THE Ceylon Church
MISSIONARY GLEANER.

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Annual Sale of Work.

The annual Sale of Work organized by the Ladies' Committee of the Ceylon Association of the Church Missionary Society was held in the Public Hall, Colombo, on Thursday and Friday 3rd and 4th September. For some months before the Committee had arranged meetings for preparing articles for Sale at the Ladies' Working Party Stalls; and many friends in England had provided cases of articles of clothing, curios, and fancy goods, which were despatched to Ceylon by the Missionary Leaves Association, and arrived in good time for sorting and arrangement prior to displaying for Sale.

Early on the Thursday morning the parties of ladies interested in the various stalls came to the Public Hall and on receiving their allotted spaces set to work and quickly effected a transformation, and by noon the stalls were bright and gay with their exhibit of articles for Sale; the general bright effect being greatly enhanced by a display of bunting which had been most tastefully arranged by two friends of the R. G. A.

Promptly at 3.30, Mrs. Brodhurst, wife of the Government Agent of the Western Province, was escorted to the platform by the Rev. A. E. Dibben, and the Rev. R. W. Ryde offered prayer. The Rev. A. E. Dibben addressed those present and stated the objects of the Sale. Organized for the purpose of augmenting the funds of the Ceylon Association of the C. M. S., from which grants are made in aid of the Society's work in Ceylon; opportunity is afforded the Missionaries at outstations to arrange stalls in aid of their own Districts. The Association was represented at the Sale by the Ladies' Working Party, the Refreshment Stall, the Misses Keith's Stall, Flower Stall, Fish Pond and Bran Pies. Of the Districts represented the best known was the Cotta Boarding School, and it was a matter for regret that Mrs. Dowbiggin, owing to the serious illness of one of her pupils was prevented from attending. At the Sale of Work they aimed at keeping away certain elements that were only too common at religious Bazaars and it was sought to begin and end the Sale so that all would be to the glory of God Who had blessed their efforts in the past to whom they looked for blessing now and in the future. The articles displayed represented a great deal of loving self-denial and labour on the part of kind friends in England, Ireland and Ceylon. The majority were not present but he hoped they would not be forgotten for their kind help.

Mrs. Brodhurst then declared the Sale open afterwards visited the stalls in order. The Grand Oriental Hotel Orchestra stationed in the Gallery brightened the proceedings with a select programme of music. The attendance was not so large as on the previous occasion but it is satisfactory to know that the total takings of the Sale this year are better by Rs.7 than last year. The total, exclusive of certain special donations, amounted to Rs. 4732, and it is hoped that after the general expenses of the Sale have been met a sum of Rs. 4500 will be available for missionary purposes.

The Committee are thankful to God for this successful issue, and desire to express their thanks to all who have contributed in any way to this result. It would be impossible to mention by name all who have given donations in cash or in kind but mention should be made of the following friends in England and Ireland, viz:— The Working Parties at Monkstown and Cork; the parish of St. Luke's Hackney, London; St. Mark's, New Brompton, Miss A. Schou; Miss Wills (Peterborough); Mrs. Stewart, Bedford, Mrs. Fenn; and Miss Wakely; Mr. Herbert Ryde, Shanghai; Mrs. Ryde and Mr. Harold Ryde, Streatham.

Special thanks are due to the members of the G. O. H. band; the authorities who kindly lent the flags also to Bombadier J. Davis and Gunner H. Bellingham R. G. A. for mounting the flags and for their attendance at the door on both days.

The programmes of the concerts arranged for the two days, by Miss Whitney and Miss Kerr, the proceeds of which were given to the Ladies' College Building Fund, were well executed and the items much appreciated by those who attended in the concert room at the rear of the Hall.

C. M. S. Sale of Work.

The following is a list of the stalls and stall holders:—

**Ceylon Association Stalls.**

**Ladies Working Party:**—Mrs. F. M. Mackwood, Mrs. S. Brown, Mrs. F. W. Waldock, Miss Mackwood.

**Refreshments:** Mrs. C. O. Mackwood, Mrs. A. G. G. Hyde, Mrs. Leefe, Mrs. Yeats, Mrs. Cosmo Gordon, Mrs. F. J. Smith, Miss Bois, Miss Bell, Miss H. Mackwood, Miss G. Mackwood.

**Miss Keith's Stall:** Miss G. Keith, Miss Etta Keith, Mrs. H. L. Wendt, Miss Sauliere, Miss LeBrooy, Miss Stain^, Miss Trixie Loos.

