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H. E. THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE'S ADDRESS AT THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, TRICHINOPOLY

As to the report we have just heard, of Rev. Fr. Carty, about the South India Catholic University Federation it is an apodictic proof of the Catholic dynamism prevailing in and radiating from St. Joseph's College, in respect of its own present and past Catholic pupils and those of other Colleges in South India.

This meeting I consider as a special homage to that dynamism, on this last and most solemn day of the College's Centenary Celebrations. It has been reserved for the Catholic Former Pioniers, to be presided over by the Holy Father's Representative in India, no doubt because the outstanding and overall significance and purpose of these festivities is to honour the principles and achievements of Catholic Education, as exemplified in St. Joseph's College and to emphasise the importance we attach to the role of education in mankind's onward struggle towards its God-appointed goal. This is the "raison d'être" of functions and addresses and speeches and pronouncements during these three unforgettable days and it should especially be the dominating impression left by this meeting of Catholic Old Boys of St. Joseph's. While the College is no doubt proud of all its present and former pupils, in this its centennial triumph because their number as well as their quality has contributed

so much to its growth and prosperity, the Catholic students are particularly dear to their *Alma Mater*, because they are the primary object of her solicitude and care, and they eminently constitute her joy and crown and glory.

St. Joseph's College, like all Catholic Educational Institutions in India, exists "primarily for the formation of our Catholic Youths" as the Bishops' Educational Conference at Mylapore declared in 1931 (Report, p. 17), or as the more recent Metropolitan's Conference at Madras expressed it "the primary end of Catholic schools and Colleges is to give a Catholic Education to Catholic children." Here the services rendered Catholic students past and present, constitute a particular reason for and justification of these centennial celebrations.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ST. JOSEPH'S

It would be impossible to give an exact assessment of St. Joseph's credit in the Catholic Educational Field, because the advantage and far-reaching effects of a Christian Education go far beyond ascertainable limits. But all will agree that a valid index of that credit is the number of Catholic Graduates and of ecclesiastical vocations in the rank of St. Joseph's Old Boys. From reliable statistics I gather that

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PROTESTANT TRIBUTE TO THE POPE

The Pope's Christmas broadcast marks another stage towards the goal of collective security, for it places the whole influence and the authority of the Catholic Church behind the movement that aims at abolishing war. Unlike the national and sectional Churches, the Catholic Church is world-wide, and its voice reaches all nations.

"In any future world settlement" said His Holiness, "an organisation must exist for the maintenance of peace, an organisation invested by common consent with supreme authority.... to strife at their origin all threats of aggression." That can be done only by consecrating force through making it the weapon of law. For the only way to overcome predatory force is to provide law with superior force. An international force to preserve peace is the only way to peace.

In the darkest days of the war Ribbentrop went to Rome seeking to embroil Mussolini in the Nazi net, and succeeded therein beyond his dreams. Before returning home he sought an interview with the Pope, for Hitler sought also the support of the Vatican. When all human rights are being immolated on the altar of naked force, it no doubt seemed intolerable that there in Rome there should be an Authority free to judge and to speak; to whom millions reverently listened. So Rib-

bentrop was ordered to exercise his wiles on His Holiness.

The reply was however, discouraging. The Vatican would not allow the swastika to be displayed in its territory. If the German envoy cared to strip the swastika off the uniforms and they did not show that flag on their cars, the Pope would grant an interview. Thus it came that, shorn of their pagan emblems, the German Foreign Secretary and his entourage arrived at the Vatican. Always after such a function the visitors are photographed with the Papal Chamberlain and Secretary. This time the party was photographed on leaving, but no Papal Chamberlain or official was in the group. There they were, isolated, without the support even of one swastika.

I was told in Jerusalem, where I read of that humbling of Ribbentrop, that when he asked the Pope for a new treaty he was firmly told that there was a treaty already and that Hitler had broken it. All that was needed was the honouring of the treaty already existing. Whether that be so or not, as I read there in Jerusalem how Ribbentrop's swastika was stripped off by the Pope I saw the dawn of the coming day when over all Europe the crooked cross would be trampled under foot for in all ages the Church has been an anvil which has broken many hammers. It took more than five years to do, but there will be no resurrection for the swastika.

FATHER LE GOC

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE NEW AGE IN CEYLON

BY J. P. DE FONSEKA IN THE "DAILY NEWS"

With the passing of Father Le Gog under circumstances of tragic calamity and shocking suddenness Ceylon loses one of the most illustrious and spectacular figures of her modern history.

Looking back on it all it is impossible to think of his dynamic energy gradually diminishing and dwindling to a quiet stoppage. Rather it is characteristic of this energiser of the intellect of Ceylon, this man of a hundred parts and of varied and multiform interests, all directed to the full realization of life that he met his end while on a journey, while he was in the midst of life and on his way to fulfil some part of his active daily programme.

The last occasion he appeared before the public was within less than twenty hours of his death. On a cricket field crowded with the youth of two colleges and their well-wishers, friends and familiars this great educator of Ceylon's young manhood gave away the prizes for prowess and proficiency in the game and expressed his mind again on the harmonious development of mind and body and stressed the importance of this double culture towards the achievement of an ideal of devoted citizenship and perfect patriotism.

