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Vice-Principal	1966 — 1968
Principal	1968 — 1988





## Editorial Notes

The last issue of our Miscellany came out in December, 1986. Since then events of great significance have taken place in rapid succession both in this country and abroad. One event of particular significance to this part of the country was the "invasion" of Vadamaradchy by the Sri Lankan Army undertaken in May 1987 — the "search and destroy" operation against the armed dissidents. This resulted in such an upheaval and such heavy loss of life and property and consequently to international concern. Many students of Vadamaradchi had to leave their schools, many of which had to remain closed for weeks. Some of these students sought admission to Jaffna College. On the other hand many students from this village left our College fearing that the invasion might be extended to these areas as well and moved to Colombo and to schools in South India. The international concern thus raised resulted in due course to direct Indian intervention. One consequence of this was the Indo — Sri Lanka accord signed on the 29th July 1987.

The Indian Peace Keeping Force which moved into the Northern and Eastern Provinces in accordance with the terms of the Treaty was at first welcomed as saviours by the Tamils. The L. T. T. E., the most important dissident group, refused to accept the terms of the treaty and clashes broke out between the I. P. K. F. and the L. T. T. E. on several occasions. By October 1987 the clashes had led to open war and the I. P. K. F. started moving in force into almost every village in the Tamil areas. Recent changes in the political situation, in particular the agreement between the L. T. T. E. and the Sri Lanka Government and later the changes brought about by the General Election in India, have resulted in the Indian Government agreeing to withdraw its army from Sri Lanka. The withdrawal is now in its last phase. As we go to press the Bicknell Memorial Pavilion and the surrounding buildings occupied by the I. P. K. F., since October 1987 have been vacated. The L. T. T. E. has moved into a house which was previously held by the I. P. K. F. The public of Jaffna are once again beginning to be optimistic of their future and looking forward to an early end to the disruption of civil administration and to a freely elected democratic government and to economic development.



It is our earnest hope that communalism which had dominated Sri Lankan politics since the introduction of Donoughmore Constitution will cease to raise its ugly head again in this country. We believe that the present Government will agree to devolve real political and economic power to the Tamil areas and thus lay the foundations for a prosperous future.

During the period referred to above Jaffna College itself had to face many vicissitudes. During October – November 1987 as the I. P. K. F. moved into Vaddukkoddai thousands of frightened villagers sought refuge in our College buildings and hostels. The Gurkha Rifles, the Madras Regiment and later the Maratha Light Infantry moved into the Bicknell Pavilion and surrounding houses.

More recently for a period of three months from June 1989 we were unable to conduct classes as students were dragged away, against their will and inducted into compulsory military service. Some who were thus forcibly dragged away were subsequently released on the intervention of school authorities. A few students lost their lives in these and other similar situations. Some who were due to sit for public examination had to run away to other parts of the country or to foreign lands and thus miss their chance to sit the examinations.

Although the future remains uncertain it is our firm belief that Jaffna College which has survived various crisis during the 167 years of its existence (e. g. the situations that developed in 1855, 1911, 1960 and 1974) will be able to face successfully any situation that may develop in the future. Our ability to survive vicissitudes in the past gives us the hope that we will be able to overcome any difficulties in the future as well. God we believe is the 'Lord of History'. Everything happens according to his will. Our faith in God gives us the strength to believe that we will not waver in our determination to serve our people and our motherland.

#### **Rajan Kadirgamar Number :**

Mr. Rajan Kadirgamar who was Principal of the College from 1968 retired in October 1988. Dr. S. Jebanesan assumed duties as Principal and Mr. W. D. Kulatungam became Vice-Principal. Mr. Kadirgamar deserves our gratitude for his efficient administration of the College during these years of crisis. His main concern was that the students of the College should develop their interests in various spheres. He was eager to maintain the tradition of freedom and independent thought which has been the distinguishing characteristic



of Jaffna College ever since its inception. He has handed over the College to his successor in prime condition in spite of the difficult times the College has had to pass through. In recognition of the services he has rendered to the College and to the people of Vadduk-koddai we have decided to dedicate this issue to him. Articles have been contributed by his personal and family friends and his past students. We thank them all for their willing acceptance of our requests for such contributions. Mr. Kadirgamar is now serving as Registrar of the Christian Theological Institute at Maruthanamadam, The Miscellany extends to him and to the Institute its best wishes.

### **Beyond the Veil :**

During the period under review (1987—89) some members of the teaching staff and of the Board of Directors and some old boys and students have passed beyond the veil. Detailed references to a few of these departed ones appear in the Principal's Report. Mr. A. R. Abraham, Miss Rasammah Eliyathamby, Mr. T. Ponnambalam and Dr. S. P. Appasamy were members of our teaching staff. They continued to have close contact with the College even after retirement. Special mention must be made of Dr. S. P. Appasamy who regularly contributed articles to the Miscellany. He was serving as English Editor of the Christian Literature Society of Madras at the time of his death. Even while holding this post he continued to give whatever help he could to Jaffna College and to the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India.

Dr. Luther Jayasingham was President of the Collegiate Section of Jaffna College from 1966 to 1974. Prior to that he had served as teacher in the High School Section and also as Lecturer in Geography in the Collegiate Section of Jaffna College. The fact that it was during his period of service as President that the Technical Institute and the Agricultural Institute were started is evidence of his far sighted vision. We owe to him our gratitude for the effort he put into the building up of these Institutes during his period of service.

Mr J. M. Sabaratnam and Mr. R. E. J. A. Setukavalar were members of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College. Mr. J. M. Sabaratnam who was also an old boy of the College had served as Chairman of the Board for many years. He passed away in August, 1988 while he was staying with his daughter in London. Dr. James Ratnam was one of the best friends of the College. The fact that he has donated the Evelyn Ratnam Institute for Inter-cultural studies to the College, amply testify his affection for this Institution.



## **Farewells :**

It is often claimed that the teachers of Jaffna College do not leave the service. They either retire or die in harness. During the period under reference Miss Mary Elias, Mr. T. Visuvanathan, Mr. A. I. Sinniah and Mr. V. Selvaratnam and Mr. R. Kandiah retired from service. Mr. Charles R. Rajkumar left us to join his family in the United Kingdom.

## **Paranthan Branch School :**

The Board of Directors of Jaffna College decided to start a branch institution at Paranthan which could serve as feeder school to Jaffna College. Land was purchased in the neighbourhood of Paranthan Railway Station and plans were drawn to put up suitable buildings. Two teachers quarters have already been completed. Mr. S. Mahilrajah, B. Sc. has been appointed Principal. It is proposed to start primary classes this year.

It is our hope that this school will serve as the nucleus of an institution which will be in a position to provide the younger generation of the Kilinochchi electorate access to good English and Western Science.

## **200th Anniversary of Dr. Daniel Poor's Birth :**

On the 27th of June 1989 we celebrated the 200th Birth Anniversary of the Pioneer Missionary, Dr. Daniel Poor.

The lack of suitable buildings to accommodate the primary school has been a matter of growing concern in recent years. Mr. Edward Marks, Charge De Affairs of the American Embassy who came to Vaddukoddai to participate in the Daniel Poor Centenary Celebrations laid the foundation stone for the building on the 27th of June 1989. The work is progressing fast and it is hoped that the three storey block designed to accommodate the Primary School will be completed before 1991. We are hoping to have the formal opening of this complex during 175th Anniversary Celebrations of the American Ceylon Mission.

## **Alumni Associations :**

Alumni Associations are functioning regularly and efficiently in London, Toronto Sydney and Melbourne. The Toronto Alumni Association honoured our new principal with a Special dinner organised to felicitate him. Dr. J. B. Selliah, Dr. W. L. Jeyasingham Dr. E. A. Champion Major K. Ratnam and Mr. A. M. Brodie spoke at this dinner. The London Association held its annual Dinner on 10th September 1989. Mr. J. Ratnarajah was elected President and Mr. K. Kanthasamy Secretary.



## **The Board of Directors :**

A number of changes have taken place in the composition of the Board of Directors during the period under review. After the passing away in August 1988 of the Chairman, Mr J. M. Sabaratnam, Mr. K. Pooranampillai served as Acting Chairman. Subsequently at the meeting of the Board held in February 1989 Mr. S. S. Selvadurai was elected Chairman of the Board and Manager of the School. Rt. Rev. J. J. Gnnapiragasam, Bishop of Colombo (Church of Ceylon) and Mr. C. E. Rajasingam former Vice-Principal of Union College, Tellipallai were elected as new members. Mr. A. C. Canagarajah has returned to the Board after his sabbatical year.

## **Board of Trustees :**

The Board of Trustees has continued to show considerable interest in the multifaceted development of the College. Rev. Paul C. Clayton a member of the Board paid us a visit on 6th March 1989. This was followed by a visit by Rev. Eric Gass on 28th April. 1989. The new Principal of the College Dr. S. Jebanesan attended a meeting of the Board held at the Boston University on 17th May 1989 and was encouraged to note the immense interest shown by the Board in the various activities of the College.

The Board of Trustees has assured the Principal of their readiness to give all necessary assistance and co-operation in the development of the College. Dr. Telfer Mook continues to serve as President of the Board of Trustees and Rev. Eric Gass and Mr. Richard Edmunds as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Dr. Robert Holmes Rev. David shire Mr. Carl Holdrige and Rev. Paul C. Clayton continue to encourage us by frequently corresponding with us and inquiring about our progress and about the problems we have had to face in recent times.

## **Our Contributors**

This issue is coming out as Rajan Kadirgamar number as has already been mentioned earlier in the notes, it contains a record of the activities of the three years 1987 — 1989. This has necessitated the omission of certain features which would otherwise have been included. We assure our readers that such omissions will be rectified in the next issue. We express our gratitude to our contributors Dr. E. A. Champion, Dr. E. S. Thevasagayam, Rev. Dr. S. Kulandran, Mr S. Thevananthr Mr. R. Lambotharan and Dr S. Durai Raja Singham We also wish to thank Dr. R. G. Porter and Mr. A. Selvarajah, Librarian Evelyn Ratnam Institute for their articles.



## The New Principal

From time to time among the new Principals, there have arisen, in the various countries of the world, men with extraordinary insight and sensitiveness to new ideas and the problems they have raised and have not merely solved them, but discovered new problems arising from them, which also they were able to solve.

These are not learned men but geniuses. They have given impetus to civilisation and learning. Learning consists of the preservation of insights and ideas formed earlier and systematising them. Learning is increased by its depth and variety. These do not give an impetus to civilisation but preserve it from generation to generation. This is a cultural heritage which descends from age to age.

Geniuses are hard to find. Their actual phenomena are not made by their circumstances, but are born. But the other kind of figures are not so hard to find. There are learned people in all countries. These are persons who thirst for knowledge, of things already available. These learned people are people with a quest that can hardly be quenched. They seem never to stop. The more they know the more they want to know.

Dr. Jebanesan seems to belong to this latter class. After his basic degree at Peradeniya University, which is

equivalent to a London Degree, he put in a short spell of teaching at St. Anthony's College, Kandy. He thought of the best way of furthering his ambitions and he thought of India. The nearest place in India with a University is Madura. After the B. A. Degree there is of course the M. A. and Dr. Jebanesan thought that he would take not one M. A. degree but two; one in Philosophy at Madura and one in Tamil at Peradeniya. These he proceeded to do but there was another idea gnawing at his mind. This was a desire to know something of Theology. In the Middle Ages and for a long time after, Theology was called the 'Queen of Sciences'. So he said to himself "Why not a degree in Theology also?" and he began to sit for the B. D. Exam, part by part. At the end of it there was dangling behind him, a long list of academic degrees: a B. A. degree, two M. A. degrees and a B. D. Degree. As if all these qualifications were not enough he worked for and obtained a Ph D degree at Jaffna.

The writer who solemnised the marriage of Dr. Jebanesan's parents in 1937, did not however know much about him, until by chance he came into occupation of a house opposite the one where the writer was residing. When the writer who had his own writing work to do in plenty had the necessity to fall back upon someone to



verify certain matters, he found Dr. Jebanesan well — informed on all the matters on which, he consulted him. From that time he began to call him, 'the learned one'. The title spread among our intimate friends. This title had to be given up, when Dr. Jebanesan became the Principal of Jaffna College where the subrogate could be applied to many persons each learned in his own field. So now we are content to apply the term 'Principal'.

When the Principalship of Jaffna College fell vacant a Sub-Committee was appointed to make nominations. We understand that the Sub-Committee was searching high and low for a suitable person and even wrote to the American Board of Trustees. We were wondering why they were taking so much trouble when there was one available so handy so close by, because Dr. Jebanesan who was already the Vice-Principal had all the necessary qualifications, and qualities.

In a Principal the public expects certain indispensable qualities. In the first place it is expected that he would be a person of great academic ability. In Rev. John Bicknell this was supposed to be pre-eminent. To a certain extent the Principal's task of administration has become far more difficult than in the days of Mr. Bicknell. From another point of view it has become much easier. It has become difficult because the number of students is now immensely larger. It is also because free Education has brought the government into the picture and greatly increased the volume of work. It has

become easier because what was done by one person is now distributed among an army of assistants—Clerks, Accountants etc.

There are also certain other qualities which are generally associated with a Principal. In the first place, personality, second, the gift of speech, third the ability to get on with people. Dr. Jebanesan's personality is not formidable but inviting. As for the gift of speech, he is not an orator but an easy and fluent in two languages but he can be impassioned in either language. As for the ability to get on with people, this is a gift which he wields with superb confidence and skill.

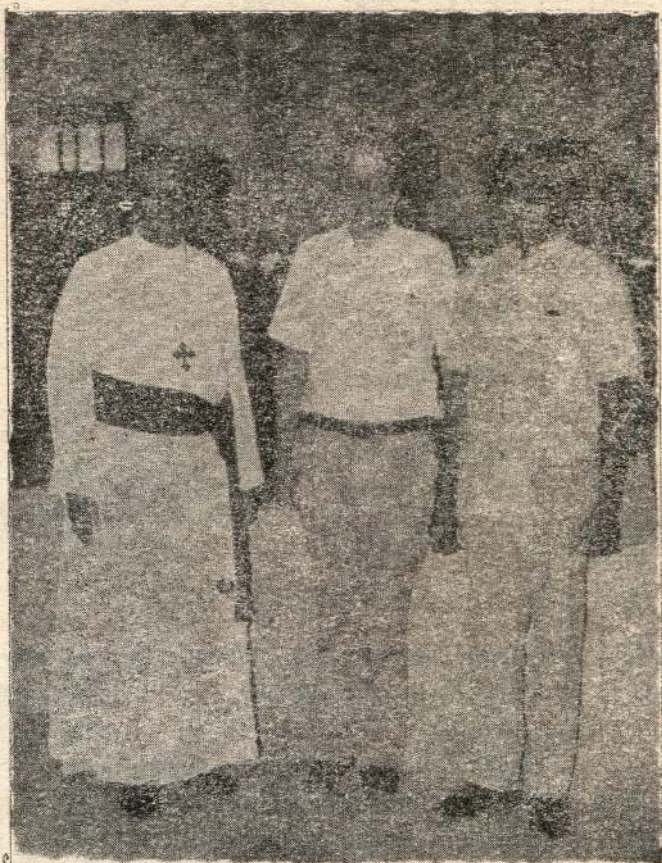
To crown his whole figure as a perfect embodiment of everything necessary for the head of a Christian Missionary Institution he decided to enter Holy Orders and was recently Ordained Deacon and very soon will be a full Presbyter. This is a tradition which is kept up in many public schools in England. The famous Dr. Thomas Arnold was associated with Rugby. Dr. William Temple was associated with Ripon. Archbishop Fisher was also associated with Ripon. Here, in our country St. Thomas College, Colombo is associated with Warden Stone and Canon de Saram. One can enumerate other names equally famous but it is sufficient to say that the head of a Missionary Institution should be a clergyman.

We wish Dr. Jebanesan all success and God's Blessing in the enterprise he has undertaken.

S. K.



Rev. Paul C. Clayton at Jaffna College  
6th March 1989



(L. — R.) Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar, Rev. Paul  
C. Clayton and Dr. S. Jebanesan.





Dr. S. Jebanesan and (Mr. A Kadirgamar) October — 1988



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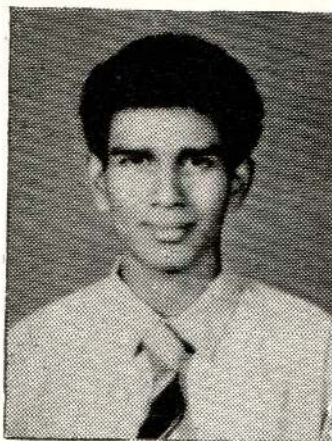
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# Truly One of the Greats

by

**Professor E. A. Champion**

The historian, Lipson, once confessed that the most difficult task for a historian is to write the history of his own times. The objectivity and distance that is required will not be there. I have known Principal Rajan Kadirgamar for over 40 years. Like Lipson, I have stood rather close to him as a friend and a colleague and as an alumnus of Jaffna College. However, my absence from Sri Lanka for the last 23 years gives me a certain distance from which to view the contributions, accomplishments, may be even the disappointments, of Rajan Kadirgamar as principal over a period of 20 years.

That Rajan would one day become Principal of Jaffna College or even the Principal of any one of the leading institutions in the island was almost a given. One could almost predict that a life given to the school, the church, and the community, without a serious blemish, had to be taken advantage of or else we would have been guilty of wanton waste.

In the late 1940's, when Rajan came to Jaffna College as a student, it was the beginning of the end of an era signaling the birth of a new nation. Therefore, as students in the university entrance classes, we were caught up in the freedom movements in India and in Ceylon. For us, Mahatma Gandhi,

and Nehru were much larger than life personalities that we almost regretted the absence of such men at that particular time in Ceylon. I remember the discussions we would have when we took long walks to see the sun set in all its splendor over the horizon on the Punalai Road but in its very setting, it always inspired us with the possibilities of an even brighter day for our people. We were simply caught in the idealism of youth in Jaffna in the late 40's. I am happy to note that at least two of those who walked and talked down the Punalai Road ended holding two of the highest positions in Jaffna. Rt. Reverend D. J. Ambalavanar, Bishop in Jaffna and Rajan Kadirgamar, Principal of Jaffna College.

Rajan assumed office without the benefit of a period of apprenticeship as Vice Principal. The sudden death of Mr. S. V. Balasingam meant two things. First of all it deprived us of any particular stamp that S. V. Balasingam might have left on Jaffna College and the contribution he might have made to education in Sri Lanka. Those of us who were his students and knew him quite well are left with unanswered questions. An even greater question that posed itself was whether the still young Vice Principal, relatively untested, was ready to take on the heavy res-



possibilities. That question was ultimately answered when Principal Rajan Kadirgamar brought the school through the firestorm in 1987 and has bequeathed to his successor what was entrusted to him 20 years ago without a major upheaval or physical breakdown. No other Principal of Jaffna College was ever called upon to deal with the political and social demands as they have been in the past few years. For this accomplishment, we, the alumni must always remain grateful.

As Principal of Jaffna College, Rajan had an advantage which benefited the school. He never allowed himself to become parochial or provincial by confining himself to the boundaries of the school and the school only. He made it his task, first of all, to keep himself intellectually abreast with the latest thinking not only on educational matters but also on the social and religious issues. He was quite well known both in the country and outside and used his degree from Columbia University to great advantage. Over the years, he and I have corresponded quite frequently and I could see that he was in step with all the issues that were of concern to people like him who had the burden of educating a new generation. In 1968 when he became Principal, there were definite guideposts and symbols that nobody questioned. The authority of the Principal and the faculty was beyond dispute, but he has lived thru a time when two young boys raised the barrel of a revolver into the face of a Principal in Jaffna and ended his life. That day so many walls came tumbling down. It is very easy always to break down a wall and it was left

to principals such as Rajan and others to try and build those walls again. It is to their credit that we still have the semblance of a wall in that our schools still do function. How they function and how long they will function as we knew them is a question that appears unanswerable right now. Sitting at a desk thousands of miles away dictating this tribute to my friend, I feel very strongly that our schools will still be our salvation only because we have had strong and deeply dedicated men such as Rajan Kadirgamar and others like him.

To be the Principal of a school such as Jaffna College demanded qualities of a versatile nature. It was not enough to know the rules and regulations of the Department of Education. The Principal had to be knowledgeable and interested in the various activities from the classroom to the chapel to the playing field. It also demanded that the image of Jaffna College be seen through the Principal and his vision for the school. As Principal of the school he projected an image of Jaffna College which bore the motto, "Jesus Christ, the Light of Life." In this he was not overly pious, nor overbearing with his piety. He was quite comfortable with sinners and with saints and he could understand one and walk with the other.

Twenty years is a long time in any man's life. Very few principals have been blessed with longevity in office, but what is important is not the span of years but what those years have meant to the history of the institution. The history of Jaffna College will one day record what Rajan Kadirgamar



has left as his legacy. Perhaps as I said earlier, we stand too close to make a judgment on his accomplishments, but we cannot be denied the privilege of having known him and to salute him as friends and Colleagues.

We salute a very humble man who genuinely delighted in the accomplishments and successes of his friends and students. His is a man who knew them all by name, just as librarian, K. Seliah, knew each and every book by its title and many by their content. In a world of computers and statistics, the personal touch of a Principal may soon become a tale told by old men and women who may remember of such things. That such a day may soon be upon us is no more an idle dream.

The sciences have shown us a way to a more comfortable life, have unlocked what for many years has been the mysterious, but in the process have also systematically dehumanized life as we knew it. We are today paying in human terms the price for this dehumanization process. We can now kill without remorse, slaughter without shame, because we are not answerable to anybody, least of all the God of our fathers, be it Christian or Hindu.

Rajan Kadirgamar's first degree is in biology but he is in many ways a romantic. A man who understood very clearly that man does not live by the laws of Newton alone, that the scholar saints of Tamil literature, Shakespeare, and Michael Angelo add a dimension to human life that the sciences cannot give. This basic understanding he tried very hard to impart to his students. Our students will always remain indebted to him for this. I for

one will always remember him for this great contribution to generations of Jaffna College students.

If there is a disappointment in Rajan's tenure as Principal, it is a disappointment of circumstances rather than that of purpose. From 1983 thru 1988, the political and social revolution in Jaffna did not bypass our schools. As a matter of fact, our children became the tools of this revolution. One can only speculate at what our schools would have achieved and to what heights Rajan would have taken Jaffna College given the normalacy his predecessors enjoyed.

This much can be said. History did not deal the same hand to Rajan as it did to his predecessors. In the same breath it must also be said that Dr. Jebanesan now has to live with the hand dealt to him.

Even as I pay this tribute to Rajan, I also wish God's blessings on a former student of mine, Dr. Jebanesan, who I believe has the right temperament, scholarly credentials, and a great sense of humour to lead Jaffna College into the 21st century.

Forty years have disappeared "like an evening gone." In the very act of writing this tribute, I make my own pilgrimage to hallowed moments, people, and places and feel young again. There in lies the great mystery of the act of remembrance.

It is not for me to say it, but I firmly believe history will one day say of Principal Rajan Kadirgamar, "he was truly one of the Greats."



# The Principal — Mr. A. Kadirgamar

## Reminiscences of the Family

Dr. S. Dura Raja Singham

Manipay, 5 miles from Jaffna is a village, expanding into a flourishing town. Its important landmarks are the Green Memorial Hospital, the Maruthadi Pillaiyar Temple and the Manipay Hindu College. Herein one finds the ancestral home of Sir Mutu Coomaraswamy. Almost 300 yards from the market there is a prolific group of Sir Mutu's kinsmen in North Manipay. The above prefatory note is being mentioned because the home of the Kadirgamars was at Manipay—the brick building where Mr. Katpaka Kadirgamar and family lived. While a student at Manipay Hindu College Stonor Kadirgamar, the eighth child of a family of eight children and I were classmates. The home of the Kadirgamars housed partly in later years the Manipay Post Office during my time. It was just a walk for me to accompany Stonor whenever I wanted to purchase stamps or post a letter. I have already mentioned how Stonor and I carried one slipper each of the slippers of 'B. A' Master after Sarojini Naidu's lecture. Many years later, Stonor was living at the Singapore Y.M.C.A. Whenever I visited Singapore I would call on him and recall old memories and spend a nostalgic evening talking about T. H. Crossettes, the Principal and others. I recall my association with him with great respect.

Whilst at manipay Hindu, Stonor had mentioned to me about a brother of his studying at United Theological College in Bangalore, India and who

was to be married to a daughter of the Tamil scholar Rev. Francis Kingsbury. He was for a considerable time at the Poet Tagore's school Santiniketan. The Kadirgamar brothers are well known in the professional world of Sri Lanka. I. G. C. Kadirgamar was a lawyer.

One day during the College recess, at Jaffna College, I saw a gentleman entering the school compound, perhaps on his way to the office. That was the future Rev. J. W. Kadirgamar. The bell rang and I lost sight of him. Later, I was asked to meet him by one of my classmates W. K. Bonney, as I then had an idea of joining Santiniketan. I cannot recall when I met him. A year or two later, he bought over the **Ceylon Patriot** Jaffna and I have cuttings of one or two articles I wrote on C. P. Andrews for this weekly. Years later, we met in Malaysia at Seremban where we lived. He was in Charge of the church here. This was during the Japanese Occupation of Malaysia. We met very frequently at our homes or at functions. As our outlook was similar our friendship strengthened. When the British returned to Malaya, he was in charge of the Tamil Church at Malacca Street, in Kuala Lumpur and I was back teaching at Kuantan. His house was situated very near to the bus station at Malacca street, Kuala Lumpur. I often went to see him and partook of a meal or a cup of tea.

Recently, in my own researches on the biographical details of Coomaraswamy,

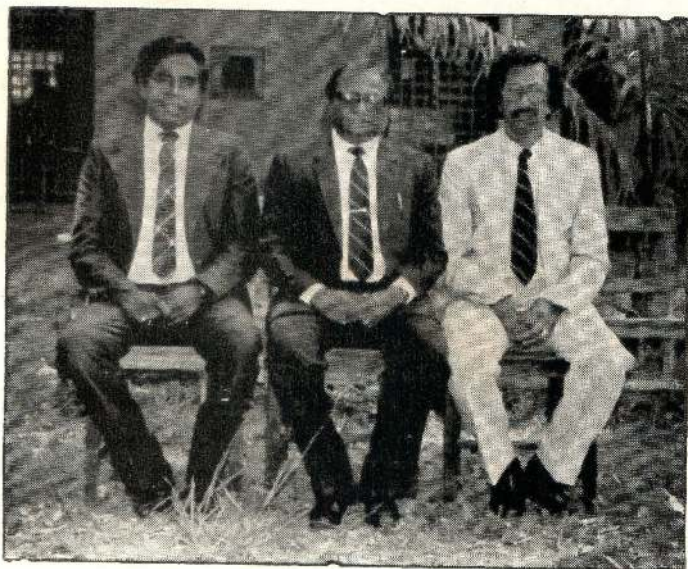


The newly Consecrated Bishop of  
Colombo at Jaffna College



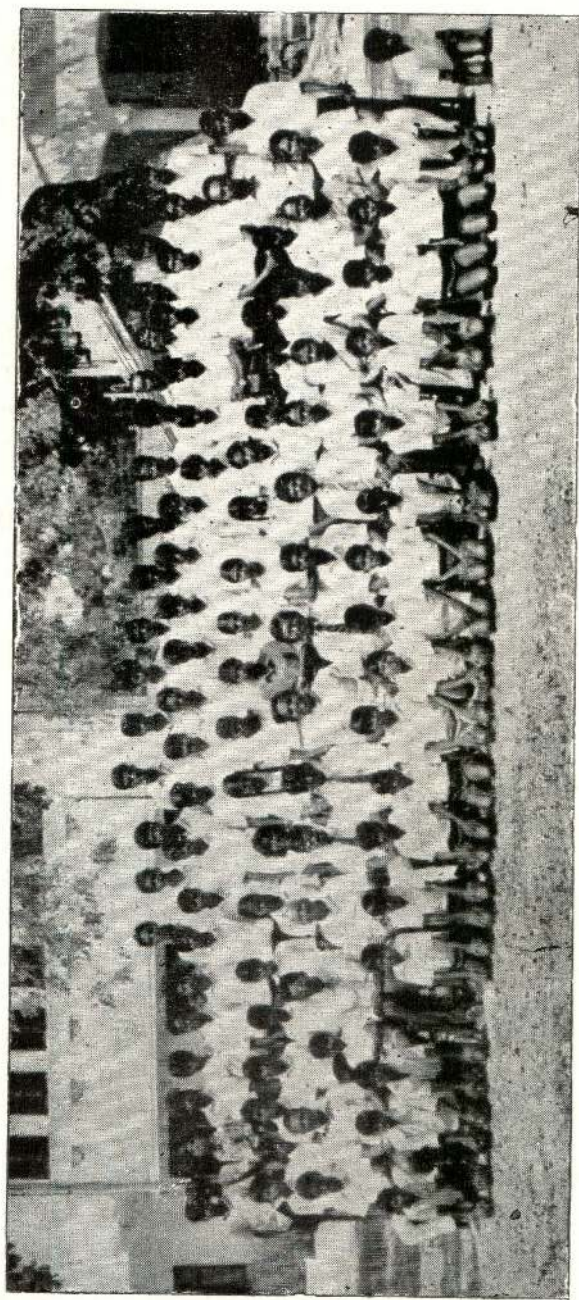
(L. — R.) Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar  
Rt. Rev. S. Kulandran and  
Rt. Rev. J. J. Gnanapragasam

Mr. Kadirgamar with the Co-Vice Principals



(L.—R.) Dr. S. Jebanesan, Mr. A. Kadirgamar &  
Mr. W. D. Kulathungam





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I found it mentioned in a Jaffna journal that it was Mr Katpaka Kadirgamar who proposed the resolution of awarding the title of "Vidya Vinodhan" by the citizens of Jaffna. This interesting detail has brought to me great pleasure. It was always a pleasure to meet his wife with her welcome smile.

home and country. For a principal to be in the company of his Alumni gives great pleasure. This is usual but to be in another country and to read of disturbed conditions in one's homeland is another. If my sensing of his thoughts are correct, I should say that Rajan was always all smiles during his stay.

Another interesting family tit bit I came to know of was that Mrs. Prinrose Mahamalar was a niece of E. W. Aryanayakam, who served India at the institutions of Tagore and Gandhiji. The reader should forgive me if this is only of sentimental interest. And again, this piece of writing would not have originated, if not for the request of Rajan, to write an article for the *Miscellany Centennial Issue* titled "Those were the days", it has now been enlarged into a volume of my memories, which I had never thought of writing. Dear reader, if you ever happen to read these memories, please thank Rajan and offer him your thanks as well.

When Rajan (as we affectionately called him) wrote to me that he was visiting Malaysia and Singapore with his wife Mahamalar my joy knew no bounds. Malaysia is not a new place for Rajan. It was here that he had his early education, living with his parents. I shall not write about my reminiscences of a country where he has several relatives, friends, teachers, classmates and his own students of Jaffna College. He did enjoy his visit I should say though he had very often anxious thoughts of his students,

Revisiting Malaysia and Singapore after an absence of more than three decades must have been for Rajan, a voyage of discovery and to use his own words the visits "gratified the sentimental and emotional aspects of his life — his old church, his old school, friends and teachers and his own students". It was a time when there was great tribulation news about awful events in his homeland. I could see the great uneasiness, something that all of us would naturally experience in his movement, his conversations and even in his laughter.

Both our countries had a constant flow of pupils from one another for over a hundred years. The College had an overflow of boys and girls who served Malaysia and Singapore in the educational, medical, clerical and missionary fields. All may have gone to the College for higher studies and served their country in all walks of life. But that was under *pax Britannica*. Many Principals have visited Malaya and past pupils have entertained their friends and teachers.

But as I sat in that little restaurant where we were entertaining Rajan, most of those assembled were in their 80's,



70's, 60's and so on till the figure of 40 for the flow of pupils from Jaffna College had ceased as a result of political and economic changes. Those assembled were pupils who had their education during different decades. When my conversation centered on J. V. C. or Minnie Harrison those in the audience wondered who they were. Of course, I did not mention that Lily Chelliah was the first girl to join college. J. A. Thuraisingam, my desk mate at the College could not attend owing to ill health. How happy would I have been to hear him sing "My Bonnie is Over the Ocean", the song that he sang at one Brotherhood Song Galore, sixty years ago repeated by encore from the audience. The other man at the opposite table was speaking of Dr Holmes. We could not compare notes of our doings. Mr. Nagarajah referred to his jumping over a wall. I could hardly fathom which wall he was referring to. The abiding unifier was the Principal.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Rathichandran acted as host and hostess in which capacity they behaved with much satisfaction. Amongst those in the small but distinguished gathering were Mr. M. Rajasingam, the Director of the Postal Services. There were many eminent lawyers, doctors, engineers, teachers and scholars. Wives of most of these and past pupils were jovial and entertaining. This dinner was held at a restaurant in the Petaling Jaya Supermarket. Today, the Alumni group in Malaysia is not as

large as the one in Singapore, though statistics might falsify this statement. The Principal thanked those present after he had narrated the activities of the College. It could be seen by those of us in the audience that he and his staff were endeavouring to make the College come to the forefront of similar institutions in the island. The pleasant function came to an end with reminiscences by me, the oldest alumni in the gathering, Mr. Rajasingam and Mr. Nagarajan.

Past pupils of Jaffna College are today studying or earning a living in various parts of the world. Most of them have settled down in foreign cities and nearby Singapore, Malaysia and India. Though a minority, they acquired citizenship and prove useful citizens. Jaffna College deserved the tribute that Gandhiji paid when he said that "The boys of this institution are today distinguished servants of the country".

Quite a number of these past pupils are not only from Jaffna College but from the other leading colleges in the peninsula. In these day of stress and conflict one finds a large number of students continuing their studies in India.

The years of close relationship between our families was during the period of the Japanese occupation in Malaya. Never have so many of us thought so often of our home and country than during these dreadful forty four months of Japanese tyranny. We were caught in a most unexpected manner.



Some of us after the fall of Singapore did not know what to do. We lost our nerves. Some were without homes, food and money. Some of us were suffering from mental inertia. But the esprit - de - corp of Malayan comradeship pulled us all through during those hectic days after the British withdrawal. We were proud to have a common cause and we salute the memory of those of our comrades who fell in the struggle. Some of our dear and beloved ones are no longer with us. Men, Women and children have died as a result of bombing, imprisonment, assassination and the ravages of war. Many have been left with no bread-winner in their homes and have had to face new problems unthought of before. The sheer desire to live in the most trying circumstances pulled us through that awful nightmare of Jap rule.

Principal A. Kadirgamar has stated at a Prize Giving function of the College in 1986 as to how he spent his days at Seremban during this period. I quote below a part of his speech.

I pause here to elaborate a little on this point from personal experience. Some of us became victims of World War II at a very impressionable age and our formal education became paralysed under enemy occupation in a foreign land. Regular disciplined schooling became a problem. Our contact with the outside world too became almost impos-

sible for four and a half years. But thank God, we had an enlightened older generation of parents, teachers and friends who were meeting to read and to discuss matters in depth day, after day, evening after evening. We younger ones just eaves-dropped on them. They were discussing men and matters and events of contemporary relevance Hitler, Mussolini, Tojo on one side and Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin on the other including B-24 bombers, V-2 rockets and the atomic bomb; they were discussing the men in the Indian Independence struggle, Gandhi, Nehru, Patel, Andrews, Tagore, Rajagopalachari, Sarojini Naidu, Patel, Subhas Chandra Bose; and on religion they were talking of Sadhu Sundar Singh Vivekananda, Kagawa Schweitzer, Stanley Jones, Harry Emerson, Fosdick, Leslie Weatherhead and so on. One of the men very active in these discussions a young teacher later became a scholar and author and was recently conferred a doctorate by the Jaffna University, namely S. Durai Raja Singam of Malaysia. Those of us who listened to those men just talk and discuss among themselves were being educated in a way no classroom teaching would have succeeded. We went for the books they were discussing and we got involved in something very worthwhile when we could not do anything better. When the time came for us to settle down to more systematic work, we were fairly well and better equipped than many others to continue the process of education here at Jaffna College.



## Rev. Francis Kingsbury

The Association Press of Calcutta had published a volume in their "Heritage of India Series" in 1921. "Hymns of The Tamil Saivite Saints" authored by Francis Kingsbury and G. E. Phillips. These translations were perhaps one of the first publications in this field. Both the authors were at the United Theological College, Bangalore. Kingsbury, a son of the great Tamil scholar, C. W. Thamotherampillai, was later Lecturer in Tamil at the Ceylon University College, Colombo in its early stages.

I enjoyed Francis Kingsbury and G. E. Phillip's translation in **The Heritage of India Series** and cannot help but wonder if there are still copies of this quoted book in the College library. I now own a copy and it is a bedside book.

"The Hymns of the Tamil Saivite Saints" was a book which I found I could easily absorb. Rev. F. Kingsbury had just then returned to Jaffna, after having served in Mesopotamia during World War I. I saw him many a time at the College in military chaplain robes. His son Johnson Kingsbury was a classmate of ours. On leaving College he (Willie as we called him) worked at the Y. M. C. A. Colombo as a Physical Education Instructor. Full of fun and always with a jovial temperament, he was always a pleasant man to meet at the Y. M. C. A.

Six decades later, living in another country. I found this book, a treasure of my college days a constant reference book read though these translations.

— S. D. R. Singham



# இளைப்பாறுகின்ற அதிபர் திரு. ராஜன் கதிர்காமர் அவர்களுக்கு

பாடசாலையின் பழைய மாணவர்களாயுள்ள

இன்றைய பல்கலைக்கழக மாணவர்கள் அளித்த

பிரிவுபசார வைபவத்தில் ஆற்றிய உரை

ஆர். லம்போதரன்

(மருத்துவபீடம், யாழ்ப்ப. பல்கலைக்கழகம்)

கல்லூரியின் முன்னாள் அதிபர் அவர்களே, அவர்தம் பாரியார் அவர்களே, ஆசிரியர்களே, சக பல்கலைக்கழக மாணவர்களே, நண்பர்களே.

துக்கவுணர்ச்சி கலந்த மகிழ்வுடனேயே நான் இந்த உரையை நிகழ்த்த முன்வந்திருக்கிறேன். இத்தனை ஆண்டுக் காலமாக எம்மை வழிநடாத்திய எமது அதிபர் இக் கல்லூரியை விட்டுப் பிரிகின்றார்; அது துயரம். இவ்வுரையை நிகழ்த்துமாறு அழைத்து எனது பல்கலைக்கழக சக மாணவர்கள் உயர்ந்த கௌரவத்தை வழங்கியுள்ளதை நான் உணருகின்றேன்; அது மகிழ்ச்சி.

சுமார் பன்னிரண்டு வருடங்களுக்கு முன்னதாகத்தான் இந்தக் கல்லூரியின் வளாகத்திற்குக் காலடியெடுத்துவைத்தேன். அப்பொழுது நான் அனுபவமில்லாத ஒரு மாணவனாக யாழ்ப்பாணக்கல்லூரியின் கீழ்ப் பிரிவு மாணவனாக வந்து சேர்ந்தேன். இக் கல்லூரி என்னை நன்கு வரவேற்றது. நான் படிக்கும் போதெல்லாம், தட்டுத்தடுமாரிய போதெல்லாம் நான் அன்போடு வழிநடத்தப்பட்டேன். என்னுடைய குறைபாடுகள் திருத்தப்பட்டன. நற்பண்புகள் போற்றப்பட்டன. யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரியிலே நான் கழித்த சொற்ப வருடங்கள் என்னுடைய வாழ்வில் மிக இனிமையான பகுதியாக அமைந்து விட்டன. இன்று வரை இக்கல்லூரியின் சுவாசக்காற்று எனக்குப் புத்துயிருட்டுகிறது. இவ்வாறு எனது மூச்சுக் காற்றோடு இணைந்துவிட்ட இக்கல்லூரியிலே கடந்த 35 ஆண்டுகளாகச் சேவைபுரிந்து இளைப்பாறுகின்ற அதிபர் திரு. ராஜன் கதிர்காமர் அவர்களுக்குப் பழைய மாணவர்

களாகிய அனைத்துப் பல்கலைக்கழகங்களைச் சேர்ந்த மாணவர்கள் ஒன்று சேர்ந்து ஒருங்கமைந்த பிரிவுபசார வைபவத்தில் நான் உரையாற்ற அழைக்கப்பட்டதையிட்டு நன்றியுடையவனாக இருக்கின்றேன்.

ஈழநாட்டின்கல்வி வரலாற்றிலே 19ஆம் நூற்றாண்டின் முற்பகுதி ஒரு முக்கியமான காலகட்டமாகும். ஐரோப்பாவிலும் அமெரிக்காவிலும் முகிழ்த்து மலர்ந்த பக்தி இயக்கத்தின் விளைவாக அந்நாடுகளிலே தோன்றிய மிகச்சிறந்த கல்விமான்கள், சிந்தனையாளர்கள் புறநாடுகளிலே பணிபுரிய வெளியேறினர். அந்நாடுகளிலொன்று நமது நாடு. 1815ஆம் ஆண்டு நவம்பர் மாதம் அமெரிக்காவிலுள்ள மசெசூசெட்ஸ் மாகாணத்திலிருந்து புறப்பட்ட 5 மிஷனரித் தொண்டர்கள் 1816ஆம் ஆண்டு மார்ச் மாதம் தெல்லிப்பழையை வந்தடைந்தனர். 1821ஆம் ஆண்டிலே இந்த மிஷனரித் தொண்டர்களுக்கு வட்டுக்கோட்டையில் ஒரு பல்கலைக்கழகக் கல்லூரியை ஆரம்பிக்க வேண்டுமென்ற ஆர்வமேற்பட்டது. அரசாங்கத்திலே இதற்குரிய சாசனம் வழங்கப்படாமையினால் 1823இல் செமினரி ஒன்றினையே ஆரம்பித்தார்கள். இந்தச் செமினரியின் முதலாவது அதிபராக விளங்கியவர் கலாநிதி டானியல் புவர் அவர்கள்.

இங்கு போதனை தமிழிலும் ஆங்கிலத்திலும் நடைபெற்றது. சமஸ்கிருதம், கிரேக்கம், எபிரேயம், தத்துவம், அளவையியல், கணிதம், வானசாஸ்திரம், விஞ்ஞானம் முதலியன தக்க ஆசிரியர்களைக் கொண்டு போதிக்கப்பட்டன. அவர்களுடைய சேவையினால் இக்கல்லூரி வெகு



விரைவிலே ஆல் போற் பெருத்து அறுகு போற் படரலாயிற்று. அவர்களுடைய தன்னலமற்ற சேவையினால் நமது நாட்டார் மேலை நாட்டாரின் சாஸ்திரங்கள், ஆய்வு முறைகள், சிந்தனைமுறைகள் என்பனவற்றைக் கற்றுக்கொண்டனர். இக்கல்லூரியின் பெருமையைக் கேட்டு தென்னிந்தியாவிலிருந்தும் இலங்கையின் தென்பகுதியிலிருந்தும் பெருந் தொகையான மக்கள் விரும்பி வந்து கற்கலாயினர். திரு. J. R. ஆர்னல்ட், திரு. வில்லியம் நெவினஸ், திரு. C. W. தாமோதரம்பிள்ளை, திரு. கரோல் விசுவநாதன், திரு. எட்வேட்ஸ் கனகசபைப் பிள்ளை, திரு. வைமன் கதிரவேற்பிள்ளை என்போர் குறிப்பிடத்தக்கவராவர்.

இப் பெருமை வாய்ந்த தாபனத்திற்கு வழிகாட்டியாக 12ஆவது அதிபராக அமைந்து பணியாற்றியவர் திரு. ராஜன் கதிர்காமர் அவர்கள். அதிபர் திரு. ராஜன் கதிர்காமர் அவர்கள் தொடர்ச்சியாக 35 ஆண்டுகள் இக் கல்லூரியில் பணியாற்றியுள்ளார். 15 வருடங்கள் ஆசிரியராகவும் 20 வருடங்கள் அதிபராகவும் அவர் புரிந்த பணி அவருக்கு அறுபது வயது பூர்த்தியான போது சம்பூரணமாக அமைந்தது. வாலிப் பராயத்தில் நிற்கும்போது சாதனை வேட்கைமிக்க, துணிவு தரவல்ல, செல்வம் தரவல்ல பதவிகளே ஒருவரின் சிந்தனையைக் கவருகின்றன. ஆசிரியர் பணி வருவாயில் நாட்டமுள்ளவனுக்கு, சாதனை வேட்கை மிக்கோருக்கு கவர்ச்சிகரமானதாக இருக்க மாட்டாது. ஆசிரியன் பெறும் கீர்த்தியெல்லாம் அவன் மாணவர்கள் பெறும் கீர்த்தியேயாகும். இப்படிப்பட்ட ஆசிரியப் பணியை 1953இல் ஆரம்பித்து தொடர்ந்து இந்த ஒரே கல்வித்தாபனத்தில் கடந்த 35 ஆண்டுகள் பணியாற்றியுள்ளார். இந்தப் பெருமகன் எமது நன்றிக்குரியவர்.

நீண்டகாலப்பணி சிலசமயம் வரண்டதாக அமைந்து விடலாம். ஆனால் எமது அதிபரின் பணி சம்பூரணமாக அமைந்தது. ஏறக்குறைய 165 வருட சரித்திரத்தைக் கொண்ட இக் கல்லூரி வரலாற்றில் அவருடைய 35 வருடப்பணி என்பது ஒரு சிறிய

காலம் எனக் கூறமுடியாது. இந்த வரலாற்றில் அது ஐந்தில் ஒரு பங்காக அமைகிறது. இக் காலப்பகுதியில் தேசிய அரங்கிலும், சர்வதேச அரங்கிலும் பிரகாசித்த, பிரகாசிக்கின்ற பலர் இக்கல்லூரியில் உருவாக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

நீங்களும் நானும் திரு. ராஜன் கதிர்காமரின் வழிநடத்தலின் கீழ் இக் கல்லூரித் தாயின் பாதவடியில் கற்கும் பேற்றினைப் பெற்றிருக்கிறோம். எமது அதிபரிடம் தவறுகளிருந்திருக்கலாம்; விசித்திரமான போக்குகள் இருந்திருக்கலாம். ஆனால் அவரிடமிருந்த ஆளுமையினாலும் கல்லூரி மீதும் அதன் மாணவர்கள் மேலும் அவர் வைத்த விகவாசத்தினாலும் மாணவர்களின் பெரும் மதிப்பைப் பெற்றிருக்கிறார். இக் கல்லூரியின் பெயரை உச்சரிக்கும் போர் தெல்லாம் இந்த மாணவர்களின் வாய்கள் இந்த மகோன்னத மனிதரைப் பற்றியும் குறிப்பிட்டே தீரும். இவர் நிர்வாகத்தினால், படிப்பித்தலினால் மாத்திரமன்றி தமது வாழ்க்கையாலுமே மாணவர் உள்ளங்களைச் செம்மைப்படுத்தினார். “எமக்குக் கல்வி கற்பித்த ஆசிரியர்கள் எவ்வளவுக்கு மறை முகமாக எம்மை உருவாக்கியிருக்கின்றார்கள் என்று உணருவார்களேயானால் மெய்சிலிர்த்து நிற்பார்கள்” என்ற விஞ்ஞானி ஐன்ஸ்டீனின் கூற்று ஈண்டு நினைவு கூரத்தக்கது.

அதிபர் திரு. ராஜன் கதிர்காமர் அவர்களது காலகட்டத்தில் எமது கல்லூரி பல நெருக்கடிகளைக் கண்டது. பல அனர்த்தங்களுக்கு ஆளாகியது. எமது நாட்டிலேற்பட்ட கல்வி, சமூக, பொருளாதார, அரசியல் மாற்றங்கள், நெருக்கடிகளிலே எமது கல்லூரி தப்பிப் பிழைப்பதற்கு அரும்பாடுபட வேண்டியிருந்தது. இப்படியான கஷ்டமான, துன்பமான அனுபவங்களைத் திரும்பிப் பார்க்கும்போது அவற்றினூடு எம்மை வழிநடாத்தி நெருக்கடி நிலைகளிலே எழுந்த விசேட தேவைகளை எதிர் கொண்டு எமது அதிபர் எவ்வாறு இக்கல்லூரியைக் கொண்டு வந்திருக்கிறார் என்பது எமக்கு விளங்குகின்றது. அவர் ஒவ்வொரு கால



கட்டத்திலும் காலத்தின் தேவைக்கேற்ற வாறு திருப்தியாகவும், பொருத்தமாகவும் தமது பணியைச் செய்து எமது கல்லூரியை அதன் பாரம்பரியத்தை தப்பவைத்துள்ளார். இவ்வாறு புத்துணர்ச்சியுடனும் பலத்துடனும் எமது கல்லூரியை அது எதிர்நோக்கிய நெருக்கடிகளிலே வழி நடாத்தி இன்று புதிய அதிபரிடம் அதை ஒப்படைத்துள்ளார்.

பழைய அதிபர் திரு. ராஜன் கதிர்காமரின் பணியை புதிய அதிபர் கலாநிதி S. ஜெபநேசன் தொடருவார் என்று சொல்லுவோமாயின் அது பொருத்தமற்ற கூற்றாகும். கழிந்த தசாப்தங்களின் தேவை

கள் நம் எதிரே நிற்கும் தசாப்தங்களின் தேவைகளை விட வித்தியாசமானவை. கடந்த ஆண்டின் நோக்குகள் இந்த ஆண்டின் நோக்கங்களை விட வேறுபட்டவை. எமது கல்லூரியிலே கடந்து போனவைகளைச் சிந்தித்துப் பார்க்கவும், முன்னாலே இருப்பவைகளை எண்ணிப் பார்த்து நன்னம்பிக்கையுடன் திட்டமிடவும் மேலும் புதிய துறைகளையும், வழிகளையும் உருவாக்கவும் புதிய அதிபரை வேண்டுகின்றோம்.

பழைய அதிபருடைய நீண்டகாலப் பணிக்காக இறைவனைத் துதிப்போம். புதிய அதிபரின் பணி தொடர இறைவனை வேண்டுவோம்.



## THE ROLE OF JAFFNA COLLEGE

*Jaffna College has been called upon to play significant roles in education from time to time and the debates and discussions on its present role has not ceased. It has been an ongoing debate ever since the College's predecessor the Batticotta Seminary was founded in 1823. The College was a Seminary and for most part a secondary school, then a college affiliated to the Calcutta and Madras Universities and for sometime with an adjunct an undergraduate department preparing students for the external examinations of the London and Ceylon Universities. The College now has well established Technical, Agricultural and Christian Study Institutes and splendid libraries with expanding resources for learning. The English medium classes in the form of the London Ordinary Level and Advanced Level classes have been re-introduced. There are sporadic requests now for private English medium classes at all levels and for private medical and engineering colleges, and we have in principle accepted the task of establishing educational enterprises for the lesser privileged in the Kilinochchi area. We possess the patience and willingness to listen to these debates, discussions and requests; the wisdom and energy to pioneer the more feasible proposals by finding the personnel and the funds and will certainly keep our minds open to the ongoing debate as to what our role should be from time to time. "Jaffna College always was conscious of the special needs of the community", said Professor Indrapala at his Prize-Day speech a few years ago. We are happy that we are kept on our toes to constantly evaluate ourselves and to respond to changes and needs and we accept with gratitude the generous compliments paid to us that we have the potential in men and matters to do so.*

Rajan Kadirgamar  
Prize Day Report 1982



# Mr. A. Kadirgamar

by : Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Kulandran

As the public knows Mr. A. Kadirgamar who was Principal of Jaffna College for clear twenty years, retired from this position in October, 1988.

He joined the College as a student and later went to the Madras Christian College, Tambaram. He completed his studies in the Union Seminary, New York. He became vice-principal in 1966. In 1968 Mr. S. V. Balasingham died suddenly to the consternation of everybody. The Directors were wondering to whom they should turn.

There was of course the vice-principal, but they wondered whether he would measure up to the standard required. Mr. S. V. Balasingham had been an outstanding scholar, highly respected by everybody. Mr. Kadirgamar on the other hand was a light in a bushel hiding his qualities and practically unknown generally. He was a teacher of Botany and a good teacher. But a teacher of Botany doesn't make as much mark as a teacher of History. They decided to take a chance and appointed Mr. Kadirgamar. He continued in this capacity for nearly two decades.

Those who have watched him as Principal would have noticed a particular quality about his work. He was almost continuously in his office. One wondered what kept him there. What kept him there was his desire to conform to

European standards of efficiency. No question be kept unattended to. When the meeting of the Board of Directors took place one saw the fruits of his labour.

The questions that demanded the Principal's attention cover a wide range. A number of them rather small but mostly all of them demanding a mastery of large variety of facts and figures. But Kadirgamar came to any question it was obvious that he had a perfect acquaintance with all details big and small which enabled the Board to come to its decision with all the data in front of it. In this way he saved the Board a lot of time and trouble. On general questions he stated both sides of the case and left the Board to make its own decision, never forcing his own views upon it.

This was an attitude greatly appreciated by the Board. One particular trait which greatly amused us was his constant reference to his ancestor R. O. D. Ashbury. In fact it has become quite a joke. But he considered it, his strength. It was not a *novus ordo seclorum* but a person with a family tradition of about a hundred years behind him. To some extent therefore, he could say that he embodied some of the history of Jaffna College. To others it was something of a joke, and to him, and when looked at from a historical point of view quite a strength.





Rajan Kadirgamar Faces the world,  
Backed by Parents and Siblings





Mr. and Mrs. Kadirgamar bid Farewell to Assembled  
Students and Staff of Jaffna College.



Guard of Honour of Hockey Players  
For Mr. and Mrs. Kadirgamar's  
Farewell Function.



At Board meeting reports his reports were always a pleasure to listen for they were always of a highly literary quality leaving one wondering how a student of Botany could walk on such exalted lands.

So, Mr. Kadirgamar closed his principalship characteristically without any

fanfare. From a certain date he ceased to come to the office and this exactly what he wanted.

He has now assumed work as Registrar of the Christian Theological Seminary and the Institute for training Lay People at Maruthanamadam, Chunnakam where his talents will find full scope.

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## Mr. A. Kadirgamar

### Dr. E. S. Thevasagayam

*(Principal, St. John's College, Jaffna)*

It is a privilege to be called upon to pay a tribute to a colleague. I do it rather diffidently as I may not do justice to a very illustrious career. It was my misfortune to have missed the most productive and distinguished years of his life as we were separated by distance and most of what I know about this period is what I have heard and what I have gleaned from "the Morning Star."

We came in contact with each other through the Student Christian Movement in Jaffna in which Rajan was already taking an active part as a student. He was the student Secretary of the Jaffna Inter Collegiate Christian Fellowship (JICCF) when I, as a teacher at St. John's was the Senior Secretary. This was in the years 1947/48 and I recall with joy that we were the Secretaries when the Ashram Chapel was built as a gift of the JICCF. There was no doubt even then, that in young Kadirgamar we had a future

leader of the Christian Community in Jaffna.

He went on from Jaffna College to Madras Christian College where I too had gone earlier and followed a similar course. His doings both as a teacher and later as Principal of Jaffna College and in the many other activities in which he took a very active and leading part, be it in the religious, educational, sports, music and other fields, I will leave to others who had first hand knowledge. Let me therefore confine myself to a few aspects which struck me about the man after I became very close to him in the past two years.

Mr. Kadirgamar was Principal of Jaffna College for twenty years and one doubts if anyone in the future will be able to achieve that record in Jaffna College or for that matter in any other College. He was very young when this tremendous responsibility of



guiding the destinies of one of the leading educational institutions in the country was entrusted to him. He carried out that responsibility with great distinction bringing credit to himself honour to his College. He guided the school through one of the most turbulent and traumatic times in her history, and guide her he did and left her untarnished and even a better place than when he took over. He will go down in history as one of the greats of Jaffna College.

The Kadirgamār family has made a significant contribution to the life in Jaffna both in the Church and in education. Rajan has certainly added another notch on that tree, may be more distinguished than all others.

Mr. Kadirgamār was one who was dear to his students and the mark he left on them while at school stayed with them in later years as one can see by the love, affection and respect he is treated with, whenever he meets the Alumni both here and abroad. He knows them by name and could rattle off their doings with utmost ease, irrespective of where they were or when they were at school. It is this prodigious memory for names and events that endears any Principal to his students and to his Alumni. Rajan had this in great measure which explains at least in part his great success as a Principal.