**Flowers and Vegetables:** Mrs. Mackintosh, Mrs. Simmonds, Mrs. Wylie, Miss Michie, Miss Evelyn Brown.

**Fish Ponds:** Miss Mackwood, Mrs. Dainty, Miss D. Bois, Miss D. Souter.

**Bran Pies:** The Misses de Silva (3).

**Entrance:** Bombadier J. Davis, Gunner H. Bellingham.

**Outstation Stalls.**

**Colombo Tamil:** Miss Franklin, Mrs. Ingles, Miss Isley.

**Sowers' Band:** Miss Hall, Miss Henry, and Students of C. M. S. Ladies' College.

**Cotta District:** Mrs. R. W. Ryde, Miss Perera, Mrs. H. C. Jayasinghe, Mrs. A. Geo. de Silva, Rev. R. W. Ryde.

**Cotta Girls' Boarding School:** Mrs. Dowbiggin, Mrs. Hay Baker, Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Norcock, the Misses Horsfall, Miss F. C. Dias Bandaranayake, Miss E. B. Spattow.

**Women's Training College:** Miss K. Gedge, Mrs. Tickell, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Mandy.

**Baddegama:** Miss K. Gedge, Mrs. A. M. Walmsley, Miss E. M. Josolyne, Miss Henry, Rev. R. H. Phair.
KANDYAN CENTRAL ITINERARY: MRS. BENHAM, MISS FOWKE.

KANDYAN WESTERN ITINERARY: (Kegalle) MRS. J. L. L. THOMAS, MISS TOWNSEND, MISS MICHEE. REV. W. G. SHORTEN.

DODANDUWA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL: MRS. M. J. CARY, MRS. POWELL, MR. G. A. PURSER.

TAMIL COOLY MISSION: MRS. T. S. JOHNSON, MISS ROWLANDS, MISS LEDWARD.

KANDY TAMIL WORK: MISS HOWES.

C.M.S. LADIES COLLEGE: MISS HOWES, MISS HURST.

The late Mrs. M. B. Rodrigo.

MRS. M. B. Rodrigo, whose death took place on May 11th at the age of 68, had an interesting spiritual history. As a girl she attended the Mission School at Cotta and was baptized by the REV. J. F. Haslam in 1849. She afterwards was a teacher in various Mission Schools in the Cotta District, and put forth unifying efforts to win the souls of the children for Christ. She was married in 1855 to one who was merely a nominal Christian, but by degrees her spiritual life and effort had such effect that he too became a very zealous worker for Christ. The latter part of her life she spent up-country working, together with her husband, under the Friends’ Mission, and Mr. Malcolmson, bears testimony to the good work done by them at Matale.

A year before her death she handed her best ornaments to the Pastor to be sold for the benefit of the Church Fund. She had the great comfort of seeing her husband, her son, and most of her grand-children engaged as workers in the Lord’s Vineyard.

Prayer and Pains: A Bible Study.

By the REV. W. S. SENIOR.

We are met for our half-yearly Conference, for purposes of devotion and of business; and it will be appropriate to study together a passage—the feeding of five thousand—which sheds much light upon the proper relation of these two things.

Jesus saw the multitude, yet not in the multitude forgetting the individual, He asked Philip “Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?”

Why did He select Philip for this question? Jesus is the great Heart-Reader, and it is a safe principle of interpretation to reconstruct from His words the state of the person addressed. The question is a window into Philip’s character and thoughts. Philip was a man of business, and he had been calculating. “But how? Had he been calculating without Christ? There is doubtless some rebuke conveyed by the Master’s words.

Is it then wrong to calculate, to lay plans, to make preparations, to use the business instinct? Later in the story we are told that Christ caused the people to be seated by hundreds and by fifties, and that when they were satisfied He had the fragments carefully collected. Fifties and Fragments! Method and Economy! The self-same qualities, the calculating, organizing instincts, which in Philip were quietly rebuked, make their re-appearance. Yes, but where? Therein lies the whole lesson. They reappear, we must not so express it, beyond Jesus Christ. He has entered on the scene. A simple fact in arithmetic will here be appropriate and illuminating. If we place ciphers before the unit, we decrease its value; whereas if we place the unit before the ciphers, the converse process takes place.

