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## Editorial Notes

### Ourselves

Readers will remember that our last issue which appeared almost two years ago, covered a period of four years 1972 — 1976. The last two years of this period spanned a phase in our history which we could now look back upon, as the Babylonian captivity.

This issue covers a period of two years. These two years witnessed the meteoric rise of the United National Party to power, the unprecedented physical and psychological damage caused by the racial riots and the breakdown of not merely law and order in the country but all norms of human conduct and behaviour that sustain a civilised society. The traumatic experience of those dark days in Sri Lanka remind us of those lines of Walter S. Senior which have never before been more relevant in our country than today.

"Give peace between their boarders  
Twxt man and man goodwill  
The love all unsuspecting  
The love that works no ill;  
In loyal lowly service  
Let each from other learn  
The guardian and the guarded  
till Christ Himself return"

But here within our walls at Jaffna College we were able to see some distant gleam among the dark clouds that were hovering over us. Indeed we were able to witness some definite signs of our buildings which were taken away from us in 1974 being restored to us. As we go to press the process of handing back has been completed. But we reserve for our next issue, it being also, the hundredth year of the publication of the Miscellany more information about this historic event.

Last year, in response to requests from students and parents in Jaffna, we introduced the G. C. E. Advanced Level (London) classes and at present we have the Arts and Science streams. These students will be appearing for their examination this year.

In September 1977 the Principal and Mrs. Kadirgamar left for the United States as the first representatives of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India in a "Partnership in Mission" programme with the Churches in Rhode Island. They returned to us in January 1978. We are glad that they were given this opportunity for the experience gained



by them, will undoubtedly prove beneficial both to the College, the Church and to the community at large. They had also the opportunity of attending a meeting of the "Board of Trustees" of the College in Boston and met several alumni in U. S. A. & Canada.

The period under review also saw the beginning of the *Second Phase of the Jaffna College Technical Institute*. More modern equipment has arrived, and new buildings are in the process of coming up. Already the Institute has served a very useful purpose in training young men to learn various skills to help develop our country.

### **Our Jubilarians**

We offer our felicitations and congratulations to four members of our staff who completed their twenty five years of service in this institution. Messrs. A. Kadirgamar (Principal), A. Rajasingam (Vice Principal), Miss M. S. Elias (Supervisor, Jr. School) and Mrs. R. S. Thambiah. To mark the event, a service of Thanksgiving was held in the Cathedral Church last October. The Round Table too feted them at a complimentary Dinner.

Two members of the minor staff, S. D. Rasiah and V. Kandiah too joined the select band of Jubilarians.

### **Retirements**

Last year we bade farewell to Mr. T. Ponnambalam who retired after completing thirty-four years of service. His share in shaping the young minds and his contribution to the aesthetic life of the school cannot be easily forgotten. By his departure the school has lost a trusted and loyal friend. We are glad, however, that he continues to serve the Institution through the Alumni Association, by being a member of its executive committee.

### **Farewells**

In 1977 we had to wish goodbye to Mr. S. N. Venayagamoorthy, who left us to accept a teaching position in Nigeria. As a student he had almost his entire education here obtaining his London B. Sc. degree, and during his brief period as a teacher, endeared himself to both students and teachers alike. We wish him and his young family well.

### **Welcome**

The following members of the staff joined us during these two years; Misses M. Kularajasingam (Jr. School), R. Arudpragasam (Office, Jr. School), Messrs. M. Vettivelu (Physics), K. Thangarajah (Commerce) and T. Nithiyaratnam (Physical Education).



We are more than pleased to see *Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Holmes* back in our midst. Though not actively engaged in teaching here, their presence in the campus and their involvement already in various activities of life here mean much to us. We wish them a happy sojourn in our midst during the three years they are going to be with us. Dr. Holmes is fully involved in the work of the Study Institute.

### **In Memorium**

It is with a deep sense of sorrow that we record the passing away of the following during this period, for, they had all contributed so much to our institution. Time and again we have felt their absence, and we mourn the loss.

### **Mr. Handy Perinpanayagam**

In the death of Mr. Handy Perinpanayagam we have lost one of the most senior members of the alumni and a member of the staff who shaped a generation of students at Jaffna College, whose outlook and horizons were different from those who were the products of a colonial era. He was a pioneer in making education relevant to the environment of the student and independent of the shackles of a colonial economy.

### **Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayagam**

S. J. V. has left an irreplaceable void in the public life of Sri Lanka. He has a special place in the annals of Jaffna College, as a teacher of Science and Mathematics for a brief period and as one of the Directors of the College for many years. We salute the memory of this great soul and thank God for his icy precise mind and translucent personal integrity.

### **Mr. V. Nalliah**

Mr. Nalliah was one of our most loyal and devoted alumnus. At the time of his death he was the staff representative on the Board of Directors. He began his life in the clerical service and rose to the position of Deputy Director of Supply and Cadre. We would like to place on record the sense of deep loss sustained by the college by his sad and sudden death.

### **Mr. W. T. I. Alagaratnam**

Mr. Alagaratnam retired director of Irrigation was a student teacher and member of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College. His technical expertise and his remarkable qualities of mind and spirit enabled him to a position of great eminence in the life of the country. His demise in July 1977 took away a familiar landmark from our midst.



*Bunker Memorial Lectures* **Alumni**

were delivered in January 1978 by one of our very distinguished old boy, Prof. Sinnappah Arasaratnam, who is now Professor of History at the New England University, Armidale, Australia. He delivered a course of three lectures in Jaffna on "Christianity, Traditional Cultures and Nationalism — the South Asian experience." The lectures have been published for a wide audience.

In this issue we have got together news of our Alumni, both at home and abroad. We realize this list is far from complete, but we hope to publish a more comprehensive list in the Jubilee issue, which, as has already been mentioned, is under preparation. We appeal to all our Alumni to keep the Alumni Relations Officer informed of their addresses, activities etc. as early as possible, to enable us to include in the special issue.

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# JAFFNA COLLEGE

## PRIZE - GIVING — 1977

CHIEF GUEST:

**The Rt. Rev. C. L. Abeynaïke**

Bishop of Colombo

AND

**Mrs. Abeynaïke**

ON

4th August, 1977.

### PROGRAMME

CHAIRMAN :	<i>Principal</i>
LYRIC :	எந்நாளுமே துதிப்பாய்
PRAYER :	<i>Rev. J. Sarvananthan</i>
WELCOME :	<i>Junior School</i>
THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT :	<i>A. Kadirgamar Esq.</i>
A NARRATION :	<i>Mas. B. Sivakumar</i>
PRIZE DISTRIBUTION :	<i>Mrs. C. L. Abeynaïke</i>
TAMIL SONG :	<i>Choir</i>
ADDRESS :	<i>The Rt. Rev. C. L. Abeynaïke</i>
VOTE OF THANKS :	<i>Mas. K. Sritharan</i>
	<i>President, School Council</i>
	<i>S. Jeyakanthan Esq.</i>

COLLEGE SONG.



## Principal's Report

Bishop Abeynaike, Mrs. Abeynaike, Our Bishops, Chairman and Members of the Board of Directors, parents, Alumni and Friends:

Jaffna College extends to all of you once again a very cordial welcome to its Annual Prize-Giving, and we thank you for your presence here this evening.

Bishop and Mrs. Abeynaike, you are no strangers to us, and we welcome you with much affection and regard into the Jaffna College community today.

Bishop Abeynaike, you have impressed us by your dedication and commitment to the life and mission of the Church of Ceylon in this country. We admire your sensitive and learned grasp of history and culture. It has always been a refreshing and invigorating treat to listen to your speeches studded with relevant, colourful and incisive illustrations. Your sermons have raised our spirits to great heights. Your evangelistic fervour, simplicity of life and great sense of pastoral care have enabled you as pastor and shepherd of your flock to deal very kindly and gently with your clergy and laity and all others who have come under your care.

As a former teacher and Principal of the Divinity School in

Colombo you have educated and guided into the life of the Church several dedicated ministers. We owe much to your consecrated life and work in our midst and we look forward to your message to us this evening with great expectation.

Mrs. Abeynaike, we welcome you into our midst and we know that you are a great source of strength and comfort to the Bishop in his life and sacred work. You have very devotedly participated in that life of unstinted service. Our children will welcome and cherish the opportunity of having their well earned prizes from your hands.

We thank you both very sincerely for giving us so much of your time and concern this evening.

This ladies and gentlemen, is one of those very rare and unusual occasions when we have three Bishops on our platform. Under normal circumstances we are blessed with the presence of two which itself is a luxury for any school.

### In Memoriam:

We regret to record the deaths of the following who were very closely associated with Jaffna



College. Appropriate references have been made to them in the school assemblies and in the Staff Meetings and their contributions to the College have been remembered.

In the death of the Most Reverend Lakdasa de Mel, Jaffna College has lost one of its very best and affectionate friends. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the College from 1947 to 1952, and was Chairman of the Board during the last five years of his membership. It was during his tenure of Office that we embarked on the momentous project of making our institution a full-fledged College, by undertaking to conduct an Undergraduate Department. We recall with gratitude how he enlivened our proceedings with his unfailing wit and humour and sustained us by his bouyancy and optimism. He guided us during an important stage in our history with tact and wisdom. We realise, however, that his chief activities were in a much wider sphere and, therefore, would like to place on record the sense of the deep loss sustained by this country and the whole Christian Church by his passing.

I need not recall here the sorrow, the sense of loss and the great void caused by the death of our leader, Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam. We at Jaffna College

have a special place for him in our history because he was a teacher of Science and Mathematics here for three years in the years 1916 to 1918. Those years of his intimate association with us as a teacher brought him very close to the life of the College and he served later for several years as a member of the Board of Directors. His calm wisdom, his penetrative insight, and above all his deep and abiding loyalty to the College and its ideals made his presence in our Board Meetings most invaluable.

The Board also felt highly honoured by the willingness of a person of his status and prestige to associate himself with our deliberations, and, therefore, we salute his memory with great reverence.

Mr. V. Nalliah met with his death most unexpectedly and we have lost a great friend and a loyal and devoted alumnus. At the time of his death he was the staff representative on the Board of Directors of the College. He was an active member of the Colombo Branch of the Alumni Association during his period of service in Colombo. And ever since his retirement he lived very closely with his Church and College in Jaffna. He was well known for his efficiency and for his deep and abiding Christian faith. He



was a welcome and stabilising influence in our midst always and we miss him much.

Mr. V. Koshy who lived in retirement in Kerala died during the course of the year. He served the School and the College very faithfully as a teacher of Economics for more than eighteen years. He came to us with a wealth of experience as a teacher in other institutions in Malaya, India and Ceylon and contributed much to the teaching profession and to the student community in and outside the class room. The hostels, the staff and student Tennis Clubs, and the Round Table owe much to him. He was a very pleasant, cultured and genial person. I met him in Kerala in his home town a few months before his death. He was then in the best of health. We remember him with much gratitude.

We convey to all the members of the families of our dearly departed our deepest sympathies.

### **Ourselves :**

Providing a meaningful and wholesome education is our sole purpose. All our efforts in our varied activities and in the specialised training of our teachers is directed towards that purpose. It remains a tremendous challenge and a never-ending task. "The

physical, intellectual, emotional and ethical integration of the individual into a complete man is a broad definition of the fundamental aim for education", says the UNESCO document. "Learning to be".

But, is such a noble aim possible in our own class rooms, in our schools today? Is it possible in our society so enamoured by the material aspects of life only? Highly pressurised reinforcement in efforts, in limited and narrow pursuits, for extremely high achievements in examinations, seems to be the only aim in our so-called education or 'schooling' to be more exact, and this at the expense of all other worthwhile experiences of a wholesome education. Even in the sphere of music, the child is made conscious only of an examination qualification, so much so, that even aesthetics is not integrated into the joy of living.

Students, teachers and parents have found effective short-cuts to achieve the desired results. It looks foolish in such a world of short-cuts to talk of deepening insights and understandings, of broadening visions through the appreciation and experience of Music, Art, Sports, Literature and the Sciences. There seems to be no place for imagination, the specific element in human life in



which visionary freedom is united with discipline and critical thought. To read, to reflect, to exercise the daring of the mind and the audacity of the imagination seems to be a far off cry in our schools today.

Hard and trying as it may be we have struggled through another year to integrate our religious, literary, sports, social, co-educational, residential and academic pursuits into a wholesome process of education worth its name. We hope and pray that we can continue in this spirit of education for much longer.

#### **Staff :**

There are 43 members on the staff, 16 in the Junior School and 27 in the Senior School. 26 are graduates with 13 holding Diplomas in Education or postgraduate qualifications, and three undergoing postgraduate training. 14 are trained or specialist teachers. Three have Advanced Level qualifications. 8 of our teachers are Jubilarians.

Mr. S. N. Venayagamoorthy, B. Sc. (London), who was a teacher of Physics, Science and Mathematics left us during the course of this term to accept an appointment in one of the schools in Nigeria. He was associated with the College for a period of 33 years as a student and teacher

and taught here for about ten years. He had his entire education from Grade I to the B. Sc. (London) at Jaffna College and was one of the very conscientious and loyal teachers. The grand farewell given to him by the staff and students was an indication of the love and affection he had won in the College community. We thank him and wish him and his family well in their new place of work.

Mr. V. Selvaratnam was granted six months leave to proceed to the Madras Institute of Technology to follow a course in Automobile Technology. Besides being a teacher of Physics and Mathematics he was chiefly instrumental in introducing Automobile Mechanism as one of the subjects in the College for Pre-Vocational studies in the N. C. G. E. classes. We are happy he has this opportunity of widening his experience in this subject in some of the well established Institutions and Factories in South India. We wish him a very useful period of studies.

Mr. S. Sebanesan was granted two years of study leave to work for his Master's Degree in Tamil at the University of Madurai. He will also take this opportunity to complete his Bachelor of Divinity Study at the Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary, Arasaraddi, Madurai. We wish him a very



profitable period of study in both these fields of his academic pursuits.

Mr. P. Santhirasegaram, who was appointed as a Commerce Teacher this year left us to accept an appointment in the Valuation Department. We thank him for his very brief but effective period of service.

Mr. R. Balasubramaniam completed 25 years of faithful and loyal service to the College. He was a specialist teacher of Tamil and Sanskrit in the G. C. E. (Advanced Level) classes and also helped out in the Undergraduate Department in the past. He was Head of the Tamil and Hinduism Department of the College. He was a very efficient and scholarly teacher and was a great asset to the teaching profession at Jaffna College in particular and to the country in general. He helped out very effectively in guiding and training students in the Tamil Oratorical contests and in supervising the editing of the Tamil section of the student paper, the 'Young Idea'. His noble presence in the College Campus is a great encouragement to his fellow teachers and officers of the College. We congratulate and thank him for his several years of service.

Miss. Mary S. Elias completed 25 years of service in the College. She is the daughter of late Mr.

C. O. Elias, who himself served the College for more than 30 years. Miss Elias had her entire education from Grade 1 to B. A. (London) at Jaffna College and was a teacher of Tamil and Sanskrit in the Upper forms. She was warden of the Womens' Hostel of the Undergraduate department for some years. She is in charge of the Girl Guides Company in the College and is Guide Commissioner in the Northern Province after a period of special training at 'Sangam' in India which is the World Centre in Asia. She was a House Mistress and conducts the Tamil Choir. She was appointed Supervisor of the Junior School in 1972 and has administered this part of the School very efficiently these few years. She was the first lady appointed as an officer of the College and this gives strength to co-education in the College. We congratulate and thank her for the several years of faithful and loyal service to the College.

Mr. S. Selvendra B. Sc. (Ceylon) was appointed as a Physics and Mathematics teacher and Mr. K. Thangarajah B. Sc. (Ceylon) in Public Finance and Taxation as a Commerce teacher. We welcome them and wish them a fruitful period of service in our midst.



### On Roll:

The number on roll is 209 in the Junior School and 464 in the Senior School making a total of 673 of whom 57 are boarders. We admitted 135 new students, 67 in the Junior School and 68 in the Senior School. 950 to 700 is the optimum number for our present limited accomodation as a result of the take-over of our Campus. The Junior School is still somewhat over-crowded.

### Examination Results:

At the G. C. E. Advanced Level examination April, 1976, 107 sat, 46 passed in three or four subjects and 18 were admitted to the University: 3 for Engineering, 5 for Physical Sciences, 2 for Medicine, 2 for Biological Science, 1 for Vet. Science, 4 for Arts and 1 for Law.

I give below the statistics for the past 10 years:

Year	No. Sat	No. passed three or more subjects	No. entered the University
1966	69	22	12
1967	85	19	12
1968	76	23	20
1969	62	23	18
1970	75	24	10
1971	84	44	19
1973	50	19	5
1974	72	35	7
1975	108	55	14
1976	107	46	18

At the G. C. E. (Ordinary Level) examination December, 1976, 86 sat, 40 passed in five or more subjects and 20 qualified for the G. C. E. (Advanced Level) classes. At the N. C. G. E. examinations 1976, 85 sat and 57 qualified for the H. N. C. E.

### Curriculum:

We have introduced Commerce in the H. N. C. E. classes. The Project Work in the H.N.C.E. class involves the development of the neighbouring village of Kana-wakai. The students have taken this work to heart and have collected sufficient funds with the help of the College community and others, and have built a Community Centre for the village. They are involved in the health, nutrition, sanitation, leisure and sports activities, pre-school and adult education of this community. It is a small but intensive project which has helped our students to acquire several new interests and skills. It has enabled our students in the words of Ivan Illich "to celebrate awareness". This is certainly a very relevant innovation in education though there are problems of a uniform evaluation for the purposes of admission to the University on a competitive basis.



## **School Activities :**

### **Sports :**

#### **Cricket :**

The First Team in Cricket was captained by B. Murugamoorthy. Of the seven matches played we won one, drew three and lost three.

The Under 16 Cricket Team was captained by N. Asokan. It did fairly well in the tournament conducted by the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association.

The Under 14 Cricket Team was captained by K. Muraleetharan, and we entered the tournament conducted by the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association.

#### **Athletics :**

We had a fairly successful season in Athletics and the team was captained by L. Satchithanathan. Members of the team secured a number of places in the Athletic Meet conducted by the West Zone of the Jaffna Schools Athletic Association. L. Satchithanathan and C. A. Arnold also participated in the Sri Lanka Schools Athletic Meet. Hastings House emerged champions at the Inter-House Athletic Meet.

#### **Hockey :**

Our First Team under the captaincy of T. Mohanrajah had

a successful season and we were runners-up in the tournament conducted by the Jaffna Schools Hockey Association. Of the four matches played we won three and lost one.

The Under 17 Team under the captaincy of S. Mohanrajah did not reach the normal high standards.

The Under 15 Team under the captaincy of T. Mathiraj emerged Joint Champions in the tournament conducted by the Jaffna Schools Hockey Association.

#### **Football :**

The First Eleven Football Team under the captaincy of V. Sutharshan had a fair season. Of the five matches played we won two, drew one and lost two. V. Sutharshan and S. Jeyendran were invited for trials for the selection of the Sri Lanka Schools Under 18 Football Team. V. Sutharshan was included in the final pool of 30 players.

The Second Team under the captaincy of N. Asokan played five matches and won two, drew one and lost two.

The Third Eleven under the captaincy of K. Muraleetharan participated in the tournaments.



### **Tennis :**

The Student Tennis Club continues to function and a tournament was conducted.

### **Swimming :**

We introduced Swimming for 25 students, 10 of whom were girls. Several coaches from the Kinross Club in Colombo have been helping us out. We are grateful to them for the time spent with our students. Mr. V. Selvaratnam is our coach and he and his friends in Colombo were responsible for organising and founding the North Sri Lanka Swimming and Life Saving Association. We are particularly grateful to our former students Messers. K. Tharmalingam and N. Ariaratnam who are also members of the Executive Committee of the Colombo Branch of Alumni Association for all the generous help and guidance given to popularize swimming classes in the College and in Jaffna.

### **CROSS COUNTRY SPORTS FESTIVAL :**

The Festival was conducted as usual and the several contests drew a large number of participants both boys and girls. The Festival wound up with the usual Cultural Show and prize distribution. The performances of the following students are note-worthy.

### **Cross Country Race :**

Senior Boys — L. Satchithanan-  
than

Junior Boys — S. Sugaljan

Senior Girls — P. Vasanthi

Junior Girls — S. Shanthini

### **Cycle Race :**

Senior Boys — V. Selvaratnam

Senior Girls — V. Chandrika

Junior Girls — V. Kumudini

My thanks are due to Mr. G. Rajanayagam and his Committee for organising the Cross Country Sports Festival, and to all the House Masters & Mistresses, coaches, captains and especially to Mr. T. Anandaratnam, the acting Physical Director, for all the hard work put into all our Sports activities.

### **Junior School :**

All the various colourful activities and functions of the Junior School such as dramatics, literary and Sports activities were carried out as usual. Master Muraleetharan was elected President of the Junior School Council. An English Day was organised in March as an experiment to encourage as many students as possible to express what they have learnt in class through dramatics, singing and poetry. The experiment proved successful and several students participated with much



enthusiasm. Several of these students participated in the Festival of English Poetry conducted by the Lions Club, and won certificates of merit. Mr. S Arunasalam, the A. G. A. for Valigamam West, and Mrs. Arunasalam were the Chief Guests at the Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet, and Brown House emerged champions for the sixth year in succession. Four students were selected from the Junior School to play for the Under 14 Cricket Team of the College. Some of our students also won certificates of merit, in the Cross Country Race and Festival. Students in Grades 6 & 7 were able to tour certain parts of Sri Lanka particularly Anuradhapura, Sigiriya and Mihintale, and the smaller children toured the Jaffna Peninsula. The Parents Day ended with a rich and varied programme of poetry, prose, music and drama which was well received.

In keeping with the new trends in the integrated primary education scheme introduced by the Education Department, we are making progress. The members of our staff have undergone in-service training to handle these changes. We still have the problem of insufficient accommodation to give a fuller life in and out of the class rooms for the educational programmes of the Junior School.

## Religious Activities :

All the religious activities of the College were carried out as usual. There was a lively participation of staff and students in all worship programmes, the Sunday Vespers and Hostel Prayers. The S. C. M. conducted Inter-School debates. Some of our students and teachers participated actively in the World Student Christian Federation Conference at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall this year. The Choir rendered useful service at Christmas time and at the Vesper Services. The College Y. M. C. A has been re-organised to meet the changing needs.

The visit of the team of staff and students from the Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary, Madurai was a great blessing to the College community. I want to thank the student leaders and all the members of the staff who helped to carry out the various activities of the Religious Department in the absence of a Chaplain.

## Hostels :

The number in the hostels remains small. We hope to provide more spacious accommodation in the future. A large number of girls are accommodated in the home of Mrs. T. Rajadurai. We are



grateful to her for the help. The Boarders' Day was celebrated as usual.

### **Girl Guides, Little Friends &**

#### **Scouts :**

Regular meetings were carried out for the company of 25 guides and the pack of 24 Little Friends. The Guides worked hard in a special fund raising effort to subsidise their expenses towards their Jubilee Celebrations. 12 Guides, 5 Rangers and one Guider attended the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in the Vihara Maha Devi Park in March this year. Guides from several parts of the country and other Asian countries also participated, and therefore, it gave our Guides and Little Friends a very rich and rare experience. The Scouts continue to function as a small, but faithful group.

#### **Literary Associations :**

The Lyceum, Forum, Brotherhood and the Academy celebrated their annual functions with the usual gusto. Mr. Lal Wijeyapala, the Government Agent, Northern Province was the Chief Guest at the Academy Dinner.

#### **'Young Idea' :**

The student paper 'The Young Idea' is published regularly for internal circulation. In spite

of the high cost of printing we continue to publish this newspaper as part of an educational project in student journalism and management.

### **The School Council :**

The School Council was headed this year by K. Sasirathan and I want to thank all the councillors for their efficient contribution towards the life of the School. It is good to note the vigorous participation of students in the organisation of all school activities. Their healthy critical appraisal of school activities is a valuable contribution to education here. This democratic spirit has always been fostered with acceptance at Jaffna College.

#### **Welfare Work :**

The Welfare work has been carried out very efficiently. My thanks are due to the Welfare Officer, Mr. K. A. Selliah.

#### **Parent Teachers' Fellowship :**

There was a good gathering of parents and teachers during the latter part of the year, and an advisory Committee was elected at this meeting. The Committee has met once already, and several matters of mutual interest were discussed. We look forward to the strengthening of this Parent Teachers' Fellowship.



### **Alumni :**

The Alumni Association in Colombo conducted a Memorial Service for the late Mr. E. C. Lockwood on the 6th November, 1976. The Service was well attended. Rev. T. Rajkumar preached the sermon. Prof. K. D. Arudpragasam paid a tribute to late Mr. Lockwood. The service was followed by the Annual General Meeting and a fellowship dinner, where more than 150 were present. A very loyal, able and enthusiastic Executive Committee of the Association was elected. It was a very pleasant and joyful reunion of alumni in the city of Colombo. There are indications that this fellowship will grow very much in strength.

The University Alumni Association in Peradeniya has been meeting regularly. Mr. A. M. Brodie, was appointed Alumni Relations Officer, by the Board of Directors of the College and a suitable Office has been established in the College premises. We appeal to old students of the College to send in their names and addresses to the Alumni Relations Officer.

The visit of Mr. & Mrs. T. S. Oppenheim to Jaffna College and to Ceylon was a very welcome event at the College and to the several old students who knew

Mr. Oppenheim. Several groups of alumni met Mr. & Mrs. Oppenheim throughout the country and in South India. We are extremely grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Oppenheim for the opportunity granted to us to meet them and for their several acts of generosity in helping the College. "Our College Home" a little booklet written by Mr. Oppenheim, when he was a missionary here almost 40 years ago still reflects effectively the story of Jaffna College in historical perspective. We initiate today the Rev. Dr. Sydney K. Bunker Memorial Prize endowed by the Oppenheims.

### **Memorial Scholarships & Prizes :**

We award for the first time at this Prize-Giving the Dr. W. S. Ratnavale Memorial Scholarship worth Rs. 800/- annually, to the best student gaining admission to the University of Sri Lanka with Biology as a subject. This endowment of Rs. 10,000/- donated by Dr. W. D. Ratnavale in memory of his father, who was an alumnus will also enable us to award English Oratorical Prizes worth Rs. 400/- annually.

We continue to receive very generous contributions from alumni and friends throughout the world for our Annual Prize-Giving and other Memorial Prizes. All the other prizes are listed in the



programme. We also have several offers for Special Memorial Prizes and Scholarships. We are overwhelmed by these gestures of gratitude and affection.

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

The Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Kulandran, the Chairman of the Board leaves us on sabbatical. We are grateful to him for the total dedication and tenacity of purpose with which he directed the deliberations of the Board. It was no easy task at a very critical period in our history and he weathered the storm with a magnificent poise and firmness. This was possible because of the learned Bishop's characteristic and unmistakeable neo-reformation stance. He always stood his ground with a deep-rooted faith in God — "the Mighty Fortress and the never-failing bulwark". His contribution to the College is unique and truly remarkable. It was tireless toil through long years, directed with spirit and zest and supported by an enormous grasp of meaningful and purposeful history. He is a man of destiny. We thank Bishop Kulandran, and we wish him well in the several tasks he still hopes to perform for the College.

Mr. R. E. J. A. Setukavalar, the Methodist representative on the Board also leaves us on sabbatical after serving us for six

full years. We value very much the time Mr. Setukavalar gave to the Board, and for the concern shown and for his sincere friendship, and we wish him well. We welcome Mr. G. N. Edward, another stalwart of the Methodist Church, as the representative of his Church on the Board now. We also welcome into the Board Dr. Victor S. Benjamin as a new member, and Mr. R. J. Thurairajah as the representative of the staff. Mr. Thurairajah's connections with the College as a student, teacher and Physical Director for more than 50 years will be an asset to the Board.

We congratulate and welcome Mr. J. M. Sabaratnam as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors. He has been Secretary and Vice-Chairman on several occasions. We could therefore, expect a very efficient, loyal and devoted contribution from him to the Board. Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam is now the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors and he remains now one of the most senior members on the Board. It is difficult to conduct any meeting of the Board without his wise counsel. Mr. K. A. Selliah remains the Treasurer, Mr. S. S. Selvadurai, Secretary and Mr. S. Rajanayagam, Manager and the Authorised Representative. My sincere thanks to the Chairman and members of the Board.



### **Board of Trustees :**

We had a further visit from Rev. Dr. Telfer Mook, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. We also want to congratulate Dr. Mook on his assuming the role of the General Secretary of the United Church Board for World Ministries while still being the Secretary for Southern Asia on the Mission Board. We want to thank him for the time and knowledgeable concern he has shown in our problems. The Rt Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar, the Bishop of the Diocese represented the Board at the meeting of the Trustees in October, and several matters of mutual interest and concern were satisfactorily negotiated at the meeting.

We remain grateful to all the members of the Trust for the care and guidance given to the College and to all its allied institutions and concerns.

### **Thanks :**

I want to place on record my gratitude to all members of the staff, academic, clerical and minor for another year of life and work in the cause of the College.

A special word of thanks to the Vice-Principal, Mr. A. Rajasingam, The Supervisor of the Junior School Miss M. S. Elias, the Treasurer of the Board Mr. K. A. Selliah and to the Bursar, Mr. W. J. Balasingam.

There is much more to be grateful for. There is a freshness of spirit in our nation today. It is the result of a lively democracy where the voice of the people reigned supreme in unmistakeable terms. Vox Populi, Vox Dei — “the voice of the people is the voice of God”, — that ancient Latin adage sounds credible again in our particular context. The sense of fear and insecurity in the hearts of the people has been banished to a great extent. For the assurance of justice and freedom, we remain ever grateful to our new Prime Minister, and we wish him well as he determines to lead this nation to a more satisfactory and joyful state of nation-hood.

And, now to God, the Father, who is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we may ask or think, be all glory, honour and praise.

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PRIZE GIVING — 1977



The Chief Guest Rt. Rev. Cyril Abeynaike,  
Bishop of Colombo,  
Delivering the Prize Day Address.



PRIZE GIVING — 1977



Mrs. Abeynaike Distributing the Prizes — 1977



## Prize Day Address

(The following is a summary of the address delivered by the Rt. Rev. C. L. Abeynaïke at the Jaffna College Prize - Giving on the 4th inst.)

The Rt. Rev. Cyril Abeynaïke, the special speaker of the evening in an address punctuated by many humorous remarks and illustrated by apt quotations from many sources, began by saying that he was not the type of speaker usually in demand on such occasions, as he was not a judge or a Vice-Chancellor or a Professor. He would, he said, that day function not as a Prophet or a Politician but as a postman, that is, carry certain ideas of others. He wanted to concentrate on the child, its nature, needs, significance and possibilities. Every child is unique and must not be moulded into uniformity. Havellock Ellis has said that everyone who wants to be a man must be a non-conformist. Tennyson has said, "Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control: these three lead to sovereign power"; and Shakespeare has said, "To thine own self be true and it follows as the night the day that to others you would be true." Democracy means that a person should be willing to be in a minority of one.

The Home, therefore, is important. The Jesuits, who are great educationalists, say, "Give

as a person when he is young and then you can take him and do what you like." Scientists say that man's superiority over the beast is that he requires a much longer period to be educated. Arnold Toynbee, after analysing nineteen nations that had fallen, observes that two of them went because their home-life had gone earlier. The declaration of Joshua, "as for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord" is a great guide in the matter.

When training the child, we should realise that the child's world is different from ours. It lives in wonder-land. We should educate the child accordingly. Einstein has said that imagination is more important than knowledge. The fragmentation of knowledge and the tendency to early specialisation, now-a-days are, therefore, misguided. The Bishop quoted the joke about specialists being persons who tend to know more and more about less and less, till they know everything about nothing.

A child must learn to do more than it is his duty to do. Lord Acton has said that civilisation depends on precisely this



quality. Walpole has said that every man has his price. Motor cars are built up to a standard. *Our children* must rise above this kind of thing, each a personality in his own right.

There is always a tendency to idealise the past. This has prevailed from ancient times. There was no golden age in the past. We must look to the future. Streams do not flow backwards but forwards.

Though politics was not in his line, he would like to make one comment on our Society. We

live in a mixed society. We are seeking to be a nation; therefore, we should work together. A mixed society is like a man with two hands. A man cannot *clap* with one hand. There must be autonomy for each social, religious and cultural association to enable it to contribute its share to the common good.

If you want an achievement to last one year, write an article, if for ten years plant a tree, if for a hundred years educate a child. As he looked round, he found we had not merely planted trees but educated children.

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"I walked a mile with pleasure;  
She chatted all the way;  
She left me none the wiser  
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with sorrow,  
And ne'er a word said she;  
But, oh! the things I learnt from her,  
When sorrow walked with me",

— R. B. Hamilton.



