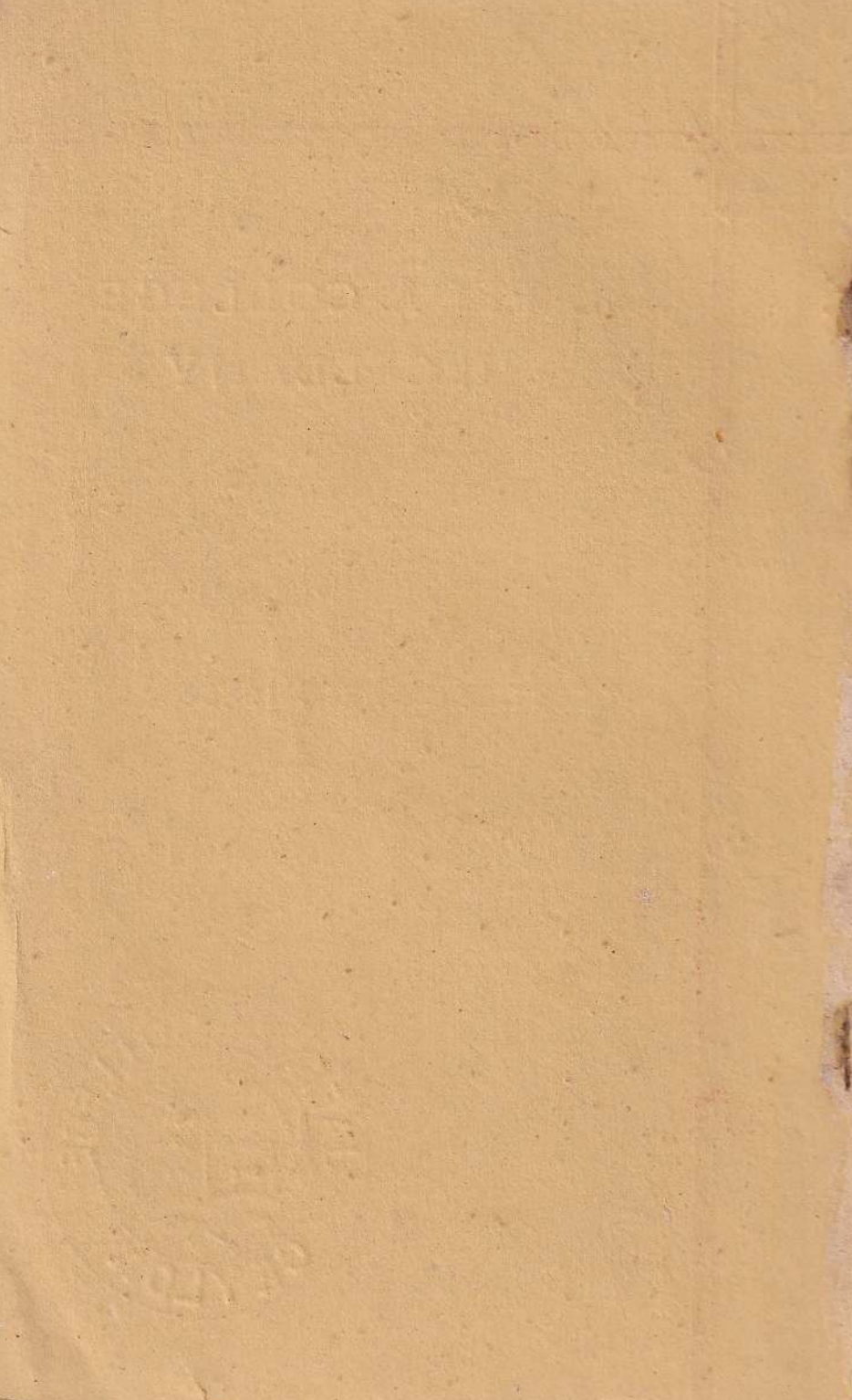


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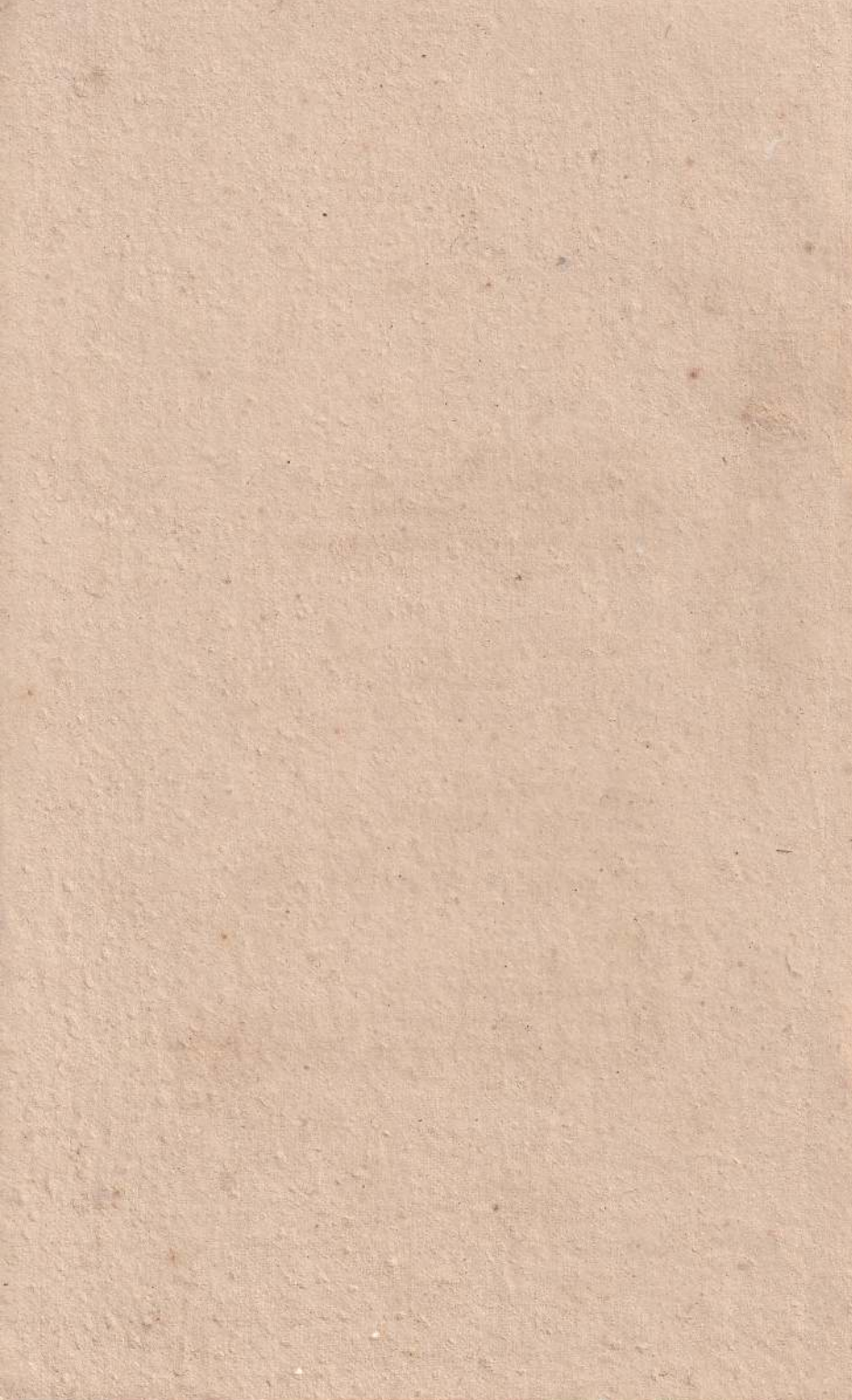
*Given, not lent,
And not withdrawn—once sent,
This Infant of mankind, this One,
Is still the little welcome Son.*

*New every year,
New born and newly dear,
He comes with tidings and a song,
The ages long, the ages long;*

*Even as the cold
Keen winter grows not old,
As childhood is so fresh, foreseen,
And spring in the familiar green—*

*Sudden as sweet
Come the expected feet,
All joy is young, and new all art,
And He, too, Whom we have by heart.*

Alice Meynell.



EDITORIAL NOTES

CHRISTMAS

Archbishop Spellman of New York in a Christmas message to the people of America two years ago said: *"The joy of Christmas is a joy that war cannot kill, for it is a joy of the soul and the soul cannot die. Poverty cannot prevent the joy of Christmas, for it is a joy no earthly wealth can give. Time cannot wither it, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is union with Him who has overcome the world."* It is because of this unkillable joy that the world has always lingered around the cradle of the Babe of Bethlehem, in spite of frequent betrayals of the Christ by His own Church, in spite of wars and carnage, in spite of persecution and death. That is why even during the last six years, when the world was going through the most horrible of the wars it has had, the joy of Christmas could not be killed. And this year, when shortly Christmas comes round again, there will be a greater joy than during the war years. But there is also the danger that the emphasis of the celebrations may be laid on the wrong place, because of the fact that more things are available now. It is this danger that the world should avoid. In our celebrations the non-Christian world is bound to ask, as it has been asking all these centuries, "Where is He that is born the King of the Jews?" In our celebrations, where do we place the emphasis? In our fun and frolic? In our mirth and music? In our feasting and entertaining? Or in our establishing the Lord in our hearts and showing His spirit in our lives? From New Guinea an American soldier wrote to his wife in Christmas 1942: "It will be a different Christmas this year. The altar will be a fallen tree in the jungle. All around there will be the stink of sweat, of unwashed clothes and deaths. But as I kneel to pray I know you will be along-

side me praying too, and that will make it a happy Christmas, darling". What emphasis! He knew the answer to the question: "Where is He that is born the King of Jews?"

The world has been seeking the Christ among those who have declared themselves as His followers, in His Church and among the Christian nations. If the world has not found Jesus in these places, whose fault is it? Time and again those of us who should have showed Him to the world in all His Glory and Power have failed to do so. And today with special eagerness and yearning the world is seeking the Christ at the Peace Table, round which the Christian nations are gathered trying to usher in peace for all time. Already signs are not wanting that old jealousies, old problems and old hatreds are showing themselves again. Unless those responsible for this great and important task dedicate themselves to be guided entirely by the Prince of Peace, no lasting peace is ever possible. And in our own humble circles may we be given the power to avoid directing, like Herod, those who come seeking the Lord in our lives and in our midst to go and look for Him elsewhere and then come and inform us! May we be found worthy, on the other hand, to show Him forth to all is our prayer! It is with this prayer that we send our heartiest Christmas greetings to all our readers. A truly Blessed Christmas to you all and a Very Happy New Year!

Educational Reforms and Ourselves

Along with the other educational institutions in our land we are faced with the question of the future of our College. The country is passing through one of its most trying times in the history of its education. For the first time in the Island's history a national scheme of education is being introduced. We welcomed this Scheme in our Christmas Number of 1943, almost soon after the Report of the

Special Committee on Education was published, as a step in evolving a national policy in education. The Report, it has been readily admitted, has some excellent recommendations which would remedy evils that have been for a long time crying out for correction. But these have been considerably lost sight of because of the unwise tactics adopted by the over-enthusiastic Minister of Education. In his bubbling enthusiasm he lost many a time the proper perspective and went from place to place in the country denouncing the splendid contribution made by the Christian schools to the educational advancement of our people. And by this violent, and unreasonably antagonistic, attitude towards these schools he has done more harm to the cause of education, that he declares is so close to his heart, than to them. For the Christian schools and the Church, in our opinion, this testing time is good and necessary. We have no doubt but that they will come through it all purified and strengthened for a brighter spell of useful service to the country.

In this connection, while we have to register our protest against the Minister's campaign against one section of the schools under his purview, we have also to express our greatest surprise and disappointment at the unseemly hurry with which the State Council is implementing its decisions on the educational reforms piece-meal. The country was promised a Bill which would be comprehensive of all proposals. Instead of keeping up its promise the State Council is impatient and restless about ushering in its educational Utopia. We begin to wonder, along with the Assistant Bishop of the Church of Ceylon, the Rt. Rev. Lakdasa de Mel, if the Soulbury Report has anything to do with this haste of the State Councillors. We had expected the publication of the whole Education Bill before any piece-meal implementing. That would have given us the whole picture and made it easy for all educational institutions to decide on the course of action they have

to follow. How important things are rushed! Perhaps it is all in keeping with the present world of incredible speed.

One of the salient features of the present scheme is the granting of free education. We welcome it, as any one who has the national welfare at heart would do. We welcome the equal opportunity this gives to all alike. At one time though we welcomed it on principle, we wondered if the State could afford it. We were afraid it would mean the starving of other services. But those responsible for shouldering the financial burden of the State are of the opinion that they could find the several millions needed for the scheme. Why, then, should others like us worry on that score?

When we are faced with the problem of the future of Jaffna College, we should keep in mind three important facts connected with it. First, the objective of the College. All down the hundred and twenty-two years the institution has existed first as the Batticotta Seminary and then as Jaffna College the objective has been "*A general Christian Education*". Second, ours is a national institution. It is to our credit that we have been in the vanguard of many a national movement in the country. Several national causes have prospered under our leadership. (We hope we will not be accused of blowing our own trumpet.) Third, we have the tradition of having been for many years an institution of Collegiate status to keep. These three facts must influence our decision. If at any time there should arise a conflict between the religious and the national claims of the College, in our opinion the preference is clear: Christian first and national second. However, we do not think the College is faced with any such conflict just now. We are moving today towards becoming a Private School. This would preserve our objective and at the same time help us to render a national service. All the Affiliated

Schools belonging to Jaffna College and all the English Schools belonging to the American Mission have entered the Free Education Scheme. Undoubtedly the various Christian denominations in the land should not at this juncture retire altogether from the field of education nor should they keep all their schools out of this Scheme. Such an action would be disastrous to the cause of education. However, we hold that at least one school belonging to our community should be kept away from it. One institution at least must be independent to serve our Christian children and even others, unhampered by the foolish regulations inspired by the passing whims and fancies of politicians who have their eyes only on the next elections. The fear that the introduction of free education and the provision of a beggarly equipment grant to denominational schools would mean the bringing down of the present high standard of education to a shoddy and shabby state has been expressed by almost everybody who is qualified to pronounce an opinion on educational matters. Jaffna College must refuse to lower its standard and must go back to its days of old when it worked without any Government aid. The country needs badly such private schools as can be distinctive from the others and feel free to experiment new ideas and ideals. It will be a distinct *national service* to give a definite Christian training to all those who enter our portals and to maintain a Christian tone and atmosphere here. In our opinion, on the other hand, it would be a national tragedy if Jaffna College entered the Free Scheme. This is why we would recommend strongly to the Board of Directors of the College the recommendations of the Staff that Jaffna College be run as a Private School on a Fellowship Basis, either as a Special Place (with adequate and liberal scholarships) or as a Private Free School. We know the Directors are considering this recommendation seriously. They have for the present decided that we do not enter the

Free Scheme of the Government for 1946. 1947 is an important milestone in the history of the College. It is the seventy-fifth year since the founding of the College and the hundred and twenty-fourth year, since the founding of the Seminary. Therefore, it would be quite in keeping with the tradition of the institution, and the most appropriate thing for the College, to strike out on its own from that year.

LEFT HAND RIGHT HAND!

BY SIR OSBERT SITWELL.

(Macmillan 1945. 272 pp. 15s.)

By the Rev. J. R. Macphail

of Madras Christian College, Tambaram.

(Being a Broadcast at the All-India Radio Station)

Take the whole of history, or what you know of it; and ask yourself where, when, and in what station of life you wish you had been born. It is an amusing question for an idle hour. My own answer, I think, is that I'd have liked to be a country gentleman in England in the eighteenth or nineteenth century. I should have been well-born, well-bred, wealthy, cultured; inheriting lands and houses enriched by many generations just like myself; sure of my place in society, revering the few who were set in authority over me, calmly counting on respect and submission from the many below me; proud of the past, and confident about the future: I should take what I wanted wherever I want, and would never question that if I could pay for it justice was satisfied. They say that Queen Victoria, wherever she might be, if she wanted to sit down, sat down at once, without looking to see whether a chair was ready for her; and the chair always was ready. To be at the top of a stable, rich, expanding society, must be the height of human happiness, or there's no such thing.

