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## St. John's College Prize Giving

The St. John's College Jaffna and the Chundikuli Girls College conducted their annual prize giving function on Friday the 13th October 2000. Because of the present situation they were conducted as internal functions.

## CMS Board thanks

The following letter of thanks was sent by Dr. E.S. Thevasagayam, the Chairman of Governing Body of CMS educational institutions:

"Dear Rev. Paul,

On behalf of the Governing Body of CMS Schools, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you, Bishop Jebanesan and all staff of Jaffna College for all courtesies and hospitality extended to St. John's and Chundikuli Girls' College during their time of need. In spite of the dislocation they were able to provide teaching to all those who were able to attend and this was possible only because Jaffna College came to their aid as you have always done in the past.

We placed on record our deep appreciation of all that you have been able to do without which we would not have been able to provide what we were able to do under the difficult circumstances. Once again thank you and God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr. E.S. Thevasagayam  
Chairman"

## Mr Subramaniam Somanathan safe in Vadamardachy

Mr Subramaniam Somanathan who was staying-on in his home at Chavakachcheri after the heavy fighting in April, May 2000 was taken to Point Pedro by the Sri Lankan Army during the first week of October 2000. He has said that he was staying in his ancestral home at Police Station road, Chavakachcheri during the

heavy fighting. In early October because there was no food he went and reported to the Sri Lanka army at Chavakachcheri who gave him food and promised to take him to Point Pedro. He has said that Chavakachcheri town had been completely destroyed. The areas with paddy fields viz; Sivankovilady, Station Road and Station Lane had been devastated. He was the last civilian to move out of Chavakachcheri. Mr. Somanathan is the son of late Mr. Subramaniam, Station Master and Mrs. Subramaniam of Chavakachcheri. He was also a member of the Chavakachcheri Church.

## A Badminton Court inside the Church

Two pastors who visited Chavakachcheri on Monday the 16th October, found Chavakachcheri C.S.I. Church very badly damaged and a badminton court had been laid inside the church building. Our readers will know that our church at Tellippalai was also converted into a badminton court after the offensive in Valikamam North seven years ago. Pastors have also reported that Drieberg College had been badly damaged. Almost all the buildings have been brought down. They were not permitted to see the other parts of the town. They were permitted to stay at Chavakachcheri for only two hours.

## Tops University list and wins Gold medal

Miss. Gitanjali Jebanesan the younger daughter of our Bishop and Mrs. Jebanesan passed the M.A (Mass media and Management) Examination of the Madurai Kamraj University conducted in May 2000. She has topped the University list. She will be given the Gold medal of the University in February 2001.

## News from

## St. John's College, Jaffna

St. John's College re-opened for the second term on the 24th of April.

St. John's Day was celebrated on May 6th. The programme commenced with the thanksgiving service. Sports and games were organised for the Middle and Upper School and Fancy Dress Parade for the Primary. The programme ended with an Ice Cream treat for the whole school.

We were displaced for a second time in May. Shells fell near the school premises on 11th May; one fell on the playground hardly 50 yards away from the Principal's Bungalow and the other on the Academy roof causing damages. Fortunately no one was hurt.

St. John's College & Chundikuli Girls' College combined functioned at Jaffna College Vaddukoddai from 5th June to 27th July as afternoon school from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Our sincere gratitude are due to Jaffna College for their generous gesture displayed in accommodating us at the hour of need.

We re-opened at St. John's College on 3rd July here again both combined while the pocket school at Vaddukoddai continued. The two schools moved into their respective premises when re-opened for the third term on 25th August.

Games were not organised as it was not possible to have practices due to the prevailing Situation.

Marianayagam Mathuran has been elected Senior Prefect and Ramachandran Sasikumaran Deputy Senior Prefect.

Teachers' Day was organised by the Old Boys' Association on the 6th of October. The Jubilarians Mr R. Ragunathan and Mr N. Thevarajah were presented

with Mementos by OBA Jaffna. They were also honoured with Gold Medals by the school for their meritorious services.

Thanapalan  
Principal,

St. John's College, Jaffna

## Release of Book

"Maranangal Malintha Poomy" (Land where death is cheap), a novel written by Mr. Kandiah Kunarajah (Sengai Aaliyan) was formally released on Sunday the 22nd of October at Cumarasamy Hall, Hindu College, Jaffna. This novel depicts the present predicament of the people of Jaffna specially the suffering caused by the ongoing civil war.



Mr. Mylvaganam Nimalarajan the Jaffna reporter for B B C and other foreign media who was killed at midnight on Friday 21-10-2000

Mr. Mylvaganam Nimalarajan the Jaffna reporter for B B C and other foreign media was killed in the midnight of Friday the 20th October by an armed gang. The funeral took place on Sunday the 22nd at St. Mary's Cathedral. The requiem mass was conducted by Rev. Fr. A. Bernard, Principal St. Patrick's College, Jaffna. The Most Reverend Thomas Soundaranayagam, R.C Bishop of Jaffna pronounced the benediction. The mortal remains was interred at the St. Mary's burial grounds.