# Prize List — 1976

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### முதலாம் வகுப்பு

ஒன்றிணைந்த பாடங்களில் 6 பாடங்களிலும் தரத்துக்கு உயர்நிலையை  
அடைந்த மாணவர்கள்

1. திருபரங்கிராதன் சி. — (S. Thiagarajah Memorial Prize)

#### 5 பாடங்கள்

1. யாதவகிருஷ்ணன் கி. — (C. C. Kanapathipillai Memorial Prize)  
2. சிறீபதி பா. — (S. Theivendrapillai Memorial Prize)  
3. கலாயினி மா. — (Rev. G. D. Thomas Memorial Prize); Special Prizes  
in Writing - 2nd; Spelling - 2nd.

#### 4 பாடங்கள்

1. பத்மராசா பா. — (R. K. Arulampalam Memorial Prize)

#### 3 பாடங்கள்

1. சிறீதரன் செ. — (Special Prizes Writing - 1st; Spelling - 1st)

#### 2 பாடங்கள்

1. புஷ்பகாந்தி இ.

#### 1 பாடம்

1. காமினி இ.  
2. ஸ்கந்தகுமார் பா.  
3. அனுரா சோமேஸ் ஜேர.  
4. மனோமாயி வி.

### இரண்டாம் வகுப்பு

ஒன்றிணைந்த பாடங்களில் 6 பாடங்களிலும் தரத்துக்கு உயர்நிலையை  
அடைந்த மாணவர்கள்

1. கேசினி சுவப்பிரியா டா. — (R. Kanagasooriyam Memorial Prize)  
Special Prize: Writing - 1st & Spelling - 1st

#### 3 பாடங்கள்

1. மீனா இ.

#### 2 பாடங்கள்

1. ஹரிச்சந்திரன் த.  
2. பிரபாகரன் ம.  
3. தமயந்தகுமாரி க.  
4. ஜரீன் எ.  
5. சுவித்தவாணி செ. — Special Prize: Tamil Spelling - 2nd



1 பாடம்

1. பிரதிப் அ.

2. பாலமுருகன் க.

3. மாலினி வே.

4. வதனாதேவி ந.

5. வினிதா ப.

6. கிறிஜா தி.

7. சுபாஜினி தே.

— Special Prize: Tamil Writing - 2nd

— Special Prize: Tamil Spelling

மூன்றாம் வகுப்பு

ஒன்றிணைந்த எல்லாப் பாடங்களிலும் உயர் நிலையை அடைந்த மாணவர்கள்

1. பிரியதரிசினி வி.

— (Mr. & Mrs. G. N. C. Ponnampalam Memorial Prize)

Special Prize — English Writing 1st

7 பாடங்கள்

1. கிருஷ்ணவல்லி கி.

— (Mrs. Caroline Thiraviyam Jeyarajah Memorial Prize)

6 பாடங்கள்

1. தேவசுதன் இ.

— (K. Kanagaratnam Memorial Prize)

2. யேசுரா த.

— (J. A. Selvadurai Memorial Prize)

Special Prize — Tamil Writing 1st, English

Writing 2nd, English Elocution 2nd

3. சத்தியசெல்வி த.

— (S. R. Beadle Memorial Prize)

Tamil Spelling 1st

5 பாடங்கள்

1. பாலசங்கர் டா.

— (P. W. Ariaratnam Memorial Prize)

Special Prize — English Elocution 1st,

English Writing 2nd, Tamil Writing 1st

3 பாடங்கள்

1. யேசுராசா ஜே.

2. தயாளினி மா.

3. சிவசக்தி ந.

2 பாடங்கள்

1. நெஜினேல்ட் த.

2. வதனன் வே.

3. முருகதாசன் கே.

4. சாமினி சு.

1 பாடம்

1. நந்தகுமார் பா.

2. கலாநிதி இ.

3. கலாவல்லி க.

4. சுசிலா தி.



## Grade 4

1. Krishna Jeyanthi K. — Mrs. Thavaratnam Nadarajah Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Tamil 1st, Arithmetic 1st,  
English 1st, Environmental Studies 1st  
Special Prizes — English Spelling 1st, English  
Elocution 2nd, Tamil Spelling 1st, Tamil Writing 1st
2. Krishanthan P. — Rev. & Mrs. R. C. P. Welch Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Christianity 1st, English 2nd,  
Environmental Studies 2nd, Arithmetic 2nd  
Special Prize — English Elocution 1st
3. Chitranjan A. — J. C. Amarasingham Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Arithmetic 2nd, English,  
Environmental St., Art
4. Senthilkumaran S. — General Proficiency, Hinduism 1st, Hand Work 1st
5. Sivakanthan N. — General Interest 1st
6. Mahilrajan S. — English Singing 1st
7. Nimalda Jeyanthi — English Singing 2nd
8. Devayogarane M. — General Proficiency, Tamil Writing 2nd
9. Seetha V. — Needle Work 1st, English Writing 1st
10. Sureby J. — Art 1st
11. Rajani R. — English Writing 2nd
12. Jeyanthi N. — English Spelling 1st
13. Shanthi S. — Tamil Spelling 2nd

## Grade 5

1. Navukarasi V. — Thomas Rajadurai Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Religion 1st, Environ-  
mental St. 1st, Number 1st, Tamil 1st  
Special Prize — Tamil Spelling 1st
2. Raveendran M. — S. Kulasingham Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Religion 2nd, Tamil 2nd,  
Environmental St.  
Special Prize — Tamil Spelling 2nd,  
English Spelling 1st, English Writing 2nd
3. Vijayanandhan V. — Environmental St. 2nd
4. Anushya P. — English 1st, English Singing 1st  
Special Prize — English Elocution 1st



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| 5. Vasu V.         | — Handicraft 1st  |
| 6. Suganthy N.     | — Special Prizes — English Singing 2nd,<br>English Writing 1st, Tamil Writing 1st |
| 7. Vijeyakumar R.  | — Special Prizes — English Elocution 2nd,<br>Tamil Writing 1st                    |
| 8. Mathanakumar M. | — Special Prize — English Spelling 2nd  |

### Grade 6

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1. Yarlini K.         | — Mrs. Majorie Jeyasingham Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, Christianity 1st, Tamil 1st,<br>Mathematics 1st, Science 1st, English 2nd,<br>Social Studies 2nd, Carnatic Music 2nd,<br>Natural Resources 2nd, Physical Education<br>Special Prizes—Tamil Writing 1st, English Writing 1st,<br>English Elocution 1st, English Spelling 2nd |
| 2. Nesananthar S.     | — Mr. & Mrs. Karthigesu Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, Social Studies 1st,<br>Agriculture 1st, Mechanics 1st, Hinduism 2nd,<br>Tamil 2nd, Science 2nd, Mechanical Drawing,<br>Natural Resources<br>Special Prize — Tamil Spelling 1st   |
| 3. Parasakthy K.      | — A. Arumugam Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, Hinduism, Social Studies,<br>Home Science, Mechanical Drawing, Needle Work   |
| 4. Sumathy K.         | — R. C. S. Cooke Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, Hinduism 1st, Needle Work 1st,<br>Natural Resources 2nd, Tamil  |
| 5. Krishnaverny K.    | — General Proficiency, English, Natural Resources<br>Special Prizes — Tamil Writing 1st,<br>English Spelling 1st  |
| 6. Pathmini K.        | — General Proficiency, Physical Education 2nd<br>Special Prizes — Tamil Spelling 1st,<br>English Writing 2nd  |
| 7. Saratha S.         | — Hinduism, Carnatic Music, Ceramics 1st  |
| 8. Jeyanthy M.        | — English 1st, Western Music 1st, Social Studies  |
| 9. Yohan David J.     | — Physical Education 1st, Mechanical Drawing 2nd  |
| 10. Gowrie Kumari K.  | — English   |
| 11. Sivasanthiran S.  | — Agriculture 2nd   |
| 12. John Valentine P. | — Art 1st   |
| 13. Premala K.        | — Western Music 2nd<br>Special Prize — English Elocution 2nd  |



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| 14. Sivakumaran S. | — Mechanical Drawing 1st |
| 15. Gnananathan P. | — Natural Resources 1st  |
| 16. Ratnarajah R.  | — Ceremics 2nd           |
| 17. Easwarakumar   | — English Spelling 2nd   |

### Grade 7

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| 1. Nallini V.       | — E. C. Jesudasan Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, Carnatic Music 1st,<br>Natural Resources 1st, Mechanical Drawing 1st,<br>Tamil 2nd, Science 2nd, English, Social Studies,<br>Special Prize — English Writing 1st                   |
| 2. Umayal R.        | — K. V. George Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, Home Science 1st, Tamil 1st,<br>Social Studies 1st, Needle Work 1st,<br>Physical Education 2nd, Carnatic Music 2nd<br>Special Prizes — English Elocution 2nd,<br>English Spelling 2nd |
| 3. Sharmini S.      | — J. N. Appadurai Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, English 1st, Christianity 1st,<br>Natural Resources 2nd, Science, Western Music 1st<br>Special Prize — English Spelling 1st  |
| 4. Vimalendran S.   | — J. T. Amarasingham Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, English, Social Studies 2nd,<br>Physical Education 2nd, Mechanical Drawing  |
| 5. Anpalagan P.     | — Louis S. Ponniah Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, Ceremics 1st, Hinduism 1st,<br>Science 1st, Tamil, Social Studies   |
| 6. Romela T.        | — Christianity 2nd, English 2nd<br>Special Prizes — English Elocution 1st,<br>English Writing 2nd   |
| 7. Sriharan V.      | — Physical Education  |
| 8. Muraleetharan K. | — Mathematics 1st   |
| 9. Sivaganesan N.   | — Natural Resources   |
| 10. Seralathan A.   | — Wood Work 1st, Mechanical Drawing 2nd   |
| 11. Kirupaharan G.  | — Wood Work 2nd   |
| 12. Sutha K.        | — Ceremics 2nd  |
| 13. Sugumar S.      | — Physical Education  |
| 14. Sivapalan M.    | — Natural Resources   |
| 15. Menaka N.       | — Special Prize — English Writing 2nd   |



## SENIOR SCHOOL

### Grade 8 A

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| R. Umayal | — Home Science 1st prize, Hinduism 1st prize,<br>Health & Physical Education 1st prize, Carnatic<br>Music 2nd prize, General Proficiency |
| V. Ramani | — Health & Physical Education 2nd prize  |
| T. Romela | — English 2nd prize, Christianity 2nd prize  |

### Grade 8 B

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|-----------------------|--|
| S. Sharmini           | — Tamil 1st prize, English 1st prize, Christianity 1st<br>prize, Western Music 1st prize, General Proficiency,<br>Grade VIII Tamil Essay 2nd prize<br>Minie Hastings Harrion Prize for English |
| N. Nalini             | — Carnatic Music 1st prize, Social Studies 1st prize,<br>Pre-Vocational Studies II 1st prize, Tamil 2nd prize,<br>General Proficiency,<br>Grade VIII Tamil Essay 1st prize                     |
| A. Seralathan         | — Hinduism 2nd prize   |
| R. Krishnamani        | — Home Science 2nd prize   |
| V. Sriharan           | — Art 1st prize, Christianity 2nd prize,<br>Pre-Vocational Studies 2nd prize   |
| S. Vimalendran        | — Mathematics 1st prize, Science 1st prize   |
| K. Raveendran         | — Mathematics 2nd prize  |
| T. Anpalagan          | — Junior Group Tamil Oratory 2nd prize   |
| T. V. S. Neethithevan | — Art 1st prize  |

### Grade 9 A

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| A. Mithiran    | — Pre-Vocational Studies II 1st prize  |
| T. Noel Suresh | — Christianity 1st prize   |
| A. B. Brodie   | — Western Music 1st prize<br>Edson Lockwood Memorial Prize for Western Music |
| V. Thevarajah  | — Western Music 2nd prize  |

### Grade 9 B

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| S. Sivashanker | — Science 1st prize, Mathematics 1st prize, Tamil<br>1st prize, Hinduism 1st prize, English 2nd prize,<br>General Proficiency<br>R. A. Naganather & Sornam Memorial Prize for<br>Mathematics |
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Noel Jeyakishan

— Art 1st prize  
Edson Lockwood Memorial Prize for Art

K. Murugathasan

— Pre-Vocational Studies II 2nd prize

S. Raveendran

— Art 2nd prize

N. Vasanthini

— Junior Group Tamil Oratory 1st prize, Tamil 2nd prize, Hinduism 2nd prize, General Proficiency

S. Yasotha

— Carnatic Music 1st prize  
Edson Lockwood Memorial Prize for Carnatic Music

T. Sathachchelv

— Carnatic Music 2nd prize

S. Puhalarajan

— Christianity 2nd prize

Patrick Rohan

— English 1st prize

### Grade 9 C

P. Thayakaran

— Mathematics 2nd prize

K. Sivakumaran

— Health & Physical Education 1st prize

M. Jeyanathan

— Agriculture 1st prize

S. Shanthini

— Grade 9 Tamil Essay 2nd prize

### Grade Up. 9

A. Ariatheepan

— Grade 9 Tamil Essay 1st prize

### H. N. C. E. Grade 10 A

M. Sundaralingam

— Chemistry 1st prize, Mathematics 2nd prize

S. Sivakandapoo

— Physics 1st prize

R. Lambotharan

— Intermediate Group Tamil Oratory 1st prize

K. Chithradevi

— Grade 10 Tamil Essay 2nd prize

### H. N. C. E. Grade 10 B

K. Shiyamala

— English 2nd prize, Physics 2nd prize

S. Sivamalar

— Grade 10 Tamil Essay 1st prize

R. Kalyani

— Tamil 1st prize, Biology 1st prize,  
Cultural Heritage 1st prize

D. M. R. Ratnarajah

— English 1st prize

A. Anandarajah

— Mathematics 1st prize, Physics 2nd prize,  
Chemistry 2nd prize

K. Wickneswaran

— Physics 1st prize, Intermediate Tamil Oratory  
2nd prize



## H. N. C. E. Grade 11

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|-----------------|---|
| K. Rajamalika   | — English 1st prize<br>A. S. Ponnampalam Memorial Prize in English  |
| V. Nallini      | — Tamil 1st prize, Biology 1st prize, Grade XI<br>(HNCE) Tamil Oratory 1st prize,<br>General Proficiency                                      |
| K. Vasanthi     | — Tamil 2nd prize   |
| A. Navamalar    | — Grade XI (HNCE) Tamil Essay 2nd prize   |
| S. Kalawathy    | — Cultural Heritage 1st prize   |
| K. Sooriyakumar | — Chemistry 1st prize, Physics 1st prize,<br>Mathematics 2nd prize, General Proficiency<br>Dr. & Mrs. Rasanayagam Memorial Prize in Chemistry |
| V. Easwaran     | — Physics 2nd prize   |
| B. Balachandran | — Mathematics 1st prize   |

## Grade XI Special Science

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|-----------------|---|
| N. Kalaivasan   | — Pure Mathematics 1st prize, Applied Mathematics<br>1st prize, General Proficiency |
| B. Anandakumar  | — Short Story Competition 2nd prize   |
| G. Sathiadevi   | — General Proficiency   |
| N. Sunthararuby | — Pure Mathematics 2nd prize  |
| C. Balanathan   | — Applied Mathematics 2nd prize, General Proficiency                                |
| M. S. Nirmala   | — General Proficiency   |
| S. Sumathy      | — Chemistry 1st prize, Botany 1st prize,<br>Zoology 1st prize, General Proficiency  |

## Grade XI Arts

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|----------------|---|
| G. Jeyasothy   | — Economics 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize, Christianity<br>1st prize, Grade XI Tamil Essay 2nd prize |
| S. Rajaseheram | — Grade XI Tamil Essay 1st prize  |

## Grade XII Arts

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|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| S. Rajeswary | — Tamil 1st prize                 |
| S. Bavani    | — Geography 1st prize             |
| S. Thanaraj  | — Grade XII Tamil Essay 1st prize |
| G. Nadarajah | — Grade XII Tamil Essay 2nd prize |



### Grade XII Mathematics

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|------------------|--|
| N. Uthayakumar   | — Physics 1st prize, Applied Mathematics 1st prize,<br>Pure Mathematics 2nd prize, General Proficiency |
| S. Vasudevan     | — Pure Mathematics 2nd prize, General Proficiency  |
| P. Inpa Kalayini | — Pure Mathematics 2nd prize, General Proficiency  |

### Grade XII Biology

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|--------------------|---|
| A. S. Nalakrishnan | — Physics 2nd prize   |
| S. Suthaharan      | — Zoology 2nd prize   |
| V. Thanaledchumi   | — Chemistry 1st prize<br>Dr. & Mrs. Rasanayagam Memorial Prize in Chemistry |
| K. Arunthavachelvi | — Botany 1st prize, Chemistry 2nd prize<br>General Proficiency              |
| S. Vathany         | — Zoology 1st prize   |

### Grade XII Special Science

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| S. Anandadevan | — Senior Group Tamil Oratory 2nd prize |
| N. Navanesan   | — Distinction in Applied Mathematics   |

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### Sports Awards — 1976

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| L. Satchithananthan | — Athletic colours  |
| T. Kesavan          | — Hockey colours  |
| V. S. Tharshan      | — Hockey colours and Soccer Colours   |
| K. Sasirathan       | — Soccer colours  |
| S. Jeyendran        | — Soccer colours and Special Bowling Prize  |
| B. Murugamoorthy    | — Batting Prize. Bowling Prize,<br>Special Bowling Prize<br>Cricketer of the year |

17th June, 1977.



# JAFFNA COLLEGE

## PRIZE - GIVING — 1978

CHIEF GUEST:

**Dr. Victor A. Benjamin**

AND

**Mrs. Benjamin**

ON

27th September, 1978.

### PROGRAMME

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CHAIRMAN:	<i>Principal</i>
HYMN:	<i>" God of Grace and God of Glory "</i>
PRAYER:	<i>Rev. S. N. Sugunananthan</i>
WELCOME:	<i>Junior School</i>
THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:	<i>A. Kadirgamar Esq.</i>
A NARRATION:	<i>Mas. S. Thevananthar</i>
PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:	<i>Mrs. V. A. Benjamin</i>
TAMIL SONG:	<i>Choir</i>
ADDRESS:	<i>Dr. V. A. Benjamin</i>
VOTE OF THANKS:	<i>Mas. G. J. Gunaseelan</i> <i>President, School Council</i> <i>Dr. (Mrs.) Sakunthalai</i> <i>Sri Nanthakumar</i>

COLLEGE SONG.



## Principal's Report — 1978

Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin, our Bishops Chairman and members of the Board of Directors, Parents, Alumni and Friends:

We extend to all of you a very hearty welcome to our Annual Prize-Giving, and we thank you for your kind presence here with us this evening. It is certainly an encouragement to have you all present here.

Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin, we welcome you into our midst not only as our honoured Chief Guests, but also as genuine and good friends of ours.

Dr. Benjamin, we have been impressed by your splendid all-round achievements as a student at St. John's College, Jaffna. You were a brilliant prize-winner in the higher forms of the school. You were an excellent Sportsman winning your colours in Athletics and captaining the Athletic Team. You were a member of the Ceylon Cadet Company, a senior Prefect of the College, and an active and devoted member of the Student Christian Movement of the College and later of the University. You gained admission to the Medical Faculty obtaining a first division and distinctions in Botany and Chemistry at the H. S. C. examinations, and an Exhibition at the

University preliminary examinations, and later secured the Jeejeebhoy Scholarship at the First M. B. B. S. examinations at the University.

After a very successful and brilliant career at the Medical College you served briefly as a Medical Officer, and for the past 19 years or more you have served the country as a very skilled surgeon, particularly in the important hospitals of Jaffna, Kandy and Colombo. You have also been a Surgeon in the University Teaching Hospitals and have served as an examiner in the Final M. B. B. S. Examinations. Besides the art and practice and teaching of surgery you have taken time to serve very effectively in several professional, religious and social organisations. You served as President of the Jaffna Medical Association, and the Government Medical Officers' Association, and was a member of the Medical Board of the J. D. C. S. I., a member of the Ashram and Navajeevanam Boards, a Warden of the St. John the Baptist Church, Chundikuli and you serve now as a member of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College.

Besides the skill of your healing knife, the healing influence



of your total personality warmed the hearts and minds of those who came under your benign influence. We have been guided by the incisive insights you brought to bear in all the committees and boards you served. Your devotion and commitment to the Church, to the Student Christian Movement and to other Christian causes have been a notable witness. You will always stand out as a worthy example to be followed in your professional, social and religious life.

Mrs. Saraswathy Benjamin is an old girl of Ladies College, Colombo and an Arts graduate of the University of Ceylon. She is no stranger to us, being the daughter of a distinguished alumnus of the College, the late Dr. A. W. Rasiah. Dr. A. W. Rasiah and his brothers particularly Mr. A. W. Nadarajah were most intimately connected with the College in the Alumni Associations and the Board of Directors of Jaffna College. Dr. Rasiah was an outstanding sportman and captained one of our best Soccer teams in 1915. Mrs. Benjamin, I am sure would have inherited something of the qualities of Jaffna College through her good father. We are happy to note that as a University woman you have given priority to the building up of a good home for your husband and children instead of being lured to some

other lesser worth-while job or profession. It is a privilege to have you here with us to distribute the prizes.

We thank you both for your presence with us and for the encouragement you have given us today. May God Bless and prosper you.

### **Ourselves :**

Jaffna College, its physical set up has now been restored to its rightful and proper status and this event was inevitable in the context of sanity and of justice with freedom. A Government committed to a Dharmista Society could not do less, and we remain grateful to all those who implemented the policy of the Government on the side of what was right, resonable and just, and for whatever action taken already. We now await the return of our valuable books, the expensive equipment and the solid furniture. We also expect the authorities concerned to compensate us adequately for all the loss and damage to property, moveable and immovable. Of course it will not be possible for anyone to compensate in a tangible way the losses incurred to the prestige and morale of a great school with a history, tradition and unique service of more than 150 years. It is common knowledge now that



the whole traumatic episode was unnecessary, unjust and reasonable. This tragic event will remain a sad blemish on the history of education in this country for a long time to come.

In a larger context, Jaffna College could never be taken away. "You could take over the buildings but not its spirit", said Mr. Dahanayake referring to the take-over of denominational schools some years ago. The sense and effect of being a part of 150 years of history with the collective wisdom involved — could not be erased from the minds of all those connected with the College. Jaffna College remains a way of life — a link between generations of contributors and benefactors.

The whole experience, however, is not without its valuable spiritual significance to us. As we struggled through these four years of darkness we yearned for light. Unworthy as we are, God in his mercy looked kindly on us. We have seen the glorious dawn of new day. "Jaffna College is a supreme example of the struggle for light by all enlightened community", wrote the American Mission historian, Dr. Fred Field Goodsell almost four decades ago. We have inherited something of that quality to struggle through strange odds with patience, faith and hope. We are reminded by

Professor Jurgen Moltmann that "Patience is the art of hope."

The German martyr and theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer expresses our predicament best at this point:

"For most people not to plan for the future means to live irresponsibly and frivolously, to live just for the moment, while some few continue to dream of better times to come. But we cannot take either of those courses. We are still left with only the narrow way, a way often hardly to be found, of living every day as if it were our last, yet in faith and responsibility living as though a great future still lay before us. "Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet again be bought in this land", cries Jeremiah just as the Holy City is about to be destroyed, a striking contrast to his previous prophecies of woe. It is a divine sign and pledge of better things to come, just when all seems blackest. Thinking and acting for the sake of the coming generation, but taking each day as it comes without fear and anxiety — that is the spirit in which we are being forced to live in practice. It is not



easy to be brave and hold out, but it is imperative!

And so we move forward again with faith, hope and courage and pray for God's guidance as we face the future. We are conscious of the sacred trust placed on us and may we be found faithful. We reaffirm our purpose as we sing the last stanza of the College Song — "The Light of Life is on her seal and may this College be, a place where all her sons shall feel that they the true Light see".

#### **In Memoriam:**

In the death of Mr. S. Handy Perinpanayagam we have lost one of the finest products of Jaffna College. He was a student, teacher and later a member of the Board of Directors representing the Alumni of the College. He joined the College as a student in 1914, and established a record in 1922 being one of the first two students passing the Intermediate Examination of the London University. As a teacher of Latin he had few equals. He was President of the Y. M. C. A., Warden of the Inter-Hostel and first President of the autonomous Teachers' Round Table. He started the Jaffna Youth Congress in 1924 and had the gift of firing many others with his ideals. He always acknowledged the great influence

Jaffna College had on his life and to quote his own words, he said, "I reached man's estate in the Bicknell home", which summarises adequately his intimate connections with his alma mater. We convey to the members of his family our deepest sympathies.

#### **Staff:**

There are 46 members on the staff, 31 in the Senior School and 15 in the Junior School. 28 are graduates with 18 holding Diplomas in Education or postgraduate qualifications; 15 are trained or specialist teachers; one each with G. S. Q., Advanced Level and ordinary level qualifications. Ten of our teachers are Jubilarians.

Mr. T. Ponnambalam retired from service at the end of 1977 after serving us for a period of almost 35 years. He joined the staff of Jaffna College in 1944 and taught most of the time in the Junior School teaching Music and Tamil, and Hinduism in the Senior School. He was a verna-cular trained teacher with special qualifications in Music. He toured Malaysia rendering Music recitals and was in great demand in Jaffna for his Kathapirasangams and Music recitals. His Tamil plays and variety entertainments were greatly appreciated. He was held in high esteem by his students, colleagues and administrators for



his exemplary professional qualities. He was to the very end a loyal and dedicated teacher, and he is now contributing his share to the Alumni Association as a member of its committee. We wish him well in his retirement, and convey our good wishes to him and his family. The Senior and Junior School Councils conducted the well-organised farewell functions for him.

Miss S. P. Gulasingam will complete her study leave at Chelsea College, University of London and will be returning to us at the end of this year qualified in the teaching of Integrated Sciences.

Mr. S. Sebanesan is also on study leave preparing for his Masters Degree in Tamil of the University of Madurai, and the Bachelor's Degree in Divinity of the University of Serampore, while being a resident student of the Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary, Madurai.

We congratulate the following staff members on their examination successes: Mrs. L. B. Thambirajah obtained the English Special Trained Teachers' Certificate; Mrs. M. D. Mithirathasan obtained the English Special Teachers' Trained Certificate and the L. T. C. L. in Music; Mr. Noel A. Vimalendran obtained the G. S. Q. Certificate of the University of

Sri Lanka. These qualifications were secured while the teachers were in service. Mr. N. Thatparanathan, obtained the Diploma in Education (Merit pass) and Mr. G. Rajanayagam, Diploma in Education, both of the University of Sri Lanka.

We want to welcome into our midst the following new teachers: Mr. T. Nithiaratnam, Physical Trained Instructor's Certificate of Lucknow; Mr. M. Vettivel, B. Sc. (Ceylon), Diploma in Education (Ceylon); and Miss M. Kularajasingham, G. C. E. (Ordinary Level). Mr. V. Ganesharatnam G. C. E. (O. L.) was appointed to the non-academic staff.

Mr. A. Rajasingham, our Vice-Principal completed 25 years of service in the College. He is an alumnus of the College and taught Mathematics in the Undergraduate Department and has been Head of the Department of Mathematics in the School. He was appointed Vice-Principal ten years ago. Being a wizard at figures his expert advice was always available wherever numbers were involved. He could state a problem precisely and concisely with deliberate cool calmness and if challenged would restate the problem with all the physical energy and volume of voice he could command and at the end of the stormy session we will all have a neat formula and



a satisfactory solution to all our thorny problems. I am fortunate in having a Vice-Principal with such brimstone and fire to solve most of my problems. Though best known as an efficient and very successful teacher of Mathematics in the Advanced Level classes he has given his services to several religious and professional organisations, particularly as Manager of the 'Morning Star', Treasurer of the J. D. C. S. I., Secretary of the Medical Board, the Northern Province Teachers' Association and to the Thrift and Benefit Societies of the College. We owe much to him and wish him many more years of useful service in our midst.

Mrs. R. S. Thambiah has completed 25 years of service at Jaffna College. She was the first teacher of Home Science in the College. It was a pioneering task and she has educated generations of girls who now conduct their homes efficiently. Organising social functions and catering for colourful socials and dinners has become such an easy and pleasant task for the College community here because of the impact of a good Home Science Department we have had here through these years. Mrs. Thambiah takes full credit for this happy state of affairs. She qualified further and obtained the M. Sc. in Euthenics of the

Kansas University, U. S. A. She also served as a very efficient Choir Mistress, and is presently a House Mistress, Head of a department and guidance counsellor for girls. While thanking her for the excellent work accomplished we wish her many more years of service in the College.

It is my pleasure and privilege today to record my own 25 years of service in the College which includes one and half years as Vice-Principal and ten years as Principal. I joined the College as a student in 1946 arriving from Malaya immediately after the second World War and have ever since been involved intimately with the life of this institution. Someone remarking on Jubilarians who are teachers said that some of them have only one years experience repeated twenty five times over! But I can assure you that it was not so in my case for I had a variety of tasks to perform in these 25 years and each new day was an adventure in itself for better for worse. It certainly has been a thrilling experience to be so closely associated with growing and developing children and youth throbbing with precious life and to observe generations of them blossoming forth into manhood and womanhood with spectacular achievements in life. There certainly can be



no better reward in life than to watch this splendid human scene unfold itself before one's eyes as one relaxes in the afternoon or evening of one's life. This is a school teacher's unique privilege. It has been a wonderful opportunity and a deeply satisfying experience to serve one's alma mater for so long, and I take this opportunity to thank all my students, colleagues, alumni, parents, friends and members of the Board of Directors of the College for the encouragement and friendship given to me at all times. At this time I also crave the generosity of your forgiveness for all my failings and short comings.

### **On Roll :**

The number on roll is 277 in the Junior School and 505 in the Senior School making a total of 782 of whom 75 are boarders, as against 673 enrolled at this time last year. We admitted 163 new students this year of which 104 were admitted to the Junior School and 59 to the Senior School. We may be able to increase our enrolment with more space available soon.

### **Examination Results :**

At the G. C. E. Advanced Level Examination April, 1977, 82 sat and 44 were successful in three or four subjects and 14 were

admitted to the University distributed as follows: 3 for Medicine, 2 for Engineering, 3 for Agriculture, 1 for Architecture, and 5 for Physical Sciences.

One student in the Junior School was awarded a scholarship at the Fifth Standard Scholarship Examination held by the Department of Education.

### **Curriculum :**

We have had to readjust again to changes with the re-introduction of the G. C. E. Ordinary Level and Advanced Level classes, giving up the N. C. G. E. and the H. N. C. E. classes. There is still no real substitute to formal education and this seems to be the general opinion in most countries in the world today and all innovations in Education have to take second place in the scheme of things. The students who appeared for the N. C. G. E. Examinations in 1975 and 1976 are still groping in the dark, losing much valuable time still preparing for the University entrance examinations that does not seem to take place. Some justice must be done to these group of students.

The present G. C. E. (Ordinary Level) curriculum does not really encourage the study of Arts and the humanities as Social



Studies is given up by most students in the Grade 9 level. There must be some way of including Social Studies in the core of the curriculum so that it is not treated merely as an optional subject.

We welcome the emphasis given to English by the Ministry of Education as an important and compulsory second language.

A matter that causes much concern to educationalists, parents and students is the very long period of wasted time that lapses between the University entrance examination and the actual admission of students to the University on the results of these examinations. It now takes almost one and half years for students to be admitted after they appear for the admission examination, and a very valuable period in their developing academic life is lost to themselves and to the University itself. We hope the authorities concerned will view this matter seriously and stop this wastage of academic and human potential.

We have formed the G. C. E. (Advanced Level) classes preparing for the London University Examinations in June, 1979 as a trial. Students appearing for these examinations will need a sound knowledge of English. We will be able to comment on the success

of the scheme a year or two later. There is great keenness shown by students and parents here and abroad in these classes and there are pressures to have the Ordinary Level classes preparing for the London examination too to be organised here. We are seriously studying the feasibility of conducting the classes.

### **School Activities :**

#### **SPORTS :**

##### **Cricket :**

The First Team in Cricket was captained by V. Sutharshan. We played 7 matches of which we won 2, drew 3 and lost 2. The under 16 Cricket Team was captained by S. Kathiraj. Of the 8 matches played, we won 1, drew 2 and lost the rest. The Under 14 Cricket Team was captained by T. Nithiraj; six matches were played, of which we won 2, drew 2 and lost 2. We are doing our best to improve our standards in Cricket.

##### **Athletics :**

We had a fairly successful season in Athletics and the team was captained by S. Jeyendran. Mr. & Mrs. S. Rajanayagam were the Chief Guests at the Annual Inter House Athletic Meet at which Hastings House annexed the championship. A. J. Bavani broke the Putt Shot record for



girls in the Senior group and V. Kumudini, the High Jump record in the Intermediate group. M. Uthayakumar created new records in the Javelin Throw, 400 Metres and 800 Metres in the Boys Under 17 group. We also want to congratulate him in obtaining a second place in the Javelin Throw at the Sri Lanka Schools Athletic Meet. The Athletic Team won five First places, three second places, and two third places in the West Zone Athletic Meet for seniors.

