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The Hindu Organ.

JAFFNA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1899

Jaffna Hindu College.

The Prize Giving at the Hindu College on Saturday last was a most successful unction. The attendance was large and composed of the elite of the community. The Hall of the College which is, we believe, the largest in Jaffna, could not have

contained all those who attended. The arrangements were, on the whole, excellent, and reflected the highest credit on those responsible for them.

The report of the Principal which we publish in full elsewhere speaks for itself; and the speeches of the gentlemen who are all Christians with the exception of Mr. Kanagasabai would show that, not only the College is managed and conducted on broad and liberal principles, but all Jaffnese, without distinction of caste or creed, look upon the institution with pride and satisfaction as the product of native enterprise and organization.

Without going the length of comparing the Hindu College with the Royal College, Wesley College and St. Thomas College, as some speakers were led to do—Colleges which are much older ones and financed by the Government and influential and wealthy religious bodies—we ask any one to say whether the Hindu College has not attained to a position of such usefulness to the Jaffna public as few other institutions in the Island have attained within so short a period of their existence. Though this College is in the tenth year of its existence, and though it is only five years since it was recognized as a High School by, and three years since it was affiliated to, the Calcutta University, it has produced 47 matriculates and 13 F. A. s of that University, besides passing four students in the Ceylon Government Clerical Examination. This is a result of which any College may well be proud. It is not in the number of students alone who have graduated from this College its benefits are to be judged; but it has indirectly done a world of good in the cause of education, as every body will admit, by stimulating other Colleges in the Peninsula to raise the standard of education, and to employ good and efficient teachers, in them. It is a well known fact that the existence of the Hindu College has created a healthy rivalry among all the principal educational institutions in the Peninsula and that some of them which were in a state of collapse at the time it was established have now become centres of educational activity. The Hindu College has, therefore, not only supplied a great want of the Hindu community but has been productive of much good to the other communities also.

The appeal of the Principal for funds to complete the buildings connected with the College, and to make it more useful and permanent, will, we hope, meet with ready response on the part of the Hindu community in and out of Jaffna. The success or failure of this grand and gigantic undertaking cannot fail to reflect upon them as a community. When even Christian gentlemen look upon it with pride and satisfaction considering it as a national undertaking, it behoves the Hindus in particular to do every thing in their power to make it more useful and permanent.

The thanks of the Hindus of Jaffna are due to the Hon'ble Joseph Grenier for having presided on that occasion and for the good wishes which he expressed for the welfare of the institution. In having him as Chairman on the occasion everybody felt that they were having one of themselves to preside over the function, and it was no little pleasure to the people of Jaffna to find him occupying the exalted and responsible position of Commissioner of Assize.

THE JAFFNA F. N. S. HOSPITAL.

Our contemporary of the "Morning Star" thinks that "the attack of the Hindu Organ on the past management of the Hospital is to say the least ill-timed." We are sure that our contemporary will not venture to take exception to any of the facts contained in our article on the subject. The

"Morning Star" itself admits in effect that the institution is in a state of collapse and is "in need of warm-hearted friends who will rally to its support and restore it to its former position in the confidence of the people." Is this not an opportune time to review the past history of the Hospital, and to point out the causes that led to the present deplorable condition of the institution so that those responsible for its management or mismanagement might profit by past experiences, if their object is to restore it to its former position of usefulness? Our contemporary and we have the same object in view, namely, the retention of the Hospital as a People's Hospital. But we only differ as to the means by which that object is to be attained. Our contemporary true to his tradition of supporting anything and everything done by, or connected with the administration of, the late Government Agent, is desirous simply to see the Hospital once more under the management of Sir William Twynam and not made over to Government. We, on the other hand while advocating the retention of the Hospital under the management of the Friend-in-need Society, insist on the introduction of radical reforms in its management, as we have done during the last ten years in the best interest of the institution. If the "Morning Star" had ever supported us in our attempts to bring about the reforms in the management of the Hospital, instead of finding fault with those who honestly ventured to serve the best interests of the public, the present deplorable condition of the Hospital could have been, in all probability, avoided. We should therefore, hold our contemporary partly responsible, for the present state of affairs in the Hospital, as he has all along pooh-poohed the necessity of reforms in the management of the Hospital and supported the past management through thick and thin.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

JAFFNA COLLEGE—The annual Prize giving of this institution takes place this evening.

