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MR. M. RUTHNASWAMY VICE-CHANCELLOR, ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY ON EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS

"Jaffna, the land of the Tamils, is a point of attraction to every visitor from South India, and it has given me great pleasure to come here and come into contact with this part of Tamil Ceylon. The Tamils of Jaffna have been compared to the Scots on account of their habit of thrift and hard work.

"It is a compliment for, as you know, the Scots have been ruling the British Empire and I hope and pray that the Tamils of Ceylon also will live up to that compliment," said Dr. M. Ruthnaswamy, M.A., (Cant.), C.I.E., K.C.G.S., Vice-Chancellor of Annamalai University who presided at the Annual Prize Distribution of St. Patrick's College, Jaffna, on Saturday 14th inst. at 6-30 p.m. Revd. Fr. B. A. John, O.M.I., Rector, read the report and Lady Ramnathan gave away the prizes. Others accommodated on the platform were: Very Revd. Fr. J. Emilianus Pillai, O.M.I., Mr. S. Natesan, M.S.C., Mrs. S. Natesan, Mr. V. K. Nathan, Education Officer N.P., and Mr. A. Ratnanather.

Professor Ruthnaswamy said that although it was a pleasure to come to Jaffna it was no pleasure to take Mr. Justice Soeritsz's place specially on account of the reason for his absence which was a son's serious illness. "You will miss his vigorous utterance on the educational problems of Ceylon and I, as a visitor, must exercise the restraint of courtesy in regard to the educational policy of your Government.

"But your educational problems are the same as of India, for there also, as in Travancore, the State aims at monopoly in education. Although I am glad to note that the abolition of the new educational policy of your Government is not so complete as that of Travancore, for I learn the denominational schools already in existence will continue to receive certain grants and aid from the Government covering at least the cost of the teachers' salaries. I cannot understand this opposition of the Governments in India or in Ceylon to the private and denominational schools.

"I cannot for a moment understand this present-day opposition to private and denominational schools by politicians after all the services that this kind of schools have rendered to the education of Ceylon. Gratitude is not the characteristic virtue of politicians. You cannot expect gratitude in politics.

"Well, at least a politician ought to know a good thing when he sees it, and denominational schools are responsible for the high standard of literacy and education achieved by Ceylon. For one thing, it is against the eastern traditional policy of governments. But there are two educational reasons why the private and denominational schools should find a place in any system of a state education, even of compulsory free primary education. Competition is necessary to educational prosperity. The state school will be kept up to the mark only if it has to compete with the private school, otherwise it will sink into routine and mediocrity.

TO KILL FREEDOM

"God knows we have suffered from the bureaucrat in general administration and to introduce bureaucratic monopoly

into education is a sure way to kill freedom and prosperity in education.

"Experiment is the life blood of education and to introduce the single state-school system and discourage the private school is to dam the course of this freedom of experiment in education.

"The second reason why I plead for the retention of the private and denominational school is that under the present circumstances that is the only way of organising religious education in our schools. Religion has ever been recognised as an integral part of the private and public life of individuals and nations. It is the surest sanction and support of private and public morality. It is a surer sanction and support of morality than any theory of utilitarianism of the principle of the greatest happiness of the greatest number as the experience of two world wars and the morality of the totalitarian regimes have proved to the hilt.

"Of course there are difficulties in the way of organising religious education in the schools in the environment of a diversity of religions that prevails in Ceylon as in India. But the Scottish Settlement of 1918 has shown how religious education for the various denominations may be provided if goodwill and statesmanship are forthcoming. This Scottish Settlement provides for the building and maintenance of schools for Catholics at public expense, for the payment of teachers in these schools who are appointed by the public authority, but with the right of veto to the appointment of any particular teacher vested in the local Catholic authority.

"What the Scots have done, what Holland and England have done, can be done in Ceylon and in India, provided, as I said, goodwill and statesmanship and not mere theories imported from the West go to the making of our educational policy.

"It is time to turn to the function of the evening to St. Patrick's, to Father Rector and the teachers and boys of this institution whom I congratulate on the high standard to which they have worked in this year as in the past. I congratulate the winners of the prizes and in passing may I say the large number of books that were available for distribution as prizes is in striking contrast to what has been our experience in India during the war years. I would console those that have not won prizes with a thought that it is not always the prize winners that do well in life for after all it is the habits of hard work, industry and application that one acquires in school and not mere prize winning that will stand you in good stead in the world.

FORMATION OF CHARACTER

"I am glad to see that at St. Patrick's special attention is paid to the formation of character, for that is the one thing necessary in education." It is men and women with a sound, steadfast, trustworthy character that the country needs and not merely clever men and women. You must specially learn habits of obedience, self-control and discipline at school for, as Aristotle said long ago, it is the citizen that has learnt to obey that can be entrusted with the right to rule.

