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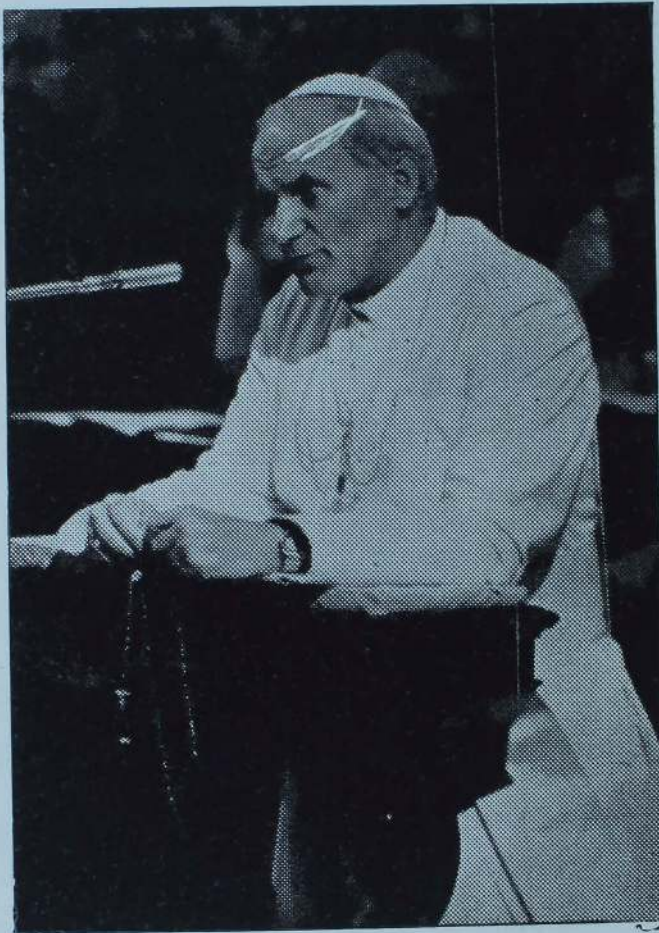
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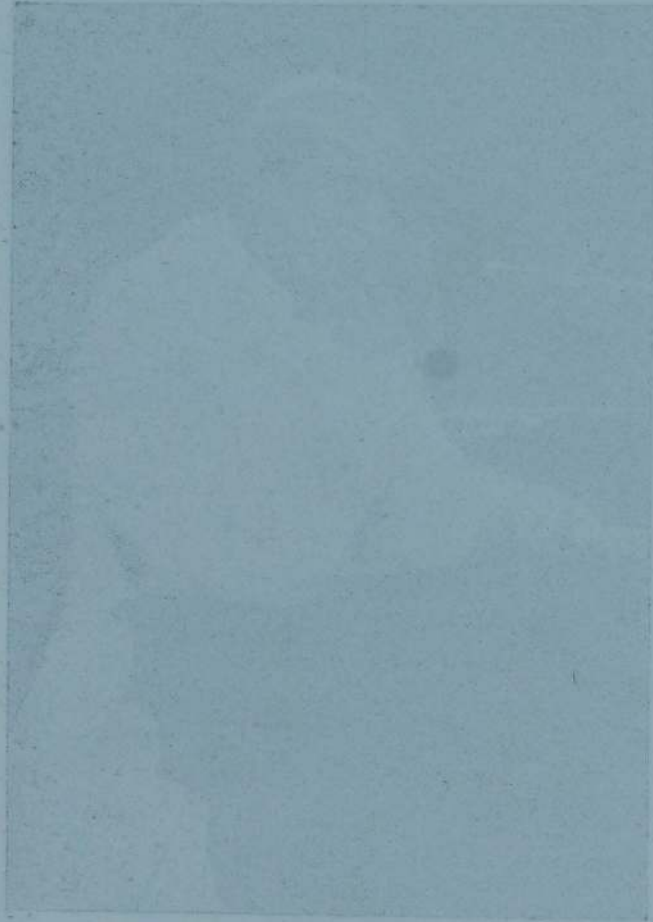
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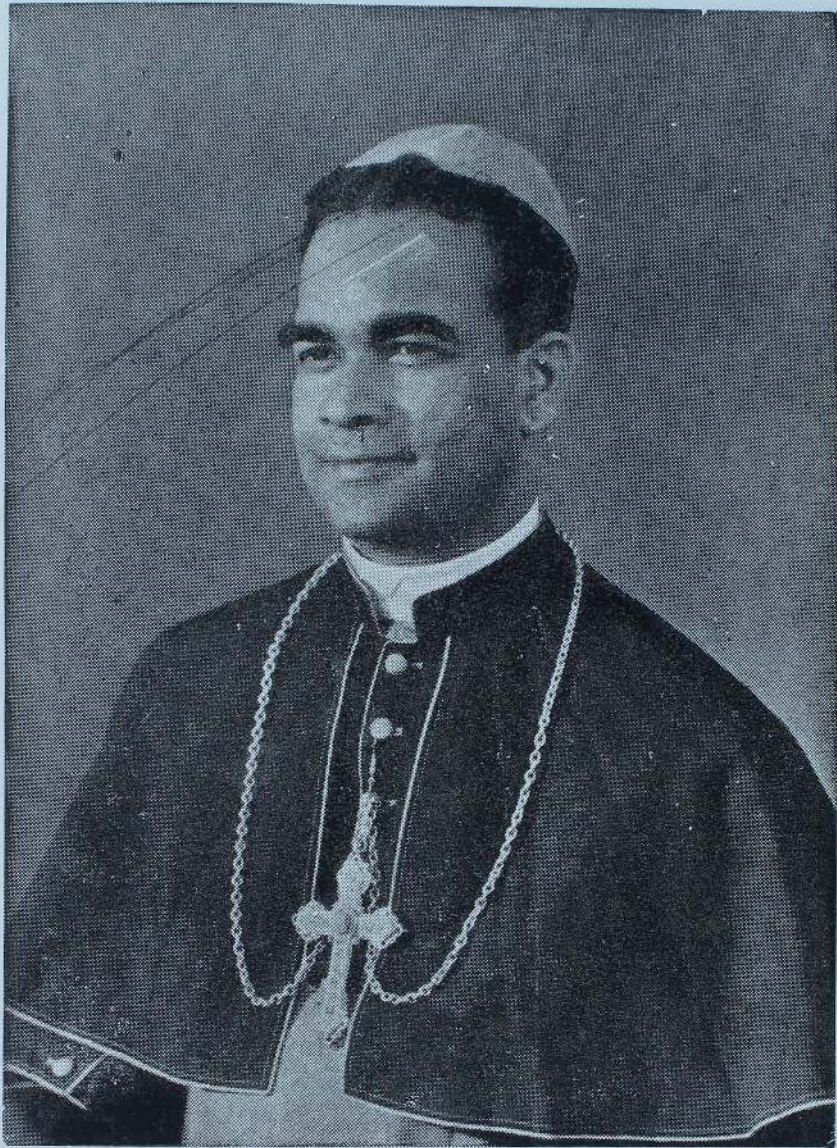
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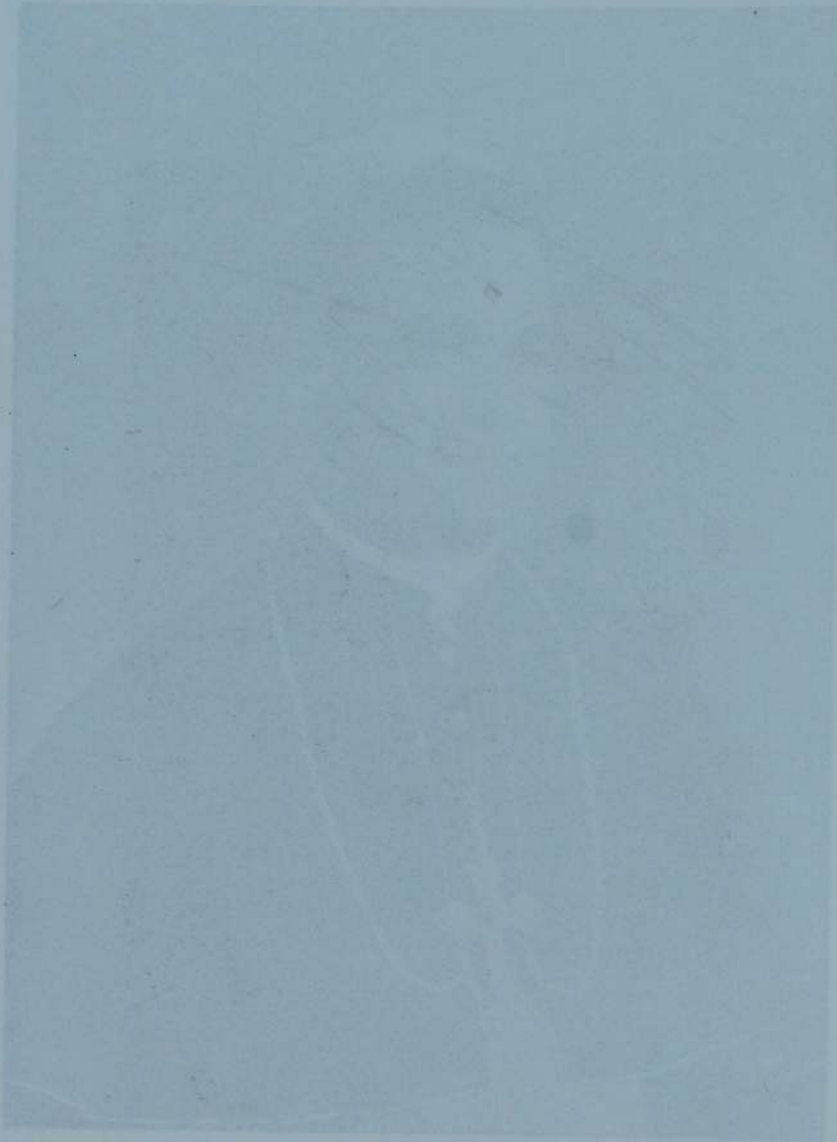
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Editorial

The school is one of the basic social institutions, next to the family as the fundamental social unit. But the "Patrician Family" encompasses both.

Man is dynamic in nature. He has to change himself and effect changes. The emphasis on the school as mere factory to produce the Ordinary Levels and Advance Levels is gathering momentum. The changing situation has warranted us today to regard the school as a 'Family' where the tender minds can learn to live according to the best standards of culture. By the time he becomes an 'adult', he steps in the world fit and ready to play an active and responsible role in the community.

Producing best results in the Public examinations alone does not signify the total development of one's personality. It is by exploiting the inner talents of the child and creating the opportunities to make use of his talents with proper guidance, coupled with the classroom curriculum, the total personality is developed.

We can achieve this only in a real democracy. A child has the right to choose the type of education he wishes. To deny this under any misconceived notions of "Standardisation", "Backward areas", "District quota system", and what not, will result in a travesty of democracy and fundamental freedom, which we all irrespective of any differences cherish and wish to preserve at any cost. It is not a figment of imagination when we say that we ought to be prepared to bear any burden and meet any hardship for the survival of the fundamental freedom of an individual to enjoy the Right to Education.

To rob Peter to give to Paul cannot be justified under any circumstances, no matter what "isms" we profess.

It is neither an exaggeration of the importance of the youth nor an exaltation of the youth of our time when we say that these are great days for them, great ideas are taking shape in their minds and their great enthusiasm has resulted in great sacrifices.

It is high time that we as teachers, parents, past pupils and policy makers consolidate the energy of the youth and direct it through the proper channel for his betterment and for the society as a whole.

We cannot forget the past, else, we make more mistakes, we should foresee the future to an extent, else, we are not fit to be in the field of education, the present situation, as such, demands us to act with patience and prudence, else, perils and perplexities will plough the pupils' lives.

We have hopes, we see the best of times, the age of wisdom, the epoch of belief and above all we have the faith in the LIGHT and we labour for the best, "FIDE ET LABORE".

This issue of the Patrician Family is presented to every member, past and present with the fervent hope that links forged at school will endure for ever.

Rector's Report for the Year 1981

*My Lord Bishop,
Hon'ble Sir, and Mrs. Hurulle,
Rev. Fathers and Sisters,
Patricians, the Past and the Present,
Parents and Well-wishers.*

We, of St. Patrick's, take great pleasure in welcoming you, one and all, to our Annual Prize-giving. Your presence this evening at this Patrician Family gathering is a source of great encouragement and an assurance of your good-will and regard towards the College.

My Lord,

You are our Father and Guide. It is therefore fitting that you chair this function as the head of the Patrician Family. Your scholarship and erudition, your immovable faith and indomitable courage, your prudent leadership and patient guidance have enabled us to shoulder our responsibility smoothly and successfully. Let me assure you, My Lord, that we appreciate your fatherly love and your ever abiding concern for the welfare of the College, and that, in return, we of St. Patrick's will as ever continue to devote ourselves without reserve to the ideals of the true Patrician—Fide et Labore, with faith and labour.

Hon'ble Sir,

I am happy to welcome you and your gracious wife at our annual distribution of prizes in these premises which nearly fifty years ago witnessed your academic and sportive triumphs. It is quite fitting, Sir, that you, of all Old Boys, should be the Chief Guest at this function, for we are extremely pleased to salute in you one of the most illustrious Old Boys of St.

Patrick's College, one of the most cultured and outstanding members of the present Government, one whom His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka has been pleased to honour by the assignment of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

At the tender age of 14, you first entered the portals of St. Patrick's in 1933, and having excelled in studies and sports, you left the College to join the Public Service in 1938. Your long and honourable career in the Public service, spent chiefly as Divisional Revenue Officer from 1942 to 1956, ended when you were elected one of the 8 UNP M.P's returned in 1956. From then onwards there was no turning back, and you were each time successfully elected M.P. for Horowpotana at the subsequent polls. As Minister of Communications in Dudley Senanayake Government, being in Charge of Railways, Motor Transport and Aviation, you had the distinction of taking the Steam Engines off the Railway tracks and dieselizing the entire Railway service. It was also during your period that, for the first time in Sri Lanka's Aviation history, a Jet Plane was purchased for Air Ceylon Ltd.

At present, as Minister of Cultural Affairs you serve all cultures, religious and racial groups, without prejudice or discrimination. The lessons you learnt at St. Patrick's, living together with students of various nationalities, of varied cultures, of diverse languages, of different religious professions, well, I am sure, stand you in good stead now, in solving the burning question of the day of how to bridge the gap that exists among the various peoples of this country. We wish you well.

To Mrs. Malinee Hurulle, we offer a very cordial welcome. She was educated at Hillwood College, Kandy. She now assists her husband also in the capacity of Private Secretary. We are thankful to her for kindly consenting to give away the awards today, and I wish to assure her that our boys deem it a great privilege to receive their prizes from her hands.

The Purpose of our Existence:

St. Patrick's was founded for a purpose distinctly its own. She was founded to supply a need which has always existed and will continue to exist. Her aim was not merely to teach letters and numbers, but to impart an essentially religious education which would enhance the growth of the total personality. Her foremost endeavour has always been to train up good Catholic laymen and good citizens, and ground them firmly in faith and virtue so that they may launch into the wide world able to withstand the severest storms of later life. St. Patrick's, the premier Catholic Institution of the North, will be true to its past and to its mission which is to form for the country an elite of refined, cultured and convinced catholic citizens who will be able to take the lead in all spheres whether religious, political or social, and who will, thanks to the training they have received within these sacred precincts, bring the Gospel values.—values of truth, justice, equality and peace, to bear fruits in these spheres

But it is sad to say that there is especially in our areas, a vicious trend that can vitiate the aims and quality of education in our schools. Parents and others wrongly evaluate a school's standard entirely on the basis of the school's performance at the Advanced Level exams. To them, apparently, the sole purpose of Education is the acquisition of a professional qualification at the University. Such thinking can pressurize our schools to become too

exam-oriented and make education a base and shoddy type of learning. We at St. Patrick's shall always resist such pressures. This school was founded on much nobler ideals and generations of men have given a self-less service to make these ideals a reality. St. Patrick's has never been, and as long as we can help it, will never be, a cram shop or a glorified tutory. We labour to send out to the world men of high moral standing and integrated personality, certainly not robots with high qualifications.

It's however the duty of the State to inhibit such erroneous philosophy. As it is, University selection is done purely on an individual's exam-paper performance, and unless a student obtains exceptionally high grades at A/L, he fails to get University admission. Understandably, in a society where University Education has immense prestige value, there is the feeling that nothing else matters in education but effective examination coaching for University entrance.

It would indeed be tragic, if we do narrow the scope of our curriculum and make top examination results the sole objective of our educational programme. There is this threat because we select students to the University on a system that is expedient but not sane. University selection is determined purely on an individual's ability to reproduce inert learning at the examinations. Certainly this cannot be the sole fitness-test to discern the ability of a student to profit by a University education, assuming University education is what it should be.

The present system by equating merit with examination marks gives weightage to the bookish plodder as against a more intelligent student of versatile interests. The former can get a higher grade at a paper-test than the latter. But the latter is more deser-

ving. He has divided his time and attention more evenly in forming a total personality of himself, and is by far better equipped for a University education. There is, as a result of this present system, a wastage of talent and devastating frustration,

Such anomalies can be removed, if as in other countries. Universities have the right to prescribe eligibility requirements and select students to their respective faculties. There is then bound to be a better sense of responsibility and fair-play. We can only hope that with decentralisation, Universities too would be restored to a full and real autonomous status.

The Spiritual Life and Atmosphere :

In keeping with our avowed objective, we have endeavoured to maintain that frankly Catholic atmosphere which always filled our halls of learning, and to continue to give our children a solid moral and religious training. Everyday at the morning assembly we commend ourselves to the protection of Our Blessed Mother Mary by the recitation of the prayer, 'My Queen and my Mother', and pledge our loyalty to the School singing the College Anthem daily. The daily assembly in the morning with Bible reading and reflections and the recitation of the Rosary does not degenerate into a drudgery of routine; but it evokes much enthusiasm due to the newness of life infused by thought-provoking, powerful and touching discourses of the Vice-Rector, Fr. P. Jesunesan, O. M. I.

The Catholic Students Federation with Eugene Francis and G. J. T. Vethanayagam as Presidents has very efficiently and fruitfully organised the various spiritual activities, such as special devotions during the months of May, June and October, the stations of the Cross during Lent, the daily Group Mass in our Worship room, etc. We are very grateful to Rev. Frs. F. X. Gnananan-

dan, R. Marianayagam, Michael Savundranayagam, and Fr. A. J. V. Chandrakanthan for helping us with the Group Mass weekly.

The Sacred Heart confraternity was revived under the guidance of Mr. W. J. Navaratnam and they hold their monthly meetings and observe the feast of the Sacred Heart in a fitting manner.

The Annual retreat was preached by Fr. Gerard Rosairo o.m.i. to the Catholic Members of the Staff, all of whom participated whole-heartedly. The Advanced Level students were helped by Fr. T. E. Thevarajan, the Gr. 10 & 9 students by Fr. Philip Ponniah, and the Middle school students by Fr. A. Gnanapragasam o.m.i. Mr. S. Ponnampalam of Siva Thondan Nilayam conducted special programme for the Hindu students. On the death Anniversary of Rev. Fr. B. A. Thomas o.m.i. a commemorative assembly was held when Fr. Chandrakanthan gave an inspiring analysis on the life and spirit of Fr. Thomas. The college students are invited to attend a special Mass celebrated on the second Sunday of each month in the College Chapel and so far their response has been encouraging. For all the spiritual ministrations given to our children we owe a great deal of thankfulness to our three prefects of studies and discipline, and to our Cathedral parish priest Fr. J. P. E. Selvarajah, his assistant, the priests of the Bishop's House and of the city parishes and of Amala Utpavam.

The Staff:

We have had to deplore, during the year, the death of one of our ablest teachers and disciplinarian in the person of Mr. Sam B. R. Alfred. For twenty six long years he has given us the example of what a Catholic teacher should be. His conception of duty was as high as his discharge of it was

faithful and exact. He was a full-fledged teacher serving the institution in various capacities. During his last one and a half years, he rendered me invaluable help as Secretary of Games and as the Sectional head of the Advanced Level students, in maintaining that firm and sometimes stern discipline which is the boast of this Institution. To St. Patrick's his untimely death is a great loss, and still greater it is to Greater St. Patrick's but the loss is the greatest to our young generation of boys and girls of Eelam who hailed him as the Chemistry teacher par excellence. In gratitude to his services we have dedicated to his memory the Chemistry lecture room where his portrait has been unveiled.

Mr. C. R. Joseph, having served the College for over 21 years, retired in July. Being a teacher of versatile talents and interests, he always came forward to render any service in and out of the class room. We cannot forget the great contribution made by him to the welfare of the school in his various capacities, and we thank him and wish him all that is good in his retirement. We also lost the services of Mr. K. Ratnasabapathypillai M. Sc, Our Botany Master, whose rare talents and genial qualities made him a favourite with all. Mr. S. A. E. Yogaratnam B. Sc left us in search of greener pastures in Nigeria after one and a half years of teaching. Miss. A. Saverimuthu, after a short stay with us, decided to continue her studies in India. Mr. J. A. J. Arumainathan joined the University of Jaffna to follow the course in Diploma in Education, and Mr. S. Thiagarajah was selected to follow Special English course at Palaly Teachers' Training College.

Fr. L. Monfort who shouldered various responsibilities as Bursar, Hostel Warden and Prefect of Studies of the M. S. moved out after serving the College conscientiously in his inimitable style of

sweet-calm, to work in the missions. His Lordship gave us an equally conscientious and duty-minded substitute in the person of Fr. G. V. Pilendran. He has already made a mark as Prefect of Studies of Middle school and Warden of the hostel, fitting himself very effectively into the main stream of the College life. We wish him many years of devoted service in the College.

Before we could get over the sense of loss suffered by the demise of Mr. Sam, we had to endure another shock due to the retirement of Mr. D. S. Gnanapragasam who gave the best 26 years of his teaching career to St. Patrick's. His work is not to be reckoned up in years of service alone, in results obtained at public examinations; but even more in the amount of influence for good he exercised over successive generations of students. I wish here publicly to express my sentiments of gratitude to him for his splendid record of work in the College and for the noble example of devotion to duty he has given to his colleagues. To him we wish a well-earned rest and many years of happiness in his life of retirement.

On the other hand our staff has received very valuable additions in the persons of Messrs. B. Kuhatharan B. Sc (Agr), S. Thilainathan B. Sc, S J. Fatimaharan, B. A. (Final), Diploma in Science, T. Kalamany B. Sc. Hons (Physics), Mrs. P. V. T. Anthonypillai, (English trained), and Miss. M. L. G. Gnanapragasam. Each of them has proved his or her worth, and has made up more than satisfactorily for the losses suffered. To all of them we wish a long fruitful career at St. Patrick's. We welcome back Sr. Agnes Marie who has completed her Teachers' training course at Kopay.

Our school certainly owes its success to the enthusiasm, the devotedness to duty and the painstaking efforts of our

teachers, qualities which money cannot buy. Yet it cannot be denied that a more sympathetic attitude of the Government towards the poorly paid teachers would substantially increase the efficiency of our Institutions. Let us hope that with the implementation of the proposals of Educational reforms in the White paper, the members of the teaching profession will be a satisfied lot.

While expressing my sincere gratitude to all the members of the Staff for the whole-hearted cooperation and good-will extended to me during the year, I look forward to their continued cooperation and still more dedication in the future. I must say a special word of thanks to the Teachers Guild and its president and secretaries Messrs. A. S. Augustine, J. A. J. Arumainathan and M. Packianather for the valuable suggestions offered to us for the running of the school.

It is with deep sorrow that we record the death of Rev. Fr. H. S. David B. A. (Hons.) M. A., Ph. D., our revered teacher, beloved Guru and erudite scholar, a long time Prefect of Studies of the Middle School. As a brilliant scholar he ranked first among the external students in the 1936 B. A. (Hons) Exam. of London and received the Gold Medal for outstanding performance in History and Economics.

As a research linguist he was well versed in more than 33 languages. He obtained the Doctorate—in Philosophy in Tamil at the University of London. His relations with all, especially the poor and the down-trodden were of the most sympathetic and cordial character and it may be truly said that to his last breath he knew no enemy. His death came as a great shock not only to the intellectual world, but to the Tamil Nation at large. As a historian, Linguist and Etymologist, his contributions to the Tamil race will be a lasting monument to his memory.

We also regret to record the death of two of our retired teachers Mrs. R. S. Jesuthasan and Mr. B. A. Thevanayagam. We remember their names with gratitude as teachers who gave of their best in the interest of the school. May they rest in peace.

The Auxiliary Staff:

We can boast of a very devoted and efficient band of helpers whose conscientious and unsparing labours go to make the smooth running of the school. Many a time they are called upon to do that extra bit of work which helps to keep everything up-to-date, and they do so ungrudgingly and with a smile.

We have had to reluctantly dispense with the very devoted and loyal services of two of our veterans, Mr. T. A. Fernando the chief clerk, and Mr. K. S. Santiapillai, the librarian and Sacristan, who have been forced by ill-health to retire. Mr. Fernando served the College for 48 long years most faithfully, efficiently, whole-heartedly and to the entire satisfaction of several Rectors, teachers and even students. Calm, cool, collected, silently and smilingly, he would go about his task patiently and methodically, hurting none in the process. It will be hard to make good the loss of such an experienced and willing worker. Mr. K. S. Santiapillai served the school for more than five decades, 52 years to be exact. Careful and concerned, he would look after those that were entrusted to his custody, counting no cost. It is said of him that 'he is so sentimentally attached to the books in the library that a mark on a book hurts him even more than a wound on his body.' It will be very rare to get someone with so much dedication and devotedness to duty.

To both of them, St. Patrick's says a very big Thank You and wishes that they enjoy a well-deserved rest with health and peace of mind and body.

I owe my sincerest expression of gratitude to the efficient co-workers in the Office, to Mr. Z. Singarayar who replaces Mr. Fernando the Chief clerk, and who is literally at my right hand as the right hand, doing various chores of work amidst much pressure, and to the meticulous subject-clerk Mr. A. Pakianather and to the able and active Office Assistant Thomas, all of whom work very closely with me to carry on the day to day work.

Admission and Scholarship:

The number of students on Roll is still in the increase. From 1492 in 1980, it rose to 1536 in 1981. As it is we find it difficult to conveniently accommodate more boys and the frequent application for new admissions makes only more pressing the question of an extension scheme. We are forced, due to lack of room, to keep out more than half the number who seek admission to the College. In 1981, 92 were admitted to the Kindergarten, 52 to Grade 6, 36 to Gr. 9 and 32 to Gr. 11. On the results of the admission tests, Bishop's scholarships were given to deserving students. I wish to express our sincere gratitude to His Lordship for giving us a substantial amount of money to start a scholarship fund. We wish that others too will emulate his example.

Studies and Examination Successes:

It is next to impossible to even suggest to the parents, let alone convince them, that sending their children for tuitions is a sheer waste of time and money, and does more harm than good to the students as a whole. The students find little time for personal study which is so essential for assimilation of subjects taught in school, and eventually for success in examinations. The overall poor performance at the examination is, in my view, mainly due to the very little or no time devo-

ted to self-study at home. It therefore becomes necessary to educate the parents on the harmful effects of this tuition-menace.

The examination successes in our school have been satisfactory. At the G. C. E. A/L April 1981 exam, 14 sat and 9 qualified for admission to the university. At the G. C. E. A/L August 1981 exam, 71 sat and 28 qualified for admission to the University.

For admission to the University in 1981, out of the 68 students who received the initial forms, only 15 were fortunate to be finally selected to the University. The number of Patricians who entered the different Universities were:

Jaffna University	Medicine 1, Physical Science 6 and Commerce 3.
Colombo ..	Medicine 1.
Peradeniya ..	Engineering 3, Dental 1, Agriculture 1. Physical Science 1.
Moratuwa ..	Engineering 1, Architecture 2.

Sri Jeyawardena pura: Commerce 2.

3 entered North Colombo Private Medical College, and one obtained Moscow University scholarship.

The results of the G. C. E. O/L Dec 1981. have not been very satisfactory. Out of the 154 students who sat, 104 passed in 5 or more subjects, and 40 qualified to follow A/L.

The scheme of giving free books to students from the Kindergarten to Grade 10 has been received with great appreciation and relief by the students and the parents. The students made use of the books with such care that more than 80% of them were collected at the end of the year for redistribution. I must pay a special tribute of praise and appreciation to M. A. S. Augustine for the invaluable help he ren-

ders most readily and whole-heartedly in the distribution of the free books, and in conducting the terminal exams, and a host of allied activities, most satisfactorily.

The updating of the biological sections of the Science Laboratory received special attention during the year. Our sincere gratitude is due to Mr. D. S. Gnanapragasam who looked after the interests of the Science Department. We are confident that Mr. X. D. M. Constantine, the new head of the Science Dept. will improve on the good work done by his predecessor.

The 'Do you know' Inter-house contests were organised by Mr. J. A. J. Philips. Mrs. G. R. Janendran conducted the oratorical contests in English. Mr. J. A. J. Arumainathan and Mrs. Janendran were responsible for the General Knowledge competitions, and Miss. M. Sinnappu and Mr. M. Jesuthasan for the Religious Knowledge competitions. I thank all of them for their sense of duty and accomplishment

Prefects of the College:

The system followed in the previous year was adopted to elect the College Prefects. The board of prefects was appointed by the Rector, with M. K. M. J. Chellappah as Head Prefect and A. C. R. Joseph as his deputy. They served the College community with a high sense of responsibility and devotion. The prefects of the Middle School, with A. A. Benedict as the head, performed their duties with great satisfaction. We thank all the prefects and monitors for their whole-hearted, self-sacrificing services.

