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CLOUD AND DARKNESS ENFOLD HIM  
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE  
ARE THE FOUNDATION HIS THRONE  
THE LORD IS KING LET THE EARTH BE GLAD  
LET COASTS AND ISLANDS ALL REJOICE.

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Vaddukoddai at eventide  
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## HE RETIRES



Mr. A. Rajasingham, B. Sc. (Special) (Cey.), Dip. Ed. (Cey.)

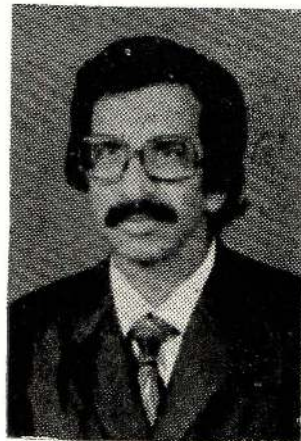
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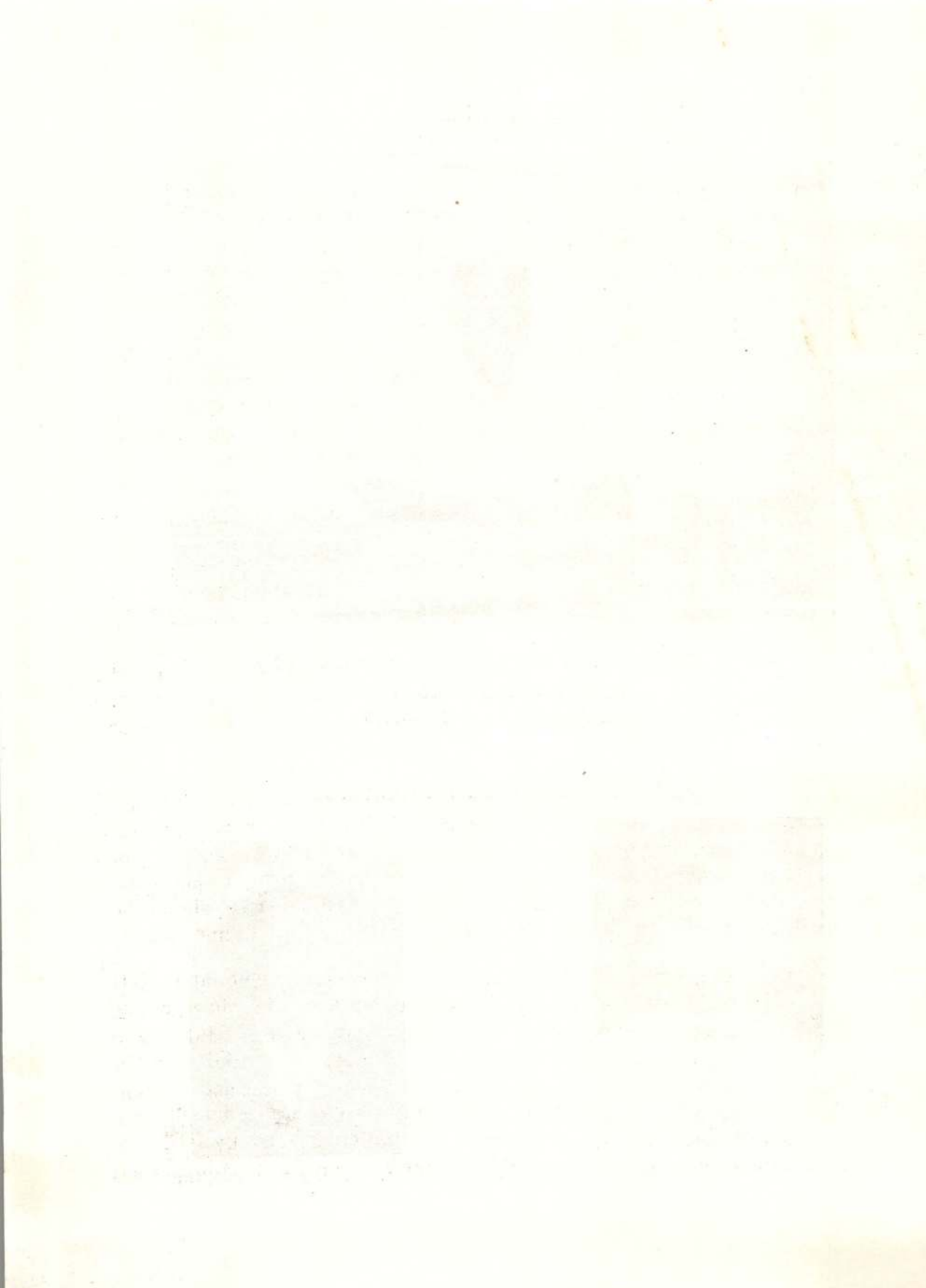
## OUR NEW CO-VICE PRINCIPALS



Dr. S. Sebanesan



Mr. W. D. Kulathungam





## Editorial Notes

The developments in the recent past in Sri Lanka and particularly in the Jaffna peninsula are most disturbing to all concerned about education, morality, human rights and above all the future of the country as an undivided nation. The situation is perilous and fraught with dangers of incalculable magnitude. It is indeed most alarming to ponder as to what is going to happen. Those living here in this peninsula have been living amidst despair and agony but we sustained ourselves with the hope that soon things might turn out for the better. Yet, till we go to Press, there is no development that could inspire our confidence in this direction. We as educators and as followers of the teachings of Lord Jesus hold human lives to be sacred. It is our duty to emphasise the sanctity of human lives. All our efforts through our educational and religious agencies are directed towards the upliftment of humanity. Those under our instruction and care have to be sustained. If their lives cannot be preserved and if they cannot live as members of their families at their homes our schools and Churches would automatically cease to function. It is no exaggeration to say that we are on the brink of such a disaster. So our prayers and our earnest appeal to all concerned in this land is that immediate steps should be taken to prevent any further losses of lives and it is our fervent hope that our appeal will not fall on deaf ears.

The Government and other political associations are under an obligation to the people. They are duty bound to protect people, particularly non-combatants under their care and concern. In the present circumstances cessation of hostilities should be accorded utmost priority and the problems affecting the Tamil people should be sorted out without any further delay and within a limited time frame.

People attending to their day to day vocations should be left unmolested and should be provided with protection. As educationists our prime concern is about schools, students and teachers. Education in the peninsula has been adversely affected. A substantial number of schools where the school community is entirely dislodged remain closed. Still another large number of schools are occupied by refugees driven out of their homes, villages, in hundreds day by day. In such a situation, is it humanly possible to speak of educational

standards and services? Any talk of morality and discipline in schools under these conditions has no relevance. Those schools that continue to function are handicapped in numerous ways as every member of the community is deeply affected in one or more ways on account of the present impasse. Our achievements in the field of education and scholarship gained through a tradition of 175 years and which was the principal cause of our advancement have been frittered away in a couple of years of conflict.

Our places of worship are no longer immune to predatory acts. All those dealing with instruments of violence and carrying them on duty or on belief should desist from entering the sacred precincts of worship. Let there be a deep concern for life, justice and the cause of humanity and it is our hope that there will be serious reflections by all concerned along these lines.

### **In Memoriam**

#### **Dr. M. H. Harrison**

Rev. Dr. Max Hunter Harrison who passed away on the 20th of February, 1986 was associated with our institution for a period of 12 years as a Missionary and Teacher. It was during this period that he went on furlough and obtained his Ph. D. degree from the University of Harvard. He terminated his services at Jaffna College and went to India to join the staff of the United Theological College in Bangalore of which he became Principal later. During his career at Jaffna College he created a deep impression both as a man and as a teacher. Even after he left he had a deep concern for the welfare of the College and its community and this was demonstrated by his frequent visits. He is still fondly remembered with affection by the generation of students who were receiving instruction from him in Latin. We publish here an article on him by one of his old students.

#### **Mr. R. J. Thurairajah**

Mr. R. J. Thurairajah joined the staff of Jaffna College as a young man in 1934. He became the Physical Director after a brief interlude during which Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam held the post subsequent to the departure of Mr. C. W. Phelps. Mr. Thurairajah held this position with such success that the College made spectacular progress in athletics & sports. His fine presence and amiable ways could hardly

be forgotten. He was certainly an asset to the School community. We deeply mourn his passing away on the 5th April, 1986.

### **Mr. J. S. Sinnappah**

Until relatively recent times the Principal's Office had only a meagre clerical assistance. Older generation among us will have reminiscences of Mr. S. S. Sanders and the younger generation would well remember Mr. J. S. Sinnappah. Although they were not professionally trained for their jobs they were eminently successful on account of their loyalty to the institution, dedication to work, perseverance and public relations. Mr. J. S. Sinnappah who served for a long period as an Office clerk ended up as the Bursar. He was a modest, simple, pious and kind hearted man who commanded respect from teachers and students alike. He died on the 26th December 1986.

### **Retirement**

#### **Mr. A. Rajasingam, Vice-Principal**

Mr. A. Rajasingam served at Jaffna College for a long period of 33 years. He taught Mathematics with such distinction and ability that most of his students were eminently successful in public examinations. He has been the Vice-Principal of Jaffna College for 18 years. He always emphasised that the primary objective of the College should be in the direction of academic excellence. We thank him for his services and wish him a contented retired life.

### **Our New Co-Vice-Principals**

The Board of Directors of Jaffna College at their annual meeting in February, 1986 appointed Mr. S. Sebanesan and Mr. W. T. Kulathungam as Co-Vice-Principals of the College. Both of them had been closely associated with Jaffna College and the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India for a long time. Mr. W. T. Kulathungam had his entire education at Jaffna College the staff of which he joined in 1960. He has been teaching Science, particularly, Botany to A/L classes. He is a Science graduate of the London University and obtained the Diploma in Education from the University of Ceylon in 1974. Art and aesthetics had been his other concerns. Elegance and etiquette in school functions in recent years were largely the results of his efforts. Mr. S. Sebanesan joined the staff of Jaffna College in 1969 after teaching at St. Anthony's College, Kandy for 6 years. Besides his Arts degree of the Ceylon Uni-

versity and the Diploma in Education, he has the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the University of Serampore and Master of Arts degrees from the Universities of Peradeniya & Madurai and the Ph. D. degree of the University of Jaffna. He has been teaching Economics, Social Studies, Tamil and Christianity. He is a member of the Executive committee of the J. D., C. S. I. and the C. S. I. Synod Theological Commission. He also serves as visiting lecturer in Theology at the University of Jaffna and the Institute for Lay Training & Evangelism-Maruthanadam.

### **The Library**

The books which were removed from our Library to the University of Jaffna in 1974 have been returned almost entirely. We wish to place on record our grateful thanks to Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Kulandran and Prof. S. Vithiananthan, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jaffna for their efforts in this matter.

### **Evelyn Rutnam Institute**

The Evelyn Rutnam Institute for Inter Cultural Studies, Univesity Lane Thirunelvely established in memory of the late Evelyn Rutnam by her husband Dr. James T. Rutnam and children has been vested with Jaffna College by the founders. There is a large collection of books, papers and manuscripts relating to the history and politics in Sri Lanka in its library. We have not merely a first class director in the person of Dr. S. Pathmanathan, Professor of History in the University of Jaffna, but also a first class librarian to be in charge of the books.

### **Board of Directors**

Dr. D. C. Ambalavanar who served as Secretary of the Board of Directors left for U. K. in December, 1986 to pursue post graduate studies in medicine. He had a deep concern for all matters affecting the institutions of the Mission and discharged his responsibility with an unrivalled sense of duty, courage and vision. We are deeply indebted to him for the services he rendered to our institution. Miss C. V. Selliah, Principal of Uduvil Girls' College was elected to his place. She is an old girl of Jaffna College and the daughter of one of its eminent Principals, Mr. K. A. Selliah. and we hope that she will take a very keen interest in the affairs of the College.

# JAFFNA COLLEGE

## PRIZE GIVING — 1986

### CHIEF GUESTS

**C. V. Wigneswaran Esq., B. A. (Lond.), LL. B. (Cey.)**  
(*District Judge, Mallakam*)

AND

**Mrs. Indirakumari Wigneswaran**

### PROGRAMME

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|------------------------|--|
| Chairman :             | — Principal  |
| Hymn :                 | — The Hymn for Ceylon                              |
| Prayer :               | — Rev. Sam Thampoe                                 |
| Welcome :              | — Primary School                                   |
|                        | — Mas. W. Mathitharan<br>(Junior Secondary School) |
| The Principal's Report | — A. Kadirgamar Esq.                               |
| Action Song            | — Junior Secondary School                          |
| Address :              | — C. V. Wigneswaran Esq.                           |
| Narration :            | — Senior Secondary School                          |
| Prize Distribution :   | — Mrs. Indrakumari Wigneswaran                     |
| Vote of thanks:        | — Mas. J. Aron<br>(President, School Council)      |
|                        | S. Thevananther Esq.                               |
|                        | College Song.                                      |

# Prize Giving—1986

## PRAYER

Almighty and ever loving God, we adore thee, we glorify thee. We come to you with praise and thanks for all the blessings you have given to us over the past years. Eternal Spirit, thou has through many generations and by many bountiful servants blessed this College, and helped us to maintain the noble traditions, that have been handed down to us by them.

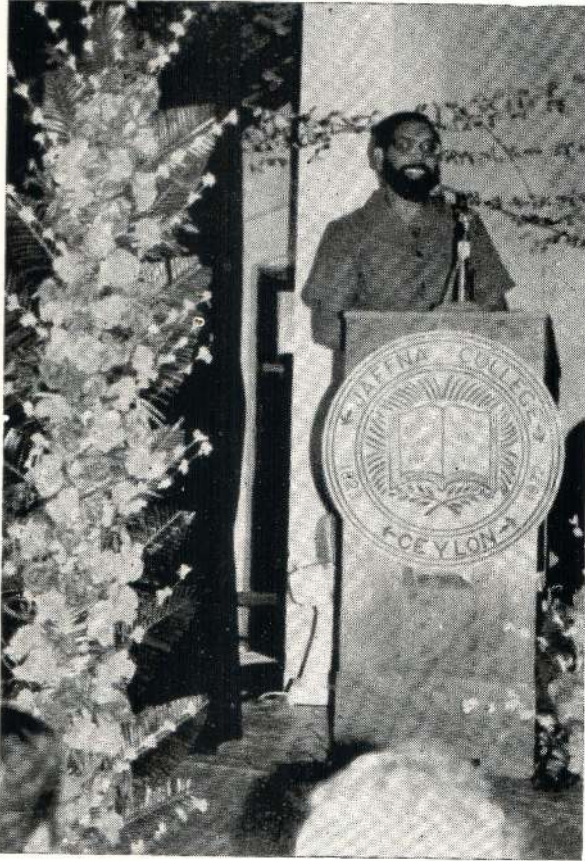
Loving God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we beseech thee to bestow thy blessing on our School, give to all who work here the true love of knowledge, which makes all study a discovery and a joy. May the spirit of loyalty and devotion bind us all, more closely together, that we may labour not for our own advantage, but for the common good. May thy wisdom guide and prosper our work and games, that we may grow in the love of all that is true and honest and of good report. And when we go out into the world, may we carry with us the ideal and the power of service, which thou dost give us in thy son Jesus Christ.

O God, most wise and faithful redeemer, who has permitted us to come into this present critical period in Sri Lanka, grant that we may learn obedience by the things that we suffer, and turn to thee, our Helper in the time of distress. May there be no bitterness in our sorrow, no despair in our submission, and no doubt of thee in our perplexity. Teach us to face our trials and tribulations bravely, make even the dark things of life to work together for good; and bring us speedily out of our distress. We earnestly implore thee to bring a workable solution to end this ethnic strife. Almighty God who alone givest wisdom and understanding, inspire, we pray thee, the minds of all to whom thou has committed the responsibility of government and leadership in this country (Sri Lanka) Give to them the Vision of truth and justice that by their counsels all communities may work together in true brotherhood and unity.

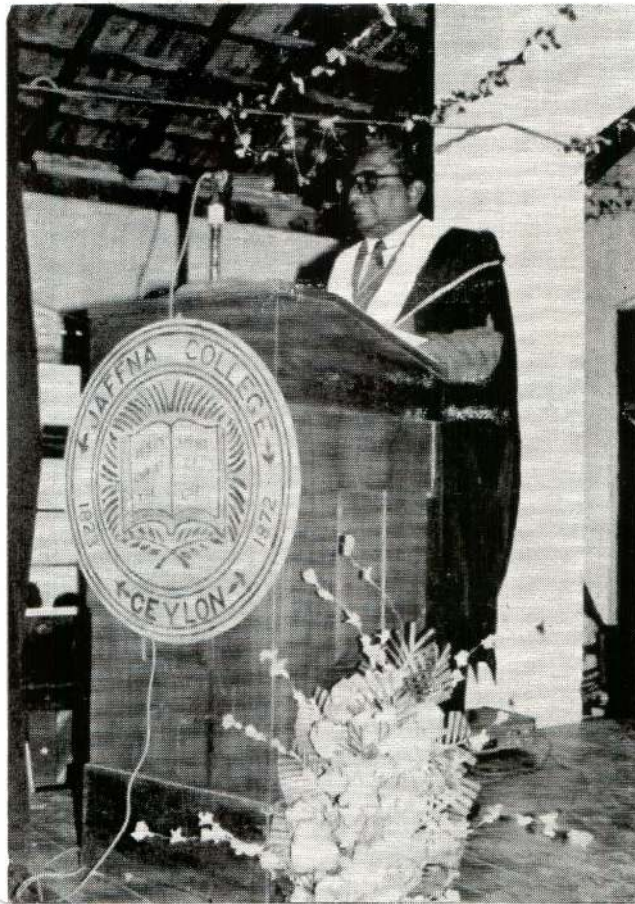
Lord, be our guide and spirit as we enter into the proceedings of this function and all the activities of the day. We uphold all the students, and teachers, the Principal of the College and the Alumni. We congratulate and rejoice with the prize-winners for their splendid performance. We commend to thee the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees for their guidance and diligence

**Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us  
that in thy light we may see light  
the light of thy grace to-day  
the light of glory hereafter  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

PRIZE GIVING — 1986



The Chief Guest Mr. C. V. Vigneswaran delivers  
the Prize Day address.



The Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar reading the Annual Report.



A section of those seated on the stage.



## Principal's Report — 1986

**Mr. & Mrs. Wigneswaran, our Bishops, Chairman and members of the Board of Directors, Parents, Alumni and Friends :**

We at Jaffna College welcome you once more to this our most important function of the year. We appreciate the encouragement you have always given us and we thank you for your kind presence here this morning.

Mr. & Mrs. Wigneswaran, we extend to you a special word of welcome on this your first visit to the College. We have seen you as parents in our dear, old sister school Uduvil on several occasions and have enjoyed your pleasant company.

Mr. Wigneswaran, your splendid accomplishments as a student at Royal College stand out significantly. You own some of the most prestigious awards for your academic achievements in Religion, Tamil Literature, Tamil Oratory, European History and Geography. You led some of the best debating teams at Royal in English and Tamil. Further you were a Prefect, an Assistant Librarian and Reader in the Library and Editor of the Royal College Magazine. You participated actively in almost all the cultural, literary and social organisations at Royal College holding posts of great responsibility. These brilliant achievements in the premier institution of the country set the pace for your successful career in the legal profession.

You continued your oratorical and debating skills at the Law College winning the Gold Medal for Tamil Oratory

and being a finalist in English Oratory and served as the President of the Law Students' Union. You also passed your law examinations with flying colours obtaining the Proctor's and Advocates Certificates from the Law College, the Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Ceylon and the B. A. from the London University. You then took to lecturing at the Law College and attended many conferences and seminars here and abroad in the interests of your profession. You took to editing legal documents and serve now as Editor of the Newsletter of the Judicial Service Association. You are also well known for the keen interest you take in legal education and also in Religious and Philosophical Associations, specially the Congress of Religions and the Theosophical Society. You joined the Judicial service in 1979 and served as District Judge and Magistrate in Batticaloa, Chavakachcheri and now serve as District Judge and Magistrate at Mallakam.

We look upon you as one who has deep and versatile interests in matters of religion, culture and education. It has been customary for us to invite chief guests who were very closely associated with us as friends or former students and their remarks about us were therefore always somewhat partial. But today we have in you a learned and most impartial judge. You have seen us only from some detached distance though your judgements may have been somewhat swayed by our former students now legal luminaries in your courts! Honoured Sir, we await your studied verdict on us with trepidation.

Mrs. Indrakumari Wigneswaran nee Gunarataam hails from Urumpirai and in her own right is an educator, being an Associate of the Montessori International and a Diploma Holder in Home Economics from the illustrious Lady Irvin College, New Delhi. As a student of Ladies College, Colombo you excelled in sports specially Badminton and also captained the Table Tennis team of the college. Thank you very much for consenting to distribute the prizes at this function today.

To both of you Mr. & Mrs. Wigneswaran we say a hearty thank you.

#### **In Memoriam :**

The well known and beloved missionary the Rev. Dr. Max Hunter Harrison passed away in Boston, U. S. A. on the 20th February, 1986 at the age of ninety-one after a long and fruitful life of service. He came to Jaffna College in 1919 and served for a period of ten years during which time he also served briefly as acting Principal. He later went to South India and spent most of his missionary years as the Principal of the United Theological College, Bangalore. He was married to Minnie Hastings, and hence was part of a great missionary family associated with the American Ceylon Mission from its very inception and he continued to take a very keen and abiding interest in the affairs of the college to the very end. He administered the Hastings Scholarships through the Board of Trustees of Jaffna College funds in USA and hundreds of students in Ceylon and India benefitted through this fund to continue their higher education. Dr. Harrison besides being a dedicated

missionary was also an erudite scholar, musician, teacher and theologian. His place now on the Board of Trustees is taken by his son Dr. Robert Harrison who we know will continue the family tradition very faithfully. We remember Dr. Harrison with much gratitude and praise.

Robert John Thurairajah passed away on the 5th April, 1986 at Chavakachcheri. He entered Jaffna College as a student in 1919 and was appointed to the staff by John Bicknell in 1934 and succeeded Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam as the Physical Director in 1935 which post he held till his retirement in 1969 and served the college faithfully for thirty-five years. He held almost all the important posts available to an assistant teacher in the college and was fortunate that he had some of the best sportsmen in the country during his tenure of office—sportsmen who put him and the college on the map of Ceylon and even the British Empire. He was very much a part of the Bicknell field and pavillion and his portrait was unveiled in the Pavillion this term. While keeping the colours of the college flying he was also a pillar of the Church and served for sixteen years as the Treasurer of the Worker's Pension Fund of the Jaffna Diocese of the C. S. I. We remember him with much gratitude.

#### **Staff :**

There are sixty members on the academic staff—44 in the Secondary School and 16 in the Primary School. There are eleven members on the non-academic staff. Of the 60 on the academic staff 38 are graduates with 19 holding trained or post-graduate qualifications

and of the others 16 are trained or specialist teachers and 7 teachers have Advanced Level qualifications. There are 15 Jubilarians on the present staff with some of them having served for more than thirty years. Of the 60 members on the academic staff 35 are men and 25 women.

We welcome the following new teachers and other members to the staff of the college.

Mr. S. Rajasegaram with G. A. Q. qualifications; Mr. V. E. Jeyaseelan with A/L qualifications; Miss K. Rajendra with sports qualifications to the Primary School; Mr. E. S. Selvarajah, B. Sc. (Sri Lanka), Mr. A. C. Rajkumar, B. A. (Sri Lanka), Mr. T. Kaneshamoorthy with A/L qualifications; Mr. P. Marianayagam with Agricultural training and Miss U. E. Gunaratnam with A/L qualifications to the Senior School.

Messrs. K. Thangarajah and N. A. Vimalendren returned to us with the Diploma in Education qualifications from the University of Jaffna. Mr. Vimalendran obtained a merit pass. Mr. G. Rajanayagam returned to us with the M. A. in Christian Education obtained from the Princeton Theological Seminary in U. S. A. We expect a worthwhile contribution from our new teachers and from those who have returned to us with postgraduate qualifications and experience. Our Congratulations to the teachers who have obtained higher qualifications.

Mrs. I. Jeyakumar and Mr. K. Sathasivam are on study leave to qualify for diploma in Education at the University of Jaffna. Mr. S. Mohanarajah

who is on study leave at the University of Jaffna will be completing his Special degree in Mathematics during the course of this year.

The following teachers left us during the course of the year: Mrs. I. C. Patrick, who served us for a period of two years had to leave Jaffna for personal reasons; Mrs. M. P. Devakumar who served us for a period of seven years left us to join her husband in the Maldives; Mrs. L. Jegatheesan who served us for a period of four years left us to join her husband abroad; Mr. J. David resigned his post to continue his postgraduate education in Japan; Mr. S. Subramaniam the carpentry teacher and Mr. N. S. Ratnasingham, the librarian left us after their periods of contract were over; Mr. L. B. Thambyrajah, the accountant resigned to take up a job in the Maldives. I want to place on record my thanks to all these teachers and others for their services and loyalty to the college. We wish them well in their new spheres of work.

Mr. R. Kanagaratnam retired from the teaching service and has been appointed Librarian on a contract of three years.

Mr. A. Rajasingam our Vice-Principal retired in May this year after serving the college for a continuous period of thirty-three years. He was an old student of the college and began teaching here first in the undergraduate department and then decided to join the school department permanently. As a teacher of Mathematics he was par excellence. Hundreds of students benefit-

ted by his expert teaching. As an assistant teacher he filled in several responsible posts in the college and was also deeply involved in the work of the Northern Province Teachers Association, particularly its examination branch. He managed with much acceptance the Staff Thrift and Benovelent funds. He was appointed Vice-Principal in 1968 and served for a period of eighteen years. The Vice-Principal's post was created at Jaffna College at the beginning of this century by the Rev. John Bicknell to accommodate the great scholar and teacher, J. V. Chelliah. Ever since, this post at Jaffna College had a distinction of its own and M. Rajasingam held that post the longest in our history with much skill and ability. Besides his school work he served the Diocese as treasurer and as chairman and secretary of the Medical Board. With the wide experience gained in the Diocese he now takes over as its Administrative Officer. He is still very closely associated with us. We want to thank him for his solid contribution to the life of the college as a teacher, vice-principal and friend. I also want to express my gratitude to Mrs. Rajasingam and children for all the enthusiastic support given to the affairs of Jaffna College. The staff and students expressed their sentiments at very colourful farewell functions organised by the School Council and the Round Table.

I want to welcome our two new Co-vice-principals, Messrs. W. D. Kulatungam and S. Jebanesan. Both are old students of this college and have occupied very responsible posts in the academic, social, cultural and religious life of the college.

Mr. Kulatungam had his entire education at Jaffna College culminating in the B. Sc (Lond.) and he obtained the Diploma in Education from the University of Ceylon. He is one of the most senior science teachers of the college and teaches Botany and Geography at the Advanced Level stage. He was a senior warden, a house master, teacher in charge of the A/L science Field Work, was President of the Round Table and Secretary of the Cathedral Church, Vaddukoddai. We depend very much on him for all the tasteful decorations and aesthetic displays at church and school functions and we wish him well in his new role.

Mr. Jebanesan on obtaining his B. A. degree from the University of Ceylon taught for a short time at St. Anthony's College, Kandy and has been here for eighteen years and is also the head of the department of Tamil. Besides his basic Arts degree he has the Diploma in Education, the Bachelor of Divinity from the University of Serampore and Master of Arts degree from the University of Jaffna and Madurai. He is Secretary of the Cathedral Church, Vaddukoddai, and a member of the C. S. I. Synod Theological Commission. He has now submitted his doctoral thesis to the University of Jaffna. He is very well known as a teacher, author, research scholar, orator, preacher and theologian. He has contributed a great deal to the academic quality of the institution through his energetic efforts. He is also the very able editor of the college Miscellany. He is certainly a great asset to the college and to the wider academic and religious community

in Jaffna. We look forward to an even greater contribution from him now.

#### **On Roll :**

We have on roll now 1253 students of which 454 are in the Primary School, 799 in the Senior School with ten students in the London O/L and A/L classes. This is the optimum number for the facilities that we have in the college at present-referring particularly to the staff and classroom space. There is a tremendous pressure for admission at the moment and I am doing whatever possible to help those in real need.

#### **Admission :**

200 new students were admitted this year - 95 to the Secondary School and 105 to the Primary School.

#### **English Medium Classes :**

We still continue the English medium classes helping students to take their Ordinary Level and Advanced Level examinations conducted by the Associated Examining Board and the London University. We maintain a minimum of about ten students in these classes and the dwindling in numbers is due to the adverse conditions preventing students from outside Jaffna coming to us now. The numbers will go up when conditions for travel improve.

#### **Examination Results :**

G. C. E. Advanced Level - August, 1985 Examination :

Fifty sat for the examination, 18 passed in four subjects and eight passed

in three subjects. Fifteen qualified for the University admissions and obtained their initial forms and finally six were admitted to the University—Medicine - 1; Agriculture Science - 3 & Physical Science-2. The total number, that sat the examination was unusually low for obvious reasons.

The number has now stabilised itself to its normal number and 95 sat the Advanced Level examination in August, 1986.

G. C. E. Ordinary Level - December 1985 Examination :

135 sat for the examination and 123 passed in five or more subjects with 85 qualifying for the Advanced Level classes.

You will notice that we maintain a high level of competence at examinations which enables almost all our students to continue in some useful study or training when they leave School with the all-round education they receive here, when they leave school.

#### **Curriculum :**

We have set up our Computer Science Laboratory on the first floor of the Administration Block. It is air-conditioned and spacious. Courses are included in the time-table for Advanced Level students. Courses are also provided for other students and school leavers after school hours. My thanks to Mr. M. G. Pillainayagam, Director, Technical Institute for all the help rendered in setting up the laboratory.

We have introduced classes for the National Certificate in English for students who want an additional qualification in English. Four students were successful in English. Four students were successful in the Part I examination.

### SPORTS ACTIVITIES :

#### Cricket :

The First XI Cricket team was led by J. G. Jesurajah. Due to the tense situation that prevailed in Jaffna we could play only three inter-collegiate matches of which we won one, drew one and lost the other. The two-day Big Match with St. Patrick's college did not take place while a limited over match with St. Patrick's college was initiated and we won the match. I want to thank the Rector of St. Patrick's college for so magnanimously offering a challenge trophy in the personal name of the Principal of Jaffna College. This gesture stands out as a very unique one and is the result of almost a century of friendship of the highest order between St. Patrick's College and Jaffna College. It was my privilege to be very closely associated with three Rectors of St. Patrick's - Rev. Fr. Mathuranayagam Rev. Fr. Francis and now Rev. Fr. Francis Joseph. We hope we can maintain this spirit for many more centuries.

The Under 17 team was captained by T. Huxley and all four matches played ended in a draw and hence the team remained unbeaten.

The Under 15 team captained by G. Luxmananarayanan played four matches of which it drew one and lost the others.

The first and third teams were coached by Mr. M. D. Thambyrajah and the second team by Mr. A. Jeyarajan.

#### Track & Field Sports :

The Annual Primary School Inter-House Athletic Meet was held on the 16th July under the distinguished patronage of Mr. C. B. Bavinck, former supervisor of the Junior School and a missionary. Abraham House emerged champions with 381 points.

At the Senior Inter-House Athletic Meet, Mr. S. R. Kanaganayagam, an alumnus and Superintending Engineer, Jaffna and Mrs. Kanaganayagam were the chief guests. Hastings House emerged champions with 736 points and the following new records were established at the meet :-

J. G. JESURAJAH - Senior Boys - 1500 M.  
— 4 min. 29. 8 sec.

R. SOTHILINGAM-Under 16 Boys-100 M.  
— 12. 4 sec.

200 M. - 15. 6 sec.

400 M. - 57. 8 sec.

The dual meet this year was conducted with St. John's College. We fared very well in track events. R. Sothilingam did exceptionally well in 100-metres, 200 metres and long jump events in the Under 16 group. We could not conduct the Cross Country Festival this year.

Mr. T. Anandaratnam, the physical director was the athletic coach.

My thanks are due to all the House masters, Mistresses, and the house captains.

## THE SCHOOL COUNCIL — 1986



**Seated (L.—R.):** Mr. T. Anandaratnam (Faculty Advisor), S. Dushiyanti, J. Aron, The Principal, G. Gunathilagan (President), Miss M. S. Elias, P. Benjamin, S. Augustine, S. Vijaya.

**Middle Row (L.—R.):** S. Mathini, S. Komala, S. Suntharavathany, V. Malini, S. Vijayakumar, K. Panchaseelan, J. Anton Rajakariar, P. Sayanthakumar, M. Dayalini, T. Shirela, K. Nirmala.

**First Row (L.—R.):** Noble Surendran, E. J. T. Sugirthanathan, M. Baskaran, R. Kulasingham, T. Mathitharan, K. Tharmendran.

## THE COLLEGE CRICKET TEAM — 1986



**Seated (L.—R.):** Mr. T. Nithyaratnam (Coach), G. J. Jesurajah (Capt.),  
The Principal, S. Augustine (Vice Capt.),  
Mr. T. Anandaratnam (Physical Director).

**Standing (L.—R.):** S. Noble Surendran, S. Jeyaranjan, N. Nithyarajan,  
J. Anton Rajakariar, R. Kulasingham, S. Vijayakumar,  
S. Thavaniruban, R. Muresh, P. Sayanthakumar,  
T. Jesura, T. Harichandran.

## THE FOOTBALL TEAM — 1986



**Seated (L. — R.):** Mr. T. Anandaratnam (Physical Director), V. Pathmathaneswaran. (Vice-Captain), G. J. Jesurajah, The Principal, J. Aron (Capt.), S. Augustine, Mr. T. Nithyaratnam (Coach).

**Standing (L.—R.):** S. Jeyaranjan, T. Jesura, P. Sayanthakumar, M. Ramesh,  
R. Walton Kulendran, G. Selvarajah, S. Sureshkumar,  
S. Kanagasuntharam, P. Thevananthan.

**Seated on Ground :** T. Harichandran, S. Kalamohan.



### **Hockey :**

The Hockey team captained by J. Ranjan could not play the usual inter-school matches and the only other Hockey playing institution St. John's College had to curtail its tournaments due to the bereavement in the college. However, our teams took part in the tournament conducted by the Ministry of Sports, and annexed the championship. Mr. T. Anandaratnam served as the coach.

### **Soccer :**

The first team led by J. G. Jesurajah played four inter-collegiate matches and they won one, drew one and lost the others. The Under 15 team captained by G. Luxmananarayanan played four matches and won two and lost two.

The first team was coached by Mr. M. D. Thambirajah, the second team by Mr. T. Nithiaratnam and the third team by Mr. A. Jeyarajan.

### **Netball :**

The netball teams were active during the course of the year and participated in all the tournaments. The first team was captained by S. Suntharavathany; the Under 17 team by G. Bavani and the third team by S. D. Subothini. The teams reached the quarter and semi-final stages in the tournaments organised by the department. The first team was coached by Miss S. S. Selvadurai; the second team by Miss S. P. Gulasingam and third team by Miss B. Anton.

### **Badminton:**

The team played matches with the University of Jaffna and the Jaffna

College Technical Institute. In the matches with the Technical Institute we won three and lost one. Mr. V. Selvaratnam was the coach.

### **Basketball :**

The Basketball team has been revived under the captaincy of R. Muresh and played two friendly matches. The Under 17 team captained by R. Jeevanathan played only one match. Mr. V. Selvaratnam coached the teams.

### **Tennis :**

The Student Tennis Club is now well established and it has its own office-bearers with R. Muresh as its president and tournaments were held. Mr. N. A. Vimalendran is the master-in-charge.

### **Table Tennis :**

There is a great deal of enthusiasm in Table Tennis and many students are able to participate with Mr. V. Selvaratnam as the coach.

### **Gymnasium :**

With the enthusiasm and direction of Mr. M. D. Thambirajah, initial equipment for the gymnasium was obtained. A large number of boys participate enthusiastically in this physical culture. In my observation abroad of schools and Y. M. C. A. s I find that the modern gymnasium is playing a vital part in physical fitness. It is my hope that in the near future we could have a fully equipped modern gymnasium.

I want to thank the Physical Director Mr. T. Anandaratnam, the Sports Committee and all the coaches and house teachers for all their efforts.

The Bicknell field is now slightly extended with an additional piece of land purchased from the neighbourhood. You will notice that all the sports facilities have been used to the maximum, and we continue to give top priority in our time and energy to sports.

#### **Religious Activities :**

Our religious activities continue to take pride of place in the school programme. Morning chapel services are conducted daily. Teachers and students are given sufficient opportunities to organise and participate in worship programmes. The Student Christian Movement continues to meet every Tuesday morning and the SCM also helped to raise money for the Refugee fund. The Sunday vesper services in the Cathedral Church were conducted both in Tamil and English and the Staff chapel services take place on Wednesdays. The Christian boarders have a fellowship of their own. A beautiful little chapel has been set up in the Bunker Hall.

The Y. M. C. A. finally celebrated its centenary two years behind schedule in February this year. The Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar was the preacher at the service of thanksgiving. A public meeting was held in the Ottley Hall where greetings were brought by other associations ; special songs and narrations were performed and the celebrations wound up with a fellowship lunch in the Bunker Hall which was very well attended. The whole day had an air of festivity and accomplishment, and brought back nostalgic memories to the older members present.

Mr. G. Rajanayagam resumed duties as Head of the Religious Work department and with the help of Mr. & Mrs. S Jebanesan, Mr. G. Nadarajah, Mrs. J. Ratnasabapathy, Misses S, P. Gulasingam, J. J. Thanabalasingam and Miss E. P. Kadirgamar has carried out the religious work programmes of the college very effectively.

#### **Choirs :**

The Tamil and English choirs and the orchestra have been further strengthened. The western music programmes are also being conducted efficiently and a larger number of students are taking an active interest in western music now.

I am happy to announce that Mrs. Rane Chinnappa (FTCL), a former old student of ours and a very keen musician and teacher of music has offered to build up our western music unit with books, and other equipments. She has already made her initial contribution of books and a permanent endowment for prizes to promote and encourage competitions in instrumental music in the three age groups—juniors, inters and seniors. These prizes will be in memory of her parents, Dr. & Dr. (Mrs.) Doray. We want to thank her and Professor Chinnappa for the encouragement given to western music in the school.

#### **Literary Associations :**

The Lyceum, Forum, Brotherhood, Commerce Union and the Academy have been meeting regularly. The annual socials of the literary associations have taken place and it has been a time of fellowship not only for the members of the associations, but also for the other

## James Rutnam's Worthy Gift to Jaffna-College



Dr. James T. Rutnam transfers the Evelyn Rutnam Institute to Jaffna College (Standing L. to R.) Principal, S. Wijeyanayagam, Dr. W. D. Joshua Milroy Selvarajah (seated) Rev. J. J. Ratnarajah, Dr. James Rutnam (back to camera), Attorney Sivanantham and Leslie Bartlett.

At a very impressive and deeply touching ceremony at Guildford Crescent in Colombo on Monday the 11th of August 1986, Dr. James T. Rutnam handed over to Mr. A. Kadirgamar the Principal of Jaffna College the legal documents endowing all the property-lands buildings, books, furniture and equipment composing the Evelyn Rutnam Institute for Inter-Cultural studies at Tinnevely Jaffna assessed at over two million Rupees. It is the most generous and magni-

ficent gift any single person and family has endowed with Jaffna College in its entire history to almost two centuries.

In receiving this gift Mr. Kadirgamar recalled in historic perspective the strong bonds of relationship Dr. Rutnam and his forebears had with the American Ceylon Mission from its very inception in 1816.

Mr. Kadirgamar while thanking Mr. Rutnam profusely for this generous gift

pledged that the Board of Directors of Jaffna College will treasure and honour the purpose of the institute. Mr. Kadirgamar also expressed his gratitude to the attorney at law and notary public Mr. Sivananthan for all the legal services so efficiently executed and so generously given to the College. The Principal also thanked Mr. Leslie Bartlett a Director of the College for all the services in enabling the legal procedures go through with facility.

Rev. J. J. Ratnarajah began the proceedings with prayer, Dr. W. D. Joshua and Mr. Milroy Selvarajah both Directors of the College and Mr. K. Wijeyanayagam, a senior member of the Colombo Alumni Association were also present.

Dr. James Rutnam who was visibly moved while responding to the words

of the Principal said that this was the crowning event of his long, eventful and happy life and exclaimed that it was only a token of his gratitude to all that the American Ceylon Mission contributed to his family and land. He also recollected that he was happy to associate himself with Mr. Kadirgamar, the Principal who also had a common heritage along with his forebears in the American Ceylon Mission with Dr. Daniel Poor's work in Madurai in the early nineteenth century. Dr. Rutnam also said that with this final gift all his earthly possessions were now given away to a very noble cause.

The brief but significant and historic ceremony came to a close with a hearty toast to the success and progress of the Evelyn Rutnam Institute.



## DR. M. H. HARRISONS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR MISCELLANY

1. Christmas — December 1929
2. From A Travellers Note Book Jan 1920
3. The genius of the Roman People June 1926
4. Higher Education in America Mar. 1921
5. Impressions of Education in the Philippines May 1919
6. A Modern American Theologian Aug. 1938
7. A modern American Theologian Dec. 1938
8. The Mysticism of the Upanishads Dec. 1929
9. Religion and Drama in India Dec. 1941
10. The Significance of Christmas Dec 1932
11. Two Recent Books on Rig Veda Sep. 1925
12. Relation of the Ceylon Student to Indian Culture June 1924

students and members of the staff. The Academy which had given up its annual dinners was able to conduct its social function with a lunch. Our former students Dr. & Dr. (Mrs.) A. R. Ganeshamoorthy were the chief guests at the lunch. The Tamil Manrum carried out all its usual activities including its publications.

Many of our students obtained first places in oratory and essay competitions organised by the department of Education and other organisations.

My thanks are due to the staff advisers, Messrs T. Anandaratham, S. Jebanesan, N. Thatparanathan, G. Rajanayagam, S. J. Manickam, K. Thangarajah and Mrs. S. Kesavarajan.

#### Miscellany :

The publication of the Miscellany continues efficiently. We have several good reviews of the Miscellany of 1985 which also had a special supplement on Allen Abraham and the Halley's Comet. The Editor, Mr. S. Jebanesan and Manager Mr. A. Jeyarajan deserve our thanks for a splendid piece of work.

#### Young Idea :

The student journal of the college, the 'Young Idea' has been published regularly. Since the students have their own journal we have not been including student articles in the Miscellany, though from time to time we have selected the better articles for the Miscellany. My thanks are due to the staff advisers, Miss S. S. Selvadurai, Mr. S. Jebanesan, the English Editors S. Anusha and S. P. Krishanthan, the Tamil editor W. Wimalan and the Manager J. G. Jesurajah.

#### Daniel Poor Library :

There are 36,958 books in the library at present. Mr. N. S. Ratnasingam the librarian left us at the end of 1985 and Mr. R. Kanagaratnam has been appointed now as the new librarian; Miss S. Benjamin continues as the assistant librarian. The reclassification and cataloguing of the books are continuing and we hope to complete it soon.

The college library is always a source of pride to us. We are happy to announce that Dr. James Rutnam and his family have gifted the Evelyn Rutnam Institute for Inter-Cultural Studies at Thirunelvely to Jaffna College.

The Board of Directors of Jaffna College will now administer the institute and will carry out its purposes. It is certainly the most generous gift that Jaffna College has received from any one family. While handing over the deeds to the Principal Dr. Rutnam exclaimed that this event was the crowning event of his long and eventful life and that it was a token of his gratitude to what the American Ceylon Mission contributed to his family and country. Our profuse thanks to Dr. Rutnam and children. To the lawyers - Sivananthan Associates we remain grateful for all the notarial services rendered so efficiently and generously to execute the deeds. My thanks are due to Mr. K. Gunaratnam for helping me with the transactions.

We now have several libraries associated with Jaffna College, namely the Daniel Poor Library, the Technical Institute Library and the Evelyn Rutnam Institute. In school we are also developing

the Primary School libraries. We are never tired of emphasising that the essence of the institution is the resources available in the library. We hope that the interest taken in building up the libraries will continue to bear fruit in creating minds that would take to reading, writing and research of an excellent order. It may be relevant to mention that the Encyclopaedia Britannica has included information written by three of our former students S. Arasaratnam on the History of Sri Lanka Prof. George Thambyahpillai the Geography of Sri Lanka and Prof. K. Kularatnam on the Geology of Sri Lanka. Two of these professors were my contemporaries and I can bear witness to the many hours they spent in the Library as students.

#### **Scouts :**

The Scouts continue to be very active with the inspiration given by the scout masters, Messrs A. Jeyarajan and K. S. Thissairasa. The Guides and Little Friends have had their activities as well.

#### **School Council :**

The School Council as usual conducted all its functions with Mas. G. J. Gunathilagan as the President. The School Council now has a larger role to play in student activity. The students helped to raise Rs. 33,000/- by their own efforts to help the refugees in Jaffna. Rs. 20,000/- of this collection was handed to the T. R. R. O. (Tamil Refugee Rehabilitation Organisation). The balance Rs 13,000/- will be administered by the students through the School Council for students in distress. Though this is comparatively a small sum we hope the students will learn to administer this fund efficiently.

Mr. T. Anandaratnam continues as the staff adviser. The farewell functions to Mr. W. N. Thevakadadcham and Mr. A. Rajasingam were very well organised.

#### **Hostels :**

We have an average of hundred students in the hostels, and they all continue to perform well in studies and sports. At the Boarders Day celebrations we had Mr. W. N. Thevakadadcham as the chief guest. There have been a few changes in the administration of the hostels. Mr. N. A. Vimalendran was appointed warden of the Bunker Hall and Mr. G. Rajanayagam as warden of the Chelliah Hostel. I wish to thank Mr. W. D. Kulatungam, the senior warden for the many years of service and he now along with the Co-Vice Principal Mr. S. Jebanesan takes charge of all the hostellers. I also want to thank Mr. M. D. Thambirajah for serving as warden of the Chelliah Hostel for a brief period. My thanks are due to all the wardens, sub-wardens, the librarian and the library monitors, Mr. V. Ganesaratnam for catering and Mr. R. Rajaratnam for security arrangements.

#### **Guest House :**

The guest house has been completed and two rooms are available now for guests. My thanks are due to Mr. A. C. Canagarajah the acting chairman of the Board and Mr. M. G. Pillainayagam, the Director of the Technical-Institute for all the help rendered in accomplishing the task of the construction of the buildings.

### **Christian Childrens Fund of Canada :**

The Christian Childrens Fund of Canada helps us to provide scholarships for several deserving children. Mr. N. A. Vimalendran continues to administer this fund for the college. My thanks are due to Mrs. M. S. Cassiere, and Mr. G. Jeyasingham for helping with the accounts. Mr. Peter Harris, the director in Canada remains very helpful though he is not able to visit Jaffna as in the past. We hope the funds could be enhanced so that we could help a larger number of students.

### **Hastings Fund :**

The Hastings fund administered by the Board of Trustees and our own scholarship funds from our permanent endowments help us to provide more aid and scholarships to students here and in India. With the help of those and other funds more than 20% of our students are on Scholarships.

### **Kilinochchi Project :**

We are still not in a position to proceed with this project though we have property acquired for the purpose. In the meantime the Board of Directors has requested the Bishop of the Diocese to take charge of the property till such time we are able to establish our own institutions there.

### **Junior Secondary School :**

The students in the Junior Secondary School elect their own councillors and these councillors are incorporated into the Senior School Council. The students performed very well at the English

Day competitions. The Tamil programmes were also effectively performed. The Lyceum is the senior most literary association of the Middle School and it is continuing its role as a very useful literary association with a long history behind it. My thanks are due to the supervisor, Miss M. S. Elias for all the activities organised for the Junior Secondary School.

### **Primary School:**

The Primary School has its own school council and the little children also learn the art of leadership and responsibility. The English Day, Inter-House Athletic meet were all carried out very colourfully. Six students appeared for the Navodaya scholarship examination and four students were successful, they are namely: S. Rajasekaran, M. Thivaharan, W. Thayatharan, and S. Shanthini. A farewell function was held for the acting supervisor, Mr. W. N. Thevakadacham. The Primary school also conducted a special Christmas programme at the end of the term. My thanks are due to Mrs. L. B. Thambyrajah for the organisation of a number of colourful and interesting activities for the Primary School.

### **Welfare Association:**

I wish to thank the out-going Welfare Officer, Mr. N. S. Ratnasingam and welcome Mr. R. Kanagaratnam as the new welfare officer. With the help of the welfare assistant, Mr. S. C. Karunendran the association has been able to collect the budgetted sums from parents and well-wishers.

