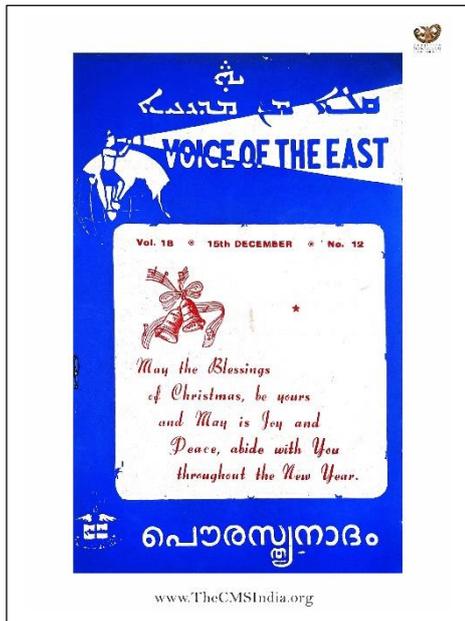
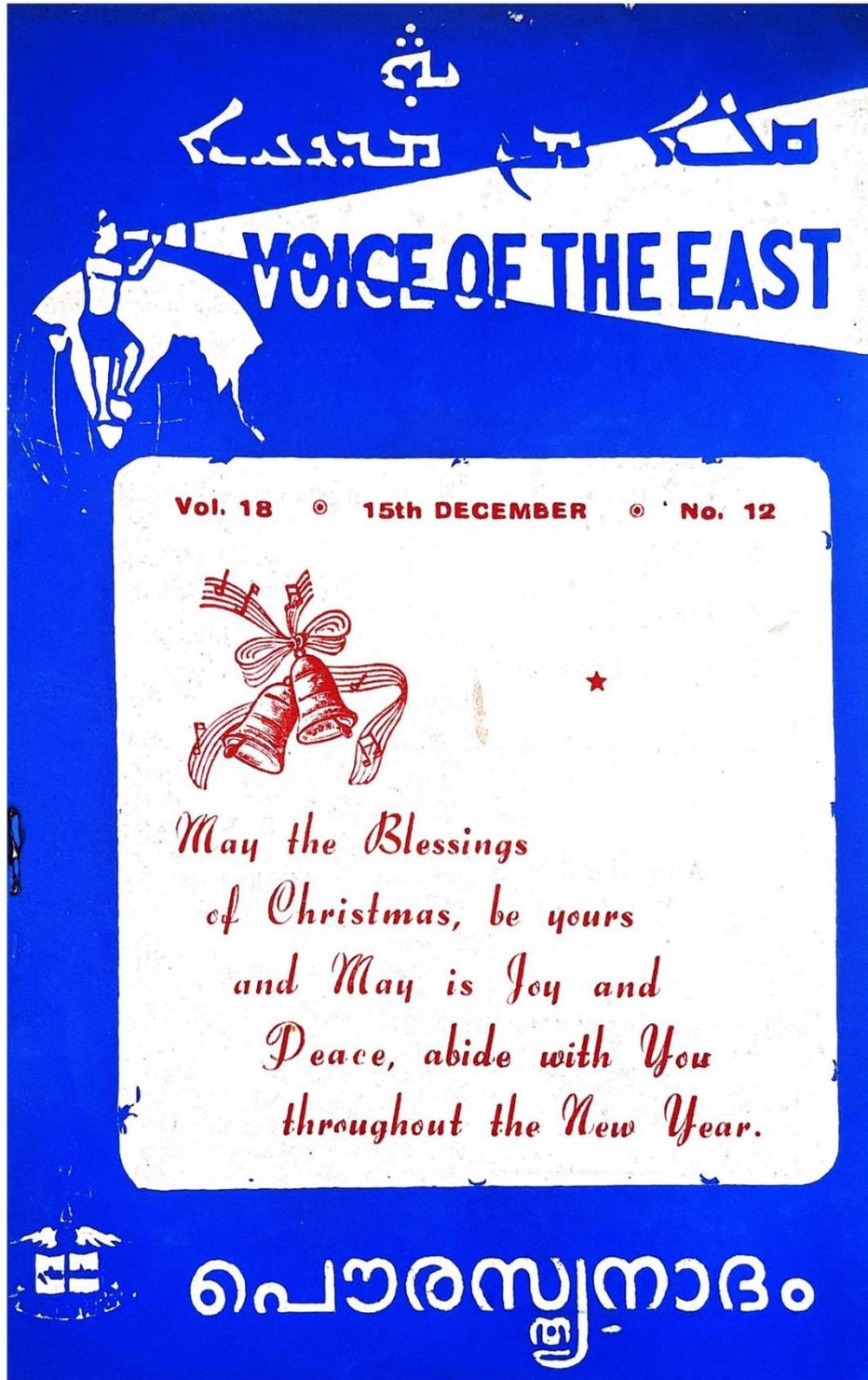