Games and Sports:

Thanks to the determined and devoted efforts of the Secretary of Games Mr. Sam B. R. Alfred who was later succeeded by the enterprising and ener-

getic Mr. F. R. Anselmar, we were able to maintain the high standards in games and sports.

Cricket;

Our 1st Eleven Cricket Team, under the captaincy of M. S. Alfred, played 5 matches, won 2, drew 2 and lost 1. We played host to St. Peter's College, Colombo Cricketers at a limited-over game, and we salute them for the good brand of cricket exhibited in Jaffna, and congratulate them for their superior performance.

Our under 17 team, led by A. M. Gunaratnam entered the JSCA tournament and played 4 matches, winning one, drawing one, and losing two.

The Under 15 team, captained by S. W. Kingsley, participated in JSCA tournament and did well to become the Champions of the North, winning the coveted Trophy presented by the Jaffna Schools Cricket Association.

Soccer:

Our 1st Eleven, led by M. K. M. J. Chellappah with S. Michaeldasan as his deputy, played 5 matches against Jaffna schools, won 2, drew 2, and lost one. Thus our dominance in the field of soccer received a shock treatment at the 'heels' of our Brother College—Jaffna College, who truly deserved their victory for the fine brand of soccer displayed. But we redeemed our self-esteem when we became runner up in the All Island Sri Lanka Schools Soccer Franchise Tournament, defeating D. S. Senanayake M. V. and St. Joseph's College, Colombo, and losing to St. Benedict's in the finals.

The 2nd Eleven, with A. J. Elmo and A. E. Antonipillai as Captain and Vice-Captain respectively, played 6 matches, won 4, drew one and lost one.

The 3rd Eleven, led by S. W. Kingsley played 6 matches, won 4, drew 1, and lost 1.

Athletics:

The Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet at which one of our distinguished and prominent Old Boys, Mr. V. Yogeswaran M. P. for Jaffna and Mrs. Yogeswaran were the Chief guests, drew a large crowd, and turned out to be a grand success. Our sincere thanks are due to the Master-in-Charge, Mr. F. R. Anselmar, to the 4 House-Masters Messrs. W. J. P. Gnanaratnam, D. S. Gnanapragasam, C. R. Joseph, and S. F. Xavier, and to the 4 Sports Masters Messrs. M. A. N. Antony, A. S. Augustine, J. A. J. Arumainathan and M. Thanabalan.

Our Athletes took part in the Quadrangular Athletic Meet and fared satisfactorily, annexing a fair number of 1st and 2nd places.

Basket Ball:

The Inter-house Basket-ball tournament was keenly contested, though the standard of the game witnessed showed remarkable decline. We played a friendly game with St. Joseph's Juniorate and participated in the Trimmer Basket-ball tournament. A recognised body to promote the game and organise Inter-collegiate fixtures is a dire need in the North.

Badminton:

Our players participated in the competitions organised by the Y. M. C. A. and were invited by the University of Jaffna to play friendly matches.

Table Tennis:

Many participated in the Inter-house competitions both in the Senior and Junior groups. Our teams had friendly fixtures with the University of Jaffna.

Chess Club:

The members participated in the Jaffna Schools chess tournament as well as in the All-Island tournament and fared well in both.

Before I conclude the sports section, I must express my sincere gratitude to the new and energetic Secretary of Games, Mr. F. R. Anselmar, who spared no pains nor time to supervise all the activities of Games and Sports. Our thanks are also due to the Masters-in-Charge of the different sports activities, to Mr. S. F. Xavier for Cricket, Messrs. R. A. Thilagaratnam, G. Arulanandam and M. Mariasooosai for Soccer, Mr. F. R. Anselmar for Athletics and Badminton, Mr. X. D. M. Constantine for Table Tennis, Chess and other indoor games, and Mr. Thilagaratnam for Basket Ball. We appreciate very much the services rendered by Mr. S. K. E. Xavier and Mr. A. Augustine in coaching our Cricket and Soccer teams respectively.

Cultural Activities:

Having the Minister of Cultural Affairs as our Chief Guest today, there is no need to labour the point as to how much we value the cultural aspect of the training of our students. The importance of involving one-self in the cultural activities of the school is time and again stressed during the course of the year, for we are fully convinced that cultural activities should form an integral part of the life of every student.

Fr. Thaninayagam Mutthamil Mantram:

Under the able and prudent guidance of Vidwan Pulavar Mr. F. Anandarayer, the Thamil Mantram, with A. Amirtharaj as president, organised various activities, such as Oratorical contests, Essay writing, Musical and dramatic contests, and debates. Among those who addressed the Mantram were Eela Venthana Vidwan Pulavar Pon Sockalingam. The guest of honour at the Thamil Cultural Festival 'Muththamil Vizha'—was Vidwan Pulavar K. Shockalingam M. A.

English Day:

English Day activities were organised by a committee of Senior Students with M. K. M. J. Chellappah as chairman and S. D. B. Constantine as Secretary, under the wise guidance of Mr. J. A. J. Philips, our senior English teacher. As in the previous year, great enthusiasm stimulated by the various activities, such as Elocution, Singing, Debate, Dialogue and Drama, was due to the fact that competitions were held on an Inter-house basis. Two challenge trophies were awarded in memory of Messrs. F. N. C. Saverimuthu and S. F. Santiapillai, both of whom taught English with dignity and dedication. The Chief-guests at the English Day celebrations were Mr. Anton Alfred B. A., S. L. A. S. and his gracious wife. We thank the student Committee, Mr. J. A. J. Philips and all other teachers of English, and Fr. Vice Rector for all the efforts put in and for the publication of the Souvenir.

Debating Society:

During the year under review, the debating Society was revived, with Mr. X. D. M. Constantine as its moderator. The members participated in the U.N.O. Mock session sponsored by the Lions of Jaffna. Inter-house debate competition was organised and the F. N. C. Saverimuthu challenge shield for the winner was donated by the Young Patricians of the OBA Jaffna.

Dramatics:

We participated in the Shakespearean Drama Competition sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. and the Lions Club. The standard of dramatics reached a creditable mark and St. Patrick's was placed second, becoming runner-up in the finals. The best actor cup was won by a Patrician M. A. Arulanandam. We thank Mr. Thevapalan for directing the play,

and Mr. S. F. Xavier for the keen interest shown as Master-in-charge.

The Inter-house dramatic competition was keenly fought and the Long House won the 'Armstrong Challenge Trophy' staging scenes from 'Romeo and Juliet'. Our sincere thanks are due to the newly appointed house-masters, Messrs. G. Arulanandam, A. S. Augustine, W. I. Navaratnam and M. Mariasoosai, for their genuine enthusiasm shown. We wish Fr. G. V. Pilendran, the newly appointed Director of Dramatics every success.

Scouts and Cubscoouts:

There are 26 scouts in the Scout Junior Troop, with 6 second class badge holders, and 11 membership badge holders under the guidance of Messrs. D. C. C. Santiapillai and M. Thanabalan. Senior Scout Troop was inaugurated on 27-3-81 with Messrs. S. Thiagarajah and F. Francis in charge of 20 new recruits. We congratulate Mr. W. J. Navaratnam the Group Scout Leader who has been promoted as Assistant District Commissioner, Town Area.

We have a band of 25 cubscoouts with 4 sixers as leaders. They meet regularly on Wednesdays and hold special meetings too. Mrs. R. J. B. Xavier, who is also an Asst. District Commissioner (cubscoouts), continues to assist cubscoouts. We thank the Scouts and Cubscoouts and the teachers in charge of them for offering their services for all important functions of the School.

The Social Service League:

The members of the Social service League with S. P. Antony as president under the guidance of the service-oriented teacher-in-charge, Mr. A. S. Augustine, besides their normal community services rendered readily during the course of the

year, observed a week, specially set apart, called the Social Service Week, when they fully dedicated themselves to the service of the Community. Rev. Fr. James Pathinathar, Director of Human Development Centre, gave the animation talk to the members. We thank the members for their self-less services to the school and community.

The Advanced Level Union:

The Advanced Level Union had its usual round of activities and meetings with J. T. Nicholas as President and B. G. Xavier as Secretary. Mr. J. X. L. Philips, the then Chairman, Ceylon Electricity Board and President of the O. B. A. Colombo Branch, and Mr. Anton Alfred, S. L. A. S., AGA, ACLG, addressed the members at the monthly meetings. Their activities culminated with the Annual Dinner with Professor D. Ramadas and Mrs. Ramadas as Chief Guests. Over 10 principals of schools and other distinguished guests including Our Chief Pastor and the Guest Speaker Mr. A. Antony, Attorney-at-Law graced the occasion. We thank very sincerely Mr. X. D. M. Constantine and Mr. R. A. Thilagaratnam for guiding smoothly the activities of the Union.

Interact Club:

With Mr. J. A. J. Arumainathan as Staff advisor, the Interact Club continued to serve the Community in various ways, under the responsible leadership of S. D. M. Constantine, the President and M. S. Packianathar, the Secretary.

Parents' Day:

The kiddies of the Primary Department entertained their parents at a well attended evening function, at which His Lordship the Bishop presided as head of the Patrician family. The parents were treated with a high quality assortment of musical, dramatic and dance items. We are ever so grateful to the artistically talented Principal of the Primary Department, Sr. M. Seraphine, and the band of devoted teachers who spared no pains to make it an enjoyable evening.

The Hostel:

In order to accommodate more in the hostel, it became necessary to make slight modification and convert part of the Puvimanasinghe Hall, which is used as the Library, into the Boarders' study Hall, and use the top floor the Abraham Hall—of the Matthews Block as the dormitory. The hostellers play a special role in the College, and they willingly render their services when needed. The Parents of the hostellers joined their children to celebrate the Hostel Day, which served as an occasion to bid farewell to Rev. Fr. L. Montfort who was a father and friend to his adopted children. We thank him for all his loving concern and care towards his charges as Warden. We welcome Fr. Pilendran, the new warden, who spares no effort nor pains to update the hostel. Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. K. S. Santiapillai who watched over the interests of the hostellers as Boarding Master for about 5 years very faithfully and conscientiously.

The Augustine Block and Bishop Sherlock:

On the feast of St. Patrick, 17th March 1981, after the Concelebration of the Festive Mass, the foundation stone for a new building for the Primary Department was laid by our Bishop, the Patron and Proprietor of the College. With His Lordship's generous support and the help of the parents and a few young Patrician friends living abroad and well-wisher Fr. J. Michael Saverimuthu, O. M. I. we were able to complete the building within a short period, due to the untiring efforts of our Contractor Mr. J. Thevathas. On 10th January 1982, it was our joy, happiness and privilege of having it blessed and declared open by my very noble friend Most Rev. John M. Sherlock, the Bishop of London, Ontario, Canada. The new two-storeyed building was christened "Fr. L. J. Augustine Block" in grateful memory of the former Principal of the Primary Department and Warden of the hostel, and choir-master of the College. St. Patrick's will ever be

grateful to our distinguished visitors from Canada, Bishop John M. Sherlock and Mgr. William O'Brien, Vicar General of Hamilton diocese, Ontario, for the very substantial donation they made to the College on this occasion.

The College Magazine:

After a lapse of a few years, "The Patrician" appeared once again in the Patrician horizon, in the words of the Editor, "with its radiant rays of a golden age". I am particularly indebted to Fr. P. Jesunesan O. M. I., our Vice-Rector, who undertook the great burden of editing the Magazine. He has accomplished a difficult task admirably, and I congratulate him and his associate editors for the artistic, informative and exhaustive presentation of the events of the year 1980.

I have come to the end of a lengthy, detailed review of the work of the year 1981. I will not apologize for its length. Those to whom it is addressed have a right and a desire to know. Further details will be found in the "Patrician 198" due before the end of next month. I need only say that Fr. P. Jesunesan O.M.I. the editor, is burning the mid-night oil over it.

The Old Boys:

We consider the Old Boys as an integral part of our great Patrician

Family. The OBA, the parent body in Jaffna, with its dynamic executive committee has engaged itself in various activities for the welfare of its members and of the youth community at large. The formation of the youth group—"the Young Patricians of the OBA" has also enhanced the Association. We are particularly happy that the Colombo Branch of the OBA has once again begun to function meaningfully with Mr. Cyril N. Lawrence, Managing Director, Mackinnon Mackenzie Ltd, as its president and Mr. S. X. Gnanasegaram as Secretary.

Bishop of Mannar:

We Consider it a blessing and a singular honour that one more of our Old Boys has been elevated to the Bishopric. He is the seventh Patrician Bishop—Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Savundranayagam, the 1st Bishop of the newly erected diocese of Mannar. By nature unassuming and most accessible, Bishop Tom, as he is affectionately and popularly called, is a true Patrician-man of Faith and Labour, and has left the impress of a deeply spiritual and humble personality. We wish him long years of fruitful labour in the new diocese.

The Old Boys' achievements

Our warmest felicitations to the following old boys on their achievements of which the Alma Mater is proud. We regret that due to lack of proper communication we are unable to present a complete list. The blame for any omissions have to be shared by both parties.

Rev. Fr. John B. Packianather, C.R. —Appointed Superior General of the Congregation of the Rosarians.

Very Rev. Fr. Xavier Cross—Vicar General, Mannar Diocese

Mr. H. B. Abeyeretna M.P.—Deputy Minister of Transport.

Prof. W. L. Jeyasingham—Appointed District President of Rotary 1981.

- Dr. Rex Ponnuduarl F.F.A.R.C.S. — Passed the Final Exam of the Fellow of the Faculty of Anesthesia of the Royal College of Surgeons (England).
- Mr. P. E. H. Savundranayagam, A.C.I.S. — Passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (London).
- Mr. T. M. Augustine — Awarded Scholarship at the New Delhi Institute of Secretariate Training and Management and awarded Diploma in Financial Management for National Development.
- Mr. F. M. Manuelpillai — Promoted Accountant Ceylon Electricity Board.
- Mr. T. J. Joseph — Elected Associate member of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountant and appointed Chief Buyer Messrs. Lever Bros. (Cey) Ltd.
- Mr. A. G. de F. Manuelpillai — Class 1 of the Inland Revenue Service Deputy Commissioner of Inland Revenue, A'Pura.
- Rev. Fr. A. J. V. Chandrakanthan, M.A. — Lecturer in Christian Civilization in the University of Jaffna.
- Mr. B. J. Vincent — Deputy Chief Inspector of Accounts, Bank of Ceylon, Colombo.
- Mr. J. N. B. Benedict — Public Relation Officer, Police H. Q., Colombo.
- Mr. G. S. Marianayagam — Chairman, District Development Council, Mullaitivu.
- Mr. S. Rajaretnam — O.I.C. Exercise Station Vavuniya.
- Mr. S. A. Edward — Administrative Officer, N. R. T. B.
- Mr. E.S.W. Selvadurai - Appointed General Manager, Gestetner of Ceylon Ltd., Colombo
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- Mr. J. R. Santhiapillai — General Manager of General Sales Agents in Ceylon of Gulf Air.
- Mr. J. R. Santhiapillai — Director, Shaw Wallace & Hedges Ltd., Colombo.
- Mr. M. Aloysius — Appointed Deputy Mayor, Jaffna.
- Mr. F. P. Swampillai B. Sc. — Statistic Shipping executive Cargo Boat Despatch Co., Ltd.,
- Mr. A. W. Arulanandam — Passed the B.Sc. Civil Engineering (C. N. A. A.) and post-graduate Diploma M. Geo. Technics London.
- T. Gnanarajah — Appointed Assistant Lecturer in Chemistry, Batticaloa University College.
- S. Augustine — Appointed temporary Demonstrator, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.
- A. M. T. Saverimuthu — Appointed Assistant Lecturer in Botany, University of Jaffna.
- S. A. Rex B.Sc. (General)
- Segar B.Sc. (General)
- Thaninayagam B.Sc. (General)
- J. A. Prince B Sc. (General)
- S. Augustine B.Sc. (Agriculture)

A. M. T. Saverimuthu B.Sc. (Special)

Rev. Fr. L. A. Singarayer, O.M.I. M.A., celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his priesthood

Rev. Fr. K. B. Santhiapillai, Celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his priesthood.

Ordained Priest:

Rev. Fr. F. Gnana Ananthan

Rev. Fr. C. G. Jeyakumar

Rev. Fr. P. Jerome Lambert - O.M.I.

We also record with deep regret the death of the following Old Boys:

Rev. Fr. John Singarayer

Rev. Fr. T. P. James O.M.I. — Former Cricket Captain.

Mr. E. M. Mathiaparanam — Ret. District Judge.

Mr. Soosaipillai Ratnanather — President of the Board of Directors, Ceylon Printers Group, Colombo.

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Mr. T. P. Clement — Former Cricketer.

Mr. P. Sivapatham — Former Cricketer.

Mr. T. J. Rajaretnam — High Court Judge.

Mr. B. Wilfred — Former Cricketer who established opening partnership record.

Mr. S. J. Vethanayagam — Rtd. Ass. Commissioner, Department, Inland Revenue.

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Our Gratitude

Before I conclude I must personally thank in a very special way the "trio" that renders all activities into a harmonious blend. Fr. P. Jesunesan, o.m.i. our Vice Rector and Prefect of Studies of the Upper School who shares willingly and efficiently the brunt of the burden of the Administration, together with Sr. M. Seraphine of the Primary Dept. and Fr. G. V. Pilendran of the Middle School, supports me unreservedly in all spheres of activities. I owe it to justice to proclaim that, if any credit may be given to the authorities of the school for the progressive state of things, it is my pride to assert, it goes all to this "trio" who achieve it by their unflagging zeal and their constant devotion to duty. I must say a special word of thanks to all the Sectional Heads: Mr. B. Lawrence for the Advanced Level Classes, Mr. Albert Santhiapillai for Grades 10 & 9, Mr. M. Mariasoosai for the Middle School and Mrs. S. Matthews for the Lower School — and to my worthy advisors, the ever-obliging Mr. A. S. Augustine and Mr. J. A. J. Arumainathan.

A Special word of thanks is due to our Former Rector Rev. Fr. T. A. J. Mathuranayagam, presently of Long's Institute at Kilinochchi who has very magnanimously presented us with some of these Green and Gold chairs that you have the privilege to sit on for the first time.

We thank our prize donors for responding to our appeal very generously. I thank the following for donating the Founded prizes:

Rt. Rev. Dr. L. R. Antony Bishop of Trincomalee-Batticaloa for the Bishop Guyomar memorial prize.

Fr. T. A. J. Mathuranayagam for the Bishop Emilianuspillai memorial prize.

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Mr. R. H. S. Phillips for the Mary Francis memorial prize.

We thank our Blessed Lord, His Blessed Mother Mary, and St. Patrick our Patron for the numerous blessings that have been showered on us during the past year.

Ladies and Gentlemen, We thank you for encouraging us by your presence this evening.

We thank you, my Lord, for your paternal solicitude and your presence this evening with us.

Finally we thank you, Hon'ble Sir, for having so readily consented to be our Chief Guest and honoured us by your presence. To you, Mrs. Hurulle, we genuinely express our gratitude for permitting your husband to travel this long distance inspite of the medical advice to the contrary, and for having so elegantly graced the occasion to distribute the prizes. God bless you all.

Fr. G. A. Francis Joseph
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- 1 Jude Starnisperl
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Environmental Studies:

- 1 G. Muralitharan
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Grade 1

Class Prizes

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General Proficiency:

- F. A. Valentine
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- 1 F. A. Valentine
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- 1 F. R. S. Kathirgamanathan
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- 1 B. Thevapalan
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- 1 F. A. Valentine
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Grade II

Class Prize:

- II.A—S. A. Ramesh
- II.B—G. G. Luksman

General Proficiency:

- S. A. Ramesh
- G. G. Luksman
- G. Jehan Gnanadharshan

Religious Knowledge:

- 1 S. A. Ramesh
- 2 G. G. Luksman
- A. A. J. Suresh

Tamil:

- 1 S. A. Ramesh
- 2 S. Sivapalan

English:

- 1 S. A. Ramesh
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- 1 S. Ramesh
- 2 A. J. Inpajothy

Environmental Studies:

- 1 S. A. Ramesh
- 2 G. G. Luksman

Grade III**Class Prize:**

- III. A—P. J. Dinesh
 III. B—C. M. D. Manoharan

General Proficiency:

- C. M. D. Manoharan
 A. G. Rajshanker

Religious Knowledge:

- 1 C. M. D. Manoharan
 2 P. J. Dinesh

Tamil:

- 1 C. M. D. Manoharan
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- 1 A. G. Rajshanker
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- 1 C. M. D. Manoharan
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- IV. A—P. Christy Pratheepan
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Religious Knowledge:

- 1 E. E. Julianus
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- 1 L. Parthipan
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 2 J. J. Nicholas

Environmental Studies:

- 1 L. Parthipan
 2 Sanjeev Alfred

Grade V**Class Prize:**

- V.A—J. L. Spencer Bruno
 V.B—R. L. Gunaratnam

General Proficiency:

- R. L. Gunaratnam
 D. A. Jackson
 R. David
 E. A. M. Nirmalaraj
 J. L. Spencer Bruno
 S. A. Priantha
 J. R. Franklin
 P. Mount Dulas

Religious Knowledge:

- P. A. Lucksman
 C. L. W. Patrick
 P. R. Gracious

Tamil:

- 1 R. L. Gunaratnam
 2 D. A. Jackson

English:

- 1 S. A. Priantha
 2 P. Mount Dulas
 R. L. Gunaratnam

Arithmetic:

- 1 D. A. Jackson
 2 J. L. Spencer Bruno

Arithmetic:

- 1 R. L. Gunaratnam
 2 D. A. Jackson

The Joseph Ferdinand Memorial Prize
 for Best Performance (Primary School)
 R. L. Gunaratnam

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade VI

Class Prize:

- VI. A—R. Nirmalaraj
- VI. B—H. J. C. Vethanayagam
- VI. C—G. S. Saverimuthu

General Proficiency:

- H. J. C. Vethanayagam
- G. S. Saverimuthu
- A. Sherington

Religious Knowledge:

- 1 G. S. Saverimuthu
- 2 H. J. C. Vethanayagam

Tamil:

- 1 H. J. C. Vethanayagam
- 2 J. E. T. Athanasiar
N. N. Yogarajah

English:

- 1 P. M. T. Nishanthan
- 2 G. S. Saverimuthu

Mathematics:

- 1 H. J. C. Vethanayagam
- 2 C. Anton Rajan

Science

- 1 N. Muralitharan
- 2 G. S. Saverimuthu
A. Sherington

Social Studies:

- 1 G. S. Saverimuthu
- 2 H. J. C. Vethanayagam

Hygiene:

- G. S. Saverimuthu

Wood Work:

- H. J. C. Vethanayagam

Art:

- G. S. Saverimuthu

Carnatic Music:

- F. A. Armstrong

Western Music:

- P. M. T. Nishanthan

Hinduism:

- S. Uthayakumar

Grade VII

Class Prize:

- VII. A—S. L. Jegannathan
- VII. B—A. G. Manivannan
- VII. C—J. J. A. Bebbington

General Proficiency:

- S. L. Jegannathan
- A. G. Manivannan
- A. Pepitus
- J. J. A. Bebbington

Religious Knowledge:

- 1 A. Pepitus
- 2 A. V. Saverimuthu

Tamil:

- 1 A. Pepitus
- 2 S. L. Jegannathan

English:

- 1 A. Pepitus
- 2 S. L. Jegannathan

Mathematics:

- 1 A. Pepitus
- 2 S. Muthukrishnan

Science:

- 1 B. D. Arumainathan
- 2 A. D. C. Regulas

Social Studies:

- 1 A. Pepitus
- 2 J. J. A. Bebbington

Hygiene:

- B. D. Arumainathan

Wood Work:

- J. J. A. Bebbington

Art:

- G. K. Marian

Carnatic Music:

- A. Jebanesan

Western Music:

S. L. Jegannathan

Hinduism:

M. K. Mamakesan

Grade VIII

Class Prize:

VIII A—M. L. Selvaratnam

VIII B—V. Devananda

VIII C—A. G. Surendrakumar

VIII D—A. Faustin

General Proficiency:

A. G. Surendrakumar

Religious Knowledge:

1 A. G. Surendrakumar

2 S. A. Gladstone

Tamil:

1 A. G. Surendrakumar

2 A. R. Perera

English:

1 A. A. Benedict

2 A. E. Rajakumar

Mathematics:

1 A. G. Surendrakumar

2 S. Sabesan

Science:

1 J. D. Sugantharaj

2 T. R. Jesuthasan

Social Studies:

1 A. Silva

S. J. Wijeyaratnam

Hygiene:

A. G. Surendrakumar

Agriculture:

V. Devananda

Art:

M. Angelo

Carnatic Music:

M. L. Selvaratnam

Western Music:

A. G. Surendrakumar

Hinduism:

V. Devananda

The Fr. B. E. Alfred Memorial Prize for
Best Performance Middle School

A. G. Surendrakumar

UPPER SCHOOL

Grade IX

Class Prize:

IX. A—C. J. Surendra

IX. B—P. J. Valentine

IX. C—J. A. Pillainayagam

IX. D—G. L. Gnanadeva

Religious Knowledge:

1 C. J. Surendra

2 A. Niranjana

Tamil:

1 C. J. Surendra

2 J. C. Paul Rohan

English:

1 P. J. Valentine

2 P. R. Ronicut

Mathematics:

1 B. C. Christian

2 M. K. Shanthakumar

Science:

1 C. J. Surendra

2 P. J. Valentine

Social Studies:

1 C. J. Surendra

2 P. J. Valentine

Hygiene:

S. W. Kingsly

Agriculture:

P. R. Shivanthan

Art:

S. W. Kingsly

Carnatic Music:

G. L. Gnanadeva

Hinduism:

S. Kanagasenthilnathan

Grade X

Class Prize:

X. A—M. Chester

X. B—S. A. Jeyaseelan

X. C—S. R. Constantine

X. A—J. K. Joseph

X. B—S. Christhuras

Religious Knowledge:

S. A. Jeyaseelan

S. E. Vasantharajah

Tamil:

1 G. J. Vimalarajah

2 B. S. Selvanandaram

English:

1 J. J. L. Michael

2 S. E. Vasantharajah

Mathematics:

No Award

Science:

1 S. R. Constantine

Social Studies:

1 S. J. Jeyaseelan

2 S. F. Kovappan

Hygiene:

S. J. Jeyaseelan

Metal Work:

C. P. J. Pantalian

Art:

B. S. M. Ariarajah

Carnatic Music:

S. F. Kovappan

Hinduism:

N. Ganeshkumar

The Selvdurai memorial Prize for Best Performance

S. J. Jeyaseelan

Grade XI (1st year)

Class Prize:

XI. B—R. Vasavan

XI. M—J. Raymond

XI. C—S. L. Rupert

General Proficiency:

R. Vasavan

Physics:

R. Vasavan

Chemistry:

R. Vasavan

Pure Maths:

J. Raymond

Applied Maths:

S. J. Mariathas

Botany:

R. Vasavan

Zoology:

R. Vasavan

Accounts:

S. L. Rupert

Commerce:

S. L. Rupert

Economics:

S. L. Rupert

Christianity:

M. Jesuretnam

Tamil:

A. J. Yavis

S. L. Rupert

Grade XI (2nd year)

Class Prize:

XI. B—J. C. P. Raiendra

XI. M—V. S. C. Raviraj

XI. C—G. V. L. Hillary

General Proficiency:

N. Senthilraj

J. C. P. Rajendra

V. S. C. Raviraj

Physics:

V. S. C. Raviraj

Chemistry:

J. C. P. Rajendra

Pure Maths:

I. B. Constantine

Applied Maths:

V. S. C. Raviraj

Botany:

N. Senthilraj

Zoology: (The Abraham Memorial Prize)

N. Senthilraj

Accounts:

E. J. Emmanuel

Commerce:

T. Emmanuel

Economics:

E. J. Emmanuel

Christianity:

G. V. L. Hillary

Tamil:

G. V. L. Hillary

Grade XII

Class Prize:

XI. B—T. N. Thirumaran

XII. M—M. R. Jeyamanoharan

XII. C—T. F. B. Vethanayagam

Prizes for distinctions obtained in G. C. E. (A/L)

M. P. R. Emmanuel	—	distinctions in
F. Anton Rajasooriar	—	..
R. C. S. Augustine	—	..
S. J. A. Ravindran	—	..
M. David	—	..
P. Gnanachandran	—	..
T. F. B. Vethanayagam	—	..

Applied Maths and Physics
 Pure Maths
 Pure Maths
 Pure Maths
 Applied Maths
 Applied Maths
 Christianity

Prizes for Scouting

Juniors: J. J. Bebbington

T. Joe Theokumar

Prize for the Best actor

A. M. Arulanandam

Elocution Contest—

English:

Sub-juveniles — S. Alfred
Juveniles — H. J. C. Vethanayagam
Juniors — S. L. Jegannathan
Intermediates — J. T. R. Vethanayagam
Seniors Prize — N. T. Swampillai
 (The Bishop Guyomar Memorial Prize)
Post Seniors — A. M. Gunaretnam

XII. B₂—M. C. Pathmarajah
 XII. M₂—F. A. Rajasooriyar
 XII. C₂—M. C. Seramaan

Physics:

R. Kesavan

Chemistry: (The Phillips Memorial Prize)

R. Kesavan

Pure Maths: (The Mary Francis Memorial Prize)

M. R. Jeyamanoharan

Applied Maths:

P. Gnanachandran

Botany:

J. Jeyathanan

Zoology:

No award

Accounts:

No award

Commerce: (The Lawrence Memorial Prize)

T. F. B. Vethanayagam

Economics:

P. Ilango Peter

Christianity: (The Amirthanayagam Memorial Prize)

T. F. B. Vethanayagam

Tamil:

A. Amirtharaj

Cub Scouts: 1 T. G. Minoshan
 2 M. J. Sakthijeevan

Prize for the best Performance in—A/L

T. N. Thirumaran

Tamil:

Juveniles — S. A. Priantha
Juniors — A. G. Surendrakumar
Intermediates — T. A. Thevarajah
Seniors — S. L. Rupert

OPEN PRIZES

Medals Awarded:

General Knowledge:

Jude Nicholas

Religious Knowledge:

Upper School — J. C. Paul Rohan

Middle School — P. Punithanayagam

Cups Awarded:

Best Footballer — S. Michael Thasan

Best Cricketer — M. K. M. J. Chellappa

The Patrician of the year: The Bishop Emilianuspillai Memorial Prize;
— T. N. Thirumaran

Colours:

Football — S. Michael Thasan
T. E. Tibutius
L.I. S. Gunaretnam
R. A. Jeyarajah

Cricket — M. K. M. J. Chellappa
T. E. Tibutius
A. M. Gunaretnam

Table Tennis — M. C. Seramaan

Inter House Competition:

Dramatics — F. J. Armstrong Challenge trophy
Long House

Debate — F. N. C. Saverimuthu Challenge trophy
Donated by The Young Patricians
Matthews House

Elocution — S. F. Santhiapillai Challenge trophy
Donated by Dr. C. Santhiapillai
Dunne House

Athletics — Bonjean House

Cricket — Matthews House

Football — Dunne House

The Guyomar Shield for the year 1981 is awarded to
Matthews House.



