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

We wish all our Readers
A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

The next issue will be
on the 10th January 1941
owing to Christmas and
New Year holidays.

A SERVICE
IN MEMORY OF
THE LATE S. K. VAITILINGAM
will be held in the
Pandateripu Church
on Sunday 22nd inst.
at 3.30 p. m.
All friends and relations are
invited to attend.
S. V. ALAGARATNAM.

Dr. Mannickam
Dr. Mannickam one of the Secretaries of the National Christian Council of India, Burma and Ceylon will be in Ceylon in connection with the conference in Kandy. He will be in Jaffna on the afternoon of the 4th January. The Jaffna Christian Union is calling up a conference at the Ashram to enable him to meet the leaders of the Christian Churches of Jaffna and discuss with them problems relating to the work in Jaffna. Kindly keep the date free.

UNION COLLEGE,
TELLIPPALAI
The name of the American Mission institution at Tellippalai has been changed from "Union High School" to "Union College" on its attainment of full secondary status.

The first number of the College magazine, attractively printed and containing a number of pictures of school events for the year, has just been out. A review of it will appear in due course.

Mr. B. K. Somasundram, B. Sc. (London), is expected to join the Staff at the beginning of the new year. The College will re-open after Christmas holidays on the 15th of January.

The inaugural meeting of the Old Boys' Association has been fixed for Monday, the 30th inst.

tribute items and a cordial invitation is given to every body.
On Christmas day there will be a Bi-Ritual Service commencing at 8.30 a. m. when two short addresses will be delivered, one in English by Miss Evaratt and the other in Tamil by the Rev. James S. Mather.

Dr. S. Jesudason of Tripathur Ashram will conduct the Service in this Church on Sunday, 22nd inst at 8.30 a. m.

Obituary
There passed away on the 10th inst after a brief illness, Mr. Lawrence Stoner Rajaratnam, Retired Government Apothecary, and the funeral took place the next day at "Jeeva Malika" Jaffna Town. The Service was conducted at the house by the Rev. James S. Mather assisted by Rev. K. S. Murgesen, Rev. M. S. Chinniah, Rev. J. V. J. Arnold and Mr. V. J. Arumagan Evangelist. The interment took place in the New Methodist Burial Ground, in the presence of a large gathering, where the service was conducted by Rev. Sam. J. Jegasothy and Rev. M. S. Chinniah. The deceased was a gentleman held in high esteem for his sterling character, and was greatly loved by the people in every station he was employed. He leaves behind his widow, two sons Mr. R. N. Rajaratnam of the Royal Engineers, and Mr. V. N. Rajaratnam, Assistant Irrigation Engineer, and a daughter Mrs. Thurairatnam wife of Mr. D. A. Emaratnam of the Matale P. W. D. and a Grand son Mas. J. Thurairatnam.

The death occurred on Monday the 2nd inst. of Ponnamah beloved wife of the Rev. V. M. John, Pastor Changana. The deceased was ailing for some time past and in spite of the best medical treatment passed away at the Manipay Hospital. The funeral took place the next day at Chavakacheri in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relations. Revs. E. K. Yesuthason, G. D. Thomas, V. B. Muthuvaloo and S. Kulandran officiated. The deceased was sixty years of age and leaves behind, besides her husband three sons viz: Messrs; E. J. Jayarajah of the D. R. C. O. R., P. Thuraitajah of the Staff, of Jaffna College and J. Ratnarajah, presently of Serampore College, Calcutta.

The Ashram Chapel
The newly erected Chapel of the Christa Seva Ashram was dedicated on Tuesday the 17th inst at 7 A.M. in the presence of a large gathering. Revs. S. Selvaratnam, E. M. Weaver, D. T. Niles, S. Kulandran, J. R. Navaratnam officiated. After the dedication Service the sevak, Rev. S. Selvaratnam made a statement which was followed by speeches by Dr. T. Z. Koo and Dr. S. Jesudasan. The Chapel is a gift of the Jaffna Inter Collegiate Christian Fellowship.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE
JAFFNA
1. Next term begins 8th January, 1941.
2. Admission of New Students—Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th at 9 a. m.
3. Scholarship Examinations:—Thompson Scholarship. Consisting of free tuition tenable for two years for entry into Form I. Candidates must be under 12 years of age.
Crossetto Scholarship. Consisting of free tuition tenable for two years for entry into Form VI B. Candidates must be under 15 years of age.
The examination for the above scholarships will be held at College at 9 a. m. on Monday the 6th of January, 1941. Applications for admission should reach the Principal on or before Saturday, the 4th of January 1941.

