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52nd Memorial Oration of



Marhoom DR. T.B. JAYAH

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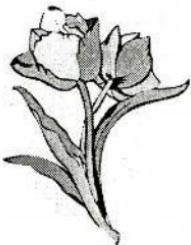
I have great pleasure in releasing this message on the occasion of late Dr.T.B. Jayah's Memorial Oration on his 52nd death anniversary.

The late Dr. Jayah was a great educationist who spent his life and time for the cause of Muslim education and also served in the tutorial staff of the premier Buddliist institution, Ananda College. He also worked hand in hand with leaders of the time for the freedom of the country.

I am sure the Muslim community would emulate his good qualities and render great service like him.

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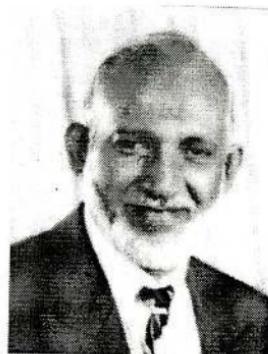
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Hon. A.H.M. Fowzie

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It is with great pleasure that, I send this message to be published in the journal to mark the 52nd Memorial Oration of Marhoom. Alhaj Dr. T.B. Jayah, who was a Muslim leader & a recognized National hero of Sri Lanka.

He was a celebrated educationist, a social reformer, a statesman, and diplomat.

As the Principal of Zahira College his contribution to raise the education standard of the college to the exalted position of today was unique. As a National Leader he is set an example in serving all communities and loved by them all.

We remember and celebrate his dedication for the welfare and upliftment of the Muslim community. Besides education, he played a significant role in politics to free the country from foreign domination.

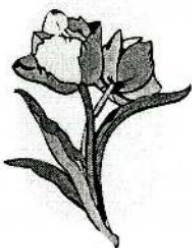
As the high commissioner of Sri Lanka in Pakistan he consolidated the friendly relations between our two countries.

He left an indelible mark, in the history of Sri Lanka and he upheld the unity of all communities and promoted a concept of one country one nation.

I am happy to note that the T.B. Jayah Foundation has organized the Memorial Oration for the 52nd year and wish the event all success.

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It gives me great pleasure and privilege to send this message to the souvenir published to commemorate one of the great leaders of the Muslim community of Sri Lanka late Al Haj Dr. Tuan Burhanuddin Jayah,



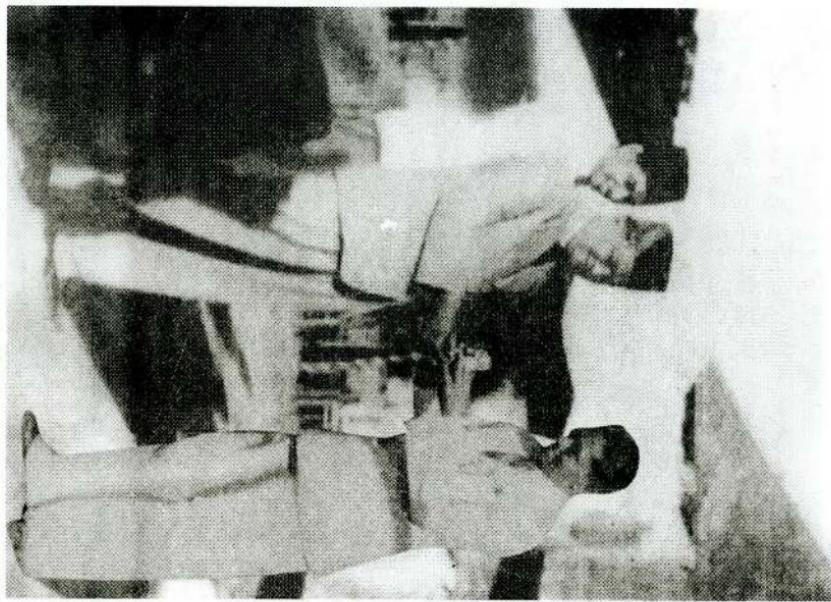
Born as a son of a police sergeant Dr. Jayah has shined as a multifaceted career person in his life. I am amazed to see his life profile as a teacher, principal, educationist, Member of the Legislative Council, Freedom Fighter, Member of Parliament, Minister and diplomat. It is unimagined for a person to climb these heights in the present world.