Mrs. Menikdiwela lights the traditional lamp.



Prize Day Report - 1980 by Fr. Rector



Mrs. Menkibwala lights the traditional lamp.



Prize Day Report - 1980 by P. K. Kector



Address by the Chief Guest, Mr. W. M. P. B. Menikdiwela.



**T. N. Thirumaran
Patrician of the Year - 1981**



Address by the Chief Guest, Mr. W. M. P. B. Manikdas.



T. N. Thirumala
Patron of the Year - 1981

Prize - Day Address by the Chief Guest,
Mr. W. M. P. B. Menikdiwela Secretary to
H. E. the President of Sri Lanka. -1981

Your Lordship, Rev. Father Rector, Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, Distinguished visitors, Parents, Past Pupils, Friends and Patricians.

It is indeed an honour and a privilege to be able to re-visit the school and be with all of you today. I particularly appreciate the opportunity of participating in this event with the warmth of personal connections established across the years with my college. I am deeply indebted to great men like Rev. Fr. Long and Rev. Fr. Mathews and outstanding teachers such as Rev. Fr. John, Rev Fr. Charles and Rev. Fr. Mathuranayagam and Messrs Alageratnam, Armstrong, Jacob, J. S. B. Selladurai, Harihara Iyer and A. A. Joseph, for kindly shepherding of my career, moulding my character and instilling the spirit of self-discipline into me. Therefore I humbly state that the ability and aptitude to carry on with the diverse nature of my present work alone, suffices to testify to the broad-based nature of the education I received at St. Patricks.

Rev. Father Rector, thank you very much for your kind words spoken about me and my wife. I have indeed not forgotten the formative influence that St. Patricks had on my early life and I am deeply grateful for it. Your memory is indeed remarkable giving me glimpses and details of myself that I hardly remember. I congratulate you Rev. Father, on your great achievements during the first year of your stewardship. You have very successfully steered the course of the institution with undeniable service to meet the challenge of directing our youth.

In the world over, despite centuries of educational programmes, despite schools and despite the adult literacy campaigns the vast number of ignorant and illiterate are growing.

We rarely ask why countries should combat illiteracy because the answers seem so commonplace - that is to raise the cultural level of society; to provide minimal knowledge so that the bulk of the population can undertake more complex roles in development and, shall I say, to incorporate all the population more effectively into the structure and functions of society. We are all agreed on the desirability of education for we argue that only then would the under-privileged classes are able to participate in political, social and economic processes.

The present day world is marked by a population explosion, the imperative requirements of economic development and the fight against hunger, the scientific and technological revolution, the multiplication of knowledge and the rise of the masses. This world is making and will make many new demands on education. If education is not to fail in its task then indeed it must make use of new means.

Since 1945 all countries have undergone fantastically swift environmental changes brought about by a number of concurrent world-wide revolutions in science and technology; in economic and political affairs; in demographic and social structures. Educational systems have grown and changed more rapidly than ever before. But they have adapted all too slowly to the faster pace of events on the move all around them. There is therefore disparity taking many forms between educational systems and their environments.

To breach this gulf, an assortment of out-of-school training and educational activities have sprung up. These activities though commonly termed 'Non-formal Education' go by different names - 'Adult Education', 'Continuing Education', 'on the job or in service training', 'Accelerated Training', 'farmer worker training' and so forth. You will agree with me that non-formal education has an extremely vital role to play whether in continuing education of already educated persons specially in the developed countries; or in bringing literacy and useful skills to masses of people in the developing nations who were deprived of formal schooling. Thus non-formal education is a great boon in contemporary civilization. It touches the lives of many people and when well aimed have a high potential for contributing quickly and substantially to individual and national development. **This is where, you our educationists of Sri Lanka can make an immense and lasting contribution to education** by shouldering the arduous task of salvaging the educational investment represented by those thousands who leave primary and secondary school, and drop outs who as yet have no jobs, but who can be fitted for some kind of employment with appropriate forms of special training.

To you students I make an equally important message. School is no doubt an integrated entity where everyone of you has a special place and has the opportunities to develop his maximum potential receiving individual attention. But educational technology which were originally designed to serve a relatively small and homogeneous group has now in the face of dynamic changes in the world over, largely carried over and applied to a much larger and far more heterogeneous student clientele. Today a great deal of changes are necessary in the standard curriculum; in the Examination system; in the normal class size and even in the Pupil Teacher Ratio. A much more flexible and diversified system is necessary to meet the present needs. In reality, is it not always outside of the school, not inside it, that we learn the vast majority of the things we know? Haven't we to now accommodate students having a much wider range of family and cultural origins, academic intelligence and motivation and career inspirations and prospects? This brings us face to face with the central problem of out-of-school education; a forming of the individual and society, produced by means of human inventions but without such an intention on the part of the producers and also without awareness on the part of those who are its objects and undergo it. A forming of which the sense direction results in attitudes and behaviour assuredly of great importance-but of which we know less than if it were a question of natural phenomena. In contrast to the relative neatness and coherence of the formal educa-

tional system, this out-of-the-school educational activities are an untidy lot that defies description, on the diagnosis and measurement of systematic planning. Few nations have even a moderately good inventory of their present activities in this realm, much less an assessment of future needs and how best to meet them.

The aim of these out-of-the-school educational activities are often unclear, their clientele undefined, and responsibility for their management and funding scattered across dozens of public and private agencies. They spring up, spontaneously come and go, at times succeed brilliantly, but just as often die unnoticed. Nobody in particular is in charge of monitoring them, of keeping their evolving pattern in over-all perspective or of harmonizing them and boosting their efficiency and effectiveness. But nevertheless it is a must in contemporary civilization.

What I am trying to say to you students is of course that school education must be regarded not as the end but as the fundamental component of total educational activity which includes both institutionalised and out-of-school education. The elements of a total education system which fulfills such functions as the formation of values, the orientation of personalities, the development of skills for civic participation, has to exist and function therefore independently outside the formal educational system.

Lastly my wife joins me in thanking you one and all once again for affording us the pleasure of being here with you today. Thank you.

Prize - Day Address by The Chief Guest,
Honourable Mr. E. L. B. Hurulle (Minister of Cultural Affairs)
— 1982

Your Lordship the Bishop of Jaffna, Rev. Fr. Rector, Rev. Fathers and Sisters, distinguished Guests, Patricians both past and present, and Friends.

First of all, I must thank Fr. Rector and all of you for having invited my wife and myself to be the Chief Guests at your Prize-giving today. I must also thank you for having received us cordially as we arrived at the entrance to your College.

When I entered your premises this afternoon, I felt that I was on strange ground because the face of the College, particularly this part had changed. But when I listened to the Rector's speech, I found that although the face had changed, the spirit had continued. Ladies and Gentlemen, in fact, it is a pride for me to know that the College had maintained the same old traditions and also kept up its good work.

Many people asked me why I left a College in a salubrious climate- Trinity College, Kandy, and came over to St. Patrick's College, Jaffna. As you would have heard I started my school career firstly in a Roman Catholic Convent in Kandy, thereafter in another Roman Catholic Convent in Kegalle, thereafter at Trinity College, Kandy, and came up here. In fact, I was also puzzled when my brother and I were sent up to St. Patrick's College. So we made enquiries as to why we were sent here. We got a surprising answer; that because we were mischievous and not concentrating on our studies, that we were sent to St. Patrick's College, Jaffna. I am sure that most of the younger generation will not know the record of St. Patrick's at that time. The British Empire was a vast one. The British Empire had several colonies including Ceylon as Sri Lanka was then known. St. Patrick's had successively got first place in the results of the Cambridge Senior and also the London Matric in the entire British Empire. When I listened to your Rector's speech, I felt that the same old standards, the good standards were being carried on.

In the report there was one thing that struck me particularly as very important- a thing that is very essential today - namely this little passage; "The Purpose of our existence :- St. Patrick's was founded for a purpose distinctly its own. She was founded to supply a need which has always existed and will continue to exist. Her aim was not merely to teach letters and numbers, but to impart an essentially religious education which would enhance the growth of the total personality." I fully agree with that. If you look at the world around us today, you'll find turmoil all over: wars, money being spent on weapons of destruction, people engaging in wars, nuclear weapons being manufactured, and the younger generation taking to drugs and ruining their entire future. What is the cause of all this? The cause is, it has dawned on many people in these other countries at last, that in their countries they concentrated only on economic development, only on improving the standard of living of their people, manufacturing nuclear arms, trying to get ahead of another nation and forgetting religion. Religion was relegated to the background. People forgot Religion and that is why we see turmoil in all those countries outside Sri Lanka. We are fortunate that in Sri Lanka, our people, whatever religion they profess, have one common aim, namely to follow the religion of their choice. That is why Sri Lanka is not undergoing the troubles that the other countries are facing today. That is why I am very happy as Minister of Cultural Affairs of this country, to have listened to that part of the Report. St. Patrick's realised this long ago. It took several years, decades, for people of other countries to realise what St. Patricks had preached.

In Sri Lanka you'll find that there is freedom of religion. Nobody compels one to follow any religion. People are free to practice one's own religion. People are free to express their views. People are free to criticize the Government. This is something that we have established as a Party wedded to democracy. If you look back to the period prior to '77, you will realize that you were not able to

live freely. In fact I was talking to a gentleman today who entertained us to Tea; he was telling us that prior to '77 people were living in fear, not knowing what would happen before the morrow dawned - whether his property would be confiscated, whether his home would be confiscated and he and his family would be thrown on to the streets. Businessmen were perturbed. A few favourites were able to get the plums. This is what one gentleman told us this afternoon.

This is something we all cherish - Democracy. If you look at the world outside, you will find that the flame of democracy has gone out in several countries. In the so-called Socialist countries, there is no freedom of speech, no freedom of worship, no freedom of association, no freedom of criticism. I had the privilege of visiting the so-called socialist countries. We were taken to Museums where the Governments of those countries take great pride in them. What were these Museums? They were Churches, Christian Churches, Roman Catholic Churches, Buddhist temples, Mosques. They have all been converted into Museums. The people are not allowed to practice any religion whatever.

Now in your report, your Rector mentioned that one of the aims of St. Patrick's when it was founded was to impart a religious education. We must thank the founders of St. Patrick's for having thought that Religion was an essential part of one's life. As Minister of Cultural Affairs, I have always said both in and out of Parliament that I am not here as Minister of Culture to look after only Sinhala Buddhist culture. I have repeated that over and over again. Some think that we are only interested in Sinhala Buddhist culture. It is not so.

Today I inspected one of your ancient places recorded in history. My intention is, as Minister of Culture, to do excavations there, make it a protected area, do excavations and bring up the past so that our present generation and the future generations may be able to gauge what was in that part of the Peninsula. I am very thankful, that at my request, the Chairman of the District Council of Jaffna, Mr. Nadarajah, most willingly came along, met me, and we inspected this site together. This is how it should be.

When we were students in this College, we had Hindu Students, Catholic Students, Christian students, Tamils; Sinhalese, low country Sinhalese, Kandyan Sinhalese, Burghars even students from far away place like Uganda. We all lived and worked as brothers. We never thought of the other as a Tamil. We never thought of the other as a foreigner. Everyone was treated alike. Even the teachers and the fathers who were here, the Rectors treated all alike. This is how it should be if we are to carry on what we have achieved so far in this country.

I must mention a very unfortunate incident that occurred in my Electorate in the period when there was insurgent trouble. This is very interesting, because I think this should go down to the students, the younger generation. There was a brilliant boy from a very poor family in a village in my electorate, Horowpotana.

He had got through the G.C.E. — O/L in 8 subjects, all of which were with distinctions and credits. But he was unemployed. When I heard of it, I managed to find him a very good job in the Public Sector i.e. in Government Service. That was in the period '65 to '70, when I was Minister in charge of Communications, Railways, Motor Transport and Aviation. In 1970, December, when I was at home in Horowpotana, some of this boy's relations from his village came to see me. I enquired from them where this young boy was working at that time. I told them "I found a very good job for this boy from your village. In which station is he working now?" I got a very pathetic answer. The answer was this: "We are very sorry to inform you that he has chucked up that job and joined the insurgent movement". Thereafter he had gone to his widowed mother and told her, "When we get the Government the first thing I will do is - I will kill you". This is what he told his mother. This is no surprise because what the Marxists preach is not what the religious leaders have preached. The Marxists, the so-called socialists - they tell the people, "If you are suffering in this world today, the entire blame must be taken by your parents". Thereby enmity is created between the parents and the children, and that is why that child had thrown away his very good job that he got in the public sector, joined the insurgent movement, went up to his widowed mother and uttered those words.

If you take your minds back to 1971 April, I am sure you can boast as a Catholic Institution where religion is given a foremost place, that none of your students took part in that April '71 uprising. I'm sure that is so, I must also say that I took statistics of all those children who attended the Buddhist Sunday schools in '71 April and prior to that. The statistics there also were revealing. Not a single child who had attended a Buddhist Sunday school took part in the '71 April uprising. This alone shows the value of religion. And that is what this College has stressed from the very inception. And that is why, as Minister of Cultural Affairs, I am very happy that religion is given a place in your College.

The record of your College has been impressive. You have performed well - the Rector, the Staff and even the students. Were it not for the interest shown by all three groups, I don't think you would have achieved these results. There must be team work. The children must obey their teachers. There must be discipline. If you look at the schools in this country, you would have seen a few months ago what indiscipline was created by a few disgruntled politicians. Our Minister of Education put out a White Paper in Parliament on proposed educational reforms. As you know a white Paper is not a Bill that will finally become the law of the Land. White Papers have been introduced not only by this Government, they had been introduced by the SLFP governments, by the Coalition governments of the SLFP and the marxists parties, and White Papers have been introduced even during the State Council days. These are not Bills. In a democratic country, White Papers are being introduced by the legislature in order to get the opinions of the Opposition members, and also the Public and those who have some interest in that particular White Paper. And that is why the White Paper on

Education was introduced by the Minister of Education. In certain schools during that period there was a hue and cry, false propaganda that free education was going to be done away with. Children and teachers were forced to absent themselves from classes. But fortunately, there were only a very few who responded to the call of these politicians. A Bill is something that is debated in the legislature and then if it is passed into a law, it becomes an Act, and everyone is bound by that Act. That is the Law. But the White Paper is something that is put there to find out public opinion, to find what is wrong. It is possible that the Government may have missed some salient points, salient features that should be in. Educationists could advise us. Because politicians are not always educationists, we require the advice of the educationists, those who are in the know; and it is only after all these are looked into, that a Bill is prepared, approved by Cabinet and then brought to Parliament, debated and passed by a majority of votes. It is thereafter that it becomes the Law of the land.

Now who are these people who try to mislead the students, and some teachers? They are people who follow the so-called socialist countries. As I mentioned before, I had the privilege of visiting some socialist countries. In those countries public opinions are not cared for. There is no opposition. No opposition is allowed. Everything belongs to the State. Even the Mass Media is Government-controlled. And these are the people who try to mislead the public and the students in order to blast their future, and try to say that democracy is being destroyed when democracy does not exist in those countries. I thought it fit that I should mention this particular aspect of Education to all of you today.

Then there is another part, where your Rector says "Yet it cannot be denied that a more sympathetic attitude of the Government towards the poorly paid teachers would substantially increase the efficiency of our institutions. Let us hope that with the implementation of the proposals of Educational reforms in the White Paper, the members of the teaching profession will be a satisfied lot".— This is also important. You'll remember that this problem did not exist in the past, several years ago. Private schools didn't have any problems finding the Staff. Today what has happened? Most of the teachers wish to join the public service because they feel that they get better wages, that they, are assured of a pension once they retire. As a result many opt for the public service. But this was not so when we were students. There was a clamour for admission to the Private schools as well, because there was more discipline. The Teachers the Principals were very conscientious of the fact that the pupils mattered. Today in many of the government schools it is not so. The teachers, some principals, I regret to say, are not interested in the welfare of the Children. Some are more interested in Politics. Some of them are interested in changing Governments.

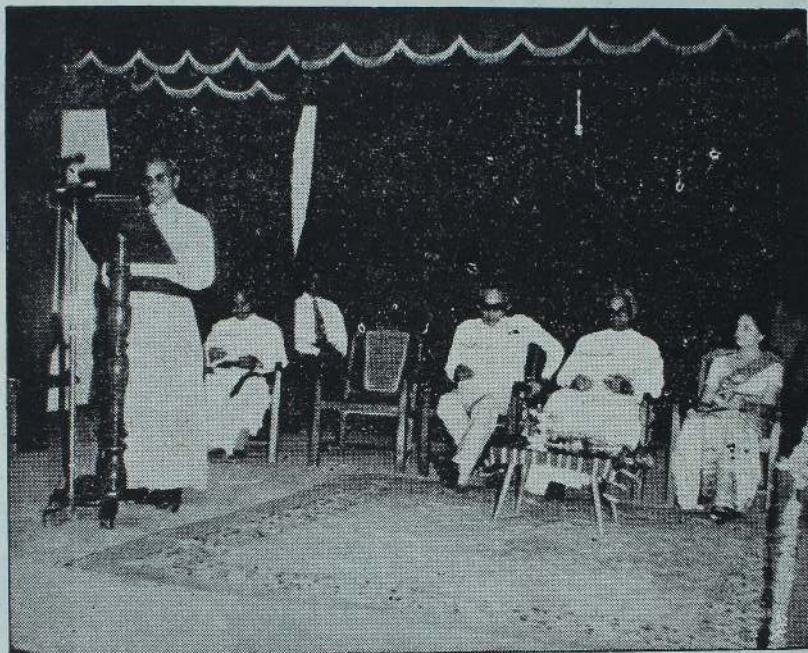
In the past, 30, 40 years ago, if one went into a village and asked the people of that village who are the leaders of this village, a common answer would be given - the school teacher, the Ayurvedhic physician, the priest and the headman. These were the leaders in the villages, and everyone acknowledged their leadership.

There is another aspect which existed in the villages several years ago. If a stranger went into a village and on seeing a child, asked a person of that village "whose child is this?" the reply would be "This is our child". Today you go to a village and ask anyone whose child that is? He will tell you "That is so and so's child" - Words matter and words have a meaning. So you will realize that the times have changed not for the good, but for the worse. So that is why you must all as students, realize this, as teachers realize this, and see that we treat children as our own children, and not as somebody else's children. All should be treated alike. That was how it existed some 20 - 30 years ago in this country.

I am very happy that I have been able to address these words to you. Your performance has been good; performance has been kept up from the very inception, even from the days I was in College, and thanks to the discipline imparted when we were in College especially by Fr. Matthews and Fr. Long and of course the Father in charge of the Hindu Boarding, Fr. Charles. When we used to see him coming with the prayerbook in hand, we used to shudder. He was such a strict disciplinarian. At that time we didn't like him. But today we feel and realize that what he did then was the correct thing.

There must be discipline not only in a School, there must be discipline in a country, there must be discipline in your place of work. It is only then that a country can progress. Where there is indiscipline, the future of that country is blasted for ever. I need not say anymore.

I must thank you on behalf of my wife and myself for your having invited us to be your chief guests today. It has given me an opportunity to come into this place after 45 years, a pretty long period, and I must thank Fr. Rector, the staff and all of you for having given me that opportunity. [And let me wish the College, Fr. Rector, the Staff and the students all happiness and all success in the future. Thank you.



FR. RECTOR READS THE PRIZE DAY REPORT.



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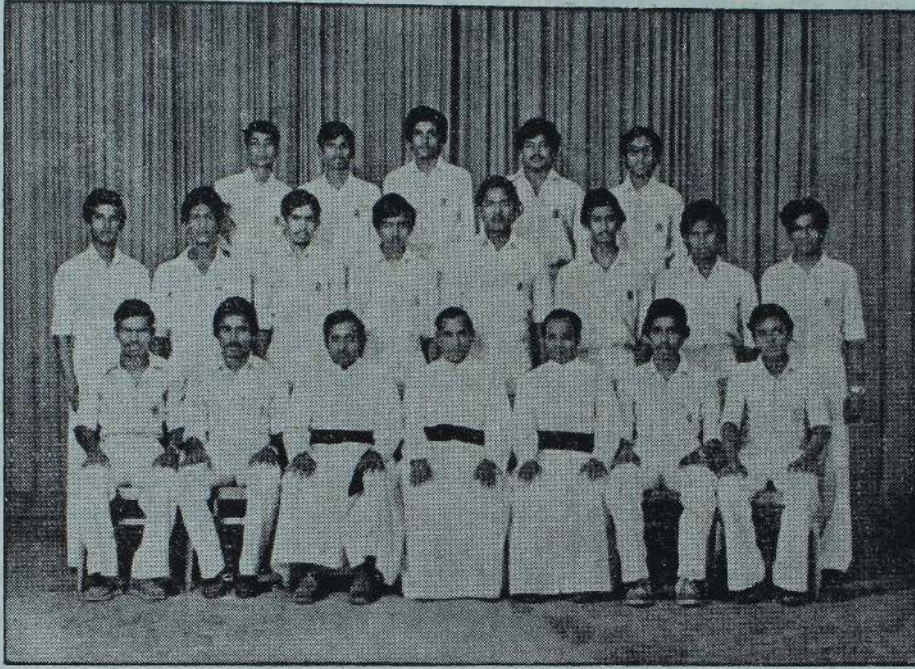
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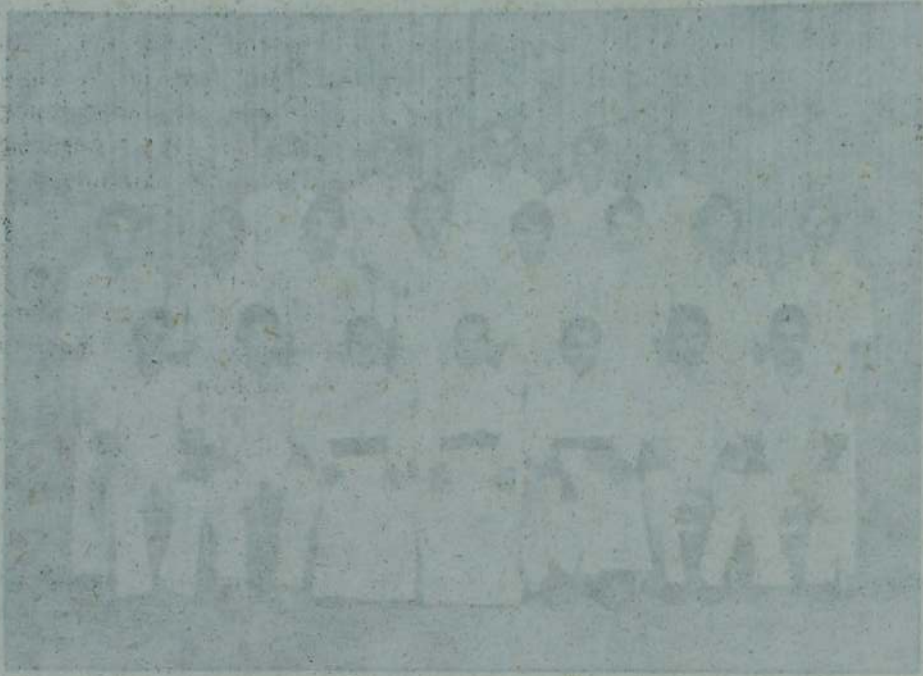
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Old Boys' Association of St. Patrick's College, Jaffna.

The Association has been very active during the year under review.

It is during the year under review that a solution for the long standing problem of enlisting the young old boys into this Association has been found. The constitution of this Association was suitably amended to enroll the young old boys into this Association and allow them to function as a separate unit under the constitution of this Association, under the name and title of 'young Patricians'. Though there were normal infantile growth problems of suspicion and fear in the minds of both the sections, these were dispelled and smoothened out at a conference of both groups where, His Lordship the Bishop, the Patron of this Association, took part. This group is very active within the Association and conducted a Musical Festival during the year.

A group of members of this Association attended the episcopal ordination of the new Bishop of Mannar at Madhu church. A specially chartered bus took the group to Madhu. The group attended the first mass of the new bishop the next day and was given a private audience by the bishop.

Bishop Tom. Savundranayagam, Bishop of Mannar was hosted to a Dinner by the membership of this Association in the Association premises on his first official visit to Jaffna.

The Association entertained Rt. Rev. Dr. Selvanayagam, co-adjutor Bishop of Malaysia, another distinguished old boy, at tea in the Association premises.

Mr. W. M. P. B. Menikdiwela, the Secretary to His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka, who visited the Association when he came to Jaffna last year to preside at the College Prize Day expressed fullest satisfaction of the activities mooted out by this Association. On his request Patrician Institute appealed for funds from the President's Fund. A sum of Rs. 150,000/- was sent to the Institute through this Association.

A bursary of Rs. 500/- was offered to the student from Alma Mater who obtained the best results at the G. C. E. (A/L) examination.

The Annual Christmas Dinner & Get-together was held on 28.12.1981 at the Association premises. This went off with the usual fun and merry making.

Annual Children's party was held in the Association premises. Children of members of this Association and Patrician Club took part. A large number of poor children in the neighbourhood were also invited. Every child present was given a useful present. The children of members entertained their parents and visitors present to a variety entertainment. This variety entertainment was recorded on Video Tape.

A considerable number of members of this Association attended the Triduum preceeding the feast and the Festival High Mass. Members were guests of the

Students and Staff of the college at a garden party that evening. Instead of the normal tea party, the Association played hosts to members at a dinner on this date.

Battle of the Golds Cricket encounter held at Jaffna College grounds, Vaddukoddai was attended by a large number of members as in the past. Some members offered incentive cash prizes to the players of the college team who exhibited outstanding performances.

The annual battle of the old golds cricket encounter this year was held at Vaddukoddai. This event serves as one that fosters fraternity and understanding amongst the old boys of both colleges.

The death anniversary of Rev. Fr. T. M. F. Long O. M. I., was commemorated on 30th April, 1982. The life size statue of the late rector erected in the premises of Jaffna Public Library by this Association was given a good scrub and new coat of paint. A requiem high mass was offered in the College chapel by the President of the Association. Thereafter the members assembled at the Library Premises where the statue was garlanded by Prof. Luther Jayasingham, a distinguished old boy.

The Association has maintained very cordial and close relationship with Alma Mater. Thanks to the President of the Association, who is also the Rector of the College, this bond has been growing steadily though slowly. It is the unanimous wish of the membership that all old boys who are on the tutorial staff of the College enroll themselves in this association and take very active part. This will bring the Association and the College closer and enable the Association to understand and accept the difficulties faced by the College. This will enable the Association to explore and device ways and means of assisting the College. With our dynamic President, we trust this will be made a reality during the coming year.

A. V. A. J. Wijayaratnam
Hony. General Secretary.

Old Boys' Association of St. Patrick's College, Colombo.

"St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association, Colombo Branch" was founded in the year 1919. This Association has scaled over the Sixtieth year of its inauguration.

The Sixtieth year Annual General Meeting was held on the evening of 24th April 1982 at St. Lawrence Church Parish Hall, Wellawatte.

The following were elected to office at the Annual General Meeting.

President : Mr. Cyril Lawrence

Vice - Presidents : Mr. Joe R. Santhiapillai
Mr. E. S. W. Selvadurai
Mr. B. J. Aloysius
Mr. M. D. Jesuthasan
Mr. R. H. S. Phillips
Mr. B. X. Jeyarajan
Dr. P. Poologasingham
Mr. J. A. Selvaratnam
Mr. C. S. Chinniah
Mr. S. F. Phillipiah
Mr. T. T. Joseph
Mr. E. J. D. Rajakariar
Dr. G. A. Amithanayagam
Mr. N. A. Emmanuel
Dr. R. E. Selvarajah

Hony. Secretary : Mr. S. X. Gnanasegaram

Hony. Asst. Secretary : Mr. S. P. Emmanuel

Hony. Treasurer : Mr. X. A. K. Emmanuel

Hony. Asst. Treasurer : Mr. K. Wignarajah

Committee

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| 1. Mr. B. Thomas | 9. Mr. E. D. Ponrajah |
| 2. Mr. F. A. C. Vaz | 10. Mr. A. Jesuthasan |
| 3. Mr. J. A. Ratnasingham | 11. Mr. D. C. Lovell |
| 4. Mr. A. E. Rajapakse | 12. Mr. A. Q. Phillips |
| 5. Mr. G. Andrew Amirthanayagam | 13. Mr. T. M. V. Rajakariar |
| 6. Mr. T. M. Augustine | 14. Mr. M. A. S. Tissaverasinghe |
| 7. Mr. P. F. Joseph | 15. Mr. C. Benjamin |
| 8. Mr. V. Murugiah | |

Hony. Auditor : Mr. J. S. Bastiampillai

At the Annual General Meeting Rev. Fr. Rector requested the Old Boys to rally round the Alma Mater and help him in the realisation of the dream of Fr. Long and successive Rectors in the rebuilding of the "Greater St. Patrick's".