### Soccer:

Our First XI Soccer Team captained by S. Jeyendran, played 7 matches of which we won 2, drew 2 and lost 3. Our Second XI team was first captained by S. Mohanrajah and later by S. Sooriyakumar; of the 9 matches played we won 3, drew 1 and lost 5. The Third XI Team was captained by M. Premakumar and they participated in all the friendly matches.

### Hockey :

The Inter School Tournaments did not take place this year.

### Swimming & Tennis:

The Swimming and the Student Tennis Clubs have been functioning well.

### Cross Country Sports Festival:

The Festival as usual enjoyable and colourful with large number of participants both boys and girls. Mr. & Mrs. C. F. J. Richards were the Chief Guests. The performances of the following students are noteworthy :

### Cross Country Race:

Senior Boys — L. Satchitha  
nanthan

Junior Boys — T. Nithiraj

Senior Girls — S. Vasanthy

Junior Girls — S. Shanthini

My thanks are due to the members of the Sports Committee, the House Masters and Mistresses, Coaches and Captains, and especially to Mr. T. Anandratnam, the acting Physical Director for all the hard work put into our Sports activities. With more facilities available now we should regain our standards in Sports particularly in Cricket.

**Junior School :**

All the usual activities and functions of the Junior School were carried out. Mas. Paul Thevarajah was elected President of the Junior School Council. Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Canagarajah were the Chief Guests at the Annual Inter House Athletic Meet. A Tamil Kalakam was formed and bi-weekly meetings were held, and the Gandhi Day



celebrated. A Science Club was formed and bi-weekly meetings were held. An English and Tamil Debating Club too was formed. A variety entertainment was held at the end of term.

### **Girl Guides, Little Friends &**

#### **Scouts :**

These groups have been meeting regularly. The Scouts have been holding outdoor camps. Mr. & Mrs. T. S. Oppenheim have presented the troupe with a set of tents. More students have enrolled themselves into the Cub-pack and Scout troupe.

### **Religious Activities :**

All our religious programmes have been carried out fully and we have made special efforts to make our worship programmes, vesper services, staff prayers and Hostel prayers more meaningful and with wider participation. The S. C. M. has been as active as ever, and the Y. M. C. A. has been re-organised and strengthened. The Choir have rendered useful service at Christmas time and at the Vesper Services. We are grateful to our student leaders, members of the staff, special speakers and preachers for their services rendered. My thanks are due to Mr. G. Rajanayagam for helping me to organise this work.

### **Hostels :**

We have a few more students in the Hostels now and we are able to provide a comfortable Hostel for girls because the University authorities have returned the Hostel to us. Mrs. M. D. Mithirathan has been appointed as the Warden of the Girls' Hostel. We want to thank Mrs. T. Rajadurai for all the help rendered in housing the girls during the last four years. The Boarders' Day was celebrated as usual.

### **Literary Associations :**

The Lyceum, Forum, Brotherhood and the Academy celebrated their annual functions with the usual colour and gaiety. Prof. S. Vithiananthan, President of the Jaffna Campus and Mrs. Vithiananthan were the Chief Guests at the Annual Academy dinner.

### **'Young Idea' :**

The student paper 'Young Idea' is published regularly for internal circulation only. This helps to encourage student journalism and management.

### **Miscellany :**

The Miscellany was published covering the period 1972 to 1976. Next year, 1979 will be the centenary year of the publication of the Miscellany.



### **School Council:**

The School Council headed by K. Sritharan carried out all their routine duties very faithfully.

### **The Welfare Work:**

The Welfare Work has been carried out very well. My thanks are due to the Welfare Officer, Mr. K. A. Selliah.

### **Bunker Memorial Lectures:**

The Bunker Memorial Lectures were held after a lapse of four years. Professor S. Arasaratnam, a distinguished alumnus of the College, who is now a Professor of History at the University of New England, Armidale, Australia, delivered three lectures at the Trimmer Hall, Jaffna on the topic, "Christianity, Traditional Cultures and Nationalism — the South Asian Experience". The lectures were very well attended and received with much acclamation. The lectures are now available in print to a wider audience.

### **Alumni:**

The Alumni Association in Jaffna had its Annual General Meeting after a lapse of three years. I want to thank all the office-bearers and members of the out-going Committee, and welcome the office-bearers and members of the new Committee. The Alumni Representative to the Board of

Directors has to be elected yet as Mr. R. J. Selvaratnam's period of service on the Board is over. We are reminded that 1979 is the centenary year of the Alumni Association.

The Colombo branch of the Alumni Association plans to hold its Annual General Meeting and dinner on Saturday the 4th of November with Dr. & Mrs. W. R. Holmes as the Chief Guests.

We have been receiving several letters of encouragement and contributions towards the Prize-Giving from alumni in and out of Sri Lanka. We have also been privileged to have the affectionate visits of alumni abroad while holidaying in Sri Lanka. My wife and I were able to visit several alumni and friends of the College in USA and Canada during our stay at the Rhode Island Congregational Churches in Providence, USA, during the third term of 1977. We had a fairly large group of alumni at a dinner party in Toronto at the home of Mr. & Mrs. T. Arulrajan at which Mr. A. Gunanayagam, our former teacher and Mrs. Gunanayagam were also present. Mr. Gunanayagam now serves as our liaison officer for alumni in Canada.

### **Our Missionaries:**

We were able to visit the following missionaries in USA.



They are: Mrs. Ruth Bunker, Mrs. Dorothy Lockwood, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Holmes, Dr. M. H. Harrison, Rev. & Mrs. Robert Frey, Mr. & Mrs. T. Oppenheim, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Maust, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Yocum; and may I also include in this group Mr. & Mrs. Carl Holdridge and Dr. & Mrs. Telfer Mook.

We were also fortunate in having the following former missionaries and other friends who served at Jaffna College earlier revisiting us this year. They are — Mrs. Bavinck and children, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Merrick Lockwood and children Mr. Klaus Hazel and Mr. Hans Scheen.

You will be happy to know that Dr. & Mrs. W. R. Holmes have arrived in Sri Lanka and will be in Jaffna soon, and they will be here with us for a period of three years. We are also hoping to have the visit of Mr. John Bicknell Jr., and Mrs. Bicknell soon.

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

Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam, the Vice-Chairman of the Board left us on sabbatical and I want to thank him for the very valuable services rendered to the Board for several years. He is now the new Chairman of Jaffna College

Technical and Agricultural Institute Council. Our thanks are also due to Mr R. J. Selvaratnam, the outgoing alumni representative on the Board. Bishop Kulendran returns to the Board as a nominee of the Diocese, and Mr. R. J. Thurairajah was re-elected to the Board as Staff representative. Mr. J. M. Sabaratnam remains the Chairman of the Board and its Executive Committee, Mr. S. S. Selvadurai as Secretary, Mr. K. A. Selliah as the Treasurer, Mr. S. Rajanayagam as Manager and authorised representative. My sincere thanks are due to the Chairman and members of the Board for all the time and concern given to the affairs of the Institution.

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

The Board of Trustees took the opportunity of the Principal's visit to the Rhode Island Conference of Churches in U. S. A. for a special meeting with Trustees on November 2nd, 1977 at the Union Club, which is a block away from the historical headquarters at 14, Beacon Street and just opposite the Boston Commons. The following were present: Mrs. Ruth Bunker (Chairperson), Dr. Telfer Mook (Secretary), Mr. Carl Holdridge (Treasurer), Messrs. Loomis Patrick, Russel Palmer, Chandler Butler, Robert Day,



Doctors M. H. Harrison, W. R. Holmes and Mrs. James Allen. The Principal, Mrs. Kadirgamar and Mrs. Holmes were invited as guests. Mr. Frank Sanders, Jr., was the only member absent due to feeble health. Mr. C. B. Bavinck takes the place of the late Mr. Lockwood.

Several matters of mutual interest were discussed at this meeting.

Dr. Telfer Mook and seventeen other directors of the United Church Board for World Ministries visited the Jaffna Diocese and the College at the beginning of this year. These visits too have helped to strengthen the bonds between Jaffna College and the U. C. B. W. M., and compensates to some extent what we have lost in resident missionary personnel.

### Thanks :

I want to place on record my gratitude to all member of the staff, academic, clerical and minor for another year of work in the cause of the College.

A special word of thanks to the Vice-Principal, Mr. A. Rajasingham, the Supervisor of the Junior School, Miss M. S. Elias, the Treasurer of the Board, Mr. K. A. Selliah, Mr. S. Rajanayagam, the Manager and Authorised Representative of the College and to the Bursar, Mr. W. J. Balasingham.

And, now to God, the Father, who is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we may ask or think, be all glory, honour and praise.

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"The best physicians are Dr. Diet,  
Dr. Quiet and Dr. Merryman".



## Prize-Day Address

Dr. Victor A. Benjamin

Chief Guest

Mr. Kadirgamar (the Principal), the teachers and other members of the staff of Jaffna College, the present and past students of Jaffna College, our Bishops, the Chairman and fellow members of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am deeply conscious of the great honour bestowed upon my wife and myself, being the Chief Guests today, and no words can adequately express our sentiments of thankfulness and gratitude to the Principal and members of the staff for having made it inescapable for us to be with you in any other capacity at this great event I am one of you, despite my inability, to claim to have studied at Jaffna College. In all humility, I prefer to interpret this gesture on your part, at a time when you are coincidentally rejoicing and celebrating the release and return to you of your treasured possessions, which in 1974 were traumatically excised from you, with armed guards at the arbitrary boundary line beyond which alone you were permitted to exist, as your desire to honour the two educational institutions in Jaffna, wherein I had my entire school

career, for you, along with those two Christian Institutions, Chundikuli Girls' College, and St. John's College share the common distinction of establishing beyond all doubts, proving to the poor, the people, the powers that be, and to the whole world that what all considered impossible, has been abundantly possible; when both the ordinary, and the intellectual thinking was that Jaffna College, and the two Colleges where I was privileged to study were voluntarily and obtusely choosing the suicidal path to early extinction, electing to be PRIVATE NON-FEE LEVYING SCHOOLS, you survived the storms in the face of repressions and restraints, functioned with full vitality on the path of challenge, asserting your WILL to be true to the noble causes and calling of those who founded and toiled in such institutions; you have flourished and flowered and enlightened the world that there is a place for private schools, which while conforming to all the policies of the state, have the right to impart a Christian atmosphere and influence, although Christians form only a small minority in this land.



## THE PRIZE GIVING — 1978



Dr. V. A. Benjamin, F. R. C. S. the Chief Guest  
delivering the Prize Day Address



## THE PRIZE GIVING – 1978



Mrs. Benjamin distributing the prizes



I am inclined to disagree with you, Mr. Principal, when you say "it will not be possible for anyone to compensate in a tangible way the losses incurred to the prestige and morale of a great school...", when you refer to the critical period in your history you have passed through. You lost neither prestige, nor your morale. I will prefer to look upon the last 4 years as the most glorious years in your history. Your morale was at its highest, as you travelled those difficult years with confidence and conviction that no force on earth can conscript, constrict, or contrain you, and you have come through without blemish, stain or flaw. During those 4 years, God in His ways wrapt in mystery, permitted Jaffna College to suffer agitation, anxiety, affliction and agony in a unique and unmatched way, when He used the secular state to utilise the best parts of your valued possessions as a component or condensed nucleus in the inauguration of the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka, a historical fact now. Why were you chosen to make the sacrifice? It was because, right from the time of the foundation of your College and it's predecessor, the Batticotta Seminary in 1823, your institution was ahead of time, and in your possessions, the experts and advisers

delegated into the responsibility of implementing the previous Government's policy of giving Jaffna a University, got dazzled by your excellence, or envious of your expertise, or perhaps both, and recognised in you, everything needed for inception of an 'instantaneous University'. How then can you feel that you lost 'prestige' when your prestige was being reckoned very high, particularly at places most unkind and unsympathetic to you.

In God's plan, the University of Sri Lanka planted in, or on Jaffna soil, in two fragments 4 years ago. has developed and expanded on more appropriate locations, and as the Vaddukoddai component of that University Campus withdraws out of Vaddukoddai, you regain what was extracted from you by force; during the last 4 years, you would have realised more fully than ever before, the value of your potentialities and possessions. I haven't the slightest doubt that as you reclaim your territory, you will see the sad spectacle of it being delivered to you soiled, damaged, disintegrated, dismembered and perhaps even desecrated to the extent that you can never receive adequate compensation, but at no time did you suffer loss of prestige. On the contrary,



you have contributed at high cost to yourself, very richly to the prestige that the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka has, and this too is now an unalterable historical fact.

I find in the narrative *Glimpses* into your past, presented by your students at your Ter-Jubilee Year Prize-Giving, a year before your traumatic experience of 1974, there is reference to 'the Beginnings', followed in sequence by 'the Hastings Era', 'the Bicknell Era', 'the Bunker Era', and finally by what is described as 'the Modern Era'. I boldly predict that in years, to come, the so-called 'Modern Era' will be recorded as '*the Kadirgamar Era*'. Your 10 years as Principal of Jaffna College is but the beginnings of the 'Kadirgamar Era', and it is not without significance that twice in your life-time, you have gone through 4 year periods of testing, the earlier occasion being during the World War II, when Japan entered the scene of fighting. You have been 'baked' or 'matured' by these episodes, and you emerge now better equipped to assess, foresee, and prepare yourselves for the needs, challenges, goals, direction and destiny of the future, which calls for re-thinking, re-organisation, reflection, re-moulding, reformation, reintegration and reconciliation, with new visions,

wider and more distant horizons, deeper insight, and with a firm grip of realities on the local, national and international ever-changing scenes. The words inscribed on the Jaffna Colleges Crest, 'JESUS CHRIST THE LIGHT OF LIGHT OF LIFE' and the words inscribed on the crest of of the College I studied at which translated into English means 'LIGHT SHINETH IN DARKNESS' are gems of truth. As long as you retain awareness that God is your source of supply, for all your needs, you may without any tinge of malices thank God for the persons, individuals and the Government that 4 years ago caused trauma to you, and for the persons, individuals and the present Government that restores to you (as best as situation permits), what belonged to you.

I am delighted, Mr. Principal, that you welcome the emphasis now given to English by the Ministry of Education, and the making of English a compulsory second language in the schools. The older members in this distinguished gathering will recall how, and in what circumstances, the iniquitous act was passed in the House of Representatives, and in the Senate, making *Sinhala the ONLY OFFICIAL LANGUAGE* in our country. This happened in 1956. All our children born after



1956, those born a little earlier, but who commenced their schooling in or around 1956, and those who were already in the primary schools of our land in 1956, thus had their school education, and at a later stage at the University too, instruction, thinking and learning, either in the Sinhala Language, or in the Tamil Language. The few exceptions who were allowed to study in English were fortunate. It is well known that many educated elders who proclaimed and pushed education for the masses in Sinhala or Tamil, give their own offspring the benefits of sound education in English often with competence in other foreign languages as well. Closer home, some of our eloquent elders who advocated that our children should study in Tamil, and refrain from gaining knowledge or competence in Sinhala, have their own children who also came to be affected by the events of 1956 holding high positions in the state sector, competent, skilled, able and actually performing their tasks, discharging their responsibilities with equal efficiency in English Sinhala and Tamil. 1956 was 22 years ago. To my reckoning, all who in 1956 were of the ages of 10 years and under, i. e., those who now are under the age group of 32 years and less, have been adversely affected by the policy of neglect of the

English Language The thin edge of the destructive wedge which has been hampered with divisive force since then, not only by the extremists, but also by sections of the best of the cultured, English educated elite on both sides, produced on the national scene, a social dehiscence, to which as sequence, got added in very generous amounts, bitterness, the animosity, frustrations, pseudo-nationalism and pseudo-patriotism, the inevitable result of which was the exodus of some of the best talent of our country from the age group of around 35 years and above, on the one hand, and the violent unwanted social convulsions on the other. Language became a delicate and sensitive subject for discussion at the beginning of that unfortunate era, and then language if referred to in 'good circles' emerged as an expression of 'bad-taste' later followed fairly soon as a matter of controversy charged with emotion and utter un-reasonableness quickly, and currently has become a dangerously explosive subject now. In this context, the keenness of the Government to recognise the importance and need for English as part of Education is a bold step. More than half the population of our country will be under the age group of 32 years, who have had their full education either in Sinhala or in Tamil. Their access



to information in the various disciplines of science and technology has been limited, and as a result, the country has suffered damage. As a doctor, I boldly assert that while our skills and competences are passed on to younger members of my profession, who learn a lot by apprenticeship as students and as junior colleagues, we still use far too many techniques and methods discarded in other parts of the world. This is partly due to poor English, and partly due to economic factors. For example, we still have all our laboratory reports in hospitals in our country expressed in obsolete units, while other countries have adopted the Standard International Units for routine work. The prize we have paid for neglect of English has been losing sight that we belong to a global or international community.

During the past 5 years, I have had the privilege of teaching medical students at our Medical Schools, and I have been able to observe the impact and the damage the neglect of English has done to medical education in our country, because I have been able to compare this experience of the last 6 years with knowledge I had as a member of the academic staff of the Medical Faculty in Colombo for 2 years from the middle of 1953.

I do believe that an identical situation exists in other spheres of studies.

I am confident that the 'Kadirgamar Era' of Jaffna College will also be one, where Jaffna College will continue to be several steps ahead of the rest of the country, in education in its widest sense, and a return to good English, and better English will draw into Jaffna College, students from all parts of Sri Lanka, as it happened earlier in its illustrious history. I am 100% sure that our children, and most parents will opt for a sound education in English, if facilities are made available for instruction, imparting of knowledge and dialogue in English. But you will face resistance to giving proper emphasis to English, not only from political forces, but also from generations of teachers in this country, who are at present able to effectively conceal that they are several years behind time, by eloquence in the national languages. Eloquence is often mistaken for knowledge, and it is unfortunate that this disaster is a reality not only in the schools, but in the higher temples of learning, the Universities too. The greater tragedy is when eloquence gets equated to possession of foresight and attributes needed for leadership, or when bluff with showmanship gets mis-



interpreted as expressions of loyalty and efficiency.

‘Rivers never flow backwards’ quoted one of the greatest intellects of this land, when with great eloquence, he defended the revolutionary changes ushered in, which coincided with the era of commencement of neglect of education in English in this country. The truism that the natural phenomenon of rivers never flowing backwards was projected with imagination to include and cover all changes invoked, invented and introduced uncompromisingly, as irreversible processess which could not be retrieved. But we in contemporary Sri Lanka have witnessed what man can do to mighty rivers. Barriers or dams have been carefully constructed across the path of rivers, to halt the flow along unwanted or wasteful and unproductive paths; waters flowing down the rivers have been given new directions and destinations, altering the course of nature and environment, landscape and scenery, generating better utilisation of our resources with purpose and profit, for the betterment of our people. Why cannot we do the same thing to the streams of Education? Giving recognition to the importance of English, and returning to emphasise the need for a good foundation and a place for English in the

educational curriculum in schools amounts to diverting the direction along which the streams of education have flown in our country. I do hope that the different language streams do not take the youth of our land in different directions, but that each language stream will be but a tributary, and that the English, the Tamil and the Sinhala tributaries will converge, meet and merge into a single mighty river surging with life towards the goals of peace, prosperity, dignity and mutual recognition of the worth and value of every stream or rivulet which served as a tributary, regardless of the source or origin, path and identity of every single tributary.

This is the vision I will like to leave as a thought, worthy and meriting reflection upon, and I do hope that when your College celebrates its 200th anniversary, and its history be reviewed then, the chapter that will emerge as the ‘Kadigamar Era’ will reveal that Jaffna College carried the torch of light many steps ahead of the rest in Sri Lanka, illuminating the path along which the principalities and powers, the people and the proletariat, progressed towards peace and prosperity, freedom and justice, proving your conception of the ‘LIGHT OF LIFE’.



My privilege today carries responsibilities as well, and my charge will be incomplete without a special word to the 782 students on the roll of Jaffna College today. Your presence in Jaffna College today is not due to any accident or chance, You have been chosen to redeem, re-create, renew afresh, retain and reverberate the life and activity with greater energy than has been ever before, as participants in the process of re-structuring the part of Jaffna College that returns to you. In this respect, everyone of you are prize-winners, winners of a prize each, which imposes on you a sacred trust. In this context, I wish to remind the students that the way of life in this College had differed from student-life in other educational institutions in this country, in that you are not subject to the visible disciplinary controls and restraints that teachers are normally expected to exercise over you; you have the heritage and high tradition where you as students have been enjoying a very large measure of independence, and have been collectively responsible for the exemplary conduct within and outside your College Campus. The Principal and the staff are there to give you guidance, counselling, and help, but it is you, the students, who constitute the pulsating life and light of the

College. Removal of territory, grounds, building, library, halls and class-rooms, and several members of the staff as well did not erase the College. But if the students alone had been removed from the scene, there would have been no College, even if the staff and buildings remained. The undergraduate department which Jaffna College was proud of, ceased to exist 4 years ago. It is up to you, the present students of Jaffna College, and those who follow you in the years to come, to take by surprise and startle the world, by re-structuring with strategy, the salvaged remains of the undergraduate department that was erased 4 years ago, into a new area of activity that will embrace not only an undergraduate department, but also a postgraduate institute, and that your efforts will bear fruits that will not be a mere substitute for what ceased to exist 4 years ago, but will have substance to supersede everything of it's like, in this land and elsewhere. Do not dig for fossils in the defaced debris that will become available to you. It is up to you to furnish the fabric and texture, the genius, grit and sublime spirit, as sentinels, of the future, as you enter a new exacting exalted exceedingly exciting era in the life of Jaffna College. You have only to look at the words on your College crest, to show you the path ahead.



# Prize List — 1977

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### Grade 1

1. Kulasingham R. — E. C. Jesudason Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Hinduism 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize, Arithmetic 1st prize, Art 2nd prize, Handicraft 2nd prize.
2. Arulanantham S. — J. C. Amarasingham Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Arithmetic 1st prize, Handicraft 1st prize, Hinduism 2nd prize, Tamil 2nd prize.
3. Linda Thivyananthi A. — R. C. S. Cooke Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Christianity 1st prize, Music 2nd prize, Arithmetic 2nd prize.
4. Swaran P. — Mr. Thomas Rajadurai Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Christianity 1st prize, Arithmetic 1st prize.
5. Sairam V. — Mrs. Annammah Sinnathamby Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Arithmetic 1st prize, Tamil 2nd prize.
6. Pamathy R. — General Proficiency
7. Naveena K. — Christianity 1st prize. Music 1st prize.
8. Alwin D. — Tamil 2nd prize.

### Grade 2

1. Sripathy B. — Mr. Louis S. Ponniah Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Tamil 1st prize. Hinduism 1st prize, Env. Studies 1st prize, Tamil Singing 1st prize, Art 1st prize, Arithmetic 2nd prize.
2. Thiruparankirinathan S. — K. Kanagaratnam Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Tamil 1st prize, Hinduism 1st prize. Tamil Singing 1st prize, English Writing 2nd prize.
3. Sriharan S. — Nathan Rajamuthiah Manickavasagan Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Tamil 1st prize, Arithmetic 1st prize, Env. Studies 2nd prize, Handicraft 2nd prize, English spelling 1st prize.



4. Jesmy K. — Rev. & Mrs. R. C. P. Welch Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Christianity 1st prize, Art  
1st prize, Handicraft 1st prize, English Spelling  
2nd prize.
5. Kalayini M. — General Proficiency, Tamil Singing 1st prize,  
Christianity 2nd prize.
6. Yathavakrishnan K. — General Proficiency.
7. Skanthakumar B. — General Proficiency.
8. Pathmarajah B. — General Proficiency.
9. Bavani K. — Tamil Writing 1st prize.
10. Umesh S. — English Writing 1st prize, Tamil Writing 2nd prize.
11. Segaran G. — English Spelling 2nd prize.

### Grade 3

1. Prebhabaran M. — S. R. Beadle Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Arithmetic 1st prize, Art  
1st prize, Env. Studies 2nd prize, Handicraft  
2nd prize.
2. Keshini D. — K. V. George Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Tamil 1st prize, Arithmetic  
2nd prize, English 1st prize, Env. Studies 1st  
prize, Tamil Singing 1st prize, Tamil Spelling  
1st prize, Tamil Writing 1st prize, English  
Spelling 1st prize, English Writing 1st prize.
3. Meena R. — General Proficiency, Tamil 2nd prize, Art 2nd  
prize, Tamil Writing 2nd prize.
4. Harichandra T. — Mr. & Mrs. G. N. C. Ponnampalam Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Christianity 1st prize,  
Handicraft 1st prize.
5. Eswaranantham T. — S. Thiagarajah Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, English 2nd prize,  
Env. Studies 2nd prize, English Spelling 2nd prize.
6. Gamini T. — General Proficiency, Christianity 1st prize.
7. Sugirthavarni S. — General Proficiency, Needle Work 2nd prize.
8. Subajini T. — General Proficiency.
9. Malini V. — Needle Work 1st prize, English Writing 2nd prize.
10. Swarnalatha S. — Tamil Spelling 2nd prize.
11. Suseeladevy A. — English 2nd prize.



## Grade 4

1. Jeshura T. — Mrs. Marjorie Jeyasingham Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Christianity 1st prize, Art  
1st prize, Arithmetic 1st prize, English Singing  
1st prize, Tamil Singing, Handicraft,  
Tamil Writing 2nd prize, English Spelling 2nd prize.
2. Balashanker D. — Rev. & Mrs. V. M. John Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, English 1st prize, Tamil  
1st prize, Env. Studies 2nd prize, Tamil Singing,  
English Singing 1st prize, Arithmetic 2nd prize,  
Tamil Spelling 2nd prize.
3. Krishnavalli K. — Mrs. Thavaratnam Nadarajah Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Needle Work 1st Prize,  
Tamil 2nd prize, Art.
4. Priyadharshini V. — Kanagasooriam Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Hinduism 1st prize, Tamil  
Singing, English Writing Second prize,  
English Spelling 1st prize.
5. Jeshurajah G. J. — Christianity 2nd prize, Handicraft.
6. Vathanan V. — General Proficiency, Hinduism 2nd prize,  
Tamil Writing 1st prize.
7. Kalanithy R. — Tamil Singing.
8. Kulendran K. — General Proficiency, Env. Studies 1st prize.
9. Baskaran A. — Handicraft.
10. Sathiaselvi T. — General Proficiency.
11. Sivasakthy N. — General Proficiency, Art 2nd prize.
12. Dayalini M. — Tamil Singing.
13. Dushyanthy S. — General Proficiency, Tamil Spelling 1st prize.
14. Sakunthala N. — General Proficiency, English Writing 1st prize.
15. Nithiyananthan K. — Handicraft.
16. Sashila T. — Needle Work 2nd prize.

## Grade 5

1. Krishna Jeyanthi K. — P. W. Ariyaratnam Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Hinduism 1st prize, Tamil  
1st prize, English 1st prize, Env. Studies 1st prize,  
English Writing 1st prize, Tamil Spelling 2nd prize.



2. Joe Chittrajan A. — J. A. Selladurai Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Handicraft 1st, Tamil  
2nd prize, Arithmetic 2nd prize, Art 2nd prize.
3. Krishanthan P. — C. C. Kanapathipillai Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Christianity 1st prize,  
Arithmetic 1st prize.
4. Senthilkumaran S. — Dr. J. T. Amarasingham Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Art 1st prize. Handicraft  
2nd prize.
5. Gunathilagan G. J. — General Proficiency, Hinduism 2nd prize.
6. Vijayaragavan S. — Rev. G. D. Thomas Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, English 1st prize.
7. Devayogarane M. — General Proficiency, English Spelling 1st prize.
8. Seetha V. — General Proficiency, English Writing 2nd prize,  
English Spelling 2nd prize.
9. Mahilrajan S. — Christianity 2nd prize, Tamil Singing 2nd prize.
10. Rajani D. — Tamil Singing 2nd prize, Tamil Writing 1st prize.
11. Suganthini N. — Needle Work 2nd prize.
12. Caroline Thulasi M. — Tamil Singing 1st prize.
13. Jeyanthi N. — Needle Work 1st prize.
14. Latha Jeyanthi A. — Tamil Spelling 1st prize.
15. Shanthini S. — Tamil Writing 2nd prize.

## Grade 6

1. Navukarasi V. — Mr. & Mrs. J. N. Appadurai Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Tamil 1st prize, English  
1st prize, Science 2nd prize, Social Studies 2nd  
prize, Physical Education 2nd prize, Carnatic  
Music 1st prize, Home Science 1st prize,  
Mechanical Drawing 1st prize, Needle Work 1st  
prize, Tamil Spelling 1st prize, English Writing  
1st prize.
2. Raveendran M. — K. Arumugam Memorial Prize  
General Proficiency, Social Studies 1st prize,  
Tamil 2nd prize, Physical Education 1st prize,  
Art 1st prize, Wood Work 1st prize, Tamil Writing  
2nd prize, Tamil Spelling 2nd prize, English  
Spelling 1st prize.
3. Vijeyananthan V. — Hinduism 2nd prize, Mechanics 1st prize.



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| 4. Anushya S.      | — English 1st prize, Western Music 1st prize,<br>English Spelling 2nd prize. |
| 5. Ranjini S.      | — Carnatic Music 2nd prize, Tamil Spelling 2nd prize.                        |
| 6. Mohanakumar A.  | — Art 2nd prize.   |
| 7. Keith Daniel B. | — Mechanical Drawing 2nd prize.  |
| 8. Suganthi N.     | — Needle Work 2nd prize.   |
| 9. Vijeyakumar R.  | — Tamil Writing 1st prize.   |
| 10. Jeyamalar      | — English Writing 2nd prize.   |

## Grade 7

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| 1. Nesanantbar S.   | — R. K. Arulampalam Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, Hinduism 1st prize, Tamil<br>2nd prize, Science 1st prize, Physical Education<br>2nd prize, Art 1st prize, Agriculture 1st prize,<br>Mechanical Drawing 1st prize, Mechanics 1st prize. |
| 2. Yarlini K.       | — S. Kulasingham Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, Christianity 2nd prize,<br>Tamil 1st prize, Social Studies 1st prize,<br>Carnatic Music 2nd prize, Mechanical Drawing<br>2nd prize, English Writing 1st prize.                             |
| 3. Pathmini K.      | — S. Thievendrapillai Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, English 1st prize, Hinduism<br>2nd prize, Social Studies 2nd prize, Physical<br>Education 1st prize, English Spelling 2nd prize.  |
| 4. Easwarakumar R.  | — Caroline Thiraviam Memorial Prize<br>General Proficiency, Natural Resources 1st prize.   |
| 5. Je-yanthy M.     | — English 2nd prize, Western Music 2nd prize.  |
| 6. Vickramarajah P. | — Christianity 1st prize.  |
| 7. Sivachandran S.  | — Hinduism 2nd prize.  |
| 8. Paramalingam M.  | — Mathematics 1st prize.   |
| 9. Saratha S.       | — Carnatic Music 1st prize Tamil Spelling 2nd prize.   |
| 10. Rajendra K.     | — Mathematics 2nd prize.   |
| 11. Selvakumaran S. | — Art 2nd prize.   |
| 12. Premala E. K.   | — Western Music 1st prize.   |
| 13. Gnananthan P.   | — Clay Work 2nd prize.   |
| 14. Gowrikumari K.  | — English Spelling 1st prize.  |
| 15. Parasakthy E.   | — English Handwriting 2nd prize.   |
| 16. Krishnaverny K. | — Tamil Spelling 1st prize, Tamil Writing 2nd prize.   |
| 17. Paheerathy K.   | — Tamil Writing 2nd prize  |

Navothaya Scholar Grade V — 1977 G. J. Gunathilagan

Mr. & Mrs. P. E. Rajaratnam Special Memorial Prize for the best academic performance in Grade 7. — S. Nesananthar.

Junior Sportsman of the year — Not Awarded.



## SENIOR SCHOOL

### Grade 8 A

R. Umayal

- General Proficiency, Home Science 1st prize, Hinduism 1st prize, Health & Phy. Education 1st prize, Carnatic Music 2nd prize, English Elocution 2nd prize.

N. Menaka

- English Handwriting 1st prize.

V. Ramani

- Health & Phy. Education 2nd prize.

T. Romela

- English Elocution 1st prize, English 2nd prize. Christianity 2nd prize, English Spelling 2nd prize.

### Grade 8 B

S. Sharmini

Minie Hastings Harrison Memorial Special Prize for English, Rev. Dr. S. K. Bunker Memorial prize for Christianity  
General Proficiency, Tamil 1st prize, Western Music 1st prize, English Spelling 1st prize, Tamil Essay 2nd prize.

N. Nalini

- E. W. Ariyanayakam Memorial Special prize for Social Studies  
General Proficiency, Carnatic Music 1st prize, Pre-vocational Studies II 1st prize, Tamil Essay 1st prize, Tamil 2nd prize.

S. Seralathan

- Hinduism 2nd prize.

R. Krishnamani

- Home Science 2nd prize.