Mr Mylvaganam Nimalarajan leaves behind his wife Parimala and daughters Nivetha, Nishanthi and Nilakshana. His father and mother were injured during the attack.



## Remembering Eric Stephens, his parents and sister

*(Tribute paid at a Service of Thanksgiving held on October 8, 2000 at the Colombo, J.D.C.S.I. church, in remembrance of Eric Stephens, his parents George and Freda Stephens and his sister Jayanthi)*

Many of us gathered here know that the Stephens family are inextricably linked to that little village dotted with lush green fields – the village called Uduvil. The Stephens were a significant part of that village and contributed greatly to the welfare of the church, the school and the community of Uduvil. The family bundled in the grand old greyish blue car driven by Mr. George Stephens, were regular worshippers in the Uduvil church. The memories that I share with you today are based on my association with this family in Uduvil where we all grew up, studied, learnt our values and our priorities of life. That was long years ago.....

Eric is still vivid in our mind's eye. We worshipped with him in the Colombo Church. We sat with him at the Uduvil Committee meetings and we planned and discussed and shared thoughts of our old school, our church and our dear old village together.

An outstanding characteristic of Eric was his outspokenness. He believed in saying out loud and clear what he believed was right. That I think was a reflection of Mr. Stephens who too never hesitated to speak out when and where he thought he had to intervene in a situation. George Stephens married Freda Stephens and came to live in Uduvil. From then onwards he was an active member of the Uduvil Church. He was Church treasurer for many years and fiercely protected the church funds and worked tirelessly for the welfare of the Church. I clearly remember his clipped tone of speech, his brisk walk down the Uduvil – Manipay road – the perpetual pipe suspended precariously from his mouth. He supported the work of the Sunday school and encouraged the teachers and students to greater endeavour. When the Sunday School Superintendent of Rev. A.C. Thambirajah's time went to the pastor for help with the Sunday school, Rev. Thambirajah was heard to have said: "Go to Stephens and he will give you all the help you need." Mr. Stephens loved singing and would eagerly await the carol party visit each year. He would insist that the carolers sing English carols and would sit listening in rapt silence. We as carolers looked forward to that trudge down the winding lanes of Uduvil to the Stephens home where there were delicious goodies awaiting us.

Freda Auntie as we knew her was a kind and affectionate person besides being an excellent cook. Kalu thothol and rich cake were her speciality. For Church sales, cookery demonstrations, school functions and even home gatherings, Freda auntie was called upon to contribute Kalu thothol. The Church sale was a function Freda auntie would preside over during which time she was very much in demand. In the Women's Guild it was Freda auntie who would urge the members to visit the sick and the needy and would accompany them weekly on these visits. Her home was something which she took pride in. If one visited them in the evenings one would find Freda Auntie watering the garden. She cared for her children with utmost love and was proud of them.

Jayanthi was the twin sister of Wimalanthi. The twins were a happy pair always smiling, always friendly. For many years we could not tell the difference between the two of them. Jayanthi was a good sportswoman and was a valuable member of the choir. The twins always had a place in the first row of the choir. I remember my mother, our choir mistress, commenting some years ago, that we as choristers would frown and sulk in response to a telling off but never Jayanthi. She would let nothing cloud her cheerfulness. Jayanthi was well loved by both teachers and students of Uduvil because of her gentle, loving nature.

It was with Eric of the Stephens family that many of us

continued to have our links, our Uduvil links. He was particularly a "people person" and was always there when help was needed. Just lending a hand was not Eric's style – "being helpful" in Eric's terms was going that "extra mile" in giving his help. He had to be in the situation and ensure that all went well. Some months back there came a call from Eric giving me the good news that he had just fixed a marriage partnership. He was completely happy and was jubilant about his achievement. The following day he told me how the courtship was proceeding. He said, "Cherry, I sent the guy with a tie and a heart shaped chocolate from Hilton for his first day of courtship." And shy Nirupan had to wear a tie on the occasion because "Eric Anna" had insisted that that was the "done thing". Yes Eric went that extra mile. He would from a distance ensure that all was going well with the two whom he had introduced to each other. We see many today who are happily married because of Eric. One of the first I think is his brother in law Ratnarajan blissfully married to Thaya. We have heard it said that marriages are made in heaven. To Eric promoting happy partnerships was a mission. He was truly a blessing to many.