His qualifications in Biology, in Education and Theology are impressive enough. The wide experience he had gained by his exposure, by his travels and the many conferences he attended, also must have helped to make him a very wise and highly respected person both here and abroad. More than any of these, what impressed me was the width and depth of his reading and his ability to remember and quote and then be able to communicate that knowledge at all levels. As a Public speaker, he was not only a great speaker but he was able to present subjects with clarity and depth of meaning. Every time I heard him speak in public, I had nothing but admiration. In addition he is a very good conversationalist too.

More than anything else, it was his Christian life and witness that has probably made the greatest impact on the community in Jaffna and elsewhere. Simple and humble in his ways, he was endeared by everyone he came in contact with. He continues his Christian mission as Head of the Christian Theological Seminary at Maruthanamadam where other students are going to benefit by his knowledge, life and experience. I wish him many more years of useful service to the Seminary as well to the community. May God bless him and his family.



## Students Say Good — Bye

**Mr. A. Kadirgamar, B. Sc., M. A.**

**Principal, Jaffna College (1968—1988)**

### *Beloved Sir,*

We the students of Jaffna College are assembled here with our hearts heavily laden with sorrow to bid farewell to you. You have been the Principal of Jaffna College for a period of twenty years. You have been associated with Jaffna College, as assistant teacher (1953—1965), as Vice Principal (1966—1968) and as Principal (1968—1988), for nearly three and a half decades. It is creditable that you have devoted the best part of your life to education and to the service of humanity.

After the untimely and tragic death of the Principal Mr. S. V. Balasingham who was a man of great intellectual gifts, and promise, it was the Divine Will that the mantle of leadership should fall on your shoulders. Though young and inexperienced you admirably fitted yourself in at the helm of affairs.

You hail from a celebrated family in Chavakachcheri. The son of a great father, the Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamar grandson of the Rev. S. R. Hitchcock and the great grand son of Mr. R. O. D. Ashbury, who was a distinguished member of the staff of Jaffna College,

you inherited from them the great qualities of leadership and love of culture, scholarship and service.

Though your duties were numerous, onerous and problematic, you performed them with courage, wisdom, vision and diplomacy. You performed your duties with pleasure. This is the secret of your success in carrying on the administration in a superb manner. The tradition created by some of your predecessors, like the Rev John Bicknell was a source of encouragement to you in the performance of your duties and it facilitated your administration.

We would say that your interests for Jaffna College was a twenty-four hour interest, constantly you had a watchful eye on the work of the students, the staff and the non-academic staff.

### *Respected Sir,*

You obtained your B. Sc. degree from the Madras University and the M. A. degree from the Columbia University. You were an excellent teacher of Chemistry and Botany. In spite of your heavy work you found time to teach these subjects to the best satisfaction of the students. A teetotaller, a non



smoker and a person of truthfulness and moral integrity, you are the symbol of an ideal life for the staff and students. You are a connoisseur of the fine arts and matters of taste. Control of the mind, disciplined life and moral rectitude is the secret of your healthy life even at the age of retirement. Another admirable quality of yours is sociability which is one of the essential components necessary for the building up of a full personality which is your chief aim in life. You very seldom fail to attend a social function in which you are obliged to participate and you would advise your assistants also to do their duty in such matters,

Your mastery of the English Language was an asset to you as teacher and Principal. It is a pleasure to listen to you speaking English fluently and gracefully, in conversation or while delivering a beautiful oration on the platform or while reading the prize day report.

At the present time owing to the political unrest in our country, education has become shoddy. It is heartening to find that a good standard of education is maintained in some institutions such as Jaffna College, where an all round

education has been imparted. Unlike the tutories, Jaffna College under your Principalship has been preparing students not merely for examinations but for life by developing their physical, mental and spiritual faculties.

In your visits to foreign countries you have enhanced the reputation of Jaffna College Alumni Associations and contact with great personalities in those countries.

We are very sorry to bid farewell to you Mrs. Primrose Kadirgamar. Your gentle disposition and amiable manners have endeared you to us all. You have been an asset to the Principal in the performance of his duties. May God give you a happy life.

We are very happy that you Sir, have done everything possible to promote the welfare of Jaffna College. We hope and wish that you will maintain your connections and interest in Jaffna College. May God help you to continue to do you service to humanity.

We remain Sir,  
Your grateful Students  
of Jaffna College.

31-10-1988





Dr. Jebanesan Garlands the outgoing  
Principal in front of the Daniel Poor Library



Mr. and Mrs. Kadirgamar  
Honoured by the Student's Council





A Heavily Garlanded Principal  
poses at the Primary School  
For Farewell with Headmistress  
Thambirajah and staff.



A Farewell Grouping with  
Mr. Kadirgamar and the Office Staff



யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரியில் பதின்மூன்று வருடங்கள் ஆசிரியராகவும்,  
இரண்டு வருடங்கள் உப அதிபராகவும்,

இருபது வருடங்கள் அதிபராகவும் பணியாற்றி இளைப்பாறிய

**உயர்திரு. இராஜன் கதிர்காமர் அவர்கட்கு**

யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி மாணவர்கள் வாசித்தளித்த

## **உபசாரப் பத்திரம்**

அன்புசான்ற அதிபரே,

நமது கல்லூரியில் மிக நீண்ட காலம் சேவையாற்றிவிட்டுத் தற்போது இளைப்பாற இருக்கின்றீர்கள். இதனை நினைக்கும்பொழுது எமது நெஞ்சம் வேதனையால் துடிக்கின்றது. பிறின்னி, பிறின்னி என்று கல்லூரி மாணவர்கள் எல்லாம் ஓயாமல் தங்களைப் பற்றிப் பேசுவார்கள். தங்கள் நடை உடை பேச்சு எல்லாம் தாங்கள் அதிபர் ஆவதற்கே பிறந்தீர்கள் என்பதனை உணர்த்தின. பிரம்பைக் கையாளாமல் கருணையால் எங்களைத் திருத்த முயன்றீர்கள். நாம் திரும்பத் திரும்பத் தவறு செய்த போதிலும் அன்பினாலும் அறிவுரைகளினாலும் எங்களை நல்வழிப்படுத்த முயன்றீர்கள். எங்கள் மீது கொண்ட உண்மையான அன்புக்கு நாம் என்றும் கடப்பாடுடையவர்களாக இருப்போம்.

ஆற்றல்மிகு நாவல,

தங்களின் தாய்மொழி தமிழாக இருந்தபோதிலும் ஆங்கிலத்தை ஆங்கிலேயரைப் போலவே பேசுவீர்கள். தங்களின் தாய்மொழி தமிழா ஆங்கிலமா என்று நாம் பல வேளைகளில் சந்தேகித்ததுண்டு. தங்களின் அரிய நாவன்மையால் இந்தியா, பாகிஸ்தான், பிலிப்பைன்ஸ், இங்கிலாந்து, அமெரிக்கா போன்ற நாடுகளிலெல்லாம் நமது நாட்டின் பெருமையையும் நமது கல்லூரியின் புகழையும் பிரஸ்தாபப் படுத்தினீர்கள். தங்களின் பேச்சைக் கேட்கும்போதெல்லாம் எமக்கும் சிறந்த பேச்சாளனாக வேண்டும் என்ற ஆவல் ஏற்படும். அரிய கருத்துக்களையும், சிறந்த சிந்தனைகளையும் நமக்கு அலுப்பு ஏற்படாத வகையில் அள்ளி அள்ளி வீசுவீர்கள். தங்கள் வாயினால் புறப்படும் ஒவ்வொரு வார்த்தையும் தங்கள் புலமையின் பெருமையைப் பறைசாற்றி நிற்கும்.

“கற்றவர்க்குச் செல்லுமிடமெல்லாம் மதிப்பு” என்ற பேருண்மைக்கமைய நீங்கள் எங்கு சென்றாலும் உங்களைப் பெருமதிப்புடன் வரவேற்கவும், உங்களுடைய அறிவாற்றலையும் அன்பையும் பெற்றுக் கொள்ளவும் பலபேர் வருவார்கள். எனவே நீங்கள் இளைப்பாறிச் சென்று இனிமேல் வாழ்க்கையில் செய்யத் திட்டமிட்டுள்ள காரியங்களைச் செம்மை யாகச் செய்து முடிப்பீர்கள் என்பதில் எமக்குச் சிறிதும் சந்தேகம் கிடையாது. நீங்கள் பிரிந்து சென்றாலும் நினைவுகள் பிரிவதில்லை; தங்களையும் தங்களின் நற்செயல்களையும் கல்லூரி ஆசிரியர்களும் மாணவர்களும் ஊழியர்களும் தங்களுடைய உள்ளத்தின் ஆழத்தில் பதித்து வைத்திருக்கிறார்கள். இந்தக் கல்லூரிச் சூழலிலிட்டுப் பிரிய மனமின்றித் தவிக்கும் உங்கள் உள்ளத் தவிப்பும் எங்களுக்குப் புரியாமலில்லை.

எங்கள் பெருந்தகையே,

சாதனையாளர்கள் வாழ்க்கையில் ஓய்ந்திருந்ததாக வரலாறு கிடையாது. அதுபோல் நீங்களும் அதிபர் என்ற பணியின் முடிவை இன்னொரு பணியின் ஆரம்பாக எடுத்துக் கொண்டு தொடர்ந்து உழைப்பீர்கள். இன்னும் வாழ்க்கையில் பல புதிய அத்தியாயங்களைத் தோற்றுவிப்பீர்கள் என உறுதியாய் நம்பி நீங்கள் செல்லுமிடமெல்லாம் இறைவனின் ஆசியுடன் சீருடனும் சிறப்புடனும் வாழ வாழ்த்துகிறோம்.

இங்ஙனம்

யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி,

மாணவ மாணவிகள்

வட்டுக்கோட்டை. 31-10-1988.



## Mr. Arasaratnam Kadirgamar

Mr. Suntharajah Thevananther Bowling Green State, University U. S. A.

It was the year 1974. The whole college gathered in the school hall for a special assembly in a hot sunny day. There were rumours, anxiety, anger and gloom in the year. All feared that the tradition of a century and a half of liberal education was going to face an abrupt end. Many an alumni and loyal friends of Jaffna College contained the sentiments of George Morris, "Woodman forbear thy stroke; And cut not its earth bound ties, O spare that aged Oak Now turning to the skies". Our Principal Mr. Kadirgamar was standing by the lectern to address the staff and students. I heard his message of the days as a student in the Grade 9 class and is fresh in my memory still "Plant your tree today even if tomorrow is quite uncertain". He was standing before us to instill strength, the one that comes from indomitable will, one's character and faith. His regular assembly talks inspired many a young minds to explore Jaffna College—Its past, its tradition of imparting knowledge in the process of character building and man making which is typical of our 'Alma Mater'.

It was in the early seventies with the restrictive changes in the admission policies of the Universities of Sri Lanka, there was a practical change in the emphasis of secondary education. Schools were geared to send as many students as possible to the universities. The Universities could provide opportunities

for tertiary education only to a small percentage of students who qualify in the G. C. E. (A/L) Exams. Our principal was keen on the overall personality development of the vast majority of students and prepare them for the challenges they would face in the wider arena of life. The numerous opportunities for extra curricular activities and the encouragement and support helped the students to discover their potentials and develop confidence in themselves. The successful alumni of Jaffna College in all walks of life all over the world testify the same.

Jaffna College library was acknowledged as one of the best in South East Asia. Mr. Kadirgamar took a personal interest in rebuilding the same into the present Daniel Poor library with modern facilities. This also serves as a breeding ground of school student journalism. Budding journalists gain writing and editorial experience and see their creative works in black and white in Young idea, College Miscellany and the local newspapers.

Mr. Kadirgamar deviated much from the stereotype of a 'Principal with a cane in hand'. Discipline through responsibility was his motto. He always took pride in our college being the pioneers in having an elected student body—the school council and was sensitive to student opinion in decision making. It was by building an



intimate rapport with students, their parents and teachers he could win their confidence and respect, the requirements of a successful administration. When the college bell rings after a forty minutes class, we have a tendency to rush out of our classes and walk bundled into groups in the verandhas. If by chance you find us spontaneously forming into queues and walk studiously, you can as well see our principal at the other end of the quadrangle on his twice daily classrounds!

He instilled a sense of responsibility and spirit of team work among students by his personal interest and the encouragement he gave to sports, literary and social activities of the college. Whenever Bicknell Field rocks with enthusiasm and cheer one could see Mr. Kadirgamar in the first row of the pavilion seats. He played regular Tennis until his retirement. The annual socials of Lyceum, Forum and Brotherhood are not complete without the presence of Mr. Kadirgamar in his favourite Batik shirt and Mrs. Kadirgamar in her silk saree one among the kids as their chief guests of the evening.

His natural flair for effective public speaking with the wisdom and wit was well expressed in his addresses at the annual Academy Dinners chaired by the student president. When the student secretary comes out with his anecdotes and quip at personalities including the principal and teachers Ottley hall looses itself in the hearty laugh and thunder of applause. This is something special and symbolic of the

liberal traditions of Jaffna college. The proceedings of the Annual prize givings held in the traditional way in the college quadrangle and the Joy experienced when the teachers, students alumni and parents joined in the college song to say hurrah and cheer for Jaffna college, were also instrumental in building a lasting reverence for our Temple of Learning when we were young.

Mr. Kadirgamar's training as a Biology teacher started with his undergraduate training at Madras Christian College Tambaram and he obtained his B. Sc. Degree from the University of Madras. His leadership qualities were acknowledged right from his student days and he served as the general secretary of the Student Christian Movement of that College. Later he obtained a Master's Degree in Science Education from the prestigious Columbia University, U. S. A.

Though a Science teacher by training he has an extraordinary appreciation of History and Times and an interest and enthusiasm for Literature and Arts. He was very fond of discussing customs and life styles of Jaffna with students in formal and informal situations and made us think about our roots and what we are.

As Albert Schweitzer said, "Example is not the main thing in Life-it is the only thing". The early life of our principal, the interruption in his education due to the second world war while being in Malaysia with his parents, the compulsory



service to the then Japanese government as correspondence clerk and later his service to the youth wing of I. N. A. would give inspiration and strength to the Tamil youth of this day.

He was born to Rcv. J. W. Kadirgamar of Chavakacheri in the year 1928, an eldest son in the family of nine children all doing well and leaders in different walks of life. Mr. Kadirgamar was well aware of the difficulties of parents and the middle class of Jaffna in particular which is education oriented and depended on the same for its sustenance and survival. During his Principalship numerous merit and need based scholarships were instituted supporting students through primary, secondary and tertiary education. On many occasions without this emphatic generosity of the college our dreams in pursuit of knowledge would not have seen light of the day. His initiation and effort and the support of the Alumni have resulted in the generation of Rupees six lakhs for the prize fund.

The country faced many natural and political calamities during his tenure. Under his leadership our college rose upto higher humane dimensions to shelter the refugees in the college premises, care them with food and medical facilities and support the refugee children with school admissions and financial aid.

In the field of Education, the Swabasha scheme and the social and political consequences in the seventies and eighties in the country and the radical changes in the thinking and value system of the youth and students were some

of the issues any Principal of our times had to address. Mr. Kadirgamar had to handle the same issue as a Principal of an institution with the longest tradition of English Education. If I may be allowed to quote the words of Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Kulendran in his forward to the book, "The contributions made to Tamil by the American Missionaries who served in Jaffna" (in Tamil). It is new influences, insights and experiences that renew a culture and make it live." The same can be applied to education as well. It was during Mr. Kadirgamar's time that the college had to renew its task of preparing a new generation of students who could think and write exceptionally well in their mother tongue and meet the language demands of their time.

It is much due to the forethought and vision of our principal, Jaffna College continued to provide an effective environment for passive learning of English in addition to the teaching of English as a second Language. Regular assembly talks in English, the opportunities to deliberate in English in the student forums, the opportunities for English Music, Dramatics and elocution and the facilities in the English lab gave the outgoing students of Jaffna College greater confidence in their skills of communication.

On the other hand, Tamil studies and cultural activities flourished under his patronage of "Tamil Peravai" and other literary associations. Tamil films and documentaries were produced with



students and staff playing the roles depicting college life and Ottley hall witnessed numerous recitals of Tamil music and dramatic performances, classical and modern. Our principal's personal interest in art and music inspired the students to bring out their talents with the able guidance of our dedicated teachers.

Mr. Kadirgamer served as an ambassador of Christian Tamil Community of Jaffna. As early as 1960 he visited India and Pakistan leading a team of members of Student Christian Movement. He continued to participate in world-wide conferences held in Phillipines and U. S. A. He followed the program for Advanced Religious Studies and was awarded Ecumenical fellow Degree during his stay in U. S. A. He served his community and church faithfully in many capacities sharing his richness of experience and now he serves as the Registrar of Christian Theological Seminary Chunnakam.

The Hindu community of Vaddukoddai and surrounding villages adore him. It is a pleasant sight to see our principal dressed in his national shirt, verty and shawl attending Hindu ceremonies at the homes of students and staff and participate in the traditional lunches served on Banana leaf. He shared their happiness and sorrow with genuine interest and an abounding sense of belonging.

For thousands of parents and his fellow teachers Mr. Kadirgamar has been a great strength in their times of distress. We, students who are fortunate enough to have his personal impact on our lives in our formative years, to have his constant guidance and encouragement to excel and his unfailing support in all our times of need, will always love his name and guard his fame till our lives and memory last. May we join in wishing him and his family all Happiness.



*As we enter the portals of the College several impressions both visible and invisible stand out reminding us of the solid foundations of religion and education here which has stood the test of time. Even though we had to experience the traumatic "valley of the shadow" of the acquisition of part of the College in 1974, the experience of witnessing the restoration of the College and soon after that the establishing of a splendid Library Commemorating the courageous spirit, vision and commitment of one of the very first New England missionaries here and the first Principal of the College Dr. Daniel Poor stands out as a meaningful spiritual experience and pilgrimage in faith and as another act of thanks giving for the never failing goodness and mercy of God.*



**Extracts from the Report of the Rector  
of  
St. Patrick's College Jaffna  
at the Prize-Giving 1986 — 1987 referring to the  
Chief Guests  
Mr. & Mrs. A. Kadirgamar**

**Honoured Sir. Our Chief Guest.**

It gives me utmost joy and great satisfaction to have you and your wife as our Chief Guests at our annual Prize giving. You are no stranger to St. Patrick's. To us, the teachers and students, parents and old-boys, you have been more than a friend and a well-wisher. For the past 42 years, you have been in and out of St. Patrick's as a student, a teacher, a Vice-principal, and for the last 20 years as the Principal of Jaffna College, a great and noble Institution with which St. Patrick's has had very close and most friendly ties for over a century. It is the second occasion that a principal of Jaffna College has been given the singular privilege and honour to preside over the Prize giving at St. Patrick's. Though you are now the Principal Emeritus of Jaffna College and have taken up the onerous task of guiding the destinies of the future Missionaries as head of the Christian Theological Seminary at Chunnakam, you will ever remain in our memory as The Principal of Jaffna College.

Baptised in the American Ceylon Mission Church at Chavakachcheri, you hail from a distinguished and illustrious family having many members as priests including your father, the Rev. J. W. A.

Kadirgamar of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India. That you were able to guide the course of Jaffna College so successfully during the most turbulent and difficult times of our history may be due to the early education you have had in Anglo-Chinese School at Seremban, Malaysia, under the Japanese occupation for four years from 1942. Though confirmed as a Christian in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Seremban, Malaysia, as a student of Jaffna College in 1946, having witnessed a football match played against St. Patrick's, you were sealed with the stamp of Jaffna College for all time, where you excelled in Tennis, Basketball and Hockey. After completing your London Inter-Science in 1950 from Jaffna College, you entered Madras Christian College and graduated from there, obtaining your B Sc degree with Botany as your main subject. The experience you gained as president of the Student Christian Movement (SCM) at Jaffna College paved the way for you to be elected as the General Secretary of the S C M of the Madras Christian College and as Associate General Secretary of the National SCM. The several S C M conferences you attended on the Indian National level and International level were only the forerunners to the other International conferences you attended



later the Asian Leaders Conference of the Y M C A in Philipines in 1954-55, the Triennial Conferences of the S C Ms of India, Pakistan and Ceylon in Lahore, Pakistan, in 1960, Education and Theology Conference in Geneva in 1973, the Mission to Rhode Island, U S A in 1977, Consultation on Eucumenical Studies in New York, U S A in 1988 and the International Visitor, Washington D. C. in 1988.

Your versatility in any subject or topic under the sun would have been no surprise to us if only we knew that having joined the Staff of Jaffna College as a Science Teacher in 1953 and taught Botany in A/L classes, Biology, Chemistry and Christianity in the O/L classes, you did your post graduate studies on a scholarship, at the Union Theological Seminary, New York, U. S. A. in 1961 and obtained a certificate in Advanced Religious Studies and Eucumenical Fellowship and later obtained M. A. in Science Education from Teacher's College, Columbia University; New York in 1963, and acted in many plays as active member of the Christian Dramatic Society of Jaffna. Your excellent qualities of both mind and body have been acknowledged at one time or other by different sections of the Society by your being elected as President of All Ceylon Christian Teachers Guild, of Science Teachers Association of N. P. T. A. of Hockey, Cricket and Soccer Associations of Jaffna Schools, of Jaffna Western Music Society as Chairman of the Music Committee of the Diocese; as Manager of "Morning Star" as Secretary and Chairman

of the Religious Education Board of the Diocese as Vice-president of the Northern Province Swimming and Life Saving Association; as Secretary of the Jaffna College Institute of Technology from its very inception in 1971 as member of the Executive Committee of All Ceylon Head Masters Conference and of the Governing Board of Madras Christian College. As the present member of the Council and the Executive Committee of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India, as Chairman of the Medical Board of the Diocese and as a member of the Governing Boards of Vellore Medical College and United Theological College Bangalore India. it is but fitting that an able administrator, a genuine Christian and a Gentleman that you are, be appointed as the head of the Theological Seminary at Chunnakam. Our heartiest congratulations and our sincere wishes are with you always.

Mrs. Primrose Mahilmalar, You too are no stranger to us. You have never failed to accompany your husband to all our functions at College. Your generous hospitality made us at home in Jaffna College. Furthermore formerly as a member of the Staff of St John's College and as the sister of our dear friend and former colleague, Late Mr. Anandarajan former Principal of St John College we have shared in your sorrows. Though some of our students have already had the privilege of receiving from your hands the awards at the English Day celebrations I wish to assure you that they and many others are now eagerly awaiting the moment, to come forward to obtain the rewards for their achievements off your gracious hands today.







# JAFFNA COLLEGE

## PRIZE-GIVING — 1987 & 88

### CHIEF GUESTS :

**Professor P. Balasundarampillai, Ph. D.**

*(Head of the Department of Geography, University of Jaffna)*

AND

**Mrs. Rajalakshmi Balasundarampillai, B. A. (Hons.)**

### PROGRAMME

Chairman :	— Principal
Lyric :	— “ஆயிரம் ஆயிரம் பாடல்களை”
Prayer :	— Rev. A. Jeyakumaran
Welcome :	— Primary School
	— Mas. R. Arukshan (Junior Secondary School)
The Principal's Report	— A. Kadirgamar Esq.
Dance :	— Junior Secondary School
Address :	— Professor P. Balasundarampillai
Action Song	— Junior Secondary School
Prize Distribution	— Mrs. Rajalakshmi Balasundarampillai
Tamil Song	Senior Secondary School
Valedictory Remarks on the Principal	— Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Kulandran (Former Chairman, Board of Directors)
Vote of Thanks:	— Mas. N. Nithiarajan (President, School Council)
	— Dr. (Mrs.) Gowri Nithiananthan

College Song



*Almighty Father, who did send thine only son, that through him all men might be saved. So consecrate the lives of those whom thou doest call to teach, that, being themselves led by thee they may lead their pupils in the everlasting life.*

*O' God, We beseech thee with thy gracious favour to behold all Educational Institutes, especially our Jaffna College that knowledge may be increased among us, and all good learning flourish and abound. Bless all who teach and all who learn and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look unto thee.*

*At this moment we thank thee for giving us good teachers and leaders, especially for A. Kadirgamar who served this institution as teacher and as Principal for 41 years. We also thank thee for giving us Dr. S. Jebarasan as the New Principal of this institution.*

*Almighty God, who hast committed to thy holy Church the care and nurture of thy children, enlighten with thy wisdom those who teach and those who learn. Bless today's function that this may become a rejoicing moment in the life of a School Life. We ask thee in the precious name of Jesus Amen.*



## Prize Day Report

Professor and Mrs. Balasundarampillai, our Bishops, Chairman and members of the Board of Directors, Parents, Alumni and Friends :

We at Jaffna College welcome you once more to this our most important function of the year. In spite of all our pressing problems through these years we are grateful we have been able to continue this function even though with some delay. Thank you for the encouragement always given to us and for your kind presence here with us this morning.

Professor and Mrs. Balasundarampillai, we extend to you a special word of welcome to this our most important function of the year. You are both involved in the important task of education at different levels and therefore, you have a special place on this platform today.

Professor Balasundarampillai, you hail from two well known colleges—St. Anthony's College, Kayts, which has produced very outstanding educationists in our time and Jaffna Hindu College with which we have the most cordial of relationships through these many years. You had a brilliant career at the University of Ceylon obtaining your B. A. (Hons.) degree in Geography and later obtained your Ph. D. at the University of Durham, U. K. You have been a University teacher

from 1965 — as an Assistant Lecturer, Lecturer and Senior Lecturer at the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya. You were appointed Professor of Geography at the University of Jaffna in 1980 at a very young age, probably one of the youngest to be appointed as professor. You had also been a visiting professor at the University of Durham and were awarded the Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship in 1985/86. We also note that you have several valuable publications to your credit.

We are grateful to you for holding on to the task of University education in Jaffna and Sri Lanka, and for contributing your share to the academic world here. We also find in you, a scholar and don who besides your university tasks is deeply interested in secondary and higher educational matters and has very liberal views on the expansion of education in this part of the country. We have watched you with some interest and have been inspired by your views. We know you will have much to contribute to the development and progress of this college.

Mrs. Rajalakshmi Balasundarampillai, we are delighted to find in you a school teacher with an honours degree in Tamil. It is unfortunate that we have today very few going into the study of the Humanities and the Tamil Language. You in your own right have an important



task to inspire more of your students to take to the serious study of their own mother tongue. Thank you for being present with us and for consenting to distribute the prizes.

To both of you, Professor and Mrs. Balasundarampillai we say a hearty thank you.

This report covers the activities of the school for the years 1986 and 1987 and some other relevant matters up to the time of the Prize-giving this year.

We were thoroughly disorganised during the last few days. In organising this prize-giving we are trying to evolve some method in this madness of running a school. Please bear with us.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Mr. J. Sinnappa, the retired bursar of the college, passed away peacefully on Christmas morn in 1986 at the age of eighty-seven. He joined the clerical staff in 1921 and was appointed bursar in 1954 and retired in 1962 after forty-one years of service and was the last of the retired employees receiving a pension from the College. He had completed twenty-five years of retired life at the time of his death. He was a simple, happy, hard-working man and one of the very loyal men Jaffna College has ever seen. He had a great and abiding affection for the American Ceylon Mission, and its missionaries and institutions in Jaffna. He was a pillar of the Navaly Church. While working in the college in the

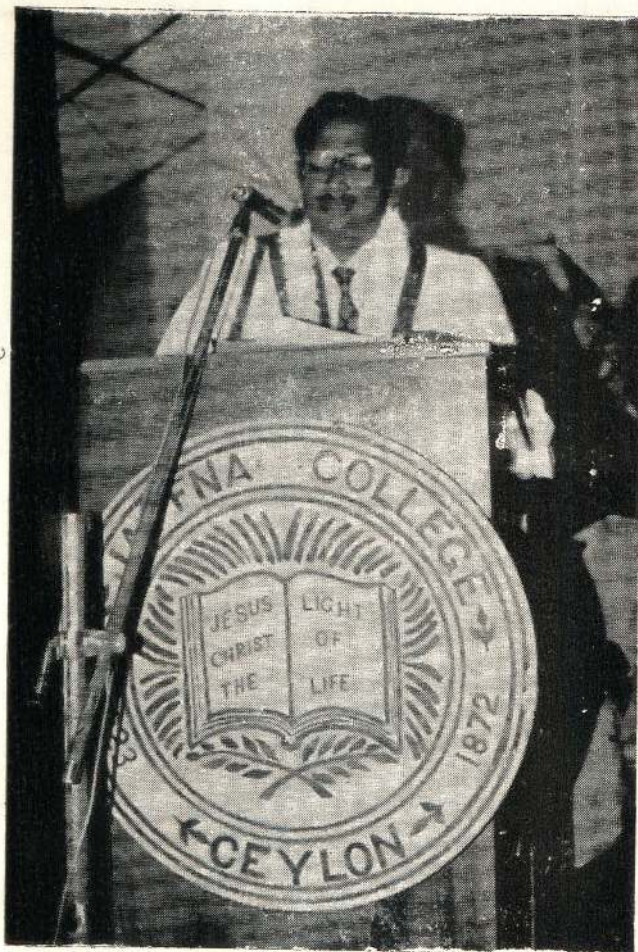
early years he took residence here and educated all his brilliant children very well and along with them helped to educate a number of other children in a private boarding house he ran. We owe much to him for the devoted services rendered to Jaffna College behind the scenes. We remember Mr. Sinnappa with much affection, gratitude and praise.

Mr. A. R. Abraham passed away peacefully on the 23rd of May, 1987, at the age of eighty-three. He joined Jaffna College in 1944 after serving some years as a teacher at Kurunegala and retired in 1964 after twenty years of service here. He was a keen teacher of Mathematics in the Primary and Junior Schools ; was an efficient sports master, cricket and soccer coach, was a scout master and a study master for the boarders. He maintained his loyalty and enthusiasm for the college right through the end. We remember him with much gratitude and praise.

Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy, who retired after serving the college for a period of thirty-four years, passed away soon after retirement on the 31st January, 1988. He was a talented art and handwork teacher mostly in the Primary and Junior Secondary school sections. He took a keen interest in the sports and dramatic activities and was responsible for many colourful events in the College. He was a very loyal teacher and carried out all his duties in and outside the classroom most faithfully, and being a bachelor he took a great share of the responsi



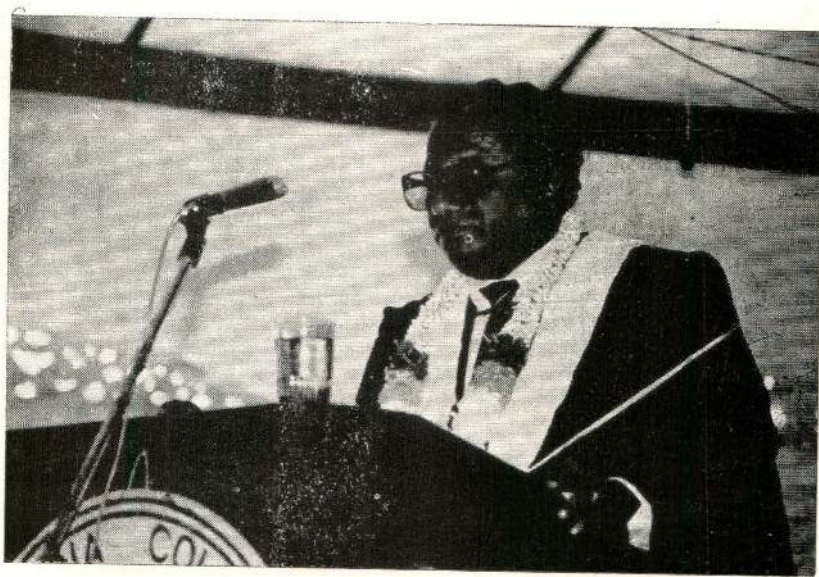
## PRIZE GIVING — 1988



Professor P. Balasundarampillai  
Delivers the Prize Day Address.



## PRIZE DAY REPORT 1987 - 1988



Mr. Kadirgamar presents his last report as Principal Jaffna College.

## PRIZE GIVING - 1987 - 1988



A. Valedictory Address by Rt. Rev. S. Kulandran.



bilities for a large number of his relatives who were students here. We remember him with much gratitude.

Miss Rasammah Eliayathamby passed away peacefully on 14th March, 1988, at the age of 78. She joined Jaffna College on 1st June, 1950 and served for a period of fifteen years. She was known as a very kind and conscientious teacher of the small children in the Primary School. She had a lasting influence on a very large family of pupils and we remember her with much gratitude and praise.

Mr. J. M. Sabaratnam, our Chairman of the Board of Directors, died unexpectedly in London on the 10th August, 1988, while on a holiday there. Besides being the Chairman, he was also Manager of the College at the time of his death. He became a member of the Board as early as 1949, and served the Board for a period of nearly forty years, except when he was out on sabbatical. He served at various times as Manager of the College, as Secretary as Chairman, and as Authorised Representative of the Board. He also served as member and Chairman of the Council of the Jaffna College Institute of Technology and Agriculture. By bringing to bear on the Board's deliberations, his common sense, his knowledge of procedure, his administrative experience, and his firmness, he guided us wisely. In times of crisis, he was a tower of strength. We thank God for his life and work in the service of Christian education.

As we meet after a prolonged period of violence, suffering and death we are also conscious of the numerous people who have gone beyond the veil ; of students, alumni and friends and many unknown to us. We want at this time to remember them and convey to their loved ones our deepest sympathies. We hope and pray that we have come to the end of this tragic period in our history.

#### STAFF :

There are fifty-nine members on the academic staff—44 in the secondary school and 15 in the primary school, and there are 9 members on the non-academic staff. Of the fifty-nine on the academic staff 37 are graduates with 18 holding trained or post graduate qualifications ; 14 are trained or specialist teachers ; and 8 teachers with Advanced Level qualifications. There are 13 jubilarians on the present staff, and of the academic staff 35 are men and 24 are women.

It is with much pleasure that I welcome Dr. S. Jebanesan as the new Principal of Jaffna College. He will assume duties on the 27th of October. With his very creditable academic qualifications in Tamil, Theology and Education, and his scholarship and experience in these fields he will be able to make a great contribution to the progress of the school. He is also a very talented and eloquent speaker and preacher in Tamil and English, and author and



editor too. These are skills that are very necessary to communicate with the present day youth and students. As I hand the torch of leadership to him now it is my prayer that God will bless and guide him and the college through the years to come. He will be ably supported by a band of loyal, faithful, well qualified and experienced fellow administrators...Mr. W. D. Kulatungam, the vice-principal, Mr. G. Rajanayagam the supervisor of the Junior Secondary School and Mrs. L. B. Thambyrajah the supervisor of the Primary School.

The following teachers retired during the course of the last two years :

Miss M. S. Elias retired after serving for a period of thirty-five years. She had her entire education at Jaffna College, obtaining the B. A. (London) Second Class in Tamil, Sanskrit and Pali and began her teaching career in Tamil and Sanskrit immediately after appearing for the final B. A. examination. Besides her efficient teaching of oriental languages she took an active part in all the extra-curricular activities of the college in guiding, music, sports and dramatics. She was the first warden of the Women's Hostel when newly built in 1956 and now called the Howland Hall and remains its warden at the time of her retirement. She was President of the Round Table, the first lady staff member of the Tennis Club, and served as Guide Commissioner in the North. She attended several international conferences in India,

Singapore and USA, on behalf of the Guide Movement, and also served as a missionary in residence for the UCBWM in USA, representing the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India. She was a pioneer student and teacher in stabilising girls' education and co-education in the college. As the first lady administrator she served as supervisor of the Junior School (Grades 1—7) and later as supervisor of the Junior Secondary School (Grades 6—8). She was an enthusiastic, energetic, hard worker in everything she undertook and was one of the most loyal teachers the college ever had. Her father, the late Mr. C. O. Elias, served the college faithfully for an equally long period. The family also took Ceylon citizenship and took up residence in Vaddukoddai.

Mr. T. Visuvanathan retired after serving the college for a period of thirty-seven years. He was the first science graduate of the Ceylon University to be appointed to the staff and taught Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics, mainly in the Advanced Level classes, and served as the Head of the Science Department for several years. He was also the time-table master and carried out this task very efficiently. He was a very enthusiastic House master and also served briefly as a warden of a hostel. He was president of the Round Table and the Benevolent Fund Society. His services to the Provident and Benevolent Fund societies in the college and the NPTA have been most



outstanding. He was also the teacher most conversant in matters regarding the teaching profession and his advice and counsel were always sought after. He served for many years as the very knowledgeable and effective staff representative on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. His contribution to the progress of the teaching profession is widely acknowledged.

Mr. R. D. Thanabalasingham retired during the course of this year after serving the college as supervisor of the Boarding Department and later as supervisor of works for a period totalling thirty-four years. During his early days he was a very energetic worker and set the Boarding Department on a very sound basis. The Jaffna College boarders were always well fed and the quality of meals in the college boarding was appreciated by all concerned. With the winding up of the undergraduate department he also took over the post of supervisor of works. He had to retire early due to ill health.

We wish all the above well in their period of retirement and thank them profusely for their long and devoted services.

Miss U. E. Gunaratnam, who was the library assistant in the Junior School, resigned to further her studies in India, and Mrs. M. S. Cassiere the Accounts Clerk, resigned after four and a half years of service and we thank and wish them well. Miss S. Benjamin, the assistant librarian left us to join her

husband in the Maldives. She served us for eight years and during her period of service at the library she obtained the Diploma in Library science and proved to be an efficient assistant librarian. We thank her for the services rendered and wish her well. Miss R. Thambyrajah resigned after a short period of service here.

Mr. K. Sathasivam and Mrs. I. Jeyakumar both obtained their Diplomas in Education at the University of Jaffna and have resumed work in the college. Mr. A. A. Paul, one of our Advanced Level Chemistry teachers, obtained the M. Phil. degree from the University of Colombo. Mr. S. Jebanesan obtained the Ph. D. degree from the University of Jaffna. He is the second teacher on the staff of Jaffna College to obtain the doctorate while in service. We congratulate all these teachers on their academic successes, and it is a great inspiration to the academic community of teachers and students to have members on the staff who are involved in research in their subjects and who are furthering their academic pursuits. We know many more will now be inspired to follow suit.

Mr. N. A. Vimalendran has been granted a scholarship to follow a course of study at the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland, for a period of five months commencing October this year. The topic of the course being "Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation". We wish him well.



Messrs. A. Jeyarajan and N. Yagarajah were sent to the American College, Madurai, for a course of studies in Computer Science and Applied Sciences under the direction of Professors Reisz and Principal Jeyapandian. We are happy we could renew our bonds of relationship with American College and we thank the Principal and staff for the very kind services rendered to our teachers.

Mr. G. Rajanayagam was appointed supervisor of the Junior Secondary School succeeding Miss M. S. Elias. With his wide experience as a teacher and his high academic qualifications from Princeton, USA, we expect a great contribution from him in the educational task of the college.

We welcome into our midst Messrs. P. L. Manuelpillai with a B. Sc degree from the University of Jaffna; D. S. Solomon with a B. A. degree from the University of Jaffna.

#### ON ROLL :

At the outset in 1987 we had 1329 on roll with 614 in the Senior Secondary school, 327 in the Junior Secondary School and 388 in the Primary School. There were 815 boys and 478 girls, and 20 students in the English medium classes.

At the outset in 1988 we had 1,265 on roll with 523 in the Senior Secondary school; 327 in the Junior Secondary school and 355 in the primary school, and of the total number 818 were boys and 447 were girls, with 30 in the English medium classes.

#### ADMISSIONS :

233 new students were admitted in 1987—110 to the primary school and 123 to the secondary school.

This year 158 were admitted—88 to the primary school and 70 to the senior school. Many of the students admitted were displaced or underprivileged students.

#### ENGLISH MEDIUM CLASSES :

In spite of all the adverse problems we had to face, we continued these classes without fail, and we find now that many more students are seeking admission to these classes, having been displaced in many ways by the ethnic conflict in the North. We are trying our best to accommodate as many as possible and hope to provide a worthwhile education for these students. Most of these students have returned from India with qualifications that do not fit into the Sri Lankan scheme of education and therefore have to follow English medium courses to continue their education.

#### EXAMINATION RESULTS :

##### G. C. E. Advanced Level—August, 1986 :

96 students sat the examination and 36 students passed in four subjects and 13 passed in three subjects. 34 students were qualified for University admission, and the following admissions were made to the University Veterinary Science — 1; Bio Science — 1; Physical Science—1 and Business Administration — 2.



**G. C. E. Ordinary Level—December, 1986 :**

129 students sat the examination, 116 passed in five or more subjects and 96 qualified for the Advanced Level classes—11 students qualified for Arts, 26 for Commerce, 32 for Bio Science and 27 for Maths.

**G. C. E. Advanced Level — August, 1987:**

111 students sat the examination and 56 passed in three or four subjects, 39 qualified and the following admissions were made to the University — one each for Dental, Veterinary, Engineering Bio-Science, Commerce and Arts, and two each for Management and Physical Science.

**G. C. E. Ordinary Level— December, 1987:**

137 students sat the examination and are awaiting results.

**CURRICULUM :**

We have now a fully equipped air-conditioned Computer Science laboratory with many more computers. We are grateful to the Computing & Consulting Services (pvt) Limited, for sending their representative, Miss Ramani Jegatheesan, to help to install a new computer and to conduct a few demonstrations. However, we have had computer science in our programme for the last five years and it is now part of our regular curriculum for the Advanced Level students on the time-table. We do not

charge an extra fee for such a course for students in school. We also have classes for teachers and for school leavers for a nominal fee. Messrs. A. Jeyarajan and N. Yogarajah of the staff were trained recently at American College, Madurai, and our thanks to Mr. N. A. Vimalendran, the teacher-in-charge and the head of the department of Computer Science.

**SPORTS :**

**Cricket :**

The First XI team was captained by Mas. G. Ragavan. We had a fairly good season and of the five matches played we won three, drew one and lost one. Ragavan was an enthusiastic captain and played the captain's innings. The team was coached by Mr. T. Nithiaratnam.

The Under-17 team was captained by N. Nithiarajan and the team participated in the tournament conducted by the Jaffna Schools Cricket Association. The team was coached by Mr. M. D. Thambirajah.

The Under-15 team was captained by M. Baskaran. This team also participated in the tournament conducted by the J. S. C. A. The team was coached by Mr. A. Jeyarajan.

**Athletics :**

Mr. & Mrs. M. G. Pillainayagam were chief guests at the Annual Inter-House Athletic meet in 1986 and Hastings House annexed the championship. The individual championships are as follows :



Post-senior boys	— R. Selvarajah	— Abraham House
Senior boys	— S. Augustine	— Hastings House
	M. Kugathas	— Abraham House
Under 17	— R. Sothilingam	— Hitchcock House
Under 16	— K. Srinivasan	— Hitchcock House
Under 14	— R. Charles	— Hitchcock House
Under 13	— K. Tharmendran	— Hitchcock House
Under 12	— S. Kanthathas	— Brown House
Senior girls	— A. Marina Vathany	— Hastings House
Inter girls	— R. Kishani	— Abraham House
Under 14 girls	— T. Tharani	— Hastings House
Under 13 girls	— T. Shirela	— Brown House

The following students obtained Best Achievements —

T. Shirela (Under 13 girls)	— Long Jump	— 13'1½"
R. Charles (Under 14)	— High Jump	— 4'8"
R. Jeevananthan (Under 17)	— Putt shot	— 32'10"
R. Sothilingam (Under 17)	— 100 Metres	— 12.4 Sees.
	200 Metres	— 25.6 "
	400 Metres	— 57.8 "

Hastings House won the relay championship.

The 1987 Inter-House Athletic Meet was held as an internal meet and once again Hastings House emerged as champions. The Individual championships are as follows :

Seniors	— T. Ravindran	— Abraham House
Under 17	— R. Ratchagan	— Hastings House
Under 16	— S. Vinothan	— Brown House
Under 14	— K. Anton Jeyarajah	— Abraham House
Under 13	— R. Rajamohan	— Hastings House
Under 12	— S. Sivatharan	— Hastings House
Senior Girls	— S. Yaeemuna	— Brown House
Inter Girls	— Marsha Cassiere	— Hastings House
Under 13 girls	— G. Devadharshini	— Hitchcock House
Under 12 girls	— S. Sharmini	— Hastings House

Hitchcock House won the relay championship.

The Triangular meet between St. John's College, St. Patrick's College and Jaffna College was held at the St. Patrick's College grounds in 1986 and our athletes fared well. M. Kugathas captained the athletic team.



The Cross-Country Festival and Race were not held these two years.

At the Inter-House Athletic Meet of the Primary School in 1986 we had Mrs. A. Rajaratnam, the Principal of Vembadi Girl's High School, as the chief guest and Hastings House annexed the championship.

The Individual champions for 1986 are :

Boys Over 11	— A. Jeevananthan	— Abraham House
Under 11	— J. Arunkumaran	— Hastings House
Under 10	— S. Ganesharajah	— Hastings House
Girls Over 11	— S. Nanthini	— Brown House
Under 11	— S. Sharmini	— Hastings House
Over 10	— S. Yarlini	— Brown House
Under 10	— K. Kavitha	— Brown House

The Individual Champions for 1987 are :

Boys Over 10	— P. Sivamithiran	— Hastings House
Under 10	— S. Pratheepan	— Hitchcock House
Girls Over 10	— Sujitha S.	— Abraham House
Under 10	— Jebashirani S.	— Brown House

Hitchcock House emerged champions at this meet.

We thank Messrs T. Anandarathnam **Soccer :**

M. D. Thambirajah, T. Nithiaratnam, A. Jeyarajan and Miss K. Rajendra for coaching the athletes.

**Hockey :**

The team was captained by J. Aron and the team emerged as joint champions with Jaffna College Old Golds team in the 1986 tournament conducted by the Ministry of Sports in Jaffna.

The Under 17 team was captained by S. Ramesh. Of the two matches played it won one and lost the other. The teams were coached by Mr. T. Anandarathnam.

The college soccer team was captained by J. Aron in 1986. The team performed well ; of the five matches played it won three, drew one and lost one. The team was coached by Mr. T. Nithiaratnam,

The Under 17 team was captained by S. Wijeyakumar in 1986 and coached by Mr. Jeyarajan. The Under 15 team was captained by S. P. Gunaseelan and coached by Mr. M. D. Thambirajah.

**Tennis**

The Student Tennis Club has been very active and conducted its tourn-



ments. It also had friendly matches with teams from Jaffna. The master-in-charge is Mr. N. A. Vimalendran.

#### **Netball :**

The senior netball team was captained by V. Malini. In the tournament conducted by the Department of Education the team reached the quarter final stage. The coach was Miss S. S. Selvadurai.

The Under 17 was captained by R. Kishani and coached by Miss S. P. Gulasingam. The Under 15 team was captained by C. Marsha and coached by Mrs. B. Suresh.

#### **Basketball:**

The game has been revived and the team was captained by R. Muresh. Friendly matches were played with the University of Jaffna and St. John's College. The master-in-charge is Mr. V. Selvaratnam.

#### **Badminton:**

Friendly matches were played with the Jaffna College Institute of Technology and the University of Jaffna. The master-in-charge is Mr. V. Selvaratnam.

#### **Table Tennis:**

The table tennis matches were played with the University of Jaffna, the Jaffna College Institute of Technology and the Y. M. C. A., Jaffna. The master-in-charge is Mr. V. Selvaratnam.

#### **Gymnastics;**

We have now reintroduced gymnastics in a serious way and a building has been suitably renovated to house the gymnasium and also an indoor games room for badminton. We are hoping to equip the gymnasium well in the course of time and we are grateful to Mr. M. D. Thambirajah for all the efforts taken to make the gymnasium a reality in the Physical Education department of the college.

My thanks are due to the Physical Director Mr. T. Anandaratnam and to all the coaches...Messrs. T. Nithiaratnam M. D. Thambirajah, A. Jeyarajah, V. Selvaratnam, N. A. Vimalendran, Miss S. S. Selvadurai, Miss S. P. Gulasingam, Mrs. S. B. Suresh and Miss K. Rajendra.

Special mention has to be made on R. Sothilingam who was selected to represent the Sri Lanka Relay Team for the 4×100 Metres event at the Pre-Olympic Second Asian Junior Track and Field Championship in Singapore, this year between the 8th—11th September. It is creditable that his team obtained the 4th place among twenty-five participating Asian countries. The first place went to Japan, 2nd place to Korea and the 3rd to Taiwan. Sothilingam's best timing of 11.4 seconds for the 100 metres event compare very well with the ground record of W. T. Sanders for the 100 yards event of 10.8 seconds. Today we award him "The Gold"—the most prestigious award available to a Sports-



man of the college. He is now the second to obtain through the years. My thanks to Mr. K. Wimalraj of the Ministry of Sports in Jaffna.

### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES :

All the religious activities have been conducted without fail and the worship programmes have been strengthened. The daily morning chapel services are well attended by staff and students and the Ottley Hall is full with enthusiastic worshipers. Individuals and class groups are given the opportunity to lead the chapel services and this has stimulated leadership among students in conducting the programmes of worship. The Y. M. C. A. the S. C. M., Boarders Christian Association, the Staff prayers and the Sunday Vespers are all conducted regularly and they are well attended. We are grateful to all the members of the staff and the students who are helping out in this fellowship of worship. I am grateful to Mr. G. Rajanayagam, the head of the religious works department and Dr. S. Jebanesan, Mr. G. Nadarajah and Miss S. P. Gulasingam for the helpful religious programmes in the college.

### CHOIRS :

The Tamil and English Choirs and the orchestra have been active and they have helped out in all the religious programmes and special festivals, specially the Christmas and Easter programmes. My thanks are due to Mrs. L. B. Thambyrajah, Mrs. V. Jebanesan, Mrs. J. Ratnasabapathy, Miss J. J. Thanabala-

singam and Miss E. P. Kadirgamar for their very devoted services in conducting these programmes.

### LITERARY ASSOCIATIONS :

All the literary associations, the Lyceum, Forum, Brotherhood, Commerce Union and the Academy have been meeting regularly and the annual socials were held. Mr. S. Ragavan, Manager, Commercial Bank Ltd., and Mrs. Ragavan were the chief guests at the Academy Lunch. Due to the activities of these literary associations our students continue to get prestigious places in oratorical and singing contests organised by the Department of Education, and other such organisations. My thanks are due to the staff advisers, Messrs T. Anandaratnam, N. Thatparananthan, S. J. Manickam, K. Thangarajah, Dr. S. Jebanesan, Mrs. S. Kesavarajan and Miss S. S. Selvadurai.

### MISCELLANY :

We continue to publish the Miscellany regularly and the issues are appreciated by alumni and well wishers. The 1987/88 Miscellany will be published and circulated at the end of this year. My thanks are due to the editor Dr. S. Jebanesan and Manager Mr. A. Jeyarajan for the very efficient piece of work.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Wimalraj of the the Ministry of Sports for all efforts taken to coach and encourage Sothilingam. Inspite of all the curtailing of athletics and sports meets for the last two years—Sothilingam's performance has warmed



our hearts and brought us back to that golden era of athletics of the Georges and Sanders of Jaffna College ; R. R. Scott of St. John's and Kibuka of St. Patrick's,

### **'YOUNG IDEA' :**

The 'Young Idea', the student journal of the college, has completed fifty years of continuous publication, being initiated in 1936 by Mr. C. A. Gnana segaram. The list of English and Tamil editors through the years is a very impressive one. I am personally aware of the editors since 1946 and can identify those before that time also, and therefore I am in a position to say that almost all of them on the list have reached some recognisable eminence in life and in the field of their interests. There are professors, lawyers, doctors, bankers, engineers, teachers and journalists of repute in that list including the founder-editor of the 'Saturday Review'. Like the college Y. M. C. A. and the Miscellany which have passed the century mark of continued existence, the 'Young Idea' with its half a century record, has also become a worthy institution itself. The staff advisers through the years have also reached academic eminence—Messrs S. P. Appasamy E. A. Champion, L. C. D. Kulathungam and S. Jebanesan have also earned their doctorates and the former three are professors abroad. Both students and teachers have been involved in creative literary activity and efficient management of which we can be justifiably proud. Editing and managing of this student paper, therefore, is an edu-

cative enterprise of acceptable excellence outside the classroom. We congratulate and wish the editors, the staff advisers and the members of the Editorial Board many more years of fruitful service and achievements in the college. We are preparing a Jubilee Issue with photographs and messages from the hundred or more editors of the past.

### **DANIEL POOR LIBRARY :**

The Daniel Poor Library is growing from strength to strength and we are trying to build it up into a first grade library. Spending a few moments there is an education in itself. We hope we can equip it soon with apparatus for viewing micro-films and also to have a computer service. We give the opportunity to many alumni and well-wishers to use the Library. It is kept open for a good part of the year even during the vacations. During school days it is kept open from 8-35 a. m. to 5-00 p. m. Mr. R. Kanagaratnam was on study leave for three months observing libraries in India.

### **EVELYN RUTNAM INSTITUTE FOR INTER-CULTURAL STUDIES :**

Professor S. Pathmanathan, the head of the Department of History at the University of Jaffna, has been appointed the Director of the Institute. A constitution has now been provided by the Board of Directors for the running of this institution. We are happy to report that inspite of the heavy damage around the Institute due to the October-November violence of 1987 the Institute building



with its equipment and books were safe. We are hoping very much to build up a fund to conduct seminars, lectures and for publications in keeping with the purpose of the Institute.

#### **SCOUTS, GUIDES, LITTLE FRIENDS AND WOLF CUBS:**

There is much activity inspite of the difficult conditions, and we have been hosting the Scouts and Guides camps for the North in our campus as the Old Park premises could not be used. The Scouts served the college in all its functions very devotedly. I am grateful to the teachers concerned, namely Messrs K. S. Thissairasa, A. Jeyarajan, S. Rajasegaram, V. E. Jeyaseelan, Miss M. S. Elias, Mrs. K. Navaratnarajah, Mrs. J. J. Mithira Ranjan, Mrs. D. J. Ganeshan and Miss V. Rajendram. We request the parents to encourage these activities.

#### **THE SCHOOL COUNCIL :**

The School Council had a fairly active year under the able and accomplished presidencies of Masters J. Aron in 1986—87 and P. Sayanthakumar in 1987—88. It had to conduct many farewell functions to teachers namely, Messrs. P. A. Amirthanathan, S. A. Paulraj, T. Visuvanathan and Miss M. S. Elias. The Council also had a very difficult role to play in meeting the demands of the students and youth with regard to various problems in the day to day running of the school. I wish to thank the presidents and members of the

School Council for their efficient services and the staff adviser, Mr. T. Anandaratnam, for maintaining student discipline and helping to organise all the College functions well through the last two years under very trying conditions.

#### **HOSTELS :**

We have in the hostels around a hundred students. Almost all of them are on scholarships. Besides the regular hostellers the presence of about seventy students in the Levi Spaulding Boys Home is a strength to the residential community in all its progress, particularly its worship programmes in the church. The Boarders' Day celebrations were conducted as usual with Mr. W. N. S. Samuel as the chief guest in 1986. Inspite of the ever rising prices of food stuffs, fuel, etc., and of the tense conditions for resident students due to the violence around, we managed to go through another year with some endurance. My thanks are due to all the wardens, sub-wardens and Mr. V. Ganesharatnam for the catering services.

Mr. E. S. Selvarajah was appointed warden of the Chelliah Hostel in 1987. We were not able to conduct the Boarders' Day celebrations in 1987.

#### **WELFARE ASSOCIATION :**

The welfare work has been carried out well by Mr. R. Kanagaratnam who is also the librarian. My thanks are due to him and to his assistant Mr. S. C. Karunendran for collecting the budgeted sum from the parents and well-wishers.



## **CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FUND OF CANADA :**

We are very grateful to the devoted stewardship shown by all the officers at the CCF office in Canada. We had the visit of Mrs. Lenore Powell, who spent much time with us in going through all the details of the project and has given us useful advice. We are grateful to the CCF for helping students now with their university education too. We welcome the visit of Mr. & Mrs. Crain Copland, Mr. Copland being the Director of Programme at the CCF headquarters in Toronto. I had the privilege of visiting the CCF headquarters in December, 1986, and again in June, 1988. On both these occasions I spent a whole morning with the officers concerned, particularly Mr. Peter Harris, the National Director, Mr. Copland, the Director of Programme and Mr. Jim Dornan, the Director of Development. Mr. Peter Harris also addressed the alumni in Toronto at a dinner on the 3rd of June, 1988. Dr. Balan Selliah and Mr. Raghavan Alphonsus were very helpful in arranging these visits. The Diocese now has a well established office for the CCF. We are grateful to the Bishop and to the Project Officer of the CCF, Mr. G. Rajanayagam, and all the others concerned for the devoted services rendered. I also want to thank all the members of the staff involved in administering this project very conscientiously to every child concerned. I also want to thank Mr. Peter Harris and his wonderful team for the great

Christian concern they show in helping the children in our institution.