V. Sriharan

- Art 1st prize, Christianity 2nd prize, Pre-Vocational Studies II 2nd prize.

S. Vimalendran

- Mathematics 1st prize, Science 1st prize.

K. Raveendran

- Mathematics 2nd prize.

T. Anpalagan

- Junior Tamil Oratory 2nd prize.

T. V. S. Neethithevan

- Art 1st prize.

A. Parapari

- English Handwriting 2nd prize.

### Grade 9 A

A. Mithiran

- Pre-Vocational Studies II 1st prize.

T. Noel Suresh

- Christianity 1st prize.

A. B. Brodie

- Edson C. Lockwood Memorial Special Prize for Western Music.

N. Shanthini

- Tamil Essay 2nd prize.

R. Peter Julion

- English Spelling 2nd prize.

V. Thevarajah

- Western Music 2nd prize.



## Grade 9 B

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| S. Sivashankar     | — R. A. Naganathar Memorial Special Prize for Mathematics. Mrs. Sornam Naganather Memorial Special Prize for Tamil.<br>Science 1st prize, Hinduism 1st prize, General knowledge 1st prize, English 2nd prize, General Proficiency. |
| Noel Jeyakishan    | — Edson C. Lockwood Memorial Special Prize for Art.  |
| K. Murugathasan    | — Pre-vocational studies II 2nd prize.   |
| S. Raveendran      | — Art 2nd prize.   |
| N. Vasanthini      | — General Proficiency, Home Science 1st prize, Tamil Oratory 1st prize, English Elocution 1st prize, Tamil 2nd prize, Hinduism 2nd prize.  |
| S. Yasotha         | — Edson C. Lockwood Memorial Special prize for Carnatic Music.<br>English Handwriting 2nd prize.   |
| T. Satachchelvy    | — Carnatic Music 2nd prize, English Elocution 2nd prize.   |
| S. Puhalarajan     | — Christianity 2nd prize.  |
| Patrick Ratnarajah | — English 1st prize, English Handwriting 1st prize.  |

## Grade 9 C

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| P. Thayakaran     | — Mathematics 2nd prize.              |
| K. Sivakumaran    | — Health & Phy. Education 1st prize.  |
| N. Jeyananthan    | — Agriculture 1st prize.              |
| P. Sivaloganathan | — Junior General Knowledge 2nd prize. |

## Upper Grade 9 A

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| S. Somaskantha  | — English Handwriting 2nd prize. |
| A. Ariyatheepan | — Grade 9 Tamil Essay 1st prize. |
| A. Pathmasani   | — English Spelling 1st prize.    |

## H. N. C. E. (Grade 10 A)

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| M. Sundaralingam | — Chemistry 1st prize.   |
| S. Sivakandappoo | — Physics 1st prize.   |
| R. Lambotharan   | — Intermediate Group Tamil Oratory 1st prize.                  |
| K. Chithradevi   | — Grade 10 Tamil Essay 2nd prize, English Elocution 2nd prize. |
| K. Mallikadevi   | — Mathematics 1st prize.                                       |
| A. Rajini        | — English Elocution 1st prize.                                 |



### H. N. C. E. (Grade 10 B)

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| K. Shiyamala        | — English 2nd prize, Physics 2nd prize.   |
| S. Sivamalar        | — Grade 10 Tamil Essay 1st prize.   |
| R. Kalyani          | — Tamil 1st prize, Biology 1st prize, Cultural Heritage 1st prize.              |
| D. M. R. Ratnarajah | — English 1st prize.  |
| A. Anandarajah      | — Chemistry 2nd prize, Physics 2nd prize, Mathematics 2nd prize.                |
| K. Wickneswaran     | — Physics 1st prize, Chemistry 2nd prize, Intermediate Tamil Oratory 2nd prize. |

### H. N. C. E. (Grade 11)

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| S. Natarajan    | — A. S. Ponnambalam Memorial Special prize for English   |
| K. Rajamallika  | — English Elocution 2nd prize.   |
| V. Nallini      | — General Proficiency, Biology 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize, Grade 11 (HNCE) Tamil Oratory 1st prize.                    |
| K. Vasanthi     | — Tamil 2nd prize.   |
| A. Navamalar    | — Grade 11 Essay Tamil 2nd prize.  |
| S. Kalavathy    | — Cultural Heritage 1st prize.   |
| S. Vasanthi     | — Physics 2nd prize.   |
| K. Sooriyakumar | — V. Thillainathan Memorial Special Prize for Chemistry General Proficiency, Physics 1st prize, Mathematics 2nd prize. |
| V. Easwaran     | — Physics 2nd prize.   |
| B. Balachandran | — Mathematics 1st prize.   |

### Grade 11 Special Science

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| N. Kailavasan   | — A. T. Vaithilingam Memorial Special Prize for Mathematics Applied Mathematics 1st prize, Physics 2nd prize. |
| B. Anandakumar  | — Short Story Competition 2nd prize.  |
| G. Sathiadevi   | — General Proficiency, Chemistry 1st prize.   |
| C. Balanathan   | — General Proficiency, Applied Mathematics 2nd prize.   |
| M. S. Nirmala   | — General Proficiency.  |
| N. Sunthararuby | — Pure Mathematics 2nd prize.   |
| S. Sumathy      | — General Proficiency, Physics 1st prize, Chemistry 1st prize, Botany 1st prize, Zoology 1st prize.           |

### H. N. C. E. Grade 11 Commerce Class

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|----------------|---|
| C. Vijayaluxmy | — Economics 1st prize, Accounts 1st prize.                  |
| P. Muthulingam | — Economics 2nd prize, Accounts 2nd prize, Tamil 2nd prize. |
| S. Sanjeyan    | — Geography 1st prize.                                      |



### Grade 11 Arts

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|----------------|--|
| G. Jeyajothy   | — Economics 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize,<br>Grade 11 Tamil Essay 2nd prize. |
| B. Sivakumaran | — C. Thurai Rajasingham Memorial Special Prize for<br>General Knowledge    |
| S. Rajasekaran | — Grade 11 Tamil Essay 1st prize.  |
| T. Thiruchothv | — General Knowledge 2nd prize.   |

### Grade 12 Arts

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|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| S. Rajeswary | — Tamil 1st prize.                |
| S. Bavani    | — Geography 1st prize.            |
| S. Thanaraj  | — Grade 12 Tamil Essay 1st prize. |
| S. Nadarajah | — Grade 12 Tamil Essay 2nd prize. |

### Grade 12 Mathematics

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|-----------------|--|
| N. Uthayakumar  | — Mr. & Mrs. P. E. Rajaratnam Memorial Special<br>Prize for Physics.<br>Applied Mathematics 1st prize, Pure Mathematics<br>2nd prize, General Proficiency. |
| S. Vasuthevan   | — General Proficiency, Pure Mathematics 2nd prize.   |
| P. Inpakalayini | — General Proficiency, Pure Mathematics 1st prize.   |

### Grade 12 Biology

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|--------------------|--|
| A. S. Balakrishnan | — Physics 2nd prize.   |
| S. Suthaharan      | — Zoology 1st prize.   |
| V. Thanaledchumi   | — Chemistry 1st prize.   |
| K. Arunthavachelvi | — Dr. & Mrs. S. Rasanayagam Memorial Special Prize<br>for Chemistry.<br>General Proficiency, Botany 1st prize.             |
| S. Vathany         | — Zoology 1st prize.   |
| N. Shanthini       | — English Elocution 1st prize.   |
| S. Thevananther    | — Senior Tamil Oratory 1st prize,<br>Short Story Competition 1st prize.  |
| S. Anandadevan     | — Senior Tamil Oratory 2nd prize.  |
| N. Navanesan       | — Distinction in Physics at the G. C. E. A/L Exam.   |
| R. Sumathy         | — S. V. Balasingham Memorial Special Prize for<br>best Arts Student.   |
| T. Ramachandran    | — W. H. T. Bartlett Memorial Scholarship for the<br>best Physical Science Student entering the<br>University of Sri Lanka. |
| A. Muruganandah    | — Dr. W. S. Ratnavale Memorial Scholarship for the<br>best Biology Student entering the University of<br>Sri Lanka.        |



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| A. Mohanakumar | — A. C. Sundarampillai Memorial Special Prize for best Physical Science Student in Grade 12. |
| A. Bavani      | — E. Sittampalam Memorial Special Prize for best Biology Student in Grade 12.                |

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### SPORTS AWARD — 1977

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|------------------------|--|
| 1. V. Sutharshan       | — Special Bowling Prize                  |
| 2. M. Sivagunananathan | — Fielding Prize                         |
| 3. M. Uthayakumar      | — Special Athletic Award                 |
| 4. B. Anandakumar      | — Junior All-Round Sportsman of the year |
| 5. S. Jeyendran        | — Special Bowling Prize                  |
|                        | &  |
|                        | Senior All-Round Sportsman of the year   |

### SCOUTS & CUBS

#### CHIP - A - JOB PRIZES — 1978

##### Scouts :

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|---------------|---|--------------|
| K. Nandakumar | — | First Prize  |
| T. Anpalagan  | — | Second Prize |
| V. Sriharan   | — | Third Prize  |

##### Cubs :

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|---------------|---|--------------|
| Murugathas    | — | First Prize  |
| M. Shankar    | — | Second Prize |
| M. Prebaharan | — | Third Prize  |
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**"Woodman spare that tree!  
Touch not a single bough!  
In youth it sheltered me,  
And I'll protect it now."**

**— G. P. Morris.**



## THE JUBILARIANS



Mr. A. Kadirgamar  
(Principal)



Mr. A. Rajasingam  
(Vice Principal)



## THE JUBILARIANS



Miss M. S. Elias  
(Jr. School Supervisor)



Mrs. R. S. Thambiah  
(Head : Dept. of Pre - vocational  
Education and Guidance  
Counselling — Girls.)



## Junior School Report 1977

The Junior School Premises houses 175 children between the ages of 6 & 13 ranging from grades 1 to 7. All available space is made use of. A temporary shed has been erected to meet the need of 2 classrooms. Though cramped and crowded we prefer to keep our identity. In spite of this situation the many faceted activities still continue. Students participate enthusiastically in all activities.

During the beginning of the year. The Tamil Kazhakam, the English and Tamil dramatic societies, and the Science club were formed. Teachers were assigned responsibilities to guide the students. These groups met regularly.

Mr. A. C. Canagarajah Civil Engineer, Walker Sons & Co., Ltd. & Dr. Mrs. Canagarajah were the Guests of Honour at our Annual Inter House Athletic Meet in July. Brown House emerged champions for the seventh year in succession.

Roy Thevathayalan, Paul Thevarajan and J. Gunaratnam were selected to the 3rd eleven Cricket Team. They were happy to have had the experience of playing with D. S. Senanayaka Maha Vidyalaya team in Colombo

on their grounds. Paul Thevarajan was elected Vice Captain of the 3rd eleven soccer team.

Gandhi Day was celebrated by the Tamil Kazhakam.

The Literary Association of grade 7 students, the Lyceum this year, had its annual year end social. This was an experience in itself for them. This report appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. T. Ponnampalam our teacher of Hinduism & Oriental Music retired after a period of long & devoted service to the College. Children enjoyed themselves taking part in the variety of programme at the Parents Day Celebration. The different associations formed early in the year was instrumental for the success of the programme.

### Junior School Student Council

President: Paul Thevarajan  
Vice President: Mathanakumar M.  
Members: Jeshura T.  
Jeyanthi M.  
Krishnajayanthi K.

### Inter House Athletic Meet Brown House

House Master:  
Mr. K. Satchithananthan  
House Mistress:  
Mrs. P. Thambirajah



**House Captains :**

Mas. R. P. Thevarajan

Miss P. Gnanalatha

**Abraham House**

**House Master :**

Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy

**House Mistress :**

Miss S. D. Sittampalam

**House Captains :**

Mas. R. Ratnakumar

Miss R. Gajani

**Hitchcock House**

**House Master :**

Mr. N. A. Vimalendran

**House Mistress :**

Mrs. A. Balasingam

**House Captains :**

Mas. N. Logeswaran

Miss T. Thevasuthanthiri

**Hastings House**

**House Master :**

Mr. S. A. Paulraj

**House Mistress :**

Mrs. S. N. Kanagaratnam

**House Captains :**

Mas. M. Paramalingam

Miss B. Inpanayahi

**Scores 1977**

Browns 371½

Abraham 362

Hastings 357

Hitchcock 206½

**Individual Champions**

Boys Over 11 Roy Thevathayalan

Browns

Boys Under 11 Balashanker D.

Hastings

Girls Over 12 Gajani R. Abraham

Girls Under 12 Jeyanthi M.

Hastings

Relay Champions Hastings

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the administration, for this advice the staff both academic & non academic for the co-operation given in our effort to guide and mould the young minds.

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"Say not that she did well or ill,  
Only, she did her best."

— D. M. Craik



## JUNIOR SCHOOL

Grade 7 A — 1977



Grade 7 B — 1977





THE ANNUAL SOCIAL — LYCEUM — 1977





## Junior School Report — 1978

The change in the Educational set up to admit a child to school on completing 5 years, led to the formation of an additional class in January, 1978. Today we have 295 students on roll. 199 in the Primary section (Grades 1 to 5) and 96 in Grades 6 & 7.

On February, 17th the Junior School Student Council organised a function to bid farewell to our retired and beloved teacher Mr. T. Ponnambalam. Both he and his wife were taken in procession to the accompaniment of music, *kolladdam* and *kummi* with the school band playing in between from the entrance to the Bicknell Memorial Pavilion to the School Hall. Selected students from the different grades paid their tributes both short and sweet. A special song was rendered by his students of Oriental Music. A presentation was made by the Vice-President on behalf of the students.

We take pride in recording here the timely daring act of our Junior School office peon, Mr. S. Thurairatnam who jumped into a well to save a 5 year old child from drowning. The staff, students and the College contributed their share to reward him with a gold medal presented by the Principal at the Annual Inter House

Athletic Meet in recognition of his courageous act.

We were gratefully relieved when a part of our buildings was returned to us in June. This section housed the students of Grades 6 & 7 and accommodated the Science Laboratories. The temporary shed was removed and our children are happy to be allowed the use of their spacious class rooms. Now we have more open space for outdoor activities as well.

The vacancy for a teacher in the primary classes was filled by Miss M. Kularajasingham.

The Annual Inter - House Athletic Meet was held in July. Mr. R. J. Gunaratnam, Manager, Ceyma Silk Industries, Jaffna, accompanied by his wife were our Guests of Honour. Abraham house emerged champions beating the Browns who held this envious position for a period of seven years in succession.

J. Gunathilagan was adjudged Navodaya Scholar for the year 1977. Our congratulations to him.

Students had regular coaching in Cricket and Football. Our Cricket team played one or two friendly matches and proved themselves budding cricketers.



Mohanakumar A. and Ranjan S. were selected to play in the Third XI Soccer team. of the Cub pack and Little friends pack respectively.

Balashankar D. Jeshura T. and Priyadharshini V. were selected to participate in the poetry competition organised by the Lions Club and reached the standard to be awarded certificates of Merits. Many a students participated in the contests for singing, poetry and elocution in English and Tamil organised by the O. B. A.

The Gandhi day too was celebrated in the month of October.

Students of Grades 1 & 2 were taken on a study tour visiting places of interest in Jaffna accompanied by their teachers. They enjoyed their outing very much.

At the cross country festival, J. Jeshurajah came third in the Junior event.

We were happy to have our old friends Mr. & Mrs. Oppenheim and Mrs. C. B. Bavinck visit us during the course of the year. An old boy, Mr. R. Worthington, Principal of Woodlands Primary School in Singapore addressed our students on the Educational System in Singapore at a special school assembly.

Mr. A. Jeyarajan and Miss M. Kularajasingham have taken charge

Mrs. S. D. Virasinghe needs a special word of thanks for her continued interest in the cubs-scouts and for the services rendered to the cub pack for more than seven years.

The Grade 7 students had a social evening at which they enjoyed themselves entertaining the Principal and staff to tea and to an entertainment that followed in the Ottley Hall.

The year - end Parents' Day programme included a science, handicraft & Art exhibition, the emphasis of which was maximum student participation.

#### **Junior School Student Council**

President — A. Mohanakumar

Vice-President — A. Chitrnanjan

Members — V. Vasu

— K. Krishnajayanthi

— T. Jeshura

Staff Advisor — Mr. K. Satchithanatham

#### **Inter-House Athletic Meet**

##### **Abraham House**

House Master :

Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy

House Mistress :

Miss M. Kularajasingam

Captains :

Mas. S. Sriskantha

Miss M. Navukarasi

Points : 411



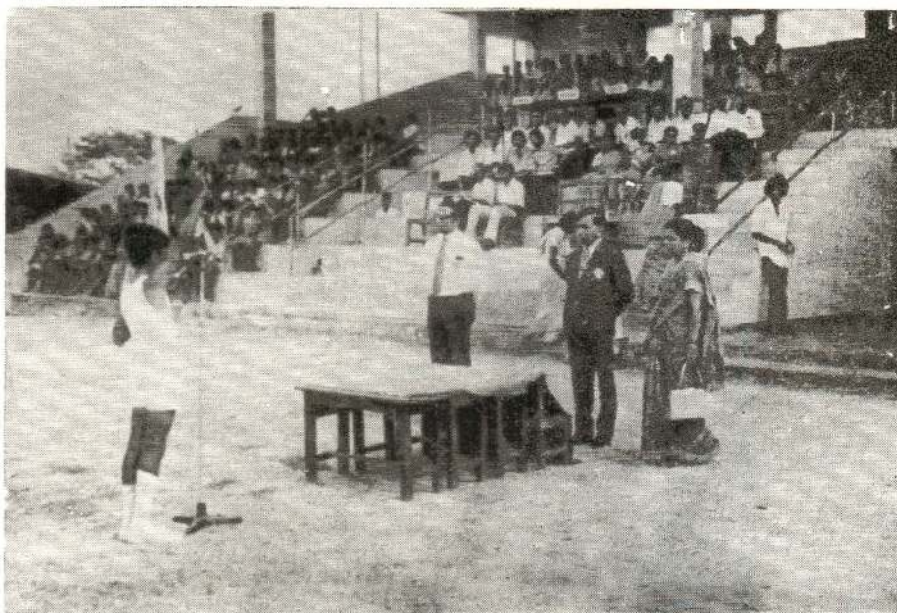
## THE JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS MEET



Dr. (Mrs.) Canagarajah Distributing the Awards  
1977



## THE JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS MEET — 1977



The Chief Guest Mr. A. C. Canagarajah declaring the Meet open



### Hitchcock House

House Master :

Mr. N. Vimalendran

House Mistress :

Mrs. A. Balasingam

Captains :

Mas. V. Vasu

Miss Y. Rajani

Points : 392½

### Brown House

House Master :

Mr. K. Satchithanantham

House Mistress :

Mrs. L. B. Thambirajah

Captains :

Mas. A. Mohanakumar

Miss N. Suganthi

Points : 376¼

### Hastings House

House Master :

Mr. S. A. Paulraj

House Mistress :

Mrs. S. Kanagaratnam

Captains :

Mas. M. Ravindran

Miss S. Anusha

Points : 338

### Individual Champions

Boys :

Under 11 — K. Nithiananthan  
Hitchcock

— D. Balashankar  
Hastings

Under 12 — R. Ravindran  
Hitchcock

Over 12 — A. Mohanakumar  
Browns

Girls :

Under 11 — S. Dushyanthy  
Browns

Over 11 — N. Nirupa  
Hitchcock

Relay Champions — Hitchcock

Finally I wish to express my grateful thanks to the administration for their assistance, the staff both academic and non-academic for their unstinted loyalty and co-operation, and to the parents and friends for their support in the successful running of our department.



## Physical Director's Notes — 1977

### Cricket :

The Cricket Team comprising of Seven Seniors under the captaincy of V. Sutharshan did not fare well. Our fielding was bad and this was the main cause for our bad performance.

During the year the First Eleven played seven matches winning 2, drawing 2 and losing 3. This is not a very good record.

We are thankful to Mr. A. M. Brodie for coaching the team.

Our under 16 and 14 teams took part in the Cricket Tournament conducted by the Sri Lanka Schools' Cricket Association. The under 16 team Captained by S. Kathiraj played eight matches, of which we won one, drew two and lost the rest.

The under 14 team captained by T. Nithiraj played 6 matches winning two, drawing two and losing two.

### Athletics :

The Annual Junior School Athletic Meet came off on 9th July. The Chief Guests were Mr. and Dr. Mrs. A. C. Canagarajah. The Houses contested keenly for the championship which was won by Brown House.

This was followed by the College Annual Field Day under the distinguished patronage of Mr. Rajanayagam, the Director, Jaffna College, Technical Institute & Mrs. Rajanayagam.

The Houses went all out for the championship. Our congratulations to the members of the Hastings House for winning the championship for the third year in succession. The results of the meet were as follows:-

### Relay Championship :

## Abraham House

### Tug-of-War Championship :

## Hitchcock House

### Individual Championships :

Boys :

Post Senior: L. Satchithanathan

Senior : S. Jeyendran

Under 17:

Joint Champions { S. Suthaharan  
M. Uthaya-  
kumar

Under 16: K. Muraletaran

Under 14: T. Suresh

Girls :

Senior: S. Vathany

Intermediate: V. Kumuthini

Junior: V. Ramani

Our congratulations to M. Uthayakumar who broke the Javelin Throw, 400 Metres and 800 Metres



## SOCCKER TEAM — 1977



*Standing (L. to R.):* S. Mohanraj, S. Kulendran, S. Suthaharan, K. Sritharan, S. Sivakumar, G. J. Gunaseelan, S. Jeyarajah, B. Anandakumar.

*Seated (L. to R.):* Mr. T. Anandaratanam (Phy. Dir.), M. Panchakulendran, S. Jeyendran (Captain), Acting-Principal, N. Sivagunananatha, N. Uthayakumar, Mr. R. Kanagaratnam (Coach).

*On Ground:* M. Uthayakumar.



## ATHLETIC TEAM — 1977



*Seated (L. to R.):* Mr. T. Anandaratanam (Phy. Dir. and Coach), M. Uthayakumar  
G. J. Gunaseelan (V. Captain), S. Jeyendran (Captain), Acting  
Principal, S. Sithamparapillai, S. Suthaharan, B. Anandakumar.

*Standing (L. to R.):* T. S. Sathananthan, S. Vasudevan, S. Jeyarajah, S. Suguljan,  
N. Uthayakumar, S. Sivakumar, T. Mathiraj, K. Sooriyakumar  
K. Muraleetharan, S. Jeyaranjan, S. Mohanrajah.



records in the under 17 Boys **Hockey :**  
group.

To A. J. Bavany and V. Kumuthini who broke the Putt Shot record in the Senior Girls group, and High Jumps record in the Intermediate Girls' group respectively.

The Senior Zonal Athletic Meet took place on the 15th and 17th September on our grounds. Our Athletic Team under the Captaincy of S. Jeyendran did well to secure many places in the Meet. Our congratulations to all the winners.

M. Uthayakumar participated in the Sri Lanka Schools' Senior Athletic Meet and came Second in the Under 17 Javelin Throw. Our congratulations to him.

#### **Net Ball :**

Our Girls have not shown much interest in Net Ball. We hope that the Girls will take a keen interest next year.

#### **Basket Ball :**

Due to the take over of our Basket Ball Court by the Jaffna Campus we were forced to give up the game temporarily. We hope to either provide a new court or get our court back from the Jaffna Campus authorities soon.

We could not take part in the tournament conducted by the Jaffna Schools' Hockey Association as the tournament was not conducted as in the past during the second term.

#### **Soccer :**

Our Soccer Team captained by S. Jeyendran did not live up to expectation. Though the team did not win many matches, the team played well in most matches. We played seven matches, winning two, drawing one and losing three. One game with St. Patricks' College was abandoned due to heavy rain. We are thankful to the Coach Mr. R. Kanagaratnam.

Our Second XI led by S. Mohanaraj and later by K. Sooriyakumar did fairly well. Of the nine matches played, we won three, drew one and lost five. Our thanks are due to the coach Mr. B. Murugamoorthy.

Our Third XI captained by M. Premakumar did not fare well. Of the nine matches played we won one, drew one and lost the rest. Our thanks are due to the coach Mr. S. Jeyarajan.

#### **Tennis :**

This game is attracting a few boys and the membership of



the club is not what it should be. The standard of the game is improving. Our thanks are due to the coach Mr. R. Kanagaratnam.

### **Cross Country :**

The Annual Cross Country Festival was held on 12th August with Mr. & Mrs. C. F. Richards as Chief Guests. More than 150 took part in the Boys

and Girls Cross Country races. L. Satchithananthan, T. Nithiraj, S. Vasanthi and S. Shanthini came first in the Senior Boys, Junior Boys, Senior Girls and Junior Girls group respectively. Our congratulations to them. We also congratulate the winners of other contest held in connection with the Cross Country Festival.

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"The chess board is the world, the pieces are the phenomena of the universe; the rules of the game are what we call the laws of nature. The player on the other side is hidden from us. We know that his play is always fair, just and patient. But also we know to our cost that he never overlooks a mistake or makes the smallest allowance for ignorance"

— T. H. Huxley



## WINNERS OF ALL-ROUND SPORTSMAN'S AWARD



S. Jeyendran

Junior All-Round Sportsman—1976

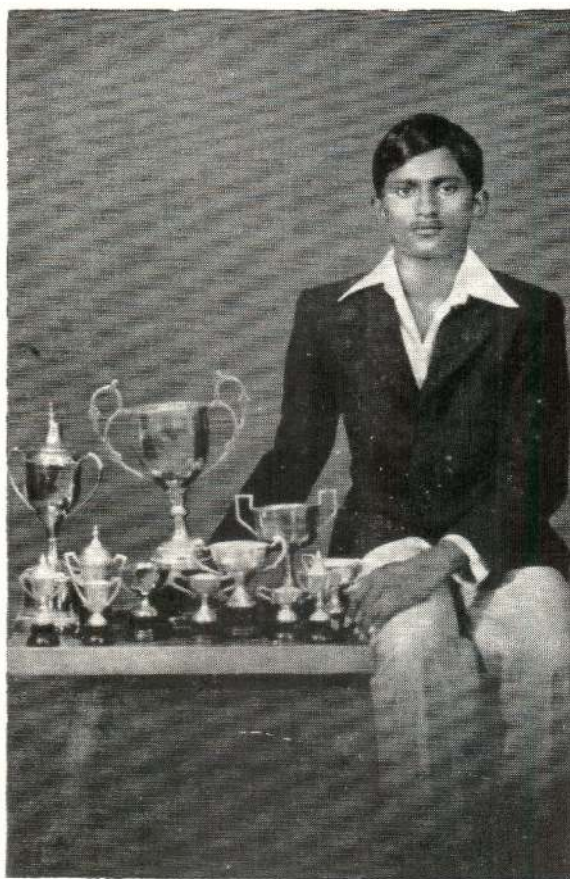
Senior All-Round Sportsman—1977



V. Sutharshan

Senior All-Round Sportsman—1976





B. Anandakumar

Junior All-Round Sportsman—1977



## Physical Directors Notes — 1978

The college teams have not maintained the standard of performance as in the past. This is partly due to the lack of numbers in our college.

### Cricket :

Our Cricket Team led by S. Jeyendran did not live up to expectations. The team consisted of six senior players and five freshers. The main reason for our poor performance was bad fielding. A number of catches were grassed. S. Jeyendran deserves credit for his all-round performance. We played eight matches of which we drew six and lost two.

The Under 17 Cricket Team under the captaincy of T. Mathiraj did not live up to our expectations. We played seven matches in the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket tournament, of which we won one and lost the rest.

The Under 15 Cricket Team under the captaincy of N. Thanenjeyan played six matches of which we won one and lost the rest.

### Coaches :

Mr. T. Nathiyaratnam  
(First XI and Second XI)

Mr. A. Jeyarajan  
(Third XI)

### Track and Field Events :

The Annual Inter House Athletic Meet of the Junior School came off on 14th July under the patronage of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gunaratnam. The working of the meet was in the hands of Messrs W. N. Thevakadacham and A. Jeyarajan.

The results of the meet were as follows:—

Abraham House — 411 points  
Hitchcock House — 392½ points  
Brown House — 376½ points  
Hastings House — 338 points

Hitchcock House emerged Relay Champions.

### Individual Champions :

Girls : Over 11: N. Niruba  
Hitchcock House  
Under 11: S. Dushyanthy  
Brown House

Boys : Over 12: A. Mohanakumar  
Brown House  
Under 12: R. Ravichandran  
Hitchcock House

The Junior School Meet was followed by the Annual Field Day of the Senior School which came off on the 7th of July. We were very fortunate to have Dr. and Mrs. K. Poologasundaram as our Chief Guests. Our Thanks to the House Masters, House Mistresses



and captains without whose co-operation the meet would not have been the success it was. The meet was colourful and keen competition prevailed among the Houses. We congratulate Hastings House on emerging as Inter House Champions for the fourth year in succession.

Individual championship were as follows:—

*Boys:*

Post Senior: T. Sathananthan  
Hastings  
Senior: B. Anandakumar  
Browns  
Under 17: K. Muraleetharan  
Hastings  
Under 16: T. Nithiraj  
Browns  
Under 14: Paul Devarajan  
Browns

*Girls:*

Senior: V. Kumuthini - Hitchcock  
Inter: V. Ramani — Hastings  
Junior: M. Jeyanthi — Hastings

Hastings House won the Tug-of-War and Relay Challenge Cups.

Our Athletic Team Under the captaincy of G. J. Gunaseelan did well to secure many places in the Jaffna Western Zone Schools Junior and Senior Athletic Meets.

Masters B. Anandakumar and M. Uthayakumar participated in

the Sri Lanka Schools Athletic Meet held in Colombo.

**Cross Country:**

The Annual Cross Country race was held on 20th of October. Fewer number of students participated this year.

In the Senior Boys group G. Nadarajah, J. Gunathayalan and B. Anandakumar came first second and third respectively.

The other results were as follows:

Junior Boys group —  
T. V. S. Neethithevan  
Senior Girls group —  
S. Shanthini  
Junior Girls group —  
K. Padmini

*Coaches:*

Mr. V. Ragunathamudaliyar  
(Junior Team)  
Mr. T. Anandaratnam  
(Senior Team)

**Hockey:**

The College Hockey Team participated in the Inter Collegiate Matches organized by the Jaffna Schools Hockey Association. We played three Matches, of which we won two and drew one and thus emerged champions in this tournament.



## HOCKEY TEAM — 1978



*Seated (L. to R.):* Mr. T. Anandaratnam (Phy. Dir. and Coach), S. Suthaharan, G. J. Gunaseelan, The Principal, S. Jeyendran, M. Uthayakumar, N. Uthayakumar.

*Standing (L. to R.):* M. Pathumanithy, K. Muraleetharan, S. Sivakumar, N. Aravindan, S. Vasudevan, G. J. Gunashankar, T. Mathyraj, B. Anandakumar.



## ATHLETIC TEAM—1978



*Seated (L. to R.):* Mr. T Anandaratnam (Phy. Dir.), B. Anandakumar, S. Vasudevan, M. Uthayakumar (Vice Capt.), The Principal, G. J. Gunaseelan (Captain), S. Suthaharan, N. Uthayakumar, Mr. T. Nithiaratnam (Coach).

*Standing (L. to R.):* T. NithiRaj, M. Pathumanithy, N. Navendran, N. Aravinthan, K. Thayalan, \* S. Sivakumar, S. Sugaljan, T. Mathiraj, K. Muraleetharan, G. J. Gunashankar, M. Jeyaranjan, Roythevathayalan.



## CRICKET TEAM — 1978



*Seated (L. to R.):* Mr. T. Anandaratnam (Phy. Dir.), B. Anandakumar, F. D. Stephens, S. Jevendran (Captain), The Principal, G. J. Gunaseelan, S. Sivakumar, Mr. T. Nithiaratnam (Coach).

*Standing (L. to R.):* T. Mathiraj, N. Uthayakumar, M. Uthayakumar, P. Muthulingam, M. Pathumanithy, K. Muraleetharan, S. Kathirrajah, G. J. Gunashankar.



## SOCCER TEAM — 1978



*Standing (L. to R.):* S. Suthaharan, S. Vasudevan, M. Uthayakumar, S. Sivakumar, K. Muraleetharan, G. J. Gunaseelan.

*Seated* : Mr. G. Rajanayagam (coach), N. Uthayakumar (V. Capt.), The Principal, B. Anandakumar (Captain), S. Jeyendran, Mr. T. Anandaratnam (Phy. Dir.)

*On ground:* P. Muthulingam.



**Coaches :**

Mr. T. Anandaratnam  
(First XI and Second XI)  
Mr. V. Selvaratnam  
(Third XI)

**Soccer :**

The Soccer XI captained by B. Anandakumar did not perform well. The team had seven senior members. We played six matches of which we won two and lost four. The Second XI under the captaincy of T. Mathiraj did not fare well. It lost all the matches played.

