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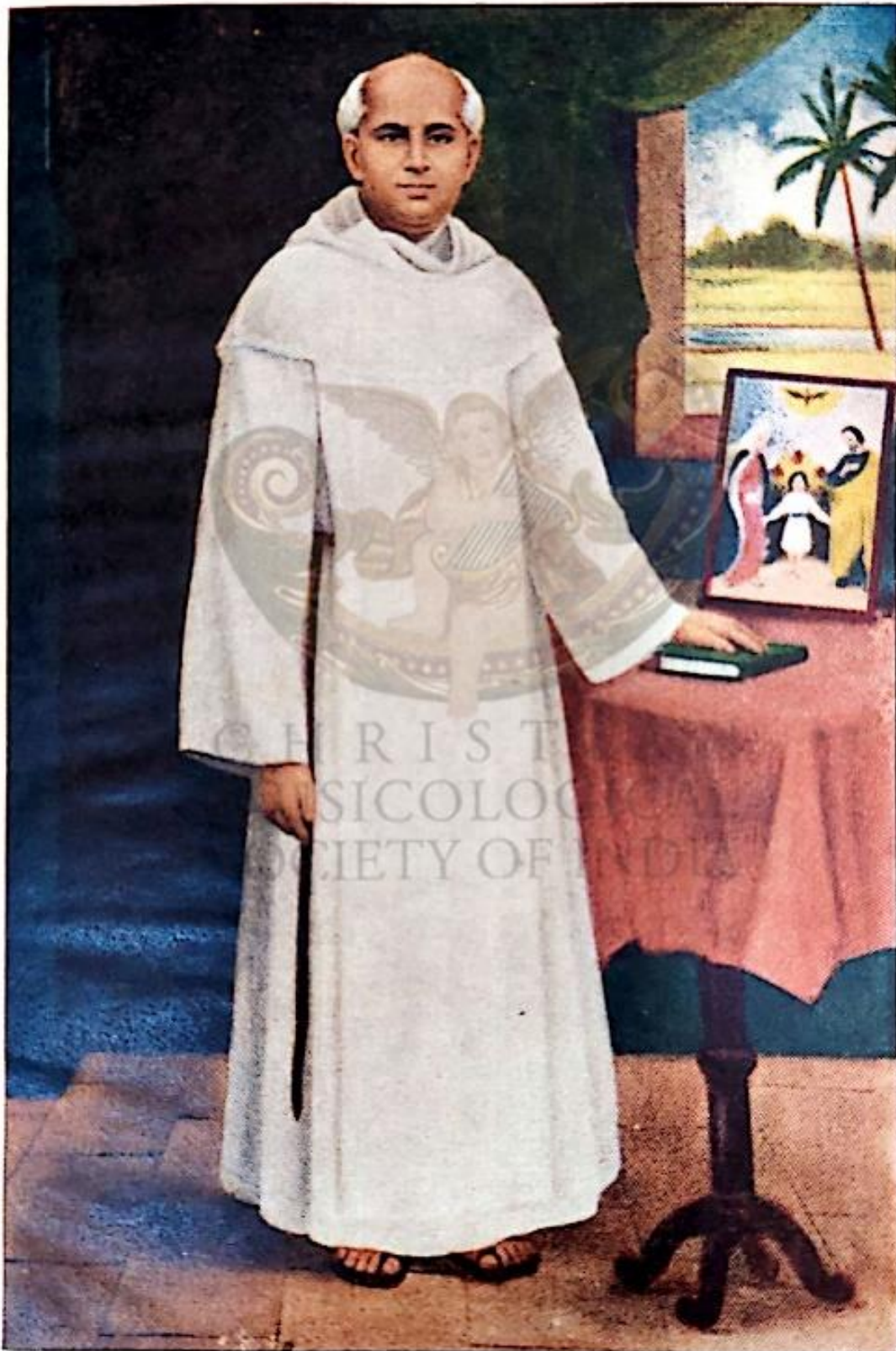
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Father Kuriackos Elias Chavara
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FOREWORD

By

THE MOST REV. DR. MATHEW KAVUKATT
Archbishop of Changanacherry.

Here is another valuable contribution to catholic literature from Mr. K. C. Chacko who has, by the numerous articles he has contributed to Weeklies and Monthlies and by the books he has written and published, already established a high reputation as a gifted and learned writer. Although professionally a Professor of Engineering and Mathematics, Mr. Chacko has showed himself to be well-informed in subjects relating to religion, history and literature. That he has chosen to write the life of a saintly monk and has completed that work in a very short time making the maximum use of the scanty time he could spare, is I presume, a sign of the fulness of the Christian life in him and of his zeal to show to others the way of Christian perfection. With the skill of a gifted artist he has portrayed Father Kuriackos Elias Chavara and presented him before us for our inspiration and imitation. Father Kuriackos Elias Chavara was a great Christian, a very holy monk and a successful founder and builder of many institutions. While he most scrupulously lived the life of a Religious, dedicated to the love and service of God, the same divine love in him inspired him to devote himself, as much as he could, to the love and service of men. It is a long and most praiseworthy record, his varied enterprises and activities for the religious, social, cultural and



Instantaneous Correction of Club Feet.

(Talipez Equino Varus)

Both legs of my son Joseph were congenitally club-footed. The feet were turned upside down; their soles were facing each other and when walking the heels remained raised from the ground.

When Joseph was about six years old, we happened to hear of the favours obtained by many, through the intercession of the Servant of God, Father Kuriackos Elias Chavara and we began to pray to him for the correction of the deformity of the feet of Joseph. My daughter Annakutty (Anne), Joseph's elder sister was most interested in the matter. At her instance we daily recited the prayer for obtaining favours through the intercession of Fr. Kuriackos Elias. Joseph used to go to school in the company of Annakutty. Very often, on the way, when treading on the sharp stones lying scattered on the uneven path, Joseph used to cry due to pain felt in his feet. On such occasions Annakutty used to lift and carry her little brother over the difficult portions of the way to school.

A few weeks after we began to pray to Fr. Kuriackos Elias, one day, Joseph on his way to school, in the company of his sister, felt intense pain in the feet and began to cry. This time, his sister, instead of lifting and carrying him as usual, asked him to pray with her to Fr. Kuriackos Elias. Together they recited One Our Father, One hail Mary, and One Glory be to... and prompted by Annakutty, Joseph uttered the supplication, "Oh Father Kuriackos Elias, cure the deformity of my feet", when suddenly Joseph felt a shiver in his right foot; the next moment he could fix the sole of the right foot flat on the ground in the natural position, the deformities of 'Equino' & 'Varus' being simultaneously corrected. This cure of the double deformity of the right foot is permanent.

With profound gratitude and unbounded trust, we continued our prayers for the correction of Joseph's left foot also. A few months later, one day Annakutty and Joseph were

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