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Editorial

Rain — A Life Giving Gift from Nature. The Madras State, particularly the Tamilnad and the Carnatics, has had now some welcome summer showers after a protracted period of drought and widespread distressed conditions. The people in general and farmers in particular cannot but feel thankful to nature. With all the resources and achievements of man, so far there is nothing parallel to 'rains' from nature.

The people and the Press alike have expressed signs of relief. The parched up earth has quenched its thirst for a while. The fairly well distributed rain, has brought a new atmosphere of cooler air. The dried up wells have received their supplies again and in places of acute scarcity for drinking water, there is peace restored. Tillers of soil rejoice at the much needed summer showers to begin afresh their operations in the fields. The grass and the herbage begin to put forth fresh flushes. Both man and beast derive much comfort and benefit from summer showers. Good summer showers are broadly indicative of good seasonal crops for the State as a whole.

No wonder, that our ancients worshipped Nature. In spite of man with highest intellect, and his researches for centuries, the secrets of Nature, still remain not fully revealed. This is especially so, with regard to the phenomenon of 'rain'. Various attempts are being made for bringing rainfall under man's control. Animals including man depend on vegetation, and vegetation, in turn, depends on rainfall. If it rains at the will of man, it is an achievement indeed. Meteorologists and Mathematicians are striving hard to predict rainfall taking into consideration the forces that are at work in Nature. There is nothing impossible, in the present day trends of discoveries and inventions. A day is not far off, when artificial rain makers make the clouds transform into rain at desired places and periods. With increasing population and demand for more food, supply of water through rain is of inestimable value, for solving

food crisis. The prosperity of the State, is closely linked with the degree and nature of gift from Nature by way of timely, adequate and wide-spread rainfall.

The official year 1953-'54 has commenced well. Let us pray to mother Nature, for the magnificent gift of continued seasonal rainfall, which is an essential pre-requisite, for all man's efforts towards peace and prosperity in the land. Let us bow to 'Nature' and stoop to conquer her since she holds her bounties only in trust for her wise children.