SOVIET ARREST GREEK CATHOLIC BISHOPS EAST OF CURZON LINE

News has been received by the Congregation for Eastern Churches in Rome that the Greek Catholic Ukrainian Bishops in the Polish territories East of the Curzon Line, now annexed by Russia, have been arrested by the Soviet police and deported into the interior of Russia.

The names of the deported Bishops are: Mgr. Ivan Slipyj, who recently succeeded the late Metropolitan Szeptycki as Greek Catholic Archbishop of Lwow; Mgr. Nihita Budka, Auxiliary Bishop of Lwow; Mgr. Gregory Chomyszyn, Bishop of Stanislawow, Eastern Galicia (aged 82); Mgr. Ivan Latsowski, Auxiliary Bishop of Stanislaw; Mgr. Nicholas Czarnecki, Apostolic Visitor of the Churches of the Byzantine Rite, who had his See in Kowel, Polish Volhynia.

It will be seen from this list that all Greek Catholic Hierarchy, who were the spiritual leaders of some three or four million Ukrainian Greek Catholics in pre-war Poland have been removed from their sees, with the exception of only two who are still at liberty: the Greek Catholic Bishop of Przemyśl, Mgr. Kocyotowski, and his auxiliary, Mgr. Lakota.

This is due to the fact that following the latest partition of Poland, Przemyśl was left on the Polish side, and thus, for the time being, the Przemyśl Bishops are regarded as Polish citizens by Russia. In "Western Ukraina" not one Bishop remains.

Similar news has come from Subcarpathian Ruthenia, the Easternmost part of Czechoslovakia, which has been annexed by Russia this summer, with Dr. Benes' concurrence. The Greek Catholic Bishops of Chust and Uzhorod have been similarly arrested and deported to Russia. No news is available as to their whereabouts.

An energetic campaign is led by the Russian authorities to uproot the Greek Catholic Church and to force Greek Catholic Ukrainians into the fold of the schismatic orthodox Church.

"The Committee of Initiative for the Union of the Greek Catholic Church with the Orthodox" is formed by three apostate priests. Appealing to Molotov, the Greek Catholic clergy state that they cannot follow advice leading to apostasy. The clergy ask for release of the Archbishop and all Bishops.

SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE FAILED TO STAND UP FOR PRINCIPLES

"You must judge the San Francisco Conference by the flag which was missing from amongst the flags of the nations," said Fr. Paul Crane, S.J., speaking on San Francisco to the Catholic Youth of Birmingham. "That missing flag is the flag of a country which stood by us through thick and thin and was butchered. San Francisco must be judged against the background of martyred Poland.

"San Francisco is the culminating point of 14 years of war, war which began with the Japanese invasion of Manchuria and the first failure of right against might."

Fr. Crane took his young listeners through the history of those 14 years of dismal failure, when the pious words we did a little evil that good might come of it, and found that it did not work and that the Dictator's appetite grows on what it feeds. "For 14 years we 'appeased' until at last we stood for right and fought the Dictator in 1939. But during those years it was not the League machinery which failed; what was lacking was the will to work the machinery. During the war the Baltic States fell to Russia and then Poland was betrayed and Warsaw left to die and a government of aliens foisted on a helpless people by a Dictator.

"Of the three great Powers who really counted at San Francisco one came with a record of appeasement, fresh

"And in regard to your studies I would exhort you not to be servilely dependant on books for your knowledge but you must learn to use your ears and eyes and incessant questioning of teachers and parents as the main source of your knowledge.

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from breaking its Treaty with Poland at Yalta, and the other came with a record of empty promises, broken Treaties and dictatorship.

APPEASING THE BULLY

"It was in such circumstances that the San Francisco Conference met. What has come out of it? Plenty of good work on the non-contentious issues, such as white slave-traffic and international regulations of wages, but the old League did that quite well. But on contentious issues the position is far worse than in the old League. On the Security Council there will be five permanent representatives of the big Powers. Should any member of the new League commit an act of aggression, one of the five big Powers can, even after discussion has taken place, veto any action. It will then be illegal for any State to take action against the aggressor! The inference is obvious; any one of the three big Powers can do what it likes, and get away with it. If this is the new League, then with the evidence of recent history in front of us, the future does indeed look grim.

"The young people of to-day will be called upon to make tremendous sacrifices for truth and justice: Two ways are open to us; one is to carry on appeasing the bully (that way is wrong and will surely bring war); the other is to stand up for our principles; this will give us either peace or war, but if the latter we shall at least have fought for the truth.

"But your generation must not repeat what my generation did. We dribbled our way through the 20's and 30's and let war come. You people have the world in your hands. Government is based on the people and both are under God and it is for you to see that by your influence it stays under God."

Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee

The XXVth anniversary of the Sacerdotal Ordination of the Very Revd. Father P. T. James, O.M.I., will be celebrated by his relatives and parishioners of Naranthana at their parish church on the 27th inst.

Catechism of Social Doctrine

Q. What is St. Mary's Union, Ampitiya?

A. It is a sister organization of the Catholic Book Club, Ampitiya, Kandy, to assist Catholics in Ceylon to possess their own houses.

(Look out for further information.)

The Karayoor Marriage Provident Society Ltd., Jaffna

The Office of the above Society will be closed for New Year Holidays from 30th December 1945 to 6th January 1946.

SECRETARY.

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DECEMBER 21ST 1945

CHRISTMAS

The great Feast of Christmas is once more close at hand. By the time the next issue of this paper is out the Day of Joy will have passed and hence we wish all our subscribers to-day a Happy and Holy Christmas. And we wish them all with a special earnestness this great and notable grace:—to enter into the true meaning and spirit of Christmas so that they may try valiantly to keep the true Christian spirit of Christmas alive in a world which, alas! has almost forgotten it. The English language, at least, has embalmed the old Christian spirit of Christmas in the very name by which we call the Feast. 'Christmas' means Christ's Mass, the day of all the year which is observed as Our Lord's own Birthday when we offer up the tremendous Sacrifice in tender thanksgiving for the great Christmas Gift which Heaven of its love and mercy gave us and of which all our rejoicings, all our Christmas gifts and kindnesses towards one another are but a shadow and a remembrance. We do not want to pursue the subject further as another article on the same from a friendly correspondent which is well worth reading appears in another column.

A SACERDOTAL SILVER JUBILEE

The Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Very Revd. Fr. P. T. James, O.M.I., parish-priest, Ilavalai, fell on Wednesday of this week, he having been raised to the Sacred Priesthood on the 19th of Dec. 1920. His was the first ordination held by the late Dr. J. Brault, O.M.I., of revered memory. On this happy occasion of his priestly Jubilee we have very great pleasure in offering Father James our heartiest felicitations and join with him in his thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many graces received and for having been made the instrument of many benefits, temporal and spiritual, to others. Some days ago an account of his ante-dated jubilee

celebrations was published in this paper when all the pupils and teachers in his extensive parish mustered strong before their holidays to offer him their loving wishes and congratulations. Further celebrations are awaiting him although Father James may fight shy of these demonstrations.

The past twenty-five years of Fr. James' priestly life were divided between educational and parish work. As he was known to have been an intelligent student at College and successful in his studies his superiors appointed him soon after his ordination to be principal of St. Xavier's school at Mannar. After a few years there, he took charge of St. Joseph's school, Anuradhapura and from there he returned to St. Xavier's. From the school he became parish-priest of Mannar and Superior of that District. After he had served his term there he was transferred to Ilavalai as parish-priest and Superior of the District, which latter charge he relinquished about the early part of this year. Father James is also one of the Councillors of the Vicar of the Oblate Missions in Ceylon. He has enjoyed the confidence of his superiors the esteem of his brother-priests and the respect of the people during a fruitful period of his ministry. We wish him a hearty *ad multos annos*.

HOUSING SCHEME AT KARAYUR

The Commissioner of Local Government, Mr. E. W. Kannangara in his Report for 1944 after stating that a water supply scheme and a comprehensive scheme to clear its slum areas as Jaffna's urgent needs goes on to say that the Town Planner of the Local Government Department has submitted his plans for the completion of the Karayur Slum Clearance Scheme in one year instead of spreading it over several years. Slum clearance and housing schemes have formed important items in the post-war Development Plan's of the Board of Ministers. If priority is to be given to any one of the slum clearance and housing schemes, it should be given to that of Karayur. Agitation for this started more than half-a-century ago. The successive Government Agents in their annual reports had urged that the work should be taken in hand without delay both in the general interest of the town and that of the slum dwellers in particular. The first difficulty that faced Government and caused many years' of delay was as to how to fill up this tidal flat with moderate expenditure. This difficulty was solved by means of prison labour and the land was ready for the erection of houses in 1919. During the last twenty-six years very little has been done and at the present rate of progress it might take more than fifty years to complete the housing scheme and the Chairman fears that before that is done the reclaimed land might itself become another slum area for lack of houses. He strongly supports the submission of the Town Planner that instead of

LET'S UNDERSTAND CHRISTMAS

On the threshold of another Christmas, when once again will be rehearsed the birth in a manger of the Child destined to change the course of the human race, it may not be out of place, to pause a while and ask, what does it mean?