It is with much respect I note that it is during his period as principal the Zahira College of Colombo the pioneer Muslim academic institution Sri Lanka gained much fame and established several branches around the country.

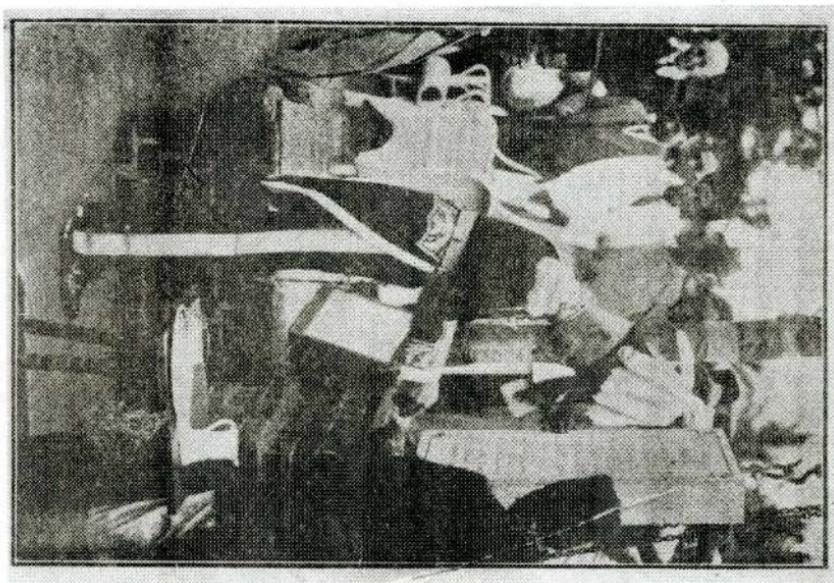
I appreciate the efforts put forward by the Organizing Committee of this event to remember a great leader of this nation. It is the duty of a community to remember such personalities and pass their valuable thoughts to coming generations. I pray that their efforts bring good rewards from Almighty Allah.

Mehdi. G. Rokni
Cultural Counsellor
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Hon. Dr. T.B. Jayah in the capacity as Minister awarded a trophy to Late Mr. M.Y.M. Faleel an old boy and member of the Teaching Staff of Zahira College for Miniature Rifle Club Shooting 1949
The late Mr. A.M.A. Azeez, successor to Dr. T.B. Jayah looks on.



The Chief Guest who graced the foundation stone laying ceremony of the main building which houses the Gaffoor Hall was the governor of His Excellency sir William Manning in 1922



Message /By the President

M. Ashroff Hussain, JP

President-Dr. T.B. Jayah Foundation

We are today commemorating the 52nd Death Anniversary of Marhoom Dr.T.B.Jayah.

Jayah was an acceptional personality who excelled in his education career. Later in his career of the teaching profession he was responsible in producing many outstastanding personalities. One of whom is the late Phillip Gunawardena.

He assumed as principal of Zahira College and worked tirelessly to establish it a leading educational institution. He could be classed in Sri Lanka as similar to Sir Seyed Ahamed khan of India. Subsequently he handed over the college principalship to Marhoom A.M.A.Azeez.

In the field of his political career his contribution in the legistlature and the service to the community was cannot be mentioned by words. His role as a High Commissioner was unique.

I hope we all should learn and follow the foot step of Marhoom Dr. T.B.Jayah and continue to serve in all our future endeavours.