Let the unit stand for Jesus Christ, the One Master and Lord, and the ciphers for man’s insignificant endeavours. They acquire value only by a right relation to Him. Put instead of Him, or (and this is important) before Him, they are valueless. When He has been called in, and put first, they fall in line behind Him, and have their value. Prayer and Pains, in that order, can accomplish anything.

Prayer. We must not, we dare not, take our bread direct to the multitude. It must first pass through Christ’s hands. It was in His hands that the miracle took place; the verb is an imperfect, He kept giving. In the Life of Faith some time ago there appeared a testimony to the new outlook on service which came to a Christian lady from the words “All Power is given unto Me.” When she saw that power was given not unto her, but unto Him, her care was gone, the secret of service was hers.

Every piece of work we do should pass through the hands of Christ. And so we ask ourselves questions such as these: This address, this confirmation lecture, these words at a personal interview, have they all been into the Master’s hands and from those hands received back? Are they steeped in His power, through prayer? When we write a letter, do we dip our pens in grace as well as in ink? Do we pray, and pray at length, and then choose a text, or do we make all preparation, and then pray a little? “Without Me ye can do nothing.”

Pains. On this side, too, there are inspiring lessons to be learned from this miracle. Organization, we know, has two spheres, planning and performing. It involves first a general scheme, then attention to details. Or we may use military terms, and think of Strategy and Tactics, the conception of a campaign and the ordering of a battle. The Fifties and the Fragments respectively may stand for each of these. In the seating by fifties, (the progression 5, 50, 5000, is worth noting), we may be allowed to see a plan for reaching the greatest possible number in the shortest possible time; a plan for the best mapping of the field, the best location of labourers; in short, The Evangelization of the world in this generation. Is not this in point when we are asked to frame a policy for our Mission in Ceylon?

In the collection of the fragments we may see, not merely the lesson that they who feed others shall themselves be fed—twelve baskets, twelve apostles—but also, in the words of an old writer, that “there are no atoms in Divinity.” In the Kingdom of God there are no trifles; everything matters. No detail should escape us, for we cannot be sure that anything is truly a detail; on a seeming detail may hang the greatest issues. The perusal of a statement of accounts in a Missionary Magazine decided the destination of the
Upon contributing anything towards the Native the coffee crisis the C. M. S. were never called and on another to Rs 4,858,—that, up to the time of for many years—amounting on one occasion to Rs 13,328, to acknowledge the generous support which many old friends of the Mission (some of whom, happily, are amongst us still) have given to it ever since its com­
mision into the hands of the Church Missionary Society been fulfilled to a large extent, and we desire gratefully
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missionaries, they would provide funds for maintaining the Catechists and other Native as well as for the large body of non-Christians who were come over from South India to work on their estates, for the spiritual needs of the Christian coolies who had fifty years ago by a few planters who realised the res­

The Tamil Cooly Mission.

To the Proprietors, Agents, Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents, of Tea and Rubber Estates in Ceylon.

Requirements of earnest and devout worshippers—numbering from seventy to a hundred (without including Kandy, where naturally the congregation is much larger)—are to be found at various centres, in this or that Church or Schoolroom, many of whom have walked five, ten, or even fifteen miles in order to attend the Service? And once more, is it no indication of their reality and sincerity that these same Christians contributed in the year 1905 no less a sum than Rs 7,823, and in 1906 Rs 7,694, towards the support of their own Pastors; the repair of Churches and Schoolrooms; the maintenance of Schools, and the carrying on of Evangelistic work; in other words, that their contributions exceeded the amount given in these years by the whole European Community for the support of the T. C. M., the income of the latter being Rs 8,990.37 and Rs 7,055 respectively?

Surely, we may with confidence appeal for wider support than we are at present receiving. The work in any case, is arduous; but it becomes much more so when, month by month, there is perplexity through lack of funds. We very gratefully acknowledge 'the kindness we receive while travelling in the various Districts and the generous hospitality which is so invariably shown to us; but “the sinews of war” are
essential to the stability and efficiency of the Mission—and we lay our case before the Public in the full hope that we shall not be left to struggle with the financial difficulties which now beset us, but that many friends will rally to our support who may not hitherto have realised our need. Contributions may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, C. Gibbon, Esq. Goonambil, Wattegama; to the Rev. T. S. Johnson, Kandy, or myself. I am, dear sirs, yours faithfully,

W. E. ROWLANDS,
Secretary, T. C. M.

Cotta.