The Third XI did not live up to our expectations either. Of the eight matches played, we won three and lost the rest.

**Coaches :**

Mr. G. Rasanayagam  
(First XI)  
Mr. T. Nathiyaratnam  
(Second XI)  
Mr. A. Jeyarajan  
(Third XI)

**Basket Ball :**

We got back the Basket Ball Court at the end of the second term from the Jaffna Campus of

the University of Sri Lanka authorities. Since it was neglected for about four years, it had to be repaired. We hope that basket ball would attract more students in future.

**Net Ball :**

Net Ball has become popular once again. Our college played two friendly games and also participated in the tournament organized by the Sports Officer of Valigamam West. We emerged champions in this tournament.

**Coach :**

Miss S. Selvadurai

**Tennis :**

There has not been much activity in Tennis this year. As Tennis is a good carry-over sport, I wish more boys and girls would use the opportunity provided by the college.

**Coach :**

Mr. R. Kanagaratnam

Finally I take this opportunity to thank all the coaches for their untiring efforts.



## தமிழ் தந்த தாமோதரம்பிள்ளை

தமிழ் என்னும் உயர்தனிச் செம் மொழி, சுற்றோன்றி மண்தோன்றாக் காலத்தில் முற்றோன்றி வளர்ந்தது தெற்குத் தேயத்திற்றான். சங்கத் தொட்டிலில் ஆடி, சிலம்பும், மேகலையும், குளாமணியும் அணிந்து திருக் குறளமிர்தம் தெவிட்ட அருந்திச் சிங்காதனத்திருந்து செங்கோலோச்சிய தமிழன்னை தன்புகழொளி குறைந்து கார்மறைந்த கதிரவனென ஆகும் காலம் வந்தது. அன்னிய ராதிக்கம் தமிழின் செல்வாக்கைப் பறித்துக் கொண்டது. ஆயினும் தமிழார்வம் தனிப்பட்ட ஒரு சிலர் உள்ளத்தில் என்றும் போல் இருந்து வந்தது. அவர்கள் தமிழன்னை தழும் பாது பாதுகாத்து வந்தனர். அம் முயற்சியில் தமிழகமும், தமிழ் ஈழமும் பல தமிழறிஞர்களையும், தமிழ்ப்புர வலர்களையும் அளித்தன. ஈழத்துத் தமிழர்கள் தமிழினைப் பேணிக்காப் பதில் என்றுமே பின்னின்றதில்லை. தமிழே தம்முயிரெனக் கொண்டு, தமிழ் மதிக்கப்படாத அந்தக் காலத்திலும் எத்தனையோ அறிஞர்கள் வாழ்ந்து பெருமையிட்டியுள்ளார்கள். இத்தகைய அறிஞராகவும், பதிப் பாசிரியராகவும் விளங்கியவர் தமிழ்ப் புரவலர் தாமோதரம்பிள்ளையவர்கள் நமது பழம்பெருங் கல்லூரியின் பழைய மாணவர் ஆவார்.

பிள்ளையவர்கள் தமிழ் மணங் கமழும் யாழ்ப்பாணத்திலுள்ள சிறுப் பிட்டி என்னுங் கிராமத்திலே உயர் சைவ வேளாள குலத்திலுதித்த வைரவநாதபிள்ளை என்பாருக்கும்,

அவர் மனைவியாராகிய பெருந்தேவி யம்மையாருக்கும் சிரேஷ்ட புத்திர ராய் 1832-ம் ஆண்டு புரட்டாதித் திங்கள் பன்னிரண்டாம் நாள் பிறந்தார்.

தாமோதரம்பிள்ளை பிரசித்தி பெற்ற சுன்னாகம் முத்துக்குமார கவிராயரிடந் தமிழும், வட்டுக்கோட்டைச் செமினரியில் ஆங்கிலமும் படித்தவர். 1852-ம் ஆண்டு செப்டம்பர் மாதம் பிள்ளையவர்கள் தமது இருபதாம் வயதில் வட்டுக்கோட்டைச் செமினரியில் படிக்கத்தக்கவையா யிருந்த கணிதம், விஞ்ஞானம் முதலிய எல்லாப் பாடங்களிலும் முதலவராய்த் தேறி வெளியேறினார். பிள்ளையவர்கள், இனி, மேற்படிப்புப் படிப்பதற்கு உரிய கல்லூரி இன்மையால், கோப்பாயிலுள்ள ஒரு போதனை வித்தியாசாலையில் ஓர் ஆசிரியராய் அமர்ந்தார். அக்காலத்தில் நீதிநெறி விளக்க உரைப் பதிப்பு அவரால் வெளியிடப்பட்டது. அதே சமயத்தில் நாவலர் அவர்களுக்கு ஆங்கில ஆசிரியராயும், தமிழ் மாணவராயும், உற்ற நண்பராயுமிருந்த பார்சிவல் பாதிரியார் பாதிரியுத்தியோகத்தைப் பரித்தியாகஞ் செய்துவிட்டு யாழ்ப்பாணத்திலிருந்து சென்னைக்குப் போய்த் “தினவர்த்தமானி” என்கின்ற தமிழ்ப்பத்திரிகையை நடத்திக் கொண்டிருந்தார். பாதிரியாருக்குப் பிள்ளையவர்களின் திறமைகள் பற்றி வட்டுக்கோட்டைச் செமினரியிற் படிக்கும்போதே தெரிந்திருந்தமை



PARENTS' DAY — 1977  
Junior School  
(Scenes from Variety Entertainment)





## THE SCHOOL COUNCIL — JUNIOR SCHOOL — 1977



*Seated (L. to R.):* Jr. School Supervisor, M. Jeyanthi, R. Paulthevaraja, K. Krishnajayanthi, Mrs. L. B. Thambirajah (Staff adviser).

*Standing:* M. Mathanakumar, N. Suganthy, S. Nesananthar.



யால் ஏற்ற செவ்வியறிந்து பிள்ளை யவர்களை சென்னைக்கழைத்து “தின வர்த்தமானி” க்கும் பத்திராசிரியர் ஆக்கினார். அந்தப் பத்திரிகையின் மூலம் புலமைத்திறன் நன்கு புலனாயிற்று. சென்னை அரசாங்கம் இராச தானிக் கல்லூரியிலே தமிழாசிரிய ராய்க் கடமையாற்றும் வண்ணம் கேட்டுக்கொண்டது. அவரும் அதற் கிசைந்து அங்கு தமிழாசிரியராக அமர்ந்தார்.

பிள்ளையவர்கள் இராசதானிக் கல்லூரியிலே தமிழாசிரியராய்க் கடமைபுரிந்து வருநாளிற் 1857-ல் சென்னை சர்வகலாசாலை ஸ்தாபிக் கப்பட்டது. அது ஆரம்பமான அதே வருடத்திலே பிரவேசப் பரீட்சையிலும், அடுத்த நான்காவது மாதத்தில் பி. ஏ. பரீட்சையிலும் தாமோதரம்பிள்ளை முதல்வராய்ச் சித்தியடைந்தார். சென்னைச் சர்வ கலாசாலையில் கலைத்துறைப் பட்டத் தேர்வில் முதல்முறை சித்திபெற்ற ஈழத்தமிழர் இவராவார். பிள்ளையவர் கள் பி. ஏ. பரீட்சையிற் சித்தியெய்தியபின் உத்தியோகம் உயர்ந்து வளரத் தொடங்கியது — கள்ளிக் கோட்டை அரசாங்க உயர்தரப் பாட சாலை ஆசிரியராயும் பின்பு சென்னை அரசாங்க வரவு, செலவுக் கணக்குச் சாலையில் விசாரணைக் கர்த்தா ஆயினார். குடந்தையில் வக்கீலாகவும் தொழில் புரிந்தார். இறுதியில் புதுக் கோட்டை சமஸ்தானத்து நீதிபதியாக விளங்கினார். இம்மகிழ்ச்சி கிரம்பிய வாழ்வில் தமிழை மறந்து விடவில்லை. இவரது தமிழார்வம் இவர் உள்ளத் திலே மங்கா ஒளியாய்த் திகழ்ந்து, ஒருகாலக் கொருகால் வளர்ந்து முடி

வில் பேரொளிப் பிழம்பாகச் சுடர் விட்டெரிந்தது.

சின்னஞ்சிறு பிராயந்தொட்டே தமிழ் மொழியில் மிக்க பயிற்சியும் சிறந்த தமிழ்பிமானமுமுடையவராயிருந்த பிள்ளையவர்கள், ஓய்வு நேரங் களிலே, பண்டைத் தமிழ் நூல்களை மேன்மேலும் கற்பதிலும் பரிசோத னங்களாலும் அரிய பெரிய தமிழ் நூல்களெல்லாம் அழித்தொழிய எஞ்சி நின்ற சில நன்னூல்களும் ஏடுகளில் இருந்து மூலைக்குமூலை மடங்கி, முடங்கி எடுப்பாரும் அடுப் பாருமின்றி மண்ணுக்கிரையாகிக் கிடந்தன. இதனை தமிழ்த் தாமோதரம்பிள்ளையார் சகிக்கமுடியவில்லை. இந்நிலையைக் கண்டபிள்ளையவர்கள் அழிந்தொழிவனவாய் அந்நூல்களுள் சிறந்தனவற்றை விரைந்தச்சிட்டுப் பாதுகாக்க வேண்டியது எத்துணை இன்றியமையாப் பெருங்கடமையென்பதை உணர்ந்து அதற்கான நன் முயற்சிகளை மேற்கொண்டார்கள். தாமோதரம்பிள்ளை காரியத்திலே கண்ணாயினார். பழந்தமிழ்நூல் செல்வத்தைப் பாதுகாப்பதில் நாவலர் அவர்களும் பிள்ளைக்கு உறுதுணையாயிருந்தார்கள்.

பிள்ளையவர்கள் செல்துணைத்த துணையன்றி மெய்ப்புள்ளிவிரவாத ஏடுகளில் அழியும் நிலையெய்திக் கிடந்த தொல்காப்பியம், கலித்தொகை, வீரசோழியம், இறையனாரகப் பொருளுரை, இலக்கண விளக்கம், சூளாமணி, எழுத்ததிக்காரம், நச்சினர்க்கினியம், சொல்லதிக்காரம், சேவைவரையம், தணிகைப்புராணம், முதலிய நன்னூல்கள் பலவற்றை ஏட்டினின்றும் எடுத்துத் திருத்தி அச்சிற்பதித்து வெளியிட்டுத் தமிழ் மொழியைக்காத்த தமிழ்த்



தந்தை ஆவர். இந்நூல்களை வெளியிட்டதோடமையாது கட்டளைக்கலித்துறை, சைவமகத்துவம், வசனஞ்ஞாமணி ஆகியவற்றைத் தாமேயாத்து வெளியிட்டார்.

பிள்ளையவர்கள் பண்டைத்தமிழ் நூல்களை பதிப்பிக்க வேண்டுமென்று விழைந்தமைக்கு அவர் பயின்ற கல்விமுறை ஒரு முக்கிய காரணமாகலாம். வட்டுக்கோட்டைச் செமினரியிலும், பின்பு சென்னையிலும் ஆங்கிலக் கல்வி முறையிற் பயின்ற பிள்ளையவர்கள் மேலைத்தேய மொழிகளிலுள்ள பண்டைய இலக்கியங்களுக்கு அறிமுகமானார். வேற்று நாட்டவரின் கல்வி முறை மூலம் பண்டைய இலக்கியம் பயின்றவர் தாய் மொழியிலுள்ள பண்டைய இலக்கியங்களையும் கற்க விரும்பினார்.

எட்டுச்சுவடிகள் நீர்வாய்ப்பட்டும், தீவாய்ப்பட்டும் மறைந்தவண்ணமாய் இருந்தன. இந்நிலையைக் கண்டு பிள்ளையவர்களுடைய உள்ளங் கொதித்தது. கலித்தொகையின் பதிப்புரையிலே..... “ஏடு எடுக்கும்போது ஓராஞ்சொரிகிறது. கட்டு அவிழ்க்கும் போது இதழ்முரிகிறது. ஒற்றை புரட்டும்போது துண்டுதுண்டாய்ப் பறக்கிறது. இனி எழுத்துக்களோ வென்றால், வாலுந் தலையுயின்றிப் பாணக்கலப்பை மறுத்து, மறுத்து உழுதுகிடக்கின்றன” பழைய சுவடிகள் யாவும் கீழமாய் ஒன்றொன்றாய் அழிந்து போகின்றன என்று வருந்துகின்றார்கள். கற்றுணர்ந்தோடும் தாம் கலித்தொகைக்கு அவர் கண்ணீரிலே தோய்த்து எழுதிய பதிப்புரையைத் தமிழர் ஒவ்வொருவரும் படித்துப் பார்க்க வேண்டும்

பிள்ளையவர்கள் புதுக்கோட்டை சமஸ்தான மகாமன்றத்து நியாயாதிபதிகளில் ஒருவராயும், நீதிபதியாயும்,

நான்கு வருடங்கள் கடமையாற்றியவர்கள் சென்னை இராசதானிக் கல்லூரி, கள்ளிக்கோட்டை அரசாங்கக் கல்லூரி ஆகியவற்றில் தமிழ்ப் பேராசிரியராயும், சென்னைத் திராவிடக் கிரந்த பரிபாலனசபை, நியாயபரிபாலனசபை என்பவற்றில் அங்கத்தவராயும், சென்னைச் சர்வகலாசாலைத் தமிழ்ப் பரீட்சகராயும் இருந்து பணிபுரிந்தவர்கள். சென்னைச் சர்வகலாசாலையின் முதல் வித்தியார்த்தி என்ற பெருமைக்கும் உடையவர்கள் அவருடைய நேர்மையையும், திறமையையும் பாராட்டி சென்னை அரசாங்கம் 1875-ல் “இராவ்பகதூர்” என்னுங்கண்ணியப்பட்டமளித்துக் கௌரவித்தது.

தமிழே தெய்வம், தமிழ்ப்பணியே தவம் எனக் கருதி வாழ்ந்த பிள்ளையவர்கள், 1901-ம் ஆண்டு தை மாதம் முதலாம் நாள் இவ்வுலக வாழ்வை நீத்தார். அவர் இறந்த செய்தி கேட்டு செந்தமிழ்காடு பெருந்துயரில் மூழ்கிற்று தமிழன்னை தன் செல்வக் குமரனையிழந்தா பரிதவித்தாள்.

தமிழன்னையே! உனது திருவுதரத்தில் பிள்ளையவர்களைப் போன்ற உத்தம மக்கள் பல்லாயிரவர் தோன்றுதல் வேண்டும். அவர்களது விரிந்து, பரங்க நோக்கங்களும், அரிய நற்குணங்களும் நம்மனோர்க்கு வழிகாட்டியாய் என்றென்றும் திகழ்தல் வேண்டும். அவர்கள் தாய் மொழியின்மீது கொண்டிருந்த தூய அன்பும், உண்மைத் திருத்தொண்டும் நம்மனோரையும் ஊக்குவித்து நம்மை உண்மைத் தமிழ் மக்களாகத் திருத்துதல் வேண்டும். அவர்களை இலட்சிய புருஷராகக் கொண்டு நமது தாய் மொழிக்கு உற்ற பணியை நாம் புரிந்து வரல் வேண்டும்.

முற்றும்.



## THE JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS MEET—1978



The Junior School Council President Taking the Oath before Chief Guest  
Mr. R. J. Gunaratnam



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Mrs. Gunaratnam giving away the awards.—1978



## மேதை அலென் ஏபிரகாம்

“ஒரு நாட்டின் அரசியலமைப்பை விட அந்நாட்டின் கல்வியமைப்பே முதன்மையானது” என்று அறிஞர் T. S. Eliot கூறியுள்ளார். என்ற வகையில் இந்நாட்டின் கல்வியமைப்பில் அரும்பெருந்தூணாக நின்று நில்லும் யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரியாம் கல்விச் சோலையிலே பூத்துக் குலுங்கும் மாணவமலர்கள் பல்லாயிரம்; பல்லாயிரம். ஆனால் இக்கல்லூரியின் நூற்றைம்பந்தைந்து ஆண்டுகாலப் பண்பாட்டு முதிர்ச்சியினையும், தனித்துவமான பாரம்பரியத்தினையும் கட்டியெழுப்புவதில் எம் ஆசிரியப் பெருந்தகைகளின் பங்கு அளப்பரியது. இவ்வாறு எம் கல்லூரியில் ஆசிரியப் பணிபுரிந்து தம் உயர் வாழ்வினாலே கல்லூரி மாதாவை அணி கலன் செய்து அலங்கரித்த ஆசிரியப் பெருந்தகையே மேதை அலென் ஏபிரகாம் அவர்கள்.

காரைநகர் ஈன்றெடுத்த தவப் புதல்வரெனச் சட்டத்தரணி குலசின்கும் அவர்களால் வர்ணிக்கப்பட்ட மேதை அலென் அவர்கள், 1865-ம் ஆண்டு காரைநகர் கிராமத்தில் அவதரித்து, தமது ஆரம்பக் கல்வியை முடித்த பின்னர் இலங்கையின் முதலாவது ஆசிரியர் பயிற்சிக் கலாசாலையான தெல்லிப்பளை ஆசிரியர் பயிற்சிக்கலாசாலையில் ஓர் பயிற்றப்பட்ட தமிழாசிரியராக முதலாம் பிரிவில் தேறினர். பின்னர் 1891-ம் ஆண்டு அவரது 26வது வயதில் யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரிக்கு அழைக்கப்பட்ட பெரியாரவர்கள் ஓராண்டு காலத்தினுள்ளேயே போதியளவு ஆங்கிலத்தையும்,

B. A. (Calcutta) பட்டத்தினையும் பெற்றாரென்ற ஓர் தகவல் மட்டுமே அன்றாது கல்வித்திறனையும் அயரா முயற்சியையும் எடுத்துக் காட்டப் போதுமானதாகும்,

ஓர் தலைசிறந்த கணிதவாசிரியர் என்று பெயரெடுத்த மேதையவர்கள் காலத்தில், எமது கல்லூரிச் சரித்திரத்திலேயே பல புதிய அத்தியாயங்கள் புரட்டப்பட்டனவென்று கூறின் அது மிகையாகாது. 1907-ம் ஆண்டு அதிபர் Brown ஐயர் அவர்கள் காலத்தில் Cambridge Junior Local Certificate வகுப்பு, 1914-ம் ஆண்டில் London Matriculation வகுப்பு, 1919-ம் ஆண்டில் அதிபர் Bicknell ஐயர் அவர்கள் காலத்தில் Cambridge Senior Certificate வகுப்பு முதலிய புதிய வகுப்புகள் கல்லூரியில் ஆரம்பிக்கப்படுவதற்கு அதிபர் களுக்குத் தூண்டுகோலாகவும் உறுதுணையாகவும் உழைத்தவர். குறிப்பாக 1921-ம் ஆண்டு அதிபர் Bicknell ஐயர் அவர்கள் காலத்தில் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்ட London Intermediate Arts வகுப்பின் ஆக்கத்திலும் வளர்ச்சியிலும் மேதையவர்களது நாமம் ஆழப்பதிந்துள்ளது எனலாம். இன்றைய மாணவர்களாகிய நாம் பக்கலையுள் உயர்கலையும் தமிழ் மொழியிலேயே கற்கின்ற காலப்பகுதியை இற்றைக்கு அரைநூற்றாண்டுகளுக்கு முன்னரேயே உணர்ந்து, யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரிச் சரித்திரத்திலேயே முதன் முதலாகத் தமிழ்மொழியை உயர்வகுப்புக்கு ஓர் பாடமாக்கிய



பெருமை, அன்றாது கல்வித்துறை மீதான தீர்க்கதரிசினத்தை எடுத்துக் காட்டுகின்றது.

திரு. அலென் ஏபிரகாம் அவர்கள் மேதை என்ற சொல்லுக்கே வரைவிலக்கணம் வகுத்தாற்போல் மிகுந்த நுண்ணறிவும், நுணுகி ஆராயும் வல்லமையும் வாய்ந்தவர். இவ்வாற்றல்களை வழிபடுத்தும் கருவியாக வானசாத்திரவியலைக் கைக்கொண்ட மேதையவர்கள், அறிவியற் பரிவர்த்தனை, விஞ்ஞான சாதன வசதிகள் குறைவான அக்காலத்திலேயே தமது கைப்பட, உள்ளூர் மூலப்பொருட்களைக் கொண்டு ஓர் தொலைகாட்டியை அமைத்துக் கொண்டார். வானசாத்திரவியலில் விசேட பயிற்சியெதுவும் மேற்கொண்டிராத அவர்கள் தம்கைவண்ணமான அத்தொலைகாட்டியினுதவியோடு, நாளொரு மேனியும் பொழுதொரு வண்ணமாமய்த் தமது அறிவைக் குடத்தினுள் ஒளிவிளக்காய் வளர்த்துவந்த காலே, 1912-ம் ஆண்டில் அன்னாரின் அறிவும் திறனும் அகிலமும் பரவும் வண்ணம் ஓர் சம்பவம் நிகழ்ந்தது.

அகில உலகிலுமுள்ள பிரபல வானசாத்திர நிபுணர்கள் சங்கமான ரோயல் வானசாத்திரவியல் சங்கம் (Royal Astronomical Society) அவ் வருடம், 75 ஆண்டுகளுக்கொருமுறை தோற்றும் வால் வெள்ளியொன்று தோன்ற இருக்கும் மாதம், நான், நேரம் முதலிய விபரங்களைப் பத்திரிகைகளில் அறிவித்தனர். இவ்வேளையில் சில அரை விஞ்ஞானிகள் வால் வெள்ளியின் வாலானது பூமியைத் தொடுவதன் மூலம் உலகமே அழி

யப்போவதாக மக்களை அச்சுறுத்தினர். நம் விஞ்ஞானி அலென் அவர்கள் செயலில் இறங்கினார். அவரது நுட்பமான அளவீடுகளின்படி, வானசாத்திர நிபுணர் சங்கத்தினரின் அளவீடுகளில் வழுவுள்ளமையைக் கண்டறிந்து, வால்வெள்ளி கண்களுக்குத் தோன்றவிருக்கும் மாதம், திகதி, நேரம் முதலியவற்றை மட்டுமல்லாமல் வெள்ளியின் வால் பூமியிலிருந்து தொலைவிலுள்ள தூரத்தினையும் கணித்துப் பத்திரிகைகளுக்கு அறிவித்ததன் மூலம் மக்கள் மத்தியில் நிலவும் பீதியை அகற்றினார்.

சர்ச்சைக்குரிய வால்வெள்ளியும் வந்தது. அகிலத்து வணங்காமுடி விஞ்ஞானிகளின் கூற்றுக்களைத்தும் பொய்த்து நம் விஞ்ஞானி அலென் ஏபிரகாம் அவர்கள் குறிப்பிட்ட அதே திகதி, நேரத்திலும் குறித்த அதே தூரத்திலும் வால்வெள்ளி தோன்றியது. அன்றைய தினம் அகிலமெங்கும் அலெனின் நாமம் ஒலித்தது. காரைநகர் ஈன்றெடுத்த தவப்புதல்வர் அன்று அகில உலகின் தவப்புதல்வரானார். முழுமையும் அவர் கைவண்ணமான தொலைகாட்டியையும் அன்றாது அறிவுத்திறனையும் கண்டு விஞ்ஞான உலகம் வியந்தது. ரோயல் வானசாத்திரவியல் சங்கம் அன்றாருக்கு F. R. A. S. (Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society) பட்டம் வழங்கிக் கௌரவித்தது. இப்பட்டத்தினைத் தட்டிக்கொண்ட முதல் இலங்கையர் என்ற வகையில் அவரால் இந்நாடே மகிமை பெற்றது. அன்றைய தினம் இலங்கைமாதா அன்றரை ஈன்ற பொழுதிலும் பெரிதுவந்தனள்.



ஆனால் இவ்வுயரிய சாதனை யொன்றுக்காக மட்டும் நாம் இன்று நினைவு கூர்கின்றோமென்றால் அது முற்றிலும் தவறானதாகும். மேதை யவர்களது நாமம் கேட்டதும் அவர் மாணவர்கள் மெய்ம்மறந்து நிற்கின்றனர். அவரது உயர் வாழ்விற்காக அஞ்சலி செய்கின்றனர். கற்பித்தலை உயர்ந்த இலட்சியமாகக் கொண்ட அவர்கள், தமது உன்னத்தை மாணவர்கள் உள்ளத்தோடு இணைய வைத்தவர். உயர் பண்புகளனைத்தும் இளகிய குழந்தையுள்ளத்திலிருந்தே வெளிப்படும் என்பதற்கமைய, ஒரு நாள் மேதையவர்கள் வகுப்பறையில் குறுக்கும் நெடுக்குமாக நடந்து கொண்டே பாடம் நடத்திக் கொண்டிருந்தார். வகுப்பிலிருந்த மாணக்களுருவன் பாடங்களை எழுதுவது போல பாசாங்கு செய்து கொண்டே பருத்த வயிற்றுடனான ஒரு மனிதனின் உருவத்தை வரைந்து அதன் கீழே, “அலென் என்னும் பண்டிதராம். அவர் ஒரு பெரிய வண்டியராம்” என்று அன்னார்மீது கேலிக்கவி புனைந்து கொண்டிருந்தான். அலென் அவர்கள் தமது வாக்குக் கண்ணினால் எங்கு நோக்குகின்றாரென்று புரியாத மாணவன் குஷியாக வரைந்து கொண்டிருக்கையில், அம் மாணவன் ஏதோ குறும்பு செய்வதை மட்டும் அவதானித்த அவர் அருகிலே சென்று அப்பக்கத்தைக் கிழித்துத் தமது சட்டைப்பைக்குள் வைத்துக்கொண்டார். அவ்வளவுதான், பாடம் முடிந்தது. மதிய போசன இடைவேளையின்போது வாய்த்த ஓய்வினை முறையாகப்பயன்

படுத்த வேண்டிய வேளையிலே, நம் கடமைவீரர்குறிப்புப் புத்தகங்களைத் திருத்திக் கொண்டிருந்தார். மாணவன் செய்வதறியாது பரிதவித்துத் தயங்கிய வண்ணமே அவரது அறையினுள், இதயத்திலே பலத்த சமையோடு நடுங்கிய வண்ணம் சென்றான். அம் மாணவனைக் கண்டபோதுதான் அக்காகிதத்தின் நினைவுவந்தவராகச் சட்டைப்பை யிலிருந்து எடுத்து வாசித்தபோது அதில் தம்மைக் கேலிசெய்யும் வார்த்தைகள் எழுதப்பட்டிருப்பதைக் கண்ட குழந்தையுள்ளம் படைத்த ஞானியவர்கள் மாணவனை நோக்கிக் கூறிய தோரணை இதுதான், “நீர் சிறிய பையன். உமக்கு இது ஒரு வினையாட்டுத்தான். ஆனால் இனிமேல் இவ்வாறு குறும்பு செய்ய வேண்டாம்” என்று கூறி அக்காகிதத்தைத் தூள் தூளாகக் கிழித்துப்போட்டார். என்னே அவர் உள்ளத்தின் உயர்வு! மாணவன் அவர் கால்களைக் கட்டிப்பிடித்துக் கொண்டே கதறி அழுதான். தம் உள்ளத்தினாலே, அதன் உயர் பண்புகளினாலே மாணவர்களை வழிப்படுத்தியவர் மேதை அலென்.

மேதையவர்களது உடல் பெரியது; நேரானது, அதற்கேற்றப் போல் அவர் உயர்ந்த, பரந்த உள்ளத்தினையும் கொண்டிருந்தார். அவர் உள்ளம் எப்போதும் உண்மையின் பாலும் நீதியின் பாலும் அவாவி நிற்கும். தனக்காக வாழாது பிறர்க்காக வாழும் பரந்த உலகிற்குத் தம்மை அர்ப்பணித்த அவர் ஓர் உண்மைக் கிறிஸ்தவராக, இறைவன் பால் அளவுற்ற அன்பு கொண்டு ஒழுகியதோடு தம் கவிபுனையும் ஆர்



றலினால் பல தெய்வீகப் பாடல்களை இறைவன்மீது பாடியுள்ளார். தற்போது அவரியற்றிய 12 பாடல்கள் தேவாலய பாடல் புத்தகத்திலே (Hymn Book) இடம்பெற்றுள்ளன. காரைநகர் ஆதினத்துக்கு மட்டுமல்லாமல் தென்னிந்திய ஐக்கிய திருச்சபையின் ஓர் அங்கமான யாழ்ப்பாண சபாசங்கத்தின் அரும்பெருந்தானாக விளங்கியதோடு ஏழு ஆண்டுகள் அதன் காரியதரிசியாகவும் பணியாற்றினார். அவர் சேவை மதிக்கப்பட்டது. அன்றாது தலைமைப்பதவி கௌரவிக்கப்பட்டது. எனவே கிறிஸ்தவ சாகியம் அவர்மீது அன்பும் பெருமதிப்பும் கொண்டிருந்தமையில் வியப்பேதுமில்லை எனலாம்.

இத்துணை கௌரவிக்கப்பட்ட மேதை அலென் ஏபிரகாம் அவர்கள் தம் வாழ்வில் எளிமையின் மகத்துவத்தைக் கைக்கொண்டார். திருக்கல் மாட்டுவண்டியில் நேரந்தவருது பாடசாலைக்கு வரும்போதே ஏதாவது நூல்களை வாசித்த வண்ணம் வருவாராம். பின்னர் பாடசாலை முடிவடைந்த பின்னர் கூடத் தமது வீட்டிலே கால்களை நீட்டியவண்ணம் நிலத்திலே அமர்ந்து உழுவாரம் கொண்டு புல் செருக்குவாராம் இந்த F. R. A. S. பட்டதாரி, எளிமைமட்டுமல்லாது அவரது தாய்மையான சிரிப்பு, உண்மையான உரையாடல், தம்மவரின் சுகதுக்கங்களில் தாமாகவே பங்குகொள்ளும் பரந்த மனப்பான்மை முதலியன அன்றாது அன்றாட வாழ்வின் அணிகலன்களாக விளங்கின.

மேலும் அக்காலத்தில் வருடா வருடம் அராவி சரஸ்வதி மகா வித்தியாலயத்தில் நடைபெறும் மதுவிலக்கு மகாநாடுகளில் சிறப்புப் பேச்சாளராகக் கலந்துகொள்ளும் இவரை அனைவரும் எழுந்துநின்று தமது தோள்களினின்றும் சால்வைகளை எடுத்து வரவேற்பாரெனக் கூறுவர். மேதை அலென் அவர்கள் சைவ, முஸ்லிம், கிறிஸ்தவப் பெரியர்களோடு தோள் கொடுத்த, அவரது அயராது போராட்டத்தினால் காரைநகரில் ஒரு தடவை அனைத்து தவறணைகளையும் மூடவைத்த பெருமையினைப் பெற்றார். அன்றரைக் கௌரவிக்கும் வகையில் 'அலென் ஒழுங்கை' எனப் பெயரிடப்பட்ட ஒழுங்கையொன்றும் காரைநகரில் உண்டு.

உதயதாரகை பத்திரிகையின் ஆசிரியராகச் சிறிது காலம் கடமை யாற்றிய இவர் கல்லூரிச் சஞ்சிகைகளிலும் 'உதயதாரகை' பத்திரிகையிலும் தொடராக எழுதிய வானசாத் திரவியற் கட்டுரைகள் அக்காலத்தில் மிகவும் பெறுமதி மிக்கனவாயிருந்தன. அத்தோடு இவர் ஓர் கவிஞராகவும், பேச்சாளராகவும் விளங்கியமை மேதையவர்களை ஓர் இலக்கியவாதியாகவும் எடுத்துக் காட்டுகின்றது அவர் மாணவர்களை நோக்கி, "நீங்கள் எழுதும்போது முதலில் உங்கள் பேனாவை இதயத்திலே அமிழ்த்திய பின்னர் எழுதுங்கள்" என்று கூறுவாராம். இஃது எழுதும்போது மிகுந்த இதயசுத்தியோடு எழுத வேண்டும் என்பதை மட்டுமல்லாது, 'இதயத்திலே அமிழ்த்தி' என்று குறிப்பிடுவதிலிருந்து இத



யத்தை ஓர் 'இளகிய' திரவநிலையிலே காண்பது, அன்றாது இதயம் (உள்ளம்) பற்றிய உயர் எண்ணக்கருவினையும் எடுத்துக் காட்டுகின்றது.