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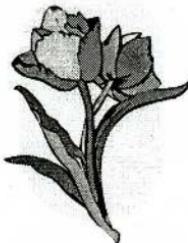
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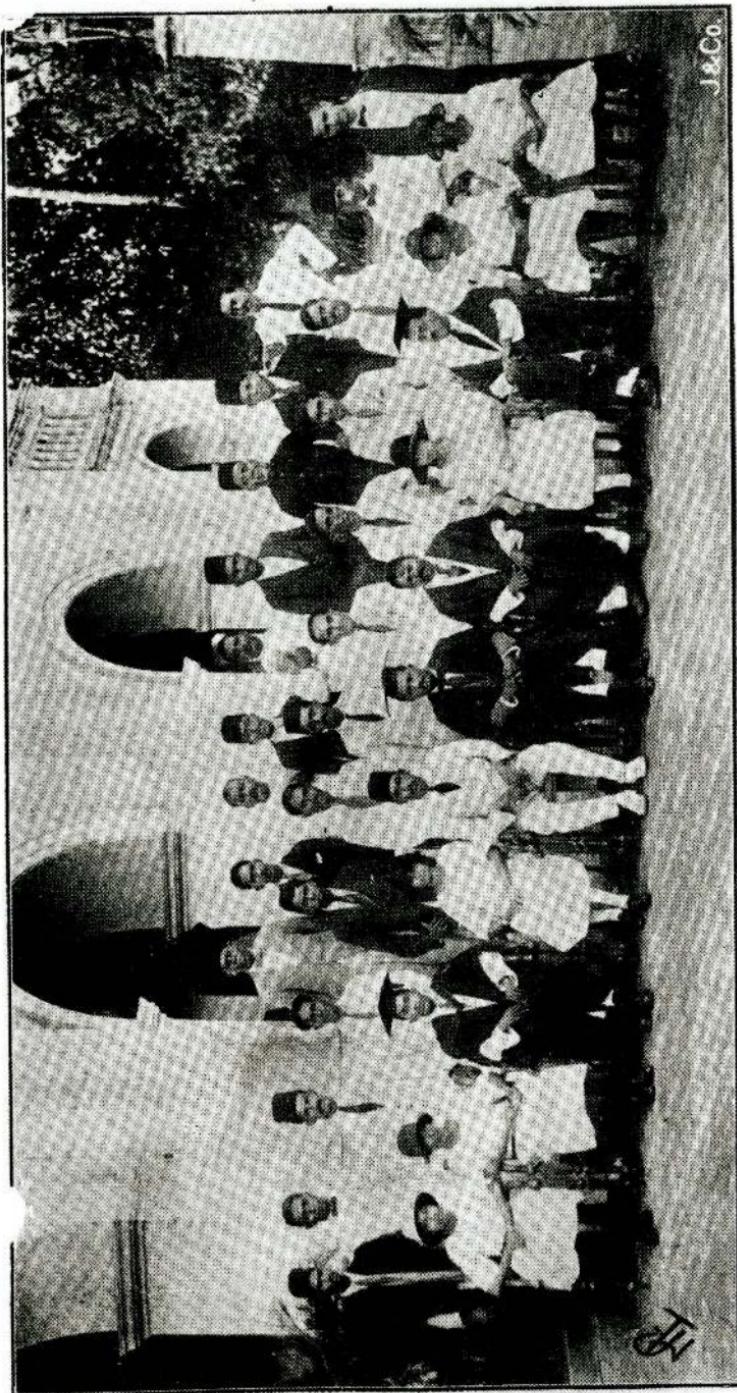


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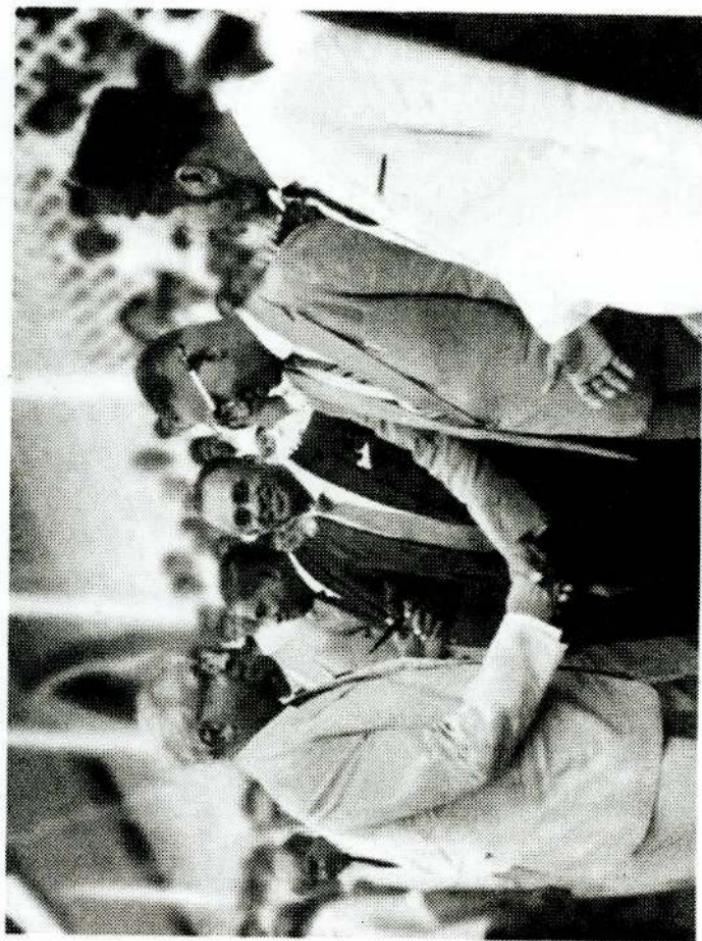
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Dr. T.B. Jayah assumed duty as Principal at Zahira Collage in 1921
Mr. Jayah is seen with the first batch of members of his staff.
Photograph taken on 21st March 1923