The monthly gathering of the Cotta Gleaners' Union took place on Thursday the 17th September in the Church. The Rev. R. W. Ryde presided and there were about 40 present. The Rev. G. B. Perera gave an interesting address on the results of C. M. S. work in Ceylon, taking for example one special case of a boy who was converted in a C. M. S. School in the Southern Province, by name Thomas de Silva father of Mr. William de Silva of Mirihana. Mr. Ryde then read an interesting biography of Mrs. Isabel Charlotte de Silva, who passed into the immediate presence of her Saviour in December 1907. She was daughter-in-law of Mr. Thomas de Silva mentioned above.

**Sinhalese Prayer Books.**

Mrs. Dowbiggin, Cotta, will be grateful if any members of Sinhalese congregations, discarding the old Sinhalese Prayer Books for the new, would forward the old books for the use of Boarding School children.

**The Pan-Anglican Congress.**

*BY THE BISHOP OF DURHAM.*

Briefly to summarize my impressions, I would say that the message of the Congress seems to me to be one of sober but profound encouragement. It has given us not the least occasion for shallow and worldly exultation. We have been constantly reminded of personal and collective shortcomings. We have never been allowed to forget that our Communion, in many Colonies, in many Mission Fields, and in the great American Republic, is distanced, sometimes far distanced, in results and in numbers by Christians of other Communions. But we have been assuredly permitted to see visibly embodied the splendid possibilities of Anglican Christianity, even as it is, and the incalculable work for our Lord and the world which it may yet do, if only it be filled with the Spirit of God, and if its members and schools, under that divine influence, draw together more and more around the one possible centre, the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am persuaded that the Congress will be found in the future to have contributed in a large measure towards that supreme issue.

The Thanksgiving, like the Congress, gives us no occasion whatever for boasting. Many of us had hoped for half a million of money, some for a million. But, like the Congress, it invites a sober gladness and a happy hope. It was by no means the main object of the gathering; it was the opposite of a forced levy; it was gathered at a time of financial stress; we must give humble thanks for what the third of a million means.

And now, we will rise up and go on our way with better cheer, with stronger mutual sympathies, with a deeper confidence in the Word of God, a deeper love for the Church of God, represented specially to us by our beloved Anglican Communion, a stronger purpose to make that Church a living light to the world, and, above all, a more worshipping loyalty to Him who loved the Church and gave Himself for it, and who alone, as the Head of the Body, can be Church's life and power in its existence for His will and work.

**News and Notes.**

We have to welcome the Bishop of Colombo and Mrs. Coplestone on their return to the Island after several months' absence, and trust the brief change has greatly benefited both.

For the information of our friends in Ceylon we notify that official notification re new and returning Missionaries for Ceylon has been received to the effect that the Rev. and Mrs. W. Balding, Miss M. Balding, and Mr. E. Balding, leaving London in the R. M. S. Ophir on 2nd October are due in Colombo on October 26th. Miss Griffin and Miss D. Stubbs leaving London in the R. M. S. Himalaya on the 9th October are due in Colombo on October 31st and propose spending a fortnight in Ceylon prior to going to their station at Hongkong; Miss F. E. Henrys, Colombo Tamil Station Miss A. F. Horsley, located to C. M. S. Ladies' College, Colombo, Miss E. M. Hargrove, located to Kandy for Sinhalese work, and Miss E. Garrett rejoining her parents at Kandy, leaving London in the P. and O. Caledonia on October 15th are due in Colombo on November 5th; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Fraser and family, Mr. K. J. Saunders and Mr. N. P. Campbell, leaving London in the R. M. S. Oruba on October 16th, are due in Colombo on 9th November.

Mrs. Garland, who has been connected for some months past with the Tamil work in Colombo returned to Australia in the P. and O. Namur on or about October 27th. Miss Johnson of the Zenana Mission is booked to return home in the same ship.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Shelley, connected with the Committee of the Victorian Church Missionary Association were again in Ceylon, after their visit to several of the principal treaty ports in China. They stayed in Ceylon rather more than 3 weeks, a portion of the time up-country near Nuwara Eliya and returned to Melbourne early in September.

Miss Harper of the N. S. W. Church Missionary Association, went to England in May last as a delegate to the various Missionary meetings being held there. She arrived in Colombo on her way back to Sydney at the end of September and after seeing what she could of Mission work in Kandy, Cotta, and Colombo, visited the Dodanduwa and Baddegama centres, being especially interested in the work inaugurated by Miss Phillips some years ago.