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Editorial

W A R .

Nobody likes that word. War means a lot of suffering to many innocent people. Both soldiers and civilians die of it. Nations condemn War. Still war is always there with humanity. Now it has begun in the border between India and Pakistan.

The Indian government did their best to avoid it. Even when the refugees were flowing from Pakistan's eastern province known as Bengla Desh to the Indian territory. To avoid war the Indian government was feeding nearly ten million refugees daily. That was an expensive operation for a poor nation like India which cannot feed its own hungry millions.

The 1971 war is more intense than the 1965 war between India and Pakistan. We do not know what will be the casualties of this war. When will it end? Nobody knows the answer. What we christians can do is to pray for peace and also to pray for the wounded soldiers and civilians of both countries. December 12th has been declared as a prayer day by the Bishops' conference of Kerala.



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LETTER FROM MOSUL.

My brother in spirit, His Grace Mar Aprem,

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I hope sincerely that almighty God has kept you in good health. I am well and entirely anxious to hear your news and know about your health.

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Eshai Shimmen had left Iraq to the U. S. A. again and the marks of sorrow drawn on his face. It is true that many of his followers have gone away from him this time; among them is the deacon "Gewargis Sawmo."

All his dishonest attempts have failed, and it's sure that failure will follow him for ever as long as there is God in heaven and the law on earth.

Here, I send you some photographs showing the three deacons whom I had ordained on the 7th of May, 1971. They are: Gewargis Adam, Eshai Shlimoon, and Adam Baitow. Deacon Eshai Shlimoon, is in America now.

His Grace Mar Narsai, Metropolitan of Kirkuk is our guest in Mosul these days. He has been here since about a month. We had been here since about a month. We had together paid a visit to some villages in the north so as to be in touch with our people always and everywhere; to know their conditions and affairs.

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In a few days time, again His Grace Mar Narsai and I will visit other villages in "Nahla" in the north of Iraq, too, and for the same purpose as well.

Finally we send you our best wishes and hopes from the depth of heart, and to all our people there and the religious men, hoping to hear from you soon — Amen.

(Sd.)

MAR THOMA GIWARGIS
Metropolitan of Mosul.

AUTONOMY OF THE INDIAN CHURCH.

(PHILIPOSE)

The Church of the East in India is not a branch office with its head Quarters in Bagdad or San Francisco. One cause for the present misunderstanding and court cases in the church is due to the lack of historical knowledge about this church and its properties.

The church in Trichur was built by the 52 immigrant families from the neighbourhood of Trichur in 1814 A. D. The first service was conducted in March 1815 A. D. by Archdeacon Abraham of Palai. He was to conduct the services according to the Syro-Chaldean rite, The word Nestorian or Church of the East was not mentioned in any of the documents. The reasons for its separate continued identity is as follows:

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1. It is known as Chaldean Syrian Church, which is the name of the body of Christians in Iraq subject to the See of Rome
2. The metropolitan in the last century such as Mar Thoma Rokos and Mar Elia Mellus were sent by the Chaldean Patriarch subject to Rome. Even Augustine Cor-episcopa who ruled the church from 1900 to 1908 was sent by this Chaldean group in Mosul, Iraq.
3. The church in India exercised its autonomous character in 1878 A. D. when it heard that the Mosul Patriarch Mar Joseph Audo made a complete submission to Pope which he was resiting for some time. The Indian Church under Mellus renounced Patriarch Audo. This renunciation was accepted by the court. In the Judgment of Appeal Suit No 8 of 1096 (1920 A. D.) delivered on 2nd January 1923 A. D., Chief Justice T. S. Narayna Iyer states: "It was the common case in O. S. 24 of 64 that it was the Mosul Patriarch who was sending down Bishop to the plaint church till 1878." (P. 27 of the printed Judgment, paragraph 49)
4. The churches and properties are given to those who observe the "faith, doctrine, practice and discipline" observed by the first defendant, Mar Thimotheus (Award of C. W. E. Cotton, British Political Agent to Travancore and Cochin, dated 18th April 1925.) It is significant that the name of Mar Shimun is not mentioned. Anyhow the practice of Mar Thimotheus in 1925 was to observe Christmas on January 7th and not Dec 25. There fore it is clear that the people who changed the calender in 1964 lost right in this church.
5. The fact that a constitution was accepted by the Indian church in 1958; without the knowledge and approval of the Patriarch of the time is itself an evidence for the autonomous nature of this church. Since the court today accepts this constitution which

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does not have the approval of any patriarch or anybody outside the Indian church. it requires no further proof to substantiate the fact of the autonomy and distinct character of the Indian church.

6. Marriage custom. The use of 'tali' to be tied around the neck of the bride by the bridegroom during the Wedding service is a distinct Indian custom. This is a further evidence to prove that the Indian church has distinct character different from the Church of the East in Iraq or USA.

7. The properties are vested with the members of the Church and not with the head of the church. This shows that the Metropolitan or Patriarch cannot thrust upon the Indian church any claim as far as the Properties are concerned which are vested in the People.

In conclusion it must be stated that the only connection which the Indian church had with the patriarchs was in receiving the Bishop from them when the Indian church requested for it. Mar Avdeesho Metropolitan was consecrated by the request of the Indian congregation. Mar Thimotheus and Thoma Darmo Metropolitans also reached India only after the repeated requests of the Indian congregation. It is none of the business of any Patriarch to interfere in the internal affairs of the Indian church. In the past history often the Indian Archdeacons managed the affairs of the Indian church. History records of Archdeacon George as the head of the Indian church at the time of Synod of Diamper (1599 A. D.), Archdeacon Thoma as the Head of the church at time of Coonon cross oath (1653 A. D.), Archdeacon Abraham of Palai at the time of the dedication of the Trichur church in 1815 A. D.

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BOOK REVIEW

THE VARTHAMANAPPUSTHAKAM by Cathanar Thomman Paramakkal translated into English by Placid J. Podipara C. M. I; *Orientalia Christiana Analecta*, No. 190. Rome: Pont Institutum Studiorum 1971, \$ 9.25.

The students of Indian Church History will be extremely grateful to Fr. Placid Podipara for publishing for the first time in English one of the most important primary sources relating to the history of the Malabar Syrian Christians in the 18th century. An English translation of this book originally written in Malayalam was long overdue.

Varthamanappusthakam is a very long title and difficult to pronounce for those who do not know Malayalam language. It is transliteration of the Malayalam word for Diary. It is not a mere diary, but a travelogue of a very important ecclesiastical diplomatic deputation. This diary takes us to Rome, Lisbon and other places and unfold some of the tension that existed in the relationship of the Syrians and the Portuguese. Paremmakkal Thoma Cathanar (priest) tells the story of his Journey along with Malpan Joseph Cariattil who was made Archbishop during their travel. It throws light on the period 1773-1786 A. D.

In the preface of the Book Paremmakkal Thoma informs his readers the purpose of writing this book. He States:

The intention in writing this book is to let our brethren and friends know how the above mentioned appointment took place, what experiences we had in

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Portugal, in the city of Rome, on the way after our departure for Europe and how God Almighty helped and protected us in a special manner.

The book has a very useful introduction by the English translator, Fr. Placid Podipara. He is undoubtedly the most competent man to write about it. The English translation of the German book Die Thomas Christen appeared last year is a testimony of his devotion to the history of Syrian Christianity in India despite the fact that he has passed seventy years of age.