Immediately on assumption of the present Committee, to update the list of old boys, an advertisement was inserted in the Sunday Observer of 20th June, 1982, asking the old boys living both in Sri Lanka (outside the Northern Province) and abroad to send in their addresses for registration. As the response was not as we expected, individual letters were addressed to all old Patricians known to the Committee requesting them to give the names and addresses of old Patricians living in Sri Lanka as well as overseas. Response seems to be good and replies are coming in.

The President Mr. Cyril Lawrence has left for U. K. on an official visit. He will be making use of this opportunity to get in touch with some old boys resident there. We have proposed to appoint Dr. A. E. A. Joseph in U. K. as co-ordinator. The President has also taken with him a list of addresses of old Patricians living in U. K. and an appeal letter to the Patricians for funds. He will meet Dr. A. E. A. Joseph on his arrival.

At the first Committee Meeting for the year, which was well attended and quite a record for any Committee Meeting, two sub-committees have been appointed - one to revise the present constitution of the Association which is 15 years old and the other a Benefit Show sub - Committee to work out details to collect funds for a Reference Library in the College.

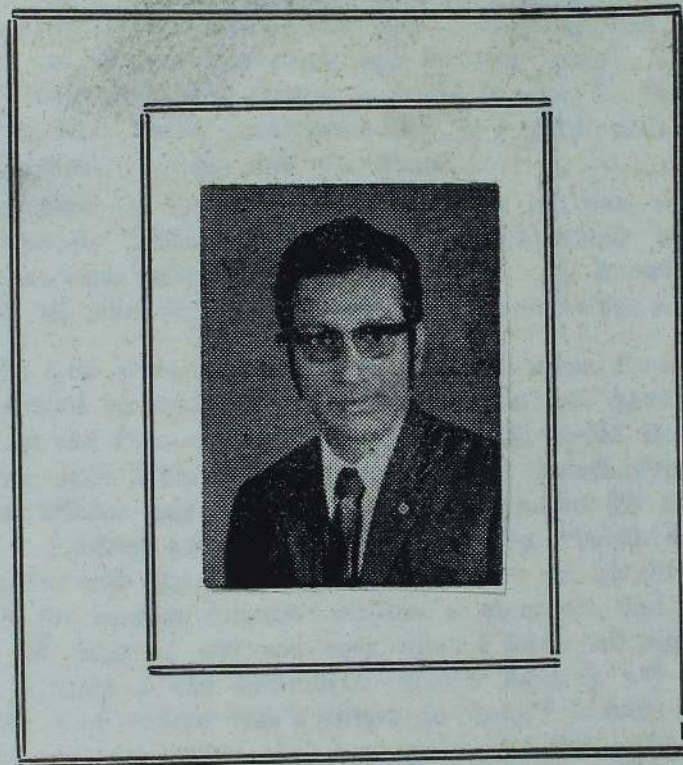
When we look back to the existence of the Association for sixty years, we cannot refrain from paying tributes to the gallant efforts of the former Bishops and Rectors who not only assisted in the inauguration of this Association but also ensured its continued existence and resuscitation. We record with appreciation the assiduous and untiring services of the Past Presidents, beginning with the first President late Mr. H. A. P. Sandrasagara, K. C. late Chevalier L. B. Emmanuel, late Chevalier Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner, late Dr. M. J. A. Sandasagara, late Mr. J. A. P. Cherubim and late Mr. R. F. Miranda. We would also recall the untiring and sustained efforts of the past Secretaries, beginning with the late Mr. P. Q. Christian, late Sir Kanthiah Vaitianathan, and late Mr. Joseph St. George.

Our sincere thanks and gratefulness are due not only to these gentlemen but also to the efforts of all other office bearers for their services in the cause of the Alma Mater.

We do hope that Patricians wherever [they are] will take meaningful steps in the display of more loyalty and assistance to the Alma Mater.

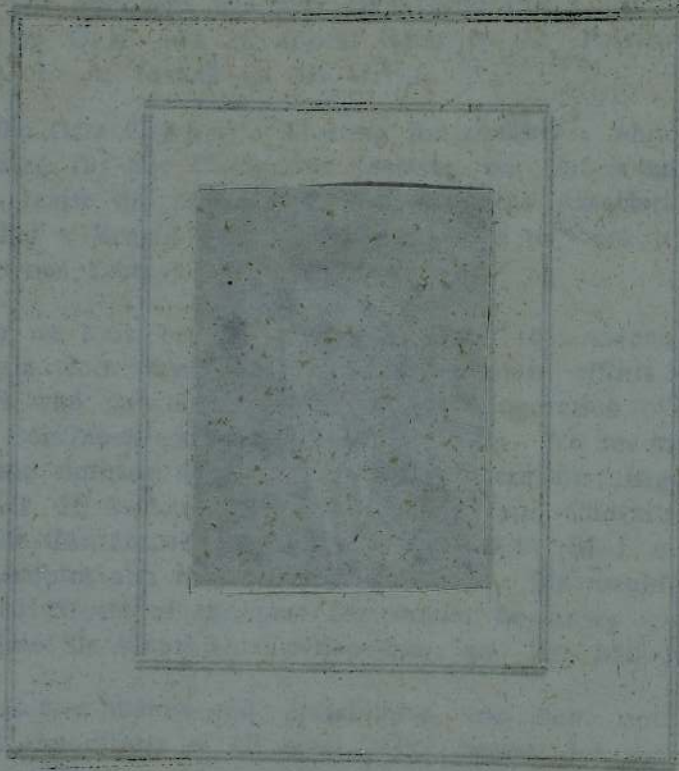
The Final Salute

To A Stalwart



The Final Soliloquy

To A Student



AT THE FUNERAL

My Lord Bishop, Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters,
Mrs. Sam Alfred and her Children, and relations,
Dear Friends and my dear Patricians,

Before we commit the remains of our lamented Master Sam Alfred to his last resting place in God's acre, I think that it behoves me as one who lived for over 20 years with him in this Great Patrician Family, and as one who had daily opportunities of appreciating his many qualities of both mind and heart, especially during the past two years, — it behoves me to pay him a last tribute of praise, to extend to him in the name of the staff and the pupils of St. Patrick's a deep-felt farewell, and to wish him that eternal peace which his self-sacrificing life has deserved for him.

In Mr. Sam B. R. Alfred, the best was chosen for St. Patrick's; But, as if in the words of Fr. Long, "the best is not good enough for St. Patrick's", God has chosen for Himself the best of the best. So, today, the Patrician family mourns the death of one of her illustrious and devoted sons. To St. Patrick's his death is a great loss; and still greater it is to Greater St. Patrick's; but the loss is the greatest to our young generation of boys and girls of Eelam who hailed him as the Chemistry teacher par excellence.

Few who ever came in touch with "SAM", as he was familiarly known to friends and non-friends alike, could fail to be impressed by his imposing personality. In that majestic exterior was the mystery of knowledge and love. In that stern exterior of iron frame of mind and body there was a Golden heart.

Some have told you now, and will tell you at other times and in other places how good a friend he was to his colleagues. Others have told you and will tell you how faithful and devoted he was as a member of the old Boys' Association and of the Rotarians. Still others will tell you, how, though apparently serious and reserved, he was affable and amiable to all who sought his aid and counsel. His beloved wife and children will tell you what an ideal husband and a loving father he was to them, and how, during the last days of his life on earth, he bore his illness with the utmost fortitude without a murmur, and was thoroughly resigned to the will of God. I will say only what I know of him as a teacher at St. Patrick's and I think I can summarize what I have to say of him in one simple sentence: "Mr. Sam Alfred was a martyr to duty." Indeed he was a martyr to duty. For twenty six long years he has given us the example of what a Catholic teacher should be. He was a full-fledged teacher serving the Institution in many capacities. It was in the class room that Mr. Sam Alfred was at his best. There he was all zeal and earnestness — His students can testify to the thoroughness and efficiency with which he taught his favourite subject Chemistry. The impact his presence made in the class-room can never be effaced from one's memory. It may be said without fear of contradiction that he never for once swerved from what he considered to be his duty as a Catholic teacher, even at the cost of his own popularity. His conception of duty was as high as his discharge of it was faithful and exact.

During the past one and a half years, as Secretary of Games and as the Sectional head of the Advanced Level students he rendered me invaluable help in maintaining that firm and sometimes stern discipline which is the boast of this Institution. Self-sacrificing to the extreme, he was always ready to render me any service, within as well as without school hours. I will go even further and say that he foresaw the possible flaws in good management of the school, and, without overstepping the limits of his position, volunteered to right what was amiss, and complete what was left unfinished, always trying to preserve the good image of the school. All these made him a martyr to duty.

All these are very appreciable qualities in a teacher, but there is still another reason why I loved and appreciated Mr. Sam Alfred. He was an upright man. He was a man of character and of integrity. He was no respecter of persons. He was a man of principles and his principles were of a high nature. Always loving truth and justice, and scorning whatever was wrong and mean and false, he has left behind the example of a true christian and genuine gentleman.

Dear friends,

I have lost in him a trustful and experienced colleague; my brother teachers mourn the loss of a genuine friend; the students have lost a skilful master. St. Patrick's deploras the death of one of her most faithful servants; his name will remain amongst us like that of Mr. Abraham, Chevalier Arulanandam, Mr. F. N. C. Saverimuthu, Mr. S. F. Santhiapillai, a household name for a man of duty and of integrity.

I am sure that Mr. Sam Alfred has already heard from the lips of the Teacher of mankind the comforting words: "Well done, good and faithful servant because you have been faithful in little things, I will establish you over greater ones; enter into the joy of the Lord."

I hope that this wish is already realised and that, at this very moment, from his place on high, he looks at us and listens to me; so in your name, teachers and students, I will bid him an eternal adieu.

Master, we loved and admired you alive, we reverence you dead. From your seat of Glory, watch over the interests of your sorrowing wife and children and comfort them; watch over the destinies of this Patrician family for which you have toiled so faithfully, whilst generations of pupils will say of you:

He lived in virtue
He now lives in glory

But he will ever live in the grateful memory of the students and teachers of St. Patrick's College.

"Till we meet.....at Jesus' feet"
farewell.

Rev. Fr. Rector.

Gentleman Sam

The untimely death of Mr. Sam B. R. Alfred an eminent Chemistry teacher of Sri Lanka, on 28th August 1981, at the Age of 51, removed from the teaching world a guru worth the name.

He was a man of many parts and all those from varied walks of life who were privileged to come in close contact with him had admiration and appreciation for his strength of character, knowledge and wisdom. The moving and memorable last journey of his, bears ample testimony to his worth. Though it was school vacation Patricians turned up in full strength to pay their last respects to the one whom they loved and revered. The body was received at the entrance to Jaffna Town and taken in a solemn procession with hundreds of student cyclists going at the head, followed by the Rector, the Staff, and the Old Boys on Motor Cycles and Cars. The Spontaneous sobbing of Old boys, parents and Rotarians together with the Patrician family marked a poignant moment. At the funeral service the Rector, and all other Speakers-representatives of Students, Old Boys, Rotarians, Staff and Past Principals expressed their sincere feelings and dwelt on his sense of duty, discipline, character and service. A commemorative portrait of his, adorns his favourite Chemistry lecture room to remind the generations of students to come of what he stood for.

Sam, as he was popularly known adorned our Staff for 26 years from 1953. His excellence as a teacher of Chemistry needs no testimonials. His fame as an eminent Chemistry teacher was not confined to the peninsula alone. It is no exaggeration to say that thousands of students from the four corners of the island converged at his residence to drink of his knowledge of Chemistry. The hundreds of doctors, engineers, teachers and other professionals who were privileged to be his students are living testimony to his success as a teacher of Chemistry. Sam was always in touch with his subject, abreast with the latest theories, constantly enlarging his horizons by voracious reading. Even the painful symptoms of his ailment which made their appearance in the last few years of life from time to time, did not lessen his enthusiasm for the subject or for the teaching of it. Everyone knows how students would approach his classes with a sense of awe and reverence, almost akin to fear. This was mainly their way of giving him the respect that was his due, for Sam spared no pains in teaching his pupils the nobler lessons of life like discipline, gentlemanliness and perfection in the performance of duties, qualities that are hall-marks of a good Patrician.

As a colleague, Sam is unforgettable. All of us looked up to him for advice, guidance and help at all times. He too was always at hand. Indeed he was a friend to those in need. He was a perfect gentleman and bore no grudge nor malice. He was lofty in his ideals as he was tall in stature. He did not wear his virtues on his sleeve, as he did not have to. He looked to promptness and perfection. I remember how he insisted on doing all he could do till the very end, for the Prize - giving in May and Sportsmeet in July, although he was quite ill at that time.

He was one of those few for whom the general upliftment of the Student population is of prime concern. He was motivated by a sense of service caring for the common good. He set the highest standard for those who presumed in the service of our youth. He was a Rotarian to the core and his leisure was devoted to social work especially with the interactors. He always worked for a cause - a disciplined youth with ardent fervour for studies. His advice to his fellow teachers was not to remain mere teachers of subjects but, joining hands with the authorities to make those under our charge disciplined and useful citizens.

We at St. Patrick's can never think of St. Patrick's without Sam. The void that has been created by his demise is not easy to fill. We will ever remember Sam who strode its corridors and class rooms like a colossus, a teacher who brought fame and honour to the institution and to the Staff of St. Patrick's College. Will there ever be one like him is everyone's wonder.

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House Reports

Matthews House

<i>House Master:</i>	Mr. C. R. Joseph (Jan - Aug) Mr. W. J. Navaratnam
<i>Sports Master:</i>	Mr. J. Arumainathan
<i>House Captain:</i>	Mas. A. E. Gunaratnam
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mas. A. R. C. Constantine
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mas. S. D. B. Constantine
<i>Cricket Captain:</i>	Mas. M. P. Andrew
<i>Sports Captain:</i>	Mas. S. L. Melanious
<i>Foot ball Captain:</i>	Mas. Y. Pilendran

It is a Year of many sighs and hurrahs. We deeply regret the retirement of Mr. C. R. Joseph in August; a veteran versatile and benevolent House Master. We bid goodbye to you Sir. We extend a hearty welcome to our new House Master Mr. W. J. Navaratnam.

Mr. James Arumainathan our energetic sportsmaster has left us to follow the Diploma in Education Course at the Jaffna University. He still lends us his free time with undaunted enthusiasm. We express our gratitude to you sir.

We welcome Mr. S. Thillainathan B. Sc. to our House. He is a very keen and helpful person, who by his exhortation makes the members of our House to participate in many activities of our House.

Our heartiest congratulation to Mas. S. D. B. Censtantine Mas L. I. S. Gunaratnam and Mas J. C. P. Rajendra on their appointment as members of the College Prefects. Mas L. I. S. Gunaratnam and Mas A. M. Guneratnam obtained their Colours for football and Cricket Respectively.

Cricket:

We proudly announce that our cricket team has won the Inter - House championship conducted by the College this year. Six members of our cricket team are also members of the College Cricket eleven.

Foot Ball:

Our football team led by Mas. Pilendran was beaten by our traditonal opponents in the first encounter, and subsequently kept out of the competition.

Athletics:

We have some first class athletes in the persons of Mas. Melonious, Mas. Ivory and Mas Johnson. In the track events we beat the other houses. Yet we could not win the Inter House sports chempionship. Mas A. D. Ivory won the under 17 Individual Champion Challenge cup.

English Day

We obtained the highest score of all other Houses in all Competitions held on this day. Mas J. J. R. Vethanayagam Mas A. M. Gunaratnam Mas. Rajendra Kumar and Mas Rajendra were mainly responsible for winning many points. We obtained the Challenge cup for Dialogue. We were also runners up in the Dramatic Competition.

Guyomar Shield:

Statistics would reveal that Matthews House was successful in annexing the Guyomar shield - The trophy of the year - this year too as in the past, thus excelling in the sphere of studies and sports.

We thank specially our office bearers and all our House masters and mistresses who contributed their share in our ventures, for all their splendid co-operation and encouragement which brought us success. I sincerely thank all members of our House for their unstinted Co-operation and help given me in the discharge of my duties.

A. R. C. Constantine

Bonjean House

<i>House Master</i>	:	Mr. D. S. Guanapragasam
<i>Sports Master</i>	:	Mr. A. S. Augustine
<i>President</i>	:	Mas. A. Amirtharaj
<i>Secretary</i>	:	„ B. C. R. Joseph
<i>Treasurer</i>	:	„ J. Marceline
<i>Athletic Captain</i>	:	„ P. Regipaultan
<i>Cricket Captain</i>	:	„ D. E. Gunaratnam
<i>Foot ball Captain</i>	:	„ F. T. Raymond
<i>Basket ball Captain</i>	:	„ T. A. Canjamanathan

The year 1981 was an exceptionally bright year for Bonjean House. After ten years Bonjean House became champions in the Inter - House Athletic meet obtaining 190 points, Masters Holivince, Steinburg, and Johnson became the under 13, 16, & 17 Champions respectively. The field events cup and the Relay cup too were annexed by Our House.

Although we couldn't come first in football and cricket, yet we played well and took part enthusiastically in the competitions. One of our House member

Mas. S. M. Thasan who played for the college football Eleven was chosen to be the best soccer player of the year.

Mas. A. Amirtharaj was elected president of the Muthamil Mantram for 1981. Under his able chairmanship the Muthamil Day was celebrated on a grand scale.

In the various competitions held in connection with the English day the following obtained places. Mas. S. L. Jeganathan was placed first in the Junior Elocution Contest and Mas. A. A. Rajanayagam came third in the sub-Juveniles group. Mas. V. Hillary was placed third in the post senior group. In the essay competition Mas. John Devanathan obtained the first place and Mas. J. T. Theophilus essay was adjudged the best in the Junior group. In the spelling competition Banjean House was placed first in the sub-Juveniles and post-senior groups and second in the senior group. In the singing contest Mas. A. A. Rajanayagam was placed first in the sub-Juveniles group and Mas. V. Hillary came third in the senior group.

In conclusion I would like to place on record with gratitude for the guidance and help given to us by the House Masters and sports Master and all the other teachers responsible for different activities of the House. I would also like to thank all our office-bearers and all members for their co-operation and enthusiasm and express the hope that they'll continue to give of their best in the future too. There is no doubt whatsoever that the Blue Flag of the Bonjean House will fly as high as the Blue sky in the years to come.

A. Amirtharaj

Long House.

<i>House Master:</i>	Mr. G. Arulanandam
<i>Sports Master:</i>	Mr. M. A. N. Antony
<i>President :</i>	Mas. A. C. R. Joseph
<i>V. President :</i>	Mas. T. N. Thirumaran
<i>Secretary :</i>	Mas. J. M. Constantine
<i>Treasurer :</i>	Mas. A. Buventharajah
<i>Captains: Football :</i>	Mas. J. Doulas
<i>Cricket :</i>	Mas. T. E. Tibutius
<i>Basket ball :</i>	Mas. G. J. T. Vethanayagam.
<i>Athletics :</i>	Mas. T. P. Mahendran
<i>Chess :</i>	Mas. B. G. Xavier
<i>Table Tennis :</i>	Mas. T. N. Thirumaran
<i>Badminton :</i>	Mas. J. T. Nicholas

I have great pleasure in presenting to our readers the report of Long House. We have acquired ourselves creditably both in curricular activity and sports. In the field of studies Mas. T. N. Thirumaran obtained the best results in the A/L examination.

In the English Day competitions we fared well. Mas. H. J. Vethanayagam of Javeniles group and Mas. S. Alfred of Sub-Juveniles group were placed first. Mas. J. M. Constantine of Intermediate group and Mas. I. J. S. G. Kulasingam of Senior group were placed third. In the Essay competition Mas. J. M. constantine was placed first. In the spelling competition our sub-Juveniles and Juveniles groups were runners-up. In the singing competition Mas. L. L. Ravindra of senior group was placed second. In the dialogue and debate we were the runners-up. We won the F. J. Armstrong Dramatic shield for which we staged Romeo and Juliet.

In the Tamil day competitions we won the shield for debate, and many of our boys participated in all items.

In the field of sports Mas. T. E. Tibutius was awarded colours for football and cricket. Mas. A. E. Antonypillai and T. E. Tilbutius were among those who represented the cricket eleven. It must be mentioned here that Tibutius scored many useful runs for our College. He was selected to play for the Jaffna District schools XI.

In the Inter House Basket Ball competition we came up to the finals. In the Table Tennis tournament Mas. T. N. Thirumaran was the champion while Mas. J. T. Nicholas was the runner-up.

Mas. A. J. Elmo captained the Second XI while Mas. A. E. Antonypillai was his deputy. In the Inter House Athletic meet Mas. A. T. A. Selvarajah was the under 14 champion. Mas. B. G. Xavier was elected to lead the college chess team. 'The Patrician of the year' was awarded to Mas. T. N. Thirumaran.

Finally we wish to express our gratitude to Messrs. G. Arulanandam and M. A. N. Antony and all other masters for their enthusiasm and encouragement in all our ventures. I am indebted to all members of our house for their whole hearted co-operation extended to me at all times.

I wish all the Longites every success in the years to come.

J. M. Constantine.

Dunne House

<i>House Master</i>	Mr. S. F. Xavier
<i>Sports Master</i>	Mr. M. M. Thanapalan
<i>House Captain</i>	Mas. M. K. M. J. Chellappah
<i>Sports Captain</i>	Mas. R. G. Rajah
<i>Cricket Captain</i>	Mas. A. J. Ravikumar
<i>Football Captain</i>	Mas. R. J. Rockhudson
<i>Basket Ball Captain</i>	Mas. R. G. Rajah
<i>Badminton Captain</i>	Mas. G. R. Thavaretnam
<i>Table Tennis Captain</i>	Mas. M. S. Seramaan
<i>Secretary</i>	Mas. R. J. Jeyarajah
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mas. M. T. Surendra

I have great pleasure in submitting the report of the Dunne House this year. Our success in Sports and studies is due to the encouragement given by our House master Mr. S. F. Xavier and by the sports master Mr. M. Thanapalan

I take this opportunity to congratulate "Dunne House" for winning the Foot ball and Elocution championship cups.

At the Talent contest conducted in our college Dunne House obtained most of the 1st Places Both in Group singing & Individual singing Dunne House came 1st in all groups.

In the field of sports many of our boys have found places in all the teams and have brought credit to the College.

Our College Football Team was captained by our House Capt. Mas M. K. M. J. Chellappah.

Finally thanks are due to all Dunnites for the co-operation and good will shown by them. May we continue the cherished traditions and be true sportsmen whether we win or lose. I hope the Dunnites will keep our green flag flying higher and higher.

Secretary

The Report of the Catholic Students' Federation — 1981

The Catholic Students' Federation, in its 27th year of birth has the pleasure to submit its report. This federation has done marvelous changes in the past for the Social and Spiritual, developments of the youths preparing them to face the problems of the present world.

I am indebted to the federation for having granted me this golden opportunity to submit this report of achievements of our federation in the year 1981.

The C. S. F of St. Patrick's elected the following office bearers on 29 - 1 - 81 under the Patronage of our Vice Rector.

<i>Spiritual Director</i>	-	Rev. Fr. P. Jesunesan O. M. I
<i>President</i>	-	Eugene Francis and G. J. T. Vethanayagam
<i>Vice President</i>	-	G. V. L. Hilary
<i>Secretary</i>	-	L. M. Thasan
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	B. Douglas

Among the services contributed by the C. S. F, to the success of Religious Ceremonies in 1981, the outstanding one was the '2nd Sunday Mass' Programme. This masterpiece achievement was brought in the Service of the federation to mark the most devoted Services of the LONG PERIOD (Fr. Long). If not for the ideas and advices of our Rector, who was moulded by the hands of Rev. Fr. Long; this '2nd Sunday Mass' Programme would not have reached our achievements.

Also, the prayer meetings held by the students of the respective classes on Tuesdays & Thursdays of the week, and the masses offered in favour of those classes were the newly organised programmes of the federation

The way of the Cross in the Lenten Season, a day of Spiritual Recollection by Rev. Fr. Chandrakanthan, Death Anniversary masses, First Friday Devotions and meeting of the office bearers were some of our occurred programmes in the first-term. Besides, the federation organised many other programmes, in connection with St. Patrick's day Celebrations and the feast of St. Joseph the patron saint of our guardian.

The federation also arranged many other programmes for the 2nd term namely the masses, and other penitential services and confession in order to foster a deep Religious foundation in the minds of the students.

Devotions to Mother Mary take pride of place during the month of May and October. In connection with this adoration many devotional approaches were carried out every Wednesday of the month by the students of the three sections of the school. The board of Prefects organised a special adoration service to Mother Mary.

Retreat for teachers and boys were held simultaneously. Eminent preachers conducted the retreat services. These activities are the remarkable Religious programmes of the federation.

I regret to record the death of Mr. Sam B. R. Alfred our popular master for chemistry. The members of our federation showed their gratitude to our late teacher by participating in his funeral Service. A requiem mass was offered in repose of his soul. We published an article in the catholic guardian to honour the death of Mr. Sam Alfred in sympathy with his family. We should also remember the death of our most eminent old boy Rev. Fr. Thaninayagam. I wish to stress that the members of our federation participated in the services held on the eve of the death of Rev Fr. Thaninayagam.

It is my duty to thank Rev. Fr. P. Jesunesan for the able guidance in all our activities without any exceptions. I wish to express my personal thanks to some of the members of our teachers who have given their generous responses to our appeal in the services of our federation. It is my pleasure to thank the lower school principal Rev. Sr. Seraphin Rev. Fr. Montfort and Rev. Fr. Pilendran for they worked harmoniously and with one mind and heart supported me in all the activities of our federation.

It is my pleasure and bounden duty to thank specially Rev. Fr. Rector for his guidance, kind advice and encouragement in all the activities of our federation. I say a sincere thank you to the vice president, secretary and the other office bearers, the members, the seminarists for the enthusiasm, and the whole hearted co-operation they gave me in all the activities of our C. S. F.

God bless you all

The Interact Club

The annual report for the year "1981".:

From the day our new office bearers were elected for the year 1981 our club has been functioning very well. As usual our club meets on the 2nd Monday of every month. Many suggestions were made by our fellow members in every meeting. Almost every member of this club took a great interest in all the activities which took place this year.

Now I would like to mention the projects and services that we did during this period. The projects that we did in the school:

1. Lab cleaning.
2. Painting the wire mesh of class rooms.

3. Put up tents for the Big match. Served soft drinks to the players of both teams in the Big-match.

The extra activities:

1. Participated in the Ryla Camp, 81 in Ragama.
2. Participated in the Youth Camp which was held in Welimada.
3. Helped the Interact Club of St. Michael's College Batticaloa by selling raffle tickets which were sent by them.
4. We never missed to visit the Interactors of St. John's College whenever they invited us for their functions.
5. All the members attended and helped in the funeral of our Former Staff advisor Mr. Sam B. R. Alfred.
6. The club has done its share of promoting International Understanding by corresponding with the Interact Clubs in Malaysia.

The fund raising projects:-

1. The T. V. show - by this we got Rs. 584/75 as profit.
2. Sold rosettes and souvenirs for the big-match - by this we got Rs. 613.50 as profit.

In fact our fund raising projects were not satisfactory. However, we hope to carry out some worthy fund raising projects soon.

Our biggest service project was begun on 22nd of November, 1981. The project is "The construction of a basket-ball court" to the Nuffield school for the Deaf and Blind, Kythady.

This report will be incomplete without a word of thanks to our Staff advisor, whose assistance and encouragement has taken us so far along the path of service. May our club grow from strength to strength and continue the good work and be of service for many years to come. It is my greatest pleasure to thank our President Int. S. D. B. Constantine for the whole-hearted support he has always extended to our club and indeed it was a great boon for me to work under his excellent presidentship.

We sincerely hope that this enthusiasm will be doubled in the coming year with more and more Interactors taking part in the activities.

Secretary

Social Service League.

Social Service League of St. Patrick's College, in its organised form has a record of 15 years of useful service. A group of dedicated students with a spirit of selfless service is always at hand for services of want and help inside as well as outside school. The greatest achievement of this league is the formation of correct attitude towards each ones neighbour.

We had our routine calls for assistance from CNAPT and other institutions fulfilled. There was full participation by the members and the entire school responded to the requests made.

In the course of the year 1981, the members besides their normal community service, had a week set apart called Social Service week (28-1-81 — 3-2-81), when they fully dedicated themselves for service to humanity. Food packets were collected and distributed to the aged at the Home for the Aged and the destitutes around the school.

Every day of the said week slogans saying the need for the day were put up that caught the eyes of the students and hence their hearts towards the aim. The weeks programme ended with a meaningful address by Rev. Fr. Singarayer who identifies himself with social justice.

Finally I wish to express our thanks to Rev. Fr. Rector who is the fountain of all good things at college, the vice Rector who directs, shapes and streamlines the programmes to taste, the service oriented master in charge Mr. A. S. Augustine who with all his manifold responsibilities finds time with pleasure to guide us in the way we should follow and the committee which took a very keen interest in all its responsibilities.

St. Patrick's College Advanced Level Students' Union 1981.

During our tenure of office we had the pleasure of inviting Mr. J. X. L. Philips, Chairman, Ceylon Electricity Board and Mr. Anton Alfred S. L. A. S, A. G. A, A. C. L. G. Mr. Phillips spoke on Power cut and methods of conserving Energy. He enlightened the members of our Union on the intricate working of the electrical installations in our country and the ways & means of how each one of us could help the Board in conserving energy avoiding unnecessary wastage. Mr. Anton Alfred spoke on Aspirations of an Advanced Level Student. He dealt in detail how we should conduct ourselves both in school & outside. He stressed on the importance of reading and on extra-curricular activities.