MAGISTRATES OF POINT PEDRO AND JAFFNA—Messrs R. W. Allegaocoe and T. M. Tampoo have been appointed to officiate in the fifth class of the Civil Service. We congratulate them on their promotion.

MR. T. PONNAMPALAMPILLAI—This gentleman to whom reference was made in our issue of the 16th instant as having been engaged in the suppression of the Maravar-Shanar riots in India has been, we are glad to learn, appointed by the Government of Travancore acting Superintendent of Police of that State for 16½ months, in recognition of his services during the riots. This is an appointment, we understand, generally filled up by Europeans, and though many Europeans were in the running for it, the Government were not disposed to overlook Mr. Ponnampalampillai's claims especially after his service in connection with the riots.

MR. V. S. GURUNATHAPILLAI—We learn from the "Hindu" of Madras that this gentleman who is Assistant Conservator of Forests in the Tinnaively District of South India has been appointed a member of the Taluk Board of Sermadevi in that Zilla. He is a son of the late Vettivalu Mudaliyar, Maniagar of Poonaryn and a brother-in-law of Mr. S. T. M. Pasupathy Chettiar.

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS—The following recommendations have been approved consequent on the death of Mr. J. A. Caralasingam, Shroff of the Jaffna Customs: Mr. W. L. Thomas from Rs550 to draw Rs660 Mr. W. A. Perera from Rs528 to draw Rs55; Mr. Chellappah from Rs495 to draw Rs523; Mr. Thambipulle from Rs480 to draw Rs495; Mr. W. P. Silva from Rs462 to draw Rs480; Mr. Cassienader from Rs440 to draw Rs462; Mr. C. A. Reimers from Rs396 to draw Rs440; Mr. A. V. Sela from Rs385 to draw Rs396; Mr. H. Foenander from Rs275 to draw Rs285; Mr. A. Canthiah at present assistant clerk in the Provincial Registrar's office, Jaffna, on Rs275 to be a Custom's officer on Rs275; Mr. P. E. Francis to officiate as Shroff

of the Jaffna Customs; Mr. Cheliappah to officiate as Shroff. Point Pedro, and Mr. A. Canthiah to officiate as Shroff Kankasenturai.

MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE—The marriage of Mr. Thalaiasingam, Advocate Student, eldest son of the late Mr. Armstrong Mudaliyar, District Engineer, with Miss Selvanayagi eldest daughter of the late Mr. Advocate Nagalingam took place according to Hindu rites in the house of the bride in the Town of Jaffna on the morning of Friday last at 4 A. M. The elite of the Jaffna community attended the wedding either on that day or on the following days. We wish the newly married couple prosperity and all success in life.

THE PRIZE GIVING AT THE HINDU COLLEGE.

The annual Prize Giving at the Hindu College came off on Saturday the 26th instant under the presidency of the Honourable Joseph Grenier, Commissioner of Assize, commencing at 6-30 P. M. in the presence of a very large assembly of gentlemen. The College Hall as well as the approaches to it from the road had been very tastefully decorated, and the spectacle when the large company had taken their seats within presented a bright and animated scene. In fact the large Hall could not have contained all those who attended and a very large number had to stand the whole time at the Verandahs and the doorways. Mr. Grenier attended by his son and Private Secretary arrived punctually at the appointed time. He was received by the Manager Mr. Proctor Casippillai and Mr. Selvadurai Pillai, the Principal, and conducted to the dais erected for the occasion. Among those present we noticed the following gentlemen: Viz, Mr. T. M. Tampoo, Police Magistrate of Jaffna, Mr. Crown Counsel Aserappa, Mr. A. Mailvaganam J. P. and Unofficial Police Magistrate, Advocates Kanagasabai, Tirunavukarasu and Isaac Thambyah, Proctors Casippillai, Visuvalingam, Cathiravalu, Cooke, Lawton, Kanagasabai and Appasamy, Drs. Candiah and Paul, M. Thambapillai Mudaliyar, Mr. Perkins, Inspector of Police, Mr. R. Kantiah, Secretary of the District Court, Professor Small, Messrs K. C. Kadramer, Chief Clerk Fiscal's office; M. S. Ramalingam, Tamil Interpreter of the Supreme Court; Karalasingam Registrar of Lands; Sanmugam Pillai, Head Master Wesleyan Central College, Edward Pillai, Head Master Vannarponnai Wesleyan English School; I. Mudaliyar Tillainadar of the Road Committee, T. Ellankayar, Head Clerk, Mullaitivu Kachcheri; S. Sabaretnam, second Interpreter Jaffna Kachcheri; A. Krishnapillai, Head Clerk P. W. D.; V. Sanmugam, Clerk Police Office; Arumugam, Retired sub-Collector; Appacutty Mudaliyar, Retired Shroff Batticaloa Kachcheri; B. C. Alexander, Shroff Jaffna Commercial Corporation; S. K. Lawton, T. Kailasapillai, A. Muttutambay Pillai of Messrs Ward and Davy, A. Thurraiappa, M. S. Nagalingam, S. Sivagurunather, S. T. M. Pasupathy Chettiar, A. Sapapathy, Renter Ramalingam, R. Arulambalam Clerk Provincial Registrar's Office, A. Sivagurunather of the Fiscal's Office, S. Visuvappa, K. Mudaliyar Navaratnam, and S. Chellappa of Tellipalai, M. Chinnappa of Moolai, Valauthampillai of Point Pedro, S. Nagalingam of the Point Pedro Court, J. P. Cooke of Batticotta, and others too numerous to mention.