The Ceremonial Opening of Zahira College Hostel in 1967, the distinguished Old Boys of Zahira College during Dr. T.B.Jayah's period are being greeted by the late Prime Minister Hon. Dudley Senanayake.

L to Right : **M.H.M.Jameel, M.Y.M.Faleel, S.B.M.Hussain & Noor Hameem**
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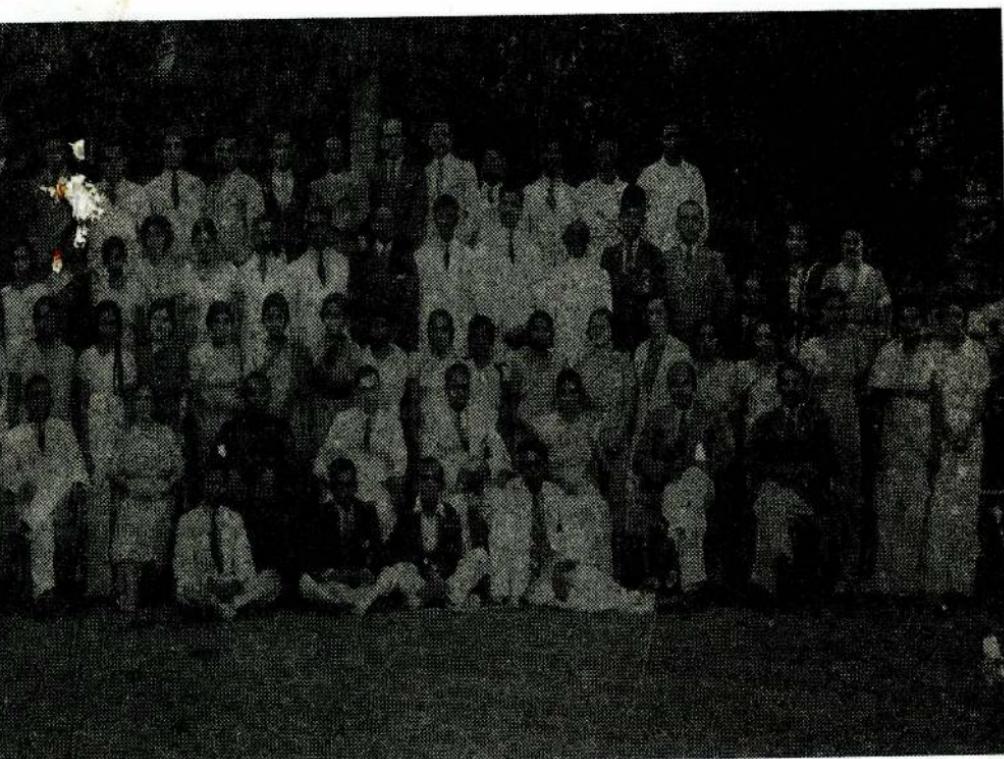
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**Picture Above Dr. T.B. Jayah, (President of the Association)
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Message By :

M. Faisal Faleel, JP

Secretary General-Dr. T.B.Jayah Foundation

I have great pleasure in forwarding this message to Dr. T.B Jayah's 52nd death anniversary.

Though Dr.T.B.Jayah departed this world more than half a century ago, his name still shines as a great educationist who spent his life and time in the upliftment of the Muslim Community in particular and the country at large. A grateful Muslim population commemorate his 52nd death anniversary on 31st May 2012.