Ordinarily, to those blessed with the material things of this world, Christmas means, days of tiresome shopping, making of new dresses, exchange of presents, eating, drinking, parties, balls etc. For others it means, a season of religious fervour and self-introspection. And yet for a third and important section of the community—the poor and the sick—it perhaps means, a time of heart-burning that to them are denied the good cheer of X'mas.

No doubt the custom of changing gifts is rooted in the dogma, that on this Great Day, God, as evidence of His Paternal care and solicitude, gave to man the most precious gift—the Harbinger of Peace and Love, and Redeemer of the World. But the interchange of gifts etc., without love is mere eye-wash. Though we may offer the costliest present, if we do not give the simple devotion of hearts, we fail to exemplify the meaning of Christmas.

The world at large seems to have forgotten the true spirit of X'mas. After two thousand years of the first X'mas morn, we find love, and human charity, still scorned and left to shiver neglected on the threshold. Five years and more of unprecedented death, destruction and devastation, have not brought any real peace to this afflicted generation. The war to end all wars, has proved a bitter mockery. The world has been never in a more chaotic state than today. We have the sad privilege of witnessing strife and struggle between political, economic and social forces, national and international, as

never before seen. Blood is still shed in battles, in more than one country. Stark misery and starvation, stalk many a land. Life is still conditioned by hate, greed and deceit. The competitive grind of business is largely sullied by the intrusion of negative emotions. In the affairs of Governments too, hate, suspicions, exploitation of the weak, lust for power, largely control. Hate leads nations to battle and murder millions of soldiers and civilians, whose only sin is, that they happen to have been born under a different flag. Over the gloomy shadows of these destructive passions, Christmas throws once more its Message of Love and Peace to all men of good will.

Christmas is a day when at least temporarily, hates are crowded out and goodwill reigns triumphant. Industry forgets for a day its barrier of class. The manager shakes hands with the office boy, and the boss expresses cordial good wishes to his staff. In the homes reconciliations and reunions take place. In the streets, strangers smile amid the crush of city life. Cold hearts are warmed. Lonely spirits are heartened. Self-survey of lives, leads to the realization, that unhappiness, injustice and intolerance, are not always the other fellow's fault.

This is just a sample of what life should always be. The spirit of X'mas should condition the lives of individuals, governments and nations. Discords will then give way to harmony and order, selfishness to kindness, revenge and vindictiveness to forgiveness and forbearance. Social justice and rights of the poor will prevail.

May this X'mas dawn upon the world as a benediction, and may one and all find renewed courage in its message.

General Hospital, J. C. P.
Colombo, X'mas 1945.

spreading the work over several years it should be completed in one year. The housing scheme at Karayur as drawn up by the Town Planner is very fine piece of work providing, as it does, all the needs of the people. When it is fully completed it will vastly improve the town both as to its health and its general aspect. The Chairman, Mr. C. Ponnambalam, is anxious that the work should be taken up early next year as one of the post-war development schemes. He has submitted a memorandum on the subject setting forth cogent reasons why the Central Government should give an adequate grant to the local Authority to carry out this urgent work. The Urban Council, he points out, is not responsible for the slum which came into being through negligence of the officers of the Central Government and it would be quite unfair to saddle the Council with an expenditure which is altogether beyond its resources. An impartial tribunal, he says, will hold that the Karayur area is the most neglected area in the Island and earnestly pleads that the Central Government should tackle this problem without delay.

FATIMA HILL

Pandatheruppu is a beautiful village about ten miles from the Jaffna Town. It has all the requisites of a progressive village, several English and Vernacular schools, a market, a Post and Telegraph Office, a Govt. Dispensary and is the seat of the Village Committee and other establishments. Roads from five directions converge there and buses ply every hour to and from Jaffna. It has quite a unique position for Catholics as it is a centre of an unbroken ring of Catholic villages and churches. St. Anne's and St. James' at Ilavalai,

St. Cajetan's at Mariankoodal, St. Thomas's & St. Anthony's at Mathagal, Our Lady of Remedies at Sillalai, St. James' at Chankana west, St. Francis of Sales at Chankana east, the Little Flower's at Chandilipay, St. Sebastian's at Mahiapiddy, St. Joseph's at Alaveddy and St. John the Baptist's at Vilan. But the Catholic villages patches form but in a large stretch of Hindu population.

About a quarter of a mile from the market and equally distant from the two roads the one leading to the town and the other to the famous Keerimalai springs there is a raised spot, a natural landmark, that has been the subject of much unwritten history, legends and fairy tales.

Revd. Fr. H. Gesland, O.M.I., the Parish Priest of Sillalai had earnestly desired for a long time to build a shrine in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and was patiently bidding his time till God would provide him with the necessary means. He came to know of the place and finding that any amount of land could be bought at very reasonable cost decided that the opportunity for realizing his desire was definitely offered. He got permission from the Authorities concerned, appealed to his enthusiastic and ever responsive parishioners for monetary help and within a few months the entire King's Daddap Grove consisting of about five acres was bought and given the proud title of Fatima Hill.