The proceedings began with the reading of the report by the Principal which we publish elsewhere. The Hon'ble Mr. Grenier next gave away the Prizes, the Principal calling out the names of the successful students. The list of prize winners also is published on the fourth page.

The following gentlemen were the speakers on the occasion, Viz Messrs T. M. Tampoo, Police Magistrate of Jaffna, Aserappa, Crown Counsel. Kanagasabai Advocate, Isaac Thambyah Advocate, Tirunavukarasu Advocate, Professor Small, Dr. William Paul, Messrs Sanmugampillai and K. C. Kadramer. Every one of them spoke very feelingly and congratulated the College on the success it had attained as an educational institution. The Chairman brought the proceedings to a close with a masterly and eloquent speech full of encouragement to the authorities of the College and wishing it further success. The Principal moved a vote of thanks to the Hon'ble Joseph Grenier for having presided on the occasion and distributed the prizes and called for three cheers for him, which were heartily given by those present.

THE SUPREME COURT SESSIONS.

On Thursday the 24th instant case No. 1 on the calendar was taken up in which Mr. Henry Raziah Solomon was charged with (1) perjury and (2) with dishonestly using as genuine a forged document. An English-speaking Jury with Mr. S. Valupillai as foreman was empanelled to try this case. Mr. Aserappa prosecuted and Advocates Allegakoen, Kanagasabai, Tirunavukarasu, and Sandresakara defended the accused. Mr. J. T. Muttiah, Chief Mudaliyar of the Batticaloa Kachcheri, Mr. T. M. Tampoo Police Magistrate of Jaffna, Mr. Carpenter, Proctor, and Miss Allegamma Niles were examined for the prosecution this day. The whole of the 25th was occupied with the cross-examination of Miss Allegamma Niles and the examination and cross-examination of Miss Nallamma Eliatamby. There was no court

on the 26th and 27th instant. On Monday the 28th Mr. T. Cooke, Proctor, Rev D. P. Niles, Mr. William Chellappa Niles, Mr. Eliza Bates Hunt, and the Rev G. J. Trimmer were examined and cross examined. This closed the case for the prosecution.

On the 29th before opening his defence Mr. Kanagasabai asked the Judge if there was a case to go before the jury on the first count, seeing that the record of the evidence given by the accused and taken by Mr. Commissioner Browne during the trial of the abduction case was not produced by the crown in evidence. His Lordship was of opinion that judges of supreme court were not bound to record the evidence of witnesses. Mr. Kanagasabai however contended that under section 358 and 359 of the old Procedure Code they were bound to do so. The Judge promised to consider the point and asked Mr. Kanagasabai to proceed with his defence. The accused was then examined on his behalf. Master Wilfred Alexander, Marian Sinnatamby, Dr. William Paul, Baboo, Mylon and Mr. Henry Chellappa were the witnesses called that day for the defence. On the 31st (to-day) Mr. M. Sapapathy, Interpreter of the Police Court, Miss Chellamma Tillayambalam, Mr. Richard Sapapathy, Miss Setupillai and Miss Rasamma Frederick were examined for the defence. Mr. Kanagasabai began his address to the jury at 2-20 P. M. and did not conclude it at 4-30 P. M. when the court adjourned for tomorrow. It is expected that the case will be over tomorrow. We hope to publish a detailed proceeding of this case in our next issue.