## **KILINOCHI PROJECT:**

We are now in a position to proceed with the initial stage of the project though the situation in that area seems to fluctuate. The late Mr. J. N. Sabaratnam worked very hard to make this a reality. The building programme has commenced and the treasurer, Mr. A. Rajasingam, is now helping the Board in supervising the project.

## **JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL :**

The development of the Junior Secondary School is gradually taking shape and it now has a character of its own, particularly in organising its extra curricular activities, its English and Tamil competitions, and this has strengthened the musical and language skills of these children. Many students obtained places at the circuit English competitions. It also has a group of five school councillors incorporated into the Senior School Council and these students have some training in leadership. We are grateful to Miss M. S. Elias, the supervisor for the work done in the Junior Secondary School, and Mr. G. Rajanayagam is now continuing the good work.

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

The Primary School as usual is again an institution in itself, incorporating a variety of activities with meetings of parents and other sports and literary activities. A large number of students



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

September 1987 to August 1988

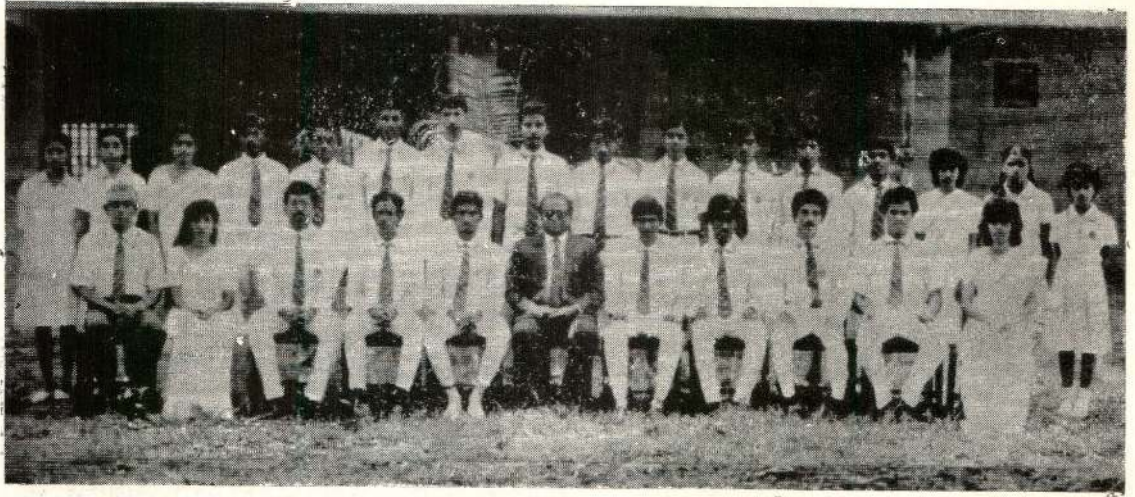


*Seated (L. to R.):* Mr. T. Anandaratanam (Faculty Adviser), G. Bavani, R. Kulasingam, N. Nithiarajan, P. Sayanthakumar (President), The Principal, S. Noble Surendran, S. Wijeyakumar and S. Sharmini.

*Standing (L. to R.):* J. Sunethira, N. Sivajothy, R. Sharmini, S. Navendran, W. Thayatharan, M. Baskaran, T. Ravendran, A. Premananthan, G. Daniel Mathialagan, P. Neil Armstrong, P. Vasanthy and K. Sobhana.



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obtained places in the English competitions conducted at the circuit level. They have also contributed much to the worship services during Christmas time.. My thanks are due to the supervisor Mrs. L. B. Thambirajah for the efficient work done in this department.

#### **DONATION TO PRIZE FUND & SCHOLARSHIPS;**

I wish to add the following donations received during the last two years to our list.

- (1) Mrs. R. J. Thurairajah and children have endowed a sum of Rs. 15,000 and have also donated a very handsome trophy to the all-round senior sportsman of the year in memory of the late Mr. R. J. Thurairajah.
- (2) Mrs. V. G. George has enhanced her contribution by adding another Rs. 5,000/- to the earlier contribution in memory of the late Mr V. G. George.
- (3) Mrs. Rane Kadirgamar and children, a sum of Rs. 5,000/- in memory of the late Mr. Mano Kadirgamar, to initiate a capital fund for the Student Tennis Club.
- (4) Mrs. A. R. Abraham and Family have initiated a fund with Rs. 2,500/- in memory of the late Mr. A. R. Abraham.

- (5) The K. A. Selliah memorial fund has been enhanced from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- by the family.
- (6) The Western Board of Pacific (Hawaii) has contributed a sum of Rs. 17,143/- through the auspices of Miss M. S. Elias towards a scholarship fund.
- (7) Dr. & Mrs. S. J. Nalliah—in memory of their son Nirmal Rs. 57,000/- (£ 1000-00).

We have this year included in separate brochure as far as possible a comprehensive list of endowments, including the dates on which they were endowed and the sums endowed. You will grant that it is a very impressive list of donations, and we remain very grateful to all our donors and well-wishers for this gesture. We are more than confident that the list will grow from strength to strength. The brochure will be revised soon as several new prizes have been received. We have a well formulated system now to award some non academic prizes for CREATIVITY, SOCIAL CONCERN and LEADERSHIP. A silver medal and a cash prize of Rs. 1,000/- is awarded for each prize.



# Refugees and Social Concerns

One of the most tragic and humiliating periods in our sad history of violence and conflicts were the months of October, November and December, 1987. We were helpless refugees in our own land. More than 2,000 refugees huddled into the college premises with just the clothes they were wearing to seek refuge from the random shells and front-line firing. The old and the young, the rich and the poor came streaming in night and day. We were taken unawares. We formed immediately an ad-hoc committee composed of staff members, alumni and youth, and opened an office. The refugees had to be clothed, fed and given medical aid. We had to even help deliver babies. Sanitation and water supply had to be maintained on satisfactory levels. All the refugees were identified, properly registered and housed. This record is now available to help those in need of aid from government and other sources, for rehabilitation.

My thanks are due to all those who worked round the clock, specially to Mr. Noel Vimalendran who served as the co-ordinating officer, and to Messrs. Ganesharatnam and Rajaratnam for managing the entire physical plant. The spontaneous response to voluntary service by all concerned for a period of weeks was commendable. It was our finest hour in the midst of that awful nightmarish experience

## THE SIEGE OF THE COLLEGE BY THE I. P. K. F.

On the afternoon of the 10th of November, 1987, we came under the occupation of the IPKF and the college was partially occupied by the Gurkha Rifles Regiment who approached the campus on foot from Araly. They were later replaced by the Madras Regiment on the 10th of December when almost the entire college was occupied by them. When schools reopened in January they vacated the main campus but continue to occupy the Bicknell Field to this day. Due to the refugee and military occupation we sustained some losses, but negligible compared to what other, similar institutions have lost and therefore we have nothing to complain. We brought the entire campus to working order with the least delay. That we came off so lightly was certainly a miracle and as we recollect and observe the first anniversary of those dark and frightful days our hearts are filled with gratitude.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT AID :

Our student aid programme and scholarships in the college here and in the colleges and universities in India have reached very appreciable and recognisable proportions. More than one-third the students in the college are on some sort of full or partial aid, being given the privilege of studying



in school where they would normally not have had the opportunity to study due to lack of financial resources or even the minimum academic aptitudes. But we have been constrained to follow the Bicknellian dictum to "educate as many as we can as best as we can" and to seek for the "last, the lost and the least". The impetus is the Christian gospel and we must admit with gratitude that it has brought health to our souls, though "eye-brows" may be raised from some quarters regarding our university admissions in certain areas. We are trying very hard to maintain the balance of giving an opportunity to as many as possible to gain a good all-round education and at the same time to help as many as possible with higher education, not necessarily only university education in Sri Lankan universities. It must be admitted that a good education today and university admissions to the Sri Lankan Universities are not synonymous anymore. Admissions to the University have remained static in the numbers admitted over several years, though the numbers competing for admission have grown enormously, and therefore the percentage of admissions has also dwindled down appreciably. This means that a student has to compete very hard to get those few extra points to gain admission to the university and to do this even the good student has to give up almost all that we cherish and uphold in education in a school like ours. And therefore many university students today need a better all-round

school education and many students well educated in school need just a few more marks to enter the university. It was Professor Indrapala who said on this platform a few years ago that of the Advanced Level students who gained admission to the Jaffna University that year 13% did not know or did not care to know who the Prime-Minister of Sri Lanka was. It may be argued that it is not essential for a university student to know who the prime-minister of his or her country is and devotion to one's books, notes and examinations is all that is necessary. Such indifference, ignorance or lack of sheer awareness of one's own country and surroundings is certainly the result of very poor education.

May I be permitted to place before you some relevant facts we are concerned with in this dilemma. The president of the School Council in the year under review (1986) is one who obtained student aid right through his school career. He was successful in the G. C. E. (Advanced Level) examination on the first attempt and was qualified for admission but missed his selection due to the lack of a few marks. He captained an unbeaten first eleven soccer team; was a very skilled first-eleven member of the cricket, hockey, basketball teams and of the athletic team; a skilled player of badminton and table tennis and a tennis champion; a gifted and able singer in the Tamil and English choirs; was president of the



Academy, the literary association of the Advanced Level classes during the dinner term; the founder president of the Leo Club and also secretary and president of many other school associations in the hostels, the S. C. M. and of the Y. M. C. As. Even a student of his calibre has not gained admission to the University because of a few marks. The present President of the School Council, also a scholar of the same calibre appeared for the Advanced Level examination. Such students are certainly assured of excellent careers in outstanding colleges like Madras Christian College and Women's Christian College in India and we have now three members on our staff, one graduate each from Women's Christian College, Madras Christian College and Bishop Heber College, who were our scholars in India. We have through the last six years helped more than fifty-five students with scholarship aid in Indian colleges. More than forty have already completed their degrees in Arts, Commerce and Science and some are holding responsible posts in this country and abroad. All this is possible because of the realistic attitude the Board of Directors and the Diocese have taken to guide us and for the liberal scholarships made available from the Hastings Fund of our Trustees, the Christian children's Fund of Canada and also because of the liberal permanent endowments in the college by generous donors, mostly alumni. I am grateful to the London alumni Association for taking up the possibility of further helping our present-day students.

#### **K. A. SELLIAH MEMORIAL FOUNDATION:**

We have now initiated this campaign and within the first few weeks we have already collected a sum of Rs. 40,000/- towards this fund, more than Rs. 25,000/- of this fund being contributed by the Jaffna College staff. I am extremely grateful to the members of the staff for initiating this campaign as they have done in the previous years for the big projects of the college, namely the building of the Undergraduate Hostel, the Bicknell Memorial Pavillion and the Jaffna College Technical Institute. Besides these, the staff have also very generously initiated the S. V. Balasingham Memorial Scholarship and have created two Trust funds for the families of two colleagues who died in harness. This gesture of the members of the staff is recorded with much pride and gratitude. This tradition I know will continue for several years to come. A sharing and a caring staff is certainly a great asset to the college.

#### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS:**

As usual, the Alumni Associations have been active here and specially abroad. A large gathering of alumni met in London on 30th August, 1987, and again on 30th April, 1988, when the Principal was also present. The London association has two functions every year, and dates are given to members one year in advance, and this enables a large number of alumni, their spouses and families also to participate. Mr. A. Selvaratnam BEM J. P., Barister



and engineer, is the president of the London association. This association was able to save an appreciable sum of money on the dinner and are enhancing our scholarship fund and the jubilarians' fund of the parent-alumni association.

The alumni association in Toronto also is now fully established, meeting twice a year, and a special complementary dinner was held for the Principal on 3rd June, 1988, with Dr. J. B. Selliah presiding. There were more than 125 present at the dinner. We are also happy to announce that the alumni association in Melbourne was inaugurated on 15th May, 1988 with Mr. A. M. Brodie as patron and Mr. C. Joganathan, the retired District Judge, as the President. On the 17th September, 1988, the Sydney association was formally inaugurated with Dr. S. Satkunarajah as the president.

These are all very encouraging events, and we are grateful to all concerned for the love and loyalty shown to the college.

The parent association met on the 5th of September, 1987. The proceedings began with a memorial service to the late Rev. Dr. M. H. Harrison followed by the presentation of gold medals to five jubilarians of the college who have retired, namely, Messrs. A. Rajasingham, P. A. Amlrthanathan S. A. Paulraj, W. N. Thevakadadcham and Mrs. S. Kanagaratnam, and a cash presentation to retired jubilarian, and office worker Mr. M. C. Ariaratnam. It was then followed

by the Annual General Meeting and closed with a fellowship lunch. The Colombo Association has been meeting regularly, but due to the restricted travel between Jaffna and Colombo it has not been possible for the Principal to make the usual visits as the Chairman of Association.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS :**

I wish to welcome Mr. K. Pooranam-pillai as the new chairman of the Board. During the last two years we had Messrs S. Rajanayagam, Rev. Dr. R. Ambalavanar and A. C. Canagarajah, a former chairman going out on sabbatical, and our chairman Mr. J. M. Sabaratnam passed away during the course of this year. Miss C. V. Selliah is the secretary Mr. A. Rajasingam the treasurer. Mr. Rajasingam is also the elected staff representative on the Board. Dr. W. D. Joshua had to leave us on taking an assignment abroad. Mr. K. Gunaratnam was re-elected as the alumni representative; Mr. M. R. Selvarajah returns to us after being out on sabbatical, and we welcome Dr. (Mrs.) Maheswary Arudchelvam,, Mr. J. S. David and Mr. S. S. Selvadurai, I wish to thank the chairman, the members of the Executive Committee and all the members of the Board for the wise counsel and guidance to all the affairs of the college.

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES :**

Rev. Dr. Telfer Mook continues to be the chairman, the Rev. Eric Gass the secretary and Mr. Richard Edmunds the treasurer. We thank Rev. Gass for



the trouble he took to be in Jaffna at least for eighteen hours under very adverse conditions during January, 1987. During that very short period he was able to view a good part of the progress made by our institutions in Jaffna. The then chairman Mr. S. Rajanayagam, Bishop Ambalavanar and I were able to attend the Trustee meeting on 10th November, 1986, at the Harvard Club in Boston, USA. The Bishop and I were also able to attend another meeting on the 20th May, 1988, at The Castle at Boston University. At both these meetings we were able to discuss many mutual interests, and also report the situation in the country. In 1986 we were also given the opportunity to attend the annual sessions of the U. C. B. W. M. which took place in Raleigh, North Carolina. These visits made it possible for all three of us to contact very influential church and political groups in U. S. A. and exchange views about the situation in our country. I have given a full report of my travel and experience in the 1986 Miscellany with some photographic records. I wish to express my gratitude to the trustees for the concern and care given and for the patient hearing given to our problems; for the sympathetic understanding shown to and for the faithful stewardship of funds.

#### **JAFFNA COLLEGE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE:**

You will note that this Institute had been upgraded and now called the ins.

titute of Technology and Agriculture. The Institute of Technology under the directorship of Mr. M. G. Pillainayagam has shown much progress and is now a well-established institute of quality serving a very large number of youth. Mr. M. G. Pillainayagam, the Director, is now undergoing training in technology and education at the Institute of Technology Bowling, Green State University, Ohio, USA. I was able to visit this school of technology on two occasions, in 1986 and 1988, and was able to see Mr. Pillainayagam at work in the later visit. We hope something tangible will come out of this relationship with our college and the Institute of Technology at Bowling Green. The Jaffna College Institute of Technology is now being administered well by Mr. S. A. P. Thurairatnam, the Acting Director, and supported by a very able and cooperative staff.

Mr. C. Jeyaratnam, the Principal of the Institute of Agriculture has also shown some progress in the affairs of the Institute inspite of the very heavy damages they had to incur in October and November, 1987. A new administration block and a hostel for girls have been constructed.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S TRAVEL:**

I was accorded the opportunity to visit several institutions, churches and theological seminaries during my visit to USA for the Trustee meeting in May 1988. This visit gave me an opportunity



to visit and revisit a wide range of alumni in UK, USA and Canada. Special mention must be made of my visit to the Library of Congress, Woodrow Wilson and Thomas Jefferson High Schools in Washington D. C., the Education Department of the US, Kennedy Center for the performing Arts, the Science Center, the U. S. State Department on Sri Lankan affairs and U. S. Aid. All this was possible because of an International Visitor status given to me by the US Information Agency in Washington, sponsored by the American Ambassador in Sri Lanka. I was also able to make use of this opportunity to attend a very relevant seminar and consultation on the Ecumenical Movement at Stony Point, New York. I also had the opportunity of meeting several church groups at the UCBWM Headquarters and revisit my old schools, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University, New York.

#### **OUR MISSION IN EDUCATION:**

Our mission in education, its philosophy and priorities, have to be underlined. We are fortunate in the heritage we have in our pioneering efforts in education. We are constantly challenged by our well-wishers, trustees and learned professors like you Sir, to new tasks and opportunities in the process of earning in a fast-changing world. Much has been given to us, and therefore much is expected of us. We are constantly drawn into areas of special need and the Institutes of Technology and

Agriculture, the Study Institutes, the Evelyn Rutnam Institute, the English Medium classes, the Kilinochchi projects and earlier the Undergraduate departments are all examples of the results of such expectations and responses, and there are requests for more such innovations and ventures to meet the ever increasing needs of our society. Such requests are not made of other private institutions with such intensity.

The school through more than a century has been the one constant, dominating and energising educating influence and the spring-board, from which such ideas have sprung from time to time. In the school we have now given some priority to the education of the under-privileged, economically and academically, in a way few other institutions of our standing are willing to do. When the American missionary Meigs arrived in Jaffna in 1816 he explored the educational potential in Jaffna and found among women only two who could read and write, one from Alaveddy and the other from Uduppiddy! The American missionaries brought into their schools older students who could not even read and write and educated them into an educational elite far surpassing our population ratio in the country. After almost two centuries the potential for education in Jaffna is certainly more encouraging. It is of course a more challenging and a difficult task to enable a zero or 'E' grade candidate to obtain a 'D' or a 'C' grade than to enable a 'C' or 'B' grade student to achieve an 'A' grade,



There are also other resultant factors of educational psychology in helping such underprivileged students who do not even have the minimum parental care or concern. The "College Home" atmosphere has to be maintained for them at all levels. The challenges are stimulating to the devoted and committed educator and specialised training too is essential for the task.

I must say that the spirit of the early American Ceylon Mission educators of the 19th century is still alive in this village, this college and in this Diocese. The Levi Spaulding Home in this village is a faithful response to that spirit. The rewards are slow but very much in the making and encouraging. If we have such a wide ranging alumni around the world in all walks of life with such concern, loyalty and gratitude, it is due to the response the college made from time to time to meet their special needs.

It is also of some significance that many Jaffna College Alumni have taken to teaching and to the educational mission seriously in this country and abroad. Statistics will be most revealing, but I shall refrain from stating them. Generations of students outside this school therefore are also benefitted and influenced by our life-styles, tradition, culture and heritage. We hope we can continue this service and maintain the balance without being side-tracked by competitive examination and educational standards of an elitistic, academic pattern only,

though the demand to further their pattern is also as acute as ever on us. Priority has to be given to the education of the under-privileged if we are to be faithful to our heritage and mission. The admonition of our Lord to help the poor was not meant only to the rich young ruler — it applies to us as well. It is not easy to give up our prized possessions and positions; it upsets our complacency, our comforts and prestige. It really hurts, but the need is urgent and our response is imperative. I am grateful to the Board of Directors, the Trustees and the Jaffna Diocese and the CCF for the encouragement and direction given and for the sympathetic understanding shown. My thanks are also due to the staff for taking on a heavier load than usual.

#### THANKS AND FAREWELL:

As I come to the end of this report, I am also deeply conscious of the fact that it is also my final report as Principal of Jaffna College, an office I held for the past twenty years. I shall lay down office in a week's time. I have been reminded over and over again in recent times by many people that this period of my principalship was the most tumultuous period in our 165-year history. The most traumatic event during this time was the forcible take-over of the College by the government to establish the Jaffna Campus of the Unniversity of Sri Lanka, just as we were jubilantly celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Institution,



initiating technical and agriculture education with the establishment of the Technical and Agricultural Institutes in 1973. We were thrown into the wilderness for five years, from 1973 to 1978. The College was subsequently returned to us in 1979, miserably mutilated, with much loss of valuable property and equipment and with a depleted and demoralised staff. There was no compensation whatever given for the colossal loss or acquisition of property. It was with worn out tools that we had to painfully rebuild again. Even here the process of rebuilding was immediately marred and obstructed by the horrible violence and uncertainties of our times. It is therefore with amazing grace that we have come through many a snare to this time and place. My main given task was to guard the wicket carefully through the twenty mandatory overs even though I was tempted to risk a few boundaries and sixers, but saving the innings had to be given first priority. As I walk to the pavilion now retired not out, I begin to acknowledge gratefully the cheers from many appreciative sections of the crowd. We are on the threshold of fresh innings. The pitch is in better condition, the traditional aggressive bowlers and fieldsmen are either tired or non-existent. Batsman Jebanesan can now score the boundaries and sixers while I join the throng of ardent and enthusiastic spectators to cheer my heart out.

Three others have held the office of Principal or Head of the Institution for the same duration or more : Dr. E. P. Hastings for twenty-three years (1849—1855 and 1872—1889); Rev John Bicknell for twenty years (1916—1936), and Dr. Syd Bunker for twenty-nine years (1937—1966). In stature and dynamism, I am the least of them, and it is therefore with some justifiable trepidation, awe, humility and gratitude that I now pass on or fade into the hoary history of this beloved, noble and revered Institution. Jaffna College was my life and my life was Jaffna College. An array of outstanding men and women have influenced and inspired me through schools, colleges and churches in this country, Malaysia, India and America. To my wife, children parents, brothers and sisters I owe a deep sense of gratitude for the emotional, spiritual and physical sustenance given to me always to hold on to this task for so long. To the many beloved American missionaries, trustees, directors, my bishops my teachers, fellow administrators, colleagues and helpers on the entire staff, alumni, parents and students, I say a deep felt and sincere thank you. Your precious memories I will cherish while life and memory lasts. It is with much regard and hope and of course with some relief that I hand this sacred task to Principal Jebanesan. To God the Father be all praise, honour and thanksgiving. Thank you and good-bye.



# Prize Day Address

by

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Rev. Bishop, Mr. Principal, distinguished guests, staff and students of Jaffna College, ladies and gentlemen. It is indeed a privilege to be invited as the chief guest to the Annual Prize Giving of your great institution. You had invited us for the 1987 annual prize giving of your college but it did not take place due to unforeseen events of last October. Although I did not study in this institution, my association with your college started in the 1960s through Prof. L. W. Jeyasingham and the geography staff of the undergraduate section. Jaffna College is an integrated seat of learning, which has classes from pre-school level to undergraduate level. Further your college has a technical institute, agricultural institute and an institute for the study of religion and society, Evelyn Ratnam institute too functions within the Jaffna College set-up. In this respect Jaffna College has been functioning like a higher educational institution. The college environment is also conducive for higher educational activities. The Library in the college was one of the best in the North before establishment of the University of Jaffna.

Let me at the outset congratulate all the prize winners and wish them very best for their future success. The prize winners seen today are an

index of the wealth of talent in your school. I am confident that the students of Jaffna College, when they go through a systematic academic programme and extra curricular training they will be given the knowledge, wisdom and the courage to manage any situation in life without difficulty. Since the 1980s, the extra curricular activities in the Northern schools have been badly affected due to the unsettled conditions in the region. In the recent past, Jaffna College had good basketball, soccer and cricket teams. Once peace is restored we have to give top priority to rehabilitate and develop sports activities in Jaffna. (It is a matter for regret that the entire South Asian region with more than 1000 million population won only a bronze medal in the recently concluded 24th Olympic games in Seoul South Korea. East Germany, which has 16 million population, won 102 medals including 37 gold medals. There is an urgent need in the South Asian region to boost the sports activities.) The development of sports activities will help to build a good physique and mind. It will also become a major entertainment for the public. Further, it can generate a large number of jobs in sports and sports-based industries.

Sri Lanka is one of the developing countries which enjoys a high literacy



rate. The country when compared to many other developing countries has relatively better educational facilities and its general educational achievement is commendable. The country enjoys a relatively better standard of living in terms of the physical, quality of life index. Our literacy rate have pushed our PQLI to a higher level and placed the country above some newly industrialised countries. Many factors have contributed to the growth of primary and secondary education in the country. The introduction of free education, and the establishment of government schools in backward rural areas, the adoption of the mother tongue as a medium of instruction had helped to expand and broaden the educational activities in Sri Lanka within a short time. Since independence the successive governments introduced progressive measures to improve the quality and quantity of our primary and secondary educational system. There has been no adequate quantitative expansion in tertiary education to cope with the growth of secondary education. Though our educational system is relatively developed, there are a few problems which seriously affect our educational progress.

Hence I wish to mention a few aspects related to the educational problems of our country such as the problems of school dropouts, duration, gaps and delays in our educational periods, and inadequate growth of tertiary educational periods, and inadequate growth of tertiary educational facilities especially in the University educational system.

The school drop-out rate in Sri Lanka is fairly high. This disturbs the educationist and it needs special effort to control. More than 30% of the children drop out before completing secondary education. The dropout rates progressively increase from lower kindergarten to grade 9. The drop-outs in the entire country from grades LK—8 constitute 3.1% of the enrollment in these grades. The drop rate also varies from district to district. The higher rates of drop-outs are taking place in Mannar, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Nuwara Eliya. In backward rural areas and in poor urban neighbourhoods the drop-outs take place even in primary classes. You can see the extent of drop-outs from the exploitation of child labour in many sectors. Thousands of children in the early school age are employed as domestic servants and servants in the urban informal sector and thereby their right to basic education is deprived.

The drop rate among the Tamil children is alarmingly high. The distribution pattern of the Tamil population in the country and the nature of schools found in their areas have contributed to this trend. In the estate sector, the school system is not properly developed on a par with the national educational system, and most of the schools have classes up to year 5 mostly with one teacher. Most of the estate schools are manned by one teacher and this affects the educational performance of the school and ultimately this leads to the drop-



out students from the school. Vavuniya, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Batticaloa and Trincomalee districts have a relatively high concentration of small schools and have been undergoing the difficulties of shortage of teachers and this contributes to the drop out of school children from school. The recent appointment of primary teachers will help to some extent to overcome the teacher shortages in small schools in the above districts. In the Jaffna District, the schools in coastal areas in the Eastern Vadamardchy are also of very small size and looked after by one or two teachers. In addition to the above factors, the political unrest in the Northern and Eastern Provinces in the last few years caused the refugee problem and unsettled conditions which led to the rapid drop-out of children from school.

Many factors are contributing to the high drop out of school children in the country. Among them, poverty and poor economic conditions are the underlying factors. Out of the 16 million, nearly 7.5 million people of this country are still receiving food stamps. This is an indicator of the economic condition of the people. Other factors such as negligence by parents, peer group activities, presence of large number of small schools in our educational system, inadequate transport facilities in backward regions have contributed to the present situation.

The social workers, community, and religious leaders have to take positive

steps to arrest this trend and initiate remedial measures to improve the situation. The drop-outs are mainly from the weaker section of the society. If proper measures are not taken it will be difficult to improve the socio-economic conditions of these people. The mid-day meal programme initiated in the Colombo Municipal Council area should be expanded to cover the whole country. This scheme will help to improve and eradicate malnutrition among the school children and increase the school attendance rate. Though we have had a free education system in our country for a long period, the compulsory aspect of school attendance is not effectively enforced. Similarly the labour laws are also not effectively enforced to prevent child labour. So in this respect the contribution of your college towards the education of poor children through scholarships and student aid is remarkable. I am sure you will continue this student aid system to uplift the weaker section.

நாட்டிலுள்ள ஏழை மாநதர்க்கு எழுத்தறிவித்தல் நாலோர் தொகுத்தவற்றுள் எல்லாம் தலையாய அறமென்னும் உண்மையை,

“இன்னறுங் கனிச் சோலைகள் செய்தல்  
இனிய நீர்த்தன் சனைகள் இயற்றல்  
அன்ன சத்திரம் ஆயிரம் வைத்தல்  
ஆலயம் பதி னாயிரம் நாட்டல்  
பின்ன ருள்ளத ருமங்கள் யாவும்  
பெயர் விளங்கி ஒளிர நிறுத்தல்  
அன்ன யானிலும் புண்ணியங் கோடி  
ஆங்கோ ரேழைக் கெழுத்தறி வித்தல்.”  
என்று பாரதியார் அறிவித்துப் போந்தார்.

இங்ஙனம் அன்னசாலைகள் அமைத்தலும், ஆலயங்கள் எடுத்தலும், சாலைகள் பகுத்தலும், சோலைகள் வளர்த்தலும்



சிறந்த அறங்களை எனினும், அறிவை வளர்க்கும் கல்லூரிகள் நிறுவுதலே தலை சிறந்த அறமென்று பாரதியார் அறிவுறுத்தினார்.

### Duration, Gaps and Delays

Another important aspect that affects the education are gaps and delays in the educational system. Most of the countries have twelve years primary and secondary education. But we in Sri Lanka have thirteen years of education over a period of thirteen years and eight months. Earlier a student could sit the G. C. E. (A/L) examination in twentyfour months from the date on which he sat for the G. C. E. (O/L) Examination. At present the student has to wait nearly thirtytwo months to sit the G. C. E. (A/L) Examination at his first attempt and await for the results for nearly four months. A large number of candidates at the G. C. E. (A/L) Examination repeat the examination to improve their performances and to gain admission to the Universities. As a matter of fact a good number of students practically spend 15 - 16 years at primary and secondary levels. Another important matter that has to be mentioned is that prior to 1970 a student had to wait for six months to gain admission to the University after completing G. C. E. (A/L) Examination. Before 1968, entrance examinations to the University were held in December and the University academic year commenced in July of each year. In 1964

the commencement of the academic year shifted from July to October to conform with the calendars of other Universities in the Northern Hemisphere. In the latter part of the 1960s G. C. E. (A/L) Examination was conducted in the month of April. The six month gap has remained unchanged but the students spent more months in their schools and they were able to gain admission in the same year. The insurrection that took place in 1971 compelled the government to postpone the examination to August. Owing to this change the students will have to spend an extra eight months in the schools. As the period is very short for the University to admit students, students are admitted the following year and they wait for fourteen months and students lose one academic year. From 1983 onwards, due to the problems caused by the unsettled situation in the country, commencement of the academic year shifted to the commencement of the calendar year. Owing to this change prospective students to the university have to waste 16 months from the date of completion of G. C. E. (A/L) Examination. At present they have to wait nearly two years to gain admission to the University. As a result the students are unable to complete their studies within the expected age and stipulated period. This has created many social and economic problems. Now we have to pay close attention to reducing gaps and delays in the change-over from secondary to tertiary education:



University Admissions	1967	1987
Arts	Science	
1965	4000	1000
1966/67	2858	790
1967	2888	872
1968	2762	809
1969	2285	792
1970	2503	955
1972	2239	1099
1973	2243	1177
1974	2236	1296
1975	2394	1395
1976	2495	1447
1977	2657	1493
1978	2884	2073
1979/80	2925	1923
1980/81	2962	1863
1981	2890	2158
1982	2973	2377
1983	3017	2446
1984	3026	2604
1985	3119	2307
1986		
1987	2990	3214

as in the developed countries. This will help to save time, energy and valuable resources. This will help the students to complete their courses within the stipulated period to enable them to seek employment at the earliest opportunity. The state also will be able to meet the projected man-power need and provide satisfactory services to the people.

The tertiary education system in the country is not expanded in terms of places for students. We have 8 Universities and an Open University. The current annual intake to these 8 University is around 6,500. In 1965, the student intake to the university of Ceylon was around 5,000. During the past 22 years, the intake has been increased only by an extra number of 1,500 places. The increase in the number of places in the Universities is not sufficient to meet the demand of the G. C. E. (A/L) qualified students who want to continue their studies in the Universities. The number of candidates who sat for the G. C. E. (A/L) Examination was around 140,000. Out of this figure nearly 32,000 were qualified to enter the University and eventually 6,200 were selected by the UGC based on national merit (30%) district merit (65%) and backward quota (5%). The national annual intake of students to the University is relatively very small when compared to the size of the population. The country should have at least 16 full fledged Universities at the rate of one university for one million population. From 1970 onwards

Sources : University Grants Commission Statistical Handbook 1983, 1985.  
Division of Planning and Research U. G. C. p. 30, p. 28.  
Basic Statistics of Higher Education Division of Planning and Research University Grants Commission. P. 10.  
University Admission Record Book 1987/88.

Therefore, we should workout a time schedule for completing our courses



national discussion has taken place about the mode of selection to the University of Sri Lanka. However, there was no serious discussion at the national level about the quantum of the University admission. There are two schools of thought regarding the admission to the University. One school advocates that the admission to the university should be restricted in terms of the man-power demand of the country. The other school advocates that the admission to professional courses may be restricted according to man-power need but for other courses there is no need to adopt strict admission policies. The planning of man power is a notorious lack, and it is very difficult to predict the real needs of the future. Many man-power projections prepared in many countries in 1970s and 1980s were not realized. Once a person misses his higher educational opportunity at the proper age, it is very difficult for him to get into the educational system again. The developing countries should adopt a liberal attitude towards education because it will help change the social conditions of the population. So opportunity should be given for higher education through internal or external courses. If an opportunity is given in Jaffna a large number of G. C. E. (A/L) qualified students who failed to get admission to the university could proceed to degree studies through the external degree courses of the university of Peradeniya (Arts & Science) Jayawardenapura University (Commerce) and Open University courses

Jaffna College can step in to help the G. C. E. (A/L) qualified students who fail to gain admission in the higher educational institutions to continue their tertiary education. There is an urgent need for a well-organised higher educational institution to meet the demand of the above group. So I would like to take this opportunity to request you to re-start the undergraduate section of your college as early as possible.

Initially the students can be prepared for bachelor of arts and science external degree examination of the University of Peradeniya, Bachelor of Commerce external degree examination of the University of Jayawardenapura. The Open University students of many courses can also utilize the facilities of the undergraduate section.

The college is in a position to provide the facilities and necessary educational background to start the undergraduate section, including a few student aids. It will not be difficult to recruit well-qualified staff in subjects such as Tamil, geography, economics, philosophy, political science and civilization. In this process you may help a good number of qualified persons to get employment and to develop their academic career.

The development and the reorganisation of the library should go hand in hand with the reactivation of the undergraduate section. The Peninsula needs another well developed library in addition to our university library. The develop-



ment of this library will help a large number of educationists in the peninsula who are interested in updating their knowledge and research activities. In addition to the University and Jaffna College libraries, the Jaffna Municipal Library also should be restored to its former position to meet the ever increasing demand of the tertiary educational students.

Once the undergraduate section is re-established, you elevate your college to the previous position as a seat of higher educational institution in the Peninsula. A systematic well-planned

development with reasonable resource input and the maintenance of higher educational standards will reward this institution with an elevated status. An institution with a one-hundred sixty-five years history should expand its activities with the needs of the time. Higher technical and liberal education are the needs of the time.

I am certain with the new leadership at Jaffna College this will be accomplished in the not so distant future.



Greatness in art (as assuredly in all things, but more distinctly in this than in most of them) is not a teachable nor gainable thing, but the expression of the mind of a Godmade great man; that teach or preach, or labour as you will everlasting difference is set between one man's capacity and another's; and that this God-given supremacy is the priceless thing, always just as rare in the world at one time as another.

— John Ruskin, "Modern Painters"



# Prize List—1986 and 1987

## Primary School

### Integrated Subjects

#### Year 1 — 1987

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Shanjeevan S.    | 10. Suhanya S.      |
| Elocution 1st Prize |                     |
| 2. Prashanthan R.   | 11. Sorna S.        |
| 3. Jeevakumar R. D. | 12. Abarana S.      |
| Elocution 2nd prize |                     |
| 4. Mayuradeepan P.  | 13. Arani S.        |
| 5. Krishnarajah T.  | Elocution 3rd Prize |
| 6. Seyon S.         | 14. Kirija M.       |
| 7. Keama K.         | 15. Sivasahela S.   |
| 8. Shivatharani B.  | 16. Abiramy S.      |
| 9. Thivija T.       | 17. Thanushayini N. |
|                     | 18. Thuvaraga S.    |

### Integrated Subjects

#### Year 1 & 2

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|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1. Pranavan R.           | 1986           |           |
| 2. Thibaharan K.         | 1986 & 1987    |           |
| 3. Nalinaraj R.          | 1986 & 1987    |           |
| 4. Kishankaran S.        | 1986 & 1987    |           |
| 5. Anjello Birenthira R. | 1986 & 1987    |           |
|                          | 1987 Elocution | 2nd Prize |
| 6. Janakan S.            | 1986 & 1987    |           |
| 7. Chandramohan T.       | 1986           |           |
| 8. Tharmini S.           | 1986 & 1987    |           |
| 9. Prashanthi T.         | 1986 & 1987    |           |
| 10. Sivaja S.            | 1986 & 1987    |           |
|                          | 1986 Elocution | 1st Prize |
|                          | 1987 Elocution | 1st Prize |
| 11. Mathuri P.           | 1986 & 1987    |           |
| 12. Garthiga M.          | 1986 & 1987    |           |
| 13. Meerangi R.          | 1986 & 1987    |           |
|                          | 1986 Elocution | 2nd Prize |
|                          | 1987 Elocution | 3rd Prize |
| 14. Sangeetha V.         | 1986 & 1987    |           |
| 15. Dashini S.           | 1986 Elocution | 3rd Prize |
| 16. Gayathiri T.         | 1986           |           |



17. Jashanthly G.	1986 & 1987
18. Thavajothy T.	1986
19. Kajenthini K.	1986 & 1987
20. Kalani R.	1986
21. Sujitha S.	1986 & 1987
22. Surendraraj D	1987
23. Kumaresh R.	1987
24. Mathangopal T.	1987
25. Umaiya K.	1987
26. Nishotha N.	1987
27. Sharaini A.	1987
28. Sinthuja A.	1987
29. Srigowri S.	1987
30. Thevakala T.	1987
31. Jeyapriya T.	1987

## Integrated Subjects

### Year 2 & 3

1. Dinesh J.	1986	
2. Jegan J.	1986 & 1987	
	1986 Elooution	1st Prize
	1987 Elocution	3rd Prize
3. Satheeskumar T.	1986 & 1987	
4. Jeyachandran M.	1986	
5. Senthooran S.	1986	
6. Meryl Niranjan T.	1986	
	1987 Elocution	1st Prize
7. Partheepan N.	1986 & 1987	
8. Kelvin J.	1986 & 1987	
9. Sivasutha R.	1986 & 1987	
10. Mayurathy P.	1986 & 1987	
11. Verni P.	1986	
12. Vamini V.	1986 & 1987	
13. Subajini S.	1986 & 1987	
14. Abiramy R.	1986 & 1987	
15. Meera R.	1986 & 1987	
16. Ratnarajini R.	1987	
17. Edmund H, R.	1986 Elooution	2nd Prize
18. Rekesh R.	1987 Elocution	2nd Prize



**Year 3 & 4**

1. Sutharsana M.	1986	Integrated Subject	
	1987	General Proficiency	
		<b>Grace Satkunan Anketell Ratnesar</b>	
		<b>Memorial Prize for Tamil</b>	1st Prize
		Hinduism	1st Prize
		Eng. Spelling	1st Prize
		Env. Studies	2nd Prize
		Needle Work	2nd Prize
		Maths	3rd Prize
		English	3rd Prize
		Tamil Writing	3rd Prize
2. Dilanthy Sharvini G.	1986	Integrated Subject	
	1987	General Proficiency	
		<b>Edison Lockwood Memorial</b>	
		<b>Prize for Art</b>	1st Prize
		English	1st Prize
		Christianity	1st Prize
		Tamil	2nd Prize
		Hand Work	2nd Prize
		Tamil Writing	2nd Prize
		Eng. Spelling	2nd Prize
3. Paheerathan R.	1986	Integrated Subject	
	1987	General Proficiency	
		Science	1st Prize
		Maths	2nd Prize
		Art	2nd Prize
		Hinduism	3rd Prize
		Env. Studies	3rd Prize
		Tamil Music	3rd Prize
4. Chitraleka T.	1986	Integrated Subject	
	1987	General Proficiency	
		<b>Mr. K. Edward Memorial Prize</b>	
		<b>for Maths</b>	1st Prize
		Dance	1st Prize
		Eng. Hand Writing	2nd Prize



5. Chitrakala T.	1987	General Proficiency	
		Env. Studies	1st Prize
		Eng. Hand Writing	1st Prize
		Hinduism	2nd Prize
		Science	2nd Prize
		Tamil	3rd Prize
6. Ashokumar S.	1986	Integrated Subject	
	1987	General Proficiency	
		Needle Work	1st Prize
		Tamil Writing	1st Prize
		Science	3rd Prize
7. Prashanth S.	1986	Integrated Subject	
	1987	General Proficiency	
		Tamil Music	1st Prize
		English	2nd Prize
		English Hand Writing	3rd Prize
8. Sayanthan S.	1986	Integrated Subject	
	1987	General Proficiency	
		Hand Work	1st Prize
		Needle Work	3rd Prize
9. Sharmila T.	1986	Integrated Subject	
	1987	General Proficiency	
		English	2nd Prize
		Elocution	3rd Prize
10. Dilani J.	1986	Integrated Subject	
	1986	Elocution	2nd Prize
	1987	General Proficiency	
		Elocution	3rd Prize
11. Priya G.	1986	Integrated Subject	
	1986	Elocution	1st Prize
	1987	General Proficiency	
12. Sathialogini S.	1986	Integrated Subject	
	1987	English Music	1st Prize
		Christianity	3rd Prize



13. Nilani S.	1986 Integrated Subject	
	1987 Eng. Spelling	3rd Prize
14. Shankar S.	1986 Integrated Subject	
15. Ramanan G.	1986 Integrated Subject	
16. Baheerathan N.	1986 Integrated Subject	
17. Rajini W.	1986 Integrated Subject	
18. Nanthini M.	1986 Integrated Subject	
19. Rathai K.	1986 Integrated Subject	
20. Thanuja B.	1986 Integrated Subject	
21. Rukshan Edwin B.	1986 Elocution	3rd Prize
22. Sujitha P.	1987 Dance	1st Prize
23. Krishnapriya S.	1987 Tamil Music	2nd Prize
24. Tharuini M.	1987 Hand Work	3rd Prize
25. Piragalathan P.	1987 English Music	3rd Prize
26. Sulakshan K.	1987 Elocution	1st Prize

#### Year 4 & 5

1. Gajan S.	1986 General Proficiency	
	<b>Dr. J. T. Amarasingam Memorial Prize</b>	
	for English	1st Prize
	Art	1st Prize
	Hinduism	2nd Prize
	1987 General Proficiency	
	<b>Mr. A. C. Arulampalam Memorial Prize</b>	
	for English	1st Prize
	<b>Rev. &amp; Mrs. J K. Sinnathamby</b>	
	<b>Memorial Prize for Tamil</b>	1st Prize
	Env. Studies	1st Prize
	Hinduism	1st Prize
	Needle Work	2nd Prize
	Maths	3rd Prize
2. Nanthini V.	1986 General Proficiency	
	Maths	2nd Prize
	Hand Work	2nd Prize
	Dance	2nd Prize
	1987 General Proficiency	



**S. S. Sanders Memorial Prize  
for Maths**

	1st Prize
Dance	2nd Prize
Hinduism	3rd Prize
Env. Studies	3rd Prize
Needle Work	3rd Prize

3. Dushyanthy M.

1986 General Proficiency

**Dr. J. C. Amarasingam Memorial Prize  
for Tamil**

	1st Prize
Tamil Singing	2nd Prize
English Singing	2nd Prize
English Hand Writing	1st Prize

4. Suganya N.

1986 General Proficiency

**Mr. J. N. Appadurai Memorial Prize  
for Dauce**

	1st Prize
Tamil	2nd Prize
Tamil Writing	2nd Prize
Tamil Singing	3rd Prize

5. Nilani R.

1986 General Proficiency

English	3rd Prize
English Singing	3rd Prize
Hand Work	3rd Prize

6. Kirubaharan R.

1986 General Proficiency

Env. Studies	2nd Prize
Maths	3rd Prize

1987 General Proficiency

Tamil	2nd Prize
Art	2nd Prize

7. Sutharshan S.

1986 General Proficiency

Hinduism	1st Prize
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1987 Art

1st Prize



8.	Kapilan S.	1986	General Proficiency Maths	1st Prize
		1987	Maths	2nd Prize
9.	Rabindranath T.	1986	General Proficiency Elocution	1st Prize
			Env. Studies	3rd Prize
		1987	General Proficiency Elocution	2nd Prize
10.	Thaventhiran S.	1986	General Proficiency Elocution	3rd Prize
		1987	General Proficiency English	2nd Prize
			Env. Studies	2nd Prize
11.	Sujeev M.	1986	General Proficiency Art	3rd Prize
		1987	General Proficiency Hand Work	1st Prize
			English	3rd Prize
12.	Prabanthini A.	1986	Dance	3rd Prize
		1987	Dance	1st Prize
			Needle Work	1st Prize
			Hand Work	2nd Prize
13.	Sujitha S.	1987	General Proficiency <b>Mr. V Chelvadurai Memorial Prize for Hinduism</b>	1st Prize
			Tamil Singing	2nd Prize
			Tamil	3rd Prize
14.	Shebnahpari A.	1986	Christianity	1st Prize
		1987	Christianity	3rd Prize
15.	Sivadharshini S.	1986	Hinduism	3rd Prize
		1987	Dance	3rd Prize
16.	Shirani R.	1986	General Proficiency Art	2nd Prize



17.	Vasuki A.	1986	General Proficiency Hand Work	1st Prize
		1987	General Proficiency	
18.	M. S. Cassiere	1986.	English Singing Tamil Singing	2nd Prize 2nd Prize
19.	Jeyarajah R.	1986	English	2nd Prize
20.	Mary Dilakshi A.	1986	Christianity	2nd Prize
21.	Kesavan V.	1986	General Proficiency	
22.	Nishanthini T.	1986	Tamil Writing	1st Prize
23.	Kavitha S.	1986	Elocution	2nd Prize
24.	Krishanthi S.	1986	Eng. Hand Writing	2nd Prize
		1987	Elocution	1st Prize
25.	Ushalini E.	1986	Eng. Hand Writing	3rd Prize
26.	Sharmila T.	1986	Tamil Writing	2nd Prize
27.	Kalyani N.	1987	Tamil Singing English Singing	1st Prize 3rd Prize
28.	Ahilan T.	1987	Christianity	1st Prize
29.	Pradeepan C.	1987	English Singing	1st Prize
30.	Palraj Sathees P	1987	Christianity	2nd Prize
31.	Gajanthan S.	1987	English Singing	2nd Prize
32.	Vanathy Y.	1987	Art	3rd Prize
33.	Sivamithiran P.	1987	Hand Work	3rd Prize
34.	Balatharshini S.	1987	Tamil Singing	3rd Prize
35.	Mukunthan V.	1987	Elocution	3rd Prize

## Year V

1. Rajani M.

### Mr. P. W. Ariaratnam Memorial Prize

General Proficiency	
Tamil	1st Prize
Maths	1st Prize
English	1st Prize
Needle Work	1st Prize
Env. Studies	2nd Prize
English Spelling	2nd Prize
Hinduism	3rd Prize



2. Jananthan S.

**Mr. A. C. Ampalam Memorial Prize**

**General Proficiency**

Hinduism	1st Prize
English Spelling	1st Prize
Maths	2nd Prize
English	2nd Prize
Env. Studies	2nd Prize
Tamil	3rd Prize

3. Nijitha A.

**Mr. R. C. S. Cooke Memorial Prize**

**General Proficiency**

Tamil Music	1st Prize
English Music	1st Prize
Art	2nd Prize
Needle Work	2nd Prize
Christianity	3rd Prize

4. Lakshani K.

Elocution	1st Prize
Dance	2nd Prize
English Singing	2nd Prize
Art	3rd Prize
Needle Work	3rd Prize
Hand Work	3rd Prize

5. Banumathy F.

**General Proficiency**

Tamil Writing	1st Prize
Tamil	2nd Prize
English	3rd Prize
English Spelling	3rd Prize

6. Subajini G.

**General Proficiency**

Env. Studies	1st Prize
Hinduism	2nd Prize

7. Sivaharan S.

**General Proficiency**

English Hand Writing	2nd Prize
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8. Christina Geetanjali J.

**Elocution**

Hand Work	1st Prize
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9. Damayanthi B.