Our activities culminated with our Annual Dinner. Prof. D. Ramdas of the Paediatric department of University of Jaffna, was our Chief Guest. Over ten Principals of schools and other distinguished guests including our chief Pastor Rt. Rev. Dr. B. Deogupillai graced this occasion.

In conclusion we wish to thank Rev. Fr. Rector and our moderators for all assistance and guidance given.

Hony. Secretary.

Admission to Universities 1981

University of Jaffna.

B. com:

J. C. Soosaipillai
S. Sahayarajah
George William

Phy. Science:

P. A. Raviraj
J. D. Rajasooriar
A. E. Jegajothy
Daniston Dileepkumar
Bernard
Kirubakaran

Medicine

M. A. Arulanantham

University of Colombo

Medicine:

M. C. Pathmarajah

North Colombo Medical College:

G. B. Franklin
E. C. M. Angelo
S. A. Francis

Russian Scholarship (Engineering)

A. Thurainayagam

University of Peradeniya

Engineering

R. U. Cathiraso
Amirthanayagam
Charles

Phy. Science

N. C. Chandrakumaran

Agricultural Science:

E. A. Christy

Dental Science:

R. B. Antony

University of Moratuwa:

Engineering:

Dileeban

Architecture:

M. P. R. Emmanuel
Kennedy

University of Sri Jeyawardanapura:

B. com:

S. C. Ronald
S. Premachandran

Report of 58th Scout Troop 1981

This year we started with seventeen scouts and on Jan. 30th nine more cubs joined the scout Junior Troop. A special going up ceremony was held on that day.

This year Lord Baden Powell's Day was celebrated on a district basis at J/Central College. Our scouts celebrated the Day at our College too, as our G. S. L is now the A. D. C. Town Area, this year.

Membership:

There are 6 second class badge holders in our Junior Troop. Our Senior Troop was inauguated on 27. 3. 81. Rev. Fr. Rector who was present at the first meeting of the senior Troop had appointed Mr. S. J. Thiagarajah and Mr. F. Francis to be in charge of them. Twenty recruits were present at the meeting.

Our Scout Leaders:

There are five members of the tutorial staff who are in charge of the scout Troop, under Mr. W. J. Navaratnam, A. D. C. Town. Mr. M. Thanabalan has completed his phase II Scout leader's course this year. Mr. D. C. C. Santiapillai another warranted scouter has completed his pre-warrant Training course. He is in charge of training our Young Scouts.

Mr. S. J. Thiagarajah and Mr. F. Francis who were newly appointed have followed phase I Scout Leader's Course and have obtained their warrants to run a scout Troop.

14th Field Day:

It was celebrated on 27-6-81 with Rev. Fr. Jesunesan our Vice Rector as the Chief-guest. Distribution of awards, studying and displays, Campfire and drama were the high - lights of the day.

The following were the Prize winners:

- (1) Best Actor :- Mas. E. Shelton
- (2) Best Camp:- Patrol Dog
- (3) Best Campfire item:- Patrol Dog
- (4) All round patrol leader:- Mas J. Joe Theophilus

Mas. Bebington is our Troop Leader of the Junior Troop and Mas. A. R. C. Constantine is the Troop Leader of the New Senior Troop.

Chip a Job Week:-

We collected Rs. 575/- with Mas. S. Maxwell earning Rs. 77/- the highest amount during that week. The scouter in charge of this Campaign was Mr. M. Thanapalan.

Community Service.

The Scouters in - charge for it are Mr. S. J. Thiagarajah, Mr. F. Francis and Mr. D. C. C. Santiapillai.

- (1) Both Troops participated in cleaning the old Park.
- (2) Our Boys Scouts did Shramadana work at the premises of the O.B.A. S. P. C. Jaffna.
- (3) During Eucharistic Procession our Scouts were on duty.
- (4) They helped in the building of our new Primary Block.
- (5) True to their motto our Boys Scouts have rendered yeoman service at Sports meet, Prize giving Day and other functions of the College.

We thank all who helped us during the year and especially in the organisation of the Annual Scout Field Day. Our special thanks are also due to Rev. Fr. Rector, the Vice Rector and all teachers for their help and encouragement and moral support.

May the spirit of the Founder of this worldwide movement spur our boys to greater heights.

W. J. Navaratnam
Scouter - in - Charge

The Cubscout Report — 1981

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that we present the record of Cubscouting for the year 1981.

We have a band of 25 cubscouts with 4 sixers as leaders who take keen interest in the new chums entrusted to them. We meet regularly on Wednesdays and hold special meetings too.

During this period some of the cubscouts were able to complete their 2nd Silver Star Badge. At the Going - up - Ceremony 6 cubscouts joined the Junior Scout Troop.

The Pack celebrated Lord Baden Powell's Day. We had speeches and songs and each six gave a small item.

We planned to celebrate Cubscout's Mother's Day, but owing to inevitable circumstances we had to cancel it, but the Cubscouts prepared Greeting Cards and took them to their Mothers on that Special Day.

The Cubscouts participated at the Annual Rally of our College Scout Troops and entertained the parents and scouts with their cubscout songs.

Two Special Meetings were devoted to organised service to the Institution. The events were carefully planned and executed efficiently. All necessary equipments were made available before the task was undertaken.

A Big "Thank You" to Rev. Fr. Rector for the refreshments served to us at the end of the Community Service Projects. An appreciation of our work was not forgotten and as Rev. Fr. Rector was unable to be present owing to some special school activity, Rev. Fr. L. M. Montfort - Prefect of Studies - Middle School, deeply appreciated the volume of work completed within the specified time.

We want to avail this opportunity to thank the past Cubscouts for their continuous help. Special mention should be made of Mas. S. Patrick and Mas. J. H. Wijeyathas for their invaluable help during the Pack Meetings.

We are thankful to the parents of Cubscouts and the Scout Leaders of our Troop for all the Co-operation extended to us.

Rev. Fr. Rector has been a source of strength and encouragement to us in all our endeavours. We tender him our grateful thanks and fully hope and trust that he will continue to give him unstinted support always.

We look forward to another year of new activities and a bright and successful future.

PARENTS DAY 1981

Home and School are complementary:

The school imparting knowledge and the home imparting wisdom.

For the best results in the educational process, a close intimate Parent-Teacher bond must be developed so that each can reinforce and enrich the work of the other. We are happy to record that we are able to build up an effective system of communication through organised Parents' Day and personal interview.

The Parents' Day celebration of the primary school was held on the 5th of December 1981. The Chief Guest was the most Rev. Dr. B. Deogupillai, Bishop of Jaffna.

The celebration began with the lighting of the oil lamp and the singing of the college anthem which is a custom of the Patricians. Then followed the annual report read out by Rev. Sr. M. Seraphine. She expressed her deep appreciation of the co-operation and support so ungrudgingly given by all the members of the staff on all occasions.

A variety entertainment including the percussion band, playlets, dances and 'Kolaatam' formed a part of the programme. Almost all the parents had the joy of seeing their tiny tots on the stage. A large number of children from each class were allowed to take part so that each parent can have the satisfaction of seeing the talents of the little ones. Due to unavoidable circumstances some classes could not take part in any of the items.

The Rector in his address to the parents said that it is not enough if the parents come in large numbers only on that day but must visit occasionally and give their suggestions for the betterment of the school.

Mrs. S. Mathews thanked all those who helped in various ways to make the Parents' Day a success.

The function was well attended by a large gathering of parents and grand parents.

English Day Celebrations

The School English Day celebration was held on 21st Nov. 1981. The Chief Guests were Mr: Anton Alfred, S. L. A. S., A. C. L. G. Jaffna and Mrs. Alfred.

The programme was impressive and highly exciting because the items were held on an Inter-House basis. There was much enthusiasm among the students. There were contests for all age-groups.

The Inter-House Drama and Debate were the highlights of the programme. The principal organizer was Rev. Fr. P. Jesunesan. He was ably and staunchly assisted by our English Teachers.

The English Day Committee was elected from the Advanced Level students. The Committee worked wholeheartedly for the success of the celebrations.

A Souvenir recording the activities was also brought out.

We thank the donors of prizes and all others whose support made the celebrations a grand and eloquent success.

We specially thank Rev. Father Rector, but for whose untiring efforts and encouragement, this activity would not have been possible.

Teachers' Guild 1981

The Teachers' Guild of St. Patrick's College, with Mr. A. S. Augustine as the President continues to preserve the highest traditions of the College which is sacred to every member of the Guild. The members numbering fiftyone, not counting the Religious, work with one mind and spirit as in one family — Patrician Family, with the authorities for the most cherished goal, the Greater St. Patricks.

During the year under review the Guild had the pleasure in welcoming to its membership Messrs. B. Kugatharan, S. Thillainathan, S. J. Fatimaharan, T. Kalamany, Mrs. P. V. T. Antonypillai and Miss. M. L. G. Gnanapragasam. We wish them all a happy and long stay with us.

This year had been one of great grief on account of the death of two great men — One a senior member of the Guild; the other Rev. Fr. H. S. David. Late Mr. Sam B. R. Alfred was one of our ablest teachers whose fame as a teacher of Chemistry, was well known throughout the length and breadth of Sri Lanka His death is not only a great loss to the College, but greater still to each one of us. In remembrance to his service to the College and Guild we have his portrait unveiled in the Chemistry lecture room. Late Rev. Fr. H. S. David, a linguist and scholar was a long time Prefect of studies, Middle school and thus had a very close relationship with the Guild. May their souls rest in peace

We bade good bye to Mr. C. R. Joseph, J. P., a man of versatile talents at an evening social with a hand shake. Mr. J. A. J. Arumainathan joined the University of Jaffna to do his Diploma in Education, and Mr. S. J. Thiagarajah is selected to follow the Teachers Training in English (special). Mr. K. Ratnasabapathipillai left for Seychelles to help organise teaching of Science. we wish them all success.

We take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Guild for the whole hearted co-operation and assistance at all times. Further it is the duty of the Guild to express its sincere gratitude to Rev. Fr. Rector for the great interest and understanding attitude he continues to take in all matters, concerning the teachers. We assure him of our unflinching loyalty in all his undertakings.

The College Hostel

The sole purpose of our hostel is to help the students, especially the out-station boys to acquire proper formation in the sphere of education, discipline, spirituality, sports etc. We are concerned about the total development of their personality.

During the scholastic year 81-82, there were about 80 members in our hostel family from various parts of the country. There are students from Kandy, Colombo, Trinco, Mannar, Batticola and Jaffna & its outskirts. The 80, inspite of

difference of age, size, religion and intellectual capacity, lead a well-knit happy life. The sole responsibility of forming these youngsters as good religious, lay citizens of the country was shouldered by the ever smiling and calm person Fr. Montfort. He was assisted by Mr. K. F. Santiapillai. We are sorry that Mr. K. F. Santiapillai who looked after the students as an apple of his eye could not continue to render his services due to his ill health.

On the 26th of September 81, Hostellers day was celebrated in which all the parents of the hostellers joined. At this occasion the Hostellers bade farewell to Rev. Fr. Montfort who rendered every necessary help to his adopted children. Fr. Victor Pilendran succeeded Fr. Montfort as the warden and Fr. Rector as the bursar.

Education and discipline being the chief aims of the hostel, enough time is allotted for studies. Though we don't encourage private tuition, in order to help weaker students, special attention is given in English, Maths, and Science. In order to foster sound discipline and character formation, instruction and exhortations are given by the warden and other priests in the house. Our hostel family gathers everyday to offer eucharistic sacrifice and recite morning and night prayers with bible reading.

Facilities are available for the boys to play football, cricket, volleyball and indoor games like table tennis, carom, draught and chess etc.

Many and various steps are taken to maintain the standard of English in the hostel. The language of the house is English. All the members are obliged to speak English and in order to make them realise the need of English, now and then, collective punishment is imposed.

The division of the hostel into Green and Gold Houses contributes toward healthy competition in every field. In order to accommodate more in the hostel the Puvimanasinghe hall was converted into boarders study hall and the top floor of the Matthews block - the Abraham Hall-as the dormitory.

A special word of appreciation is due to the hostellers for their willingness to serve whenever their help is needed for the common functions.

Suggestions and assistance of Fr. Rector and the Vice Rector help the warden to run the hostel smoothly. A special vote of thanks to Fr. Bursar (Rector) from the boarders for the personal care and concern he has over them and for every effort he takes to update the hostel. He takes necessary steps to make their stay a comfortable and enjoyable one. His personal supervision at the dining hall is a clear proof of this. It can be said with pride that in our College Hostel, every possible effort is taken, and all the available means are used, in order to make good citizens and sound religious persons out of these youngsters.



BISHOP SHERLOCK.



HIS LORDSHIP CHRISTENS THE NEW BLOCK.



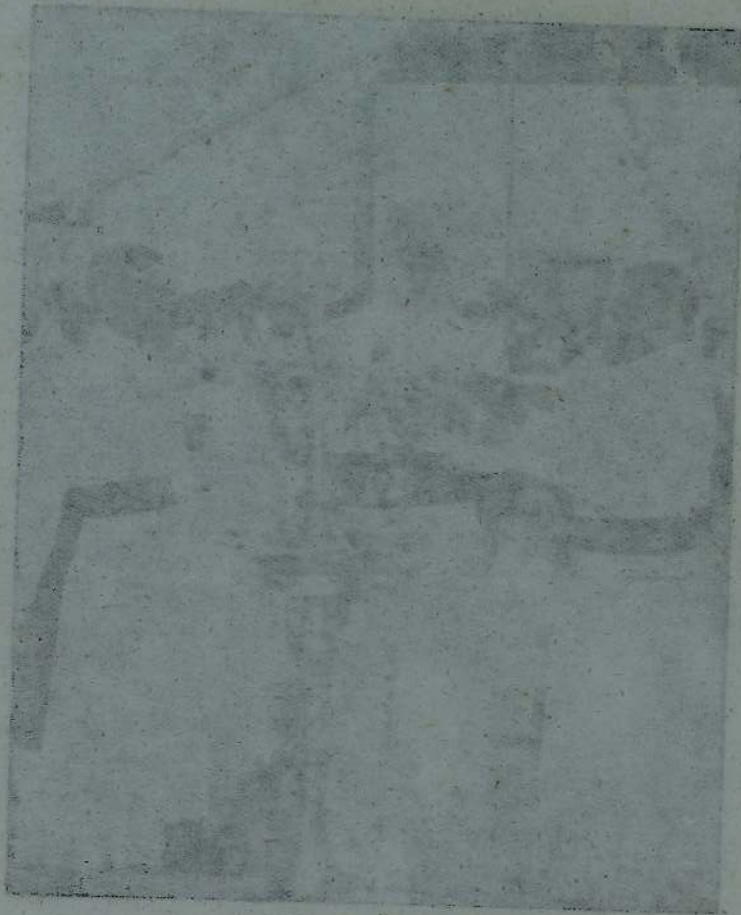
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Augustine Block for The Primary Department

St. Patrick's is merely 150 years old. The main College had sound-proof class rooms with cool and shady trees in front, long corridors a very large hall and one of, if not the best equipped laboratories in the North, with its own gas plant. St. Patrick's could also boast of being the First institution in the North to have its own electric plant as early as the mid-twenties of this century even long before the town was electrified.

But the Primary department of the lower school was housed in cadjan sheds and given rather a step motherly treatment. Yes, sheds with cemented floors, tall posts, cadjan partitions and cadjan roofs.

The late Fr. L. J. Augustine whose name was synonymous with the Lower school was in charge for well over 25 years. It was more known as Father Augustine school than as the Primary Department, of St. Patrick's College.

After Fr. Augustine's time when the Matthews Block was completed the lower school was shifted or pushed out to the far end of the College compound beyond the 'Great Lake'. But with the Govt. take over of the Educational Institutions of the Island the Lower school was brought back and a make-shift accommodation was provided some time in the Matthews Block and some time in the Old Block. Later some class rooms were put up near the Boarder's Refectory.

That the children of the lower school at this tender and formative age should be provided with better facilities by way of better accomodation & equipment must have been for a long time working in the mind of the present Rector Revd. Father Francis Joseph who as a student at first and later as a teacher for well over 30 years had noticed the hardship the small children endured and the way they were treated and neglected. As an educationist he believes that improvement should start at the Grass root level and that there should be no mixing up of priorities while fulfilling the mission entrusted to him by God. So much so the very first opportunity he had of improving their condition he had moved Heaven & Earth and the authorities to help him in this task. For he knows that the little ones are to be the future pillars of St. Patrick's in particular and of the Church at large.

In this he was whole heartedly and very generously helped by a personal friend from Canada the Rt. Revd. Dr. John Sherlock who became a great benefactor, who also was kind enough to come down to Jaffna to open this two-storied Block which has about a dozen well ventilated and well equipped class rooms.

It is really fitting and really to be admired of Fr. Joseph that he had christened it as Fr. Augustine Block. As I said earlier Fr. Augustine was one whose name was synonymous with the lower school and had lived in the lower school for nearly a quarter of a century. Thanks to Father Joseph the Rector, now Father Augustine Block stands like a David proud, upright and undaunted alongside the Goliath the Massive Matthews Block almost challenging & confronting it.

This article will not be complete without a word about the present staff of the Primary Department; The Revd. Nuns & the ladies are doing their best to instil into the little minds a sense of discipline and keen sense of duty & responsibility. This augurs very well for the future of St. Patricks and the Church.

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"OUR LADY OF PATRICIANS", PRAY FOR US

On my first day
At this grand school
I stood on the quadrangle
Like a lone, lost sailor
On an empty shore
Staring at the far horizon
Thinking of my mother and home
Far away

Then

I saw the boys stand in Reverence
Before the Queen of Patricians
And pray with animated devotion
I felt the Piety of the Atmosphere
In the presence of the Holy Mother
The Mother of the ceaseless vigil
Who protects Her sons from every peril!
And surged in me a mighty exaltation
Because now I too am a PATRICIAN!
Our Lady of Patricians, Pray for us

Roshan Phillips
Grade 11 M2

Wrong Food Habits

Needless to say that we eat to live and we do not live to eat; but unfortunately quite a good number of people live to eat, drink and enjoy every minute. Their argument is everybody dies even if the fellow is very strict with his diet or a gourmet. As long as we live we should lead a healthy life. Our food habits play a vital role in our lives. A Connoisseur of table delicacies would regret later in his life when he is bedridden with some dreadful diseases for his fastidious tastes in early days. Everything on earth becomes second to a healthy life.

Parents are partly to be blamed for the wrong food habits of their children. Parents out of ignorance but with all the earnestness and excessive love for the child think if the child eats anything and everything at any time, the child will grow to be strong and energetic. Age is also immaterial for them. They

think in terms of quantity and not quality. Where food is concerned quality matters more than quantity. A person who has neither drunk too much nor eaten too much is not susceptible to most diseases. He will be sound physically. The quality and quantity of food differs for different age groups. The requirements of a child is totally different from that of an adult.

It is lamentable that some parents think they are taking good care of their children by buying them expensive often imported food stuffs. They would prefer a rose hip syrup or an orange squash bottle with the chemicals and preservatives added to fresh orange fruits. Imported items specially attract people more. They are drawn towards them as magnets towards iron. A person can get the same amount of vitamin C from a lime fruit but just because it is cheap and locally produced he thinks there is nothing valuable in it. They communicate with their relations and friends from other countries and request them to bring some imported items failing to see there are many indigenous foods of the same vitamins growing in their own gardens. By giving imported foods they think they are doing their duty towards their children or their aged parents admirably. Later their children find it very difficult to abandon their habits even if they wish to switch on to good nutritious local items.

Poor people often grumble that they are unable to give rich food to their children, like their rich counterparts. True most of the protein rich foods are a little expensive and there is an acute shortage of protein rich food in underdeveloped countries like Sri Lanka. One can get their requirements of protein from rather cheap food stuffs like the miraculous Soya bean. Its protein content is much more than other protein rich food. Small fish, dried fish, green grams are not very expensive but can be important constituents of a balanced diet. The same calorific requirement can be got from certain cheap food stuffs as we get from mutton, pork etc.

Some people eat certain rich food items as status symbol. They ought to be pitied rather than to be blamed. They have a false sense of prestige. They would prefer to eat unbalanced but rich food to balanced cheap food. Just because rich people eat a particular food even if the food is not to their tastes, they would still pretend to like it and swallow to show that they are used to eating rich food and only rich food. They have a narrow idea of culture. Culture does not depend on the kind of food one eats or on similar superficial things. Thus people often miss the right type of food for their body. Nowadays we find quite a lot of people belonging to this category.

Rich food is not only expensive but in most cases harmful to the body. In short we pay a good sum of money to ruin our body, and get fatal diseases. Fat accumulates in the body as the cholesterol level goes up, blood vessels get blocked, blood clots inside the vessels and sometimes blood vessels burst, all because of our wrong food habits. Wrong diet brings innumerable diseases. We often hear of heart attacks, stroke hypertension and quite a lot of other diseases. These are diseases of the rich because these are mostly due to eating excessive

The youth problem in Sri - Lanka

Religious back ground

Basically youth problem in this country has to be considered in the light of a religious back ground. Primary education in schools has not availed of adequate knowledge of religious and scriptures. As a result moral behaviour of children hit very low in their adult hood. Lack of religious influence contributed to many a calamity among university students. We have seen how the deciding line between civilized conduct and under - gradflambouance has been easily crossed at movements of crisis in the campasses. We must therefore catch the children young to make influence of religion effective.

Infiltration of politics into the classroom

The infiltration of politics into the classroom was one of the causes behind students unrest. Conflicting ideologies found their way into the minds of the students through the classrooms. The class-teachers professing various party principles and policy diluted them with other subjects in their day to day teaching. The students who were not matured enough to have a mind of their own were at cross roads.

The franchise

Amidst all these influence came the new adult franchise act which conferred a voting right on all persons over the age of 18 years. This had a serious impact on the young minds. Political reasons that motivated this new franchise act overlooked the disastrous effect of it on the young minds. This robbed the classroom atmosphere of the students and instilled in them the thinking that this right to vote made them king makers. Soon they realised that they can make kingdoms and un-make kingdoms. Thus the youngsters mind still in the classroom assumed the role of the ruler. The wisdom of this new adult franchise act is a highly debatable issue.

University admissions

Admissions to the university lead to youth problems. The denial of admissions purely on the basis of merit shut out opportunities and gave rise to frustrations and disappointments. This injustice resulted in the minds of the young and as a result rash violent behaviour took the better of them. Hardworking students hopeful of a university career meeting with disappointments and calamity likely to go their own way away from the usual beaten track of a same mind.

Unemployment

The unemployment is another problem facing the youth. Thousands of those who have completed their university career are left in the lurch without employment. Even others who have passed the G. C. E. level are unable to find jobs. The

strength of the unemployment is swelling into vast proportions. In the wake of this disappointment comes other ugly occurrence of malpractice in the offer of jobs. This hardens the minds of the unfortunate youngsters diverts them in a direction that order, peace and good governments do not approve of this has a direct effect on the moral tone of a society Political interference in the jobs appointments bypassed merit and party leanings became a qualification for the offer of jobs.

Exploitation of youth by politicians

Politicians who were anxious to better their ends in parliamentary pursuits exploited the youth. At successive elections political leaders assured the youth of a bright future and mislead them. Die hard leftwing politicians indoctrinated them and thus induced them to resort to unconstitutional methods of overthrowing legally constituted governments. This influence made them politically extremists and induced them to think that remedy for all ills lay in a revolutionary process.

The net result of this influence opened the gateway for disaster in the country. The 1971 insurgency in Sri-Lanka is a clear example of such disaster. The youth misled by wrong leadership were used as fodder for power hungry politicians. Thousands of youths calling themselves members of "Chequerist" movement lost their lives. This was the price they had to pay for following selfish politicians who had parliamentary fortunes as their goal.

Today, the country is shattered by violence in various parts and this is attributed to youth activity. It therefore affirms the view that youth problems are the root cause behind the chaos prevailing in the country. Unless and until a genuine effort is made to solve the youth problems the country will end in destructions and the leaders of the day must certainly accept responsibility. It is, therefore, the sacred duty of the government to view it seriously and avert the disaster. This requires leaders who are capable of standing outside themselves and act in a manner that will benefit patriotic nationalists.

X. A. Rajindrakumar

Gr. 12 M

CALL TO YOUTH

"Youth, is wasted on the young" was the complaint by Bernard Shaw, not that we must attach much importance, to this statement of the Pessimist, who believed, that if other planets were inhabited, they would use this earth, as their lunatic asylum. But, even this Pessimist in despair could not but take note of the heroism, the idealism, and the generous self-sacrifice, of the young enthusiasts. Youth is a volcano, youth is energy, youth is fire. So youth could be a mighty power, and a great force for good and progress or for evil and destruction.

Hence, it is that, the Nazis and the communists, made it their prime duty, to entrap the youth, and infiltrate into them their pernicious doctrines. Hence, it is that, someone remarked, that if the communists fail with the youth of this country, they are sure to face their doom and utter ruin.

How could the drive, and the power, and the dynamism, of youth be utilised? How could the simmering energy, of our young men and women be canalized towards the right goal? These are the questions which you and I must answer.

Youth, is the time of poetry and romance, of dreams and visions, of aspirations and ambitions, of the noblest impulses and the grandest resolves. Youth, is the most important period, the spring time of life. The entire subsequent life of man and woman, depends on its arrangement and development. There is no other period of life, which lends itself to happiness, optimism and joy, as the season of youth. But a wrong step towards the wrong direction may take us from the highest joy down, to the deepest gloom from the brightest optimism, to the darkest pessimism, from the keenest desire to live for ever, to the dismal bent towards self-destruction.

So, it is vitally important, that we make, the right choice, that, we have the right objectives, and ideals, and that we fix the right goal, for our ambition. We have duties towards our fellow men and duties towards God. In other words, we have our temporal tasks and our spiritual destiny. We cannot ignore either.

The temporal needs are, closely related to the spiritual. To ask people, to love God, and their neighbour on an empty stomach, and in the face of grave social injustice, is to demand a spiritual heroism, which few apparently, are prepared to give. We have to take a good share and play a vital role, in the social and material reconstruction, of our country. Dr. Radhakrishnan, the distinguished Philosopher remarked "I must say with regret that I don't find among the youth of the country-not all the youth, but a large part of it-that exhilaration of spirit, that release of energy that buoyancy of life, which characterised, the great liberation movement we seem to have lost the inspiration of a purpose. "Pandit Nehru once told the students of Allahabad, that he was angry at the irresponsible way, in which students, behaved sometimes. We have no

other way of showing our love of God, that by working with all our might, for the uplift of our fellowmen. If we fail to enter, the field and take the bull by the horns, then we shall leave the field open for those evil-minded, people who are out for wiping off, all civilisation and human dignity. It would be a crime, from which we shall never be excused. It should be the endeavour, of every youth, to wipe out every tear, from every human eye. We must be at the fore front, of all social activities, helping our country, to move on and on. Shall we do all in our power, to accelerate the march of our nation. Shall we lead the student world, by our selfless devotion, and tireless service? Are we ready to face the challenge and spend ourselves for the country?

Mas. Naresh Swampillai

Gr. 11 B₂

This mad armament race between the two Super Powers.

The rapid progress of science together with its untold advantages in helping man immensely in the field of medicine and technology, has even more rapidly contributed to the invention and production of most destructive arms. Hence humanity has every reason to fear that the very human existence on earth is threatened with complete annihilation, for such destructive armaments are invented and produced by the two super powers.

Billions and billions of dollars are spent in the production of such dangerous armaments. Each power is mortally afraid of the potentialities of the other power in heaping up armaments. Hence this armament race is going on unendingly at a rapid pace. The natural resources and funds that should be utilised in making the earth a better and comfortable Eden for the human being to live in are madly and indiscriminately diverted to the production of armaments which can wipe out the entire human population in a matter of minutes. The warnings and advice of some far sighted scientists, philosophers and humanitarians have so far fallen on deaf ears as far as the governments of the two super powers are concerned. In spite of all this forecast this mad armament race is going on unabated at full speed. All kinds of destructive bombs and missiles are produced and stored up by both power blocs. Fighter planes, tanks, atomic weapons, nuclear weapons, and even bombs containing deadly poisonous gases are manufactured by both countries. Today, although attempts are made to hold summit conferences to discuss the possibility of reducing and limiting the production of armaments no green light is seen so far. It appears that the political leaders are paying merely lip services to the control and production of armaments and nothing is done concretely to put into practice what they preach.

Hence this armament race is going on undisturbed at full speed, despite the warnings and advice of religious heads. Unless this foolish competition and

mad armament race stops, there can be no peace on earth. So even at this critical juncture attempts should be made with all vigour and fore to persuade these powers to put an end to this armament race or at least to slow down the process. Otherwise humanity will meet with disaster in the near future, and our beautiful earth will become a life-less planet travelling in space.

J. I. S. Johnpillai

11 B₂

What I consider important in life.

The four things I value very much in life are obedience, cleanliness, punctuality and discipline. Of these four, I value obedience most.

The lesson of obedience is about the most important we can learn, for without obedience there can be no law, order, progress, education, organisation, or civilisation. A valuable lesson in obedience can be learnt from obeying our elders. It teaches us to do our duty, good habit and work with a healthy team spirit. Obedience to parents, obedience to teachers, obedience to the law, and obedience to conscience are the mark of a strongman, and of the man who is fit to exact obedience from others. In other words obedience means success and progress.

According to European proverb "Cleanliness is next to Godliness". A dirty person is considered to be unhealthy in mind, soul and body. This habit is essential in life where people need to be healthy and happy in life.