மேதை அலென் ஏபிரகாம் அவர்கள் தமது 57வது வயதில் மரணப்படுக்கையில் வைத்தியர்களாற் கைவிடப்பட்ட நிலையில், யாழ்ப்பாணத்திலிருந்து காரைநகர் நோக்கி உயிரோடு செய்யும் இறுதி யாத்திரையை மேற்கொண்டிருந்தபோது கூட, அவர்கள் எமது கல்லூரி வளாகத்தை அண்மித்ததும் "எனது மகன் இன்று கொழும்பில் பரீட்சை எழுதிக் கொண்டிருப்பான். நிச்சயம் சித்தியெய்துவான். அவனை ஆண்டவன் ஆசீர்வதிப்பார்" என்று கூறுகையில் அருகிலிருந்த அவரது சொந்த மகன் "யார் அந்த மகன்?" என்று கேட்டாராம். அவர் குறிப்பிட்டது வேறு யாரையுமில்லை, அன்றாது அன்பு மாணவர் திரு. L. S. குலத்துங்கம் அவர்களைத்தான். தமது மாணவனை, மகனாகப் பாவனை செய்யும் நல்லாசான் அவர்கள் தமது மரணப்படுக்கையிலே கூட மாணவனது பரீட்சையைப் பற்றியே சிந்தித்தாரென்று எண்ணும்போது, "இவரன்றோ கடமைவீரர்" என்று கூறத் தோன்றுகின்றதல்லவா?

திரு. L. S. குலத்துங்கம் அவர்கள் தமது ஆசிரியப் பெருந்தகை மேதை அலென் ஏபிரகாம் அவர்களைப் பற்றி 1947-ம் ஆண்டு கல்லூரிச் சஞ்சிகையின் Jubilee வெளியீட்டில் குறிப்பிடுகையில், "We students of the Bicknell period respected and esteemed various teachers for

various qualities but did not come across another who combined himself the brilliancy of a student, the ability of a teacher, the love and care of a fond parent, the thoroughness and punctuality of a well disciplined life, the nobility and great heartedness of a generous nature, the upright character and saintly conduct of a perfect Christian gentleman like Mr. Abraham." என ஒரு மாணவரது கோணத்தில் வர்ணிக்கின்றார். ஆனால் அதிபர், சக ஆசிரியர்கள் முதலியோர் மேதையவர்கள் மீது எத்துணை அன்பு கொண்டிருந்தனர் என்பதை எடுத்துக் காட்டும் வகையில், நமது நீண்டகால அதிபராகிய கனம். ஜோன். பிக்னல் அவர்கள் பின்வருமாறு குறிப்பிடுகின்றார். "உயர்திரு. ஏபிரகாம் அவர்களின் இடத்திற்கு யாரை நியமிப்பது? என்ற கேள்விக்கு நான் கூறக்கூடிய மறுமொழி 'எவரையுமில்லை' என்பது தான். அவரின் இடத்தை யாரும் நிரப்ப முடியாது. அவருக்கு முற்றான அறிவு, கற்பிப்பதில், தனியாற்றல், ஆலோசனை கூறுவதில் ஆழ்ந்த அறிவுடைமை ஆகிய பண்புகள் சிறந்து விளங்கின. அவர் தமது சொந்த வசதிகள் பாதிக்கப்படுவதைப் பொருட்படுத்தாது சேவை யாற்றச் சித்தமுடையவராயிருந்தார். மற்றவர்களுடன் சுமுகமாகப் பழகும் பண்பு வாய்ந்தவர். இந்நற்பண்புகள் இன்னொருவரை அவரிடத்திற்கு நியமிக்கும்போது தயங்கவைக்கின்றன"



மேதை அலென் ஏபிரகாம் அவர்களது நாமம் கல்லூரித்தாயின் உயிர்மூச்சுடன் இரண்டறக் கலந்து நின்று அவளது பெருமைக்குரிய அணிகலனாக வாழ்ந்து கொண்டிருக்கின்றது.

ஓர் மெய்ஞ்ஞானி!! விஞ்ஞானி!!  
கவிஞானி!! மாமேதை!!

ஆம். கல்லூரித்தாயின் தவப்புதல்வர் அவர்.

நன்றி :

மேதை அலென் ஏபிரகாம் அவர்கள் பற்றி ஆராயும்படி துண்டிய எமது அதிபர் திரு. A. கதிர்காமர் B. Sc., M. A. அவர்கட்கும்; ஆராய்ச்சிக்கு வேண்டிய நூல்கள் பலவற்றை விதந்துரைத்தும், உபகரித்தும், யாவற்றிற்கும் மேலாக மேதையவர்களின் அன்பு மாணவராக, சக ஆசிரியராகவிருந்து அவர்கள் நேரில் பெற்ற அனுபவங்களுட்பட அன்னார் வாழ்வின் அரியபல குறிப்புகளையும் தந்து தவியும், மொத்தமாகக் கூறின் மேதையவர்களுையே படம் பிடித்துக் காட்டிப் பேருதவி புரிந்த திருவாளர் லைமன் S. குலத்துங்கம் B. A. அவர்கட்கும்; அரிய ஆலோசனைகள் வழங்கிய

இளைப்பாறிய ஆசிரியர்கள், சமாதான நீதவான் திரு. T. விநாயகமூர்த்தி B. A. அவர்கள், வித்துவான் திரு. இ. பாலசுப்பிரமணியம் B. A. அவர்கட்கும் என் உளமார்ந்த நன்றிகள் உரித்தாகுக.

கீழ்வரும் தோணிப்பாடல் மேதை அலென் ஏபிரகாம் அவர்களால், வருடாவருடம் கல்லூரி ஆசிரிய மாணவர்கள் எழுவதிவுக்கு வள்ளத்திற்செல்லும்போது உற்சாகமாகத் தண்டு வலிப்பதற்காக அக்காலத்தைய கல்லூரி அதிபர், ஆசிரியர்களைச் சித்திரித்துப் பாடப்பெற்றது. ஆண்டாண்டு காலமாக வாய்மொழியாகத் தொடரும் இப்பாடலை அச்சேற்ற உதவிய இளைப்பாறிய கல்லூரி ஊழியர் திரு. C. நாகமுத்து அவர்களுக்கு எனது நன்றி.

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ஏல ஏலோம் தத்தெய்தாமே.  
ஏல வலி ஏலோம்!!

(பாடியவர்-திரு. அலென் ஏபிரகாம்)  
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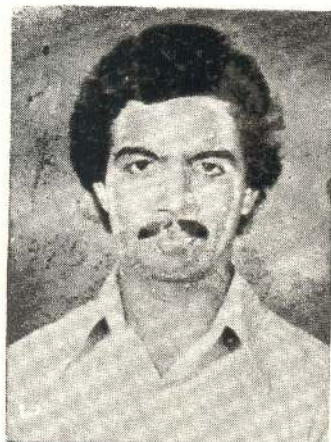
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க. பொ. த. (உயர்தரம்)



**WINNERS OF W. H. THAMBYRAJA BARTLETT  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
(for the best Physical Science student entering the University)



**A. Philip Jeyakumar**  
(1976)

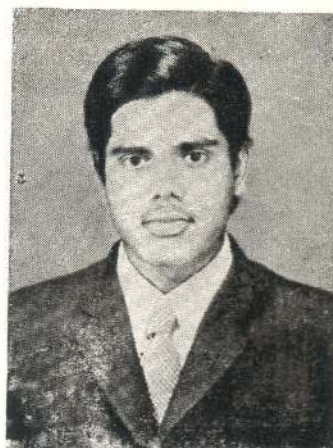


**T. Ramachandran**  
(1977)

**WINNERS OF DR. W. S. RATNAVALE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
(for the best Biological Science student entering the University)



**Miss. Vasanthika Muthuthamby**  
(1976)



**A. Muruganantha**  
(1977)



**WINNER OF THE S. V. BALASINGAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



**Miss Kalyani Ramachandran**  
(1978)

**THE JUBILARIANS**  
(Minor Staff)



**V. Kandiah**



**D. Rasiah**



# **The Jaffna College Y. M. C. A.**

**Report for the period December, 1976 — December, 1978**

The above association is the first student Y. M. C. A. that was established in the East. This was founded in the year 1884 by a group of young men who felt the need of organising themselves into a society to carry on intensive and effective Christian work in and outside the College. It was disorganised to a certain extent due to the acquisition of part of the College to establish the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka during 1974 — 1976. In 1977 an interim committee consisting of the staff and students of Jaffna College was formed to re-organise the Y. M. C. A. on the basis of an amended constitution.

## **The Interim Committee :**

President — Mr. A. Kadirgamar  
Vice-President — Mas. C. A.

Secretary — Mr. Noel A.  
Vimalendran

Asst. Secretary — Mas. E. J.  
Jeyarajah

Treasurer — Mr. A. Jeyarajan

Committee — Mr. S. J. Manickam

— Mas. S. Jebakumar

— Mas. S. Sooriya-  
kumar

One of our members, Mr. A. Kadirgamar was sent to Rhode

Island, USA on an exchange programme in 1977.

In 1978 the regular Board was formed and the new constitution was passed.

## **The Board of Directors :**

President — Mr. A. M. Brodie

Vice-President — Mas. G. Nadarajah

Hony. Secretary — Mr. Noel A. Vimalendran

Asst. Secretary — Mas. G. Kirubakaran

Mas. W. Ponrajasingham

Treasurer — Mr. A. Jeyarajan

Asst. Treasurer — Mas. T. Yogendran

Committee — Mr. S. J. Manickam

Mas. K. Vethasalam

Mas. K. Sooriyakumar

Mas. M. Ratnarajah

Ex-Officio — Mr. A. Kadirgamar  
Mr. S. Rajanayagam

The working out of the details of our programme is in the hands of four committees. The carrying on of a Sunday School for the depressed class children consisting of 35 students in the surrounding village of Kanavakkai forms an important part of the work done by the religious committee. Chapel services are conducted daily in the Hostels. The Y. M. C. A.



week of Prayer was observed and appropriate talks were given each day of the week on the themes provided. Special Vesper Service was conducted to commemorate the YMCA Sunday in the Cathedral Church, Vaddukoddai.

Introducing indoor games like Table Tennis, Carrom, Chess, etc. to the students is within the scope of the work of the Sports Committee.

The development of the village of Kanavakkai, consisting of seventeen families is the main aim of the Project Committee. It has conducted a Regional Seminar on 'Rural Development Project' and to improve the standard of English, a Spoken English class has also been introduced to the students of the College. A wire weaving class was also started to help our students.

#### **Finance :**

Our finances mainly come from the rent we get on our YMCA

house and membership fees. We are happy to say that we are financially sound.

Before I conclude I wish to thank the National Council of YMCAs, the Committee members and other members for all their encouragement and co-operation in all our activities, and we do hope that the same enthusiasm will prevail in our future as well.

In conclusion I would like to express this fact, that there are in our association and in our institution young Christian men with love and devotion to Christ and with an enthusiasm and fervour to serve him.

Be strong, we are not here, to play,  
to dream to drift,  
We have hard work to do and loads to lift  
Shun not the battle — face it  
This is God's gift  
Be strong! Be strong!

**Noel A. Vimalendran**

Hony. Secretary, Jaffna College  
Y. M. C. A.



# The Student Christian Movement

1977

	Ist Term	IInd Term	IIIrd Term
President :	S. Ruban	G. Kirubaharan	G. Nadarajah
Secretary :	C. Arnold	G. Nadarajah	W. Ponrajasingam

1978

President :	T. Yogendran	K. Vethasalam	W. Ponrajasingam
Secretary :	K. Sooriyakumar	G. Devarajan	S. Premaranjini

"We work together in thy sight;  
We live together in thy love;  
Guide thou our faltering steps aright,  
And lift our thoughts to Heaven above"

I deem it a great pleasure to submit the report of the Jaffna College Student Christian Movement.

Mr. S. Jebanesan staff advisor of our unit till 1977 has left us to follow higher studies. His faithful guidance and advice shown for the advancement of the S. C. M. has made us active throughout the year. The same year Miss P. Gulasingam became the staff advisor. She also left us in the course of the year for higher studies. From 1978 onwards Mr. G. Rajanayagam took over the responsibilities of the S. C. M.

We have had various activities during the course of the past two years. The fortnightly meetings on Tuesdays were very successful.

Rev. A. Jeyakumar, Rev. S. Manopavan, Rev. A.C. Mathanaraja, our Principal, and Mrs. A. Thambiappah were some of the speakers who were invited to speak

and lead discussions. We also conducted Bible quiz competitions.

Fifteen of our members participated at the J. I. C. C. F. Camp which was held at Pungudutivu in 1977. We are happy to note that our staff advisor Mr. G. Rajanayagam was elected President of the J. I. C. C. F. and Miss Mallika Kadirgamar was elected student secretary. Our congratulations to them. Three of our members participated in the Annual S. C. M. Conference in Colombo in 1977.

In conclusion let me say a sincere Thank you to our staff advisor Mr. G. Rajanayagam, members of the committee and all members of the S. C. M. for their whole-hearted co-operation.

Our hearts are full of gratitude to God for every blessing we have received during this period. May we keep the S. C. M. first always and never fail to give our best to the Master.

**W. Ponrajasingam**  
President



## The Round-Table 1977

President :	Mr. V. Ragunadhamudaliyar
Secretary & Treasurer :	Miss S. S. Selvadurai
Committee :	Messrs. G. Jeyasingam T. Arumainayagam Mrs. P. Thambirajah Miss P. Gulasingam

In presenting the report for the year, I happy to say that the year under review has been an active and a successful one. The Round-Table continued to function effectively throughout this year.

During the course of the year, we welcomed into our fellowship the following new members. Messrs. T. Thangarajah, S. C. Karunendran, T. Nithiaratnam and M. Vetivel. Some members who had served us for a short period left us.

The Round-Table felicitated the following newly married couples Mr. & Mrs. A. Jeyakumar, Mr. & Mrs. S. Virasinghe and Mr. & Mrs. S. Balachandran. We regret that we were unable to felicitate this year our jubilarian Miss M. S. Elias.

The Round Table entertained Rt. Rev. & Mrs. C. L. Abeyanaiké who were our Chief Guests at our Prize Giving, at its customary Prize Giving Tea. Dr. & Mrs. S. Arasaratnam were also entertained at Tea by the Round-Table. Dr. Arasaratnam delivered the Bunker memorial lectures in January.

The Round-Table awarded the Balasingam memorial scholarship this year to R. Kalyani. (N.C. G. E. scholar).

During the latter part of the year we bade farewell to two of our teachers Mr S. N. Vinayaga-moorthy who had served us for a period of ten years left us to take up appointment in Nigiria. Mr T. Ponnambalam retired after a period of long and devoted service to the college.

Mr. Handy Perinpanayagam one of the founder members of the Round-Table died during the course of the year. He was a teacher of English and Latin and later became the Principal of Kokuvil Hindu College.

In conclusion let me extend my sincere thanks to the President and the members of the committee for their ready co-operation and help. I hope that the Round-Table will continue to be a guild upholding the ideals of freedom of speech and expression and engendering fellowship.

**S. S. Selvadurai**  
Hony. Secretary



RETIRED



Mr. T. Ponnambalam  
(1946 — 1977)



Mr. R. Balasubramaniam Aiyer  
Head : Dept. of Tamil  
(1951 — 1978)



**IN MEMORIAM**  
(Former Members of our staff)



**Mr. S. Handy Perinpanayagam**



**Mr. P. T. John**



# Annual Report of the Round-Table for the Year Ending 8th February, 1979

President :

Mr. W. D. Kulathungam

Secretary & Treasurer :

Mr. Noel A. Vimalendran

Committee Members :

Miss S. S. Selvadurai

Mr. A. M. Brodie

Mr. A. Jeyarajan

The year under review has been quite successful inspite of our limited activities. We are very happy to record that all our crockery have been returned to us by the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka. The members of the Round Table met on a number of occasions during the year.

## Membership Changes :

We have great pleasure in welcoming into our fold the following new members — Misses M. Kularajasingam, C. R. Arudpiragasam, and Mr. V. Ganesharatnam.

We are also happy that Messrs. G. Rajanayagam, N. Thatparanathan, and Miss S. P. Gulasingam have returned after completing their Diploma in Second Language, Diploma in Education and Diploma in Science at the University of Sri Lanka and the University of London respectively.

## Lecture Meetings :

We started our activities with a tea to Mrs. C. B. Bavinck on the occasion of her visit to Jaffna College. She addressed the members on "Women's Liberation".

We also had Miss M. Premeela to tea on the occasion of her Carnatic Music performance in aid of Jaffna College at Veerasingham Hall, Jaffna. She also addressed the guild.

## Felicitations :

The Chief Guests at our Annual Prize-Giving were Dr. V. A. Benjamin, Surgeon, Jaffna, and Mrs Benjamin, and we were happy to host them at the traditional tea. It was the first function to be held in the Ottley Hall after it was returned to the College by the University of Sri Lanka.

## Farewells :

This year two of our long standing members left us. Mr. V.



Ragunatha Mudaliyar had to leave us suddenly to take up appointment in Nigeria, Mr. K. Sivananthan of the Technical Institute left us during the course of the year to take up appointment as Engineer at the Government Factory, Kolannawa. Mr. Ragunatha Mudaliyar was with us for 14 years and Mr. Sivananthan for 4 years. We bade farewell to Mr. & Mrs. Ragunatha Mudaliyar at a dinner and Mr. Sivananthan at a tea.

#### **Congratulations :**

We felicitated the following Jubilarians at a traditional dinner. Mr. A. Kadirgamar (Principal), Mr. A. Rajasingham (Vice-Principal) and Miss M. S. Elias (Supervisor, Junior School). We congratulate them for their devoted service to the College during the past 25 years. We congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Satukunasivam on their attaining the state of matrimony.

#### **Balasingham Memorial Prize:**

The Round Table continues to award the Balasingham Memorial scholarship for a student in Grade 11 at his Grade 10 examination performance, and has started to award two Memorial Prizes at the Prize-Giving in memory of Mr. Stephen Balachandran and Mr. J. Selvarajasingham. Since the Grade 10 Examination has not been held this year the Balasingham Scholarship was not awarded.

Kalyani R. — 1977 Scholar  
Vasanthi S. — 1976 Scholar

In conclusion I wish to thank the President, committee members, Mr. R. D. Thanabalasingham, the Bursar and all other members of the Round Table for their co-operation and enthusiasm towards all the functions during my time of office.

I hope the Round Table will remain as a guild of freedom.

**Noel A. Vimalendran**

Secretary  
Jaffna College Round Table

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## Little Friends Pack

Every Tuesday is a joyful one, when we the little Friends meet at 3-45 p. m.

This year was a very special one. Five of our Little friends attended the Diamond Jubilee under Canvas Camp held at Vihara Maha Devi Park in Colombo for 10 days. Their experiences at the camp were shared with us at our little Friends meetings.

The Annual all Jaffna Little Friends Revela which we always look forward to with much enthusiasm was unfortunately not held this year due to circumstances beyond our control.

We were glad to welcome 10 new Little Friends to our pack this year.

We thank the Sylvanna and the Sylvette for all the help given to us throughout the year.

**A Little Friend**

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## The Cub Scout Movement

We have grown in strength, in number and in spirit. The Cub Scouts have shown great enthusiasm in their work. In February we celebrated The Baden Powell Day. We also took part in our District Cubs Field Day at the Old Park Jaffna.

At the Prize Day some of our Cub Scouts won prizes for doing well in the chip — a Job Campaign.

Our Cub Scouts also had an exciting week end camp in the

College premises organised by the G S M. Mr. K. Satchithanantham and Mr. A. Jeyarajan the acting Cub Scout Master. There they had opportunity of learning many new things and also of passing some of their tests.

Our acting Cub Scout master Mr. A. Jeyarajan underwent a training course for Cub Scouts.

Our thanks are due to our G. S. M. Mr. K. Satchithanantham & Mr. A. Jeyarajan for all the help rendered to the Cub Scout Pack.

**Scribe**

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## Our Girl Guide Company, 1977

We are still about 25 in number divided into four patrols meeting on Tuesday evenings.

This year is the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Girl Guides in Sri Lanka. We have started preparations well ahead of time for 12 Guides and 5 Little Friends to attend the celebration. The 12 Guides had a week-end get-together in a house at College. It was work, training and fun living together.

In March we were happy enjoying ourselves at Camp in a section of Vihara Maha Devi Park in Colombo converted into a Camp Site, housing more than 2000 guides and guiders together

with delegates from the Asia Pacific Countries. The experience of ten days was a very rich one. We thank all those individuals and groups who gave us their financial assistance.

News of the passing away of our Chief Guide, Lady Baden Powell reached us. Unfortunately the service planned to be conducted this day had to be cancelled for reasons beyond our control. We remembered her services at a Special meeting.

The Annual Rally too did not take place this year.

Our thanks are due to our Captain and Lieutenant for their guidance.

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## Our Girl Guide Company, 1978

We have thirty in our Company. Meetings continue to take place on Tuesday evenings.

Two of our Guides, Gnanalatha P. and Sathaselvi T. attended a week-end All Jaffna Under Canvas Camp held at Pandateruppu.

Comparatively, this year had not been an eventful one for us. However, we do our bit of service at the regular College functions.

We were disappointed that we could not attend the Annual Guide Rally at the Old Park, since we had our College Prize-Giving on the same day.

Ten of us attended a district Rally at Manipal Hindu College.

Our thanks are due to our Captain for her continued interest in us.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL — 1977

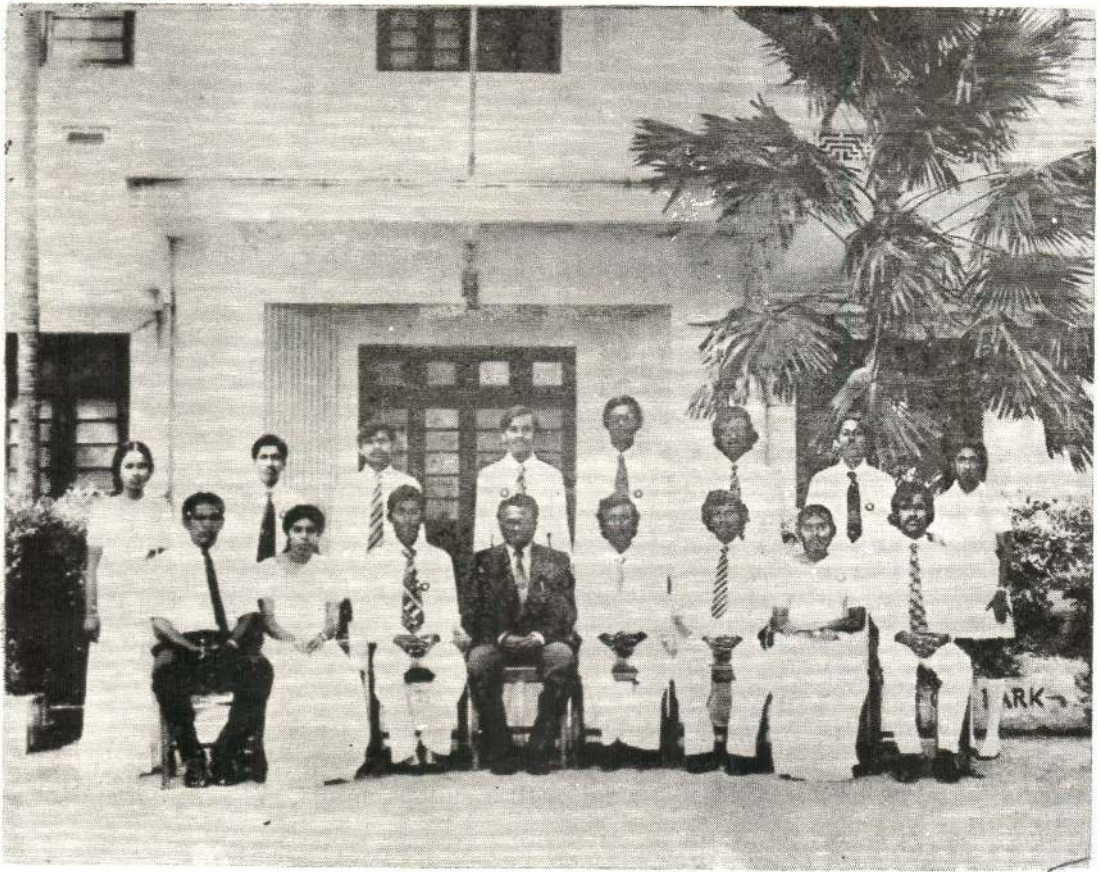


*Seated (L. to R.):* Mr. T. Anandaratnam (Faculty Advisor), S. Vathany, S. Jeyendran, The Principal, K. Sriharan (President), A. Naguleswaran, S. Sithamparapillai, V. Selvaratnam.

*Standing (L. to R.):* R. Kalyani, M. Pathumanithy, K. Vigneswaran, B. Sivagumar, N. Sivagunanatha, G. J. Gunaseelan, S. Suguljan, S. Shanthini.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL — 1978



*Seated (L. to R.):* Mr. T. Anandaratnam (Faculty Adviser), S. Vathany, N. Sivagunathana, The Principal. G. J. Gunaseelan (President), S. Jeyendran, M. Arulmathy, B. Sivakumar.

*Standing (L. to R.):* R. Kalyani, S. Sivashankar, S. Nadarajah, N. Uthayakumar, S. Sivakumar, S. Sugahjan, K. Vigneswaran, S. Shanthini.



## **The School Council 1977**

President :	K. Sritharan
Vice President :	A. Naguleswaran
Secretary :	L. Satchithananthan

In presenting the report of the School Council for the year 1977, I wish to record that there has not been much a change in the normal duties from those of previous years.

The Council is Composed of fifteen members. They are : K. Sritharan (President), A. Naguleswaran, L. Satchithananthan, S. Sithamparapillai, S. Jeyendran, N. Sivagunanathan, G. J. Gunaseelan, B. Sivakumar, S. Suguljan, K. Wigneswaran, M. Pathumanithy, and Misses S. Vathany, T. Arulmathy, R. Kalyani and S. Shanthini.

We continue to supervise, maintain order and discipline during "chapel period", college functions, sports meet and matches. We supervise studies when the

teachers are absent and arrange transport for students for functions out side the college.

Our main work for the year was the organising of a farewell to Mr. S. N. Vinayagamoorthy on his departure to Nigeria.

Our President K. Sritharan proposed the traditional vote of thanks at the Prize-Giving.

Our meetings have been very interesting and made us conscious of the responsibility we hold. The co-operation and good will of the students have helped us in carrying out our duties.

Finally, I wish to thank the Faculty Advisor Mr. T. Anandarathnam for his assistance and able guidance.

**L. Satchithananthan**  
Secretary



## The School Council 1978

President :	G. J. Gunaseelan
Vice President :	N. Sivagunanatha
Secretary :	B. Sivakumar
Faculty Adviser :	Mr. T. Anandaratnam

I am happy to submit a report of the School Council for the year 1978.

We were able to carry out all our duties during our term of office. Our meetings have always proved to be interesting and renewing the sense of responsibility we hold.

As in previous years, we continue to supervise and maintain order and discipline during "chapel" time and college functions, and to supervise studies when teachers are absent. More over the boarding Councillors help their wardens in various matters concerning the hostels, in addition to the distribution of letters.

Our President G, J. Gunaseelan proposed the traditional vote of Thanks at the Annual Prize Giving.

The Student Council is responsible for organizing farewells. This year we accorded farewells to one of our teachers, Mr. V. Ragunathamudaliyar who left us to take up a teaching appointment in Nigera.

I thank Mr. T. Anandaratnam, our faculty adviser, for his timely advice and guidance, without which we would have been greatly handicapped.

Finally I should like to thank the students for their co-operation.

**B. Sivakumar**  
Secretary



## THE ACADEMY DINNER – 1977



The Chief Guest Prof. S. Vithiananthan  
Vice Chancellor of the Jaffna Campus



## THE ACADEMY DINNER — 1978



The Chief Guest Dr. A. A. Hoover  
Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna



## The Academy — 1977

	President	Secretary
<i>First Term :</i>	R. Thevakumar	L. Satchithanathan
<i>Second Term :</i>	A. Bhaskaran	A. Ratnakumar
<i>Third Term :</i>	S. K. Nagulendran	S. Anandadevan

The year under review was of fair success to the Academy. Our regular programmes which were of varied nature catered to the interests of all our members.

As in the past years, traditional “freshers” introduction, speeches, debates and musical entertainment are some of the common items that constitute our regular programmes.

Our Annual Dinner was held during the third term with Dr. S. Vithiananthan, President, Jaffna Campus, University of Sri Lanka, as our Chief Guest. The members of the various dinner Committees

should be congratulated for their efforts in organizing a fine dinner. But the success of the dinner is also largely due to the co-operation of the members themselves. Our guests included the Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Kulandran and representatives of the Advance Level Unions of Chundikuli Girls College. St. John's College, Uduvil Girls College and Mahajana College.

Our thanks are due to our Patron Mr. T. Anandaratanam, for his advice and encouragement.

S. Anandadevan  
Hony Secretary

## The Academy — 1978

	First Term	Second Term	Third Term
<i>President :</i>	N. Sivagunananda	S. Jeyendran	N. Uthayakumar
<i>Secretary :</i>	P. Inpakalayini	G. J. Gunaseelan	P. Kuqarajah

The work and activities of the Academy is not carried out with the same interest and enthusiasm shown in the past. It is regrettable that a good number of members are reluctant to participate in our programmes.

As in the past years the traditional “Freshers” introduction debates, speeches, dramas and musical entertainments formed the programmes at our weekly meetings.



Our Annual Dinner came off on the 20th of November, in the Otley Hall presided over by Master N. Uthayakumar. Professor A. A. Hoover, Deen, Faculty of Medicine. Jaffna Campus was the Chief Guest.

My thanks are due to the dinner committees for their valuable

work to make the Dinner a success and the Executive Committee for all the help rendered to carry out the activities of our union. Our thanks are due to our patron Mr. A. Anandaratnam for his help and guidance.

P. Kugarajah  
Secretary

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## The Brotherhood — 1978

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
<i>President :</i>	A. Ariyatheepan	S. Sivaganga	T. Suresh
<i>Secretary :</i>	N. Paheerathan	P. Ratnarajah	K. Kularajah
<i>Treasurer :</i>	B. Swendraraj	K. Kularajah	P. Ratnarajah

The year under review has been one of intense activity. The usual programme of debates and individual talent display was gone thorough making our weekly programmes very lively.

During the second term we had our Annual social, where every member took part, and every one including our guests enjoyed themselves. This year too, we adhered to our practice of making this an internal function at which the Principal and Mrs. Kadirgamar were the Guests of Honour. The advantage of an internal function is that members are more informal and are able to give vent to their originality and enjoyment.

The Brotherhood is the oldest and the most colourful Literary Association in the long history of our college, and we have been trying to live up to it.

Our Patron Mr. A. M. Brodie has guided us with very little interference with our decisions, and we are grateful to him for his guidance. The Committees during the three terms have shown a sense of responsibility, and we thank all members concerned for their co-operation.

Finally it is our wish that the Brotherhood will continue to uphold the rich traditions, in the future too.

K. Kularajah  
Secretary



## The Forum — 1977

### President:

- I. K. Muraleetharan
- II. S. Mathanarajan
- III. T. Anpalakan

### Secretary:

- I. Nalini S.
- II. Vijayamalar A.
- III. Vimalendran S.

In presenting the report for this year, I am happy to say that the year under review has been an active and a successful one.

This year, the N. C. G. E. classes formed the Brotherhood while the Forum consisted of the Grade Eight classes. We had nearly seventy five members.

Our weekly meetings held every Thursday proved to be lively and interesting. Debates, plays, speeches and contests were, some of the items of the weekly programme in which the students participated with enthusiasm.

Our Annual Social was held during the third term. Our Vice Principal Mr. A. Rajasingam and Mrs Rajasingam were our chief guests. The programme for the evening included games and a variety entertainment consisting of songs, dances, a Tamil play and a well-enacted English play, 'The Wizard of Oz'.

My thanks are due to our Patron Miss S. S. Selvadurai for her help and guidance, the Committee and all the members who gave their whole-hearted co-operation throughout the year.

S. Vimalendran  
Secretary

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## The Forum — 1978

It is my pleasant duty to review the activities of our Association for the year 1978. This association consists of the Grade 9 classes. The members of this Association have shown great enthusiasm and participation. We meet every Thursday at 3-05 p m. in the School Hall.

The weekly meetings have been lively and interesting. Pupils showed much interest in democratic discourses and co-operative effort. Speeches, news reports, story telling, recitation of poems, debates and skits were some of the main features of the programme.



The highlight of its activities is the annual social held during the third term. Students give of their best on this occasion. The function started with the tea-party followed by games, skits and speeches. The principal and Mrs. Kadirgamar were invited as Guests of Honour. The function came

to a close with the staging of two one-Act plays.

In conclusion I wish to thank our patron Mr. G. Rajanayagam for his advice and encouragement and all the members of the Forum for their whole-hearted co-operation.

G. Ganeshan  
Secretary

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## The Lyceum — 1977

The Literary Association of the grade 8 classes was called the Lyceum for many years. This year the Literary Association of grade 7 was named thus.

Weekly meetings were held in the school hall. Tamil and English speeches, spelling quiz, plays and songs were some of the features of our programme.

During the 3rd term we enjoyed ourselves at a social where we entertained our principal and teachers to tea and games. This was followed by an entertainment

where we enjoyed dancing, reciting poetry and acting plays both English and Tamil. Nearly all our members took part in these items. The social came to an end with the President's Speech.

