believe tyranny and exploitation but liberty and progress.

The self-governing Dominions (Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and Eire) are free and equal partners with Great Britain. She has no control over their actions and policy at home or abroad. They maintain wherever they wish diplomatic representatives of their own at Foreign Courts and make treaties with Foreign Powers.

When the Dominions (except Eire, who remained neutral) declared war on Germany in September, 1939 they did so entirely of their own free will.

No part of the British Empire is obliged to buy what it needs from Britain or to sell its own products to Britain.

Fall advantage is taken of this freedom. For example, the British Colonies buy only 25 per cent of their imports from Britain. More than half of their trade is with Foreign Countries.

In the whole of British India which has a population of about 275 millions there are only 715 European Civil Servants and 450 officers of the Police Service. All the rest numbering many thousands are Indians. Even in the highest ranks Indians serve on terms of complete equality with their British colleagues.

## NOTICE

Applications should now be made if there are any wishing to enter the Training Centre for Deaconesses and Social Workers at Puttur in January when the new course commences.

## PERADVENTURE

There are at least 30 Christians in Jaffna each of whom will not be afraid to risk 50 cents on a copy of *Christian Evangelism*.

The Morning Star Office,  
3rd Cross St, Jaffna.

## THE PASSING HOUR

## ABORIGINAL ASSOCIATION.

There is such an association in Ceylon, and it has lately been sending a memorandum to the Downing Street on political matters. I am not much concerned with its arguments. But I am amused with one or two things contained in it. First, the Association calls itself "aboriginal." This word, no doubt, is synonymous with original. But in modern usage it has come to mean primitive and uncivilised. Surely the Tamils of Ceylon cannot be so described. We must remember that the meaning of words constantly change. For instance, "native" is a harmless word meaning one who is born in the country. But now it means one of a backward race, and is considered an insulting word. Again, the Palks Strait is described as a "canal." Now, "canal" means a waterway used for navigation. Surely a channel 30 miles in breadth cannot be described as a "canal."

Further, there is a glaring inaccuracy in the statement that there are "four hundred million Ceylon Tamils and Indians" (evidently Indian Tamils.) The entire population of India is only 350 millions, and the figure in the document is entirely wide of the mark. The correct figure is forty millions. A document sent to the Secretary of State should be more accurate. As to the question whether the Tamils were the original inhabitants of Ceylon, or whether the Sinhalese came from Persia, may be left to the decision (as the petitioners suggest) of "three European judges of the Supreme Court."

## UNNECESSARY HYSTERIA

Hysterical letters have poured into a Colombo paper as regards the leakage of examination papers. There may be truth in it, or there may not be. If there is, the scandal should not be allowed to happen again. Greater caution can ensure it. But I am more concerned about a by product of this agitation. Most of the letters seem to suggest that the Education Department could not be trusted to hold fair examinations locally. The fact of the matter is that many people hanker after the English Examinations. It is a confession that we can do nothing without holding on to the apron strings of foreign countries. The holding of local examinations is based on a sound educational principle; fit the examination to the teaching given, and not the teaching to the examination set.

## THE WAR.

The Greeks are going from strength to strength. Italians were never noted for their martial prowess. Hitler must now be feeling that Mussolini is not an asset but a liability. Rumania's days, as a monarchy is numbered. If I may sum up the aerial warfare conducted by the two main beligerents, the aim of the German is to break down the morale of the Englishman, and that of the Englishman is to break down the material resources of the German. We may be at least sure of this: the former aim can never be achieved.