Eric was an Old Boy of Uduvil and then Jaffna College – but he continued very loyally to be associated with Uduvil till the end. November 24th being the Uduvil Founders Day, the Colombo Church has had a tradition of celebrating a Sunday close to the 24th as Uduvil Sunday. Eric was one of the few male past pupils who enthusiastically participated in the celebrations. He would bring cakes for the raffles, flowers for the altar in his mother's memory and would sing ever so lustily from the choir. Being the only male in the Uduvil committee – he reveled in this role and encouraged us and supported us. When the Uduvil Sunday school or the School came to Colombo for competitions it was Eric who was there escorting them, ensuring that they were well provided for. He linked up his Alma Mater with his dear mother and never ceased to talk about Freda Auntie when he met people who knew her. He loved her dearly and was proud of all that she was. When Eric formed an affection towards someone he kept links. My aunt in Canada was the happy recipient of Eric's phone calls, letters and gifts – who cried over the phone last Friday and said "Eric was like a son to me". Yes, Eric was a people person, with a warm personality.

Eric's friends, his colleagues, his acquaintances – everyone who met Eric knew him as a "man of giving". The following lines by Eric's boss on his 50th birthday two years ago aptly describe Eric:

*"He likes to play a game called "giving"  
He likes to play it all day long  
He likes to play a game called "giving"  
Perhaps he learnt it in a song."*

*For him to play a game called "giving"  
It's fun to think of ways of "giving"  
The fun about his game of giving –  
He wins each time he gives."*

Yes..... Eric gave and he gave because he loved humanity. In a world which is fast forgetting the essence of humaneness, Eric was an example of caring and loving.

He was proud of his loving wife and his children and always spoke about them and their achievements. A sight which is still vivid in my mind, is Eric running upto his little daughter to hug and wish her at the Watch Night Service this year. To his brothers and sisters he was a strong tower of help. He encouraged them to move on in life and felt pride in them. He loved them dearly and through him his friends would know what each brother and his sister were doing for he found pleasure in sharing news of his family. No wonder then that Eric was a cherished member of the family.

Today we are gathered here to share memories of these much loved people – George and Freda Stephens and Eric and Jayanthi and to give God thanks for the gift of these people to us.

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## EDITORIAL

**The UN & ourselves**

October 24 is observed as UN day throughout the world. It was on this day in 1941 the four great powers viz.; USA, UK, Russia and France signed a convention known as the Moscow declaration. In article 4 of the Moscow declaration the four great powers recognized "the necessity of establishing at the earliest practicable date a general international organization based on the principle of sovereign equality of all peace loving states large and small for the maintenance of international peace and security".

The Dumbarton Oaks Washington conference in 1944 endorsed the Moscow declaration. It also drew up a plan for an international organization. This plan received the approval, with minor modifications of Joseph Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill when they met in Yalta secretly at the tail end of the Second World War.

The first meeting with 50 member states took place in San Francisco in April - June 1945 where the members signed the Charter of the UN. Now there are more than 185 member states in the U.N.

Sri Lanka gained membership to the UN only in 1955 because of her pro west stance Soviet Russia vetoed her entry again and again. However, Sri Lankan Diplomats had done remarkably well in the UN and some rose to very high positions in UN Commissions.

Today the UN has come to the doorstep of Jaffna. Because of the war situation the UNHCR; the UNDP and the UNICEF are very busy in the peninsula and in other parts of the Northern Province.

UN which was set up "to save the succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our life time has brought untold sorrow to mankind" is unable to stop the ongoing civil war in Sri Lanka.

Even though many member states know that Sri Lanka is bleeding for the past 17 years the UN is unable to do anything. The hands of the UN are tied.

Article 2 of the Charter states quite clearly certain principles which the member states must follow as a matter of legal duty:

"Matters of domestic concern that is matters which concern the internal politics and administration of any state shall not come within the sphere of intervention by the United Nations".

This is the predicament of Sri Lanka. UNDP, UNHCR, UNESCO and FAO can continue to do relief and rehabilitation work. Security Council cannot even discuss our problem.

No doubt the United Nations has intervened in the domestic problems of certain countries viz; Korea, Ethiopia, Cambodia and so on. It was because of the Cold war. This cold war and the policy of balance of power had made UN to put its resources to good use. But in Sri Lanka the big powers did not show much interest because there was no oil to invite the attraction. Butrous Butrous Gazhi former Secretary General of the UN once said "UN should try to solve the domestic problems of the countries, otherwise the membership of the UN will soon rise to more than 400".

**The Late****Rev. Dr. J.R. Chandran:**

I have been asked to write a tribute to the late Rev. Dr. J. Russel Chandran, former Principal of United Theological College, Bangalore. I do so most readily for the simple reason that it is a personally affirming and enriching experience for me. The news of his death last week came as a rather rude shock to me as I had the privilege of visiting him not so long ago. My wife and daughter joined me at the time of the visit. He was most excited and called out, "What a joy, what a joy. Vicky, come down and see who is here!" At a later time I visited a close friend from UTC in Cuttack, Orissa and together we reminisced a lot. The one thing we could never get out of our conversation was "Dr Rassam Chandran" as he was known in the hostel!