It is a real surprise to some that the Most Blessed Virgin always should choose as her abode places that man has considered most unhallowed or unpropitious. Did she not make her appearance at the infamous Grotto of Massabielle which was avoided by the peasants of Lourdes as weird and to be avoided? Did not the Blessed One appear to Angèle de Sagazan in the dilapidated valley of Garaison where even sheep did not care to graze long? Was not the shrine built at the instigation of Melarie in La Salette, the obscure hamlet lost in the Bleak Alpine Peak of Danphire, repulsive to the most sacrificing and spirited pilgrim?

Fatima Hill began to echo, again to the vibrations of human effort and labour and in a few days' time an imposing though temporary building was erected with the meagre resources at

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the disposal of Father Gesland. On the 9th of December everything was ready for the inauguration of the new church. A grand procession was organized in which more than five thousand faithful including several Fathers and Nuns took part. The different Confraternities, Sodalitys and Legions were gorgeously represented with their rosettes, scapulars and banners. The procession started at 3 p. m. from the Silalai Church and headed by the Band wended its way along the main road by the market and cutting across St. Anthony's lane went past St. Mary's of the Rosary and reached Fatima Hill at 6 p. m. The new Church had been beautifully decorated by a few enthusiasts who had worked at it for many days. Pandatheruppu and its suburbs had never seen such a glorious demonstration with so many voices singing the praises of the ever Virgin Mother of God in the forms of Rosaries, Litanies and Hymns. Nearly five hundred girls of the Legion of Mary dressed in uniform white preceded the Statue singing selected hymns. Several dozen girls in Virgin's veils and wreaths bore the beaming Image with ease and angelic grace. More than thirty coloured Canopies formed beautiful background. There were thousands gazing and gazing at this display of love and service which left a most vivid and lasting impression. The new Church was blessed by the Parish Priest and after an instructive sermon by Rev. Fr. N. S. Nalliah, O. M. I., Solemn Benediction was given by Very Rev. Fr. Xavier O. M. I., assisted by Rev. Frs. P. T. James N. Santiago. The Ilavalai Holy Family Convent boarders with Rev. Mother Francis Xavier at the organ supplied the choir.

On the 10th morning at four o'clock the first Mass at Fatima Hill was celebrated by Rev. Fr. H. Gesland, the Parish Priest and founder of the new Church. At 7 a. m. Solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Fr. N. S. Nalliah O. M. I., assisted by Rev. Fr. Santiago and Le Borgne. An enlightening sermon on the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary brought the grand event to a happy close.

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P. M. VETHANAYAGAM,
Teacher, St. Henry's College, Ilavalai.

GREETINGS

The Sisters of the St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Colombogam wish all their Subscribers and Benefactors a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

LOCAL & GENERAL

St. Mary's Cathedral.—The Very Rev. Fr. Administrator will preside at the Christmas Midnight Solemn High Mass on Monday the 24th instant. The faithful who wish to communicate at the Midnight Mass are hereby informed that they should abstain from taking any food or drink from 10 o'clock on Monday night.

A Meeting of the Parishoners of St. Mary's Cathedral Jaffna will be held on Sunday the 23rd inst. at 6 p. m. after the Benediction of the Most B. Sacrament in St. Charles School Hall to reorganise the Parish Council and to elect Office-bearers for the year 1946.

THE PARISH PRIEST.

Atchuvally Catholic Social Service League.—A meeting was held on the 8th December 1945 at the St. Joseph's Vernacular School Hall to inaugurate the movement of Rural De-

velopment in the village under the auspices of the Catholic Social Service League. Mr. A. Gardiner, the President of the League presided.

Mr. A. Gardiner, one of the prime movers of the scheme, in his address dealt at length on the deplorable state of affairs that existed in the village and to remedy them and he said, he was appointing an officer whose chief duty will be to develop the village and to attend to their needs. He also exhorted them to co-operate with the officer.

Rev. Fr. G. T. Balasundram, O.M.I., the Parish Priest of Atchuvally, spoke of the important requisites for the development of the village and urged them to eschew personal prejudices and pettiness and to co-operate in the movement to raise their standard of life.

Mr. S. Thambinattu, the Chairman of the Village Committee, assured the League of the fullest measure of co-operation from the Village Committee and urged the villagers to take full advantage of the facilities that are being provided for them by the Village Committee.

Mr. S. Ratnanather and Mr. S. Cryostom also spoke.

Tamil Leader back.—Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, President of the All Ceylon Tamil Congress, returned to the island on the 20th and was greeted at the passenger jetty by a large number of friends and members of the Tamil community.