Those who listened to him on this occasion would find it hard to believe that those were to be his last words of the innumerable words of direction and counsel which he spoke with such enduring effect to the manhood of Ceylon. As his last words they will now be doubly memorable words.

In the thirty-one years that Father Le Goc spent in this country of his adoption he was early enough a leading exponent of education and his name early enough a household word in the land. Like so many sons of the French soil and like so many members of his religious profession he was soon enough one in heart and mind with this country's peoples and vowed and consecrated to their service for the rest of his mortal days. He also served this purpose, fulfilling it to the last item of burying his bones among a people and in a land he loved so prodigally.

In his sixty-fourth year Father Le Goc was still the possessor of vast unexpended powers of mind. He appeared good for many more years of fruitful labour. In his retirement from the direction of the college which he served for twenty six years and administered for twenty-one he discovered a new talent in his wide repertoire and became familiar to the public of Ceylon as a popular broadcaster, his voice being heard by appreciative audiences in the epilogues and other delectable features of the Colombo Station. In these deliveries his voice carried him to where his earlier renown had not reached.

Many cultures met and were harmonised in him. Travel had broadened his mind. The academicals of France, Italy, England had nourished his intellect making it rich and potent for a liberal giving of its yield for the benefit of his fellowmen.

In Ceylon he was on all the councils of education and was a shaper and inspirer of policy and a moulder and fashioner of the ideals of this day. He taught whole generations of youngsters; taught also teachers; was a lecturer to medical students, university students, technological students. He was one of the founders of the University Scheme in Ceylon.

He was a pioneer in the natural sciences and gave a fillip to studies in botany and zoology which, after him, became a part of the curriculum of every school. He was a pioneer also of technical training and a father and propagator of the agricultural bias in education. He was first in these fields,

He lectured to miscellaneous audiences throughout the length and breadth of the country; he wrote articles, books, letters to the press, reports; he preached in all the greater places of worship in the Island; he was member, committee member, chairman, president or patron of associations and societies no end.

In Father Martindale's book, "The African Angelus" there are succinct paragraphs of admiration and marvel at the freshness and volume of what may be called the Le Gocian energy, its inexhaustibility matched only by its fortunate possessor's originality, enterpriseness and catholicity. This is how one of the many visitors to Ceylon who saw it in action marvelled and rendered praise.

There was nothing too small or modest to engage the attention of a LeGoc. He was absorbed in the production of a healthy grass and exerted on it with as much seriousness as on the abstruser subject presented for his opinion by the Government. The manufacture of a new pack-thread to supply the shortage as at present or the production of a home-grown cereal engaged his attention as keenly as any philosophical or theological problem.

He enthused as heartily of regional maps of Ceylon, sun-dials, study of the heavens with a planisphere of his own device as on the idea of a University or on the exposition of the whole duty of man to his king, country and God.

All the major things he effected grandly, planning his buildings magnificently, setting new creations upon sites chosen with wonderful felicity and prophetic vision. When Professor Geddes came to plan Colombo, Father LeGoc presided for him and outlined a Colombo of his dreams.

He served our generation nobly and wholeheartedly and for the good of all without distinction of particulars.

But more than all the fruit of his vast and productive mind was his noble character, his geniality and friendship for all men, his winsome word and urbane and engaging smile, his courtesy and chivalry, and crowning and beautifying all these his holiness and other worldliness loving all men and things in spirit and in truth.

Church Calendar

MARCH 1945

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SAT. ...24 S. Gabriel Arch.
SUN. ...25 PALMS.
MON. ...26 S. Thelma.
TUES. ...27 S. John Damas.
WED. ...28 S. John Cap.
THURS. ...29 H. THURSDAY.
FRI. ...30 GOOD FRIDAY

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HOLY WEEK

In a couple of days we shall enter upon Holy Week for which the previous days of Lent have been a preparation. Calvary is the culmination of this season of penance and gives an intelligible meaning to it. But Calvary itself is a mystery. God could have redeemed mankind without the sufferings of His Incarnate Son. A mere fiat of His mercy would have been a sufficient expiation of all the sins of the world. And yet He willed that His beloved Son in the human nature He took upon Himself, should undergo frightful sufferings. The mere mental vision of them was enough to cause His agony and the sweat of blood. Why? The Wiseman answers, "Who among men is he who can know the counsel of God or who can think what the will of God is? But hardly do we guess aright at things that are upon earth. But the things that are in heaven who shall search out." Hence all that for which Calvary stands will remain a mystery. We can never fully understand the wherefore of it. And yet, without Calvary how can we come to know and realize the Justice of God, His Holiness, His hatred of sin and His love for man. If, then, we would conform to the Will of God as we partially see it, we must have the sufferings which God Incarnate endured for the sins of men before our eyes. Our Lord Himself asked that He might be remembered in His sufferings. While His enemies were plotting "to cut Him off from the land of the living and to have His name remembered no more," He institutes the Blessed Sacrament to be a perpetual memorial of His Passion and Death. "Do this," says He to His Apostles "in commemoration of Me." In order to comply with His desire, from Palm Sunday onwards Catholic Liturgy unfolds to us the last phases of the mystery of Redemption. We are urged to journey in spirit to Jerusalem where to witness with compassion His agony in the garden as He bears the weight of all our sins; we shall see Him betrayed by a traitor's hand to the fury of His enemies. We follow Him to the Court of Pilate and see Him condemned to a shameful death and we shall tread with Him the way of the Cross and ascend Calvary and there see Him nailed to the Cross and listen to His last cry as gives up His soul. In following our Saviour step by step during the coming week let us seek to realise the awfulness of His sufferings, the extent of His love and the Justice of God.