**Tamil Writing**

Tamil Singing	2nd Prize
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10.	Jansirani M.	Christianity	1st Prize
		English Hand Writing	3rd Prize
11.	Sriharan S.	Christianity	2nd Prize
		Tamil Spelling	3rd Prize
12.	Regina Premala C.	Tamil Singing	3rd Prize
		English Singing	3rd Prize
13.	Suresh R.	Art	1st Prize
14.	Raviraj R.	English Hand Writing	1st Prize
15.	Subathra P.	Dance	1st Prize
16.	Vajani R.	Hand Work	2nd Prize
17.	Kavitha R.	Tamil Spelling	2nd Prize
18.	Sivasakthy T.	Tamil Writing	2nd Prize
19.	Niruja S.	Tamil Writing	3rd Prize
20.	Konesan K.	Maths	3rd Prize
21.	Rohini M.	Dance	3rd Prize
22.	Sathees S.	Elocution	3rd Prize

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Year 6—1987

1.	Sahayarajah Antony	Art	1st Prize
2.	Thiviyasangary Gnanasangary	Christianity	2nd Prize
3.	Jananthan Sivasubramaniam	<b>C. C. Kanapathipillai Memorial Prize</b>	
		General Proficiency	
		Maths (Pure Mathematics)	1st Prize
		Western Music	1st Prize
		Saivism	1st Prize
		English Reading	1st Prize
		English Spelling	1st Prize
4.	Aruopann Selvarajah	English	2nd Prize
		English Reading	2nd Prize
5.	Sathees Selvarajah	English Recitation	2nd Prize
6.	Thillipan Nadaraja	General Proficiency	
7.	Pathmarohan Saravanai	Art	2nd Prize
8.	Thakshiyani Navaratnarajah	Dance	2nd Prize



9.	Banumathy Paramarajah	General Proficiency	
		Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
		Saivism	2nd Prize
10.	Vajani Rajendra	English Hand-writing	2nd Prize
11.	Vijitha Amirthanathan	General Proficiency	
		Carnatic Music	1st Prize
12.	Nimalini Krishnamoorthy	General Proficiency	
		English Hand-writing	1st Prize
13.	Lakshani Kulathungam	General Proficiency	
		Dance	1st Prize
		English Recitation	1st Prize
		English	2nd Prize
14.	Kavitha Ravichandran	General Proficiency	
		Health Education	2nd Prize
15.	Subajini Gurusamy	<b>J. A. Selvadurai Memorial Prize</b>	
		General Proficiency	
		Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
		Health Education	2nd Prize
		Social Studies	2nd Prize
		Tamil	2nd Prize
16.	Rajani Mahendran	<b>K. Edward Memorial Prize</b>	
		General Proficiency	
		Health Education	1st Prize
		English	1st Prize
		Science	1st Prize
		Social Studies	1st Prize
		Mathematics	2nd Prize
		Saivism	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	2nd Prize
17.	Jansirani Manuel Rajah	Christianity	1st Prize
18.	Kavitha Kulendran	General Proficiency	
		Saivism	2nd Prize
19.	Krishanthan Arumugarajah	General Proficiency	
20.	Vinothini Simonrajah	Social Studies	2nd Prize



Year 6 — 1986

Year 7 — 1987

21. Ajith Sakthitharan

General Proficiency

Arithmetic	1st Prize
English	1st Prize
Environmental Studies	2nd Prize
Saivism	2nd Prize
Tamil	3rd Prize

Yr. 7 General Proficiency

Tamil	2nd Prize
Science	2nd Prize
English	2nd Prize

22. Sakthivadivel Shanmugam

**S. Theivendrapillai Memorial Prize  
for Saivism**

**Louis Ponniah Memorial Prize  
for Social Studies**

Health Education 1st Prize

General Proficiency

Art 2nd Prize

23. Prabakaran Thuraiarajah

Yr. 7 General Proficiency

**Mr. & Mrs. T. K. Curtis Memorial  
Prize for Agriculture**

Art 1st Prize

Saivism 2nd Prize

General Proficiency

English 2nd Prize

Saivism 3rd Prize

24. Sanjeyan Sivasubramaniam

Yr. 7 General Proficiency

**S. Ariyathurai Memorial Prize  
for Science**

English Handwriting 1st Prize

General Proficiency

Tamil 2nd Prize

Arithmetic 2nd Prize

Environmental Studies 2nd Prize

25. Kirubalar Vickneswarakadacham



Yr. 7		General Proficiency	
		<b>Rajah Muttiah Manikam Memorial Prize for English</b>	
		<b>Rev. S. W. Howland Memorial Prize for Mathematics</b>	
		Tamil	2nd Prize
		Social Studies	2nd Prize
		Agriculture	2nd Prize
		Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	2nd Prize
	Yr. 7	Clay work	2nd Prize
		Western Music	2nd Prize
	Yr. 7	English reading	2nd Prize
	Yr. 7	Clay work	1st Prize
		Science	2nd Prize
		General Proficiency	
		Art	1st Prize
	Yr. 7	Wood work	1st Prize
		Christianity	3rd Prize
	Yr. 7	<b>Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamar Memorial Prize for Christianity</b>	
		General Proficiency	
	Yr. 7	English Handwriting	2nd Prize
		General Proficiency	
		Arithmetic	3rd Prize
		Hand Work	1st Prize
		Hand Work	1st Prize
		Tamil Music	1st Prize
		Western Music	2nd Prize
		General Proficiency	
		General Proficiency	
		General Proficiency	
		General Proficiency	
		Christianity	1st Prize
		Western Music	1st Prize
		Needle Work	3rd Prize
		Hand Work	3rd Prize

26. Daniel Punitharaj Mahendrarajah
27. M. Harshan Cassiere
28. Manoharan Christopher
29. Paramananthasivam Ramanan
30. Sittampalam Senthana
31. Melvin Sureshkumar David
32. Satkunanathan Mohanavarathan
33. Gunenthirarajah Gunaratnam
34. Pushparajah Gopinathan
35. Prasanth
36. Mahadeva Thaneetharan
37. Sittampalam Janarathan
38. Meenachisundarampillai Ram Mohan
39. K. Gajendra
40. Narayanasingham Paraneetharan
41. Mahendran Thushiyanthan
42. Angelina Rasiah



**Yr. 7 Mrs. Majorie Jeyasingham Memorial Prize for Western Music**

Christianity 2nd Prize  
English Recitation 2nd Prize

General Proficiency

Christianity 2nd Prize  
Tamil Music 3rd Prize

General Proficiency

Tamil 1st Prize

Saivism 1st Prize

Environmental Studies 2nd Prize

**Yr. 7 General Proficiency**

**Mrs. Annammah Sinnathamby Memorial Prize for Tamil**

Home Economics 1st Prize

Western Music 2nd Prize

General Proficiency

Dance 3rd Prize

Art 3rd Prize

English Recitation 1st Prize

Dance 1st Prize

Tamil Music 2nd Prize

**Yr. 7 Dance 1st Prize**

Needle Work 1st Prize

Dance 2nd Prize

**Yr. 7 Dance 1st Prize**

English 3rd Prize

**Yr. 7 English reading 1st Prize**

General Proficiency

General Proficiency

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General Proficiency

**Yr. 7 General Proficiency**

**K. Sathasivam Memorial Prize for Health Education**

Home Economics 2nd Prize

Mathematics 2nd Prize

43. Christina Somasegaram

44. Sivatharshini Pathmanathan

45. Doris Dharshini Rajendra

46. Thiriambagi Senthilvel

47. Shiyamala Balasingham

48. Balakumari Thevapalan

49. Janani Gurusamy

50. Kavitha Nithianandan

51. Bavani Sunderarajah

52. Janaki Sivasubramaniam

53. Suganthini Subramaniam

54. Devaki Sivasubramaniam

55. Aharani Thevarajah



- 55 (a) Ramesh Kanna R.  
 56. Hamsha Devadhaasan  
 56 (a) Tharmaraj Tharmabala  
 56 (b) Thayalan Kanagasabapathy  
 56 (c) Paran Subramaniam

Year 7 — 1986

Year 8 — 1987

57. Mahendran Thivakaran

Christianity	2nd Prize
<b>Mrs. Thavaratnam Nadarajah</b>	
<b>Memorial Prize for Carnatic Music</b>	
English Hand Writing	3rd Prize
Elocution	1st Prize
English Spelling	1st Prize

General Proficiency  
**S. Ariathurai Memorial Prize for Science**  
**Mr. & Mrs. T. H. Curtis Memorial Prize for Agriculture**  
**Rev. Dr. S. W. Howland Memorial Prize for Maths**

**K. Sathasivampillai Memorial Prize for Health Education**

Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
Social Studies	2nd Prize

Yr. 8 General Proficiency

**Robert Breckenridge Memorial Prize for Agriculture**  
**Thomas Rajadurai Memorial Prize for Health**

Saivism	1st Prize
Social Studies	1st Prize
Tamil	2nd Prize
Science	2nd Prize

General Proficiency  
**S. Theivendrampillai Memorial Prize for Saivism**

**Louis Ponniah Memorial Prize for Social Studies**

Mathematics	2nd Prize
Health Education	2nd Prize
Tamil Speech	2nd Prize

Yr. 8 General Proficiency

**E. C. Jesudasan Memorial Prize for Science**

Social Studies	2nd Prize
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58. Wijeyaratnam Thayatharan



59.	Sambanthan Cliff Ranjan	General Proficiency	
		<b>Rajah Muttiah Manickam Memorial Prize for English</b>	
		Mathematics	2nd Prize
	Yr. 8	General Proficiency	
		<b>K. Namasivayam Memorial Prize for Tamil</b>	
		<b>Theodore &amp; Helen Oppenheim Prize for Health</b>	
		Science	2nd Prize
		English Composition	2nd Prize
60.	Sounthararajan Azariah	<b>Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamar Memorial Prize for Christianity</b>	
61.	Thuraiajah Senthuran	<b>Rev. &amp; Mrs. V. M. John Memorial Prize for Art</b>	
62.	Uthayakumar Karunatharan	<b>Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamar Memorial Prize for Christianity.</b>	
63.	Jeffri Jeyakanth Ariaratnam	Ceramics	1st Prize
64.	Milroy Jeevaraj Paul	Wood Work	1st Prize
	Yr. 8	Wood Work	2nd Prize
65.	Subramaniam Ainkaran	Tamil Speech	1st Prize
66.	Joel Muthurajah	Christianity	2nd Prize
67.	Prasad Shankar	English	2nd Prize
		English Composition	2nd Prize
	Yr. 8	Clay Work	2nd Prize
68.	Satchithanathan Sriskandanesan	General Proficiency	
	Yr. 8	Wood Work	2nd Prize
69.	Kathirgamarajah Thirukumaran	English Hand-writing	2nd Prize
69 (a)	Devamanohari Mahadeva	<b>S. Thiagarajah Memorial Prize for Dance</b>	
		Tamil Essay	1st Prize
		Saivism	2nd Prize
		Home Economics	2nd Prize
		Tamil Speech	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	2nd Prize
	Yr. 8	General Proficiency	
		Dance	1st Prize
		Saivism	2nd Prize
		English	2nd Prize



69 (b) Devadharshini Devasahayam	General Proficiency	
	Yr. 8 General Proficiency	
	<b>C. B. Bavinek Prize for Christianity</b>	
69 (c) Thevatharshini Gunaratnam	English recitation	2nd Prize
70. Sutharshini Pathmanathan	General Proficiency	
	<b>Mrs. Annammah Sinnathamby Memorial Prize for Tamil</b>	
	Home Economics	1st Prize
	Social Studies	2nd Prize
	Western Music	2nd Prize
	Yr. 8 General Proficiency	
	Home Economics	1st Prize
	Social Studies	2nd Prize
	Tamil	2nd Prize
71. M. Natasha Cassiere	<b>Rajah Muttiah Manickam Memorial Prize for English</b>	
	<b>Mrs. Majorie Jeyasingham Memorial Prize for Western Music</b>	
	English Composition	1st Prize
	English Spelling	1st Prize
	English Reading	2nd prize
	English Recitation	2nd Prize
	Yr. 8 English Spelling	1st Prize
	English Composition	2nd Prize
	English Reading	2nd Prize
72. Brinda Ambalavanar	General Proficiency	
	<b>Mrs. Thavaratnam Nadarajah Memorial Prize for Carnatic Music</b>	
73. Jeyarancee Mannel Rajah	Tamil	2nd Prize
	Tamil Essay	2nd Prize
	Yr. 8 Christianity	2nd Prize
	Dance	2nd Prize
74. Sasireka Thavachelvam		
75. Indirancee Paramarajah	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. J. S. Ambalam Memorial Prize for Mathematics</b>	
	English Reading	1st Prize
	English Recitation	1st Prize
	Yr. 8 Western Music	1st Prize
	English Reading	1st Prize
	English Language	2nd Prize
	English Spelling	2nd Prize



77. Barath Devasahayam	Yr. 8	<b>Rev. G. D. Thomas Memorial Prize for Art</b>	
78. Mahendrarajah Satheeswaran	Yr. 8	Clay Work	1st Prize
79. Hemalatha Poopalasingham		General Proficiency	
		English Language	2nd Prize
80. Geethanjali Sivalingam		Dance	2nd Prize
81. Vathany Sivananthan		<b>K. Satchithananthan Memorial Prize for Carnatic Music</b>	

**Year 8 1986**

**Year 9 1987**

82. Arukshan Rajamohan		General Proficiency	
		<b>C. B. Bavinck Prize for Christianity</b>	
		<b>Thomas Rajadurai Prize for Health Education.</b>	
		Ceramics	1st Prize
		English	2nd Prize
		Western Music	2nd Prize
	Yr. 9	General Proficiency	
		<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. P. E. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize for the Best Student in year 9.</b>	
		<b>Rev. S. K. Bunker Memorial Prize for Christianity.</b>	
		<b>Minnie Hastings Harrison Memorial Prize for English.</b>	
		<b>S. A. Visuvalingam Memorial Prize for Tamil.</b>	
		<b>Rev. W. E. Hitchcock Memorial Prize for Commerce</b>	
		Western Music	2nd Prize
		Social Studies	2nd Prize
		English Composition	2nd Prize
		English Reading	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	2nd Prize
83. Deonas Mariayanayagam		General Proficiency	
		<b>Robert Breckenridge Memorial Prize for Agriculture</b>	
		Tamil	2nd Prize





84. Arunasalam Ganapathan

85. Kanagalingam Umaganesh

86. Manicavadi vel Kumaran

87. Sivagurunathan Kankeyan

88. Kuleneran Tharmendran

89. Mahadeva Vicknakanthan

90. Thechanaparipala Balamurali

91. Quintus Rajoo

92. Kumarasingham Kulathungar

Art 2nd Prize

English Spelling 2nd Prize

Yr. 9 **Rev. S. K. Bunker Memorial Prize for Christianity**

English Spelling 2nd Prize

General Proficiency

Saivism 2nd Prize

Science 2nd Prize

Agriculture 2nd Prize

Carnatic Music 2nd Prize

General Proficiency

Social Studies 2nd Prize

Health Education 2nd Prize

Yr. 9 **Rev. Dr. Hoisington Memorial Prize for Art.**

Saivism 2nd Prize

General Proficiency

Tamil Essay 1st Prize

Yr. 9 General Proficiency

**Mr. & Mrs. P. E. Rajaratnam Mem. Prize for the best Student in Year 9**

**S. Theivendrampillai Memorial Prize Social Studies.**

Clay Work 1st Prize

English 2nd Prize

**Mr. & Mrs J. S. Ambalam Memorial Prize for Mathematics**

Tamil Speech 2nd Prize

General Proficiency

Tamil Speech 1st Prize

Yr. 9 General Proficiency

General Proficiency

**R. Kanagasooriam Memorial Prize for Agriculture**

General Proficiency

Christianity 2nd Prize

Saivism 2nd Prize



93.	Kanaganayagam Selvendra		<b>Rev. Dr. Hoisington Memorial Prize for Art</b>	
94.	Mohanbabu Sinnadurai		Art	2nd Prize
95.	Mahendrarajah Sugeeswaran		Clay Work	2nd Prize
96.	Senthilvel Thulasidas		General Proficiency	
			Science	2nd Prize
			Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
			English Recitation	1st Prize
97.	Selvathy Sivaganamoorthy		General Proficiency	
		Yr. 9	General Proficiency	
			Tamil	2nd Prize
			Mathematics	2nd Prize
98.	Sathiaveryn Kulasegaram		<b>K. Satchithanathan Memorial Prize for Carnatic Music</b>	
99.	Mass Marsha Cassiere		General Proficiency	
			<b>Theodore Helen Oppenheim Prize for English</b>	
			<b>Rev. G. D. Thomas Memorial Prize for Art</b>	
			English Composition	1st Prize
			English Reading	1st Prize
			English Recitation	1st Prize
			English Spelling	1st Prize
		Yr. 9	English Reading	1st Prize
			English Spelling	1st Prize
			English Recitation	1st Prize
100.	Manjula Thilliampalam		General Proficiency	
			Dance	1st Prize
			Mathematics	2nd Prize
			Home Economics	2nd Prize
		Yr. 9	General Proficiency	
			<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. G. N. C. Ponnambalam Memorial Prize for Mathematics</b>	
			Dance	2nd Prize
			Home Economics	2nd Prize
101.	Gaithiri Sambasivam		English Hand Writing	1st Prize
		Yr. 9	General Proficiency	
			Social Studies	2nd Prize



102.	Seethalakshumi Ramachandra Sarma	General Proficiency <b>K. Namasivayam Memorial Prize for Tamil</b> Caranatic Music	2nd Prize
	Yr. 9	General Proficiency Social Studies	2nd Prize
103.	Anusha Sivarajah	General Proficiency	
104.	Diana Rajalingam	English Hand-Writing	2nd Prize
105.	Janaki Ganendra	Dance	2nd Prize
	Yr. 9	General Proficiency Home Economics	2nd Prize
106.	Dushiyanthi Selvarajah	Christianity	2nd Prize
107.	Devada Prasad	General Proficiency Western Music	1st Prize
		English Composition	2nd Prize
		English Reading	2nd Prize
		English Recitation	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	2nd Prize
	Yr. 9	General Proficiency <b>Minnie Hastings Harrison Memorial Prize for English</b> <b>Rev. G. G. Brown Memorial Prize for Science</b> <b>E. C. Lockwood Memorial Prize for Western Music</b>	
		Home Economics	1st Prize
108.	Thamilini Suntharasivam	Saivism	2nd Prize
109.	Tharshini Tharmalingam	General Proficiency Social Studies	2nd Prize
110.	Buvirangi Rajaratnam	English Recitation	2nd Prize
111.	Suhanya Srikumaran	General Proficiency <b>K. Kanagaratnam Memorial Prize for Saivism</b> <b>A. T. Vethaparanam Memorial Prize for Social Studies</b> <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. E. J. Jeyarajah Memorial Prize for Home Science</b> Tamil Essay	2nd Prize
112.	Kavitha Yogasuntharan	English Spelling	1st Prize



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Year 9 1986

Year 10 1987

1. Kugathasan Muralithas

Yr. 9 **P. E. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize for the Best Student in Year 9.**

General Proficiency

**Rev. G. G. Brown Memorial Prize for Science.**

**S. W. Strong Memorial Prize for Health Science.**

Carnatic Music 1st Prize

English Composition 1st Prize

English Reading 1st Prize

English Language 2nd Prize

Yr. 10 General Proficiency

**S. T. Jeevaratnam Memorial Prize for Science**

Agriculture 1st Prize

English Composition 1st Prize

English Language 2nd Prize

Mathematics 2nd Prize

Social Studies 2nd Prize

2. Sivasubramanniam Janarthan

Yr. 9 General Proficiency

**Mini Hastings Harrison Memorial Prize for English.**

**R. Kanagasooriyar Memorial Prize for Agriculture**

English recitation 1st Prize

English Spelling 1st Prize

Social Studies 2nd Prize

English Composition 2nd Prize

Yr. 10 General Proficiency

**A. S. Ponnampalam Memorial Prize for English**

**R. A. Naganather Memorial Prize for Mathematics**

**Gunanayagam and Rajanayagam Mem. Prize for Commerce**

**S. T. Jeevaratnam Memorial Prize for Science**

**Rev. Dr. E. P. Hastings Mem. Prize for Social Studies**

Tamil 2nd Prize



		Saivism	2nd Prize
		English Recitation	2nd Prize
		English Composition	2nd Prize
		English Reading	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	2nd Prize
3.	Kandasamy Sanjeev	Yr. 9 General Proficiency	
		<b>S. Theivendrapillai Memorial Prize for Saivism</b>	
		<b>J. N. C. Ponnampalam Memorial Prize for Mathematics</b>	
		Science	2nd Prize
		Ceramics	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	2nd Prize
		Yr. 10 English Spelling	2nd Prize
4.	Naveendran Sinnappah	Yr. 9 General Proficiency	
		<b>Rev. Dr. S. K. Bunker Memorial Prize for Christianity</b>	
		Yr. 10 <b>Hudson Paramasamy Memorial Prize for Art.</b>	
5.	Varatharajah Ramanan	Yr. 9 General Proficiency	
		<b>S. A. Visuvalingam Memorial Prize for Tamil</b>	
		Saivism	2nd Prize
		Tamil Essay	2nd Prize
		Yr. 10 General Proficiency	
		<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Vallipuram Memorial Prize for Saivism</b>	
		<b>Sornam Naganather Memorial Prize for Tamil</b>	
		Agriculture	2nd Prize
6.	Varatharajah Thayalan	Yr. 9 General Proficiency	
		Science	1st Prize
		English Hand-Writing	2nd Prize
		Yr. 10 General Proficiency	
		<b>Gunanayagam &amp; Rajanayagam Memorial Prize for Commerce</b>	
7.	Sivasambo Muhunthan	Yr. 9 <b>Rev. W. E. Hitchcock Memorial Prize for Commerce</b>	
		Wood Work	2nd Prize
		Yr. 10 Commerce	2nd Prize



8. Yoganathan Uma Gajendran	Yr. 9 General Proficiency Ceramics	2nd Prize
	Yr. 10 General Proficiency Tamil	2nd Prize
	Mathematics	2nd Prize
	Science	2nd Prize
	English Language	2nd Prize
	Commerce	2nd Prize
	English Reading	2nd Prize
9. Naganather Sanjeeva	Yr. 9 <b>A. Mahendran Memorial Prize for Wood Work</b>	
10. Nagaratnam Sivakanthan	Yr. 9 General Proficiency Health Education	2nd Prize
	Yr. 10 General Proficiency Science	2nd Prize
11. Wijeyaratnam Mathitharan	Yr. 9 General Proficiency Home Science	1st Prize
12. Gunarajah Mohanathas	Yr. 9 <b>Rev. Dr. Hoisington Memorial Prize for Art</b>	
13. Kanthakumar Natkunanathar	Yr. 9 Christianity	2nd Prize
14. Vinothan Arulkumar	Yr. 9 Christianity	2nd Prize
15. Uthayarajah Sivarajah	Commerce	2nd Prize
16. Varatharajah Mayoora	Yr. 9 English Reading	2nd Prize
	Yr. 10 General Proficiency Tamil Speech	2nd Prize
17. Sivagurunathan Kesavan	1987 Tamil Short Story Juniors	1st Prize
18. Kanagaratnam Muhunthan	Yr. 9 Art	2nd Prize
	Yr. 10 General Proficiency	
19. Pathmanathan Prabakaran	Yr. 9 Ceramics	2nd Prize
20. Devanather Rajendra	Yr. 10 Ceramics	2nd Prize
21. Priyadharshini Paramsothy	Yr. 9 General Proficiency <b>E. W. Ariyanayagam Memorial Prize for Social Studies</b> Home Science	1st Prize
	English Hand Writing	1st Prize
	Tamil Essay	1st Prize
	Tamil Language	2nd Prize
	Yr. 10 General Proficiency <b>C. O. Elias Memorial Prize for Carnatic Music</b>	



23. Rathika Sabaretnam	Yr. 9 General Proficiency Mathematics	2nd Prize
	Home Science	2nd Prize
	Yr. 10 General Proficiency	
23. Mathini Selvasivam	Yr. 9 General Proficiency	
	Yr. 10 General Proficiency Dance	1st Prize
24. Krishnaverni Kulasegaram	Yr. 9 A. Thuraiatnam Memorial Prize for Saivism E. C. Lockwood Memorial Prize for Western Music.	
	Yr. 10 Mr. & Mrs. M. D. Mithirathasan Prize for Western Music	
25. Sunithra Jesudasan	Yr. 9 Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
26. Arudchelvi Pathmarajah	English Recitation	2nd Prize
	Yr. 10 English Recitation	1st Prize
	Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
27. Kalasakthy Chandrasegaram	Yr. 9 Tamil Speech	1st Prize
28. Rukshini Markandan	Yr. 9 Dance	2nd Prize
29. (a) Gnanasuraby Asirvatham	Yr. 10 Home Science	1st Prize
29. (b) Premini Nagarjah	Yr. 10 Western Music	1st Prize
29. (c) Gnanasangari Rubasangari	1987 Tamil Short Story (Jr.)	2nd Prize
29. (d) Suresh	1987 Tamil Short Story (Jr.)	2nd Prize

**Year 10 1986**

**Year 11 1987**

30. Gurusamy Sujaharan	General Proficiency Mr. & Mrs. Vallipuram Memorial Prize for Saivism Mrs. Sornam Naganather Memorial Prize for Tamil S. T. Jeevaratnam Memorial Prize for Science. William Jameson Memorial Prize for Health Education. Gunanayagam & Rajanayagam Memorial Prize for Commerce.	
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**Rev. Dr. E. P. Hastings Memorial Prize for Social Studies.**

Agriculture	1st Prize
Mathematics	2nd Prize
English Spelling	2nd Prize

**Yr. 11 General Proficiency**

**V. G. George Memorial Prize for Health Education**

**K. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize for Saivism**

**Ambalavanar Kumaraswamy Memorial Prize for Tamil**

**A. Shanmugananthan Memorial Prize for Commerce**

**R. R. Appadural Memorial Prize for Agriculture**

**L. S. Williams Memorial Prize for Science.**

**31. Gunaseelan Palanivel**

**General Proficiency**

**E. J. Niles Memorial Prize for Christianity**

English Hand-Writing	1st Prize
Carnatic Music	2nd Prize

**Yr. 11 General Proficiency**

**Pastor Sussbach Memorial Prize for Christianity**

**32. Sithamparanathan Sivatharan**

**Yr. 10 General Proficiency**

Saivism	2nd Prize
Health Education	2nd Prize
Tamil Essay	2nd Prize

**33. Pathmanathan Valluvan**

**Yr. 10 General Proficiency**

English Language	2nd Prize
Commerce & Accounts	2nd Prize

**34. Gurusamy Selvendran**

**Yr. 10 General Proficiency**

**R. A. Naganathar Memorial Prize for Mathematics**

**Yr. 11 General Proficiency**

Mathematics	2nd Prize
Commerce & Accounts	2nd Prize



35.	Sivanandan Gnanavalagan	Yr. 10 General Proficiency Social Studies	2nd prize
		Yr. 11 <b>V. Chelvadurai Memorial Prize for Social Studies</b>	
36.	Mylvaganam Gopi Krishna	Yr. 10 General Proficiency Yr. 11 Health Education	2nd Prize
37.	Kugathasan Kanthathas	Yr. 10 <b>A. S. Ponnampalam Memorial Prize for English</b> <b>Miss. Hudson Paramasamy Memorial Prize for Art</b> English Composition English Reading	2nd Prize 2nd Prize
		Yr. 11 <b>A. M. Brodie Memorial Prize for English</b> English Composition	1st Prize
38.	David Ratnarajah	Yr. 11 English Language	2nd Prize
39.	Gnanendra Balaganesh	Ceramics	2nd Prize
40.	Joy Harriston Selvanayagam	Wood Work	1st Prize
41.	Arudchothy Aravinthan	English Composition English Reading	1st Prize 1st Prize
42.	Thambyrajah Kugenthiran	English Hand-Writing	2nd Prize
43.	Balasingham Sooryakumar	Ceramics	2nd Prize
44.	Roy Ashbury	Yr. 11 <b>K. A. Rajah Memorial Prize for Art</b>	
45.	Antony Satkunam	Yr. 11 <b>K. Rajah Memorial Prize for Art</b>	
46.	Premanandan Arulananatham	Yr. 10 Agriculture	2nd Prize
47.	Parameswaran Giritharan	Yr. 11 Ceramics	1st Prize
48.	Chellappah Naguleswaran	Yr. 11 Commerce & Accounts	2nd Prize
49.	Wijeyratnam Thivaharan	Yr. 11 Saivism	2nd Prize
50.	Rajini Rajanayagam	Yr. 10 <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. M. D Mithirathasan Prize for Western Music</b> English Recitation English Spelling Tamil Speech Christianity	1st Prize 1st Prize 1st Prize 2nd Prize



**Yr. 11 Pastor Sussboch Memorial Prize  
for Christianity**

Western Music	1st Prize
English Spelling	1st Prize
English Oratory	1st Prize
Home Economics	2nd Prize

51. Nagananthini Sinappoo

Yr. 10 Saivism 2nd Prize

52. Mary Vijieyananthini Nalliah

Yr. 10 Home Science 1st Prize

Yr. 11 Home Economics 2nd Prize

53. Roshanthi Rajadurai

English Language 2nd Prize

Yr. 11 English Recitation 1st Prize

English Composition 2nd Prize

54. Geethanjali Wijeyaratnam

Yr. 10 Home Economics 1st Prize

Tamil Speech 2nd Prize

Tamil Short Story (Juniors) 2nd Prize

Yr. 11 Saivism 2nd Prize

English Language 2nd Prize

55. Niranthari Sabaratnam

Yr. 10 Tamil 2nd Prize

56. Revathy Sabaratnam

Yr. 10 Science 2nd Prize

57. Nanthini Mutthiah

Yr. 10 Tamil 2nd Prize

English Spelling 2nd Prize

58. Subashini Nagendra Sarma

Western Music 2nd Prize

59. Sivasothy Narendran

Yr. 10 General Proficiency

60. Jeyanthini

Thirugnanasambanthamoorthy

Tamil Essay 1st Prize

61. Shobana Sivakanthan

Yr. 10 English Recitation 2nd Prize

English Oratory 2nd Prize

62. Thayalini Arunasalam

Yr. 10 **Dr. & Mrs. Varatharajah Memorial  
Prize for Home Science**

63. Komala Satchithanantham

Yr. 10 **G. O. Elias Memorial Prize for  
Carnatic Music**

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64. Ramachandran Kulasingham

Yr. 11 General Proficiency

**K. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize  
For Saivism**

**Ambalavanar Kumaraswamy Memorial  
Prize for Tamil**



**A. M. Brodie (Sr.) Memorial Prize  
for English**

**K. A. George Memorial Prize  
for Mathematics**

**V. Chelvadurai Memorial Prize for  
Social Studies**

English Reading 1st Prize

Science 2nd Prize

Commerce 2nd Prize

English Composition 2nd Prize

G. C. E. O/L Dists. Tamil, English,

Maths, Commerce Health Ed., &

Saivism.

65. Logeswaran Manoharan

Yr. 11 **S. V. Balasingham Memorial Scholar  
for 1986**

General Proficiency

**L. S. Williams Memorial Prize  
for Science**

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

**A. Shanmuganathan Memorial Prize  
for Commerce & Accounts**

Tamil Essay 1st Prize

English Spelling 1st Prize

Mathematics 2nd Prize

Social Studies 2nd Prize

G. C. E. O/L Dists. Tamil, English,

Maths, Science, Commerce, Saivism &

Social Studies

Yr. 12 General Proficiency

General Proficiency

**R. R. Appadurai Memorial Prize  
for Agriculture**

Saivism 2nd Prize

Health Education 2nd Prize

G. C. E. O/L Dists. in Tamil, English

Maths, Health and Saivism

66. Wijayanayagam Chenthuran

67. Rajaratnam, Senthana

General Proficiency

Saivism 2nd Prize

G. C. E. O/L Dists. in Tamil, English

Maths, Social Studies, Saivism &  
Commerce



68. Swaran Spencer	English Composition	1st Prize
	English Language	2nd Prize
	G. C. E. O/L Dist. in Christianity	
	English & Maths	
	Yr. 12 English Composition	1st Prize
69. Sairam Veerasingham	Yr. 11 <b>K. Rajah Memorial Prize for Wood-Work</b>	
70. Radhakrishnan Duraisamy	<b>Pastor Sussbach Memorial Prize for Christianity.</b>	
71. Vijeyakumar Selvarajah	Yr. 11 Christianity	2nd Prize
	Yr. 12 General Proficiency	
72. Henry Roche Gunaratnam	Yr. 11 Agriculture	2nd Prize
	G. C. E. O/L Dists in Mathematics, Health & Agriculture ;	
	Yr. 12 General Proficiency	
73. Thangarajah Ramraj	<b>E. C. Lockwood Memorial Prize for Art</b>	
	G. C. E. O/L Dists in Saivism & Mathematics	
74. Sivagnanam Subaharan	Yr. 11 Ceramics	1st Prize
	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism	
75. Nadesan Akilan	Yr. 11 Wood Work	2nd Prize
	G. C. E. O/L Dist. in Wood Work	
76. Shnmugarajah Thirukumaran	Yr. 11 Ceramics	2nd Prize
	Yr. 12 General Proficiency	
77. Rasathurai Thavanirupan	Art	2nd Prize
78. Sumithiran Rajadurai	English Spelling	2nd Prize
	G. C. E. O/L Dist Mathematics	
79. Suntherarajah Bramananthar	Yr. 11 Tamil Short Story (Juniors)	1st Prize
	Tamil Speech	2nd Prize
80. Kailasapillai Ahileswaran	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism	
81. Sinniah Arulanantham	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism	
82. Navaratnam Kenagaraj	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism	
83. Tharmalingam Murugathas	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism	
84. Jegasothy Paheerathan	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism	



85.	Jeyakumar Sooriyakumar	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism	
86.	Mahadevan Umashangar	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism	
87.	Sivagnanapoopathy Sivachandran	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism	
88.	Keerthiganeshan Kulanayagam	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism & Mathematics	
89.	Kanapathipillai Kugan	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism & Mathematics	
90.	Kanagasunderam Raguraman	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism & Mathematics	
91.	Manickavasagar Ramesh	G. G. E. O/L Dist. Saivism & Mathematics	
92.	Kandasamy Suthahar	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism & Mathematics	
93.	Daniel Mathialagan Gopal	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Christianity & Maths	
		Lr. 12 General Proficiency	
94.	Kulaseelan Kulasingham	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Mathematics	
95.	Velupillai Thiruncelakandar	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Mathematics	
96.	Rudramoorthy Christopher Guru	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Tamil	
97.	Kuganeswaran Palani	G. C. E. O/L Dist. Tamil	
98.	Ruth Vasanthy Rajah	English Recitation	1st Prize
		Lr. 12 English Recitation	2nd Prize
99.	Shobana Kandasamy	Yr. 11 General Proficiency	
		<b>Dr. &amp; Mrs. Varatharajah Memorial Prize for Home Economic</b>	
		G. C. E. O/L Dist. Saivism, Mathematics, Health Education	
		Lr. 12 General Proficiency	
100.	Sinohaya Sinnathamby	G. C. E. O/L. Dist. Saivism, Tamil, Maths, Health Education	
		Lr. 12 General Proficiency	
101.	Mayura Mahadeva	General Proficiency	
		Tamil Language	2nd Prize
		G. C. E. O/L. Dist. Tamil, English, Maths, Science & Health Education.	



102.	Mallika Theivendrarahah	Tamil Speech	1st Prize
		English Reading	2nd Prize
		English Handwriting	2nd Prize
		G. C. E. O/L. Dists. in English & Saivism	
103.	Sivalogini Nagaratnam	General Proficiency	
		Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
		G. C. E. O/L. Dist. in Saivism & Health Education	
104.	Sulochana Ganeshananthan	<b>E. C. Lockwood Memorial Prize for Carnatic Music.</b>	
105.	Umayal Paheerathan	Lr. 11 Home Economics	2nd Prize
		G. C. E. O/L. Dists. in Health & Saivism	
106.	Linda Arulananthan	English Recitation	2nd Prize
107.	Ajantha Nadarajah	G. C. E. O/L. Dist. in Saivism	
108.	Jeyantha Nadarajah	" "	" "
109.	Jancy Nithianantham	" "	" "
110.	Mathivathana Sangarapillai	" "	" "
111.	Vasuki Ramanathan	Lr. 11 " "	" "
		Lr. 12 General Proficiency	
112.	Soruparani Rajeswaran	Dist. in Saivism	
113.	Tharshini Mylvaganam	Dist. Tamil, Saivism	
114.	Sivalogini Satchithanantham	Dist. in Saivism, Commerce, Home Economics,	

**Lower 12 / 12 Science**

115.	Nadarajah Nadesathasan	Lr. 12 General Proficiency	
		Rev. Dr. Daniel Poor Memorial Prize for Applied Maths	
		Pure Maths	2nd Prize
		12 Sc. General Proficiency	
		I. P. Thuraiaratnam Memorial Prize Applied Maths	
		Pure Maths	2nd Prize



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| 116. Sivagnanapotham Thananjeyan | Lr. 12 General Proficiency<br><b>K. Kanagaratnam Memorial Prize for Botany</b><br>Zoology 2nd Prize  |
|                                  | 12 Sc. General Proficiency<br><b>Stephen Balachandran Memorial Prize for Zoology</b>   |
| 117. Kulasingham Kulasathiyan    | Lr. 12 General Proficiency<br><b>Elwood Memorial Prize for Physics</b>   |
|                                  | 12 Sc. General Proficiency<br><b>EMSO Ltd. Prize for the Best Science Student in Year 12</b><br><b>Allen Abraham Memorial Prize for Pure Maths</b><br><b>V. Thillainathan Memorial Prize for Chemistry</b> |
| 118. Nithiaratnam Nithiyarajan   | Lr. 12 General Proficiency<br>Chemistry 2nd Prize<br>Physics 2nd Prize<br>Applied Maths 2nd Prize  |
|                                  | 12 Sc. General Proficiency<br><b>Sinnapillai Chelliah &amp; Pararajasingham Memorial Prize for the Best Academic student with Sports in Year 12</b>  |
| 119. Gunaratnam Segaran          | 12 Sc. General Proficiency<br>Botany 2nd Prize   |
| 120. Rajakulendran Jeevahan      | 12 Sc. Zoology 2nd Prize   |
| 121. Prince Jeyadeva Jeyaratnam  | 12 Sc. General Proficiency<br><b>K. V. George Memorial Prize for Botany</b>  |
| 122. Nellinathan Vivekananthan   | 12 Sc. General Proficiency<br><b>Stephen Balachandran Memorial Prize for Zoology</b><br>Chemistry 2nd Prize<br>Botany 2nd Prize  |
| 123. Sivanayagi Kasaganayagam    | Lr. 12 General Proficiency<br><b>A. T. Vaithilingam Memorial Prize for Pure Maths</b><br>Chemistry 1st Prize   |
|                                  | 12 Sc. General Proficiency   |



		Physics	2nd Prize
		Applied Maths	2nd Prize
124. Sharmini Sunderamoorthy	Lr. 12	General Proficiency	
		<b>S. R. Aseervatham Memorial Prize for Chemistry</b>	
		<b>Dr. R. K. Selliah Memorial Prize for Zoology</b>	
	12 Sc.	General Proficiency	
		Zoology	2nd Prize
		<b>J. Selvarajasingham Memorial Prize for Physics</b>	
		<b>K. V. Thillanathan Memorial Prize for Chemistry</b>	
125. Bavany Gurusamy	Lr. 12	General Proficiency	
	12 Sc.	General Proficiency	
		<b>Sinnapillai Chelliah &amp; Pararajasingam Memorial Prize for the Best Academic student with sports (girls) in Year 12</b>	
		English Oratory	2nd Prize
126. Mohana Nithiananthan			
<b>Lower 12 Arts &amp; Commerce / 12 Arts&amp;Com.</b>			
127. Terrence Suthaharan Selvarajah	Lr. 12	Rev. John Bicknell Memorial Prize for English	
		English Oratory	1st Prize
	12 Arts	English Composition	2nd Prize
128. Jeyasingham Satheesan	Lr. 12	General Proficiency	
		Commerce & Finance	2nd Prize
129. Devananth Jesudasan		Tamil Essay	2nd Prize
	12 Arts	Economics	2nd Prize
130. Kanagasabai Kumaradas	Lr. 12	Logic	1st Prize
131. Pushparanee Thambirajah	Lr. 12	General Proficiency	
		<b>F. A. Alphensius Memorial Prize for Economics</b>	
		Hindu Culture	1st Prize
		Accounts	2nd Prize
32. Jesmy Kiruparajah	12 Arts	<b>C. Nalliah Memorial Prize for Economics</b>	
		General Proficiency	
		<b>S. Kulasingam Memorial Prize for Commerce &amp; Finance</b>	
		<b>Drieberg Memorial Prize for Accounts</b>	
		Logic	2nd Prize



133.	Pirathiga Yoganathan	Lr. 12 Commerce & Fin. Economics	2nd Prize 2nd Prize
134.	Gowsaladevi Nadarajah	Lr. 12 Tamil	1st Prize
135.	Kesavarani Rajeswaran	Lr. 12 Rev. Dr. R. C. Hastings Memorial Prize for Logic	
136.	Meloni Sharmini Ratnarajah	Lr. 12 C. B. Bavinck Prize for Christianity	
137.	Jeyahari Parameswaran	Lr. 12 Carnatic Music 12 Arts C. Ponnudurai Memorial Prize for Accounts	1st Prize
138.	Umayal Sithamparapillai	Lr. 12 General Proficiency	
139.	Priyadharshini Mahadeva	12 Arts Justice P. Sriskandarajah & Kanmany Sriskandarajah Memorial Prize for Hindu culture	
140.	Jeyavathani Jeyarajasingham	12 Arts Thevanesam Wadsworth Memorial Prize for Christianity	
141.	Vinitha Spencer	12 Arts English Recitation	1st Prize
<b>12 Science / 13 Science</b>			
142a.	Vanitha Panchalingam	1986 General Proficiency Emso Ltd. Prize Best Science Student in Yr. 12 J. Selvarajasingam Memorial Prize for Physics Allen Abraham Memorial Prize for Pure maths V. Thillainathan Memorial Prize for Chemistry Applied Maths	2nd Prize
142b.	Mahendran Raveendran	Yr. 12 K. V. George Memorial Prize for Botany Stephen Balachandran Memorial Prize for Zoology	
143.	Noble Surendran Sinnathamby	Yr. 12 General Proficiency Botany	2nd Prize
		13 Sc. G. C. E. A/L Dist. in Botany	
144.	Pathmanathan Sayanthakumar	Yr. 12 General Proficiency Charles Ratnesar Memorial Prize for Chemistry Physics	2nd Prize



- Applied Mathematics 2nd Prize  
**Sinnapillai Chelliah & Pararajasingham**  
**Memorial Prize for Best Academic**  
**Student (boys) with Sports in Year 12**
- 13 Sc. **P. E. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize**  
**for Physics**
145. **Paramsothy Kandeepan** 13 Sc. **P. E. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize**  
**for Physics**
146. **Eswarananthan Satchithanathan** 13 Sc. **E. Sittampalam Memorial Prize for**  
**the Best Academic Student in Year 13**  
**T. J. Koshy Prize for Botany**  
**C. E. Anandarajan Memorial Prize**  
**for Zoology**  
**G. C. E. A/L Dist. in Botany**
147. **Kalaichelvi Ponniah** Yr. 12 **Pure Mathematics** 1st Prize
148. **Keshini Das** **English Essay** 2nd Prize  
**Sinnapillai & Pararajasingham**  
**Memorial Prize for the Best Academic**  
**Student with Sports (Girls) in Year 12**
- 12 Arts & Com. / 13 Arts & Com.
149. **Vaitheeswaran Rajakumar** Yr. 12 **Commerce & Finance** 2nd Prize  
**13 Arts Issac Arulampalam Memorial Prize**  
**for Commerce & Finance**
150. **Kugarajah Nagalingam** 13 Arts **Rev. G. G. Brown Memorial Prize**  
**for Accounts**
151. **Vasuki Rajasingham** Yr. 12 **General Proficiency**  
**I. P. Thurairatnam Memorial Prize**  
**for Applied Maths**  
**C. Nalliah Memorial Prize**  
**for Economics**  
**R. O. Buell Memorial Prize for**  
**English Essay**  
**L. S. Kulatungam Memorial Prize**  
**for English**  
**Pure Mathematics** 2nd Prize
- 13 Arts **L. S. Kulatungam Memorial Prize**  
**for English**
152. **Swarnalatha Sabaratnam** Yr. 12 **General Proficiency**  
**Kunanayagam & Rajanayagam**  
**Memorial Prize for Commerce &**  
**Finance**



**C. Ponnudural Memorial Prize  
for Accounts**

Logic 1st Prize

13 Arts Logic 1st Prize

153. Thabothini Ratnavel

Yr. 12 Kunanayagam & Rajanayagam

**Memorial Prize for Commerce & Fin**

Economics 2nd Prize

Accounts 2nd Prize

154. Gamini Thangarajah

General Proficiency

**Mrs. Thevanesam Wadsworth Memorial  
Prize for Christianity**

13 Arts G. C. E. A/L Dist in Christianity

155. Sasikala Rajasunderam

13 Arts P. Namasivayam Memorial Prize  
for Tamil

156. Vijeyasothy Rasiah

**Justice Sri Skandarajah & Kanmany  
Sri Skandarajah Memorial Prize for  
Hindu Culture.**

13 Arts Subramaniam Valliammai Memorial  
Prize for Hindu Culture

**13 Science**

157. Vijeya Ramachandra Sarma

Yr. 13 General Proficiency

**E. Sittamplan Memorial Prize for  
the Best Science Student in Year 13**

1986 **Dr. & Mrs S. Rajanayagam Memorial  
Prize for Chemistry**

**P. E. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize  
for Physics**

**T. J. Koshy Prize for Botany**

**C. E. Anandarajan Memorial Prize  
for Zoology**

G. C. E. A/L Dist. in Botany

1987 **W S. Ratnavel Memorial Scholarship  
for the Best Biology Student Enter-  
ing the University in Sri Lanka**

158. Krishanthan Spencer

1986 **W. S. Ratnavel Memorial Scholarship  
for the Best Biology Student Entering  
the University in Sri Lanka**

159. Nirainithy Sivaguru

General Proficiency

Chemistry 2nd Prize

Botany 2nd Prize

Zoology 2nd Prize



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| 160. Kandiah Kulendran          | 1986 | General Proficiency<br>D. S. Sanders Memorial Prize for Applied Maths   |
|                                 | 1987 | W. H. T. Bartlett Memorial Scholarship for the Best Physical Science Student entering the University of Sri Lanka.<br>P. T. John Memorial Scholarship for the best Physical Science Student entering University of Sri Lanka,<br>G. C. E. Dist. in Physics<br>Physics 2nd Prize   |
| 161. Piratheepa Kunasingham     |      | Applied Mathematics 2nd Prize   |
| 162. Amirthalingam Baskaran     |      | Pure Mathematics 2nd Prize<br>Applied Mathematics 2nd Prize   |
| 163. Ganesha Sarma Raghavan     |      |   |
| 164. Arunasalam Naguleswaran    | 1987 | G. C. E. A. L. Dist. in Botany & Physics  |
| 165a. Benjamin Y. Poopalapillai | 1986 | General Knowledge 1st Prize & Dist in Botany G. C. E. A/L. 1987   |
| <b>13 Arts &amp; Commerce:</b>  |      |   |
| 166. Gunaratnam Rajakumar       | 1986 | Dr. S. S. Selvendran Scholarship for the Best Arts & Com. Student to enter the University in Sri Lanka<br>S. V. Balasingam Memorial Prize for the Best Arts Student to enter the University in Sri Lanka<br>General Proficiency<br>Ariam Hudson Paramasamy Memorial Prize for Economics<br>Rev. G. G. Brown Memorial Prize for Accounts<br>Commerce & Finance 2nd Prize |
| 167. Saveriyan Augustine Xavier | 1986 | General Proficiency<br>Issae Arulampalam Memorial Prize for Commerce & Finance<br>Logic 1st Prize<br>Economics 2nd Prize  |
|                                 | 1987 | Dr. S. S. Selvendran Scholarship for the Best Arts & Commerce student to enter the University of Sri Lanka<br>S. V. Balasingam Memorial Prize for the Best Arts & Commerce Student to enter the University of Sri Lanka.  |



G. C. E. A/L. Dists. in Economics & Logic

**Thangammah & Swaminather Nagalingam Memorial scholarship for the Best Academic Student with sports to enter the University of Sri Lanka.**

168. Pathmathaneewaran Velupillai

General Proficiency

**Thangammah & Swaminather Nagalingam Memorial Scholarship for the Best Academic Student with Sports to Enter the University of Sri Lanka**  
**K. E. Mathiapparanam Memorial Prize for the Best Tamil Shorty Story (Senior)**

**Issac Arulampalam Memorial Prize for Commerce & Finance**

**Rev. Dr. M. H. Harrison Memorial Prize for Christianity**

G. C. E. A/L Dist. in Christianity

169. Wimalan Wijeyaratnam

Tamil Short Story (Seniors) 2nd Prize

170. Nanthini Anandan

**Vaithilingam Mudaliyar Memorial Prize for Tamil**

Hindu Culture 1st Prize

1987 **Subramaniam Valliammai Memorial Prize for Hindu Culture**

171. Dayalini Manickam

General Proficiency

Carnatic Music 1st Prize

Christianity 2nd Prize

Tamil 2nd Prize

172. Jeyasiri Thillaiyampalam

Carnatic Music 1st Prize

173. Sarvambal Velauthapillai

Carnatic Music 2nd Prize

174. Sarojinidevi Thambyrajah

**Dr. R. R. Selvendran Prize for Pure Mathematics**

175. Padmini Tharmarajasingham

Christianity 2nd Prize

176. Ravendran Sellathurai

1987 G. C. E. A/L Dist. in Logic & Economics

177. Ramesh S.

G. C. E. A/L Dist. in Geography

**London Ordinary Level**

178. Jeevananthan Ranganathan

Pure Mathematics 1st Prize  
 English 1st Prize



179. Ramesh G.	Chemistry	1st Prize
	Physics	1st Prize

**London Advanced Level**

180. Ann Rajamanohari Rajeswaran	General Proficiency	
	Pure Mathematics	1st Prize
	Applied Mathematics	1st Prize
	Chemistry	1st Prize

**Special Awards for 1986/1987**

1. Award for Leadership	1987	Aron Jegannathan
	1987	Pathmanathan Sayanthakumar
2. Award for Creativity	1986	Sunderarajah Sarvananthan
	1987	Not Awarded
3. Award for Social Concern	1986	Not Awarded
	1987	Anton Chandrakumar Francis
4. Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Gnanamuttu		
<b>Award for the Best All Rounder</b>		
<b>(Gold Medal)</b>		

1986 Saveriyan Augustine Xavier

1987 Pathmanathan Sayanthakumar

**Scout Awards**

1986 Rajaratnam Senthnan	1987 Senthilnathan Selvasenthil
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**SPORTS PRIZES 1986**

1. Keshini Das	Netball Colours
2. Ganesha Sarma Ragavan	Dr. V. Chelvadurai Memorial
	Challenge cup for Best Bowler
	Special Bowling Prize
	Cricket Colours
3. Nithlaratnam Nithiarajan	M. Kantharatnam Memorial Challenge
	Cup for Best Batsman
	Special Bowling Prize
	J. A. R. Sanders Challenge Cup for
	Best Fielder
	Cricket Colours
	All-Round Cricketer of the Year
	K. V. George Challenge Cup for Joint
	Junior All-Round Sportsman



S. V. BALASINGHAM  
MEMORIAL SCHOLAR - 1987



The Late L. Manoharan

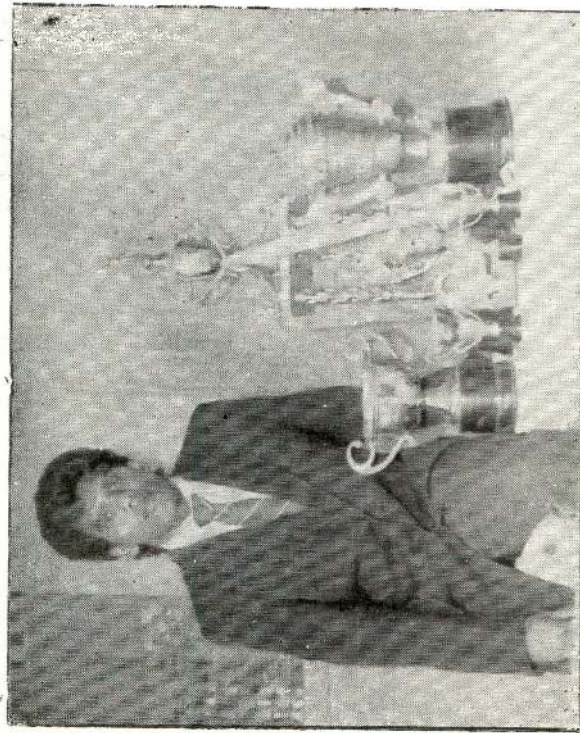
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Mas. S. Vijayakumar  
Mas. N. Nitharanjan

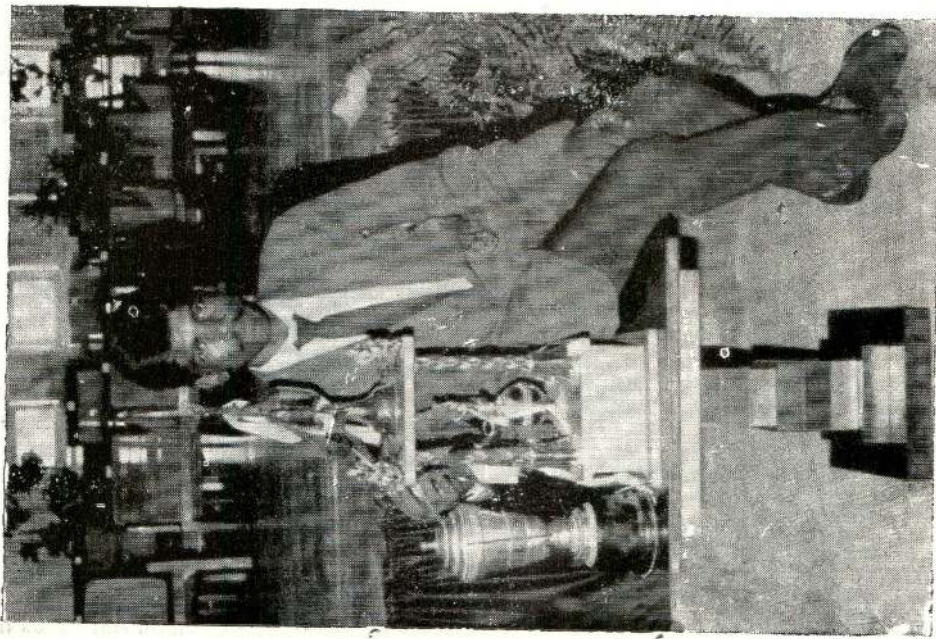


SENIOR ALL ROUND SPORTS MAN - 1986  
AND WINNER OF THE "GOLD"



Mas. S. Augustine

SENIOR ALLROUND SPORTSMAN - 1987  
AND WINNER OF THE "GOLD"



Mas. P. Sayanthakumar



4. Wijeyakumar Selvarajah
5. Pathmanathan Sayanthakumar
6. Ramanathan Selvarajah
7. Augustine Xavier Saveriyan

**Sports Awards — 1987**

1. Ramachandran Kulasingham
2. Nithiaratnam Nithiarajan
3. Pathmanathan Sayanthakumar
4. Ratnagobal Sothilingam

**All Rounder's Award (Gold Medal)**

**Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Gnanamuttu  
Award for the Best All Rounder**

**K. V. George Challenge Cup for  
Joint Junior All-Round Sportsman**

**J. A. R. Sanders Challenge Cup for  
Best Fielder.**

Soccer Colours

Soccer Colours

**J. A. R. Sanders Challenge Cup for  
Best Fielder**

Soccer Colours

**R. J. Thurairajah Challenge Trophy  
for Senior All Round Sportsman 1986**

**M. Kantharatnam Challenge Cup for  
Best Batsman**

Special Batting Prize

**Dr. Chelvadurai Memorial Challenge  
Cup for Best Fielder**

**All Round Cricketer of the Year**

**J. A. R. Sanders Memorial Challenge  
Cup for Best Fielder**

**R. J. Thurairajah Challenge Trophy  
for Senior All Round Sportsman of  
the Year**

**The Gold (Athletic) Award for  
Representing Sri Lanka at the Junior  
Asian Games in Singapore September  
1988**

**1986 Saveriyan Augustine Xavier**

**1987 Pathmanathan Sayanthakum**



# PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS TOWARDS MEMORIAL PRIZES

Name of Prize	Donated by	Purpose	Year	Endowment
Rev. Dr. Daniel Poor	Endowment	Prize Funds	19th Century & College early 20th Century Endowments	
Rev. Dr. H. R. Hoisington	"	"	"	"
Rev. Dr. E. P. Hastings	"	"	"	"
Rev. S. W. Howland	"	"	"	"
Rev. Dr. R. C. Hastings	"	"	"	"
Rev. G. G. Brown	"	"	"	"
Rev. John Bicknell	"	"	"	"
Mr. Robert Breckenridge	"	"	"	"
Mr. S. W. Strong	"	"	"	"
Mr. Hudson Paramasamy	"	"	"	"
Mr. Vythilingam Mudaliyar	"	"	"	"
Mr. Drieberg	"	"	"	"
Mr. Sathasivam	"	"	"	"
Rev. W. E. Hitchcock	"	"	"	"
Elwood	"	"	"	1,500-00
Green	"	"	"	1,000-00
Twynam	"	"	"	435-00
Marquand	"	"	"	700-00
Barlett Hensman	"	"	"	2,000-00
Subramaniam Valliammai	"	"	"	1,642-00
Allen Abraham	"	"	"	2,717-00
Rev. Dr. M. H. Harrison	"	Staff Children Prize Funds	1923 1927	2,000-00
Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Gnanamuttu	Mr. & Mrs S. K. Gnanamuttu	All Rounder's Prize- GOLD MEDAL	Initiated 1950 Enhanced 1984	15,500-00
Dr. & Mrs. S. Rajanayagam	Mr. James Rajanayagam & Mrs. Florence Subramaniam	Chemistry—A/L Yr. 13	1974	1,200-00



Minnie Hastings Harrison	Dr. S. Durairajasigam	English Yr. 9	600-00
Mr. R. A. Naganather	The late M. A. Rajah	Mathematics Yr. 10	550-00
Mrs. Sornam Naganather	The late M. A. Rajah	Tamil Yr. 10	500-00
Pastor W. R. Sussbach	Bequest	Christianity	1974 2,000-00
Mr. Edson C. Lockwood	The late Mrs. E. C. Lockwood	Aesthetics Yr. II	1976 4,000-00
Mr. & Mrs. P. E. Rajaratnam	Rajaratnam children	Best Academic Performance in Yr. 9	
Mr. E. Sittampalam	Dr. S. Rasalingam	Science—A/L Yr. 13	1,500-00
Mr. S. V. Balasingham	Mrs. E. S. Balasingham	Arts A/L	1,500-00
Mr. A. S. Ponnampalam	Mrs. A. S. Ponnambalam	English Yr. 10	1,000-00
Rev. Dr. S. K. Bunker	Mrs. Ruth C. Bunker	Christianity Yr. 9	1976 1,000-00
Mr. Charles S. Ratnesar	The late Dr. S. W. C. Ratnesar	Chemistry Yr. 12	1977 1,000-00
Mr. V. Thillainathan	Dr. T. Sivakumaran	Chemistry Yr. 12	1978 500-00
Mr. D. S. Sanders	Mrs. D. S. Sanders &		1979 1,000-00
Mr. E. W. Ariyanayagam	Prof. & Mrs. D. S. Sanders Jr.	Mathematics Yr. 13	800-00
Mr. P. E. Rajaratnam	Dr. S. DuraiRajaSingam	Social Studies Yr. 9	500-00
Mr. C. Thuraijasingam	Rajaratnam children	Physics Yr. 13	1,500-00
Mr. S. R. Beadle	Dr. (Mrs.) Chandra Senthurajan	General Knowledge (Seniors)	500-00
Justice P. Sri Skanda Rajah &	Rev & Mrs. J. J. Ratnarajah	Prize Funds	600-00
Kanmany Sri Skanda Rajah	Their Children		500-00
Mr. R. O. D. Asbury	Mr. S. J. Kadirgamar		500-00
Mrs. Thavaratnam Nadarajah	Mr. S. Nadarajah		500-00
Mr. E. K. Thambyahpillay	Prof. George Thambyahpillay		500-00
Messers Kunanayagam &			
Rajanayagam Ratnesar	The late Dr. W. C. C. Ratnesar		1,000-00
Mr. A. T. Vaidilingam	Mr. V. Thavaratham	Mathematics Yr. 12	500-00
Mr. K. E. Mathiaparanam	Mrs. Rosabella P. Mathiaparanam		
Mr. S. Ariathurai	Mrs. R. Ariathurai	Tamil Short Story	508-00
Mr. K. Edward	Mr. Edward Selvadas	Prize Fund	770-00
			690-00



Name of Prize	Donated by	Purpose	Year	Endowment
Mr. & Mrs. J. N. Appadurai	Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Appadurai	"	"	500-00
Mr. K. Arulampalam	Dr. A. Arulampalam	"	"	500-00
Dr. J. T. Amarasingham	Mrs. Nividita Arulampalam	"	"	500-00
Mr. J. V. Chelliah	Dr. (Mrs.) A. C. Canagarajah	"	"	2,000-00
Mr. Louis S. Ponniah	Mr. P. J. Thambiratnam	"	1980	
Mr. S. Theivendrapillai	His wife and children	"	Enhanced in 1985	2,000-00
Rev. G. D. Thoms	Dr. T. Chelvarajah	"	1980	500-00
Mr. A. Thuraiatnam	His children	Prize Fund	1980	500-00
Mr. K. V. George	The late Major V. G. George	"	"	500-00
Mrs. Grace Satkunam Anketell		"	"	500-00
Mr. A. Mahendran	Dr. Rajendra Ratnesar	"	"	835-00
Dr. A. E. Duraisamy	His children	"	"	500-00
Major V. G. George	Dr. K. E. Chandrapal	"	1981	1,200-00
Mr. C. C. Kanapathipillai	the late Mr. R. J. Thuraiajah	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. C. Nalliah	Dr. (Mrs.) D. J. Ambalavanar	"	"	1,000-00
Dr. William Jameson	Mr. N. Ramachandran	"	"	3,275-00
Mr. C. O. Elias	Mrs. Gladys Jameson Hvamb	"	"	1,275-00
Rev. J. W. A. Kadingamar	Miss M. Premeela	"	"	1,985-00
Mr. & Mrs. G. N. C. Ponnambalam	Rev. Nesan Kadingamar	Carnatic Music Yr. 10 Prize Funds	"	1,000-00
Mr. A. Ambalavanar &	Mr. & Mrs. H. N. Ponnmbalam	"	1982	1,000-00
Mr. A. Kumarasamy	Mr. Thiagarasa	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. A. Chellappah	Mr. & Mrs. S. R. Chellappah	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. M. Vallipuram	Mr. & Mrs. A. Thiagampara-lingam	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. T. K. Curtis	Mrs. G. J. Gunanayagam	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. S. P. Rajaratnam	Mr. R. K. Rajasenan	"	"	1,000-00