Punctuality means the habit of being in good time and it is said that "Punctuality is the Courtesy of kings". If boys are punished for coming late to school, they learn to be punctual through life in their dealings. The man who is always punctual in matters soon gets a name for being reliable and trustworthy. He soon begins to succeed in life as surely as the unpunctual man begins to fail. Punctuality is the only habit that can be acquired by practice.

Without discipline there can be no success either in the case of an Individual or of a body of people. No school, family, office or company can succeed without discipline, and no man can do so unless he can discipline his passions and desires. In a school there can be no work without discipline. Only by discipline, there can be quiet study, attention, and diligence. There can be no education of character, because discipline is the greatest force in character forming. So a man must first learn to rule himself, and his own impulses and inclinations, his tongue, his temper, and his vices.

So I consider these to be valuable morals for a man for success in life.

I. B. Constantine

12 M 1

The Revolutionary Poet - Bharathi.

Daily we hear of or we are influenced by Political revolutions, cultural revolutions, literary resolutions, and religious revolutions.

The poet Bharathi introduced all these revolutions through poems, essays and stories to the great Indian Society that was steeped in the darkness of ignorance; it is for this that we hail him as a revolutionary poet.

In his poems, poet Bharathi introduced simplicity, used the language of the common man and relaxed the rigid rules of grammar and poetry. These are some of the changes we can see in the revolutionary style of his poems. More important than this is his revolutionary attitude so clearly seen in his poems.

In one of his simple but highly emotional poems he has written, he says "We realise now that the country we live in is ours". He wrote a simple style in order to rouse patriotic feelings in the simple peasant folk. The following verse shows his spirit of independence.

"Even though it comes to sacrificing the comfort of home and embrace the rigors of imprisonment, Even though fortune may change and am destroyed by false accusations heaped on me, Even if various tribulations crop up and destroy me, O Goddess of Independence, I shall not fail to worship thee!"

His spirit of independence did not grow within the restricted circle of his own language, race, religion and society.

In beautiful poetical lines he has expressed the theme of unity of India even in its diversity in the following manner:-

"She possesses 300 million faces but with one single life.
Though she speaks with tongues of over eighteen hues
In thought she is but one"

Although India during Bharathi's life time have never come under one rule yet the fact that Bharathi thought of India in his poems is a clear indication of his progressive ideas.

All these go to show that poet Bharathi ranks very high among the poets of India and that he was greatly imbued with a spirit of patriotism and unity among the multi-racial, multi-linguistic and multi-religious Indian Society. No wonder he is known as the poet laureate of India and a revolutionary.

The following lines of his speak for themselves.

"Its' a God worshipped by all,
Seen in all and abides in all
In all the world God is one
Let there be no bickerings among us"

J. Paylan.

10 B1.

The New Parliament

Sri Lanka's New Parliament is at Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte. It is a big town now. The Parliament was built by the Japanese. They gifted the Parliament to Sri Lanka. The plan of the Parliament was drawn by Geoffery Bawa. The Sri Lankan people also helped the Japanese to build the Parliament to make the Chandelier and to draw the wall paintings. The Chandelier was made by Laki Senanayake. The Diyawanna Oya surrounds the Parliament.

The New Parliament was opened on the 29th of April 1982. It was opened by the President J. R. Jayawardene. The President arrived at the complex at 10.30 a. m. preceded by a police escort on horse back. Then the National Anthem was played by the Navy band and a salute of twenty one guns were given when the President entered the new Parliament building. The speaker Mr. Bakeer Meker and Mrs. Bakeer Meker welcomed the President. The Prime Minister; Cabinet Ministers and all other MP's were also present. There was a band and also parades by the armed forces.

There were lots of people who had come to see the Opening Ceremony. The President, Prime Minister and the MP' for Kotte spoke. Now the Sri Lankan capital is Sri Jayawardhanapura.

N. N. Ahilakumaran

Gr. 7 B
S. P. C.

Myself

I am Terrence Athanasiar.

I am the only Son and only child of Dr. J. A. Athanasiar. I was born on the 29th of October 1969. Now I am twelve plus. I am studying at St. Patricks College Jaffna, in Grade 7 B. My class teacher is Mrs. P. V. T. Antonipillai. She is a kind hearted, hard working and interesting teacher, Loved by the whole class. I am learning maths, English, Social - studies, Religion, Tamil, Wood work, Science, Health science and Art. My favourite subjects are Tamil, English, Religion and Science. I am putting up at a private Boarding. I go to school cycling. I enjoy my pleasant ride on my new chopper, bought for me by my father. I go home for week ends. My hobbies are stamp-collecting and Reading. I am happy to state I am a Roman Catholic. I am proud to be a Patrician. My father was a Patrician too.

J. E. T. Athanasiar

Gr. 7 B

I am a 50 cent coin

I was sleeping inside a purse. I was alone. My owner was an old woman. She kept the purse warm inside her jacket. One morning she pulled me out and gave me to a boutique-keeper. He put me into a box where there were many of my brothers.

A little later the mudalali gave me to a bus conductor. He put me into his dirty pocket. There were many of my relations in there too. The conductor pushed us from time to time and I was very angry.

The conductor pulled me out and kept me in his hand. I was very happy. Then he gave me to a young woman. She was very pretty. She put me into her purse. I loved to be there.

But for my bad luck, she gave me to a beggar. He put me into his tin and shook it. I got a headache. I jumped out of the tin and fell to the ground. The beggar picked me up and put me back into the tin.

In the evening he gave me to a mudalali and soon afterwards he gave me to a young lady.

She put me in her purse and kept it on a shelf of her almirah. I was happy because I had found a very quiet place to rest after a very busy day.

Gnanapragasam Ladislaus Gnanatheva
10 D, 1

The annual festival of St. Antony

The annual festival of St. Antony's is celebrated on the 13th of June at Passaiyoor St. Antony's church. It is celebrated on a grand scale by the people of Passaiyoor.

The novena starts on the 4th of June by the hoisting of the flag at the centre of the playground in front of St. Antony's church. Every evening the novena starts at 6-30 p. m. and ends at about 8.30. Many people come to this church from different places.

The last vespers are held on the 12th of June and the programme for the following day is announced. The following day the first mass is at 5 o'clock, the second mass is at 6 o'clock, and the third, a high mass, is celebrated by His Lordship the Bishop of Jaffna. After the morning celebrations are over the people are all full of joy.

In the evening, St. Antony's statue is taken in procession along the main streets of Passaiyoor, Koyathoddam, and Eachchamoddai with prayers and hymns. When the chariot reaches the portals of St. Antony's church, the statue is taken inside the church and the people are blessed with it.

This year too, we had a grand celebration. I prayed hard to St. Antony for my success at this year's O/L exam.

P. J. Valentine
I O B I

My diary

I have a pocket diary. My English teacher asked me to have one. So, my father bought it for me. It is a beautiful diary. Its cover is brown. I have written my name, grade and school on the first page, on the other pages, I write the important events that take place everyday and my daily home work. My diary is very useful to me.

E. J. Niranjan
Gr. 5 A.

My trip to London

Last year I flew to London with my mother. We went by air Lanka. The air hostesses wore peacock sarees. As we entered the plane an air hostess gave us toffees.

The plane started off with a big noise and soon it was up in the air. I was now quite afraid, for this was my first flight.

After some time we were given our breakfast. First the children were served. While I was eating the plane began to tremble left and right. I was not used to this, I began to cry. And spoiled my clothes. A hostess quickly came up and helped me. Now the plane was O.K. I stopped crying but I was yet afraid.

After some time we reached London. At the airport we were met by some friends of my mother.

They took us almost every where to see the sights and we went shopping too. My mother bought lots of nice things for us. Lots of presents too. London is very beautiful. It is a very clean city. There are very tall buildings, as big as trees. We stayed only three days. We came back by air Lanka. This trip was enjoyable, I'd love to visit London again.

N. Nimalan
5 B

The Lame Beggar

Raman is a lame beggar. He lost his left leg in an accident some years ago. Now he uses a pair of crutches to walk about. He begs at the Chavakachcheri bus stand. He has a long beard. Raman often tells us about his accident. He collects nearly ten rupees a day. On market days his collections are more. He is a happy person although he is lame.

A. T. Vijayakumar.
Gr. V C

The Subject I like best

I like to learn English. My English teacher is Miss. P. P. P. Patrick. She is very kind and jovial. She makes us learn our subject very well.

English is a world language. I like to visit other countries. So I like to know English very well. I have cousins studying in England. I will not be able to talk to them if I do not know English. So I learn this subject better than the other Subjects.

L. J. Arumainathan
Gr. IV B

My grandfather

My grand father was a doctor. He had a dispensary in his house. It was clean and tidy. He loved small children. He treated the patients kindly. He gave free medicine to the poor people. My grandfather was fond of his pet dog. He smoked a pipe. He was a good football player. My grandfather liked me lot. He helped me in my studies. He wanted me to become a doctor too.

S. Prasanth
Gr. 3 B

My Pet

My pet is a little squirrel. Its tail looks like a balloon. It runs about the house. It enjoys my company. At meal-times, it comes onto the table. It eats off my hand.

I handle it gently. I sometimes take it along with me. Sometimes it is comfortably perched on my collar. Sometimes it sneaks into my pocket.

I love to see my pet run up and down the rafters. It amuses me and amuses others too.

C. Sooriakumar
Gr. V C

My Jony

I have a little puppy. His name is Jony. He always plays with me. One day he went next door. A big dog came and growled. Jony ran back to my house. I gave him a biscuit. He was very happy and wagged his tail. From that day he never leaves home.

C. M. D. Manoharan.
Gr. 4 A

My Visit to Japan

I always remember my trip abroad. That was to Japan. It was one of father's business trip. It was a nice adventure. It was a fine sunny day of May 1982. Our eagerly awaited day had come. My parents, my sister and I got into the plane at Katunayake international air port.

It was very interesting inside the plane. When it had reached a good height everything below was so tiny. The buildings, roads, rivers, and trees looked so strange.

After some time it was announced that we were in Japan airport. After that we went to a hotel for lunch.

Then I wanted to study the country. We were walking along the wide roads of Japan city. We could see a very busy city. A large number of vehicles were going on the roads and there were large crowds of people on the streets. Most of them were foreigners. All the roads were very clean and it was a pretty sight.

O. A. Herson.
Gr. 6

Little Rohan and the Doctor.

It happened two decades ago. Rohan lived in Jaffna Town. He was a grade seven student in one of the state schools in Jaffna. Rohan was clever obedient helpful and hard working. One day he fell ill. He was running a high temperature. In spite of his illness he wanted to go to school that day. But his mother made him stay at home. She took Rohan to their family doctor. Having examined him the doctor advised her that the child should be taken to the general hospital immediately.

Rohan was admitted to the children's ward of the general hospital Jaffna. On the day of his admission the paediatrician was away in Colombo. The house-officer who examined him, made a brief history of his illness. The following day the paediatrician reported for work.

Rohan saw a tall handsome gentleman, flanked by the house officer and the nurses entering the ward. The house officer took him first to Rohan. The doctor examined him well. When he looked at the temperature chart he frowned and raised his eye brows.

Having prescribed Rohan some medicine he started attending to other patients. Two eyes were looking at him fixedly. They belong to no one but Rohan.

The following day the paediatrician came at 8 a. m. Rohan was the first to be examined and attended on. As the doctor was explaining the nature of the boy's illness to the house officer, Rohan interrupted him. There was a sparkle in those blue eyes. The paediatrician knew that the child had something important to communicate.

"Do you want to tell something? The doctor asked. "I want to be a doctor and serve my countrymen" the boy replied. The young paediatrician who was taken aback a little at the wisdom of the boy's speech, collected himself and said. "Oh-that is good". He continued examining him. When he lifted his head he saw Rohan having a present in his hand to be given to him.

It was a beautiful picture of Jesus christ. A symbol of love and peace the Hindu doctor thought to himself.

The next day Rohan got up early. He heard the cocks crowing and the birds singing in trees. It reminded him of a lesson that he had studied in school. He became sad. Tears trickled down his cheeks.

Won't I get well? he asked the paediatrician when he came there on his ward rounds. Patting his shoulder the paediatrician assured him that he would get well soon. He had to attend to other patients. As he was leaving Rohan's bed some fear about the child disturbed his heart.

It was about 5 p. m. Rohan was asleep. Mrs. Ratnam the staff nurse working in her room saw Rohan's mother entering the ward with a little girl. The

little girl ran to her brother's bed. Rohan was fast asleep. She did not want to wake him up. She went near him and kissed him fondly on his forehead. After a while Rohan awoke to see his mother and his sister, standing beside him. He took the little girl's hand in his and kissed it.

The following day the doctor came as usual at 8 a. m. He came there with three other doctors. Having examined him they all agreed with the diagnosis of the paediatrician. They came to the conclusion that the child was suffering from a rare virus infection.

The boy's illness, baffled the team of doctors.

Rohan was restless that day. He was complaining of a severe pain in his head. When the staff nurse telephoned the doctor he was there in half an hour's time. The doctor felt his pulse. It was getting weak. The child was given saline. Having stayed there for a few hours the doctor drove home depressed.

The following day the paediatrician came at 7 a. m. Suppressing all his pains the little boy smiled at him. It was about 2 p. m. The high temperature the boy had, alarmed the doctor. The child vomited once. He slipped into a state of coma. The doctor hurried to attend to him. He was unconscious and lay unconscious for a week. When the doctor called his name aloud the child's lips quivered. The paediatrician consulted some other doctors. They all came and examined the child. The doctors were disappointed because Rohan failed to respond to all the potent drugs. The child groaned and struggled. The child also developed a difficulty in breathing.

Rohan's mother couldn't see his son suffering. She was there by her son's bed with a rosary in her hand uttering some prayers softly to herself.

It was one Wednesday that the little child passed away. "Rohan is dead", the doctor said between sobs. He was invincible even in death. He lay serene and calm. To the doctor his death was more than a loss of life.

Days rolled by. As he walked along the corridors of the same hospital he stopped to look at a passer by, a medical student. She was Rohan's sister.

When she introduced herself to the doctor voice choked in her throat. After the doctor had made some enquiries about her parents she took leave of him.

When he went home that day he ransacked the things in the almyrah, to look for the little present, given by Rohan twenty years ago—the picture of Jesus Christ.

It was safe there where he had kept it twenty years ago.

"Rohan your sister is going to be a doctor". I hope she will make your dreams come true.

Having had an early dinner the bachelor doctor retired to his study and removed a book from the shelf. He started reading a chapter. It was captioned, "Brain fever". Yes, the little boy died of brain fever twenty years ago.

Rajani

Autobiography of an Umbrella

Rohan was playing marbles in the garden. He heard someone calling him by his name. To his surprise he saw an old cloth speaking to him.

I came to Sri Lanka with many of my relatives. I was born in a factory in Singapore. We travelled to Sri Lanka by sea. We enjoyed our voyage very much. One day we arrived at Colombo harbour. We were transported to a Government store in Colombo. Then they sent us to different stores in various parts of your country. Twentyfive of us were sent to a shop in Trincomalee.

I had on an orange cloth with fine small prints. The colour made me very attractive. As we were kept in that shop a girl a teacher by profession came to that shop and bought me for fifty rupees. I was very sorry to depart from my relatives.

The girl used me carefully. I also served her well. After she had used me for two years she gave me to your mother who is an Aunt of hers.

All of you started using me carelessly. One day your youngest sister took me to school. The wind was blowing hard. The strong wind ripped my clothes and loosened my strings. I also grew old. I lost my shape and form. Your mother put me in an old trunk, where my enemies the termites found their way in and made big holes in me.

When your mother found me no more useful she threw me in this garbage. I stayed here for a long time uncared for. Many a time I cried aloud. I started decaying. I may die soon. I regret to die in an alien soil. I wish I had not left my mother land. It said in despair.

Samuel Vasanthan

Gr. 6 C

Our Revered Teacher.

The night of 28. 8. 1981. Friday was a date to be remembered not only by me but also by all the Tamil speaking students, specially by the Chemistry students. It was the day the glittering diamond on the crown of St. Patrick's College fell to the ground leaving a dark void. We lost our Chemistry teacher, Mr. Sam B. R. Alfred, who was one of the brightest stars on the tutorial staff of St. Patrick's College, lovingly known as "Sam Master".

Although we knew that fate had conspired to take him away, I was shocked to hear about his death. When I heard about his death, I remembered the words of Nehru at the death of Mahatma Gandhi "The light has gone out

from our midst, every where there is darkness", Yes it was grief for all of us. During the twelve years of my student career, I have not come across such an ideal teacher with such stern discipline. His name and fame was well known all over the peninsula as well as in many other parts of Ceylon, and many students flocked to study under his glorious guidance.

His long association with St. Patrick's college starts with his school days. When he finished his student career under very Rev. Fr. T. M. F. Long, he entered the University of Colombo and there he did his B. Sc. and specialised in Chemistry. After getting through this course he was appointed to the tutorial staff of his College on 10. 5. 1955. He held this post for the last twenty six years.

Besides being a teacher he had been the Moderator of Advanced Level Students Union, Assistant Prefect of Studies and Prefect of Games. He was tall with a stern look in his eyes. He had a vast knowledge of Chemistry. He taught us not only Chemistry but also he taught us General knowledge and Good Manners. I was not lucky enough to study under him at College. So I attended his tuition classes. Although I was afraid of him at the start, later I was able to understand him very well, which, I am proud of mentioning it. It was his devotion to duty and his unfailing love for us that made him strict and stern. One smile and a word of encouragement from him would make every one happy. He never minced words and never wavered in his decision: what he said was said. Whenever he addressed a student, he would call him "Mister". The word still rings in my ears and brings tears in my eyes.

He was a social worker also. He was a Director of the Rotary Club of Jaffna and District Chairman of the Interact Clubs. He had been a Government recognised Analyst for local industries from 1957 and had published a paper on the vitamin contents of local fruit cordials.

As he walked along the varandah adjoining the class room, there would be dead silence. I shall mention an incident here which took place three or four days after his death. We were seated chatting during a free period. All of a sudden a boy called out "Sam is coming". Immediately we were all silent and attentive to our books. It took us a few seconds to realise that he was now no more. Yes, he is no more but his sweet memories still linger on. Besides being a stern disciplinarian he taught us well. Whatever he taught was well and truly done and to all he gave nothing but the best. His life a model, his image an inspiration and his memory a beacon. All that I can now say is simply this "There wasn't anyone and there won't be anyone like him"

"Grant O'Lord him eternal rest
Let Perpetual light shine upon him
May his soul rest in peace."

-T. Rohan Chinniah-
12 'B'

Why this need for the Queen's English!

The English Language, its use and need, its method of teaching and learning have been diagnosed, analysed, cut and quartered and operated on and various remedies prescribed for its cure, so much so that any attempt to write on it would only amount to inflicting an additional and an undoubtedly excruciating pain on the already mutilated and dying Mr. English.

As a teacher of this indisputably useful international language of prestige for well nigh thirty years I'd like to with some trepidation and despite all that has been said and written about it, 'ad nauseam', record my own personal observations and offer my suggestions for the teaching and learning process and its improvement.

That there is today a cry, and an anguished cry to learn English at any cost cannot be gainsaid. But at what a cost we shall soon see. The one single fact reported in the papers recently where over ninety percent of the candidates who sat the examination for the recruitment of teachers of English by the Dept. of Education failed, is a tragic commentary on the very low standard of English of all our so-called educated young men and women. What do all these indicate? It means that all that ails the English Language have been caused by pseudo-nationalism or 'patriotism' politically motivated.

Ever since the introduction of "Free - Education" that 'Pearl of great Price' and the switch - over to the Swabasha as the medium of instruction, English started careering its way down, interest in it waned and eventually as the national languages became more pronounced it went out the way it did. And with it went all that was good and nice [as all who belong to the older generation will vouch for.

Everybody realises that English is indispensable now and can carry one to the far ends of the earth. Those seeking greener pastures and petro-dollars in the Middle East are hard put to making it without some knowledge of English. Every one must be grateful to His Excellency the President Mr. J. R. Jayewardene, an erudite man of vision, one who envisages a Dharmista Society for recommending English as a compulsory second language in all schools. All well-intended people will agree that His Excellency with his wide experience of men and matters, knows what he is about when he insists on English being taught and taught well to every single child in Sri Lanka. I'm sure he'll be constrained to say with Brutus "Not that I love Sinhala less but that I love my country and her people more".

It is indeed deplorable that hundreds of thousands of students today, especially those in the A. L. Classes and in the Faculties of Engineering and Medicine at the Universities are regretting their neglect of English. They turn round and curse the system of education that has put them in a sorry plight and those that were responsible for formulating such a system. This has set the 'powers that be'

and our 'educationists' thinking, perhaps with a sense of remorse. Special English courses, Seminars and Conferences, workshops, English Contests have been tried out for both school-goers and adults. But all to no avail. Mushroom tu-tories have sprung up all over the country with students running hither and thi-ther to learn English. Booklets, periodicals, notes and other publications in spo-ken and written English and 'Grammar' with phonetic pronunciation of words: and translations given in Sinhala and Tamil of a language that is unphonetic, are strung in all bookshops. One can well imagine the damage done to both the language and its learner. It's nothing short of cold-blooded murder of the Queen's English!

Having seen thus far, let me proceed to set forth some of the handicaps and obstacles that stand in the way of our school children in the learning of English. In O.L and A.L classes there are children who know nix of English even the very rudiments. No wonder then, they are unable to clear the O. L English Paper which is merely a child's play for those of the older genera-tion educated in the English medium. The Ministry of Education must be com-mended and congratulated for putting out the text books for the various grades with graded structural patterns geared to the needs of the child and the state. Though these books must be modified from time to time - it's a long time since they were revised - yet they do serve the purpose especially for exam purposes. And thanks to those in the inspectorate and the Examinations Branch, no devia-tion has been made from the text books and a very fair chance is given to both the rural as well as the urban child to obtain a pass in English at the O/L. Of course, it is an admitted fact that English is taught under very trying circumstances. The drive, motivation and incentive given are hardly sufficient to make the student learn. Besides these, the Department has to fight agai- -nst and surmount heavy odds such as incompetent teachers, lack of proper faci-lities and the very little time allotted to it in the time-table and the scant respect, importance and value given to it as against Maths and Science. To almost all children in school their study of English is during the period. There is no follow - up. There are scores of students who have come up to the O' Level without knowing the alpha-bet, the capitals, the cursive style of writing, the most elementary rules of gram-mar etc. They are unable to read or understand the simplest of sentences, the me-anings of very common words and their pronunciation and so on and so on.

I have observed while teaching O/L students that they put on a blank face when a particular pattern is taught. They do not know what the 'parts of speech' is and when you say that the word 'clean' can be used both as a verb as well as an adjective and the noun formed from it is 'cleanliness' and that it is an abstract one, they look non-plussed. Of course, the newly-trained teachers even 'specilised' pedagogues frown on this method and say that it amounts to teaching formal grammar instead of functional grammar and that grammatical terms should never be used. This, I presume, is a lame excuse to hide their own ignorance of the rules of grammar. It is not grammar as such but a lot of confusion could be avoided and certain patterns and structures could be indelibly impressed on the child's mind by such terms in the formative years. I do affirm and maintain

that these essential but elementary details which ought to have been taught, and which are meant to be taught correctly as intended by those who compiled the Departmental text books and which are found in the first of every lesson namely Part A, Language Practice have not been taught at all or have been merely glossed over. In the end it is the poor child who suffers when he gets stuck at the O/L.

Children in general learn their mother tongue without much difficulty. If we contrast the situations under which both the mother tongue and English are learnt, we can observe certain striking (and astonishing) differences some of which have been dealt with here. The easiest and best way is the natural atmosphere in which the English child learns his language. Since we cannot provide that, we've got to use other methods, which though tedious, can yet be successful.

Another aspect we tend to overlook is the importance of 'Reading' in learning a language like English. During our days we were told to read a book a week. A well-read man will undoubtedly have a mastery of the language. It is always the linguistic needs that determine the final shape of the language learnt. However, teachers can achieve greater success in their attempts to teach English, if they only take a little trouble, to create whenever and wherever possible a 'natural atmosphere' in which language skills are easily mastered. There are still very many difficulties encountered by Tamil children in the learning of the English Language especially in the use of the English Question Patterns which cannot all be enumerated here but which every teacher of the language would have come across in his or her own situations. But to state just a few of them: 1. Interrogative Pronouns 2. Adverbial Pronouns. 3. Word order 4. Intonation 5. Inversion of words and 6. Fixed or idiomatic usages. And there are ever so many other aspects that ought to be looked into and methods devised to teach and to learn this beautiful and so useful a language which many a Tamil Scholar and Pundit has learned and benefitted in the past. Let us too endeavour to do the same for posterity's sake.

W. J. F. Gnanaretnam.

எம் கல்லூரி தந்த முத்தமிழ்ப் புலவர்

தாவீது அடிகளார்

எம் கல்லூரி 1881-ம் ஆண்டு தொடக்கம் இன்று வரைக்கும் ஒப்பற்ற தலைவர்களை உருவாக்கி எம் நாடு முன்னேறவும் எம் இனம் தழைத்தோங்கவும், கிறிஸ்தவம் ஈழமெங்கும் உருவெடுக்கவும் பலதரப்பட்ட பயிற்சிகளுடன் உருவாக்கி ஈழவளநாட்டிற்கு மட்டுமல்லாமல் அனைத்து மக்களுக்கும் சேவை புரிய வைத்து வருவது வெள்ளிடைமலை. இந்த ரீதியிலே எம் கல்லூரி ஈன்றெடுத்த தமிழ் முத்துக்களான சுவாமி ஞானப்பிரகாசர், தமிழ் தூது தனிநாயகம் அடிகளார் வரிசையிலே கயசிந்து சிங்கராயர் தாவீது அடிகளாரும் தலை சிறந்த அறிவாளிகளுள் ஒருவர் என்பது மங்காப் புகழ். இவ்வேளையில் இவருடைய வாழ்க்கை வழிகாட்டலை சிந்திக்க முனையும் நாம் அவர் ஒரு கத்தோலிக்க குருவானவர் என்ற முறையில் சமய ரீதியான வாழ்க்கையும் அவர் ஓர் மாபெரும் அறிஞர் என்ற ரீதியில் அறிவாராய்ச்சி ரீதியிலும் அவற்றை அணுகுவது சாலச்சிறந்ததாகும்.

முதலில் அவரின் குருத்துவ வாழ்வை ஊடுருவும் பொழுது இறைமகன் கிறிஸ்து பெருமான் போதித்தும் வாழ்ந்தும் காட்டிய "பகிர்வு", "பிறரன்பு", "ஏழ்மை" எனும் அதி உன்னத பண்புகள் அவருடைய வாழ்விலும் இழை ஒடி இருப்பதை உய்த்துணரலாம். ஏழை உள்ளங்களின் அக்களிப்பே தனது வாழ்வின் அர்த்தமென ஏழைகளின் தோழனாக மாறிய கிறிஸ்துவைப்போல் ஏழைமக்களின் உறவினராக தாவீது அடிகள் வாழ்ந்தார். வீதியிலே படிக்க வசதியின்றித் திரிந்த எத்தனையோ பேருக்கு கல்வியின் மகத்துவத்தை அறிந்த மகான் கல்விகற்க வழிசெய்து கொடுத்தார். விசேசமாக எம் கல்லூரியில் அவர் கல்விகற்பித்த காலங்களில் எத்தனையோ பேரை கல்வியில் உருவாக்கி இவ் உலகத்தில் தலை நிமிர்ந்து வாழவைத்தார் என்பதை இன்றும் எம்மத்தியிலுள்ள பெரியார்கள் அவரின் அரவணைப்பை பெற்று முன்னேறினோம் என்று நன்றியுணர்வுடன் ஆதாரம் சொல்லுவார்கள். அன்புக் கட்டளைக்கு அமைவாக தனது சொந்தம், பந்தம் என வகைப்படுத்தி வாழாமல் எல்லோருக்கும் அன்புடன் சேவை புரிந்துவந்தார். கிறிஸ்தவம் ஒரு சமயம் அல்ல அது கிறிஸ்துவைப்போல் அவரின் வாழ்வைப் பின்பற்றி வாழும் வாழ்க்கை முறையே அச் சமயத்தின் பண்பு என வாழ்ந்து கிறிஸ்து-அவன் என கூறும் அளவிற்கு கிறிஸ்துவைப்போல் ஏழ்மையில் வள்ளலானார். "ஆன்று அவிந்த சான்றோர்" என சங்க இலக்கியத்தில் கூறுவதைப் போல் அதாவது அறிஞர்கள் ஆடம்பரத்தை விரும்புவதில்லை எனும் கூற்றுக்கு தனது வாழ்வாலேயே வரைவிலக்கணம் கொடுக்க மொழிகளில் தேறிய முத்தமிழ்ப்புலவர் கிழிந்த வெள்ளை அங்கியுடன் மற்றவர்களால் கேலி செய்யுமளவிற்கு எம் மத்தியில் நடமாடினார் என்றால் அவரின் ஏழ்மையின் எல்லையேது! இவ்வாறாக பற்றற்ற அன்பை உள்ளத்தில் ஏற்றி எமது கேலிகளால் இவ்வுலகில் உலகிற்காக செத்து இறைவனின் இனிய வீட்டை அடைய அமைதியுடன் எம்மத்தியில் வாழ்ந்தார். இவருடைய ஏழ்மை, தூய்மை, அன்பு வாழ்வைக் கண்ட சில இந்து மாணவர்கள் கூட மதம்மாறினர் என்றால் அவரின் குருத்துவ வாழ்விற்கு வரைவிலக்கணம் எது? இவ்வாறாக கல்வியில், நடமாடும் கல்விகளஞ்சியமாகவும் ஆன்ம வாழ்வில் நடமாடும் கிறிஸ்துவாகவும் திகழ்ந்தார்.