FATHER M. J. LE GOC

It is with profound sorrow that we record the widely lamented death of the Very Revd. Father M. J. LeGoc O. M. I., Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Colombo. The details of his sudden and tragic end are given elsewhere in this issue. Here we set down a few words to express the stunning sense of loss both the Church and the country have sustained by his passing. The Press was quick to interpret the general feeling of deep regret among all classes of the people. The immense gathering of those that came to pay their last respects at his funeral, without distinction of class or creed, testify to the great regard and respect in which he was held. True it is that Father Le Goc had given of his best to the country of his adoption during the last thirty years of his unstinted service. He was sixty-four when he died. On a long span of life he could not count. Even so, a few more years of life of one, whose high attainments had been enriched with a large and varied experience, the country cannot afford to lose without a pang of regret. Furthermore, Father Le Goc had so closely identified himself with the various activities in this Island and made himself one with the people that an effort has to be made to think that he is no more with us. Pre-eminently an educationist his advice was sought by Government in every important change in this field. Many educationists there are but not many teachers. Fr. Le Goc was both. He trained the minds of the young and moulded their character. He inculcated upon them loyalty to high ideals and they have been loyal to him to the end. In mourning him we are mourning one who, when every allowance has been made for the defects of his qualities—for, have not all human qualities their defects?—must be declared a great and good priest, a glory to the clergy in Ceylon. But we are not attempting an appreciation of him. That has already been done by others who knew him more intimately. One such tribute beautifully phrased is reproduced on our front page; another appeared in the "Times of Ceylon" from an Anglican Canon very touching and personal. We met Father Le Goc a number of times and were charmed by his cordiality, kindness and affability. He always was an interesting speaker and talker. Great scholar and scientist, as he was, there was not the least trace of affectation in him. As a man of science his natural bent was to independence of thought and judgment. To such a temperament obedience to meticulous rules and regulations cannot but present peculiar difficulties. But Father Le Goc was as obedient and deferential to his superiors as any humble religious. Had he had a little time at that supreme moment, his last wish would have been for our prayers for his soul. Let eternal rest be given to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Not to the point: "A Hindu" writes in the "Hindu Organ" with an assurance of having scored a victory over the Arch Bishop of Colombo. But he has absolutely missed the point. Catholic Church unlike Hinduism or Buddhism is an organised society with definite rules for her members to observe in order to obtain the benefit of membership. No one is compelled to belong to the church but if one wants to do so one must observe her laws or clear out and it is the duty of the Authority in the church to see that her laws are kept by her members. There is no such thing in Hinduism or Buddhism and therefore the comparison has no sense. Further, the hundreds of educated, intelligent non-Catholic parents who send their children to our schools is a positive refutation of "a Hindu's letter".

H. E. the Apostolic Delegate's Address

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nearly 1,900 Catholic Graduates have been promoted from this College, while over 900 of its former pupils have joined the clergy since 1845. If by its fruits we judge the tree, St. Joseph's has indeed fulfilled worthily its finality as a Catholic School and College, especially if we reflect that fruits are also seeds, and that the formation received here by Catholic Young Men causes them in return to spread and radiate self-propagating Catholic Influence in the land.

Concomitantly the institution also deserves well of the general public, since students of all communities avail themselves in such great numbers of its educational facilities and benefit not only by the prevailing general efficiency, but also by the atmosphere and environment proper to the School. Atmosphere and environment. These are indeed key expressions in dealing with education, although they have a more or less comprehensive meaning according to the different kinds of Catholic Schools and the special circumstances in which they have to function.

CATHOLIC ATMOSPHERE

What the fullest meaning is has been authoritatively explained by the Holy See. "It is necessary" said Pope Leo XIII, "that every subject taught be permeated with Christian piety. If this sacred atmosphere does not pervade and warm the hearts of masters and scholars alike, little good can be expected of any kind of learning, and considerable harm will often be the consequence" (ENCYC. *Milantis Ecclesiae*) Pope Pius XI, speaking of "all those conditions which surround the child during the period of his formation in other words the combination of circumstances which we call environment," insists "that all the teaching and the whole organisation of the school, and its teachers, syllabus and text books in every brancy be regulated by the Christian spirit, so that Religion may be in very truth the foundation and crown of the youth's entire training in very grade of school" (ENCYC. *Divini Illius*).