GENERAL CEMETERIES—In our last issue we gave the Minute with regard to the Ordinance to amend the Courts Ordinance. Last Friday's Gazette has also a draft Ordinance relating to General Cemeteries and Burial Grounds. According to the provisions of this new Ordinance, the Governor is empowered to establish a general cemetery for the burial and cremation of the dead, as also to prohibit any other places being used for the same purposes. The various Municipal Councils and Local Boards will provide the land for burying purposes, and such lands cannot be sold or disposed of for any purpose whatever without permission of the Governor. The cemetery is not to extend within fifty feet of a dwelling without the written consent of the owner, lessee and occupier of that house. Chapels and other buildings necessary for the performance of burial services are permitted within the limits of a cemetery. The lands used for burial must be enclosed with a substantial wall or an iron railing of a height of six feet, and kept in complete repair. A portion of the ground can be sold to any religious denomination who may appoint boards of management for such lands. The cemetery cannot be used for any other purpose than burials and no corpse buried in the grounds, can be removed without the authority of the District Court. The burials are to be registered by the keeper of the cemetery, who, with a contingent of servants, grave-diggers, &c., will be appointed by the authorities. No corpse is to be buried in any vault or in or near a chapel.

—The Ceylon Examiner

CASTE AND CHRISTIANITY.

The local (Madras) *Patriot* made a boast of it some weeks ago, that Christianity, when it has been accepted in this country, has made for the dissolution of caste bonds. But the truth is very much the other way even as some Christian Missionaries understand it. One of them makes a pitiful complaint in the columns of the *Indian Witness of Calcutta* that even Missionaries are obliged often times to respect the caste scruples of their converts. He writes:—"What a terrible curse to India and a hindrance to the Gospel of Christ caste is. There are open doors to vast numbers of lower castes in various parts of India but some Missionaries rightly or wrongly feel debarred from entering them. Why? Because they dare not bring them into the churches already formed, which are composed of people just one step higher in the caste ladder. They are precluded from organizing them into separate churches. It must be a source of grief to the gracious Redeemer who humbled Himself to lift all into fellowship with the heavenly Father." We do not know about caste being "a terrible curse" to India. On the other hand, if we may be sure it is a terrible "hindrance" to "the Gospel of Christ," because a person who has himself been engaged in the propagation of that Gospel has said so, we, at least such of us as believe in the superiority of our own time-honoured religion, should have good cause to bless it.—*The Hindu*.

THE CIVIL MEDICAL DEPARTMENT. FORTHCOMING CHANGES.

We have already stated that Dr. Craib from Kandy succeeds Dr. Keegel as Port Surgeon

Colombo, and we are informed that the latter goes as Senior Medical officer of the Northern Province, while Dr. Gratiaen goes to Kandy, &c. Dr. Craib. Dr. Gratiaen has forgone a portion of his year's leave and resumes duties on the 1st instant, when the above changes will come into force. Dr. Keegel, who has been Port Surgeon of Colombo for about four years, will be much missed by a large circle. He has been Port Surgeon during a very critical period with the plague in India, and the way he carried out the orders of the Plague Committee is well-known to the members of that and other bodies.

—Independent

THOMIANS IN ENGLAND—The last issue of St. Thomas' College Magazine contains the following interesting information:—

Mr. A. C. Tampoo writing to us says:—"I shall give you some straight information concerning some of the Thomians in England at present. 1st J. P. Obeysekera is a Trinity man and is taking up the Law Tripos, in which he hopes to do well. His brother Donald who was a Thomian at first and subsequently a Royalist from what I gathered from him is still more Thomian than a Royalist at heart. He is also taking up the law Tripos. At the end of last year, he won the Freshmen's Medal for boxing. Feather-weight Championship. The medal is of bronze and bears the inscription Creber intraque manu." J. R. Thuraiingham of King's College London, has won two scholarships at King's since his arrival. One is an Entrance (Exhibition) of £30 per annum and the other one of £15. Also in the Xmas Terminal Examination he got the 1st Class 1st Division in Mathematics, being the only one in that Division. He is preparing for another Scholarship of £50 per annum and thinks he has a good chance for it. Moreover he plays for the 1st eleven in cricket and had the good fortune to take 6 wickets for 16 runs against one of the strongest College teams in London.