We thank our Supervisor Miss Elias, the Patrons Mrs S. D. Virasinghe and Mr. K. Satchithanandam and all our teachers for all the help and encouragement they gave us to make our social a success.

Miss K. Parasakthy  
Secretary

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## The Lyceum — 1978

### President:

I. P. Gananathan

II. R. Easwarakumar

The year under review has proved to be an active and a progressive one.

Due to the re-introduction of the G. C. E. (O. L.) classes, the

### Secretary:

I. Paul Devarajan

II. S. Sivachandra

Lyceum this year comprised the Grade 8 classes - as before. Our weekly meetings were held every Wednesday. Debates, speeches, songs, recitation and plays were



some of the items in which the members actively took part.

Our Annual Social was held on the 14th of November with our Principal Mr. A. R. Kadirgamar and Mrs. Kadirgamar as our Chief Guests. The evening's programme included games and a variety of entertainment. Songs, skits, a Tamil dance and a Tamil play were some of the items staged by our students. They also staged an English play, "Hansel and Gratel". The Principal Mr. A. R. Kadirgamar, while ad-

ressing the students commended the efforts made by them, and their enthusiasm and participation. In this connection, my sincere thanks are also due to the members of the staff who helped us to make the evening's programme a success.

Let me thank our Patron Miss S. S. Selvadurai for her help and advice, the members of the committee and all the students for their help and co-operation.

S. Selvachandran  
Secretary

## Geogaraphy Association — 1977, 1978

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*President:* Indranee Sebastian  
*Vice President:* Bavani Sivagnanam  
*Secretry:* Vathany Shanmugam

*Patron:* Mr. W. D. Kulatungam

*Vice-Patron:* Mr. N. Thatparananthan

In reviewing the activities of the Association for the period 1977 and 1978 I am happy to report that the Association has been active and progressing inspite of the decreasing number of its senior members.

We have to the best of our ability been holding our fortnightly meetings and have had guest speakers. Our members too address the meetings, and debates, quiz-contests and games formed part of the programme. I am proud to record that we took part in the Schools Exhibition organized by the Lions Club at St John's

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Vathany Shanmugam  
Sarojini Jesudasan  
S. Sanjayan

College Jaffna, and won prizes for our exhibits of the geology of Sri Lanka. We continue to hold our annual social with the Principal and Vice-Principal as guests of honour.

I sincerely hope that the members will continue to give their fullest co-operation and strive to broaden the activities of the association.

Finally a big 'Thankyou' to the committee members and the Patrons for their ready help, co-operation and guidance.

Vathany Shanmugam  
Secretary



## Jaffna College St. John Ambulance Division

This Brigade was registered as a combined Division on 17-1-1975. Mr. W. N. Thevakadacham Hony. Secy. and Lay Lecturer of the St. John Ambulance Assn. Jaffna was responsible for conducting regular classes in First Aid. The Ambulance Div. of Jaffna College secured the 2nd place in the First Aid Competition held last year and was awarded the Pragasam Challenge Cup. The team consisted of the following members:

S. Premachandran (Leader)  
A. Seharan  
V. Sudarsan

K. Bharathithasan  
A. Muruganesan

Last year 48 First Aiders (boys and girls) took up the First Aid Proficiency Exam which was conducted by Dr. S. Naganathar of Moolai Co-op. Hospital, and successfully completed it. They also participated in the St. John Ambulance Parade held this year.

I must thank the Principal for his timely advice, help and guidance in all the activities concerned.

V. Ragunatha Mudaliar  
Div. Officer

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## The English Study Circle

*President:*

*Secretary:*

*English Editor:*

*Treasurer:*

*Committee Representative:*

*Patron:*

T. Thiruchchothi

G. Nadarajah

Mario Ratnarajah

Patrick Ratnarajah

A. E. Jeyajothy

A. Kadirgamar (Esq)

I am happy to present the report of the newly formed English Study Circle.

The inaugural meeting of the English Study Circle was held on the 10th of October, 1978, comprising of about thirty students as its members, under the patronage of our Principal, Mr. A. Kadirgamar.

Our intention is to raise the standard of English and also to popularise this language. Although we realise it is not an easy task, we hope to achieve our object.

As a start we conducted a "Shakespeare Day" on Wednesday the 1st of November during our school assembly. Its success could be judged by the fact that



many of our students joined the Circle soon after.

On “Shakespeare Day”, we reviewed the life of Shakespeare, a Soliloquy from ‘As you like it’ and two 15th century songs from Shakespeare. We also had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Lyman S. Kulatungam, our former Vice-Principal and teacher who taught English Literature in the Inter Arts Classes. He went over the life of Shakespeare and analysed

Shakespeare from all angles and made the day interesting. We are very grateful to him.

We hope to organize interesting programmes like this and get our students interested in the study of English.

Our teachers are very helpful and we appreciate the encouragement given to us.

T. Thiruchchothi  
President

## தமிழ் மன்றம்

ஆரம்பகால நிர்வாகசபை உறுப்பினர்கள்:—

தலைவர்: செல்வன் சு. தேவானந்தர்  
காரியதரிசி: செல்வன் ந. உதயகுமார்  
தனாதிபதி: செல்வன் வே. இராஜகுமார்  
பத்திராதிபதி: செல்வன் கா. மோகனதாஸ்  
உறுப்பினர்: செல்வன் தா. சிறீதரன்

கல்லூரியிலே விளங்கும் இளமை குலுங்கும் மாணவர் மன்றமான தமிழ் மன்றம் தனது ஆறுமாதவயது பூர்த்தியடைந்த இவ்வேளையில், இக்குறுகிய காலத்தில் மன்றம் ஆற்றிய பணிகளைப் பல்லோரும் அறியும் வண்ணம் சமர்ப்பிப்பதில் பெருமகிழ்வுடைகின்றது. தமிழ்த்தாய் பெற்றெடுத்த இராப்பகதூர் சி. வை. தாமோதரம்பிள்ளை, கரோல் விசுவநாதபிள்ளை, வைமன் கதிரவேற்பிள்ளை, கிங்ஸ்பெரி அழகசுந்தரம்பிள்ளை, வில்லியம் நெவினசிதம்பரப்பிள்ளை போன்ற பெரியார்

கள் வாழ்ந்து மகிமைபெற்ற நம் கல்லூரியில் தமிழுக்கென்றோர் மன்றம், 1978ஆம் ஆண்டு ஆடிமாதம் 17ஆம் நாள் அதிபர் அவர்களால் கல்லூரி மண்டபத்தில் அங்குரார்ப்பணம் செய்துவைக்கப்பட்டது

கனம் அதிபர் அவர்களைப் பாதுகாவலராகவும், கல்லூரியிலே தமிழ் கற்பிக்கும் ஆசிரியர்களைக் கௌரவ ஆலோசகர்களாகவும் பெற்ற இம் மன்றத்தில் சகல வகுப்புகளையும் சேர்ந்த தமிழார்வம் மிக்க மாணவர்கள் அங்கம் வகிக்கின்றனர். இவ்வாறு பல்வேறு வகுப்புகளையும்



சேர்ந்த மாணவர்கள் அங்கம் வகிப்பதனாலும், நேரகுசிகையில் மன்றத்திற்கென நேரம் ஒதுக்குவதில் பல வசதியீனங்கள் உள்ளமையினாலும் கடந்த ஆறுமாத காலத்தில் மன்றம் கூட்டங்களை ஒழுங்கு செய்வதில் பலத்த பிரச்சினைகளை எதிர்நோக்கியது எனலாம்.

மன்றம் அதனது முதலாவது நடவடிக்கையாக, “தமிழ் மன்றம் ஆற்றவேண்டிய பணிகளும் அதன் தேவையும்” என்னும் பொருள் பற்றி 11-9-1978 அன்று ஓர் கருத்தரங்கினை நடாத்தியது. கௌரவ ஆலோசகர்களான திரு. இ. பாலசுப்பிரமணியம் அவர்களும், திரு. வை. இரகுநாதமுதலியார் அவர்களும் சிறப்புரைஞர்களாகி அவ்வரங்கினை அலங்கரித்தனர். தமிழ்மென்னும் பெருக்கெடுத்தோடும் தேனருவியிலே சிலதுளிகளையேனும் மாணவர்கள் சுவைத்து இன்புற வழிபிறந்தது என அன்றையதினம் மன்றம் மனம்பூரித்திருந்தது. தமிழுக்கென்றோர் மன்றம் அத்தியாவசியமானதென ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளப்பட்ட இவ்வேளையில், தமிழ்மன்றம் ஆற்றவேண்டிய பணிகள் விரிந்துகிடக்கின்றன. இதற்கிணங்க அன்றைய தினம் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளப்பட்ட நோக்கங்களிற் சில வருமாறு:

1. பரந்து நிற்கும் தமிழ்பற்றிய அறிவினையும், அதனூடு பெருக்கெடுத்து நிற்கும் இலக்கியச் சுவையினையும் மாணவர்கள் பெற வழிவகுத்தல்.
2. தமிழன்னையின் அணிகலன்களாம் இயல், இசை, நாடகக்

கலைகளில் மாணவர்களின் திறமைகளை வளர்த்தெடுத்தல்.

3. இனைய தலைமுறையினர் புதுமை இலக்கியங்களை மட்டுமன்றி, மரபுவழிப் பெருமைகளையும் அறிவழி வகுத்துப் புதுமைக்கும் பழமைக்கும் பாலமாக அமைதல்.

மன்றம், இன்றோரன்ன நோக்கங்களை நிறைவேற்றுவதன் மூலம் வாழும் இலக்கியத்தின் தரமான சுவைஞர்களையும்; இலக்கிய விழிப்புணர்வும் பொறுப்புணர்வும் உடைய ஓர் இரசிக பரம்பரையினையும் தோற்றுவிக்கும் அதே நேரத்தில், ‘தாம் பெற்ற இன்பம் பெறுக இவ்வையகம் என்னும் உயர் நோக்கினையுடைய எழுத்தாளர்களையும், கவிஞர்களையும், உரைஞர்களையும், இசை, நடன, நாடகமேதைகளையும் மன்றம் வருங்காலத்தில் பெற்றெடுக்கும் என்பதில் எமக்கு அசையாத நம்பிக்கை உண்டு. அத்தோடு இன்றைய இலக்கிய சூழ்நிலையில் தமிழுக்கென்றோர் மன்றம் மாணவர் மட்டத்திலிருந்தே உருவாகியமை அவசியம் வேண்டப்படுகின்றதொன்றாகும்.

மேலும் விழாக்களைக் கொண்டாடுவதன்மூலம் மன்ற அங்கத்தினர் அரிய பயிற்சியினையும், அநுபவங்களையும் பெறுகின்றனர் என்ற எமது கொள்கைக்கிணங்க ஐப்பசி மாதம் இரண்டாம் திகதி அவதார புருஷர் காந்திமகான் ஐயந்திதின விழா கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. அன்றைய தினம் மாணவர்கள் ஆற்றிய “மாந்தருக்குள் தெய்வம் எங்கள்



## THE COLLEGE CHOIR—1978



*Seated: (L. to R.)* Miss A. Selvaratnam, Mrs. D. M. Mitbrathasan, B. Shamaleni, the Principal, K. Rajamallika, Mrs J. Ratnasabapathy, Miss C. R. Arudpiragasam, Miss M. Kularajasingam.

*Standing:*  
*(1st Row)* S. Anusha, S Shamini, M. Kalaimanie, M. Jeyanthi, K. Premala, N. Shanthini, T. Dil Sugeely, V. Ragini, S. Premaranjini, P. Chandrakumari, P. Kalyani

*Standing:*  
*(2nd Row)* S. Segaran, M. Ratnarajah, J. P. K. Seevaratnam, G. Devarajan, P. Ratnarajah, D. Rubaraj.



## OUR GIRL GUIDES

Participating in the Sri Lanka Diamond Jubilee Camp in Colombo.—1977



*Standing (L to R):* { Miss. M. S. Elias (Captain), R. Jeyashanthi, A. Rajini,  
*Last Row* { K. Rajamallika.

*2nd Row* V. Chandrika, V. Vadivambal, A. Navamalar.

*1st Row* B. Inpanayaki, M. Jeyanthi, V. Sushama, K. Sutha,  
N. Shanthi, T. Romela, P. Latha.



மகாத்மா” என்ற உரைச்சித்திரமும்  
“காந்திமகான் புகழ் பாடிடுவோம்”  
என்னும் தலைப்பிலான கவியரங்க  
மும் மிகுந்த பாராட்டினைப் பெற்  
றன.

ஐப்பசி மாதம் பன்னிரண்டாம்  
திகதியன்று ‘இராமாயண கதா  
பாத்திரங்களான பரதனா, குகனா  
சகோதர பாசத்தில் உயர்ந்தவன்  
என்னும் பொருளில் விவாத அரங்  
கொன்றும் நடாத்தினேம். அத்  
தோடு கல்லூரியில் மட்டுமல்லாது  
கல்லூரிக்கு வேளியேயும் எமது  
மன்றம் விவாத அரங்குகளில் பங்கு  
பற்றியுள்ளது. சித்தன்கேணி இளம்  
விவசாயிகள் கழகத்தின் ஆண்டு  
நிறைவு விழாவிலே மன்றத்தலைவர்  
செல்வன் சு. தேவானந்தர் தலைமை  
யில் செல்வன் ப. குகராஜன், செல்  
வன் வே. இராஜகுமார் ஆகியோர்  
பங்குபற்றிய விவாத அரங்கில் எமது  
குழு வெற்றிபெற்று மன்றத்திற்குப்  
பெருமையினைத் தேடித்தந்தது.

மேலும் எமது கல்லூரி நூல்  
களுக்குப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் உரிமை  
கொண்டாடிய வேளையில் இவ்  
விடயம் சம்பந்தமாக ஓர் கருத்தரங்  
கினை நடாத்தியது மட்டுமல்லாமல்

அந்நூல்கள் கல்லூரிக்குத் திருப்பி  
யளிக்கப்படவேண்டுமென மன்றத்  
தலைவர் செல்வன் சு. தேவானந்தன்  
‘வீரகேசரி’ பத்திரிகைக்கோர் கடி  
தத்தினையும், ‘ஈழநாடு’ பத்திரிகை  
யில் ஓர் கட்டுரையினையும் பிரசுரித்  
ததன் மூலம், கல்லூரி நூல்களுக்  
காகக் குரல் கொடுத்த கல்லூரியின்  
ஒரே மாணவர் மன்றம் எமது தமிழ்  
மன்றமே என எண்ணி இறும்பூ  
தெய்தி நிற்கின்றோம்.

மிகுந்த பிரபல்யமும் பிறந்த  
ஆறுமாத காலத்தினுள்ளேயே  
பாராட்டுதல்களும் பெற்றுப் பணி  
யாற்றிய இம்மன்றம் மென்மேலும்  
வளர்ந்து மாணவர்கள் மத்தியில்  
தமிழ்த்தூதுவனாக விளங்க எல்லாம்  
வல்ல ஆண்டவனைப் பிரார்த்திப்  
போமாக.

“எம்மை நன்றாக இறைவன்  
படைத்தான்  
தம்மை நன்றாகத் தமிழ்  
செய்யுமாறே”

சு. தேவானந்தர்  
தலைவர்

ந. உதயகுமார்  
செயலாளர்

1978



‘Who lets his wife go to every feast, and his horse drink at  
every water, shall neither have good wife nor good horse.’



## Hostel Repor

### Howland-Chelliah Hostel — 1977

#### OFFICE BEARERS

##### Howland

##### Chelliah

##### First Term

*President:* Y. Ariyaratnam  
*Secretary:* S. Balakumar

P. Muthulingam  
G. Devarajah

##### Second Term

*President:* G. Nadarajah  
*Secretary:* G. Kirupaharan

M. Panchakulendran  
P. Muthulingam

##### Third Term

*President:* S. Balakrishnan  
*Secretary:* G. Nadarajah

G. Devarajan  
S. Devanayagam

It is with very great pleasure we present the Years Report of the Howland—Chelliah hostels. Residential life in the career of students places them on a trained footing in society. Students from different districts of the country come together under one roof to share, grow and cultivate the traditions and ideals of the College. To this end we went through all the planned activities of the hostels.

We were able to contribute our share in all the activities of the College as representative members of the School Council, Cricket, Football, Athletics, Hockey and Cross Country Teams, and also held offices in the Academy, the Brotherhood, the YMCA, Church Youth Organisations, Oratorical and Debating teams of the College.

Special mention needs to be made of M. Uthayakumar, our Champion Athlete who created

two new ground records for the Under 17 group, one in the 400 Metres and the other in the Javelin throw at the Inter House Athletic Meet last year.

We are also happy to record that our Hostel Counciller, Bala Sivakumar led the College Team to success in the Inter Collegiate 'Do you Know' Contest organised by the Lions Club of Jaffna.

The Annual Boarders' Day was a Grand finals to the Year's activities and every minute of the day was enjoyed by us all.

In conclusion, it is our bounden duty to express our gratitude to the untiring efforts taken by the Principal, Vice-Principal, Warden, Sub-Warden, the Caterer and the servants, who make our hostel life happy and worthy of residential training.

G. Nadarajah  
S. Devanayagam  
(Secretaries)



## The Girls Hostel — 1978

We present this report with much enthusiasm and exhilaration as this year marks the proper functioning of the Girls Hostel after a lapse of four years. We are grateful to Mrs. C. T. Rajadurai for the comforts and conveniences we enjoyed during the years, when the girls were accommodated in her house.

In June 1978 we moved first into the former Secondary Girls Hostel when the buildings were handed over in stages. This occasion was marked by a grand tea party in the premises for all the hostellers, councillors and members of the staff.

In September 1978 we moved into the Women's Hostel proper. This was what we all looked forward to, and we are happy that

the Girls Hostel has come to where it belongs. Our sincere thanks are due to all those who made this dream come true.

Our weekly meetings were held regularly every Thursday in English. All the members contributed wholeheartedly to make these meetings a success. Our prayer meetings were also held everyday.

The Boarders Day was a grand success as we won places in most of the competitions held on that day. The "Musical Cricket Match" which we put up for the talent contest (group item) got the first place. It was a novel unique idea. The English play "The Perfect Holiday" which we staged at the drama competition was of a high standard.

### The Committee — 1978

#### II<sup>nd</sup> Term

*President:* S. C. Premaranjini  
*Secretary:* T. Dhill Sugeely  
*Treasurer:* S. Sumathy  
*Editor:* M. Malini

#### III<sup>rd</sup> Term

*President:* P. Chandrakumari  
*Secretary:* V. Sarveswary  
*Treasurer:* M. S. Nirmala  
*Editor:* M. Kalaimani  
*Sports Secretary:* T. Dhill Sugeely

#### Sports Meet Prize Winners in 1977:

(i) Dhill Sugeely T.

(ii) Sarveswary V.



**Sports Meet Prize Winners in 1978:**

- (i) Dhill Sugeely T. (ii) Kalaimani M. (iii) Sarveswary V.

**Boarders Day Prize Winners in 1977**

- (i) T. Dhill Sugeely: *Carrom*: Singles & Doubles — Champion  
(ii) S. C. Premaranjini: *Carrom*: Singles — Runner up  
Doubles — Champion  
(iii) S. Sumathy: *Carrom*: Doubles — Runner up  
(iv) M. Malini: *Carrom*: Doubles — Runner up  
(v) T. Arulmathy: Best Actress in the Drama Contest  
T. Dhill Sugeely: 2nd Best Actress in the Drama Contest

*Counciller*: T. Arulmathy — Senior School Counciller

**Boarders Day Prize Winners in 1978**

- (i) T. Dhill Sugeely: *Carrom*: Champion in Singles & Doubles  
*Badminton*: Champion in Singles & runner up  
in Doubles  
(ii) T. Arulmathy: *Carrom*: Runner up in Doubles  
2nd place in English Oratorical Contest  
(iii) S. Sumathy: *Badminton*: Runner up in Singles  
*Badminton*: Champion in Doubles  
(iv) P. Inpakalayini: *Badminton*: Champion in Doubles  
(v) P. Kalyani: *Carrom*: Runner up in Doubles  
*Badminton*: Runner up in Doubles

**Prize Winners at the Annual Prize giving**

- (i) M. S. Nirmala (iii) N. Sunthararuby  
(ii) S. Sumathy (iv) P. Inpakalyini

**Cross Country:**

Every one of us participated in the Cross Country Race.

**Councillors**: *Senior School General Councillor*: T. Arulmathy

**Academy**: *Committee member*: T. Dhill Sugeely

**S. C. M. — 1978**

**IInd Term**: Vice President: S. Premaranjini

**IIIrd Term**: Secretary: S. Premaranjini

On behalf of the Girls Hostel we thank the boarding department specially Mr R. D. Thanabalasingam for the help rendered A Special thanks to our Principal Mr A. Kadirgamar for his advice and concern over us. We also thank our Warden Mrs. M. D. Mithrathasan for instilling in was a sense of discipline and responsibility.

T. Dhill Sugeely  
Secretary



## Hostel Report :

### Howland-Chelliah Hostel — 1978

#### OFFICE BEARERS

##### Howland

##### Chelliah

##### First Term

*President:* G. Kirupaharan  
*Secretary:* V. C. Balanathan

S. Devanayagam  
N. Aravindan

##### Second Term

*President:* V. C. Balanathan  
*Secretary:* K. Vethasalam

N. Aravindan  
T. Noel Suresh

##### Third Term

*President:* K. Vethasalam  
*Secretary:* K. Sooriyakumar

A. Titus  
G. Devakumar

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that we present the Years' Report of activities of the Howland and Chelliah hostels.

these have become popular and serve as the forum unravelling hidden talents in Oratory, Singing and dramatising, This year a new feature was introduced in the Monthly Debates on Current topics

To us this year has very special significance in that after four long years of anxiety the Dharmista Government of Mr. J. R. Jeyawardena decided to hand back to the Board of Directors of Jaffna College, the entire premises that were taken over by the last Government in order to establish the Science faculty of the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka. And it is with hearts full of Praise and Thansgiving to God that we took over the Hostel premises and the Girls in the Advanced level classes of the secondary school moved into the Womens Hostel.

As usual members of the hostels identified themselves fully with all the Academic as well as the Sports and Co curricular activities of the college.

B. Sivakumar was elected for the second year in succession to the School council and his place as Hostel Counciller was taken by G. Nadarajah, S. Bala krishnan and T. Srithanan qualified for admisson to the University.

Our Union Meetings are held regularly on Thursday nights and

We congratulate S. Nadarajah on being selected as one of the American Field Service Cot- ingent to spend one year in the



United States of America. We wish him well.

W. Ponrajasingam and K. Vethasalam have functioned as Presidents of the SCM, while G. Kirupaharan and G. Nadarajah became Student Presidents of the YMCA.

We welcome the formation of the 'English Study Circle' at Jaffna College and congratulate T. Tiruchoty and G. Nadarajah on being elected as the first President and secretary of the study circle respectively.

B. Sivakumar who has a natural flair for Oriental literary interests adequately filled the role of Tamil Editor of the 'Young Idea'. At the Annual Tamil Oratorical contests organised by the Alumni Association of Jaffna College, T. Sritharan and A. Titus won first places in the Senior and Intermediate division.

Noel Suresh, N. Aravindan, M. Uthayakumar, P. Muthulingam played in the cricket elevens, while M. Sivakumar, J. Raveendran, T. Tiruchelvam, M. Uthayakumar, K. Sooriyakumar and P. Muthulingam represented the school at soccer. At the Annual Inter House Athletic meet many of our members gained places and won certificates and other

trophies. M. Uthayakumar represented the school at the Public schools' meet in Colombo.

This year's Boarders' day was celebrated as an event to mark the return of the Undergraduate hostels by the Campus authorities. The Girls' hostel was gaily decorated and for the first time the dinner was held there. Mr. V. R. Amarasingam Vice Principal of St. John's college and Mrs. Amarasingham were the Guests.

It is with pride that we record that Chelliah hostel won the Inter Hostel Drama competition for the year and T. Sritharan of the Howland hostel was awarded the Best Actor Prize for his portrayal of Socrates.

In conclusion we express our sincere gratitude to Mr. A. K. <sup>2</sup>ir-gamar the Principal for all the fatherly care bestowed on us, Mr. A. Rajasingham Vice Principal, Mr. Sinniah the Warden, Mr. Noel A. Wimalendran the sub Warden, Mr. Thanapalasingham the caterer and all the members of the 'Kitchen staff' for the concern and guidance given us throughout the year.

K Sooriyakumar  
(Howland hostel)  
G. Devakumar  
(Chelliah hostel)  
Secretaries



## Sanders Hostel — 1977

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
<i>President:</i>	N. Aravindan	N. Aravindan	G. Deavakumar
<i>Secretary:</i>	G. Devakumar	G. Devakumar	T. Noel Suresh

Small as we are in size and number, we are proud of the fact that we continue to play our part in the activities of the college. This year our strength was only 23. Our membership consisted of students from the upcountry and the East and we continue to grow as one united family. As the year began it was a happy occasion to welcome a few new students from distant parts of Sri Lanka.

The hostellers have taken a keen interest in not only their studies but in all activities of the college. The Hostel meetings are held regularly on Fridays and we have our prayer meetings daily.

During the first term Noel Suresh served as Secretary of the Brotherhood and during the second term G. Deavakumar and N. Aravindan served as President and Secretary respectively.

Paul Devarajan was the President of the Junior School Student Council and also Captain of Brown House.

Noel Suresh and Paul Devarajan represented the college in the under 16 cricket team. V. Thiruchelvam played in the under 15 Hockey Team. Paul Devarajan and N. Aravindan played in the Under 15 Football Team. R. Rajan brought us glory by winning 2nd place in the Junior Cross-country race. Boarders' Day was the event of the year and our hostellers won a number of prizes. We are thankful for the co-operation and participation of all members in the life and activities of the hostel.

Finally our sincere thanks are due to our warden Mr. R. Kanagaratnam and our sub-warden Mr. A. Jeyarajah for their help and guidance.

T. Noel Suresh  
Secretary



"Young men think old men fools; but old men know young men fools"

"Women, Priests and Poultry are never satisfied"



## Sanders Hostel — 1978

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
<i>President:</i>	K. Sugumar	V. R. Sriharan	K. Sugumar
<i>Secretary:</i>	T. V. S. Neethithevan	E. B. G. Benzie	T. V. S. Neethithevan

Our number increased to 32 this year. We welcomed several new students, some even from far off Nuwara-Eliya and Batticaloa. We have members studying in Grades ranging from IV to IX.

Our weekly meetings were held regularly every Friday. The last meeting of every month was held in English and all members contributed their share at these meetings.

R. Paul Devarajan played in the under 15 cricket team. He won the under 15 championship in our Annual Sports Meet and represented our school at the zonal meet. Paul Devarajan and T. Rajan played in the under 15 Foot ball team of which the former was

captain. Paul Devarajan also played in the under 17 Foot ball team. Our hostel is proud of T. V. S. Neethithevan who was first in the Junior cross-country race. T. Rajan won first place in the Music contest held on Old Boys' day. The Boarders' Day was a grand success and our play in the Drama contest was of a high standard

My thanks are due to all the members for their co-operation and also to our warden Mr. R. Kanagaratnam and our sub-warden Mr. A. Jeyarajah for instilling in us a sense of discipline and responsibility.

T. V. S. Neethithevan  
Secretary



"Some achieve families and some have families thrust upon them."

"The magician mutters and knows not what he mutters."



## CRICKET TEAM—1976

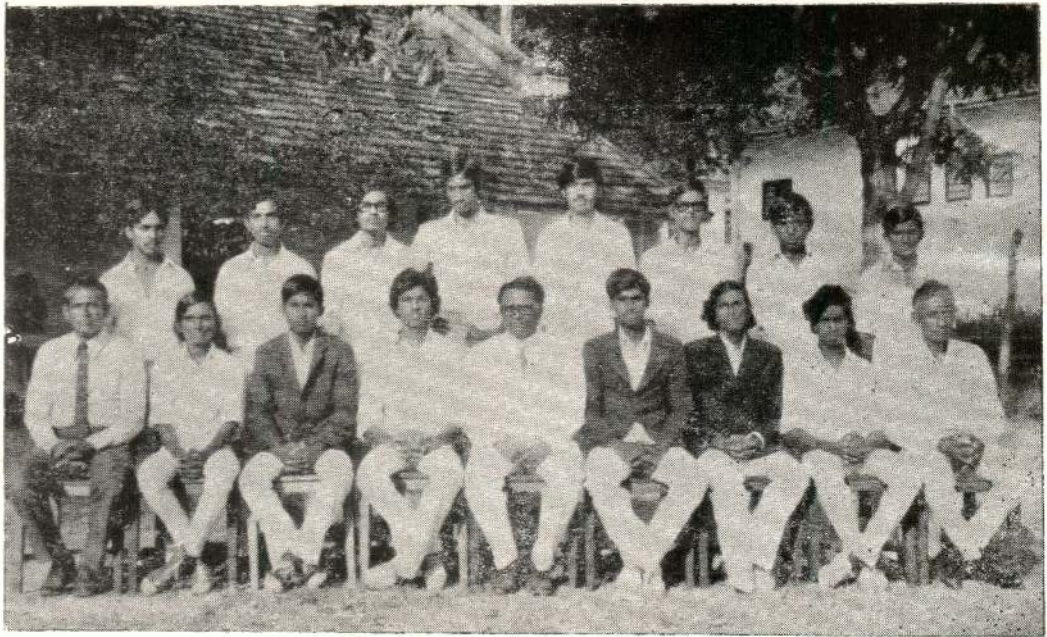


*Seated (L. to R.):* Mr. T. Anandaratanam (Phy. Dir.), T. Kesavan, K. Sasirathan, G. J. Gunathayalan (V. Capt.), The Principal, B. Murugamoorthy (Capt.), L. K. Rajaratnam, V. Sutharshan, Mr. A. M. Brodie (Coach).

*Standing (L. to R.):* A. Baskaran, S. Jeyendran, N. Sivagunanatha, C. Arnold, K. Sritharan, S. Anandadevan, F. D. Stephens, M. Panchalingam.



## CRICKET TEAM – 1977



*Seated (L. to R.):* Mr. T. Anandaratnam (Phy. Dir.), G.J. Gunaseelan, N. Sivagunanatha, T. Kesavan. The Principal, V. Sutharshan (Captain), S. Jeyendran, (V. Captain), F. D. Stephens, Mr. A. M. Brodie (Coach).

*Standing (L. to R.):* S. Logeswaran, S. Suthaharan, A. Naguleswaran, C. Arnold, K. Sritharan, S. Sivakumar, S. Mohanraj, B. Anandakumar.



## Abraham House 1977 — 1978

1977

<i>Captains</i>	: P. Thevanesan A. Anparasy
<i>Athletic Captains</i>	: S. Anandadevan S. Bavany
<i>House Masters</i>	: Mr. W. D. Kulatungam Mr. N. Thatparanathan
<i>House Mistress</i>	: Mrs. R. S. Thambiah

1978

G. J. Gunaseelan
A. Banumathy
M. Uthayakumar
S. Vasanthy

I am happy to present the report of the Abraham house for the years 1977 and 1978. The 'Greens' kept true to the spirit of the olympian motto "not to win but to participate" and enjoyed participating in all the extra curricular activities of the college. The following represented the college cricket. First team: N. Sivagunanathan, G. J. Gunaseelan (vice captain 1978), N. Uthayakumar, M. Uthayakumar, S. Mohanarajah and T. Mathiraj. The second team captained by T. Mathiraj (1978) played fairly well for the season.

In athletics almost all members participated and many scored points for the house, and we were placed second in 1977 and third in 1978. I am proud to record that M. Uthayakumar brought us honour by creating three new records at the 1977 Athletic Meet, in 400 metres, 800 metres and throwing the Javelin and he

received first place in 800 metres and Throwing the Javelin at the Zonal meet. He has also the proud achievement of gaining the second place in throwing the Javelin at the Sri Lanka Public schools Athletic meet in 1977.

The college athletic team was also comprised by many of our members. G. J. Gunaseelan (captain 78) M. Uthayakumar (vice-captain 78) S. Mohanarajah, N. Uthayakumar, T. Mathiraj and M. Jeyarajan.

Abraham House was well represented in the college Hockey team too which emerged the Jaffna school champions in 1978. The members were M. Uthayakumar, S. Mohanarajah, N. Uthayakumar, T. Mathiraj and G. J. Gunaseelan; N. Sivagunanathan (vice captain 1977) N. Uthayakumar (vice captain 1978) M. Uthayakumar, S. Mohanarajah and G. A. Gunaseelan played for



the college soccer first team and T. Mathiraj captained the second team.

G. Nadarajah, G. Gnanathayalan and S. Sanjayan received the 1st, 2nd and 8th places respectively in the senior cross country race 1978.

The Abrahams showed their ability not only in the field of sports but also in the academic field. Our congratulations to N. Uthayakumar for receiving the best results in the G. C. E. Advanced level Examination 1978.