Fr. Placid Podipara is uniquely qualified to undertake the translation of this Diary. He is not only a priest from Malabar. But as he proudly states in his introduction he was baptised by Mathai Paremmakkal, the great grand nephew of Thoma Paremmakkal (P. 28). Moreover he was present at the time of the discovery of the tomb of Archbishop Joseph Cariattil in Goa in 1932. The Archbishop had been buried in Goa in 1786 where he unexpectedly died before reaching his designated diocese of Oranganore to which he was appointed in 1783 A. D. at Lisbon after great trials and tribulations of the mission of Cariattil and Paremmakkal explained in this book.

What was the result of their mission to the Pope? Though "The Pope was very Pleased and asked us who was the king in Malabar whether he in any way persecuted the faithful, whether the climate of the country was agreeable, whether there was good fish there etc." (P. 152), the author describes with

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great regret that "the pope did not read them (petitions) nor even open them, but have them to Msgr. Borgia our enemy". (P. 153). The readers today however, can comfort themselves when they read: "Though things happened like this, none of these events was an obstacle to our cause which was concluded better than we had expected." (P. 153).

A small error has crept into P. 38 of the book when he writes about the orthodox church: "In 1964 these two groups were united under the Catholicos who accepted the communion of the patriarch." Though it is true that the present Catholicos was consecrated by the present patriarch only in 1964, the mutual acceptance took place in 1958 at the time of the late Catholicos.

The book is published in Rome and hence expensive. Indian students cannot afford to pay \$9.25 for a book. Nevertheless the libraries of the Seminaries in India must obtain this book and encourage the students of Indian church history to use this as a sourcebook for the eighteenth century where very few primary sources exist today. Let us hope that Fr. Placid Podipara despite his old age will continue to contribute much to the history of Indian christianity during his sojourn in Rome



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NEWS

Faith & Order conference.

A meeting of Faith and Order study group met at Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam to study the theme 'Mariology' on 4th December 1971. His Grace Mar Aprem represented our church. Papers were read about Catholic, Orthodox and Reformed view of Mariology. An all India Seminar on Faith and Order Conference will be held in August, 1972 where the papers of various regional groups will be read and discussed.

Bishops Conference.

An all Kerala Bishops conference was held at Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathur, Kottayam on 6th December. About 18 bishops were present.

Reception at Ernakulam.

A special luncheon was arranged on 21st November at the International Hotel, Ernakulam. His Grace Mar Aprem spoke about the church situation on the occasion. Earlier His Grace celebrated Holy Qurbana at St. Thomas Church, Ernakulam.

Reception to Bishop Chrysostom.

Bishop Philipose Mar Chrysostom of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church was given a reception at the Marth Mariam Big Church, Trichur on 20th November 1971. His Grace Mar Aprem welcomed him to the church and congratulated him upon his election as the President of the National Christian Council of India. On the same day he read a paper on Secularism at the Seminar held at the Metropolitan Palace.

Death of David Hassan.

News has reached here that Rev David David, who succeeded late Rev. Mannoo Oshana as the right hand man of Mar Eshai Shimun died of cancer in head at Turlock, California in the month of October 1971. He was admitted in the hospital when he was planning to accompany his boss to Iraq for his second 'historic' visit in September 1971.

Late News.

Many of our readers are asking whether C. C. Timothy a layman sent by the Mar Shimun party for consecration to Iraq and said to have been made an Episcopa on 10th October 1971 has returned to India. As per the latest information, the whereabouts of this man is unknown. His supporters in India approached the court to get the possession of the Metropolitan Palace so that he can occupy it. But so far, they did not succeed. We appreciate the concern of our readers and request you to pray for the church in India.

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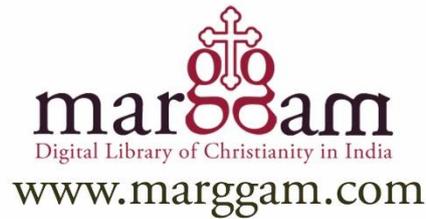
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