ஆன்ம வாழ்வு இவ்வாறு புனிதமாய் இருக்க அவரின் அறிவுச் சேவையில் எமைத் திருப்புவோம். அவர் ஓர் அறிவொளியாகத் திகழ்ந்தது மாத்திரமல்லாமல் எத்தனையோ பேரின் அறிவின் தந்தையாக உருமாறினார். ஏனெனில் அறிவின் மகத்துவத்தை அறிந்த அண்ணல் அவ்வொளி அனைவர் மேலும் தங்க அரும்பாடுபட்டார். அவரின் ஆராய்ச்சிகளின் பயனாக உண்மை எங்குள்ளதென உணர்ந்து உண்மையின் பாதையில் ஒழுகினார். இவ்வாறாக அனைத்திலும் அறிவுடன் விளங்கியவரை 'நடமாடும் அறிவுக் களஞ்சியம்'

என்பதில் தப்பேது? ஏனெனில் எமது நாட்டில் வேறு எந்த இனமகனும் பெறமுடியாத அளவிற்கு அவரின் கல்வி வளர்ச்சி இருந்தது. கல்வித்துறையில் அவர் ஈட்டிய சித்திகள் பெருமைக்குரியதே. கொழும்பு கலைக் கல்லூரி மாணவனாக லண்டன் சர்வகலாசாலையில் உயர் B. A. பட்டம் சரித்திரத்தில் முதற் பிரிவிற் பெற்றார். அதுமட்டுமல்லாமல் பொருளியல் அரசியலுக்குரிய தங்கப்பதக்கத்தையும் பற்றிக் கொண்டார். 1936-ம் ஆண்டு இலண்டன் சர்வகலாசாலை இவருக்கு ஆரிய திராவிட மொழிகளில் மேலாண்டு முறைப்படி பாண்டித்தியம் பெற்றமைக்கு இலவச மானியம் அளித்துக் கௌரவித்தது. ஜேர்மன் மொழியில் சர்வகலாசாலை ஆசிரியர்கள் மெச்சும் வகையில் சித்தியும், இந்திய ஆரிய மொழிகளில் பீ. எச். டி பட்டமும் பெற்றார். இவ்வாறாக அறிவொளி வல்லோனில் வல்லோனாகத் திகழ்ந்தார். மற்றும் இலண்டனில் சமஸ்கிருத ஆசிரியராகவும், சென்னை சர்வ கலாசாலையில் பீ. எச். டி வகுப்புப் பரிசோதகராகவும், எம் கல்லூரியில் பலகாலம் பேராசிரியராகவும் பணியாற்றினார். இன்னும் பேராதனைச் சர்வகலாசாலையின் துணைவேந்தராகத் தகுதியுடையவரென்று பிறநாட்டு அறிஞர்கள் சிபார்சுக் கடிதங்கள் கொடுத்தும் அதனை அவர் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளவில்லை. சமய போதகத்தில் ஈடுபட்டிருந்த சுவாமி ஞானப்பிரகாசருக்கு ஆராய்ச்சிக்கு அதிக நேரம் இருக்கவில்லை. ஆரிய மோகங் கொண்டவர்களின் அறியாமையும் அகந்தையும் ஒரு புறம், திராவிட மக்களின் காய் மகாரமும் சோம்பலும் மறுபுறம் அவருடைய ஆராய்ச்சிக்கு முட்டுக்கட்டையாகியதினால் தனது குருவின் பாரிய வேலைகளை தயார் செய்யும்படி தாவீது அடிகள் பல இடங்களுக்குச் சென்று தயாரானார். இதற்கிடையில் முக்கிய குறிப்பேடுகள் தொலைந்தும் முழு அகராதியையும் புது வடிவிலே வடித்து ஆராய்ச்சிகளை மேற்கொண்டார்.

இவ்வாறாக எம் கல்லூரி தந்த எத்தனையோ பெரியார்களின் வரிசையில் காலடி வைத்த தாவீது அடிகளார் அரசியல்தலைவர்கள் நீதி நியாயத்தையல்ல சத்தர்ப்ப சித்தியைத் தேடுவதையே கண்டு வேதனை கொண்டார். அமைதி, ஒழுங்கை நிலை நாட்டவேண்டிய ஊர்காவலர்கள் காடையர்களுக்கும், கள்வருக்கும் ஆதரவு அளிப்பது கண்டு துரோகமென வெறுத்தார். குரோதமும், கொள்ளையும், கொலையும் அதிகரிப்பது கண்டு வியாதியுற்றார். 1981-ம் ஆண்டு ஆனிமுதல் நாள் இரவு யாழ் பொதுநூலகம் தீக்கிரையானது. அதில் 97,000 விலை மதிக்கத்தக்க புத்தகங்கள் நாசமாயின. இதுமட்டுமல்லாமல் மறுநாட்கலை "நடமாடும் கல்விக் களஞ்சியம்" எம் கல்லூரி தந்த தவப்புதல்வன் இறைபதமடைந்தார். புதிய நூலகத்தை உருவாக்க முடியும். ஆனால் இன்னொரு தாவீது அடிகளை உருவாக்க முடியுமா? 33 மொழிகற்ற இலக்கிய இதிகாசம் சேர்ந்த களஞ்சியத்தின் குற்றாத ஆராய்ச்சிகளையும், அவர் இட்ட ஒற்றுமை விதத்தையும் பாதுகாத்து நிறைவேற்றுவது பத்திரிகையப் பிள்ளைகளின் பெருங்கடன்.

வாழ்க அவர் புகழ்! வளர்க அவர் சேவை!

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தோன்றிற் புகழொடு தோன்றுக
அஃதிலார் தோன்றலிற் தோன்றமை நன்று;

என்னும் தெய்வப்புவன் வள்ளுவனின் குறளிற்கு இலக்கணம் வைத்தவன் பாரதி. ஒவ்வொரு மொழி இலக்கியத்திலும் பல நூற்றாண்டுகளிற்கொருமுறை பல சிறந்த கவிகள் தோன்றிக் கொண்டேயுள்ளனர். அவர்களில் மேலாக மதிக்கப்பட வேண்டியவன் பாரதி. மழைக்காலத்துப் புற்றீசல்களைப் போல் வந்த கவிஞர்களில் ஒருவன் அல்லன். அவன் கவிதையிலே பிறந்தவன் [Born Poet] சொல்லடுக்கிச் சொல்லடுக்கி பாக்களைப் பாடுபவன் அல்லன்; கவிதா சாட்டையால் மக்களின் ஐயப்பாடுகளை நீக்கும் மருத்துவக் கவி மற்றைய கவினைப் போல் தாமிருக்கும். இடத்தை மறந்து எங்கேயோ கற்பனையில் மிதப்பவன் அல்லன்; தன் நாட்டை முக்கியமாகத் தமிழினத்தை நோக்கிப் பாடியவன். அவன் பாடல்கள் தன் மானம் இழந்து, உணர்விழந்து நின்ற பாரதமக்களைத் தூண்டிய பாடல்கள் மட்டுமல்ல அஞ்சியே வாழ்ந்து அடிமைகளாய் இருந்த மக்களிற்கு நெஞ்சிலே உரமேற்றிய பாடல்கள் மட்டுமல்ல, காலத்தின் கண்ணாடியாய் பழங்காலப் பெருமைகளை மக்களிற்கு உணர்த்திய பாடல்களாக, நிகழ் காலத்தினை நிதர்சனமாக்கி ஊழல்களை அகற்றிய பாடல்களாக வளமான, வலிமையான, வனப்புமிக்க எதிர்காலத்தை அளிக்கக்கூடிய பாடல்களாக இருந்தன. அவன் பாடலால் தமிழ் ஒருபடி உயர்ந்தது. தமிழரும் உயர்ந்தனர்.

நான் கண்ட பாரதி இறைஉணர்வு மிக்க விடுதலைக்கவியாகவே உள்ளான். மக்களின் கோணல் மாணல் வாழ்வுகளைத் திருத்துமுகமாக கண்ணனை அழைக்கிறான். கண்ணனை சேவகனாக, தோழனாக, அரசனாக, காதலியாக, தந்தையாக, தாயாக எனப் பலவாறாக அழைத்து இறைவனை எம்மண்டையிலே கொண்டுவருகிறான். விடுதலையின் உதவிக்காக மகாபராசக்தியை அழைக்கின்றான். அவனுடைய பாடல்கள் இந்து சமயத்தோடு நின்று விடவில்லை. அவன் பாடல்கள் இயேசுக்கிறிஸ்துவை அழைக்கின்றன. அல்லாவை அழைக்கின்றன. இவ்வாறு எல்லா மதத்திற்கும் தொண்டு புரிகின்றன அவன் பாடல்கள். இறைவன் ஒருவனே என்று வலியுறுத்திப் பாடுகிறான்.

ஆயிரந் தெய்வங்கள் உண்டென்று தேடி
அலையும் அறிவினிகள் - பல்
லாயிரம் வேதம் அறிவொன்றே
தெய்வமுண்டாமெனக் கேளீரோ

என்று இறையியலின் உண்மைத் தத்துவத்தை விளக்குகிறான். பாரதி தனது பக்கிப் பாடல்களிலே சிவலோகம் போகவேண்டும் என்றோ மோட்சம் போகவேண்டுமென்றோ கூறியதில்லை. இவ்வுலகிலேயே சிறந்த வாழவேண்டுமென்றே இறைவனை வேண்டுகிறான்.

பாரதி விடுதலை உணர்வையும் இறையுணர்வையும் ஒன்றாகக் கலந்தவன். பாரதி விடுதலை உணர்வினை மூன்று கோணங்களிலே நோக்கினான்.

1. அரசியல் விடுதலை [சுதந்திர வாழ்க்கை]
2. சமுதாய விடுதலை [சாதிவிடுதலை + பெண்விடுதலை]
3. பொருளாதார விடுதலை [சம பொருளாதாரம்]

இவ்விடுதலை உணர்வுகளை ஊட்டியதோடு அவற்றிற்குத் தடைக்கல்லாக இருக்கும் சமூகப் பிரச்சினைகளை உடைத் தெறிந்தான்.

ஆங்கிலேய ஆதிக்கத்தின் கீழ் அடிமைத்தனையால் கட்டுப்பட்டிருந்த பாரத மக்களை அவிழ்த்தெறியத் துடிக்கிறான். ஆங்கிலேயரின் சுகபோகங்களை அநுபவித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும் பதவி வெறியர்களை நோக்கிக் கவிக்கனல் வீசுகின்றான். சுதந்திரத்திற்காக தன்னுடமையெல்லாம் அழிந்து சிறைவாசம் செய்தாலும் அது சிறையன்று, வானுலகம் என்கிறான். அடிமைகளாய் இருந்து கொண்டு பொன்மாடங்களில் வாழ்ந்தாலும் அது புன்சிறையே என்கிறான்.

விண்ணி விரவிதனை விற்று விட் டெவரும் போய்
மின்மினி கொள்வாரோ?
கண்ணிலும் இனிய சுதந்திரம் போனபின்
கைகட்டிப் பிழைப்பாரோ?

என்று சுதந்திர தாகத்தை ஊட்டுகிறான்.

இவ் அரசியல் விடுதலைக்கு, சமுதாய விடுதலை பொருளாதார விடுதலை அவசியம் என்று வலியுறுத்துகிறான். சமுதாய விடுதலையிலே சாதி ஒழிப்பு, பெண்விடுதலை என்பவற்றையே முக்கியமாக நோக்கினான்.

சாதி என்னும் பிசாசு முழந்தைகளின் பிஞ்சு உள்ளங்களிலே வேருன்றக் கூடாது என்பதற்காகத்தனது பாப்பாப் பாடலிலே.

“சாதிகள் இல்லையடி பாப்பா!

உயர் தாழ்ச்சி இகழ்ச்சி சொல்லல் பாவம்” என்று பாடுகிறான். சாதி என்பது மக்களிற்கான தொழிற்பிரிவே யொழிய அதில் உயர்ச்சி, தாழ்ச்சி இல்லை என வலியுறுத்துகிறான். பரம்பரையாக ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட தொழிலைச் செய்ய வேண்டும் என்ற கொள்கையை எதிர்க்கிறான். அறிவால், அநுபவத்தால், பண்பால், திறமையால் ஒருவன் எந்தத் தொழிலைச் செய்யத் தகுதி கொண்டுள்ளானோ அத் தொழிலை அவன் செய்வானாகில் இந்த பாரத நாடே முன்னேறும் என்கிறான்

ஆணிற் கு நேர்பாதி யாகவுள்ள பெண்ணினத்தை, தாய்மையை, சமுதாயம் அடக்கி ஆள்வதைக் கண்டு குமுறுவதைப் பெண்விடுதலைப் பாடலிலே நாம் காணலாம். பெண்களின் உயர்கல்வியைத் தடுப்போரை மூடர் என்று திட்டுகிறான். பெண்களிற்கு இறைவன் ஞானத்தை அளித்துள்ளான் எனத் தரத்தை உயர்த்துகிறான். “வலிமை சேர்ப்பது தாய் முலைப்பாலடா என்று ஆண்மைக்கு ஆதாரம் பெண்மை எனப் பகர்கின்றான். அன்று ஆண்கள் பல பெண்களை நாடுவதைக் கண்டு சமுதாயம் மெளனமாயிருந்தது. ஆனால் பெண் ஒரு முறை தவறிவிட்டால் வேசி பட்டம் சூட்டியது. இதைப் பார்த்த பாரதி கற்பு என்று சொல்ல வந்தால் அதனை இரு சாராருக்கும் பொதுவில் வைப்போம் என்று கூறி ஆணிற் கும் ஒரே கற்பு. பெண்ணிற்கும் ஒரே கற்பு என சந்கநாதம் செய்கிறான்.

மாதர்க்குண்டு சுதந்திரம் என்று நின்
வண் மலர்த்த திருவாயில் மொழிந்த சொல்
நாதம் தான் அது நாரதர் வீணையோ
நம்பிரான் கண்ணன் வேயர்குழல் வீணையோ

என மாதரின் சுதந்திரத்தைப்

போற்றுகிறான்.

அடுத்த கண்ணாகப் பாரதி பொருளாதார விடுதலையை நோக்குகிறான். அங்கே பல பேர் மாடாய் உழைத்து ஓடாய்த் தேய ஒருவன் செல்வந்தனாவதைக் கண்டு குமுறுகிறான். “தனி ஒருவனுக்கு உண்வில்லையெனில் இந்த ஜகத்தினையே அமித்திடுவோம்” என்று முழ

விருகிறான்; சபதம் பூணுகிறான். இப் பொருளாதார விடுதலைக்குக் கல்வி மறுமலர்ச்சி, மூட நம்பிக்கை ஒழிப்பு என்பன அவசியம் என உணர்கின்றான். கல்வியைச் சுடராய். இருளை அகற்றும் ஒளியாய் உருவகித்து கல்வியின் மேம்பாட்டை மகிமையை உணர்த்துகிறான் பாரதி.

மூடநம்பிக்கைகளைக் காட்டி மக்களின் செல்வங்களைச் சுரண்டும் கூட்டங்களைப் பார்க்கிறான். அவர்களைத் தனது கவிதையாகக் கூட்டெரிக்கிறான்: 'மூடநம்பிக்கையால் தம்மையே தாம் படுகுழிக்குட் தள்ளும் மக்களைப் பார்த்துக் கலங்குகிறான். நெஞ்சம் பொறுக்காது பின்வருமாறு ஒலமிடுகின்றான்.

நெஞ்சு பொறுக்குதில்லையே — இந்த
நிலைகெட்ட மனிதரை நினைத்துவிட்டால்
அஞ்சி - அஞ்சிச் சாவார் — இவர்
அஞ்சாத பொருளில்லை அவனியிலே''

இவ்வாறு மக்களுக்கு இறையணர்வோடு விடுதலை உணர்வைப் பிசைந்து அமுதாட்டியவனே நான் கண்டபாரதி. தனது வாழ்க்கையை முன்மாதிரிகையாகக் காட்டியவன் நான் கண்டபாரதி. இவ்வலகின் குறிப்பாக சிறப்பாகப் பாரத மக்களின் விடுதலைக்காக உழைத்த மழுங்காத முனை கொண்ட சுட்டியே நான் கண்ட பாரதி. தான் வறுமையால் வாடியபோதும் அஞ்சிய நெஞ்சுடையோர்க்கு உரமுட்டி வளர்த்த பாரதிக்கு இவ்வையகமே என்செய்தாலும் அது தரும். பாரதி தான் மறைந்தானையொழிய, நான் கண்ட பாரதியும் அவன் பாடல்களும் என்றும் அமர காவியங்களாகவே திகழும்:

வாழ்க பாரதி புகழ்.

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இள நெஞ்சம் துடிக்கிறது

முகியதோர் இரவினிலே பாரதியின் பாடல்களில் மனது படிந்து கொண்டிருந்தது. எத்தனை உணர்ச்சிவேகம் எத்தனை கருத்துக் குவியல் இத்தனையும் கூறி இன்னமும் விடிவு பெறாத தமிழினத்தை நினைக்கையிலே நெஞ்சம் பொறுக்குதில்லையே. என் இதயத்துடிப்பானது அந்தச் சம்பவத்தை மனக்கண்முன் சிறுகதைபோல் ஓடவைத்தது.

அவன், அந்தப் பாலகனின் முகத்திலே எத்தனை களங்கமற்ற சிரிப்பு. அவனை அவனுடைய எசமானன் வேலை வாங்கிக் கொண்டிருந்தான். டேய் சுந்தரம் இங்கே வா! இந்த விறகுக் கட்டைகளைக் கொண்டுபோய் சமையலறைக்குள் போட்டு விட்டு வா." சுந்தரம் அந்த விறகுகளைக் கொண்டு சென்று சமையலறைக்குள் போட்டான்.

ஏய்! அங்கே என்ன செய்கிறாய் கட்டைக்கு ஓடிச்சென்று சின்னலிட வாங்கிவா, வாங்கி வந்ததும் இவற்றைத் தோய்த்துவிடு, என்ன விளங்கியதா?" அவன் அம்மா என்றழைக்கும் எசமாட்டியின் குரலிது. "சுந்தரம் இங்கேவா! இந்த விறகுக் கட்டைகளைக் கொத்திப் போடு, கொஞ்சம் தேநீர் போட்டு எடுத்து வா. ஆ வெயில் கொளுத்துகிறதே ஆ, ஆ!"

இவையெல்லாம் சுந்தரம் நாளாந்தம் செய்யும் வேலைகள். சுந்தரத்துக்கு வயது 10 இருக்கும். நல்ல பையன். அவனை பராமரிக்க ஒருவருமே இல்லை, அநாதை. அவன் அவனது கிராமத்துப் பண்ணையாரிடம் தொழில் பார்க்கிறான். அந்தப் பண்ணையார் அவரை! பொல்லாதவரி, கஞ்சர். சுந்தரத்துக்கு ஒழுங்காகச் சாப்பாடு கொடுப்பது கூட இல்லை.

அன்று சுந்தரத்துக்கு காய்ச்சல் அடித்தது. அன்று அவனது காலை உணவாக ஒரு துண்டு காய்ந்த பாணை கிடைத்தது. அதுவும் அந்த நாய் சாப்பிட்ட மீதிதான். அன்று அவனால் ஒன்றுமே செய்ய இயலவில்லை ஆனால் அன்றும் அவனுக்கு வழமையாக வரும் வேலைகள் வந்து குவிந்த வண்ணமே இருந்தன.

சுந்தரம் எமது தோட்டத்துக்குப் போய் தண்ணீர் இறைத்து விட்டு வாடா! செடிகளை உழக்காமல் கவனமாக ஊற்று”

“ஐயா இன்று என்னால் இயலாதையா எனக்கு காய்ச்சல் வந்திருக்கிறது. என்னால் நடக்கவே இயலாமல் இருக்கிறேன். நாளைக்கு ஊற்று போம் ஐயா!”

“என்னடா சனியனே என்ன சொல்லாய். உனக்கு தண்டச் சோறு போடுவதற்குத் தானா நீ இங்கு வந்திருக்கிறாய். போடா போய் தண்ணீர் இறையடா”

“என்னய்யா சொன்னீர்கள். பாரதியார் பாடியிருக்கிறார். தனியொருவனுக்கு உணவில்லையெனில் ஜெகத்தினை அழித்திடுவோமென்று. நீங்கள் ஒரு துண்டு காய்ந்த பாணைத் தந்து விட்டு தண்டச் சோறு தந்ததாக மார்தட்டுகிறீர்களே”

பளீர் என்று அவன்கன்னத்தில் ஓர் அறை விழுந்தது. “டேய் நாயே! என்னடா சொன்னாய், போடா போய் நான் சொன்னதைச் செய்யடா”

சுந்தரம் அழுது கொண்டே நடந்தான்! ஒவ்வொருதரமும் வாழியை இழுக்க இழுக்க அவனது உயிர் போய் வந்து கொண்டிருந்தது. வாழியில் நீரை நிரப்பி அதைத் தூக்கிக் கொண்டு நடக்கத் தொடங்கினான்.

பாதிதாரம் நடந்ததும் அவனுக்கு மயக்கம் வந்தது கண்கள் சுழன்றன. தலைசுற்றியது. கைகள் துவண்டன. கால்கள் தடுமாறின. இடையில் ஒரு கல் சுந்தரத்தின் காலை இடறியது. “ஐயோ! அம்மா” சுந்தரம் முகம் குப்புற விழுந்தான்.

டேய் என்னடா இதிலே விழுந்து கிடக்கிறாய் எழுந்து உன் வேலையைப் பாரடா” சுளீரென்று மாட்டுக்கடிக்கும் சவுக்கால் சுந்தரத்தின் முதுகில் ஓர் அடி விழுந்தது. “ஐயோ அம்மா” என்று கதறியவாறு சுந்தரம் எழுந்தான். “அடிக்காதீர்கள் ஐயா, எனது உடல் பலவீனமடைந்திருக்கிறது. என்னால் ஒன்றுமே செய்ய முடியாதிருக்கிறது” அந்தப் பலவீனத்துடனும் அவன் அன்று தண்ணீர் ஊற்றினான்.

அன்று இரவு மணி 12½ இருக்கும். திடீரெனப் பண்ணையார் எழுந்தார். எழுந்த சுவரில் தொங்கிக் கொண்டிருந்த சவுக்கை எடுத்தார் பளீரென ஒரு அடி விழுந்தது. “ஏன் ஐயா அடித்தீர்கள்” “டேய் மழை பெய்கிறதடா ஓடிப்போய் முற்றத்திலும் படலையடியிலும் கிடக்கும் விறகுகளை எடுத்துக் கொண்டுவா சீக்கிரம், விறகுகள் நனைப்போகின்றன.”

மறு அடி விழுவதற்குள் சுந்தரம் முற்றத்திற்குப் பாய்ந்து சென்று அங்கிருந்த விறகுகளைக் கொண்டுவந்து சேர்த்தான்.

“டேய் படலையடியிலும் விறகுகள் இருக்கின்றன போய் எடுத்து வாடா” “ஐயா ஒரே பற்றைகளும் புற்றுக்களுமாக போகும் வழியெல்லாம் இருக்கின்றன. பரம்புகள் இருந்து கடித்துவிடும், நாளை காலை எடுக்கலாமையா”

“நான் சொன்னதைச் செய்யடா கழுதை” சுந்தரம் கொட்டும் மழையினுள் விறகை நோக்கி நடந்தான். விறகை அள்ளிக் கொண்டு திரும்பிய போது அவனது காலுக்குக் கீழே ஒரு சத்தம். ஸ்.....ஸ்.....ஸ்..... “ஐயோ! அம்மா” சுந்தரம் பேச்சு மூச்சின்றிக் கீழே விழுந்தான். அவனைத் திண்டிய அரவமோ அரவமெதுவுமின்றி அருகி விருந்த புற்றினுள் சென்று மறைந்தது.

அடுத்த நாள் சுந்தரத்தின் மரண ஊர்வலம். பண்ணையார் தனது நடிப்புத்திற மையை வெளிப்படுத்தினார். ஐயோ பிள்ளை போல் வளர்த்தேனே! உன்னைப்பற்றி எத்தனை கனவுகள் கண்டு கொண்டிருந்தேன்! உன்னை டாக்டராக்கிப் பார்க்க வேண்டுமென்று கனவு கண்டு கொண்டிருந்தேனே! மகனே போய் விட்டாயே.

நெஞ்சு பொறுக்குதில்லையே கண்ணம்மா இந்த நிலைகெட்ட மனிதரைக் கண்டு விட்டால்.

அ. பெப்பிற்றஸ்
வகுப்பு: 8 A

இயற்கையின் சிரிப்பு

மல்லிகையும்
இணைந்தே
மனம்நிறை
தந்திடும்
தொடுத்த
சரத்திற்கு
மலர்ந்த
பேதமது
பறக்கின்ற
பிளர்கின்ற
பிரிவினைகள்
படித்த
பலகோடி
சிரித்ததுவே

ரோஜாவும்
தானிருந்து
வாசனையைத்
மாலையதில்
எம்மலரால்
அழகென்று
மலர்களிடே
தானில்லை
காக்கைகளும்
யானைகளும்
கொள்வதில்லை
மனிதரிடே
பிரிவினைகள்
இயற்கையுமே!

க. நஞ்சன்
(10 - A₂)

விடிவை நோக்கி

I

பெண்கள் தம்மை
ஆண்களுக்கு இரையாக்கும்
அடிமைநிலை என்னும் வலையினிலேபலர்
சிக்கிவிட்டனர், சிக்கிய வலையினிலே
சிதறியடிக்கும் மீன்கள் போல
தம் வாழ்க்கையினையே பாழாக்கி
பூமிதனிலே அவர்களை வாழவிடாமல்
அடிமையின் கோலம் பூண்டு
எவ்விடமும் செல்லாது
வீட்டினிலே அடைபட்டு - வீண்
செல்லாக்காசாக வாழவைக்கும்
அடிமைநிலையே.

II

அந்தோ! ஒரு குரல்
ஒழிந்ததுவே அடிமை நிலையாம்
வாடிய பூக்கள் போல்,
வாழ்நாள் முழுவதும்
கிறகுகள் வெட்டப்பட்டு
கூட்டினிலே அடைபட்ட கிளிகள்யாலும்
சுதந்திரம் பெற்றவை போல
இன்னிசைக் கீதம் இசைத்து
உலகின் பல திசைகளிலும்
தங்கநகைகள் பல தோளில் அணிந்து
அல்லிமலர் தலையினில் சூடிநின்று
அழகை அள்ளி வழங்கும் பெண்ணினம்

III

“கொடுமைகள் பல செய்த பேய்
அழிந்ததுவே! அழிந்ததுவே!
எம்மை விட்டகழ்ந்ததுவே” எனும் கூக்குரல்
பெற்றெடுத்து வளர்த்த அன்னைக்கு
ஆறுதல் ஆயிரம் கிடைத்த
இனிய திருநாளாம் அதுவே
விடிவை நோக்கி விடிவுப்பாதையிலேவந்த
பெண்களுக்கு விடிவு கிடைத்த
பொன்னாளாம் அதுவே:
பெற்றனர் விடிவு
வாழிய! வாழிய! சுதந்திரதேவிகள்.

அ: நஞ்சித் பிள்ளைநாயகம்

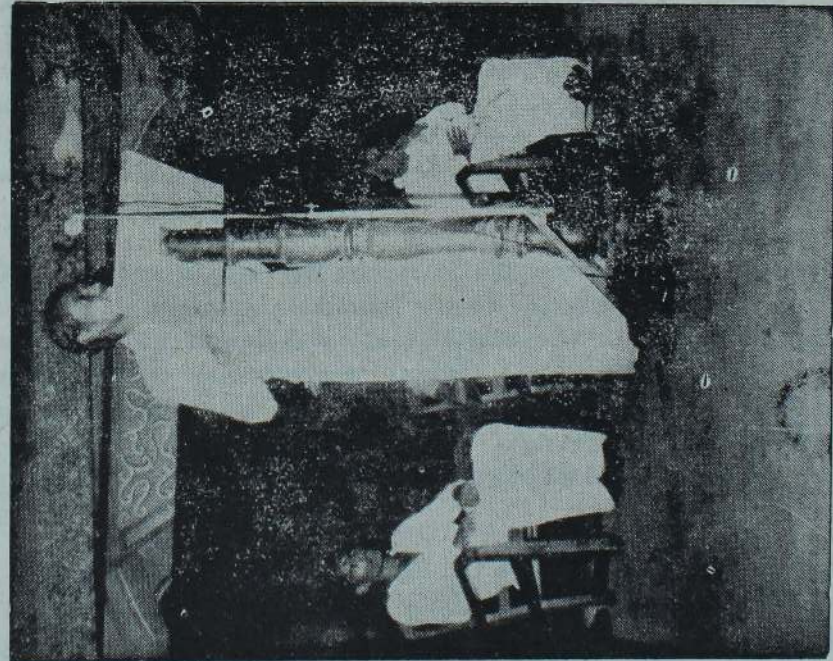
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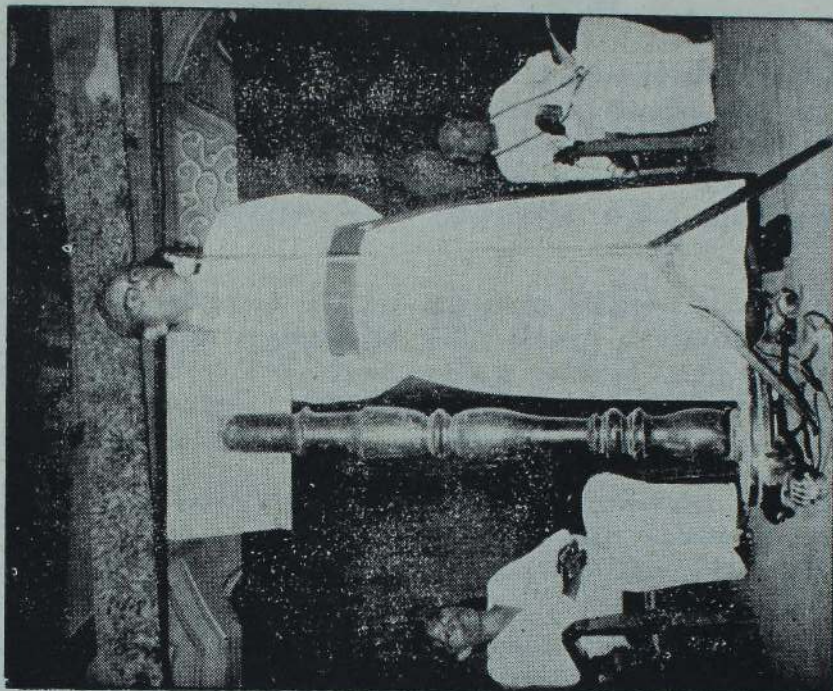
பிரதம விருந்தினர் கிறப்புரை ஆற்றுகின்றார்.