I have been reading the autobiography of Sir Osbert Sitwell, and one of the many reasons why I like the book is that it gives us a clear glimpse of that elegant world which seemed so safe and has vanished. There is no doubt that Sir Osbert belongs to the very best society; he doesn't even need to pretend to be modest about it. He lives in a large country house, Renishaw in Derbyshire, which was built in 1625 on land which has belonged to the Sitwells for seven centuries. He is the fifth baronet. His line of descent includes far back, a few humble folk, in particular a Scottish stonemason, son of a working gardener, from whom perhaps the more recent Sitwells inherit their extravagant passion for building and landscape gardening. But most of his forbears on both sides were wealthy squires, with a sprinkling of earls and dukes; some few were famous, and one was Governor of Madras. As a rule they were wilful, following the principles of a life-time or the whim of the moment with a lordly indifference to the opinions and interests of others. Sir Osbert has studied with care the letters, diaries, and traditions of the great families to which he is related, and writes about them in his own headstrong way, expatiating and digressing as often as he is inclined. If readers don't like it, that's their fault; he writes to please himself. At the end of a good-sized volume he has reached only 1901, when Queen Victoria died and he himself was seven years old. Three more volumes are planned. 'I want my memories,' he says 'to be old fashioned and extravagant, full of detail, gothic, complicated in surface and crowned with turrets and with pinnacles.' In another place he calls his book 'discursive and disquisitional.'

The procession of ancestors is varied and colourful. Few of the Sitwells condescended to do anything useful, and society got little in return for all the privileges that it gave them, or allowed them; but they tended to have minds of their own, and to live and to speak without bothering about modesty or

manners or any other middle-class conventions. There was a great-aunt whose life was divided between fox-hunting and radical politics. She was friendly with Dr. Randall Davidson, then Archbishop of Canterbury. Somebody heard her ringing him up, storming her way past chaplains and secretaries, and telling him that some criminal condemned to death must be reprieved, and that he must see to it. She listened for a little, while he no doubt carefully explained the difficulties she hadn't thought of. Then she said 'Go to hell, Randall,' and rang off. Another great-aunt, speaking in old age of herself and her many sisters, said 'We gals were a damned good-looking lot!' His mother's father, the first Earl of Londesborough, was one of the great Victorian swells, whose peculiar genius was for spending money. When he succeeded to the property, he presented every important servant with a cheque-book, so that he needn't be bothered with requests for money; and his bankers had to step in and stop it. He put up a musical show for the theatre, *Babil and Bijou*, which made people gasp with surprise, especially a scene laid on the floor of the sea, complete with live lobsters. It cost him thirty thousand or a hundred thousand pounds, and apparently he himself didn't know which. He so impoverished the estate that his successor had to face life with a mere forty thousand pounds a year. In the same period, Sir Osbert's father's mother, Louisa Lady Sitwell, was equally famous for her evangelical zeal, and kept a religious diary with entries like this: 'Thursday, Extemporary prayer by Mr. Body. He left us by the 10 train—the departure of which was watched by weeping maids from an upper window.'

We don't get to know very much about Sir Osbert's mother, except that she was extremely beautiful and gracious; that she studied dancing and deportment under the great Taglicini, but never learnt how to fasten her own shoe-laces; and that for luck she kept a length of genuine hangman's rope tied

to the head of her bed, and had paid eight pounds for it. But the book is dominated in a curious way by the personality of Sir Osbert's father, Sir George. There is no set description of him, but Sir Osbert cannot speak of anything for long without bringing him in somehow. Not in the least amiable or attractive, there is something about him which holds our attention; something splendid about his unwavering egotism, something fine about his consistent unreasonableness. Blake said that if the fool would but persist in his folly, he would become wise, and there is a thorough-going integrity about Sir George which makes him more interesting than character or intellect could do. A man who went his own way. 'Such a mistake,' he remarked to his son once, without explanation, '*to have friends!*' Everyone about him was constantly anxious as to what he might do next. He couldn't see a house or garden without itching to re-make it. When his younger son inherited a new estate, Sir George arrived, looked round the 'comparatively small garden', and said 'I don't propose to do much here; just a sheet of water, and a line of statues.' One of his ideas was to have all the white cows in his park stencilled with a blue Chinese pattern; but for once he didn't get his way, the cows proving to be even more obstinate than himself.

The volume closes with a rich leisurely account of how Sir George made the American society artist, Sargent, paint his whole family together. He planned the thing himself, down to the last detail. Sargent too had some ideas about painting, but Sir George regarded him as a hired servant; the man who paid the bill must get his way in everything. The bill by the way was fifteen hundred pounds, and there is no doubt that Sargent earned it. Sometimes during a sitting he would be reduced to rushing to and fro and bellowing like a bull in sheer rage. 'My father', says Sir Osbert, who was seven at the time and took in all the comedy, 'My father himself enjoyed

these exhibitions very much, for, according to his code, a show of temperament was expected of every artist—who ought, indeed, to be goaded daily by the patron until he gave it, that being part of the contract, as it were, existing between them, and a guarantee that the work would be of the highest quality.' The painting is fully described, and also reproduced, but not well. It is an absurd affair, for all the painter's skill.

The Victorians had strange sudden crazes for practical jokes, and Sir George was sometimes infected. He once took the trouble to arrange a beautiful Chippendale chair so as to collapse when sat upon, and then invited a pompous alderman to lunch, giving him the deceptive chair. But Osbert, aged four, had a taste for practical jokes too, and moved the chair to his father's place, and hid under the table. Sir George duly crashed on to the floor. That wasn't a joke. He got up again, very red, and said to the son who was yelling with laughter under the table, 'I might have most seriously injured my back.' And I don't know why it is, but we like Sir George all the more for this silly story. Perhaps it is because Sir Osbert makes no attempt to excuse him. He is proud of his father, and glories in his peculiarities.

There can't be many people like that nowadays. The first World War just about finished them off. The aristocrat is comparatively poor in our days, and he tries to look like everyone else and to justify his existence. In the twentieth century architecture has become streamlined, and does without useless ornaments; and so does society. It is interesting to have these portraits from a bygone age, for that is what they are. Sir Osbert says of a certain country house, 'It is a place full of the past, and I have never known rooms in which you could hear more clearly the heart-beat of other centuries than our own.' And we might say the

same thing about his book. He can interpret to us this vanished system of things, because he was born and grew up within it, and is frankly glad of his privilege; but also because he can stand outside it and appraise it with the cool detached judgment of a trained critic. He calls his book *Left Hand Right Hand!*, a reference to palmistry, which says that the lines on your left hand show what you inherited, while those on the right hand show what you have made of it. In his dealings with his heredity, Sir Osbert has been highly original. The Sitwells had gone their own way, eccentric, picturesque, and wasteful, for seven centuries. Some wrote diaries, which have been published; and Sir George, like Sir Austen FEVEREL, kept a book of aphorisms, which he called *The Wisdom of Life*, of which we are given only one specimen: 'Never open a letter from a correspondent known to be troublesome, until after luncheon.' But it was without warning that the family produced, in one generation, three professional writers; Osbert himself, his elder sister Edith, and his younger brother Sacheverel.⁸ And as writers they were rebels. I'm not going to try now to pass judgment on their writings, which consist chiefly of poetry. A recent critic has said that they belong to the history of publicity rather than of property. But Osbert's books come to nearly thirty, and include very good novels, short stories, essays, and travel-books, most of them strongly satirical; so that we know more about what he doesn't like than about what he does like. So the records of the Sitwells are to him not merely matter for family pride, but also a subject for his trained faculties as satirist, critic, and story-teller. And he uses his rich material to good purpose. A great-grandmother was a friend, and quite possibly a mistress, of George IV, and we have some brilliant pages describing that curious monarch. His prose is characteristically complacent and head-

strong: he writes 'himself' where a common man would have to write 'he', and uses points of punctuation, especially the dash, with the air of a man born to command. But it is the prose of a poet, all the same, with an individual rhythm and colour, every word duly considered as if it had rights, and almost a personality of its own, not just as a piece of a sentence. He can describe a Crimea officer as 'too old for the spring to do anything for him but tire him further.' Or he can thus put before us a servant who was with his godly grandmother for sixty-three years: 'a gnarled and characteristic figure from the background of a piece of Flemish tapestry, keys at the waist, and on her wise but not agreeable face, somewhat fanatical in a common-sense way, a tinge of blue (her jaws fumbled always, as though one were trying to meet the other, in some indigestive prayer).' He is at his best when he is being casual or satirical; some of the more eloquent passages strike me as being too self-conscious. Once he is betrayed into downright bad writing, to his credit, by his passionate admiration for his sister: finding himself obliged to admit that her nose is not quite straight, he tells us that it 'deviates slightly from the perpendicular.'

In his own way, Sir Osbert is as self-willed as his father. From the age of three, he tells us, he has 'hated crowds, communal life, and obedience.' He repeats with obvious complacence the statement he once made for *Who's Who*, that he was 'educated during holidays from Eton.' And the book is a portrait of himself as well as of his father and ancestors; and he appears as a very definite person, not agreeable or accommodating, going his own way, and always, or almost always, interesting. From a very early age, he saw things and people very clearly. He describes scenes so vividly, and writes so often and so well about painting, that one wonders how he missed becoming a

painter himself. His clear, cool, detached vision, together with his feeling for incident and character, makes his account of his early years, a thing that is really masterly. His first glimpse of worlds beyond the obvious one came when he had spent the afternoon screaming with rage, and then saw an unusually fine sunset. His next came in a music-hall, when the great Dan Leno was singing his song 'I took my harp to a party, but nobody asked me to play.' We have had a great many autobiographies in recent years, several by poets, Kipling, Siegfried Sassoon, Spender, Isherwood: but I can't remember one that makes so real and so interesting the first stirrings of the purely poetic feeling.

Now naturally I want something good to end with, and as I think over the book again, I realize that I have spoken only of masters. But many of the pages, including some of the best, go to servants. In that dead world, servants were important; domestic and outdoor servants, peasants and artisans. They were proud of their humble but sure place in the august system. Their masters ordered them about, but looked after them. They were faithful, and often continued in one position all their lives; and they knew their duties so well that they could take great liberties. And the children of good families spent far more time with the servants than with their parents. And the servants were often as independent and eccentric as the lords and ladies were. The Sitwell Butler, Henry Moat, was a man of importance in the household for forty-two years. He played a large part in the education of the children, and knew it; for when he retired, he wrote to Sir Osbert, 'Whether you were at Scarborough, Renishaw or abroad, if you or Master Sachie wanted to know anything about things on the earth, the sea under the earth or in the air above you generally came to me, even when

you had a tutor, and often the tutors came too.' Here is a longer passage, which throws light not only on Moat and Sir George, but also on the future Sir Osbert, since it was written to him. Moat was travelling in Germany, with Sir George, and he says: 'We have become well-known in Germany Ginger [i. e. Sir George] visiting the above places over and over again and giving the attendants a hell of a time so that when we enter a door and they see him they scatter like scalded cats some through doors, some through windows and others up the chimneys one fat old woman wanted to take his umbrella from him and then commenced a vigorous tug of war result the fragments of the umbrella has been sent to the Castle to be put away in the armoury. At present he is looking remarkably well and looking well after himself—and after us too. He has docked us all of soup, meat, and sweets for our dinner, for fear that we get fat—her Ladyship too—and of course pays half-price for us where he has to eat double portions to get built up again, himself We went the other day (Friday) to the Hohenzollern Museum (Sir Geo and I) of course I marched behind him and really I think and others say so too that if possible Sir George looks more distinguished than ever and the attendants eyed him intensely the head one especially and we had all of them bowing and scraping. The head guide ordered a special catalogue to be brought and given to Sir George and then he came and asked me his (Sir Geo's) name I felt very proud of him.'

And for my very last word I shall take a sentence from a letter to Lady Sitwell, with some reminiscences: 'You were a fine young lady then full of high spirits and fun I would not have missed the career for the earth I never feel lonely when I just think of my past life the cinema is not in it.'

OUR ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING

Our Annual Prize-Giving was held in the Ottley Hall on Saturday, the 15thth September, at 6 p. m. presided over by the Acting Principal, Mr K. A. Selliah. The chief guests on the occasion were the Hon. Mr. Justice Alan Rose, and Mrs. K. Kanagaratnam. Besides these two, those who were accommodated on the platform included Members of the Board of Directors of the College and members of the Staff.

Welcome

A welcome to the guests present was extended by Master E. R. Appadurai, a student of the H. S. C. Class. In the course of his speech he said :

"It is my privilege to extend to you a warm welcome to Jaffna College this evening and especially to this our prize-giving. We welcome you with that heartiness and warmth which is characteristic of Jaffna College and more so when we remember that petrol is hard to come by and transport difficulties are not yet too easily surmounted. This is an occasion when we take public stock of all our endeavours and achievements and derive happiness in the successes of our enterprises. We welcome you to a full share in our joys. This is also an occasion when we are obliged to examine the educational problems of the island and our own in relation to them. May we welcome you to a reasonable share in our problems too.

My teachers and fellow-students will, I hope, bear with me if I repeat here my own words which appear in the latest edition of our Student Journal with regard to Jaffna College and the Free Education Scheme. I make no apology for introducing the subject here, because I feel that it is a matter of vital importance to us and because I am sure it is

the thought uppermost in the minds of all of us who are gathered here this evening. We should not for a moment doubt the wisdom of the Board of Directors and we feel sure that they will not in any case surrender the noble ideals which Jaffna College has struggled to uphold for over a hundred years in order to accommodate a scheme, which is seemingly beneficial but which incidentally aims at the ultimate destruction of denominational schools. Jaffna College has always emphasised the Christian aspect of all its activities and ideals and has never failed to give priority to it. The time has now come for the College to decide whether it shall continue to uphold its cherished ideals or throw them overboard in favour of a scheme which may probably relieve it of some pecuniary difficulty. To think that the acceptance by the College of the Free Education Scheme as put forward by the Minister for Education would create in the minds of most people the impression that until now Jaffna College has been deceiving both itself and the community around it should not seem far-fetched. We should feel unhappy to be interpreted as being opposed to free education. On the contrary we welcome it with open hands. We consider it the greatest blessing the Minister for Education could have contrived to shower on us. But the hitch arises where the Minister's scheme involves the surrender of our cherished ideals.

It is not necessary for me to point out that to parents free education will certainly be preferable to education that has to be paid for. We have also previously observed that the acceptance of the Free Education Scheme will be incompatible with the religious ideals of the school. The choice therefore lies between the cherished ideals of the school with their noble religious background and the question of balancing the budget, and we hope that the authorities concerned will not choose to put the cart before the horse.

We are not blind to the difficulties that should arise from Jaffna College being translated into a private school. True it is that there will be a fall in the number of students and an exodus from the Staff. But we are of opinion that this will only be a temporary phase.

We are wondering whether with all the income that the College gets from America and with a carefully drawn up and frugal budget Jaffna College cannot be run as a *free and private school*. We are persuaded to believe that this is not quite an impossibility. The College would then be in hearty support of the principle of equality of opportunity as envisaged by the Minister for Education and yet be free to maintain and uphold its own ideals. The gesture would be very Christian too. We may even suggest that the perpetuation of the present high standard of education, coupled with the selection of choice students on a competitive basis, will help to raise Jaffna College to more serviceable heights and to turn out true leaders imbued with a high sense of sacrificial service."

Principal's Report

The Acting Principal, Mr. K. A. Selliah, then presented his report covering a period of two years. Referring to the question of the future of Jaffna College vis. - a - vis the Free Education Scheme, Mr. Selliah said that after very careful consideration the Board of Directors had decided to run the College as it is for one year from now before making any final decision in the matter.

Mrs. K. Kanagaratnam, the wife of the Auditor General, gave away the prizes, at the end of which the Hon. Mr. Justice Alan Rose addressed the gathering.

Chief Guest's Address

"Mr. Selliah, Ladies and Gentlemen, — I feel it a very great favour indeed at having been honoured to come here and attend this prize-giving this afternoon. I need no introduction or evidence as to the prosperity and healthy outlook of this institution: A peep into this splendid hall would answer any doubts that I might have in regard to that matter. Both Mr. Selliah and one of his most eloquent students have said the kindest things about me that I feel it is unnecessary for me to do anything more but try and look modest, and I only hope that you will not regret at having invited me to come here tonight.