S. Thevananthar received the second place in the all Sri Lanka Tamil Oratorical contest organised

by the Sivapathasundarnar Centenary Society in 1978.

C. J. Gunaseelan (president 78) N. Sivagunanathan (vice president 78) N. Uthayakumar, and G. Nadarajah were members of the school Council

We had N. Uthayakumar as the president of the academy and secretary of the Tamil Manram.

We are very proud of our house for showing the green light in every sphere of the schools activities pulsating the schools life. We thank all our members teachers and office bearers for their co-operation and guidance.

G. J. Gunaseelan  
(Captain)

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## Hastings House — 1977

<i>House Masters</i>	: S. Balachandran Esqr. V. Ragunathamudaliyar Esqr.
<i>House Mistress</i>	: Mrs. S. Kesavarajan Mrs. I. Jeyakumar
<i>House Captains</i>	: S. Jeyendran A. J. Bavany
<i>Athletic Captains</i>	: K. Sritharan P. Inpakalagini
<i>Netball Captain</i>	: T. Jeyanthini

Hastings House under the captaincy of S. Jeyendran did well to regain the house championship cup, for the third successive year.

We congratulate S. Jeyendran the senior champion, U. Muralee-

tharan the under 16 champion and L. Satchithananthan the post senior champion.

S. Suthakaran, C. A. Arnold and K. Sritharan played in the First XI Cricket team



The First XI Soccer team under the captaincy of S. Jeyendran had the following members K. Sritharan, C. Suthaharan, P. Muthulingam, V. Muraleetharan, S. Suriyakumar played in the 2nd XI soccer, and M. Pathumanithi, S. Ravindran and N. Aravindan played in the IIIrd XI Soccer team.

M Pathumanithi, S. Ravindran, S. Brodie and V. Muraleetharan played in the IIIrd XI Hockey.

L. Satchithanathan won the Senior Cross Country race, while Sooriyakumar and T. S. Sathananthan won the 5th and 7th places respectively. S. Shanthini won the 2nd place in the Junior Group.

The award for the best sportsman (senior) for the year 1977, was won by S. Jeyendran. The reds are honoured by having S. Jeyendran, S. Suguljan, S. Shan

thini, R. Kalyani and Wigneswaran in the School Council.

S. Jeyendran, V. Muraleetharan, S. Suthaharan and T. S. Sathananthan participated and won places in the West Zonal Athletic Meet. S. Jeyendran captained the School Athletic Team.

We are proud to announce that one of our members, N. Navanesan entered the engineering faculty of the University.

In conclusion I wish to thank the house masters Messrs S. Balachandran, V. Ragunathamudaliyar and the house mistresses Mrs. Kesavarajan and Mrs. I. Jeyakumar for the help and guidance given.

I should also be thankful to the members of our house for their fullest co-operation in all activities.

S. Jeyendran  
A. J. Bawany  
(Captains)



‘Tell a woman she’s a beauty and the devil will tell her so ten times’.



## Hastings House Report for 1978

<i>House Masters</i>	:	S. Balachandran Esqr. V. Ragunathamudaliyar
<i>House Mistress</i>	:	Mrs. S. Kesavarajan
<i>House Captains</i>	:	S. Suthaharan T. Jeyanthini
<i>Treasurer</i>	:	S. Vasuthevan
<i>Athletic Captains</i>	:	K. Sooriyakumar B. Sasima
<i>Football Captain</i>	:	T. S. Sathananthan
<i>Hockey Captain</i>	:	P. Muthulingam
<i>Netball Captain</i>	:	S. Sarojini

It is with great pleasure that I submit the report of Hastings house for the year ending December 1978. Members of our house have excelled all round and therefore this year has been an year of achievement for us.

On the Academic side we congratulate A. Muruganantha, K. Sri-tharan, S. S. Suthaharan, Vasuthevan, A. Ariavathana, A. Bavani, P. Inpakalajini, and S. Sasima on their success at the G. C. E. 'A' level examination and qualifying for admission to the University.

S. Jeyendran functioned as the President of the Academy for one term and W. Ponrajasingham was elected to the offices of President of the S.C.M and student secretary of the Y. M. C. A. T. Sritharan was a committee member of the Tamil manram. T. Thiruchothi was elected to the office of Presi-

dent of the newly formed English Study circle and was a member of the College team to participate at the Inter collegiate 'Do you know' contest organised by the Lions' Club of Jaffna.

A number of our members won prizes at the prize giving while Muruganatha carried away the much coveted Memorial Prize for the best Biology student to enter the University of Sri Lanka. S. Jeyendran, K. Sugaljan, K. Wigneswaran, T. Arulmathy, and S. Shanthini served as School councillors.

It is with pride that I record here the achievements in Sport of Hastings house. We became Inter house Atheleic Champions for the fourth year in succession and won the 4 X 100 metres Relay Challenge cup setting a new record for the event and also carried away the Tug O war Challenge cup. We con-



gratulate T. S. Sathananthan (Post senior) E. Muraleetharan (under 17 boys), V. Ramani (Inter girls), M. Jeyanthi (Junior girls) on their splendid performance at the meet to become Champions in their group. Suthaharan, Sooriyakumar, Vasuthevan, Muraleetharan, N. Aravindan, K. Suguljan, T. Thayalan, S. Raveendran and K. Ramesh were placed at the West zone meet held on our grounds.

S. Jeyendran, K. Muraleetharan, P. Muthulingam, N. Sivapavanantha, represented the college in the first eleven cricket, while S. Suthaharan, S. Jeyendran, K. Sooriyakumar, N. Aravindan and K. Muraleetharan were in the first eleven Hockey team. S. Suthaharan, S. Jeyendran, K. Sooriyakumar, K. Muraleetharan, P. Muthulingam, and S. Vasuthevan were members of the first eleven football team.

We congratulate T. Neethithewan for winning the Junior boys Cross country race and T. Shanthini for becoming second in the Senior girls' event. T. Sathananthan finished fourth in the senior boys event.

At the Annual Boarders' day festivities, T. Sritharan was adjud-

ged the best actor at the Inter hostel drama competition, P. Muthulingam became the Inter hostel Table tennis Champion while little Benzy carried away the Inter hostel Carrom competition, championship.

It is with very great pride and pleasure that I place on record the singular attainment of S. Jeyendran in being declared the Senior All Round Sportsman of the Year, winning Soccer colours as well.

Mr. V. Raguatha Mudaliyar decided to relinquish duties at Jaffna college towards the end of the year on being appointed to a Teaching position in Nigeria. We thank him for the many years of service and guidance to our house. We wish him and his family well.

Before I conclude it is my duty to say 'Thank you' to our House masters, House Mistresses, Captains of teams and the student leaders for their valuable guidance and ready help. I also thank every member of the house for their full co-operation extended to me in my duties to make this year a great success.

S. Suthaharan  
House Captain.



## Hitchcock House — 1977

<i>House Masters</i>	: Mr. V. Selvaratnam Mr. C. Chanmugathas
<i>House Mistress</i>	: Miss S. P. Gulasingham
<i>House Captains</i>	: K. Arunakirinathan S. Vathany
<i>Athletic Captains</i>	: T. Ramachandran S. Ranjini
<i>Football Captain</i>	: S. Ruban Somanath
<i>Netball Captain</i>	: R. Ratnamala
<i>Hockey Captain</i>	: S. Devanayagam
<i>Treasurer</i>	: A. Naguleswaran
<i>Committee Members</i>	: R. Thevakumar V. Kumudini

As we look back at the activities of the "Whites" for the year 1977 we have reason to be proud and happy, though in all humility we must admit that we are still far from the best.

In Athletics we were placed last. Yet we have the satisfaction of good performances by individuals like T. Ramachandran, K. Arunakirinathan, S. Suresh, B. Sivakumar, K. Sivathas, B. Ganeshan, L. Muraleetharan, N. Thananjeyan, S. Premakumar, N. Shanthini and S. Vathany.

The Tug-O-War championship (Boys) was won by the whites. In the West Zonal Athletic Meet S. Ramachandran, S. Suresh, V. Kumuthini, S. Vathany and N. Shanthini participated and performed creditably.

We congratulate S. Suresh the under 14 champion S. Vathany the senior champion and V. Kumuthini, the Inter Champion. V. Kumuthini bettered the Long Jump record and carried away the Best Performance Cup.

At the Annual Cross Country too good number of Whites participated creditably. G. J. Gunasankar and S. Premakumar, played in the 2nd XI Soccer. N. Thananjeyan, K. Sivathasan, B. Ganeshan and S. Muraleetharan played in 2nd XI Cricket team captained by S. Premakumar.

In studies too we are happy to record S. Vasanthika's success in emerging as the Best Science Student and gaining admission to the Medical Faculty of the University.



A. Naguleswaran, B. Sivakumar and S. Vathany were elected Councillors.

S. Premakumar was the President of the Forum and S. Vathany was the secretary of the Geographical Association.

Our House Mistress Miss. P. Gulasingam is away on a scholarship in U.K. Her work was of a high order and we miss her badly both in the field and in the classroom. We wish her success and a speedy return.

In conclusion I am happy that I have been given this opportunity to thank our house masters V. Selvaratnam and C. Chanmugathas and House Mistress Miss P. Gulasingam for all the valuable guidance and help rendered. We also wish to thank all the members of our House for their fullest Co-operation in all our activities.

S. Vathany  
House Captain

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## Hitchcock House — 1978

<i>House Masters</i>	:	Mr. V. Selvaratnam Mr. C. Chanmugathas
<i>House Mistress</i>	:	Mrs. I Jeyakumar
<i>House Captains</i>	:	B. Sivakumar C. Anasuya
<i>Athletic Champions</i>	:	V. Rajakumar V. Kumuthini
<i>Netball Captain</i>	:	S. Vathany
<i>Treasurer</i>	:	P. Senthilnathan

In Presenting the Annual Report of the "Whites" for this year, I am more than pleased at the measure of success we have attained. As usual, our members played a big part in all the activities of the school, and their presence was felt everywhere.

We had two members on the School Council, B. Sivakumar and

S. Vathany, both Senior members who injected life into all its activities. In the Inter House Net Ball tournament our girls became runners-up.

G. J. Gunashangar and M. Premakumar were members of the college Second Team in Cricket, the former being the vice captain. In the third team, N. Thananjayan



was captain while V. Vithuvasiva was a member.

I must single out V. Kumuthini from our House for her outstanding performances in almost all Athletic events in the school. In the 2nd Team G. J. Gunashangar represented the college in the First eleven Hockey Team.

V. Kumuthini was Vice-Captain of our College Net ball team, which had a successful season this year. The other White House members were N. Shanthini and B. Sharmeni. We are also proud to record that Kumuthini was the Senior Girls Champion in the Girls Inter Schools Athletic Meet winning first places in 100 meters and High jump, and a third place in Long Jump.

In the West Zonal Athletic Meet held on our grounds in Sept-

ember, the following members of our House did creditably well, S. Suresh, G. J. Gunashangar, P. Thayakaran and Thevakumar.

Two of our girls performed creditably at the eagerly awaited Cross-Country Festival. N. Shanthini was placed 2nd in the Senior Girls Cross Country Race and V. Kumudini got the 2nd place in the Girls Senior Cycle Race event. We congratulate T. Ramachandran and S. Sarvanantha from our House for gaining entrance to the Universities, from our college. In Addition Ramachandran was awarded the W. H. T. Bartlett Memorial Scholarship for the best Physical Science Student entering a University in Sri Lanka.

B. Sivakumar and C. Anasuya  
House Captains



'Speaking without thinging is like Shooting without aim'.

'Solitude is often the best society'.



FAREWELL TO MR. T. PONNAMBALAM  
by  
THE JUNIOR SCHOOL — Dec. 1977





## FAREWELL TO MR. PONNAMBALAM (Cont.)



## THE LYCEUM COMMITTEE — 1977



*Seated (L. to R.)* Mrs. S. D. Vairasinghe (Patron), S. Nesananthar (President), Supervisor Jr. School, K. Parasakthy, Mr. K. Satchithananthan (Patron), S. Senthilkumar, K. Gowrikumari, S. Sivashankar.

*Standing* M. Jeyanthi, R. Paulthevarajan, K. Krishnaverny.



## Brown House — 1977 & 1978

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1978

<i>House Captains</i>	: B. Dhivabaran	S Sivakumar
	: N Shanthini	T. Nirmaladevi
<i>Athletic Captains</i>	: S. Sivakumar	B. Anandakumar
	T. Vadivambal	T. Vadivambal
<i>Treasurer</i>	: M. Panchalingam	Kailaivasan
<i>House Master</i>	: Mr. G. Rajanayagam	Mr. G. Rajanayagam
<i>House Mistress</i>	: Miss S. Selvadurai	Miss S. Selvadurai

It is my privilege to review the activities of the Brown House for the year 1978. This year has been one of progress and success. We were placed second in the well contested Athletic Meet. This enthusiasm was due to the encouragement and co-operation of all our members. Master B. Anandakumar, Master T. Nithiraj and Master Paul Devarajan became champions in the under 19 group, under 16 group and under 14 group-respectively.

Our Athletes took part in the zonal meet. Master B. Anandakumar came first both in the 5 000 meters and 3,000 meters events. Master B. Sivakumar obtained first place in High Jump. Master B. Anandakumar was qualified to compete at the Public Schools Meet.

The following members of the Browns represented the college Cricket 1st Team. S. Kathiraj, B. Anandakumar, S. Sivakumar and F. D. Stephens, of whom B Anandakumar and S. Sivakumar played for the College Hockey and Soccer 1st teams too.

Our Girls Netball Team became champions in the Inter House Net-Ball Competition organised in connection with the cross country Festival.

In conclusion mention must be made of the untiring efforts, encouragement of Mr. G. Rajanayagam our House Master, his assistant Mr. S. Manickam and our House mistress Miss. S. Selvadurai. Our thanks are due to all of them.

S. Sivakumar  
House Captain



# Jaffna College Alumni Association

(Colombo Branch) 1978

*President* : The Principal (Ex-officio)

*Vice- President* : Dr. S. W. C. Ratnesar,  
Mr. A. C. Nadarajah,  
Mr. S. Rajanayagam,  
Mr. A. T. Gunaratnam,  
Mr. A. Gunanayagam,  
Mr. E. S. Appadurai,  
Dr. K. Poologasundaram,  
Mr. N. Ariaratnam,  
Mr. C. Kandasamy,

*Secretary* : Mr. M. R- Selvarajah

*Asst. Secretary* : Mrs. E. Boniface,

*Treasurer* : Mr. M. A. Veluppillai,

*Asst. Treasurer* : Mr. K. Jeyanayagam,

*Committee Members* : Mr. V. Duraisamy,  
Mr. K. Aravinthan,  
Mr. C. Chakaradaran,  
Mrs. M. Arudchelvam,  
Dr. (Mrs) R. Ponnambalam,  
Mr. K. Tharmalingam,  
Mr. S. Sockalingam,  
Mr. T. Satyamoorthy,  
Mr. W. S. Aruliah,



# Alumni Notes

## Gathered by Alumnus

### General

**Dr. Daniel S. Sanders** has been appointed Professor, International Programmes, Dean of the School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii.

**Dr. S. Arasaratnam** has joined the University of New England Australia as Professor and Head of the Department of History.

**Prof. A. Sathasivam** the Head of the Department of Tamil at the University of Colombo, is appointed member of the Advisory Committee for Hinduism, Ministry of Education.

**Dr. W. L. Jeyasingham** has been appointed Head of the Department of Geography at the University of Jaffna.

**Mr. S. Panchacharavel** has been appointed Deputy Chief Engineer of Sri Lanka Government Railways.

**Mr. S. C. Pancharatnam** has been appointed Suprentendent Engineer of Buildings Department.

**Dr R. Ganeshamoorthy** has assumed duties as consultant Anaesthetist of General Hospital Jaffna.

**Mr. S. Jeyanthan**, C. A. S. has been appointed Senior, Assistant Commissioner Co-operative Department, Colombo.

**Dr. S. Easwaranathan** has assumed duties as Director Budgetary Policy, General Treasury, Colombo.

**Mr. M. Shanmugam S. P. Nuwara Eliya** has been transferred to Chilaw.

**Mr. S. Mahadeva C. A. S.** is now A. G. A. Tellippallai.

**Mr. T. Krishnamoorthy, C. A. S.,** who served as A. G. A. Thunukai is transferred to Mannar.

**Mr. A. R. Karunaratne, C. A. S.** has assumed duties as Secretary to the Leader of the House, Parliament.

**Dr. L. C. D. Kulathungam** has resumed work at the Philosophy Department, Peradeniya University after completing his Doctoral studies in Canada.

**Mr. S. Kadirgamar** who was formerly Lecturer in History at the University of Colombo has assumed duties as Lecturer in History at the University of Jaffna.

**Dr. S. Pathmanathan**, Senior Lecturer in History at Peradeniya University has gone to U. K. on a Commonwealth Research Programme.

**Dr. S. Balasubramaniam** is now Associate Professor of Botany at Peradeniya University.

**Dr. (Mrs.) M. Arudchelvam** is now Senior Lecturer in Sanskrit at the University of Kelaniya.

**Mr. R. Sivachandran** has been appointed Lecturer in Geography at the University of Kelaniya.

**Mr. Ranjit Gunewardne** has been appointed Lecturer in English at the University of Kelaniya.

**Mr. B. T. L. Jeyasingham** Lecturer in Engineering at the University of Moratuwa has gone to Canada on Study leave.



**Mr. K. Sittampalam** Lecturer in History at the University of Jaffna. has gone to U. K. to work on his Doctoral thesis

**Miss Shanthakumari Rajadurai** has been appointed Instructor in English at the University of Jaffna.

**Mr. M. Selvarajah** has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Economics at the University of Peradeniya.

**Mr. V. Sivasamy** is now Head of the Department of Sanskrit at the University of Jaffna.

**Prof. K. Indrapala** is now head of the Department of History at the University of Jaffna.

**Prof. V. Tharmaratnam** has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Jaffna.

**Dr. J. B. Selliah** has been appointed Head of the Departments of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Jaffna.

**Mrs. N. Selvarajah** has been appointed Head of the Department of Botany at the University of Jaffna.

**Dr. V. Ramachandran** has joined the University of Jaffna as Lecturer in Physics

**Mr. S. A. Balaratnam**, Electrical Engineer is now attached to CEB Jaffna.

**Mr. A. Vivekananthan**, Station Master has retired from service and lives in Jaffna.

**Mr. A. J. Sivaniah** has been appointed Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna.

**Mr. A. Mahendran**, D. I. G., has retired from service.

**Mr. V. Nalliah** has been promoted as Junior Engineer, Ceylon Cement Corporation, K. K. S.

**Mr. T. Satyamoorthy**, is now serving as Factory Manager, Associated Cables Ltd., Kalutara.

**Mr. K. Rajeswaran**, and **Mr. R. Sarvananthan** are serving on the teaching staff of the Polytechnic Institute, Singapore.

**Messrs S. Sriskrishnan, V. Thiruchelvam and N. Karunakaran** are serving in Singapore as Engineers.

**Mrs. Chandramanie Ramachandran**, C. A. S. is now attached to the Import and Export Control Department, Colombo.

**Dr. S. Satkunarajah** is now practicing in New South Wales Australia.

**Mr. B. Jeevaratnam** Engineer is now serving in New South Wales, Australia

**Messrs T. Muttukumarasamy and N. Selvarajah** who served as Suprentendents of Excise have retired.

**Mrs. J. Varnan** is now serving as Chief Education Officer. Jaffna.

**Miss Ruby Navaratnasingham** has joined the Education Department, Zambia.

**Major V. G. George** has retired from service.

**Dr. P. Manoharan** is now attached to Base Hospital, Kegalle.

**Mr. N. Arlaratnam**, Accountant has assumed duties in Ghana.

**Dr S Somasegarampillai**, who served as Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Jaffna Hospital has been transferred to Batticaloa.

**Mr. J. P. Ampalavanar**, who was formerly teaching at the Republic of Maldives is now a Missionary in Gilbert Islands in South Pacific region.

**Mr. M. Kumsarachandran**, assumed duties as Regional Manager, Timber Corporation, Badulla.

**Mr. S. Jebaresan** has been appointed a member of the Advisory Committee for Christianity, Ministry of Education.



**Mr. N. Veluppillai** is serving as Principal of Yarlton College, Karainagar.

**Mr. K. Swaminathan**, Technical officer is attached to the Ceylon Cement Corporation

**Mr. K. Sivapathasuntharam**, Chartered Accountant is attached to the National Milk Board Narahenpita.

**Dr. N. R. Rajendra**, Veterinarian, who was formerly in Government service is now doing private practice at Chunnakam.

**Mr. Victor A. Duraisamy** is now Sales Manager, Lever Bros. (Ceylon) Ltd.

**Mr. R. Gunasingham**, Financial Controller UNESCO, is attached to Regional Broadcasting Office, Kuala Lumpur.

**Mr. S. Sundaramoorthy** is serving as Agricultural Officer (Training) Department of Agriculture, Peradeniya.

**Mr. C. Chakradaran**, Attorney-at-Law has taken up residence in U. K.

**Mr. S. M. Kamaldeen** is Assistant Director of National Library Services Board, Colombo.

**Mr. S. Deva Sundararajah** is Primary production officer in Singapore.

**Mr. T. Sivasakthivel** is Finance Officer, Peoples Bank, Colombo.

**Mr. T. Appulingam**, Engineer is now attached to Department of Buildings, Colombo.

**Mr. V. Buvanasundaram**, Meteorologist is now serving in the Department of Meteorology Colombo.

**Major G. Gejendran** is Manager, Ceylon Trading Corporation Ltd.

**Mr. S. I. Nithiraj** assumed duties as Customs Officer, Colombo.

**Mr. S. J. D. De Wijeratne** is now Additional D. J. Gampaha.

**Mr. M. A. Velupillai** is serving as Tax Officer, Inland Revenue Department.

**Capt. S. N. Ariyaratnam** is in charge of the Salvation Army Centre, Kaithady.

**Mr. M. Vasanthakumar**, Accountant is attached to Maharajah Organization, Colombo.

**Messrs K. Somasundaram** and **Milroy R. Selvarajah** are promoted as Assistant Collectors of Customs, Colombo.

**Mr. D. S. Rasiab** is Managing Director, Laboratory Equipment Company.

**Mr. Lloyd R. Devarajah** is on the Editorial Staff, Times of Ceylon Ltd.

**Mr. N. Nadarajah**, a social-worker has been appointed a J. P. He is residing at Vaddukoddai.

**Mr. A. Alagaratnam**, Engineer is now attached to Samuel Sons and Co. Ltd., Colombo.

**Mr. Siva Somasundaram** is Production Manager, Eastern Paper Mills Corporation.

**Dr. C. Gnanantha** has gone to UK to specialize in Obsterics and Gynaecology.

**Mr. C. Shanmugam, S. I.**, is now attached to Police Station, Mawanella.

**Mr. M. Shanmugaratnam, S. I.**, is now attached to Police Station, Chilaw.

**Mr. T. M. B. Mahat, A. S. P.**, is now attached to C. I. D., Colombo.

**Drs. (Mrs.) R. Thiruvagana** and **K. Shanmugaratnam** have completed the internship at Jaffna Hospital.

**Mr. S. Subhas Chandran** of the Jaffna College Technical Institute has gone to U. K.

**Dr. K. Yoheswaran**, Surgeon is now attached to Colombo South Group of Hospitals.



**Mr. Pathman Canagasingam** has been promoted as A. S. P. and he is now serving in Colombo Division

**Messrs V. R. Amarasingam and S. Panchalingam** are appointed Co-Vice Principals of St. Johns College, Jaffna.

**Mr. V. Tharmaseelan** is now Acting Principal Karinagar Hindu College.

**Mr. S. Das** is now Acting Principal, Araly Hindu College.

**Rev. S. Manopavan** was ordained as Presbyterian of the C. S. I.

**Mr. D. J. Thuriratnam** has been awarded Ph. D. by Bowling Green State University Ohio U. S. A.

**Dr. (Mrs) C. Ambalavanar** who is away in Bahrain serving at the Bahrain Mission Hospital, has been awarded F. R. C. O G

**Dr. P. S. Selvachandran** Superintendent, Green Memorial Hospital resumed work after completing his Post Graduate Studies in U. K.

**Dr. (Miss) B. S. Navaratnam** has joined the Staff of of McLeod Hospital, Inuvik

**Mr. J. S. David** Principal Nuffield School for the Deaf and Blind has returned to Sri Lanka after completing his M. A. in Education Course in U. S. A.

**Mr. S. Ravichandran** is now Lecturer in English at Teachers College, Malaysia

**Rev. J. J. Ratnarajah, B. A., B. D.** who was serving the Methodist Church Malaysia, has retired from service and returned to Sri Lanka.

**Mrs S. Viimalachandran** has been appointed Vice Principal Methodist School, Singapore.

**Mr. M. Mahadeva** has been appointed Principal, Kokkuvil Hindu College.

**Mr. S. Shanmuganathan** has been appointed Principal Kilinochi Maha Vidyalayam.

**Mr. S. Nadarajah** has been appointed Principal, Vaddukoddai Hindu College.

**Mr. K. Arunasalam** has been appointed Principal Victoria College.

**Mr. N. Sivagnanam** Principal Victoria College has retired from Service.

**Prof. G. W. Thambyapillai**, Professor and Head of the Department of Geography at Peradeniya University has gone to Africa on Sabbatical leave.

**Mr. R. S. Thambyah** is now serving as Librarian-in-charge, University of Jaffna.

**Mr. Charlie Gunanayagam** has been appointed District Manager Jaffna, Bank of Ceylon.

**Mr. Ariam Asirvatham**, Manager, Bank of Ceylon, Jaffna has retired from service

**Mr. J. G. Asirvatham** is serving as District Judge, Jaffna.

**Mr. Jaya Pathirana** has been appointed member of the Special International Commission to inquire into Atrocities Committed by racist regimes in South Africa.

**Mr. N. Joganathan** has assumed duties as Magistrate, Colombo Fort.

**Mr. S. Sritharan** has been appointed Secretary, Food Technology, Lusaka.

**Mr. S. Sangaradas**, Engineer is now serving in U. K.

**Mr. W. N. S. Samuel** has been appointed Principal, Hartley College.

**Mr. T. Sangaralingam** has been appointed Principal, Colombo Hindu College, Bambalapitiya.

**Miss Masillachelvi Mathiapparanam** has joined the staff of International School, Colombo.



**Dr. (Mrs.) Parvathy Wheeler** who was formerly Lecturer in Botany at Columbia University is now a Medical Student in New York.

**Messrs S. Jeyakumaran, S. Jeyanesan, M. Rajakulendran and T. Premarajah** were ordained Deacons of the Church of South India.

**Rev. S. S. Arulampalam** has returned to Sri Lanka after completing his Doctoral Studies in U. S. A.

**Mr. A. C. Mather** has been appointed Assistant Pastor, Tellippallai.

**Rev. S. P. Jeyasingam** has been ordained Prebyter of the Church of South India.

**Mr. C. Gunasingham** has assumed duties as High Commissioner of the Republic of Sri Lanka in Singapore.

**Mr. C. T. Moorthy** has assumed duties as High Commissioner of the Republic of Sri Lanka in the Federation of Malaysia.

**Mr. Kenneth Somausder** has been appointed Assistant Director, Publicity Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Dr. E. A. Champion** is now Professor Ethnic Studies at Bowling Green State University, Ohio, U. S. A.

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## Examination Success

**Mr. I. T. Kulendren** — *Post Graduate Examination in Applied Statistics (Sri Lanka)*

**Rev. S. N. Sugunanathan**, — *M Th. (Serampre)*

**Dr. Ranjith Singarajah** — *Primary, F. R. C. S.*

**Dr. S. Parameswaran** — *Primary F. R. C. S.*

**Mr. Prian Asirwatham** — *B. Sc. Engineering, (Lower Second Class) (Sri Lanka).*

**Mr. Jebanandan Ratnarajah** — *B. Sc. (Hons.) Mechanical Engineering (Lond.)*

**Mr. T. S. Premarajah** — *B. D. (Second Class.) (Serampore)*

**Dr. M. K. Shanmuganathan** — *M. B. B. S. (Sri Lanka)*

**Dr. (Mrs.) S. Nanthakumar** — *M. B. B. S. (Sri Lanka)*

**Miss. Shanthakumari Rajadurai** — *B. A (Sri Lanka)*

**Dr. Lalanathan** — *Primary P. R. C. S.*

**Dr. Ranjith Thambyrajah** — *Primary F. R. C. S.*

**Dr. (Mrs.) R. Thiranagama** — *M. B. B. S. (Sri Lanka)*

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## Marriages

**Our Heartiest Congratulations and our best wishes to the newly wedded couples**

**Rev. A. Jeyakumaran and Miss Indranee Gunanayagam**

**Dr. Gandhi Navaratnasingham and Dr. Miss Ranjani Rajasingham**

**Dr. B. S. Selvarajan and Miss. Elizabeth Sugirtharane Sinnadurai**

**Mr. S. Balachandran and Miss Grace Nirmaladevi Edwards**

**Mr. T. A. Ernest and Miss Kirupamirtham Elayathamby**

**Mr. Shanthakumar Virasinghe and Miss Suganthi Ratnasingham**

**Mr. M. Jeyaweeran and Miss Pushpavathany Senathirajah**

**Mr. S. Sukumar and Miss Sarah Arulrathy Emerson**

**Mr. M. Rajakulendran and Miss Kalanithy Tissanayagam**

**Mr. Manoranjan Gunanayagam and Miss Dorothy Manorathi Mann**

**Miss R. R. Asbury and Miss Grace Inpa Annathanam**



Mr. Rudolph Winfred Vimalendran Bonney and Miss Swendrine Jaya Brodie  
 Mr. Eric Sebanthirajah Stephens and Miss Regina Selvarupi Vairavanathan  
 Mr. John Thevasahayarajah Thambyrajah and Miss Suganthini Gunanayagam  
 Mr. Thevakadacham Robin Jebaseelan and Miss Gnanaselvi Ponnudurai  
 Mr. Luther Jeevamithiran Jeyasingham and Miss Ananthalakshmi Krishantha  
 Selvaratnam

Mr. S. Skandamayam and Miss S. Leelavathy Selliah  
 Mr. R. Sithamparanadarajah and Miss Sumithra Thiyagarajah  
 Mr. S. Selvarajah and Miss T. S. Easwari  
 Mr. S. Selvarajan and Miss A. Ganthimathi Aiyadurai  
 Mr. C. Somasundram and Miss Jeyathevi Kasiah  
 Mr. V. Vijayanandha and Miss Kamaladevi Vijayaratham  
 Mr. S. Lingarajah and Miss Jamuna Sabaratnam  
 Mr. V. Ranjan Arichandran and Miss Ratnamala Nallathamy  
 Mr. R. Balaretnarajah and Miss Jeane Mills  
 Rev. S. Mathiapparanam and Miss Poornavallai Anantharaz  
 Mr. K. Sivaparasagam and Miss Ranjani Mututambu  
 Mr. S. Subhaschandran and Miss Jayanthi Vijayasingham  
 Mr. Sri Nanthakumar and Dr. (Miss) Sakuntalai Sivagnanaam  
 Mr. A. Gnanendiran and Miss Thevamar Navaratnam  
 Mr. M. Vasanthakumar and Miss Ananthie Abeyanathan  
 Mr. M. Sabanathan and Miss Chandradevi Nadarajah  
 Mr. N. Satkunasivam and Miss Uma Kasiah  
 Mr. C. Srikantharajah and Miss Indradevi Sambasivam  
 Mr. R. Selvadurai and Miss Thayalini Balasubramaniam  
 Mr. R. Jebanandhan and Miss Jeyanthi Beadle  
 Mr. Bala Oommen and Miss Usha Abraham  
 Mr. P. Pathmanathan and Miss Kanjana Ratnasabapathy  
 Mr. M. Ganeswaran and Miss Selvakumari Sellathurai  
 Mr. T. Chandrajitson and Miss Hazel Bernard

## In Memoriam

Mr. Handy Jebaratnam	January 1977
Mr. V. N. Hunt	February 1977
Lt. Colonel Samuel H. Paul	May 1977
Mr. E. B. Anketell	" "
Dr. V. Gnananandham	" "
Mr. S. R. Chellappah	" "
Dr. A. E. Duraisamy	" "
Mr. K. W. Sinnadurai	June 1977
Mrs. Lorence Pavlam Ratnathurai	October 1977
Mr. A. N. V. Dharmarajah	" "
Dr. R. R. Appadurai	February 1978
Mr. R. C. Amarasingham	" "
Mr. A. J. Wadsworth	January 1978
Mr. K. Vethasalam	March 1978
Mr. W. J. Thambiratnam	May 1978
Prof. K. Kularatnam	" "
Dr. N. A. J. Niles	August 1978
Mr. Edwin Black	October 1978
Mr. J. Venayagam	1979
Mr. R. A. Thambyrajah	July 1979