He was profusely garlanded and after exchanging a few words with some of those assembled Mr. Ponnambalam left by car for his residence.

Revenue Record Last Year.—An excess of revenue over expenditure amounting to Rs. 50½ million in the financial year 1944—45, i. e., from October, 1944, to September, 1945 was announced by the Treasury.

The total revenue for this period of twelve months was Rs. 299,490,569, which is the highest annual revenue that has so far appeared in the accounts of the Island. The expenditure was Rs. 243,910,612.

Urgent Appeal for Rice.—The grave situation that has arisen with regard to Ceylon's rice supplies was considered at a meeting of the Board of Ministers last Monday morning and it was decided that Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, the Financial Secretary, should proceed to London at once to place Ceylon's case again before His Majesty's Government.

Travancore Catholic Managers' Association.—The preliminary meeting of the above Association was held at Kottayam, on Dec. 1st. Forty-five representatives of the Managers of the Catholic Schools of all the Dioceses of Travancore were present; and the Bishop of Kottayam presided.

The meeting first of all discussed the draft rules of the Association and passed them. The office-bearers of the Association were then elected.

Present-day educational problems in Travancore were then discussed and resolutions passed thereon. The working committee was empowered to draft certain schemes relative to the well-being of schools and teachers.

Catholic Education in U. S.—A protest to the U. S. Government against its failure to include a representative of Catholic education among its delegates or advisers to the London conference to consider the creation of an Educational and Cultural Organisation of the United Nations has been made by the Bishops' Administrative Board of N. C. W. C.

The protest pointed out that there are more than 2,500,000 youths in Catholic educational institutions in the U. S., and said: "The omission to include a Catholic representative at the London conference implies that this large section of private education has no place, or at least no importance, so far as Government circles are concerned, in American democratic life."

Al Smith Memorial.—On Oct. 4th, first anniversary of his death, the first 150,000 dollars of a 3,000,000 dollar national fund for a memorial hospital to perpetuate the memory of Al Smith were realized through a subscription dinner of 1,500 of his former friends at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Archbishop Spellman, who was present, said: "No one American in our time was ever more beloved than Alfred Emmanuel Smith."

N'Eliya Catholics' Protest Meeting

On Sunday the 18th instant at St. Xavier's College Hall, Nuwara Eliya a mass meeting of the Catholics of the Town and District of Nuwara Eliya was held presided over by Dr. M. J. A. Sandrasagra D. M. A., President of the Catholic Association. The Chairman in his address said that they were gathered in such large number to support the Meeting of the Catholics of the Island held at Colombo Town Hall on the 21st of October last under the auspices of The Ceylon Catholic Union condemning the resolutions passed in the State Council on the question of education.

He then called upon Mr. Victor Tambinayagam, J. P., U. M., to propose the resolutions against his name. Mr. Tambinayagam in doing so stated that the Catholic Religion was a teaching body and its founder Our Lord Jesus Christ was the greatest teacher of mankind. He had commissioned his Apostles to go and teach the whole world and in doing so both the founder Himself and all the Apostles gave up their lives. We in our days should follow their example and suffer persecution if necessary to teach our Religion in our Schools. No Government has a right to pass Laws against the natural Law. And if they dare pass such Laws we have a right to disobey them. The Parent has a natural right to choose the School for his children and the Government cannot interfere with that right. The great Archbishop Bonjean fought for the rights that we now enjoy. God has permitted this question to be raised in Travancore in India and in Ceylon. We by the fight we put forward should show an example to the rest of the World so that they may follow our example and fight for their rights in their turn.

Mr. J. A. Lane, General Merchant, Nuwara Eliya supported the resolution in Tamil and Mr. M. L. E. Paris, Head Master of Boys School, Nuwara Eliya, in inhalese. The former stated that as God was with us Victory cannot fail us yet we must fight unitedly. The Minister of Education got the resolutions passed in the State Council for the sole object of destroying Catholic Schools and was doing what the Dutch Protestants tried to do when they governed the Island over century ago now at the time we were getting Dominion Status such persecution we did not have during the British rule. Mr. Paris said that because of the excellent moral education given in Catholic Schools non-Catholics preferred to send their children to our Schools and the closing down of our Schools will be as much a loss to us as to them. Non-Catholic children are not taught Catholic Religion and the resolution passed by the State Council that all Religions should be taught in every School will lead to agnosticism and is quite foolish.

The learned President then summed up the various speeches made and called upon the Parish Priest, Revd. Fr. D. Barsenback, O. S. B., to address the meeting. The Meeting came to a close with a vote of thanks to the chair proposed by Mr. K. P. Joseph, B. A., Head Master, St. Xavier's College and seconded by Mr. J. A. Lane.