Looking at you all now seated here takes me back to 20 years or so, and makes me remember that well-known look of suffering and pleasure that always comes upon such an audience. The thing to do is to set your teeth and endure it to the end. Once upon a time there was a Prime Minister of England called Mr. Baldwin. He opened one of his speeches by saying "I am not going to make any speech today. I am just going to think aloud." And when he had finished, one of the members of the opposition party said: "I do not mind your thinking aloud but what I am irritated at is the triviality of the thought." Perhaps, in the same way, I may say this afternoon that I am just going to think aloud and when I have finished you could, if you can, endorse what the member of the opposition party made out! You will expect me to make some reference however in my own humble way to this very pressing problem — the principle involved in the new educational policy that is being imposed, or shortly to be imposed upon this country. Now I must say — and it must represent the view of most of us — that the idea underlying the principle of Free Education is of course an admirable one and does need the support of us all socia-

list people and also of those who, to whatever party they might belong, are socialists at heart. But I am sorry to see that this has become a matter of controversy in this beautiful island. It is presumptuous for me to express any opinion on a question of such importance. Nevertheless, I feel that, as a person who has been in other countries and seen similar problems in other places, I may sometimes be able to put a point of view before you that might be, at least, of interest and therefore you may take my remarks for consideration. First of all I would say and stress that I fully appreciate that nothing can be more irritating to responsible men in responsible positions, like the Minister of Education, who think out policy on any important matter, than criticisms hurled at them from all quarters, some of which may be quite unfair. Any remarks therefore I may make today are not intended as criticism.

I do think it is a matter for congratulation on the view that this particular College and its proprietors have decided, namely, to wait at least for one year before entering the free education scheme, because I think and do feel that far more useful work can be done by certain schools if they are not embarrassed by economic factors. But I hope there will be some schools in the island that will be built up steadily outside this scheme, with the view to pupils being brought up in an alternative basis, so that, when it is inevitable in any scheme that is introduced to change the existing scheme, when alterations are made which experience alone must show as may be desirable, that it will be a useful thing to have this alternative reservoir from which the country can draw. It is not for me to comment on the details of the scheme that is being put before you and is going to be introduced from 1st October, because it is quite obvious, I think, even to those who are sponsoring the scheme that it is by experience alone that alterations can be

made as the months and years go by. Therefore, we will be always wasting our time by concentrating on the weaknesses of any scheme, because I hope, and am quite confident, that good sense will prevail in the end and that people who are sponsoring the scheme will see for themselves which are the strong points and which are the weak points and the principles on which we all agree.

Now, there is just one other matter that has an important bearing on this question, I think, and I say it with great humility, because the majority of the people present in this room — nay in the whole island — may not agree, at any rate at first sight, with the view I am going to put before you. That is, on reading the enormous publicity being given to the scheme in the local newspapers, it seems to me that too much stress is laid on the fact that the teaching of English in schools should be drastically cut. I happen to be English, but that has nothing to do whatever with the point I am about to make. It seems to me that that might be a mistake that ought to be adjusted, and I would explain why. There is no virtue, as such, at all in the English Language, but there is this very important consideration and that is that the English language is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. I mean, supposing, you honestly want to substitute, say, French, Spanish or German — languages all widely spoken themselves — I should have nothing to say whatever. It is purely a matter of choice. But it seems to me that, and even the youngest children present here today must realize, as a result of this war, things have changed very much and that it is so all over the world. Far from there being an increase in nationalism, if this world (or man) is to survive at all, there has got to be a sort of internationalism of thought of all the peoples. It does seem to me therefore in your own interests — and yours is only a small island, your

population is about 6 million — that it will be a very great pity to abolish English deliberately and as a result to cut adrift from the world unless you are going to substitute in its stead some other world language such as Spanish, German or French, which are all spoken widely outside their own countries. You know you have only to look at the map of the world to realise the enormous nature of the extent the English language is spoken. Perhaps, while I am on that point, I would stress that there is not the slightest derogation to speak in another man's language. It seems to me that a very good example, to stress my point clearly, was that during the last war French was the universal diplomatic language used by various ambassadors all over the world. There was no possible way of any derogation, any loss of face. It is a purely simple matter, and perhaps while I am still on that point, I might remind an incident that always tickled me. I do not think it is generally known, though I have perfectly good grounds to vouch for its accuracy, that when the Russian - German Pact was signed in 1939 and Ribbentrop went to Russia in order to sign it, he and Stalin had their famous conversation — resulting in the signing of it — in English. The reason for this is that English is the only foreign language Stalin knows. There is no possible loss of prestige or loss of standing in any way in using a language that is widely known instead of using a language that might, as in your case, be unknown at all outside your own area. I am not suggesting in any possible way that the teaching of the customs and manners of the Tamils, or the Sinhalese, should be abandoned. It will be a great pity if what I might stress as excessive nationalism that caused this last war, is pursued with. You probably might think what bearing has this point upon schools, or your own children. But it seems to me that it has an enormously important bearing because one thing which struck

me forcibly on coming to this island was how you were bickering amongst yourselves — community with community, religion with religion, and all about nothing! I have just come to this island. I have been spending the last 7 or 8 years in the country called Palestine where hatred is *really* hatred, and where people have good historical and racial reasons for real hatred. There the two communities hate the sight of each other. When I came here I thought to myself how fortunate you all are — to miss the damages and ravages of war — and that you have really no good reason for this sort of life. You have no grievance, and there is no good reason for you in this country to hate each other. But pick up any local paper, you will see therein that the Sinhalese do not like the Tamils, the Tamils do not like the Muslims, and so on, and that none of you likes the English! That last remark may be true and perhaps may be justified. If indeed that is really the case, I have been grossly deceived by the various gentlemen I have met during the last few months. However I do feel that, in your own interests, it is a little too dangerous to strain your feelings — of one community against the other. In your own interests, therefore, there are two things to be done. The first is that these frayed communal feelings and differences should be overcome. In England too the same conditions prevailed and it took a long time to sink the differences of the English, the Scotch and the Welsh. Secondly — and it follows in order of time — you must realize that in this new world it will be quite impossible for a country of the size of Ceylon to stand alone. That cannot be done. In another ten years or so you will find “international groupings”; there will be three or four such groups. There is no question of subjugation. You are very likely to have an Anglo-American Group with all the countries who are willing to join that group. Then there will be the

Russian Group, &c. You will see that these groups gather together for their own security and their own good, and Ceylon will have the sense to join one of these groups.

In conclusion, I would say that, though one hears a lot about political freedom nowadays, freedom in the real sense we use that word has gone. The people who were really free were the aborigines. They were free to do anything they liked. It is now becoming increasingly obvious to us all that the whole world itself is growing too small. You have the aeroplane, the atomic bomb and a host of other inventions for destruction or construction as a man chooses. You may, perhaps, disagree with the remarks I have made today, but I commend them to you for consideration."

Vote of Thanks

The President of the Student Council, Mas. W. N. S. Samuel, proposed a vote of thanks.

In seconding the vote of thanks, Mr. J. F. Ponnambalam, the Secretary of the Board of Directors, said:—

"We are very grateful to our chief speaker today for the encouragement he has given us. We have been going through a period of stress and strain and have taken a good deal of interest as to what we are going to do in regard to the future of Jaffna College. The Board of Ministers and the Education Department, with their changing views from day to day and with their set idea, as some of us would think, of doing away with denominational schools, have been a big problem to us, and when we heard our chief speaker support the view of the Board of Directors—which the Staff heartily endorsed—that we should go on as we are and not enter the Government's scheme, it was re-

ally a heartening and very healthy suggestion. We are really encouraged by what he has said. I might also say this: that sometimes we feel with the Old Boys that we have been inclined to think of our past, to recline on our past and to harp back on our traditions. It was not a very healthy sign, but the recent decision of the Board of Directors and the endorsement given by the Staff as well as the student-population, as you heard from this platform tonight, really has thrown out a challenge to us and through trials and tribulations we propose to face the difficulties—financially as well as in other ways. I think we can rise, and rise once more, to the great heights which Jaffna College held at one time. I think we must be thankful and be grateful to the Minister for Education for the Pearl of Great Price that he has presented to us. I should say that this very pearl has set us thinking and has made us reconsider our whole attitude towards Jaffna College and its future. I sometimes think of what a great writer once said—“It is difficult for a friend to sympathise with the successes of another friend, but it is very easy to sympathise with his failures.” Dr. Kannangara finds it very difficult indeed to sympathise with the successes of the denominational schools—the home where he was nurtured and nourished. I think it would not be wrong for me to say that there is a good deal in the scheme that he proposes which is detrimental to denominational schools. I also feel, at the start of this new venture, that we should think of those missionaries of old who handed over to us the torch of learning, the light of light. We have been carrying on the torch aflame, but we have not done everything that we could and should have done, and I think the time has now come to us to pass on this torch and rekindle it to shed the same amount of light that it once did on our people. I am sure that with the co-operation of all concerned, and the faith we have in our new

venture — the faith in this light of life — that we can go on from success to success.”

Principal's Report
(*Extracts from the Report*)

Your Lordship, Ladies and Gentlemen :

It is a pleasure to welcome you once again to our prize-giving. The war certainly was a damper on our plans for this great school day of the year for this our annual event turned out to be biennial during the period of the war. The tension and anxiety which gripped the whole world when we welcomed you last in 1943 are now past and have become history. We rejoice with the rest of the world that we are once again on the threshold of another era of peace and friendship amongst God's children. Our welcome to you all is the warmer, for, inspite of the various restrictions which continue to be imposed on transport and travel, you have come in such large numbers to honour and encourage us.

A special word of welcome to His Lordship our chief guest. Though we planned to have our prize-giving early in May, it looked to us that we couldn't have it without you, and we offer you a very cordial welcome to Jaffna and to Jaffna College, on this, your first visit. News of your ability as a judge of the highest tribunal of this land and of your interest in the people of the Island have reached us through our Alumni who have come in contact with you, both at the Bar and outside it. We understand that Your Lordship was President of the Y. M. C. A. at Jerusalem, and we are happy to find that you are showing the same interest in the Y. M. C. A. in Colombo. We feel greatly honoured that you have been able to accept our invitation, and spend the week-end with us, and I have no doubt that you will enjoy this digression from your normal routine in the Appeal Court. It is unfortunate that you are not able to stay with us a little longer

and see the life of Jaffna in its true setting. Perhaps you will be able to do this on a later occasion, when you come down to Jaffna to preside at one of the Supreme Court Sessions.

A special word of welcome is due to you, Madam, for consenting to distribute the prizes on this occasion. Apart from the fact that you are the wife of one of our most distinguished Alumni, your forbears are known to have taken much interest in our College. We thank you for your presence here today with your distinguished husband.

My report today will have to cover a period of two years and so you will please bear with me if it should appear a little too long. There have been many changes during the period under review. I expect many of you parents and Old Boys would have read my Principal's Notes covering a period of one year in the last number of the College Miscellany, and so I propose to be brief in my reference to our activities during that period.

Our numbers have continued to increase steadily. Our numbers in 1943 were round about 675, and today we have about 750 on the roll excluding the Vernacular School: 480 in the Upper School and 270 in the Lower School. Our largest numbers have been in the Higher School Certificate classes. Though I am happy at this expression of confidence of parents on what we are trying to do here, I am unhappy at the fall in the high standard of efficiency and the ideal of individual attention which are bound to result from such large numbers. Our Directors are suggesting, and I wholeheartedly agree with them, that we reduce our numbers to about 500. My ideal would be to plan for a school of about 400 with about 150 in the Primary Department, and 250 in the Post Primary, with practically every one in the Post Primary classes in our boarding houses.

The religious life and atmosphere of the College have undergone a marked change during the period under review. The terminal staff Retreats have been a source of joy and strength to all of us in the College. I am particularly happy over the Retreat conducted entirely by the staff at the beginning of this year. We examined at this Retreat, among other things, our prime aim in this College, and our need for more spiritual fellowship only to be convinced more than ever of our failings and of our complacency. One result of this Retreat is that we have prayers every day in the assembly hall led by masters and older Christian students just before we begin school as against two days in the week last year. The boarders both Hindus and Christians have been observing a quiet time of 15 minutes every morning and the Prayer Room of the Y. M. C. A. has been kept open day and night for any one, who may wish to use it. The prayers which used to be held in the dormitories just before students retired to their beds are now being held in the Study Hall and in the Library for everybody. The Vespers which used to be held in the Church are now held in this hall. The need of a small chapel adorned and decorated to suit our native genius exclusively for our own use has been in my mind for sometime now. We certainly do not get the atmosphere for worship and joint fellowship when we gather for our prayers in this big hall.

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The Bunkers left us in June to sail for America to enjoy their well-earned furlough. They had to wait for nearly two months in Bombay before they could catch a troop-ship. Mr. Bunker spent 7 years in our midst as our Principal, and I must say, he made his contribution most acceptably and unostentatiously.

In his last letter to me Rev. Bunker says that he and his family are looking forward to sailing in November for Ceylon. If he succeeds in securing

the necessary passage for him and his family, we expect to see him when we begin the new term next year.

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We lost Mr. Welch, the Principal's Secretary, at the beginning of this year and I have not been able to fill his place yet. He left us to accept a staff appointment in the Rubber Controller's Department. As Principal's Secretary, I should say, Mr. Welch had few equals and I was indeed very sorry to lose him. We congratulate him on his securing an honours degree in English of the London University.

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In school public examinations we have maintained a high standard, though our results in the H. S. C. were not up to our usual attainment. Here are the figures: S. S. C. Dec. 1943 the results of which were published in 1944: 82 presented and 65 passed; 5 of whom were placed in the first division. S. S. C. Dec. 1944 the results of which were published in 1945: 61 presented and 29 passed; and 8 referred—two of whom were placed in the first division. H. S. C. of 1943 to 1944: 40 presented and 8 passed. H. S. C. of 1944 to 1945: 22 presented and 1 passed. University Entrance examination: 1943 to 1944: 42 presented and 17 were successful; University Entrance examination 1944 to 1945: 33 presented and 9 were successful; Inter Arts of 1943 to 1944: the results of which reached us in 1944: 10 presented and 3 passed and 1 referred; Inter Arts of 1944 to 1945: presented 11, the results are not known. Inter Science of 1943—1944: the result of which reached us in 1944: 8 presented, 4 passed, and 2 referred. Inter Science of 1944 to 1945: presented 3; the results are not known. Technical College Entrance examination 11 passed out of 12.

In the Fifth Std. examination of 1943, 59 were presented and 47 passed; in 1944, 56 were presented and 56 passed, 2 in the first division.

In Sports during the two years our outstanding achievements have been the winning of the second eleven

foot-ball championship in 1943, the winning of the first eleven foot-ball championship in 1944 and the outstanding performances of W. T. Sanders in athletics. In 1943 and 1944 we had to be content with a few friendly games in cricket as there was no regular Inter-Collegiate competition. In 1943, one of our intermediate athletes, G. Kurien set up a record in the Intermediate Hurdles; in 1944 we were ranked third in Athletics in the Jaffna Inter-Collegiate Competition and just missed the third place in the All Ceylon Inter-Collegiate competition, the first three places going to Colleges in Colombo—W. T. Sanders was awarded the Parson's Challenge Cup for the best performance at the Jaffna Meet. This year we were ranked second in the Jaffna Meet. W. T. Sanders by running the 100 yards in 10.1 secs. and the 220 in 23.2 secs. created two records, which were better than the All-Ceylon Public Schools records, which also incidentally brought him the Parson's Challenge Cup for the second year in succession. In foot-ball in 1943 our first team played five matches of which they won 2, drew 2 and lost 1. The second team brought us the championship. In 1944 our first team shared the championship honours with Central College winning 4 matches and drawing 2. Our second team with a number of new comers fared badly, losing two of their matches and drawing 1. Volley-ball, basket-ball and thatchie continue to provide good Inter-House competition in the College in addition to the other sports.

The Literary Societies, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Culture Club have carried on their work as usual. The Literary Societies are now meeting on Saturday mornings and continue to provide opportunity for students to develop speaking and to learn how to conduct meetings. The Agricultural Society has been carrying on with its normal routine in spite of the reverses it has had in its crops last year. The Photo-graphic Club has been dormant owing to lack of adequate supplies. The Scouts, the

Cubs, the Guides and the Brownies have been very active with their varied programmes. We are sorry that the Scouts may have to lose Mr. C. B. Paul very soon when Malaya is opened. He has been largely responsible for their present state of efficiency and good spirit.