Born to a Malay Family at Galagedara in 1890, he received his early education at St. Thomas College where he distinguished in his career by carrying off several prizes and, there after, he prosecuted his higher studies at the University of London and earned the Bachelor of Arts Degree. Subsequently, he played different roles in his life; he was a teacher, principal, state counselor, minister, diplomat and social worker. Jayah, the great educationist and philanthropist, was instrumental in pioneering the course of Muslim education and the number of Zahira Colleges through out the Island bespeaks of his selfless service in the cause of humanity; nor can the people forget his immense contribution along with other leaders for the cause of freedom to our country.

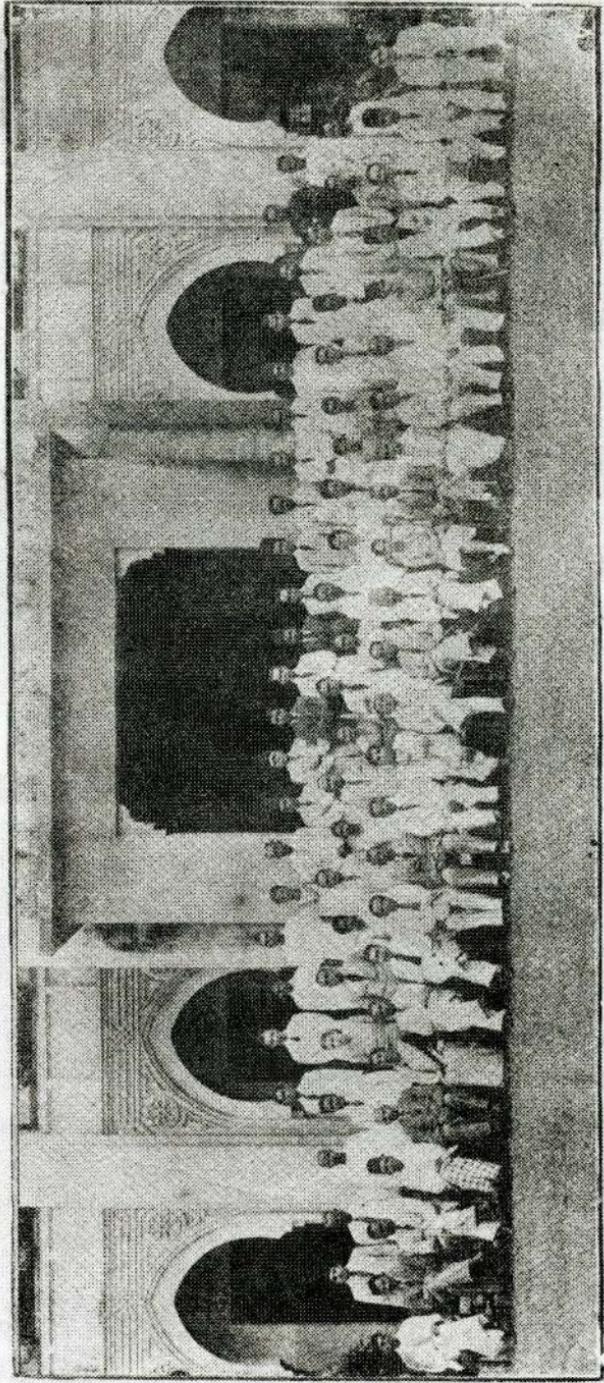
Jayah was appointed the principal of Zahira College in 1921 when he was but 32 years and rendered yeoman service to the school until the 2nd world war in 1939, and in 1942 Zahira College was commandeered and used as establishments for army units and air-raids precautionary forces.

Dr. Jayah was the President of Colombo Teachers' Association and was also the President of the first Teacher Training Refresher Course that was inaugurated in 1936, when Mr. L. Mc D. Robinson, a British, was the Director of Education.