## "NATIVE REMEDIES"

Time was when aristocrats, both white and brown, used to elevate their noses at "native remedies." But it seems that these remedies are beginning to come into their own. For example, these people have now begun to talk about the virtues of the margosa tree: its leaves, its bark, its seeds, and its oil. I well remember that many years ago when there was a fever epidemic in Ceylon, and the Government did not have enough quinine to go round, some people boiled the bark of the margosa, and drank the decoction. They said that it was a good substitute for quinine. It is claimed that the margosa oil is a good antiseptic, that it is a good remedy for affections of the throat. Once again, the *nelli* fruit which is so much used in Ayurvedic treatment or the common, humble *muringa* leaves, I saw the state

ment the other day that these two contain a great deal of the rare vitamin C. I need not multiply instances. Is it too much to ask that a research department be established to investigate these things? I say this not only for the benefit of the people of Ceylon, but also for the benefit of the medical profession in general.

## Scrutator.

## THE NORTHERN PROVINCE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

## PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

BY  
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Telliappalai

Nov. 23, 1940

(Continued from last issue)

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

## A. C. U. I. Compromised

The position of the All-Ceylon Union of Teachers was compromised by members who owed allegiance to other bodies as well. Some of the members of the A. C. U. I. who accepted places on this Special Committee were also members of the Headmasters' Conference or the Executive Committee of Education or both. This of course cannot be helped. If might even be advantageous to the A. C. U. I. But there should be some discipline. It such members who were offered places on the Special Committee had referred the matter to their respective associations, it might have been possible for the latter to take some co-ordinated action. The game seems to have been well played on the other side. However, taking things as they are, we may concede that in spite of weak points, the Committee as a whole is efficient, but we cannot expect them to be exactly impartial when they admittedly represent diverse interests. The business of the Special Committee is to deliver the Department from the confusion that has grown throughout the years. It has to bring order into chaos.

## Paramount place for National Languages

I don't know if we anticipate their findings but I very much hope that in the new scheme they formulate, the national languages will be given a paramount place. These languages alone can enrich the creative life of the nation and discover her peculiar genius. Let us also hope that their scheme will not result in the schools losing their individuality, their flexibility and their freedom.

## Salary Scheme out of date before it comes.

In this connection, let me place two facts before you. First: It is clear that no one of the four salary schemes proposed can bring any immediate saving to the country. Indeed it will take at least ten years before any saving can be reflected in the country's budget.

Second: The Special Committee proposes to make very far-reaching changes with regard to the system of schools. Schools are not to be classified according to the medium of instruction, but according to the work they do. There will be Primary Schools, Post Primary Schools, Senior Schools, Technical Schools, etc., but no English, Bilingual or Vernacular Schools. If these two facts are true, I don't see the need for such haste with regard to the salary scheme. In fact such a scheme will be out of date before it comes. It cannot meet the changes contemplated by the Special Committee. The same Committee has to tackle both the financial and the educational problems. One cannot be divorced from the other. If not, the Salary Committee has to follow and not precede the Academic Committee.

## Fifth Standard Test

During this examination season I may perhaps be expected to say something about the 5th standard test which is fast becoming a sensation in the country. The principle of the test has more or less been conceded by the A. C. U. I. We may

concentrate with the carrying out of the test. The latest change whereby papers of one school are to be corrected by teachers of another school does not seem to be calculated to inspire confidence. However, it is too soon to pass a judgment on this. Since this seems to be in the nature of an experiment, and not a settled plan, we shall perhaps do well to await results.

To be Continued)

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## OUR DEBT TO THE MISSIONARY

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I have perused the two letters that appeared in your esteemed paper contributed by one who signs himself as "A friend." It is quite true that we in India and Ceylon owe a deep debt of gratitude to the various Missionary bodies for our educational advancement and social uplift. But I do not agree with your correspondent when he says that the third generation of Christians is arrogant towards foreign Missionaries. If it were so we would not have elected three foreign Missionaries as Bishops for the three vacancies in Ceylon, Tinnevelly and Travancore. We had the choice to elect our own Bishops and we could have elected one of our own men in the respective Dioceses. Why did we elect foreigners? The reason is not arrogance, but it is ignorance coupled with "Mission Compound Mentality." We have been brought up in an atmosphere of inferiority complex, so much so that we refuse to recognise the merits of our own people. Englishmen generally do not elect Indians or Ceylonese as their Bishops when a vacancy occurs in one of their Dioceses in England, but if there occurs a vacancy in India, Burma or Ceylon, our eyes do not look for a suitable candidate among Indians, Burmese or Ceylonese, but to an Englishman.