Briefly Catholic atmosphere and environment in the fullest sense mean a prevalent Catholic mentality outlook and approach, even and above all in the class-room. But when the student body is largely non-Catholic with teaching and text books governed by Universities requirements abstracting from religious beliefs or differences, the Catholic atmosphere in the common class room cannot but become more rarefied and its influence limited to general principles of Religion and moral law, while in such circumstances a more intense religious formation is provided for the Catholic students separately the general spirit and tone of the institution should remain eminently beneficial to all students who should be taught to value ideal standards of life and the highest principles of conduct.

HOLY WEEK

Hours of Divine Service at the Cathedral

March 25, PALM SUNDAY

6-15 a.m. Low Mass.
8-00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms, Procession and Mass by His Lordship the Bishop.
1-15 a.m. Low Mass.
5-00 p.m. Way of the Cross, Rosary and Benediction.

March 29, MAUNDY THURSDAY

6-00 a.m. Low Mass and General Holy Communion.
8-00 a.m. Pontifical High Mass, Solemn Blessing of the Holy Oils and Procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament to Altar of Repose.

(The Revd. Fathers of the town are requested to be present for the Blessing of the Holy Oils).

6-00 p.m. Mandatum or washing of the feet of twelve poor men.

7-30 p.m. Sabat Mater.

11-12 p.m. Holy Hour (Tamil).

12 p.m.—1 a.m. " (Sinhalese).

March 30, GOOD FRIDAY

7-30 a.m. Veneration of the Holy Cross. Mass of the Presanctified Host. His Lordship the Bishop will officiate.

8-30 a.m. Way of the Cross.

6-00—9-00 p.m. Carrying of the Cross. Crucifixion scenes shown.

March 31, HOLY SATURDAY

7-00 a.m. Blessing of the Fire, Paschal Candle, Baptismal Font and Solemn High Mass by His Lordship the Bishop.

April 1, EASTER SUNDAY

6-15 a.m. Low Mass.

8-00 a.m. Pontifical High Mass.

9-15 a.m. Low Mass.

5-00 p.m. Pontifical Vespers, Sermon and Benediction.

At Our Lady of Refuge and at St. James'

PALM SUNDAY

6-30 a.m. Low Mass.

8-00 " Blessing of the Palms, Procession and Mass.

5-30 p.m. Station of the Cross, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

5-30 a.m. High Mass, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose.

8-00 p.m. Sabat Mater.

11-12 " Holy Hour.

GOOD FRIDAY

7-30 a.m. Veneration of the Holy Cross, Mass of the Pre-sanctified.

HOLY SUNDAY

7-00 a.m. Blessing of the Fire, Paschal Candle, Holy Water followed by High Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY

6-30 a.m. Low Mass.

8-15 a.m. High Mass.

5-30 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Death and Funeral of Fr. Le Goc

The death of the Very Revd. Fr. M. J. Le Goc, O. M. I., Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Colombo occurred in tragic circumstances on the 18th afternoon when the car in which he was travelling from Archbishop's Palace to St. Bridget's Convent to conduct a Benediction Service, came into collision with an Auxiliary Fire Service Truck coming from the direction of Slave Island.

Fr. Le Goc was 64 years old.

The accident took place at the Ward Place-Kynsey Road Junction, and the force of the impact was such that Fr. Le Goc was flung out of his car and fell heavily on to the pavement receiving severe injuries to his head. Death was almost instantaneous. First aid was rendered by some of the Sisters of the General Hospital and some Service women who were near the spot. Dr. N. Attygalle and Dr. P. R. Thiagarajah also arrived on the scene and rendered assistance.

FUNERAL

A vast concourse of mourners, gathered last Sunday evening to pay their last respects to the Very Revd. Fr. M. J. Le Goc, O. M. I.

His Excellency the Governor was represented by Mr. C. H. Collins, Deputy Chief Secretary, while the French Go-

vernment (of which Fr. Le Goc was a Knight) was also represented. A wreath was also laid on behalf of the Governor.

The body of Fr. Le Goc lay in state at the Archbishop's House and large numbers of mourners filled past the bier throughout Saturday and Sunday.

At 3-30 p. m. on Sunday it was removed to St. Joseph's College Chapel, the building of which was planned and completed by Fr. Le Goc himself. The first part of the funeral service was conducted at the Chapel by the Rt. Rev. Dr. J. A. Guyomar, Bishop of Jaffna, with the Rt. Revd. Dr. Edmund Peiris, Bishop of Chilaw, Mgr. Hugo Fernando and the Very Revd. Fr. D. J. Anthony, who was Vice-Rector of St. Joseph's during Fr. Le Goc's regime.

The Very Revd. Fr. Peter Pillai, Rector of St. Joseph's who preached the sermon, referred to the great achievements of Fr. Le Goc in the field of education and science, and in defence of the Church. Fr. Pillai added: "We mourn the loss of one whom we have admired above all, whom so many have loved, and who has been the glory of the Church in Ceylon for so long a period. The circumstances surrounding his departure have added to the anguish and the pain that has filled all our hearts. But our faith tells us that this is a day of glory for our beloved Father in Christ. He has passed from this miserable world of ours to an eternity. One kind of life is over and another kind of life is beginning."