The School Council after a period of quiescence has been revived under a new constitution and the new councillors have taken to their duties with enthusiasm

Owing to the war we have not been able to do any building though we have in our programme to build hostels with teachers' quarters attached to them, as soon as conditions become normal. We have, however, been compelled to erect a large open cadjan-roofed building between the kindergarten block and my bungalow to house our equipment in coir work, handicraft and pottery and to provide the space for the students to work.

With the increased cost of material and wages our biggest problem during the past two years, especially during the last year, was to keep our buildings in a good state of repair, our boarding expenses within the budget, our boarders contented with our food, and the servants satisfied with their salaries and wages. War time expenditure are difficult to anticipate and it is impossible to draw accurate budgets and limit expenditure with any precision. We have, however, thanks to an increased collection of fees and increased grant from our Trustees in America, been able to maintain our plant satisfactorily, keep our servants satisfied, our boarders contented, without throwing our budget off its balance.

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There is not much to report from the Board of Directors. Mr. K. Kanagaratnam has now replaced Mr. A. W. Nadarajah as representative of the Alumni. Messrs. J. C. Amarasingham, W. H. T. Bartlett and I. P. Thurairatnam have taken their compulsory

sabbatical leave. Their places have been filled by Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam, Miss L. G. Bookwalter and Mr. C. Crossette-Tambiah. Rev. S. Kulendran and Rev. S. Selvaratnam left us before they completed their full term, the former to go to America and the latter to India. Their places have been filled by Dr. C. T. Chelliah and Rev. G. D. Thomas. We owe a very deep debt of gratitude to all the retiring Directors for their wise counsel and abiding interest in all matters concerning the welfare and progress of the College. There has been a change in the constitution of the Board of Directors with regard to the Affiliated Schools. These schools, which used to be managed by the Principal of the College, are now being managed by Miss L. G. Bookwalter, assisted by a sub-committee of the Board of Directors and of the headmasters of the different schools. This is proving to be a welcome change, as the headmasters are being called upon to take a joint share of the responsibility of the management of these schools. Further it also limits the financial responsibility of the College towards these schools. The question of starting graduate classes in the College has been looming large in the minds of the Directors during the last two years. A committee has been set up to study this question and report from time to time about the financial implications, the feasibility of other Missions joining in such a project, and the consequent reorganization of the High School. While plans were almost nearing completion to start the classes next July, the recent 'Atomic Bomb' of the Ministry of Education with its new programme of education for Ceylon has made some of us pause for a while and re-examine the question afresh. Needless to say that the Directors are faced with grave and difficult problems with regard to the future of Jaffna College.

The Alumni Association, Jaffna, has had a period of inactivity during the last year, though the Colombo Branch has been able to carry out its

usual programme. The last Alumni lunch, where Sir O. E. Goonetilleke was our chief guest, will long be remembered as one of the grandest functions in the history of the Alumni Association.

We have been honoured by the visits of two distinguished visitors during the last year — His Excellency the Governor, Sir Henry Moore, spent a very useful three quarters of an hour in our midst. — Sir O. E. Goonetilleke spent a full day with us. We also had a very brief visit from the Soulbury Commissioners who seem to have been very much impressed by our library.

This year is a momentous year in the history of Ceylon's educational development. It may also prove to be a momentous year in its constitutional development. It is being suggested in certain quarters that a very important pre-requisite for "poorana swaraj" for Ceylon is satisfied when once our children get free education through the University. Whatever that may be, we welcome whole-heartedly the principles underlying the medium of instruction and free education. I have no doubt that our efficiency will improve and our boys and girls will develop into better thinking men and women if all the instruction in our schools is imparted in the mother tongue. Our past, our culture and our literature will have a meaning only when the language of the home, of the environment and of the public life of the country is also the language of instruction in the school. We are grateful to the Minister of Education and the State Council for this very wholesome reform. I may in passing mention that Jaffna College realised the importance of education through the mother tongue as early as a century ago, when she started to give instruction in English only after her students had reached the J. S. C. stage in Tamil. A sound knowledge of Tamil was a pre-requisite for admission to the old Jaffna College. When she decided to accept Government support, she had to abandon the emphasis in Tamil

and fall in line with the Government schemes and plans. Though we welcome free education in principle—Jaffna College, which has worked over a century battling social evils and devising ways and means of redressing inequalities which characterise our social system, would be the last to oppose such a reform—we differ from the education ministry in the method of achieving this object. Perhaps the time for any criticism of the scheme as such is past and no useful purpose is served at this stage in trying to show how this can be achieved. Our grievance is against the offensive and disrespectful methods employed to do away with denominational schools, and not so much against the reforms themselves. We still feel that the Ministry of Education is looking upon these proposals not so much as constituting reform in education itself, but rather as being a method by which the influence of the denominational schools can be reduced. The State Council by a convincing majority voted for the continuance side by side of the State and Denominational systems, but we regret that efforts are being made in certain influential quarters to negative this decision. We have been naturally suspicious of the sinister motives behind these actions. Some of the public utterances of the Minister of Education have been unfortunate and all the animosity against, and the lack of confidence in, him have been unconsciously and unhappily transferred to his reforms however good they may be. A tactful Minister, perhaps, would have achieved the same object without unpleasantness and hatred in many quarters. We do not agree with the ministry that denominational control and free education are incompatible things. It is being admitted on all sides that the denominational bodies did the pioneer work in education in this country. It is also being admitted that the efficiency of the present school system is very largely due to their efforts. They have never been regarded as suspects in this land. But when

the country is ready to launch into free education they are being regarded as denationalising agents and all efforts are being made to reduce their influence. Why does not the Minister and his colleagues make a frontal attack keeping their minds open to conviction instead of adopting questionable and devious ways? I am sure all the denominational schools in the island would have welcomed wholeheartedly free education, if the Minister and the State Council had something to offer to these aided schools similar to those embodied in the Butler Act of England, an Act worthy of any big democratic nation. According to this Act the denominations can have two main types of schools—Manager owned and State controlled, where all the expenses of the schools are met by the State, except with regard to the capital expenditure incurred in connection with the expansion of the school, it being understood that the school will have on its managerial board two representatives of the State to one from the denomination. The other type is the Manager owned and Manager controlled where one half of the total expenditure is met by the State except with regard to capital expenditure incurred for expansion, it being understood that the school will have on its managerial board two representatives of the denomination to one from the State. I am told that parallels in the Butler Act had been cited whenever it suited, but whenever it did not, we are told that we need not copy it in every detail. This savours of gross unfairness. I sometimes ask myself the question: will the ministry change its mind about the denominational schools and their *bona fides* if we all accept free education as part of this suggested national scheme, and do our very best to make the scheme a success? In view of these changes and in view of the attitude of the ministry, what is going to be the future of Jaffna College? Is it possible to achieve the object of the founders and at the same time form a part of this ill-thoughtout scheme of education? These are questions which must have occurred to many of you. I would

have been in a better position to answer these questions as they appear to me, if I see a complete picture of the whole Education Bill. Since the whole Bill has not yet been presented, I am not able to take a comprehensive view of the changes contemplated. I am not sure whether all the decisions of the State Council will be implemented or not. So, none of us here will be able to say with any definiteness where we stand and what is expected of us. It looks that we have got to make a leap into the dark hoping for the best. Our Directors did rightly yesterday when they decided to carry on with Jaffna College on its present basis for one year without going into free education. My ideal would be to run a private free school conducted by a group of devoted teachers on a sacrificial and fellowship basis. When we are ready to launch on this ideal of a free private school, we shall look up to the Old Boys and friends to sustain us both by their generous financial contributions, moral and spiritual support.

I cannot close this report without thanking very sincerely and feeling grateful to the staff (tutorial and administrative) for their loyal co-operation and support during the various periods I have been acting as Principal. Thanks are particularly due to Mr. A. C. Sundrampillai for his help in maintaining the general discipline of the College and Mr. D. S. Sanders for his share in the general administration, for the valuable counsel he gave me from time to time, and for handling the boarding department efficiently during these strenuous times. With my full load of teaching and working without a Secretary for nearly a year, it would have been impossible for me to have carried out the administration satisfactorily, but for the friendship and love of our staff and students.

PRIZE—BONORS, 1943—1944.

1. W. H. T. Bartlett Esqr.
2. Dr. E. V. Ratnam.
3. K. T. Chittampalam Esqr.
4. S. Rasanayagam Esqr.
5. M. M. Kulasegaram Esqr.
(Brown Memorial Prize)
6. C. Loganathan Esqr.
7. A. Perumainar Esqr.
8. A. J. Nathaniel Esqr.
(Vethiah Nathaniel Memorial Prize)
9. R. K. Arulampalam Esqr.
10. V. Nagalingam Esqr.
11. S. R. Kanaganayagam Esqr.
(Proficiency in Sinhalese)
12. Dr. S. Thambiah.
13. C. D. Singaratnam Esqr.
14. A. W. Nadarajah Esqr.
15. K. Kanagaratnam Esqr.

PRIZE WINNERS 1943.**Lower School.**

| CLASS | NAME | PRIZE |
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| Std. V A | Florence Hoole | English 1st., Writing 2nd. |
| | Jesukadacham J. | Writing 1st. |
| | Ambalavanar D. S. | Arithmetic 1st. |
| | Kasipillai T. | Tamil 1st. |
| | Rajeswary T. | Moral Science 1st. |
| | Satkunanantham M. | Moral Science 2nd. |
| Std. V B | Ranjithamalar B. | Needlework 1st. |
| | Kanagasabai K. | Arithmetic 1st. |
| II Yr. A | Benjamin Hoole | English 1st., Writing 1st. |
| | Kanagaratnam S. | English 2nd. |
| | Rajeswary K. | Moral Science 1st., Needlework 1st. |
| II Yr. B | Saraswathy S. | Arithmetic 1st. |
| Yr. A 1 | Ratnambihai M. | Arithmetic 1st., Needlework 1st. |
| | Arumugaratnam T. | Writing 1st. |
| Yr. A 2 | Rajadurai M. | Arithmetic 1st. |
| Yr. B 1 | Selvamanie S. | Gen. Prof., English 1st., Bible 2nd. |

| CLASS : | NAME : | SUBJECTS : |
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| I Yr. B 2 | Maheswary J. | English 2nd., Bible 1st. |
| | Pathmavathy S. | Arithmetic 1st. |
| | Saravanapavananthan | Arithmetic 2nd. |
| | Selvadurai N. | Arithmetic 1st. |
| | Mahadevan K. | Arithmetic 2nd. |
| | Thilakavathy M. | Needlework 1st. |

Upper School

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| I B. | Balakrishnan P. | Mathematics 1st prize |
| | Jeyaratnam S. | Geography 1st prize |
| | Wesley Williams | Sinhalese 1st prize |
| I A. | Sanmugam M. | Mathematics 1st prize |
| | Pooranasatkunam R. | Mathematics 2nd prize |
| | Rajeswary J. | English 1st prize, Geo. 2nd prize |
| | Santhirarajan S. | English 2nd prize, Science 2nd prize, Bible 1st prize |
| | Kanageswary J. | Geo. 1st prize, Sinhalese 1st prize |
| | Jeyarane K. | Science 1st prize |
| | Eva Kulasingam | Sinhalese 2nd prize, Bible 2nd prize |
| | Thankaratnam K. | Tamil 1st prize |
| | Leelavathy C. | Tamil 2nd prize |
| II B, | Sivasubramaniam N. | Tamil 1st prize |
| II A. | Satchithanathan A. | Mathematics 1st prize |
| | Rajapalan R. | Mathematics 2nd prize, English 2nd prize, Science 2nd prize |
| | Sivappiragasam S. | English 1st prize, Science 1st prize, Ethics 2nd prize, Sinha- lese 2nd prize |
| | Kumarasamy S. | Science 2nd prize |
| | Amarasingham J. L. | Bible 1st prize |
| | Thankaratnam V. | Sinhalese 1st prize |
| | Atputharane R. | Sinhalese 2nd prize |
| | Kanagaratnam V. | Tamil 1st prize, Drawing 1st prize |
| | Ramachandran R. | Tamil 1st prize |
| III A. | Susan Thomas | Gen. Proficiency, Mathematics 2nd prize, Latin 1st prize, Science 1st prize |
| | Rasiah S. | Gen. Proficiency, Science 2nd prize, Bible 2nd prize, Sinha- lese 1st prize, Tamil 2nd prize |
| | Rajadurai A. K. | Mathematics 1st prize |
| | Kandasamy K. | Geography 1st prize |
| | Chandrarane K. | History 1st prize, Bible 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize |

| CLASS: | NAME: | SUBJECTS: |
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| IV B. | Maheswary K. | Sinhalese 2nd prize |
| | Alice George | Botany 1st prize |
| IV A. | Ramanathan M. | Tamil 1st prize |
| | Kandasamy M. | Tamil 1st prize |
| IV A. | Arasaratnam S. W. | Gen. Proficiency, Mathematics 2nd prize, Latin 1st prize, History 1st prize, Bible 1st prize. |
| | Amarasingham R. C. | Gen. Proficiency. Mathematics 1st prize, Chemistry 1st prize, Botany 1st prize, Geography 2nd prize, Physics 1st prize. |
| Pre. Sr. A. | Arianayagam E. C. | Chemistry 2nd prize |
| | Somasundram S. | Geography 1st prize |
| Pre. Sr. A. | Daniel Selvarajah | Bible 2nd prize |
| | Arumugam Kandasamy | Tamil 1st prize |
| Pre. Sr. A. | Rajaratnam S. P. | Mathematics 1st prize |
| | Sanmuganathan K. | English 1st prize |
| Pre. Sr. A. | Rajasingham W. | English 2nd prize |
| | Kumarasamy C. | Chemistry 1st prize |
| Pre. Sr. A. | Pathmanathan M. | Chemistry 2nd prize, Botany 1st prize |
| | Ganeson 'C. | Chemistry 2nd prize |
| Sr. C. | Rajeswary V. | Gen. Proficiency, English 1st prize, Mathematics 2nd prize, Chemistry 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize |
| | Gunaratnam S. W. | Gen. Proficiency, Mathematics 1st prize, Chemistry 2nd prize |
| Sr. B. | Sivasithamparam S. | English 1st prize |
| | Jesuratnam M. D. | History 1st prize |
| Sr. B. | Navaratnammah V. | Geography 1st prize |
| | Kurien George | Botany 1st prize |
| Sr. B. | Gladstone Niles | Geography 1st prize |
| | Sethil Sanmuganathan | Mathematics 1st prize |
| Sr. A. | Thilaganathan K. | Gen. Proficiency, Mathematics 1st prize, Chemistry 2nd prize, Physics 1st prize |
| | Jeevarajah J. | Gen. Prof., Mathematics 2nd prize, Chemistry 1st prize |
| Sr. A. | Radee Devi K. | Gen. Prof., Eng. 2nd prize |
| | Sanmugalingam K. | Gen. Prof., Eng. 1st prize, His- tory 1st prize, |
| Senior ; 1st Division : Thilakanathan N., Sanmugalingam K., Ratnasin- gham R., Rane Devi K., and Rajeswary V. | | |
| London Matriculation : 1st Division : Pathmanathan (Patmajeyan S), Ratnasingham R. | | |

CERTIFICATES.

LONDON INTER ARTS: 1943.

1. Velupillai Rajaratnam.
2. V. Kandiah Palasuntharam.

LONDON INTER SCIENCE 1943.

1. Jacob George
2. Cumarasamy Kandasamy

INTER ARTS 1944.

1. Donald Ponnusamy Thampoe
2. Visuvalingam Tharmalingam
3. Rajah Manickavasagar

INTER SCIENCE 1944.