### **Donations to Prize Funds and Scholarships :**

We are deeply indebted to alumni and friends who continue to contribute liberally to the Prize and Scholarship Funds. Since my last report several more have contributed sums of Rs. 1,000/ and over and they have been recorded in the programme sheet and in the 1985 Miscellany. However, I repeat in this report only contributions of Rs. 3,000/- and over. Mrs. J. S Sanders Rs. 3,000/- in memory of her husband Mr. J. A. R. Sanders; Prof. Chandran and Mrs. Rance Chinnappa and children an initial contribution of Rs. 3000/- in memory of their parents Dr. & Dr. (Mrs.) A. B. C. Doray; the Selliah children an initial contribution of Rs. 5,000/- in memory of their father Mr. K. A. Selliah; Mr. & Mrs. R. Wijeyasekaran Rs. 10,000/- in memory of their father Dr. S. W. C. Ratnesar; Mr. Leslie Bartlett Rs. 10,000/- in memory of his parents Mr. & Mrs. T. Bartlett and Dr. R. R. Selvendran an endowment of Rs. 10,000/- towards prizes. There are several more making inquiries as to how best they could enhance these funds. Due to the considerable decrease in the interests on investments we have to raise the minimum contribution towards a permanent endowment towards memorial and prize funds to Rs. 2,000/- as from 1986. Those of you who would like to enhance your earlier capital investments to this sum please do so. My target of reaching at least a million rupees on this fund is now taking shape. However, we now have a more ambitious project to build up, namely the K. A. Selliah Memorial Foundation to be invested with the Trustees in U. S. A. Our target

is US \$ 100,000-. This certainly is not too much for the alumni of Jaffna College, now scattered throughout the whole inhabited earth. Alumni, friends and well-wishers are requested to keep in touch with me regarding this fund. I want to express my gratitude to all donors for the great and abiding interest they are taking in building up these funds for a worthy and noble cause. It is also a tangible way of expressing the love and affection they have for our alma mater. My thanks are due to Mr. A. I. Sinniah and Mr. G. Jeyasingham for all the efforts taken to record these prizes and scholarships in a more systematic way. We hope to complete this work soon.

### **The Alumni Associations :**

During the course of the month of September more than 600 alumni have met in London, Colombo and Vaddukoddai. The Association in London which was initiated on a big scale in 1984 has now developed into a very large and well organised unit. They met on the 13th of September and had four hundred dinner tickets ready anticipating a participation of well over three hundred judging from the response they had in 1985. Information received subsequently says 350 attended the dinner. The Colombo Association met for the Annual General meeting on the 6th September after a lapse of three years. There were more than hundred for the dinner which followed. The parent association met on the 17th of September for the Annual General Meeting winding up with a fellowship lunch with an attendance also over hundred.



With so many meetings in the name of the college in various parts of the world, the sentiments expressed in the college song remain ever so relevant: "Wher'er we roam, our College Home, we'll ever hold most dear..... Our loyalty shall be the same wher'er our lot be cast..... When'er we gather, while we live our filial love renew." The demonstration of such love and loyalty encourages us here very much and we remain grateful.

The "Old Golds" sports teams of the parent association is growing from strength to strength and have participated in many sports tournaments this year. This is also an encouragement to the sports team in the school.

#### **Board of Directors :**

The chairman, Mr. J. M. Sabaratnam goes on sabbatical and I want to thank him for the conscientious and devoted services rendered to the affairs of the college. He remains one of the senior most directors of the college and also served as manager for a short period. He now serves as Chairman of the Jaffna College Technical & Agricultural Institute Council and in that capacity continues to associate himself with several matters connected with the college and we depend very much on his advice and counsel.

Mr. S. S. Selvadurai our treasurer goes on sabbatical. I want to thank him for the several years of service to the Board in this capacity. He also served for a period as secretary of the Board.

We welcome Mr. S. Rajanayagam as the new chairman and he has held

this post for several years earlier. Dr. Dayalan Ambalavanar who served as secretary has resigned as he is going abroad for further studies. We welcome Mr. W. N. S. Samuel as the new treasurer and manager of the college. He is also now the Director of the Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society. With his experience as a Principal of Hartley College and Vice-President of the Methodist Church he will have much to contribute. Mr. M. R. Selvarajah returns to the Board after his sabbatical.

I want to thank the chairman, the members of the Executive Committee and all the members of the Board for another year of counsel, and guidance in all the affairs of the college.

#### **Board of Trustees :**

The Rev. Dr. Telfer Mook continues to be chairman and with Rev. Eric Gass as Secretary and Mr. Richard Edmunds as the treasurer. Rev. Gass and Mr. C. B. Bavinck attempted to visit us but could not get to us from Colombo. Some of us were able to meet them in Colombo.

We are happy to welcome into the Board of Trustees Professor John Bicknell Jr., Mrs. Caldly Shire and Mrs Laurie Cobb. We remain grateful to the trustees for the efficient stewardship of funds and more for their warm friendship and guidance. There is a possibility of a team from the Board of Directors visiting the trustees for a special meeting during the course of this year. The trustees have met almost all our needs with great sympathy and understanding.

**Jaffna College Technical and Agricultural Institutes :**

It is my duty to record here that the Technical and Agricultural institutes are progressing from strength to strength and are expanding very rapidly meeting a very relevant need in this part of the country. I want to congratulate Mr. M. G. Pillainayagam, the Director of the Institute and Mr. C. Jeyaratnam the Principal of the farm for their very energetic and successful administration of the respective institutes.

**Concluding Remarks:**

It has become customary, almost compulsive for us to wail and lament over our present predicament as Tamil people in Sri Lanka today. The temptation therefore, is to descend into a morbid state of utter helplessness, self-pity and despair. It is true that our appeals and complaints have fallen on deaf ears and on hearts that neither feel nor understand. Such a state of affairs is not new in human history. When the great leader Moses, chosen of God went before Pharaoh to liberate the people of Israel from bondage and suffering, Pharaoh only hardened his heart and he continued to do so with much relish and greater intensity as the quest for relief became stronger. As a result the sufferings of the people too became more intolerable. In such a confrontation of the oppressed with the oppressor, the woes of the oppressed become worse and the agonising cries of the people louder and louder. Contemporary history reflects similar situations in several parts of the world. And yet the Lord God

heard the cries of the people of Israel and rescued them in His own good time. We are reminded in such times that we should have the patient endurance and faith of Job. In the depths of human helplessness there is always God "keeping watch above His own", whoever the oppressed may be. If our sufferings are genuine and true then we can and should expect the presence of God with us. The protective and comforting presence of God through "the valley of the shadow of death" was to many of us an inspiring verse in the 23rd Psalm, but today it is a daily testament of solid faith. It has become so much a part of the reality of our present day existence. Let us praise God, that beyond the temporalities of our human existence and problems, there are also the eternal verities of life by which we continue to live and move and have our being. In the words of Martin Luther, "the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still."

Let us therefore continue the task of education in all earnestness with chastened faith in God. It is God who is the ultimate educator, the source of all goodness, wisdom, knowledge and truth and it is He who works through the human media in education. Humanly speaking we still have our libraries and laboratories, our classrooms and playgrounds, our televisions, videos and tapes, and our religious, sports, social, cultural and literary activities. We still have our places of worship. We certainly sympathise with those who have lost some of these

facilities in the North and East. We have to work out how best we could share our resources to overcome such tragic losses. However, we still have an older generation perpetuating its best to the oncoming generation. Our ancients had only the guru and the sishya or student-disciple and the open air of an ashram. Let us remember that no new generation ever entirely educated itself. The best in education and culture was handed down faithfully by one generation to another. There was always in education the tradition of the teacher and the student. The resources of the human person in body, mind and spirit are still there in great abundance in our midst. It means we have to take each other more seriously—the parent and the child, the teacher and the student, the master and the servant, the pastor and his congregation and the friend and friend. We have to take more seriously the fact that we are a community of educators in our institutions and in all our areas of influence. It is in this milieu that effective communication, teaching and learning take place.

I pause here to elaborate a little on this point from personal experience. Some of us became victims of World War II at a very impressionable age and our formal education became paralysed under enemy occupation in a foreign land. Regular, disciplined schooling became a problem. Our contact with the outside world too became almost impossible for four and a half years. But thank God, we had an enlightened older generation of parents, teachers and friends who were meeting to read and to discuss matters in depth day after day,

evening after evening. We younger ones just eaves-dropped on them. They were discussing men and matters and events of contemporary relevance ; Hitler, Mussolini, Tojo on one side and Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin on the other including B—24 bombers, V—2 rockets and the atomic bomb ; they were discussing the men in the Indian Independence struggle, Gandhi, Nehru, Patel, Andrews, Tagore, Rajagopalachari, Sarojini Naidu, Subhas Chandra Bose ; and on religion they were talking of Sadhu Sundar Singh, Vivekananda, Kagawa, Schweitzer, Stanley Jones, Harry Emerson, Fosdick, Leslie Weatherhead and so on. One of the men very active in these discussions a young teacher later became a scholar and author and was recently conferred a doctorate by the Jaffna University, namely S. Durai Raja Singham of Malayasia. Those of us who listened to these men just talk and discuss among themselves were being educated in a way no classroom teaching would have succeeded. We went for the books they were discussing and we got involved in something very worthwhile when we could not do anything better. When the time came for us to settle down to more systematic work, we were fairly well and better equipped than many others to continue the process of education here at Jaffna College. Those of us who have lived in the shadow of Bishop Kulandran in this village for three or four decades acknowledge with gratitude the wealth of education we have been subjected to. This Prize-Giving is the first time in my living memory associated with these functions that Bishop Kulandran is not present, but we know he is very much with us in spirit at the moment. Dr.

James Rutnam with his books and manuscripts is another splendid example. I think I have made my point. This in brief is what I mean by "taking seriously the community of educators today in Jaffna whether they are conscious of it or not to many fields of interests: viz: Theology and Religion, Tamil studies, Mathematics, Technology, Commerce, Accountancy, Agriculture, Music, Drama, Art, Sociology, History, Economics, Politics and Medicine.

Let us therefore, be up and doing. Let us continue the task of education in this spirit with dedication, courage and hope harnessing all the facilities we still have with us in men and materials.

Jaffna College with its Study Institute, Technical and Agricultural Institutes and libraries is making a genuine effort in this direction. In this respect quoting from Professor Sivathamby's prized address last year, "Jaffna College has always been more than a college." We accept that observation with a sense of

responsibility and purpose. We will endeavour to continue that service to education in as wide a sense as possible.

**Thanks :**

I want to place on record my sincere thanks to all the members of the staff—academic, clerical, minor and to the students for all the enthusiasm, co-operation and loyalty shown in making education here a thing of beauty in most trying times. We have much to be grateful for.

A special word of thanks to the Vice-principal Mr. A. Rajasingam; the supervisors of the Junior and Primary Schools, Miss M. S. Elias and Mrs. L. B. Thambyrajah and to the very closely knit office staff led by Mr. G. Jeyasingham the chief clerk cum accountant. Special word of thanks to my secretary Mrs. A. Vimalendran for her tireless and efficient commitment to work.

May God accept the efforts of our minds, hearts and hands. To Him be all praise and honour.



*O Lord, Perfect, we beseech Thee, the faith of us who believe, and sow the good seed of faith in their hearts who as yet lack it; that we all may look steadfastly unto Thee, and run with patience the race that is set before us. Give us grace to show our faith by our works; teach us to walk by faith, having respect unto the promises: which of Thy mercy make good to us in Thine own good time, O our most Gracious Lord God and Saviour.*

Christina G. Rossetti, 1830—95

# Synopsis Of the Address

by

C. V. Wigneswaran Esqr.  
(District Judge, Mallakam)

I am no old boy of this College. I am a product of Royal College, a College on the same longitude as yours though not of the same latitude! I thank you for the honour accorded to me.

It is often the lament of an older generation that the later generation has changed in standards and norms. The lack of awe and respect for persons and positions in recent times has something to do with the democratization of knowledge, so to say, liberalisation of the means of obtaining knowledge in recent times and the consequent rationalisation in the thinking process of modern man.

World has come a long way from the society of the primitive man to whom might was right. In ancient times, the man of brawn and physical prowess was the leader of his group. He had the best of venison, women and wine. He had a right to kill anyone in his group who did not conform to his views. Then society slowly changed. The nomadic tribes acquired a sense of stability when they settled down in the river valleys and banks of rivers. The leaders desired to vouchsafe the continuance of power and influence in the hands of those close to them. This was the start of kingship. This was the start of aristocracy. Society divided itself into the king and his men, as opposed to the Commoners. A conclave of close co-ordinates with the king as their head formed the Aristocracy. They had control over all knowledge—

knowledge of statecraft, knowledge of arms, knowledge of anything and everything. They zealously guarded their knowledge from the Commoners. This Pattern of life went on for centuries. A change came over in the 15th century—the period of Renaissance set in—and ushered in what is called the Modern Age. The invention of the printing press and the gun powder and a change in the view of men that world was not flat but spherical, contributed to the dawn of the modern era. Voyages of discoveries were undertaken. The age of Colonialism began. There was movement from one side of the world to the other side in a hitherto immobile society. Colonialism brought in its wake the Age of Industrialisation. Thousands of men and women huddled together often in unhygienic conditions around industrial estates contributed to conflicts between management and labour class. Trade Unionism grew. Philosophies such as that of Karl Marx were born.

We then come over to the 20th Century when the first half of this century saw two world wars. Countries which have had no communication between each other for centuries were forced to be involved in these world wars. Societies existing hitherto exclusively and separate now found themselves coming closer together and sometimes fighting each other.

After the 2nd world war within a space of 40—50 years the world has seen a stupendous change. The technologi-

cal advancement of modern times is amazing. We have set foot on the moon. We could communicate with anyone in any part of the world in no time. Your Principal told me the other day that it took 8 months for a message from Boston to reach Jaffna College in the early days, 100 years ago, and another 8 months for the reply to go. But now 8 minutes is too much, to contact Boston by telephone. We could see anyone in any part of the world through the T. V.; Radios, Computers, Electronic Gadgets and such things have changed life completely today. Most of all this has been the co-mingling of various races, communities and groups Blacks marrying Whites, Browns marrying the Yellows, Yellows marrying Whites and so on, have given over to the world new offsprings. Water tight compartments have given way to easy communications among societies and nations. The Principal referred to your Alumni being in all parts of the inhabited earth. This is true. Racial and linguistic barriers have been transgressed and there has been much mobility in recent times.

All this has contributed to knowledge, which until recently was kept secretively and exclusively in the hands of a few, being made freely available to anyone. You could now walk into any bookshop and buy a book on any subject—whether it be on bombs or bombers—and read it and understand it if you have the wherewithal. The free and unfettered availability and use of knowledge has contributed to the denudation so to say of the mystery and sanctity, awe and respect that used to be attached to persons and positions.

This has been a logical consequence to what has preceded in history.

Another pattern is visible. Karl Marx's view of History is called Dialectical materialism. He found that there was a conflict between two opposing forces, the thesis and the antithesis which resolved later by the forming of a new force Synthesis. Synthesis there after became the thesis and society had been accordingly moving. This pattern seems to be visible in the field of Politics, Economics, Religion and one would say in any social field. The conflict basically has been between the haves and the have nots; the exploiters and the exploited; the oppressors and the oppressed so to say. That is, when one set of people desire to have wealth, power and influence in any field for themselves they try to have it exclusively and those affected by it naturally oppose it. Some are not disturbed by such exclusiveness, but with the growth of knowledge reaction to such exclusiveness is natural. So we see this conflict between the Haves and the Have nots throughout history. Even the Reformation within the Church started by Martin Luther was a reaction to the influence of the church. No person or group of persons could hold on to any power, wealth or influence exclusively without attracting opposition from those affected by such exclusiveness. Here again, the more knowledge the victims acquire or get, the conflict becomes more pronounced. So when there is centralization there is agitation for devolution. Those in the peripherals become the victims and they complain of discrimination. The more exclusive the unit of influence it has to

support itself tightly, and Rightly. Once opposition sets in to such a tight organisation, conflict becomes more and more pronounced until some form of synthesis takes place. When viewed from this perspective, wherever such conflicts became visible the awe and respect for conservative offices and personalities naturally got denuded.

This is the type of society in which we live. Every student of Jaffna College might ask "What I am to do in this state of affairs?" On one side the greater coming together of nations and societies, on the other the conflict between the "Haves and the Have nots." I would commit to you the phrase in your emblem—"Jesus Christ the light of life" You may wonder why a man born to Hindu parents should say so. Jesus Christ to me is not just a historical personality. He is the symbol of a higher consciousness. The Buddhists may refer to Buddha Consciousness, the Hindus to Krishna Consciousness and the Muslims to Allah Consciousness. But they all refer to one divine consciousness. Christ does not belong to the Christians alone. The Rev. Sirs on this platform will forgive me for saying so. Christ belongs to the whole of humanity. Buddha belongs to the whole of mankind. So does Krishna or the Prophet or for that matter any saint or sage who ever lived. They all had a glimpse of the divine consciousness. It illumined their lives. It directed their lives. Once you are illumined by this light of life your steps are measured your path is correct whatever other mortals may have to say. Your own conscience is the conduit pipe between this consciousness and Yourself. If there is a straight line between your

thoughts, your words and your action you help this light to illumine you through your conscience. If there is crookedness or a curving in these three—your thought, word and action—the progress of the light is affected. After all light travels in straight lines! So, truthfulness is essential to be illumined by the light of life. In ancient Greece every youth was expected to speak the truth, learn to use the bow and arrow and learn to ride a horse. Someone here might say every youth today should speak the truth, learn to use a gun and ride a bicycle. Someone else might say speak the truth, learn to handle a computer and ride a tractor. Whichever it may be, to speak the truth is constant. That was essential in ancient Greece, it is essential today and it would be essential tomorrow.

None could advise you as to how to act properly in any given circumstance. Each of us act according to our conditionings, our background and our knowledge. And since our conditionings and backgrounds and knowledge are different, we each would submit a different solution to every problem. But essentially there is only one solution. That is the solution in keeping with Nature of God. Any other would bring forth conflict and calamity. That solution is prompted to each one of you by your conscience. The kingdom of heaven is within you. "Where is the this kingdom of heaven? It is within you—That is the light of life!

May that Christ Consciousness lead every one of you men and women nurtured and being nurtured within the the hallowed precincts of this educational institution to light and Joy.

**I Thank You**

# Prize List—1985

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### INTEGRATED SUBJECTS

#### Year I

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| 1. Dinesh Jeyakumaran          | 10. Parthiepan Nithiyanandan   |
| 2. Sathceskumar Thavachelvam   | 11. Sivasutha Ragunathan       |
| 3. Senthooran Sivasubramaniam  | 12. Mayurathy Pathmapanthan    |
| 4. Jegan Jeganathan            | 13. Verni Paranthaman          |
| 5. Srikanth Pannirselvam       | 14. Vamini Vigneswaran         |
| 6. Jeyachandran Manikasingam   | 15. Yarlini Satkunananthasothy |
| 7. Meryl Niranjan Thurairatnam | 16. Tharshika Thampithurai     |
| 8. Edmund Hillery Rajakumar    | 17. Abiramy Ramanathan         |
| 9. Nishanker Kunasingkam       | 18. Meera Mahendran            |
|                                | 19. Subajini Saravanapavan.    |

#### Year II

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| 1. Baheerathan Ramachandran  | 7. Dilani Jeyakumaran          |
| 2. Shankar Suntharalingam    | 8. Rathai Kanagendram          |
| 3. Jeyarajan Jegatheeswaran  | 9. Sathialogini Sathiamoorthy  |
| 4. Pirashanth Shanmuganathan | 10. Dilanthy Sharvini Ganeshan |
| 5. Sharmila Thurairajah      | 11. Tanuja Balachandran        |
| 6. Sutharsana Mahendran      | 12. Chithralekha Thavaselvam   |

#### Year III

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| 1. Rabindranath Thirunavukarasu | 7. Kavitha Subramaniam                 |
| 2. Chivakugan Arasakulasingam   | 8. Shirani Ratnam                      |
| 3. Gajan Sakthithasan           | 9. Sivatharshanee Sivaneswaram         |
| 4. Suthersan Selvarajah         | 10. Nanthini Velliampalam              |
| 5. Sujeev Mahendran             | 11. Dushyanthy Meenadchisundarampillai |
| 6. Suhanya Naganathar           | 12. Krishanthy Subramaniam             |



Year IV

1. Rajani Mahendran	General Proficiency	
	(Grace Satkunam Ratnesar Memorial Prize)	
	Tamil	1st Prize
	Env. Studies	1st Prize
	Tamil Writing	1st Prize
	Tamil Spelling	1st Prize
	Hinduism	2nd Prize
Maths	2nd Prize	
English	3rd Prize	
2. Jananthan Sivasubramaniam	General Proficiency	
	(E. C. Lockwood Memorial Prize)	
	Maths	
	Hinduism	1st Prize
	English	1st Prize
	Tamil Spelling	2nd Prize
	English Writing	2nd Prize
Tamil	3rd Prize	
3. Kavitha Ramachandran	General Proficiency	
	(K. Edward Memorial Prize)	
	Art	
	Env. Studies	2nd Prize
	Tamil	2nd Prize
Tamil Spelling	3rd Prize	
4. Lakshani Kulatungam	General Proficiency	
	Elocution	1st Prize
	Tamil Singing	2nd Prize
	English Singing	3rd Prize
5. Subajini Gurusamy	General Proficiency	
	Art	2nd Prize
	Maths	3rd Prize
	Env. Studies	3rd Prize
6. Sivasakthy Thavarajah	General Proficiency	
	Hinduism	3rd Prize
	Art	3rd Prize
	English writing	3rd Prize

7. Vajane Rajendra	General Proficiency English Singing Hand work	1st Prize 3rd Prize
8. Sivaharan Sivapatham	General Proficiency Hand Work	1st Prize
9. Sivatharan Sivalingam	General Proficiency Hand Work	1st Prize
10. Subathira Pathmanathan	General Proficiency Tamil Writing	2nd Prize
11. Sulochana Rajenthiram	English Writing English	1st Prize 2nd Prize
12. Nijitha Amirthanathan	Tamil Singing Tamil Spelling	1st Prize 3rd Prize
13. Geethanjely Jebanesan	English Singing Tamil Writing	2nd Prize 3rd Prize
14. Damayanthi Black	Tamil Singing	3rd Prize
15. Raviraj Rajaratnam	General Proficiency	
16. Thiviasangari Gnanasangari	General Proficiency	
17. Kavitha Kulendran	General Proficiency	
18. Niruja Sriskandarajah	General Proficiency	

**Year V**

1. Ajith Sakthithasan	General Proficiency (A. C. Ampalam Memorial Prize) English Maths Hinduism Env. Studies Tamil Spelling Tamil Hand Work	1st Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize 3rd Prize 3rd Prize
2. Thiriambahi Senthilvel	General Proficiency Elocution Art Dance Maths Tamil Spelling English Spelling	1st Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize 3rd Prize 3rd Prize 3rd Prize

3. Kirupalar Vicknesvarakadadsham	General Proficiency (S. S. Sanders Memorial Prize)	
	Maths	1st Prize
	Env, Studies	2nd Prize
	English	3rd Prize
4. Thayalan Kanagasabapathy	General Proficiency (C. Chellathurai Memorial Prize)	
	Hinduism	1st Prize
	English	3rd Prize
5. Anjelina Rasiah	Christianity	1st Prize
	Tamil Singing	1st Prize
	English Writing	2nd Prize
6. Sureshini Arulanantham	Tamil	1st Prize
	English Writing	1st Prize
	Dance	3rd Prize
7. Melvin Sureshkumar David	English Singing	1st Prize
	Christianity	3rd Prize
	Tamil Singing	3rd Prize
8. Surendran Perinpanayagam	General Proficiency (Rev. & Mrs. J. K. Sinnathamby Memorial Prize)	
	Tamil	1st Prize
9. Suganthini Subramaniam	General Proficiency	
	Needle Work	2nd Prize
10. Prabakaran Thurairajah	Art	1st Prize
	Hand Work	1st Prize
	Tamil Writing	2nd Prize
11. Paraneetharan Narayanasingam	Env. Studies	1st Prize
	Hand Work	2nd Prize
12. Kavitha Nithiyandandan	English Spelling	1st Prize
	Needle Work	3rd Prize
13. Mohanavarathan Satgunanathan	Tamil Writing	1st Prize
	English Writing	3rd Prize
14. Thevaki Sivasubramaniam	Tamil Writing	3rd Prize
	English Spelling	3rd Prize
15. Rathika Ratnam	Needle Work	1st Prize
16. Sanjeyan Sivasubramaniam	English	1st Prize
17. Bavani Sunthararajah	Dance	1st Prize

18.	Sivakumar Sinnururai	Tamil Spelling	1st Prize
19.	Chritina Somasegarem	Christianity	2nd Prize
20.	Hamsa Darvadasan	Tamil Singing	2nd Prize
21.	Paran Subramaniam	English Singing	2nd Prize
22.	M. H. Cassiere	English Singing	2nd Prize
23.	Janaki Sivasubramaniam	English Spelling	2nd Prize
24.	Sivatharshini Pathmanathan	Hinduism	3rd Prize
25.	Venugopal Tharmalingam	Art	3rd Prize
26.	Jeevanantham Arulanantham	Hand Work	3rd Prize
27.	Muhunthan Nadarajah	Hand Work	3rd Prize
28.	Sathiasuthan Sathiamoorthy	General Proficiency	
29.	Tharmaraj Tharmapalan	General Proficiency	
30.	Janani Guruswamy	General Proficiency	

### Year VI

1.	Thayatharan Wijyaratnam	General Proficiency	
		Env. Studies 1st Prize	
		(S. R. Beadle Memorial Prize)	
		Art 1st Prize	
		(S. P. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize)	
		Hand Work 1st Prize	
		(Dr. J. T. Amarasingham Memorial Prize)	
		Needle Work	1st Prize
		English Writing	1st Prize
		Maths	2nd Prize
		Tamil	2nd Prize
		Hinduism	3rd Prize
		Tamil Writing	3rd Prize
2.	Devamanohari Mahadevan	General Proficiency	
		Tamil 1st Prize	
		(J. A. Selvadurai Memorial Prize)	
		English 1st Prize	
		(J. N. Appadurai Memorial Prize)	
		Tamil Writing	1st Prize
		Tamil Spelling	1st Prize
		Hinduism	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	2nd Prize
		Dance	3rd Prize

3.	M. N. Cassiere	General Proficiency (C. B. Bavineck Prize)	
		Christianity	1st Prize
		English Spelling	1st Prize
		Needle Work	2nd Prize
		English	3rd Prize
4.	Shashirekha Thavaselvam	General Proficiency	
		Dance	2nd Prize
		Tamil Spelling	2nd Prize
		Maths	3rd Prize
		Tamil	3rd Prize
5.	Thevatharshini Gunasegaram	Tamil Singing	1st Prize
		Elocution	1st Prize
		Art	2nd Prize
		Tamil Writing	2nd Prize
		Hand Work	3rd Prize
		English Writing	3rd Prize
6.	Sudharshini Pathmanathan	General Proficiency	
		Elocution	1st Prize
		Env. Studies	2nd Prize
		Hand Work	2nd Prize
		Art	3rd Prize
7.	Rajeskannan Nadarajah	General Proficiency C. C. Kanapathipillai Mmcoriai Prize	
		Maths	1st Prize
		Hinduism	1st Prize
8.	Hemalatha Poopalasingam	General Proficiency	
		English	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	3rd Prize
9.	Thivakaran Mahendran	General Proficiency	
		Maths	3rd Prize
		Env. Studies	3rd Prize
10.	Marlyn Devadharshini Devasagayam	General Proficiency	
		Christianity	2nd Prize
11.	Vigna Vigneswararajah	General Proficiency	
		English Writing	2nd Prize

12	Thenuja Amirthanathan	Tamil Singing	1st Prize
		English Singing	2nd Prize
		Tamil Spelling	3rd Prize
13.	Dharashini Rajaratnam	English Singing	1st Prize
		Tamil Singing	3rd Prize
14.	Krishanthi Varatharajah	Dance	1st Prize
15,	Nirmalene Jebanesan	Christianity	3rd Prize
16.	Shobana Navaratnam	Needle Work	3rd Prize
17.	Shankar Rajendra Prasad	English Singing	3rd Prize
18.	Senthooran Thurairajah	General Proficiency	
19.	Selvachandran Ragunathan	General Proficiency	
20.	Ainkaran Subramaniam	General Proficiency	
21.	Ainkaran Sathasivam	General Proficiency	
22.	Kanthan Sivasithamparam	General Proficiency	
23.	Sharmini Sabapathipillai	General Proficiency	
24.	Sharmalai Rajasundaram	General Proficiency	
25.	Thnuja Subramaniam	General Proficiency	
26.	Visista Rajendra	General Proficiency	
	Thayatharan W.	<b>Mr. P. W. Ariaratnam Memorial Prize</b>	
		for the Best academic student 1985.	

## JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

### Year VII

1.	Arukshan Rajamohan	General Proficiency	
		Christianity	1st Prize
		<b>(Rev J. W. A. Kadirgamar Memorial Prize)</b>	
		Social Studies	1st Prize
		<b>(Louis Ponniah Memorial Prize)</b>	
		Health Education	1st Prize
2.	Kumaren Manikavadivel	General Proficiency	
		General Science	1st Prize
		<b>(S. Ariathurai Memorial Prize)</b>	
		Ceramics	1st Prize
		Mathematics	2nd Prize
		Carnatic Music	2nd Prize



11.	Seethalakshmy Ramachandran	General Proficiency <b>Carnatic Music 1st Prize</b> (Mrs. Thavaratnam Nadarajah Memorial Prize)	
		Tamil	2nd Prize
12.	Anusha Sivarajah	General Proficiency <b>Dance 1st Prize</b> (Mrs Thiagarajah Memorial Prize)	
		Tamil	2nd Prize
13.	Tharmendran Kulendran	General Proficiency	
		Tamil Spelling	2nd Prize
		Tamil Speech	1st Prize
		Tamil Essay	1st Prize
14.	Thulasidhas Senthivel	General Proficiency	
		English Recitation	1st Prize
15.	Umaganesh Kanagalingam	General Proficiency	
		Ceramics	2nd Prize
16.	Quintus Rajoo	Art	2nd Prize
17.	Sathiaseelan Palanival	Maths	1st Prize
18.	Kangeyan Sivagurunathan	Tamil Elocution	2nd Prize
19.	Shirala Thambyrajah	English Recitation	1st Prize
20.	Gayathiri Sambasiva m	Home Science	1st Prize
		English Writing	2nd Prize
21.	Selwathy Sivagnanamoorthy	General Proficiency	
		Tamil Handwriting	1st Prize
22.	Tharshini Tharmalingam	Tamil Handwriting	2nd Prize
23.	Janarththan Sivasubramaniam	General Proficiency	
		<b>English 1st Prize</b> (Theodore & Salen Oppenheim Prize)	
		<b>Gen. Science 1st Prize</b> (E. C. Jesndasan Memorial Prize)	
		English Composition	1st Prize
		English Spelling	1st Prize
		English Reading	1st Prize
		Saivism	2nd Prize
		Health Education	2nd Prize
		Agriculture	2nd Prize
		General Knowledge	1st Prize



24. Muralithas Kugathanan  
**Tamil 1st Prize**  
**(Namasivayam Memorial Prize)**  
**Mathematics 1st Prize**  
**(J. S. Ambalam Memorial Prize)**  
**Carnatic Music 1st Prize**  
**(K. Satchithanadthan Memorial Prize)**  
Agriculture 1st Prize  
English 2nd Prize  
Social Studies 2nd Prize
25. Skandasajeev Kandasamy  
General Proficiency  
**Social Studies 1st Prize**  
**(A. T. Vethaparanam Memorial Prize)**  
**Health Education 1st Prize**  
**(Thomas Rajadurai Memorial Prize)**  
Ceramics 1st Prize
26. Mathan Mohan Balachandran  
General Proficiency  
**Art 1st Prize**  
**Rev. (G. D. Thomas Memorial Prize)**  
General Science 2nd Prize
27. Umagajendran Yoganathan  
General Proficiency  
English 2nd prize  
English Reading 2nd Prize  
English Spelling 2nd Prize  
General Knowledge (Jrs.) 2nd Prize
28. Mathitharan Wijayaratnam  
General Proficiency  
Health Education 2nd Prize  
Mathematics 2nd Prize
29. Priyadharshani Paramsothy  
General Proficiency  
**Saivism 1st Prize**  
**(K. Kanagaratnam Memorial Prize)**  
Carnatic Music 2nd Prize  
Home Science 2nd Prize  
Tamil Essay 2nd Prize
30. Rathika Sabaratnam  
General Proficiency  
**Home Science 1st Prize**  
**(Caroline Thiraviam Jeyarajah Memorial Prize)**

31.	Mary Vijayananthini Nalliah	<b>Christianity 1st Prize</b> <b>(R. C. P. Welch Memorial Prize)</b>	
		English Handwriting	1st Prize
32.	Arulmoli Ponnuthurai	Western Music	1st Prize
33.	Premini Nagarajah	Western Music	2nd Prize
34.	Mathini Selvasivam	Dance	1st Prize
35.	Nandakumar S.	English Composition	2nd Prize
36.	Johnson Francis	Woodwork	1st Prize
37.	Kesavan Sivaguutnathan	Tamil Elocution	1st Prize
38.	Vinothan Selvaratnam	Christianity	2nd Prize
39.	Senthilkumaran Shanmugalingam	Art	2nd Prize
40.	Muhunthan Sivampo	Woodwork	2nd Prize
41.	Muraliharan Thavarajah	Ceramics	2nd Prize
42.	Devadas Buvanarasundarajah	Tamil Elocution	2nd Prize
43.	Devanandan Rajendra	English Handwriting	2nd Prize
44.	Ramanan Varatharajah	General Proficiency	
		Tamil Essay	1st Prize
45.	Mayooran Varatharajah	General Proficiency	
46.	Rukshini Markandan	English Recitation	1st Prize
47.	Sumathy Thiruchittampalam	Dance	2nd Prize
48.	Shanthi Knight	English Recitation	2nd Prize

**Year IX**

49.	Sujaharan Kurusamy	General Proficiency	
		<b>Social Studies 1st Prize</b> <b>(E. W. Ariyanayagam Memorial. Prize)</b>	
		<b>Mathematics 1st Prize</b> <b>(G. N. C. Ponnampalam Memorial Prize)</b>	
		<b>Agriculture 1st Prize</b> <b>(R. Kanagasooriyam Memorial Prize)</b>	
		Health Education	1st Prize
		Saivism	2nd Prize
		Tamil	2nd Prize
		General Science	2nd Prize
		Art	2nd Prize
		Tamil Essay	1st Prize

**P. E. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize** for the best academic student in Year 9

50.	Gopikrishna Mylvaganam	General Proficiency (A. Thurairatnam Memorial Prize) Saivaism 1st Prize	
		English	2nd Prize
		Social Studies	2nd Prize
51.	Vasanthakumar Kumaravel	General Proficiency (S. A. Visuvalingam Memorial Prize) Tamil 1st Prize	
52.	Premananthan Arulanandam	Christianity 1st Prize (Rev. S. K. Bunker Memorial Prize)	
		Agriculture	2nd Prize
53.	Kanthathas Kugathasan	English 1st Prize (Mini Hastings Harrison Memorial Prize )	
		English Reading	2nd Prize
54.	Gnanvalagan Sivananthan	General Science	1st Prize
		Woodwork	2nd Prize
55.	Rajini Rajanayagam	(E. C. Lockwood Memorial Prize) Western Music	
		Home Science	1st Prize
		Christianity	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	2nd Prize
		English Recitation	2nd Prize
		English Composition	2nd Prize
56.	Komala Satchithanathan	Carnatic Music	1st Prize
57.	Roshanthy Rajadurai	English	2nd Prize
58.	Sivajothy Naranthiran	Home Science	2nd Prize
59.	Kalaskthy Santhirasegaran	Tamil Elocution	1st Prize
60.	Shobana Sivakaathan	English Recitation	1st Prize
61.	Pathmalogini Pathmanathan	English Handwriting	1st Prize
62.	Rajkumnr Rasiah	Woodwork	1st Prize
63.	Robert Thevarajah	Ceramics	1st Prize
		Art	1st Prize
64.	Aravinthan Arudsothy	English Spelling	1st Prize
		English Composition	1st Prize
		English Reading	1st Prize

65. Selvendran Gurusamy	Mathematics	2nd Prize
	Tamil Elocution	2nd Prize
66. Sivatharan Sithamparanathan	Health Education	2nd Prize
	Western Music	2nd Prize
	Tamil Essay	2nd Prize
67. Surendra Selvanayagam	Ceramics	2nd Prize
68. Gunaseelan Palanivel	Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
69. Ramesh S.	English handwriting	2nd Prize

**Year 10**

1. Kulasingham Ramachandran

General Proficiency	
<b>R. A. Naganather Memorial Prize for Mathematics</b>	
<b>A. S. Ponnampalam Memorial Prize for English</b>	
<b>Vallipuram Memorial Prize for Saivism</b>	
<b>S. T. Jeevaratnam Memorial Prize for General Science</b>	1st Prize
Social Studies	1st Prize
General Knowledge	1st Prize
Commerce & Accounts	2nd Prize
Health Education	2nd Prize
English Spelling	1st Prize
English Composition	2nd Prize
Tamil Essay	2nd Prize

2. Manoharan Logeswaran

General Proficiency	
<b>Mrs. Sornam Naganather Memorial Prize for Tamil</b>	
<b>Dr. William Jameson Memorial Prize for Health Education</b>	
<b>Gunanayagam &amp; Rajanayagam Ratnesar Memorial Prize for Commerce &amp; Accounts</b>	
Mathematics	2nd Prize
General Science	2nd Prize
Social Studies	2nd Prize
Woodwork	2nd Prize

3. Swaran Spencer	General Proficiency <b>E. J. Niles Memorial Prize for Christianity</b> English Composition English Reading English Spelling Agriculture General Knowledge (Jrs.)	1st Prize 1st Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize
4. Shenthen Rajaratnam	General Proficiency <b>A. Mahendran Memorial Prize For Woodwork</b> Saivaism	2nd Prize
5. Bramananther Sunderarajan	Tamil Essay Tamil Short Story	1st Prize 2nd Prize
6. Sooriyakumar Jeyakumar	General Proficiency Agriculture	1st Prize
7. Wijeyanayagam Chenthuran	General Proficiency English Reading	2nd Prize
8. Ramraj Thangarajah	Ceramics	1st Prize
9. Thayaparan Yogarajah	Art	1st Prize
10. Mathivanan Victor Selvam	Ceramics	2nd Prize
11. Ramesh Manikkavasagar	General Proficiency	
12. Shankar T.	Tamil Elocution	2nd Prize
13. Mayura Mahadeva	General Proficiency <b>M. Vallipuram Memorial Prize for Home Science</b> English Recitation	2nd Prize
14. Linda Arulananthan	<b>C. B. Bavinck Prize for Christianity</b>	
15. Sivalogini Nagaratnam	General Proficiency <b>C. O. Elias Memorial Prize for Carnatic Music</b>	
16. Ajantha Nadarajah	Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
17. Vasanthi Rajah	English Recitation	1st Prize
18. Sinothaya Sinnathamby	General Proficiency	
19. Shobana Kandasamy	General Proficiency General Science	2nd Prize
20. Mallika Theivendrarajah	English Handwriting	1st Prize
21. Vijitha Pathmanathan	English Handwriting	2nd Prize
22. Sharmini Patrick	Art	2nd Prize
23. Tharshini Mylvaganam	Home Science	2nd Prize

**Year 11**

24. Segaran Gunaratnam

General Proficiency

**Saivaism 2nd Prize**

**V. Chelvadurai Memorial Prize for**

**Social Studies**

**Reggie Appadurai Memorial Prize for  
Agriculture**

English Handwriting

1st Prize

Tamil Language

2nd Prize

Tamil Elocution

2nd Prize

G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :

Tamil

Mathematics

Saivaism

25. Nithiaranjan Nithiaratnam

General Proficiency

**Major V. G. George Memorial Prize for**

**Health Education**

General Science

2nd Prize

G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :

Tamil

Mathematics

Agriculture

Saivaism

26. Kulasathiyan Kulasingam

General Proficiency

**A. Shanmuganathan Memorial Prize for**

**Commerce & Accounts**

G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :

Commerce &

Accounts

Mathematics

Saivaism

27. Sriharan Senthilnathan

General Proficiency

English Language

2nd Prize

Saivaism

2nd Prize

G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :

English

Saivaism

28. Sripathy Balasingham                      General Proficiency  
G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :  
   English  
   Saivaism
29. Thananjeyan Sivagnanapotham            General Proficiency  
Agriculture    2nd Prize  
Health Education                                      2nd Prize  
G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :  
   Tamil  
   Mathematics  
   Saivaism  
   Agriculture
30. Jeevahan Rajakulendran                    General Proficiency  
Tamil Essay    2nd Prize  
Social Studies    2nd Prize  
G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :  
   Tamil  
   Saivaism
31. Umesh Sivakanthan                           **Edson C. Lockwood Memorial Prize  
for Art**  
G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :  
   English Language  
   Saivaism
32. Mynaseelan Gunaratnam                    **Pastor Sussbach Memorial Prize  
for Christianity**  
G. C. E. O/L Dist. in :  
   Christianity
33. Prince Jeyadevan Jeyaratnam              General Proficiency  
G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :  
   Tamil Language  
   Mathematics  
   Christianity
34. Muthuthampillai Ponnampalam            General Proficiency  
G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :  
   Mathematics
35. Raveendran Thanaratnam                    Ceramics    1st Prize  
G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :  
   Tamil  
   Saivaism  
   Social Studies

36.	Terrence Selvarajah	English Composition	1st Prize
		English Reading	1st Prize
		G. C. E. O/L Dist. in :	
		English Language	
37.	Sivaram Rasiah	Woodwork	1st Prize
		(K. Rajah Memorial Prize)	
		G. C. E. O/L Dist. in :	
		Saivaism	
38.	Jeevananthan Ranganathan	Ceramics	1st Prize
39.	Thevananth Jesuthasan	G. C. E. O/L Dist. in :	
		Mathematics	
40.	Ramesh Selvarajah	Art	2nd Prize
41.	Nageswaran Nalliah	Christianity	2nd Prize
42.	Shankar Gnanasegaram	English Spelling	1st Prize
		English Reading	2nd Prize
43.	Akilan Nadesan	Woodwork	2nd Prize
44.	Arulmaran Nadarajah	G. C. E. O/L Dist. in :	
		Saivaism	
45.	Aravinthan Pathmanathan	„	Saivaism
46.	Baskaran Subramaniam	„	Saivaism
47.	C. Guru Rudramoorthy	„	Saivaism
48.	Manivannan Kannapiran	„	Saivaism
49.	Ravindran Pathmanathan	„	Saivaism
50.	Satchithanathan Kasipillai	„	Saivaism & Mathematics
51.	Sothilingam Rajagopal	„	Saivaism & Mathematics
52.	Vakeesan Jeyaratnam	„	Saivaism & Mathematics
53.	Kugathas Markandoo	„	Mathematics
54.	Amaran Tunard Sinnathamby	„	Mathematics
55.	Nadesathasan Nadarajah	„	Mathematics
56.	Pahirathan Thamothersampillai	„	Mathematics
57.	Yogananda Sabanathan	„	Mathematics
58.	Kuganeswaran Palani	„	Christianity
59.	Sobers John	„	Christianity
60.	Thevananthan Perampalam	„	Christianity
61.	Victor Rheinus Solomon	„	Christianity
62.	Perinpanayagam Neil Armstrong	„	Christianity



63. Chandrakumar Francis G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :  
Ceramics
64. Skandakumaran Balasingham G. C. E. O/L Dists in :  
Tamil  
Saivaism
65. Chrishanthy Devasahayam **A. M. Brodie (Sr) Memorial Prize  
for English**  
English Spelling 2nd Prize  
English Composition 2nd Prize  
G. C. E. O/L Dist. in :  
English
66. Sivanayaki Kanaganayagam General Proficiency  
**Edson C. Lockwood Memorial Prize  
for Carnatic Music**  
**K. A. George Memorial Prize for  
Mathematics**  
**K Rajaratnam Memorial Prize**  
Saivaism  
**Ambalavanar Kumarasamy Memorial Prize**  
Tamil Language 1st Prize  
**J. A. R. Sanders Memorial Prize**  
Mathematics 1st Prize  
Carnatic Music 1st Prize  
Tamil Essay 1st Prize  
G. C. E. O/L Dists. in :  
Mathematics  
Science  
Saivaism
67. Sharmini Sunderamoorthy General Proficiency  
Home Science 2nd Prize  
G. C. E. O/L Dist. in :  
Mathematics  
Science  
Saivaism  
Social Studies



**Year (Lower) 12 Science :**

82. Eswarananthan Satchithanandam	General Proficiency	
83. Noble Surendran Sinnathamby	General Proficiency	
84. Sayanthakumar Pathmanathan	General Proficiency	
85. Vasuki Rasiah	General Proficiency	
86. Vanitha Panchalingam	General Proficiency	
87. Keshini Das	<b>R. O. D. Ashbury Memorial Prize</b>	
	<b>For English Essay 1st Prize</b>	
	G. C. E. O/L Dist. in :	
	Carnatic Music	
87a. S. Sarvananthar Sunderarajah	<b>S. V. Balasingham Memorial Scholar 1984</b>	
	General Knowledge	2nd Prize

**Year (Lower) 12 Arts & Commerce :**

88. Vasuki Rajasingham	General Proficiency	
	<b>R. O. Buell Memorial Prize</b>	
	<b>for English Essay 1st Prize</b>	
89. Swarnalatha Sabaratnam	General Proficiency	
90. Gamini Thangarajah	General Proficiency	
91. Magdalene Selvadurai	General Proficiency	
92. Thabothini Ratnavel	General Proficiency	

**Year 12 Biology :**

93. Benjamin Poopalapillai	General Proficiency	
	Botany	2nd Prize
	<b>Mr. C. Thuraijasingham Memorial Prize</b>	
	General Knowledge (Seniors)	1st Prize
94. Anton Rajakarier Jesuthasan	General Proficiency	
	Chemistry	2nd Prize
95. Vijeya Ramachandran	General Proficiency	
	<b>V. Thillainathan Memorial Prize</b>	
	<b>for Chemistry 1st Prize</b>	
	<b>Stephan Balachandran Memorial Prize</b>	
	<b>for Zoology 1st Prize</b>	
	<b>K. V. George Memorial Prize for</b>	
	Botany	1st Prize
	<b>J. Selvarajasingam Memorial Prize</b>	
	Physics	1st Prize

96. Nirainithy Sivaguru  
 General Proficiency  
**Charles Ratnesar Memorial Prize for Chemistry 1st Prize**  
 Zoology 2nd Prize
- Year 12 Maths**
97. Kulendran Kandiah  
 General Proficiency  
**I. P. Thurairatnam Memorial Prize for Applied Mathematics 1st Prize**
98. Piratheepan Kunasingham  
 General Proficiency  
 Physics 2nd Prize  
 Applied Mathematics 2nd prize  
 Pure Mathematics 2nd Prize
99. Baskaran Amirthalingam  
 General Proficiency
100. Sundaravathany Sunderalingam  
 General Proficiency
- Year 12 Arts & Commerce :**
101. Augustine Saveriyan  
 General Proficiency  
**Dr. A. S. Doraisamy Memorial Prize for Commerce & Finance** 1st Prize  
**C. Nalliah Memorial Prize for Economics** 1st Prize
102. Rajkumar Gunaratnam  
 General Proficiency  
**A. Ponnuthuri Memorial Prize for Accounts** 1st Prize  
 Economics 2nd Prize  
 Commerce & Finance 2nd Prize
103. Pathmathaneswaran Velupillai  
 General Proficiency  
**K. E. Mathiapparanam Memorial Prize for Tamil Short Story (Seniors)**  
 General Proficiency  
**Mrs. Thevanesam Wadsworth Memorial Prize for**  
 Christianity 1st Prize  
 Tamil Essay (Seniors) 1st Prize

104. Dayalini Manickam  
 General Proficiency  
**Rev. K. S. Jeyasingham Memorial Prize for Christianity 1st Prize**  
**R. Namasivayam Memorial Prize for Tamil 1st Prize**  
**B. K. Somasunderam Memorial Prize for Carnatic Music 1st Prize**  
 Tamil Elocution 2nd Prize
105. Sarojinidevi Thambyrajah  
**Allen Abraham Memorial Prize for Pure Mathematics 1st Prize**
106. Yasodara Gunaratnam  
 General Proficiency  
**Justice P. Sri Skanda Rajah & Kanmany Sri Skanda Rajah Memorial Prize**  
 Hindu Culture 1st Prize  
 Logic 2nd Prize  
 Commerce & Finance 2nd Prize
107. Kalaichelvy Arudpiragasam  
 General Proficiency
- 107a. Jeyasiri Thillaiampalam  
 Carnatic Music 2nd Prize

**Year 13 Biology**

108. Jeyasingham Gunathilagan  
 General Proficiency  
**Dr. W. S. Ratnavale Memorial Scholarship for the Best Biology Student entering the University.**  
**P. T. John Memorial Scholarship for the Best Physics student entering the University.**  
**Dr. & Mrs. S. Rajanayagam Memorial Prize for Chemistry 1st Prize**  
**T. J. Koshy Prize for Botany 1st Prize**  
**P. E. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize for Physics 1st Prize**  
**C. E. Anandarajan Memorial Prize for Zoology 1st Prize**  
 G. C. E. O/L Dist. in :  
 Chemistry

109.	Krishanthan Spencer	Botany	2nd Prize
110.	Nirmalan N.	General Proficiency	
111.	Shanthini Selvarajah	<b>Zoology 2nd Prize</b>	
		Botany	2nd Prize
		Tamil Elocution	1st Prize
112.	Mylvaganam Raveendran	<b>W. H. T. Bartlett Memorial Scholarship for the Best Physical Science Student entering the University</b>	