NAVAL GUARD-OF-HONOUR

After the service at the Chapel, the cortege left for the General Cemetery, with hundreds of students carrying wreaths, flags and banners. On either side of the hearse walked a naval guard-of-honour.

The coffin was carried from the Chapel to the College gates by the boys and staff of St. Joseph's and from Kynsey Road to the cemetery gates by representatives of the Roman Catholic Diocesan Union carried the coffin from the cemetery gates to the grave.

On arrival of the coffin at the Roman Catholic Section the following took up their positions as pall-bearers:

Sir Wilfred de Soysa, Sir Gerard Wijeyekoon, Mr Justice Jayetileke, Mr.

J. H. B. Nihil, Dr. Ian Sandeman (representing the Minister of Education) Dr. V. R. Schockman, Professor A. Kandiah, and Dr. S. F. Chellappah.

The Governor's representative walked immediately behind the coffin.

The concluding part of the funeral service was conducted by the Bishop of Chilaw, while the Bishop of Jaffna and a large number of priests were also in attendance. The gathering included representatives of numerous institutions and organisations.

Passion Friday at Ilavalay

Today is ஆறுத்திழை at Ilavalai. Perhaps to some, the phrase conveys no meaning. But to the Catholic population of Ilavalai and its neighbouring villages, the words are quite significant. Taken in its literal sense, the phrase means the "Sixth Week"; but it actually stands for the Sixth Friday in Lent, which is also the Friday in Passion Week. Thus, the popular coinage ஆறுத்திழை, is rather imperfect, but tradition has it so.

On this day, the Holy Mother the Church commemorates the Seven Dolours of Our Lady. And the Church at Ilavalai has been a famous centre for the Devotion to Our Lady of Dolours for nearly a century. In fact, the church is popularly known as the *Kallarai-Matavin-Kovil*, though her titular feast is St. Anne. Another source of attraction for the pilgrims is the famous statue of the crucifixion placed in a wooden sepulchre that had been in this church from the time of the Oratorian Fathers. I say "famous statue" for it has much history behind it.

Thousands of pilgrims flock to this Shrine of the Passion. They come from all parts of the Peninsula. They come in cars and carts, buses and bicycles. It is a rare sight at Ilavalai to see such a vast concourse of people, with side attractions equal to a fair. For the local pedlars add other traders seem to have invaded the spot by night. There they

are with their wares attractively spread out. There are stalls of Catholic books, other Catholic curios such as statues, medals, pictures, rosaries, are also out for sale. There are also the gram-phones; we nearly lost sight of them.

In spite of all the noise outside, the church is crowded. There is a low murmuring sound emanating from the Church like the buzzing of the bees. The pilgrims are at prayer. They have come from distant places to give thanks to Our Mother of Sorrows for favours received or to ask her intercession for the realisation of something dear to their hearts. The fact that they come greater numbers year after year is sufficient proof that their prayers and petitions have been heard.

LOCAL & GENERAL

H. E. the Governor's Visit—

H. E. the Governor proposes to arrive in Jaffna on the 30th May 1945 on an official visit to the District, and he will be spending about three days. A meeting of the public of Jaffna will be convened shortly to make arrangements to accord a welcome to him.

Notice of Motions.—Mr. J. Tyagarajah, has given notice of the following motions:—

1. That in view of the opinion expressed by Dr. K. J. Rustomjee, the Superintendent, Anti-Malaria Campaigns, Ceylon, in his report recently published as Sessional Paper 24 of 1944, the effect that Mullaivivu is the District worst affected by Malaria in Ceylon, this Council is of opinion that a Health Centre should be established and anti-malaria campaign started immediately in the Mullaivivu District.

2. That this Council is of opinion that the detailed investigation of the Malwattaya Scheme which, if put into effect, will in the opinion of the former Director of Irrigation, Mr. K. S. Kennedy, bring under cultivation 130,000 acres of paddy and a considerably larger acreage of other crops apart from the elimination of droughts and floods and apart from the beneficial effects which will be produced on the climate and the general amenities of the Mannar district, should be undertaken immediately.

3. That this Council is of opinion that a Sub-Post office should be established at an early date in Nanaddan in the Mannar District.

Our Press.—Will be closed for Easter Holidays from the afternoon of Wednesday the 28th inst. till Easter Monday the 1st April inclusive. Work will begin as usual on Easter Tuesday.

Muththamil Mahanadu in Jaffna.—A Senththamil Mahanadu (Tamil literary, music and dramatic conference) will be celebrated on 30-3-45, 31-3-45 and 1-4-45 at the Town Hall Jaffna. Swami Vipulananda, (Professor of Tamil, Ceylon University) will open the literary conference. Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, (Acting Auditor General) will open the music conference. The Jaffna Sangeetha Abiviruthi Sabha will Stage Galava Ristu on the third day (dramatic Conference) Detailed programme will be out shortly.

Lady Moore's Visit to International Club.—Lady Moore, the new Patroness of the Women's International Club, paid her first official visit to the Club yesterday and was received by Mrs. J. N. C. Tiruchelvan, the President of the Club, who presented her with a spray of flowers, Lady Wijeyekoon, Chairman, and Mrs. Gunaratnam Cooke, Hony. Secretary.