CORRESPONDENCE

Atomic Bomb

Dear Fr. Editor,—In the article on the Atomic bomb printed in the last issue of the "Guardian", one aspect of the matter seems to have been overlooked. It is well-known that Germany and Japan were working on atomic energy with a view to its use in war.

In fact, the Holy Father himself, in a prophetic speech some two years ago, foreshadowed to use of this discovery in warfare.

If the war had continued for another year—which it might well have done had not the Allies used to atomic bomb—it is quite on the cards that the enemy would have perfected this new discovery and certainly would have had no scruple in using it. It was a question of a race with time as to who should perfect it first.

Knowing this, were not the Allies justified in self-defence, in using it first?

I merely raise the question because, judging from articles and letters by Catholic theologians in English and American Catholic papers, it is not so easy to dispose of the atomic bomb from an ethical view point as the article appearing in your paper would seem to imply.

Yours etc.,
A. R. BROWN.

OBITUARY

MR. J. A. JOSEPH

Mr. James Aseervatham Joseph, Retired F. M. S. Pensioner of Jaffna Town peacefully passed away to his eternal reward fortified by the rites of the Holy Church on the morning of the 11th inst. at 10 a. m. surrounded by his wife, son, daughters and grand children.

The deceased was 67 years of age at the time of his death. He was in perfect health till Friday last, when all of a sudden the deceased took ill and was removed to Jaffna Civil Hospital. As his condition grew worse he was brought home to 48, 3rd Cross Street and Dr. Subramaniam attended on him. In spite of best medical aid rendered by able doctors God's will was done.

He was an exemplary Catholic and led a most simple, unostentatious and pure life. He was of charitable disposition being always kind and generous to the poor and the afflicted. His devotion to St. Antony and Our Lady of Madhu was amply rewarded by the Rev. Fr. E. Forzy O.M.I. being present at the hour of his last death.

He is a brother-in-law of the late Mr. Jos. I. Gnanamuttu M. S. C.

His funeral took place on Wednesday evening attended by a large gathering of kins-folk and friends. Rev. Fr. E. Forzy, O. M. I., officiated at the house and the funeral wended its way led by the members of the Confraternity of Boni Mortes and Sacred Heart with their respective banners. Rev. Frs. Forzy, B. A. John, Vice-Rector and Charles Navaratnam attended service at the Cathedral. The last blessing was pronounced by Fr. Forzy after which the coffin was lowered when those around feelingly rendered the hymn "God of Mercy and Compassion."

The chief mourners are Agnes Joseph (wife) Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Santiago, Christie Joseph, Mrs. A. Gnanapragasam, Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Santiago, Miss. Ruby Joseph, (daughters son and sons-in-law) J. T. Johnpillai, (brother) Mrs. Joachim (sister) and Messrs. J. C. and J. E. Segarajasinghe (nephews.) R.I.P.

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Mr. Ruthnaswamy on Educational Problems

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"And finally speaking in this Tamil country, may I plead for a special and important place being found in your courses and schemes of study for Tamil language and literature, for no man can be said to be educated who is not able to read the classics of his mother tongue. To give this important place to Tamil it is not necessary to dethrone English from the predominant position it has so far occupied in the educational system of Ceylon for after all the rational attitude of English is to look upon it as an instrument of efficient expression. English has the decisive argument in its favour, that for nearly a hundred years it has been the medium of instruction in Ceylon. All the advantage that has accrued by the hereditary cultivation of English is to be thrown away at the clamour of this new sentimental emotionalism that has come to hate English as the language of the foreign ruler. A dethronement of English is not necessary for the cultivation of the mother tongue, as the history of modern Bengali literature has proved. That great literature sprang up in an environment where English was widely cultivated. For the prosperity of the Tamil language and literature this displacement of English from its present position is not at all necessary.

"I will conclude by wishing St. Patrick's all success and prosperity in the future in keeping with the tradition of the past."

The proceedings of the evening came to a close with a Variety Entertainment staged by the Senior students of the College.

Editor of U.S. "Daily Worker" Reconciled

Mr. Louis Budenz, managing editor of New York's "Daily Worker," has been reconciled to the Church and has resigned his editorship.

Received into the Church at the same time were his wife, a convert from Unitarianism, and three daughters.

All received instruction from Mgr. Fulton Sheen, the famous radio preacher.

Nine years ago Mr. Budenz published a long article in the "Daily Worker" attacking Mgr. Sheen and the Catholic attitude towards Communism.

In reply Mgr. Sheen, who is well known in England and Scotland, published a booklet entitled "Communism Answers Questions of a Communist," in which he said: "The more I read about Communism the more I am convinced that its greatest propagandists know practically nothing concerning it. That is why I believe many Communists are in good faith, and here I include you, Mr. Budenz."