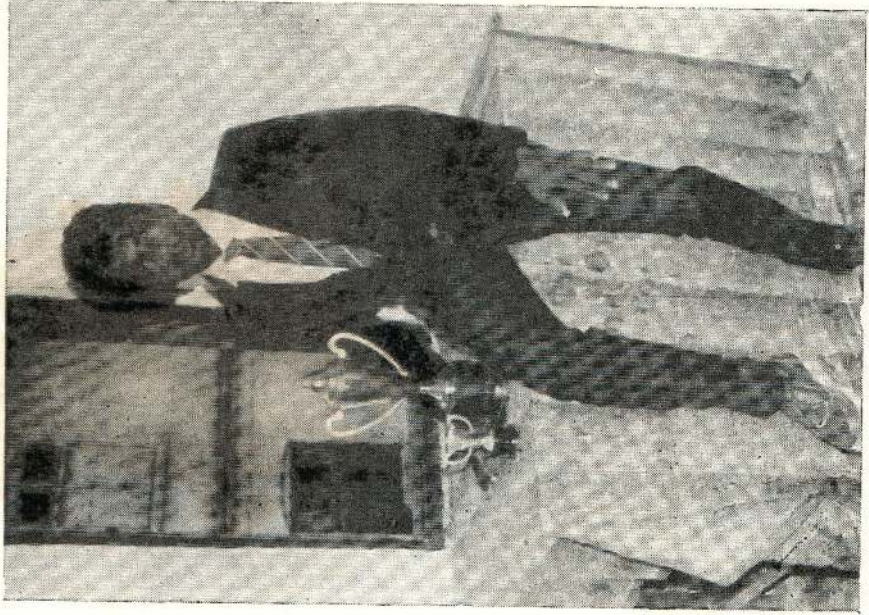
**Year 13 Arts & Commerce:**

113.	Pancharine Visuvalingam	<b>S. V. Balasingham Memorial Prize for the Best Arts Student Entering the University,</b>	
		<b>Lyman Kulathungam Memorial Prize for English 1st Prize</b>	
		<b>Isaac Arulampalam Memorial Prize for Commerce &amp; Finance</b>	1st Prize
		<b>Miss. Ariam Hudson Paramasamy Memorial Prize for Economics</b>	1st Prize
	London A/L P. Sureshkumar	Dist. in Pure Mathematics & Economics	
114.	Mahalingam Paramalingam	<b>Thangammah &amp; Swaminather Nagalingam Memorial Scholarship For the Best Academic Student With Sports Entering the University</b>	
115.	Augustine Saveriyan	<b>Sinnappillai Chelliah Pararajasingham Memorial Prize for the Best Academic Boy With Sports Year 12</b>	
116.	Suntharavathany Sunderalingam	<b>Sinnappillai Chelliah &amp; Parajasingam Memorial Prize for the Best Academic Girl With Sports Year 12</b>	

**SPORTS AWARDS — 1985**

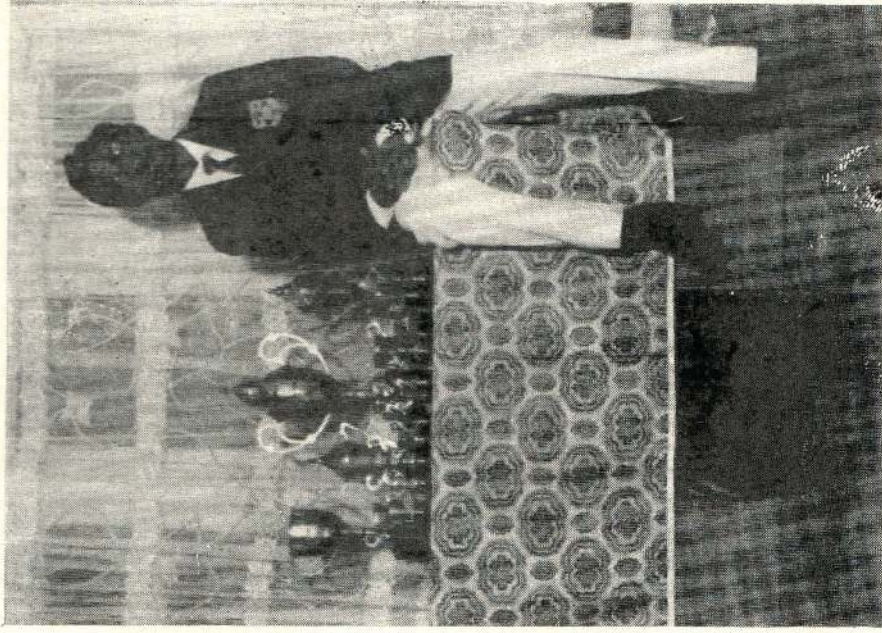
Rajagopal Sothilingam	— Athletic Colours
J. Ranjan Jeganathan	— Soccer Colours
J. Aron Jeganathan	— Soccer Colours
V. Malini Velayutham	— Netball Colours
Pathmanathan P. Sayanthakumar	— Junior All Round Sportsman
Jeyarajah G. Jesurajah	— Soccer Colours
	<b>Senior All-Round Sportsman</b>
Inter House Athletic Champions	— Primary School — Hasting House
	— Senior School — Hasting House

JUNIOR ALL ROUND SPORTSMAN—1985



P. Sayanthakumar

SENIOR ALL ROUND SPORTSMAN—1985



G. J. Jesurajah





# Permanent Endowments Towards Memorial Prizes

Name of Prizes	Donated by Endowment	Purpose Prize Funds	Year
Dr. R. C. Hastings	"	"	
Rev. S. W. Howland	"	"	
" G. G. Brown	"	"	
" John Bicknell	"	"	
Mr. Robert Breckenridge	"	"	
" S. W. Strong	"	"	
" Hudson Paramasamy	"	"	
" Vythilingam Mudaliyar	"	"	
" Drieberg	"	"	
" Sathasivam	"	"	
Rev. W. E. Hitchcock	"	"	
Mr. William Twynam	"	"	
Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Gnanamuttu	Mr. & Mrs. K. Gnanamuttu	All-Rounder's Prize — GOLD MEDAL	Enhanced 1984
1. Dr. & Mrs. S. Rajanayagam	Mrs. James Rajanayagam & Mrs. Florence Subramaniam	Best Prize in Chemistry — Year 13	1974
2. Minnie Hastings Harrison	Dr. S. Durairajasingam	English Year 9	"
3. Mr. R. A. Naganather	The late M. A. Rajah	Mathematics Year 10	"
4. Mrs. Sornam Naganather	The late M. A. Rajah	Tamil Year 10	"
5. Pastor W. R. Sussbach	Bequest	Christianity Year 11	"
6. Edson C. Lockwood	The late Mrs. E. C. Lockwood	Art. Year 11	1976
7. " "	" "	Carnatic Music Year 11	"
8. " "	" "	Western Music Year 11	"
9. " "	" "	Art Year 4	"
10. Mr. & Mrs. P. E. Rajaratnam	Rajaratnam children	Best Academic Performance in Year 9	"
11. Mr. E. Sittampalam	Dr. S. Rasalingam	Science — Year. 13	"

Name of Prizes	Donated by	Purpose	Year
12. Mr. S. V. Balasingham	Mrs. E. S. Balsingham	Best Arts student entering the University	1976
13. Mr. A. S. Ponnambalam	Mrs. A. S. Ponnambalam	English Year. 10	1976
14. Rev. Dr. S. K. Bunker	Mrs. Ruth C. Bunker	Christianity Year. 9	1977
15. Mr. Charles S. Ratnesar	The late Dr. S. W. C. Ratnesar	Chemistry Year. 12	1978
16. Mr. V. Thillainathan	Dr. T. Sivakumaran	Chemistry Year. 12	1979
17. Mr. D. S. Sanders	Mrs. D. S. Sanders & Prof. & Mrs. D. S. Sanders Jr.	Mathematics Year 12	1979
18. Mr. E. W. Arianayagam	Dr. S. Durairajasigam	Social Studies Year 9	"
19. Mr. P. E. Rajaratnam	Rajaratnam children	Physics Year 13	"
20. Mr. C. Thuraijasigam	Dr. (Mrs.)Chandra Sethurajan	General Knowledge (Seniors)	"
21. Mr. S. R. Beadle	Rev. & Mrs. J. J. Ratnarajah	Environmentat. Studies Years 6	"
22. Justice P. Sri Skanda Rajah & Kanmany Sri SkandaRajah	Their children	Hindu culture Year 12 Arts	"
23. Mr. R. O. D. Asbury	Mr. S. J. Kadirgamar	English Essay Year 12	"
24. Mrs. Thavaratnam Nadarajah	Mr. S. Nadarajah	Carnatic Music Year 7	"
25. Messrs Kunanayagam and Rajanayagam Ratnesar	The late Dr. S. W. C. Ratnesar	Commerce and Finance Year 12	"
26. Mr. A. T. Vaithilingam	Mr. V. Thavaratnam	Mathematics Year 12	1980
27. Mr. K. E. Mathiaparanam	Mrs. Rosabella P. Mathiaparanam	Tamil Short story (Seniors)	"
28. Mr. S. Ariathurai	Mrs. R. Ariathurai	Science Year 7	"
29. Mr. K. Edward	Mr. Edward Selvadas	Maths Year 4	"
30. Mr. & Mrs. J. N. Appadurai	Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Appadurai	English Year 6	"
31. Dr J. T. Amarasingham	Mrs. Nividita Arulampalam	Handwork Year 6	"
32. Mr. J. V. Chelliah	Dr. (Mrs.) A. C. Canagarajah	English Year 10	"
33. Mr. Louis S. Ponniah	Mr. P. J. Tambiratnam	Social Studies Year 7	1980
34. Mr. S. Theivendrapillai	His wife and children	Enhanced in 1985	
35. Rev. G. D. Thomas	Dr. T. Chelvarajah	Saivaism Year 9	1980
36. Mr. A. Thuraiatnam	His children	Art Year 8	"
37. Mr. K. V. George	The late Major. V. G. George	Saivaism Year 9	"
		Botany Year 12	"

Name of Prizes	Donated by	Purpose Best Prize in	Year
38. Mrs. Grace Satkunam Anketell Ratnesar	Dr. Rajendra Ratnesar His children	Tamil Year 4	1980
39. Mr. A. Mahendran	Dr. K. E. Chandrapal	Wood work Year 9	"
40. Dr. A. E. Duraisamy	the late Mr. R. J. Thurairajah	Commerce and Finance Year 12	1981
41. Major V. G. George	Dr. (Mrs) D. J. Ambelavanar	Health Education Year 11	"
42. Mr. C. C. Kanapathipillai	Mr. N. Ramachandran	Maths Year 6	"
43. Mr. C. Nalliah	Mrs. Gladys Jameson Hvamb	Economics Year 12	1981
44. Dr. William Jameson	Miss M. Premeela	Health Education Year 10	"
45. Mr. C. O. Elias	Rev. Nesan Kadirgamar	Carnatic Music Year 10	"
46. Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamar	Mr. & Mrs. H. N. Ponnambalam	Christianity Year 7	"
47. Mr. & Mrs. G. N. C. Ponnambalam		Mathematics Year 9	1982
48. Mr. & Mrs. A. Ambalavanar & A. Kumarasamy	Mr. & Mrs. A. Thiagaraja	Tamil Year 11	"
49. Mr. & Mrs. M. Vallipuram	Mr. & Mrs. A. Thiagamparalingam	Saivaism Year 10	"
50. Mr. & Mrs. T. K. Gurtis	Mrs. G. J. Gunanayagam	Agriculture Year 7	"
51. Mr. & Mrs. S. P. Rajaratnam	Mr. R. K. Rajasenan	Art Year 6	"
52. Sinnapillai Chelliah & his brother N. Pararajasingham	Dr. N. Ethirveerasingham	Best Academic boy with Sports Year 12	1984
53. Mr. V. Chelvadurai	His wife and children	Best Academic girl with Sports Year 12	"
54. Mr. V. Chelvadurai	His wife and children	Hinduism Year 5	"
55. Mr. K. A. George	Mr. R. A. Retchakan	Social Studies Year 11	"
56. Mrs. Annammah Sinnathamby	Mr. Sam. Jeyadeva	Mathematics Year 11	"
57. Mr. Lyman S. Kulathungam	Mrs. E. D. Kulathungam	Tamil Year 7	"
58. Mr. K. Jacob Ranjan	Mr. & Mrs. V. K. Kandiah	English Year 13	1985
59. Mr. E. C. Jesudasan	His wife and children	Bowling Big match	"
60. Dr. & Mrs. P. Varatharajah	Their children	Science Year 8	"
61. Mr. S. S. Sanders	The late J. A. R. Sanders	Home Science Year 11	"
62. Mr. Allen Abraham	Mr. A. Aruliah	Mathematics Year 5	"
63. Mr. R. Namasivayam	Mr. Dayananda Namasivayam	Pure Mathematics Year 12	"
64. Mrs. Thevanesam Wadsworth	Mr. D. T. Wadsworth	Tamil Year 12 Arts	"
		Christianity Year 12	"

### Name of Prizes

### Donated by

### Purpose

### Year

Name of Prizes	Donated by	Purpose	Year
65. Mr. Isaac Arulampalam	Rev. S. S. Arulampalam	Commerce & Finance	Year 13
66. Mr. P. W. Ariaratnam	Mrs. P. W. Ariaratnam	Best Academic Student	Year 6
67. Mr. R. O. Buell	Y. M. C. A., Colombo	English Essay	Year 12
68. Mr. A. Shanmuganathan	Mr. & Mrs. S. Veeravagu	Commerce & Finance	Year 11
69. Mr. E. J. Niles	College Endowment	Christianity	Year 10
70. Mr. S. A. Visuvalingam	College Endowment	Tamil	Year 9
71. Mr. K. Satchithananthan	College Endowment	Carnatic Music	Year 8
72. Mr. A. M. Brodie	His Children	English	Year 11
73. Rev. & Mrs. V. M. John	The John Family	Art	Year 7
74. Mr. K. Kanagaratnam	His Children	Saivaism	Year 8
75. Mr. K. Namasivayagam	Mr. N. Sivagunananthan	Tamil	Year 8
76. Mr. C. E. Anandarajan	Mr. K. C. Kadirgamar	Zoology	Year 13
77. Mr. J. A. Selvadurai	Mrs. L. T. Selvadurai	Tamil	Year 6
78. Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Ambalam	Mr. A. Gunanayagam	Mathematics	Year 8
79. Mr. A. Ponnudurai	Dr. & Dr. (Mrs) A. R. Ganeshamoorthy	Accounts	Year 12
80. Mr. Stephen Balachandran	College Endowment	Zoology	Year 12
81. Mr. Nathan Rajamuthiah	Mrs. J. G. Varnar	English	Year 7
82. Miss. Ariam Hudson	The Bookwalter Family	Economics	Year 13
83. Mr. J. Selvarajasingham	College Endowment	Physics	Year 12
84. Mr. B. K. Somasundaram	Mrs. Thavamalar Joseph	Physics	Year 12
85. Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Jeyarajah	Their Children	Home Science	Year 8
86. Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam	Mr. V. Anandarajah	Social Studies	Year 8
87. Mr. J. A. R. Sanders	Mrs. Joselyn Sugirtham	Mathematics	Year 11
88. Mr. I. P. Thuraiatnam	Mrs. I. P. Thuraiatnam	Applied Mathematics	Year 12
89. Mr. K. Rajaratnam	Mr. K. Gunaratnam	Saivaism	Year 11
90. Mrs. Majorie Jeyasingham	Prof. E. R. Appadurai	Western Music	Year 7
91. Mr. S. T. Jeevaratnam	Dr. K. Jeevaratnam	Science	Year 10
92. Mr. Thomas Rajadurai	Miss H. R. Thomas	Health Education	Year 8
93. Rev. & Mrs. J. K. Sinnathamby	The late Rev. K. S. Jeyasingam	Tamil	Year 5
94. Rev. & Mrs. R. C. P. Welch	Mrs. Rance Kulanayagam	Christianity	Year 8
95. Mr. L. S. Williams	Mrs. L. A. Williams	Science	Year 11

Name of Prize	Donated by	Purpose	Year
96. Mr. R. Kanagasooriyar	Dr. G. M. N. Kanagasooriam	Best Prize in Agriculture Year 9	1982
97. Rev. K. S. Jeyasingam	Mrs. Lalitha Atputharajah	Christianity Year 12	1986
98. Prof. Reggie Appadurai	Miss Ruby Appadurai	Agriculture Year 11	1986
99. Theodore & Hellen Oppenheim	Mr. M. A. Velupillai	English Year 9	1980
100. Emso Ltd.	Emso Ltd.	Science Year 12	1981
101. Mr. T. J. Koshy	Dr. (Miss) Sarammah Verghese	Botany Year 13	1984
102. Mr. C. B. Bavinck	Mr. R. S. Chandrarajan	Christianity Year 8	1985
103. Mr. C. B. Bavinck	"	" Year 10	1985
104. Mr. S. Thiagarajah	Mrs. S. Thiagarajah	Dance Year 7	1985
105. Mr. Noel Rajaratnam	Endowment	Sports Prize	1984
106. Mr. & Mrs. Shanmuga	"	"	1984
107. Mr. A. Karunanithy	"	"	1984
108. Mr. E. R. Thambiahpillay	Prof. George Thambiahpillay	Prize fund	1979
109. Mr. K. Arulampalam	Dr. Arulampalam	"	1980
110. Mr. A. Chellappah	Mr. & Mrs. S. R. Chellappah	"	1982
111. Mr. T. Ratnasabapathy	Mr. R. Jeganathan	"	"
112. Rev. Dr. S. K. Bunker	Mr. & Mrs. T. S. Oppenheim	"	"
113. "	Mr. Richard Edmunds	"	"
114. Mr. P. E. Rajaratnam	Mr. Lloyd R. Devarajah	"	"
115. Mr K. Arumugam	Mr. A. Gunanayagam	"	"
116. Mr. Samuel Arumugam	Mr. T. Thalayasingam	"	"
	Thambimuttu	"	"
117. Mr. R. C. S. Cooke	Mrs. R. C. S. Cooke	"	"
118. Mr. S. Kulasingham	His Children	"	"
<b>MEMORIAL SPORTS TROPHIES</b>			
1. Mr. M. Kantharatnam	Mrs. M. Kantharatnam	Best Batsman	Challenge cup 1979
2. Dr. G. Chelvadorai	Mrs. Chelvadorai & children	Best Bowler	" "
3. Mr J. A. R. Sanders	Mrs. Joselyn Sugirtham Sanders	Best Fieldsman	" " 1985

## OTHER PRIZES

The College		Endowment	Outstanding Sportsman Gold Medal 1985 Winner Senior Group Challenge cup 1976 Prize Fund
1. The Gold	Mr. R. J. Jeyaratnam	"	"
2. Cross Country Race	Mr. R. J. Jeyaratnam	"	1982
3. Mr. Wesley Muthiah		"	"
4. Mr. P. S. Nadarajah		"	"
5. People's Bank Sri Lanka		"	Man of the Match Prize Fund
6. Mr. S. N. Vinayamoorthy		"	"
7. Mr. M. Gopalan		"	"
8. Dr. (Mrs.) R. Ponnambalam		"	"
9. Mr. J. D. Ratnam		"	"
10. Mr. S. A. S. Veeravagu		"	"
11. Mr. S. Selvendra		"	"
12. Mr. R. C. Thavarajah		"	"
13. Mr. A. Satkunanathan		"	"
14. Mr. Kenneth J. Somanader		"	1983
15. Mr. & Mrs. V. Ragnunatha Mudaliyar		"	"
16. Mr. T. Rameswaran		"	1984
17. Mr. T. Someswaran		"	1985
18. Mr. & Mrs. M. Chinniah		"	"
19. Mr. & Mrs. M. D. Mithirathan		"	"
20. Dr. P. Ratnasabapathy		"	"
21. Mr. K. Nadarajah		"	"
22. Mr. K. Kanagarajah		"	"
23. Dr. K. Kugathan		"	"
24. Mr. & Mrs. R. S. Thambiah		"	"
25. Mrs. Ruth Bunker		"	"
26. Dr. R. R. Selvendran		"	"
27. Mr. C. Chakradaran		"	"
28. Dr. (Miss) A. Ariaratnam		"	"
29. Mr. S. R. Asirvatham		"	1986

## SCHOLARSHIPS

In Memory of	Donated by	Purpose	Year
Hastings	Hastings Family	Boarding Scholarship	19th Century Fund
Scotch	Permanent Endowment	"	"
Rockwood	"	"	"
Birch	"	"	"
Elwood	"	"	"
Green	"	"	"
Twynam	"	"	"
Marquand	"	"	"
Bartlett Hensman	"	"	"
Subramaniam Valliammai	"	"	"
Mr. S. V. Balasingham	Jaffna College Round Table	Best Performance at	"
Dr. K. Jeyaratnam Thambapillai	Thambapillai Trust Fund	G. C. E. (Ordinary Level)	1969
Mr. Velupillai Sabaratnam	The late Mrs. E. S. Thambirajah	Scholarships - General	1956
Pastor W. R. Sussbach	Bequest	Boarding Scholarship	1974
Dr. W. S. Ratnavel	Dr. W. D. Ratnavel	Theological Students	"
Mr. W. H. Thambyrajah Bartlett	The late Mr. W. H. Thambyrajah	University Scholarship	1975
Mr. R. N. Aseervatham	Bartlett & his daughter Mrs. A. S. Ponnambalam	Biology	
Mr. P. Thomas John	Endowment	University Scholarship-	1975
Mr. A. S. Ponnambalam	Dr. Joseph John	Mathematics	1976
Dr. K. Sithamparapillai	Mrs. A. S. Ponnambalam	Boarding	
Thangammah & Swaminathar	Mr. S. KulaSingam	University Scholarship - Physics	1980
Nagalingam	Their Children	General Scholarship	1982
		Out Board Training	"
		University Admission with Sports	"

In Memory of	Donated by	Purpose	Year
Mr. & Mrs. Edson C. Lockwood	Bequest	Boarding Scholarships	1982
Mr. K. A. George	Dr. K. Poologasundaram	General Scholarship	1974
Mr. K. C. Thuraiatnam	Mrs. E. Thuraiatnam & Children	Boarding Scholarship	1985
Mr. J. N. Appadurai	Mrs. R. Appadurai & Children	General Scholarship	"
Mr. C. O. Elias	M. Premeela	General Scholarship	1979
Mr. J. Thambiah Bartlett	Mr. Leslie Bartlett	General Scholarship	1986
Mrs. Lawrence Alagammah Bartlett	-- do --	General Scholarship	"
Dr. S. W. C. Ratnesar	Mr. & Mrs. Wijeyasegaram	General Scholarship	"
Mr. K. A. Selliah	His Children	General Scholarship	"

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Allen Abraham	Endowment	Staff Children	1923
Theodore & Helen Oppenheim	"	"	1979
Mr. K. Selvarajah	"	"	1981
Mr. P. A. A. Vale	"	"	"
Mr. & Mrs. G. Anthonipillai	"	"	1982
Lion's Club	Lions Club of Vaddukodai	General Scholarship	"

### OTHER PRIZE DONORS — 1986

Mr. T. Vigneswaran  
 Dr. S. Nagaratnam  
 Gnanams Studio  
 Mr. S. R. Asirvatham  
 Dr. R. R. Selvendran



**DR. W. S. RATNAVEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**W. H. THAMBIRAJAH BARTLETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Conditions of Award**

1. To be awarded on the results of the G. C. E. (Advanced level) Examination.
2. Should have sat for the Examination from Jaffna College.
3. Should be a first year student in Physical Sciences for the Bartlett Scholarship and in Biological sciences for the Ratnavel Scholarship.
4. The four subjects in the Physical Sciences should include Pure and Applied Mathematics.
5. The four Subjects in the Biological Sciences should include either Botany or Zoology.
6. Gain admission to the Faculties of Medicine, Engineering, Dental studies; Physical Sciences; Agriculture; Biological Sciences or Veterinary Science, in any of the Sri Lankan Universities.
7. The award will be for the student who gains admission at the first attempt. However if none of the first year students gain admission then the second year students could be considered.
8. Students selected for admission and not accepting same shall also be eligible for consideration to these Scholarships.
9. Examination subjects shall be considered on the following points  

**Physics, Chemistry and Geography.**  
A — 08; B — 06; C — 04; S — 02

**Applied Maths and Pure Maths.**  
A — 09; B — 07; C — 05; S — 03

**Botany and Zoology.**  
A — 09; B — 07; C — 05; S — 03.
10. In the event of a tie at the Examination grades then the aggregate marks of the Examination Department shall be considered. However if such aggregate marks are not available then the last school Examination grades shall be considered on points.



## Students with Special Distinctions

S. V. BALASINGHAM  
MEMORIAL SCHOLAR—1986



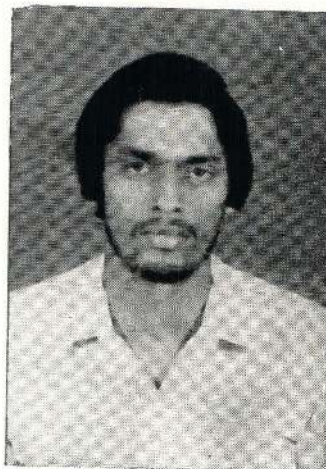
Miss Bawany Gurusamy

W. H. T. BARTLETT  
MEMORIAL Scholarship  
for the Best Physical Science  
Student entering the University



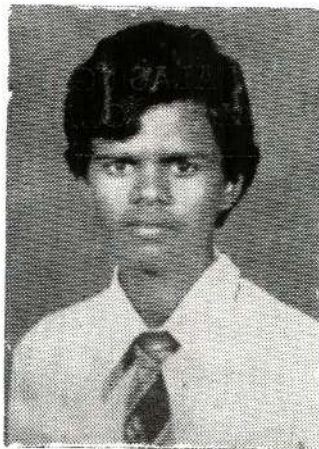
M. Raveendran

THANGAMMAH & SWAMINATHAR  
NAGALINGAM MEMORIAL  
Scholarship for the Best Academic  
Student with Sports entering the  
University



M. Paramalingam

WINNER OF W. S. RATNAVALE  
Memorial Scholarship for the best Biological Science  
Student entering the University

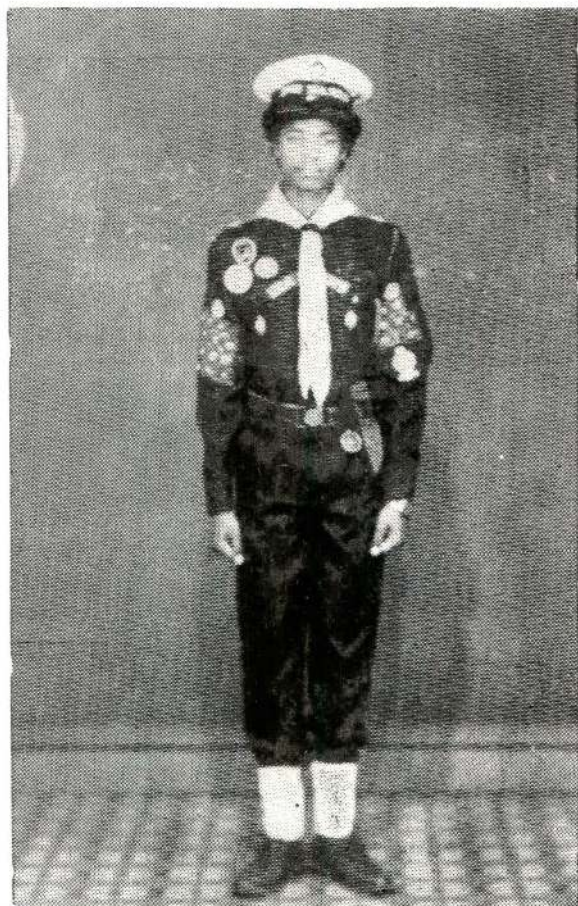


Mas. G. J. Gunathilagan

PRESIDENTS' SCOUTS



Mas. V. Sarvananthar



Mas. T. Manoharan

4. The Aggregate points in all eight subjects plus that for being qualified to proceed to the Advanced level classes should be a minimum of 34 points. Award will not be made if the aggregate score is below 34 points.
5. The award will be made to the candidate who gets the highest score above 34 in the eight subjects. If the scores are equal then a tie occurs.
6. In the event of a tie the student younger by one year in age will get the award.
7. If the tie persists the grades in the Withdrawal Examination will be considered to break the tie.
8. The point award for the school grades will be as follows :-  
Primary subjects A — 04; B — 03; C — 02; D — 01  
Secondary subjects A — 03; B — 02; C — 01
9. If there is a tie in the 8 subjects considered then the performance in 7 subjects shall be considered. In the event of the tie still persisting, the performance in 6 subjects shall be considered.

## **SINNAPILLAI CHELLIAH AND PARARAJASINGHAM MEMORIAL PRIZE**

### **Conditions of Award**

1. Two Prizes to be awarded, one to the Best Academic Boy with Sports and another to the Best Academic Girl with Sports.
2. No Student shall be eligible unless he or she has been in continuous attendance at Jaffna College for two years.
3. The student shall be in Year 12 at the time of the award.
4. Repeaters will not be considered.

### **Basis of the points award.**

A maximum of 75 points; 60 points and 10 points to be allotted to Section I (Academic studies); Section II (Sports) and Section III Conduct respectively.

### **Section 1 - Academic Studies.**

1. Points to be awarded to the G. C. E. O/L Examination and the Year 12 Examinations. At the G. C. E O/L Examination and for the first attempt Distinction—3 points and Credit 2 points shall be given. 5 additional points will be given for fully qualifying at the first attempt.

2. At the Year 12 term test Examinations grades shall be allotted A—3 ; B—2 ; C—1.
3. First Prize in any subject 2 points  
Second Prize in any subject 1 point

**Section 2 — Sports.**

1. **Athletics :** No distinction is to be made regarding age division  
10 points to be given for each of the following :
  - (i) Representing the School athletic team in at least two events.
  - (ii) First or second place in the Cross country race.
  - (iii) Colour winner
  - (iv) College ground record or Best performance in any event.
  - (v) First place or Best performance in Zonal/Quadrangular/Circuit Athletic meet.
  - (vi) First, second or third place in an All Island Athletic meet.
  - (vii) First, second and third places in School meets.
2. **Games.** 10 points may be awarded for any of the following :-  
**First XI.** Member of a First team in two games.  
Colour winner or any outstanding performance  
Representing a District team / School team  
**Second XI.** 8 points to be awarded for any of the following  
Member of a second eleven in two games.  
Representing District or school teams
3. **Tennis, Badminton, Chess, Table tennis**  
Champion — 5 points ; Runner up — 3 points.  
Additional points for Captain and Vice Captains who participate in recognised tournaments.  
First XI — Captain 5 points ; Vice Captain 3 points  
Second eleven — Captain 2 points ; Vice Captain 1 point

**Section 3 — Conduct:** A maximum of 10 points could be awarded.

The Winner of the above Prize will have to obtain at least 30. points in section 1 ; 20 points in section 2 ; and 4 in section 3.  
For Girls the total points in Sports shall be doubled.

## SINNAPILLAI CHELLIAH AND PARARAJASINGHAM SCHOLARSHIP

### Conditions of Award

1. No student shall be eligible for the above Scholarship unless he/she has been in continuous attendance at Jaffna College for two years.
2. The student should have been selected for admission to one of the Universities in Sri Lanka. If no one gains such admission, others enrolled in Universities recognised by the College could be considered.
3. The award shall be based on a Point Scheme allocated as follows :

Section 1 — Academic studies ... 105

Section 2 — Sports — 60

Section 3 — Conduct — 10

**Section 1 — Academic Studies** Points are to be given for G. C. E (O/L), Year XII and Year XIII Examinations.

(i) **G. C. E (O/L) Examination attainment**

Distinction — 03 points per subject

Credit Pass — 02 points per subject

Full qualification at first attempt — 05 points

(ii) **Year XII Examination** — For Overall Grades of each term

Grade A — 03; Grade B — 02; Grade C — 01

First Prize — 02; Second Prize — 01.

(iii) **Year XIII Examination** — For every subject each term.

Grade A — 03; Grade B — 02; Grade C — 01.

First Prize in any subject 02; Second Prize — 01

**(iv) G. C. E. (A/L) Examination**

Distinction — 04

'B'level Pass — 03

Credit Pass — 02

Ordinary Pass — 01

**Section 2 — Sports.**

- (i) **Athletics** : 10 points may be given for each of following. No distinctions to be made for age. For representing the school Athletic team in at least two events; For obtaining first/second place in the Cross Country; Colour winner; College record or Best performance in any event. First place or Best performance in Zonal/Quadrangular/Circuit Meet; First three places in an All Island meet. Inter House Athletic Meet First places — 03 points; Second Places 02 points; and third place— 01 Point. (Maximum 10 points)
- (ii) **First XI** Played in the First team in at least two games; Colour winner; Any outstanding performance; Represent a District or Combined schools (Maximum 10 points)
- (iii) **Second eleven** Points may be awarded for any of the following: — Played in the second XI in at least two games; Represent the District or combined schools (Maximum of 10 points)
- (iv) **Tennis, Badminton, Chess, Table Tennis.**  
Champion — 05 points; Runner up — 03 points  
(Only for recognised tournaments)  
Captain First XI — 05; Second XI — 02  
Vice-Captain First eleven 03; Second XI — 01

**Section 3 — Conduct:** Maximum of 10 points may be given.

The Winner of the above Scholarship should obtain at least a minimum of 40 points; and 05 points in sections 1, 2 and 3 respectively and reach up to a minimum of 75 points. In case of girls the points awarded for Sports shall be doubled.



## Report of the Junior Secondary School

It is with a sense of great satisfaction that I present the annual report of the Junior Secondary School comprising of the years 7, 8 and 9 for the year 1986.

The year had been one of progress inspite of several set backs.

The number on roll this year was 360. This is an increase of 20 from that of last year. Every class had become larger. Each of the divisions had exceeded the maximum limit of 35 that we would like to have in a class. The pressure for admission to year 7 had been so great, that the number in each of the 3 divisions had gone beyond the maximum limit and exceeded even beyond 40. It must be admitted that it is a challenge to the teachers who handle these classes. We are called upon to guide the scholar and the average student and to encourage the backward and down trodden child all in the same class.

Most of our teachers with the exception of a few, work in the Senior Secondary Section as well.

Every assistance and encouragement is given to the study of English and to maintain the standard of English in the College. The Department of Education organizes English Day competitions at circuit and district levels and encourages holding English Day programmes to ensure participation as well as to develop the skills and to create interest in the study of the subject.

The English Day programme held in May turned out to be a great success. The programme included recitation, action songs, choral recitation and plays. The play "Husband for Breakfast" was performed well by the students of years 9 & 10. It was trained by Miss S. S. Selvadurai. Scenes from "Peter Pan" were well enacted by the students of years 7 & 8. In order to commemorate the work of Grimm Brothers, one of their fairy tales was presented by the students of year 8. We thank Dr. Bob. Porter who was responsible for staging these plays. The English Day competitions too were held. Our students won almost all the first places in the circuit competitions. The following won places in the District Competitions too.

Miss M. N. Casisere	Year 7 A	Composition	2nd Place
Miss M. N. Cassiere	Year 7 A	Reading	3rd "
Miss M. M. Cassiere	Year 8 A	Composition	1st "
Miss M. M. Cassiere	Year 8 A	Reading	3rd "
Miss Devada Rajendra Prasad	Year 8 C	Recitation	3rd "
Mas. Deonas Marianayagam	Year 8 A	Spelling	3rd "
Mas. Thayalan Varatharajah	Year 9 B	Handwriting	1st "
Choral Recitation	Years 7 & 8		3rd place
Play	Years 7 & 8		2nd "
Play	Years 9 & 10		3rd "

The Musical item "The Teddy Bears Picnic" was presented by our students at the College Prize Giving. It was in the form of a Choral Recitation followed by a song with actions to music.

We thank the English Department for the good team spirit and encouragement given to the students to create interest and keen participation in the above activities.

The school exhibition was a very special feature this year. Students and teachers worked hard for the high standard set up. July and October were very busy months. Many exhibits in all the subjects were selected for the circuit exhibition. Our congratulations to all the students whose exhibits were selected for display at the final events.

There had been changes in the curriculum in year 9 with the introduction of Commerce and Accounts as a subject to alternate with the existing subjects of Aesthetics namely Art and Music.

We are happy that we are one of the very few schools in the North that provides Western Music within the regular curriculum. Students offering this subject had taken additional interest to avail themselves of the facilities to learn to play musical instruments as well. This had helped us to form the College Junior Orchestra, ably directed by Mrs. V. Jebanesan, our teacher of Western Music. We see the introduction of music in the curriculum continuing to have its effect in the special functions conducted by the College.

Our choirs perform well. The junior choir was mostly composed of girls. They presented a well planned programme of 15 minutes at one of our regular morning devotions. They sang two numbers at the College Christmas Vesper Service. The melodious singing of the choir of 18 in number, was appreciated by everyone. We thank Dr. Porter again for his keen and untiring efforts to train these singers. It could not be said that Western Music has taken the place of Oriental music at college now. East and West is a good blend. The Oriental has its place.

The Tamil Thinam was held during the latter part of the year in November. This programme is an annual feature. It is an opportunity for those talented in oriental music and dance to perform. The students who offer these subjects participated in a group singing and two dances. It was encouraging to see our young student violinists perform. Scene from classical plays were enacted. Students of years 7 & 8 staged 3 scenes from Kumanan Natakam. Students of year 9 staged scenes from Ramayana. We saw Rama in exile accompanied by his wife Sita and his brother Lakshmana, and Kugan, the forest chief, befriending Rama. The play was staged in a different style with many musical compositions introduced to bring out emotion. We congratulate the amateur dramatists and vocalists. We are happy that we are able to maintain good standards with the assistance of the musician Mrs. Ratnasabapathy and the dance teacher Mrs. Menaka Raviraj on our staff. Miss. Shantha

Balasubramaniam is an asset to us with her proficiency in violin. We thank these teachers for their invaluable services rendered to present this art.

The roof of the Junior Secondary School hall caved in and we had to shift the library to the old Hunt Dormitory building. It has been to our advantage. It is a very spacious hall that can accommodate comfortably about 100 students at a time. The reading habit is inculcated in the students at a fairly young age. We are happy that we are able to provide the facility of a large, spacious airy library to our young interested readers.

We continue with the system of electing one general councillor and 4 others to represent this section in the student council.

The following were elected to office;  
Mas. W. Mathitharan Yr 9A

General Councillor

Mas. N. Muralitharan Yr 9A Boys  
Miss. S. Mathini Yr 9C Girls  
Mas. K. Tharmendran Yr 8B Boys  
Miss T. Shirela Yr 8B Girls

Our congratulations to them. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for helping us to maintain discipline and order in school.

Lyceum, the Literary Association of year 9 had its annual celebration in October. It is customary to have a social evening. After tea and party games, the students had an entertainment comprising of dances, songs and dramas. This year Miss M. S. Elias the Supervisor was invited as chief guest.

Students take an active part in athletics and games. The under 15 Net Ball team was captained by Miss Sunethira Antonina Jesudasan. The team entered the district competitions and came up to the quater finals. They won one match and lost the other.

Scouting and Guiding is another field in which the students are interested. The scouts had been busy at their weekly meetings. They had enjoyed camp life once a term. The all Jaffna Scout Camp had our College as its venue. The College was a hive of activity during that week—end in October. We are happy that many of our scouts attended the camp.

We have tried our best to see that every child has had an opportunity to participate in whatever activity she or he is interested in. We feel happy to see the young, actively involved in many of the extra curricular activities.

As my term of office comes to an end during the course of 1987, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sentiments and thanks to all my colleagues and to all those who had helped me in various ways to carry out my task as administrator for a period of about 15 years, ten years of which was as head of the then Junior School composed of classes from the kindergarten to grade 7.

I would like to recall to memory with gratitude the services rendered by Mr. W. N. Thevakadacham and Mr. A. M. Brodie (Junior) who acted on

my behalf as supervisor of the Junior School and Junior Secondary School respectively for brief periods.

I would be failing in my duty if I do not make special mention of Mr. A. Rajasingham, the retired vice principal who had helped me in various ways to carry out my duty as administrator particularly when I was newly appointed to the post. I am grateful to the works department and the clerical staff for all assistance given to me.

Finally I wish to thank the principal Mr. A. Kadirgamer for the valuable help guidance and timely advise given to me to do my work.

“The old order changeth yielding place to new”.

My best wishes to my successor G. Rajanayagam and the other administrators of the college for a very fruitful period of service to the generations of students to follow.

I like to end my report with this verse.

Our thankful hearts to Him we raise  
To God Our Father be our praise  
His grace and strength shall ever be  
Our hope and refuge in future be.

Miss M. S. Elias  
Supervisor

### BOOKS

*Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, some few to be chewed and digested:.....*

— Bacon, *Essays: Of Studies*

*When I am dead, I hope it may be said:*

*“His sins were scarlet, but his books were read.”*

— Hilaire Belloc, *On His Books*

*To produce a mighty book, you must choose a mighty theme. No great and enduring volume can ever be written on the flea, though many there be that have tried it.*

— Herman Melville, *Moby Dick*

*A good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life.*

— Milton, *Areopagitica*

*Of making many books there is no end.*

— Old Testament, *Ecclesiastes, XII, 12*

*Camerado, this is no book,*

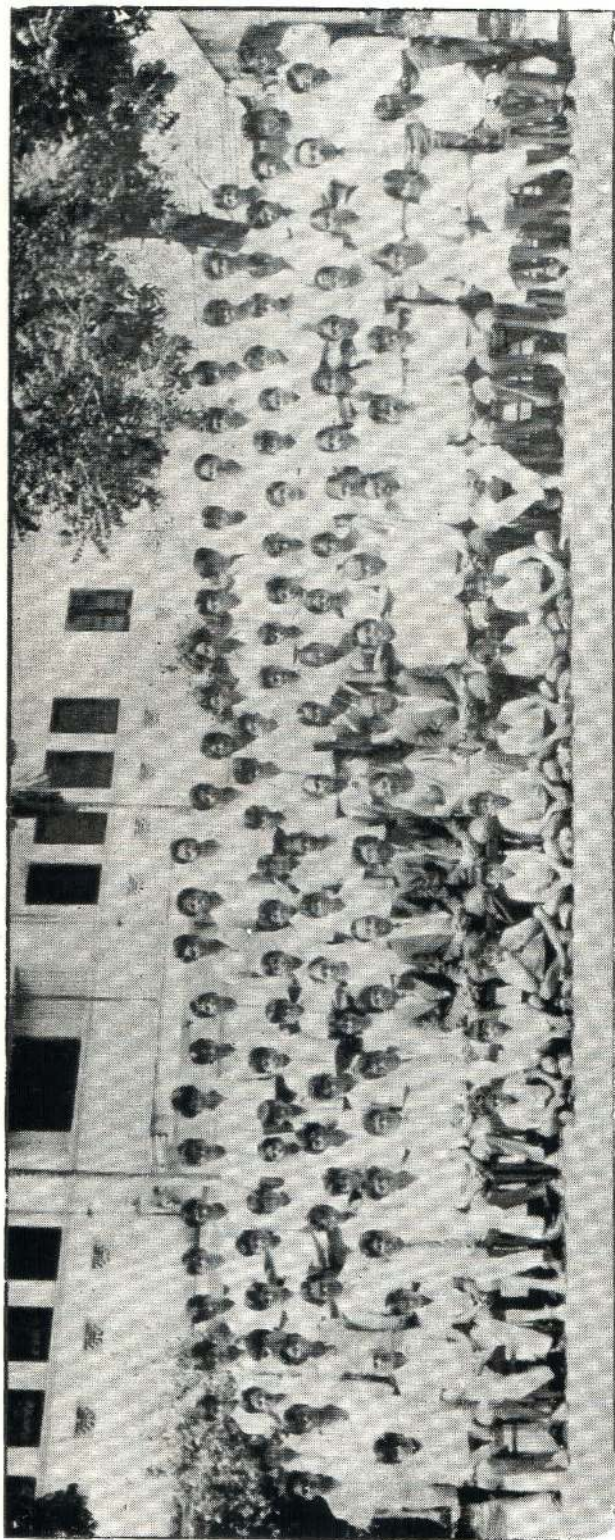
*Who touches this, touches a man,.....*

— Walt Whitman, *So Long*

*There is no such thing as a moral or an immoral book. Books are well written or badly written. That is all.*

— Oscar Wilde, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

THE COLLEGE BOARDERS — 1986



## THE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR – 1986



## CHAMPION ATHLETES

S. Yarlini, The Principal, J. Arunkumaran, The Supervisor, S. Sharmini

## Primary School Report

The year under review had been a successful one with 458 children in our section from year one to year six. There are about 272 boys and 186 girls.

Our Primary School Students Council carried on their duties efficiently. Though small for their age they look into the safety of children crossing the road during peak hours, as some of our classes are held under the banyan tree as well. The faculty advisor Mr. K. S. Tissarajah is in charge of the student councillors.

Kirupalar V. — President  
Prabaharan T. — Vice President  
Thayalan K. — Councillor  
Ajith S.  
Kantharoban S.  
Melwin S.  
Sathiasuthan S.  
Thiriambihi S.  
Suganthini T.  
Anjelina R.  
Sivatharshini P.

The meeting of the parents of years 1, 2 and 3 took place on the 29th of January 1986 at 2 p. m. About 175 parents attended it. Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar inaugurated the meeting. He stressed the importance of such a meeting for the beginners classes as to brief the parents regarding the new curriculum. The Supervisor Mrs. L. B. Thambyrajah gave a talk about the new subjects and appealed to the parents to co-operate with the teachers in order to understand the children better and enable them to do good work. Later

Mrs. K. Navaratnarajah one of our trained teachers explained the way the subjects were taught in an integrated way.

At the beginning of the first term each class was given one rupee a square cards of 25 squares to collect for the refugees. Most of the students got more than two cards from the office and collected about Rs. 50/- each. Our Primary students alone collected a sum of Rs. 10,000/- I am proud to record that amount was one third of the entire college collection towards that cause.

On the 25th of February, we received the sad message that Rev Max Hunter Harrison died in U. S. A. He was acting principal from 1919—1920. We had an assembly in the Primary School Hall. The supervisor told the children about his activities at Jaffna College during his time. A "thevaram" was sung by Mrs. Jeeva. Ratnasabapathy. Two minute silence was observed and the school was closed at 10-30 a. m. for our section that day.

On the 28th of February the cubs along with the little Friends observed the Baden Powell's Day. (Thinking Day) They had items like small plays, speeches and sing song. It was an hours get together with light refreshments. During the course of the year, 27 cub scouts received their membership badges. The cubs took part in a day's programme at Kanagaratnam Maha Vidyalaya (Stanley College) on 28th October 1986. The pack did their best in all the activities and they received certificates. Individual

Event—Melwin S.—1st, March past 3rd and one for General Performance. The Troop Leader is Thayalan K. and the assistant Leader is Hushard C. The teachers in charge are Mrs. D. I. Ganeshan, Mrs. E. V. Pushparajah and Miss H. A. Thambynayagam; The teachers attended the Cub Teachers' training at Jaffna College on the 17th Oct. There are about 20 little friends. The cups and little friends meet on Thursdays at 2-35 p.m. They have activities like sing song, plays and talks. They hope to enroll the little friends during the course of next year. The leaders are Barani S., Kavitha N. and Janaki S. The teachers in charge are Mrs. K. Navaratnarajah and Miss G. V. Rajendra.

We had our Primary School 'Thamil Thinam' on the 14th March at 1-30 p. m. in the Ottley Hall. The Programme commenced with the welcome song and a welcome speech by Mas. V. Kirupalar our president of student council. The Programme consisted of songs, plays, action songs, dances and a drama with beat. Each grade. gave an item. It was a joy to see that about half the primary school participated. Parents came in large numbers to encourage their children. Mas. K. Thayalan proposed the vote of thanks.

The competitions for the English Day in poetry was held on the 2nd May. The singing competition for year one to year six was held on the 13th May. We had our English Day celebrations on the 5th June at 1. 30 p. m in the Junior School Hall. President Primary School Council Mas. Kirupalar gave the welcome speech. The pro-

gramme consisted of Poems, Songs, Action Songs, Role Play, Choral Recitation and the play Sleeping Beauty in song and verse form. (The children enjoyed this colourful programme. They were thrilled to speak and sing in English. Mas. S. Sathiasuthan another councillor proposed the vote of thanks. About 175 children from year one to year six participated. Especially at a time when English looks so alien to our children the teachers of English worked hard for the success of this programme. Teachers of all grades help in putting up all programme. Parents and well wishers gathered in large numbers that day and inspired the teachers and students. Unfortunately the Junior School Hall was small and the accommadation was a little congested. since the Ottley Hall was under repairs we couldn't hold the programme there. Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar distributed the Circuit and District certificates won, at the English Day competitions held in 1985.

The circuit competitions for the English Day was held on the 5th July at Pandeteruppu Girls, School. We are happy to record that we got First in almost all the items that we participated.