"I have passed my 'Previous,' and had the good fortune to win the 1st prize in the Steverage Golf Club handicap tournament. Also in the school sports I was lucky in getting the 1st prize, in high jump and throwing the cricket ball, as well as the 2nd prize for the long jump. Moreover I was rewarded 'the Distinction Cup,' for cricket yesterday.

"I join Clare College in October. For the summer holidays I am going to Ireland. The English climate suits me immensely, and I am more in form now than I ever was in my life. I could last much better here than in Ceylon. Why, I have bowled through a whole inning and felt not in the least but done up, at the end.

REPORT OF THE HINDU COLLEGE JAFFNA FOR THE YEAR 1898-99.

I have the honor to submit my report of the Hindu College for the year 1898-99. This institution has been in existence for the last ten years. It is good therefore to review its work and its development during the first decade. In 1889 when it was brought under the Saiva Paripalana Sabai and when it assumed its characteristic features and name, which it has continued to maintain, it was a small beginning. It developed slowly but steadily under the management of the late Mr. Advocate Nagalingam who was the leading spirit of the movement. It had a hard struggle for existence from 1889 till 1894. In the latter year the institution was recognised as a High School by the Calcutta University. The results of the school in the Calcutta Entrance Examination raised it in the estimation of the public and as a consequence the numbers increased, finances grew, and the school prospered. In February 1895, the Department of Public Instruction registered it as a grant-in-aid Middle School. This fact helped its further progress. It received greater public support, besides Govt. aid. In September 1895 the school was removed to the present buildings which had been erected at a cost of Rs 10000 nearly. And in the same month of 1895 it was affiliated to the Calcutta University as a second-grade College, giving instruction as far as the First-in-arts standard. The number on the Roll in 1889 was 100 with an average daily attendance of 75. The number on the Roll in July 1899 was 340 with an average daily attendance of 250.

TUTORIAL STAFF

For the sake of efficient supervision, the institution is divided into the College Department consisting of the Senior F. A. Junior F. A. and Entrance classes; the High School Department consisting of the VI, VII, and VIII standards and the Primary Department composed of the first 5 standards.

The Head Master of Primary Dept is Mr. M. Sapapathy, an able and experienced teacher. The efficiency and discipline of this Dept is mainly due to his supervision. Mr. J. K. Namasivayam Pillai B. A. is Professor of Logic and Mathematics. Besides undertaking the different duties of a Professor in the College Dept he has rendered me valuable help in the supervision of the College and High School Department. He is a singularly able man and has discharged his duties faithfully and conscientiously. The present staff consists of the Principal, the Head Master, a Professor of Latin, ten Assistant Masters and a Tamil Pandit.

CHANGES IN THE STAFF

Mr. V. Cathiravalu Pillai B. A. Professor of Latin and Mathematics resigned his appointment in October 1898. During the three years he was connected with the College, he did his work very ably and the good results gained by the students in the First-in-arts examination fully testify to his efficient teaching.

Mr. Bernard was appointed Professor of Latin in May 1898. He is a very valuable acquisition to the College being a specialist in Latin and an able teacher. By his life and example he inspires in his students a love for character which is styled the "spinal element" of a College.

Mr. S. Vytialingam was temporarily appointed to teach Mathematics from June 1898 to January 1899.

Mr. S. Ponnudurai who was connected with the school from its very commencement and who was in charge of the VI standard left in May 1898 on passing the examination for a Notary and Mr. N. Ponniah master in charge of the V standard was promoted to his place. During the ten years he was school master he did his work with great zeal and ability.

ATTENDANCE

In 1897 there were 378 on the Roll with an average daily attendance of 295. The numbers remained almost the same till November 1898. From November 1898 there was a gradual decline till May 1899. This was due to the prevalence of a bad type of epidemic fever. The health at Vannarpannai and in the neighbouring villages was very bad and a large number of our boys did not attend school owing to ill-health. From May 1899 when the fever commenced to abate there was a steady rise in the attendance and in July of this year it has come up to 340 on the Roll with an average daily attendance of 250. The mortality among our boys during the year was much higher proportionately than in any other year. The insanitary condition of Jaffna and the consequent breaking out of fever of a malignant type year after year during the wet months need the serious attention of Govt and the people.