Mr T., Ratnasabapathy	Mr. R. Jeganathan	"	1,000-00
Rev. Dr. S. K. Bunker	Mr. & Mrs. T. S. Oppenheim	Christianity	500-00
Rev. Dr. S. K. Bunker	Mr. Richard Edmund	"	1,000-00
Ponnambalam Edward		Best Academic Performance	
Rajaratham	Mr. Lloyd R. Devarajah	Yr. 6	1984
Sinnapillai Chelliah & his brother N. Pararajasingam			
Mr. V. Chelvadurai	Dr. N. Ethirveerasingam	Prize Funds	(Two Awards)
Mr. K. A. George	His wife & children		3,000-00
Mrs. Annammah Sinnathamby	Mr. R. A. Retchakan	"	1,000-00
Mr. Lyman S. Kulathungam	Mr. Sam Jeyadeva	"	1,000-00
Mr. K. Jacob Ranjan	Mrs. E. D. Kulathungam	English Yr. 13	1985
Mr. K. Arumugam	Mr. & Mrs. V. V. Kandiah	Sports	
Mr. E. C. Jesudasan	Mr. A. Gunanayagam	Prize Funds	
Dr. & Mrs. P. Varatharajah	His wife and children	Prize Funds	1985
Mr. S. S. Sanders	Their children	"	
Mr. Allen Abraham	The late Mr. J. A. R. Sanders	"	
Mr. R. Namasivayam	Mr. A. Aruliah	"	
Mr. Samuel Arumugam	Mr. Dayananda Namasivayam	"	
Thambimuttu			
Mrs. Thevanesam Wadsworth	Mr. T. Thalayasingam	"	1,000-00
Mr. Issac Arulampalam	Mr. D. T. Wadsworth	"	1,000 00
Mr. P. W. Ariaratnam	Rev. S. S. Arulampalam	"	1,000-00
Mr. R. O. Bueil	Mrs. P. W. Ariaratnam	"	1,000-00
Mr. A. Thillaiampalam	Y. M. C. A., Colombo	"	1,000-00
Mr. A. Shanmuganathan	Mr. A. Sivayogapathy	"	1,000-00
Mr. V. V. Kandiah	Mr. & Mrs. S. Veeravagu	"	1,000 00
Mr. E. J. Niles	Miss T. Kandiah	"	1,000-00
Mr. S. A. Visuvalingam	College Endowment	"	1,000-00
Mr. K. Satchithanatham	College Endowment	"	1,000-00
Mr. A. M. Brodie	College Endowment	"	1,000-00
	His children	"	



Name of Prize	Donated by	Purpose	Year	Endowment
Rev. & Mrs. V. M. John	The John Family	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. K. Kanagaratnam	His children	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. K. Namasivayagam	Mr. N. Sivagunananathan	Tamil Yr. 8	"	2,000 00
Mr. C. E. Anandarajan	Mr. K. C. Kadirgamar	Prize Funds	"	1,000-00
Mr. J. A. Selvadurai	Mrs. L. T. Selvadurai	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Ambalam	Mr A. Gunanayagam	"	"	1,140-00
Mr. A. Ponnudurai	Dr. & Dr. (Mrs.) A. R. Ganeshamoorthy	"	"	1,500-00
Mr. J. C. Amarasingam	Dr. J. L. Amarasingham	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. Stephen Balachandran	College endowment	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. Nathan Rajamuthiah				
Manickavasagar	Mrs. J. G. Varnar	"	"	1,000-00
Miss Ariam Hudson Paramasamy	The Bookwalter Family	"	"	1,055-00
Mr. J. Selvarajasingam	College Endowment	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. B. K. Somasundaram	Mrs. Thavamalar Joseph	"	"	2,000-00
Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Jeyarajah	Their children	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam	Mr. V. Anandarajah	Prize Funds	1985	1,000-00
Mr. J. A. R. Sanders	Mrs. Joselyn Sugirtham Sanders	"	"	3,000-00
Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam	Mrs. I. P. Thurairatnam	"	1986	2,000-00
Mr. K. Rajaratnam	Mr. K. Gunaratnam	"	"	1,000-00
Dr. A. B. C. Doray & (Mrs.) Dr. Lizzie Ponnampalam Doray	Professor & Mrs. J. C. V. Chinnappa & children	Western Music Prize Funds	"	3,000-00
Mr. L. S. Williams	Mrs. L. A. Williams	"	"	1,000-00
Dr. R. K. Selliah	His wife & children	"	1987	2,000-00
Mr. F. A. Alphonsus	His wife & children	"	"	2,000-00
Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam	Mr. N. K. Singham	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. S. Kulasingam	His children	"	"	2,000-00
Mr. Kenneth J. Somanader	Late Mr. K. J. Somanader	"	1984, 1985	1,000-00
Mr. Mano Kadirgamar	His Wife & Children	"	1988	5000-00



## OTHER PRIZE

The Gold Cross Country Race	The College Mr. R. J. Jeyaratnam	Outstanding Sportsman Gold Medal	
		Medal Winner Senior Group	1985 1976
Theodore & Helen Oppenheim	Mr. M. A. Velupillai	Challenge cup	1980
Mr. A. Kandasamy	Endowment	English Yr. 9 Prize Funds	"
Mr. R. R. Worthington	"	"	"
Mr. J. A. Bonney	"	"	"
Mr. A. Rajagopal	"	Science Yr. 12 Prize Funds	1981
EMSO Ltd.	"	"	"
Mr. Wesley Muthiah	"	Man of the Match Prize Funds	1982
Mr. P. S. Nadarajah	"	"	"
Peoples Bank Sri Lanka	"	"	"
Mr. S. N. Venayagamoorthy	"	"	"
Mr. M. Gopalan	"	"	"
Dr. (Mrs.) R. Ponnambalam	"	"	"
Mr. J. D. Ratnam	"	"	"
Mr. S. A. S. Veeravagu	"	"	"
Mr. S. Selvendra	"	"	"
Mr. R. C. Thavarajah	Endowment	Prize Funds	1983
Mr. A. Satkunananthan	"	"	"
Mr. T. J. Koshy	Dr. (Mrs.) Sarammah Verghese	Botany Yr. 13 Sports Prize	1983
Mr. & Mrs. S. Sanmuga	Endowment	"	"
Mr. A. Karunanithy	"	"	"
Mr. Noel Rajaratnam	"	"	"
Mr. C. B. Bavinck	Mr. R. S. Chandrarajan	Christianity Yr. 8	1985 (1987)
Mr. & Mrs. V. Ragunatha Mudaliyar	Endowment	Prize Fund	"
Mr. T. Rameswaran	"	"	"
Mr. S. Someswaran	"	"	"
Mr. & Mrs. M. Chinniah	"	"	"



Name of Prize	Donated by	Purpose	Year	Endowment
Mr. & Mrs. M. D. Mithirathan	"	"	1985 Enhanced 1987	2,000-00
Dr. P. Ratnasabapathy	"	"	"	1,000 00
Mr. K. Nadarajah	"	"	"	1,200-00
Mr. K. Kanagarajah	"	"	"	1,000-00
Dr. K. Kugathan	"	"	"	1,000-00
Mr. & Mrs R. S. Thambiah	"	"	"	1,000-00
Mrs. Ruth Bunker	"	"	"	2,340-00
Dr. R. R. Selvendran	"	"	"	10,000-00
Mr. C. Chakradran	"	"	"	1,000-00
Dr. (Miss) A. Ariaratnam	"	"	1986	1,000-00
Mr. S. R. Asirvatham	"	"	"	2,000-00
Dr. K. Shanmugaratnam	"	"	"	2,000-00

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Hastings	Hastings Family	Boarding Scholarships	19th Century Fund	24,000-00
Scotch	Permanent Endowment	"	"	30,000-00
Rockwood	"	"	"	5,050-00
Birch	"	"	"	7,275-00
Mr. S. V. Balasingam	Jaffna College Round Table	Best Performance		
Dr. K. Jeyaratnam Thambapillai	Thambapillai Trust Fund	G. C. E. (Ordinary Level Scholarships General	1969	Endowment
Mr. Velupillai Sabaratnam	The late Mrs. E. S. Thambirajah Bequest	Boarding Scholarships Theological Students	1956	19,689-00
Pastor W. R. Sussbach	Dr. W. D. Ratnavel	University Scholarship-Biology	1974	6,630-00
Dr. W. S. Ratnavel	The late Mr. W. H. Thamby- rajah Bartlett & his daughter		"	8,121-00
Mr. W. H. Thombayrajah	Mrs. A. S. Ponnambalam	Scholarship- Mathematics	1975	10,000-00
Bartlett			1975	7,000-00



Mr. R. N. Aservatham	Endowment	Boarding	1976	5,000-00
Mr. P. Thomas John	Dr. Joseph John	University Admission-Physics	1980	11,460-00
Mr. A. S. Ponnambalam	Mrs. A. S. Ponnambalam	General Scholarship	1982	4,000-00
Dr. K. Sithamparapillai	Mr. S. Kula Singam	Out Board Training	"	11,000-00
Thangammah & Swaminathar	Their Children	University Admission with Sports	"	10,000-00
Mr. & Mrs. Edson C. Lockwood	Bequest	Boarding Scholarships	"	20,000-00
Mr. K. A. George	Dr. K. Poologasundaram	General Scholarship	1984	15,000-00
Lions Club	Lons Club of Vaddukoddai	General Scholarship	"	5,000-00
Mr. K. C. Thuraiatnam	Mrs. E. Thuraiatnam & Children	Boarding Scholarships	1985	15,000-00
Mr. Navaratnam Appadurai	Mrs. R. Appadurai & Children	General Scholarship	1975	5,000-00
Mr. C. O. Elias	Miss Premeela	"	1979	4,000-00
Mr. J. Thambiah Bartlett	His Children	"	1986	5,000-00
Mrs. Florence Alagammah	— do —	"	"	5,000-00
Bartlett	Mr. & Mrs. Wijeyasegaram	"	"	10,000-00
Dr. S. W. C. Ratnesar	His Children	"	"	15,000-00
Mr. K. A. Selliah	His wife and children	General Scholarship	1987	15,000-00
Mr. R. J. Thuraiajah	His wife and children	General Scholarship	1988	6,000-00
Major V. G. George				

## OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Theodore & Helen Oppenheim	Endowment	Staff Children	1979	8,000-00
Mr. K. Selvarajah	"	"	1981	470-00
Mr. P. A. A. Vale	"	"	"	1,496-00
Mr. & Mrs. G. Anthonipillai	"	"	1982	1,900-00
Women's Board of the Pacific, through the auspices of Miss M. S. Elias	"		1987	17,143-00



## MEMORIAL PRIZES — ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. R. C. S. Cooke	Mrs. R. C. S. Cooke	Prize Funds
Mr. S. T. Jeevaratnam	Dr. K. Jesvaratnam	"
Mrs. Majorie Jeyasingam	Prof. E. R. Appadurai	"
Mrs. Thomas Rajaduri	Miss H. R. Thomas	"
Rev. & Mrs. J. K. Sinnathambay	The late Rev. K. S. Jeyasingam	"
Rev. & Mrs. R. C. P. Welch	Mrs. Raneer Kulnayagam	"
Prof. Reggie Appadurai	Miss Ruby Appadurai	"
Rev. K. S. Jeyasingam	Mrs. Lalitha Atputharajah	"

## MEMORIAL SPORTS TROPHIES

Mr. M. Kantharatnam	Mrs. M. Kantharatnam	Best Batsman	Challenge cup 1979
Dr. G. Chelvadorai	Mrs. Chelvadorai & Children	Best Bowler	Challenge cup 1979
Mr. J. A. R. Sanders	Mrs. Joselyn Sugirtham Sanders	Best Fielder	Challenge cup 1985
Mr. R. J. Thuraiarajah	His wife & children	All-Round Senior	Trophy 1987
Mr. K. V. George	Staff Jaffna College	Sportsman	
Mr. J. A. Sellvadurai	Mr. & Mrs. V. Mahadevan	All-Round Junior	Challenge cup
		Sportsman	
		All-Rounder's Prize	



# Report of the Junior Secondary School

I have great pleasure in presenting the report of the Junior Secondary School for the year 1987 and 1988. At the outset I wish to thank Miss M. S. Elias for efficiently administering this section for over 10 years. Her versatile interests and devoted service enabled her to take part in all activities of the College.

The new School structure by the Government has resulted in the regrouping and naming of classes. The Primary School composed of years I to 5; the Junior Secondary School composed of years 6 to 9 and Senior Secondary School composed of years 10 to 14. The purpose of such structuring is to enable the students at each level to achieve high potentiality. At each level here at Jaffna College students are given opportunities in leadership qualities and in extra curricular activities and sports.

The experiences of 1987 and 1988 have made an indelible impression upon the growing minds. We have never seen such traumatic experiences in our generation. Under these circumstances the educational institutions have had to carry on their educational tasks with great difficulty. But the parents have shown great enthusiasm in sending their children to School. Peace and protection are the basic cry of the people. Even under these circumstances our children were able to study hard, sit for the examin-

ation and participate in the extra curricular activities.

We were not able to have competition in circuit and District Levels but internally we were able to conduct English Day Programmes with Dramas, Western Music and Actions Songs. The Western Music Programme, the Christmas Programmes and Easter Programmes were efficiently conducted by the English Choir. I thank Mrs. V. Jebanesan, Dr. R. Porter and Miss S. Sellathurai for their services.

The Tamil Music, Dances and Dramas have become popular among the students. Programmes given at Tamil Thinam, Bharathi Festival and at the prize giving were of a very high standard. I thank Mrs. J. Ratnasabapathy and Mrs. M. Raviraj for their services.

In addition to the elected members of the Senior School Council the following students were nominated by the Junior Secondary School staff to function as councillors in the Middle School.

Year 6 C. Sajeev  
C. Dilani  
B. Rabindranath

Year 7 A. Varapirathan  
B. Jananthan  
C. Vajani

Year 8 B. Kirubalar  
A. Angelina  
A. Ajith  
C. Sanjeyan



Year 9 A. Cliff Rajan  
A. Brinda  
B. Sriudaya  
C. Sriskandanesan

The Scouts and Girl Guides conducted their founder's Day with great enthusiasm. They help us in conducting College functions such as Prize giving and Sports meet. The Boy's Scouts helped to maintain order at the J. D. C. S. I. Children's Rally function held in Manipay. I thank Mr. S. Tissarajah, Mrs. J. Mithiraranjan and Miss Kandiah for their servcses.

The Sports department provide facilities for major games and athletics. We have opened a Gymnasium in memory of the George Family called George Gymnasium., Here students were

given facilities for body building and indoor games.

We also provide facilities for playing Tennis even though it is an expensive game. Last year we were able to conduct the sports meet in December internally. We have had to limit our sports activities to the Brown Field. The March past was a colourful item in which many students took part. I thank the sports department for providing such facilities.

In conclusion I wish to thank our Principal, The Vice Principal and the Staff for their cooperation and encouragement given to me to carry-out my duties.

G. Rajanayagam  
Middle School Supervisor



*During a university lecture in psychopathology, a student raised his hand for permission to ask a question. "Professor," he said, "you've told us about the abnormal person and his behaviour, but what about the normal person?"*

*"If we ever find him," replied the professor, "we'll cure him."*



# Primary School Report 1987 & 1988

It is my privilege to review the activities of the Jaffna College Primary School for the years 1987 & 1988. I am happy to record that on the whole it has been one of success. This success should be definitely attributed to the co-operation of the staff in this section

Primary School in year 1987 consisted of classes from Yr 1 — Yr 6. The Department of Education wanted the year 6 too to be joined with the Middle School. Hence after the 1st term 1988, the year 6 class left us. We miss them as they were the ones who took all the leadership and looked after the little ones and helped in maintaining discipline. Now we are left with the year 5 who are very small to handle matters, as they are only 9 Years old. Yet the councillors who are from Year 5 are still able to maintain discipline as they have lot of courage and confidence,

The number of students on roll in our Primary Section is 395. There are about 225 boys and 170 girls. The following are the councillors for 1987 and 1988.

## 1987

1. Sujeev President
2. Nilani Vice President
3. Kirupalar
4. Rabindranath
5. Palraj
6. Jeyaraj
7. Gajan

8. Nanthini
9. Suhanya N.

## 1988

1. Sayanthan President
2. Prashanthan Vice president
3. Arooran
4. Ashokumar
5. Piragalathan
6. Sharmini G.
7. Chitralekah P.
8. Dilani J.
9. Sathialogini S.

The faculty advisor for the year 1987 was Mr. K. S. Tissarasa and Mrs. K. Navaratnarajah for the year 1988. I thank them most sincerely for their valuable guidance and advice given to the councillors from time to time.

Three of our teachers attended the yr. 6 English Seminar for one week in February at Manipay Hindu Ladies College. Since it was a new syllabus the teachers were benefitted by it.

This time our Little Friends and cubs had a joint Thinking Day at the Bicknell Field on the 24th February to mark Baden Powell's B'Day. The programme consisted of songs, playlets and games followed by tea. The children enjoyed the evening. Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar gave a talk on this occasion.

We had Tamil Thinam on the 11th March at 10-00 am. in the Ottley Hall.



Most of the children were in their traditional dress Pavadai and Verti. President Mas. Sujeev welcomed the parents and other guests. There were songs, action songs, small playlets, speeches and Dances. It was an hours programme, which was very useful to our children. It was yet another rich experience that the children gained,

On the 12th March Mr. Eric Gass visited our institution before lunch at the Principal's Bungalow. Our children entertained them with a 'Kummi' Dance in colourful College Colours.

We bade farewell to Mr. S. A. Paulraj and Mr. A. Amirthanathan on the 20th March. Mr. S. A. Paulraj served the College as a Tamil Trained Teacher. He took part in the various activities of the College. His Tamil plays at the Primary School concerts were of a high standard. He took a keen interest in training the children for the Athletic Meet and he would fight till the last to see his Hastings House emerge as champions. We wish him many more years of happy retired life.

One of our staff members Mr. V. E. Jeyaseelan got married on the 19th of January and we wish him and his spouse a very happy wedded life.

Mr A. R. Abraham who was teaching in the Lower School from 1943 to 1963 as a Maths, English and Art teacher passed away on the 23rd May 1987. He took a keen interest in Athletics

and was the House Master of the Abrahams. He was the first Secretary of the Primary School. The English Plays that were staged by him at the Lower School Annual Concerts were highly commended. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Gnanapragasam and Gnanakai Gnanapragasam visited our College on the 22nd June at 11-30 a. m. Eight children from our Primary School Sang a Tamil song which was composed specially for them at the Assembly in the Ottley Hall.

There was a programme by Eclathu Suthan on the 30th June at 11-30 a. m in the Primary School Hall. The children enjoyed the show as he entertained them with mimes and gestures imitating the birds and people.

From the 21st September to the 24th September we managed to have the heats for the Athletics Meet in the Bicknell Field. But due to the prevailing situation in Jaffna the finals could not be worked off this year.

The Gandhi Day commemorating his Birth was held on the 2nd October at 10-40 a. m. in the Ottley Hall. The programme commenced with some recorded music. There were speeches, Villu song and other relevant songs. The guest speaker was Dr. S. Jebanesan. It was an hours meaningful programme.

Then on we tried to pick up the hreads but could not put it in place



and finally we had to close school on the 12th October.

Though we re-opened on the 4th January 1988, due to various problems like even transport being curtailed the regular work could not be carried on again for about one week. Then on the 11th January onwards very few students turned up as there was still tension and we had one session school till 1 p.m. Teachers had a tremendous part to play as some children were displaced and some had lost their loved ones and many such were affected. Up to the 17th February we had to cover the 1987 3rd term Syllabus and hold the promotion tests.

On the 1st of February we received the shocking news that Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy had passed away. He was a humble person. He joined Jaffna College in 1953. He taught Art Hand Work and Coir Work. He used to help us out in all the drawings and Handicrafts necessary for our various functions. We convey our deepest sympathies to his family.

We managed to organise Spoken English classes for Year 1—Year 5 in February after school. Quite a number are interested. The parents are very keen as they are aware of the absolute necessity of learning English. They enjoy their classes. We are very happy we were able to introduce this to our children as the saying goes 'catch them young'.

We were able to have the 1987 sports meet on the 19th February 1988

in the Brown Field. It took a long time to get the grounds made up for the event. Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar along with the Physical Director Mr. T Ananda-ratnam and our sports Secretary Mr. A. Jeyarajan with the greatest difficulty had to see that it was put in order. My sincere thanks to them. A mass drill display with 100 kids in pedal pushers of crimson and gold was the highlight. With all the bomb blasts shellings, and firings practices were held and they preformed well to the music. Miss K. Rajendra Mrs. M. Raviraj and Miss E. P. Kadirgamar trained the children. My thanks are due to them. Brown House emerged champions with the total of 309 points. 1987 Individual Champions:

Over 10 Girls—Sujitha S. Abraham House

Under 10 Girls—Jebasirani S. Brown „

Over 10 Boys—Sivamithiran P. Hastings „

Under 10 Boys—Pradeepan S. Hitchcock „

The Little Friends meet on Thursdays during the last periods. They celebrated 'Thinking Day' on the 7th March. 10 members of the pack were enrolled in June by the Division Commissioner Mrs. T. Ariaratnam. This year they were able to take part in some activities like the 'Pack Holiday' Camp held at Vembadi Girls High School, Jaffna. Ten members of the pack attended the camp from the 10th to the 12th June. They were fully involved in singing and playing games. Some at the moment are working for



their second class badge. Sylvana Mrs. K. Navaratnarajah attended an all Island Camp at the S. O. S. village Piliyanthala and an All Island Trainers Conference at the Girl Guides Headquarters in Colombo last August. With her training the Little Friends are taking an active part. I take this opportunity to thank her most sincerely.

Our cubs meet on the same day as Little Friends. They have sing songs games and do some Shramadana work. They are guided by the wolf cub masters Mr. S. Rajasergaram and Mr. V. E. Jeyaseelan.

Another of our retired teachers Miss. Rasammah Eliathamby passed away on the 15th Ma.ch 1988. She was a Tamil Trained Teacher. She took a keen interest in all the activities of the College. She got all her students to learn Needle Work including the boys. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family members. Before her death she had told her neighbours that Jaffna College will do all the needful and they will have to just inform. Finally we had the service at her home at Anaicottai on the 16th at 9-00 a. m.

We had our Sports Meet on the 30th September 1988 at 9-00 a. m. Our guests of honour was our Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar and Mrs. Kadirgamar. Principal hoisted the College Flag and the Captain and the Athletic Captains came with the Torch, around the field set it on the stand and stood in a semi circle where our President Sayanthan

took the oath in English. After Principal declared open the meet there was a mass drill display of 100 students in white with colourful umbrellas. Children enjoyed the day. Nowadays children have hardly a day to relax. There is absolutely no recreation whatsoever. Our Principal visited the Houses and each house garlanded him with the respective coloured garlands of red, blue, white and green. We had the distribution of prizes under the Cleveland trees. Hitchcock house emerged champions with 349 points. 1988 Individual Champions:

Under 9 Boys - Kelwin. J. W. Borwn  
House

Under 9 Girls - Abiramy. R. Abraham  
House

Under 10 Boys - Pradeepan. S. Hit-  
chcock House

Under 10 Girls - Jebasirani S. Brown  
House.

Mrs. A. Kadirgamar was good enough to distribute the awards.

We celebrated Gandhi Day on the 2nd October. There were songs Kummi, Villu songs and Speeches. Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar, Dr. S. Jebanesan and Mrs. K. Navaratnarajah spoke on that day. Mrs. J. Ratnasabapathy sang a few songs. It was just an hours programme.

Our Prize Giving was held on the 19th October. Many children obtained prizes. We are happy to record that Chitrakalah, P. and Sutharsana. M. won the Yr. 5 Scholarship Exam.

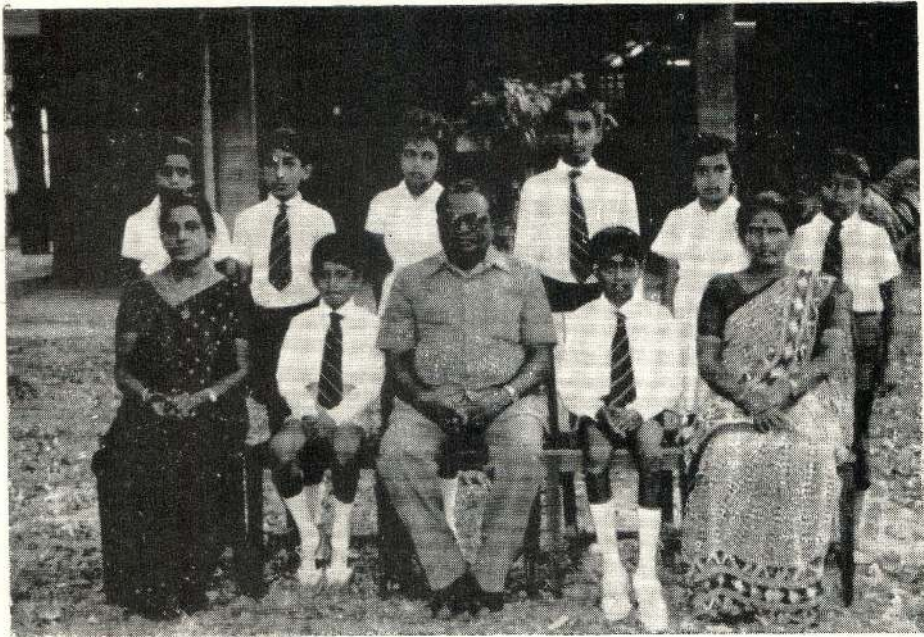
On the 25th October Health Inspector visited our section and examined the



## LITTLE FRIENDS — 1988



## Primary - School Council — 1988



*Seated (L. to R.):* Mrs. L. B. Thambirajah (Supervisor), S. Prasanth, Principal, S. Sayenthan and Mrs. K. Navarathnarajah.

*Standing (L. to R.):* J. Dilani, S. Asokkumar, G. Dilanti Sharvini, T. Piragalathan, T. Chittralekha, M. Arooran.



CUBS — 1988



Primary School — Inter House Athletic Meet  
Champions — 1988





Yr. 1 and Yr. 4 children and gave letters for treatment for the Dental and Eye clinics. They also gave worm treatment. We thank the Health Department for it.

The 26th October was a special day for our kids. There was a strong rumour on the 25th that our principal was going to visit our classes the following day. All the classes came prepared to welcome him. Each class looked colourful with decorations and each class garlanded him, as soon as he entered the class which was a surprise to him. He took time to shake hands with each and every child of the class and say thank you.

Being our Principal's Birth Day on the 27th October we had a special chapel service in the Ottley Hall. Ten of our kids sang a special song. 'இயேசுவின் ஆட்டுக்குட்டி' based on the 23rd psalm. They gave a Birth Day card and in it was the words of the song too.

On the 31st October we bade Farewell to our Principal Mr. Kadirgamar and Mrs. Kadirgamar. Our Kids brought them from the Principal's Bungalow to the Primary School Staff Room in a "Kummi" dance. From the Principal's Bungalow up to the Staff Room our kids formed a guard of honour. They garlanded at the entrance.

We had a Christmas programme 'Christmas for us all' on Sunday the 4th December at 4.00 p. m. Soon after the bell a 7 Year old kid gave a solo — Once in Royal Davids' City. Then another 9 Year old child sang the Bible

verse St. John 3 verse 16. Then Year 1 and 2 came in a procession from the left side door of the church and the Year 3 children came in a procession from the side door of the Bishop's Bungalow and the Year 4 and 5 kids came in a procession from the main door. They were all singing 'We are marching to Zion' with candles in their hands. It was indeed very touching. Year 1 came as Japanese children year 2 as Mexican and Year 3 as African children. Each group went on the platform and sang their respective songs. A boy who came as an English Boy sang a solo. On a side platform Mary Joseph and Angels took their positions. Shepherds came in when the choir sang the shepherds' song. The three kings bearing gifts came from the main entrance singing 'We three Kings'. Each child singing its verse. There were two Tamil songs as well, with accompaniments. The choir sang the Hallelujah chorus before they sang Joy to the world which was indeed very grand. Bishop D. J. Ambalavanar pronounced the benediction. The programme was indeed of a very high standard. In between songs there was narration too. A special word of thanks to Miss. E. P. Kadirgamar and Mrs. D. I. Ganeshan for the efforts taken and also for the other Primary School teachers for all the help rendered on this occasion.

I take this opportunity to thank my staff members for their whole hearted co-operation in all the functions.



If not for their willingness programmes such as these could not be held. Almost all the functions were of a high standard. A special word of thanks to our Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar who always encouraged with a word of praise. Since he was able to understand the problems that we were faced with it was very easy to work. He helped us to overcome many of our problems with a word of cheer. Hence we were able to get our children perform better. His guidance and valuable advice from time to time cannot be forgotten. We do miss his colourful personality. We extend our thanks to Mrs. Kadirgamar for having attended all our functions

with a pleasant smile at times even at short notices. We wish to welcome our new Principal Dr. S. Jebanesan and we hope he would give us the necessary co-operation.

I wish to thank most sincerely Miss. S. J. Jesudason and Mr. Thurairatnam for their services rendered.

Above all we thank our Lord for the Wisdom, Guidance and strength and we hope God would enable us to carry on our tasks to the best of our ability.

**Mrs. L. B. Thampyrajah**  
Supervisor  
Primary School



*After tucking the three-year-old daughter in bed for the night the mother leaned over, kissed her on the forehead and said, "God bless you, darling." Looking up in all innocence, the little one replied, "I didn't sneeze, Mummy."*



## Physical Director's Notes

Sports have always held an important place in the education of a child. In this issue we are recording the Sports activities of two years—1987&1988. Due to the unrest in Jaffna in 1987, our sports activities were badly affected.

**1987**

### Cricket:

Our cricket team led by P. Sayanthakumar met with moderate success. There were some very good individual performances. We played seven matches and the results are as follows:

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

The under 15 & 17 cricket matches were not played due to the tense situation in Jaffna, after the end of first term.

**Coaches :** Mr. T. Nithiaratnam  
Mr. M. D. Thambirajah  
Mr. A. Jeyarajan

### Athletics :

The Primary School sports meet was held in early part of 1988 without

the usual fan fare on account of the unsettled conditions that prevailed in the country at that time. However, the children were as enthusiastic as ever and took part in the various events with the usual earnestness. The meet was held under the patronage of Mr. & Mrs. A. Kadirgamar.

### Individual Champions :

Over 10 boys :

P. Sivamithran — Hastings House

Under 10 boys :

S. Pradeepan — Hitchcock House

Over 10 girls :

S. Sujitha — Abraham House

Under 10 girls :

S. Jebasirani — Brown House

### Ranking of Houses:

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

The Senior School's Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet was held in July as an internal meet due to the unsettled conditions in the country. The House masters, House mistresses and captains should be congratulated on their co-operation in running the meet. Events for the Post Seniors were not held.



## Individual Champions :

### Boys

Seniors	—	T. Ravindran	—	Abraham House
Under 17	—	R. Ratchagan	—	Hastings House
Under 16	—	S. Vinothan	—	Brown House
Under 14	—	T. Balakumar	—	Hastings House
Under 13	—	R. Rajmohan	—	Hastings House
Under 12	—	S. Sivatharan	—	Hastings House

### Girls

Seniors	—	S. Yaceumuna	—	Brown House
Inters	—	Marsha Cassiere	—	Hastings House
Under 14	—	A Brinutah	—	Hitchcock House
Under 13	—	G. Devadharshini	—	Hitchcock House
Under 12	—	S. Sharmini	—	Hastings House
Relay champions			—	Hitchcock House

### Ranking of Houses :

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

The Cross Counsry race could not be played. P. Sayanthakumar was appointed captain.

Jaffna then,

Coaches : Mr. T. Anandaratnam  
Mr. T. Nithiaratnam  
Mr. A Jeyarajan  
Mr. M. D. Thambirajah

The under 17 and Under 15 soccer teams too could not play any matches in 1987.

Coaches : Mr. A. Jeyarajan  
Mr. M. D. Thambirajah &  
T. Nithiaratnam

### Basket Ball :

Practices were held but Inter-School matches could not be played.

Coach : Mr. V. Selvaratnam.

### Soccer :

Soccer practices were held in September, and a friendly match was played but inter-collegiate matches could

### Badminton :

We played friendly matches with the University of Jaffna and the Jaffna College Institute of Technology.

### Tennis :

Tennis seems to be on the upward trend. A number of students have taken



## CRICKET TEAM - 1987



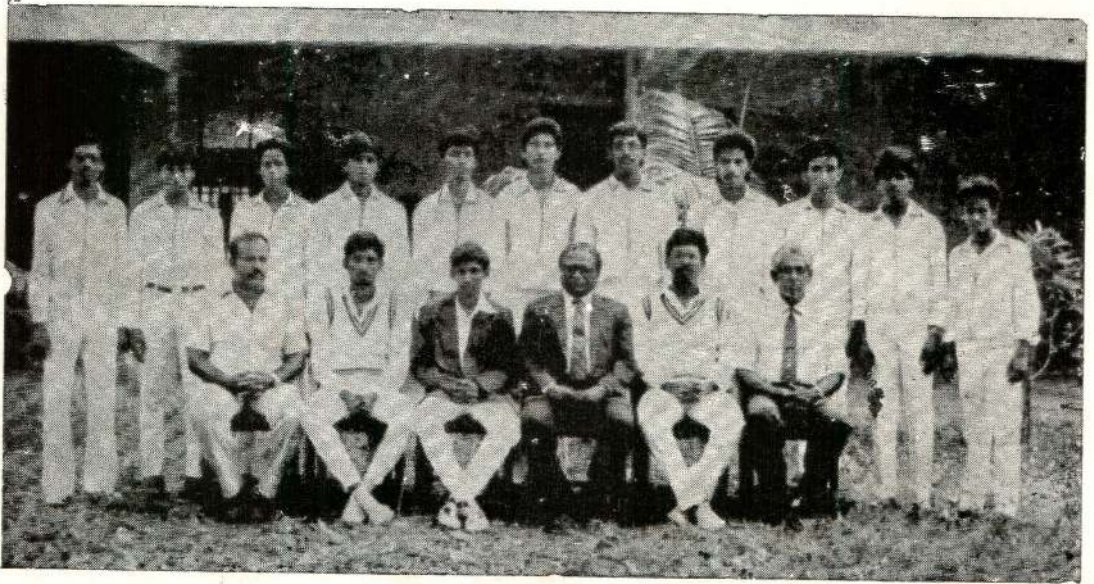
*Seated (L to R):* Mr M. D. Thambirajah (Coach), S. Noble Surendran, P. Sayanthakumar, Principal, N. Nithiarajan and Mr. T. Anandaratnam.

*Standing (L. to R.):* G. Daniel Mathialagan, R. Kulasingham, S. Wijeyakumar, M. Krishnalingam, R. Jeevananthan, A. Premananthan and R. Jeyaseelan.

*Absent:* Terrence Suthagaran, R. Thavaniruban, R. Pretheepan, J. T. Sugirthananthan.



## THE CRICKET TEAM – 1988



*Seated (L. to R.):* Mr. A. Jeyarajan (Coach), S. Wijeyakumar, N. Nithiarajan, The Principal, R. Kulasingam, and Mr. T. Anandaratanam (Physical Director).

*Standing (L. to R.):* T. Murugathas, R. Jeyaseelan, G. Daniel Mathialagan, S. Janarthan, V. Sairam, B. Sreepathy R. Jeevananthan, A. Premananthan, S. Senthilkumaran, F. Johnson and S. Vinothan.



up to tennis and the tennis courts draw a big crowd. The Luther Selvarajah Tennis tournament which was not held for a few years was conducted in June, but due to rains it could only be completed in early July.

Master-in-charge : Mr. N. A. Vimalendran

#### **Table Tennis :**

Provision has been made for Table Tennis and a number of students turn up for practices. The Master-in-charge is Mr. V. Selvaratnam.

#### **Hockey :**

Due to the situation in Jaffna hockey matches were not played in 1987.

Coach : Mr. T. Anandaratnam.

#### **Gymnastics :**

Gymnastics is being gradually introduced and students are showing great keenness. Master-in-charge : Mr. M. D. Thambirajah.

#### **Netball :**

Due to the same reason netball matches were not held this year. Coaches: Miss S. P. Gulasigam, Miss S. S. Selvadurai & Miss K. Rajendra.

### **1988**

Our sports activities have been greatly affected due to the Bicknell grounds being occupied by the Indian Peace Keeping Force.

#### **Cricket :**

The College Cricket team led by N. Nithiarajan played three matches this

year. Of the matches played, two had to be abandoned halfway due to unavoidable circumstances. Results of the matches :

Vs: Jaffna Central College — Won

Vs: St. John's College — Abandoned

Vs: Canagaratnam M.M.V. — Abandoned

The Under 17 cricket team was captained by S. Vinothan. The team played three friendly matches and all of them ended in a draw.

The Under 15 cricket team was captained by K. Tharmendra. The team showed a great deal of promise. Coaches: Mr. M. D. Thambirajah, T. Nithiaratnam & Mr. A. Jeyarajan.

#### **Athletics :**

The Primary School athletic meet was held on 30th September with the Principal, Mr. A. Kadirgamar and Mrs. Kadirgamar as chief guests in the Brown Field. The students were as keen as ever and showed a great deal of enthusiasm.

#### **Individual Champions :**

Under 9 Boys :

J. W. Kelvin — Brown House

Under 10 Boys :

S. Pradeepan — Hitchcock house

Under 9 Girls :

R. Abirami — Abraham House

Under 10 Girls :

S. Jebasirani — Brown House

#### **Ranking of House:**

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



The Senior School Inter-House Athletic Meet was held in December in the Brown Field. It was held as an internal meet. After a lapse of many years, the March Past has been reintroduced. As the meet was held after the examinations there was not much enthusiasm among the students.

### Individual Champions :

<b>Boys :</b>	Post Seniors	— S. Wijeyakumar	— Hastings House
	Seniors	— N. Sivakumar	— Hitchcock House
		— R. Charles	— Abraham House
	Under 17	— S. Vinothan	— Brown House
	Under 16	— T. Kokilathas	— Abraham House
	Under 15	— J. Anton Jeyarajah	— Abraham House
		— S. Gunaseelan	— Brown House
	Under 14	— R. Rajmohan	— Hastings House
	Under 13	— S. Sivatharan	— Hastings House
	Under 12	— T. Jeganathan	— Hastings House
<b>Girls :</b>	Seniors	— S. Yaceumuna	— Brown House
	Inters	— R. Doris Dharshini	— Abraham House
	Under 14	— G. Devadharshini	— Hitchcock House
	Under 3	— S. Sharmini	— Hastings House
	Under 12	— V. Nanthini	— Brown House
Relay Champions		Brown House & Hitchcock House	

- Ranking of Houses :**
1. Brown House
  2. Hitchcock House
  3. Abraham House
  4. Hastings House

The Cross Country Race was not held this year too due to unsettled situation in Jaffna. Coaches: Mr. T. Anandaratnam, Mr. Jeyarajah Mr. T. Nithiaratnam, Mr. M. D. Thambirajah and Miss K. Rajendra

Vs : St. Patrick's College — Lost  
Vs : Victoria College — Won

The Under 17 team under the captaincy of S. Vinothan played three matches, of which it won one, drew one and lost the other.

**Soccer:** The soccer team was captained by Nithiarajan. The team played four matches and the results are as follows :

The Under 15 team was captained by S. Mohanbabu. It played two matches and both the matches ended in a draw.  
Coaches : Mr. M. D. Thambirajah, Mr. T. Nithiaratnam and Mr. A. Jeyarajan.

Vs : St. John's College — Draw  
Vs : Skandavarodaya College — Draw



### **Tennis :**

Tennis continues to draw a large number of students. The Luther Selvarajah tournament was held from the 21st October to the 24th October, 1988.

\* Results of the matches are as follows :

Under 18	Singles Champion	— R. Arukshan
Under 18	Double Champions	— R. Arukshan & K. Selvendra
Under 18	Singles Runner-up	— S. Kapilan

Our Congraulations to the winners. Master-in-charge : Mr. N. A. Vimalendran

### **Basket Ball :**

With a view of bringing back basketball to its former standard at Jaffna College, we secured the services of Mr. R. Suntharalingam to coach our students. There was much enthusiasm at the beginning but gradually the enthusiasm declined. We hope that the boys would take much more interest in basketball. Master-in-charge : Mr. V. Selvaratnam.

### **Netball :**

Netball practices were held but no inter-school matches were held. Our girls took part in a match organised by the Ministry of Sports.

Coaches : Miss S. S. Selvadurai, Miss S. P. Gulasingam, Miss K. Rajendra & Mrs. B. Suresh.

A Gymnasium has been set up at Jaffna College. Our thanks are due to our former Principal, Mr. A. Kadirgamar and Mr. V. Selvaratnam for setting up the Gymanasium. The Gymnasium is being used for Badminton, Table Tennis and Gymnastics. We hope that many more students would use the Gymnasium.

### **Badminton :**

There is a large turn out of boys and girls for Badminton. Master-in-charge : M., V. Selvaratnam.

### **Table Tennis :**

Three table tennis tables are available and there is a large number playing Table Tennis. We played a friendly game with the Jaffna College Institute of Technology. Master-in-charge : Mr. V. Selvaratnam.

### **Gymnastics :**

Students are taking up to Gymnastics and a Gymnastics display was held in 1988. We would urge many more students to take up to Gymnastics. Master-in-charge Mr. M. D. Thambirajah.

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

**Mr. T. Anandaratnam**  
Physical Director



# Examination Results

## G. C. E. Ordinary Level December — 1986

Students who obtained five or more passas

Amirtharajah	A.	Sivanathan	B.
Alvin	D.	Saseekaran	N.
Ahileswaran	K.	Sasitharan	P.
Arulanantham	S.	Sritharan	P.
Arasamohan	T.	Subaharan	P.
Bramananthar	S.	Sureshkumar	S.
Daniel Mathiyalagan	G.	Subaraj	B.
Donald Suresh	M.	Sivalingam	T.
Gunaratnam	H. R.	Theva theepan	P.
Joe Philip	S.	Thayaseelan	R.
Kuhan	K.	Victor Renus	S.
Kulaseelan	K.	Yathavakrishnan	K.
Kulanayagam	K.	Sooriyakumar	J.
Kengaraj	N.	Senthiltharan	K.
Kulasingham	R.	Skandasanjeev	K.
Kanagasundaram	S.	Srinivasan	K.
Muraleetharan	G.	Suthakar	K.
Manoharan	L.	Shiyam Sunthar	N. S.
Murugathas	T.	Sivakumar	N.
Mathivanan	V. S.	Sivapiragasam	N.
Paheerathan	J.	Sritharan	A.
Premaruban	M. S.	Senthan	R.
Regi Thevabalan	A.	Sumithiran	R.
Robert Sureshkumar	J.	Sivachandran	S.
Raguraman	K.	Spencer	S. P.
Ramesh	M.	Sriparan	S.
Radhakrishnan	T.	Subaharan	S.
Ramaraj	T.	Suthaes	S.
Rameswaran	T.	Sairam	V.
Jayaseelan	R.	Thayaparan	L.
Ketheeswaran	K.	Thayaparan	P.
Pathmarajah	B.	Thirukumaran	S.
Paramanshan	K.	Thiruneelakandan	V.
Paranthaman	V.	Umashangar	M.



Vijayakumar	S.	Mallika	T.
Wijayanayagam	C. S.	Nirmala	K.
Akilan	N.	Naveena	K.
Armstrong Jayaseelan	S.	Pamathy	R.
Balamurugan	K.	Ruth Vasanthy	R.
Chandrajit	G.	Shyamala	A.
Christopher Guru	R.	Suganthini	J.
Jeyaseelan	N.	Shobana	K.
Kuganeswaran	P.	Sivalogini	N.
Perinpanayagam	E. N. A.	Srithevi	R.
Rajmohan	B.	Sinothaya	S.
Ravindra	S.	Sivalogini	S.
Sobers	J.	Tharshini	M.
Satheeskumar	N.	Thevaramani	T.
Amaran Tunard	S.	Umayal	P.
Giritharan	V.	Vijitha	P.
Ajantha	N.	Vasuki	R.
Jancey	N.	Vathsala	V.
Jeyantha	N.	Kalayini	M.
Jeevana	S.	Kamini	R.
Krishanthy	B.	Mohanambal	S.
Krishnajoathy	K.	Rathy Vathana	A.
Kanageswary	S.	Sorubarani	R.
Linda Theivyananthay	A.	Sulochana	K.
Myura	M.	Thayalini	S.
Mathivathani	S.		

### G. C. E. Ordinary Level Examination December, 1987

Students who obtained five or more passes

Appadurai	K.	Gunaseelan	P.
Aruran	N.	Gnanavalagan	S.
Asbury	R. A.	Gunaseelan	T.
Balaganesh	G.	Jebatheepan	K.
Baskaran	M.	Jayanthan	P.
Balachandran	T.	Jeyakumar	P.
Devadasan	S.	John Arulchelvam	S.
Emil Neethiraj	L. D.	Jeyaseelan	T.
Gobikrishna	M.	Kanthathas	K.



Karunananthan	K.	Vaseekaran	R.
Lechumanaraj	T.	Geethanjali	W.
Mayooran	A.	Janany	K.
Murugenthira	K.	Jeyanithy	N.
Muhunthan	N.	Jeyanthini	T.
Mahinthan	R.	Kuhabalini	P.
Mayutharan	R.	Komala	S.
Mayukaran	S.	Niranjala	J.
Mathyalahan Antony	S.	Nanthini	M.
Maniventhan	T.	Nagananthini	S.
Nimalan	G.	Niranthari	S.
Nagarajah	N.	Pushpalatha	M.
Naguleswaran	S.	Pathmalogini	P.
Narayanan	T.	Rubin Jenesa	E. K.
Premananthan	A.	Rajini	R.
Partheban	J.	Roshanthy	R.
Pooparajan	T.	Revathy	R.
Pathmathayalan	V.	Revathy	S.
Ravishanker	A.	Subodhini	D.
Robin	A.	Sharmila	M.
Ratnaraja	K.	Sivajothy	N.
Ragavan	E.	Subashini	N.
Rajkumar	R.	Sujatha	P.
Ratchagan	R.	Sujatha	K. P.
Ratnaraj	R. C.	Selvagowri	S.
Ramesh	S.	Premaruban	M.
Ramesh	Y.	Senthiltharan	K.
Surendra	S.	Sivakumar	N.
Thevarajah	N. R.	Thayaparan	P.
Thevananthan	S.	Thavaniruban	R.
Thiraviyathan	V.	Sriparan	S.
Thivakaran	V.	Jeevana	S.
Thevasenapathy	Y.	Krishnathy	B.
Vasanthakumar	K.	Krishnajothy	K.
Vasanthaseelan	S.	Pamathy	R.
Valluvan	P.	Pushpasuganthu	R.



## Examination Results

### G. C. E. Advanced Level Examination, August, 1987

Students Successful in three or four subjects

Sugirthananthan	T. E. J.	Vivekanandan	N.
Kuladevan	K.	Chandrakanathan	M.
Kulasathian	S. K.	Chandrankumar Francis	A.
Muthuthambipillai	P.	Gowritharan	S.
Nadesathasan	N.	Kumarathas	K.
Nithiyarajan	N.	Satheesan	J.
Ranjithkumar	R.	Skandakumaran	B.
Satchithananthan	K.	Thevananth	J.
Thevaseyan	R.	Thevananthan	P.
Bhavani	G.	Pirathiga	Y.
Sivanayaki	K.	Pushpanchelvi	T.
Giritharan	V.	Pushparanee	T.
Kandeepan	P.	Ranjini	S.
Sayanathagumar	P.	Umayal	S.
Sivacumaran	K.	Jayaranjan	S.
Sivananthan	S.	Nagalingam	K.
Kalaichelvy	P.	Rajkumar	S. V.
Eswara Anandam	S.	Gamini	T.
Noble Surendran	S.	Sugirthavathany	S.
Raveendran	M.	Swarnalatha	S.
Sakthivel	V.	Thabothini	R.
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# **SERMON PREACHED AT THE INSTALLATION SERVICE OF DR. S. JEBANESAN**

**As Principal of Jaffna College**

**29TH OCTOBER 1988**

**Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar**

"Brethren, I do not reckon that I have won; but I hold to the one object: forgetting the things that are behind me and straining eagerly towards the things that lie ahead. I speed on towards the finish line, to win the prize of the high vocation to which God has called me in Christ Jesus" Philip 3:13-14

"I hold to the one object..... I speed on towards the finish line, to win the prize of the high vocation to which God has called me in Christ Jesus".

Brother Jebanesan and Sisters and Brothers in Christ, we are here gathered to seek God's blessings on Dr. Jebanesan as he assumes the responsible office of the Principal of Jaffna College. It is difficult to know what kind of service or ceremony there was 165 years ago when Dr. Daniel Poor the first Principal assumed this office. We by this service recognise that the long line of Principals of this College from Daniel Poor to Rajan Kadirgamar and now Jebanesan entered into a vocation to which God had called them. In affirming that faith, we also commend our brother who now enters into this sacred vocation into God's hands and assure

him in the words of Paul in Thess 5-24 that "the God who calls him is faithful and he will do it". Dr. Jebanesan assumes this office at an important and crucial period in the history of Jaffna College and in the history of our community and our country. All going well we can assume that Dr. Jebanesan will be taking Jaffna College into the 21st century. The coming years therefore will doubtless be a period when he with his colleagues on the Staff will prepare the students and our community for life in the 21st century. Education for the 21st century is bound to be a primary concern for the coming few years. The new Principal and the Staff are much more experienced and qualified than I am to speak on education, but what I would like to do is that as they pursue their goal, to see if there are some insights from the Bible which could guide all of them and us.

Some years ago Lord Butler, a senior Statesman in Britain wrote a book entitled "The Art of Memory". As he goes over his rich and varied career he recalls his years in the war time coalition cabinet. He writes, "Ernest Bevin and Winston Churchill were the two most forceful ministers with whom





Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar,  
Assisted by Rev. A. Jeyakumaran,  
Solemnly Install  
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Dr. S. Jebanesan takes his place in the Principal's Office.



Transfer of power in  
The Principal's Office — Kadirgamar  
and Jebanesan at Special Staff Service



he worked. On the surface they might seem to have been totally different in every way.....but both were egotistical both tried to control this fault, both were impatient and both determined on set objectives". "Determined on set objectives" that is what marked out these great statesmen. That is almost the very phrase we find in our text from St. Paul, "Brethren, I do not reckon that I have won; but I hold to the one object: forgetting the things that are behind and straining eagerly towards the things that lie ahead, I speed on towards the finish line to win the prize of the high vocation to which God has called me in Christ Jesus". Paul pictures his life's struggle as an athlete running a race and the athlete's one object is to get to the finish line and win the prize. For Paul that prize was the high vocation, the one object of all his endeavours. He was a man "determined on a set objective. "The prophet Jeremiah writing of the return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon has something similar to say in 50:5 "They shall ask the way to Zion with faces turned towards it". Those who want to return to Zion must have their faces turned toward it even when they ask for the way. They must be determined on the set objective if they are to arrive. What can these set objectives be for an educational institution, and for Jaffna College in particular? More than 150 years ago Thomas Arnold the great Head Master of Rugby defined what his goals were for education. He said it was to inculcate in the minds of his pupils a high sense

of duty, of public service and the importance of personal character. Thomas Arnold was articulating what had come to be accepted as a goal for education in the leading Public Schools of England. Those were the ideals which no doubt guided the founders of the great mission schools in our country including Jaffna College. A high sense of duty, of public service and the importance of personal character. Through the teaching of Scripture Latin and Greek, Mathematics, History and literature they hoped the students would imbibe these qualities and leave the School as Christian gentlemen. I wonder whether even Mathew Arnold with his great and erudite mind could have imagined the change that would have overcome the educational curriculum 150 years hence. Science and Technology has branched out into such varied directions that Schools can never cope with the kind of preparation that students should get if they are to enter this age of Science and Technology, into this computer age, into the new space age. How can Scripture, Latin and Greek be of any use and so they find a low priority in the leading schools. If our students are to succeed in life in the 21st century they must naturally be equipped to face the new age with its challenge and opportunities. So the challenge comes to education today, the challenge comes to Jaffna College to redefine what our "determined set objectives" should be. No School can succeed today unless it produces good O/L and A/L results.



The most sought after school therefore would be the school that sends the highest number to the universities and professional institutions. Whatever our lofty idealism may be no school Principal can afford to ignore this goal of students entering the universities and producing the best O/L and A/L results. But is that all there is to education?

What should be our determined set of objectives as we move towards the 21st century? I am afraid I have no answer but at least we can all jointly search for an answer. Many years ago H. G. Wells wrote in his "Outline of History" that "Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe". As we race towards the 21st century we have all the evidence, in fact more evidence that H. G. Wells was aware of that it all seems to be a race towards global catastrophe. We have only to think of the nuclear arms race, the piling of chemical weapons, disturbance of the ecological balance, the threat of pollution and so on. Here in Sri Lanka and more particularly in Jaffna where we have been proud of the contribution of the vast network of mission schools we find we are engulfed in a wave of violence that our people probably never experienced in their whole past history, not even in the much cursed eras of the foreign colonial powers. Can our educational systems really compete in this race with catastrophe? The fruits of progress through science and technology have had great success in their negative and destructive role than in the positive

role of the betterment of human life. There is today much more of poverty; oppression, tortures and violence than there ever was in human history. What then is the future? What is the role of education in this situation? When our Lord began his ministry in Palestine 2000 years ago his world was not very different. There was the mighty colonial super power of Rome with its military camps in all parts of the country. There was political and economic oppression, imprisonments, tortures and also the movements of the rebels and freedom fighters taking to counter violence as a means of liberation from their oppression. It is in that context that Jesus announced "seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". If we put that into our language "work for the just social order according to the will of God that is the only way out for all your problems". A just social order in God's will, to seek it, to work for it is the commission that has been given to us. The Christian school should make that its vision for its students and should be committed to it as its ultimate goal. We must understand the cult of violence in our country and in many other countries of the world as the last resort of a desperate and frustrated people whose rights have been trampled on and for whom justice has been denied. All our political systems, our much boasted democratically elected governments, our concern for law and order has left vast sections of the populace as a marginalised oppressed



group. They have been denied the fruits of civilisation and feel excluded. Those peoples have awakened to their rights and now demand them. They want the power to change things but feel helpless within the structures in which they are caught up and so violence seems to them to be the answer. During the youth revolt that engulfed Europe about 20 years ago it is said that the students had written a slogan on the walls of the University of Sorborne "be reasonable ask for the impossible". That seems to be the slogan of the youth of our country today both in the North and in the South. Those of us engaged in education must be able to understand the causes that have led to this cult of violence and place before the new generation the vision and goal of a truly just social order where everyone counts, the last, the least and the lost. Jesus who began his ministry announcing the kingdom of God and his justice ended his ministry giving his disciples a vision of the last judgement in the 25th Chapter of Matthew. That was the parable of the sheep and the goats. I was hungry, thirsty, sick, a stranger, I had no clothes, I was in prison and went on to say "what you did or did not do to one of the least of these, you did it to me or you did not do it to me", Christ identified himself with the least, the last and the lost and the vision of God's kingdom, the vision of the just social order is where those oppressed and marginalised groups are the centre of the concern of our society, a society where justice is understood

as rights and privileges for the strong but rights and privileges for all including the last, the least and the lost.

There is the old saying that the teacher who wants to teach Latin to John must know Latin but he must also know John. The teacher who wants to educate students and make them fit for society must understand society and its problems and have the right vision and goal for that society so that through all the subjects he or she teaches the student is being equipped to be one who will work for and be part of a just social order. Some one has said "there is no way of photographing the future, but we may blue print it, and do our best to make the resultant structure correspond to our hopeful blue prints". Education is equipping the young for the future and the task of education is to provide the right blue prints.