1966-67, 1968-69, 1970-71, 1972-73

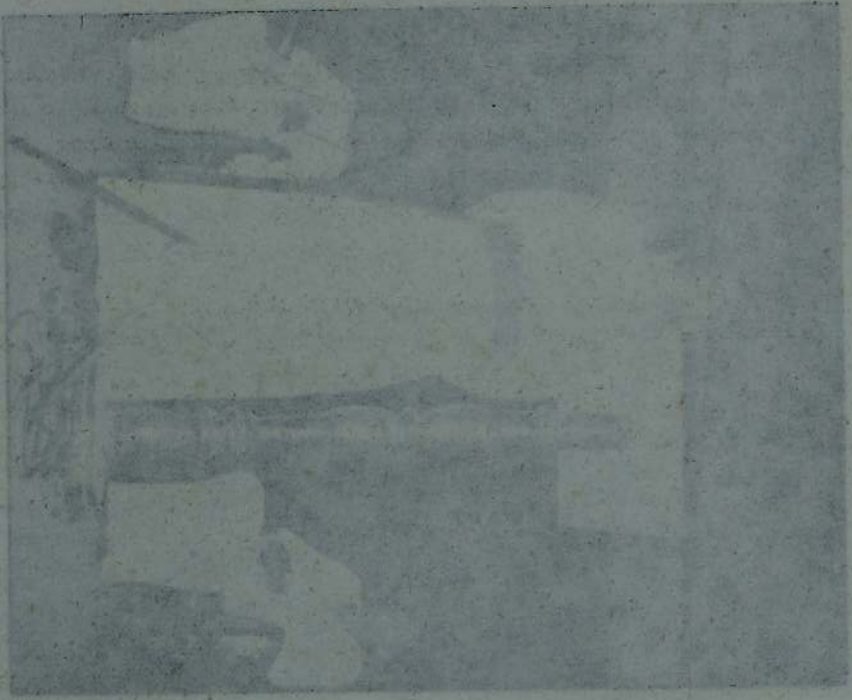


காப்பாளர் வாழ்த்துரை நிகழ்த்துகின்றார்.



அதிபர் ஆசியுரை வழங்குகின்றார்.

•കുടുംബങ്ങളുടെ സമ്പന്നത കൂട്ടലും



•കുടുംബങ്ങളുടെ സമ്പന്നത കൂട്ടലും



நான் கண்ட பாரதி

நான் பாரதியை ஒரு விடுதலை வீரனாக புரட்சித் தலைவனாகவே காண்கிறேன். பல விதமான மூடப்பழக்க வழக்கங்களினாலும், அடிமைத் தனங்களினாலும், வறுமையினாலும், பிளவுகளினாலும், அடக்குமுறைகளினாலும் பீடிக்கப்பட்ட சமுதாயமான பாரததேசத்தில் பிறந்த பாரதி இவற்றைக் கண்டு தானும் அவற்றில் மூழ்கிட விரும்பவில்லை. மாறாக ஆத்திரமும் தன்மான உணர்ச்சியும் அவன் நரம்புகளில் ஏறிட குதித்தெழுந்தான். விடுதலைக்காகப் போரிட்டான்.

சமுதாயத்தில் புரையோடிச் சிதந்த அடிமைத்தனங்களைக் கண்ட பாரதி சும்மா இருப்பானா? ஆங்கிலேயரின் வருகையினால் தமிழ் மொழி நசுக்கப்பட்டு ஆங்கிலம் கற்ற வர்க்கே தொழிலும் பதவியும் என்ற கோட்பாட்டில் அனேகர் தமிழ் மொழியின் சிறப்பை, இனிமையை, அறிய மறந்தனர். இந்நிலையில் பாரதி “செந்தமிழ் மைந்தர் நாம் தலைகுனிந்திடலாமா?” என்று சங்க நாதம் முழங்கினான்.

பெண் என்றால் அடிமை என்று பொருள் என்பதற்கொப்ப வாழ்ந்தனர் பாரத தேசத்தினர் அன்று. வீட்டில் பூட்டிவைக்கும் விளையாட்டுப் பொம்மையாகக் கருதப்பட்டனர் பெண்கள். பெண் என்றால் பிள்ளைகளைப் பெருக்கும் இயந்திரம் என்றே கருதப்பட்டனர். பெண்களுக்கும் அறிவுக்கும் தொடர்பில்லை; பெண்புத்தி பின் புத்தி என்று எல்லாம் கூறிவந்தவர்கள் மத்தியில் “பெண்ணுக்குள்ள அறிவை வளர்த்திட்டால் இந்த வையம் உயரும்” என்று குரல் கொடுத்து பெண்விடுதலை செய்திட்டான் பாரதி. பெண்களை உலகில் முன் கொணர்ந்து ஆணுக்குப் பெண் இளைத்தவள் இல்லை என்று காட்டினான் பாரதி. அறிவு, பட்டம், பதவி, அனைத்திலும் ஆணுக்குப் பெண் நிகரே என்று கூறி ஆணோடு தோளோடு தோள் கொடுத்து உழைத்திட வழிசமைத்து பெண் விடுதலை சமைத்திட்டான் பாரதி.

விடுதலை வீரன் பாரதி “உழவுக்கும் தொழிலுக்கும் வந்தனை செய்வோம் வீணில் உண்டு களிப்போரை நிந்தனை செய்வோம்” என்று புரட்சிக் குரல் எழுப்பி தொழிற் புரட்சி செய்தான். இரும்பை உருக்கு, இயந்திரம் பெருக்கு என்று கைத்தொழிலை வளர்த்திட்டான். உழைக்காதவன் உண்ணலாகாது என்று சொல்லாமல் சொல்லி வீணில் உண்டு களித்திருப்போருக்கு சவால் விடுகிறான் புரட்சிக்கவி பாரதி. உழுதுண்டு வாழ்வோரே வாழ்வர் மற்றெல்லோரும் தொழுதுண்டு பின் செல்வர் என்ற பொய்யா மொழிக்கிணங்க தொழிலின் மகத்துவத்தை எடுத்தியம்பி பாட்டாளித் தொழிலாள வர்க்கத்தை ஒன்று கூட்டி தொழிற்புரட்சிக்கு வித்திடுகிறான் பாரதி.

தொழிற் புரட்சியைத் தன் விடுதலைப் புரட்சிக் கவிதைகளினால் தூண்டிவிட்ட பாரதி அதன்வழி நுழைந்து வறுமைக்கு சாவுமணி அடிக்க முயல்கின்றான்: “தனி மனிதனுக்கு உணவில்லையெனில் இந்த ஜெகத்தினை அழித்திடுவோம்” என்று புரட்சிக் கவிபாடி வறுமைப்பிணியை ஒழிக்க முயல்கின்றான் பாரதி. வறுமையை ஒழிக்க வேண்டுமானால் அதற்கு நல்லமருந்து உழைப்பே என்று கண்ட பாரதி தன் புரட்சிக் கவிகளினால் ஏழைக் கிழவனும் ஏர்ப்பிடித்து வயற்களம் இறங்க நல்ல தொனியோடே பாடிநின்றான். இத் தனைக்கும் வழிவகுக்க பாரதியின் அடிமனதில் விடுதலைத்தாகம் வேரோடி நின்றதென்றால் மிகையாகாது.

பாரத தேசத்தினை அழுங்குப்பிடியாகப் பிடித்திருந்தது சாதி. பழங்காலம் தொட்டு பரம்பரை பரம்பரையாக பெரும் புகழோடு வாழ்ந்தவர்கள் தமிழர். ஆண்டவன் சந்நிதியில் எல்லோரும் சமமே. பாரத தேசமெங்கும் மலிந்து காணப்பட்ட சாதிக் கொடுமையை வேரோடே கிழப்பிவிட எண்ணிய பாரதி சாதித் திமிர் இரத்தத்தில் ஊறிவிட்டவர்களுக்குப்

போதித்துப் பயன் இல்லை என்று கண்டான். சாதிக் கொடுமையைப் பற்றி, எடுத்ததற்கெல்லாம் சாதியை முன்னொணரும் இம்மாந்தருக்கு உபதேசம் கூறி விளைவு ஏற்படப் போவதில்லை என்றுணர்ந்த பாரதி அதை முனையோடே கிள்ளிவிட பாப்பாப் பாட்டுப் பாடி சின்னஞ்சிறு வயதிலேயே சாதி உணர்வு ஊறமுன்னே அதைக் களைந்தான். "சாதி என்றென்றில்லை பாப்பா" என்று கனிவுடன் பாடி, பாலர்களிலே சாதி என்ற நச்சுவேர் கலந்திடாத படி குரல் கொடுத்தான்.

"நெஞ்சம் பொறுக்குதில்லையே இந்த மாந்தரை நினைத்து விட்டால்" என்று சங்கநாதம் முழங்கி மூடப்பழக்கங்களில் தேம்பி வழிந்த மனிதரை இழிந்த கண்கொண்டு நோக்கினான் பாரதி. மூடப்பழக்க வழக்கங்கள் மத்தியிலும் வாழவேண்டியிருந்த பாரதிக்கு அது ஓர் சுமையாகவும் இழுக்காகவுமே தென்பட்டது. தேசப்பற்றுக் கொண்ட பாரதி அதை ஒழிக்க அரும்பாடு பட்டான். உடன்கட்டை ஏறுதல், சிறுவயதிலேயே கலியாண ஓப்பந்தம் இதுபோன்ற வேறு கெட்ட முறைகளைக் கண்டு ஆத்திரம் பொங்கியெழு அம் மாந்தருக்கு உணர்வு வந்திடவே இழிவுப்பார்வையில் அவர்களுக்கு உணர்ச்சிக் கவிதை பாடிக்குவித்தான்.

சுதந்திரம் அற்ற ஓர் நாடு நாடன்று. அங்குள்ள அனைவரும் நடைப்பிணங்களே? பாரததேசத்தை அன்னியர் ஆண்டு அங்குள்ள தொழிலாளர்களின் வேலையின் பயனை உறிஞ்சிக் குடித்தவர்களை தூரவே துரத்திடவே எண்ணற்ற பாடல்பாடி சுதந்திரதாகத்தை உண்டாக்கினான் பாரதி. சுதந்திரம் கேட்போருக்கு துப்பாக்கிச் சூடும், குண்டும், சித்திரவதையும், கொலையும் ஏற்பட்ட அன்றைய நாட்களிலே அச்சமின்றி துணிவுடன் "அச்சமில்லை, அச்சமில்லை, உச்சிமீது வானிடிந்த போதிலும் அச்சமில்லை" என்று பாடி சுதந்திரதாகத்தை உண்டு பண்ண துணிவு கொடுத்து நெஞ்சரம் பாய்ச்சினான் பாரதி. பாரதியின் வழிபாட்டின்பற்றி அவன் வழியில் துணிவுடன் போராடி பாரததேசம் சுதந்திரம் பெற்ற ஆயிரத்து தொளாயிரத்து நாற்பத்து ஏழாம் ஆண்டு அவன் அவர்களுடன் இல்லை.

பாரத சமுதாயம் சாதிப்பிளவுடன் கட்சிமனப்பாங்குங் கொண்டு தங்களுக்குள்ளே பல, பல கட்சிகளாகப் பிரிந்து வாழ்ந்த கோலத்தைக் கண்ட பாரதி அவர்களை ஒன்று சேர்க்க தன் முழுச்சத்தியையும் கூட்டி குரல் கொடுத்து தமிழ்த்தாயின் புதல்வர்கள் யாம் என்ற மனநிலை பரவிடச் செய்தான் "ஒன்று பட்டால் உண்டு வாழ்வு நம்முள் ஒற்றுமை நீங்கின் அனைவர்க்குந் தாழ்வு" என்று உரிமைக்குரல் கொடுத்து ஒற்றுமை நீங்கின் வரும் அபாய நிலையை இரத்தினச் சுருக்கமாகக் கூறி ஒற்றுமையினத்தில் இருந்து விடுதலைபெற முழங்கினான். பாரத தேசத்தைப் பீடித்திருந்த சாதிக் கொடுமை, மூடப்பழக்க வழக்கங்கள், அடிமைத்தனம், வறுமை, என்பவற்றில் இருந்து விடுதலைபெற்று சுதந்திர புருஷர்களாக வாழ "எல்லோரும் இந்நாட்டு மன்னர்கள் என்று" உரிமையுடன் போராடிய பாரதியை விடுதலை வீரன் என்றழையாமல் வேறெப்படி அழைப்பது.

இவ்வாறு பாரதி, அடிமைத்தனர்கள் மக்களைக் கறைப்படுத்தி அழிவின் பாதாளப் படுகுழியில் நின்று காக்க விடுதலைத் தாகத்துடன் புரட்சிக் கவிதைகள் மூலம் குரல் கொடுத்தான். பாரதி போன்ற துணிவுள்ள விடுதலை வீரன் இந்தப் பாரில் எவரும் உதித்ததில்லை இனி உதிக்கப் போவதுமில்லை; இவ்வாறு நான் கண்ட பாரதி ஒரு விடுதலைவீரன்.

வாழ்க விடுதலை வீரன் பாரதி!
வளர்க அவன் விடுதலை உணர்வு!

நவீன்றாஜ் வேதநாயகம்
வர்த்தகப் பிரிவு 2-ம் வகுடம்

SPORTS SECTION:-

Soccer

We played all our friendly Matches on our fixture card except Mahajana, College. 1st eleven led by Mas M. K. M. J. Chellappah played 5 matches, won 2, drew 2, lost one. We entered the Sri Lanka Soccer Franchise Tournament and we were the Runners up. We won D. S. Senanayake M. V. by 9 - 2 goals and St. Joseph's College Colombo by 2 - 1 goal and lost to St. Benedicts College Colombo by 1 - 2 goals. Though we lost to St. Benedicts our boys played a very good game.

The 2nd eleven was led by Mas. J. Elmo played 6 matches, won 4 drew one and lost one

The 3rd eleven was led by Mas. S. W. Kingley played 6 matches, won 4 drew one and lost one.

We are thankful to the masters-in-charge of the three elevens Messrs. R. A. Thilagaretnam, G. Arulanandam & M. Mariasoosai and to the Coach Mr. A. Augustine.

Athletics

The Inter House athletic meet was held on the 4th of July. Mr. V. Yogeswaran M. P. Jaffna and Mrs. Yogeswaran were the chief guests.

It was keenly contested between the four houses and Bonjean House won the Championship cup.

At the quadrangular meet we obtained 11 First places 8 Second places and 12, Third places.

Cricket

Our 1st Eleven Cricket Team, under the Captaincy of Mas. M. S. Alfred played five school matches, won 2, drew 2 and lost one. The limited over game played against St. Peter's College, Colombo was keenly fought.

Our under 17 team led by Mas. A. M. Gunaretnam entered the J. S. C. A tournament and played four matches, won one drew one and lost 2.

The under 15 team captained by Mas. S. W. Kingsly too entered the J. S. C. A. tournament. Six schools participated in this tournament. St. Patrick's team did extremely well and became the champions of the North winning the coveted Trophy presented by the Jaffna schools Cricket Association.

We convey our thanks to the master - in - charge Mr. S. F. Xavier for encouraging the young cricketers and to Mr S. K. E. Xavier for coaching the 1st Team

Table Tennis

Many participated in the Inter-House Competition both in the Senior and Junior groups. We regret to inform that there is no organization to promote this game in Schools of the North. We appeal to the Principals & other Sports authorities to encourage the development of the game so that the aspirations of table-tennis fans may be fulfilled.

However our players participated in the Indoor games organized by the Y. M. C. A. where our boys fared well both in the Senior & Junior groups. We also played against the University of Jaffna & lost by a narrow margin of 2-3

Badminton

In this department too we have many players who are very enthusiastic but the areas opened to them are very much limited. Here too we appeal that an Organising body should be formed which could conduct competitions among the schools which are interested in participating & promoting this game.

Our players participated in the Competitions organized by th Y. M. C. A. where they fared well. The sports council of the University of Jaffna was kind enough to invite us for an encounter against their team. We were narrowly beaten by 2-3 margin.

Chess Club

The Chess club was formed two years back. The members actively participated with great enthusiasm. The coaching classes were conducted by the Secretary of the Jaffna Chess Club for both Senior and Junior groups.

We successfully participated in the Jaffna schools Chess tournament and the All- Island Chess tournament. We acquired good standard and fared well in both tournaments.

We express our sincere thanks to Rev. Fr. Rector for all encouragement given and to the Mater-in-charge Mr. X. D. M. Constantine for giving us the necessary guidance.

Basket Ball

This year the Inter-House Basket Ball was keenly contested between the Houses. We played a friendly Match with St. Joseph's Juniorate, Colombogam and also participated in the Trimmer Basket Ball Tournament.

1st XI Soccer — 1981



Seated (L to R)

Rev. Fr. V. Pilendran, Mr. R. A. Thilagaretnam (Master-in-Charge),
M. K. M. J. Chellappah, Rev. Fr. Rector, S. M. Thasan,
Rev. Fr. P. Jesunesan. o.m.i.

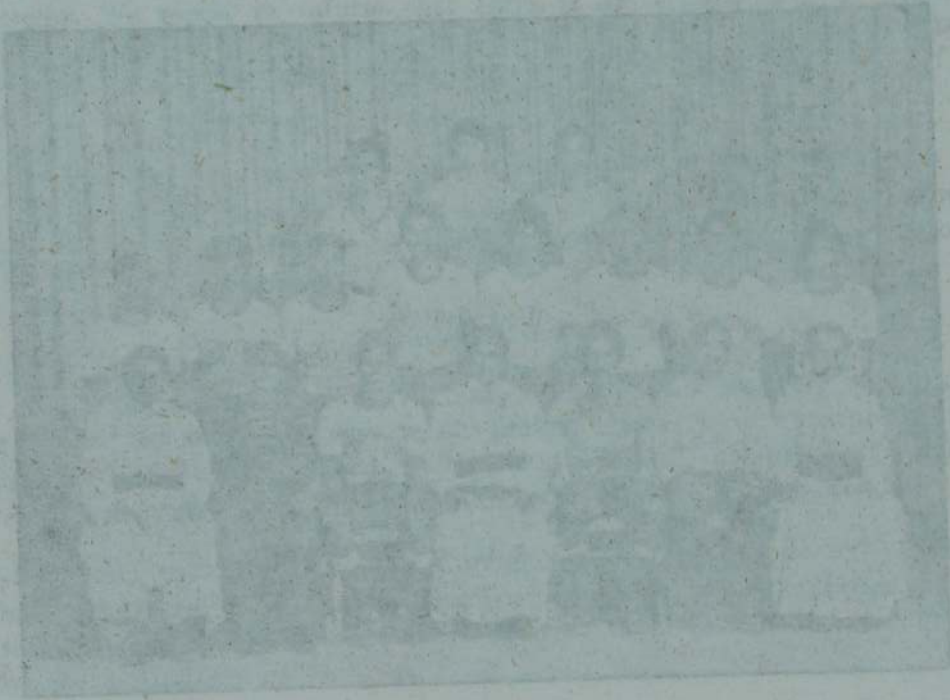
Middle Row

J. Marcellin, J. E. Tibutius, Regi Paultan, R. A. Jeyarajah, J. Johnson,
J. Rockhudson, M. T. Surendran, B. G. Douglas.

Back Row

D. E. Gunaretnam, O. Liston, F. J. Raymond.

1st XI Soccer - 1981



Seated (L to R)

Rev. Fr. V. Pilsbry, Mr. R. A. Thibault (Master-in-Charge),

M. K. M. J. Chappard, Rev. Fr. Rector, S. M. Thibault,

Rev. Fr. P. Janssen, O.M.I.

Middle Row

J. Marcolin, J. E. Fournier, R. G. Paulin, H. A. J. Janssen, J. Johnson,

J. Rockwood, M. T. Surobitz, B. G. Douglas.

Back Row

D. E. Gaudreau, O. Lison, F. J. Raymond.

2nd XI Soccer Team



Standing : 2nd Row

M. W. Boniface, P. J. Mariaseelan, S. Amalanathan, G. Thavarajah, A. B. Nerio.

Standing : 1st Row

*J. Steinberg, C. A. Johnson, S. Lawrance, J. Johnson
N. Navaneethiraj, A. D. Ivory, J. Roney Curts, P. James.*

Seated (L to R)

*A. J. Elmo (Captain), Mr. M. R. Arulanandam (Master-in-charge)
Rev. Fr. P. Jesunesan O. M. I., Rev. Fr. Rector, Rev. Fr. V. Pilendran,
A. E. Antonypillai (V. Captain).*

2nd XI Soccer Team



Standing : 2nd Row

M. W. Boniface, P. J. Macintyre, S. Anderson, G. Thompson, A. B. Hales

Standing : 1st Row

J. Steiner, C. A. Johnson, S. Lawman, J. Johnson
 N. Macintosh, A. D. Ivory, A. Kemp, Galt, J. Lawman

Seated (l to r)

A. J. King (Captain), Mr. M. R. Anderson (Manager-in-charge)
 Rev. Fr. P. Johnson O. M. I., Rev. Fr. Hector, Rev. Fr. P. Phelan,
 A. E. Antognelli (V. Captain)

3rd XI Soccer - Team



Standing (L to R) 2nd Row

*S. Abraham, S. C. Thevananth, P. P. Tonicut, S. K. Florantine, M. Ariyarajah,
S. K. Nevil, N. D. Anandarajah.*

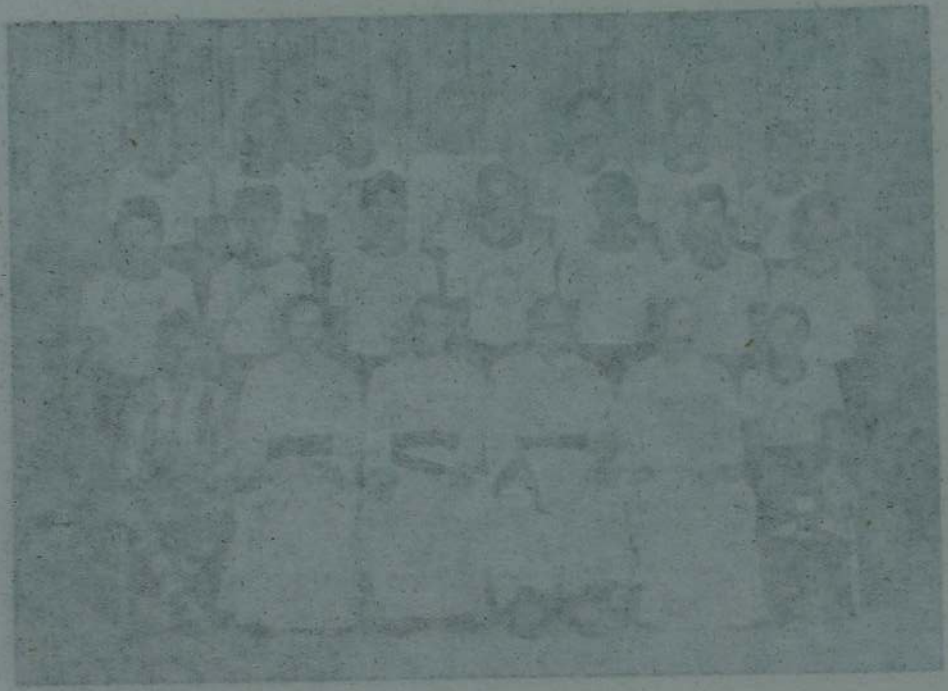
Standing (L to R) 1st Row

*K. Prabhakaran, M. X. Selvarajah, A. D. A. Fernando, S. J. Jeyaseelan.
P. Phylon, T. D. Premanayagam, L. I. S. Gunaratnam.*

Seated (L to R)

*S. W. Kingsley (Captain), Mr. M. Mariasosai (Master-in-Charge)
Rev. Fr. P. Jesunesan O. M. I., Rev. Fr. Rector, Rev. Fr. V. Pilendran,
A. J. Ratnakumar (Vice-Captain)*

3rd XI Soccer Team



Seated (L to R)

Mr. M. Robinson (Vice-Captain),
 Rev. Fr. P. Jernigan O.M.I., Rev. Fr. Rector, Rev. Fr. V. Flanagan,
 Mr. W. Kinsley (Captain), Mr. M. Robinson (Manager-in-Charge)

Standing (L to R) - 1st Row

P. Pylon, T. D. Freeman, L. S. Gurnea,
 K. Robinson, M. X. Schwarz, A. D. A. Fennell, S. J. Jernigan

Standing (L to R) - 2nd Row

S. K. Neill, N. D. Anderson,
 S. Adams, S. C. Therman, P. P. Tolson, S. K. Fowdine, M. Ariswaja

First Eleven Cricket Team - 1981



Seated (L. R.)

V. Sathajanan, M. K. M. J. Chellappa, M. C. Seramaan (V. Capt.)
M. S. Alfred (Captain), E. R. T. Arulthevan, J. E. Ibutius, C. Alexander.

Standing:

A. E. Antonypillai, A. M. Gunaratnam, T. Quintus, N. D. Narenthiran,
A. D. Ivory, S. Ravindran, S. L. P. Melanious, D. E. Gunaretnam,
J. B. Constantine, M. P. Andrew.



TABLE TENNIS TEAM.

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Seated (L. R.)

V. Sarathkumar, M. K. M. J. Chellappa, M. C. Suresh (W. Cost),
M. S. Alled (Captain), E. R. T. Ananthan, J. E. I. Iyengar, C. A. Sander

Standing:

A. E. Ananthakrishnan, A. M. Ganesan, T. Quinter, N. D. Natarajan,
A. D. Ivory, S. Ravindran, S. J. P. McManus, D. E. Ganesan,
J. B. Constantine, M. P. Andrew



TABLE TENNIS TEAM

Cricket Under 15 — 1981



Seated (L to R) 2nd Row

Rev. Fr. P. Jesunesan, A. J. Ratnakumar (V. Capt), S. W. Kingsley (Capt),
Mr. F. R. Anselmar (Master in Charge), Rev. Fr. Rector.

Standing (L to R) 1st Row

N. D. Anandarajah, G. Premraj, S. Egbert, Z. S. B. Roy,
T. D. Premanayagam, J. F. K. Edirmanasingham. M. H. Hubert.

Top (L to R)

A. Valentine, S. A. Gladstone, G. Mariyathas, T. T. Thalayasingam,
M. K. Shanthakumar.

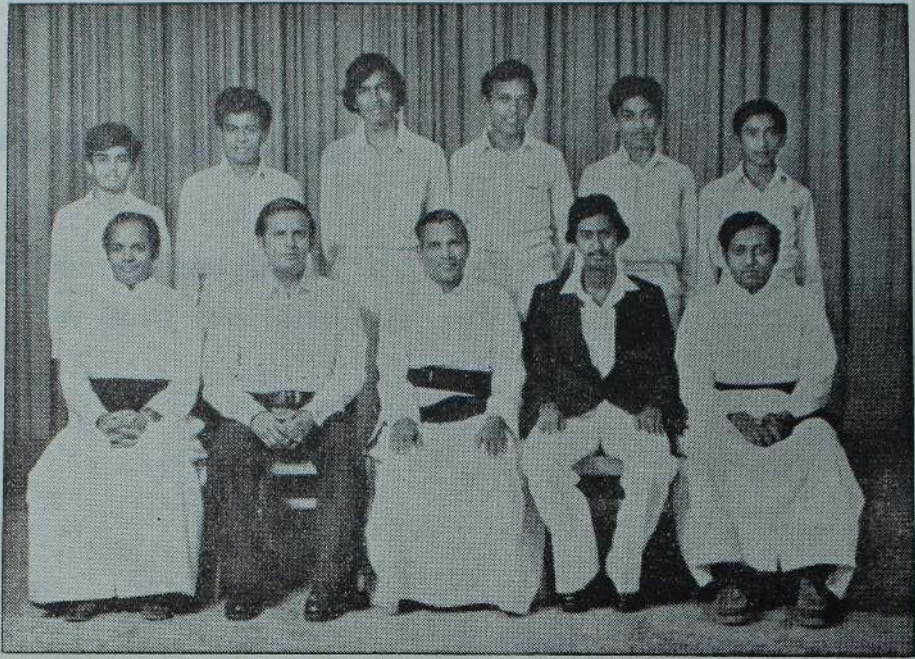
Cricket Under 15 - 1981



Seated (L to R) 2nd Row
 Rev. Fr. P. Jernigan, A. J. Katsikumar (V. Capt), S. W. Kinsley (Capt),
 Mr. R. R. Anandam (Master in Charge), Rev. Fr. Rector.

Standing (L to R) 1st Row
 N. D. Anandaraman, G. Prasad, S. Egan, X. S. S. Roy,
 T. D. Prasadaram, J. P. K. Edirisingham, M. M. Huber.

Top (L to R)
 A. Valentin, S. A. Gledhill, G. Marjoram, T. T. Rajasingam,
 M. K. Senthil Kumar.



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