4. Sinhalese will be taught as one of the optional subjects from 1941.
Further particulars from the Principal.

NOTICE
Jaffna College—Scholarship Examination for admission to the Pre-Matriculation Class.
This examination will be held from Jan. 15th to 17th at Jaffna College.
The College offers four open scholarships of two years' free tuition to the students under seventeen years of age who:
a. have passed the J. S. C. or its equivalent examination.
b. have been certified by the headmasters of their schools to have been during the previous year, members of the top 10% of their class scholastically
and c. are among the four highest to pass a special examination set by the College.
Syllabi and application forms may be had from the Principal. All applications must be in on or before Wednesday Jan. 8, 1941, with a fee of Rupee one.
S. K. BUNKER,
Principal, Jaffna College

BOOKS FOR SALE
Books which belonged to the late Rev. V. Ramalingam Samuel are for sale, and may be seen in Rev. James Mather's Office in Chapel Street, Jaffna. There are some useful books both in English and Tamil, also a Drum, medium sized. The prices are all marked.
Mrs. C. P. SAMUEL,
Karainagar.

GREETINGS
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OF
S. M. JOHN
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Has been empty dear
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(Inserted by his sorrowing widow
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CHRISTMAS 1940

Once again we look forward to celebrating the birth of Him who has been called the Prince of Peace. To speak of the Prince of Peace in a World at war may sound absurd and self-contradictory. Nevertheless we remember that at His birth sang the angels "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased." The world may be at war and may not know the peace which permeates all understanding but in the world at war there is a group of men, comparatively small it may be, in whom God is well-pleased. Among them Peace abides. We hope that the time will soon come when this group growing larger and larger will be co-extensive with the whole world. Then, He whose birth we celebrate will be the Universal Prince of Peace. His Peace will remain to those who understand, the unquenchable light that pervades and illuminates the universe.

Nearly two thousand years have passed since the feet of Him, who was the most perfect expression of God's Love to us, walked "those holy fields" and we wonder if He has failed. In spite of His良良ness in the world, the world is at war denying Him, crucifying Him aresh. Has He failed? No! It is the world that has failed, failed to understand Him, failed to acknowledge Him failed to be ruled by His spirit. We should therefore pray and work that He may be born again in our hearts.

The true way of celebrating Christmas is therefore to have Christ born again in our hearts. We ought to retrace that we have played a part in the world which has failed Him. There is therefore need for humiliation and penitence. There is also, at the same time, cause for optimism and hope. We believe in Him who said "I have overcome the world."

We wish our readers, therefore, A HAPPY CHRISTMAS in the true sense of the words in spite of the gloom and uncertainty that is cast over the world. There is true cause for happiness for we believe that truth and righteousness will ultimately prevail and triumph over all the evil forces of the world.

A MESSAGE

To the Indian Review

By

The Most Rev. Dr. Foss Westcott, Metropolitan of India, Burma and Ceylon.

I remember the time when the chief emphasis in the work of Christ was laid upon His death and Resurrection, even to the extent of so stressing these truths as to make the very fact of the Incarnation depend upon them. Had not man sinned and become alienated from God, there would have been no Incarnation of the Son of God, for no atonement for the sin of the world would have been required. But for most followers of Christ those days have passed and while the need of the atoning sacrifice of Christ is fully recognised and thankfully received, it is also recognised that the Incarnation was needed to carry forward God's creative work in making man into His own likeness, and capable of holding that fellowship with Him which He designed for him. Through the Incarnation of the Son of God that likeness of God was revealed in man. From His birth Jesus Christ revealed at every stage of His growth that perfection which was in God's mind characteristic of it. We read of Him as a boy now capable of intelligent decisions. He is revealed to us as knowing no guiding purpose and principle in life than that of the fulfilment of the Father's will. No suffering or persecution could deflect Him from that purpose.

As we celebrate today amid the chaos and terrors of the present war, the glorious fact of the Incarnation, we feel that it calls us to study the twofold revelation it has brought to us. First, that of the true type of human character which can alone ensure peace and fellowship with man and God, and secondly, the true redemptive method whereby men can be delivered from the powers of sin, and become true children of God. It is no easy process, but the way of pain and suffering.

Measure thy life by loss instead of gain. Not by the wine drunk but by the wine poured out. For Love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice. And he who suffers most has the most to give.