So many-sided was the life and career of Dr. Chandran, that he should be the material for a doctoral thesis. I wouldn't be surprised at all to see a book written on his life. The only way,

perhaps, I could do justice to this brief tribute would be to share something of a personal nature. My entry to UTC about thirty years ago received a wide variety of reactions from so many people. My past record to that point left many people amazed and confused. I went to Bangalore hoping that something good might happen little realising that it was a place where the grace of God was the guiding principle, the business was producing 'servants of God' true to its motto, "Not to be served but to serve".

My first impression of Dr. Chandran was that he had seen few larrikins in his life and that one more was not going to make much of a difference. As time went on, I noticed that he could be firm as a rock while his heart would reach out with tenderness. He believed in young men and women. Such confidence was the hallmark of UTC under his leadership. Freedom of expression was encouraged, but freedom to be one's own self was promoted. He never suggested that I should change my thinking or my ways but his powerful influence made me a man of confidence. I was most touched by his balanced approach to life. Unstinted dedication to the worship of God, total commitment to his family, ever enlarging vision for the College and his dedication to it, and the recognition of the need for relaxation. My lasting memory will be the times I watched him laugh unreservedly during the skits I was involved in during the many festivals, even when I picked on him.

To those who have had the privilege of knowing him, an unforgettable presence has faded and a light has gone out of life. Surely, to those who have been through the 'sermon criticism class' often called 'crucifixion' at UTC, the question, "What exactly did you mean" or "How will you say in one sentence what you said in your sermon" will always come to mind when they walk towards the pulpit. At least, I will never cease to hear his voice as long as I seek to preach.

I join the very large circle of friends and students of Dr. Russel Chandran at this moment in time to say thanks to God for letting him be part of our lives; for his genuine affection, his wide variety of leadership and devotion to the Church both in his own country and world-wide, and his exemplary life dedicated to his family. The words of tribute, more appropriate than any, would be these words taken from the parable of the talents: "Well done, you good and faithful servant". My heartfelt sympathies to his wife, (Aunt) Vicky and to his children Vijaya and Prem together with their own families at this time of loss of one they undoubtedly adored. As for me, I will say, "Thank you, Sir. You made it possible for me."

**Rev. S. Manopavan**  
Australia

**Union College Prize Giving:**

The annual prize giving was held on Sunday the 22nd of October. Dr. S.N. Thanigasalampillai, Additional Director of Education was the chief guest at the function. Miss. Thangammah Appacutty was the guest of honour.



## A TRIBUTE TO DANIEL JEYARATNAM PAUL:

By Mrs. Ruby Ariaratnam

I am really honoured to be asked to say a few words of the life of the late D.J. Paul who was popularly known among his relatives and friends as Danny. Danny comes from an illustrious family of the Pauls, to name a few the late Prof. Milroy Paul who was Prof. of Surgery and Registrar of the Ceylon Medical Council and the late A.T.S. Paul who was a leading Thoracic Surgeon. There are 7 members in his family and he is the youngest among the boys. He was educated at Manipay Hindu College. Danny served in the Railways in Colombo till his retirement.

I first came to know Danny when he got married to my late husband's sister's daughter Baby. He is gentle and soft spoken by nature and a very loving and caring husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather. We know this because once when we came to visit him, he was upset and concerned because his daughter came home late from office. Another incident was he got so worried and was walking up and down the corridor because his grandson was late from school. He was a very content person and never complained about anything.

Just the day before his death he had a fall and the next evening after his daughter came home from work he talked with her and went to be with the Lord. We all miss him very much, and our only comfort and consolation is that he is safe in the Arms of Jesus.

### MAHATMA GANDHI AT UDUVIL GIRLS' COLLEGE:

Mahatma Gandhi came to Sri Lanka in 1927. He was in Jaffna in the month of November. On the 29th of November he visited the leading schools of Jaffna. The following is the text of the speech he gave to the students of Uduvil Girls' College. Miss. Lulu G. Bookwalter was the principal at that time.

"It has given me very great pleasure indeed to meet you this morning. I do not at all appreciate the idea of your little gifts which have come right from the bottom of your hearts having been merged in the general purse, but I am going to put the best construction possible upon the fact of your purse having been merged in the general purse; you being more modest than boys, do not want me to know that you had given anything at all, but having met thousands or tens of thousands of girls throughout India, it is difficult for girls nowadays to hide from me any good things that they may do.

Now there are some girls who do not mind even telling me the bad things that they do. Let me hope that of all these girls before me, there is not one single girl who does a bad thing. Not having the time to cross-examine you, I am not going to weary you with questions, but if there are any girls in our midst who do bad things I would fain let them know that if that is the case their education is useless.

Your parents do not send you to school to become dolls, on the contrary you are expected to become Sisters of Mercy. Do not make the mistake of thinking that only those may be called Sisters of Mercy who wear a particular dress. She becomes a Sister of Mercy immediately she thinks less of herself and more of those who are poorer and more unfortunate than herself, and you have done the work of Sisters of Mercy in giving your mite to the purse that has been presented to me, because that purse has been presented for those who are unfortunately poorer than yourselves.