Year 4 Reading Aloud	
— Dilani R.	2nd
Year 4 Nursery Rhyme	
— Group	1st
Year 4 Role Play	
— Group	1st
Year 5 Reading Aloud	
— Janarthan S.	1st



PRIMARY SCHOOL  
STUDENT'S COUNCIL



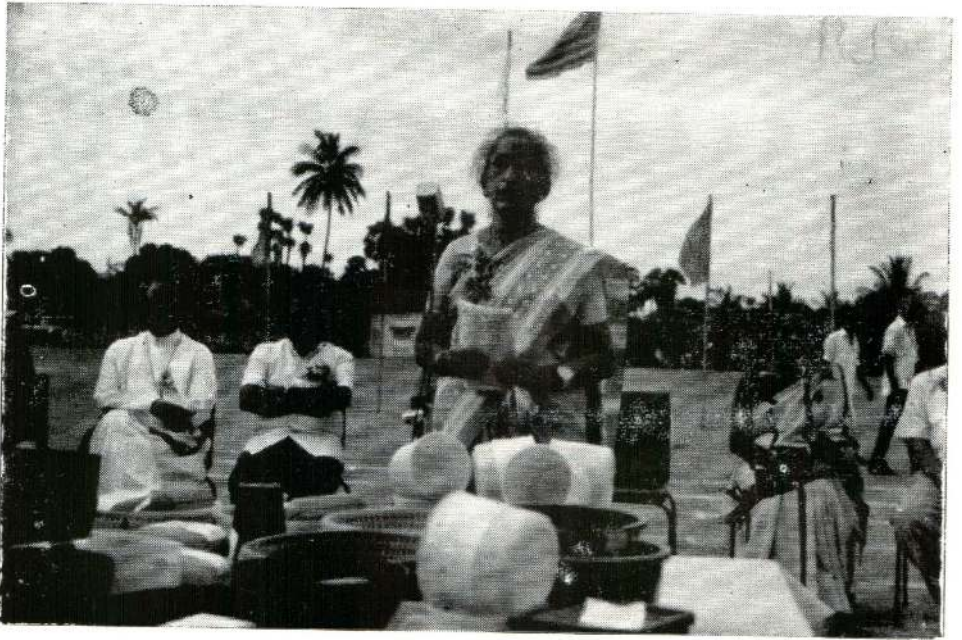
**Standing (L.—R.):** D. Melvin, K. Kantharuban, P. Sivatharshini,  
K. Thayalan, S. Ajith, S. Suganthini, S. Sathiyasuthan, S. Thiriambah.

**Seated (L.—R.):** T. Prabakaran (Vice - President). The Supervisor,  
V. Kirupalar (President), The Principal, R. Anjelina,  
K. Thisairajah (Advisor).



Cub Pack — 1986

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS MEET — 1986



Address by the Chief Guest Mrs. M. Rajaratnam



Address by the Primary School Supervisor

Year 5 Recitation		
— Lakshani K.	1st	
Year 5 Spelling		
— Janarthan S.	1st	
Year 5 Spelling		
— Rajani N.	2nd	
Year 5 Role Play		
— Group	1st	
Year 5 Action song		
— Group	1st	
Year 6 Reading Aloud		
— Angelina R.	1st	
Year 6 Reading Aloud		
— Kavitha N.	2nd	
Year 6 Recitation		
— Thiriambahi S.	1st	
Year 6 Recitation		
— Dayalan K.	2nd	
Year 6 Hand Writing		
— Kirupalar V.	1st	
Year 6 Hand Writing		
— Mohanavarathan S.	2nd	
Year 6 Choral Recitation		
— Group	1st	
Year 4, 5 & 6 Play		
— Group	1st	

The District Level Competitions were held in November. The following were the results.

Year 4 Reading Aloud		
— Nilani R.	3rd	
Year 5 Spelling		
— Janarthan S.	1st	
Year 5 Action Song		
— Group	2nd	

Year 5 Role Play		
— Group	2nd	
Year 6 Hand Writing		
— Mohanavarathan S.	1st	
Year 6 Reading Aloud		
— Kavitha N.	1st	
Year 6 Action Song		
— Group	2nd	
Year 6 Choral Recitation		
— Group	3rd	

We bade farewell to our Vice-Principal Mr. A. Rajasingam on the 9th of June. Two of our Primary Students garlanded Mr. and Mrs. Rajasingam, on top of the College Lane. Our children and teachers took them in procession from there to the Main College Entrance. A Guard of Honour was formed by our kids. There were three groups of dancers. One group led them from the top of the lane to our Primary School Gate. The second group performed a dance at the entrance of our school gate. The third group took them up to the Main Entrance. We miss our Vice Principal's valuable advice and guidance.

The Annual Inter House Athletic Meet was held on the 20th June. at 1.00 p. m. Our chief guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. Rajaratnam. Mrs. A. Rajaratnam is the principal of Vembadi Girl's High School. The meet commenced with the hoisting of the college Flag by our principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar and the hoisting of the Olympic flag by the chief guest Mrs. A. Rajaratnam. The

captains and Athletic Captains took the torch in turn around the field and Mas. V. Kirupalar the president of the student council took the oath. The **High Light of the Day** was the Mass Drill Display by 100 primary School Students with red and yellow — (college colours) scarves. It was indeed a colourful one. Another feature was the singing of the song "We are the world, we are the children" sung after the chief guests speech. That song was co-authored by the well known singers Michael Jackson, and Lionel Richie. This song was used for Live Aid and sports Aid by Sportsmen and sports women all over the world to care for those who are suffering particularly in Africa. This song was very appropriate as it was sung by the eight, nine and ten years old.

At the Senior School Sports Meet our kids were invited to perform the Mass Drill Display and to sing the song "We are the world, we are children. The children felt proud to repeat.

An exhibition was held on the 14th and 15th July in our school. Teachers and students were fully involved. The ideas and creativeness of the children were marvellous. Various teaching aids and models were made out of waste products for Environmental Studies, Mathematics, English, Tamil, Religion, Art, Handwork and Oriental Dance. Our children were able to compose poems in Tamil as well as in English. They gained and learnt a lot in making these things. Almost all our children made something or other.

On the 30th Sept. Dr. (Mrs.) M. Panchalingam the school dentist visited our section and gave a valuable talk on the care of teeth. Children were able to ask questions and verify for them selves of what they couldn't understand.

Our prize-giving was held on the 4th Oct. at 9-30 a. m.. Our chief guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. Vigneswaran. At the prize giving too about 25 kids joined hands and sang the song "We are the world we are the children."

A colourful Christmas Programme was held in the Cathedral Church Vaddukodai on the 9th Nov. at 5. 30 p. m. by the Primary School. The programme was "**The Greatest Story Ever Told**" in English. With candles in hand the little ones went in procession to take up their seats on a stage, put up in front of the altar. There was narration with songs in English. There were 3 Tamil songs. The service came to an end with Rev. Dev. Anandarajan's prayer and Benediction, followed by a Solo.

I wish to thank our principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar for all the help and advice given, to do my work in an efficient manner. I also thank our vice Principal Mr. A. Rajasingam who was here during the first term. I wish to thank our co-vice-principals Mr. W. D. Kulathungam and Mr. S. Jebanesan for their assistance. I wish to thank my staff for their whole hearted co-operation in carrying on these programmes for the year successfully.

L. B. Thambyrajah  
Supervisor Primary School

## Physical Director's Notes — 1986

I am indeed happy to submit this report of the sports activities of our college for the year 1986.

### Cricket :

The cricket team led by G. Ragavan with S. Augustine as vice-captain had a successful season. The team played five matches this year. The following are the results ;

Vs : Manipay Hindu College	— Won
Vs : St. John's College	— Won
Vs : Jaffna Hindu College	— Lost
Vs : St. Patrick's College	— Drawn
Vs : Patrick's College (limited over match)	— Won

Our under 17 cricket team was captained by N. Nithiarajan did not fare well this season. The team participated in the cricket tournament organised by the Jaffna Schools Cricket tournament. We lost all the matches on first innings points.

The Under 15 cricket team captained by M. Baskaran too played in the above mentioned tournament. We lost all the three matches played.

The Principal donated two challenge cups—the Rev. Father Francis Challenge Cup for the Best Fielder in the 'Battle of the Gold and the Rev. Fr. Francis Joseph challenge cup for the Man of the Match in the limited over cricket match for the Rajan Kadirgamar trophy.

Coaches : First XI — Mr. T. Nithiaratnam  
Under 17 — Mr. M. D. Thambirajah  
Under 15 — A. Jeyarajan

### Track & Field Sports :

The Annual Inter House Athletic meet was held on June 29th under the distinguished patronage of Mr. & Mrs. George Pillainayagam. The meet as usual created a great deal of enthusiasm and the competition was keen to the very end. Hastings House won the Inter-House championship. Results of the meet were as follows :

1. Hastings House
2. Brown House
3. Hitchcock House
4. Abraham House

**Individual Champions :**

Post Seniors	:	R. Selvarajah	— Abraham
Seniors	:	S. Augustine	— Hastings
		M. Kugathas	— Abraham
Under 17	:	R. Sothilingam	— Hitchcock
Under 16	:	K. Srinivasan	— Hitchcock
Under 14	:	R. Charles	— Hitchcock
Under 13	:	K. Tharmendran	— Hitchcock
Under 12	:	S. Kanthathas	— Brown
Senior Girls	:	A. Marina Vathany	— Hastings
Intermediate Girls	:	R. Kishani	— Abraham
Under 14 Girls	:	T. Tharani	— Hastings
Junior Girls	:	T. Shirela	— Brown
Tug of war champions		(Joint Champions)	— Hastings & Brown
Relay Champions		Hastings	

The following were the best achievements at the meet.

T. Shirela (Junior Girls)	— Long Jump	— 13' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
R. Charles (Under 14)	— High Jump	— 4' 8"
R. Jeevananthan (Under 17)	— Putt Shot	— 32' 10"
R. Sothilingam (Under 17)	— 100 Metres	
	200 Metres	

The Triangular Athletic Meet (St. John's College, St. Patrick's College and Jaffna College) was organised and we fared fairly well. We obtained eight first places, five second places and four third places. The athletic team was captained by M. Kugathas.

The Cross Country Festival and Race were not conducted this year.

The Primary School Athletic Meet was held on June 20th under the distinguished patronage of Mrs. A. Rajaratnam and Mr. T. Rajaratnam. The working of the meet was in the hands of Mr. A. Jeyarajan. The House masters and their assistants did everything to make the meet a success.

The results of the meet were as follows : Position of Houses

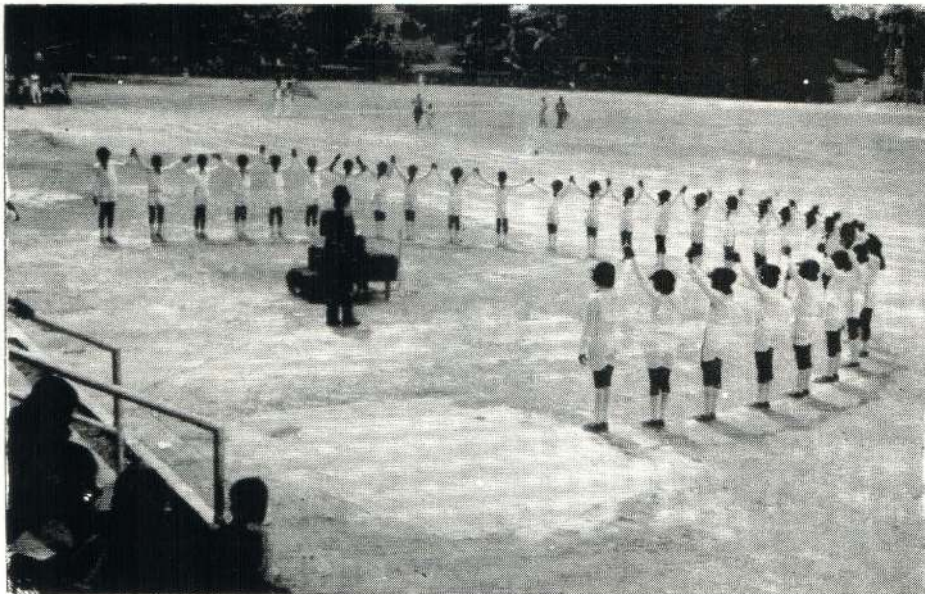
1. Hastings House
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4. Abraham House

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS MEET — 1986



THE OATH TAKING CEREMONY

Chief Guest: Mr. George Pillainayagam, Director Jaffna College  
Technical Institute.



Children Singing "We are the world"

JAFFNA DISTRICT SCOUT RALLY  
JAFFNA COLLEGE



Chief Guest Mr. A. Kadirgamar addressing the Scouts.



The College Gymnastics Group.



**Individual Champions :**

Boys over 11 :	A. Jeevananthan	— Abraham
„ under 11 :	J. Arunkumaran	— Hastings
„ under 10 :	S. Ganesharajah	— Hastings
Girls Over 11 :	S. Nanthini	— Brown
„ Under 11 :	S. Sharmini	— Hastings
„	S. Yarlini	— Brown
„ Under 10 :	K. Kavitha	— Brown
Relay Champions — Hastings House.		

My thanks are due to the house<sup>e</sup> masters, mistresses, the Physical Training Instructor, the house captains and the athletic captains for organising the athletic practices. I must also thank all the teachers and others who helped me to organise and run the meet.

Master in Charge      T. Anandaratanam

**Hockey :**

The college hockey team under the captaincy of J. Aron played two college matches of which it won one and drew the other. The team participated in the tournament organised by the Ministry of sports and emerged joint champions with the Old Golds Team.

The Under 17 team captained by S. Ramesh played two matches of which it won one and drew the other.

Coach : Mr. T. Anandaratanam

**Soccer :**

The college soccer team under the captaincy of J. Aron with V. Pathmanathaneswaran as vice-captain had a successful season. Our team played friendly matches and participated in the tournament organised for schools :

The results of the friendly matches were

Vs :	Mahajana College	— Won	— 3 — 0
Vs :	Skandavarodaya College	— Drew	— 2 — 2
Vs :	St. Henry's College	— Lost	— 0 — 5
Vs :	St. John's College	— Won	— 1 — 0
Vs :	St. Patrick's College	— Won	— 1 — 0

The results of the tournament matches were:

Vs :	Arunodaya College	— Won	— 4 — 0
Vs :	Chavakachcheri Hindu College	— Won	— 3 — 0
Vs :	Osmania College	— Won	— 1 — 0
Vs :	Skandavarodaya College	— Lost	— 0 — 6
Vs :	St. Henry's College	— Won	— 2 — 1

**Coaches :**

First XI	— Mr. T. Nithiaratnam
Under 17	— Mr. A. Jeyarajan
Under 15	— Mr. M. D. Thambirajah

**Tennis :**

The Jaffna College students tennis Club is very active and a match was played with a team from Jaffna. The girls won all their matches and the boys lost. Master in charge: Mr. N. A. Vimalendran.

**Netball :**

Our netball team captained by Miss V. Malini played in the tournament matches organised by the Department of Education and another tournament organised for schools. In the Education Department tournament our first team could reach only the quarter-final stage. The Under 17 and Under 15 teams too did not fare well. In the other tournament we reached the semi-final stage, and lost to Holy Family Convent.

<b>COACHES :</b>	First team	— Miss S. S. Selvadurai
	Under 17	— Miss S. P. Gulasingam
	Under 15	— Mrs. B. Suresh.

**Badminton :**

We played friendly games with the Jaffna College Technical Institute and the University of Jaffna. We lost to the University and to the Technical Institute.

**Basketball :**

The college basketball team captained by R. Muresh played with the University of Jaffna and St. John's College. We lost both the games.

**Table Tennis :**

We played matches with the University of Jaffna, Jaffna College Technical Institute and Y. M. C. A. Jaffna. We lost the match with the University and the Y. M. C. A., and won the match with the Technical Institute.

Master in charge : Mr. V. Selvaratnam.

Finally I take this opportunity to thank all the coaches and members of the sports committee for sparing no pains or time to coach our teams. We are grateful to them.

T. Anandaratum

## THE COLLEGE ATHLETIC TEAM — 1986



**First Row (L.—R.):** K. Nagalingam, M. Daniel, P. Valluvan, P. Thevananthan, R. Ratchakan, A. Ajithkumar, P. Harichandran, S. Noble Surendran, M. Nantheswaran.

**Middle Row (L.—R.):** A. Ravishankar, K. Skandesanjeev, P. Raveendran, R. Kulasingam, B. Sripathy, G. Segaran, P. Sayanthakumar, A. Chandrakumar, R. Ranjithkumar, K. Srinivasan, A. Premananthan, M. Baskaran, R. Charles.

**Seated (L. — R.):** Mr. A. Jeyarajan, Mr. T. Nithyaratnam, R. Sothilingam, S. Sivamohan, S. Augustine, The Principal, M. Kugathas (Capt.), S. Vijayakumar (Vice Capt.), R. Jeevananthan, Mr. T. Anandaratanam (Physical Director), Mr. M. D. Thambyrajah.

## THE COLLEGE BAND — 1986



**Seated (L. — R.):** Mrs. V. Jebanesan, R. Vasuki (Accordian), S. Vinitha (Accordian), R. Rajini (Accordian), The Principal, R. Sharmini (Accordian), D. Keshini (Accordian), V. Sita (Accordian), Miss S Selvadurai.

**First Row (L.—R.):** A. Sudharshani (Bass Rum), S. Skandasaieeva (Melodica), S. Shobana (Melodica), R. Vasanthy (Accordian), K. Naveena (Accordian), A. Ravishankar (Side Drum), S. Umesh (Side Drum), V. Sairam (Side Drum), S. Terranee (Side Drum), S. Sivatharan (Recorder), R. David (Trumpt), S. Sarvanandhan (Side Drum), R. Rajamohan (Recorder), S. Selvini (Cymbals).

**Second Row (L.—R.):** P. Milroy (Recorder), R. Arukshan (Melodica), R. Doris (Recorder), D. Dhevadharshini (Recorder), T. Shirela (Recorder), P. Gunageetha (Recorder), S. Sharmini (Recorder), J. Nirmalene (Recorder), Christene-Kamala (Recorder), P. Sudharshini (Recorder), Narmatha (Recorder), K. Thiripurasundari (Recorder), G. Thevadarshini (Organ), Jeffri (Recorder).

**Top Row (L.—R.):** R. Diana (Recorder), G. G. Nilani (Melodica), N. Jeyanthy (Melodica), Rushanthy (Melodica), P. Umayal (Melodica), Skandasanjeeve (Recorder), Prasath (Recorder), M. Sutharshan (Recorder), Sriskanthan (Recorder).

# Examination Results

## G. C. E. Advanced Level Examination — August 1986 Students successful in three or four subjects

Sarojinidevi T.	Shanthy S.
Aron J.	Anton Rajakarier J.
Arunthathy P.	Benjamin Yogachandran P.
Dayalini M.	Naguleswaran A.
Gayathri S.	Indrani S.
Jennifer Padmini T.	Kalaichelvi A.
Jeyasri T.	Kamalambigai A.
Mathiarasi T.	Kalavalli K.
Mathini A.	Krishnavally K.
Sharvampal V.	Nirainithy S.
Yasodara G.	Suganthy S.
Arumuganathan S.	Sugunavathana T.
Augustine Xavier S.	Vijaya R.
Pathmathaneswaran V.	Baskaran A.
Rajkumar G.	Emmanuel Piratheepan K.
Ramesh S.	Kulendran K.
Raveendran S.	Ragavan G.
Walton Kulendran R.	Suntharavathany S.
Bawani M.	Jayamaiyooravan J.
Sashila T.	Krishanthan P. S.
Shyamala K.	Nirupa N.
Gunaratnam G. J.	Shanthini S.
Ranjan J.	Suthahari S.
Lalitha T.	Tharumeaswary T.
Marina Vathani A.	Valarmathy T.

## STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED FIVE OR MORE PASSES in the G. C. E. Ordinary Level Examination December 1985

Akilan N.	Francis Chandrakumar A.
Arulmaran N.	Gopalavarnan R.
Aravinthan P.	Jeyaseelan M.
Amaran Tunard S.	Jeevagan R.
Armstrong Jeyaseelan S.	Jeyaseelan R.
Balamurugan K.	Jeevanathan R.
Balakrishnan S.	Kuganeswaran P.
Bashkaran S.	Kulasathian K.
Chandrajit G.	Ledchumikanthan P.
Chandrakanthan M.	Mynaseelan G.
Christopher Guru R.	Manivannan K.
Manoharan P.	Yathavakrishnan K.

Muthuthambipillai P.		Yohananda	S.
Niruban	A.	Victor Rinus	S.
Nadesathasan	N.	Perinpanayaham	E. N. A.
Nageswaran	N.	Annaledchumy	K.
Nithiyarajan	N.	Bhavani	G.
Pathmarajah	B.	Chrisanthi	D.
Prince Jeyadevan	J.	Gowsaladevi	N.
Paramanshan	K.	Jeyavathani	J.
Paheerathan	T.	Jesmy	K.
Paranthaman	V.	Jiune Mala	N.
Rajmohan	B.	Kalayani	M.
Ravindran	P.	Kamini	R.
Rajkumar	R.	Mohana	N.
Ranjithkumar	R.	Mohanambal	S.
Ramesh	S.	Pushparanee	T.
Raveendra	S.	Rathyvathana	A.
Ravindran	T.	Sivanayagaki	K.
Sivananthan	B.	Sulochana	K.
Skandakumaran	B.	Soruparani	R.
Sripathy	B.	Sivasakthy	S.
Subaraj	B.	Sivasakthy	S.
Sekaran	G.	Shamini	S.
Satheesan	J.	Umayal	S.
Satchithanathan	K.	Vasanthini	N.
Sanger	M.	Gowritharan	S.
Saseekaran	N.	Lingeswaran	K.
Satheeskumar	N.	Yohendran	A.
Sasitharan	P.	Amalathas	M.
Sritharan	P.	Jeganathan	M.
Subaharan	P.	Muresh	R.
Sivaram	R.	Pradeep Anura	Dharshana A.
Sothilingam	R.	Paramsothy	S.
Sivarathan	S.	Rajeswaran	T.
Sriharan	S.	Johnson	S.
Sureskumar	S.	Skandarajeev	K.
Thevananth	J.	Jeyahary	P.
Thevananthan	P.	Kesawarani	R.
Thevatheepan	P.	Piriyadharshini	M.
Thevaseyan	R.	Sushiladevi	A.
Thirupparamgirinathan	S.	Sakunthala	P.
Terence Suthagaran	S.	Shamini Melani	R.
Thananchayan	S.	Thavaneswary	T.
Thavarajah	S.	Vinitha	P. S.
Vakeesan	J.	Jeyagowri	V.
Vinoharan	K.	Ranjini	S.
Umesh	R.	Yathavakrishnan	K.

# Jaffna College Technical Institute

## ELEVENTH INSTITUTE DAY

### Exhibition & Annual Presentation of Awards :

The Eleventh Institute Day of the Jaffna College Technical Institute was celebrated on Saturday, 27th September 1986, programmed for the morning, bringing to the climax a three-day exhibition, titled TECHNO '86 a feature that was well received as evidenced from the large crowds that thronged the various sections.

The 27th marked both the final day of the exhibition towards which the staff and students had worked strenuously over a limited period of time and the Annual Presentation of awards to the students 'passing out'.

After the final viewing of the exhibits, the guests moved into the Assembly Hall—Abels Auditorium—where refreshments were served. At 10 00 a. m. the stage was set for the centre piece of the day's programme — 'the Mini-Convocation'. The colourful procession of academics, the Council members and the Chief Guests wended its way to the gaily-decorated assembly hall and the proceedings commenced, sharp at 10-30 a. m.

The Bishop, the Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar, led the devotions. Mr. J. M. Sabaratnam, Chairman of the Council, presided, and in his opening address pin-pointed the rapid progress the Institute had made despite the turbulent times and commended the dedicated work of the dynamic director, Mr. M. G. Pillainayagam, and his energetic staff.

The Director of the Technical Institute, Mr. M. G. Pillainayagam, read his report dwelling at length on the achieve-

ments of the Institute during the year under review and underscored the need to update and adjust the course programmes to meet the ever-changing demands and aspirations of the society they sought to serve.

Mr. C. Jeyaratnam, Principal, Agricultural Institute, in his Report observed how, due to the unstinted support of the Board of Trustees, Chairman and members of the Council of Management, the Institute had emerged to the present level of being a viable project.

The Chief Guest, Mr. T. Joganathan complimented the students and staff for the impressive showing at the Exhibition, congratulated the award winners on successfully completing their respective courses of study and lauded the Institute for training and developing the human potential, especially of the peninsula and its outskirts, to suit the modern trends in development strategies.

Mrs. R. K. Joganathan presented the diplomas and certificates.

Mr. S. Jeyaseelan, President of the Students Union, proposed a vote of thanks. With the Benediction pronounced by the Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar, the day's programme came to a close at 12.45 p. m. as scheduled.

### Excerpts from the Report of the Director Technical Institute

#### Technical Education

Let us carefully examine the present and future needs of our youth in the process of their development into useful citizens through gainful and meaningful employment.

In the recent past our experience has been very bitter and has forced every one of us involved in this field to set out a planned programme of technical education suitable to this part of the country. During the past five years I was engaged in much experimentation and research in this venture studying the constraints in our educational programmes.

In the Northern District alone more than 20,000 students, annually appear for the G. C. E. (O/L) Examinations. They are generally in the age group, 16 to 18 years. Only 1/3rd of them, about 6,000 students, continue their secondary education for another two years, offering mathematics, science, arts and commerce subjects, and appear for the G. C. E. (A/L) Examinations. But only 1/6th of them, about 1,000 get some opportunity to continue their education—very unlikely in their chosen fields due to stringent standardization—at the higher seats of learning in State Institutions. They constitute only 05% of the school leavers. The rest 95% and, among them 25% qualified to continue their higher education, are thrust into society annually. What happens to them, we have witnessed, is that through frustration they become depressed and fall easy victims to anti-social forces. They need patient hearing and sympathetic guidance. This group is a very potential human resource. A developing country like ours cannot afford to lose, but should be beneficially cared for and properly guided. They should be given the opportunity to get useful training in vocational skills for employment to survive in this competitive world.

The need and the awareness to learn a life skill should be introduced in the secondary schools by organising development projects and vocational clubs, and the senior students persuaded to take part in these activities during after-school hours and holidays. It gives them the opportunity of acquiring simple manipulative skills and a sense of practical work in the process of their development at an early age. The parent-teacher co-operation is very essential in establishing and conducting such schemes of work and practical hobbies which will evoke the students' desire to develop and cultivate his/her own understanding habits, apart from the school text books. When they leave school, even if they are unsuccessful at the examinations, they would have had some tinterest and confidence in choosing a suitable vocation for their future.

Our part of the contribution to school leavers is providing technical and vocational education and life skills training in an orderly manner, and prepare them for employment with a sure sign of security in their future. The rapidly changing situation around us has forced us to update and adjust our course programmes to meet the changing need and aspirations of the society we seek to serve.

#### Courses of Study

During the academic year 1985/86 we offered 13 different courses of study. All but one were conducted as full time two semesters/year programmes.

#### Professional Engineering (Part I)

This course of study is offered to the G. C. E. (A/L) qualified students and generally commences in the month of



January and is conducted for three Semesters, preparing the students for the Engineering Council Examination (London) Part I, normally held in the month of May of the following year.

#### Technician Diploma Courses

Four different course of study were offered in

- (a) Electronics & Telecommunication  
(6 semesters)
- (b) Electronics & Engineering (4 semesters)
- (C) Civil & Quantity Surveying  
(4 semesters)
- (d) Mechanical Engineering (4 semesters)

A one-year (2 semester) course of study in Computer Programming, commenced in 1983, has become popular among school leavers.

#### Technician Certificate Course

Three semesters full-time course programmes are offered in Automobile Technology and Airconditioning and Refrigeration Technology. These are practical oriented studies to enable students to acquire skills in the application of electricity in these trades and handle allied electrical instruments and appliances.

#### Craft Courses

Four craft courses in Foundry Practice, Welding, Machine shop Practice and Electrical Installation Practice are offered in this scheme. The students become semi-skilled workmen on completion of these courses and find employment easily.

#### Engineering Council Examination—Part II (London)

Many students who passed the Professional Engineering Course (Part I) conducted by us and had subsequently

passed the E. C. E. (Part I) (London) found employment in the industries as mid-grade technicians. They were anxious to continue their educational career. With the approval of the Management Council we commenced a week-end course in February, 1986, offering Electrical & Mechanical Engineering subjects. Classes are conducted at a rented-out building in Jaffna.

#### Trade Courses

Two trade courses of 6 months duration in Masonry and Carpentry were commenced in early September 1986. The students will be taught the necessary skills and employed on construction work when the proposed buildings on the campus begin.

#### Research and Production Work

The staff and students of the Mechanical Engineering Department and workshops are involved in research, design and manufacture of engineering components as part of the industrial level training offered at the Institute. All steel fabrication works required in the new buildings were fabricated by the welding department. A small cast iron cupola was designed and constructed by the staff and students of this department and it was commissioned in May, 86. A series of tests on different types of locally available moulding sands is being conducted, helping the local industries involved in foundry production work.

Agricultural machinery and equipment are designed and fabricated at the Machine Shop.

Research studies are carried out by the staff and senior students on development projects, such as Biogas utilization, Satellite-TV signal receiver, low cost partition wall, clay bricks, agricultural implements etc. with tests for commercial production and utilization.

# Jaffna College Agricultural Institute

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 1986

Distinguished Chief Guests, Chairman and members of the Council, Members of the Jaffna College Board of Directors, Parents, Alumni and Friends :

We of Jaffna College Agricultural Institute extend to all of you a warm welcome to this annual event.

This is my second report, after being appointed Principal of the Agricultural Institute in September 1984. In my last report, I mentioned about the reorganisation we undertook and the future programme planned out. I am happy to announce that we have progressed steadily and have now come to stay as a viable project. All of us at the Institute are grateful to the infusion given to us by the Board of Trustees and the Chairman and members of the Council, past and present, at a time when we were in great peril.

### Staff :

Mr. S. Arumugam, our capable English teacher left us and migrated to Australia.

Mr. Arumugam has been with us for a long time and was well liked by all the students he taught.

Mr. S. Sivagnanam (Retired Government teacher) is now appointed in place of Mr. Arumugam.

Mr. D. D. Ariaratnam, with his long years of service in various Government Departments has now joined us as our Accounts Clerk.

Messrs. Vigneswaran and Kandasamy continue to be in charge of the Farm and School sections respectively.

Mrs. S. T. Pakianathan takes regular lectures and practicals in Home Science.

### School Section :

The three months training programme has been abandoned and the

former Senior Certificate in Agriculture has been replaced by the 'Diploma in Agriculture' of one year's duration. This year 31 students were enrolled at the beginning and we are now left with 26 of them. The new batch of students will be taken in November, this year.

The students take very keen interest in their practicals. For their benefit, the following crops are cultivated during the rainy months and in summer:—Potatoes, Tobacco, Groundnut, Pulses, Bombay Onions, Red Onions, Manioc, Dioscoreas, Elephant foot yam, Cabbage, Beetroot, Brinjals, Tomatoes, Beans and Ladies fingers,

The paddy plot of 1/8 acre was established and the variety H 4 was grown successfully. Paddy, it must be mentioned, is not a crop to be recommended for the red latosols of our area. But the idea of growing this crop is to teach the cultural and plant protection problems of this most important crop, to the students.

We added a duck rearing unit this year and at present there are two breeds. This is solely to train the students on the art of duck rearing.

As in the previous years the Poultry, Dairy and Piggery units are well maintained and the students get ample training in the management of these units.

### Student Tour :

Unlike last year, due to the unsettled conditions prevailing, the students are not taken to the Research and Training Centres at Kilinochchi. However they were taken to the District Centres at Thirunelvely.

### Special Programme:

Seminars and lectures were conducted at regular intervals for the benefit of the students and farmers. We conducted seminars and demonstrations on (1) First Aid (2) Health Science (3) Plant Protection (4) Artificial and Natural breeding of cattle. A few more on fruit trees, care and maintenance of sprayers and water pumps will be held this year.

A student of the Faculty of Agriculture, Peradeniya is with us on a four month special training programme.

### School Magazine :

The students have this year formed the "Manavar Manram" and with the encouragement given by the lecturers are putting out a magazine named = ENGAL ANUPAVAM = (Our Experience). It contains a series of articles on Crop and Animal Husbandry. This magazine will be published every year by the students.

### Athletics :

We are thankful to the Director, Staff and students of the Jaffna College Technical Institute for cordially inviting us to take part in their 2nd Inter-Hall Athletic championships held from 4th to 6th September this year. Our girl students managed to get several prizes and the Challenge cup for the best performance—Women; was awarded to our student. The following students won prizes :—

1. R. N. Susithira — 1st Place-in long Jump, 100 meters, 200 and 400 meters (New best achievement in all four items.)
2. S. Vijayalatha — 1st Place in Putt shot (New best achievement) 2nd place in Long Jump and Discuss Throw.

3. V. Jegasothy — 1st Place in Discuss Throw. 2nd Place in 400 meters and 200 meters, and 3rd Place in Long Jump.

4. S. Thevarajah — 3rd Place in 1500 meters — Men.

We got the 1st Place in the Tug-Of-War for women.

Of the Staff members Mr. T. Vigneswaran was placed 3rd in the 300 meters—Staff. We won two Challenge Cups, both by Miss R. N. Susithira for the Best performance (Women) and the Champion Athlete—Women. Our congratulations to all of them.

A Big Thank You to Mr. K. N. Y. Maurice, the Sports Administrator for the encouragement given to the inexperienced and rustic students of our Institute.

### FARM SECTION :

For the first time, last year, our Farm which is to be an effective teaching aid, was run at a Gross profit of about of Rs. 25,000/-. This year too, up to now we are on the profit side. Unsettled conditions have affected us very badly in two ways. Firstly we are unable to get full replacement for our Poultry Unit, thereby egg production has been lowered very much. Secondly our crops like Red onions and Tobacco fetched only half the price we got last year. If not for these drawbacks our gross profit would have doubled that of last year.

Last year we promised to supply hatching eggs to the public from april of this year. We have fulfilled our promise and a limited amount of hatching eggs are sold every week.

Again we wanted to have a better orchard in our farm. We have planted Sapodilla, Jumbu, Orange, Jamunarang, Avocado, Anonas, and Belly in our Farm. Unfortunately in the absence of grafted or budded plants, we planted seedlings and it will take very many years for them to bear fruit.

#### HOSTEL :

The New Hostel building will be completed in about two months. The Consultant Engineer, Mr. A. C. Canagarajah has managed to complete the building at a low cost and the savings will be made use to do the ceiling in the office and class room section.

#### Future Programme :

Assistance to the farming community is one of the objective of the Institute. At present the service rendered to them consists of the supply of seedlings and planting materials which are very scarce because of the transport problem. Hundreds of farmers have obtained these items from us. Even the supply of hatching eggs is to help them to hatch the chicks at homes. No doubt we have conducted and continue to conduct seminars on agricultural topics, Any other form of agricultural extension is effectively done by the Department of Agriculture which has a well organized effective Extension Service to serve the farmers. For that purpose they have Village and Range level workers, Subject Matter Specialists, Experimental and Research Officers to meet the farmers in the field and to tackle their problems and needs. Thus the Institute need not go into the matter of farmer training.

But we have found that there is a dearth of Agricultural reading materials

by way of leaflets, bulletins and even books. These are badly needed for the educated unemployed youth, who are keen to take up to agriculture i.e. farming as a vocation. The two or three books that are already available are very much outdated as they have been written or compiled some ten to fifteen years back. Hence we at the Institute, with the help of the Research, Training & Extension Officers of the Department of Agriculture or even the Staff of the Jaffna University have decided to put out a series of bulletins on Crop production, Horticulture, Irrigation and drainage, Fertilizer use, Compost making, Paddy, Soil Science etc. This is a felt need for Agricultural development of the Tamil areas in the North and East and will be a boon to the youths who are going to be future farmers. This could also help the students in Secondary Schools who offer Agriculture as a subject.

#### THANKS

I wish to thank the Staff, students and employees for the co-operation' extended to carry out the Institute's day to day activities under very difficult conditions.

A special word of thanks to the Director, Staff and students of the Technical Institute for their brotherly affection towards us and for allowing us to participate in their activities.

I thank the Chairman and members of the Council for their encouraging responses and guidance to our problems.

I thank you Ladies and Gentlemen for your kind presence and patient hearing.

Thank you

C. JAYARATNAM  
(Principal)

# The Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society

## THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1986

By the Grace of God, the Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society has completed yet another year with a fair amount of success. In spite of all the trials and tribulations amidst which we are living, the C. I. S. R. S. has been able to undertake a number of activities for the good of the community we serve. Above all, it has served as forum for the formation of Christian opinion on various issues confronting our society and been a catalyst to stimulate thinking.

The Library has been kept open every day of the year, except on Sunday and has helped to promote further study among the pastors, lay-men and the theological students of our Churches. A new accession-register has been compiled and all the books have been brought under the Dewey Decimal classification system. Thus a dream that has been there for a very long time has been realised, and readers are now able to lay their hands on the books they want without wasting time in searching for them.

Volume II of Bishop S. Kulandran's book entitled 'Word, Men and Matters Ecclesiastical', published by us, was released to the public ceremonially at a special function held in February at St. John's College, Jaffna, at which Bishops D. J. Ambalavanar and Deoguppillai, along with Professor K. Sivathamby spoke.

At this Festschrift, a book of essays written by several eminent writers from different countries in honour of the Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Kulandran was presented by Bishop Ambalavanar. One other volume is ready for release, while the other two are with the presses. Before long we hope to put on sale all five volumes bound together as one book.

Just before lent, last year a book of Lenten Meditations by the British Council of Churches was translated into Tamil and published by the Institute. Many of our Church members met in groups during the season to do an intensive study of it. The Churches that have not done so last year will do so during Lent 1987.

In collaboration with the Institute for Evangelists and Lay Training, talks on the lives of eminent Christian personalities were delivered at the Ashram and at the Green and McLeod hospitals, and the papers are being edited with a view to publishing them in Tamil for the use of our young parishoners.

The Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles Trust Fund is being used for a scholarship every year to a pupil who has passed the General Arts Qualifying examination and is offering Christian Civilisation as a subject for the Degree at the University, Jaffna. The recipient this year is Miss R. N. Selliah.

The land for the erection of the new C. I. S. R. S. complex has been fenced and a gate put up. The estimate for the new building is being realistically updated and the Board of Trustees is being approached for a grant to construct it.

A public meeting was held in Jaffna in October on the theme. "The Social Development of our youth at the present time." The Chairman was Mr. C. V. Vickneswaran, B. A., LL. B. District Judge and the speakers were Messrs. S. R. Asirvatham, Formerly Deputy Director, Planning Dept., Mr. N. Balakrishnan, Dean Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna.

Mr. G. M. Sebastiampillai, Lecturer, University of Jaffna, Rev. Fr. Jeyaseelan, Vice-Rector, St. Francis Seminary, Mr. K. Nesiah, Professor Emeritus and Swamy Chitrupananda of the Ramakrishna Mission. A bulletin containing the speeches has been published and an action-oriented programme mapped out for a follow-up.

May I in conclusion thank the members of the Board for the guidance and co-operation given to me at every turn.

W. N. S. Samuel  
Director  
C. I. S. R. S.



## THOUGHT

*I think, therefore I am.*

(*Cogito, ergo sum*) — Descartes

*Men of thought, be up and stirring*

*Night and day:*

*Sow and seed — withdraw the curtain —*

*Clear the way. — Charles Mackay*

*No thought without phosphorus*

— Jacob Moleschott

*And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?*

— New Testament, Luke, XII, 25

*If I have done the public any service, it is due to patient thought.*

— Sir Isaac Newton

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.*

— Old Testament, Isaiah LV, 8

*Man is but a reed, the weakest in nature, but he is a thinking reed.*

— Pascal

*It is clear that thought is not free if the profession of certain opinions make it impossible to earn a living.*

— Bertrand Russell

# Robert John Thurairajah

(A tribute paid by Mr. A. Kadirgamar, Principal, Jaffna College, at the funeral service at Chavakachcheri on 7th April, 1986)

## Mrs. Thurairajah, Rev. & Mrs. Thurairajah & Friends,

My task today is an unusually unique one as I stand here to pay tribute to Mr. R. J. Thurairajah, the most affectionate, dutiful, handsome colourful, dynamic, bold and courageous uncle I ever knew. Those of you who knew him during the last few years only, did not know the real Thurairajah—a glimpse of whose dynamic personality you see in the handsome picture on the cover of the hymn sheet. Under normal circumstances I would not be making this tribute as a very close relative, but my task is imperative as Principal of Jaffna College, the College where Mr. Thurairajah spent more than fifty very active years joining it in 1919 as a boy of ten and retiring in 1969 having served with five Principals—Bicknell, Bunker, Selliah, Balasingham and my humble self, his nephew. Even after retirement his life like many of those who went before him such as K. A. Selliah and Lyman Kulathungam was spent in the cause and concern of the college which he loved and adored.

Mr. Thurairajah began his teaching career at Jaffna College in 1934 and in 1935 at the age of 26 succeeded Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam as the Physical Director of the College, selected for the task by the sports-enthusiast Principal Bicknell and Thurairajah held that post with great distinction for 35 long continuous years. Sports in its modern forms was introduced into Jaffna College and Jaffna by Dr.

Carl Phelps the American Missionary in 1921. Phelps was a science graduate of the very prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology. True to the character of the great products of that Institute, he brought a scientific mind and attitude to all aspects of education in the College and in that process innovated rules to bring more order and purpose into sports. It was also a time when sports received a greater impetus internationally in schools and universities. New games, such as basketball were being introduced the first time in Jaffna and Ceylon by the American Missionaries—a game that was invented to keep sportsmen physically fit, by the Director of the International YMCA school in Springfield, Mass., U. S. A. in 1891. (Basketball was introduced as an Olympic Game in 1936 and became a popular spectator sport only after the World War II in 1949). Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam succeeded Dr. Phelps as Physical Director in 1932. Mr. Thurairatnam was a Science graduate and a very versatile sportsman with an academic and enthusiastic grasp of all games and was also an expert organiser of sports associations and an excellent coach in all branches of sports. Therefore it would have been a very formidable task for the young, raw, inexperienced Thurairajah to step into the shoes of such stalwarts. He was the last in the galaxy of great teachers

hand-picked by Bicknell, for Bicknell died soon after, and to Bicknell, it was commitment, devotion and loyalty to the College that mattered more than paper qualifications and Bicknell made no mistake about the choice of Thurairajah who gave much strength to all the principals he served and he strode the arena of sports at Jaffna College, Jaffna and Ceylon with unusual ability, colour, charm and confidence. There was always a surge of spontaneous pride affection in the hearts of the Jaffna College and the Vaddukoddai Community at the very sight of the sturdy, athletic figure of Thurairajah. He inspired confidence in all his sportsmen. They could not fail him.

Thurairajah was extremely fortunate that no sooner began his task, Jaffna College sportsmen such as the George brothers especially V. G. George, and later W. T. Sanders and the several championship cricket and soccer teams put Jaffna College and Thurairajah on the map of Ceylon and V. G. George's records placed Jaffna College on the map of the British Empire too. (I have heard it said that Mr. K. A. Selliah who was a student in London heard the B. B. C. announce that a schoolboy in Vaddukoddai created a new English Public Schools Record in the High Jump event!) They were breathtaking events! The cheers, the colour and the excitement of that period echoes and reverberates through the corridors of time to this very day, encouraging and maintaining splendid goals to be achieved by present day sportsmen. These outstanding sportsmen were also the lifelong friends of Thurairajah right through his life though V. G. George and W. T. Sanders, much younger than Thurairajah pre-deceased him, but Thurairajah

had the joy and privilege of seeing these two men grace the Jaffna College Sports meets as chief guests. They were moments of untold joy and re-union on the Bicknell grounds, the great arena of their efforts together.

Mr. Thurairajah was one of the pioneers from Jaffna seeking training in Physical Education following Gordon Kadirgammar of the staff St. John's College at the Y. M. C. A. School in Saidapet, Madras. Mr. Thurairajah was a fine athlete and expert basket-ball player having played the game for the first time in Jaffna (1924) and in popularising it. He was an expert coach and a very smart cricket umpire and soccer referee. As soccer referee he used the whistle as an instrument of art, for there was a characteristic shrill matching the emotion of the moment for every movement on the field; at the commencement of the game, its half-time and finish; the penalties, fouls, foul throws, off-sides and of course the victorious goals, so much so, appreciative spectators used to say that Thurairajah's whistle actually spoke depicting every aspect of the game so effectively like a running commentary and some of them went to the esplanade not so much to see soccer matches as to see Thurairajah refereeing! (While travelling in a Jaffna bound train from Colombo with Thurairajah a grand-bazaar business-man in the same compartment recognised Thurairajah and said he knew him as the referee whose whistle spoke and that he was one of his many fans!

Besides being the sports-master par excellence, he was a very versatile school master taking a very important share of work in all the varied school activities.



He was a class-room teacher, a class superintendent, President of the College Y. M. C. A. and the Round Table, a Warden of the hostels, staff adviser to the School Council, staff representative on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the College, the master of ceremonies at all school functions, particularly the prize-givings and along with Messers Selliah, Kulathungam and Thurairatnam (K. C.) was the energetic fund-raiser for the College when it became a private, non-fee-levying school in 1960 and he was chiefly responsible for the construction of the Bicknell Memorial Pavilion. Jaffna College proudly possesses the best sports field and Pavilion in the whole of Jaffna and certainly one of the best in the whole island. Thurairajah jealously maintained the grounds and pavilion in perfect condition always.

Thurairajah was held in great esteem admiration and confidence by the administration of the college, the officers of the Church, his colleagues, students, old students of Jaffna College and by the community at Vaddukoddai. At a time when rowdiness and thuggery were rampant, Thurairajah's presence in the vicinity would bring a quiet calm and order into very ugly situations. His was a never failing and ready presence whenever, order, organisation and service was needed at funerals, weddings, festivals and numerous such functions.

One very important event stands out in my memory, when I was a young teacher on the staff as evidence to his superb organisational ability. Mr. Kulathungam as acting principal presided over the Prize-giving for the only time when Mr. Selliah was on study leave in

U. S. A. The chief guest at that function was the well known English scholar and constitutional expert Sir Frederick Rees. There was a very large and representative audience at the function which was held as an open air event on the College quadrangle. As soon as Mr. Kulathungam finished reading his report the first signs of an impending heavy rainfall was noticed and eventually it came down. The matter was causing some anxiety all along and fortunately there were the spacious verandahs adjoining the quadrangle connecting the Ottley Hall upstairs. Within minutes the Ottley Hall was set up to continue the function. There was a pit-drop silence as the chief guest rose to make his long awaited address and he began his speech by commending the college for the clock-work precision, order and efficiency with which the venue was altered so quickly to continue the function and he said he needed no more evidence than what he saw before his eyes a few minutes ago to the superb quality and character of the school. It was an event that would have unnerved even the most experienced and formidable of principals but with Thurairajah behind the scenes in charge of the arrangements nothing was impossible. He could make snap decisions and act immediately with courage and confidence. He was the type of a staunch lieutenant any administrator would like to have beside him. Mr. Kulathungam was the happiest man that day and that function stands out as one of the best in the series of prize-givings.

It is difficult to speak about Thurairajah without reference to the

Bicknellian tradition in education. Thurai-rajah was steeped in that tradition and totally dedicated to it with a religious awe. It was period in education where the ethos of education was so influenced with impressions of "Tom Brown's School Days", and "Goodbye Mr. Chips" and the great headmaster Arnold of Rugby was the proto-type for all headmasters and to all conscientious, hardworking, dedicated and systematic teachers. Mr. Chips was the proto-type and so there was the great "age of impression" with the great headmasters of their times, over-aweing students and old students and even the surrounding community - Frazer of Tinity, Stone of St. Thomas' and Bicknell of Jaffna College. Bishop Kulandran assessing Jaffna College in his History from 1923 to 1980 concludes by saying that when everything on the subject is said, the College still remains "Bicknell's School". Bicknell, however, never believed in constraining his students into one single mould. The American missionaries who came soon after the war of independence with Britain never blindly aped English ways or English Schools but gave much scope for change and innovation in education and so Jaffna College forged ahead with bold, courageous changes in education influencing deeply the national and social concerns of the country and stirring the conscience of people. The freedom to wear the national costume, to develop the Tamil language, to speak of nationhood, to join the struggle for independence with Mahatma Gandhi were all encouraged. There was a healthy spirit of liberalism in the college and each person was accepted in his own right and encouraged to

develop in his own sweet, inimitable way. We were not called upon to wear unifroms, to dress alike or to think alike or to sport a common label or to flaunt the word discipline — Bicknell I am sure never used that word. The Bicknell students came into the college with different plumes and left the college with those plumes brightened and glistening, not painted alike to form an artificial flock! But they were birds of different feathers who could also flock together to sing "Where'er we roam, Our College Home we'll ever hold most dear Our Loyalty shall be the same where'er our lot be cast....." There was a significant unity in diversity, there was freedom and also commitment to great causes and ideals. That was the essence of Jaffna College and it could be illustrated with contrasting pairs of some of its illustrious products so different from each other to mention just three pairs. These contrasting pairs that I mention were so loyal to the college, were Bicknells most affectionate students, some of them of the same church or same family, working towards almost the same causes and yet they were so different, never of the same mould! A Handy Perinpanayagam and a Lyman Kulathungam were contemporaries, wore the national costume, were students of English and Latin, came from the same village and school, had the same principal and teachers, taught the same subjects at Jaffna College and yet were men who were so very different in their outlook and in the specific contributions they made to society. The same could be said of P. Srisandarajah and K. A. Selliah, sportsmen together, students of

Allen Abraham, Bicknell enthusiasts, one the President of the Hindu Congress and the other a Christian saint; and I. P. Thuraiatnam and R. J. Thuraiajah, cousins, same church, same village, sportsmen in the same college and yet so different in their individual make up. Their individuality, their personalities, their ideals were not tampered with and they were not casualties under the Bicknell spell, but instead they blossomed out in their own inimitable ways. This is the Bicknell tradition that continues to this day and Thuraiajah thrived in that tradition. The "benign and kindly glow of the Bunker-Selliah administration" that followed was a product of the Bicknell tradition of liberalism, freedom and commitment and unity in diversity. The atmosphere was totally conducive to a healthy educational growth and development.