1. Sinnathamby Palaratman
2. Theodore Manohararajah Ponniah
3. Eunice Nesammah Niles
4. Kandiah Sivasubramaniam

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS 1944.**Lower School.**

| Class: | Name: | Subject: |
|------------|---------------------|---|
| Std. V. A. | Benjamin Hoole | English 1st., Writing 1st. |
| | Rajeswary K. | Tamil 1st., Writing 2nd. |
| Std. V. B. | Rajeswary V. | Needlework 1st. |
| 11 Yr. A. | Anantharajah A. | English 1st., History 1st., Bible 2nd |
| | Selvamanie S. | Writing 1st., Bible 1st., English 2nd |
| | Ratnambihai M. | Arithmetic 1st. Needlework 1st. |
| 1 Yr. A 1 | Kandappar P. | Arithmetic 1st. Writing 1st. |
| | Thilakavathy M. | Needlework 1st. Writing 2nd. |
| | Gnanothayam K. | Bible 1st. |
| | Sinnacone C. | Bible 2nd. |
| 1 Yr. B 1 | Thavamany C. | Gen. Prof., English 1st. |
| | | Writing 1st. Tamil 1st., Arithmetic 2nd. |
| | Karunairajan J. | Gen. Prof., English 2nd. |
| | | Arithmetic 1st., Writing 2nd. |
| | Selvaratnam S. | Tamil 2nd. |
| | Sivapakiasundram S. | Needlework 1st. |
| 1 Yr. B 2 | Selvam S | Gen. Prof., English 1st., Writing 1st. |
| | Mutturajah C. | Arithmetic 1st. |
| | David T. | Arithmetic 2nd. |

Special Prize

(Successful in Std. V Exam. 1944 in "A" Division)

Jegathevan S. B.
 Kanagaratnam S.
 Rajaratnam S.

Upper School

| Class: | Name: | Subject: |
|-----------------|------------------------|---|
| I B. | Sunthararajah N. | Gen. Proficiency, English 1st Prize, Geog. 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize, Math. 1st prize. |
| | Ampalavanar D. S. | Mathematics 2nd prize, Tamil 2nd prize. |
| | Krishnarajah P. | Sinhalese 1st prize |
| I A. | Poologasavundranayagam | Science 1st prize |
| | Sithambaranathan V. | Science 2nd prize |
| | Parameswaran S. | Mathematics 1st prize |
| | Singham A. W. | English 1st prize |
| | Florence Hoole | English 2nd prize |
| | Appudurai S. | Science 1st prize |
| | Nagaratnam P. | Science 2nd prize |
| | Santhiravathy V. | Bible 1st prize |
| | Soundraranee J. | Bible 2nd prize |
| | Gnanambihai M. | Tamil 1st prize |
| II A. | Kailasapillai T. | Tamil 2nd prize |
| | Thevamanya C. | Needlework 1st prize |
| | Pooranasatkunam R. | Mathematics 1st prize, Bible 2nd prize |
| | Kanageswary J. | Mathematics 2nd prize |
| | Santhirarajah S. | English 1st prize |
| | Eva Kulasingham | English 2nd prize, Science 1st prize, Bible 1st prize |
| | Rajeswary J. | Sinhalese 1st prize |
| | Wesley Williams | Sinhalese 2nd prize |
| | Jeyarane K. | Science 2nd prize, Tamil 2nd prize |
| | Leelavathy C. | Tamil 1st prize |
| III B. | Nagulambihai B. | Needlework 1st prize |
| | Amarasingham J. L. | Mathematics 1st prize, History 1st prize, Science 1st prize Bible 1st prize. |
| | Sivappiragasam S. | Mathematics 1st prize, Sinhalese 1st prize. |
| | Visuvanathan K. | Geography 1st prize |
| | Kumarasamy S. | Geography 2nd prize |
| Kanagaratnam V. | Sinhalese 2nd prize | |

| Class : | Name : | Subject : | |
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| III A. | Balarajah J. | Bible 2nd prize | |
| | Satchithanantham A. | Tamil 1st prize | |
| | Ramachandran R. | Tamil 2nd prize | |
| | Nadarajah M. K. | Mathematics 1st prize | |
| | Ganeson T. | Mathematics 2nd prize, Latin 1st prize, Tamil 2nd prize | |
| | Balendran V. | Latin 2nd prize | |
| | Parameswary T. | Geography 1st prize | |
| | Atputharaneer R. | Sinhalese 1st prize | |
| | Christian Paul | Sinhalese 2nd prize | |
| | Sarah Elias | Bible 1st prize | |
| Pre. Sr. B. | Inthiraraneer Niles | Bible 2nd prize, Geography 2nd prize. | |
| | Manimekaladevi V. | Tamil 1st prize | |
| Pre. Sr. A. | Somasundram K. | English 1st prize. | |
| | Chandraraneer K. | Gen. Prof. English 1st prize, Botany 2nd prize, Geography 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize | |
| Sr. D. | Rajadurai A. K. | Mathematics 1st prize | |
| | Thuraiatnasingham A. | Mathematics 2nd prize | |
| | Susan Thomas | Botany 1st prize, Chemistry 1st prize | |
| | Kandasamy K. | Geography 2nd prize | |
| | Thuraisingham N. | Tamil 2nd prize | |
| | Sathasivam A. | History 1st prize | |
| | Arthur Samson | Latin 1st prize | |
| | Balasubramaniam T. | Botany 1st prize, Physics 1st prize | |
| | Sr. C. | Kumarasamy A. | Physics 2nd prize |
| | | Rajaratnam S. P. | Mathematics 1st prize, Chemistry 1st prize |
| Sr. A. | Nadarajah S. | Mathematics 2nd prize | |
| | Amarasingham R. C. | Gen. Proficiency, Mathematics 1st prize, Chemistry 2nd prize, Botany 1st prize, Physics 1st prize | |
| Seniors: 1st Division : | Thomas Hafner | English 1st prize | |
| | Arianayagam D. C. | Chemistry 1st prize | |
| | Chandran G. W. K. | Botany 2nd prize | |
| | Arasaratnam S. W. | History 1st prize, Mathematics 2nd prize | |
| | R. C. Amarasingham, D. C. Arianayagam | Gen. Prof., English 1st prize, Government 1st prize, Ceylon History 1st prize | |
| H. S. C. (Arts) Gunasingham C | Gen. Prof. | | |

Maheson S.

| Class : | Name : | Subject. |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| | Jeyasingham D. S. | English 2nd prize |
| | Somasundram K. | Cey. History 2nd prize |
| | Kamaldeen S. K. | Tamil 1st prize |
| H. S. C. (Sc.) | Thirunavakarasu S. | Chemistry 1st prize |
| | Pushparanee J. | Zoology 1st prize, Botany 2nd prize |
| | Pathmajeyan S. | Zoology 2nd prize |
| | Gunaratnam Luther | Botany 1st prize |
| | Thambyah S. | Botany 2nd prize |
| Lond. Inter-Arts: | Ruby Appadurai | Latin 1st prize |
| Lond. Int. Sc. | Eunice Niles | Chemistry 1st prize |
| | Balaraman S. | Chemistry 2nd prize |
| | Rasanayagam J. | Chemistry 2nd prize. Pure Math. 1st prize |
| H. S. C, B. | Jeevarajah J. | Gen. Prof., Chemistry 1st prize, |
| Sc. | | Zoology 2nd prize |
| | Thilakanathan K. | Gen. Proficiency, Physics 1st prize |
| | Sathasivam S. | Zoology |
| H. S. C. A. | Murugesapillai A. | European History 1st prize. |
| Arts. | | |

Sports Prizes 1943 and 1944

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| W. T. Sanders. | Special prize for winning the Col. Parson's Cup for two years in succession creating new records in 100 yards and 220 yards at the Inter-Collegiate Meet, and winning places at the All-Ceylon Public Schools' Meet in 100 yards, 220 yards and Long jump. |
| G. Kurien. | Special prize for equalling the Intermediate Hurdles record at the Inter-Collegiate Meet in 1943 and winning place at the All Ceylon Public Schools' Meet in Hurdles. |
| W. T. Sanders. | Athletic Colours, Football Colours. |
| G. Kurien. | Athletic Colours, Football Colours. |
| B. Nesarajah | Athletic Colours, Football Colours. |
| A. Ratnasingham | Athletic Colours, Football Colours |
| V. Thirusittampalam | Athletic Colours |
| V. Thurairajah | Football Colours. |
| K. Velauthapillai | Football Colours. |
| O. John | Football Colours. |
| S. Selvaratnam | Football Colours. |
| P. Shanmugalingam | Football Colours. |
| P. 'Thillaganathan | Football Colours. |

THE Y. M. C. A.

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| <i>President :</i> | Mr. C. B. Paul. |
| <i>Vice-President :</i> | W. N. S. Samuel |
| <i>Secretary :</i> | D. J. Ampalavanar |
| <i>Treasurer :</i> | R. C. Amarasingam |

The "Y" has seen another year of useful activities and our thanks are due to all our helpers and sympathisers.

The Wednesday meetings have been largely attended by both members of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. Although we did not have the chance of hearing many speakers, we must be thankful to all those who addressed us at these meetings.

Some of the speakers were:--

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| Rev. S. Selvaratnam | "The Call to Ministry" |
| Mr. J. J. Ratnarajah | "A Faith to Keep." |
| Rev. V. S. D. Sathianathan | "The Message of the Worcester Conference", |
| Mr. A. M. Brodie | "The Life of President Delano Roosevelt" |
| Mr. C. R. Wadsworth | "Some thoughts on the present World Situation" |

The Recreation Committee has been active this year, and has provided for the necessary indoor games.

Again this year we sent six delegates to the All Ceylon S. C. M. Camp held at Richmond College, Galle. Dr. M. Adishiah led the Camp on the Theme "God in History."

To the J. I. C. O. F. Camp held at the Ashram, we sent six delegates.

Unfortunately we could not hold our annual camp this year owing to many difficulties, but from next year we hope to hold these camps regularly.

Once again the Week of Evangelism came off during the month of July and brought to us Mr. J. J. Ratnarajah, who was at one time Secretary of our association. During this week we held evangelical meetings at Thunavy and Natchandi, conducted solely by our Senior members.

Our Senior members from time to time conducted the morning prayers for the students. Our President has always taken a keen interest in the choir, and it has its regular practices.

On Sundays Rev. A. C. Thambyrajah held Bible classes for the students and our sincere thanks to him.

The Y. M. C. A. observed the Lent Season and on every Thursday throughout the season Rev. S. Selvaretnam led the morning prayers.

Another person who spoke to us on one of these days was Rev. D. T. Niles who spoke on the significance of the Lent Season.

The only Sunday School that we are conducting at Thunary is carrying on well under Miss Vaithilingam.

With the Y. W. C. A. we have thought of observing the Week of Prayer and World Fellowship in November and of conducting a Carol Service on the last Sunday of the term.

*I wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.*

D. J. AMPALAVANAR,
Hony. Secy.

THE BROTHERHOOD

Space does not permit a detailed report of the activities of the Brotherhood since the period under review is rather a long one. Much has happened since our last report was submitted and many of the members have taken an active part in the proceedings. But viewing the whole period at a glance one might say that the year has seen a fairly successful period in the history of the Brotherhood.

The main purpose of the Literary Association is said to be the training of its members in the art of public speaking. In this respect the Brotherhood has much to commend itself on, since a prominent feature of our meetings has been debates on the subjects that were occupying current attentions.

Our members showed keen interest in the debates on subjects of great importance and current interest and the debates, as our Patron often remarked, have been of a high standard.

K. SOMASUNDARAM,
Hony. Secy.

THE LYCEUM

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| <i>Patron:</i> | Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam. |
| <i>President:</i> | A. N. Rasiah. |
| <i>Secretary:</i> | S. C. Sanders. |
| <i>Treasurer:</i> | V. Mahadevan |

The year under review has been very successful and the activities have been carried on by the members with keen inter-

est. Our numerical strength is two hundred and ten, of whom thirty nine are girls. Many of our meetings were presided over by Chairmen chosen by the members among themselves, Six English and six Tamil meetings were held alternately. We have not been able to hold any meetings this term owing to Saturday classes and other difficulties. We had weekly meetings on Saturdays where we had debates both in English and in Tamil, ably edited English and Tamil papers, well prepared individual speeches and other items. The following are some of the subjects debated :

- (1) The Dowry System should be abolished.
- (2) நாட்டுச் சீவியம் காரக் கீவியத்திற் சிறந்தது.
- (3) Boarding life is better than home life.
- (4) தீண்டாமை நம் நாட்டை விட்டு அகலவேண்டும்
- (5) Health is better than wealth.
- (6) அரசாங்க விவசாயப்பகுதியினர் சமது வேலையைச் சரி வரச் செய்யவில்லை.

We are hoping to have our anniversary celebrations towards the end of this year.

S. C. SANDERS,
Hony. Secy.

THE H. S. C. HOSTEL UNION

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| Patron: | Mr. S. V. Balasingam |
| President: | S. Thamotheram |
| Secretary: | M. Kumarachandran |
| Treasurer: | K. S. Nadarajah |

It has been the customary practice of all secretaries to mention in their reports that the period under review had been a successful one. But looking back over the activities of the hostel this year, I feel rather disinclined to adhere to this common eulogistic practice, because not many things of note have occurred during the year under review.

Nevertheless, one event stands prominent among the ordinary activities of the year. In the earlier part of the year when K. Thilaganathan was President, we had the annual dinner of the Union. Socials and dinners have always been important items in the programme of our Union and the annual dinner held this year enabled us to maintain our tradition. Rev. C. A. Smith, Principal of Central College, was our chief guest. Our thanks are due to him.

There is nothing much to record about our weekly meetings. The meetings held were few and far between, owing to the fact that our members were often preoccupied with examinations. A few debates were held, and our members delivered a few individual speeches, both of which were appreciated by our Patron. The subjects chosen were of varied interest ranging from world politics to domestic problems.

But special mention must be made of the speech delivered to us by Mr. Royston Mason of the Royal Navy on "Youth and Problems". Mr. Mason spent a few days in College and moved freely in College and with all the students—a fact in itself striking, in view of the usual attitude of estranged superiority which those of the "ruling race" adopt towards us. Mr H. D. Moses and Mr. D. S. Devasagayam of the Tutorial Staff also spoke in two of our meetings. Our thanks are due to them.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Union for their interest in the activities of the Union, without whose co-operation we would not have achieved even this small measure of success.

M. KUMARACHANDRAN,
Hony, Secy.

THE ATHENEUM

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| <i>Patron .</i> | Mr. S. Soosaipillai |
| <i>President :</i> | K Somasuntharam |
| <i>Vice-President :</i> | A. M. Brodie (Jr.) |
| <i>Secretary :</i> | J. L. Amarasingham |
| <i>Asst. Secretary :</i> | R. M. Selvarajah |
| <i>Treasurer:</i> | S. D. Rasanayagam |

The year 1945 has been a successful year to the members of this Dormitory. The inmates of this Dormitory are the Seniors and Prep. Seniors.

This year we have had several meetings which were held weekly on Thursday nights, the important items being speeches, songs and debates.

The most important item for the year was the annual dinner which was the first of its kind. Dr. S. C. Thurairajah, M. O. H. in Jaffna, was the chief guest. Many other distinguished visitors were also present.

We thank our Patron, Mr. S. Soosaipillai, for all the kind advice and help he has rendered to this Union.

J. L. AMARASINGHAM,
Secy.

TUCK-SHOP CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>President :</i> | G. Kurien |
| <i>Vice-President :</i> | W. J. Rajanayagam |
| <i>Secretary:</i> | R. C. Amarasingam |
| <i>Asst. Secretary.</i> | W. N. S. Samuel |
| <i>Treasurers:</i> | Mr S. S. Selvadurai |
| | R. Rajasenan |
| <i>Asst. Treasurer:</i> | G. Rajasingam |

Not many meetings were called up during the course of the year, but in spite of the war conditions the Managing Committee carried on well, serving the students satisfactorily and making a steady profit.

Various changes took place in the personnel of the Managing Committee this year. Mr. W. L. Jeyasingam, the Senior Treasurer, who was solely responsible for the great amount of profit we realised last year, and his Junior assistant, W. N. S. Samuel, were succeeded by Mr. S. S. Selvadurai and R. Rajasingham. We are very thankful to them for their sacrifice of time and energy, to make this society a success, for though the system in the tuck is organized and the serving done by some shareholders, yet the burden of keeping accounts falls on the treasurers and it is to them that we must be very thankful.

There are now about 120 share-holders, both teachers and students, each possessing shares from one to five.

Now that the war is over and a promising future seems to loom for us on the horizon, I appeal to all the members to take a lively interest in the society and make it a blessing to the students.

R. C. AMARASINGHAM,
Hony. Secy.

JUNIOR GEOGRAPHICAL ASSN.