To give a little bit of money is easy enough to do a little thing one's self is more difficult. If you really feel for the people for whom you are giving money, you must go a step further and wear khadi that these people manufacture. If when khadi is brought before you say 'Khadi is a bit coarse, we cannot wear it' then I know you have not the spirit of self sacrifice in you. It is such a very nice thing that here there is no distinction

between high class and low class, touchables and untouchables and if your hearts are also working in that direction, and you do not consider yourself superior to some other girls, it is a very good thing indeed.

May God bless you !

### Pregnant mother died during curfew hours:

Mrs. Mahaluxmy of Thirunelvely who gave birth to a child in the mid night at 12 O' clock, died at 4.30 a.m. due to absence of medical attention. She was admitted to the Teaching Hospital, Jaffna at 4.30 a.m. where she succumbed, since placenta was not removed at the correct time after delivery.

### யா/சாவகச்சேரி டிறிபேக் கல்லூரியின் 125 ம் ஆண்டு நிறைவு கல்விச்சுடர் ஏற்றும் கலங்கரை விளக்கு எம் அன்னை

இன்றைக்கு நூற்று இருபத்தைந்து வருடங்களுக்கு முன்னர் எமது நாட்டின் வடபிரதேசத்தில் தென்மராட்சி சாவகச்சேரியில் ஓர் அறிவுக்கூடம் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டது. அந்நாளைய சாவகச்சேரி மஜிஸ்திரேட் நீதிமன்ற நீதிபதி திரு ஜே.எஸ். டிறிபேக் அவர்கள் ரூபா ஐந்துநூறு அன்பளித்து இம்முயற்சிக்கு வித்திட்டார். பரோபகாரர்களின் அன்பளிப்பினாலும் அமெரிக்க மிஷன் ஊழியர்களின் ஒத்தாசையினாலும் பற்றை குழந்தை சாவகச்சேரி பிரதேசத்தில் 1875ம் வருடம் டிறிபேக் பாடசாலை ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டது. இப் பாடசாலையின் தலைமை ஆசானாக சாவகச்சேரி தென்னிந்திய திருச்சபை ஊழியன் வண. ரி.பி. ஹன்ற் பொறுப்பேற்றார்.

இப்பாடசாலையின் நிர்வாகத்தை அமெரிக்கன் மிஷனரிமார் பொறுப்பேற்றனர். இந் நிறுவனம் தென்மராட்சி மக்களின் கல்விக் கண்ணைத் திறக்க உதவிற்று. சாவகச்சேரி நாலா திக்கிலிருந்தும் மாணவர்கள் டிறிபேக் நோக்கித் திரண்டனர். ஆங்கில அறிவூட்டும் கல்விச்சாலைகளில் ஒன்றாகத் திகழ்ந்தது. நாளடைவில் பாடசாலை தரம் உயர்த்தப்பட்டு கல்லூரி அந்தஸ்தைப் பெற்றது. மாணவர்கள் ஆசிரியர்கள் தொகை அதிகரித்ததுடன் எஸ். எஸ். ஸி. (தற்போதய க.பொ.த. (சாதாரண) ) வகுப்புகள் நடத்த அரசு அனுமதியளித்தது. விஞ்ஞான பாடங்கள் கற்பிக்கப்பட்ட ஒரு சில பாடசாலைகளுள் டிறிபேக் ஒன்றாக அமைந்தது. பொதுப் பரீட்சைகளில் சிறந்த பெறுபெறுகளைப்பெற்று எமது கல்லூரி மாணவர்கள் அரசாங்க தனியார் துறைகளில் பொறுப்பான பதவிகளைப் பெற்று சமூக வாழ்வில் பெரும் பங்களிப்பை வழங்கினர். கல்வித் துறையில் மட்டுமல்லாது, கல்விசாரா நிகழ்வுகளிலும் மாணவர் திறம்பட விளங்கினர். கல்லூரி நிர்வாகம் மாணவர் உடல் உள விருத்தியில் கண்ணுங்கருத்துமாக இருந்தமையை பலரும் அறிவர். இடநெருக்கடி காரணமாக விளையாட்டு மைதானம் சில காலம் கல்லூரியிலிருந்து சிறு தொலைவிலுள்ள மகிழங்கேணி என்னும் பிரதேசத்தில் அமைந்திருந்தது. கல்லூரி ஸ்தாபகர் முன்னாள் அதிபர்களை நினைவுகூருகமாத் விளையாட்டுப் போட்டிகள் ஹன்ற் டிறிபேக் சின்னத்தம்பி ஏபிரகாம் எனப் பிரிக்கப்பட்டு நடைபெறுவது வழக்கம். டிறிபேக் கல்லூரியின் முதன்மைப் பாடசாலையாக விளங்கிய வட்டுக் கோட்டை யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரியில் டிறிபேக் மாணவர்கள் தமது உயர்நிலைப் படிப்பினை மேற்கொண்டு பட்டதாரிகளாகவும் தேறினர். சாவகச்சேரிக்கு தூர இடங்களிலுள்ள மாணவர்கள் நலன் கருதி பாடசாலையில் விடுதி வசதிகள் ஒழுங்கு செய்து கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. பாடசாலையின் வருடாந்த சஞ்சிகை 1940ம் வருடத்திலிருந்து வெளியாகிற்று.