On retiring from Jaffna College in 1969, Thuraiajah was elected as staff representative on the Board of Directors of the College, another magnanimous and generous gesture made to him by the staff and he served on the Board for six years, five of it as secretary of the Board too.

Jaffna College teachers were always known for their great devotion and loyalty to the American Ceylon Mission, to the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India and to their local churches — a tradition maintained. I am happy to state, to a very high order to this very day Mr. Thuraiajah was no second in this attitude to the American Ceylon Mission, the Diocese and to his mother church at Chavakachcheri. He was

the energetic treasurer of the Pastor's Pension Fund of the Diocese for 16 years and placed that fund on a very secure footing. These were duties carried out with utter devotion as an honorary job during his spare time, but in his heart it took pride of place, great joy and satisfaction, because his own father was a pastor in times past in the same mission. When the late Rev. K. S. Jeyasingham was the secretary of the Diocese he would always designate all organisation of festivals, teas and lunches to Thuraiajah and he would carry out these duties with great efficiency and much acceptance.

Along with his most affectionate and saintly parents, Rev. & Mrs V. M. John and very loveable brothers E. J. Jeyarajah, Jesuratnam and J. J. Ratnarajah and their families he gave his best to the Jaffna Diocese and all its institutions with unmatched devotion and loyalty. The Chavakachcheri parish and church took pride of place in his associations.

My relationship to him as a nephew, student, colleague, vice-principal, principal, fellow-director of Jaffna College remains as I said earlier a unique and I am sure it was to him as well. He was the first relative outside my parents, that I was first conscious of and we kept so close to each other all my 57 years. He was one of the last to see us off to Malaya in 1938 and one of the first to greet us on our return in 1946. I soon joined Jaffna College as a student in the lower classes and he became my immediate guardian on the spot as my parents were away in Malaya and my official guardian Rev. Ratnarajah was stationed at Pungudutivu. He was the

one to take me and my brother Alagan to the tailors to make our clothes on our first visit to Jaffna Town from the village of Vaddukoddai by bus. He showed me the way to important places in the town. He looked after me when I was ill and supplemented boarding food with food from his home. He supervised my studies and looked into my marks in the report books. He nurtured me so devotedly into the Jaffna College and Diocesan community. I soon became his colleague at Jaffna College and three years before he retired I became his vice-principal and principal and presided over all his farewell functions the chief of which was the colourful and well-attended farewell soccer match with St. Patrick's College on the Bicknell grounds, a moment of great emotion to both of us. It certainly was a unique and almost unparalleled relationship, a deeply pleasant and gratifying one given to few and one that was filled with joy and gratitude without any discontent to sour it any way. What memories flood my mind as I sing the College song again "We'll love her name we'll guard her fame while life and memory lasts..." Thurairajah will be so much a part of that deeply affectionate and indelible memory!

As a loving husband and dutiful father Thurairajah could certainly be termed ideal. Theirs was a love marriage and the talk of the town in those days, with much excitement in the student community at Jaffna College. He did everything humanly possible and within his ability and in good time to his wife and children and even to his relatives. It was a tribute to him that he encour-

aged both his daughters to do Western music and they obtained their higher diplomas in double quick time even without a piano in the house and Ranjo obtained her first part in the diploma while being in the O. L. class. He encouraged his son Rajkumar in the Christian ministry. Mrs. Thurairajah was always there with her husband in all the activities of the College and the Church. She was the youngest member of that lovely band of Jaffna College ladies so socially conscious of their duties as wives of teachers. They were Mrs. Bunker, Mrs. Selliah, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Jeeveratnam, Mrs. Mathiapparanam and Mrs. Holmes they helped and encouraged the students in many ways in making the College Home a reality. Mrs. Thurairajah may be content that she did her best to her husband in life, in sickness and in death. She remained so faithfully close to him to the very end.

I pay this humble tribute to my uncle, my teacher and colleague on behalf of myself, my family which is so much indebted to him, on behalf of all my relatives gathered here, on behalf of the staff, students, alumni, minor employees, Board of Directors of Jaffna College, also on behalf of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India, my mother church and village Chavakachcheri and the Vaddukoddai Community.

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Thurairajah and family. May God accept the life and work of Robert John Thurairajah and may he find that well earned eternal rest and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Dr. M. H. Harrison

M. Sivasubramaniam

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The inception of the United States of America has historical importance. The "Pilgrim Fathers" who defied the religious laws of James I and his despotic rule, were among the earliest Englishmen who left their mother land and settled down in America, where they could live peacefully enjoying political liberty and freedom of conscience. The mighty statue of liberty at the harbour of New York signifies the strong sense of liberty of the American nation.

Some of the noble sentiments of the early Puritan settlers, such as the sense of sacrifice, and devotion to God and service to man were shared by the American Missionaries, who introduced English education and Western culture in Ceylon and India during the British rule. The Seminary, established by the American missionaries at Vaddukoddai, was the first English educational institution set up in Sri Lanka. The people of this country owe a great deal to the American mission. Jaffna College has been the main centre of religious and educational activities of the American Missionaries.

Mr. Bicknell's regime was the golden era in the history of Jaffna College. The greatness of this period was mainly due to the three men at the top — the brilliant principal, Rev. John Bicknell Mr. J. V. Chelliah, to whose mastery of English, once the 'London Times' paid Tribute and Dr. Harrison, the celebrated, educationist linguist and scholar.

The doctor was a colossus physically, mentally and spiritually. He trod the

premises of Jaffna College for more than a decade. There was a rhythm in his gait and a regularity in his movements.

Dr. Harrison taught Latin to the Senior Cambridge Class and Latin and Logic to the Intermediate in Arts class and he produced good results. His teaching was noted for thoroughness and regularity. We never knew a day when he was ill or absent for any other reason. He would always go prepared to teach even the Senior class. He would teach the whole period without any digression. Any student, who studied Latin from him in the Senior class, could pass it in the Intermediate class or Degree class.

From Jaffna College he was transferred to the Theological College at Bangalore, where he prepared hundreds of students for Church Service.

The doctor was humble and modest. There was nothing spectacular about him. He was not a great speaker like Mr. Bicknell or Mr. J. V. Chelliah. He did not like to display his talents nor his scholarship. He used simple language as far as possible to convey his ideas. He was somewhat enigmatic. The common observer could not understand his genius behind his placid snow white countenance broad forehead, and piercing eyes the fire of which only a careful observer could see.

Dr. Harrison was an outstanding linguist and philosopher. He was steeped in the ancient and in the modern cultures. His mastery of Latin and Greek was the key for the understanding and expo-

sition of the ancient Greek and Roman civilizations. His sound knowledge of Sanskrit opened to him the gate-way to the ancient Indian culture. His knowledge of English, German and French gave him a thorough understanding of the main currents in modern European culture.

The knowledge of Sanskrit gave to the doctor an opportunity to study and probe into the Vedas, particularly the upanishads which deals with wisdom, Brahman the soul, and the universe. As Max Muller the world-moving philosopher of Germany said "the Vedas contain some of the biggest thoughts ever presented to the human mind". As such no wonder that Dr. Harrison was attracted by the vedic teachings. When he was at Jaffna College, some of his commentaries of the upanishads and the Bahavad Gita were published in the Jaffna College Miscellany in a series. These commentaries created a taste for philosophy in some of his students. He was one of the American pioneers in Oriental studies in the early part of this century. Though steeped in the study of Christian theology his adventurous spirit in the pursuit of truth and wisdom ventured into the realms of philosophy eastern and western. His studied comments on the Gita, which contains the essence of the Vedas, are rather heavy for young students to understand.

Even in a short account of Dr. Harrison, a word of reference to his illustrious wife, Minnie Harrison is unavoidable. When we think of Minnie Harrison our hearts swell with emotion. She was one of the finest western women, who served in our country.

The daughter of a great principal, Rev. Hastings, she must have inherited

some of her virtues from her father. She was a teacher of Latin and English in the middle forms. Like the doctor she was punctual and did her work thoroughly. She created a great interest in the student for the subject. She loved her work and she loved her students. She always had a smiling expression and her face beamed with love which welled up like a spring from her heart. She was like a mother to the students. Whenever a student wilfully neglected his work, she would have a grim smile, the student would feel sorry and correct himself. She illumined the precincts of Jaffna College for some years. She loved Dr. Harrison for his wisdom and Scholarship. Their marriage was a union of to enlightened souls.

Her face was unruffled by the vicissitudes and misfortunes of life. When the doctor was absorbed in study or research in his study, the annexe in the southern side of the present principal's bungalow, Mrs. Harrison would hesitate to disturb him even at lunch time or tea time.

The doctor and Minnie led a noble life. They were dedicated to the service of God and man. They were committed to the realization of the Truth and the absolute. They were pilgrims to the Holy Land.

The doctor was almost a nonagenarian when he died. In the fullness of his life and in the ripeness of his spiritual experience at a stage nearing perfection, he would have had glimpses of the celestial land. He would have realized the Truth and would have gone to his Master Jesus Christ. May his soul rest in peace. Let Jaffna College, the doctor's friends and old students perpetuate his memory and that of his spouse.

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# The Mysticism of the Upanishads

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As the Upanishads belong to a world of literature and life which may not be equally familiar to all the readers of this magazine it may be worth while to say a little by way of introduction to these writings before we come to consider their definitely mystical tendencies.

The Upanishads are a series of literary works composed by unknown authors at various dates ranging from 500 B. C. or earlier, down to comparatively modern times. According to the Hindu theory of Scriptural inspiration they form the last part of the Hindu Sacred Scriptures of Vedas. From this point of view they are called in one of the Upanishads the Vedanta, literally the end of the Veda. This term, Vedanta, however, in modern usage is more frequently applied to the system of Sankara, a philosopher who lived in the 8th century A. D., and who developed a particular phase of the thought of the Upanishads. The number of the Upanishads is indefinite. Indian writers often give canonical place to one hundred and eight, although there are well over two hundred works to which the name of Upanishad has at some time been given. But even the one hundred and eight are by no means all of high authority. Many of them are little more than the theological manuals of particular Hindu sects, and a few appear to have little to do with either religion or theology. Only the oldest, the number of which is variously reckoned as from ten to fourteen, are of the highest authority,

and only these have been extensively studied by modern scholars. In the present paper we shall be concerned with these classical or "principal" Upanishads alone, although the later ones are by no means without interest for the student of mysticism or of Indian religion.

By no means all of the contents of the Upanishads need be described as mystical, although the proportion to which this predicate may be applied will vary according to the degree of elasticity with which we define mysticism. In general, we may agree with the distinction of Indian scholars who describe the earlier portions of the Vedas as the "works-section," while the Upanishads are the "knowledge-section." In other words, in the earlier Vedic literature are found the descriptions of sacrifice and ritual, the forms and ceremonies of religious life, while in the Upanishads we have the expression of the religious life in terms of thought, the theology, so to speak, of Hinduism. But we would err if we proceeded to speak of this thought as a systematic theology. System is not a characteristic of these early writings, and it is worth while emphasizing at the outset that if we wish to understand them, we must not expect to be able to compress their teachings into one consistent system. This unsystematic character of the Upanishads has been well stated by Professor Radhakrishnan.

"The Upanishads had no set theory of philosophy or dogmatic scheme of

theology to propound. They hint at the truth in life, but not as yet in science or philosophy. So numerous are their suggestions of truth, so various are their guesses at God, that almost anybody may seek in them what he wants and find what he seeks, and very school of dogmatics may congratulate itself in finding its own doctrine in the sayings of the Upanishads," (Indian Philosophy, p. 140)

We shall hardly, then, do well in making the element of mysticism the only one in the Upanishads. Further, as we have already stated, the degree in which mysticism is to be found in them will depend in part upon our understanding of what mysticism is. In the opening chapter of his book on Plotinus, Dean Inge discusses the meanings which has been attached to this word.

"Mysticism," he says, 'is a very wide subject, and the name has been used even more loosely than 'Socialism'. We are unable in English to mark that distinction between the higher and the lower kinds of mysticism, which the Germans indicate when they call one *Mystik* and the other *Mysticismus*. To many persons a mystic is a dreamer who takes a detached and unpractical view of life. Others suppose the essence of mysticism to be the search for 'loose types of things through all degrees' as if nature were a divine cryptogram the key to which is furnished through some kind of occultism." He then reviews more at length the idea of Roman Catholicism that mysticism is to be found specially in the miraculous, although he acknowledges that in the best Catholic writers the word

has meant rather a peculiar kind of religious experience. Finally he gives his own view: "Thus it soon becomes clear to me that mysticism involves a philosophy and at bottom is a philosophy (Inge, *The Philosophy of Plotinus*, vol. i. pp. 1. 4.)

Now it may be of interest to point out that all these meanings of mysticism and more may be illustrated from the Upanishads. We do not wish to put an undue emphasis upon what we may call the lower forms of mysticism, but it may be of value as indicating something of the intellectual environment of the Upanishads to point out the occurrence of certain of these lower forms before we consider the higher stages of mysticism.

In the first place mysticism is sometimes used to mean simply the mysterious, the occult. This is in accordance with the etymology of the word which connects it closely with the Greek mystery cults. This is illustrated in the name "Upanishad" itself, which in the usage of the books means only "secret instruction" or "secret doctrine." The teachings of the Upanishads were not meant for the world at large but only for those who were initiated pupils of a proper teacher. It is frequently evident that the writers of the Upanishads did not wish their doctrines to be too easy to understand, and in this they are said only to reflect the wishes of the gods "Him, verily, who is that India people call "Indra" cryptically; for the gods are fond of the cryptic, as it were, and dislike the evident" (Brih. Up. 4. 2. 2.)

Secondly, we consider the Idea, mentioned by Dean Inge above, that

mysticism provides us with a series of types or correspondences, by which one set of things may be read through another quite different set. Thus we have in the Upanishads frequent equations of the parts of man, the microcosm, with the parts of the universe, the macracosm. The beginning of what may be the oldest of the upanishads, the Brihad-Aranyaka, thus identifies the parts of universe with the parts of the horse which was sacrificed in the Asva-medha, one of the most important of the Vedic ceremonies. "Verily, the dawn is the head of the sacrificial horse; the sun, his eye; the wind, his breath; universal fire, his open mouth. The year is the body of the sacrificial horse; the sky, his back; the atmosphere, his belly; the earth the under part of his belly, etc." (Brih. Up. 1. 1. 1.)

This line of thought probably was influential in suggesting one of the most important teachings of the Upanishads namely that the soul of man is identical with the soul of the universe.

A third idea, that mysticism is somehow concerned with the miraculous, is not very prominent in the Upanishads, although the Yoga school which developed from one side of their teaching, professed to give its students the power to remain suspended in the air, to be in two places at once, and to do other similar feats. But from such extravagant ideas the earlier Upanishads are free. We do have instances such as that of Patançala Kapyā's daughter Brih. 3. 4. 1.) who is possessed by a spirit, who is able to give through her some information about the invisible world or that of Satyakama

who is instructed about Brahma, the absolute, by a bull, fire, a swan, and a diver-bird, when his human teacher neglects his duty; and in the appendix to the Brihad-Aranyaka we have a collection of magic recipes for obtaining wealth, children, and other desirable ends, but in none of these cases is the marvellous element to be especially stressed.

But besides these lower forms of mysticism, there are three more or less closely associated ways of regarding mysticism which lie more close to the centre of the Upanishads. I shall consider mysticism as a way of knowing, as a philosophy, and as an experience, and in connection with this last the means by which the experience can be induced.

### 1. Mysticism As A Way of Knowing

In what sense may it be said that the methods of obtaining knowledge which are found in the Upanishads are mystical? In many cases they are not. The normal way in which those who lack knowledge of the Upanishadic doctrines find it is by going to a teacher and receiving his instruction. Occasionally, as already mentioned, the teachers are not human teachers, but either animals or gods, but that does not specially alter the case. How did the teachers gain the knowledge? By being taught by other teachers, so that the line of tradition is traced back eventually either to the creator God Prajapati, or to the absolute Brahma. But it should be pointed out that the teacher is much more than a mere giver of knowledge. In other respects he is much more like a spiritual director in Roman Catholicism,

He would often refuse to give instruction until the mind of his pupil was prepared for it by prolonged meditation. This even the God, Indra, was obliged to wait, in all, one hundred and one years before he was entrusted with the highest knowledge. Sometimes partially incorrect teaching was given at first so as to strengthen the student's power of criticism. But this handing down of authoritative knowledge from teacher to pupil is only one side of the story, and may represent a later understanding of the matter. It is sufficiently clear that some great teachers such as Yajnavalkya or Sandilya were really the originators of much of the doctrine which they propounded. When Yajnavalkya makes known the doctrine of karma, it seems clear that he is announcing something which has not been known before. (See Brih. 3. 2. 13.) But by what method did these teachers gain their insight? Not to any great extent by reasoning, at least so far as the written record of their teaching goes. They merely announce the truth as they see it without much attempt to justify or explain it. Occasionally, Yajnavalkya tells his opponents that their heads will fall off if they fail to accept his teaching, but no great logical power is to be found in this form of argument. Ordinarily, the most amazing or stupid things are said without any attempt at giving an explanation. But this unreasoned thought is not in itself mysticism but merely an elementary stage in the history of thought. It is only when disagreement and doubt arise that the necessity for reasoning is seen. How reasoning followed upon a previous unreflecting stage can be seen in the following pas-

sage where Uddalaka is instructing his son Svetaketu about the origin of the world :

“ In the beginning, my dear, this world was just Being, one only, without a second. To be sure some people say: In the beginning this world was just Non-being, one only without a second; from that Non beings, Being was produced.

But verily, my dear, whence could this be? said he, How from Non-being could Being be produced? On the contrary. my dear, in the beginning this world was just Being, one only, without a second.” (Chand. 6. 2. 1.)

The Upanishads are not without some keen pieces of reasoning as we shall see later, but reasoning is not their characteristic path to knowledge.

But at numerous points the Upanishads go beyond the methods of authority or simple assertion, and it is evident that if they did not put much reliance on learning or reasoning it was largely because they considered them unfitted for the high kind of knowledge which they had in mind. We have several instances of the inadequacy of mere learning where a youth who has had the highest education of the time in the Vedas and sciences shows his complete ignorance and inability when it comes to the supreme questions. In spite of his pride of mind, mere learning is of no avail. Similarly, a childlike state of mind is suggested in words which remind us of the New Testament: “Therefore let a Brahman become disgusted with learning and desire to live as a child.” (Brih. 3. 5. 1.) The Absolute is of such a nature that it

cannot be comprehended by reasoning, and any efforts to deal with it in such a way must necessarily end in disaster.

“Into blind darkness enter they  
That worship ignorance ;  
Into darkness greater than that.  
as it were, they  
That delight in knowledge.” (Isa, 9)

Or again, the Absolute is “unknown to those who know and known to those who do not know” (Kena 2, 3. Radhakrishnan’s translation). The attempt to understand the Absolute by means of the reason leads to sharp contradictions, which it is impossible to solve. In contrast to this attempt of the reason to grasp the real, “wherefrom words turn back, together with the mind, not having attained” (Tait. 2, 4) stands the method of mystic intuition, which may be described as an immediate seeing or awareness of the real. It may be possible to hint at the truth by means of parables or analogies from nature. But a real knowledge of the truth can be gained only by this direct insight. This intuition cannot be taught, it can only be caught, although there are certain preliminary conditions necessary on the part of the one who desires it.

“This Soul (i. e., the Supreme Soul, the Absolute) is not to be obtained by instruction

Nor by Intellect, nor by much learning.

He is to be obtained only by the one whom He chooses;

To such a one that Soul reveals his own person.” (Katha 2, 23)

We postpone a further consideration of the mystic intuition until after we have considered something of the metaphysics of the Upanishads.

## 2. Mysticism As A Philosophy

It will already have been noticed that a reason for preferring intuition over intellect lies in the nature of the Absolute which is to be understood. We turn then to consider the metaphysical ideas of the Upanishads. This is a difficult task to perform in any brief compass because of the many different strata of thought which are to be found not only within the compass of the Upanishads as a whole, but often within the limits of a single Upanishad. Thus Pelly finds in the Katha Upanishad alone no less than four conflicting conceptions of God and the world. The prevailing view of the Upanishads may be said to be somehow monistic, but in certain of the later Upanishads traces of the sharply dualistic Sankhya philosophy are to be seen, and in the Svetasvatara there are apparently three independent realities, God, the souls of men, and the material world although it is once suggested that these three may be ultimately one. Our treatment must necessarily be selective, so we shall endeavor to present only certain ideas which are more or less typical, and at the same time allied with mysticism. This will lead us to consider the teachings which are attributed to the sage Yajnavalkya, and other ideas which are specially allied with these.

Two words were in use in the Upanishads for the supreme reality, Brahman and Atman. Each of these

terms had a long previous history into which it is unnecessary here to enter, except to say that Brahman came, to indicate this reality as something unknown, abstract, difficult to understand, while Atman which in ordinary language was merely the reflexive pronoun self, or soul, indicated the supreme reality as the World Soul. The question was often put by students in the early Upanishads as to what the nature of the comparatively unknown Brahman was. Various answers were given. Various thinkers made more or less stumbling attempts to identify it with wind, or water or fire or with one of the psychic functions, somewhat in the spirit of the early Greek philosophers. But the thought gradually deepened that the best means of interpreting Brahman was through the self, the Atman, and the phrase "That thou art" in which the world "that" stands for Brahman, represents the identification of the Atman with Brahman which became one of the cornerstones of the philosophy of Upanishads. Henceforth the Absolute is to be interpreted in terms of the self, and the self is to be interpreted in terms of the absolute.

But when we attempt to use this insight for a further description of the Absolute we meet with difficulty. For it proves to be impossible to describe Brahman in any but negative terms. Whatever attribute we may give to it, it is of itself inadequate to reveal its true nature. It cannot be comprehended in terms of space or time or causality. If we attempt to do so we are involved in insoluble paradox.

"Unmoving, the One is swifter than the mind.

The sense-powers reached not it, speeding on before.

Past others running, This goes standing.

It moves. It moves not.

It is far, and it is near.

It is within all this.

And it is outside of all this (Isa, 4.5.)

Our highest wisdom about it must be expressed in the words "not thus, not thus" (Brih. 2, 3, 6, etc.) This thought is developed in such verses as the following:

"That, O Gargi, Brahmins call the imperishable. It is not coarse, not fine, not short, not long, not glowing like fire, not adhesive like water, without shadow and without darkness, without air and without space, without stickiness, intangible, odourless, tasteless, without eye, without ear, without voice, without wind, without energy, without breath, without mouth, without personal or family name, unaging, undying without fear, immortal, stainless, not uncovered, not covered, without measure, without inside and without outside. It consumes nothing soever. No one soever consumes it." (Brih. 3. 8. 8.)

If we describe it in positive terms, they will prove contradictory, and must include everything. Thus: 'Verily this soul is Brahma, made of knowledge, of mind, of breath, of seeing, of hearing, of earth, of water, of wind, of space, of energy and nonenergy, of desire, of anger and non anger, of virtuousness, and non virtuousness. It is made of everytime (Brih. 4, 4. 5.)

Now this negative aspect of the Absolute has been a frequent feature of Christian mysticism. But in the teaching of the Upanishads we have a clear reason for it given, which so far as I know does not appear in Christian sources. The Absolute is unknowable because it is the subject in every experience. It cannot itself be known without becoming object and thus other than subject. Ordinary knowledge implies the duality of subject and object, but in the intuition of the supreme reality all is somehow one.

“Verily, O Gargi, that Imperishable is the unseen Seer, the unheard Hearer, the unthought Thinker, the understood Understander. Other than it there is naught that sees. Other than it there is naught that thinks. Other than it there is naught that understands.” (Brih 3. 8. 11.)

In spite of this theoretic un-knowability of Brahman, however, certain more or less positive attributes are nevertheless assigned to it. It is somehow one in contrast to the many gods of popular religion, and to the popularity of ordinary experience. It is the imperishable, the eternally existent, and this permanence gave it a certain excellence and desirability. We may compare in this connection Newman's famous lines :

“Change and decay in all around  
I see ;

O thou who changest not abid  
with me.”

This aspect of Brahman became specially important in connection with

the teaching of transmigration which was gaining currency about the same time. When it was believed that the natural fate of man was to go through an endless circle of rebirths, the thought of salvation became that of somehow sharing in the imperishability of Brahman. Other attributes frequently given are intelligence and bliss. It may perhaps be pointed out incidentally that moral attributes are not specially given, and from this fact follows the comparative lack of ethical emphasis in the Upanishads.

What is the relation of this absolute to the world of concrete objects? This is a problem of the greatest difficulty for it is here that the diversity of views within the Upanishads becomes most clearly evident. In the thought of the great Vedantist philosopher, Sankara, the world was merely illusion, while Brahman alone was real. With this view he wrote commentaries on the Upanishads interpreting them in the light of his theory. As the earlier Western students of the Upanishads read them with the help of Sankara's interpretations this was at first believed to be the teaching which they contained. But an unbiased study of the texts themselves showed that there were in them many other conflicting views, although Deussen, who has been until recently the outstanding Western interpreter of the Upanishads, believed that the phase of thought emphasized by Sankara was the fundamental one, from which the other views were derived, through the inability of men to understand the high teaching of the pure Vedanta. Thus he believed that we have a series of stages, the pure Vedanta, according to which the world is unreal

and Brahman alone real, then pantheism, where the world is real and identical with Brahman, cosmogonism in which Brahman is the cause of the world then theism where Brahman is conceived as entering into personal relations with the souls of men, and finally atheism as in the later Samkhya system were the idea of God is seen to be unnecessary. Each of these stages he believed, followed logically upon the preceding one. But later interpreters such as Keith and Radhakrishnan disagree with Deussen in giving the Vedanta view even so great a degree of prominence. In fact, they maintain that in its pure form it is hardly to be found in the Upanishads at all. There are passages from which it may be drawn as an inference, but it does not follow that the inference was actually drawn, and the word, *maya*, or illusion, which plays so important a part in Sankara's system does not occur in that sense in the Upanishads. The oldest view of the Upanishads is probably that of cosmogony, that Brahman somehow created the world. A later thought added that after creating it, he entered into it, residing in it as a kind of soul in the world. But there are several passages which declare that only part of Brahman is immanent in the world. One Quarter of him is to be found in the world, three quarters are transcendent. The Vedanta teaching of the illusoriness of the world would seem to be a consistent inference from Yajana-Valkya's teaching about the Absolute, but it does not appear that the inference was clearly drawn by him. The later Upanishads, from the Katha onwards describe the Absolute in theistic terms although traces of earlier theories remain, while in the last of the classical Upanish-

ads we have the beginning of the Samkhya philosophy in which only matter and human souls remain and God disappears.

It may be worth while to emphasize the theistic elements in the Upanishads, for these elements have especially appealed to modern Indian followers of the Upanishads such as Radhakrishnan and Tagore. In the earlier Upanishads, absolute is referred to in the neuter gender. This is partly the result of the use of the word Brahman, which originally meant only prayer or charm. It may also be due to the attempt to emphasize the contrast between the Absolute and the many goods of polytheism. But it is not entirely removed from the realm of personality. So far as any positive attributes are given to it, they are not inconsistent with personality. It is being, intelligence, bliss, the ultimate subject in experience. But there are other elements which make it difficult to conceive in personal terms. In the later Upanishads the conception of the Absolute is merged with that of one as the personal gods of popular religion. This brings with it a change in the relation of the individual soul to God. In the order Upanishads the ideal had been one of absolute identity, but in the theistic Upanishads there is room for personal relationships between God and the soul.

### 3. The Mystic Experience

We have already indicated this to some extent in what we have had to say about the mystic way of knowledge. We now come to consider it more fully in the light of the doctrines of the Absolute which we have reviewed. Just as the conception of the atman or self



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was significant in the interpretation of Brahman had its effect upon the understanding of the self, and analysis of the states of consciousness were made to find out in what states the identity which had been declared between the self and Brahman was to be found. One of the most instructive attempts of this sort is given almost at the end of the Chandogya, where the creator-god, Prajapati, is described as instructing Indra, one of the highest of the Vedic gods, and Virocana, a devil, about the self. The two have come to Prajapati desiring that he would explain to them "the self, which is free from evil, ageless, deathless, sorrowless, hungerless, thirstless, whose desire is the Real, whose conception is the Real," in other words, the self which might be regarded as identical with the supreme reality. After thirty two years of waiting, Prajapati gives an evasive answer to their question. He tells them that this Self is the self which can be seen as a reflection in a mirror or in quiet water. He advises them to put on their best clothes and ornaments and look into a pan of water, and they will see the Self for which they had been seeking. They do so, and go away well pleased with the result. Virocana returns to the devils, and proclaims to them the devilish doctrine that the highest self is just to be well-dressed, to be waited upon, to be made happy. But after reflection, Indra is dissatisfied with this doctrine. For if the water reflects a well-dressed, well-ornamented Self, when the body is well-dressed or well-ornamented, it will equally reflect a lame person as lame, or a blind person as blind. This Self then fails to satisfy the conditions which were laid down at the beginning, that it should be free

from evil, ageless, sorrowless, etc. He comes back, then, to Prajapati for further instruction. Prajapati now gives a higher but still imperfect teaching. He says that the true self is that which is found in dreams. Here the self is free from the hindrances of the material world, and can roam about as it likes without obstruction. This instruction again proves to be satisfactory only for a short time, for Indra brings up the possibility of bad dreams. Prajapati's next answer is that the true self is to be found in the state of dreamless sleep, for in sound sleep, the plurality of consciousness with its experiences of good and evil is done away. But Indra is not content even with this, for it makes the supreme self equivalent to unconsciousness. "He becomes one who has gone to destruction" he says. There is above this stage of dreamless sleep a still higher stage which is not at this point very clearly described but in other passages is characterized by being free from the quality of subject and object which belongs to ordinary consciousness. Then Yajnavalkya says: "Verily, while he does not see there with the eyes, he is verily seeing, though he does not see what is usually to be seen; for there is no cessation of the seeing of a seer, because of his imperishability. It is not, however, a second thing, other than himself", and separate, that he may see. (Brih. 4. 3. 23.) These four states of consciousness, the waking state, the state of dreams, sound sleep, and the fourth mystic state, are frequently mentioned, and the attainment of the last becomes the supreme purpose of men. "An ocean, a seer alone without duality, becomes he whose world is Brahma"

says Yajnavalkya (Brih. 4. 3. 32.) "This is man's highest path. This is his highest achievement. This is his highest world. This is his highest bliss." Occasionally this experience is described in forms of sensuous imagery. "As a man, when in the embrace of a beloved wife, knows nothing within or without, so this person, when in the embrace of the intelligent Soul, knows nothing within or without. Verily, that is his true form in which his desire is satisfied, in which the Soul is his desire, in which he is without desire and without sorrow." (Brih. 4. 3. 21.) It appears at first to be thought that the mystic experience will be known completely only after death. But later it is maintained that it can be achieved in this life by those who are specially fit for it, or who are given it by the grace of God. The joy of the mystic experience seems to be greater when the absolute is conceived in theistic terms, so that some contrast between the absolute and the human soul is possible. We quote the following passage from the Katha:

"The inner Soul of all things, the One  
Controller

Who makes his one form manifold —

The wise who perceive Him, as standing  
in oneself,

They, and no others, have eternal  
happiness :

Him who is the constant among the  
inconstant, the intelligent among  
intelligences,

The One among many, who grants  
desires—

The wise who perceive Him as standing  
in oneself,

They, and no others, have eternal  
peace :—

'This is it : '—thus they recognize

The highest, indescribable happiness.....

The sun shines not there, nor the  
moon and stars,

These lightnings shine not, much less  
this earthly fire :

After Him, as He shines, doth every-  
thing shine.

This whole world is illumined with His  
light." (Katha. 5. 12. 16.)

The meaning of salvation, then, is this knowledge of God. It is true that salvation came to be thought of as release from the circle of transmigration, but it is doubtful whether this was the original thought. At any rate, if release from transmigration is to be achieved, the means there to is the knowledge of God. "By knowing God" says the Svetasvatara, "one is released from all fetters" (Svet. 6. 13.) It is the only means of escape from all evil. "When men shall roll up space, as it were a piece of leather," i. e., when the impossible becomes possible, "Then will there be an end of evil apart from knowing God." (Svet. 6. 20.)

How is this supreme experience to be obtained? It has already been mentioned that one conception is that it is the gift of the grace of God, who reveals Himself to him whom He chooses. But certain preliminary conditions are necessary.

“This soul is not to be obtained by one destitute of fortitude.

Nor through heedlessness, nor through a false notion of austerity.

But he who strives by these means, provided he knows—

Into his Brahma abode this Soul enters” (Mund. 3. 2. 4.)

But moral conditions are also necessary :

“Not he who has not ceased from he conduct,

Not he who is not tranquil, not he who is not composed,

Not he who is not of peaceful mind

Can obtain Him by intelligence.” (Katha. 2. 24)

Occasionally, explicit moral codes are laid down for students, but beside what we should consider moral principles, mild asceticism is enjoined and, in the later Upanishads, the principles of meditation which later developed into the Yoga. The asceticism in the early Upanishads seems not to have been severe, and some Upanishads as the Isa definitely react against this, saying that one may gain the knowledge of Brahman even if he lives an ordinary life in the world

so long as he keeps himself free from worldly desire. The Yoga, as it appears in the classical Upanishads, means meditation upon some single thought or the syllable ‘Om’, restraint of the breath and the senses. In later times both the ascetic and meditative tendencies in the Upanishads were developed into complex systems of their own, but in the classical Upanishads they remain comparatively moderate and simple.

The Upanishads are of exceptional interest to the student of mysticism in that they are perhaps the oldest source for our knowledge of this movement, and because they embody so many of the tendencies which it has manifested in its later history. Their real significance lies not in their giving a systematic theory of the universe. for in this they were by no means successful, but in their giving witness to a type of experience which is singularly unconfined by barriers of country, race, or even religion, although attempts have been made to connect the thought of Plotinus historically with the Vedanta of India, such connection appears doubtful. The inference, then, seems clear that mysticism grows not from any accidental circumstances, but from some deep need of the human spirit.



*Still nursing the unconquerable hope,  
Still clutching the inviolable shade.*

— Matthew Arnold, *The Scholar-Gipsy*

*The heart bowed down by weight of woe  
To weakest hope will cling.*

— A. Bunn, *Song from The Bohemian Girl*

## Mr. Joshua Sinnappah J. P.

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Mr. Joshua Sinnappah who passed away at his residence at Navaly on the 26th December 1986 was an outstanding layman of the church. Of the many laymen I worked with for the Church in Jaffna, Mr. Sinnappah was one of the few about whom I would have readily agreed to speak at a funeral without any fear of having to be dishonest just to please the mourners. I knew him first as the father of my Jaffna College and University mates-Selvaratnam Ratnadevi, Kanagaratnam, and Pancharatnam, later as the Bursar, paying staff salaries when I taught at Jaffna College, and only much later as the Treasurer of the Navaly church when I was the worker there in the seventies. To my wife and brothers who studied at Peradeniya he was above all the father of Dr. Arasaratnam the most charming and eloquent History lecturer on the campus in the early sixties. Engineer Gunaratnam his eldest son became known to my family when he married the daughter of the Saravanamutthus who belonged to the Moolai church when my father was the worker-in-charge there.

Because of my close association with and admiration for all his children I naturally developed a high esteem for their venerable father well before I went to Navaly. But it was only during my long pastoral conversations at his home that I learnt the secret of the

success of his family. He told me of the choice he made early in life on the advice and invitation given to him by the Rev John Bicknell, to sacrifice a career in the Government service and accept the position of a school office clerk and live in Vaddukoddai just to be able to give his children the best Education available in the Peninsula then. He remained in the same office, an insignificant man in society, but his sacrifice paid dividends in that all his children every one of them—qualified for Ceylon University entrance, for Medical Engineering, Science or Arts—when they completed their school education. Mr. Sinnappah carried on his duties as bursar faithfully. No breath of scandal ever attached itself to the proceedings of this officer.

When he retired in 1960 the Editor of the Miscellany wrote.....

*His work has been marked by a quiet efficiency, ability to husband the resources of the institution with great care and absolute honesty. In addition to his duties as Bursar he helped from time to time materially several activities run by teachers particularly the Death Benefit Fund as Treasurer. He has placed the whole institution under the deepest debt of gratitude for his long and faithful service to it. His simple and cheerful ways made him a very popular figure in our midst. He has been an "institution" here and we shall certainly miss him.....*

*May he enjoy many years of retirement with the same relish and coverage with which he faced his work is our prayer for Mr. Sinnappah"*

As a friend of all his sons and daughter I enjoyed in his home a status and intimacy of one closer than a parish priest. My too frequent pastoral visits to him were to be quite honest more to meet my own pastoral needs rather than his. He was a Christian of such faith, devotion and zeal that to be with him was to be strengthened in my ministry. He always reminded me of the lesson I learnt long ago about the gift of the Holy Spirit viz an honest keeping of the Treasurers account book is as good an evidence of the working of the Holy Spirit as the ability to speak in tongues.

The enthusiasm and keenness with which he conducted the Saturday morning Bible class to the little children of the village week after week at the Navaly Y. M. C. A. until his health completely failed him impressed me very deeply as I watched him from my parsonage verandah. The annual Thank Offering festival of the church was for him one of the biggest events of the year and I remember his long trips to Pt. Pedro and Thikkam Markets in his son's car all to

bring some palmyrah products for sale at the festival. His unshakable Christian faith was evident in the way he prayed aloud when the coffin was being closed at the funeral of his dear wife saying "Praise the Lord Oh my soul . . . . and forget not all his benefits"

As the Navaly pastor I associated myself with Mr. Sinnappah with pride, for to be a friend of Mr. Sinnappah J. P. the philanthropist, friend of the poor and father of the village" was indeed a matter of honour among Catholics and Hindus too. His concerns were genuine, and help to the needy, ready and willing.

Great men have given their services to Jaffna-College as teachers and administrators. Mr. Sinnappah was neither, but he deserves as much if not more gratitude and honour for he gave of his utmost honest service to the institution humbly confined to his office room without seeking or receiving any recognition or even the joy of close contact with the students and teachers. God gave him a long life. He was due to celebrate his 87th birthday on 9-1-1987. We thank God for the gift of a life, so simple and beautiful long and yet attractive—a blessing to his home and to many of his friends.



*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fears.*

— John Newton, Olney Hymns

# Reflections on Taking Home Leave

Robert Porter

It seems ironic that just when the school year looks most promising, it is time for me to go off on a longish home leave. Six months for six years—it seems fair. Yet six years are the longest I have remained in one place since I left grade school in Walnut Creek, California; in other words, since I was 13 years old! While I have not been drifting about the Earth like a rootless tumbling weed, I have had to pull up my roots regularly because of my chosen life-style. And yet I have continued to cultivate the acquaintanceships and friendships from every location where I've studied, worked or taught. And this is what makes it seem especially difficult to uproot myself once again, even if it is only for a short time, although there is always the possibility that it may be permanent.

Furthermore, it seems to me that it has been more difficult than ever before for me to make root in the soil of Jaffna society. But now that it comes time to take my leave I find that those roots have nevertheless penetrated this tough soil and are clinging tenaciously. Why should this be?

One of the reasons, I am sure, is paradoxically the big difference that exists between this Tamil culture and my own American culture. Perhaps I have remained here longer, not just because of the commitment to a mission assignment, but because it seems to me eminently worthwhile spending a longer span of life here and slowly but surely becoming immersed

in this very different way of life. I am not of that ilk who travel about the world in eighty days and say at the end of the journey, "People are the same everywhere." It's just not in my nature. Looking at my bio-data background in languages people are liable to assume that my major interest has been linguistics or the study of languages *per se*. But if they were to see the actual spadework that went into my various academic degrees, they would see that it was literature, that creative, inventive, fictive form of getting to know people and places, both distant and also contemporary, that has most fascinated me. I would go so far as to say that I have perhaps instinctively felt that only by living and working among people of different parts of the world could I have fulfilled myself.

An older German friend, who, more than thirty years ago, was like a mother to me, and who encouraged my interest in the German language at a time when I had come to a still war-ravaged Germany to work in rehabilitation and when I had completed only one year of formal language training in German, said to me later, after I had finished my studies for a master's degree in English and German literature, that the acquisition of a second language is tantamount to the acquisition of a second soul. And now, after having had the opportunity to live and work and study in France Mexico, Iran and now Sri Lanka, as well as ten years altogether in Germany, I would have to add her remark, "Double" Amen!"



Of all the places I have lived and worked, I spent the shortest time in Mexico, yet it is Mexico that on the surface seems most like Sri Lanka to me. Oddly enough, I've made more of a study of Spanish, the official language of Mexico, than I have of Tamil. Mexican climate and topography is more like India's, than any place I've been; Mexicans too use a lot of chilli in their cooking! Poverty, sanitation, and the state of development are all similar aspects. And in many ways the friendliness as well as the innate pride of the two peoples are quite similar.

And yet different, I have felt more put off in Sri Lanka and particularly in the Jaffna Peninsula, than I ever did in Mexico, or anywhere else. I've felt more balked in my attempts to learn the language, for by now I have my own methods and my accustomed means for getting at the language. And at the same time I've never felt more pushed about the language or more upbraided for my slowness to catch on. Yet it is clear to me what a wealth there is to unlock in the Tamil language and literature. It may be that I simply realize that to fathom this new ocean properly, it will take a good deal more of my remaining active years to obtain any feeling of accomplishment along this line.

I was teaching in Iran just at the time of another upheaval in its political institutions, an upheaval that at the time I was gratified to see take place; although the Khomeini regime has since turned out to be rather a fright, it is nevertheless an expression of the popular sentiments of a great many Iranians, for better or

for worse, And immediately after coming to Sri Lanka six years ago, I became aware of the pot that was just coming to a boil in this remote corner of the world. And while I have not always been able to sympathize with the nebulous goals or the not so nebulous methods I sympathize completely with the Tamil people and the trials and tribulations they have been put through these six years and before. I have come to identify myself so much with the Tamils partly because I do live exclusively among them in this semi-arid outpost that is Vaddukodai and partly because I have witnessed for so long the kind of pogrom-like persecution to which they have been subjected, even feeling the results of it to a very small degree on my own person.

And yet I marvel at the ability of the people around me to carry on calmly and confidently with their work of instructing and encouraging the young, who also seem to me to be particularly resilient. And even though some of these teachers, etc. are themselves refugees or are having to dig air-raid trenches in their backyards for fear of the almost daily bombardments from the air! or from the Fort. It is a miracle that one can find fulfillment in work at times like these and that young people can be inspired to work toward that might under the circumstances, be considered unattainable, and even more, to grow spiritually in the midst of moral decay. It is this miracle that I have been privileged to witness and that has perhaps enabled me to sink my roots into what might otherwise have been seen as unpromising soil. And it is this miracle

that gives me the hope that returning for further service may be of value to both myself and others about me.

I like a passage from the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, in the New English translation' and I shall close these few remarks with the note of optimism it contains and the physical similarity to the Jaffna Peninsula it evokes:

*Let the wilderness and the thirsty land be glad  
let the desert rejoice and burst into flower  
.....Be strong and fear not  
See, your God comes with vengeance,  
with dread retribution he comes to save you*

.....  
*for water springs up in the wilderness,  
and torrents flow in dry land  
The mirage becomes a pool,  
the thirsty land bubbling springs;  
instead of reeds and rushes, grass shall grow  
in the rough land where wolves now lurk.  
And there shall be a causeway there  
which shall be called the Way of Holiness,  
and the unclean shall not pass along it;  
it shall become a pilgrim's way,  
no fool shall trespass on it.  
no lion shall come there,  
no savage beast climb on to it;  
not one shall be found there,*



*While there is life there's hope (he cried),  
Then why such haste?—so groan'd and died.*

— John Gay, *The Sick Man and the Angel*

*Hope springs eternal in the human breast;  
Man never is, but always to be blest.*

— Pope, *Essay on Man, I*

*We da not dare to breath a prayer  
Or give our anguish scope!  
Something was dead in each of us,  
And what was dead was Hope.*

— Oscar Wilde, *The Ballad of Reading Gaol*

# Henry Richard Hoisington—Scholar and Missionary

S. Jebanesan, Vice Principal Jaffna College

Henry Richard Hoisington(1801—1858) who became the Principal of the Batticotta Seminary in 1835 was remarkable on account of his piety, missionary zeal, scholarship and administrative ability. He was undoubtedly one of the ablest missionaries who served in the Island. He had his education at Williams College and subsequently learnt theology at Auburn Theological Seminary—the college from where he graduated in Divinity. Subsequent to his ordination he served as Presbyterian for two years in New-York. He was selected by the ABCFM to serve as missionary in Jaffna where he arrived in 1833. He had the promise of remarkable success as the new British Governor Sir Wilmot Horton, unlike his predecessor Edward Barnes, was well disposed towards the American Mission. It was Sir Wilmot Horton who lifted the ban on the induction of the American Missionaries on the recommendations of the Colebrooke Commission.

On his arrival in Jaffna he was sent to Manipay and undertook evangelistic work. In the following year he was appointed Professor of English at the Batticotta Seminary. Very soon in 1835 he succeeded Dr. Daniel Poor as Principal of that institution. He served in that capacity till 1849 except for a brief period between 1841 to 1843. He went to America in 1841 on account of ill health and during his sojourn there, had a remarkable recovery. During his stay there, he made efforts to collect



funds for his project of setting up an observatory at Vaddukoddai. In 1844 he returned and resumed his responsibilities as Principal of the Batticotta Seminary. He also became Professor of Hindu Science and Literature.

During his Principalship the Seminary reached to the peak of its development to such an extent as to be considered to be on par with any modern European University. Sir Emerson Tennent the accomplished Colonial Secretary who visited the Seminary in 1848 was highly impressed with its development and was obliged to make the following remark:

“The knowledge exhibited by the pupils was astonishing and it is no exaggerated encomium to say that in the course of instruction and

in the success of the system of communicating it, the collegiate institution of Batticotta is entitled to rank with many European Universities.”

A remarkable contribution of Hoisington to the Seminary was his reorganization of its courses and curriculum. The Pure Academic courses were separated from the normal course. The work of each of these courses extended for four years. Considerable number of students left the seminary on the completion of the course in the Normal Department. A few brilliant students entered the Pure Academic Department for another four years of study. Medicine Theology Philosophy and Natural History were taught to students who gained admission to the Academic Department.

It was during his time the Seminary began to exert a powerful influence in the local society. It may not be an exaggeration to say that it stimulated intellectual and academic activity so as to cause cultural and social ferment. Some of the most remarkable scholars of the nineteenth century viz J. R. Arnold, Carroll Visvanathapillai, Jeremiah Evarts, William Nevins, Wyman Kathiravetpillai, Robert Breckenridge, B. H. Rice, George Champion, Charles Bartlett, T. P. Hunt, and T. P. Handy had developed under his guidance. C. W. Thomothampillai who passed out in 1853 would have studied Hindu Astronomy and Literature under Hoisington for at least three years.

#### **Astronomy :**

He cultivated an interest in Astronomy and Hinduism. His astronomical studies resulted in the regular publication

of the annual calender called திரியாங்கம் (Thiriyangam). Although these were published in the name of வண்ணார்பண்ணை வெள்ளாளன் மயில்வாகனர் சோமசேகரம் பிள்ளை as testified by his wife Nancy in her letters to her son, they were in fact written by Hoisington.

“.....your father is now enjoying comparative rest, in vacation though he is engaged in preparing the Almanac for next year, and is getting an imported work through the press. But do you ask, why does he make almanacs? Because first if he or the missionaries do not, the people will depend on the heathen astronomers who are also astrologers, and everything from them is part and parcel of heathenism and second because with the almanac much Bible truth is disseminated.”

Besides making almanacs he compiled a treatise on Hindu Astronomy, the Oriental Astronomer which contains the translation of சோதிசாத்திரம் with extensive commentaries and critical notes. It was prescribed by the Calcutta University as a text book for the M. A. course in Mathematics. Hoisington evidently had written this for his students at the Batticotta seminary for he says;

“இந்தப் புஸ்தகம் வட்டுக்கோட்டையிலுள்ள வித்தியாசாலையின் மாணாக்கரினது. கல்விப் பயிற்சிக்கு உபயோகமாகும் பொருட்டுச் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கின்றது. அதிற் கூடிய எத்திறத்தாரும் இங்கிலிசு பாஷையையும் ஏரோப்பைய சாஸ்திரத்தையும் படித்து வருகிறபடியால், இதையும் இங்கிலிசு பாஷையிலே படித்தல் நன்றும். ஆயின் நம்மிடத்திற் படித்து, நமக்குத் துணைத்தொழில் செய்கிறவர்கள், தங்கள் சனன பாஷையி

லேயே பெரும்பாலும் காரியம் பார்க்க வேண்டியவர்களாகையால், அவர்கள் இந்து சோதி சாஸ்திரத்துடன் அதன் சுய அணி ரூபங்களிற்றானே பயின்றிருக்க வேண்டுமென்பதற்குப் பல முக்கியநியாயங்களுண்டு.

இது நோக்கமாகவே இந்நூல் இங்கிலிஷில் மொழிபெயர்க்கப்பட்டுத் தமிழ், இங்கிலிஷ் இவ்விரண்டிலும் அநேக விசேடவுரைகள் சேர்க்கப்பட்டுமிருக்கின்றது. இவற்றைத் துணையாகக் கொண்டு ஒரு தமிழ் உபாத்தி தானும் எமது வித்தியாசாலையிற் பயிற்றப்பட்டு வருகிற சாஸ்திரத்துடன் இந்நூல் முற்றையும் பிரயோசனமாக இணைத்துக் காட்ட வல்லவனாவான்.