Let me come back to our text where Paul talks about a race and the determined set objective of winning the prize of the high vocation. He advises those entering the race "forgetting the things that are behind me". That is an obvious first lesson any coach gives to those entering a race, "never look back", never look back to see what you have covered, or to see what others behind are doing. Paul in the earlier verses in this 3rd chapter of the epistle to the Philippians reminds us of the many things he could boast of, "circumcised the eighth day, of the race of Israel.



of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrew parents, in the matter of the law a Pharisee, in the matter of zeal a persecutor of the church, in the matter of righteousness proven blameless", but now that he is entered this race to win the prize of the high vocation, he says he is not going to stop and look back at those achievements of his and find satisfaction in them because the prize for which he is running is the high vocation. To Dr. Jebanesan and to his colleagues this message is very relevant. You are entered into the race as educators to win the prize of a high vocation of building a new future. There is much in the 165 years of the history of Jaffna College to which you can look back but Paul says don't look back and keep boasting about your past, there is a greater future for which you are running, so strain eagerly towards the things that lie ahead and speed on

towards the finish line. It is not an easy race, it is not a race without hurdles or obstacles, but we are bidden to speed on. I wish to finish with a story from the great theologian Karl Barth. He was once asked to explain how he saw his task as a theologian and he answered that he felt like a man in a boat which he must row and steer diligently, but which swims in a stream that he does not control. To change the image of Paul's race to Barth's boat race, Dr. Jebanesan you are now being installed as Principal of Jaffna College to row and steer diligently this boat of the College towards the finish line. The boat you will often find is in a stream that you do not control but as helmsman you are challenged to row and steer diligently so that you might win the prize of the high vocation into which you are entered.

*At a luncheon, two women were discussing a mutual "friend", whom one claimed to be very stupid.*

*"What makes you think she's so stupid?" asked one of the women.*

*"Well, yesterday I said hello to her." the other replied, "and she was stuck for an answer."*



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## The Situation

Beside the two questions most commonly asked of the foreigner in Sri Lanka, both of which, according to Miss Manners, are tabu in polite western society i. e., "How old are you?" and, "How much money do you make?" is the one reflecting present - day priorities: "What do you think of the Sri Lankan situation?" If I have, as a Westerner, a distaste for the first two questions, I have an overwhelming feeling of helplessness at the third. Am I really expected to express my considered opinion during a two - minute encounter along the road somewhere? However the question is meant, it always leaves me with a sense of great inadequacy as I stumble around for a reply that will not seem trivial or cliché - ridden.

My dilemma underscores, for me, the great value of reading contemporary (and classical) literature. As a reader and student of literature I find myself more and more at a loss as to how to master such an enormous realm of human production and creativity. My own inclination is to follow the oeuvre of the writers who speak to our contemporary situation, be it Sri Lanka's, South Africa's, Latin America's, or that of some political entity that has passed into history. It is this body of literature that, in my opinion, is alone adequate as an answer to that well-intentioned question about "the situation." Because

literature develops, with the concrete example of tangible lives, the structure lines of a society, reflects on them, and, when successful, builds a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts. As Heinrich Mann said of his fictive account of the life of Henri IV of France: "it is neither transfigured history nor friendly fable: only a true parable." Jesus, himself spoke in parables when it comes to answering knotty questions with honesty and tact. In this essay I want to show how the parables of modern literature speak to our present situation.

Heinrich Mann's two-volumed novel **The youth of Henri Quatre (IV) and the Fulfilment of Henri Quatre**, even though they paint a portrait of France in the second half of the sixteenth century, from a parable of civil war that is powerful and thought-provoking; Mann wrote the novels in Southern California in exile from Nazi Germany; at the same time his brother Thomas was writing his **Joseph** novels, also in exile in the United States (first at Princeton, New Jersey, and then too in Southern California). It is easy to read a portrayal of the Nazi's gradual strangulation of the German state, its people, and its legal system into Heinrich Mann's account of the Catholic League under the leadership of the House of Guise, rulers of the powerful Duchy of Lorraine, in cooperation with the dreaded House of Habsburg and the Spanish Emperor, Philipp II, as



they infiltrated the court of Catherine de Medicis in Paris and effectively neutralized her two sons, luckless and puppet kings of France. One can just as well read into it, as must be possible with any good parable, the eventual stranglehold that any fanatically driven group can get on a constitutional government and that group's brutalization of a scapegoat minority. It is eminently readable in the light of the "present situation," as the reign of terror achieved in France by the League derived its power from a Catholic fanaticism in the general populace that brought on the horrifying St. Bartholomew Eve Massacre, August 23-24, 1572, in the city of Paris, when not only almost all the young nobles among Henri's Huguenots were slain in the Louver Castle, but also the Protestant citizenry was attacked by howling mobs, killed, stripped of all clothing, and left in heaps of stinking flesh to become the prey of black clouds of crows. This Catholic fanaticism had in turn been fed by a Huguenot fanaticism, derived from these Protestants' opinion that they believed exclusively in "The Religion"; The traditional form of European Christianity, the Roman Catholic, was but superstition. It is interesting that Henri IV, as leader of the forces of the Protestant Rebellion, was nevertheless able to win the hearts of the Catholic majority by his own magnanimity, his sense of justice, and his popularity among the commoners, such that an era of unprecedented prosperity and

peace eventually came to pass, at least until he was assassinated by an envious and disgruntled faction.

Of more recent vintage is the novel by the Peruvian writer, Mario Vargas Llosa, *The War of the End of the World*, which deals with a little known drama in the history of Brazil of the nineteenth century. The incident itself is little more than a footnote in Brazilian history today, but it bears the seeds of the military terrorism that occurred in that country during the last decade. Vargas Llosa has given the incident the breadth of a Russian epic, and he is more convincing in his realism, one might say naturalism, than the Columbian Nobel Laureate, Gabriel Garcia Marquez. The catalyst in this tale is a Christ-like figure who calls himself. The Counsellor and who organizes a fanatically devoted community of poor, ne'er-do-wells and criminals, who are completely reformed by his charismatic ability to see each one for what he is—reminding us of Jesus' ability to read men and to inspire each to be the best he can be.

Unfortunately, the Counsellor does not like the idea of the recently declared Republic, considering it to be of the Devil, as opposed to the Divine Right of kings and their symbiotic relationship to the Catholic Church. His followers move about with him, first restoring cemeteries, then church structures, and hereby rekindling a life of devotion in an essentially paganized, albeit nominally



Catholic, populace. Finally he settles in an arid and remote hill-country community, Canudos, with his flock, which grows in alarming proportions, such that both the landowners who were once robbed by the Counsellor's reformed bandits and the Republican nationalists who see in him a traitor to the Republic feel so threatened by the existence of the sect that they move heaven and earth to eradicate him. In the process of mounting ever bigger and more wasteful military attacks on the fiercely fanatical defenders of the Canudos community, the authorities of the embryonic Republic provide us with a paradigm of the kind of civil war that brings about mutual annihilation. Only with the most ridiculously overwhelming odds in numbers do the nationalist forces finally succeed in totally destroying this thorn in their flesh, while at the same time the sympathy of the reader is enlisted entirely on the side of the sectarians, and specifically on behalf of a small number of well-delineated individuals whose fates we follow fascinatedly through the nearly six-hundred pages of the prose epic. It is as if history were re-creating itself before our very eyes, to the minutest detail, without the interference of a guiding literary intellect.

The Spanish critic, Jose Miguel Oviedo, writes :

The virtuosity of the montage is always present but appears to be voluntarily subjected to control in

favour of a more 'discrete, 'more transparent, more neutral text—that of an author who would want the story to narrate itself, effacing him into a state of invisibility.

This innovation in the language of the novel is immensely important, since what Vargas Llosa has to bring about is the nearly total destruction of the people with whom the reader has come to identify.

Again, this novel, though taking place in a country as remote from South Asia as Brazil, provides a parable for "the situation," "the destructive possibilities inherent in which are potentially enormous. Yet this epic form of the "Final Solution" for Canudos is somewhat humorously experienced and later retold by a myopic and superbly cowardly reporter who ventures into the final battle much against his own will. During the heat of the final defense he loses his glasses, which have already been smashed into uselessness. The figure may be a sly literary allusion to the greatest epic poet of all time, Homer, who is traditionally thought to have been blind. Vargas Llosa's fellow is presumably the "documentary" source for certain portions of the text.

A more popular novelist, Isabel Allende, of Chile, has a best-seller entitled *The House of the Spirits*. In it we follow several generations of women of a prominent Chilean family reminiscent in its style of Marquez's



**One Hundred Years of Solitude**, although it is not so informed by his magical realism. The major magical ability is the God-given gift of the grandmother—the power to will objects in a room to move themselves, a talent that the family does its best to ignore, while it disturbs and bemuses their guests. Gradually Allende cleverly brings us into “The situation” of contemporary Chile, in which a dictator general terrorizes his enemies, and even the innocent, with impunity.

It is the figure of Senator Esteban Trueba who presents the paradigm of a society bent on self-destruction through its own prejudices, opinionatedness, and wilful disregard of the rights of the lower classes. He is throughly “macho” in the way he has wrought a thriving agricultural business out of a ruined hacienda entirely on his own, the way he helps himself to anyone’s wife or daughter among the peasants on his estate (like any nobleman in Henri IV’s France might have done), and then the way in which he employs brutality in dealing with the rebels among his own farm workers. He even shatters the teeth of his own wife with one blow of his hand; the political opposition, once he is an established senator and the pillar of the conservatives in the Chilean parliament, gets similar treatment. Yet he is totally unaware of the direction his “macho” prejudices are leading him or his country. His grand-daughter, Alba, the one female upon whom he finally dotes, after all the others have turned

against him, is the one who experiences in her own person the sadistic viciousness of Fascist terror. Being involved romantically with a rebel from her grandfather’s own estate, also a very popular singer, she herself is finally arrested and suffers tortures typical of those suffered by thousands of detainees under Chile’s dictator, Pinochet. It is another young fellow from her grandfather’s estate, whom ironically the Senator has helped to get a position with the police, who mistreats her most brutally, in revenge for what the Senator has done to the farmers. And as the Senator once caused a rebel farm youth to sever three of his own fingers with a machete during a face-to-face confrontation, so this police officer causes three fingers of Trueba’s granddaughter to be severed, before the Senator is able to pull strings and have her released from military (police) custody.

In this novel, **The House of the Spirits**, we see how the sins of the fathers are visited directly upon the daughters (and sons) of the succeeding generations. But Allende yields to the notion of the Hollywood Ending the grand daughter is released safely into the custody of the grand father, although we realize that for her fellow prisoners there is no happy ending.

The author does the same thing in a later novel, **Of Love and Shadows**, in which she tells of a young woman reporter, daughter of an exceptionally selfish and egotistic woman who runs a



nursing home. The socialite mother is blind to the injustices of her society and the needs of her patients as well. The daughter has great empathy for them and also for a persecuted socialist who is also trying to expose the brutal rape and murder of a girl from his village whom the Army abducted. Eventually the truth is revealed, but the young couple is threatened. The girl miraculously survives an attempt to shoot her down, and the couple flees the country, escaping across the Andes, a bit in the style of *The Sound of Music*. Here too, even though the bestiality of the "situation" is the main structure line of the novel, there is a Hollywood Ending.

Not so when Omar Rivabella, an Argentine writer, presents us with a "documentary" novel about the "situation" in Argentina before the misgovernment of the generals was replaced with an elected presidency. Unlike Allende, Rivabella's work will not likely appeal to such a wide reading public. It is too real. Yet it is this hard look at the reality of the "situation", that makes it valuable, really invaluable. For this sort of writing can, much more than any Amnesty International report, make us see and feel the sadistic inhumanity of a military system that takes the law into its own hands, misuses it, abuses it, and goes berserk, drunk with its own power.

The very situation of the novel itself shows us how extremely dangerous

it is to dare even to question arrests and disappearances, let alone speak out against them. In this book a priest from a desolate country village is brought a smelly box by an unknown woman, who leaves it in the sanctuary of his church, after Mass. As he investigates it, in his room, finding in it scraps of toilet paper scribbled over with difficult writing, and is at first perplexed, then horrified, as he attempts to put back together a "diary" that has been smuggled out of a secret prison, scrap by dirty scrap. On the dust jacket we are told that Omar Rivabella "interviewed many women who had themselves undergone political torture. Everything in this book, though in the guise of fiction, is true. Shockingly so."

The priest tells us that he was a social worker, and that he had always thought, like some other priests, that the church would be militant. His superior "thought that...being politically submissive was a contradiction of our faith. He always encouraged us with his own involvements..." And he finally has to assign this priest to a remote village in order to protect him.

The heroine of the novel, Susanna, the daughter of a medical doctor, and her fiance Nestor, a young medical student, are involved in providing medical care for poor families, and as Father Antonio reads the scraps of toilet paper he realizes that the box has been brought to him particularly, because he had been, before his transfer, Susanna's



Parish priest. Both Susanna and Nestor are secretly arrested in their homes and taken, hooded, to an unknown torture center. Thereafter the novel consists of Susanna's brief descriptions of the most sickening tortures and mistreatment imaginable, as well as Father Antonio's increasing jeopardy and finally his need to save himself through feigned insanity.

Budd Schulberg writes, "This is not a novel about the past horrors of Argentina. It's an urgent and unforgettable reminder that brutish assaults on the human body and spirit are going on even as we turn these pages," thus a **documentary**.

Susanna's diary-keeping must have been discovered eventually, for the story ends when her parents receive a jar from unknown callers (just as at the beginning their daughter is taken away by unknown assailants)—a jar containing her severed hands, in their own blood, her engagement ring still on the middle finger of one of them. Presumably the parents have been presented with these "last remains" as a warning, lest they should be so forward as to try to find out further information.

Another way to silence a person is to make his reputation a matter of public doubt. How it neutralizes one potentially serious rebel is the theme of Mario Vargas Llosa's very different, slender novel, **The Real Life of Alejandro Mayta**, ostensibly a biography of the fellow, really an account of the would-be bio-

grapher's attempt to find the facts about his life and his disappearance from the Peruvian scene two decades earlier. Mayta's was an uncomfortable personality; his uncompromising seriousness as well as his loner instincts are an annoyance to some. His biographer never actually uncovers the facts, but Mayta's former friends and his relatives drop hints or formulate innuendos that leave his moral reputation in doubt, cast suspicion on his manhood—a most damaging type of character defamation in a "macho"—male—chauvinist—Society.

Through Mayta's story we are obliquely introduced to the abuses of state, again, in which the police and the military take the law into their own hands or other wise act atrociously, with impunity. One woman tells the "biographer": "The people's despair is boundless, that's why these things happen. For instance, the poor guy the people from the next slum found trying to rape a little girl: they poured kerosene over him and burned him alive." Later he finds out about a newly married hydraulic engineer whose wife's "car broke down and she was outside after curfew, walking from San Isidro. Right in those last few blocks, a patrol caught her. Three cops: they threw her into their car, stripped her—after beating her up for fighting back—and raped her. Then they let her out in front of her house, saying, 'Just be thankful we didn't shoot you.' That's the standing order they have when they catch someone violating curfew."



Thus, through the "biographer's" investigations, we experience the terror in which ordinary people can live under a military dictatorship, be it in Chile, Argentina, Brazil or Peru. Another passage, a description of news reporting in Peru—sounds familiar too:

Information in this country has ceased to be objective and has become pure fantasy—in newspapers, radio, television, and ordinary conversation. "To report" among us now means either to interpret reality according to our desires or fears, or to say simply what is convenient. It's an attempt to make up for our ignorance of what's going on—which in our heart of hearts we understand is irremediable and definitive. Since it is impossible to know what's really happening, we Peruvians lie, invent, dream, and take refuge in illusion. Because of these strange circumstances, Peruvian life, a life in which so few actually do read, has become literary.

A professor in Isabel Allende's story, *Of Love and Shadows*, argues that "power is perverse, and it always falls into the hands of the dregs of humanity." Each of the novels discussed here in this essay might serve as an illustration of this observation. And yet each work

of fiction produced in this "situation" is an act of will that rises above the general miasma, a flower growing on the garbage heap of human experience in our time. Ironical, but in its way beautiful, that an illiterate public can be seen as possessing literary qualities. Even the *Universal Bus* and *Bus Passenger* are elevated to literary status in the *Mayta* novel, were Vargas Llosa observes..... "a decrepit city bus, gray and leaning over to the right.....Clinging to its doors, a cancerous growth of people miraculously hangs on, just grazing the cars, the light posts, and the pedestrians." Here even the Sri Lankan reader can chortle to himself and think, yes, that's the way it is. He's hit the nail on the head!

Perhaps now the reader can better appreciate the dilemma posed by the question about "the situation." From my brief review of the earlier *Henri IV* novel as well as the contemporary Latin American works he can appreciate the fact that there is much that can be said. As in Alison Wynne's booklet, *Lament for Lanka* each life has a story, each individual affected by "the situation" reflects only one fact of a multifaceted whole. It takes a creative genius to help us see the whole this our "situation."

Robert G. Porter  
16 September 1988



# The Jaffna College

## Young Men's Christian Association 1987—1988

**President :** Mr. G. Rajanayagam  
**Hony. Secretary :** Mr. G. Nadarajah  
**Student. President :** Master A. Chandrakumar  
**Hony. Treasurer :** Mr. A. C. Rajkumar

The years 1987/1988 were years of several opportunities; But these years gave us many opportunities to test our faith and courage

Many years ago we had heard about the refugees. Some years ago we saw refugees and we helped them. But this year we ourselves became refugees and under went the Dramatic experience. This year we had the opportunity of helping those who were injured and forsaken by everybody. The members of Y. M. C. A. not only helped the refugees but also worked zealously in the distribution of food. Even though we were affected, we are thankful that the Holy spirit worked within us to serve the suffering people around us.

The annual general meeting of our association was held on 30th April 1987, and 10th May 1988. Those who were elected as office bearers for 1978 were elected for 1988 also.

### Membership :

Active	35
Associate	15
Youth	65
Girls	10
Total membership	<u>125</u>

### Y. M. C. A Activities :

After finding a temporary solution for the prolonged problem in the Jaffna Peninsula, we were able to concentrate on our activities with much zeal and zest.

### Chapel Services :

Our members continue to take an active part in the Chapel services, conducted in the College. They also take part in the College Choir and Vesper Services in Sunday evenings.

### Bible Study :

We started a Bible study which is conducted on Tuesdays in the English Language Laboratory at 3-30 p.m. Many students take part enthusiastically.

### Bible Quiz :

We also have Bible Quiz classes every week on Wednesdays at 3-30 p.m. in the English Language Laboratory. Many students specially those who begin to think and learn Bible, show very much interest in it. By doing these we make them to prepare for Quiz competition which is going to take place Islandwide.



#### **Chess club :**

We have formed a chess club and those who are members of it gather regularly on Thursdays at 3 30 p.m. in the English Language Laboratory. Many students show much interest and some of them are very good in it.

#### **Dramatic Society :**

We have formed a dramatic society. By being members of this, many a student gains a good amount of knowledge in stage and drama which is taught and directed by one of our staff who is qualified in it.

#### **Tennis Tournament :**

We conducted one tournament during the first term of 1988. The main idea being to promote the game among the students, many a student has been able to spend his time gainfully. It also served to spot the talent among the students and gave them valuable experience. The students have partnered students in the matches. We had conducted the tournament in a very limited way, yet we did manage to go through successfully.

#### **Singing Competition :**

We organised a singing and instrumental competition within our college. This competition was in Eastern and Western and the aim of this competition was to encourage students who are musically talented. Many students participated in these events.

#### **National Council YMCA'S Silver Jubilee Celebration:**

The above celebration took place in Colombo Central YMCA, on 3rd and

4th July 1987. On behalf of our YMCA Mr. G. Nadarajah, Mr. A. C. Rajkumar and Master J. Aron participated in this celebration.

#### **Scholarship :**

The national council of YMCA's cognisant of the high incidence of drop-out specially among students in Grade 5 evolved a scheme to grant scholarships. Master G. Gunenthirarajah of our college has got this Scholarship.

#### **Meeting :**

During the Silver Jubilee celebration we had an opportunity to meet Mr. James R. Bellat. The President of world Alliance of YMCA's. Mr. Ran. G. Guov Asia YMCA's Secretary, Mr. P. Kurian The President of the National Council of YMCA's of India, and Mr. K. S. Chinnadurai General Secretary of the National Council of YMCA's of India. This was a good opportunity for the delegates of North and East of Sri-Lanka to explain the problems the people faced.

#### **Visitors:**

A team from the National Council of YMCA's comprising the President Mr. Eraj Vijayasinghe, General Secretary Mr. Boid I. Perera, The Associate National Secretary Mr. Alagan A. Kadigamar, Development Secretary Master S. Vijayakulasingham and Mr. Rajah De Silva Secretary Scholarships visited us on 6th Sep. 1987 to initiate a rehabilitation programme in the Northern and Eastern provinces.



**Prize-giving :**

We had a Prize-giving for those who won the Singing and Instrumental Competitions. The Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar distributed the prizes.

**Nursery school at Araly and Vaddukoddai :**

Apart from the Nursery school that we run at Araly, we have started another school at Vaddukoddai (at Muthali kovil) where we are able to render a good amount of service. There are 39 children in the new school with two teachers. We feel that our need and help are very much needed especially in this area where the people are so backward and ignorant. We look after the children with much care and we see that the children are taught good manners and better behaviour.

**Home gardening project :**

As the National Council of YMCA's has started a new programme, we find that this Home Gardening project will be very useful for those who are really interested in it. We had a meeting regarding this and there were many students who are willing to start it in their homes. Since we have been allocated 25 units we want to make use of all these units with much interest.

**Conclusion :**

It is my duty to express my thanks to the President and members of Board of Directors for their co-operation and help, so willingly extended at all times during my term of office.

Meanwhile our General Secretary Mr. Boyd I. Perera who has been with our National Council of YMCA's for many years doing appreciable work, is retiring by the mid of this year. His service will be always remembered. We wish him well. At the same time we wish to extend our hearty welcome to our new General Secretary Mr. Alagan. Kadirgamar.

We also wish to thank the National Council of YMCA for its kind co-operation, help and advice rendered during the last year. The encouragement they gave us and the prompt way in which they worked cannot be measured.

Above all we thank God for his wonderful guidance and protection during the year 1987 which has been an year of unforgettable events in the Jaffna Peninsula.

**G. Nadarajah**  
Hony. Gen. Secretary



# The Round Table

1987

**President :** Mr. G. Jeyasingam  
**Secretary & Treasurer :** Mr. E. S. Selvarajah  
**Committee Members :** Mr. A. Paul  
 Miss C. T. Jeyarajan  
 Miss V. E. Gunaratnam  
**Auditor :** Mr. A. Jeyarajan

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Miss S. P. Gulasingam  
 Miss J. J. Thanabalasingam  
 Mr. E. S. Selvarajah  
 Mr. A. Paul  
 Mr. A. I. Sinniah  
 Mr. T. Anandaratanam

It is with great pleasure that we present this annual report of the Round Table for the year 1987 and 1988. This period under review has been a successful one.

## Membership :

The membership of the year 1987 was seventy and we welcomed into our fellowship Mr. D. S. Solomon, Mrs. J. Sakthikugan and Miss M. R. Kandiah. The membership of the year 1988 was sixty-six and we welcomed into our fellowship Messrs R. C. Dharmarajah and R. Devasagayam.

## Wedding Bells:

We saw in 1987 the entering into wedlock of four members namely Mr. E. Jeyaseelan, Miss. J. Benjamin, Miss S. Balasubramaniam and Miss J. Nagendran. In 1988 Miss J. J. Thanabalasingam entered into wedlock. They all were felicitated at tea and we extend our best wishes and our blessings.

## Felicitations :

The members of the Round Table in 1987 felicitated Dr. S. Jebanesan on being conferred the 'Doctorate' by

the University of Jaffna and in 1988 we felicitated Dr. & Mrs. S. Jebanesan on his appointment as Principal of Jaffna College.

## Memorial Prize & Donation :

The S. V. Balasingam memorial prize of the year 1987 was awarded to Mas I. Manoharan and we continued to give the memorial donations of the late J. Selvarajasingam, Stephen Balachandran and K. Satchithanathan. The memorial prize & donations were not awarded in 1989 as the examination results were not released on time.

## Farewell :

The Round Table bade farewell in 1987 to Mrs. S. Jeganathan, Miss M. S. Elias, Mr. T. Viswanathan, Mr. R. K. Rajasenan and Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy. Mrs. S. Jeganathan served for a short period as Assistant Librarian. Miss M. S. Elias has served for a period of thirty-five years as teacher and later as Supervisor of the Junior school. Mr. T. Viswanathan has been on the Staff for a period of 37 years. He was also the head of the Science Department. Mr. R. K. Rajasenan served the college for a



short period as a zoology teacher. Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy taught in the primary department. He had also been an art teacher. Mr. A. R. Kadirgamar retired after serving the college as teacher and later as principal. Mr. R. D. Thanabalasingam served as works supervisor for period of 36 years.

#### Prize Giving :

We entertained the chief guest Prof. P. Balasundrampillai who delivered the Prize day Address and Mrs. Balasundrampillai at the traditional prize giving tea held in the English Language Laboratory in 1988.

#### Death :

We were sorry to record the death of Mr. A. R. Abraham, Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy and Miss R. Elaiathamby, all of whom were closely connected with the Round Table. We express our condolence to the families concerned.

In conclusion it is our duty to express our sincere thanks to the Presidents, the Principal, the members of the committee, the boarding caterer and every member of the Round Table for all the co-operation given to us in carrying out our duties.

S. Selvarajah & J. J. Mithiraranjan

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## The Scout Troop

<b>Group Scout Leader</b>	: K. S. Thissairasa
<b>Scout Leaders</b>	: A. Jeyarajan V. E. Jeyaseelan
<b>Cup Scout Leader</b>	: S. Selvasenthil
<b>Troop Leader</b>	: A. Sathian
<b>Asst. Troop Leader</b>	: W. Mathitharan

I find great pleasure in submitting the report of Jaffna College Scout Troop for the period of 1987/88.

At present we have 50 scouts in our Troop. We have our Troop meetings and Patrol meetings after the school hours on Thursdays of every week,

Even though the two years were very unfortunate to us. Our Scouts have done their best in all activities. On the

24th of February 1987 We had the Baden Powell Day celebration at our college. Items such as songs dances and short plays were given by cubs, guides and Little Friends of Jaffna College.

Also our Scouts celebrated the B. P. Day in a grand manner under the 'CLEVELAND' trees in February 1988, Mr. W. D. Kulathungam (Co-Vice Principal, Jaffna College) started the celebration by hoisting the Scout Flag



A special speech on 'Scouting' was given by Dr. S. Jebanesan the Co-vice Principal.

### Training and Seminars

Our patrol leaders and A.P.Ls' attended a training course for Patrol Leaders at St. Johns College, Jaffna conducted by Jaffna District Boy Scout Association on the 12th of September 1987.

Scout Leader Mr. V. E. Jeyaseelan and the Cub Scout Leader Mr. S. Rajasegaram have attended a Scouters Seminar at Jaffna Central College arranged by Jaffna B. S. Association on 18. 9. 87.

Our Scouts dedicated themselves to fulfil their Scout Promise 'To do their best to their Religion. Our second class and first class scouts have done their duties at the car festivals of Nallur Murugan Temple, Manipay Maruthady Vinayagar Temple and Araly Amman Kovil.

Senior scouts rendered immense service at the christian children's rally organized by Jaffna Diocese of the C.S.I. at Manipay Memorial College on the 16th of June 1988.

Our Scouts gave a grand guard of honour to Rev. Dr. Victor Premasegar moderator of C. S. I. on his visit to the Jaffna Diocese at Vaddukoddai on the 14th June 1988. Regarding this Dr. S. Jebanesan the Vice Principal of Jaffna College expressed appreciation I am very thankful to the Scouts of Jaffna College and their able G. S. L. for their splendid programme at the reception we accorded to the Moderator Most. Rev. Victor Premasergar Secretary of the C. S. I. Synod, Rev. M. Azariah, and the general Secretary of the C. S. I. Council for Technical Education Mr. James Balarajah on the 14th June 1988. They gave a guard of honour to the dignitaries. They performed very well and played their part very efficiently.

I am privileged to have such an efficient Scout Troop at Jaffna College. Our Scouts gave their best service at the upper and the Primary School Sports Meet of Jaffna College held during the past two years.

In order to encourage their talents we organized Oratorical Contests and Art competition for our Boy Scouts. The names of the scouts who won the places are as follows :

<b>Oratorical Contests</b>			-	Scouts over 15 :	
		P. S. Kesavan	-	1st Place	
		T. Sathian	-	2nd "	
	" "	-		scouts under 15	
		W. Thayatharan	-	1st "	
		V. Kirupalar	-	2nd "	
		M. Thivaharan	-	3rd "	
<b>Art Competition</b>			-		
		P. S. Kesavan	-	1st "	
		N. Kanthakumar	-	2nd "	
		T. Sathian	-	3rd "	



### **Green Cord**

I have to congratulate the following Boy Scouts for their achievement of getting the award of Green Cord before completing the age of fifteen in 1987/1988.

1. W. Mathitharan
2. T. Sathian
3. K. Selventhiran
4. W. Thayatharan
5. V. Thabotharan
6. A. Subesan
7. R. Arukshan

### **Bushman's Thong**

Our scout T. Sathian received the Bushman's Thong award in 1988.

### **Education**

I am very happy to say that our scouts are not only sacrificing and helpful to others but also they are very keen on their education. We must say a "BIG BRAVO" to our scouts G. Sujaharan and S. Gnanavalagan for their best academic achievement in the G. C. E. O/L July 1988 in Jaffna College.

### **Investiture Ceremony**

An Investiture Ceremony was organized by our troop on 18. 10. 88 in our English Lab. We honoured our Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar and Mrs. Mahilmalar Kadirgamar by inviting them as our Chief Guests. Scouts awards and badges were distributed to our Scouts by Mr. A. Kadirgamar. Mrs. Kadirgamar gave the certificates to the scouts who have done the best community service.

As this Investiture Ceremony was the last scout function for our retiring Principal Mr. Kadirgamar, we honoured him and his wife by garlanding and expressed our gratitude by our speeches and "Kavitha Malai"

Dr. S. Jebanesan who participated as a special guest at the Investiture Ceremony appreciated our scouts activities and also recollected his sweet memories of his Rover Scout days at Jaffna College during 1958/59.

In both the farewell function given on the 27th and 31st of October 1988 by our College Staff and students, our troop respected Mr. and Mrs. A. Kadirgamar by a loyal and beautiful guard of honour.

On the 27th of Oct. 1988 Senior Scouts painted the pedestrian crossing road sign between the upper school and the Primary School. This good deed helps the children to cross the road safely.

### **At the Prize Giving**

On our annual College Prize Giving Day our scouts gave a smart guard of honour to the Chief Guest Prof. P. Balasundarampillai Ph. D. Head of the Dept. of Geography Jaffna University. He commended 'I was greatly impressed by the Scouts and the help given by them at the annual Prize Giving. They were neatly dressed and quick in action. On the very same day our scout troop leaders R. Senthana and



S. Selvasenthil received the 'Best Scout Award' of Jaffna College for 1986 and 1987 respectively.

It is my duty to thank Dr. R. Porter for his encouragement and specially for his presentation of American Scout Magazines to our troop.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who helped us to make the period a successful one. We thank our Principal for all the assistance and encouragement given to our scouts.

Lastly I express my congratulation and thanks to our scout leaders and troop leaders who spent their precious time and energy for scouting.

Hope our New Principal Dr. S. Jebanesan will give his full support and encouragement in our activities. We wish him all the best.

woof! woof!! woof!!!

K. S. Thissarasa  
Group Scout Leader

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## The Girl's Guides Company (13th Jaffna)

I have great pleasure in presenting the report of the Jaffna College Girl's Guides Company. The present number of guides is thirty seven. We are divided into four patrols with Mrs. J. J. Mithiraranjan and Miss R. Kandiah as our captain and lieutenant respectively.

Patrols	Leaders	Seconds
Shoe flower	Sivajothy N.	Sivasakthy Y.
Lily flower	Sugana S.	Thanuja S.
Rose Flower	Seethaluxmy R.	Gladys S.
Orchid flower	Manimahalai T.	Visista S.

We meet every week on Tuesdays after school. In 1987 we enrolled seven recruits to our company. We organised Baden Powell Day. In 1988 we enrolled nine recruits to our company. We had the enrolment at the trainers camp. This camp was organized by Miss. M. S. Elias and we thank all those who helped us to make it a success. Our guides participate in all school functions.

The tenderfoots are preparing for the second class badges while our second class guides are busy working for their

various badges. After long time one guide has passed her first class badge test and she has yet to attend a weekend camp in order to get her first class badge. We wish her all success.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our captain Mrs. J. Mithiraranjan and our lieutenant Miss. R. Kandiah for all their help and guidance. We also thank Miss. M. S. Elias who gave us all the help and advice.

N. Sivajothy  
(Secretary)



## S. C. M.

Our S. C. M. meetings are held every Thursday at 8-15 a. m. I thank our patron Miss S. P. Gulasingam and Mrs. J. Mithiraranjan for their kind service co-operation and encouragement given to us to continue our meetings without any interruptions. We are also grateful to those who participated as speakers in our S. C. M. meetings.

This year on October 27th we had an S. C. M. camp at Jaffna College. The members of the Uduvil S. C. M. and 45 members of our S. C. M. participated in that camp. It was very useful.

The J. I. C. C. F. which has been inactive for some years had a meeting at St. Johns College on the 17th of June. The meeting was specially called to elect the office bearers. I am happy that some of our S. C. M. members who were elected for the following.

Secretary	S. P. Gunaseelan
Treasurer	P. Thevananthan
Representative of the	
School	S. Vijeyakumar

S. D. Mahialagar  
Secretary

## Boarders Christian Association

Patron: Mr. G. Nadarajah

It is with great pleasure that I present the report of the B. C. A. for the year 1978-1988. It was started in 1984 and has completed four years successfully. We met during the first term, second term and in the third term until October 1987. This year we did not meet during the third term due to the continuous curfew in Jaffna.

Meetings took place every Sunday at 6-00 p. m. We had sing songs, discussions, prayer meetings discussions on the Bible and other Social issues. The visit of speakers from our staff have greatly encouraged and strengthened our unit, enriching us with their christian experiences.

The Boarders Christian meetings have been very lively and beneficial to us. The christian students have displayed

their talents in debating, the art of speaking, and singing.

I thank all the members for their co-operation and encouragement towards the functioning of this organization. We also thank our staff members for theirs encouragement.

We are very grateful to our patron Mr. G. Nadarajah for all the care, guidance and encouragement he gives us individually. We extend our thanks to the Principal for his continued interest, help and concern, for us.

Above all we thank our Almighty God for his guidance and strength given to us throughout this year.

I hope and pray that this association will function and do better work in the coming year.

R. Ann Rajamanohary  
(Secretary B. C. A.)



## The School Council — 1987 & 1988

	Sept. 1986-Aug. 1987	Sept. 1987-Aug. 1988	From Sept. 1988
President	: J. Aron	P. Sayanthakumar	N. Nithiarajan
Vice President	: A. Augustine	S. Noble Surendran	S. Wijeyakumar
Secretary	: S. Noble Surendran	N. Nithiarajah	R. Kulasingham
	P. Benjamin		

In presenting the report of the School Council for the years 1987 and 1988, I wish to record that there has not been much of a change in the normal duties from those of the previous years.

We continue to maintain order and discipline during chapel times, Assembly, sports meets and other college functions. The hostel councillors assist the wardens in matters concerning the hostels. We reprimand late comers and managed to restrict of late comers considerably,

We organised farewell functions for two of our administrators, the Supervisor of the Junior Secondary School Miss M. S. Elias in 1987 and the Principal, Mr. A. Kadirgamar in October, 1988.

We also had a farewell function for Mr. T. Visvanathan in 1988.

Our President Mas. N. Nithiarajan proposed the traditional Vote of Thanks at the Annual Prize Giving in 1988 and in 1989.

We also do our part as students of a larger community by organising fasts and boycotts against injustice when it is necessary.

I thank the Principal, the Vice-Principals and the Faculty Adviser Mr. T. Anandaratan for their guidance and advice. I also thank the members of the School Council and the students for their cooperation and help.

N Nithiarajan  
Secretary

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## Report of the Staff Tennis Club

With great pleasure I submit this report of the Jaffna College Staff Tennis Club. The year under review had its ups and downs. The downs are the tragic death of our beloved friend and long time associate and tennis enthusiast of our Club. the late Mr. R. S. Virasinghe, and the retirement of our energetic Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar who spent all his leisure times in the evenings at

the tennis court. The ups are the flood-lighting of the Tennis Court.

We had a friendly tournament with the scattered tennis fans of Jaffna under the leadership of Mr. Lionel Thambyrajah. This local tournament paved the way for the Luther James Selvarajah Memorial Annual Tournament.



# Luther Selvarajah Memorial Tennis Tournament

1987

The Jaffna College Tennis Club initiated a tournament in memory of Luther James Selvarajah who met with his death whilst playing tennis. The first tournament took place in May 1980 under the patronage of Mr. K. A. Selliah, Principal Emeritus, Jaffna College. The second tournament was held in May, 1981 under the patronage of Prof. & Mrs. W. L. Jayasingham.

Since then we couldn't have the tournament annually because of the ethnic violence. But we found the urge for activities among youth was great and we were forced to organise this tournament under the above circumstances.

The tournament started on the 21st of May, 1987 and was interrupted by heavy shower and thereafter by the curfew enforced by the Government. But the Club was determined to finish the tournament on the 10 & 11th of July, 1987. The chief Guest was Miss M. S. Elias who was the first lady member of our Club.

1988

This tournament was held from the 21st to the 24th of October, 1988. The tournament of this type was very much appreciated by all the young energetic youth of Jaffna and it fulfilled the aim of this tournament. The late Mr. Luther Selvarajah was very much interested in promoting tennis among

the youth of Jaffna, I would say that this aim had been very much instilled among the youth. I earnestly hope that this could be further encouraged as a means of recreation among the frustrated youth of Jaffna in the years to come.

We owe a big 'Thank You', to our retired Principal and chairman, Mr. Arasaratnam Kadirgamar for his dedicated involvement in tennis specially among the young. He was the man behind the success of this tournament and also for the perfect maintenance of the courts. He was a tower of strength to us and he could be called the live-wire of the Tennis Club. He gave his fullest cooperation as a Principal of the college to run the Tennis Club as an independent club with its own merit.

The tournament started on the 21st of October, 1988. The chief guest was the outgoing principal and chairman of the tournament committee Mr. A. Kadirgamar

I wish to record the death of our beloved and very active member of our committee, Mr. R. S. Virasinghe with great sorrow. He himself had assisted in many of these tournaments. Mr. Virasinghe had served as a liaison officer between the Jaffna College Tennis Club, the Jaffna Fort Tennis Club and the Jaffna United Club - with which he was associated for over fifteen years.

Finally I wish to conclude my report by thanking the chairman and



chief guest Mr. A. Kadirgamar, the Physical Director, Mr. T. Anandaratanam, the President, Secretary, Treasurer and all the members of the Staff Tennis Club and the tournament committee.

A special word of thanks to Mr. N. A. Vimalandran, Mr. Toni Ganeshan and Mr. Muresh Rajendra for

their active involvement in conducting the tournament.

I wish that this tournament will be conducted annually to bring out the purpose and the hidden talents among the youth of Jaffna.

**A. Jeyarajan**  
Organising Secretary

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## The Academy

### Office Bearers : 1987

	President
First Term	J. G. Jesurajah
Second Term	M. Kesavan
Third Term	P. Sayanthakumar

Secretary
M. Kugathas
K. Nagalingam
E. T. J. Sugirthanathan

### 1988

First Term	Raymond Thevasuthan
Second Term	P. Ravindran
Third Term	R. Kulasingam

S. Kalaiarasi
G. Bavani
M. Ramesh

The years under review (1987 & 1988) were of fair success to the Academy. For some time we have felt that there was a stalemate creeping in. A good number of members are reluctant to participate in the programmes

As in the past years the traditional 'freshers' introduction, speeches, debates and musical entertainments were some of the commoner items. We also invited some of our teachers to address us. Though we have some good speakers, the speeches have shown signs of decline.

The Annual Dinner was held in March, 1987 with Mr. & Mrs S. Ragavan, Manager, Commercial Bank of Ceylon Jaffna as chief guests. Mas. J. Aron presided. We regret to note that we could not hold the annual dinner in 1988 due to the disturbed conditions and curfew in Jaffna.

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

**M. Ramesh**  
Secretary



## Forum 1987, 1988

1987	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
President	S. Karnan	W. Mathitharan	V. Ramanan
Secretary	T. Nadanendran	P. Vimalraj	V. Thayalan
1988			
President	S. Sugeeswaran	T. Tharmendran	T. Muralitharan
Secretary	G. Janaki	V. Manchula	M. Vicknakanthan

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

Programmes for the meetings include debate, speeches, songs, dances, drama, and reports of the editor.

The annual socials were conducted during the second term and third term respectively. We are proud to say that our Forum was the only association which held its annual social in 1987 very successfully. Both year, socials were very grand functions. Games, Group

singing, English Drama, Tamil Drama and dances were some of the items at the socials.

We want to thank our Forum Patron Mr. S. J. Manickam for his advice and guidance enabling us to conduct the grand social and also for helping us to stage dramas and other items.

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

V. Thayalan  
&  
M. Vicknakanthan  
Secretaries



*O Lord, Thou knowest How Busy  
I Must be This Day. IF I forget Thee,  
Do Not Thou Forget Me .....  
March on Boys!*

— Sir Jacob Astley, on his Knees  
Before the Battle of Edgehill 1642



# The Brother Hood

1987

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
President :	Mr Baskaran	K. Kanthathas	A. Premananthan
Secretary :	R. Rajini	S. Shobana	N. Sivajothy
Treasurer :	R. Rajkumar	N. Nagarajah	G. Nimalan

1988

President :	T. Nadanendran	W. Mathitharan	Y. Umagajendran
Secretary :	P. Vimalraj	I. Sunethra	K. Skandasajeev.
Treasurer :	S. Karnan	S. Mathini	S. Janarththan

It is with great pleasure, we are presenting the joint report of the Brotherhood for the years 1987 and 1988. All students of the year II are members of this association. We held our weekly meetings every Thursdays at the Ottley Hall, which included songs, poems, speeches and story telling, both in English and Tamil.

Eventhough we made all arrangements for our annual Social in 1987, we were disappointed at the inability to celebrate it, due to the disturbances from October in this part of the country.

In 1988, we proudly celebrated the Brotherhood social on the 17th of

November. Our retired Principal, Mr. A. R. Kadirgamar and Mrs. Kadirgamar were the Chief Guests. Our new Principal, Dr. S. Jebanesan and the members of the staff honoured our function by their presence. The Chief Guest in his address traced the history and traditions of the Brotherhood. The Principal, in his address, wished the members, success in their O/L examination. Tamil and English dramas, and Tamil poetry were the items presented by the students, which everybody enjoyed. We are thankful to our Patron Mr. N. Thatparanathan for his guidance throughout the years.

N. Sivajothy  
&  
K. Skandasajeev



*"God Give me Work  
Till my life shall end  
And life  
Till my work is Done"*

— Winfred Holtby



## THE SCOUTS — 1988



Y. M. C. A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS — 1988



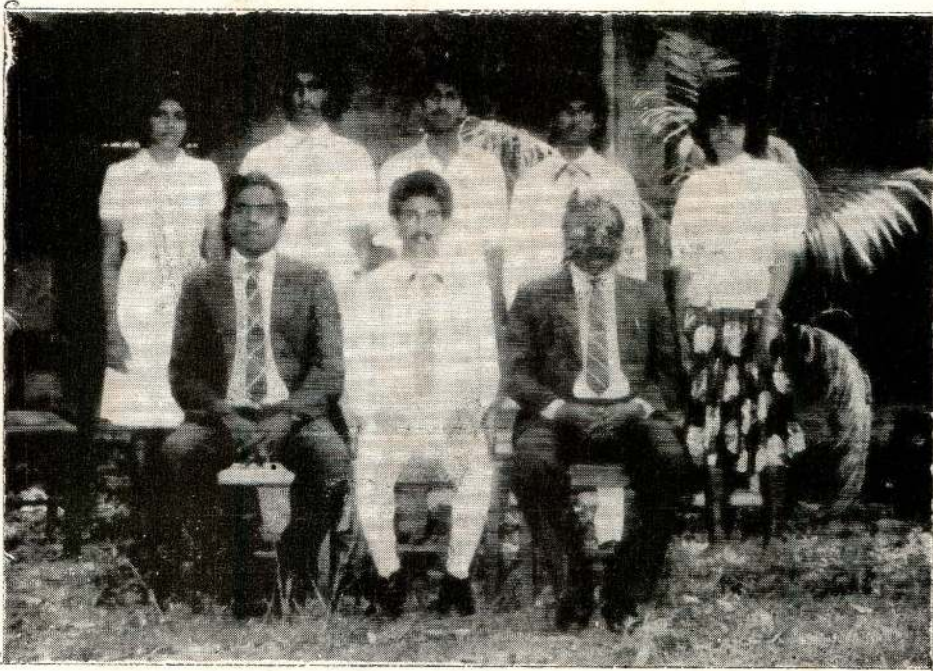
*Seated (L. to R.):* Dr. S. Jebanesan, M. Kalayini (Student Treasurer), Mr. G. Rasanayagam (President), Principal, A. Chandrakumar, Francis (Student President), Mr. G. Nadarajah (Secretary), Mr. A. C. Rajkumar (Treasurer) and Mr. W. D. Kulatungam,  
*Standing (L. to R.):* Mr. A. Jeyarajan S. Navendran, R. Srikanthan, P. Neil Armstrong, S. Kapilan, T. R. Arasamohan and Mr. P. L. Manuel Pillai.



## GIRL GUIDES — 1988



## TAMIL MANTRAM



Dr. S. Jebanesan (Faculty Adviser), H. R. Gunaratnam (President) & Principal.  
*Standing (L. to R.):* M. Kalayini, A. Chandrakumar Francis, T. R. Arasamohan, P. Neil Armstrong and R. Vasanthy.



## யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரித் தமிழ் மன்றம்

1987 — 1988, 1988 — 1989

“தீமினிலே என் உடலம் தீயும் போதும்  
தீந்தமிழே திகழ்ந்து மணம் பரப்ப வேண்டும்”

யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரித் தமிழ் மன்றம், தொடர்ந்து தமிழ் மணம் பரப்பி வருகின்றது. 1987ஆம் ஆண்டும் 1988ஆம் ஆண்டும் பலவித இன்னல்கள் நிறைந்த வருடங்களாய் இருந்த பொழுதும், தமிழ் மன்றம் தனது பணிகளில் எவ்வித குறைவும் ஏற்படாது நிறைவேற்றி வைத்தது.

“தமிழ் அருவி”

“தமிழ் அருவி” தமிழ் மன்றத்தின் நின் கையெழுத்துப் பத்திரிகையாகும். 1987ஆம் ஆண்டு ஒரு இதழையும் 1988ஆம் ஆண்டு இன்னொரு இதழையும் வெளியிட்டோம். இதற்கு வேண்டிய கட்டுரை ஆக்கங்களைத் தந்து உதவிய மாணவர்களுக்கும், அவற்றினைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கிய மலராசிரியர்களுக்கும் எமது நன்றி உரித்தாகுக.

நாடகங்கள் :

எமது நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்குப் பெரிதும் உவகையளிப்பது எமது நாடகங்களே யாகும். எமது முன்னாள் போஷகர் கலாநிதி எஸ். ஜெபநேசன் அவர்களும், இரசாயன ஆசிரியர் திரு. P. L. மனுவேற்பிள்ளை யவர்களும் எமது நாடக வளர்ச்சியில் மிகுந்த ஆர்வம் கொண்டு உழைத்தனர். 1987ஆம் ஆண்டு மார்ச் மாதம் 10ஆந் திகதி நமது போஷகராகவிருந்த கலாநிதி ஜெபநேசன் தயாரித்த “எல்லோரும் வாழ வேண்டும்” என்ற நாடகம் அரங்கேற்றப் பட்டது. இது பலரின் பாராட்டுதல்களைப் பெற்றது.

அதே வருடம் மார்ச் மாதம் 28ஆம் திகதி நடைபெற்ற முத்தமிழ் விழாவிலும்

நமது மாணவர்கள் சிறந்த நாடகம் ஒன்றை நடித்து ஆசிரியர்களையும் மாணவர்களையும் பரவசத்தில் ஆழ்த்தினர்.

1987ஆம் ஆண்டு “பாரதி விழா” செப்டம்பர் மாதம் 9ஆம் திகதி நடைபெற்றது. செப்டம்பர் மாதம் 11ஆம் திகதி ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமையாக விருந்தமையினாலேதான் 9ஆம் திகதி வெள்ளிக்கிழமை பாரதி விழா நடைபெற்றது. அவ்விழாவில் “கவிஞனின் வாழ்வில் ஒரு நாள்” என்ற நாடகமும் “விடுதலை விடுதலை” என்ற பாடலுக்கான நாட்டியமும் இடம் பெற்றன. பாரதியார் பாடல்கள் அத்தினம் ஒலிபரப்பப்பட்டன.

1988ஆம் ஆண்டும் ஒரு முத்தமிழ் விழாவையும் பாரதி விழாவையும் நடாத்தினோம். பாரதி விழாவிற்குச் சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவாளராகக் கம்பன் கழக அமைப்பாளர் திரு. இ. ஜெயராஜ் அவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டு “பாரதி கண்ட தெய்வம்” என்ற பொருளில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார் அதைத் தொடர்ந்து, “ஜெய பேரிகை கொட்டா”! என்னும் மகுடத்தில் மாணவ-மாணவியரின் நாட்டிய நடனம் இடம்பெற்றது. கல்லூரியின் நடன ஆசிரியை திருமதி மேனகா ரவிராஜ் அவர்கள் அதைத் தயாரித்து இயக்கினார்.

கல்லூரி இரசாயனவில் ஆசிரியரான திரு. P. L. மனுவேற்பிள்ளை அவர்களின் இயக்கத்தில் உயர்தர வகுப்பு மாணவ மாணவியர் நடித்த “இறந்தவன் பேசுகிறேன்” எனும் நாடகம் ஒன்றும், அன்றைய தினம் அரங்கேறியது.

இறுதியாக, நன்றியுரையுடன் “பாரதி விழா” இனிதே நிறைவுற்றது.

R. வசந்தி  
செயலாளர்



# யாழ்ப்பாணக் கல்லூரி வர்த்தக மாணவர் மன்றம்

எமது சங்கத்தின் 1988, 1989ஆம் வருட நிர்வாக சபைக்கு பின்வருவோர் தெரிவு செய்யப்பட்டனர்.

தலைவர் :	M. கிருஸ்ணலிங்கம்
செயலாளர் :	N. சதீஸ்குமார்
பொருளாளர் :	M. அருளானந்தன்
உப தலைவர் :	K. குமாரதாஸ்
உப செயலாளர் :	N. அகிலன்
பத்திராதிபர் :	P. குகனேஸ்வரன்

மற்றும் வகுப்புப் பிரதிநிதிகளாக பின்வருவோர் தெரிவு செய்யப்பட்டனர்.

ஆண்டு 14	K. மணிவண்ணன்
ஆண்டு 13	B. ராஜ்மோகன்
ஆண்டு 12	R. கிறிஸ்தோபர் குரு

எமது சங்கத்தில் ஏறக்குறைய 100 அங்கத்தவர்கள் இருக்கின்றார்கள். கடந்த ஆண்டில் பல துறைகளுக்குமான பல திட்டங்களை தீட்டி இருந்த போதும் நாட்டில் ஏற்பட்ட அசாதாரண நிலைமைகளினால் திட்டங்களை செயல்படுத்த முடியாமல் போய் விட்டது.

N. சதீஸ்குமார்  
காரியதரிசி



“சென்றதினி மீளாது மூடரே, நீர் எப்போதும்  
சென்றதையே சிந்தை செய்து  
கொன்றழிக்கும் கவலையென்னும் குழியில் வீழ்ந்து,  
குமையாதீர் சென்றதனைக் குறித்தல் வேண்டா!

இன்று புதிதாய்ப் பிறந்தோமென்று நீவீர்  
எண்ணமதை உள்ளமதில் இசைத்துக்கொண்டு  
தின்று விளையாடி இன்புற்றிருந்து வாழ்வீர்!  
திமையெலாம் ஒழிந்து போம் திரும்பி வாரா!

— மகாகவி பாரதி



# Lyceum

1987	President	Secretary
1st Term	I. Tharmendran	R. Seethaluxumy
2st Term	K. Uamganesh	K. Kulathungar
3rd Term	S. Thulasidas	R. Arukshan
1988		
1st Term	W. Thayatharan	K. Jeyaganesan
2st Term	"	"
3rd Term	W. Thayatharan	R. Selvachchandran

I am happy to present the report of the Lyceum for the years 1987 - 88. Though due to the situation prevailing at that time our activities were somewhat curtailed yet we were able to have our meetings and programmes.

Our Weekly meetings were lively and varied. The programmes at these meetings included debates, speeches, dramas, recitation, songs and other items. The students took an active part. There was keen and enthusiastic participation.

We were unable to have our annual social in 1987 due to the disturbances but we were able to have our annual social the following year. Mr. A. R. Kadirgamar, our Former Principal and Mrs.

Kadirgamar were our chief guests. The members garlanded them and welcomed them with song and dances. The evening's programme included games and a variety of entertainment, an English play Snow white and Rose Red, a Tamil play, dances, songs and speeches formed part of the programme.

I want to express my sincere thanks to Miss S. S. Selvadurai and Mrs. S. Virasirghe and Mrs. J. Mithraranjan who were also our patrons in 1988, for their guidance and help. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all the members for their co-operation through-out this period.

**R. Selvachandran**  
(Secretary)



*"All Desire Peace, But All Do Not  
Attend to the Things which Bring True  
Peace"*

— Thomas A, Kempis



# Hitchcock House 1987/88

**House Masters :** Mr. V. Selvaratnam  
Mr. Noel A. Vimalendran  
Mr. K. Thangarajah  
Mr. G. Nadarajah

**House Mistresses :** Mrs. I. Jeyakumaran  
Mrs. J. Mithiraranjan

## 1987

**House Captains :** Mas. Nithiaranjan  
Miss. G. Bavani  
**Vice Captains :** Mas. K. Satchithanathan  
Miss. S. Gowsaladevi  
**Athletic Captains :** Mas. Amaran Tunard  
Miss. R. Sharmini  
**Hockey Captain :** Mas. S. Ramesh  
**Foot-ball Captain :** Mas. S. Renu  
**Net-ball Captain :** Miss. N. Sivasothy  
**Treasurer :** Mas. N. Nadesathasan

## 1988

Miss. N. Nadesathasan  
Miss. N. Jeyantha  
Mas. N. Sivakumar  
Miss. S. Sobana  
Mas. S. Jevagan  
Miss. N. Sivasothy  
Mas. S. Ramesh  
Mas. S. Sumithiran  
Miss. S. Kanageswary  
T. Murugathas

It is with great pleasure that we submit our report for the year 1987 and 1988

We couldn't have our Inter house atheletic meet in 1987 due to the disturbances in the North. Also we couldn't have the meet in 1988 due to the IPKF occupation of our sports grounds, even though we managed to have an internal sportsmeet succesfully in our small ground. We are grateful to all our members for the co-operation and help rendered in sharing responsibilities

We congaulate G. Devadharshini on becoming the under 13 girls' champion in 1987 and under 11 champion in 1988. Under 19 Boys' champion-ship was won by Mas. N. Sivakumar in 1988. Our house won the relay cup in 1987.

K. Umaganesh, K. Tharmendran, N. Nithiaranjan, G. Bavani, R. Sharmini K. Sobana, N. Sivasothy, J. Sunethra and A. Manjula were elected to the school council in 1987 and in 1988 N. Nithiaranjan was elected President of the school council. Also Muralitharn, J. Sunithan and V. Manjula were elected to the school council, in 1988.



G. Bavani was the Asst. Editor of the Young Idea. N. Nithiarajan & P. Kandeepan were in the Editorial Board.

The following members played for the college Soccer Team, N. Nithiarajan, S. Sumithiran and P. Thevananthan.

N. Nithiarajan a colour winner was the Vice Captain of the College Cricket Team while S. Amaran Tunard was a member of the team.

S. Amaran Tunard and R. Sharmini were the Vice President and Treasurer of

the Leo Club respectively. In conclusion I wish to thank the House Masters Mr. V. Selvaratnam, Mr. N. A. Vimalendran Mr. K. Thangarajah, Mr. G. Nadarajah and the House Mistresses Mrs. I. Jeyakumar and Mrs. J. Mithiraranjan for their guidance and help. I also wish to thank all the members of Hitchcock House for their whole hearted co-operation, keen enthusiasm and full participation that helped to make this year's activities a success.