டிறிபேக் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்ட காலத்திலிருந்து அமெரிக்கன் மிஷன் நிறுவனத்தினரால் நிர்வகிக்கப்பட்டு பின்னர் உதவி நன்கொடை பெறும் பாடசாலையாக யாழ் தென்னிந்திய திருச்சபை ஆதினத்தின் கீழ் நிர்வகிக்கப் பட்டது. இந்நிலை 1960ம் ஆண்டு வரை நிலைத்திருந்தது. 1960ம் வருடம் பதவியேற்ற அமரர் சிறீமாவோ அரசாங்கத்தினரால் கல்லூரி ஓர் அரசாங்க பாடசாலையாகப் பிரகடனப்படுத்தப்பட்டது. 1950ம் வருடம் கல்லூரியின் பவள விழா நினைவு மலர் வெளியீட்டுடன் சிறப்பாகக் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. 1960 களின் பிற பகுதியில் க. பொ. த. உயர்தர வகுப்புகள் நடத்துவதற்கான அனுமதி கல்விப் பகுதியினால் கல்லூரிக்கு வழங்கப்பட்டது. இதன் பலனாக மாணவர்கள் பல்கலைக் கழகம் சென்று பட்டதாரிப் படிப்பினை மேற்கொள்ள வாய்ப்பு ஏற்பட்டது.

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# Verses from Subramania Bharathi



கங்கை, குருவி போலும் ஐயாதி - நீள்  
கடல் மலைமேல்நெங்கும் காட்டும்  
நோக்குந் திசைமேலாம் நாமன்றி வேறில்லை;  
நோக்க நோக்கக் கவிமாய் உம்.

The crow and the sparrow are our clan;  
The ocean and the mountain are our kin.  
Whichever way turn our gaze  
We see none but ourselves;  
The more we gaze and gaze  
The more are we drunk with joy.

காதலினால் மனமுறங்கும் கவிமாயும் நாம்  
கவலையிலே மனமுறங்கும் கவலைநீரும்  
காதலினால் மனமுறங்கும் கவிதைமும் நாம்  
கவலையால் நாம் சிறிதறும் கலைகளுமாம் நாம்  
ஆதலினால் காதல் மெய்விட உவந்ததே  
அகதன்றோ இவ்வுலகத் தலைமை மின்மாம்  
காதலினால் சாகாமல் இருந்தல் கூடும்  
கவலைமேல் அகலாமே மனமாம் மெய்யாம்

Love leads to sexual congress;  
Coition relieves men of cares.  
Out of love are born for men  
Poetry, song, sculpture  
And all other fine arts.  
Hence men of the world,  
Make love without fail;  
That is supreme joy on earth.  
Love can make men immortal;  
When anxieties are at an end  
Death is overcome .....

தருமத்தின் வாழ்வைவர் குது கவ்வும்  
தருமமறு மடிவெல்லாம் அனுபவிப்பற்கை  
மருமத்தை நம்மாலே மூலகம் கற்கும்  
வாழ்ந்தோ விதிநிந்தர் மெய்கை மெய்தான்  
தருமத்தை மெய்மேலாம் கலையோம்; இன்று  
காட்டுவோம், பொறுத்திருப்போம்; காலம் மறும்  
தருமத்தை மட்டுமே வெல்லக் காலமோம்  
தனுஷ்வர்தி காலமே மதனோம் என்றான்.

"Dharma is often defeated by deceit,  
But dharma shall triumph in the end,  
We are instruments in the hands of fate,  
To illustrate that this is so.  
We shall know our duty by and by –  
Today we're bound, let's bear it with patience,  
Time must change, and dharma must triumph,  
and there's my mighty bow Gandiva !

## யா/சாவகச்சேரி டிறிபேக்.....

கல்லூரியில் பணியாற்றிய முதன்மை ஆசான்கள் :

1875	ம் வருடம் ஆரம்ப ஆசான் அமரர் வண. ரி.பி. ஹன்ற(ர்ரவெ)
1913	அமரர் வண. ஜெ.கெ. சின்னத்தம்பி (முகாமையாளர்)
1915	1931 அமரர் திரு இ. எஸ். ஏபிரகாம்
1931	1956 அமரர் திரு கெ. எஸ். சரவணமுத்து
1957	1964 திரு. எ. கெ. சபாபதிப்பிள்ளை
1964	1969 அமரர் திரு. ஜெ. வி. தம்பிநாயகம்
1969	1974 அமரர் திரு. எம். சபாநாயகம்
1975	அமரர் திரு. எஸ். சுவாமிநாத சர்மா
1975	1990 அமரர் திரு. கெ. பாலச்சந்திரன்
1991	1994 அமரர் திரு. கெ. சிவபாதசுந்தரம்
1994	இற்றைவரை திரு. எம். நாகேந்திரராசா