### Hindu Science :

Hoisington's interest in Hinduism led him to a deep study of Saivaite religious texts. His English translation of the three principal Saiva Siddhanta texts namely The Tattuva-Kattalei, Siva-Gnana Botham and Siva-Pirakasam are of a remarkably high order and bear witness to his erudition and scholarship. The industry and the honest perseverance of Hoisington can be seen from the following note.

"In making the first rough translation of these treatises, I was much aided by three of the native teachers of the Batticotta Seminary But in completing the translations and in preparing the notes, I have relied solely on my own repeated examination of the several texts, and on a somewhat extensive comparison of these texts with other standard works — a labor in which many an hour of hard study has been employed"

The translation of Siva-Gnana-Botham was reprinted in 1979 by Dharmapura

Adhinam one of the ancient centres of Saivaite traditions in South-India. Commenting on the integrity and scholarship of the author of the translation N. Murugesu Mudaliar the Editor says :

"A cursory reading of the work cannot but impress one, of the deep interest that foreign scholars had taken even a century ago to understand, and propagate among the world's scholars the rare spiritual wealth contained in Tamil literature, which even in these days paradoxically continue to be a sealed book to many an Indian Scholar."

In 1852 Hoisington published an essay on the "Origin and Development of the Existing System of Religious Belief in India".

### Tamil Scholar :

During his career in Jaffna he had made a successful effort to learn the Tamil language and study its principal literary texts. As observed earlier he had obtained a mastery of the spoken idiom as well as the literary tradition. He had developed a great liking for the sacred kural (திருக்குறள்). In 1832 in a letter to the ABCFM he wrote,

"Introduced today into the first class (6th year) the CURAL one of the most eminent moral poems of India.....

This we design as the highest Tamil classic. It will be studied only by the higher classes, who are in some measure prepared to receive and understand its real character and comparative value."

Dravidian philology was also one of the fields of study which attracted his attention. He anticipated the epoch making discoveries of Bishop Caldwell in the realm of Dravidian Philology. The close inter-relationship among the South Indian languages was recognized and commented upon by Hoisington for he says :

“The Tamil is spoken by about eight millions of people, in Ceylon and on the adjacent continent. It is believed to be the radix of the Telungu, the Canarese, the Malayalini, the Tuluva and other dialects which constitute the speech of some twenty and thirty millions of people. So that it may well be considered as occupying Southern India. It is denominated by the Tamilar “the Southern Speech” by way of distinction from the Sanskrit which they call the Northern Speech”.

After his return to America the lecture he gave on the subject “**India as a field for Inquiry and Evangelical labor**” was published in the *Bibliotheca Sacra* of April 1852.

Though shaken by the loss of his son and weakened by the ailment of his heart Hoisington remained steadfast in his faith until the very last moments of his life. From the letters of his wife

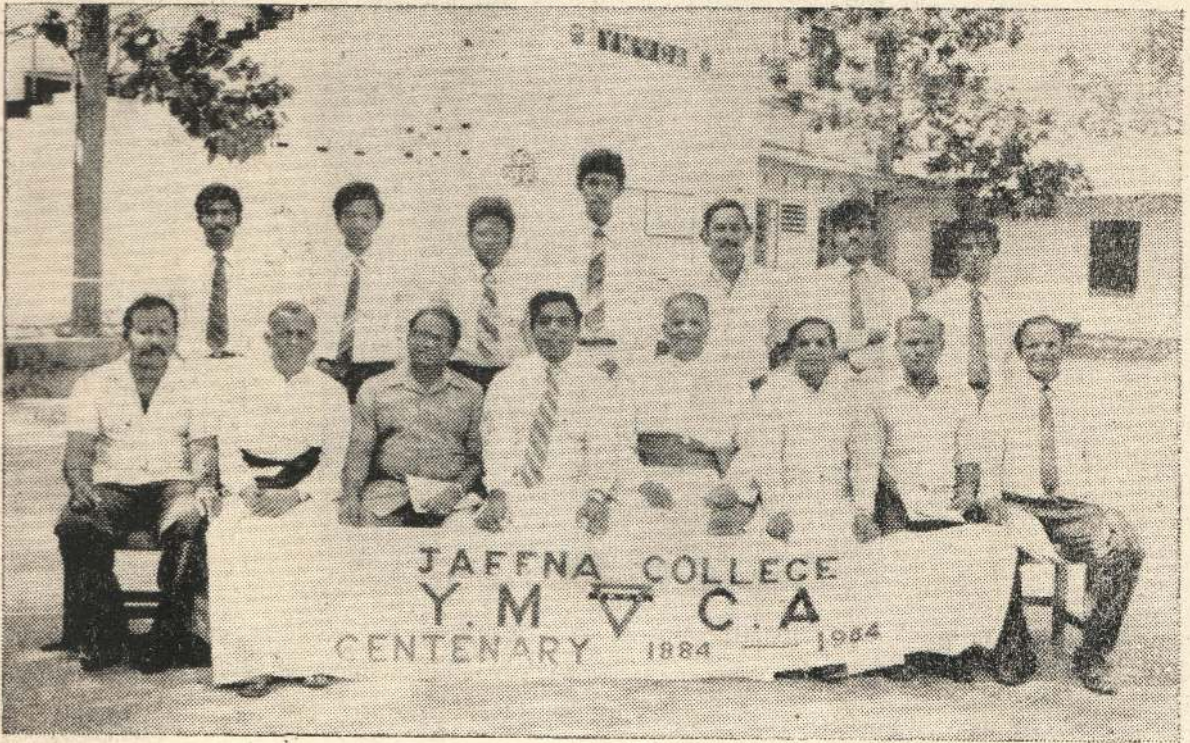
Nancy we are able to see the trials and tribulations the family underwent.

“..... Mr. H. could get no passage to Madras (from Calcutta) until the first of Dec. When an opportunity of coming in an English ship was offered, he arrived on the 12... so after a separation of three months and nine days. we met with mingled emotions of joy and sorrow. Sarah and Richard met him with the exclamation “Papa Lyman (second son of Hoisington) died, Little Lyman has gone to Heaven” He had heard the tidings before leaving Calcutta. I had the pleasure of seeing him much improved in health, but yet I fear as do all who know him the consequences of his returning to his labors.”

Rev. Dr. Hoisington was one of the pillars of the American Ceylon Mission and his venerable qualities were in relation to the advancement of scholarship and the development of the Seminary. Posterity in this part of the world remains indebted to him and his memory would be cherished affectionately forever.

(The author wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to Prof. Allen Barton Mrs. Elizebeth Stewart (both descendants of Rev. Dr. Hoisington) and Dr. Richard Young who extended him the courtesy of supplying him with manuscripts and other materials.)

# Jaffna College Y. M. C. A. Celebrates its Centenary



Executive Committee of the Centenary Celebration Year  
with some former Secretaries of the Jaffna College YMCA

The Y. M. C. A. of Jaffna College was founded in 1884 by Dr. Frank Sanders. Dr. John R. Mott visiting Jaffna in 1895 said that the Jaffna College YMCA was "the oldest of the foreign College associations but also one of the very best".

Its centenary was therefore was in 1984. But owing to the ethnic crisis, it was considered wise to postpone it. The celebrations came off on Saturday the 8th February and started with a thanksgiving service in the Cathedral Church. The Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar preached the sermon on the text "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out

my spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions, Joel 2 : 28.

After the service there was tea for everybody present.

The public meeting was held in the Ottley-Hall at 10-45 a. m. The President of the Jaffna College Y. M. C. A. Mr. S. Jebanesan presided. Speeches were made by the Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar, Mr. A. Kadirgamar, Rev. D. R. Ampalavanar, Mr. J. M. Sabaratnam, Mr. S. Vijeyakulasingam (Associate Development Officer,

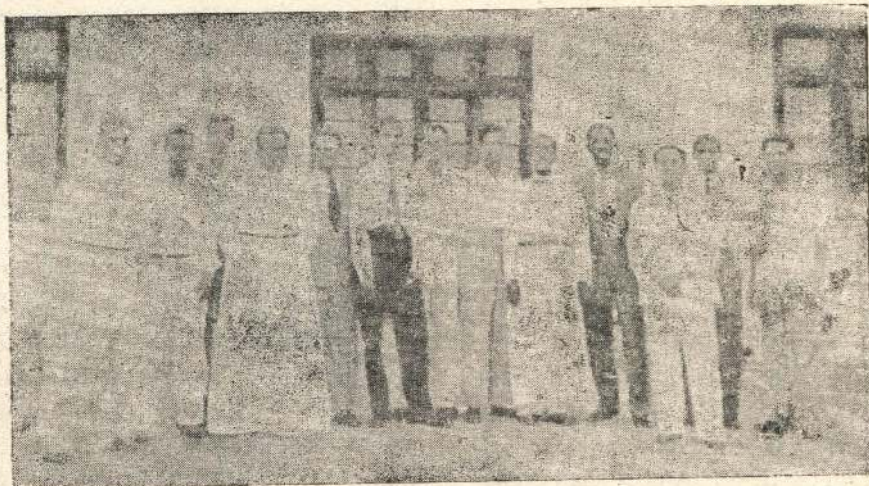


National Y. M. C. A.) and Mr. W. N. Thevakadacham.

Greetings were conveyed by the Presidents of the following Y. M. C. A. s: Navaly, Manipay, Uduvil Pandateruppu, Jaffna and Vavuniya. A narration highlighting the achievements of the Jaffna

College Y. M. C. A. was done by a company of students. Lunch was served for those present.

A centenary souvenir which was plentifully illustrated was issued for the occasion and were given to everybody.



Some of our past Secretaries at the Twentyfifth Anniversary Celebrations in 1959.



## Y. M. C. A. Centenary

### An Event of Notable Significance

A. Kadirgamar

The centenary of the Jaffna College Y. M. C. A. is certainly an event of notable significance to the Christian Youth at Jaffna College in particular, and to the Christian Youth of Sri Lanka in general. The College Y. M. C. A. was the first student Y. M. C. A. outside North America and it is the well documented and accepted fore-runner of all student Christian work not only in India and Ceylon but also in Asia. As soon as The World's Student Christian Federation (W. S. C. F.) was founded in Vadstena, Sweden in 1895, its dynamic and powerful general secretary, John R. Mott travelling round the world on his first trip, which lasted two years to organise Student Christian Movements or Associations in every country, organised his first conference in Asia at Jaffna College in 1895, being inspired by the enthusiastic work that was going on here. There were 400 delegates present at the conference. Dr. Mott in his books has several references to the inspiring witness of the College Y. M. C. A. The momentum of the spiritual and evangelistic fervour and drive of the College Y. M. C. A. then, is felt even to this day and hence it is an event to be noted and celebrated fittingly and with gratitude to God.

It is however, sad and true, that the several Christian Youth movements and associations such as the Y. M. C. A., S. C. M., W. S. C. F. and other Ecumenical organisations have lost much of their original charm, appeal, inspiration, relevance and significance today. The historian tells us that the peak years for world evangelism and the missionary movement was the mid-19th century and there was also some new life, hope and activity soon after the Second World War with the birth of the World Council of Churches. I was general Secretary of the college Y. M. C. A. in 1949 and the atmosphere in the student christian and ecumenical scene was electrifying. We do not seem to feel or move the same way today either locally or ecumenically.

Therefore, while reaching such a significant milestone in our history we are also challenged to rethink our role in the context of a new day. The old slogans with which John R. Mott set out on his evangelistic journeys — “The Evangelisation of this world in this generation” does not seem to hold our attention enthusiasm, concern or hope. The Jaffna College Y. M. C. A. has an unparalleled history, a wealth of experience, and I hope the faith and courage to meet this challenge with prayerful concern. At the 75th Anniversary celebrations in 1959 I was called upon as a young teacher to speak at the public meeting on the topic “Looking ahead”. I made a plea then that the need of the hour was Christian leadership in our country. The plea is as relevant today and more so now than 27 years ago. Probably the era of great inspiring leaders is over. We have very few to inspire us in any field of activity even in the secular world today. The new era may be for action and response at the grass root level of the common man.

We grope for the answers. May God grant us all a new vision of our purpose here in this College, Church, village, in Jaffna and the world outside. I think we still need the Y. M. C. A. I therefore congratulate the Y. M. C. A. for its continued existence for so long and for its faithfulness to continue struggling to keep its purpose alive. There seems to be some sort of witness even in the passive continuity of good ideals. It may be time for a new beginning of another century of existence with a sense of purpose, mission and achievement.

**“New occasions teach new duties  
Time makes ancient good uncouth,  
They must upward still and onward  
Who would keep abreast of truth.”**

# Jaffna College Y. M. C. A.

## Milestones

**1882** — Visit of Dr. Sherwood Eddy to Jaffna College — Gospel Band Formed. Garden Project initiated to support the work of the Gospel Band. Establishment of a School at Eluvaitive. Foundations laid for establishment of the Y. M. C. A.

**1884** — Jaffna College Y. M. C. A. was founded in the Ottley Hall on 26-4-1884 to unify the work of the Gospel Band. Dr. Frank K. Sanders was elected President. School at Eluvaitive recognized by Government.

**1895** — Visit of Dr. John R. Mott to Jaffna College Y. M. C. A. He wrote "Not only is this the oldest of the foreign college associations but also one of the very best. Few if any, Associations in America or Britain are doing a broader or deeper work."



Dr. John R. Mott

**1902** — Y. M. C. A. Missionary Committee formed. Tondi Mission inaugurated. Revds J. K. Sinnathamby, V. M. John and Isaac Paul preached the Gospel in Tondi.

**1912** — Erection of Commemoration tablet in the Ottley Hall. This tablet was designed by the Y. M. C. A. architect in Germany at the request of Mr. Harte General Secretary of the Colombo Y. M. C. A.

**1923** — Y. M. C. A. Garden shifted from where the present Tennis Court is, to the grounds of the Bunker Hall.

**1924** — At a Y. M. C. A. student camp held at Mandaitive the Jaffna Inter-Collegiate Christian Fellowship (J. I. C. C. F.) was formed.

**1934** — Golden Jubilee Celebrations. C. H. Cooke lays foundation for the new Y. M. C. A. building.

- 1940** — Junior Branch of the Vaddukoddai Y. M. C. A. formed at Jaffna College.
- 1943** — Closing of the School at Eluvaitive.
- 1948** — A student was elected President of Jaffna College Y. M. C. A. The first and the only occasion so far when a student presided over the entire Association. The Secretary of that year wrote "Our congratulations to D. J. Ambalavanar on whose shoulders has fallen this great and sacred responsibility. This has been indeed a significant change after more than six decades of our existence".
- 1949** — Establishment of the Y. M. C. A. Tuck shop at Jaffna College.
- 1950** — S. C. M. Unit formed for the Post Senior Students. Earlier the Y. M. C. A. carried out the functions of the S. C. M. as well.
- 1959** — Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebrations. Chief Guests Rev. Dr. Robbins Strong one of the Secretaries of the World Alliance of Y. M. C. A. s in Geneva and Senator E. W. Kannangara, President National Council of the Y. M. C. A. s
- 1961** — Hi - Y Club inaugurated to cater to the needs of the Juniors.
- 1966** — Y. M. C. A. Head Quarters moved out of the College premises.
- 1974** — Acquisition of part of the College to establish the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri-Lanka. Y. M. C. A. records removed to Tinnevely.
- 1978** — Amended Constitution of the Y. M. C. A. passed—Sunday School at Kanawakke started.
- 1980** — Nordic Children's Fund-Project initiated at Mudali Kovilady.
- 1982** — Colombo Y. M. C. A. Centenary Celebrations. Jaffna-College Y. M. C. A. participate in the release of the Commemoration Stamp.
- 1983** — Termination of the Nordic Fund Project.
- 1984** — Centenary Year. Special flag day to Commemorate the Centenary Celebrations. Celebrations were postponed because of the ethnic crisis.
- 1986** — Centenary celebrations.

யாழ். கல்லூரி Y. M. C. A. நூற்றாண்டு விழா

## பசுமை நிறைந்த நினைவுகள்...!!

அருள் திரு. டி. ஆர். அம்பலவாணர்

நூற்றாண்டு விழாவைக் கொண்டாடும், யாழ் கல்லூரி கிறிஸ்தவ வாலிபர் சங்கமாகிய உங்களுக்கு, என் அகங்கனிந்த நல் வாழ்த்துக்கள்! கடந்த நூற்றாண்டில் சங்கத்தைச் சோரவிடாது வழிநடத்தி, தமது மாட்சிமை விளங்கப் பல துறைகளில் பாவித்துவந்த இயேசு பெருமானை, நன்றி தோய்ந்த உள்ளத்துடன் போற்றிக் துகியுங்கள்.

இச் சங்கத்தில் இரண்டு ஆண்டுகள் செயலாளராக நான் பணியாற்றும் வாய்ப்பைப் பெற்றதால், என் பசுமை நிறைந்த நினைவுகளைத் திரட்டிக் தரும்படி கேட்கப்பட்டேன். வருங்காலத்தைப்பற்றிய பயமும் திகிலும் குடிகொண்டிருக்கும் இந்நாட்களில், கடந்த கால நினைவுகளை மீண்டும் நினைத்துப்பார்ப்பது, தேன்துளிகளைப்போல் தெவிட்டாது இனிக்கும். சிறப்பாகக் கல்லூரி நினைவுகள் இதயத்திற்கு இதமாயிருக்கும்.

எனது தந்தையார், காலஞ்சென்ற அருள் திரு. ஜே. பி. அம்பலவாணர், வட்டுக் கோட்டைத் திருச்சபைக்கு உதவிப் போதகராக மாற்றப்பட்டபடியால், 1937ஆம் ஆண்டு தொடக்கம் புனிதர் யோவான் கல்லூரியில் படித்துவந்த நான், 1942 மே மாதம் யாழ். கல்லூரியில் வந்து சேர்ந்தேன். புனிதர் யோவான் கல்லூரியில் மாணவர் கிறிஸ்தவமன்றத்தில் ஓரளவு ஈடுபட்டபடியால், வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. யில் தயக்கமின்றி ஈடுபடமுடிந்தது.

தனியாளின் சுதந்திரத்துக்கு முதன்மையளிக்கும் அமெரிக்கமிஷன் தொண்டர்களால் தொடங்கப்பட்ட இச்சங்கம், பல சிறப்பியல்புகளைப் பெற்றது. இயேசு பெருமானின் திருப் பெயர் விளங்க, வட்டுக்கோட்டைக் கிராமத்திலும் கல்லூரியிலும் இச்சங்கம் ஆற்றிய நற்பணிகளும், மாணவர் சமூக அறிவைப் பெறுவதுடன், சமுதாயத்திலும் சுயநலமற்ற சேவைசெய்ய இச்சங்கம் அளித்த பயிற்சியும் பாராட்டுதற்குரியது. இதனை உணர்ந்து, இச்சங்கத்தில் ஈடுபட்டுழைக்க உந்தப்பட்டேன்.

1942 இறுதிப்பகுதியில், இச்சங்கத்தின் செயலாளர் திரு. N. S. இரத்தினசிங்கமும் திரு. T. S. சாண்டேர்ஸ்கும் என்னைத் துணைவியில் உள்ள ஓய்வுநாட் பாடசாலையை நடத்தும் பொறுப்பை ஏற்கும்படி கேட்டனர். "சிறுபிள்ளைகளை என்னிடத்தில் வர இடங் கொடுங்கள்" என்றியம்பிய எம்பெருமானின் விருப்பத்திற்கே, இச்சங்கம் துணைவி, கோட்டைக்காடு ஆகிய இடங்களிலும் சிறுவர் நடுவில் நல்லாழியம் புரிந்து வந்தது.

துணைவியில் உள்ள ஓய்வுநாட் பாடசாலையை நான் பொறுப்பேற்றபோது அங்கு 12 பிள்ளைகள் மட்டும் இருந்தனர். இத்துறையில் எனக்கு எவ்வித முன் அனுபவமும் இருக்கவில்லை. இருந்தும் இதனைத் தயக்கத்துடன் ஏற்றேன். துணைவியில் வசித்த திரு. வைத்திலிங்கம் உபதேசியார் குடும்பத்தினர் எனக்கு இப்பணியைத் திறம்படச் செய்யப் பேருதவியளித்தனர். கூடிய விரைவில் இப்பாடசாலையில் 125 பிள்ளைகள் சேர்ந்தனர். 7 ஆசிரியர்கள் கடமையாற்றினர். துணைவிக் கிராமத்தில் இருந்தும், அராவியில் இருந்தும் பிள்ளைகள் இப்பாடசாலைக்கு வந்தனர். பிற சமயத்தைச் சேர்ந்த பிள்ளைகள் எவ்வித வேறுபாடுமின்றி மகிழ்வுடன் இப்பாடசாலைக்கு ஒழுங்காக வந்தனர். இப்பாடசாலையை இரண்டு ஆண்டுகள் நடத்தியதில் நான் பெற்ற மகிழ்ச்சியும் நல்ல அனுபவங்களும் என் குருத்துவப்பணிக்குப் பேருதவியாயிருந்தன.

1943இல் இச் சங்கத்தின் செயலாளராக நியமிக்கப்பட்டேன். அன்று வட்டுக்கோட்டைச் சபையில் போதகராகப் பணியாற்றிய அருள்திரு. A. C. தம்பிராசா போதகரும். போதகர் அம்மாவும், கல்லூரியின் சமயக் குரவராக இருந்த கனம் C. B. போல், திரு. K. E. மதியாபரணம், திரு. உவாட்ஸ்வோர்த் ஆகியோர், நான் இப்பணியைத் திறம்படச் செய்யப் பல வழிகளில் ஊக்குவித்து உதவினர். ஒழுங்காகக் கூட்டங்கள் நடைபெற்றன, போதகரால் தியானக் கூட்டங்கள் மாணவர்க்கு நடத்தப்பட்டன. ஞாயிறு தோறும், கல்லூரி அதிபர் திரு. K. A. செல்லையா அவர்கள் வீட்டில் இரவு உணவு அருந்தியபின், எங்கள் அங்கத்தினரிற் சிலர் ஒன்றுகூடி, கனம் போல் அவர்களின் உதவியுடன் பாடல்கள் பழகி, ஒன்று சேர்ந்து பாடுவது வழக்கம். மாணவிகள் இச் சங்கக் கூட்டங்களுக்கு வந்த போதிலும், அவர்கள் சில பணிகளில் ஈடுபடுவதற்கு மாணவிகள் விடுதிப் பொறுப்பாளர் திருவாட்டி பெருமானின் அனுமதி பெறவேண்டும். இந்த அம்மாளை எல்லோரும் இலகுவில் சந்திக்கவோ, பேசுவோ முடியாது. அவ்வளவு பயம்! ஆனால், ஓரளவு பணிவுடன் அவரைச் சந்தித்து பிரச்சனையில் மாணவிகளின் உதவியைப் பெற முடிந்தது.

1944ஆம் ஆண்டிலும் தொடர்ந்து செயலாளராக இருக்கும்படி கேட்கப்பட்டேன். இதுவரை நடைபெற்ற பணிகள் தொடர்ந்து நடைபெற்றன. “நீங்கள் உலகெங்கும் போய் யாவருக்கும் அருட் செய்தியை அறிவியுங்கள்” என்று யேசு பெருமான் பணித்தார். இப்பணியைச் செயற்படுத்தவேண்டுமென்று உந்தப்பட்டதால், எழுவைதீவில் இச் சங்கம் பல ஆண்டுகளாக ஒரு கிறிஸ்தவப் பள்ளிக்கூடத்தை நடத்தி, அங்கு வரும் ஒருமுறை சங்க அங்கத்தினர் போய் நற்செய்திப்பணி செய்து வருவார்கள். அங்கிருக்கும் தலைமை ஆசிரியரும் நற்செய்திப் பணியாற்ற வேண்டுமென எதிர்பார்க்கப்பட்டார். நல்ல நோக்கத்துடன் எடுக்கப்பட்ட திருப்பணி. ஆனால் மேற்பார்வையில்லாதமையால், அங்கு கிறிஸ்தவப்பணி நடைபெறவில்லை. இதைக் கவனித்த இச்சங்கம், இங்குள்ள பள்ளிக் கூடத்தை முடிவிடத் தீர்மானித்தது. அதற்குரிய பத்திரங்களில் செயலாளர் என்றமுறையில் நான் கையொப்பமிடவேண்டியிருந்தது. நற்செய்திப்பணி, இங்கு போதிய காரணத்தால் நிற்பாட்டப்பட்ட போதிலும், வட்டுக்கோட்டைக்கு அருகாமையில் நற்செய்திப் பணியும் சமூகசேவையும் தொடர்ந்து நடத்தப்பட்டது. இதற்குத் திரு. P. W. அரியரத்தினம், திரு. R. துரைராசா, திரு. D. S. சாண்டேர்ஸ் ஆகிய ஆசிரியர் அதிக உதவியளித்தனர்.

யாழ். கல்லூரி கிறிஸ்தவ வாலிபர் சங்கத்தைப்பற்றிய என் பசுமை நினைவுகள். ஆற்றொழுக்காக என் பேரூ முனையால் வழிந்தோடுகிறது. இருந்தும் இதற்கு ஒரு அணை போடவேண்டும். ஆகவே இத்துடன் இந்த விபரங்களை நிற்பாட்டுகிறேன். இருந்தும் இறுதியாக ஒரு குறிப்பைமட்டும் கூற விரும்புகிறேன். பரி. யோவான் கல்லூரியில் நான் ஆறு ஆண்டுகள் படித்து, சமயப் பயிற்சிகளைப் பெற்றும், என் சிறுவயதில் நான் திருச்சபை ஊழியத்திற்காகப் பெற்ற அழைப்பு. யாழ். கல்லூரியில், இந்தச் சங்கப் பணிகளில் நான் இரண்டு ஆண்டுகள் ஈடுபட்டதால், நான்பெற்ற அழைப்பு உறுதிப்பட்டது. இதனால் 1945இல் பங்குரை இறையியல் கல்லூரியிற் போய்ச் சேர்ந்தேன்.

உடந்த மூன்று ஆண்டுகளாக இச் சங்கம் ஆற்றிய அரும்பெரும் பணிகளை. அருள் தொண்டை இறைவன் அதிகமாக ஆசீர்வதித்துள்ளார். இனிவரும் ஆண்டுகளில், மாணவரின் இன்றைய தேவைகளை நன்கு புரிந்து, அவர்களின் தேவைகளை நிறைவேற்றப் பணிபுரிதல் வேண்டும். இச் சங்கம் யாழ். கல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்கும், வட்டுக்கோட்டை கிராமத்திற்கும் நற்பணிகளைத் தொடர்ந்து ஆற்ற இறைவனை இறைஞ்சுவோமாக.

Narration at the Public Meeting

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**குரல் I:**

நமது பிரதேசத்திலுள்ள சரித்திரப்பெருமை வாய்ந்த நிறுவனங்களில் யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. யும் ஒன்றாகும். 1882ஆம் ஆண்டில் ஷேர்லூட் எடியின் விஜயத்துடன் ஆரம்பமான நற்செய்திக்குழுவுடன் தொடங்கிய இந்த இயக்கம் இன்றுவரை வீறு குன்றுது காணப்படுகின்றது. ஒரு மாணவ வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. ஆக இருந்துகொண்டே இந்த நிறுவனம் ஆற்றிய பணிகள் ஏராளம்! ஏராளம்!! 1884ஆம் ஆண்டு ஏப்ரல் மாதம் 26ஆந் திகதி வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. என்ற அமைப்பினை யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரியில் இருந்த பிராங் சாண்டேர்ஸ் என்பவர் தொடக்கிவைத்தார் 1895ஆம் ஆண்டு இந்த நிறுவனத்துக்கு விஜயம் செய்த ஜே. ஆர். மொட் என்பார், "இதுவே பிற தேசங்களில் உள்ள மிகப் பழமை வாய்ந்த கல்லூரி வை. எம். சீ. ஏ; அத்துடன் நிகரற்ற சேவை ஆற்றுவதுமாகும்" என்று எழுதியுள்ளார்.

**குரல் II:**

இந்தச் சங்கம் ஆற்றிய மிக முக்கியமான பணி எழுவைதீவில் நடப்பித்த சுவிசேஷ ஊழியமாகும். வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. யின் முன்னோடியான நற்செய்திக்குழு எழுவைதீவைச் சுவிசேடப் பணிக் குழுவாகத் தெரிந்துகொண்டது. இங்கு வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. ஒரு பாடசாலையை அமைத்து நடத்திவந்தது. அதன் செலவுக்காக யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரியிலே ஒரு மரக்கறித் தோட்டத்தை வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. மாணவர்கள் பராமரித்து வந்தார்கள். வருடந் தோறும் வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. மாணவர்கள் எழுவைதீவுக்குச் சென்று தமது பாடசாலையை மையமாகக் கொண்டு நற்செய்திக் கூட்டங்களை நடத்துவார்கள். எழுவை தீவுக்குப் போகும் பொழுது, தோணியிலிருந்த ஆசிரியர்களைப்பற்றிப் பின்வருமாறு பாடுவது வழக்கம். இந்தப் பாடலை அலென் ஏபிரகாம் அவர்களே இயற்றினார் என்று தெரிகிறது.

பிறிஞ்சிப்பல் பிறவுளேடு பாக்குத்தர் ஜோக்கும்  
அல்லிளேடு ஹட்சன் அவரோடு ஜோனும்  
செல்லையா குக்கரோடு செப்பு பொன்னையா  
C சாமு வேலுடன் கணபதிப் பிள்ளை  
இந்தியா இன்னொரு தோமசு உடனே  
யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி ஆசிரிய ராமே  
ஏல ஏலோம் தத்தெய் தாமே  
ஏல வலி ஏலோம்.

**குரல் III:**

எழுவைதீவில் அவர்கள் பெற்ற வெற்றி, பிறதேசங்களிலும் நற்செய்திப் பணி ஆற்ற அவர்களைத் தூண்டிற்று. 1902ஆம் ஆண்டு இந்தச் சங்கத்திற்கு மீண்டும் விஜயம் செய்த ஷேர்லூட் எடி ஒரு மிஷன் கொயிற்றியை உருவாக்கும்படி செய்தார். இந்த மிஷன் கொயிற்றி தென்னிந்தியாவிலுள்ள தொண்டி என்னும் மாவட்டத்தினைத் தமது பணிக்

களமாகத் தெரிந்துகொண்டது. ஒருவர் பின் ஒருவராக மூன்று அபிடேகம் பெற்ற குருமார் களைத் தொண்டிற்கு அனுப்பி அவர்களை ஆதரித்த பெருமை இந்த மாணவ வை. எம். சீ. ஏ.க்கு உரியது. வண. J. K. சின்னத்தம்பி, வண. V. M. ஜோன், வண. ஐசக் போல் என்பாரே இவ்வாறு அனுப்பப்பட்ட குருமாராகும்.

### குரல் I:

யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரியின் வரலாற்றுப் பெருமைமிக்க பொருட்களில் ஒன்று வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. சாசனமாகும். இன்று ஒட்லி மண்டபத்தில் அழகுடன் திகழும் இச் செப்பேடு 1912ஆம் ஆண்டு ஜெர்மனியிலிருந்து கொண்டுவரப்பட்டதாகும். கொழும்பு வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. யின் செயலாளராகவிருந்த திரு. ஹாட்டே என்பவர் இதனை ஜெர்மனியிலிருந்த வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. சிற்பியைக்கொண்டு செய்வித்தார். 1913ஆம் ஆண்டு W. E. ஹிச்கொக் இதனை ஒரு பழைய மாணவர் சங்கக் கூட்டத்திற் திரைநீக்கம் செய்துவைத்தார். ஐரோப் பாலிலிருந்து கிழைத் தேசங்களுக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்ட மிக அழகிய செப்பேடுகளில் இதுவும் ஒன்று என்று கருதப்படுகின்றது.

### குரல் II:

யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. மகத்தான பல காரியங்களைச் செய்து முடித்தபொழுதும் அதற்கென ஒரு தனியான செயலகம் இருக்கவில்லை. இந்தக் குறையைத் தீர்க்க 1913ஆம் ஆண்டு முதல் முயற்சி மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டது. இதற்காகப் பணத்தைச் சேகரிப்பதில் வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. வாலிபர்கள் ஊக்கமாக ஈடுபட்டனர். 1934ஆம் ஆண்டு வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. தனது பொன்விழாவைக் கொண்டாடியபொழுது, அதன் முதுபெரும் தலைவர் C. H. குக், வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. தலைமைச் செயலகத்திற்கு அடிக்கல் நாட்டினார். 1939ஆம் ஆண்டு கட்டடம் பூர்த்தியாயிற்று. திரு. தம்பு பியூவெல், இந்தச் செயலகத்தைச் சம்பிரதாய பூர்வமாகத் திறந்துவைத்தார்.

### குரல் III:

1959ஆம் ஆண்டு இந்தச் சங்கம் தனது வைர விழாவைக் கொண்டாடியது. ஜெனிவாவிலுள்ள வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. தலைமைக் காரியாலயத்திலிருந்து வண. ரெபின்ஸ் ஸ்ரோங் வருகை தந்து, பிரதம அதிதியாகக் கலந்துகொண்டார். செனட்டர் E. W. கன்னங்கரா சிறப்புரை வழங்கினார். வெவ்வேறு காலகட்டத்தில் இதன் செயலாளராகப் பணிபுரிந்த பன்னிரண்டு அங்கத்தவர்களும், மாணவர்களுக்கெழுந்தபொழுதே தலைமைப் பொறுப்பை ஏற்ற டி. ஜே. அம்பலவாணரும் இவ்விழாவிற்கு கலந்துகொண்டமை குறிப்பிடத்தக்கதாகும். அன்று நடைபெற்ற ஸ்தோத்திர ஆராதனையில் D. T. நைல்ஸ் அவர்கள் "ஆதலால் அவளுடைய நேசர்காண அவளுடைய அவலட்சணத்தை வெளிப்படுத்துவேன். என் கையினின்று அவளை விடுவிப்பார் இரார்" என்ற ஓசியா தீர்க்கதரிசியின் வசனத்தை ஆதாரமாகக்கொண்டு பிரசங்கம் செய்தார்.

### குரல் I:

இன்று நமது வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. க்கு நூற்றிரண்டு வயதாகின்றது. கடந்த ஐந்து வருடத்தில் மின்னல் வேகத்தில் மாற்றங்கள் நடந்துவிட்டன. புதிய குழல் புதிய பிரச்சனைகளைத் தோற்றுவிக்கின்றன. வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. யின் 102 வருடங்கள் கழிந்துவிட்டன. அதற்கு முன்னால் இருக்கும் காலமோ எல்லையற்ற பரந்தவெளி. மக்கள் இடுக்கண்களாயவும், துயர் துடைக்கவும், நற்செய்தி கூறவும் வை. எம். சீ. ஏ. தொடர்ந்து உழைக்க வேண்டும்.



## Round Table

It is with great pleasure that I submit the report of the Round Table for the year 1986. The year under review was not an uneventful one.

### Membership :

The present membership stands at 73. Four of our members from the Jaffna College Technical Institute resigned due to personal reasons. We welcome back Mr. K. Sathasivam and Mrs. I. Jeyakumar, who had returned to us after following the Diploma in Education course at the University of Jaffna. Mr. G. Rajanayagam has returned from the United States of America. We welcome the following new members, Messrs. A. C. Rajkumar, P. Marianayagam, E. S. Selvarajah, T. Kaneshamoorthy and E. V. Jeyaseelan, and Misses U. E. Gunaratnam and K. Rajendra.

### Farewell :

Mr. A. Rajasingam, Vice Principal for 18 years retired in May this year after 34 years of very active service. We wish him a happy and contented retired life.

### Congratulations :

We congratulate Messrs. W. D. Kulatungham and S. Jebanesan on their appointment as Co-Vice principals of the college. They were felicitated at a lunch. The Round Table takes pride in the fact that Mr. S. Jabanesan was conferred the title of 'Arunkalai Chelvan' by the International Christian Tamil Conference held in Madras in December, 1986.

### Examination Successes :

Mr. G. Rajanayagam was conferred the Degree of Master of Religious Education by the Princeton University, USA; Mr. A. A. Paul was conferred the degree of Master of Philosophy in Chemistry by the University of Colombo; Mr. K. Sathasivam and Mrs. I. Jeyakumar were successful in the Diploma in Education Examination held by the University of Jaffna both obtaining merit passes. We congratulate all of them.

### Wedding Bells :

Two of our members, viz : Mr. N. Yogarajah and Mr S. C. Karunendran had entered wedlock during the course of this year. We wish them happy and prosperous married life. Mr. & Mrs. Yogarajah were felicitated by the Round Table.

### S. V. Balasingam Memorial Scholarship :

The S. V. Balasingam Scholarship, 1985 was awarded to Miss G. Bhavani of the Year 12 Mathematics class. It is with gratitude that I record the generous contribution of our members towards the S. V. Balasingam Memorial Scholarship Fund, which has resulted in the increase from Rs. 2,500/- to Rs. 6,000/-.

### Prize Giving :

The Round Table hosted the chief guests Mr. C. V. Wigneswaran, District Judge, Mallakam and Mrs. Wigneswaran at the traditional prize giving tea.

### Beyond the Veil :

We are sorry to record the death of Mr. J. S. Sinnappa, a past member of

the Round table. He was the bursar of the college for a long time.

**“Udaiyar Middukku”:**

The drama entitled ‘Udayar Middukku’ was staged under the auspices of the Round Table. The play written by late Prof. K. Kanapathipillai was directed by Mr. S. Jebanesan and all the actors and actresses were members of the Round Table.

**Soccer Match :**

The Round Table played a soccer match against the Staff Guild of St. Patrick’s College at the Bicknell Field. We won the match by two goals to

one. There was a tea party after the match.

**Conclusion :**

My sincere thanks are due to the President, Miss M. S. Elias and to the members of the committee for their co-operation and advice. I also wish to thank all the members for their unstinted co-operation. I am indebted to the almighty who had been a source of strength all through this year of uncertainty and my sincere prayers are that. He should protect and guide us through the years to follow as well.

**A. A. Paul,**

Secretary, Jaffna College Round Table

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## Staff Tennis Club—1986

<b>President</b>	:	Mr. V. Selvaratnam
<b>Secretary</b>	:	Mr. G. Nadarajah
<b>Treasurer</b>	:	Mr. K. C. Karunendran

It is with great pleasure that I present the report for the year 1986—87.

We conducted two tournaments during the second Term of 1986. We had a friendly game with Mr. Sabaratnam and his team. In the internal singles tournament Mr. S. A. P. Thurairatnam won the Championship for the third time and Mr. G. Nadarajah came as runner up.

We regret to note that this year also the main feature of the club. ‘The Luther James Selvarajah Memorial Tennis

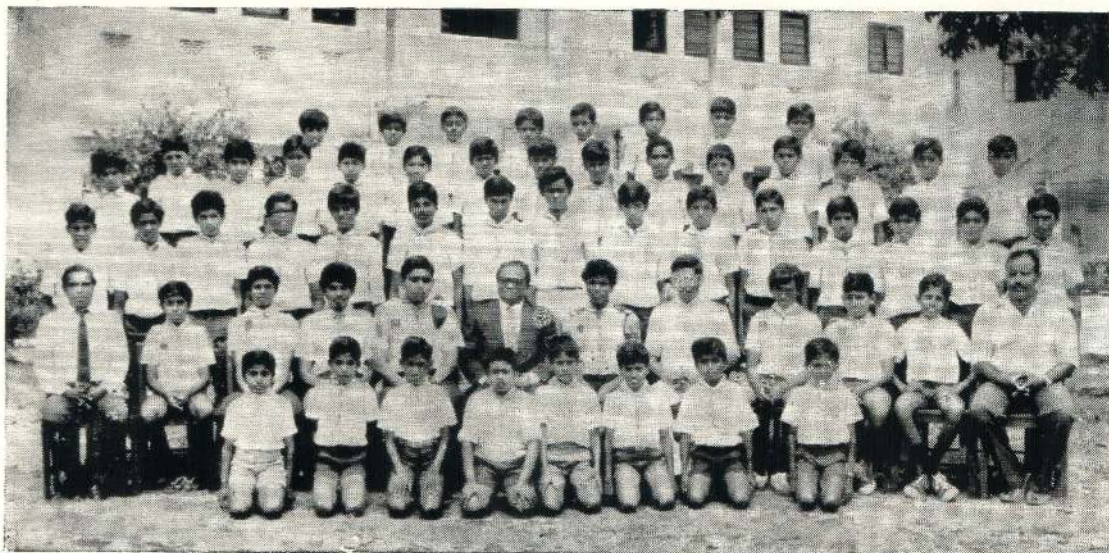
Tournament” did not take place. For the past five years, due to the prevailing situation in our country, it was cancelled.

We wish to thank the Principal for his untiring effort and help to keep the game going and make us happy. Two students are helping as regular pickers. I would like to thank the Principal Messrs T. Anantharatnam, M. D. Thambirajah and all the members of the club also for their kind co-operation and participation in the activities of the club.

**G. Nadarajah**



THE GIRL GUIDES — 1986



THE SCOUT TROOP — 1986

THE SENIOR SCHOOL CHOIR -- 1986



THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR -- 1986



## Audio Visual Club Report — 1986

The function of the unit as in past was carried out without any interruption.

Due to the instability of the country we couldn't venture into new programmes. So our services were limited to the normal function & one or two video shows.

My Thanks are to Mr. G. Yogarajah for his assistance in carrying out this routine programme.

Finally I thank all the heads of departments & associations for their fullest co-operation, and to the Principal for his encouragement & advice.

N. A. Vimalendran

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## The Scout Troop

It is with great pleasure I submit the report of Jaffna College Scout Troop. This year we have nearly sixty Scouts in our Troop. It is divided into seven Patrols. Troop meetings are held regularly every week on Tuesdays after the school hours.

We celebrated the Baden Powell Day in a grand way under the "CLEVELAND TREES" in February 1986. Our Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar declared open the celebration by hoisting the Scout Flag. Miss M. S. Elias, Girls Guide Commissioner gave away the prize for the following Scouts who won places in the Speech contest on Scouting :

Mas. T. Ledchumanarajah	1st Prize
Mas. S. Kesavan	2nd "
Mas. K. Sujaharan	3rd "

Our Scouts have helped in our Primary School Sports Meet on 20th June. The Supervisor Mrs. L. B. Thambyrajah made the following remarks, in our Log Book. "This is to thank you most sincerely for the splendid way you handled all matters at the

Sports Meet. You were all alert and carried on the motto "Be Prepared" well."

Mrs. A. Rajaratnam Principal of Vembadi Girls College was the Chief Guest for the above meet commended "I was greatly impressed by the smart turnout and the help given by the scouts at the Sports Meet."

Of course our Boy Scouts have given of their best, to the upper School Sports Meet also on 28th June. Our Scouts gave their fullest co-operation at the Jaffna College Internal Exhibition of teaching Aids on 14th and 15th of July 1986.

We organized a three days camp from 27th September to 29th September 1986 at the College Quadrangle. Nearly 50 Scouts participated in the Camp. Mr. S. Jebanesan the Co-Vice Principal declared open the grand campfire and said "Boy Scouts by living in places away from homes gain much experience in co-operative living; and sharing, and proving that the Scout

movement is the best way to build stamina and character." It was a very enjoyable camp fire appreciated by parents of Scouts, wellwishers and teachers, Mr. V. Ganesharatnam A. D. C. for K. K. S. Scout Association camped with us for all three days and gave training in many Scout crafts.

Our thanks are due to Mr. V. Ganesharatnam, Dr. R. Porter, Mrs. L. B. Thambyrajah and Miss J. Thanabalasingam the guide teacher who helped us at the above Camp Fire.

At our Annual Prize Giving Day our Scouts gave a smart guard of honour to the Chief Guest C. V. Vigneswaran Esq. Dist. Judge of Mallakam. He said that "Scouting is means to an end. The end is a disciplined life, a useful life a devotion to duty and humility in approach. I wish the Scouts of Jaffna College well".

The Scouts Service week was also observed by our Scouts and they collected money by working in our neighbouring villages. This year also the "Elephant Patrol" won the 1st place in the Service Week.

We are very happy and proud that we had the opportunity to host the 70th Annual Rally of Jaffna District Boys Scout Association, on 17th and 18th October 1986 in our College compound. This usually takes place in the Old Park, Jaffna. We were able to meet many Scouts and were able to see variety of activities. Our Principal Rajan Kadirgamar was honoured as the Chief Guest at the Rally.

Though it was raining heavily the Scouts enjoyed the camp life very much.

It is my duty to reproduce the Scout Log entry of Mr. C. V. K. Sivagnanam, the Jaffna Municipal Commissioner and the Chairman of Jaffna Dist. Scout Association "I am very glad the Jaffna College grounds were made the venue of the present Rally. This proved the dedication of the Jaffna College scouts its Principal and staff towards the Scout movement, in that all had shared work for the Rally to be success.

I am also very happy to say that our Scouts Mas. S. Sarvananthar and T. Manoharan won the President Scout Badges. We wish them "BRAVO".

Another Junior Scout Mas. T. Sathian has won his green cord and received many Prof. Badges. We wish him well.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who helped us to make the year a successful one. We thank our Principal and Co-Vice Principals for all the assistance and encouragement given to our Scouts.

I wish to express my congratulations and thanks to our Troop Leaders Mas. R. Senthana, A. S. Ls. Mr. S. Rajasegaram, Mas. S. Sarvananthan, Scout Leader Mr. A. Jeyarajan for all the time and energy they have devoted to Scouting.

Woof! Woof! Woof!

**K. S. Thissairasa**  
Group Scout Leader

## Student Christian Movement — 1986

### First Term

### Second Term

### Third Term

**President:** V. Pathmathaneswaran

K. E. Pratheepan

G. J. Jesurajah

**Secretary:** T. N. Huxley

R. W. Kulendran

T. Harichandran

In 1986 our people underwent great hardships. Many people lost their houses and other belongings. Some lost their dear ones. The Student Christian Movement of Jaffna College contributed its share on the rehabilitation of the suffering masses. During the first term our members participated enthusiastically in the refugee Rehabilitation Fund Collection launched by the College.

In the weekly meetings conducted every Tuesday we prayed for those suffered by violence. Teachers and Pastors were invited to give talks on the problems faced by the Community.

Once a week our members conduct the morning worship in the Primary

School and in the Secondary school. Once a term the college S. C. M. conducted the Vesper service in the Cathedral Church. Most of our members are in the College Choir.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the speakers who enriched the religious knowledge of our members by addressing our weekly meetings. The Patron of our Society Miss P. Gulasingham and the Assistant Miss J. J. Thanabalasingham also deserve our sincere thanks.

May God bless them all.

**T. Harichandran**  
Secretary

## Boarders Christian Association

**Teacher in charge** : G. Nadarajah

**Secretary** : Victor Reimus

**Name of student leader** : Amaran Tunard

Meetings take place every Sunday at 7-00 p. m. in the Cathedral church; In our weekly meetings several Bible Quiz Competitions, Bible studies, and discussions were held. Messrs G. Rajanayagam, Noel Vimalendran, E. S. Selvarajah, R. Nirmalan and A. C. R. Rajkumar gave talks on various topics. On behalf of our members I wish to thank them all for delivering these lectures.

We are thankful to those who have held office this year (1986) for their devoted services, and to members, for their wholehearted co-operation and assistance. We extend our sincere thanks to our patron, for his guidance.

**Victor Reimus**  
Secretary

## School Council Sept. '85 — Aug. '86

<b>President :</b>	Mas. G. J. Gunathilakan
<b>Vice President :</b>	Miss S. Dushyanthy
<b>Secretary :</b>	Mas. G. J. Gunaratnam (Till March '86) Mas. P. Benjamin Yogachandran (From March '86)
<b>Asst. Secretary :</b>	Mas. S. Noble Surendran
<b>Treasurer :</b>	Miss. T. Sathiyaselvi (Till March '86) Mas. J. Aron (From March '86)

I have great pleasure in presenting the report of the school council for the year 1986. Our duties have been enlarged and due to this all of us have had a meaningful experience as members of the school council

We continue to maintain order and discipline during Chapel time, Assembly, sports meets and other college functions. We have a councillor for the hostel who assists the wardens in matters concerning the hostels.

We successfully organised farewell functions to two of our administrators. The Vice Principal Mr. A. Rajasingam, and the primary school supervisor Mr. W. N. Thevakadatcham.

Our president Mas. G. J. Gunathilakan proposed the traditional vote of thanks at the annual prize-giving.

Our president Mas. G. J. Gunathilakan, G. J. Gunaratnam, Miss T.

Sathiyaselvi have left us during the course of this year. We wish them well.

We reprimand late comers and have managed to restrict the number of late comers considerably. We have also successfully kept under control the number of students leaving college premises during school hours.

We also do our part as students of larger community by organizing fasts and strikes protesting against injustice, when it is necessary.

I thank the Principal, Vice Principals and the faculty adviser Mr. T. Anandarajam for their guidance and advice. I also thank the members of the school council and the students for their co-operation and help.

**P. Benjamin Yogachandran**  
Secretary

## Commerce Union — 1986

The "get Together" of the union was successfully conducted even under the present condition in Jaffna. The Chief Guest was Jaffna University Commerce Lecturer Mr. Thevarajah.

We are happy that twenty eight Members of this union were successful in the last G. C. E. A/L Examination, and out of them Masters G. Rajkumar

and V. Patmathaneswaran entered the Management course of the University.