I cannot too much insist on the necessity of regular attendance. A boy if he is not regular loses the sequence of studies and makes very little progress. Irregularity tells upon us seriously at the time of the grant-in-aid examination. Though the number of those who are qualified by attendance is large, yet it is those who attended school regularly throughout the year that are found competent to be presented for the Inspector's Annual Examination. At the time of the examination we are pressed by parents to present them, though after the test examination held at the school, they are found unfit for presentation. The remedy lies in the hands of the parents themselves. They must co-operate with the teacher to see that their children attend school regularly and derive the full benefit of school instruction.

THE PROGRESS OF THE COLLEGE

THE CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

In 1898, 16 were presented for the Calcutta Entrance of whom 4 passed in the 3rd Division. The result compared with the previous years was very bad. But in 1899 the results have been good, out of 9 who entered 5 passed; 2 in 2nd Division and 3 in 3rd Division. In the First-in-arts Examination the results were better in 1898 than in 1899. Out of 12 who appeared in 1898 6 passed; 2 in 2nd Division and 4 in the 3rd Division and in 1899 out of ten who entered 4 passed, 1 in the 2nd Division and 3 in the 3rd Division. Since 1894, the year the school was recognized by the Calcutta University 91 (ninety one) students were sent in from the College for the Entrance Examination of whom 47 passed, 7 in the 1st Division, 18 in the 2nd Division and 22 in the 3rd Division. During the 3 years 1897-98 and 99, 30 students went in for the F. A. Examination of whom 13 passed, 4 in the 2nd Division and 9 in the 3rd Division.

In 1895 went up 3 students for the Cambridge Junior Local Examination of whom 2 passed. During the last 2 years 4 students of the college came out successful in the Government Clerical Examination of whom 3 are now in Government Employ and one who also passed the F. A. is a teacher in the College and prepares for the Calcutta B. A.

Out of those who passed the Entrance Examination from the College, Mr. S. Vytialingam has taken this year the degree of Bachelor of Arts of the Calcutta University and two others Mr. S. Sivapadasundaram and Mr. C. Canagaretnam are preparing for the B. A. Examination of the Madras University having already passed in a few of the branches of study for the B. A. degree.

Two of those who passed the F. A. from the College in 1897 took up law and have gone in for the Proctor's Intermediate this year and one is preparing for the Advocate's preliminary.

Three of our students are in the Ceylon Medical College. One has joined the M. B. and C. M. class of the Madras Medical College; a large number have joined the Technical College Colombo. A few are employed as teachers and a very large number after passing the VI, VII, and VIII standard examinations are yearly going to the Straits Settlements and are employed in various capacities as Overseers, Signallers, Post Masters, Railway Station Masters, and Railway guards. We hope the day is not far off when our old boys will do well in the various walks of life and be an honor to their Alma Mater and their country and be of great help to the institution where they received their education.

THE GRANT-IN-AID EXAMINATION.

The Govt examination for result grant was held in October 1898 and the school did well as in past years. The first five standards did very well with the exception of Ceylon History in the V standard. We have no proper text book on the subject and besides the subject is pressed either for the Govt Clerical Examination or for any of the University Examinations. The subject is therefore often neglected by students. If it finds a place among the subject for the Clerical Examination, better text books would be written and greater attention paid to its study. In the VI, VII, and VIII standards the result was not good, but not below the mark in the previous years. There is a sudden rise in the standard of Examination from the Vth to the VIth standards and the number of failures is marked in the VIth standard especially in Reading and Arithmetic. The boy finds it

difficult to express their ideas in English and Reading. This is the subject in which our boys find it very difficult to satisfy the Inspector. In the VII and VIII standards they have to read from a book brought by the Inspector and to answer questions on it. A student who has not a fair acquaintance with the English language fails to pass through this ordeal. Our boys did well in the specific subject.

I have to thank each and every one of my assistants for the untiring zeal and ability with which they have been working throughout the year to which so much of the success of the school is due.