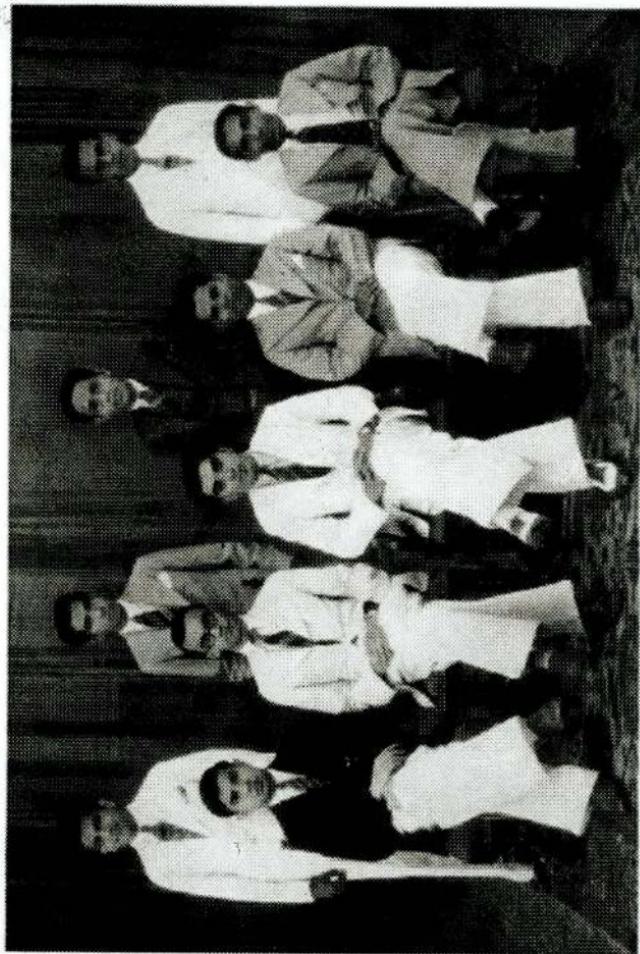
Like all great men who had departed this world after serving their people, Jayah too has left behind his foot prints in the sands of time for the present generation to emulate his sterling qualities. His service to the community was multifarious and immeasurable and beggars description. This great man breathed his last on 31st May, 1960 and the Almighty Allah accorded him greatest honour - his mortal remains were laid to rest among the companions of our prophet Mohamed (Sal) in Jennathul Baqi.

Inna Lillahi Wa-Inna Ilaihi Raji-oon.

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Photograph of the Staff - Past and Present -
taken on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Mr. T. B. Jayah as Principal



Distinguished old boys during Dr. T.B.Jayah's period.

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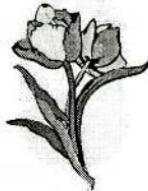
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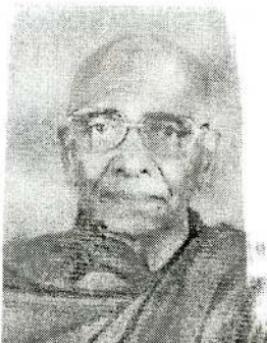
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Message By :

Bikku W. Rathana

A distinguished old boy during Dr. T.B.Jayah's
Stewardship at Zahira College.



Dr. T.B. Jayah was personality of great ability and efficiency in the noble profession of teaching. As a teacher and a colleague, Mr. T.B.Jayah was amiable and interesting. On the eve of assuming duties of Zahira, Dr. Gunapala Malalasekara who was also a teacher at Ananda College, Colombo said, "We were both members of the tutorial staff of Ananda College. Dr. Jayah was the doyen of the academic staff of the college, highly respected and loved by both teachers and students alike, a most popular lecturer, equally conversant with the intricate patterns of British and European history and the rich treasures of Greek and Roman literature. No Students would ever miss Dr.Jayah's classes willingly, because his wisdom and erudition and his power and skill of exposition were truly remarkable. But when call came from the Muslim community he responded and left Ananda to be the head of Zaliira College.

On account of his skill and experience, he was appointed Principal of Zahira College, Colombo on 1st of September 1921. As a matter of fact Zahira College was established in August 1891, one year after the birth of T.B.Jayah.

I can recollect the day when we visited Dr.T.B.Jayah, Principal in his office, when my mother greeted him and explained about my admittance to the College, Dr. Jayah gave a patient hearing. He turned to me immediately and asked me to forward reports from the teachers about my knowledge on the subjects I wanted to study a within a short time. He was satisfied with my productions and admitted me to Form 7.

If not for Dr.Jayah, I could not have gained admittance. Hence, I am ever grateful to Dr. Jayah, Dr.Azeez, all ny teachers and Dr. Kannangara for, implementation of Free Education scheme message to the needy.

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