The year under review has been very successful, as seen from the many activities done. The main item of the year was the arranging of a trip to the aerodrome at Palali. The students have gained much knowledge from this excursion. During the early part of this term Lieutenant Commander Hornby and Major Livingstone were invited to speak to us. The former gave a talk on his experiences in the different parts of the world and the latter, who is the son of Sir Richard Livingstone, the Vice Chancellor of the Oxford University, spoke on Politics in the British Empire. Along with the Lyceum, the staff and the members of the

Senior Geographical Association were entertained at tea at this meeting.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the members of the R. A. F. for the wonderful reception they gave us and the patient manner in which they answered our volleys of questions. They certainly deserve the appellation that they are the pride of the British Empire. The members of Staff with their wives and the Brownies accompanied us on this trip. Their thanks and ours are due to Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam who spared neither time nor money to make this trip the success it has been. We do hope that this connection we have established with these fine group of people will be continued in the future to the benefit of the College. We look forward to return their kindness by organising an entertainment for them.

V. MAHADEVAN,
Hony. Secy.

THE WOLF CUBS.

G. S. M. — Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam.

C. M. — Miss P. Chelliah.

A. C. M. — D. J. Ampalavanar.

Here we are again! The Cubs saw another happy year.

For the first part of the year till June we did not have many activities, but from June till now I must say that we have been vigorously active.

Our A. C. M. and Mr. C. B. Paul took us for a Picnic to Keerimalai on King's Birthday. The investiture ceremony took place in July when 15 new chums were invested. Our congratulations to these new chums who have won their Tender Pad badges. May this be a prelude to their future progress in their Scout's career.

All of us took part in the Annual Scout Rally held at Old Park in September and from what we hear, we have figured well at this Rally.

Our A. C. M. takes our weekly meetings, where we spend a few hours of fun and frolic, consisting of instructions, games, singing etc. Our present strength is 26 consisting of four Sixers. Three of them, S. Jegadevan, A. Anandarajah, and Mohan Elias have creditably won their First Stars.

Our activities I am sure will be almost doubled if we are given a room; and it is our sincere hope that the authorities concerned will meet this urgent need, at least in the beginning of the new year.

Wish you all "Good Hunting".

MOHAN ELIAS.

Senior Sixer.

THE POULTRY FARMERS' CLUB.

Patron:— Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam

Advisers:— Mr. B. K. Somasundram

Mr. V. Kumarasamy

Secretary:— V. Sivagnanasundram

Treasurer:— A. Sachithananthan

The above Club was inaugurated during the course of the first term with the ready co-operation and support of many interested students and teachers of the College.

In all we had five meetings for the year. In one of the meetings Mr. S. C. Gunaratnam (Head Master, Farm School, Tinnevely) addressed us on "Poultry breeding". During the other meetings we distributed a few settings of eggs and an equal number of hens.

The hens were received from Mr. S. Karalasingham to whom our thanks are due and the eggs were supplied by the Government.

In conclusion I wish to state that the response given was encouraging and we hope to continue to receive the same response during the years that follow.

V. SIVAGNANASUNDRAM,
Hony. Secy.

BROWN HOUSE

House Master;

Asst. House Master:

Girls' Capt.

Mr. C. R. Wadsworth

„ C. S. Ponnuthurai

M. Saraswathy

In submitting the Brown House report for the year 1945, I am reasonably proud to say that this year has been a glorious one for the Blues, especially in the fact that they formed the nucleus to every team that represented our College. We contributed four of the strongest members—Thurairajah, John, Ganesan and Kurien—towards the Cricket team, and of the Football team we formed the real bulwark, the two fulls Kurien and Hensman, the centre half John and two forwards Ganesan and Thurairajah being from the Blues. In Athletics we attained greater success, securing the second place in the J. S. S. A. Meet; and out of the two places secured at the Public Schools Meet one was ours.

We extend our congratulations to W. T. Sanders of Hitchcock House on his splendid performance at the J. S. S. A. and Ceylon A. A. A. Meets.

In conclusion I thank the various members of our House and especially our Girls' Captain Miss M. Saraswathy without whose hearty co-operation we could not have attained such success.

KURIEN GEORGE,
House Captain.

ABRAHAM HOUSE

House Master: Mr. W. L. Jeyasingham
Asst. House Master: Mr. A. R. Abraham
 House Captain: K. Sanmuganathan
 Athletics Captain: A. M. Brodie (Jr.)

In presenting the report of Abraham House, I am sorry to say that our achievements this year have not been great as they were in years past. One reason for this was that not many competitions were held this year.

As usual members of our House took part in the various College activities. Our Athletics captain A. M. Brodie was a distinguished member of the first eleven Cricket team, the goal-keeper of the second eleven Football team and also represented the College at the Inter Collegiate Athletic Meet and brought credit both to himself and to the College. B. Nesarajah and K. Velauthampillai were both members of the first eleven Football team, the former being the captain. Bennet Silva also was a member of the College Athletics team. K. Nalliah, a veteran member of the House, who had in the past added glory to the College in the field of sports and elsewhere had to retire from sport activities this year. The College and the House being deprived of his services. May I now congratulate the White House on being champions in Sports once again, and the captain, W. T. Sanders, on his brilliant achievements in Athletics.

I should like to thank our House masters for the valuable advice and assistance they have given us.

K. SHANMUGANATHAN,
House Captain.

THE V. W. C. A.

At the beginning of this year the members of our unit were gradually decreasing in number; but with the introduction of the Candle Lighting Service fresh enthusiastic members were added to the fold. At present the unit is comprised of only Junior members assisted by the Senior members who form an advisory group.

I have not much to record this year as we could not get down outside speakers owing to the difficulties of transport. The Candle Lighting Service which was re-introduced after a lapse of several years was conducted under the leadership of Dr. Miss Ahrends of Uduvil. I should not fail to thank Rev. Thambyrajah for his kind help in this service.

Besides our regular meetings we have had two socials. We also took active part in the work assigned for the S. C. M. Week of Evangelism and duly sent delegates to represent us at the various J. I. C. C. S. Fellowship Meetings and the annual camp held at the Ashram in February.

Our thanks are due to our ardent President, Mrs. Chelliah the Trustee, the Committee members of our brother union and all members for their kind co-operation.

Though at the dawn of this year we were thoroughly disheartened, we have not lost courage to say at any moment,

“Still achieving, still pursuing
Learn to labour and to wait”.

We wish our readers a Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year.

M. RICHARDS,
Hony. Secy,



THE SCOUTS

ROLL OF HONOUR

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| G. S. M. | Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam |
| S. M. | Mr. C. B. Paul |
| T. L. | J. L. Amarasingham |
| Q. M. | S. Jeyatheva |
| Scribe | S. Soundaranayagam |
| Treasurer | V. Tharmaseelan |

This year has been a very successful one for the Scouts judging from their various activities. Troop meetings were held regularly on Wednesday evenings. The Scout Council also met every Friday. Meetings of the Court of Honour were summoned when necessary.

A Troop camp was held in Kankasanturai for five days. Patrols too went on their own individual camps. The Patrol Leaders and their Seconds attended the P|L training camp at the Old Park, Jaffna, where they upheld the traditions of the Troop in various activities.

The Scouts were doing useful work throughout the year. They used to clean up the College campus and help at College functions.

All the Souts attended the Scout Rally at Old Park. There the Senior Scouts built a signalling tower while the others gave a flagstaff display. Our Scouts also participated in the sing-song given to His Excellency the Governor on his visit to the peninsula. One of the main events of the year was the inspection of the Troop by the Chief Scout for Ceylon.

All the patrols reached a high standard of efficiency. The challenge cup presented by Mr. L. S. Williams was won by the Lions for the fourth year in succession. The award for the best individual Scout was carried away by D. J. Ambalavanar.

Two of our Scouts have won the much coveted camper's badge. Three of our Scouts will be getting their gold chords and bushman's thongs before the close of the year. At present there are forty-six Scouts grouped into six Patrols. Eight of them are King's Scouts.

A Senior Patrol was formed of the P | L's who were King Scouts with a view to developing later into a Senior Scout Troop.

We hope to send at least four Scouts to the World Jamboree which is to be held in the near future. We hope that our well wishers will help us to realize this ambition of ours.

We received with joy the news of the appointment of Lord Rowallan as Chief Scout of the British Empire. We wish him all success in his new sphere of activity.

This term we bade farewell to our A. S. M. Corporal F. Labroy on the event of his transfer. His contributions to the Troop have been very great and our present standard is in no small measure due to him.

In conclusion we have to thank Mr. C. S. Nagalingam for the five books in First Aid which he sent us. We wish such expression of loyalty will be evinced by other old members of the Troop as well.

Wish you all "Good hunting".

P | L. 8, SOUNDARANAYAGAM,
Scribe J 3.

SENIOR SCOUTS

The Senior Scout Movement was started in America earlier than in the British Empire. Because of the intimate touch Jaffna College Scouts have had with American Scouting, a Senior Scout Patrol consisting of the older Scouts of the Troop was formed before 1941. But some how or other it died owing to insufficient leadership. This year with the S. M. Mr. C. B. Paul

to help us, and with more enthusiasm and help as regards programmes for Senior Scouts etc. from the Imperial Head Quarters, we have started a Senior Scout Troop. Evolution has always proved to be better than revolution and so we have formed only a Senior Patrol of the Patrol Leaders of the Boy Scout Troop to act as a nucleus for the Troop that is to be formed at the beginning of next year.

I may boldly say that the 3rd Jaffna is the first Scout Group in the Island to start a Senior Scout Troop. And we mean to carry it on from success to success.

During the September holidays the Senior Scouts ran a camp for the Boy Scout Troop and it proved a success.

One of our Scouts is the assistant Cub Master of the Jaffna 3rd Cub Pack and is doing very good work.

In closing I may mention that some of the Senior Scouts have won a few proficiency badges such as 'Signallers,' 'Foresters' and 'Ambulanceman's'. This itself is enough evidence that Senior Scouting is bound to succeed.

R. C. AMARASINGHAM,
Scribe.

THE GIRL GUIDES

The year under review has been a happy and successful one for the Company. We had our regular meetings on Thursday evenings, and much enthusiasm prevailed during these jolly meetings. The strength of the company is 24.

Our previous captain, Mrs. G. A. Winslow, left us last year, to our immense regret.

In the last year's Inter Company competitions we gained the third place. The competition was on badge work. We are now thinking of working for the first class badge.

A Guide Rally was held at the Old Park, Jaffna, on July 14th at 2 p. m. There were interesting displays of various Guide activities, followed by an excellent tea, an entertainment, and camp-fire with sing song. We all came back full of enthusiasm.

This year's Inter Company competitions have started. On account of it we have rigged out a spick and span Guide room, on which the different Patrols are working with new vigour under the able captaincy of Miss V. P. Jeevaratnam. We wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

PARAMESWARY, T.
(Secy.)

THE BROWNIE PACK

Brown Owl: Miss P. Kandiahpillai

Tawny Owl; Miss T. Kandiah

Sixers: Selvamanie Selvadurai, Indranee Williams and
Opilla Vethaparanam.

I feel happy to present this report of our Brownie Pack. We have had another year of fun and frolic.

Our Pack consists of 20 members. We had our usual meetings every Thursday. This year we learnt more singing, games and action songs. According to our motto we did 'lend a hand and play the game.'

This term we had our long-awaited trip to Pallali. We hopped in and out of the aeroplanes, although at first the sight of the huge birds frightened us. The Brownies howl "Thank you" to Mr. Vethaparanam for arranging this trip.

The gay little Brownies join me in wishing all readers a merry Christmas and a bright New Year.

SELVAMANIE SELVADURAI,
Senior Sixer.

OUR RESULTS

SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE DECEMBER 1944

Pass List

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| 1 | Arasaratnam, S. | Exemption from the Lond. Matric |
| 2 | Nalhiab, T. | |
| 3 | Sanders, D. S. | |
| 4 | Somasundram, S. | Exemption |
| 5 | Amarasingham, R. | Exemption and First Division |
| 6 | Kanagasundram, J. K. | |
| 7 | Selvarajah, L. S. | |
| 8 | Arianayagam, D. S. | Exemption and First Division |
| 9 | Hafner, T. | |
| 10 | Kanagamalar S. Beadle | Exemption |
| 11 | Ganeson, V. | |
| 12 | Sivagnanam, S. | |
| 13 | Beadle, T. | |
| 14 | Thamotharampillai, P. | |
| 15 | Thiagarajah, R. | |
| 16 | Ambalavanar, D. J. | Exemption |
| 17 | Kumarasamy, S. | |
| 18 | Mary S. Elias | |

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| 19 | Kamalavathy Visvalingham | |
| 20 | Alice George | Exemption |
| 21 | Kumarasamy, A. | |
| 22 | Balasubramaniam, T. | Exemption |
| 23 | Satchithanantham, M. | |
| 24 | Thiagarajah, S. | |
| 25 | Ganesa Aiyer, A. | |
| 26 | Rasanathan, P. | |
| 27 | Kumarachandran, M. | |
| 28 | Kurien George | |
| 29 | Nadarajah, S. | |

LONDON INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION—JULY 1944

Science

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| 1 | Sivasubramaniam, K. | |
| 2 | Palaraman, S. | |
| 3 | Ponniah, T. M. | |
| 4 | Eunice N. Niles | |
| | Referred: Sukirtharatnasingham (Physics) | |

Arts

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| 1 | Rajah Manickavasagar | |
| 2 | Tharmalingham, V. | |
| 3 | Tampoe, D. P. | |
| | Referred: Suntharasivam, S. (Latin) | |

SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION AUGUST 1945

Pass List

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| 1 | Paramanathan, V. | Exemption |
| 2 | Pathmanathan, N. | Ref. for Exemption |
| 3 | Rajaratnam, P. | |
| 4 | Selvaratnam, S. | |
| 5 | Somasekarampillai, K. | Ref. for Exemption |
| 6 | Sivarathinam, K. | Exemption and First Division |
| 7 | Skandarajah, K. | |
| 8 | Thiagarajah, M. | |
| 9 | Thirusittampalam, C. | |
| 10 | Venasithamby, C. | |
| 11 | Kumarasamy, K. | |
| 12 | Nagaratnam, T. | |
| 13 | Easwarakadadcham Jeevaratnam | |
| 14 | Leelavathy Muthusamy | |

H. S. C. AND UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE—MAY 1945

Science

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|---|---------------------|----------|
| 1 | Sivasithamparam, S. | Entrance |
| 2 | Natesan, S. | Entrance |

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| 3 | Vijayaratnam, R. | Entrance |
| 4 | Rajeswary Veluppillai | Entrance |
| 5 | Raneedevi Tamby | Entrance |

Arts

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| 1 | Thambiahpillai, G. G. R. | Entrance |
| 2 | Murugesampillai, A. | Entrance |
| 3 | Rajadurai, S. | Entrance |
| 4 | Sanmugalingam, K. | Entrance and H. S. C. |

JAFFNA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL ALUMNI DAY CELEBRATIONS

The annual celebrations of the Alumni Day came off on Friday, 26th October of this year. The celebrations commenced with a Thanksgiving Service conducted at the Church, led by Mr. J. J. Ratnarajah, B. A., who also preached the sermon.

The Service was followed by the Annual meeting of the Alumni Association, presided over by the President, Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam. The Secretary, Mr. P. Nagalingam, read the minutes of the previous meeting and presented the annual report. In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. A. C. Sundrampillai presented a statement of accounts. The following were elected office-bearers for the new year:

President: Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. P. A. Cooke, K. A. Selliah, J. Lewis Subramaniam, and S. R. Kanaganayagam

Secretary: Rev. K. S. Jeyasingham

Treasurer: Mr. A. C. Sundrampillai.

Executive Com-

mittee: With the office-bearers, the following: Messrs: A. M. Brodie L. S. Kulathungam, J. F. Ponnambalam, B. K. Somasundram, M. Kathiravelu, N. Ehamparam, P. W. Ariaratnam, G. S. Arulampalam, R. K. Arulampalam, R. J. Thurairajah, Dr. C. T. Chelliah, and Mr. S. V. Balasingham.

At the end of the meeting, the Acting Principal, Mr. K. A. Selliah, and Mrs. Selliah were At Home to the Old Boys and the Old Girls.