Expressing their gratification at Lady Moore's acceptance of the office of Patroness, the President in a brief resume of the history of the Club recalled its inauguration 21 years ago by the late Mrs. S. C. Paul and of its growth and popularity as the only Club of its kind in fulfilling the great need of bringing together women of all communities in cordial contact.

Mrs. Tiruchelvan referred to the work done by their members in the Hospital Supply Association Work Guild and the entertainment afforded to the troops.

Lady Moore in a brief speech thanked the Club for the welcome accorded her. A very pleasant "social" followed.

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The Revd. Missionaries and others will please note that in future all correspondence and remittances regarding the conference and donations to St. Antony's Bread are to be forwarded to the following address:

Rev. Fr. S. Louis Joseph, O.M.I.,
Bishop's House, Jaffna.

Mr. Aloysius, his brothers and sister will be grateful for kind prayers offered for the repose of the soul of their deceased mother and beg to thank sincerely all those who sent them messages of condolence.

Revenue Races Ahead by 51 Millions.—The excess of revenue over expenditure during the first five months of the present financial Rs. 51,053,518 as compared with Rs. 21,815,003 in the corresponding period of the last financial year.

The total revenue of the Island for the first five months of the present financial year (October 1944 to February 1945) is approximately Rs. 113,166,593 as against Rs. 95,439,772 in the same period of the last financial year.

Returns Relating to Motor Car.—A Government notification published in a Gazette Extraordinary last night directs registered owners of motor cars to furnish returns relating to tyres in their possession.

The Tyre Controller, under whose authority the notice is issued, states that returns specifying: (i) the name and address of the registered owner; (ii) the distinctive number of the car; and (iii) the name of the manufacturer, the size and any serial or other number, marked on each of the tyres possessed, used or intended to be used by the owner, should be furnished to him within a fortnight of the appearance of the notice.

'Motor Car' in the notice includes a motor cycle or any motor van not fitted with giant tyres, but does not include an omnibus or a lorry. A person who furnishes a return which to his knowledge is untrue or incorrect commits a legally punishable offence.

Issue of Textiles to Co-operative Stores

The Co-operative Wholesale Establishment has made arrangements to ensure that every Co-operative Store in the island which possesses a licence to deal in textiles receives a supply of textiles during the month of March.

A large proportion of these Stores have either received a supply already or have made bookings or received dates to call for their supply in the course of the month.

Any Co-operative Stores which have not yet received or have not yet been booked to receive a supply should immediately contact the officer in charge of the depot of the Co-operative Wholesale Establishment at which they usually receive supplies and arrange to receive their quota before the end of the month.

C. RAGUNATHAN,
for Commissioner of Co-operative Development.
Colomba, 17-3-45.

NOTICE

Please note that Dr. E. T. Buell, Director, Green and McLeod Hospitals, is now in residence at the Mission House, Manipay.

A. R. ARIYAPOOSHANAM,
Secretary.

OBITUARY

Fortified by the last rites of the Church there passed away peacefully on Tuesday, the 20th instant at 3-30 a. m. at her residence, Station Junction, Jaffna, Mrs. Mary Muttammah wife of Mr. K. Periatamby, retired Chief Clerk of the District Court, Jaffna.

The late Mrs. Periatamby was ailing for sometime at Batticaloa where she was till lately residing and was brought down to Jaffna to her home for treatment.

The funeral took place on Wednesday evening at 5-30 p. m. and was attended by a representative gathering. The service at home, at the Cathedral and the graveside was performed by Rev. Fr. S. L. Joseph, O.M.I.

She leaves behind her husband, her sons Mr. M. A. Williams (presently in England), Mr. P. R. Williams of the Batticaloa Kachcheri and a number of relations to bemoan her loss.

R. I. P.

The late

Mrs. Elizabeth Rasammah

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Rasammah, wife of the late Mr. A. Theophilus alias V. Sinnathamby, Merchant, Chundikuli.

The deceased was ailing for sometime from a rheumatic attack and fracture in the left leg. She bore her illness with Christian fortitude and she was well prepared for her end. She passed away peacefully on Friday the 16th instant at her daughter's residence at Hospital Road, Chundikuli, at 3-30 p. m., embracing the cross with one hand and the lighted taper in the other. She was about 74 years old at her death.

The funeral took place in the evening of the next day at 5-30 p. m. and was well attended. The Rev. Fr. E. Forzy, O. M. I. assisted by Rev. Fr. B. E. T. Alfred, O. M. I., officiated. There were also present the Brothers of St. Joseph, Colombogam and the members of the Bona Mors confraternity of the Cathedral. After the blessing at the Church of St. John the Baptist at Chundikuli the cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Burial Ground where the body was laid in its last resting place.

She leaves behind a daughter, Mrs. D. M. Santhipillai, three sons, Messrs. V. S. Manuelpillai, A. T. Anthonypillai and A. T. Aloysius (of the Co-operative Department, Jaffna), nine grand-children and a host of relatives to bemoan her loss.