LETTERARY ASSOCIATION

There is a literary association in connection with the College and High School Departments. Meetings are generally held on Wednesday every week. The teachers by turn preside over the meetings. The boys have derived great benefit from the association.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are 4 scholarships attached to the College. Two of them are available for 2 years for students who pass the Calcutta Entrance Examination from the College, obtaining the highest number of Marks in English and Mathematics respectively and continue their F. A. studies in the College. The first is the "Comaraswamy scholarship" founded by Mr. P. Comaraswamy of Colombo of the value of Rs. 80 a year and the 2nd is the Namasivaya Mudaliyar scholarship" founded by Mr. Ratna Sabapathy of Colombo in memory of his late father. The third is the "Sinnatamby scholarship" founded by the late Mr. Proctor A. Sinnatamby of Vannarpannai. The fourth is "Ponnampalavanuswara scholarship" which is also of the value of Rs. 80 a year and founded by Mr. P. Comaraswamy of Colombo is intended to encourage Hindu religious instruction in the College.

SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

1897
S. Thambipillai held the 1st and the 2nd scholarships

1898
E. Kandiah ... Comaraswamy scholarship
M. Nagalingam ... Sinnatamby do

LIBRARY.

The committee of the Victoria Reading Hall has allowed the College the use of their Library. The Teachers make a good use of it. The College is in need of a collection of books of reference which can be used by the students of the College Dept. as a consulting Library.

LABORATORY

The College is also in need of a set of Physical and Chemical Apparatus for teaching Science in the F. A. classes.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

A cricket club was started this year materials being purchased out of funds derived from the New Year coconut collection. A great deal of interest is evinced in the game. A fortnight ago an Eleven of the Hindu College played a friendly match with an Eleven of the Victoria College and our boys won the match. The saying "nothing succeeds like success" is proved by the great enthusiasm for the game. They now desire to measure swords with clubs and other colleges, but I have advisedly asked them to wait till Christmas.

SCHOOL DRILL.

From the first of the month a Drill-Sergeant has been appointed to give our boys instruction in School-Drill. It is hoped, that the Drill system will improve the tone and discipline of the school. It will develop habits of obedience and attention besides removing nervousness and shyness.

THE BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT

Within easy distance from the College, a large and commodious house has been rented out for accommodating boys who attend our school but who came from distant villages. It is directly under the supervision of one of my assistants Mr. N. Ponniah and who has ably discharged this difficult work. It is contemplated to have the Boarding Establishment and the Principal's quarters within the College Premises. Such a state of things is a consummation devoutly to be wished for.

I have to thank the donors of prizes who have generously contributed towards them and have helped to rouse in our boys a healthy emulation.

In conclusion, I have one word to say. To make the College more useful in the future and to make it permanent, funds are required. The school-building must be completed. A Boarding Establishment and the Principal's quarters must be put up, a consulting Library should be formed, a set of Physical and chemical apparatus should be purchased and over and above these equipments, there must be a permanent fund for the College. The Government grant and the school fee collection are barely sufficient to meet the expenditure. Unless the people co-operate and support the institution and raise for it a permanent fund its life must always be considered precarious. The beginnings are proverbially difficult, the initial stage has been passed, it is easy now if the people unite to place it on a permanent and sure basis. We are now on the eve of the 20th century. May the dawn of the new century be marked by a brighter, better and more hopeful state of things.

GENERAL PROFICIENCY PRIZES.

		awarded by
Infant Class.	1. M. Chelliah ...	Mr. M. Tillai-
	2. T. Chelliah ...	ampalam
1. Stand-	1. V. Tamotarampillai ..	R. Mann
ard	2. S. Navaretnam ..	T. Satasivam
	1. C. Nadaraja Mr. A. Sapapathy (in me-	
2. Stand	memory of his late son Arunachalam)	
	2. A. Nadaraja Do Do	
3. Stand	1. C. Comarasami ..	Mr. C. M. Chinniah
	2. S. Mailvaganam ..	Mr. Caralasingam
	V. Chellappa II ..	S. R. Muttucumaro
	T. Kandappillai ..	Mr. V. Shanmugam
4. Stand	1. V. Deivanathan ..	M. Sivapragasam
	H. Eliatamby ..	Mr. S. Sabaretnam
	S. Subramaniam V. Ambalavana Mudr	
5. Stand	1. V. Panchadcharam ..	Mr. T. Satasivam
	2. S. Sundaram ..	S. Candiah Dr
6. Stand	1. M. Kanagasingham T. Mudr. Tillainather	
	2. M. Tambipillai ..	R. Ponnampalam