Many of the resolutions adopted by the executive committee could not be implemented due to the prevailing condition in the country.

**K. Nagalingam**  
Secretary





**Seated (L.—R.):** Walton Kulendran, K. Nagalingam (Secretary), The Principal, S. Augustine (President), A. C. Ranjitkumar.  
**Standing (L.—R.):** S. Selvini, A. Sudharshini, S. Sritharan, S. Vanitha.

THE YOUNG IDEA EDITORIAL BOARD — 1986



**Seated (L.—R.):** Mr. S. Jebanesan, S. Dushiyanti, A. Sudharshini, S. Krishanthan (English Editor), The Principal, W. N. Wimalan (Tamil Editor), S. Suthahari, S. Vinitha, G. J. Jesurajah (Manager), Miss S. S. Selvadurai (Adviser).  
**Standing (L.—R.):** R. Vasuki, D. Keshini, S. Augustine, V. Sakthivel, A. Chandrakumar, J. Aron, V. Pathmathaneswaran, K. Bavani, W. Geethanjali.

## THE HOCKEY TEAM—1986



**Seated** (L.—R.): T. Anandaratnam (Physical Director & Coach),  
J. Anton Rajakariar, G. J. Jesurajah (Vice Capt.),  
The Principal, J. Aron (Capt.), S. Augustine,

**Standing** (L.—R.) K. E. Pratheepan, S. Jeyaranjan, T. Jesura,  
P. Sayanthakumar, R. Muresh, R. Walton Kulendran,  
T. Manoharan, S. Ramesh, P. Thavanandhan,  
T. Harichandran.

**On the Ground:** V. Pathmathaneswaran, S. Kalamohan.

# The Academy

## Office — Bearers

	President	Secretary
First Term :	S. Augustine	J. Anton Rajakarier
Second Term :	P. Benjamin	T. Joy Sugirthanathan
Third Term :	J. G. Jesurajah	K. E. Piratheepan

The year under review was of fair success to the Academy. Traditional Freshers Introduction, speeches, debates and musical entertainment are some of the commoner items that constitute our regular programmes.

There is a great deal of interest when Freshers Introduction takes place but the interest in other programmes is sadly lacking. This is mainly due to tuitions which give no leisure hours for students to devote to activities other than studies. In spite of this we appeal to our members to devote more time towards our programmes.

We could not hold our annual lunch this year due to the disturbed situation that prevailed in Jaffna.

We wish to congratulate all those who gained admission to the various Universities and other Institutions in Sri Lanka and abroad.

Our thanks are due to Mr. T. Anandaratnam, the Faculty Adviser who has always been a source of help and encouragement and to the Principal for his abiding interest in our association.

**K. E. Piratheepan**  
Hony. Secretary

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## Brotherhood — 1986

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
President :	M. Ramesh	S. Suthaes	S. Vijeyakumar
Secretary:	S. Subaharan	K. C. Kulanayagam	T. Mallika

I take pleasure in presenting the report for the year 1986. This year unlike the previous ones, there were less disturbances in the region, and we were able to conduct our meetings regularly. We had speeches, debates, songs, poems narrations and skits, both in English and Tamil.

During the third term, we conducted our inter-class Soccer and Netball matches prior to our Social in which Year. 11B and Year 11A emerged Champions respectively. The Annual Social was conducted on the 8th October. Our

Principal and Mrs. Kadirgamar were the chief guests. Besides the games, group songs, 'Issaium Kathaium', 'Oman Singari'—a drama by the girls the main attraction were of the socials, which was well attended. My thanks are due to the executive arrangements and food committees for their part in conducting the social successfully. I am also thankful to our Patron Mr. N. Thatparanathan for his guidance throughout the year.

**T. Mallika**  
Secretary

# Forum — 1986

First Term	Second Term	Third Term
<b>President:</b> G. Sujaharan	A. Premanathan	S. P. Gunaseelan
<b>Secretary:</b> S. Sivatharan	D. Valluvan	A. Ajith Kumar

All students of the year 10 are members of this association. Our meetings are held every Thursday during the last period in the Ottley Hall.

The programme for the meeting includes debates, speeches, songs, dances recitation, drama and reports from editors.

The Annual social was conducted during the second term. It was a grand function. Games, group singing, English drama, Tamil drama and dance were some of the items at the social.

I want to thank our forum patrons Mr. S. J. Manickam for his advice and guidance enabling us to conduct the grand social and also helping us to stage a Tamil drama.

My thanks are also due to the committee and the members of the association for their whole-hearted co-operation

A. Premanathan  
President

## Lyceum

1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
<b>President :</b> Balamyuran M.	Ramanan V.	Skandasanjeev K.
<b>Secretary :</b> Ramanan V.	Rukshini M.	Ramanan V.

I am happy to present the report for the year 1986. The year under review had been a successful one.

The Lyceum, one of the oldest Literary Associations of the College, comprises of the students of Year 9 classes. Weekly meetings were held on Thursdays in the English Laboratory. The meetings were lively with active participation by the members.

The programmes at these weekly meetings included debates, recitations, speeches, musical items and dramas. Contests were also organized between the different divisions in debating and spelling.

The Association had its Annual Social in October. The President, Master K. Skandasanjeev presided over the func-

tion. The Evening Tea was followed by games and a variety entertainment, Songs, dances, dramas and skits were the main items of the entertainment. An English playlet 'Robin Hood' was enacted by the students and they also staged a Tamil play, This year Miss M. S. Elias was the guest of honour at the function. Miss M. S. Elias stressed the importance of the literary associations which helped to develop the various talents of the students and encouraged active participation in all its activities.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Patron Miss S. S. Selvadurai for her guidance and encouragement, the members of the committee and all the other members of the association for their whole-hearted co-operation.

V. Ramanan  
Secretary



Jaffna College farewell to Mr. A. Rajasingham, Vice Principal.

உலகக் கிறிஸ்தவ முன்னாவது தமிழ் மாநாடு



முன்வரிசை (இ.—வ.): டாக்டர் சிலம்பொலி செல்லப்பன், டாக்டர் ஓளவை நடராஜன், பேராயர் சாலமன் துரைசாமி, முத்தமிழ்க்காவலர் கி. ஆ. பெ. விசுவநாதம் (இலங்கைப் பிரதிநிதி), எஸ். ஜெபநேசன் பேசுகிறார்.

யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரித் தமிழ் மன்றம்  
மன்றக் காப்பாளர் — 1986



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பாரதி விழா — 11-9-1986

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## யாழ்ப்பாணக்கல்லூரித் தமிழ் மன்றம்

“தேமதுரத் தமிழோசை உலகமெலாம் பரவும்வகை செய்தல்வேண்டும்” என்ற உயர் இலட்சியத்துடன் நமது தமிழ்மன்றம் செயற்பட்டுவருகின்றது.

சென்ற வருடம் தமிழ் மக்கள் பலவிதமான இன்னல்களுக்குட்பட்டனர். தமிழ்த் தாய் தனது புதல்வர்களின் துன்பங்களைக் கண்டு செங்குருதிக் கண்ணீர் வடித்து நின்றாள். தமிழ்மக்களுக்கு விடிவுகாலம் விரைவில் வரவேண்டும் என்று நாம் ஓயாது பிரார்த்தித்து வருகின்றோம்.

“தமிழ்ருவி” என்னும் எமது கையெழுத்துப் பத்திரிகை ஒவ்வொரு தவணையும் வெளியிடப்பட்டது. இதன் பிரதிகள் நமது நூல்நிலையத்தில் வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. இதனை வெளியிட்ட ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு எமது நன்றி உரித்தாகுக.

ஒவ்வொரு தவணையும் நிகழ்ச்சிகளை ஆர்வத்துடன் அங்கத்தவர்கள் செய்து முடித்தனர். முதலாவது தவணை பல புதிய மாணவர்களின் வேண்டுகோளுக் கிணங்க, எமது மன்றத்தினால் 1983ஆம் ஆண்டு தயாரிக்கப்பட்ட “கல்லூரி வசந்தத்தில்” என்ற திரைப்படம் காண்பிக்கப்பட்டது. இரண்டாவது தவணை எமது “முத்தமிழ் விழாவை” நடத்தி முடித்தோம். இவ்விழாவில் இரண்டு நாடகங்களும், இசை நிகழ்ச்சிகளும், நடன நிகழ்ச்சிகளும் இடம் பெற்றன. எமது மாணவர்களினால் நடித்துக் காண்பிக்கப்பட்ட “பாஞ்சாலி சபதம்” பலரின் உள்ளத்தைக் கவர்ந்தது.

மூன்றாவது தவணை “பாரதி விழாவை”ச் சிறப்பாக நடத்தினோம். பாரதி தினமாகிய

செப்டம்பர் மாதம் 11ஆம் திகதி இவ்விழா நடைபெற்றது. “புதுச்சேரியில் ஒரு நாள்” என்ற நாடகம் எமது மாணவ மாணவியரினால் நடிக்கப்பட்டது. நமது பாடசாலையின் மத்தியபிரிவு மாணவிகள் “விடுதலை விடுதலை” என்ற பாரதி பாடலை நடன விருந்தாக அளித்தார்கள். பாரதி பாடல்கள் நமது அங்கத்தவர்களாற் பாடப்பட்டன. சில பதிவு செய்யப்பட்ட நாடகங்களும் ஒலிபரப்பப்பட்டன. நமது போஷுகர் திரு. எஸ். ஜெபநேசன் “பாரதிக்கு ஏன் விழா வெடுக்கிறோம்” என்னும் பொருளில் உணர்ச்சியுடன் பேசினார். இவ்விழா நமது தமிழ் மன்றத் தலைவர் செல்வன் நோயின் கரேந்திரன் தலைமையில் நடைபெற்றது.

சென்ற வருடம் டிசம்பர் 27ஆம் 28ஆம் 29ஆம் திகதிகளில் மூன்றாவது உலக கிறிஸ்தவ தமிழ் மகாநாடு சென்னையில் நடைபெற்றது. இலங்கையின் பிரதிநிதியாக நமது போஷுகர் திரு. எஸ். ஜெபநேசன் கலந்து கொண்டார். அவ் விழவில் நமது போஷுகருக்கு “அருங்கலைஞர்” என்னும் பட்டம் அளிக்கப்பட்டது.

பிரச்சினைகள் நிறைந்த 1986ஆம் ஆண்டிலும் நமது பணிகளை உணர்ச்சியுடனும் திருப்திகரமாகவும் செய்துமுடிக்க உதவி புரிந்த கல்லூரி அதிபருக்கும், செயற்குழு உறுப்பினருக்கும், மாணவ மாணவியருக்கும் எனது உளப்பூர்வமான நன்றியைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொண்டு இவ்வறிக்கையை முடித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

ஆ. சுதர்ஷினி  
செயலாளர்

## Hitchcock House — 1986

<b>House Masters</b>	:	Mr. V. Selvaratnam Mr. N. A. Vimalendran Mr. K. Thangarajah Mr. G. Nadarajah
<b>House Mistresses</b>	:	Mrs. I. Jeyakumar Miss J. Thanabalasingam
<b>House Captains</b>	:	Mas. R. Sothilingam Miss T. Gamini
<b>Vice - Captains</b>	:	Mas. Anton Rajakarier Miss T. Jennifer Pathmini
<b>Athletic Captains</b>	:	Mas. J. Aron Miss A. Sutharshini
<b>Football Captain</b>	:	Mas. J. Aron
<b>Hockey Captain</b>	:	Mas. J. Aron
<b>Basket ball Vice Capt.</b>	:	Mas. J. Aron
<b>Netball Captain</b>	:	Miss R. Sharmini
<b>Treasurer</b>	:	Mas. A. Ramesh

It is with a sense of modest pride I submit the report of our house this year though we cannot boast of a house Championship, we are proud to say that we played the game well with the spirit of a good sportsman and we were placed 3rd in the Inter house Athletic meet.

Our members took a prominent part in all the activities under the captaincy of Mas. R. Sothilingam and Miss T. Gamini.

We congratulate Master R. Sothilingam who received the under 17 Championship cup and established three records 100 meters, 200 meters and 4×100 meter relay.

We congratulate Anton Rajakumar J. Aron, N. Nithiarajan and S. Komala on being elected to the School Council.

J. Aron, Anton Rajakarier, P. Thevananther of our House were members of the College Cricket 1st eleven and Amaran Tunard was in 2nd eleven team.

J. Aron, P. Thevananther and Amaran Tunard were the members of the College Basket Ball Team.

K. Kalavally, R. Sharmini, T. Jennifer Padmini, G. Bavani, S. Dama-yanthi, S. Mohanambal, N. Jeyanthi and A. Sutharshini of our house were members of the college Netball team.

We congratulate J. Aron on being elected the foot-ball captain, Hockey Captain and Basket ball Vice captain.

We congratulate R. Charles who established a high jump record and received the under 14 championship.

I thank our House Masters V. Selvaratnam, N. A. Vimalendran, K. Thangarajah and G. Nadarajah and our House Mistresses Mrs. I. Jeyakumar and Miss J. Thanabalasingam for the valuable guidance and help given to us.

Finally I thank all the Hitchcock House members for giving us their fullest co-operation.

**Mas. R. Sothilingam**  
**Miss. T. Gamini**  
House Captains



## Abraham House — 1986

<b>House Master</b>	:	Mr. N. Thatparanathan Mr. K. Sriskandarajah Mr. S. Suthaharan
<b>House Mistresses</b>	:	Mrs. N. Balasingam Mrs. S. D. Vairasinghe
<b>House Captains</b>	:	G. J. Jesurajah, V. Malini
<b>Vice Captains</b>	:	M. Kugathas, V. Pathmaarulvathana
<b>Athletic Captains</b>	:	S. Noble Surendran, K. Rubavathany
<b>Treasurer</b>	:	M. Kesavan
<b>Soccer Captain</b>	:	R. Muresh
<b>Hockey Captain</b>	:	T. Jesura
<b>Netball Captain</b>	:	K. Naveena

The year under review has been one of active participation and jubilation. First of all we congratulate Mr. W. D. Kulathungam our Senior House Master for over twenty years on being appointed as Co-Vice Principal and thank him for his whole hearted guidance to our house over the years.

Abraham was led by G. J. Jesurajah the Senior All Round Sportsman 1985 and V. Malini a Colour Winner. Like the past few years though we were not near the Championship were able to win a few individual Championships in Athletics. We congratulate G. Selvarajah who once again became the Post Senior Champion. M. Kugathas the joint under 19 champion and R. Kishani the Inter Girls Champion. We congratulate V. Navukkarasi on being selected for University admission and S. Noble Surendran and V. Malini on being elected to the School Council.

G. J. Jesurajah, G. Selvarajah, S. Kanagasundaram, T. Jesura and R. Muresh were members of the soccer first team. N. Ahilan (V. Captain), G. D. Mathialagan, S. Noble Surendran and M. Ramesh were members of the Soccer second team.

G. J. Jesurajah, S. Noble Surendran, T. Jesura, R. Muresh and S. Kanagasundaram were members of the Cricket first team. D. Ahilan and G. D. Mathialagan were members of the cricket second team.

T. Jesura, R. Muresh and T. Hari Chandran were members of the Hockey first term. N. Ahilan represented the Hockey second team.

V. Malini a Colour Winner captained the Senior Netball team, while V. Pathmaarulvathana was a member of the same team.

M. Kugathas and T. Raveendran represented the college in athletics.

G. J. Jesurajah was the Manager of the "Young Idea" and S. Noble Surendran and W. Geethanjali were in the Editorial Board.

We thank all those who participated in the various activities of the House and our House Masters and Mistresses for their guidance and encouragement given.

**J. G. Jesurajah**  
**V. Malini**  
House Captains

## Brown House — 1986

<b>House Masters :</b>	Mr. G. Rajanayagam Mr. A. Thavachelvam Mr. S. J. Manickam
<b>House Mistresses :</b>	Miss S. Balasubramaniam Miss S. Sittampalam
<b>House Captains :</b>	Mas. T. N. Huxley Miss D. Keshini
<b>Athletic Captains :</b>	Mas. V. Pathmathaneswaran Miss R. Vasuki
<b>Treasurer :</b>	Mas. Collin Ranjitkumar

We are proud to submit the report of our house this year. This year we entered into keen competition and became second in the Final day.

The following are elected to the School Council. (1) Mas. P. Benjamin, (2) Mas. J. Sugirthanathan, (3) Mas. R. Jeevanathan, (4) Miss D. Keshini, (5) Miss M. Dayalini

The following played in the 1st XI Soccer Team. (1) V. Pathmathaneswaran (Vice-Captain), (2) T. N. Huxley, (3) R. W. Kulendran, (4) V. Jeyaranjan, (5) S. Kalamohan, (6) S. Ramesh, (7) J. Sureskumar. Soccer 2nd Team R. Jeevanathan,

S. Umesh, T. Manoharan, Soccer 3rd team S. P. Kulaseelan (Captain), S. Vinathan, Y. B. Ramesh, Hockey first XI team, V. Pathmathaneswaran, R. W. Kulendren, S. Kalamohan, V. Jeyaranjan 2nd XI Hockey team, R. Jeevanathan, Miss Shinela T. Under 14 Champion, Net Ball Senior team N. Ajantha, Cynthya, Yamuna, Inter team Subothini, J. Aantonina.

In conclusion I wish to thank the House Masters, House Mistresses and all Members for their co-operation.

**Mast: U. N. Huxley**  
**Miss D. Keshini**  
Captains

## Hastings House

<b>House Master :</b>	Mr. A. A. Paul
<b>Assistant Teachers :</b>	Mr. K. Sathasivam Mr. A. C. Rajkumar
<b>House Mistress :</b>	Mrs. B. Suresh
<b>Boys Captain :</b>	Mas. S. Augustine
<b>Girls Captain :</b>	Miss D. A. Priyadharshini

1986 was a grand year for the Reds. We were Inter-House Champions, Relay Champions and TUG-O-WAR Champions. S. Augustine, S. Tharani and A. Marinavathanie became Athletic Champions. In the First eleven cricket team, Foot Ball Team, Hockey Team and Athletic Team our boys were well represented. Two of our members M. Paramalingam and S. Ravimohan gained admission to the University of Jaffna. P. Sayanthakumar became JUNIOR ALL

ROUND sportsman of the year. S. Augustine, P. Sayanthakumar, S. Vijeyakumar, S. Suntharavathany and K. Pra-deepan were elected to the school council.

We wish to thank our House Masters and House Mistress for their guidance and assistance.

**S. Augustine**  
**D. A. Priyadharshini**  
Captains

## Howland Hall — 1986

We are happy to present our report of the Howland Hall for the year 1986. Unlike other hostels, the composition of the Howland hall is unique. We are only a small group, probably the least in number among the hostels. We are ten students, five from the school section and five from Jaffna College Technical Institute. But, the seven resident staff members enable us to feel that we are in big numbers in such a beautiful and spacious hostel.

### Office Bearers:

#### President :

1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
Dayalini Manickam	Gamini Thangarajah	Srieswary Subramaniam

#### Secretary :

Nimalda Jeyananthi	Mathiarasi Thirunavukarasu	Anne Rajamanohary Rajeswaran
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#### Treasurer :

Subanthini Ramalingam	Pathmaarulvathana Velupillai	Thevaramani Thevaratnam
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#### Games' Captain :

Ranjani Ramalingam	Jennifer Padmini Tharmarajasingam	Rathani Gnanasambanthan
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#### Editor :

Gamini Thangarajah	Sunethira Antonina Jesuthasan	Sunethira Antonina Jesuthasan
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As usual the members took part in most of the college activities.

### Tamil Choir:

Dayalini Manickam	Nimalda J. Arulanantham
Gamini Thangarajah	Jennifer P. Tharmarajasingam
Shanthini Muthukumar	Pathmaarulvathana Velupillai
Sunithira A. Jesuthasan	Thevaramani Thevaratnam
A. Rajamanohary Rajeswaran.	

**English choir :**

Nimalda J. Arulanantham, Pathmaarulvathana Velupillai, Sunethira A. Jesuthasan.

**College Band :**

Jennifer P. Tharmarajasingam, Pathmaarulvathana Velupillai, Nimalda J. Arulanantham, Sunethira A. Jesuthasan, Sunethira J. Antonina.

**B. C. A:**

**1st Term :** Secretary : T. Mathiarasi  
Representative : T. Gamini  
**2nd Term :** Secretary : J. Sunethira Antonina  
Representative : A. Nimalda Jeyanathy  
**3rd Term :** Treasurer : R. Anne Rajamanohary  
Representative : T. Thevaramani

**S. C. M:**

**1st Term :** Assistant Secretary : T. Jennifer Padmini  
Year 12 class Representative : T. Gamini

**Net Ball Team :**

V. Pathmaarulvathana Velupillai, T. Jennifer Padmini,  
J. Sunethira Antonina.

**Examination Achievements :**

Puncherine Visvalingam, the only candidate in G. C. E. A/L Examination 1985 secured credit passes in three subjects and an ordinary pass in one subject. Ranjini Ramalingam and Kirijadevi Kanagasundaram have successfully completed their courses in Computer Programming. Srieswary Subramaniam secured a merit pass and won a scholarship at the 1st Semester Examination in Draughtsmanship. Our congratulations to them. We wish them all a bright future.

We are very sorry that many of the students have left the hostel after completing their Advanced Level Examinations.

V. Pathmaarulvathana has left college. We wish her well. Miss Benjamin the Assistant Librarian, left us suddenly at the end of the 2nd term after a continuous stay of about 6 years. I am sure many a girl would have benefitted by her presence here. We thank her for her help in times of need.

The other resident members of the staff are :

Mrs. A. Balasingam (J. C)  
Miss S. Jesudasan (J. C)  
Mrs. J. Ratnasabapathy (J. C)  
Miss V. Muthukumar (J. C. T. I.)  
Miss R. Jesudasan (Church Nursery School Teacher)  
Miss M. Appadurai (J. C. T. I.)

Mr. A. Rajasingham our Vice-Principal retired in May this year. We remember with gratitude his years of service to the institution. At a farewell function accorded to him by the students we presented Mr. & Mrs. Rajasingham the crest of the College worked out beautifully as a souvenir.

May God bless him and his family and grant him many more years of health and service to the community.

We congratulate Messers W. D. Kulathungam and S. Jebanesan on their appointment as Co Vice - Principals of the College. We wish them well.

November 25th was a grand day for us. We celebrated the Boarders' day fully involving ourselves in the programmes. We felt the absence of our principal who was out of the Island. However everyone enjoyed themselves fully. The inter hostel tournaments were conducted in various games. Even though we were not very successful, we did our best to participate in all the events.

The dinner was held in the Howland Hall. Our Chief Guest was Mr. W. N. S. Samuel who after a brief but an interesting speech distributed the prizes to the winners. Thus, the full and enjoyable day came to an end.

Group Talent Contest - placed 1st  
Participants - J. Sunethira Antonina  
G. Rathani  
S. Selvanayaki  
M. Shanthini  
R. A. Rajamanohary

Drama Competition : Placed 3rd

Best Actress G. Rathani

"Do you know" contest - Placed 2nd  
Fancy Dress - Jennifer Padmini. T  
1st prize

The warden decided to give us a dinner party this year. Besides being treated to string hoppers, chicken curry and ice cream, we were surprisingly invited to a grand evening's entertainment. Teachers and students participated at this social gathering. We wish we had more parties of fun like this.

In our college, we are given every opportunity to develop our talents. There are good singers, actors and debators among us. I am proud to say that there is a lot of participation from our hostel in the extra curricular activities of the college.

It is my pleasant duty to thank all the members for their cheerful and pleasant manners for happy life together as a family. Howland Hall is a home away from home for many of us. Only those who have had a taste of it can testify to this fact. I thank the warden, Miss Elias the strict disciplinarian at work, a fellow hosteller at social gatherings, a comforter in times of distress. I also thank the minor staff for all their assistance and care during the year to make our lives happy at the college.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Principal and the administration for all the comfort, care and guidance given to us at all times.

Anne Rajamanohary Rajeswaran  
Secretary

# Bunker Hall—1986

## OFFICE-BEARERS

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
<b>President :</b>	P. S. Thevamithiran	J. Aron	P. Pathmathaneswarar.
<b>Secretary :</b>	T. N. Huxley	P. Benjamin	J. Aron
<b>Warden :</b>	Mr. W. D. Kulathungam		
<b>Sub-Warden :</b>	Mr. G. Nadarajah		

I consider this a great opportunity given to me to place the report of the Bunker Hall for the year under review. As we are all aware we had been called upon to live under difficult conditions. Specially as students we have been caught up to build up our society as individuals as well as in groups in the midst of the prevailing conditions. We learn a lot in a hostel life and gain more in team work.

There are 33 members brought together into this hostel from different corners of the Northern and Eastern Provinces. The classes which are handed in this hostels are London A/L, Sri Lankan A/L and O/L.

We have our union meetings regularly on Thursdays both in Tamil and English. Also the chapel in our hostel helps a lot in the development of our spritual aspect of life. Daily we have prayers in our chapel at 9-45 p. m. after the 2nd studies. On Sundays we dont have the chapel service. But we do have a Boarders Christian Union meeting in the English lab of the school. This union is functuring under the guidance of our sub warden Mr. G. Nadargah.

As in the past our members took part in many activities of the school and we congratulate all of them on their respective activities.

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
<b>S. C. M.</b>			
<b>President :</b>	V. Pathmathaneswaran	K. E. Pradeepan	J. Thevananth
<b>Secretary :</b>	T. N. Huxley	J. Rajan	T. Harrichandran
<b>Treasurer :</b>	—	—	T. N. Huxley
<b>B. C. A.</b>			
<b>President :</b>	J. Anton Rajakarier	J. Thevananth	S. Amaran Tunard
<b>Vice-President :</b>	P. Thevamithiran	T. Harrichandran	R. Arasamohan
<b>Secretary :</b>	—	—	S. Victor Renius
<b>Asst. Secretary :</b>	—	S. Amaran Tunard	T. V. S. Mathivannan

### **Y. M. C. A.**

**Student Secretary :** P. Thevamithiran  
**Student Treasurer :** P. Benjamin  
**Board Member :** J. Aron

### **Tamil Choir:**

P. Thevamithiran, J. Rajan, J. Aron, T. N. Huxley, P. Pathmathaneswaran,  
and R. Alfred.

### **English Choir :**

P. Benjamin, T. N. Huxley, J. Aron, C. S. Wijayanayagam

### **Academy :**

**President :** S. Augustine                      P. Benjamin  
**Secretary :** J. Anton                              T. Joy Sugirthanathan      K. E. Pradeepan

### **Commerce Union :**

**President :** S. Augustine  
**Vice President :** T. N. Huxley

### **Tamil Manram :**

**President :** T. J. Sugirthanathan  
**Secretary:** P. Sayanthakumar

### **School Council:**

**President :** Mas. J. Aron  
**Vice President :** S. Augustine  
**Secretary :** J. Aron Rajakariar  
**Gen. Councillor :** P. Benjanan, K. E. Pradeepan  
**Councillor :** B. Panchaselvan  
**Hostel Union :** P. Sayanthakumar

I want to make special mention on the credibilites of our hostelers to be in the Councils holding key positions. It clearly shows and fulfils the aim of a hostel in a school. The hostel is the back bone of any institution.

### **SPORTS**

#### **Cricket :**

**1st XI :** S. Augustine (Vice-Captain), J. Rajakariar, P. Sayanthakumar, T. Harrichandran, T. N. Huxley.  
**2nd XI :** S. Ramesh, C. S. Wijayanayagam, R. Jeyaseelan

### **Hockey:**

1st XI : J. Aron (Captain), S. Augustine, J. Anton Rajakariar, K. E. Pradeepan,  
P. Sayanthakumar, T. Harrichandran, P. Thevanandan, V. Pathmathaneswaran.

2nd XI: S. Ramesh (Captain), R. Jeyaseelan, S. Amaran Tunard, Victor Renius.

### **Soccer :**

J. Aron (Captain), S. Augustine, V. Pathmathaneswaran, P. Sayanthakumar,  
S. Kanagasundaram, P. Dewananthan, I. N. Huxley, T. Harrichandran.

2nd XI : S. Ramesh, S. Victor Renius, R. Jeyaseelan.

### **Basket Ball:**

J. Rajan, J. Aron, S. Augustine, T. Huxley, V. P. Pathmathaneswaran.

### **Table Tennis:**

K. E. Pradeepan, J. Rajan, J. Anton Rajakarier J. Aron.

### **Inter House Meet :**

Senior champion — S. Augustine

Junior allround Sportsman — P. Sayanthakumar

College Athletic Team 1986 — S. Kugathan

T. Huxley — Brown House Captain

S. Augustine — Hitchcock House Captain

J. Anton — Hitchcock Vice-Captain

J. Aron — Hitchcock Athletic Captain

P. Pathmathaneswaran — Brown Athletic Captain

P. Sayanthakumar — Hasting House Athletic Captain

P. Thevananthan — Hastings House Treasurer

K. E. Pradeepan — Hastings House Hockey Captain

S. Ramesh — Hitchcock House Hockey Captain

### **Examination:**

S. Sivaranjan of Bunker sat for the Lond, A. E. B. in June 1986 and  
Passed the exam with two credits.

### **Library Monitors:**

P. Benjamin, J. Aron, J. Anton, V. Pathmathaneswaran, K. E. Pradeepan  
& S. Amaran Tunard.



### Leo Club:

Leo Club was started under the patronage of the Vaddukoddai lions club and the office bearers are as follows :

President : Leo Benjamin  
1st Vice-President : Leo Aron  
Treasurer : Leo Thevananthan  
Project Director : Leo Sivaranjan

The following left during the course of the year. They were J. Rajan, B. Panchaseelan, J. C. Ratnarajah & S. Yogendra.

During the 2nd term of this year the members of the Bunker hall had a special service to dedicate their chapel. The function was held on the 14th June and Rev. A. Jeyakumaran conducted the service.

### Change of Warden:

Mr. W. D. Kulatungam has been appointed one of the Vice-Principals of the College. Hence Mr. Noel A. Vimalendran has been appointed as warden to us. I take this opportunity to thank Mr. W. D. Kulathungam for his valuable services & welcome our new warden Mr. Noel A. Viamalendran. He has been the subwarden of all the hostels including Bunker up into 1981-

### Beyond the veil:

It is with deep sorrow that I record the sudden death of our beloved head cook Edwin M. Kandasamy (Kandoe) on

the 15th June 1986. He had been working in the College for the past 31 years. We shall always remember him with gratitude. We welcome Mr. A. C. Rajkumar & Mr. R. G. Nirmalan into our midst & also would like to extend our best wishes to our newly engaged teacher Mr. V. E. Jeyaseelan & newly married officer Mr. S. C. Karunendran.

Finally I will be failing in my duty if I do not thank the Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar for his guidance & counselling and to the Vice-Principals for their concern. The Boarding Department, Messers R. D. Thanabalasingam, V. Ganesharatnam, R. Rajaratnam and all the minor employees we record our big thanks to their valuable service to the hostel community.

I take this opportunity to thank the warden Mr. N. A. Vimalendran, subwarden Mr. G. Nadarajah, & all the resident staff for their guidance & devoted service, & concern for us.

A. Aron  
Secretary



**SERGEANT TO RECRUITS:** "OKAY, men, line up alphabetically according to height."

# Chelliah Hostel

## 1st Term

**President :** T. Maniventhan  
**Secretary :** S. Navendran

## 2nd Term

**K. D. Jebathepan**  
**A. Robin**

## 3rd Term

**T. Maniventhan**  
**R. Vasekaran**

I have great pleasure in submitting the annual report of our Hostel this year. We have the largest number in the Hostel when compared to other hostels the total number being 45. Our inmates come from different parts of Northern province, Navaly, Kilinochi, Paranthan, Mannar, and Navajeevanam.

Our Warden Mr. David Thambirajah left us at the end of the Second Term to concentrate more on sports activities. We had a farewell function in our Hostel. We also welcome Mr. G. Rajanayagam as the New Warden of the Chelliah Hostel. He has recently come from U. S. A. after following a Masters programme in Christian education.

Our Weekly Meetings are held on Thursday at 8-30 p. m. Students have

shown keen interest in composing poems acting and debating. At the Boarders day function we staged a play in Tamil called "சாம்ரூட் அசோகன்". B. Thava-thurai's acting was creditable.

Our Hostellers help in beautifying the church by polishing the lamps, sweeping the floor and polishing the railings. We do it practically for every occasion in the church.

Our members take an active part in all the extra curricular activities of the School. We extend a special word of appreciation to Mr. A. D. Athisayathan our sub warden and Mr. G. Rajanayagam our warden for their care and concern for us.

**R. Vasekaran**  
Secretary



**எட்வின் ம. கந்தசாமி**

**மறைவு : 15-06-1986**

நமக்கினிதாய் அன்னமிட  
நாளைல்லாம் உழைப்பாய்  
சீறிச் சினந்திடாமல்  
சிரித்தபடி நின்றிடுவாய்  
மறைந்திட்டாய் கண்டோஸ்  
முடிந்திடவில்லை யப்பா !  
எம்உயிர் உள்ளவரை  
நினைத்திருப்போம் உன்பணியை.

## Sander's Hostel — 1986

	First Term	Second Term	Third Term
President :	T. Krishnakumar	K. Uthayakumar	M. Joel
Secretary :	M. Joel	A. Sounthararajah	S. Prabahar

The year that is closing behind us has been most rewarding and satisfactory. Except for two of our members who had to leave us due to ill health, the number had been fourteen. The varied talents from most of us have been brought out to its fullest and this was seen in the performance of the Sander's Hostellers at the competitions that were organised in connection with the Annual Boarders' Day Celebrations.

At the Drama Contests K. Uthayakumar won the coveted Best Actor's Challenge cup and our Drama titled 'Karraiya Thoddatha Alaiyal' was judged second best. Our Thanks are due to the Playwright, and Director S. Augustine. Julius won the Inter hostel Chess Championship and won the hostel Pillow fight and became Runner up in the Table tennis and along with Joel the Doubles Champion.

A. Sounthararajah won the Inter-hostel Doubles at Carrom and also became Inter-hostel Carrom single runner up.

He also won in Chess and had been an active member of the College and Church Choir.

Julius became Inter-hostel Runner up in Badminton and Doubles Champion in the hostel with Rohan.

In studies Joel, Krishnakumar and Uthayakumar had been maintaining very good grades and since Sanders hostel is the beginning in experience for residential life for all the hostels at College, the others too had been doing well.

Regular study hours, chapel Worship, Weekly Meetings and Group activities have been observed throughout the year.

I Wish to express our gratitude to the Principal, Vice Principals, Warden, Mrs. Sinniah, the caterer and the Hostel minor staff for their year long concern and guidance to make the year a great success

S. Prabahar  
Secretary



SUITOR: "I wish to marry your daughter Sir"

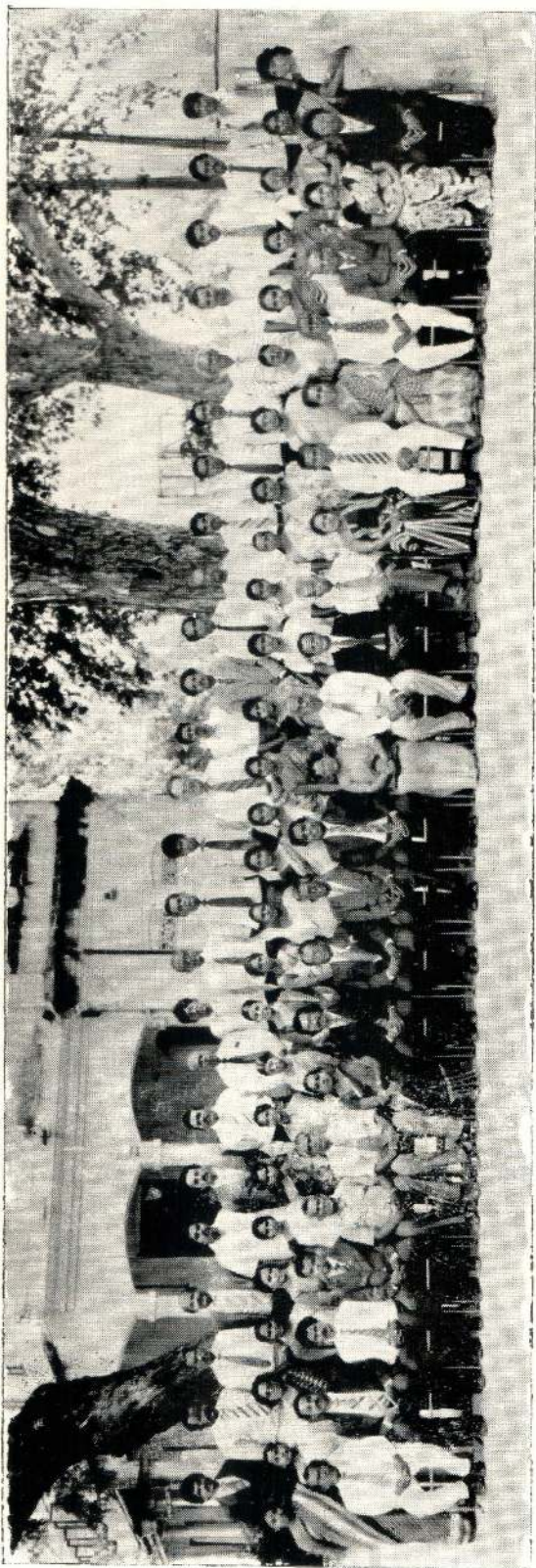
DAD: "Do you drink young man?"

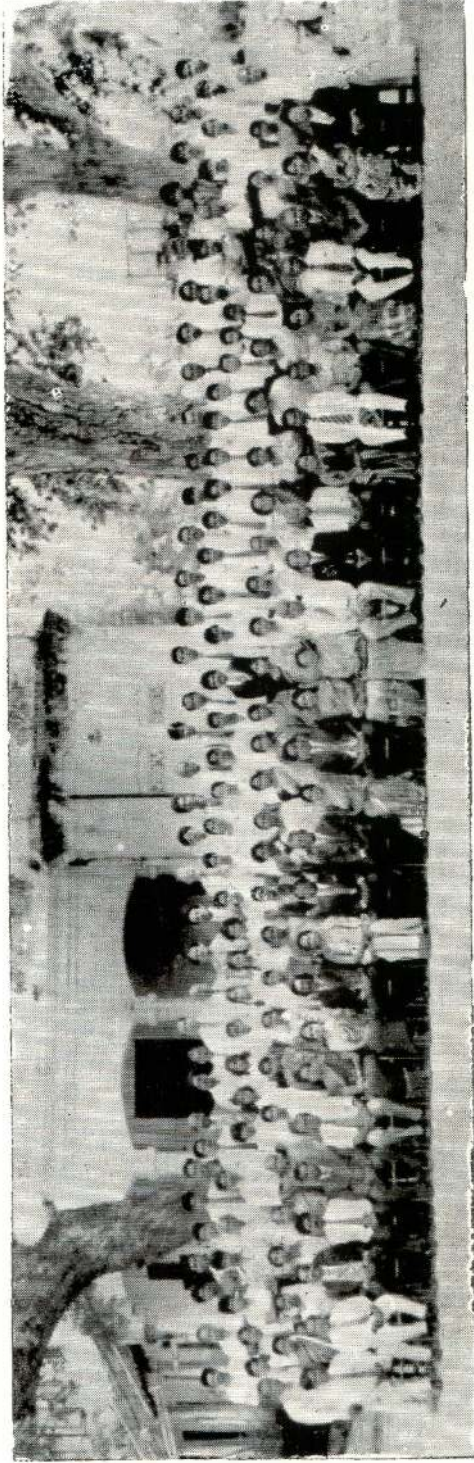
SUITOR: "Thanks a lot, but lets settle this other thing first"

## Jaffna College Staff — 1986

Mr. A. Kadirgamar (Principal)	— B. Sc., M. A. (Sc. Ed.), Cert. Adv. Religious Studies
Mr. A. Rajasingham (Vice-Principal) (Upto April, 1986)	— B. Sc., Dip. Ed.
Mr. W. D. Kulatungam (Co-Vice-Principal)	— B. Sc., Dip. Ed.
Dr. S. Sebanesan (Co-Vice Principal)	— B. A., Dip. Ed., M. A., M. A. (Phil), B. D., Ph. D.
Miss M. S. Elias (Supervisor, Junior Secondary School)	— B. A., (2nd Class)
Mrs. L. B. Thambyrajah (Supervisor, Primary School)	— First Class Tamil Trained, English Special Teachers' Trained
Mr. T. Visuvanathan	— B. Sc., Dip. Ed.
Mr. T. Anandaratnam	— B. A. Dip. Ed. (Merit)
Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy	— Teachers' Trained Certificate in Art and Handicraft
Miss S. S. Selvadurai	— English Special Teachers' Trained, M. Ed. (T. E. F. L.)
Mr. A. I. Sinniah	..... B. Sc. (Agric.), Dip. Ed.
Mrs. A. Balasingam	— First Class Trained
Mr. V. Selvaratnam	..... B. Sc.
Mr. S. Balachandran	... B. Sc., Dip. Ed.
Miss S. P. Gulasingam	— B. Sc., Dip. Ed.
Mrs. N. Balasingam	— B. Sc.
Miss S. D. Sittampalam	— B. Sc., Dip. Ed.
Mrs. S. Kesavarajan	..... B. A.
Mr. G. Rajanayagam	— B. A., Dip. Ed. (T. E. S. L.), M. A.

JAFFNA COLLEGE STAFF — 1986





JAFFNA COLLEGE EMPLOYEES BID FAREWELL TO  
Mr. A. Rajasingam Vice Principal

Mrs. S. D. Virasinghe	— B. A.
Mr. N. Thatparanathan	— B. A. (Special), Dip. Ed. (Merit)
Mr. H. J. Ratnasabapathy	— Sangeetha Sironmany Kalakshetra Diploma in Vocal Music
Mr. S. Manickam	— B. A. (Special)
Mr. N. A. Vimalendran	— B. Sc., Dip. Ed. (Merit)
Mr. A. Jeyarajan	— Physical Education Teachers Trained
Mrs. I. Jeyakumar	— B. Sc. (Special) Dip. Ed. (Merit)
Mr. K. Thangarajah	— B. Sc. (P. F. T.) Special, Dip. Ed.
Mr. T. Nithiaratnam	— Diploma Certificate in Physical Education
Mr. M. Vettivel	— B. Sc., Dip. Ed.
Mrs. E. V. Pushparajah	— G. C. E. (A. L.), Diploma in English
Mr. A. Thavachelvam	— B. Sc. Second Class (Lower Division)
Mrs. B. Suresh	— B. Sc.
Mr. G. Nadarajah	— B. A. (Econ.), B. Com.
Miss J. J. Thanabalasingam	— B. Sc.
Mr. K. Sathasivam	— B. Sc. (Development studies), Dip. Ed. (Merit)
Mr. R. Kandiah	— M. A. (English) 2nd Class, Dip. Ed. & Dip. in Teaching of English
Mr. R. K. Rajasenan	— B. Sc. (Hons.)
Mrs. E. T. Jeyarajan	— B. Sc. (Nutrition)
Mrs. R. A. Karunairajan	— B. Sc.
Mrs. V. Jebanesan	— L. T. C. L. Final (Royal College of Music)
Mrs. M. Raviraj	— Diploma in Bharatha Natyam 2nd Division N. C. O. M. S. Grade 3 (Vocal)
Miss V. Rajendram	— G. C. E. (A. L.)
Mr. R. Srisandarajah	— B. Sc. (Hons.)
Mr. M. Sivagnanaratnam	— B. Sc., Dip. Ed.
Miss S. Balasubramaniam	— B. A. (Special)
Mrs. D. I. Ganesan	— G. C. E. (O. L.)
Mr. M. D. Thambirajah	— Diploma in Physical Education

Mrs. K. Navaratnarajah	— First Class Tamil Trained
Mr. K. S. Thissarajah	— First Class Tamil Trained
Mr. A. A. Paul	— B. Sc. (Special), C. Chem., M. I. Chem. C.
Mr. A. D. Athisayathan	— G. C. E. (A. L.)
Miss H. A. Thambinayagam	— G. C. E. (A. L.)
Miss E. P. Kadirgamar	— G. C. E. (O. L.) Teachers' Diploma in Western Music
Mr. S. Rajasekaram	— G. C. E. (A. L.), G. A. Q.
Mr. E. S. Selvarajah	— B. Sc.
Mr. A. C. Rajkumar	— B. A.
Mr. E. V. Jeyaseelan	— G. C. E. (A. L.)
Mr. P. Marianayagam	— Dip. Agric.
Mr. T. Kaneshamoorthy	— G. C. E. (A. L.)
Miss K. Rajendra	— G. C. E. (O. L.)

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## Non—Academic Staff

Mr. G. Jeyasingham	— Chief Clerk
Mr. R. D. Thanabalasingam	— Clerk of Works
Mr. V. Ganesharatnam	— Supervisor of Boarding
Mrs. A. Vimalendran	— Secretary to the Principal
Mr. R. Rajaratnam	— Security Officer
Mr. N. Yogarajah	— Laboratory Assistant
Miss S. Benjamin	— Library Assistant
Mr. L. B. Thambirajah	— Accountant
Miss S. J. Jesudasan	— Clerk Primary School
Mrs. M. H. Cassiere	— Clerk, Senior School
Mr. R. Kanagaratnam	— Librarian
Miss U. E. Gunaratnam	— Library Assistant
Mr. S. C. Karunendran	— Treasurer's Assistant Board Office



# Jaffna College Alumni Association

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1986

I am glad that I am able to present this report with a feeling of satisfaction. The satisfaction arises from the fact that we were able to function smoothly without much interruption or disturbance inspite of the damage, destruction and death all around us. Our activities during the year, though not conspicuously great or varied were definitely above the satisfactory mark.

We had five meetings of the Executive Committee and the attendance at these meetings was encouragingly good. Many matters of importance were discussed and the decisions were followed up. The Jubilarians' Fund which almost came to a grinding halt was revived and given the necessary impetus. Printed letters of appeal were sent out to alumni overseas and the response has well begun. We expect this response to gather momentum and that contributions would pour in from here and abroad to meet our obligations towards the ten jubilarians who have to be honoured in the usual manner.

The election of the Alumni Representative to the Board of Directors of Jaffna College is due shortly. Nominations were called and the following nominations were accepted:

Mr. K. Gunaratnam Attorney-at-law

Mr. Tony P. Ganesan, Teacher at St. John's College, Jaffna.

The last date for receipt of the postal ballots has been fixed as 1st February, 1987.

During the year we enrolled ten new life members. It is hoped that more Alumni would enroll themselves as life members. The 'Old Golds' were enthusiastic in their sports activities as usual. They went through their normal fixtures and the matches were played at the Bicknell Field. It is strongly felt that they need more funds and reorganisation as a club to increase their sphere of activities. The 'Old Golds' emerged joint-champions in the Hockey tournament conducted by the sports ministry.

In conclusion I wish to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their regular attendance and lively deliberations, the principal for his deep concern and able guidance, and the Alumni Relations Officer, Mr. S. J. Manickam for his co-operation and interest.

N. Ratnasingam  
Hony. Secretary



CLIENT: (Just acquitted on burglary charge) well good-bye. I'll drop in on you some time.

COUNSEL: "All right but make it in the day time please".

## Jaffna College Alumni Association

### Executive Committee of the Jaffna Branch 1985—86

<b>President :</b>	Mr.	N. Sivagnanam
<b>Vice-presidents :</b>	Mr.	K. Gunaratnam
	Miss	S. B. Selliah
	Dr.	K. Sathasivampillai
	Rev.	S. Manopavan
<b>Secretary :</b>	Mr.	N. S. Rathinasingham
<b>Treasurer :</b>	Mr.	T. Anandaratnam
<b>Committee Members :</b>	Mr.	M. A. Veluppillai
	Mrs.	S. Rajamohan
	Mr.	W. N. Thevakadacham
	Mr.	V. K. Kandiah
	Miss	S. Selladurai
	Rev.	Sam Thampoe
	Mr.	N. A. Vimalendran
	Mrs.	S. Kesavarajan
	Mr.	P. Palasundrampillai
	Mr.	A. Rajasingham
	Mr.	K. Kadirgamar
	Mr.	A. Jayaveerasingham

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	Mr.	V. K. Kandiah
<b>Secretary :</b>	Mr.	N. Ratnasingam
<b>Treasurer :</b>	Mr.	T. Anandaratnam

**Committee :** Mr. N. A. Vimalendran  
Rev. C. T. Roberts  
Mr. M. Sithamparanathan  
Mr. S. Ratnavel  
Mr. W. N. Thevakadacham  
Mr. S. Jebanesan  
Mr. K. Kumarasamy  
Rev. A. Jeyakumar  
Mrs. L. B. Thambyrajah  
Mrs. K. Navaratnarajah  
Mrs. S. Rajamohan  
Miss S. S. Selvadurai

**Ex Officio Members :** The Principal  
The Alumni Relations Officer

**Auditors :** Mr. A. Jeyarajah  
Mr. G. Jeyasingam

## Jaffna College Alumni Association

List of life Members accepted up to 31-12-1986. ( This list is a continuation of the list published in the last year's Miscellany).

562	Balasingam	Mr. N. R.	563	Buwanendram	Mr. G.
564	Chandrasegarampillai	Mr. N.	565	Gnanamuthu	Mr. S. K.
566	Jeyaseelan	Mr. V. E.	567	Kantharajah	Mr. S.
568	Sabaratnam	Mr. N.	569	Satkunasingam	Mrs. R.
570	Sathiaselvy	Miss T.	571	Vamadevan	Mr. D.