எமது கல்லூரியின் சின்னம் விளக்கு. கல்லூரி விளக்கைத் தாங்கி கல்வி ஒளியை பரப்பி நிற்கின்றது. மக்கள் மருள் நீக்கி அருள் வளங்க வேண்டுமென்ற உன்னது நோக்குடன் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டதே எமது அறிவுக்கூடம். கல்லூரியின் வளர்ச்சிக்காக தம்மை அர்ப்பணித்த சான்றோர் பலர். அதிபர்கள் ஆசிரியர்கள் முகாமையாளர்கள் கல்விமான்கள் கல்வி அதிகாரிகள் பழைய மாணவர்கள் பெற்றோர்கள் நலன்விரும்பிகள் மக்கள் பிரதிநிதிகள் என பலதிறத்தோர் எமது அன்னை டிறிபேக் வளர்ச்சிக்கு உறுதுணையாக நின்று செயலாற்றினர். இன்றும் செயலாற்றுகின்றனர். அவர்கள்தொண்டும் தியாகமும் தென்மராட்சியின் கல்வி வளர்ச்சிக்கு வியத்தகு பலனை அளித்தமை கண்கூடு. இந்த நாட்டிலும் உலகின் பல பகுதிகளிலும் எமது மாணவர்கள் வகிக்கும் பொறுப்பான பதவிகளால் கல்லூரியின் சிறப்பு துல்லியமாகத் துலங்குகின்றது.

இவ்வாண்டு எமது கல்லூரியின் 125<sup>ம்</sup> ஆண்டு நிறைவு விழாவினை சிறப்புறக் கொண்டாட அதிபர் ஆசிரியர்கள் மாணவர்கள் பெற்றோர்கள் பழைய மாணவர்கள் நலன்விரும்பிகள் பல அரிய திட்டங்களை வகுத்து செயற்பட்டனர். எனினும் அத்து நிறைவேறாமற் போனமை துர்ப்பாக்கிபமே. டிறிபேக் உருமாறிக் காட்சியளிப்பினும் தம் பிள்ளைகளின் வாழ்வையும் வளத்தையும் கண்ணுற்று நெஞ்சாரப் பூரிப்படைவாள் என்பது திண்ணம். டிறிபேக் அன்னை கல்லூரியுடன் தொடர்புடைய அனைவரினது நெஞ்சங்களிலும் நிறைந்து நிற்கின்றாள்.

கால ஓட்டத்தில் எவை மறக்கப்படும் கல்விச்சுடர் ஏற்றிய நிறுவனங்கள் மறக்கப்படுவதுமில்லை மறைக்கப்படுவதுமில்லை. 125<sup>ம்</sup> ஆண்டு காலத்தில் டிறிபேக் கல்லூரியுடன் தொடர்பு கொண்டு அதன் வளர்ச்சிக்காகப் பணியாற்றிய சகலரையும் நினைவிற் கொள்ளல் சாலப் பொருந்தும். டிறிபேக் அன்னை புதுப் பொலிவுடன் எதிர்வரும் காலங்களில் திகழ வேண்டுமென்ற உள்ளுவதெல்லாம் உயர்வுள்ள என்ற வள்ளுவரின் உயர் நோக்குடன் கல்லூரியின் 125<sup>ம்</sup> ஆண்டு நிறைவினை மனதார நினைவு கூர்வோமாக.

ஞானமே உருவம் டிறிபேக் கல்லூரியை

நாடிபே நாம் துதிப்போம்.

(கல்லூரிப் பாவின் தொடக்க அடிகள்)

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சென்றதின் மீளாது, முடிந்த  
வாயோதுத் சென்றதோ நினைத்தோ  
சென்றதற்கும் கவலைமேலும் குறிநீர் வீழ்ந்து  
குணமாதிர் ! சென்றதனை குறித்தல் வேண்டி  
இவ்றுபுதி தாம்பிறந்தோ மென்று நீயி  
எண்ணாமைத நினைவு முற இடைத்துக்கொண்டு  
நின்ற வினையாடி மீண்டும் நிகழ்ந்து வாழ்வீர்  
நோமையெல்லாம் அழிந்து போம் திரும்பிவாரா

The past will not return, O fools!  
Do not lose yourself in sorrow  
Of viperous memories of the past.  
No more talk of the past;  
Hold on to the faith  
We are born anew today!  
Live in happiness enjoying the world.  
What use if you'll not hear me  
But must repeat past follies?