THE TOWN OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem of Judaea will be named in song and story everywhere in Christendom at this Christmas tide; the sounds of the bells of the church of the Nativity will be borne on the air all round the world and the thoughts of millions will turn to the little town in whose fields the shepherds watched the flocks by night.

Most people, perhaps, will think of Bethlehem as merely the town of the legend. Yet it is a town of today, a living town of living people. Men ply bread-winning trades here and housewives are busy at their home tasks or bargaining in the noisy market, where still the shepherds come to sell sheep and sleek black goats. In the narrow winding streets the camel bells tinkle as they did for the Wise Men who followed the Star out of the East. The church of the Nativity is an active parish church, and the bells that ring round the world at Christmas do daily service, calling to prayer the townsfolk whose homes cluster about it.

No town in Palestine has more institutions for child welfare and education than Bethlehem. It has several large schools for boys and girls under European management. Arriving by way of Bethlehem Steps in Manger Square early in the morning, you will meet, pouring out from the church, a crowd of well-dressed children coming from worship or from a class in religious education. The Church of the Nativity is busy with all the offices of religion—weddings, funerals, worship. Great flocks of women in flowing garments float out from the four-foot high Door of Humility.

Upon the bellry of the church of the Nativity, among the iron-throated bells whose joyous clangour is broadcast to a world where rumours of wars are men too rare for comfort, is a sparrow's nest. The mother sparrow is one of the least of God's creatures, of whom it is written that not one shall fall but the Creator shall take note of it. Let her be a reminder that the ancient promise of the peace to come which Christmas foreshadows includes all those creatures great and small.

A WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE

One New Year's Eve a number of leaders and thinkers were assembled in the barroom of the Wilson House. Light was flowing fast and furiously, and everybody was feeling boisterous. Samuel Russell, a minister's wayward son, had drunk considerably, but was not yet under the influence of the stuff; it always took a great deal to intoxicate him.

During a pause in the conversation, Joe Allen came in. He was a hardened topor, with a terrible hatred for all kinds of religious things. "They're having a watch-meeting over in the Church," he said, as he stamped the snow from his boots and took a drink meanwhile, "and I don't see why we can't have one here. We can all do something to give the meeting life. Brother Eldridge will please lend in prayer." Eldridge was a glib-tongued fellow—a barber, who had just come into town—and he immediately dropped on one knee and gave a mock invocation.

"We will now sing a hymn," said Allen, in a voice which so exactly imitated a certain young preacher in the town that it brought roars of laughter from the crowd. And he "lined" us

of the hymns of the day, with profane variations, the others joining in uproariously.

"Brother Samuel Russell will now preach the sermon," announced Joe, "and we trust it will be for the spiritual good of us all."

It was a terrible disagreeable suggestion to young Russell, and he tried in every way he could to evade it. He even attempted to smash the door, but they caught him and stood him up at one end of the room behind a table. "Preach away, or beat all round," they shouted, and as he had not the money with him to do the latter, he reluctantly consented to "say a few words," but complaining that he had no text.

"Try 'The Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak,'" shouted Joe. So the young man commenced in a mumbling way, telling them that the Spirit seemed very strong that night, and they would find that the flesh would, as a result, gradually grow weaker; that they were all on the broad road to death, and as a New Year was about to begin they had better make a break with the old sinful things and start a new era in their lives.

"Why, I believe the fool's in earnest," said Joe, in his usual sneering tone.

If Russell was not already in earnest, something in Joe's words and tone went far toward making him so, and he began to say things which had been ready in his heart for many years, but which had been covered by his wicked, careless life. Things he had heard his old father say, fragments of prayers remembered as having been uttered by his dead mother, passages he had learned from the Bible while a boy at Sunday School—all came to him now with new force and meaning—faster than he could speak them. The others looked at first resentful, then surprised, then interested. Even the most drunken seemed suddenly sobered, and all soon began to listen in intense silence.

As Russell went on, strange to say, he began to notice the effect his own words were having upon himself. Then he commenced to ask himself, "If they are true, why do you not get down on your knees and pray to a merciful and offended God for forgiveness?" And that was what he finally did, right in the midst of the sermon.

In the company that were present that night two were converted to Christ before they left the room, and went away sober and serious, and Joe Allen though he did not make a public confession, was never heard to say anything more against religion, or suggest another sermon.