Later, at a dinner, Mgr. Sheen urged Mr. Budenz to return to Faith.

Years passed during which there was no correspondence, until some time ago, when Mr. Budenz contacted Mgr. Sheen and with his family began to receive instruction.

In a statement Mr. Budenz talks of the joy of returning and declares that the day he and his family received Holy Communion from Mgr. Sheen was the "most blessed in our lives."

"Throughout the ages, as again today," says Mr. Budenz, "the Catholic Church holds out to every mankind the good that comes from a restraint upon the extremes in each period to which humanity is prone, as Cardinal Newman has shown so beautifully.

"Communism is irrevocably set upon the ending of religion and cultivates a ruthlessness and lust for power which is at warfare with moral principles.

"It tends to substitute abuse for thought, bureaucracy and chicanery for democratic procedure.

"The average Communist, as a result—no matter how much his desire for integrity—tends to become a puppet."

Mr. Budenz has been appointed an assistant professor at Notre Dame University.

The Place of Trade Unions in Society

The Trade Union delegates will do well to note the speech of the General Secretary of the All-India National Congress, Mr. J. B. Kripalani, on September 4th, as quoted in the "Manchester Guardian" from Reuter:—

"A Briton, whether he is a Conservative, a Socialist or a Communist, is reactionary and imperialist. Today democracy in England is consistent with autocracy in India, and tomorrow Communism in England may also be consistent with imperialism abroad."

British Trade Unionists have not at all woken up to their real position in the world, which is as a privileged portion of a great capitalist structure. The main criticism of capitalism is that it breeds and maintains great economic inequality. The main defence of it is that it is much the most powerful way of creating wealth that men have yet devised, and wealth created in a setting of political and social freedom such as no directed economy can offer. When Labour Ministers today admire their schemes for industry, we hope the Trade Unions will be jealous of their independence, and not acquiesce, through talk of partnership, in being made subordinate instruments of the managerial and bureaucratic State and ending as the kind of bodies they would never recognize in Mussolini's Italy as proper Trade Unions because, in the tripartite structure of industry there, the State was like Napoleon and employers and workers were like the Second and Third Consuls.—*Tablet*.

Owning Up

"A man should never be ashamed to acknowledge a mistake. It only means that he is wiser to-day than he was yesterday." So observed in court a certain Judge.

The good sense of the remark is evident. "To err is human." No ordinary mortal is infallible. The only object a man can have is posing as one who is never in the wrong is to create a blind confidence in his unvarying reliability. But since no one can really believe him to be always right, the pose ends by defeating its own object, and he is marked out as untrustworthy. There is only one Being who can be trusted without limit because he alone is Infinite Truth and incapable, owing to his holiness, of misleading us. In the case of our fellow creatures we rely on them in proportion as experience has shown them to be trustworthy, both in point of knowledge and of truthfulness. For Catholics, however, there is one apparent exception, because the infallibility of as a body, and of its Visible Head without indebtedness to that body, derives from the Infallibility of God communicated to the church within the limited sphere of teaching, according to Christ's promise to it of the perpetual assistance of "the spirit of Truth." Hence the exception is merely apparent not real.

"If it is human to err it is also reasonably human to 'own up' to error when incurred. Yet it is not to our fellowmen alone, nor primarily, that our acknowledgement of errors is due, but first and foremost to God, especially as we have sinned against Him. Both acknowledgements are closely connected. The man who will not humble himself before his fellow-men by owning to his mistakes is not likely to do as he ought before God. It is probably true to say in general that we shall behave towards God more or less as we behave towards our neighbours. This certainly is true in the matter of charity. "He that loveth not his brother whom he seeth, how can he love God whom he seeth not? Similarly is we are constantly deceiving others by studied false appearances it is not likely that we shall be honest in searching our consciences in the sight of God.

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Jurisdiction }
Selvanayagam Vincent Pax Bastiampillai of Chundiculy, Jaffna.

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Theresammah widow of Manuelpillai Bastiampillai
2. Thomas Perinpanayagam Bastiampillai
3. Mary Bridget Rosamalar Bastiampillai
4. Regina Lilymalar Bastiampillai &
5. Manuelpillai Joseph all of Chundiculy, Jaffna

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 10th day of December 1945 in the presence of Mr. W. B. Canagaratna Proctor on the part of the Petitioner abovenamed; and the affidavit of the said Petitioner dated 8th December 1945, having read:

It is ordered that the 5th Respondent abovenamed be and he is hereby declared appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 3rd and 4th Respondents abovenamed and the Petitioner abovenamed do hereby declared entitled, as the heir of the deceased to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to him accordingly, unless the Respondents abovenamed or any person or persons interested shall on or before the 16th day of January 1946 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

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