R. I. P.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mullaivivu Wants.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the evidence given by Mr. A. F. Molamure, M.S.C., before the Soulbury Commission on the 13th instant, a report of which appeared in the Colombo Press on the 14th instant, Mr. Burrows is reported to have pointed out to him that the hospital at Mullaivivu was "a disgrace to anybody and to any single community," and he explained why he thought so, and Mr. Molamure is reported to have replied that "if the member concerned brought it to the notice of the Minister I am sure he would have rectified it."

I would like to point out in this connection that on 24th May, 1944—almost immediately after my election to Council—I gave notice of the following motion, viz., "This Council is of opinion that a new building should be erected for a hospital in Mullaivivu as the present building is quite unsuitable." The Council referred the motion to the Ministry of Health for report on 31st May,

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1944. The Ministry's report has not yet been sent to the State Council. But in the meanwhile, at my request, the Minister of Health inspected the hospital in question along with me—in October last—and decided upon certain minor improvements. But apparently even these have not yet been carried out and the state of affairs condemned by Mr. Burrows remains unchanged.

Kindly publish this letter in your column.

Yours faithfully,

J. TYAGARAJA.

Colombo, March 17, 1945.

Archbishop and Minister

To The Editor,

"Catholic Guardian," Jaffna.

Sir,—With reference to "A Buddhist's" letter appearing in the esteemed "Ceylon Observer" of the 13th instant, I am so very sorry to read that he has lost his culture, his heritage, his religion and his all. Has he lost so much as that? Let him see what Catholics have given to the world:—

The Father of American Shorthand, Thomas Lloyd, was a Catholic.

Magellan, who first sailed round the world, was a Catholic.

The Founder of the Red Cross, St. Camillus of Lellis, was a Catholic.

Mezzofanti, world's greatest Linguist, was a Cardinal of the Catholic Church.

Fabre, world's greatest naturalist, was a Catholic.

Dante, world's greatest poet, was a Catholic.

The first hospital in the New World was a Catholic Hospital in Mexico City 1524.

The laying of the first Atlantic cable was first proposed by Catholic Bishop Mullock, of Newfoundland.

Ampere, discoverer of the unit of electric current, was a Catholic.

Verdi, one of the world's greatest Musical Composers, was a Catholic.

Pope Gregory XV, gave the world its present calendar.

The first book printed in the New World was a Catholic Catechism.

Copernicus, world's greatest astronomer, was a Catholic Ecclesiastic.

The World's greatest painter, Raphael, was a Catholic.

The mainland of North America was discovered by John Cabot, a Catholic, June 24, 1497.

Catholic Missionaries first discovered oil in Pennsylvania.

Pasteur, leading scientist of 19th century, was a Catholic.

The First Book ever printed in the world was a Catholic Bible.

De Rossi, the founder of the science of Christian Archaeology, was a Catholic.

La Verrier, discoverer of the planet Neptune, was a Catholic.

Gutenberg, inventor of printing, was a Catholic.

The Barocyclonometer, which predicts typhoons, was invented by Fr. Algue, a Catholic priest, who saved Dewey's fleet in Manila.

Canada was discovered by James Cartier, a Catholic.

Dr. John B. Murphy of Chicago, one of the world's greatest surgeons was a Catholic.

Lavoisier, father of Modern Chemistry, was a Catholic.

The laws of heredity were first established by Mendel, a Catholic priest.

Malpighi, father of comparative physiology, was a Catholic.

Stensen, father of Modern Geology was a Catholic Bishop.

Morgagni, the father of Modern Pathology was a Catholic.

Galvani, discoverer in electricity, who gave the world galvanized iron and the galvanic battery, was a Catholic.

Leonardo Da Vinci, greatest Architect, engineer and painter of his time was a Catholic.

Balboa, discoverer of the Pacific Ocean, was a Catholic.

Laennec, father of physical diagnosis and discoverer of the stethoscope, was a Catholic.

Latreille, prince of entomologists, was a Catholic priest.

Paderewski, world's greatest pianist is a Catholic.

The Submarine was invented by Holland, an Irish Catholic Christian Brother.

NOTICE

The Management of SUNBEAMS, General Merchants, Main Street, Jaffna, regrets to inform their customers and the general public that, owing to unavoidable circumstances, their business has been temporarily suspended. Their service will be resumed at an early date when an announcement will be made in the press.

Descartes, father of analytical geometry was a Catholic.

Vesalius, father of anatomy was a Catholic.

Roentgen, discoverer of X-Ray was a Catholic.

The word "Volts" comes from Volta, the great Catholic electrician.

Muller, the greatest biologist of the last century was a Catholic.

The world's greatest architect, Bramante, was a Catholic.

Schwann, discoverer of cell theory in medicine is a Catholic.

Gioja, the father of scientific navigation and the discoverer of the mariner's compass was a Catholic.

Valentine, the father of analytical chemistry was a Catholic priest.

Chauliac, the father of modern surgery and the modern hospital was a Catholic Ecclesiastic.

Bequerel, the father of electro chemistry was a Catholic.

Hauy, the father of scientific crystallography was a Catholic priest.

Nicholas of Cusa, the father of Mathematical mechanics was a Catholic.