ALUMNI DINNER

The annual Dinner was held at the Ottley Hall, covers being laid for 125. Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam presided and the Hon. Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, the Minister of Local Administration, was the chief guest, and proposed the toast of the College. Mr. Rajaratnam gave the loyal toast and called upon Mr. Bandaranaike to propose the toast of the College. In the course of his opening remarks, Mr. Rajaratnam welcomed the Minister, and said that of the many notable contributions made by Mr. Bandaranaike to the political history of the Island, Sri Lanka Bill was not the least important.

They recognised in him a virile and dynamic personality whose leadership ought to be available not only to the Sinhalese but to all other communities in the Island as well. There were discordant notes struck here and there, yet the harp of Yalpadi would, they all hoped, be an accomplished fact.

The Soulbury Report had had a peculiar and curious reception in the country. Some people and a section of the Press saw in it a few attractive features, while others for the same reasons had been disappointed. The report had not benefitted anybody. It was an ornamental piece of work. Ceylon should have obtained Dominion Status long ago but it was a pity that their leaders were running after shadows among the different communities.

He appealed to Mr. Bandaranaike, who, he said, could lead the country and the Board of Ministers to bring about union, removing all differences so that with one united voice they could make their demands.

Mr. Bandaranaike, in proposing the toast to the College, referred to Jaffna College as the oldest English school in the country having been started

in 1823. There had been many changes but the school finally developed into a national institution.

It is true that human institutions too, like human beings, have a life of their own, possessing an individuality and personality of their own. This is truer of educational institutions than others. The individuality and personality of Jaffna College were always marked and her Old Boys bore this mark. He was amazed at the very large number of distinguished Old Boys, belonging to all professions and in all walks of the country's life. These Old Boys were all making their mark in the official and the public life and were contributing to the progress of the country. With these Old Boys as an acquisition to the College, the future of the institution was assured.

They had to face still more changes with the operation of the free education scheme. How that scheme would affect Jaffna College he could not predict.

As he entered the College that evening he had been handed a slip of paper wherein an appeal was made by some students to see that free education was adopted by Jaffna College as well. He was convinced that that matter would be very carefully considered.

Although he made these few remarks, he was not prepared to be inveigled into expressing his opinion on the scheme in detail. It was, however, a fine idea to give equal opportunities to all children, but it was also true that, if the true spirit of the scheme was to be put into operation, there was a great deal more to be done.

There could not be one person in the country who could deny the value of unity among the different communities. It had always been his endeavour to bring about unity during the last many years, but he might have differed in his way of approach. Where there were differences it would be folly to ignore them, but they had to acknowledge such differences and work out unity.

Even at the last minute before the Soulbury Commission came out he tried his best to obtain unity through the conference of State Councillors. He was never against unity.

If they had to achieve any true freedom mutual co-operation and friendship among the different communities were essential. He even now hoped that it would be possible to get that unity by mutual co-operation and understanding. These differences, if not settled now, would again arise when constitutional matters were next considered. He hoped that a satisfactory settlement would be arrived at early.

They should all bear in mind that they wanted freedom for all rather than a particular slice for any particular community. In Ceylon there were no great differences that could not be settled.

Mr. K. A. Selliah, Acting Principal, responded.

The other toasts were :

Guests :

Prop. Dr. C. T. Chelliah

Res. Dr. C. Candiah.

Sister College :

Prop. Mr. C. R. Wadsworth

Res. Mr. V. M. Asaipillai.

Alumni Association :

Prop. Mr. K. S. Arulnandhy

Res. Mr. S. R. Kanaganayagam.

ALUMNI NOTES

GENERAL

Capt. S. Thambiah, M. C., M. R. C. P., F. D. S., Professor of the Madras Medical College, was awarded the title of Rao Bahadur by the Governor of Madras as a New Year honour in the beginning of this year.

Mr. R. H. Paul, of the Ceylon Technica College, has been appointed Acting Director of the Technical College.

Mr. A. S. Ponnambalam, Advocate, Colombo, has been appointed to the Bench and is now functioning as Magistrate, Gampola.

Mr. W. W. Mutturajah, Advocate, Colombo, has also been appointed to the Bench. He is now Magistrate at Mannar.

Mr. A. W. Nadarajah Magistrate, Gampola, has been transferred to Galle.

Mr. P. Sri Skanda Rajah, Magistrate, Galle, is now District Judge, Trincomalee.

Mr. K. Sabanathan, of the Education Office, Colombo, has been appointed Chief Translator of Tamil to the Government.

Mr. T. K. Curtis, Advocate, Colombo, has been appointed Crown Counsel.

Mr. R. A. M. Thuraiappah, Superintending Engineer, Badulla, has been transferred to the Western Division.

Rev. S. Kulandran, President and Executive Officer of the Jaffna Council of the South India United Church, has been sent to America as a delegate from our Churches to the International Seminar that is being held in Chicago.

Mr. K. Kularatnam, of the Minerologist Department, has been appointed an Assistant Lecturer in Geography at the Ceylon University.

Dr. Miss K. Karthigesu has assumed duties at the Civil Hospital, Jaffna.

Mr. R. N. Sinniah, Māniagar, Valigamam West, Jaffna, has retired from active service after a long period of meritorious service under the Government.

Mr. A. K. Kandiah has been appointed Principal of the Central School at Velanai, Jaffna.

Dr. T. Chelvarajah, of the General Hospital, Colombo, has been selected as one of the doctors to be sent to England on study leave by the Government.

Mr. T. T. Jayaratnam, of the Mahajana School, Tellippallai, has been appointed Principal of that institution.

Mr. C. A. Balasingham, of the staff of the Medical Superintendent, Civil Hospital, Jaffna, has been transferred to the Civil Hospital, Anuradhapura.

Mr. J. J. Ratnarajah has completed his studies at the Serampore Theological College and has joined the ministry of the J. C. S. I. U. C. and is now worker in charge of the Alaveddy Church.

Mr. A. G. Rajaratnam, of the staff of Central College, Jaffna, is now following a course of graduate training at the Government Training College, Colombo. He will be completing his course at the end of this year.

Rev. T. Kanagarayar Curtis, Assistant worker at St. Peter's Church, Jaffna, has been transferred as worker in charge of the Methodist Church at Mannar.

Mr. Winslow Wijayaratnam, Inspector of Labour, Ratnapura, has been transferred to Jaffna.

Mr. A. Sabaratnam, of the Staff of St. Benedict's College, Colombo, has been appointed Principal of the Central School at Ramboda.

Mr. T. K. Welch, of the Rubber Commissioner's Department, Colombo, has been appointed Inspector of Labour, Colombo.

Mr. Ernest Appadurai is now Inspector of Labour, Galle.

Rev. G. D. Thomas, has been elected President and Executive Officer of the J. C. S. I. U. C.

Mr. S. P. Sathcunam is now Education Officer, Anuradhapura.

Mr. J. A. R. Sanders has been appointed Food Control Inspector, Colombo.

Miss Leela Ponnambalam has joined the staff of Jaffna College.

Miss V. P. Kanapathipillai has joined the staff of the Uduvil Girls' English School.

Miss Lily Chelliah has joined the staff of Hillwood, Kandy.

Mr. James Rajanayagam has secured a Scholarship at the Ceylon University.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

London B. A. : Messrs. A. K. Sabapathipillai, and R. G. Singharatnam.

Ceylon B. A. : Misses Leela Ponnambalam (History) V. P. Kanapathipillai, Lily Chelliah (General) and Messrs. M. Mahadevan (General) and V. Murugesu (History).

„ B. Sc. : Mr. G. N. Ponnambalam (General-First Class) and Miss A. R. Rasiah (General).

Serampore L. Th. : Mr. J. B. Thurairajasingam.

Inter Music Travancore University: Misses Monie Elias and Alice Elias.

A. M. I. C. E: Messrs P. Nadarajah and S. Selvadurai.

WEDDINGS

Our heartiest congratulations to the following newly wedded couples :

Mr. S. C. Selvaratnam, (Old Boy) and Miss Eunice Nesammah Niles (Old Girl)

Dr. T. Chelvarajah and Miss Grace Theivana-pillai Thambar.

Mr. C. N. Beadle and Miss Florence Gnaratnam Edwards.

Mr. G. N. Edwards and Miss Harriet Ponnalar Beadle (Old Girl)

Mr. R. Visuvanathan and Miss Segarajasingham

Mr. K. G. Rajaratnam (Old Boy) and Miss Elizabeth Annapooranam Paul (Old Girl)

- Mr. J. Sabapathippillai and Miss Thavamany Joseph
 Mr. A. T. Sabaratnam and Miss Kumarasamy
 Mr. K. Jeyakody and Miss Buwaneswary Krishnapillai
 Mr. M. Ponniah and Miss Maheswary Nagalingam
 Mr. S. Selvarajah and Miss Thanaladchumyammah Sinnathamby
 Mr. M. Navaratnam and Miss Savitri Devi Devarajan (Old Girl)
 Mr. S. Stanley Thiagarajah and Miss Vyravipillai
 Dr. Joseph Devadason and Miss Jeyasothi Duraiswamy (Old Girl, Malaya)

ENGAGEMENTS

Our congratulations to the following newly engaged couples:

- Mr. W. L. Jeyasingham and Miss Pushparanee Mills.
 Mr. J. F. N. Daniel and Miss Mary Maheswary Lawrence.

MALAYAN NEWS

We are in receipt of news of the safety of the following Alumni and their families in Malaya:-

- Mr. & Mrs. M. V. Pillai, B. A., LL. B. (Cantab)
 Rev. & Mrs. S. M. Thevathanan, M. A. L. T.
 Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Rajaratnam
 Rev. & Mrs. J. V. Ayadurai
 Mr. & Mrs. S. K. Ramalingam
 Dr. & Mrs. A. E. Duraisamy
 Mr. & Mrs. H. V. Ponniah
 Mrs. P. W. Thambiah
 Mr. & Mrs. S. V. Chinniah
 Mr. J. A. Thuraisingham
 Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Levins
 Mr. & Mrs. D. K. Rajakariar
 Mr. & Mrs. Foster Lee
 Mr. K. Thambipillai
 Mr. and Mrs. S. Durai Raja Singam

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

My notes this year will be brief. I have already covered the chief events in the first two terms in my report at the Prize-Giving. This report is appearing elsewhere in this magazine.

Within about three weeks we will be closing for Christmas Holidays. With the Senior, Higher School Certificate and the promotion examinations timed to start within the next fortnight, the whole atmosphere round the College at the moment seems to be charged with examination mindedness.

The results of the August Senior Examination were published last week and we have maintained our usual high standard. We passed over seventy five per cent.

The Alumni Annual Celebrations which usually take place in July came off on the 26th of October. Instead of the usual full day programme we had a half day finishing with the customary dinner. The Hon. Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranayake, the Minister of Local Administration was our chief guest. Mr. K. Kanagaratnam represented the Alumni from Colombo.

Rev. R. A. Dudley, one of the members of the Deputation from America, is here with us now spending a fortnight making preliminary survey of our Mission field. We offer him and the other members of the Deputation, who will be here in February, a very cordial welcome and hope that they will have a pleasant stay in our midst, and carry back with them to report to our Board of Trustees first hand information about our present educational tangle.

I regret that in my Principal's report I failed to mention through an oversight the addition of Messrs. C. B. Paul, T. J. Koshy and S. Soosaipillai to our staff and the unexpected sudden departure of Mr. H. D. Moses. This will appear in the addenda of the Principal's report.

We are sorry that we will be losing Mr. C. B. Paul at the end of this term. He is going back to his old

school in Singapore and they want him very badly there. We were really fortunate in having had his association with us for about three years. He was the personification of simplicity. He was willing to do any job that was entrusted to him with pleasure, without feeling that he was "too big" for the job. No sense of prestige or false dignity of which many of us are sometimes guilty ever troubled him. The Scouts will lose in him their best friend and master and Jaffna College a very able and loyal worker. We wish him many more years of usefulness in Malaya.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.

Addenda to the Principal's Report

As a result of the Malayan evacuation we were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Charles B. Paul, one of our Old Boys and a Super-scale teacher from Malaya in May 1943. He came to us with many years of experience as a teacher and a lay preacher. He is filling very acceptably the role of Chaplain of the College and Scout Master.

We have been for sometime looking for a suitable Biology teacher and we were happy to secure the services of Mr. T. J. Koshy. Apart from the fact that Mr. Koshy holds a Master's degree in Botany he was a research student at the University of Travancore. He has already taken to his work with enthusiasm and is proving a good addition.

Mr. Soosaipillai, one of our recent Old Boys, joined us in January 1944 as one of our Boarding House Masters, and a part-time teacher. He has had full time teaching recently in addition to his Boarding House duties.

Mr. H. D. Moses whom I secured from India in January this year after much trouble to relieve me of part of my teaching load left us rather suddenly at the end of last term to accept a more lucrative and permanent appointment in India. We were sorry to lose him as we found him a good mixer and an able teacher.

Some Further Editorial Notes

The Late Mr. H. S. Perera

Two years ago along with the rest of the educational world of Ceylon we were jubilant at, and therefore welcomed most heartily, the appointment of Mr. H. S. Perera as the Director of Education. At last the right man was found for this post. We welcomed his appointment not merely because he was the first Ceylonese to be appointed Director, but mainly because of the fact that he was the one person in Ceylon who was qualified by virtue of his high academic distinctions, his expert knowledge of educational theory and practice, and his progressive ideals for this responsible office. We little thought then that his period of directorship was going to be restricted to the very short period of two years. However, providence has willed it otherwise and we today bemoan his early demise. The news of his death has administered a rude shock to all interested in the educational progress of the country. The country can ill afford to be deprived of his services at this critical time, when educational reforms, some of them ill planned and ill digested, are being thrust on the educational institutions with the hurry characteristic of politicians who have an eye only on the next elections. His advice and direction would have been of the greatest value. Now we have to be without him. We hasten to register our deepest gratitude and appreciation of the invaluable contribution that Mr. Perera made to the educational advancement of the country. It is incalculable.

We also hasten to offer our welcome to the new Director, Dr. Ian Sandeman, who is already making his presence at the head of the Department felt in educational circles. His scholarship, his unruffled calm and his philosophic temperament must act as steadying influence on the others responsible for the educational affairs.

NOTES FROM A COLLEGE DIARY**First Term***Monday, January, 15.*

The Staff Retreat.

Tuesday, January 16.

The College re-opens for the New Year.

Monday, February 5.

Mr. E. W. Arianayagam addresses the Culture Club.

Tuesday, February 6.

The 61st Annual General Meeting of the Y. M. C. A. takes place. Mr. C. B. Paul is elected President for the new year. Mr. Lewis Subramaniam addresses the members.

Wednesday, February 7.

Mr. E. W. Arianayagam addresses the Teachers' Round Table on the "Wardha Scheme of Education."

Friday, February 16.

Mr. C. F. Gooneratne, Magistrate, Jaffna, addresses the Culture Club on "The Department of the Spirit."

Saturday, February 17.

The Boarders and the Day Scholars play a Cricket Match. The Boarders win by 8 wickets and 2 runs.

Monday, February 19.

Rev. D. T. Niles speaks at the morning assembly on "Symbolism."

Friday, February 23.

Sextant break. A Mixed Camp of the J. I. C. C. F. takes place at the Ashram.

Monday, February 26.

Sextant Holiday.

The results of the Senior examination held in December 1944 are out. 29 passes and 2 in the first division. Congratulations.

Wednesday, February 28.

Rev. S. Kulandran speaks at the morning assembly on "Christus Victor."

Saturday, March 3.

Our First XI Cricket team plays a match against Mr. Newton's team.

Monday, March 5.

Mr. G. A. Winslow speaks at the morning assembly on "A Christ-centred Life."

Wednesday, March 7.

The Soulbury Commissioners pay a visit to the College, and are much impressed by the Library.

Thursday, March 8.

Rev. S. Selvaratnam speaks at the morning assembly.

Sunday, March 11.

Mr. J. V. Chelliah conducts the Vespers.

Saturday, March 17.

The Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the J. N. E. S. Church at Delft. Some of our teachers and students attend.

Mr. W. Dahanayake, M. S. C., delivers a lecture under the auspices of the S. N. C. on "Ceylon's Urgent Needs."

Monday, March 19.

The Round Table entertains Mr. A. Gardiner at a lunch. He speaks to the teachers on "The Rotary."

Later Mr. Gardiner speaks to the students on "Business as a career."

Wednesday, March 21.

The Teachers' Round Table gives a farewell tea to Mr. T. M. Ponniah. Mr. T. J. Koshy speaks to the Round Table on "Heredity."