The Revised Constitution of the Jaffna College Alumni Association was published in the Jaffna College Miscellany of 1979. The following amendments were passed at the Annual General Meeting held on 10th March 1984.

# Rules of the Jaffna College Alumni Association

1. Section 3. Membership : (a) (1) to read

"All those who had been regular students at Jaffna College for a period of not less than one year comprising of three terms from Grade 6 upwards."

2. Section 3 Membership : (a) (2) to read

"and all those who shall have passed a public examination from Jaffna College or who shall in the opinion of the Executive Committee have played an important role in student activities of the College. They shall not be less than 18 years of age."

3. Section 3 Membership : (d) to read

"The subscription payable by members shall be Rs. 10/- per annum and those who pay Rs. 50/- shall be regarded as Life Members."

## APPENDIX I

### Rules for election of a Representative to the Board of Directors.

4. The sentence beginning to read

"Each voter shall after....." in clause 6, to read, "Each voter shall after duly marking the ballot paper enclose it in a small envelope, enclose the small envelope in the big envelope with the signature of the voter attested by a witness who should be a member of the Association, seal it and return it by post to the Returning Officer to reach him on or before the 1st of January of the following year."

5. The following to be added to clause 8

"and shall assume office at the following Semi-Annual Meeting."

## Mr. Alagan Kadirgamar

**The New Associate General Secretary of the National Council Y. M. C. A.s**

(Gleanings — not from official records)



Who is this man called Alagan? This is what I have heard at the Manipay Y. M. C. A. Alagan's ancestors are from Manipay. The Kadirgamars have permeated more into the Jaffna society. But Alagan was destined to be a true Ceylonese and an ideal Y. M. C. A. Secretary. His growth to maturity as a Y. M. C. A. Secretary, was also the growth of the Colombo Y. M. C. A. for about four decades. Even before the national Council was born, he was with us in the Regional

committee. For many of us, Alagan was the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. was Alagan. He has travelled far and wide and hence he is also an international figure in the Y. M. C. A. world. With all this wealth of experience, he has now been offered as a Silver Jubilee present to the national council of Y. M. C. A.s of Sri Lanka. Well done Alagan. We are proud of you.

A. J.



# The Jubilee Gift to the National Council of Y. M. C. A.s

## Alagan S. Kadirgamar

Alagan's contribution to the Y. M. C. A. are many. As my father very often remarks Alagan is so steeped in experiences of the Y. M. C. A. that every bit of him oozes it, in other words he reeks of it. Alagan and the Y. M. C. A. are inseparable, for even to the youngest member of the 'Y' the name Alagan means something great.

Little boy Alagan was brought to the Colombo Y. M. C. A., along with his elder brother Rajan at the tender age of five, when he was presented with a box of little ships. The ships still have him afloat in the vast ocean of Y. M. C. A. at command of Navigation, having discoursed and conquered many new fields and having him, exploring new possibilities.

Alagan hails from a reputed family in Manipay—a small town in Jaffna. His father Rev. Kadirgamar was a very religious upright man who did not fail to discover the potentials of his children and had them channelled in the proper direction. His mother Nesam a charming old lady a personification of charm herself—is a very interesting and fascinating lady. So its no wonder the boys inherited her charm and fascination.

Guys in his life. He drew his inspiration for success from his Elder brother Rajan whom he holds in high esteem. He was directly trained for Leadership by people of great calibre like Mr. Jack Dunderdale Fraternal Secretary from Canada and Mr. Boris Kazimoroff, Fraternal Secretary from the United states. R. O. Buell and Malory Wijesinghe are the other two who had helped him bloom afresh in the garden of Y. M. C. A. Having gone through the hands of such great men he had emerged—fully fledged yet with a personality and individuality of his own.

Alagan became actively engaged in Y. M. C. A. work when he started his

secondary education at Jaffna College. He was the secretary of the Jaffna College Y. M. C. A. and this exemplary lad-at the age of eighteen had the Y. M. C. A. canteen running on its own and at that too again. After his secondary Education. He proceeded to the Serampore College University of Calcutta where he excelled in a number of sports activities. He was such an excellent sportsman, that even the professors, to see him in action. He represented his University at Cricket, Soccer, basket ball-Hokey, Tennis and Table Tennis winning his colours at soccer, Cricket, Hockey and Basket ball. He captained the Cricket and Tennis team.

Nothing could dampen the spirit of Alagan. He is one of those rare people who has been gifted with many talents. He has a multifaceted personality of an eminent leader, a persuasive speaker, a connoisseur of Art and literature and indefatigable co operator. Although he's a hard and demanding task master his popularity amidst his colleagues and subordinates is very astounding. He has it in him to create a 'rapport' between the people who he come in contact with. He had served in the Colombo Y. M. C. A. for thirty one long years. He was the General Secretary of Colombo Y. M. C. A since 1976 and joined the National Council in 1986. He has a proud record in the Y. M. C. A. involvement. He has attended national and International conferences of the movement. He has also attended many international conferences as a resource person. He holds a post graduate Diploma in Y. M. C. A. secretaryship. He's a church worker, consultant of the Bible society and an Honorary Rotarian. We pray to God that he may bless this 'wonder man'.

**Mrs. J. Reynold**

Hony. General Secretary, Manipay Y. M. C. A.

## Wedding Bells

Our congratulations to the following couples who got married during the course of this year.

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| 1. Mr. S. Mathitharan         | to | Miss Sakunthala Chelliah        |
| 2. Mr. B. T. L. Jeyasingham   | to | Miss Anita Shiranthini Hunt     |
| 3. Mr. R. Muthurathanathan    | to | Miss Juanita Kanagaratnam       |
| 4. Mr. S. C. Karunendran      | to | Miss Premadevi Kathirgamanathan |
| 5. Mr. Ganesharajah           | to | Miss Yasothara                  |
| 6. Mr. K. Suresh              | to | Miss Bavany Anton               |
| 7. Mr. K. Karunairanjan       | to | Miss Ariavathana Ariaratnam     |
| 8. Mr. P. Loga                | to | Miss Jeeth Crossette Thambiah   |
| 9. Mr. T. Mohan               | to | Miss Rukmani                    |
| 10. Mr. S. Sivatharan         | to | Miss Senthilarasi Vaitheeswaran |
| 11. Mr. P. Michael Sivalingam | to | Miss Sevamani Sivapakiam Gopal  |
| 12. Mr. Kumar Kadirgamar      | to | Miss S. S. Rajakulendran        |
| 13. Mr. Surendra              | to | Miss Nithialuxmy                |
| 14. Mr. N. Jeyaseelan         | to | Miss Sulochana Kandasamy        |
| 15. Mr. Samuel Rajkumar       | to | Miss Vasanthi Sarangapany       |
| 16. Mr. S. C. Karunendran     | to | Miss Premadevi Kathirgamanathan |

## R. I. P.

We record with deep sorrow the passing away of the following Alumni during the course of 1986.

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| 1. Mrs. Alice Kuriakose       | 11. Mr. V. Sritharan          |
| 2. Mr. E. W. Devasagayam      | 12. Dr. N. P. Rajendra        |
| 3. Miss Parames Walton        | 13. Mr. K. Ramachandran       |
| 4. Mr. Mano Kadirgamar        | 14. Mr. A. Sethupathy         |
| 5. Mrs. Thevamani Vinayagam   | 15. Mr. D. R. Gunasegaram     |
| 6. Mr. J. Devasagayam         | 16. Mr. G. Balasingam         |
| 7. Dr. M. H. Harrison         | 17. Mr. K. Visuvanathan       |
| 8. Mr. R. J. Thurairajah      | 18. Mr. Pathman Canagasingham |
| 9. Grace Nesammah Worthington | 19. Mr. C. D. Wijeyaratnam    |
| 10. Dr. S. Suppiah            |                               |



## Jaffna College Principal's Travelogue

A very sudden invitation to attend a special meeting of the Trustees of Jaffna College Funds in U. S. A. on the 10th of November, 1986 gave me another opportunity to revisit U. S. A. & Canada after a lapse of nine years and England after thirteen years, to renew and strengthen the bonds of fellowship with the Trustees, Universities, Churches, retired missionaries, friends, alumni and relatives. The seven week visit though somewhat unplanned, turned out to be one of great relevance and usefulness and therefore some of the highlights needs to be recorded in the interests of those whom I represent. I also have a full pictorial record of the visits. Some are included here.

### 1. Jaffna College Trustees:

Leaving Colombo on the 7th November I arrived at the JFK Airport in New York in very bad weather and so was held up for the night of the 8th in one of the Inns in the Air Port and flew into Providence, Rhode Island the next morning where I was met by the Rev. David Shire and his wife Caldly and driven to the home of Mr. Devanesan Nesiah (former G. A., Jaffna) and Mrs. Nesiah at Harvard University, Boston on the 9th evening. There were a few Sri Lankans present at dinner to meet me and to receive news on the situation back home. Those present were Tamil and Sinhalese academics and associates in and around Harvard University.

The Trustees meeting took place the next morning at the very pleasant

and impressive Harvard Club in Boston. Bishop Ambalavanar and Mr. S. Rajanayagam, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College were also present. The meeting was chaired by the Rev. Dr. Telfer Mook with the Rev. Eric Gass as the Secretary. A vote of appreciation and a token presentation was made to Mrs. Olsson the retiring Executive in the Board and UCBWM offices in New York. There was an almost hundred percent attendance at the meeting, the only one absent being Mr. C. B. Bavinck of Holland. Though the details of this meeting concerns the Board of Directors of the College, there was an opportunity for all concerned to review the situation in Jaffna as it affects the entire Jaffna College complex the School, the Technical & Agricultural Institutes, the Study Institute and of course the Jaffna Diocese of the C. S. I. This meeting also met a recently felt need of the Trustees in meeting the representatives of the College Board, as a direct exchange of views was not possible for the past three years. It was also significant to note that all the present members of the Board of Trustees in U. S. A. have all either lived and worked in Jaffna or have at least visited Jaffna at sometime or other. Therefore, the intensity of concern and care for our situation here was deeply touching and the bonds of Christian fellowship and stewardship was at its highest. This partnership through the years of more than one and a half centuries was further strengthened in promoting the interests of the college and its concerns

at this meeting. We are therefore grateful that this partnership has now stood the test of time and this meeting was most relevant even if just to establish this fact. But it certainly achieved more and it will be evident in the future.

## 2. UCBWM — New York and Washington D. C.

We left for New York the same evening and spent the next day (11th) at the UCBWM offices at 475, Riverside Drive as guests of the UCBWM its executives Eric Gass, Connie Thurber and Beverly Thomson-Travis the secretary. The morning was spent with executives and directors dealing with political concerns and human rights issues chaired by Gary Gamer. In the afternoon the UCBWM staff entertained the team to a reception where greetings were exchanged. The executive staff of the South Asia section entertained us at dinner at the Yale Club in New York City through the good offices of Beverly a former student of Yale Divinity School. I spent one afternoon later in my visit in the Yale University campus at New Haven. To breathe the atmosphere of learning at Yale and Harvard and to nibble at its prestigious and impressive clubs, academic, cultural and social life was also a very gratifying experience to those of us in the field of education. I preserve therefore, very indelible memories of the Oxbridge of New England in the very same way I do that of Oxford and Cambridge of England. It is an impetus for life and work at Jaffna College—a college which has inherited some of that flavour through generations of Americans who served it from New England. Some of us felt that it was

time that there was a Jaffna College Club in New England! I have mooted the idea to some of our alumni in the New England and New York areas. The Club in some form could be the headquarters of the alumni associations that are taking shape in USA and Canada.

The next day (12th) Gary Gamer and his assistant took the three of us to Washington D. C. to meet with the expert committees and executives of the Amnesty International, the House of representatives the State Department and the Senate. It took the whole day and we kept all our appointments to schedule so carefully and efficiently arranged by Gary Gamer and it was one of the most exacting days I ever faced in my life. The men and women in these departments were well informed of our ethnic and political problems and therefore, it was a formidable task to exchange views on matters of foreign policy, human rights and connected issues. They were certainly interested in meeting people who came direct from the areas of conflict and we were given a patient and courteous hearing. We owe all concerned our gratitude.

While these visits were being made by shuttle air service, we resided in the Columbia University Campus in one of its new guest and student hotels. To me it was again a rare privilege to be back in the very campus and surroundings where I lived, studied and worshiped as a student twenty-five years ago. I took the opportunity to visit President Donald Shriver of Union Theological Seminary and to roam around the old haunts at Morningside Heights-Riverside Church, Inter-Church Centre, Juliard School of



The Principal addressing the Southern Asian Committee of the U. C. B. W. M. at Raleigh, North Carolina, U. S. A. Rev. Eric Gass (left) Bishop Ambalavanar and Mr. S. Rajanayagam.



Jaffna delegation at U. C. B. W. M. Conference Raleigh, North Carolina, U. S. A. (L. to R.) Elinor Galusha, A. Kadirgamar, Eric Gass, Bishop Ambalavanar, Daya and Daniel Thiagarajah, S. Rajanayagam and friend.



The Principal at the home of Mrs. Bunker, with Charlotte (extreme right) her daughter and husband Tom Sullivan.



Principal at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., U. S. A.

Music, Teachers' College and the sprawling campus of Columbia University, it was again an exhilarating and nostalgic journey down memory lane. I was sorry to see the tennis courts on which I played twenty-five years ago on the Barnard campus now occupied by a very tall building!

It was only three days since we arrived in USA and so much was possible by travel and meetings in so short a time—a feat possible only in this fast moving country U. S. A. and the city of New York!

### 3. UCBWM—Annual Sessions—Raleigh, North Carolina

We were now set for Raleigh, North Carolina from the 13th to the 17th. It was the furthest South I have ever been in my three visits to U. S. A. It was five very full days of hectic physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual and social activity at the Annual Sessions of the UCBWM. This was not my first such conference. My wife and I attended a similar conference nine years ago at Grand Rapids, Michigan while being in the Partnership in Missions Programme at Rhode Island. So, I knew what to expect and how to perform! For a conference of more than three hundred people it was a very cohesive gathering. We came to know many delegates. We found the participants friendly, warm and very aware about third world and mission situations. There were many familiar faces too—specially those of David Stowe, Elnora Walcott Telfer Mook, Elinor Galusha Mark Beckmeyer, Sam Williams all of them having visited Jaffna. The

ministry to the world at large looked more relevant, more hopeful. Concerns were deep and incisive. Worship was intense, well prepared and well conducted with maximum congregational participation. The involvement with the local churches in the State on Sunday was meaningful and I spent Saturday night and Sunday morning at Greensboro several miles away from Raleigh. The visit included reminiscences of colonial life in the State, visits to very fine churches and universities and colleges and meeting very friendly people. I also found that this Greensboro Church also hosted Miss Chelvi Selliah, Principal of Uduvil Girls' College when she was a student at the University of North Carolina some years ago. The Sunday visits ended with so many people from all over the State congregating at the Town Hall in Raleigh for a final day rally of the sessions. The flags of all the nations were taken in procession, Missionaries with long service records were honoured. Choirs sang beautiful special anthems. Representatives from many countries brought messages and Rev. Daniel Thiagarajah did a splendid job of presenting the grave situation in which the Tamils and the Church in Sri Lanka were placed at the moment. It is interesting to note that there were six Tamils at the conference, five being from Sri Lanka. This was the largest number for any ethnic group present at the conference. The American Ceylon Mission and now its successor the Jaffna Diocese always had a special place in the ABCFM and now the UCBWM. We have always been privileged by this special heritage and history.

The very efficient organisation of this conference deserves praise. I do not know how the American delegates would evaluate it but to us from the bullock cart age the amount of work, social mobility resolutions, accounts, reports, worship, meals and entertainment—telescoped within so short a space of time is beyond imagination! The personal attention given to us by Eric, Connie and Beverly enabled us to do our best and to fully involve ourselves with everything that was going on. A separate consultation took place for the South Asian Section over lunch. Our partnership as a trio came to an end on the 17th when Bishop left for the Consultation on Racism of the World Council of Churches at Cyprus and Mr. Rajanayagam to Amsterdam en route to Sri Lanka. I stayed on for a further period for a pastoral cum educational tour to alumni, institutions, friends and relatives in USA, Toronto and England.

#### 4. The American Scene : Stage One

The American scene I would like to deal with in two stages, one as seen from Connecticut and its neighbourhood and the other as seen from Bowling Green, Ohio.

Twenty-five years ago, sailing on the "S. S. France" from Southampton to New York, passing the Statue of Liberty was an enchanting and thrilling entry into the New World; the world from which we received the missionaries who brought us the gospel of Jesus Christ, a vibrant Jaffna Church, and the cherished values of freedom and liberalism into education at Jaffna College and Jaffna. I

recall also being invited to bring greetings to the 150th anniversary of the commissioning of the first missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM now renamed UCBWM) at Salem, Mass., on the 5th February, 1962 where in the course of my greetings I said, the soil on which I stood (the pier from which Samuel Newell in 1812 and Daniel Poor in 1816 sailed to Jaffna) was to me Holy ground second only to that of the Holy Land. It took six to eight months for these revered missionaries to reach Jaffna from U.S.A. I was back on that soil now from Jaffna within 48 hours and on landing late in the evening in a very crowded Kennedy Air Port, I was not lost. In that milling crowd an old student of Jaffna College, Mithrananthan and his brother-in-law Dr. Anandan who were there to meet their relatives who travelled by the same plane spotted me out and helped me with travel formalities. In the dining hall of the Kennedy Inn the same evening I met a young lady who said that her father a Sinhalese Mr. Galgedera was a former teacher at Jaffna College. The world had become such a small place. America and Jaffna was one neighbourhood and time and distance was immaterial. There were phone calls from Dr. James Rutnam from California and from Prof. Balan Selliah and Rohan Alphonsus from Toronto—they would locate you to any hotel room or residence within minutes of your arrival. The Principal of Jaffna College could not get lost in USA - he was well enmeshed into the idiom and ethos of a very familiar and friendly



The Principal at Trustee meeting with Eric Gass (Left) and John Bicknell (Right).



Board of Trustees meeting at the Harvard Club, Boston, U. S. A., November 10th, 1986. Bishop Ambalavanar and Mr. S. Rajanayagam facing camera and Rev. Eric Gass and Rev. Dr. Telfer Mook (back to camera).

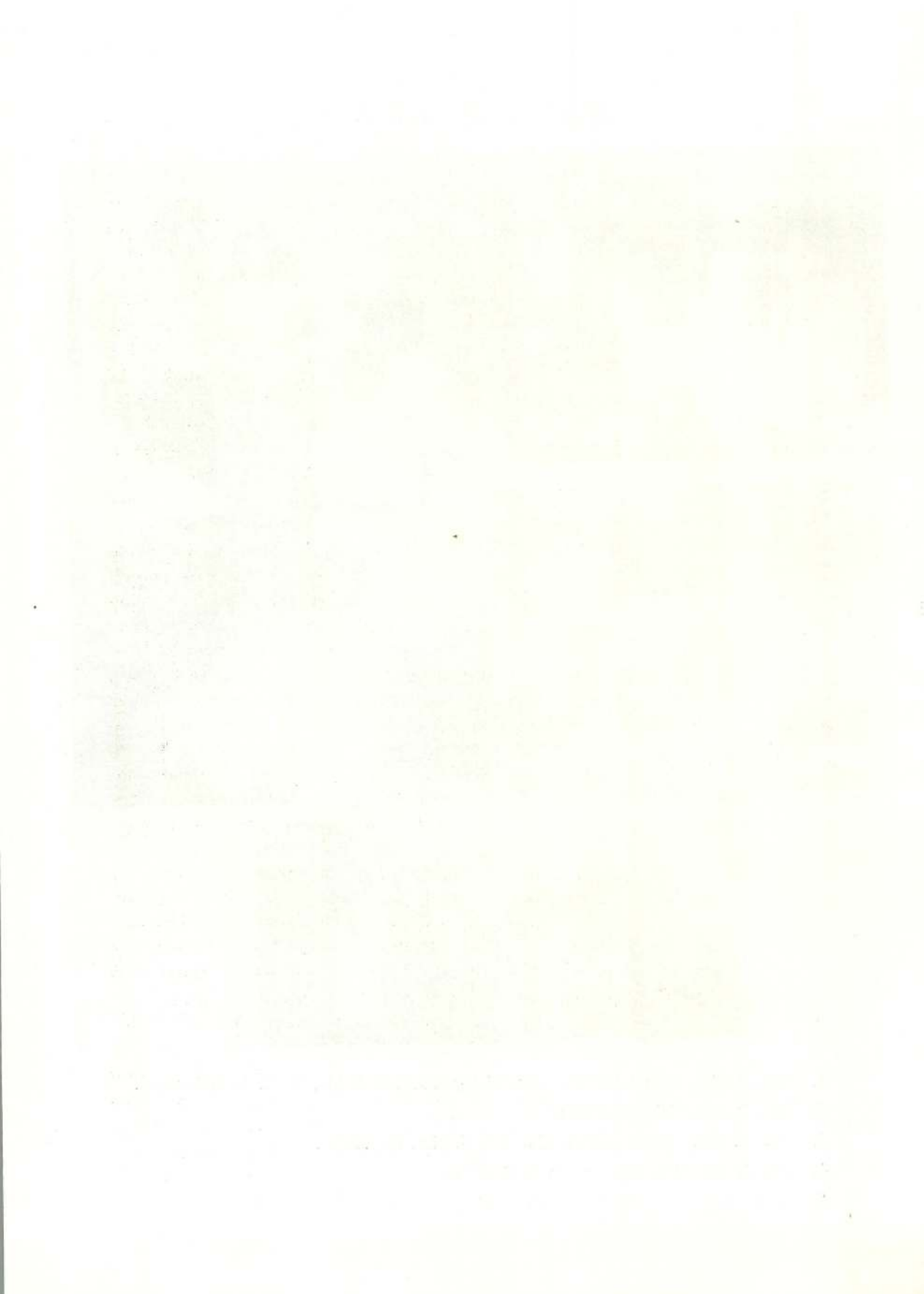




## ALUMNI IN U. S. A.



1. Dr. & Mrs. Pathmanathan, Dr. Wejayanathan & Mr. D. S. Ambalavanar.
2. Dr. & Mrs Thiruchelvam.
3. Mr. & Mrs. Mithradason, Children & Mrs. Rajadurai.
4. Dr. & Dr. Mrs. Rasalingam & Children
5. Drs. A. J. D. J. Thurairatnams & Rev. Dr. Mahilrajan and Children.



country strengthened further now by a very strong and vigorous Jaffna and Jaffna College presence. Twenty five years ago I could not find a single Jaffna family even in an apartment. Today there were dozens and dozens of them in beautiful, well furnished, and equipped, comfortable homes to live in and with a variety of elegant and fast moving cars to travel, socialise and do one's business in comfort and speed, eating the choicest of Jaffna and South Indian food including "thayir vaddais" and listening to good Tamil music and of course Tamil Eelam gossip!

Did Dr. Daniel Poor, the first Principal of the Batticotta Seminary (the predecessor to Jaffna College) ever dream that one day the old students of his school from Vaddukoddai would settle down as citizens of New England and that some of them would even belong to the highest income group in USA? Not only were the Jaffna-Americans performing successfully in their chosen fields of work, they were also enthusiastic and committed members of the churches in their towns and cities, a commitment so well nurtured in the American Ceylon Mission and Jaffna Diocesan Churches and Institutions, And so I delved pleasantly and swiftly into this fascinating, adventurous, enthusiastic and accomplished Jaffna-American homes. My secure base was the very affectionate and caring home of Mithrathason and Dhanaranjini, both of them my former students and later teachers at Jaffna College, with their two lovely children Cherubini and Michael, and mother Thavamany Rajadurai. They live in Waterbury, Connecticut and drive into the neighbouring town of Bridgeport

Mithrathason for his work in the City Trust Bank and Dhanaranjini for her Master's degree classes and additional school work. Cherubini the ten-year old daughter is a very talented young musician performing on the piano and violin, an excellent vocalist and also accomplished in the art of Western and Oriental dance. Grandma Thavamany was still very much a cook, pianist, singer, nursery teacher, poet, ardent student of the Bible and an energetic conversationalist. The jolly and warm neighbourhood of the Mithrathasons extended through visits through the length and breadth of Connecticut, New Jersey and New York during the working sessions and weekends and of course extended even much further in Summer, the vacation period. True to the Jaffna tradition the Jaffna home even in USA was always open to visitors and friends and animated conversations went well into the early hours of the morning! Of the Jaffna College alumni I was able to meet along with their families. Drs. Pathmanathan, Vijayanathan, Sakuntalai Sri Nandakumar, Mrs. Geetha Iswara and Messrs. Sam Somanader and Gnanarajah Rajadurai; to fellowship over meals with Dr. Ramachandran and Mithrananathan and to stay in the homes of Drs. Jeshuran, Rasalingam, Thiruchelvam and Dharmar Ambalavanar. A significant observation during this visit was that I stayed only in one indigenous American home, that of Nelson Robinson at Wilton Conn; while in all my earlier visits it was in such American homes that I spent most of my time. There were so many Jaffna homes to visit and some I just could keep in touch only on the phone.

With the help of Dr. & Mrs. Thiruchelvam and in the company of Mrs. Rajadurai, I was able to visit the home of Mrs. Ruth Bunker in East Hartland and also to meet Charlotte her husband and daughter and to share a post-thanksgiving meal with them. The Bunker sitting room was reminiscent of many things — Jaffna and Jaffna College — including the fare-well address placed in a silver casket given to Rev. & Mrs. Bunker by the School Council more than twenty years ago. It was a visit glowing with affection and pleasant memories.

I also found time to revisit Nelson Robinson and Alan and Shirley Baker at Wilton, Connecticut. It was from the Wilton Church that Syd Bunker was commissioned as a missionary to Jaffna in 1938. The Robinsons and the Bakers were members of the Missions Committee of the Wilton Congregational Church that presented the Volkswagen car in 1963 to Rev. Bunker on his completing twenty-five years as a missionary in Jaffna. It was the Baker home that I visited first in USA in 1961 and was present in that home when the Missions Committee made the decision to give the presentation to Rev. Bunker. It was good to be back in this pleasant New England Church and to worship in it on Sunday, a church where I preached twenty-five years ago when the Revds Arthur Higgins and Chester Miller were pastors there. I was able to ring up Mrs. Edith Davis the sister of Rev. Bunker. Several Jaffna visitors had lived in the Davis home in Long Island some of them being: Bishop Kulandran, Dr. Niles, W. L. Jeyasingham, Miss Paramasamy, Rev. K. S. Jeyasingham, Rev. Asirvatham, Rev.

Selvaratnam, K. C. Thurairatnam and I. P. Thurairatnam to name just a few. The late Mr. Ernest Davis who passed away a few months ago and Mrs. Edith Davis provided a welcome home to all these earlier visitors to USA. The guest book of the Davises recorded these visits very vividly. We were also happy to meet Bruce Bunker a nephew of Syd Bunker at the UCBWM Sessions at Raleigh. I also made it a point to ring up the missionaries whom I did not meet at the Trustees meeting. They were Ted and Helen Oppenheim, Sam and Carolyn Williams, and Leslie and Joan Maust. They were all deeply appreciative of this "visit on the phone" to use a familiar American phrase and they all inquired after the welfare of Jaffna College and the Church. I am sorry I missed the Gilburgs, Freys and Miss Meisner

While in Connecticut I was able to attend the annual meeting of the Tamil Sangam of USA and Canada held in New Jersey. It was a cultural cum business meeting. Politicians Sivasithambaram Nedumaran and Lakshmi Naganather too were present along with some American counterparts. The very large gathering of men, women and children, all Sri Lankan Tamils gave me an opportunity to meet also a very large group of alumni and friends gathered in one place. One could experience in this gathering the yearning they had for their homeland, language, culture and music and hence there was a foreboding sense of pathos hovering over the audience in fast losing ones own roots in an alien country as well as in the knowledge of the tragic predicament of their loved ones at home.

ALUMNI — U. S. A. & CANADA



1. Drs. Jeshuran, Ramachandran & Sakuntalai.
2. Messers Cecil Edwards & R. Jeyapalan.
3. Mr. & Mrs. Benji Jeyasingham, Rev. Mather.
4. With Mr. Nirmalan (former teacher).



While at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Chandran Rajaratnam I was visited by Prof. Pat. Kenschaft a good friend of Jaffna College through the years and other good friends and relatives-specially Mrs. Mano Rajaratnam, Shanthi Rajaratnam and Mr. J. M. Rajaratnam (formerly of the Singer Co.) and their families. I was also happy to meet at various gatherings friends from St. John's, Hartley, Hindu College, Chundikuli and Skantha Varodaya. Of those more closely associated with me and Jaffna College I was able to contact on the phone Dr. & Mrs. Luther Jeyasingham, Valentine Daniel and Messers Chanmugathas, Sri-tharan and Nandakumar. I compiled a list of as many alumni as possible in U. S. A. and informed them about the K. A. Selliah Memorial Foundation and the possible Alumni Association in U. S. A. Unlike in Toronto or London, the alumni being so scattered in U. S. A. it was not possible to have large gatherings in any one place. The suggestion was made by Dr. Holmes, that like the alumni of the Kodaikanal School, in USA we form small groups in different States. A nucleus of alumni were entrusted with the task of working this out. I was now ready for the next stage on the American scene.

### 5. The American Scene: Stage Two:

I flew into Toledo, Ohio to be met by Dr. D. J. (Chuty) Thurairatnam for a week's stay in and around Bowling Green State University. Chuty Thurairatnam was the pioneer Jaffna College teacher to be sent to Bowling Green State University in 1968 while twenty years earlier in 1948 it was his father

Mr. K. C. Thurairatnam who was the pioneer Jaffna College teacher to be sent to Oberlin College, Ohio. In the course of time others in the Thurairatnam family as well as other teachers and students - Chanmugathas and Nandakumar from Jaffna College entered Bowling Green University, some to settle in the University, others near it, while still others proceeded from Bowling Green to other parts of the USA. Ernest Champion, Thamo and Chuty obtained their doctorates from the same University and Prof. Champion and Dr. Chuty Thurairatnam remain on the academic and administrative staff of the University now along with Mrs. Seevamalar Champion and Sheila Thurairatnam also an old girl of Jaffna College. Thamo who was in the field of education has now moved into the Commercial sector with the Xerox Company. Thamo and Susan and their little daughter Andrea live in the neighbouring town of Sylvania. Rev. Lindsay and Jeevo Mahilrajana (nee Thurairatnam) live in another neighbouring town. Troy in charge of a parish. Mahilrajana was student and teacher at Jaffna College and was in charge of the religious work of the college for sometime and a former student of Oberlin College and Chicago Theological Seminary.

It was certainly a pleasure to visit Bowling Green again in the company of Champion and Chuty and through them I was privileged to meet many academics including deans directors and professors and to view the more important aspects of the work there including the magnificent gymnasium. I was also happy to meet Prof. Stoner of the Physics Depart-

ment, as Prof. Stoner and family were my guests here at Jaffna College when they came as chief guests to the Academy Dinner some years ago when Prof. Stoner was a visiting professor at the University of Colombo. The sprawling, well built and equipped University in a rural setting has its special attractions and is more conducive to us from the third world. It was less sophisticated, more humane and accessible; its surroundings were relaxing and lent itself to quiet reflection. There were many areas of study and training at Bowling Green that were suitable to our students and teachers and these possibilities were explored and discussed with the personnel concerned. There were also possibilities of some co-operative or linkage programmes particularly in the field of Technical studies. It was also good to meet the Jaffna students Suresh Canagarajah and Navaratnarajah former students of St. John's College at the home of the Champions. Ernest Champion is one of those very loyal old boys who keeps in constant touch with the college and all its concerns. Hence he was the rightful choice for the tribute at Mr. K. A. Selliah's memorial service in Toronto.

Living in the homes of Champions, Thurairatnams (Chuty and Thamo) and to watch the progress of their families was a joyful experience. There was a deep and abiding concern in all of them for all of us, our work, hopes and fears. I was also touched by their concern and compassion for the lesser privileged in the Jaffna College community and for their tangible efforts to meet some of these concerns.

Some years earlier a K. C. Thurairatnam Memorial Scholarship for a boarder was set up.

I spent one Sunday in the parish church of Mahilrajan in Troy, Ohio. There is in this church, among several stained glass windows, one given in memory of Lulu Bookwalter the former Principal of Uduvil Girls' School. The setting of this church in its rural and farm surroundings with a very warm-hearted, appreciative and cooperative congregation looked an ideal and witnessing missionary outpost in the American Scene. I also took time to visit Meera Mahilrajan's computer science lab for elementary school children. Later in the week I was able to visit the Church and nursery school where Andrea, Thamo's cute little daughter studies. From the point of view of a Principal every minute of the visit was rewarding.

Right through this visit, I felt the presence of two of my very affectionate senior friends K. C. Thurairatnam our former Vice-Principal and Miss Ariam Paramasamy the former Principal of Uduvil Girls College, the aunt and foster mother of Mahilrajan. Some of their dreams, aspirations, visions and life-styles were now personified and fulfilled in their present continuing families in USA. With the end of another eventful week I was ready now for Toronto in Canada.

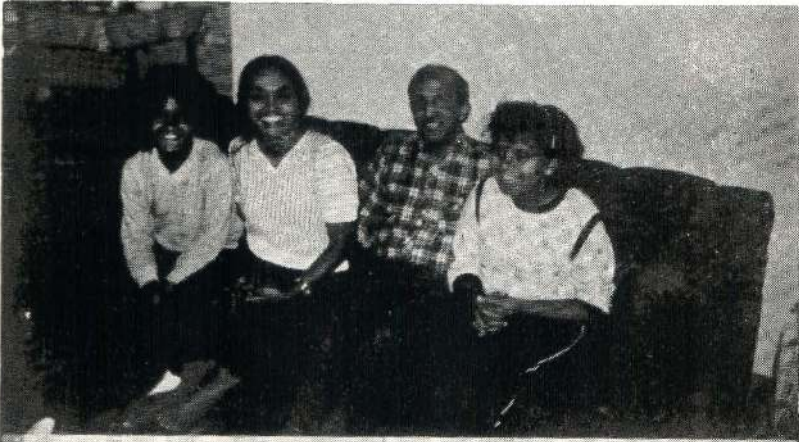
#### 6. Toronto, Canada

I was able to obtain a visa to enter Canada from the Canadian Consulate in New York, with some delay and



## ALUMNI — CANADA

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1. Dr. & Mrs. J. B. Selliah & Children.
2. Messers : Cecil Edwards, Rohan Alphonsus, Sathi Selliah, Dr. Jeya Edwards, Mrs. Kamala Alphonsus.
3. Messers: Roshan Carpenter & Sathi Selliah.

CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S  
FUND OFFICERS - TORONTO

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1. Mr. Jim Dorman, Dr. Balan Selliah, Mrs. Irene Barker,

2 & 3. Officers in the Headquarters in Toronto.



Jaffna College Alumni group in Toronto, Canada



Alumni group in London (L. to R.): Mrs. Rajaratnam, Mrs. Chandrarajan, R. S. Chandrarajan (Treasurer), Dr. D. Chandrapal, Dr. S. Somasegaram (President), Noel Rajaratnam and R. S. Samuel (friend),



took a Greyhound ride from Bowling Green to Toronto and was met at the bus station by my nephew Joganathan (Joe) and faithful old-boy Rohan Alphonsus the grandson of Mr. K. A. Selliah. As soon as I arrived in the home of Joe and Raji I was inundated with phone calls! I was told that phone calls within the city limits are free! There were phones of all shapes and colours in every nook and corner of the house! I also took calls to Colombo, Singapore, London and Guyana! Using all the phones available several of us spoke at one and the same time to our loved ones abroad! This was certainly a treat to one from Vaddukoddai where the phones have been dead for more than a year!

Toronto was teeming with Tamils immigrants, refugees, students, the old and the young. There was a very large gathering of Tamil Christians at the Christmas carol service where Subathra Thuraisingham preached and Rev. Bobby Mather assisted, and soon after that service an inaugural alumni meeting of Jaffna College alumni took place in a neighbouring church where more than thirty were present. The meeting was chaired by the principal, Prof. Balan Selliah and Major Ratnam. The Principal gave a brief report of the situation in Jaffna and some news of the college. An interim committee of nine composed of the following were elected to organise the Alumni Association of Canada. They are: Prof. Balan Selliah (chairman), Messrs: K. Ratnam, Rohan Alphonsus, T. Suthakaran, R. Selvakumar, R. Jeyapalan, Cecil Edwards, Benji Jeyasingham and Mrs. Soundari Balarajah. This committee was confident that they could gather more than two

hundred members. Their enthusiasm and love for the college was encouraging.

I spent time with and in the home of Kamala and Rohan Alphonsus, Sathi Selliah, Balan Selliah, Ratnam, Navaratnam, Edwards, Vilvan Gunasingham and their families. There were far too many to mention by name because there were so many of them everywhere, friends, relatives and alumni. Most of them were busy settling down in their new homes and work in extremely cold weather and snow. Toronto looked neater, less congested, safer than most cities in USA. I was able to spend some time in the Church where most of the Selliahs worship. The love and concern the Selliahs had for Jaffna College was over-whelming. D. T. Niles once paying a tribute to late Mr. Selliah said that to Mr. Selliah, Jaffna College was both his public and private concern and so it is but natural that all his children should continue that great concern for a school and home that meant so much to them. I remain most grateful for that concern and care, and for all the encouragement given to me on this visit.

I was able to meet in the home of Joe and Raji where I stayed Benji and Anita Jeyasingham, Rev. Bobby Mather, Nirmalan a former teacher at Jaffna College and Sorna Mills (nee Anandarajan) my niece, Brigadier A. P. R. David a host of contemporaries of mine whom I had not met for 35 years was good enough to ring me up and so with Dr. Deva Kulathungam, S. V. Paramsothy, Jimmy and Ratna Rajaratnam, Selvarajah Duraiapph, Vimala Hunt, R. Raveendran, Rev. Vathy Sinniah and all the way from Winnipeg good old boys the three brothers Sivananthan, Sethupathy, Selvajothy

and Sabapathipillai. I was sorry I could not accept their invitation to visit them at Winnipeg due to the below freezing temperatures and of course the great distance and the limited time at my disposal. I made it a point to ring up our retired teacher and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. A. Gunanayagam. There were dozens and dozens more to visit and to talk to, but this was all that was possible.

With the help of Prof. Balan Selliah I was able to spend a few hours at the Christian Children's Fund Headquarters in Toronto. Through the effort of the Jaffna Diocese, Jaffna College was able to educate a large number of children with the help from CCF. Though Mr. Peter Harris and Mr. Copeland were out I was able to meet Mr. Jim Dornan, Director of Development and Ms. Irene Barker, Office Manager and the entire staff dealing with our project. We were able to exchange much useful information about administering these scholarships. I was very impressed with the Christian spirit that propelled such a worthy organisation. We at Jaffna College remain very grateful for this great service to so many needy children. The CCF officials were thrilled to note that the present President of the School Council (Head Prefect) J. Aron was a CCF scholar. Further Aron was also soccer captain, tennis champion, first eleven cricket and hockey player, president of so many student clubs and organisations, singer and chorister and also successful in the G. C. E. A/L in the very first

attempt. He came to us as a little boy from Navajeevanam. There were many other CCF scholars with very creditable achievements.

I returned to USA from Toronto via Buffalo where I was met by Dr. Rasalingam and stayed in his beautiful and comfortable home and was happy to meet Dr. (Mrs.) Rasalingam and the two brilliant daughters and at dinner we had Dr. Nesarajah Moses and Dr. & Mrs. Kuvendran. The next morning Dr. Rasalingam saw me off on an People's Expressway flight to Newark from where I found my way to downtown New York City to obtain my visa to England from the British consulate. It took me several days, visits and expense to obtain this visa having applied for it as soon as I arrived in USA. I have yet to see a more inefficient and poorly equipped consulate as the British Consulate in New York. This was the unanimous opinion of almost all who were waiting for visas there. There was only one window available for information and visa applications for citizens of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and many more countries and there were unending queues. However I persisted and obtained my visa at the end. It was also one of the very few consulates that charged fees for everything such as telex message and visas. Having obtained my visa I had time to visit the UCBWM offices to bid farewell to Eric, Connie and

Beverly and also met Rev. Dayalan Niles. I stayed over at the home of Dharmar Ambalavanar in New Jersey and once again at Dr. Chandran Rajaratnam's and was taken to Bridgeport and finally to Mithrathasons to attend the Christmas Sunday service before enplaning at JFK Airport being driven there by Gnanan Rajadurai for my flight to London. Dharmar Ambalavanar was also good enough to see me off at the airport.

Thus the American scene began to fade away as a dream, as it did to generations gone before me who made their determined way to Vaddukoddai to serve a life time here in our midst as missionaries. I was on my way back to the same destination with a heart full of praise and gratitude for all that America and American missionaries meant to me and to my life and work.

#### 7. England : London & Wales

Setting off from the JFK airport to London, Gatwick via Amsterdam was a very pleasant flight by KLM. The Schipol, airport at Amsterdam has the reputation of being the best airport in the world with best organised passenger service and facilities. One does not feel the tenseness of crowds because of its spaciousness and its shops are splendid. An extended stay as a transit passenger via Amsterdam on the flight to and fro, from Colombo was a welcome break. KLM efficiency was further

tested when I lost temporarily a hand—bag which was brought after two days to my home in London! The complaint about the loss at the airport in Gatwick received an immediate and courteous response by KLM representatives. Such acts of efficiency, service and courtesy are rare in a good part of the world today.

At Gatwick I was met by my niece Dhama and husband Rajan and the drive into South Harrow brought to mind and being the charm that England is always. We in this part of the world have imbibed so much of English culture and ways, specially its language, sports, and music and so England is and will always be something special. Being the 22nd of December there was also so much of the Christmas spirit in the air.

As usual the phones were ringing. The complaint was that I had not given sufficient notice for as many alumni and friends to meet me and that I did not give sufficient time for England I could not help it. England was not on my earlier unplanned plan. It was an after-thought. However, as many as could meet me or ring me up did so. I had to visit almost immediately Rance Kadirgamar (alumnus) wife of late Mano an outstanding sportsman at Jaffna College and at the time of his death, a few weeks ago, the Vice-President of the Alumni Association of London. There were other friends there to meet

me specially my contemporary at college Vayal Kathirasan with whom I also had a more extended visit later in the week about some social and educational problems in Jaffna about which he was taking a keen interest. I was also visited upon immediately by Prem Thambirajah and old students Karunairajan and family, Mahan Solomon and Winthy Jeyasingam one of the joint secretaries of the alumni association. The other secretary Dr. Premachandran Jeyaratnam rang me up and was very enthusiastic about the college and its progress. He was particularly in high praise of the college Miscellany (magazine) and its high quality. Soon after he had to attend the funeral of his mother at Uduvil, Mrs. Jeyaratnam. I regret very much I had to miss the visit of Mr. A. M. Brodie But was able to contact him on the phone several times. He has been a great and enthusiastic influence in helping with the organisation of the Alumni association in London.

On Christmas eve Mahan Solomon drove me to Killey, near Swansea in Wales about 280 miles to reach the home of old student Thavaratnam married to my niece Inpam where I was to spend Christmas along with the entire family including the pretty little daughters Ruby, Soruby and Jothy. Attending Christmas service in a little church in Killey with this entire family was inspiring in every way as they are the only non-Welsh family in the whole congregation and some members of the congregation told me that their church life was made very warm, inspiring and active by the partici-

pation of this Jaffna family in their worship and bible study. Ruby the nine year old daughter has the distinction of reading through the Bible twice over and the pastor uses her as a resource person for Bible quizzes in the church. I tested her and found it to be true though so difficult to believe. She has put me and several others to shame. We walked back from church to home which was nearby just to experience the wintry Christmas day in Wales. It was serene, lovely day. Unlike in previous years, I had the thanksgiving turkey in the home of old student Mithrananthan in Bridgeport, Conn, U. S. A., and the Christmas turkey at Thavaratnams in Killey, Wales. What a transformation in life-styles and celebrations from Jaffna (both of them from Erlalai) to New England and Wales. In my prize-day address I made a reference to the Jaffna man being now scattered 'on the whole inhabited earth' and here I had evidence of it in unmistakable terms. A flash-back here would be interesting. I used to ask Mithrathasan's six year old son in Waterbury, conn as to where he came from and he would say proudly, that he came from Erlalai. He was only a few months old when he left Jaffna. The father tells me that little Michael thinks that Erlalai is some planet in space. Later in the evening the only other Jaffna family in Killey Dr. & Dr. (Mrs.) Navaratnasingham both old students of the college and Bimala Navaratnasingham formerly of Hartley College joined us for Christmas supper and some carol singing and prayers.



## ALUMNI IN U. K.



1. With Winthi Jeyasingham (Secretary OBA - London)
2. Mr. & Mrs. Jebanandan & Children (President School Council)
3. Dr. & Mrs. Kulanayagam, John & Nirmala

# ALUMNI IN U. K.



1. With Vayal Kathiresan (Former Editor Young Idia)
2. Dr. & Mrs. Kurien George & Son
3. Mr. Mahesan, Drs. Navaratnairajah & Shanthikumar
4. Mr. & Mrs. Thavaratnam, Children & Mahan Solomon (Wales)
5. Mr. & Mrs. R. S. Chandrarajan
6. Mr. & Mrs. Karunairajan

Hence Christmas was well spent in the family circle which was also so much a part of the Jaffna College family. I had much to be grateful for, much to remember and cherish.

The next morning Mahan drove me from Killey to Colchester covering almost the entire breadth of England at its widest from shore to shore about 380 miles in five and a half hours — We started at eight in the morning and reached the Chandrajans for lunch at 1.30 p. m. with one break for rest on the way. It was a long, pleasant, fast, steady drive—only the two of us on a post Christmas Day (Boxing Day) on almost a deserted highway and fatigue having got the worst of me at the tail-end of a very tiring seven week journey, I was fast asleep most of the time and hence missed the beautiful scenery of a good part of England. Occasionally through the very refreshing and pleasant nap I blinked awake and determined to hold on to the beautiful glimpses of the wonderful scenery but again it was just the spirit being willing and the flesh being weak! And so I really lost that rare good drive my only regret on the whole trip.

Chandran my cousin a good old student and athlete was married to Mary also an outstanding athlete the youngest daughter of K. V. George of Jaffna College. So Jaffna College in all

its glory was gathered again for lunch along with Dr. Kurien George and family. A son of Jacob George was also present. Meeting the legendary Georges of Jaffna College gave an extra lustre to this gathering in Colchester. From Colchester we rushed back to Harrow to attend the Christmas party of another very loyal old boy Noel Rajaratnam. The Rajaratnam family has endowed many prizes at Jaffna College in memory of their parents Mr. & Mrs. P. E. Rajaratnam. I had attended 13 years ago a similar party in the Church parish hall and at this party again met many of those who attended the earlier one. Dr. Thavapalan, Dakshini Selvarajah (Milroy) and Jebanandan (former President, School Council) were some of the alumni in the group.

On the 27th there was a really large Jaffna College gathering at the wedding of Nirmala Boniface (alumnus) to John Kulanayagam. Eva Boniface the mother of the bride was an old student and teacher at Jaffna College and is the live wire of the alumni Association in Colombo and Mrs. Ranee Kulanayagam (nee Welch) one of the most loyal old students of Jaffna College—a former student and teacher was the live wire and the most enthusiastic force behind the large alumni association in London. There was a good collection of the Jaffna College alumni at this function. The choir was directed by Mithran Asirvatham, his wife and son (Mithran is an

old student and the second son of Rev. S. T. Asirvatham), I was happy to meet among the alumni Anandarajan Somasunderam the past president of the Association and the present president Dr. Somasegaram, Dr. Selvarajan Jesudason and Sarojini (nee Ariaratnam), Dr. & Mrs. Chandrapal, Dr. & Mrs. Gnanadorai, Dr. Navaneethirajah, Dr. Shanthikumar and Mahesan, Siva and Mohini, Vijayan and Sountha, Mr. & Mrs. Moorthy (Mr. Moorthy former Ambassador in UK and Mrs. Moorthy the daughter of Mr. Justice P. Sri Skandarajah), Indrani Selvanayagam and the Sathianathan family. Of the non-alumni I have to single out the Rev. S. M. Jacob formerly of the Methodist Church here. I wound up the day a grand finale to the trip and the entire travel with dinner at the home of Karunairajan, old student and brother-in-law (brother of C. E. Anandarajan). The next morning Rajan, Dhama and Mahan drove me to Gatwick again and I was in Colombo via Amsterdam in good time on the 29th morning ready to keep the appointment of giving away my niece Jeevanam Solomon as a bride to Indran Watson at the Colpetty Methodist Church at 5-00 p.m.,

the same evening. I kept my word, thanks to the efficient modern travel!!

The entire travel beginning with the Trustees, through the UCBWM, USA, Canada and England wove a fine strong web of relationships including friends, missionaries, well wishers, relatives and primarily the alumni of Jaffna College. There will be some follow up work to keep the relationships and purposes alive and it will be a pleasure to do so. I was back in time for the opening of term on the 5th January after an eighteen hour bus ride from Colombo to Jaffna! I saw the College and Vaddukoddai now with enchanted eyes.- those of a grateful and affectionate alumni and well wishers. The flowers were in bloom. The grass was greener. The paddy crop fresh, tall and green was one of the best in recent years. The rice and curry never tasted better! The church looked more hopeful. It was good to be back home in good old Jaffna, in Vaddukoddai and in the "College Home". There certainly is much substance in the good old saying "Home sweet Home".

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