Your correspondent thinks that the aspiration of our young men for high positions in the Church is "arrogance" and "clamour for the outlawry of their benefactors." The Church is a huge edifice, and when it is under construction, scaffolding is of course necessary. But when the building is completed, the first thing the well-wishers of the building will do, is to remove the scaffolding, so that the beautiful building may be seen without any obstruction, who will call such removal as "arrogance"?

In this connection, I would quote from the Report of the C. M. S. Delegation which visited India in 1921-22 page 55 para 3:

"Another defect which we have noticed in women's education is one which is an exaggeration of a very valuable gift. It is in the detailed work of education that many women educationists show themselves so particularly adept, but this in India has actually resulted in many cases in a refusal on the part of the woman educational missionary to trust or to use, as much as she otherwise could, the Indian members of the staff who are working with her, with the result that Indian women's leadership in girls' education has been given a definite set back in mission schools. It would have been a far wiser policy to hand over work with the knowledge that it would be less well done and to give the Indian workers a chance to learn by her mistakes, than to retain all the details of the work in the woman missionary's own hand."

I do not know the conditions in Ceylon, but even today, in your neighbouring Diocese (Tinnevelly) some higher Elementary Schools are in charge of European women Missionaries, and when they go home on leave, the vacancy is filled up by another European woman Missionary, as if no local talent is available to carry on the work. Where is arrogance please?

The attitude of the Home Societies is very clear. They want

our educated women to be trained, to enable them to take up responsibilities which hitherto rested on women missionaries from foreign countries. The Societies at Home do not think that those who aspire for responsible positions in the Church are arrogant, but are anxious that they should be welcomed and trained.

On the other hand the women missionaries are unwilling to share their responsibilities with our educated women even to nearly 20 years after the report was published. In a C. M. S. (1938) publication "The Way of Partnership in India" letter appears on page 53, from a woman missionary in South India which reads:—

(to be continued)

## Obituary

The death occurred of Mr. D. A. Ponniyiah Ascertatham on Sunday last inst; after a brief illness. He was removed to the Green Hospital, Manipay on Saturday last and peacefully passed away during the early hours of Sunday. The funeral took place at 8 a.m. at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. C. S. Ponnudurairaj of Jaffna College resident at Colomboagam Road, Chinnakulam.

The funeral service was conducted by Mr. C. R. Wardsworth, Preacher-in-Charge, Assemblies of God, Jaffna. Major Thevathasan and Revd. E. K. Yesuthasan spoke words of appreciation and alluded to their intimate experience of his personal life and character. A large number of friends and relations were present.

The death of Mr. Murnegam Supramaniam, retired Technical Sub-Superintendent Survey Office and President of "The Mallakam Maha Sabai" occurred at Vellore on Friday, November 29. He was in the 69th year of his life. His quiet, kindly ways greatly endeared him to the hearts of all who knew him and he will be sadly missed among the community.

The remains of Thapomay beloved wife of Mr E. B. Anketell, Irrigation Engineer and the second daughter of Rev and Mrs S. S. Somasundram of Nallur, were removed for interment to the Trincomalee Burial Ground on December 4.

## Headmasters' Conference

The constitution of the Headmasters' Conference is, it is learned to be altered shortly with a view to making that body more representative in character than it is at present.

The present rules governing membership have, it appears, given rise to complaints from Principals of certain secondary schools.

It has, therefore been urged that the Headmasters' Conference, which purports to reflect the views of senior secondary schools in the Island, should consist of representatives of all secondary schools so that the viewpoint of all such school authorities could be heard before any decisions are taken on matters pertaining to secondary education in this country.

## BEST AND GOES FARTHEST



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