Thursday, March 22.

Rev. S. Selvaratnam speaks at the morning assembly.

Friday, March 23.

The H. S. C. Hostelites hold their annual dinner. Rev. C. A. Smith, the Principal of Jaffna Central College, is the chief guest.

Saturday, March 24.

The First XI Cricket team meets Jaffna Hindu College on their grounds. We win by 6 wickets and 125 runs.

Monday, March 26.

Rev. S. Selvaratnam speaks at the morning assembly.

Tuesday, March 27.

Rev. A. C. Thambyrajah speaks at the morning assembly.

Wednesday, March 28.

The College closes for the Easter Vacation.

Second Term

Sunday, May 6.

Dr. M. Adiseshiah of the Madras Christian College, Tambaram, leads the Staff Retreat.

Monday, May 7.

The College re-opens for the New term. Dr. Malcom Adiseshiah addresses the Assembly.

Tuesday, May 8.

In the afternoon news is received of the surrender of Germany. The school is closed for the rest of the day.

Wednesday, May 9.

VE Day Celebrations take the form of a Sports Meet on the Bicknell Field.

Thursday, May 10.

Mr. J. J. Ratnarajah speaks at the morning assembly on "Conflicting Loyalties."

Saturday, May 19.

Mr. G. V. Fernando, Field Officer of the Ceylon Boy Scout Association, spends the whole day with our Scouts.

Tuesday, May 22.

Mr. Joseph speaks at the morning assembly.

Thursday, May 24.

The Jaffna District Patrol Leaders' Training Camp starts at Old Park. Some of our P | L's and Seconds attend.

Friday, May 25.

Holiday on account of the J. N. E. S. Day.

Wednesday, May 30.

Rev. S. Selvaratnam addresses the Y. M. C. A. on "The Call to Ministry."

Friday, June 1.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Moore pay a visit to the College. After speaking to the students for a few minutes, the Governor declares the day a Holiday.

Wednesday, June 6.

Mr. K. B. Alahakone, D. C. C., and Dr. S. N. Chelliah, the District Commissioner for Jaffna, pay a visit to the Scout Troop.

Wednesday, June 13.

The Lower School Sports Meet. Congratulations to the Abraham House which comes off first. Mr. J. J. Ratnarajah addresses the Y. M. C. A. on "A Faith to Keep."

Thursday, June 14.

King's Birthday—Holiday. The Cubs go on a Picnic to Keerimalai.

Sunday, June 17.

Dr. Miss E. M. Thillaiyampalam conducts the Vespers.

Wednesday, June 20.

At a meeting of the Teachers' Round Table Mrs. V. S. D. Sathianathan speaks on "Life in the Canadian Universities."

Rev. Victor Sathianathan speaks to the Y. M. C. A. on "The Message of the Worcester Conference."

Monday, June 25.

Buddhist Poson—Holiday.

The Women Hostelites give a farewell dinner to Miss N. Perumal, the Warden of the Women's Hostel.

Thursday, June 28.

The Teachers' Round Table gives a farewell dinner to Mr. H. D. Moses.

Wednesday, July 4.

American day of Independence.

We receive the gift of a fine "Stars and Stripes" from the American Consul at Colombo.

Mr. A. M. Brodie speaks to the Y. M. C. A. on the "Life of President Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Thursday, July 5.

The Inter House Sports Meet commences.

Friday, July 6.

The Finals of the Inter House Sports Meet take place at the Bicknell Field. The Hitchcock House annexes the championship.

Saturday, July 7.

The members of the Athenaeum Dormitory hold their annual dinner. Dr. S. C. Thurai-rajah is the chief guest.

Saturday, July 14.

The College entertains some of the members of the Services. The entertainment takes the form of a Supper and a Concert.

Sunday, July 15.

The members of the Y. W. C. A. hold a Candle Light Service in the Church, and the new members are brought into the Association in a ceremonial way.

Dr. Miss M. Ahrends of the Staff of Uduvil Girls' School is the chief speaker.

Friday, July 20.

The Senior Application test begins.

Sunday, July 22.

Mr. J. J. Ratnarajah conducts the vespers.

Monday, July 23.

The Students' week of Evangelism begins.

Tuesday, July 24.

The Cub Pack holds an investiture ceremony, about 18 Cubs are invested.

Thursday, July 26.

In the morning we hear the sad news of the untimely death of C. Gunasegaram, a member of the Senior Class. The Principal speaks a few words on his sterling qualities, and a few minutes of silence is observed at the morning assembly. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved parents and relatives.

Friday, Aug. 3.

The Heats of the Inter-Collegiate Sports Meet take place at the Central College grounds.

Saturday, Aug. 4.

We tie with St. Patrick's College for the second place at the Meet. W. T. Sanders once again brings home to us the Parson's Challenge Cup, by breaking the 100 yds. and the 220 yds. record. He also becomes the Senior Champion.

We are proud to note that this is the fifth year that the Parson's Cup has come to our College.

Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Adi new moon--Holiday.

Wednesday, Aug. 8.

The Scouts hold their Investiture ceremony, and 16 recruits are invested.

Saturday, Aug. 11.

Mr. Royston Mason addresses the members of the Athenaeum and Hunt Dormitories.

Sunday, Aug. 12.

Mr. Royston Mason conducts the Vespers.

Monday, Aug. 13.

Term examinations begin.

Tuesday, Aug. 14.

The August Senior examinations begin.

Wednesday, Aug. 15.

The last of the enemy is laid low! The news of the Japanese surrender reaches us by the afternoon, the term examinations are postponed and the College closes for the August Vacations.

Saturday, Aug. 25.

The Scouts go for a Camp at Kankesanturai.

Third Term

Wednesday, Sept. 5.

The College reopens for the new term.

Mr. C. R. Wadsworth conducts a retreat for the staff.

Thursday, Sept. 6.

The postponed term ending examinations are continued.

Monday, Sept. 10.

Ramazan—Holiday.

Friday, Sept. 14.

W. T. Sanders again does well at the Ceylon A. A. Meet in Colombo, securing a second place in the 220 yds. and a third place in the 100 yds. Well done, Sanders!

Saturday, Sept. 15.

Our annual Prize-giving takes place. Justice Alan Rose is the Chief Speaker and Mrs. K. Kanagaratnam gives away the prizes.

Monday, Sept. 17.

Holiday on account of the Prize-giving

Friday, Sept. 21.

The Senior withdrawal examinations begin.

Sunday, Sept. 23.

Mr. C. B. Paul conducts the Vespers.

Thursday, Sept. 27.

The Senior withdrawal examinations are continued.

Friday, Sept. 28.

Our first Soccer match for the season is against Parameswara College. The match ends in a goalless draw.

Saturday, Sept. 29.

The Annual Scout Rally of the Jaffna Boy Scout Local Association takes place at Old Park. Some of our Scouts and Cubs take part in it.

Sunday, Sept. 30.

Mr. K. A. Selliah conducts the Vespers.

Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Mr. C. R. Wadsworth addresses the Y. M. C. A. on "Some thoughts on the present world situation"

Thursday, Oct. 4.

The Second XI Soccer team plays against Manipay Hindu College. We beat them 1—nil.

The Second XI Soccer team plays against Jaffna Hindu College. We lose 3—nil.

The Pre Senior boys go on a trip Upcountry.

Sunday, Oct. 7.

Mr. T. S. B. Rajaratnam conducts the vespers.

Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The Geographical Association holds a social after which Major Livingstone and Lieut. Hornby address the members on "Politics in the British Empire." and "Local Government in England."

Friday, Oct. 12.

Holiday on account of the J. C. S. I. U. C. Festival at the Uduvil Church.

Saturday, Oct. 13.

Once again Sanders and Kurien score points at the Ceylon Public School Sports Meet held in Colombo.

Friday, Oct. 19.

First XI match against Jaffna Hindu College; we lose 2—nil.

Second XI match against Parameswara College: we lose 1—nil.

Friday, Oct. 26.

The Annual Dinner of the Jaffna College Alumni Association takes place in the Ottley Hall. The Hon. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, the Minister of Local Administration is the chief guest. Sextant Break.

Saturday, Oct. 27.

The Brownies go on a visit to the Palali Aerodrome.

Monday, Oct. 29.

Sextant Holiday.

Wednesday, Oct. 31.

The members of the Y. W. C. A. hold a social.

Thursday, Nov. 1.

Some acrobatic feats are demonstrated at the Ottley Hall, in aid of the Malayan Relief Fund.

The H. S. C. Biology students go on a visit to the Tinneveli Farm.

Saturday, Nov. 3.

First and Second XI matches against Hartley College are postponed owing to bad weather.

Sunday, Nov. 4.

Mr. L. S. Kulathungam is the preacher at the Vespers.

Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The postponed matches against Hartley are played. First XI. Draw each side scoring nil.

Second XI also draw each side scoring 2.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

The Scouts and Guides hold a joint social.

Friday, Nov. 9.

Malayan Relief Flag Day.

The results of the August Senior examination arrive. 14 pass out of 21 and 4 referred.

The First XI plays against Chidambara Vidyala. We win 4—nil.

Saturday, Nov. 10.

The Second XI plays against St. Henry's. The match ends in a draw, each side scoring nil.

Sunday, Nov. 11.

The Y. M. C. A. Week of Prayer and World Fellowship begins. Mr. C. B. Paul conducts the Vespers.

Friday, Nov. 16.

Holiday—Hadji Festival.

Sunday, Nov 18.

Rev. R. A. Dudley is the preacher at the Vespers

Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Rev. R. A. Dudley, Secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions and a Member of the Board's Deputation to India and Ceylon, spends the day at the College. He addresses the students at the morning Assembly, meets the Round Table and the Board of Directors in the evening.

Thursday, Nov, 22.

S. S. C. Examinations begin.

Saturday, Nov. 24.

The Lyceum celebrates its anniversary with a Tea and a concert.

Sunday, Nov: 25.

Mr. D. S. Devaśagayam conducts the Vespers.

Thursday, Nov. 29.

Mr. K. Arumugam, of Singapore, who has recently returned to Jaffna talks to the Round Table on "Malaya 1942-1945."

Sunday, Dec. 2.

College Christmas Carol Service. Rev. V. S. D. Sathianathan is the preacher.

Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The annual celebrations and dinner of the Brotherhood take place.

Thursday, Dec. 6.

The Round Table entertains Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Paul at a farewell dinner.

The Scouts also bid farewell to their S. M. Mr. C. B. Paul.

Friday, Dec. 7

The Annual Concert of the Lower School takes place.

Saturday, Dec. 8.

The College closes for the Christmas vacation.
A Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year.

D. J. AMBALAVANAR.

STOP PRESS—MALAYAN LETTER

My first Post-war Ceylon Mail,

(S. DURAI RAJA SINGAM).

Amidst the thrill and clamour of victory my mind went back to quieter scenes of many years ago, to the calm places of worship where we could give thanks for our final deliverance from the tyranny of Japanese oppression and also to my college home where one could pause and contemplate on how we could make a new contribution to the brave new world which we all hope will rise from the blood, slaughter and destruction of nearly six years of war. It was with these ideas that I thought of Jaffna College which I left exactly twenty years ago "to seek pastures new". From that time onwards I have always considered myself to be one of her 'overseas students' and tried to be loyal to the ideals and teachings my college stood for. "Jaffna College" was one of the topics talked of by us in our home during these dreadful four and forty months. So when I heard from the Post Master of my town that one could write letters to Ceylon, I took the first opportunity to write to the College Principal asking him to be kind enough to send the College magazines that had been published between December 1941 and September 1945. This letter had an equally prior claim as the ones I wrote to those who were near and dear to us, those from whom we had not even a Red Cross letter during all these dark days. What a joy it was when the first Ceylon Mail arrived. Our children shouted out one afternoon as the postman came to our doorstep, "Hurrah, for the postman who brings us the news. What a lot of letters he has brought. Surely it is a Ceylon Mail today". Yes it was. The little ones shouted, "Here is one from Grand-Papa. This one is in Seeni-Auntie's handwriting. That one must be from uncle, I think." And what a bundle of Magazines and papers from friends! There were also the College Miscellanies sent by the Principal. These were wonderful gifts. We were all proud of them. It gave us such happy feelings. Believe it or not, the first thing I unsealed was the bundle of College Magazines, whilst my wife opened the letter from her father and read it with tears of joy and heartfelt thanks to God for keeping all at home safe and sound. Little Jawaharlal questioned as to why Amma was crying and elder one Gandh

replied, "Do you not remember the day when you first saw mother cry? Remember that night when little Rabindra Mani was so ill and she made all those promises to God, if only she was spared? Remember that day when she thought of her parents in Ceylon and expressed anxiety over them." This was the little conversation that passed between the young ones as we gleefully read all news of Ceylon from the letters we had received from those near and dear to us.

And now to the College Miscellanies. The bundle had already been opened and each one of us had a copy in our hands. The issue containing the photograph of the staff was singled out and resulted in a humorous talk which when you read most of you would laugh and smile. After a hurried glance I told my eldest boy, "You ought to listen to the things I am going to say about my College teachers. That's Mr. Sanders B. A. who taught me Mathematics. When you go to Jaffna College you'll have a tough time with him. But he is a kind and able teacher who will give due allowance for a Malayan's weakness for Mathematics. This is Mr. Sundrampillai B. Sc, my science Master. He is, you see, uncle, Dr. Velupillai of Klang's wife's maternal uncle. He has grown old now. This is C.O.E. Now this is Mr. M. I. Thomas, M. A. my History Professor. Sometimes I would disturb his afternoon nap by knocking at the door and ask him for his Madras "Hindu". He was really a painstaking teacher and full of enthusiasm to guide those interested in Indian affairs. The one in the corner is Mr. Lyman Kulathungam. But where is, I said, Mr. Handy Perinbanayagam? My wife handed me the 1944 issue and said that there was an article about him. "Surely not an obituary notice," said I, as I stretched my hands with some trepidation and happily, as it turned out, it was a tribute by one of his students. "Oh, Mr. Handy is alive and kicking. Now an advocate in Colombo. I wonder what would happen to the letter I wrote to him to the College address". "Now let's see", I told my son, "that's Mr. Selliah, the present Principal, That's Mr. Brodie who was connected with the English Association. Here is Mr. Vethaparnam, the Geography Specialist, and that's Mr. Mathiaparnam, the Tamil Pundit. This is Mr. Ariaratnam my classmate". I could not tell anything more to the little boy who was silent perhaps wondering at the greatness of his future teachers. Glancing at some of the contributions I said, "This article on Tipping is written by a classmate of mine—Mr. A. W. Nadarajah". Whom he rightly guessed from the initials and said, "Raub A. W. Sinnadurai uncle's brother". A few minutes later the boy came up to me and said, "Does C. O. E. mean Custodian of Enemy Property or anything like that", This was a title very often used in Government Office during the Japs day. "No", I said "these are the initials of Mr. Elias who was during my time the Boarding Master and we jocularly dubbed him "Custodian of Edibles". He had another question to put. What had happened to Mr. J. V. Chelliah and Mr. Chelliah Cooke? He had heard of these names being talked often in our home. I told him that

the former was my English teacher—perhaps the greatest teacher of English of his time. He is retired and perhaps he must have finished by this time his translation of Thayumanavar and Mr. Chelliah H. Cooke, I said, must be as old as your great grandfather. A favourite question of his when he was a teacher in Jaffna College was: "When was Ceylon made a Crown Colony?"

The next day I sent the magazines to my friend Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamar who as soon as he received them phoned me up saying "How delighted I am to receive these. Thanks so much. I have been able to get so much informations of friends I wanted to know of."

Thus did I recall the familiar background of Jaffna College, as I remembered the days I spent there, and the things we talked about. I like the story of the old lady who when asked by a wee grandchild if she were really very old, "No darling, but I have been young for a very long time". How true is the above of Jaffna College! Her service is not ended, her peace not unbroken. These were the thoughts that arose only to be disturbed by the little ones in the house, who, mounted the chair and conducted their orchestra celebrating victory, Clash went the cymbals; tinkle, tinkle the bells and tamborines; boom, boom the drums; and one returned to the more humdrum side of work with a sense of having for a few minutes entered in the real Kingdom of Childhood.

R. I. P.

Mas. C. W. Gunasegaram

D. M. Wijyaratnam

Lt. R. Emerson

V. Sabapathy

Stickney H. Kunanayagam