N. Nithiarajan  
G. Bavani  
(House Captains)

## Hastings House

### 1987

House Masters :	Mr. K. Sathasivam Mr. A. A. Paul Mr. A. C. Rajkumar
House Mistresses :	Mrs. S. Kesavarajan Mrs. B. Suresh
House Captains :	P. Sayanthakumar B. Sharmini
Vice Captains :	T. Thevamithiran P. Jeyahari
Athletic Captains :	S. Vijeyakumar S. Mohana
Football Captain :	A. C. Francis
Hockey Captain :	A. Chandrakumar
Basket Ball Captain :	S. Sripathy
Netball Captain :	S. Shobana
Treasurer :	G. Sekaran

### 1988

Mr. A. A. Paul Mr. A. C. Rajkumar
Mrs. S. Kesavarajan Mrs. B. Suresh
S. Vijeyakumar K. Rajini
B. Sripathy N. Vasanthini
A. Premananthan R. Janani
B. Rajmohan
A. Chandrakumar
G. Rupasingam
S. Gayathri
G. Sekaran



We have very great pleasure in submitting our House report for the year 1987

This year the Hastings House has done very well. We won the Inter-House Athletic Meet Championship under the captaincy of Mas. P. Sayanthakumar and S. Sharmini.

We congratulate R. Ratchahan, S. Balakumar, R. Rajkumar, and S. Sivaharan on becoming the under 17, under 14, under 13 and under 12 champions and Marsha Cassiere and S. Sharmini on becoming Intermediate and under 12 Girls, champions respectively at the Inter-House Athletic Meet.

We are proud to say that a number of Hastings House boys played major roles in the sports activities too. P. Sayanthakumar (Captain) S. Vijeyakumar, A. Premananthan and L. Manoharan of our House were members of the college first eleven cricket team.

P. Sayanthakumar (Captain) S. Vijeyakumar and S. Kuganeswaran of our House were members of the College first eleven Soccer Team

P. Sayanthakumar our House captain was a member of the College first Eleven Hockey Team.

We are proud of P. Sayanthakumar who was the School Council President in 1987.

S. Vijeyakumar, A. Premananthan, S. Sharmini, R. Rajamanoharan and L. Manoharan of our House were members of the School Council in the same year.

We congratulate S. Augustine and K. E. Pratheepan on being selected to follow Management Studies and Physical Science courses respectively at the University of Jaffna—Sri Lanka.

We are very happy that P. Sayanthakumar was the **Senior All Round Sportsman** and S. Vijeyakumar was the **Junior All Round Sportsman** in the 1987.

P. Sayanthakumar was the manager of the Young Idea. B. Sripathy, P. Umayal R. Rajani, S. Sarvananthar and A. Chandrakumar were members of the Young Idea Editorial Board.

We are proud of Sayanthakumar who won the **Gold Medal**, the **All Rounder's prize** in 1987 and **Silver Medal for Leadership** in 1987.

## 1988

In 1988 we were runners up at the Inter - House Athletic Meet.

<b>Under 12</b>	<b>Champion</b>	T. Jeganathan
<b>Under 13</b>	<b>Champion</b>	S. Sivatharan
<b>Under 14</b>	<b>Champion</b>	R. Rajakumar
<b>Post Senior</b>	<b>Champion</b>	S. Vijeyakumar
<b>Inter Girls</b>	<b>Champion</b>	S. Sharmini



The following were elected as School Councillors for the year 1988.

S. Vijeyakumar

S. Sharmini

Finally we wish to thank the House the Inter House Athletic Championship Masters and the house Mistresses for this year. We hope that we will achieve their help and guidance. still greater success in the coming year

We also thank all the Hastings House members for giving us their fullest cooperation to enable us to annex

P. Sayanthakumar

B. Sharmini

(House Captains)

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## Brown House

### 1987

House Masters	:	Mr. S. J. Manickam Mr. D. S. Solomon
House Mistress	:	Miss. S. Sittampalam Mrs. S. Yasotharan
House Captains	:	Mas. V. Pathmathaneswaran Miss. D. Keshini
Athletic Captains	:	Mas. J. Jeyasankar Miss. N. Ajantha
Treasurer	:	Mas. R. Gulasingam
Net Ball Captain	:	
Hockey Captain	:	
Basket Ball Captain	:	

### 1988

Mr. S. J. Manickam Mr. D. S. Solomon
Miss. S. Sittampalam Mrs. S. Yasotharan
Mas. R. Jeevananthan Miss. N. Ajantha
Mas. S. Suresh Miss. S. Linda
Mas. S. P. Gunaseelan
Miss. R. Cynthia
Mas. T. Pooparajan
Mas. S. Naveendran



We are proud to submit the report of our House this year. This year we entered into keen competition and became second on the final day.

We congratulate Mas. R. Kulasingam, Mas. M. Baskaran, Mas. V. Pathmathaneswaran, Miss. D. Keshini and Miss. J. Sunethira on being elected to the School Council

Masters R. Kulasingam, T. N. Huxley and R. Jeevananthan of our House were members of the College Cricket 1st XI and Masters F. Johnson, S. Vinothan and S. P. Gunaseelan were in the 2nd team.

N. Ajantha, R. Cynthia, S. Yaeemuna, S. Subothini and J. Sunethira of our House were members of the College Net Ball Team.

Mas. S. P. Gunaseelan, Mas. S. Bramananthar and Miss. R. Seethaluxmi were members of the College Band and the College Choir.

Two of our Member Mas. V. Pathmathaneswaran and Miss. R. Vijaya gained admission to the University of Jaffna. We congratulate them.

We thank all those who participated in the various activities of the house and our House masters and Mistresses for their guidance and encouragement

Year 1988 was a grand year for the Blues after several years. We were Inter-House Champions and the Joint Relay Champions too. This year has been one of keen competition and greater participation. This has been due to the untiring efforts and the co-operation of all our house members and teachers.

We congratulate Mas. R. Kulasingham, Mas. S. Naveendran, Miss. J. Sunethira and Miss R. Seethaluxmi on being elected to the School Council

We are proud of Mas R. Kulasingham for being elected as the Vice-Captain of the 1st XI Cricket Team and also for having been awarded the 'Cricket Colours' (1987) and the Special Batting Prize. We congratulate him.

The following members of our House represented to the following teams:

**1st XI Cricket Team :** Mas. R. Kulasingham (Vice Captain) Mas. R. Jeevananthan Mas. S. Janarthanan, Mas. F. Johnson and Mas. S. Vinothan.

**2nd XI ,, ,:** Mas. S. Vinothan (Captain) Mas. S. Janarthanan (Vice-Captain) Mas. S. Naveendran.

**1st XI Foot Ball ,, :** Mas. F. Johnson, Mas. S. Manoharan, Mas. S. P. Gunaseelan and Mas. S. Vinothan

**2nd XI ,, ,, :** Mas. S. Vinothan (Captain), Mas. S. P. Gunaseelan (Vice - Captain) Mas. R. Ronnie and Mas. S. Kapilan.

**2nd XI Hockey ,, :** Mas. S. P. Gunaseelan, Mas. S. N. Mohanbabu, Mas. S. Vinothan.



Mas. S. P. Gunaseelan, was also elected as the President of the S. C. M. and Secretary of the 'J. I. C. C. F.' too.

We congratulate the following on winning the championship in their respective age groups.

1. Under 17 boys : S. Vinothan
2. Senior Girls : S. Yaemuna
3. Under 14 Girls : V. Nanthini

Finally it is my duty to thank the members of the House and the House teachers for the help and advice rendered to us.

S. P. Gunaseelan

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## Abraham House

House Masters : N. Thatparanathan  
E. S. Selvarajah  
T. Kaneshamoorthy

House Mistresses : Mrs N. Balasingham  
Mrs S. D. Vairasinghe

	1987	1988
House Captains :	S. Kugathas T. Kalaiarasi	T. Raveendran M. Kalayini
Athletic Captains :	T. Raveendran V. Malini	T. Ramesh S. Sinothaya

During the year 1987, our athletes participated with usual enthusiasm in the Annual Sportsmeet held in July, but only with limited success in both track and field events. Our house was placed fourth.

During the year 1988, we did not fare any better. Eventhough, we won the first place in the March Past, track and field successes were limited and once again we were squeezed to the rear.



# Bunker Hall — 1987/88

## 1987

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
<b>President :</b>	P. Sayanthakumar	E. J. T. Sugirthanathan	P. Thevananthan
<b>Secretary :</b>	H. R. Huxley	S. Amaran	S. Ramesh

## 1988

<b>President :</b>	P. Thevananthan	P. Neil Armstrong	T. R. Arasamohan
<b>Secretary :</b>	S. Ramesh	H. R. Gunaratnam	S. Mahendradas

**Warden :** Mr. N. A. Vimalendran

**Sub Wardern :** Mr. G. Nadarajah.

It is with great pleasure that I present this report of our Hostel Union for the year 1987/88. The unrest in the country has resulted in the changing of the time of our functions. We could not hold our Boarders' Day last year due to the disturbed conditions in Jaffna and we are thankful to God for making it possible to have it this year without any disturbance.

We have experienced fellowship, love, co-operation and unity in our residential life.

### Members :

There were 49 members in our hostel and of these 9 were in the London A/L classes and the rest were in the G. C. E O/L and A/L classes. They come from various parts of the Northern Province. Five staff members also reside with us. Mr. & Mrs Rajasingam, Chief Guest for Boarders' day Celebration, 1978, are no strangers to us : Mr A. Rajasingam, who

retired as Vice-Principal in 1986 had been closely involved with the Hostel community for many years. He was Warden of the Chelliah Hostel and Bunker Hall and later as Vic-Principal he was in overall charge. Mrs. Rajasingam has also actively involved herself in the activities of the College and the Church. We honoured them as our Chief Guests.

### Farewell :

We feel very sad when we realize that the Principal is going to retire this year. Mr. and Mrs. A. Kathirgamar have been the foster parents for the hostellers and we shall always remain grateful for all that they have done and have been to us. Mr. A. Kathirgamar joined as a student in the hostel in 1946 and he joined the staff in 1953. His being Principal for 20 years is a record of which we are all proud. He always gave a sympathetic ear to our various problems and guided us. I am sure we



must have given him enough headaches but he had an affective balm which made him get over them quickly. That balm was his beloved wife. We shall also remain thankful for all the ready help she has given to us and the many times she has sent us eatables. We wish them a happy and well deserved retired life and may God continue to bless them and their family.

#### **Welcome :**

We would like to welcome our Principal - elect Dr. S. Jebanesan who is well - known to all. We are especially happy to have this gentleman learned in both Tamil and Christianity and a born speaker as our new symbol of authority. He is also blessed with a talented wife who has taught many of our hostellers Western music, and two

musically talented daughters. We know that he will always take the welfare of the hostellers to his heart and that his sharp sense of humour will make him close one eye when dealing with our misdeeds.

#### **Meetings :**

The hostel Union meetings are held every Thursday night. Student speeches songs, dramas, compositions in verse style and such student prorammes proved very lively and useful. As usual members of he hostels have involved themselves in academic, sports and extra curricular activities of the College.

Special mention should be made of S. Augustin and P. Sayanthakumar for their achievements, and we are very proud to record them :

- S. Augustin :**
- Issac Arulampalam Memorial Prize for Commerce and Finance for 1986.
  - \*Dr. S. S. Selvendran Scholarship for the best student from the Arts and Commerce group to enter the University of Sri Lanka.
  - S. V. Balasingam Memorial Prize for the Best student from the Arts and Commerce group to enter the University of Sri Lanka.
  - Thangammah Savarimuthu Nagalingam Memorial Scholarship for the Best Academic student in Sports to enter the University of Sri Lanka.
  - Senior All-Round Sportsman 1986.
  - Soccer Colours 1986.
  - J. A. R. Sanders Challenge Cup for the best fielder 1986
  - Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Gnanamuthu Gold Medal for the Best All-Rounder in 1986.



**P. Sayanthakumar :** — J. A. R. Sanders Challenge Cup for the Best Fielder 1986 & 1987.

— Soccer Colours.

— Special Award for Leadership 1987.

— Mr. & Mrs. Gnanamuthu Gold Medal Award for the Best All-Rounder Sportsman for 1987.

— Senior All-Round Sportsman for 1987.

— Best academic student in sports.

**School Council 1987/1988 :**

I think it is noteworthy that a hosteller has become the President of the School Council, namely P. Sayanthakumar for the year 1987, the previous hostellers holding this post were R. Jebaratnam in 1971 and J. Aron in 1986. E. J. T. Sugirthanathan was the Councillor for year 13 classes.

P. Neil Armstrong was the Hostel councillor for 1987, R. Jeyaseelan has been elected the Hostel councillor for

1988, P. Neil Armstrong and H. R. Guna-ratnam are General councillors now S. Naveendiran is year II councillor.

**Academic Activities :**

S. Augustin and S. Raveendran did extremely well in their Advanced Level Examination, and have been selected to do management studies at the University of Jaffna. K. E. Pratheepan has been selected to do Physical science at the university of Jaffna. We congratulate them.

**Sports :**

**Cricket :**

**1 st Eleven :** P. Sayanthakumar (capt), E. J. T. Sugirthanathan, T. N. Huxley S. Amaran Tunard, T. Harichandran, and R. Jeyaseelan all from Bunker Hall can claim a big share for the historic victory in the third "Rajan Kathirgamar" challenge trophy, limited overs game. vs the St. PatricksCollege, Cricket team (1987). R. Jeyaseelan has been selected for the 1st eleven Cricket team this year.

**II nd eleven :** S. Naveendran (1987)

**III rd eleven :** M. Bernard Ramesh and S. Naveendran (1987)

**Socceer**

**1st Eleven :** P. Sayanthakumar (Capt) and E. T. Joy (1987). R. Jeyaseelan, P. Neil Armstrong, S. Kuganeswaran, S. Victor Renus. and J. Terrance (1988).



**IInd eleven :** P. Thilagaraj S. Ranjanathas S. Sreeskanthan (1988)

**Basketball :** P. Neil Armstrong, S. Naveendran, J. David George. T. Pooparaja P. Thilagaraj, and G. Roopasankary. Representated in the under 19 team

**Table Tennis :** R. Jeyaseelan, P. Neil Armstrong, J. Terrence, T. R. Arasamohan and S. Ramesh (1988).

**Hockey :**

**1 st eleven :** P. Sayanthagumar T. Harichandran and S. Ramesh (1987). S. Ramesh P. Neil Armstrong. R. Jeyaseelan, P. Kuganeswaran and Victor Renu, (1988).

### Athletic Activities :

R. Jeyaseelan, S. Amaran, Tunard, A. Robin, R. Charles, S. N. Antony S. Kapilan, P. Jeyakanthan, K. Balamurugan, H. R. Gunaratnam, won places in various events in the Inter House Athletic meet in 1987.

P. Sayanthagumar	Captain	—	Hastings House (1987)
V. P. Thaneswaran	Captain	—	Brown House (1987)
S. Victor Renu	Captain	—	Hitchcock House (1988)
H. R. Gunaratnam	Treasurer	—	Abraham House (1988)
R. Jeyaseelan	V - Athletic Captain		Abraham House (1988)
P. Jeyakanthan	Hockey Captain		Brown House (1988)
H. David George	Basket Ball Captain		Hastings House (1988)
S. Naveendran	Basket Ball Captain		Brown House (1988)

**Badminton :**

S. Naveendran has been elected President and J. David George as Treasurer.

### Boarders Christian association :

These meetings take place every sunday at 6. 30 P. M. in the English Language Laboratory. We have sing songs discussions, prayer meetings and debates which are very interesting and beneficial. P. Thevamithran, J. Thevananth and R. Jeyaseelan were the President for the Ist, IInd, and IIIrd terms respectively. T. R. Arasamohan was the president for the I st term.

### Student Christian Movement :

P. Neil Armstrong was elected Secretary for the I st term, and H. R. Gunaratnam was the President for the III rd term. This year E. T. J. Sugirthanathan was the President for the I st term 1987. J. Thevananth was the President for the III rd term and H. R. Gunaratnam was Asst. Secretary.

### Young Men Christain Association :

S. Naveendran was the Student Treasurer and P. Thevananthan was the Board member for 1987. S. Kapilan has been elected student secretary. T. R.



Arasamohan P. Neil Armstrong and R. Sreeskanthan have been elected as board members for this year.

At the Y M C A Singing competition R. Rajkumar obtained the first place in Eastern solo singing. Mast T. Pooparaj Partnered by S. Kapilan won the Championship for the under 17 doubles tennis tournament. We congratulate them.

#### **Leo Club :**

We congratulate Leo P. Saynthakumar for having been elected the President for 1987 for which he obtained the special Award for Leadership 1987. S. Amaran Tunard was elected First V-President, P. Thevananthan the Board Project Chairman and S. Ramesh as board member P. Neil Armstrong is the Secretary for this year.

#### **Tamil Manram :**

H. R. Gunaratnam was elected President of the Tamil Manram for the second term and also the President for the third term P. Neil Armstrong was the Secretary for the Second term, T. R. Arasamohan was the President for third term 1988. P. Sayanthagumar was the secretary.

#### **Academy :**

P. Sayanthagumar and E. T. Joy have been elected Academic President and Secretary respectively. We congratulate them.

#### **Young Idea :**

We congratulate P. Sayanthagumar for being elected Sports editor and manager of the Young Idea for 1988.

#### **Library Monitors :**

P. Sayanthagumar, S. Amaran Tunard, P. Thevananthan, H. R. Gunaratnam R. Jeyaseelan and P. Neil Armstrong.

#### **Student Tennis club :**

S. Naveendran—Student Treasurer. Mast T. Pooparajah Partnered by S. Kapilan won the Championship for the under 17 Tennis Tournament. (Doubles).

#### **College Choir :**

Robin, S. Rajkumar and R. Sriskanthan.

#### **College Band :**

R. Sriskanthan.

#### **Youth Fellowship :**

Bunker hall representative S. Rajkumar.

We cordially welcome the staff members Messrs. S. Mahendran, Mr. A. C. Rajkumar I. Raveendran P. L. Manuvelpillai, Peter Paul, P. Sayanthagumar (Library assistant) and S. Augustin who have moved in as resident staff. We wish them a happy and pleasant hostel life.

#### **Refugees Relief :**

There were many refugees in Bunker Hall last year. The Hostellers not only helped the refugees but also worked zealously in the distribution of food.

#### **Mr. N. A. Vimalendran :**

Mr. N. A. Vimalendran warden left for Switzerland to follow a course of study at the Ecumenical Institute in Bossly. We wish him well. Dr. Robert



Porter is doing his best to make life homely for us. We are invited in batches for Tea, Lunch and Dinner which we very much enjoy. We thank him for his generous act.

Our Boarder's Day celebrations were quite festive, and we had Mr & Mrs A. Rajasingam as Chief Guests. The Annual Inter Hostel Tournaments were held and many of our members became Champions. The following are the results :

Inter Hostel Table Tennis	— Singles Champion	R. Jeyaseelan
" " " "	— Doubles Champions	R. Jeyaseelan and P. Neil Armstrong.
" " Badminton	— Singles Champion	S. Naveendran.
" " "	— Doubles Champions	S. Kapilan and S. Sriskanthan
" " Carrom	— Singles Champion	H. R. Gunaratnam
" " Chess	— Champion	G. Rubasangari.

The following members left us during the course of these years. J. Aron P. Benjamin. Anton Rajakarier. P. Thevananthan. S. Amaran Tunard. P. Sayanthagumar. S. Augustin. K. E. Pratheepan. T. Joy. S. Raveendran. Logapragash. S. Kugathas. Jeyakanthan. S. Sivarvanjan. T. Harichandran. P. Thevananthan. J. Thevananth. Varathan. K. Kumarachandran. S. Kathirgamanathan and Umashankar.

#### Chapel Service :

Daily we have prayers in our Hostel chapel at 9-35 p. m, after the second studies under the guidance of Mr. G. Nadarajah. Our members and the resident staff conduct the chapel service.

Thus it can be seen that the hostellers are maintaining the tradition of taking a very active and leading part in the various activities of the College.

#### Luther Selvarajah Memorial Tennis Tournament :

We are happy to record the Luther Selvarajah Memorial Tennis Tournament for the open Men's doubles. Our warden Mr. G. Nadarajah partnered by Mr. S. A. P. Thurairatnam won the Championship. And for under 17 Mast. S. Kapilan came runner up. We congratulate them.

Finally I wish to thank our Principal, Vice-Principal, Mr. Noel Vimalendran, and Mr. G. Nadarajah our wardens for their counselling, guidance and help in all our activities.

May this hostel always be the main stay to the progress of our dearest College.

S. Mahendradas  
(Secretary)



## Howland Hall

We are happy to present the report of our hostel union for the period of two years 1987 and 1988. Our numbers have increased from 21 in 1987. The following were the Office Bearers :

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
<b>1987 President</b>	T. Jennifer Padmini	K. Kalavalli	R. Ann Rajamanohary
<b>Vice President</b>	J. Rathini	M. Shanthini	R. Meera
<b>Secretary</b>	R. Ann Rajamanohary	M. Shanthini	Sunethira Antonina
<b>1988 President</b>	R. Ann Rajamanohary	J. Bhavany	M. Sharmila
<b>Vice President</b>	R. Meera	S. Anushiya	—
<b>Secretary</b>	J. Sunethira Antonina	M. Kalayini	J. Sunethira Antonina
<b>1987 Councillor</b>	—	J. Sunethira Antonina (Year 10)	
	—	R. Ann Rajamanohary (London A/L)	
<b>Councillor</b>	—	J. Sunethira Antonina (Year 11)	

Along with these office bearers, a treasurer, a games captain, and an editor form the committee. The union meetings are held during the 2nd study on Thursdays and family prayers are held daily at 8.30 p. m. We participate in all the activities of the College.

### Tamil Choir : 1987 & 1988

T. Jennifer Padmini	T. Thevaramani
M. Shanthini	J. Jesurini
R. Rajamanohary	K. Vasanthy
J. Sunethira Antonina	M. Malastella
M. Kalayini	S. Arulvanthana
K. Jenesa	S. Shelvi
M. Sharmila	

### English Choir : 1987 & 1988

M. Kalayini	R. Ann Rajamanohary
S. Anushanthy	S. Jesurini
S. Krishanthy	



**Boarders Christian Association :**

1st Term	1987	1988
Secretary :	T. Jennifer Padmini	—
Representative :	Sunethira Antonina	—
2nd Term		
Secretary :	J. Sunethira Antonina	R. Ann Rajamanohary
Representative :	T. Thevaramani	M. Kalayini
3rd Term		
Secretary :	M. Sharmila	R. Ann Rajamanohary
Representative :	S. Arulvanthana	M. Kalayini
Net Ball Team : 1987	Vasanthi Balakumar	
J. Jesurini, J. Sunethira Antonina	We wish them every happiness in thier married lives.	
Forum : 1987		
Secretary : J Sunethira Antonina	We congratulate them and wish them a bright future.	
A. E. B. Union 1988		
Vice President : R. Ann Rajamanohary	Miss Jenifer Padmini Tharmarajasingham has joined lady Doak College, Madurai for her graduation course.	
Y. M. C. A. 1987 & 1988		
Treasurer : M. Kalayini		
Tamil Manrum 1988	We congratulate Miss M. Sharmila and Miss S. Revathy on their success at the G. C. E. O/L Examination 1988. They are now following the G. C. E. A/L classes.	
Treasurer : M. Kalayini		
Abraham House (Green) 1988		
Girls' Captain M. Kalayini		
Athletic Captain J. Bhavany		

The following students left us after successfully completing their courses of studies.

Miss R. Meera, Miss S. Vatsala,  
Miss S. Anushiya, Miss G. Mathini.

Our congratulations to the following newly weds :

Mr. B. Dhivaharan and Mrs. Mathini  
Dhivaharan, Mr. B. Balakumar and Mrs.

Our congratulations to Miss J. Sunithira for winning the 2nd place at the individual singing competition at the Children's Rally conducted by J. D. C. S. I.

Miss Shanthi Jesudason (staff) left the hostel after five years. We miss her company specially at meal times and in the games field. Miss Sobana Cassiere left us after a brief stay of two terms.



On 19th July 1987, the student council organised a function to bid farewell to Miss M. S. Elias who retired from teaching after 35 years of long and devoted service to the College. The function was scheduled to take place at 10 a. m. We in the hostel were up long before dawn getting the hostel premises ready for the function. We felt that a member of the family was being honoured. By about 7 a. m. we had cleaned up the compound and arranged the hostel in new style and we transformed ourselves into dancers dressed in red and white with flower for our heads in Hawaiian style. At 9-45 a. m. hosts started arriving. The principal Mr. Kadirgamar, Mrs. Kadirgamar a few members of the staff and the members of the student council had come over to the hostel to invite the guest to the function. At the appointed time the president of the hostel Miss. Kalavalli Kandasamy garlanded our warden. Then our hostel boy S. Thevaraiyan paid his sentiments by garlanding her. The girls then lead the procession dancing to accordian music played by Miss. Seetha Veerasingam. The college band took over in front of the Sanders Hostel. Although Miss. Elias is retired she still continues to be our warden.

Signs of unrest in the country had started in August. Under the prevailing conditions our school term ended abruptly and our college had become a home for refugees. The women and the girls

were provided accomodation in our hostel. The numbers started increasing as the situation grew worse. People started taking shelter under flat roofs for the safety of their lives. Since our hostel is spacious and has the additional advantage of its flat roof, university lecturers, hospital staff and people from the neighbourhood all ran in for shelter. The resident members of the staff and the few girls who remained in the hostel were called upon to help those in need. The known and the unknown, the rich and the poor, the baby and the aged were all under our roof for three months. The hostel was converted into family units to provide accomodation for the members of the staff and others closely connected with the college. Work was hard, heavy and trying at times. But we organised ourselves and were able to care for all those in need. During the day everybody's only aim was to find food for survival. At dusk all that we could do was to gather around and sing God's glory and seek his help. We thank God for guiding us safely through those difficult times and sparing us to see a new life in the New Year.

On the 15th of November 1987, we received the sad news of the passing away of Mrs. C. O. Elias, mother of our warden on 12th November in Kerala. We record our deep sympathies.

In 1988 it had been very unusual to have a family stay with us for 2 terms. Mrs. Indrani Jeyakumaran a member of the staff and her three children



Dilani Yr. 5, Dinesh Yr. 4, and Deluxion Yr. 3 were with us during the absence of Rev. Jeyakumaran who was abroad on an assignment to continue his theological studies at Princeton University, U. S. A. It had been a very rare experience living with a mother and small children making our hostel life all the more homely for us, boarders. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Jeyakumaran for her services as acting warden in the absence of Miss. Elias in January and February 1988

Our hostel union meetings are held on Thursdays at 8.30 p.m. we have a variety of programmes. At one of the meetings Mrs. Jeyakumaran addressed us on her experiences in Andhra Pradesh where she was one of the two delegates sent by J. D. C. S. I. to attend a conference

Mr. T. Visvanathan, another member of our staff retired after a long period of service to the college. At his farewell function we garlanded him at the top of our lane.

In August the Howland Hall was converted into a reception hall at the wedding of Mrs. Jeyanthi Mithiraranjan a lady member of the college staff

Covers were laid for about 600 guests. We thank the authorities for giving our hostel a new look.

The much looked forward to Boarders Day was celebrated this year. We fully participated in all events. We were placed second in the drama competition. The prize for the best actress was awarded to Miss. M. Kalayini. We won the 'Thaachy' match played against the Sanders Hostel. We were sorry that we were not able to have all the events that we would have normally had on the Boarders day. The day's programmes ended with a high tea. However we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly.

We knew that Mr. Kadirgamar was to retire on the 27th of October. We were aware of the many functions that would be held for him On October 1st. So we invited Mr. Kadirgamar. Our retiring Principal and Mrs. Kadirgamar to lunch with us particularly because we wanted to give an opportunity for every member of the hostel to meet them personally to express their thanks and bid them farewell. We are happy that the poem that we composed for the occasion adorns his hall at his new residence.

Keep the tender smile always to brighten up the day  
And your helping hand, that guided us all on our way  
Didn't we hear the cheering word, the way of being kind  
In our life, your listening ear, when something was in mind  
Rain or sun, the changeless love, the heart that's always true  
Good to say that all these words truly apply to you  
And so congrats', the best of wishes too  
May many joys from now onwards comfort be to you  
And future years in God's good work, your dreams to fulfill  
Reading, writing are pleasures, you seek to do God's will.



On the same occasion we felicitated Dr. S. Jebanesan our new Principal, and Mrs. Jebanesan.

We are very fortunate to have a place like Howland Hall for our residence. A tea party, a lunch and even a wedding reception takes place in the Howland Hall. During the second term at such functions, we get opportunities of listening to good speeches and also to be of service by waiting at table. We welcome such functions for our reward is a good lunch.

We have come to the end of our report. It is our duty to express our thanks to the administration, works department and our warden for the care taken over us to make our stay at the hostel happy and comfortable. We also thank Thevarajan for faithfully working for us and for being available at our beck and call.

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

## Chelliah Hostel Report—1987/88

### 1987

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
President :	S. Muralitharan	S. Rajkumar	S. Kapilan
Secretary :	S. Kapilan	M. Suthdasan	K. Kavirajan

### Office Bearers

### 1988

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
President :	S. JeyaAnton	K. Uthayakumar	S. Uiroviam
Secretary :	J. P. Julius	V. Donald	Jeya Anton

It is with great pleasure that we present this report for the years 1987 and 88, though this was a difficult period due to the disturbing situation around us.

During these years our numbers increased to 46 students. The Members of the hostel played an active part in all activities of the College. In 1987, Naveendran and Bernard Ramesh represented the College 3rd eleven Cricket team.

ThevaSuthan, Kapilan, Ranjanathas, Thilakaraj, Muralitharan and Ramana-thas were in the 3rd eleven Soccer team. In 1988, Julius, JeyaAnton, Peter represented the College 3rd eleven Cricket and Soccer team. T. Donald was in the 2nd eleven Soccer team. Julius, Jeya-Anton and Jesoran were in the Basket-ball team.

Gunaseelan won the under 15 championship at the Inter house Athletic



meet held in 1988, Naveendran was a councillor in 1987. The hostellers fared well in the G. C. E. (O)L) Examinations held in 1987 and 88.

In the Drama Competition held for the 1988 Boarder's Day, Chelliah hostel won the 1st place while Jeya-Anton got the best actors award.

We had a change of warden at the beginning of 1988. Mr. E. S. Selvarajah took over this post from Mr. G. Rajanayagam, who left us as he had to hold more responsibility as supervisor of the Junior School. While we con-

gratulate Mr. G. Rajanayagam on his new appointment, we also thank him for his valuable services to us in the past years. We welcome our new warden Mr. E. S. Selvarajah, Mr. A. Athisayathan our subwarden left us on two years study leave to join the Training College. We wish him well.

It is our duty to express our sincere gratitude to the principal, vice-principal, the wardens, the sub-wardens and the office staff and kitchen staff for their care, guidance and concern for our well being.

Jeya Anton  
Secretary

## Sander's Hostel

Report for the Years 1987 - 88

### OFFICE BEARERS

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
<b>1987</b>			
<b>President :</b>	S. Yogarajah	T. Kandeepan	Daniel Punitharaj
<b>Secretary :</b>	D. Sathees	Daniel Punitharaj	T. Yogarajah
<b>1988</b>			
<b>President :</b>	D. Mathireuban	K. Illankumaran	David Mathanaraj
<b>Secretary :</b>	S. Yutharajah	S. Thayalan	R. Bubby

It is with great pleasure that I present the report of our hostel for the years 1987-88. The years under review have been unsettled for this part of the country. Yet I thank God for His mercies in keeping us safe within the Campus.

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The number in the hostel has been 15 and made up of students from the Years 5 to 7. The decision of the Principal to house us in the long room adjoining the Warden's quarters has proved to be a great success.



Coming as we do from distant places such as Killinochi and Murikandy straight from the custody of our parents this arrangement has given us an alternate home to begin a hostel life. The hostel has become a second home for us.

The day to day activities of study and play as well as the daily Chapel services and the weekly Union meetings have been enjoyable. Our members have been active participants in the Sunday evening Service and in Hostel Christian Students Association that meets regularly in the Ottley hall.

I must make mention of Sathees Daniel, Jeyachandran, Yogarajah, and Daniel Punitharaj who won many of the Indoor competitions in Table Tennis, Carrom, Badminton and Chess in 1987 and the names of David Mathanaraj, Bubby and Selvantha who won in the same competitions in 1988.

The Boarders' Day last year was very enjoyable and the Talent Contest

and Inter -hostel Dramas were very interesting.

We regret very much the loss of many precious and innocent lives during the past two years, and we hope that Peace would soon return to our Society.

I wish to record a special word of gratitude to our Retiring Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar and Mrs. Kadirgamar for all that they have done to the Boarding Community during the past 20 years they were in charge of Administration, and for their concern in our welfare. We welcome the new Principal Dr. S. Jebanesan and Mrs. Jebanesan and wish them well.

And finally we thank both the Principals, Vice Principals the Supervisors, our Warden, Mrs. Sinniah, the Caterer and his kitchen Staff for their concern, kindness and guidance given throughout the past two years.

**R. Bubby**  
Secretary

## Levi Spaulding Home — 1987/88

It is with great pleasure, that I submit this report for the year 1987 & 88. In our home there are many students of different ages who come from all parts of this country.

### Members :

There are 77 members in our home and of these, 30 in years 6, 7 & 8,

23 in years 9 & 10, 6 in year 11 and 8 in the Advanced Level classes.

### Meetings :

The home meetings are held on Saturday Nights Student's speeches, songs, dramas, Kavithai and such students' programmes are very lively and useful. Daily, we have prayers, after



the first studies at 7-30 p. m. Our home students have identified themselves with accademic, sports and extra curricular activities in the College.

**Welcome :**

**Farewell :**

We feel very sad, when we realise that the Principal is to retire this year. Mr. & Mrs. Kadirgamar have been the foster parents for many generations and we shall always remain grateful for all that they have done and been to us. We

We would like to welcome our Principal elect Dr. S. Jebanesan. We thank God that his knowledge in Tamil, English & Christianity will be useful for all of us. We are very happy to have him as the new Principal. We wish him well.

**87 Office Bearers :**

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
<b>Warden :</b>	Mr. S. A. Paulraj		
<b>Sub-Warden :</b>	Mr. D. S. Solomon and N. Victor Jeyakumar		
<b>President :</b>	S. P. Gunaseelan	A. Premananthan	S. Saseelan
<b>Secretary :</b>	N. Robert Thevraajah	F. Johnson	S. Selvakumar
<b>Tamil Choir :</b>	1. S. P. Gunaseelan (Leader) 2. S. Vijayakumar 3. G. Daniel 4. A. Premananthan 5. N. Robert Thevarajah 6. S. Sasikumar	7. A. Jeevananthan 8. R. Satkunarajah 9. S. Sriharan 10. S. Balakumar 11. D. Melvin 12. F. Nixon	
<b>English Choir :</b>	1. S. P. Gunaseelan (Leader) 2. S. Vijayakumar 3. A. Premananthan 4. G. Daniel	5. N. Robert 6. D. Melvin 7. S. Sriharan	
<b>School Council : 1987 / 88</b>	Gen. Councillor : S. Vijayakumar Councillors : G. Daniel Mathiyalagan A. Premananthan T. Muralitharan		
<b>College Band :</b>	S. P. Gunaseelan N. Robert Thevarajah		
<b>Brotherhood :</b>	3rd Term President : A. Premananthan		
<b>Library Monitor :</b>	S. Vijayakumar		
<b>Leo Club</b>	2nd Vice-President : Leo G. Daniel Mathialagan Member : Leo S. Vijayakumar		



**Sports 87 / 88**

Cricket	: 1st XI	: S. Vijayakumar, F. Johnson A. Premananthan, S. Vinothan G. Daniel
	: 2nd XI	: S. Ramesh, F. Nixon S. P. Gunaseelan, S. Uthayarajah P. Uthayakumar K. Uthamaseelan
	3rd XI	: S. Mohanbabu, S. Sasikumar T. Muralitharan, F. Richard R. Mahendran, A. Jeevananthan
Soccer	: 1st XI	: S. Vijayakumar, F. Johnson G. Daniel, A. Premananthan S. P. Gunaseelan, S. Ramesh P. Uthayakumar, S. Vinothan
	: 2nd XI	: K. Uthamaseelan F. Nixon, S. Mohanbabu
	: 3rd XI	: T. Muraleetharan, S. Sasikumar R. Mahendran, S. Uthayanan A. Jeevanantham, Jebarajah
Hockey	: 1st XI	: S. Vijayakumar, G. Daniel A. Paramanathan
Tennis Club	:	S. Vijayakumar

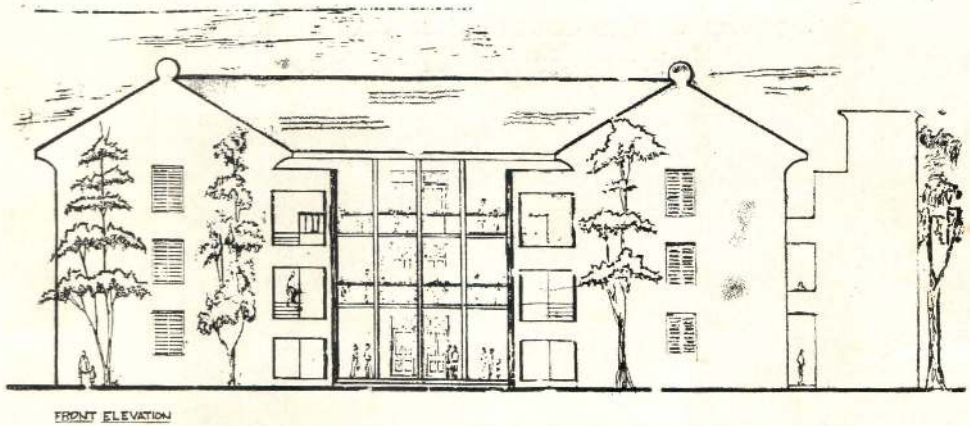
**1988 Office Bearers :**

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
Warden	Mr. S. A. Paulraj		
Sub - Warden	Mr. D. S. Solomon & Mr. N. Victor Jeyakumar		
President	S. Selvakumar	K. Shankar	S. Uthayarajh
Secretary	N. Kanthakumar	S. Ramesh	L. Angelo Anton
S. C. M. 1988	2nd Term	3rd Term	
President	S. P. Gunaseelan		—
Vice President	A. Premananthan		A. Premananthan
Secretary	S. Vijayakumar		G. Daniel
Asst - Secretary	G. Daniel		—
Treasurer	N. Robert		—
Committee Members	S. Ramesh & S. Selvakumar		S. P. Gunaseelan
J. I. C. C. F. 1988			
Secretary	S. P. Gunaseelan		
School Representative	S. Vijayakumar		
Y. M. C. A. 87 / 88			
Board Member	: S. Vijayakumar		

**D. S. Salomon**



## THE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL BLOCK



Plan of the Block — Front Elevation



The Block Construction Underway



Laying of the foundation Stone for the  
Primary School 27-6-1989



Left to Right : Mr. Paul Mailhot, Mr. W. D. Kula-  
thungam, Dr. S. Jebanesan, Mr. Edward Marks,  
Charge D. Affairs, U. S. Embassy.



# JAFFNA COLLEGE

## PRIZE GIVING-1989

### CHIEF GUESTS

**Professor A. Thurairajah Ph D (Cantab)**

Vice Chancellor, University of Jaffna.

and

**Mrs. A. Thurairajah**

### PROGRAMME

Chairman

Hymn

Prayer

Welcome

Principal's Report

Choral Recitation

Oriental Dance

Narration

Western Orchestra

Address

Prize Distribution

Vote of Thanks

- **Principal**
- **'O God our help in Ages Past'**
- **Sevak Sam Alfred**
- **Mas. Niranjan Thurairatnam**  
(Primary School)
- **Dr. S. Jebanesan**

**Mas. J. Thevananth**

- **Prof. A. Thurairajah**  
Vice Chancellor University of Jaffna
- **Mrs. A. Thurairajah**
- **Mas. N. Nithiarajan**  
President, School Council
- **Mr. K. C. Kadirgamar**

College Song



## OPENING PRAYER

by

Sevak Sam Alfred

O' Lord our God the Author and giver of all good things, We thank Thee for all Thy mercies. We lift up our hearts in gratitude to Thee for all Thy loving kindness and guidance. We bless Thee for the gift of life, for protection round about us in the midst of turmoil and tears. We thank Thee for Thy guiding and comforting hands upon us. We thank Thee for friendship and duty, for good hopes and precious memories, for the joys that cheer us and the trials that teach us to trust in Thee.

O' God our heavenly Father, prosper, we beseech Thee with Thy blessing on Jaffna College, founded by Thy servants for the Glory of Thy name and for the upliftment of the people

We thank Thee O Lord for the great vision which Thou didst give for the founders of this College; We thank Thee, for the continued link that has been preserved to the present day.

Grant O' Lord to all those who serve Thee, in this College, the Principal Staff and other members and the students with the brightness of Thy ever lasting presence, that their lives in and outside the class room may be a real living witness to Thee.

O' Lord teach us more self denial, teach us to sacrifice our comforts to

others, Make us kindly in thought, gentle in word, and generous in deed.

God we pray for all those who have been sent out into the world from this College and who are serving Thee and mankind in various fields. Be with them and bless them.

Send O' Lord, Thy blessing on this College, may this institution, strive with one heart and mind to make this College more and more pleasing to Thee.

We pray at this time for all who are called to lead the children and youth in thy path and for all those who have taken teaching as a Ministry. Help us and help all those who are in this great teaching Ministry, espically here at Jaffna College, that they may lead the students to be good citizens of this island.

Open our eyes to see Thy yearning love before every one who claims for help. Remind us that if we fail Thee-

O' Lord we offer Thee ourselves, to be Thy hands and feet. Through us let the message of Thy love go forth into the waiting world.

May Thy kingdom come and may Thy will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth, are one God, world without end - Amen -



## Prize Report

Prof. A. Thuraijah, Mrs. Thuraijah, Chairman and members of the Board of Directors, Parents, Alumni and Friends :

It is my privilege to welcome you all most warmly at this function which is the most important event of the year in our calendar. It is an occasion when we review our past, reward those who have performed meritoriously and form opinions of the possibilities of furthering our objectives. It is also an occasion when the pupils and their parents, alumni and well-wishers, the Management and the staff gather in an atmosphere of harmony, cordiality and fraternity.

It is a rare privilege to have as our chief guests Professor and Mrs. Thuraijah. Professor Thuraijah is one of the most brilliant and distinguished products of Jaffna. He had his early education at American Mission College, Udupiddy and Hartley College. He followed a course in Civil Engineering at the University and established a record which remains unbeaten to this day. He has served as a teacher at the University for a period of twenty-seven years, and during this long period he held the chair of Civil Engineering at the University of Peradeniya, and subsequently became the dean of the Engineering faculty. He has attained an enviable position as an academic and as a specialist in Soil Science. He

has contributed about three dozens of research papers to professional and academic journals in Sri Lanka and abroad, and enjoys an international reputation. No Tamil University academic who is presently in service has won so much of international recognition as he has, and if there is one man who could consolidate and expand the University of Jaffna it is Professor Thuraijah and he alone. Besides, he is a man of humility, simple ways, cultivated manners and with an unsullied reputation for integrity and honesty. His commitment to his profession, to the promotion of research and the responsibility he assumes, has always been total. We are thankful to Providence for we have in our midst a man of such accomplishments and character as Vice-Chancellor of our University. He has always resisted the temptation to seek better pastures abroad because of the love he has for his land and his people. Even in the island he has cast away the opportunities of accumulating substantial monthly earnings for the sake of identifying himself with the aspirations of our people and deciding to assume duties at the University of Jaffna.

Professor Thuraijah's success at the University as a teacher and his popularity among staff and students are largely due to the grace, unlimited patience and the charming ways exhibited by Mrs. Thuraijah. She has been bearing the full responsibility of looking



after the home and bringing up their children while her husband used to spend the entire hours of the day and many hours of the late evening at his desk, whether in the Dean's office or in the laboratories. She has earned a reputation as a good host among University circles and she exemplifies the ideals of our Tamil womanhood.

This is the first report I am presenting in my capacity as Principal of this great institution. I would express my grateful thanks to God for having given me this opportunity to serve in this capacity. I was appointed as Principal on the 27th October, 1988 after having served here for a period of nineteen years, as a teacher for seventeen years and then as Co-Vice Principal for the remaining two years. I made full use of the opportunities provided by Jaffna College and the Board of Directors for furthering my academic interest and enriching my knowledge. It was during this period that I followed four postgraduate courses and successfully completed them. I am thankful to the Board of Directors for giving me scholarship to follow the M. A. (Philosophy) course at the Tamilnadu Theological Seminary. I consider it a rare privilege to have written two postgraduate dissertations on the work of the American Ceylon Mission, and I am again thankful to God and to the authorities of Jaffna College to have given me the facilities to accomplish these attainments. These have stirred in my consciousness a deep and unshakable commitment to

the well-being and progress of Jaffna College to which I owe almost everything that I achieved in my academic career.

It is my hope that Providence will continue to guide me in the years to come to discharge my responsibility to the Institution and help towards realising further the ideals it epitomizes. It is my earnest hope that you will extend to me the courtesy of understanding and cooperation in my efforts towards reviving and consolidating the traditions of this Institution and make it once again the most distinguished centre of learning in our land.

I wish to place on record the co-operation extended to me in my career at Jaffna College by the former Principal, Mr. A. Kadirgamar, the former vice-Principal Mr. A. Rajasingam and other members of the staff.

Improvement of the quality of education, maintenance of staff and student discipline, and establishing harmonious and close ties with the community outside the school are three items to which I have given priority since my appointment.

Student discipline inside the school premises, and specially at ceremonial functions have been found to be impressive and some members of the public have already expressed most favourable impressions about the matter. I am happy to note that Jaffna College is one of the very few schools in the peninsula that works double sessions.



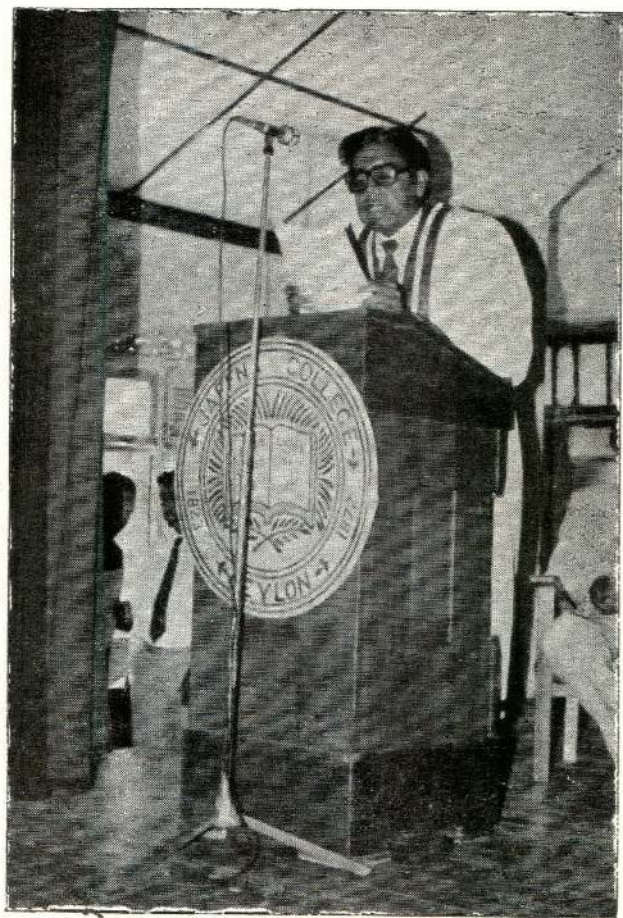
## PRIZE GIVING — 1989



Vice Chancellor Prof. A. Thuraijah delivering the Prize Day Address



## PRIZE GIVING — 1989



Principal Reading his Report



I have taken steps to ensure that teaching and examination work at all levels in the school are conducted as efficiently and regularly as possible under the circumstances. Action has been taken to persuade the staff to pay serious attention. The attendance register of the staff is carefully maintained. Besides, a record of work relating to teaching is regularly maintained and this is inspected by me personally and the other officers of the College. The other officers of the College are now required to submit a terminal report of the written work done by the students in the classrooms. In relation to this matter I wish to express my thanks to Mr. K. Pooranampillai whose advice has provided me with inspiration in this respect.

#### **In Memoriam :**

Dr. James T. Rutnam, one of the leading representatives of the old generation of our community passed away on 4th November, 1988. For a period of over sixty years he had been a regular columnist in the principal newspapers that were being published in the island. He was political activist, social worker and a bibliophile. He was very much interested in history, politics, government art and literature. He probably had the best private collection of books in the island, and he deposited the entire collection at the Institute which he established in the vicinity of Thirunelvely in memory of his beloved wife Evelyn, and named after her. The land, the buildings, the equipment and the entire collection of

books belonging to this Institute were gifted by him to Jaffna College in 1986. This is the greatest and most valuable gift we have ever received. We are indebted to him and his family, and we hope that we could honour the trust reposed in us.

Mr. R. E. J. A. Setukavalar served as a member of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College during the critical period when a part of our institution was taken over by the Government in 1974. His loyalty to the institution and his comitment to the ideals for which it had stood were deep. Mr. Setukavalar died on 27 December, 1988, and by his passing away we have lost an able, lovable and trustworthy friend and a champion of our causes.

It is with regret that we note the passing away of Mr. T. Ponnambalam who served as a music teacher at Jaffna College for a long period of thirty-five years. He was conscientious in the performance of his duties and earned the goodwill and respect of all his colleagues and friends by his simplicity and generosity. Mr. Ponnambalam died on the 14th February, 1989, and the school was closed at 12-00 noon as a mark of respect.

#### **Staff :**

There are fifty-seven members on the academic staff 45 in the secondary school and 12 in the primary school, and there are 9 members on the non-academic staff. Of the fifty-seven on the



academic staff 35 are graduates with 16 holding trained or post graduate qualifications ; 13 are trained or specialist teachers ; and 8 teachers with Advanced Level qualifications. There are 13 jubilarians on the present staff, and of the academic staff, 31 are men and 26 are women.

The following teachers retired during the course of last year. Principal Kadirgamar, Mr. R. Kandiah, Mr. P. Marianayagam.

Mr. A. Kadirgamar who earned the distinction of having been the Principal for a period of twenty years retired in October last year. He took a very keen interest in the affairs of Jaffna College during the most unfavourable circumstances. With his confidence and spirit of buoyancy he surmounted many hurdles that came in his way and sustained the spirit of his colleagues, many of whom have a deep sense of affection and loyalty towards him. We hope that he will continue to show the same degree of concern and interest in the affairs of the school and will be a source of strength to us in the coming years.

Mr. R. Kanthiah who was a well qualified and competent teacher of English, relinquished his position at the end of last year, and I wish to place on record our appreciation of his qualities as a man and teacher. Mr. Kanthiah had put in seven years of service here.

Mr. P. Marianayagam who taught Agriculture for a period of two years also left us during the course of last year and we are thankful to him for his services.

We welcome into our midst Mr. S. Sahayaseelan with a B. A. Honours degree in Political Science from the University of Jaffna.

Mr. N. A. Vimalendran who attended the 37th session of the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies of Bossey, Switzerland from the 15th October, 1988 resumed duties at College on the 1st March, 1989. He travelled extensively in Europe and I am happy to note that the paper that he submitted on "Justice Peace and Integrity in the context of struggling and suffering people in Sri Lanka" was well received. He is the Head of the newly created Department of Computer Science which is expected to make substantial progress soon.

Mr. G. Nadarajah, our Commerce teacher has been selected to follow the Diploma in Education course at the University of Jaffna and he will be on study leave from the beginning of second term this year.

Miss H. A. Thambinayagam has been selected to follow the two year Teacher training course at the Government Teachers College, Kopay. She is on study leave from February, 1989.

Mr. A. D. Adisayathan who is now following the Teacher Training course



at Kopy is expected to resume duties in 1990.

#### **On Roll :**

We have on roll 1,374 students with 572 in the Senior Secondary School ; 427 in the Junior Secondary School and 375 in the Primary School. There are 908 boys and 466 girls, and 34 students in the London Ordinary and Advanced Level classes.

#### **Admissions :**

163 students were admitted - 81 to the Primary School ; 64 to the Junior Secondary School and 18 to the Senior School.

#### **Additional Classes :**

We have made arrangements to conduct TOFEL classes (Teaching of English as a Foreign Language) since March, 1989. The classes are conducted by Dr. Robert and the response is found to be very encouraging, and at present there are 17 students involved in the programme.

As some students have expressed a desire to study French we are planning to make provision for the teaching of French during the course of the year with the cooperation of Alliance Francaise in Jaffna.

We continue to provide the London G. C. E. Advanced Level and Ordinary Level classes in the English medium. Dr. Robert Porter has been appointed Patron of the Literary Association of these classes.

We are in the process of making arrangements for providing a course in tertiary education at Jaffna College.

#### **Examinations :**

##### **G. C. E. Ordinary Level Examination December, 1987 (held in July, 1988):**

137 students sat the examination. 108 students passed in five or more subjects. The following numbers qualified for the G. C. E. Advanced Level classes : Bio - 17, Maths - 24 & Arts/Commerce - 43

##### **G. C. E. Ordinary Level Examination December, 1988 (held in Feb. 1989):**

100 students sat the examination and are awaiting results.

##### **G. C. E. Ordinary Level Examination — December, 1987 (held in July, 1988) :**

100 Students sat the examination 19 students passed in three subjects and 40 students passed in four subjects. 43 students obtained the minimum qualification for University admission and are waiting for their first form.

For the G. C. E. Ordinary Level examination of December, 1988 which was conducted in February, 1989 we arranged special classes during the months of January and February, and we are thankful to Messrs. W. D. Kulatungam, G. Rajanayagam, P. L. Manuelpillai, K. Sathasivam, T. Sivashanmuganathan and N. Thatparanathan for coaching those students before the examination.



## **Sports :**

### **Cricket :**

Our Cricket team played in all four matches during the first term. The first match of the season was with Mahajana College which ended in a draw. The next match was played against Manipay Hindu College at the Brown field which resulted in a victory for Jaffna College by an innings and three runs. On the 6th March a match was played at the Brown field against St. John's College which was won by the latter by an innings and 50 runs. The 72nd Battle of the the Golds (Jaffna College Vs. St. Patrick's College) was played at the latter's ground and this match ended in a draw. The following week on the 18th of March the fourth encounter of the Battle of the Golds for the Rajan Kadirgamar challenge cup for a limited over match was played at the Brown field where our college won the match by an exciting one run and retained the cup for the fourth successive year.

### **Gymnasium :**

An important event of the college was the ceremonial opening of the George Gymnasium established to commemorate the contribution made by the members of the George family to the progress of sports at Jaffa College. The former Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar was invited as the chief guest for this ceremony which took place on the 23rd February. I am happy to know that the Gymnasium is

attracting a large number of students. Mr. M. D. Thambirajah trains our students in gymnastics with much enthusiasm.

### **Tennis :**

There is a great amount of enthusiasm for tennis. Many students are taking up to the game. At the Luther Selvarajah Tournament held at the end of last year R. Arukshan annexed the Under 18 boys singles championship, and again R. Arukshan and S. Kapilan won the Under 18 boys doubles championship.

### **Soccer :**

The college soccer team was captained by N. Nithiarajan. The team played four inter-school matches and won one, drew two and lost one. The Under 17 team was captained by S. Vinathan and the Under 15 team by S. Mohan Babu.

### **Hockey :**

The College team could not play in the Inter-School matches last year. The team played three friendly matches of which they won two and drew one.

### **Badminton :**

Many students are playing Badminton now as we have an indoor court and it could be played throughout the year. We played friendly matches with the Jaffna College Institute of Technology.

### **Table Tennis :**

A number of students are taking up to this game. A great deal more



PRIZE GIVING – 1989



A Section of those present

JUNIOR ALL ROUND SPORTSMAN – 1988



Mas. S. Vinothan



**S. V. BALASINGHAM**  
**Memorial Scholar - 1988**



**Mas. K. Sujaharan**

**SENIOR ALL ROUND SPORTS MAN - 1988**  
**AND WINNER OF THE "GOLD" MEDAL**



**Mas. N. Nithiaranjan**



has to be done to raise the standard of table tennis at Jaffna College.

#### **Netball :**

Though practices were held regularly no matches were played. The Department of Education did not hold the inter-schools tournament in 1988.