"As I turned the corner on my way home," concluded Samuel Russell, the hero of this strange but true story, "I overtook my aged father, who was feebly making his way home from the watch-meeting, and I never experienced any happiness on this earth equal to that which I felt when I took his arm and told him that his prayers had been answered, and I had found Christ. He spent the rest of the night on his knees thanking God. That was my first sermon. I have preached many since, with varying success; I have never climbed the ladder of distinction and fame but I feel that I have done as well as I could the will of Him who that New Year's Eve snatched me like a brand from the burning, and made me His own for ever."

Letter to the Editor

To THE CHURCHES IN JAFFNA—Dear Brethren in Christ,

In view of the untold suffering in the world at the present moment and the increasing animosity and hatred among the peoples affected by this terrible war, we strongly feel the urgency of all Christians to approach God in earnest corporate prayer with the faith that "the Most High ruleth in the Kingdom of men." It is, therefore, fitting that the New Year Eve should be spent as a night of prayer with three sessions—the middle session being the usual Watch Night Service.

Suitable topics and forms of intercession may be printed and circulated by the Jaffna Mission.

gregations may take intelligent interest in the matter.

We write this with the earnest prayer that each Minister may be helped to make arrangements suitable to his congregation, so that the great body of Christians in Jaffna may spend that night with God in prayer.

We shall be glad to render any help and supply subject matters for intercession to any one who may need them.

We are, Your Servants in Christ, J. Subramaniam, Lewis, President; K. Nesiiah, Treasurer; S. Kalendran, Secretary; JAFFNA CHRISTIAN UNION, 10-12-1940.

Jaffna College Alumni Association

A Special General Meeting of the above Association was held at the Ottley Hall, Vaddukoddai, on Saturday, 7th December 1940 with the Revd. S. K. Bander, the President, in the Chair to consider the reply of the Board of Directors to the Memorandum submitted by the Association regarding representation on the Board, and also the proposal for the joint management and publication of "The Miscellany" by the College and the Association.

After a lively discussion, on the motion of Mr. S. H. Redipannayagam seconded by Mr. A. W. Nadarajah, it was unanimously resolved:

That a Deputation of three members be appointed to interview the Directors and discover the reasons for their refusal to grant representation, to press our demands and to report to the Executive Committee on any further steps that have to be taken, to secure representation for the Alumni Association on the Directorate.

Mr. T. H. Crossette, Mr. A. W. Nadarajah and Mr. J. F. Ponnambalam, the Secretary, were appointed to meet the Board and take steps.

It was also resolved to send a copy of the Memorandum with the reply and a covering letter to the Board of Trustees in America.

Mr. D. S. Sanders moved and Mr. A. C. Sundrampillai seconded that the suggestion of the Miscellany Committee "that the Alumni Association in Jaffna and the Old Boys' Association in Colombo should elect one representative each, other than the Secretary and Treasurer to serve on the Editorial Board of the College Miscellany and that such representatives should also be responsible to find 75 subscribers each in the first instance and thereafter 100 Subscribers" Mr. A. W. Nadarajah was elected to represent the Alumni Association.

INDIAN REVIEW

The Special December Annual of the Indian Review, Madras which is amply illustrated, is literally packed with articles of outstanding interest, by writers of distinction, European and Indian Scholars, officials and non-officials. It opens with a message from the Most Rev. Dr. Foss Westcott, Metropolitan of India, in which His Lordship pleads the cause of peace and fellowship and the redemptive work of Christ, which is no easy thing, "but the way of pain and suffering." This is followed by thought-provoking contributions.

The price of this December Annual is one Rupee but the publishers G. A. Nateson & Co. will give this number free to all those who enroll themselves as subscribers for 1941 by payment of Rs 5 (Five only).

AUCTION SALE

D. C. J. 6800

(Dead) Annapporannam wife of Sinnathambay Vettivelu of Vannarponnai East. Ramesingh in Sinnathambay Vettivelu of Vaddukoddai West Adm. of Testy Case No 183 D C J vs Subst. Plaintiff 1. Thaniam widow of Visava, Jigam 2. Sinnathambay Nadarajah and 3. Sinnathambay Vettivelu all of Vannarponnai East.

Defendants.

In pursuance of the Commission issued to me by the District Court of Jaffna, in the above Case I shall sell the below mentioned property by public auction on Saturday the 18th January 1941 Commencing at 4 P M at the spot.

PROPERTY REFERRED TO

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V S AMPALAVANAR Commissioner Vaddukoddai 6-12-40

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