And so ad infinitum. The Catholic Church loves education. Her greatest conquests have been in countries with a high degree of education, such as the United States, and her greatest gains in countries in which there is compulsory education. Where there is no compulsory education, she had made gains only in proportion to the ability of the people to become enlightened. Ignorance has always handicapped the progress of the Catholic Church.

W. L. S. CANDAPPA,

Hony. Secy,

Catholic Book Club, Ampitiya.

Kandy, 14-3-45.

Small-Pox Epidemic Relief Fund

Dear Sir,—I issued an appeal for funds to provide Small-Pox patients in the Infectious Diseases Hospital with milk and fruits neither the Central nor Local Government was empowered to supply.

I am gratefully acknowledging the ready response to my appeal through your valuable paper.

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C. PONNAMBALAM,
Chairman, U. C.

Telegraphic Summary of News

POLAND

(Special Cable to Ceylon Daily News.)

On the desk in front of me is a copy of a protest against the Yalta decisions on Poland addressed by the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Scotland to Parliament and the Press.

It describes the Polish settlement as "an outrage on humanity" and castigates the Soviet Union as a "Godless and totalitarian State" to whom 35,000,000 Poles are to be delivered "in bondage and slavery."

SECRET CONCLAVE

Catholic opposition was reflected in the House of Commons during last week's debate.

Previously a few Conservative M.P.'s. on the extreme Right had held a hush-hush meeting that was no longer secret when the details were published on the front page of the "Daily Worker."

The conveners of the meeting included Captain McEwen, considered by many to be the most influential Catholic in the House of Commons. Support was also forthcoming from Catholics in the Labour Party.

Quite apart from Catholic opposition, a few Right Wing Conservatives, in collaboration with the Polish emigres in London, planned to assist anti-Russian opinion in the United States by opposing the Yalta settlement on Poland. It was hoped that this would convey the impression to America that the British people were far from being unanimous in support of the decisions of the Big Three and would strengthen the position of extreme Right Republicans and anti-Roosevelt Democrats. Poland was, in fact, made the excuse for an anti-Russian agitation.

BITTER BLOWS

All along the London Poles have hoped that this would happen and that America would come out in open opposition to the British and Russian proposals. The Yalta agreement was a bitter blow.

On top of that it was made clear to the Polish leaders in London that they could not continue on their present course of stirring up trouble and hoping Micawber-like for something to turn up, and still continue to draw large funds from the British Treasury. Further, there was the statement of General Anders, the Polish C-in-C., which was of a highly controversial character, to say the least of it.

It is believed that the Prime Minister personally expressed his views to General Anders and Mr. Eden repeated the warning to the Polish Ambassador.

GERMAN OFFICERS SHOT FOR FAILURE TO BLOW UP BRIDGE

The German Overseas News Agency quoted a German communique today reporting that four German officers had been executed for cowardice and "partly for gross dereliction of duty while in action because they carelessly omitted to blow up the Rhine bridge at Remagen in time or to defend it resolutely." A fifth officer was sentenced to death in his absence.

ROOSEVELT'S STRUGGLE

President Roosevelt is facing a major struggle to obtain a two-thirds majority permitting American participation in the World Security Council, declares the newspaper "PM" on the basis of a poll taken among senators in Washington.—Reuter.

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary } No. 259
Jurisdiction }

In the matter of the intestate of the estate of Albert Selvaratnam alias Selvanayagam Lyman of Nava'y.

Deceased.

Nesamma widow of Nannitamby Chellappah of Nava'y.

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Kingsley Selvanesan Lyman,
2. Stanley Selvanesan Lyman, both of Nava'y being minors appearing by their guardian-ad-litem.
3. Sinnathampar Rajaiah F.M.S. Pensioner, Manipay.
4. Joy Kumpairatnam wife of Alagaratnam and her husband.
5. William Subramaniam Alagaratnam both of Manipay presently of 186 Layard's Broadway, Colombo.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before H. A. de Silva Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 12th day of Feb. 1945 in the presence of Mr. S. Tirunavukkarasu, Proctor for Petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the Petitioner dated 12th day of February 1945 having been read.

It is ordered that the Letters of Administration de bonis non of the estate of the said deceased be issued to the Petitioner as the mother-in-law of the said deceased and as the next of kin of his minor children unless the said Respondents or any other person or persons interested shall appear before this Court on the 30th day of April 1945 and shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.

This 12th day of February, 1945.

(Sgd.) H. A. DE SILVA,
District Judge.

Notice to Co-operative Societies

In connection with the re-organisation of the administration of Co-operative activities a new Department of Co-operative Development has been established. The Department of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies will exist side by side with the new Department.

The function of the new Department include, among others, the administration of the Co-operative Wholesale Establishment. The new Department will, therefore, be solely responsible in future for all supplies to Co-operative Stores throughout the Island.

In future all correspondence regarding supplies to Co-operative Societies should be addressed direct to the Commissioner of Co-operative Development, P.O. Box 444, Colombo. Matters relating to the organisation and registration of Co-operative Societies and their internal administration will continue to be dealt with by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to whom correspondence upon such matters should be addressed.

G. DE SOYZA,

Commissioner of Co-operative Development.

Colombo, 13th March, 1945.

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