## ENGLISH DAY AWARDS FOR UDUVIL

*Uduvil Girls' College received 30 certificates at the provincial level English Day Competitions conducted by the Provincial Department of Education, North East Province, this year. Six students secured 1st and 2nd places and are eligible to take part in ALL ISLAND COMPETITIONS to be held in Colombo this year. Students of all ages took part in the competitions. Uduvil's choice for the category of Senior Poetic Drama this year was "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare which was placed second. The performance was excellent and received loud applause. Well done Uduvil!*

With reference to the list of donors towards Bishop Jebanesan 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday endowment fund appeared in the earlier issue we make the following amendments. We regret the confusion caused by the typographical error.

### Workers Stipend Endowment Fund: JAFFNA COLLEGE

	Error	Correct Amt
1) A. Kumaravel	7025.00	7500.00
2) A. Jeyajothy Ganesan	4375.00	4500.00
3) S. Rajeswaran (Name error)	Rajeswaran	S. Rajasegaram
4) A.C. Frances	5475.00	5500.00
5) S. Noel Manimaran	4595.00	4600.00
6) T. Sivashanmugam (Name error)	Sivashanmugam	T. Sivashanmuganathan
7) N. Thatparanathan	400.00	2400.00
8) Mrs S. Kesavarajan	2500.00	2000.00
9) P. Arunthavarajah (Name error)	Arunthavarajah	P. Arunthavanathan
<b>Add:</b>		
10) C. Rajeswaran		1000.00

## Obituary:

### Jeyamalar Tharmapalan (Thangam)

We are sorry to record the death of Mrs. Jeyamalar Tharmapalan (Thangam) of Urumpirai which took place on Saturday the 28th October. She was the wife of Nalliah Tharmapalan and daughter of the late Sinnappah Ponnuthurai and Navamany Ponnuthurai of Urumpirai East. The funeral took place at her residence on Sunday the 29th October. The remains was then removed to Kopay cemetery for internment.

### Selvarajah Thurairajah:

The death occurred under tragic circumstances at Bandarawela Rehabilitation Camp of Mr. Selvarajah Thurairajah on Tuesday the 24th October. The funeral took place on the following day at Thammalai, Alaveddi West. The funeral was conducted by Rev. T.E. Ashokumar. Rev. A.S. Thevaganananthan preached the sermon.

### Vallipuram Samuel Alvapillai:

We are sorry to record the death of Mr. Vallipuram Samuel Alvapillai, retired school principal which took place on Saturday the 21st October. He was the husband of the late Mrs. Julia Sellammah retired teacher and father of Anandarajah (Australia) (former teacher Jaffna College Undergraduate Department), Chandraleela (Canada), Chandravathana (teacher Sacred Heart College), Ratnarajah (Australia) and Arulrajah (Australia). The funeral took place at his residence at Thunnalai West on Sunday the 22nd of October.

## Confirmation Service

Confirmation in Delft : - 7 young men and women were admitted into the full fellowship of the C.S.I. Church, Delft at a confirmation service held on 29th October 2000. The valedictory function of the vocational training centre of Delft took place on the following day in the CSI Church compound. All the leading citizens of Delft were present at the function

## Silent protest against the killing of Journalist

The Journalists Association of Jaffna organised a silent protest against the killing of their member Mr. M. Nimalarajan which took place on the 20th October. Journalists, leading members of the Jaffna community and members of the clergy including the Bishops participated in the silent protest. They carried placards denouncing the murder and stood in the bus stand for two hours. The bus stand was heavily guarded by the police and the army.

## Tom Hunt leaves Chavakachcheri

Mr. Tom Hunt son of Eliza Bates Hunt and grandson of the Rev. T.P. Hunt, left Chavakachcheri after the fighting in April 2000. He had taken residence at Manipay. Mr. Tom Hunt (JUNIOR) arrived in Jaffna in October, with plans to take his father to Canada. The Hunts are planning to leave for Colombo on the 5th of November by ICRC Ship. It will be of interest to our readers that the Rev. T.P. Hunt was the builder of Chavakachcheri parish and Tom Hunt (97) was the last of the Hunts to leave Chavakachcheri.

## Remembering Eric Stephens.....

There are two types of sounds which we hear from the Uduvil Church bell: one is the piercing peal of a merry vibrato which announces happy occasions in the church and the other is a dull, deep, mournful thud which announces the death of its members.

I said that the Stephens were an inextricable part of Uduvil – and that is why even after many years of Eric's departure from the village, the church bell with its sad resonance told the people of Uduvil last Thursday, that Eric was no more in this world.

No more in this world but still with us ..... With Regina, Leoni, Christo, Ivor, Wimalanthy, Sathy and Felix I would like to share an extract from a poem by someone who knew death was close at hand:

"Death is nothing at all.

I have only slipped away into the next room.....

.....There is unbroken continuity.

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am waiting for you for an interval,

Somewhere very near,

Just round the corner.

ALL IS WELL."

Yes..... All is well. "Thanks be to God"

Shiranee Mills