7. Stand	1. R. Sivagurunather Mr. S. Duraipappa
	2. T. Rajalah .. V. A. Ambalvanapillai
8. Stand	1. V. Ramaswami .. Partasarathi Raja
	2. S. Tillainather ... A. Friend
Entrance	1. M. Selvadurai Mr. P. Arunachalam
	2. A. Duraipappa .. N. Ponniah Pillai
Jr: F. A.	1. E. Kandiah ... Dr. M. Kandiah
	2. S. Duraipappa Mr. M. R. Kandiah
Sr: F. A.	(1898) 1. A. V. Svanather, P. Comaraswami
	2. C. H. Hanibalz .. A. Canagasabai
Sr: F. A.	(1899) S. Tambipillai .. P. Comaraswami

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Tamil V. Stand	A. Eliatamby Mr. M. R. Mailvaganam
—, —	S. Chellappa .. R. S. Subramaniam
Tamil VI. Stand	S. Sundaram .. S. Kandiah
Tamil VIII Stand	V. Sinnatamby, S. Sevagurunather
Tamil Entrance	A. Duraipappa K. Velupillai
Penmanship IV Stand	V. Sinnadurai, C. Vytianather
Penmanship V. Stand	N. Rajalah, N. M. Venayagam
Penmanship VI Stand	M. Eahamparam, S. Nagalingam
Reading VIII Stand	Sevagurunather, V. S. Ponnampalam
English Entrance Class	E. Nagalingam Mr. K. Mudr. Navaretnam
—, —	Do S. Tillainather Do (In Memory of the late Irragunather of Tellipalai)
English Literature F. A. Class	V. Mudr: Saravana Mutta Mr. C. Tirunavukarasu
Essay on "Man"	F. A. Class Tambiyah Mr. K. C. Kadirgamer In memory of the late Dr. Strong Arasarkon Mudr:
Essay on "Hindu College"	F. A. Class E. Kandiah Mr. A. Sivagurunather
Latin F. A. Class	S. Tambipillai Mr. V. Casipillai
Mathematics F. A. Class	K. Subramaniam Mr. T. Chellappapillai In Memory of the late Mr. T. Chinnappapillai
Specific Subject F. A. Class	E. Kandiah Mr. V. Vadivel
History F. A. Class	M. Tillaiampalam Mr. M. Tissai-nayagam In Memory of the late Mr. Dyke
Science F. A. Class	K. Arulampallam Mr. J. W. Small
New year collection	S. Subramaniam Mr. R. N. Arulampalam
Character F. A. Class	E. Kandiah Mr. T. M. Tampoo
Cricket F. A. Class	M. Arumugam Mr. S. T. M. Pasu-pathy Chettiar In Memory of the late Manager Advocate Nagalingam
Religious knowledge V Standard	A. Eliatamby Mr. T. Kailasapillai

NOTICE.

Is hereby given that the Mullaitivu Rest House will be temporarily closed to the public from 1st September 1899.

Provl Road Committee's Office
Jaffna 23rd August 1899.

J. H. Leak Sigd/ R W Ievers.
Secy P. R. C Chairman P. R. C

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NOTICE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
ORDER NISI.

Testamentary	}	No 1002	In the matter of the Estate of the late Visvanather Kudditampi of Jafina late of Kumbakonam, Deceased.
Jurisdiction			
			Visvanather Ramlingam of Punnalai- kadduvan, Petitioner.

- 1 Visvanather Chinnatamby of Punnalaikadduvan
- 2 Sivakannalingam Muttukumaru and wife
- 3 Tankam both of Vannarpannai East.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of Visvanather Ramalingam of Punnalaikadduvan praying for Letters of Administration to the Estate of the abovesaid deceased Visvanather Kudditampi of Jaffna late of Kumbakonam coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire, District Judge, on the 3rd day of August, 1899 in the presence of Mr. V. Appaswami Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 3rd day of August 1899 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the brother of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 18 day of September 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 3rd day of August 1899.

Sy/ C Eardley Wilmot
District Judge.

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