I am obliged to record our indebtedness to Mr. T. Anandaratnam Head of the Department of Physical Education. During his long period of service at Jaffna College as a Teacher Mr. Anadaratnam has identified himself with Jaffna College to such an extent that it is generally said that he spends twelve hours of the day in the school premises. He has taken special care in all the sports activities and has maintained a very cordial relationship with all those who were under his care. Our performances in the field of sports during the past two decades was largely due to the inspiration and guidance provided by him to our teams.

We also wish to thank Mr. A. Jeyarajan, the coach of the first XI Cricket team ; Mr. M. D. Thambirajah, the coach of the second XI team ; Mr. T. Nithiaratnam, the coach of the third XI team, and our thanks are also due to Mr. V. Selvaratnam the coach of indoor games. Miss S. P. Gulasingam, Miss S. S. Selvadurai and Miss K. Rajendra for coaching the Netball teams.

#### **Religious Activities :**

We started the first term programme with a retreat in collaboration with the

teachers of Uduvil Girls College. It was most ably conducted by the Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar. All the evening services at the Cathedral Church are now conducted in English with a view to providing an opportunity for the young people to familiarise themselves with the service order in English. We are appreciative of the efforts made by Mr. G. Rajanayagam head of the department of religious activities in organising the activities of the department as efficiently as possible.

#### **Library :**

I have pleasure to record that I was able to enlist the services of Dr. S. Packianathan, an experienced librarian to rearrange and reorganise the Daniel Poor Library. With his assistance the whole collection of books comprising a total of 29,000 volumes have been classified, catalogued and shelved. Similar progress has been made in respect of archival collection and now our reader-service had been put on an efficient footing. A substantial addition has already been made to an impressive collection.

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

The Young Idea, our student journal which is published regularly was released on 23rd January by Dr. S. Maunaguru who commended the quality of the publication.

#### **Primary School :**

As usual our Primary school conducted many activities during the course



of last year. Their Christmas programme deserves special mention on account of its quality. They were able to conduct the sports meet under most forbidding circumstances. We are thankful to Mrs. L. B. Thambyrajah for managing the affairs of the Primary school commendably as in the past years.

#### **Hostels :**

There are 119 boarders in the four hostels of the College. We have set apart one lakh of rupees for boarding scholarships for deserving students. For effective counselling and guidance we have divided the Boarders into fellowship groups. Each resident teacher takes charge of about ten students. They will have close supervision over their studies and general progress. We have also plans to start a mess each at Bunker and Howland Halls next term. I am thankful to the vice-principal Mr. W. D. Kulathungam, the wardens, sub-wardens and Mr. V. Ganesharatnam for the efficient running of the hostels.

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

The Alumni Association in London has made a donation of £1,350-00 to be utilized for scholarships of needy students. They also made a contribution of £250-00 for our alumni association. The Women's Board of Pacific (Hawaii) has contributed a sum of US\$200 through the auspices of Miss M. S. Elias towards a scholarship fund. The Western Board of Pacific also contributed Rs. 17,143/- in 1988 for the same purpose.

Mr. S. Sundaralingam of Vaddukoddai East has donated Rs. 5,000/- in memory of his departed daughter Ranjini Sundaralingam who was in the Advanced Level class.

We deeply appreciate these gestures

#### **Jaffna College Complex :**

I am happy to inform you that the Evelyn Rutnam Institute which belongs to Jaffna College has maintained its standing amidst forbidding circumstances, and has now embarked on a full programme of academic seminars, lectures and cultural programmes. There is every indication that members of the public and sections of the academic community are evincing a more possible concern in the work of that institute. We are thankful to Professor S. Pathmanathan the Director of the Institute for organising the Programmes of the Institute.

Mr. M. G. Pillainayagam, the Director of the Institute of Technology who is now in the U. S. A., on study leave has been given an extension of his leave by one year. Mr. S. A. P. Thurairatnam, a senior lecturer is functioning as the acting Director of the Institute. We wish to thank him for his services.

Mr. C. Jeyaratnam who served as Principal of the Jaffna College Institute of Agriculture for the past five years retires at the end of this month. We are indebted to him for guiding this institute efficiently during this period.



Mr. A. Kadirgamar has been appointed the acting Director of the Christian Institute for the Study of Religion & Society, and he has plans of reorganising the Institute and its programmes. We wish him well.

We are thankful Mr. I. Balasubramaniam, lecturer in Civil Engineering at the Jaffna College Institute of Technology for supervising the construction at our branch school at Paranthan. The staff quarters will be completed in June this year and the classrooms in September. The branch school at Paranthan will be opened during the course of 1989 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Dr. Daniel Poor's birth.

#### Board of Directors :

I have pleasure in welcoming Mr. S. S. Selvadurai who has been elected

chairman of the Board of Directors. Miss C. V. Selliah continues to serve as Secretary and Mr. A. Rajasingam continues as the Treasurer. Mr. K. Pooranampillai is on sabbatical. Mr. A. C. Canagarajah returns to us after being on sabbatical. We welcome the Rt. Rev. J. J. Gnana-pragasam and Mr. C. E. Rajasingam who have been newly appointed as members of the Board of Directors.

#### Board of Trustees :

We had the privilege of having in our midst for a brief period Rev. Paul C. Clayton, a member of the Board of Trustees in New York. He came to Vaddukoddai on the 5th of March and had separate meetings with the Board of Directors, the staff and students. We were encouraged by his cordiality and concern for our institution.

#### Visitors :

Apart from Rev. Paul C. Clayton,  
Rev. Thomas O'leary  
Mrs. Audrey O Shepherd  
Mr. Evan Farrar

and Mr. C. B. Bavinck  
and Mr. Paul J. Mailhot

- of St. Andrews Church of Scotland
- CCF officer, Toronto, Canada
- Theological student, UCBWM, New York
- Member of the Board of Trustee
- Second Secretary for Political affairs U. S. Embassy, Colombo.

also visited us during the first term of 1989.

#### Thanks :

I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to all the members of the staff — academic, clerical and minor, and all the students for the enthusiasm, cooperation and loyalty shown during the past five months.

A special word of thanks to the vice-principal, Mr. W. D. Kulatungam; the supervisors of the Junior Secondary school and Primary School and to the very closely knit office staff.

To God the Father we remain ever grateful for all the mercies showered on us.



# Prize Day Address

by

**Prof. A. Thurairajah**

Vice-Chancellor, University of Jaffna

Delivered on 5th April 1989.

**Principal, Dr. Jebanesan, Members of the Board of Directors, Teachers of Jaffna College, Parents, Alumni, Ladies and Gentlemen.**

I am very happy to state that members of the **Board of Directors** who are partly responsible for my success in life are present here. I wish to name them: **My old teacher, Mr. S. S. Selvadurai**, who is the new **Chairman of the Board of Directors** and **Mr. A. Rajasingham** who was at **Hartley College** and is now the **Treasurer of the Board of Directors**. I spent quite a lot of time with them outside the classroom, and I am happy to see them amidst the audience. In addition my **Principal at Hartley College Mr. K. Pooranampillai** is also with us.

My wife and I are very thankful to the **Jaffna College** community for inviting us to participate in the **Prize-Giving Ceremony**. My association with **Jaffna College** is mainly through its sister college, namely the **Udupiddy American Mission College**, where I studied up to my **Senior School Certificate**. Of course I have served in the **Council of the Jaffna College Institute of Technology** for some years. So, I must say that my wife and I are very

happy to be with you this morning. I also want to congratulate the students of **Jaffna College** who have won prizes both for **academic work and sports**. Sports is neglected in this part of the country due to various reasons. Special efforts have to be made to encourage sports. I am happy that the college is taking steps in that direction and I can see that from the **Principal's Report**.

While congratulating the winners I wish to tell the others not to be disheartened because only a few can get the prizes. You should continue to try and you also can be successful in whatever attempts you make.

## **Spirit of Volunteerism :**

Now coming to the College and its surroundings, I think I do not have to tell you the amount of hardships this part of the country had undergone during the past few years. There is an obligation on all of us to the society and to the young students of **Jaffna College**. We must dedicate ourselves to this cause because we see much suffering around us. We must dedicate ourselves for the development of this part of the country. You have a responsibility to the society, as much as I have, so, what is required is a sense of dedica-



tion, a spirit of volunteerism, a spirit to volunteer to help. We must volunteer to do things. Don't say, what is there for me, in return as it happens in a materialistic world such as the developed world. We are a people of the underdeveloped world. In the third world we see happiness in things other than materialism. A spirit of volunteerism should be developed among the youth of the country, the youth of this school. You will succeed in this and participate in the development of the Tamil nation. Now, when you go to think of development, obviously the question will be what are the resources we have for development. Resources are limited and development has to be within the resources available.

#### **Human Resources:**

We have to develop human resources through good education. Our teachers are dedicated to their profession. Well, that is how I saw them at Hartley College and at Udupiddy American Mission College.

We have good schools and we have Universities here. The University is a place for teaching and research, but that alone is not enough. The community needs guidance in this hour of distress. We have to go on expanding the work in the Universities.

Think of how we can contribute to the development of our society. Our courses and curriculum therefore must be geared towards this goal. Our teachers

in our Universities should have this in mind and participate in the development of the Tamil community. I have taught at Peradeniya for twenty years. At Peradeniya you can do anything as a teacher and the community does not worry too much about the University. This is not so in Jaffna. Jaffna people expect much from the Universities, from schools and so on. We have to yield the goods to the people. Education must be geared to the needs of the people.

I am pleased to state that the Faculty of Agriculture is taking shape in the University of Jaffna. This will have not only teaching facilities but also meet the requirements of the society. An Engineering Faculty too will soon emerge. This apart from the teaching and research will also work in the extension activities of the community. I hope this will take shape in the near future. Look at the state of education not only in Jaffna but in the whole country. The opportunities provided to our youth are limited because of the lack of facilities in Sri Lanka. It is worse in the North. Look at the state of the Technical College we have in Jaffna at Kokuvil with the assistance of the A. D. B. It is supposed to develop into an institution at the N. D. T. level as in Moratuwa. Money is provided for its use, but the money has still not reached Jaffna. I know that the other Technical Colleges in Sri Lanka are being developed and the only reason given for Jaffna is that "things are not normal in Jaffna".



I have been telling outside **Sri Lanka** and also in **Sri Lanka** that things are 'normal' in Jaffna. Because this is the **normalcy** we are going to have in **Sri Lanka** for the next ten or fifteen years. This is going to be way of life for us. There was a time when we older people non violent type, dominated in this part of the island. We could not survive in this situation. We ran away as refugees a number of times. But times have changed. People have changed. Here is a society different from a society in my days. This is going to be a "**normal**" society and we have to live in that society. We have to take steps assuring that things are "**normal**" and it is not going to be anything better. In this situation we must make every effort to develop the Technical College.

#### **Open University :**

Similarly there is an **Open University** in **Sri Lanka**. At the moment I am holding the position of **Professor of Civil Engineering** in this University, and from where I have been released to be the **Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jaffna**. This University has **four regional centres**, and one of them is in **Jaffna**. I am not sure how many parents or students are aware of the facilities available in this University. People who do not enter the educational stream through the normal channel like the **Advanced Level** can educate themselves and reach higher grades. In **Colombo** there is a **Centre of the Open University** and it is very popular. We have courses leading to degrees in **Science, Law and**

**Engineering**. This year we started the engineering programme. We have **Diploma** courses in **Technology and Management**. We have **certificate** courses in **English, pre-School education** and so on. But unfortunately many of our people are not making use of these facilities. Of course we charge fees, which is very small, when compared to the sum one has to pay when they send their children abroad.

I wish to make use of this opportunity to popularise this University. Because, we have to struggle hard to make this **Jaffna Centre** going. However, the number of students who are following these courses are very small.

**Technology** of course is very important. We need many technicians if one is thinking of developing this country. I am in the **Institution of Engineers in Sri Lanka**. Now, you know in this **Institution of Engineers in Sri Lanka** there are **mid grade and low grade technicians**. In **Jaffna** if a technician wants to become an engineer the only way is to enter the **Institution of Engineers** as a student. As a member he can go to **Colombo** to follow classes and obtain the **Institution of Engineers** qualification. Obviously only the people in **Colombo** and its suburbs will benefit by this. But people from **Jaffna** will not be able to benefit by this. One thing we have done now is to make the **Open University** qualifications recognised by the **Institution of Engineers**. If the **Open University** students want to become engineers, they can achieve this through the **Institution of Engineers**.



I am glad to find that **Jaffna College** has established the Institute of Technology and doing a great service to the country by providing Technicians. In fact, the Jaffna College Technical Institute has also asked for recognition by the Institution of Engineers and I hope they will get this soon.

### **Educational System :**

Now look at the educational system of this country. There are eight Universities in this country admitting people as full-time students. The ninth one is the **Open University** meant for people to do their studies at their own time at their own place. Now look at the intake. Even though more people are admitted to the Universities, the total increase has been a small number. Even now in 1989 the number is 6,000 per year, and this is very small compared to the population we have in this country. The State does not appear to be very keen on increasing the intake. Wherever I had the opportunity I had stated that education is a fundamental right. Every child should have access to education up to the degree level, but the reply I have got from educationalists who have influence, is that every person should have the right to education up to the advanced level, and not up to the degree level. Because, they fear that educated youth would rise against the society and challenge the set up if we do not give them job opportunities and so on. Well who are we to judge that? As far as possible the freedom for edu-

cation should be there. Open the doors of the Universities. Of course the state is reluctant to spend further on education. Sri Lanka is one of the countries which spends a very small percentage of the G. N. P. on higher education. It is true that we have the free education at school level, but the amount we spend on higher education is minimal. We should open the doors for higher education. I hope that Jaffna College has funds to establish **University level** courses once again and help in educating the masses in these areas.

The State is not keen on preparing graduates who are not employable. In other words, the country is not keen on giving education for the sake of education, like in **Arts, Humanities etc.** We are thinking of a materialistic world. We want to produce doctors, engineers, etc, who are employable. Let us have more people with degrees in Liberal Arts and so on. I must tell you that you should not be discouraged by the plight of the Colombo Private Medical College. It was the first college recognised as a degree awarding Institution which was set up entirely as a private enterprise. Money was put in by private individuals. The State had nothing to do with it. I am referring to the Institute of Technological Studies I. T. S., and I was in the Committee to evaluate this. We recommended to the Government that this could be an Institution for preparing students for Bachelors degree in Computer Science. If some opportunities can



be provided for some education in this part of the Country where assistance from Government is limited, it will be a great service.

### Importance of English :

While I am here I want to stress the importance of English. We have neglected **English** for a long time. Without English the people we produce will not be capable since everything is done mostly in **English**, though we cheat ourselves by saying we are teaching in Tamil and in Sinhala. They will not be capable men who will be able to think and write freely. Therefore the importance of English should be realised. The Government of the North-East province may allow us to do at least the Advanced Level classes in English. At least in the University we must think of providing more English. In the schools, we must stress the importance of English to our students.

### Jaffna College:

One thing I want to tell you here is that **Jaffna College** is a leading College. It has lots of influence when I see things in North America or in Colombo, Universities in the South remain closed for a long time. The people who are making use of this closure is again the privileged group. Many of them have gone to North America because only they are aware of the ways one can get grants to follow the courses in an American College. So it is the duty of people like **Dr. Robert Porter** and others who are here, to help the poor

students to gain admission to American Colleges.

Tell our students the ways and means of getting grants in these Colleges. I already find that you are conducting courses in TOFEL. Some of the Assistant Lecturers in the **Open University** have not been able to score well in the TOFEL. Without that we will not be able to get them admitted to the Universities in America.

The other thing is the **Sat** or the Scholarstic Aptitude Test. In Colombo they all know about this. They sit for this Examination and then they apply for admission to Colleges in North America. In North America you find these students, the children of well to do parents. Poor people in the South are unable to enter the Universities., like our engineering students who are unable to go to Peradeniya.

What schools should do is to puplicise ways and means of getting into American Universities where grants can be obtained, they have to sit for the TOFEL and **Sat** examinations. I am not telling them to go and stay in those countries, but at least let them go there and get educated, get their degrees and come back, so that we will have an educated, society in the North.

### National Development:

Talking of development, we think of the Natural Resources we have. I am





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SOCCER TEAM — 1989



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மன்றக் காப்பாளர் — 1989

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going to talk of the North - East. Due to the unfortunate events no development had taken place during the past ten years. One of the projects in which I am personally interested is the ground—water problems in the North. Even last year, ie, 1988, a sum of US \$700,000 was voted for this project. Not a single cent was spent on this project. The reason given was that "things are not normal". What are the resources we have?. We have and for agriculture, clay, salt, and lime for industries the country can develop lime salt and clay - based Industries and agro - based industry, i. e, industries based on Agriculture. In the Eastern province we have a very long coast - line. It has an enormous scope for fisheries. Though I am an Engineer I am personally interested in fisheries and aqua culture. In the North American Universities they are cultivating shrimps, oysters and they have become very important industry. I am interested in teaching these subjects for the development of the North - Eastern Province. In the State of Mississippi with 2½ million population, 90,000 acres have been set apart for fish - farming, i. e. inland fish, cat fish, is produced in large numbers. They produce 10,000 pounds of fish a year in one acre. Nowadays many countries are doing that. I don't know why we cannot do this. I hope that the Faculty of Agriculture will have a department of fisheries or aqua culture. Initially it can be a department and later it can develop in to a faculty. The coast - line of the North - Eastern province also affords much opportunity

for naval architecture marine engineering and so on. Courses in Engineering in the Jaffna University have been drawn up to cater for that.

We have forests, but we have been destroying the forests. We must learn to manage the forests and make use of the timber. We may have to develop courses in forestry.

### Our Youth :

Now what has happened to us ? Many of our youth have left our country and gone abroad for various reasons. Many of our young people in foreign countries are engaged in dirty and menial work. Earlier West Indians and Pakistanees were doing this work, and now Sri Lanka Tamils are doing that in many parts of the world. Drug trafficking is something in which some of our boys are involved.

As a Tamil Nation we would not like to see these. Money, is not everything. At least those of us who are here must make our country attractive to our people abroad so that they can return to the country and be with us. We ought to start this in schools and so on. Among our youth we have to calculate some sort of dedication to the nation. I know much has happened, through various movements. But that is not enough. Through the schools a dedication to the land—saying that this is your land and you should work for it. See the State of Israel. Destructions for them caused inspiration. Hitler killed six million Jews. We have faced similar



tragedies. This is one reason that can motivate our people, and we can encourage our people to move towards that direction. What is happening in the developed world? Family ties are breaking up; problems with the youth; violence with drugs and so on. They have become a materialistic society. Husband and wife have to earn, each one must own a car, so on. Otherwise they will not reach that level expected in North America. But kids left alone in the house take up to other things. This is the state in North America. I hope this will not happen here. Family ties are strong in our country. A house is still managed by the woman. When Brazil wanted to cut its forest America, said do not do that. So Brazil replied "you have developed, so we also wish to cut our forest and develop". Burning of forests and fossil fuels release various gases forming an impervious layer which, causes depletion of the **Ozone layer** gives the green house effect. It is said that within period of 30 to 40 years the temperature of this earth will go up at least by about 10% — 14%. What is going to be the result? The ice cap is going to melt. When the ice-cap melts the level of the sea will go up by about a metre. Maldives will go under water, and so will our coastline. They tell people they should at least to reduce the green-house effect, and this has an impact on development. It can lead to floods and drought as you read in the Bible, which never occurred in the present times.

Now I wish to add some thoughts on the development of the region. We owe something not only to our schools and universities, but also to the society, I think all of us should volunteer to take some part in the development of

the region. Whatever has been destroyed we have to build. We cannot expect the State to build everything. Every Tamil knows how much money funded by various Organizations reach the various part of the Tamil areas. Certain Organizations are participating in some development of our region. We must get involved in income generating projects and increase the income level of our people. I happen to be a member of such an NGO — namely, **The Ootru Organization**. I am the Chairman of the U. S A I. O Organization which is doing some Village Self - Reliance Growth Programme in certain areas through the US Aid. I find that the US and Canadian Governments have a feeling that these allocations do not reach the masses. They prefer these to be administered by **NGOS**. If People can volunteer, money would be available. They can build N. G. O. S. for specific purpose of development and obtain money from outside for development. This will upgrade the standard of our poor masses. We have to think far ahead; we must know what is happening in other countries, we must entertain new ideas.

The world we have made as a result of the level of thinking we have done so far created problems we cannot solve at the same level of thinking at which we created them. To solve these problems we must have a break through in thinking, and in thinking far ahead. There must be dedication to accomplish this goal.

Thank you very much for your patient hearing. I wish to express my gratitude to the **Jaffna College** authorities for giving me this honour.



# Prize List — 1988

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Year : I

1. Nishanthan	S.	8. Rubinee	R.
2. Mayuran	M.	9. Thayalini	T.
3. Balajeevan	S.	10. Thanuja	S.
4. Gopinath	S.	11. Kishani	J.
5. Shavindra	V.	12. Ushanthini	S.
6. Kugan	B.	13. Elavarasy	T.
7. Dayana	A.		

### Year II

1. Thayananthan	N.	13. Abarana	S.
2. Lingesan	V.	14. Shivatharani	B.
3. Ragesh	T.	15. Sorna	S.
4. Diluxion	J.	16. Suhanya	S.
5. Rubanesajeevakumar	R.	17. Thivija	T.
6. Thushyanthan	T.	18. Arani	S.
7. Sakthibalan	S.	19. Ambiga	A.
8. Prashanthan	R.	20. Kiruja	M.
9. Mayuran	S.	21. Thusharaga	V.
10. Mayuratheepan	P.	22. Karthiga	A.
11. Seyon	S.	23. Duwaraga	S.
12. Muraleetharan	S.		

### Year : III

1. Thibaharan	K.	10. Meerangi	R.
2. Nalinarajan	R.	11. Sangeetha	V.
3. Sivajeyanthan	S.	12. Umaiyal	K.
4. Anjello	B.	13. Nishotha	N.
5. Mathangopal	T.	14. Garthiga	M.
6. Janakan	S.	15. Sinthuja	A.
7. Prashanthi	S.	16. Sujitha	S.
8. Sivaja	S.	17. Kalani	R.
9. Mathuri	P.	18. Jeyapriya	J.



**Year IV**

**1. Sivasutha R.**

**Dr. J. C. Amarasingam Memorial Prize for General Proficiency**

Tamil	1st Prize
Hinduism	1st Prize
Needle Work	1st Prize
Science	1st Prize
Eng. Spelling	1st Prize
Dance	2nd Prize
Maths	3rd Prize
Env. Studies	3rd Prize
English	3rd Prize

**2. Abiramy R.**

**General Proficiency**

Tamil Music	1st Prize
Hinduism	nd Prize
Needle Work	2nd Prize
Western Music	2nd Prize
Dance	2nd Prize
Science	2nd Prize
Tamil Writing	2nd Prize
Tamil Spelling	2nd Prize
Hand Work	3rd Prize

**3. Meryl Niranjan T.**

**Dr. J. T. Amarasingam Memorial Prize for General Proficiency**

English	2nd Prize
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**Mr. S. S. Sanders Memorial Prize for**

Maths	1st Prize
Env. Studies	1st Prize
Hand Work	1st Prize
English Hand Writing	1st Prize
Christianity	2nd Prize
Tamil	3rd Prize

**4. Subajini S.**

**General Proficiency**

Maths	2nd Prize
Env. Studies	2nd Prize
Needle Work	3rd Prize



5. Kelwin J. W.	General Proficiency	
	English	1st Prize
	Christianity	1st Prize
6. Vamini V.	Grace Satkunan Anketell Ratnesar	
	Memorial Prize for Tamil Writing	1st Prize
	General Proficiency	
	Tamil Spelling	1st Prize
	Western Music	1st Prize
	Hinduism	3rd Prize
7. Satheeskumar T.	General Proficiency	
	Tamil	2nd Prize
	Hand Work	2nd Prize
8. Verni P.	General Proficiency	
	Dance	1st Prize
9. Dinesh J.	General Proficiency	
	Christianity	3rd Prize
10. Senthooran S.	General Proficiency	
	Science	3rd Prize
11. Jeyachandran M.	Art	1st Prize
	English Spelling	2nd Prize
12. Partheepan N.	Tamil Music	2nd Prize
	English Hand Writing	3rd Prize
13. Mayurathy P.	Tamil Writing	3rd Prize
	Tamil Spelling	3rd Prize
14. Vagiharan R.	Art	2nd Prize
15. Ahalya	English Spelling	2nd Prize
16. Thabeetha A.	English Hand Writing	2nd Prize
17. Ramiya R.	Dance	2nd Prize
18. Nishankar K.	Art	3rd Prize
19. Gogulakrishnan S.	Tamil Music	3rd Prize
20. Rekesh R.	Western Music	3rd Prize
21. Jegan G.	General Proficiency	
22. Meera M.	General Proficiency	



**Year V**

**1. Sutharsana M.**

**P. W. Ariaratnam Memorial Prize for  
General Proficiency**

English 1st Prize

**Mr. E. Edward Memorial Prize for**

Maths 1st Prize

Tamil 1st Prize

Hinduism 1st Prize

Science 1st Prize

Tamil Spelling 1st Prize

English Spelling 1st Prize

Env. Studies 2nd Prize

Needle Work 3rd Prize

Tamil Hand Writing 3rd Prize

**2. Chitrakala P.**

**General Proficiency**

Health Science 1st Prize

Needle Work 2nd Prize

Maths 3rd Prize

Env. Studies 3rd Prize

Art 3rd Prize

English 3rd Prize

Tamil Spelling 3rd Prize

**3. Dilanthi Sharvini G.**

**A. C. Arulampalam Memorial Prize for  
General Proficiency**

Christianity 1st Prize

Env. Studies 1st Prize

Hand Work 1st Prize

Needle Work 1st Prize

Health Science 3rd Prize

**4. Paheerathan R.**

**General Proficiency**

Maths 2nd Prize

Art 2nd Prize

Tamil 3rd Prize

Hinduism 3rd Prize

Tamil Singing 3rd Prize

Science 3rd Prize



5. Sharmila T.	General Proficiency	
	Hinduism	2nd Prize
	Hand Work	2nd Prize
	Health Science	2nd Prize
	English	3rd Prize
	English Writing	3rd Prize
6. Prashanth S.	Rev. & Mrs. J. K. Sinnathamby Memorial Prize for	
	Tamil	2nd Prize
	Tamil Singing	1st Prize
	Hand Work	3rd Prize
7. Ashokumar S.	General Proficiency	
	English	2nd Prize
	Science	2nd Prize
	Tamil Hand Writing	3rd Prize
	English Spelling	3rd Prize
8. Chitraleka T.	Mr. J. N. Appadurai Memorial Prize for	
	General Proficiency	
	Dance	1st Prize
	Tamil Spelling	2nd Prize
9. Dilani J.	Christianity	3rd Prize
	English Singing	2nd Prize
	Dance	3rd Prize
10. Sathialogini S.	Christianity	2nd Prize
	English Singing	1st Prize
	English Writing	2nd Prize
11. Philip Sulakshmindra K.	Edison Lockwood Memorial Prize for	
	Art	1st Prize
12. Sayanthan S.	General Proficiency	
	Tamil Hand Writing	2nd Prize
	English Singing	1st Prize
13. Sivaneetha R.	General Proficiency	
	English Singing	3rd Prize
14. Vishnuharan T.	Tamil Hand Writing	1st Prize
15. Krishnapriya N.	Tamil Singing	2nd Prize
16. Sugitha V.	Dance	2nd Prize



17. Nilani S.	English Spelling	2nd Prize
18. Piragalathan B.	General Proficiency	
19. Arooran M.	General Proficiency	
20. Sayanthan U.	General Proficiency	
21. Priya G.	General Proficiency	
22. Rathai K.	General Proficiency	
23. Sayanthan N.	General Proficiency	
24. Jebasirani S.	General Proficiency	

### Year 5 Scholarship Students

1. Sutharsana M.
2. Chitralkah T.

J. A. Selvadurai Memorial Prize for the Best Academic Student in the Primary School for Year 1988 is Sudharsana M.

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### Year 6

1. Ariaratnam Dushananthan	General Proficiency	
	Mathematics	2nd Prize
	Science	2nd Prize
2. Rajasegaran Sutharshan	General Proficiency	
	English	1st Prize
3. Selvarajah Sutharshan	English Composition	2nd Prize
4. Shanmugarajah Thavendran	General Proficiency	
	Saivism	1st Prize
5. Shakthithasan Gajan	General Proficiency	
	Tamil	2nd Prize
	Tamil Speech	2nd Prize
6. Sivapalasegram Kajanathan	Tamil Speech	2nd Prize
7. Ponnampalam Sundaranayagam	General Proficiency	
	English	2nd Prize
8. Thirunavukarasu Rabindranath	English	1st Prize
	English Recitation	1st Prize
9. Thavarajalingarajah Sayanthan	General Proficiency	
	Social Studies	1st Prize
	Tamil Essay	1st Prize



10.	Nagaratnam Kirubaharan	General Proficiency Saivism	2nd Prize
11.	Dilchard Thevathasan	Art	2nd Prize
12.	Selvanayagam Selvantha	Tamil Essay	1st Prize
13.	Suganya Naganathar	Dance Saivism	1st Prize 2nd Prize
14.	Nanthini Velliampalam	<b>A. C. Ampalam Memorial Prize</b>	
		General Proficiency	
		Tamil	1st Prize
		Tamil Speech	1st Prize
15.	Sugitha Sivaganapothan	Carnatic Music	1st Prize
		Health Education	1st Prize
16.	Balatharshini Mahendran	English Recitation	2nd Prize
17.	Pratheepa Arumaithavarajan	General Proficiency English Hand-Writing Dance Health Education	 1st Prize 1st Prize 2nd Prize
18.	Nilani Ramachandran	<b>R. C. S. Cooke Memorial Prize</b>	
		General Proficiency	
		Science	1st Prize
		Mathematics	1st Prize
		English Composition	1st Prize
		Social Studies	2nd Prize
		Dance	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	2nd Prize
19.	Thevika Sivasambu	English Handwriting	2nd Prize

**Year 7**

20.	Saharajah Anthony	<b>Rev. &amp; Mrs. V. M. John Memorial Prize</b>	
		for Art	
		Christianity	2nd Prize
21.	Sivasubramaniam Jananthan	<b>Mrs. Majorie Memorial Prize for W. Music</b>	
		General Proficiency	
		English	2nd Prize
		Mathematics	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	2nd Prize



22.	Sahayapragash Manuclpial	Christianity	1st Prize
23.	Nadarajah Thillipan	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. T. K. Curtis Memorial Prize for Agriculture</b>	
24.	Sri Ranganathan Sriharan	Wood Work	1st Prize
25.	varapirathan Kesavarajan	General Proficiency	
26.	Krishananthan Arumugarajah	General proficiency	
27.	Thandarajah Kirubaharan	English Hand - Writing	2nd Prize
28.	Vajani Rajendra	<b>Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamr Memorial Prize for Christianity</b>	
		Dance	2nd Prize
29.	Thakshayini Navaratnarajah	<b>S. Thiagarajah Memorial Prize for Dance</b>	
30.	Christine Geethanjali Jebanesan	English Recitation	1st Prize
		Tamil Speech	1st Prize
31.	Banumathy Paramarajah	General Proficiency	
		Tamil Speech	2nd Prize
32.	Subanthini Sivanathan	General Proficiency	
33.	Kavitha Ramachandran	General Proficiency	
		<b>S. Theivendrapillai Memorial Prize for Saivism.</b>	
		Tamil Short Story (Juniors)	1st Prize
		English Spelling	1st Prize
		Science	2nd Prize
		Mathematics	2nd Prize
		Social Studies	2nd Prize
34.	Nijitha Amirthanathan	General Proficiency	
		Tamil Short Story (Juniors)	2nd Prize
		Tamil Essay	
35.	Subajini Gurusamy	General Proficiency	
		Saivism	2nd Prize
		Tamil	2nd Prize
		Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
		Home Economics	2nd Prize
36.	Lakshani Kulathungam	English Composition	2nd Prize
		English Recitation	2nd Prize
37.	Abirami Maheswaran	English Composition	1st Prize



38. Kavitha Kulendran	General Proficiency	
	Health Education	2nd Prize
39. Jansirani Manuelrajah	Art	2nd prize
40. Rajani Mahendran	<b>Louis Ponniah Memorial Prize for Social Studies.</b>	
	<b>Mrs. Annammal Sinnathhamby Memorial Prize for Tamil</b>	
	<b>S. Ariathurai Memorial prize for Science</b>	
	<b>Rajah Mutthiah Manicavasagam Memorial Prize for English</b>	
	<b>Rev. S. W. Howland Memorial Prize for Mathematics.</b>	
	<b>Mrs. Thavaratnam Nadarajah Memorial Prize for Carnatic Music.</b>	
	<b>K. Sathasivampillai Memorial Prize for Health Education.</b>	
	General Proficiency	
	Home Economics	1st Prize
	Tamil Essay	1st Prize

**Year 8**

41. Thuraiajah Pirapagaran	General Proficiency	
	Saivism	2nd Prize
	Art	2nd Prize
	Tamil Essay	2nd Prize
42. Sakthitharan Ajith	<b>Robert Breckenridge Memorial Prize for Agriculture</b>	
	General Proficiency	
	Science	2nd Prize
43. Shanmugam Sakthivadivel	Science	2nd Prize
44. William Shanthakumar Nalliah	Christianity	2nd Prize
45. Rajanayagam Sriharan	<b>K. Satchithanantham Memorial Prize for Carnatic Music</b>	
46. Kanagasabapathy Thayalan	<b>Rev. G. D. Thomas Memorial Prize for Art</b>	



47.	Vickneswarakádadcham Kirupalar	Thomas Rajadurai Memorial Prize for Health Education	
		K. Namasivayam Memorial Prize for Tamil	
		E. C. Jesudasan Memorial Prize for Science	
		Mr. & Mrs J. S. Ambalam Memorial Prize for Mathematics	
		General Proficiency	
		Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
		Social Studies	2nd Prize
		English Spelling	2nd Prize
48.	Tharmalingam Venugopal	Clay Work	1st Prize
49.	Sivasubramaniam Sanjayan	General Proficiency	
		English	2nd Prize
		Social Studies	2nd Prize
50.	Sittampalam Senthana	Wood Work	1st Prize
51.	Mahadeva Tharanitharan	Saivism	1st Prize
52.	Kangapathasuntharam Suntharesan	Tamil Essay	1st Prize
53.	Abarami Thevarajah	Social Studies	1st Prize
		Mathematics	2nd Prize
		Home Economics	2nd Prize
54.	Kavitha Nithiananthan	Theodore Helen Oppenheim Memorial Prize for English	
		English Spelling	1st Prize
		English Recitation	2nd Prize
55.	Janani Gurusamy	Dance	1st Prize
56.	Bavani Sundararajah	Tamil Speech	1st Prize
		Dance	2nd Prize
57.	Sutharshini Sriskandarajah	English Hand-Writing	2nd Prize
58.	Tharani Muttukumarasooriyar	English Hand-Writing	1st Prize
		Tamil Speech	2nd Prize
59.	Christine Somasegaram	Western Music	1st Prize
60.	Thiriampaky Senthilvel	General Proficiency	
		Carnatic Music	2nd Prize



61. Hamsa Devadasan	Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
62. Sivadharshini Pathmanathan	<b>E. C. Jesudason Memorial Prize for Science</b>	
	General Proficiency	
	Saivism	1st Prize
	Social Studies	1st Prize
	Home Economics	1st Prize
	English Composition	1st Prize
	English	2nd Prize
	Tamil	2nd Prize
	Health Education	2nd Prize
<b>Year 9 A</b>		
63. Mahendran Thivakaran	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. P. E. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize for the best Student in Year 9</b>	
	<b>Rev. G. G. Brown Memorial Prize for Science</b>	
	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. G. N. C. Ponnambalam Memorial Prize for Mathematics</b>	
	<b>S. Theivendrampillai Memorial Prize for Social Studies</b>	
	<b>R. Kanagasooriar Memorial Prize for Agriculture</b>	
	General Proficiency	
	Saivism	2nd Prize
64. Sivapiragasam Kokularamana	Carnatic Music	
	General Proficiency	2nd Prize
65. Cliff Rajan Sambanthan	<b>Mini Hastings Harrison Memorial for English</b>	
	<b>S. A. Viswalingam Memorial Prize for Tamil</b>	
	General Proficiency	
	English Spelling	1st Prize
	English Composition	1st Prize
	Saivism	2nd Prize
	Science	2nd Prize
66. Milroy Jeevaraj Paul	<b>Rev. Dr. Hosington Memorial Prize for Art</b>	
67. Thurairajah Senthuran	Agriculture	2nd Prize
	Art	2nd Prize
68. Amirthalingam Gurunathan	Wood Work	1st Prize
69. Kumarasingam Muhunthan	Art	2nd Prize



70.	Subramaniam Aingaran	Tamil Speech	2nd Prize
71.	Wijeyaratnam Thayatharan	General Proficiency Commerce	2nd Prize
72.	Deva Manohari Mahadevan	General Proficiency, Tamil Speech Dance Tamil Essay	1st Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize
73.	Brintha Ambalavanar	General Proficiency Home Economics	2nd Prize
74.	Vathani Sivananthan	General Proficiency Dance Commerce Tamil English Spelling	1st Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize
75.	Hemalatha PooBalasingam	General Proficiency Dance Commerce Tamil English Spelling	1st Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize
76.	Shashireha Thavachelvam	Dance	1st Prize
77.	Nirmalene Jebanesan	<b>Rev. S. K. Bunker Memorial Prize for Christianity</b> <b>E. C. Lockwood Memorial Prize for Western Music</b> English Composition English English Recitation	1st Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize
78.	Sutharshini Pathmanathan	General Proficiency Tamil Essay Saivism English Recitation Social Studies Western Music Carnatic Music	1st Prize 1st Prize 1st Prize 1st Prize 2nd Prize 1st Prize
79.	Indiranee Paramarajah		
80.	Devadharshini Devasahayam	<b>Rev. W. E. Hitchcock Memorial Prize for Commerce</b> General Proficiency English Social Studies	2nd Prize 2nd Prize
81.	Sriuthaya Sinnathamby	Commerce	2nd Prize



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Year 10

1. Arukshan Rajmohan

**Gunanayagam & Rajanayagam Memorial  
Prize for Commerce**

**A. S. Ponnampalam Memorial Prize  
for English**

**Mr. & Mrs M. D. Mithirathasan Prize  
for Western Music**

**General Proficiency**

Science 1st Prize

English Spelling 1st Prize

English Essay 1st Prize

English Recitation 1st Prize

Social Studies 2nd Prize

2. Manickavadivel Kumeran

**Mr. & Mrs. Vallipuram Memorial Prize  
for Saivism**

**Mrs. Sornam Naganather Memorial Prize  
for Tamil**

**Rev E. P. Hastings Memorial Prize  
for Social Studies**

**General Proficiency**

Ceramics 1st Prize

Mathematics 2nd Prize

Tamil Essay 2nd Prize

3. Deonas Marianayagam

**E. J. Niles Memorial Prize  
for Christianity**

**General Proficiency**

English 1st Prize

Tamil 2nd Prize

Carnatic Music 2nd Prize

5. Kumarasingam Kulathungar

**General Proficiency**

English Spelling 1st Prize

Commerce 2nd Prize

English Essay 2nd Prize

6. Madeva Vicknakanthan

**Majar V. G. George Memorial Prize**

**General Proficiency**

Agriculture 1st Prize



7.	Devadasan Koneskumar	General Proficiency Commerce	2nd Prize
8.	Kanaganayagam Umaganesh	General Proficiency Saivism	2nd Prize
9.	Poobalasingam Skandaramesh	General Proficiency	
10.	Sithamparanathan Thirusivigerinathan	<b>A. Mahendran Memorial Prize for Wood Work</b>	
11.	Palanivel Sathiascelan	<b>Ariam Hudson Paramasamy Memorial Prize for Art</b>	
12.	Kanaganayagam Selvendra	Art	1st Prize
13.	Muraleetharan Thambiah	Art	2nd Prize
14.	Angelo Anton Lawrence	Agriculture	2nd Prize
15.	Tharmalingam Kokilathas	Tamil Speech	2nd Prize
16.	Suganya Srikumaran	<b>S. T. Jeevaratnam Memorial Prize for Science</b>	
		General Proficiency	
		Home Economics	1st Prize
		Dance	1st Prize
		Saivism	2nd Prize
		English	2nd Prize
		English Recitation	2nd Prize
17.	Selvathy Sivagnanamoorthy	General Proficiency	
		Tamil Essay	1st Prize
		Tamil	2nd Prize
		Dance	2nd Prize
18.	Sathiaverny Kulasegaram	<b>C. O. Elias Memorial Prize for Carnatic Music</b>	
		General Proficiency	
19.	Gayathiri Sambasivam	General Proficiency	
		English Spelling	1st Prize
		Science	2nd Prize
		Tamil	2nd Prize
20.	Seethaluxchumy Ramachandra Sarma	General Proficiency	
		Science	1st Prize
		Commerce	2nd Prize



21.	Manjula Velliampalam	<b>R. A. Naganathar Memorial Prize for Mathematics</b> General Proficiency	
22.	Tharshini Tharmalingam	General Proficiency Art	2nd Prize
23.	Vytheki Vyravanathan	General Proficiency Carnatic Music	2nd Prize
24.	Janaki Ganendra	General Proficiency	
25.	Thakshayini Kesavarajah	English Essay	2nd Prize
<b>Year 11</b>			
26.	Wijayaratnam Mathitharan	<b>V. Chelvadorai Memorial Prize for Social Studies</b> General Proficiency Science Art	2nd Prize 2nd Prize
27.	Kugathasan Muralithas	<b>L. S. Williams Memorial Prize for Science</b> <b>R. R. Appathurai Memorial Prize for Agriculture</b> General Proficiency Social studies	2nd Prize
28.	Sivasubramaniam Janarthanan	<b>A. M. Brodie Memorial Prize for English</b> <b>A. Shanmuganathan Memorial Prize for Commerce</b> General Proficiency Mathematics	2nd Prize
29.	Kandasamy Skandasanjeev	<b>K. A. George Memorial Prize for Mathematics</b> General Proficiency Ceramics Western Music English	1st Prize 1st Prize 2nd Prize
30.	Varatharajah Ramanan	<b>Ambalavanar Kumarasamy Memorial Prize for Tamil</b> General Proficiency Saivism Tamil Essay	2nd Prize 2nd Prize



31.	Yoganathan Umagojendran	<b>Edson C. Lockwood Memorial Prize for Art</b> General Proficiency Science	2nd Prize
32.	Sivakanthan Nagaratnam	General proficiency Mathematics	2nd Prize
33.	Sivagurunathan Kesavan	Tamil Speech Tamil Essay	1st Prize 1st Prize
34.	Naganathar Sanjeeva	<b>K. Rajah Memorial Prize for Wood Work</b>	
35.	David George Jesudason	<b>Paster Sussbach Memorial Prize for Christianity</b> Christianity	2nd Prize
36.	Uthayarajah Sivarajah	General Proficiency	
37.	Varatharajah Thayalan	General Proficiency	
38.	Pathmanathan Hariharan	General Proficiency	
39.	Kanagaratnam Muhunthan	General Proficiency	
40.	Varatharajah Mayooran	General Proficiency	
41.	Somasundaram Thivakaran	Wood Work	2nd Prize
42.	Pathmanathan Prabakaran	Ceramics	2nd Prize
43.	Sriskanathan Ratnam	Ceramics	2nd Prize
44.	Thevathas Balasingm	Tamil Essay	2nd Prize
45.	Priyadharshini Paramsothy	<b>K. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize for Saivism</b> General proficiency Tamil	2nd Prize
46.	Gnanasuraby Ariarathasan	<b>Dr &amp; Mrs Varatharajah Memorial Prize for Home Economics</b> General Proficiency	
47.	Mathini Selvsivam	General Proficiency Dance	2nd Prize
48.	Rathika Sabaratnam	General Proficiency Commerce	2nd Prize
49.	Arulchelvy Paramarajah	<b>Edson C. Lockwood Memorial prize for Carnatic Music</b> Tamil Speech	2nd Prize
50.	Rukshini Markandar		



**Year 11 — 1987**

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| 51. Gurusamy Sujaharan      | <b>S. V. Balasingam Memorial Scholar 1988</b><br>G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in<br>Tamil<br>Mathematics<br>Science<br>Health Science<br>Commerce<br>Sivasim<br>Agriculture |
| 52. Mylvaganam Gobikrishna  | <b>Vaithilingam Mudaliyar Memorial Prize</b><br>G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in<br>Tamil<br>English<br>Science<br>Saivism<br>Social Studies<br>Agriculture                  |
| 53. Gugathanan Kanthathas   | <b>R. O. Buell Memorial Prize</b><br>G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in<br>English<br>Mathematics<br>Health Science<br>Saivism<br>Science<br>Social Studies                    |
| 54. Sivanathan Gnanavalagan | <b>B. K. Somasundaram Memorial Prize</b><br>G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in<br>Tamil<br>Commerce<br>Science<br>Health Science<br>Social Studies<br>Saivism                  |
| 55. Rasiah Rajkumar         | <b>J. V. Chelliah Memorial Prize</b><br>G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in<br>Tamil<br>Commerce<br>Science   |



Health Science  
Saivism  
Social Studies

56. Gurupamy Selventhiran

**A. T. Vaithilingam Memorial Prize**  
G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in  
English  
Mathematics  
Commerce  
Science  
Health Science  
Saivism

57. Thiagarajah Ledchumanarajah

G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in  
Tamil  
Commerce  
Mathematics  
Health Science  
Saivism

58. Rajaratnam Mayutharan

G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in  
Tamil  
Commerce  
Mathematics  
Agriculture  
Saivism

59. Nimalan Gabrielpillai

G. C. E (O/L) Distinctions in  
Mathematics  
Science  
Health Education  
Christianity  
Agriculture

60. Joy Haristan Selvanayagam

G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in  
Commerce  
Mathematics  
Science  
Social Studies  
Health education

61. Sockalingam Shanmuganathan

G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in  
Tamil  
Mathematics



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|                                 | Health Education<br>Social Studies  |
| 62. Sithamparanathan Sivatharan | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in<br>Tamil<br>English<br>Health Education<br>Saivism |
| 63. Ganendra Balaganesh         | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in<br>English<br>Mathematics<br>Saivism               |
| 64. Gunaseelan Palanivel        | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in<br>Mathematics<br>Christianity<br>Health Education |
| 65. Pathmanathan Valluvan       | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in<br>Tamil<br>Commerce<br>Health Education           |
| 66. Sittampalam Mayukaran       | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in<br>Tamil<br>Commerce<br>Mathematics                |
| 67. Maheswaran Baskaran         | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in<br>Commerce<br>Tamil                               |
| 68. Jebatheepan Kunasingam      | G. C. E. (O / L) Distinctions in<br>Commerce<br>Christianity                      |
| 69. Nagalingam Nagarajah        | G. C. E. (O / L) Distinctions in<br>Tamil<br>Saivism                              |
| 70. Premanathan Arulanantham    | G. C. E. (O / L) Distinctions in<br>Christianity<br>Agriculture                   |
| 71. Vijayaratnam Thevakaran     | G. C. E. (O / L) Distinctions in<br>Tamil<br>Saivism                              |



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| 72. | Yoganathan Thevsenathipathy | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in<br>Tamil<br>Saivism<br>Tamil Essay |
| 73. | Kumaravel Vasanthakumar     | G. C. E. (O / L) Distinctions in<br>Tamil<br>Health Education     |
| 74. | Thiagarajah Gunaseelan      | G. C. E. (O / L) Distinction in<br>Saivism                        |
| 75. | Ponnampalam Jeyakumar       | G. C. E. (O / L) Distinction in<br>Commerce                       |
| 76. | John Arulchelvam Selvarajah | G. C. E. (O / L) Distinction in<br>Christianity                   |
| 77. | Kanagalingam Karunanathan   | G. C. E. (O / L) Distinction in<br>Tamil                          |
| 78. | Arunasalam Mayuran          | G. C. E. (O / L) Distinction in<br>English                        |
| 9.  | Thuraiajah Maniventhan      | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in<br>English                          |
| 80. | Chellappah Naguleswaran     | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in<br>Commerce                         |
| 81. | Ahileswaran Rajaratnam      | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in<br>Christianity                     |
| 82. | Jegasothy Parthipan         | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in<br>Saivism                          |
| 83. | Pathmathayalan Vellupillai  | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in<br>Christianity                     |
| 84. | David Ratnarajah            | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in<br>English                          |
| 85. | Ramesh Selvarajah           | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in<br>Tamil                            |
| 86. | Sinniah Thevananthan        | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in<br>Saivism                          |
| 87. | Vettivel Thiraviathan       | G. C. E. (O / L) Distinction in<br>Tamil                          |



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| 88. Navaratnam Sivakumar      | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in Mathematics   |           |
| 89. Balasingam Sooriakumar    | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in Saivism   |           |
| 90. Shankar Kanapathipillai   | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in Christianity  |           |
| 91. Sundararajah Bramananthar | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in Tamil<br>Tamil Speech                                | 1st Prize |
| 92. Rajini Rajanayagam        | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in Tamil<br>English<br>Health Education<br>Christianity |           |
| 93. Revathy Sivathanan        | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in Tamil<br>English<br>Mathematics<br>Saivism           |           |
| 94. Shobana Sivakanthan       | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in English<br>Commerce<br>Health Education              |           |
| 95. Niranthari Sabaratnam     | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in Tamil<br>Saivism<br>Social Studies                   |           |
| 96. Yaceemuna Sabanathan      | G. C. E. (O/L) (Distinctions in Tamil<br>Health Education                           |           |
| 97. Nagananthini Sinnappo     | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in Tamil<br>Saivism                                     |           |
| 98. Rosanthy Rajathurai       | G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in Tamil<br>English                                     |           |



99.	Thevaramani Devaratnam	G. G. E. (O/L) Distinctions in Tamil Christianity	
100.	Thayalini Arunasalam	G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in Tamil Health Education	
101.	Nanthini Muttiah	G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in Tamil	
102.	Geethanjali Wijayaratnam	G. C. E. (O/L) Distinctions in Saivism	
		Tamil Speech	2nd Prize
		Tamil Short Story (Juniors)	2nd Prize
103.	Janany Kanagaratnam	G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in Home Economics	
104.	Kugabalini Parameswaran	G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in English	
105.	Komala Satchithanantham	G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in Saivism	
106.	Sharmala Mauei Raj	G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in Tamil	
107.	Sujatha Poobalasingam	G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in Health Education	
108.	Vijeyasri Veerasingam	G. C. E. (O/L) Distinction in Tamil	

**Year 12 Arts/Commerce**

109.	Daniel Mathialagan Gopal	C. Nalliah Memorial Prize for Economics	
		A. Ponnuthurai memorial Prize for Accounts	
		Mrs. Thevanesam Wadsworth Memorial Prize for Christianity	
		General Proficiency	
110.	Jeyaseelan Ratnam	Logic	2nd Prize
		Economics	2nd Prize
111.	Arasamohan Thirunavukarasu	K. E. Mathiaparanam Memorial Prize for best Tamil Short Story (Seniors)	



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| 112. | Neil Armstrong Perinbanayagam | Tamil Essay  | 2nd Prize              |
| 113. | Jeyantha Nadarajah            | Justice Sriskantharajah & Kanmany<br>Sriskantharajah Memorial Prize<br>for Hindu civilization<br>Sinnapillai Chelliah & Pararasasingam<br>Memorial Prize for Best Academic student<br>with sports (girls) in year 12.<br>General proficiency |                        |
| 114. | Latha Balachandran            | Dr. A. E. Duraisamy Memorial Prize<br>for Commerce & Finance<br>Economics  | 1st Prize              |
| 115. | Kalayini Manickam             | P. Namasivayam Memorial Prize<br>for Tamil<br>Tamil Speech   | 2nd Prize              |
| 116. | Nirmala Kannapiran            | Rev. K. S. Jeyasingam Memorial Prize<br>Logic<br>Economics   | 1st Prize<br>2nd Prize |
| 117. | Ajantha Nadrajah              | Logic  | 1st Prize              |
| 118. | Linda Arulanantham            | Christianity   | 2nd Prize              |
| 119. | Shyamala Arulampalam          | Hindu Civilization   | 2nd Prize              |
| 120. | Jeevananthini Jesudason       | Tamil Speech   | 1st Prize              |

**Year 12 Science**

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| 121. | Ramachandran Kulasingam | Sinnapillai Chelliah & Pararajasingam Memorial<br>Prize for Best Academic Student with sports<br>(BOYS) in Year 12<br>EMSO Ltd. Prize for the best Science Student<br>in Year 12<br>Allan Abraham Memorial Prize for Pure<br>Mathematics<br>J. Selvarajasingam Memorial Prize for Physics<br>Charles Ratnesar Memorial Prize for Chemistry<br>R. O. D. Ashbury Memorial Prize for English<br>Essay in Year 12<br>General Proficiency |
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122.	Henry Roche Gunaratnam	<b>K. V. George Memorial Prize for Botany</b> <b>Stephen Balachandran Memorial Prize for Zoology</b> General Proficiency	
123.	Logeswaran Manoharan	General Proficiency Pure Mathematics Physics Chemistry	2nd Prize 2nd Prize 2nd Prize
124.	Shanmugarajah Thirukkumaran	General Proficiency Applied Mathematics	2nd Prize
125.	Kulasingam Kulaseelan	<b>I. P. Thurairatnam Memorial Prize for Applied Mathematics</b>	
126.	Keerthiganeshan Kulanayagam	Tamil Essay	1st Prize
127.	Shobana Kandasamy	General Proficiency Zoology	2nd Prize
128.	Sinothaya Sinnathamby	Botany	2nd Prize
129.	Umayal Pakeerathan	English Essay	2nd Prize
<b>Year 13 Arts/Commerce</b>			
130.	Thevananth Jesudason	<b>Rev. G. G. Brown Memorial Prize for Accounts</b> <b>Rev. Dr. M. H. Harrison Memorial Prize for Christianity</b> General proficiency G. C. E. (A/L) Distinction in Christianity	
131.	Kanagasabai Kumarathas	<b>Ariam Hudson Paramasamy Memorial Prize for Economics</b> Commerce & Finance General Proficiency	2nd Prize
132.	Pirathiga Voganathan	<b>Issac Arulampalam Memorial Prize for Commerce &amp; Finance</b> <b>Rev. Dr. R. C. Hastings memorial Prize for Logic</b> Economic	1st Prize



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| 133. | Pusparanee Thambyrajah | <b>Subramaniam Valliammai memorial Prize for Hindu Civilization</b><br>General Proficiency |           |
| 134. | Jeyasingam Satheesan   | <b>Driberg Memorial Prize for Commerce &amp; Finance</b>                                   | 1st Prize |
| 135. | Selvarajah Ramesh      | Hindu Civilization   | 2nd Prize |

**Year 13 Science**

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| 136. | Nadarajah Nadesathasan    | <b>E. Sittampalam Memorial Prize for the best Science Student in Year 13</b><br><b>P. E. Rajaratnam Memorial Prize for Physics</b><br><b>D. S. Sanders Memorial Prize for Applied Mathematics</b><br>Dr. R. Selvendran Prize for Pure Mathematics<br>General Proficiency<br>G. C. E. (A/L) Distinction in Physics<br>Applied Mathematics |                                |
| 137. | Nithiaratnam Nithiarajan  | <b>Dr. &amp; Mrs. S. Rajanayagam Memorial Prize for Chemistry</b><br>General Proficiency<br>Pure Mathematics<br>Physics  | <br><br>2nd Prize<br>2nd Prize |
| 138. | Nellinathan Vivekananthan | T. J. Koshy Prize for Botany<br><b>C. E. Anandarajan Memorial Prize for Zoology</b>  |                                |

**Year 14 Science**

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| 139. | Pathmanathan Sayanthakumar | G. C. E. (A/L) Distinction in Applied Mathematics |
| 140. | Kalaichelvi Ponniah        | G. C. E. (A/L) Distinction in Applied Mathematics |

**London (Ordinary Level)**

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| 141. | Sujatha Thillainathan | <b>Lyman Kulatungam Memorial Prize for English Essay</b> |
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| 142. | Arulmoli Maheswaran    | English Essay | 2nd Prize |
| 143. | Thillainathan Thayalan | English Essay | 2nd Prize |

**London (Advanced Level)**

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| 144. | Somaskandan Cumaresan   | <b>V. Thillainathan Memorial Prize for Chemistry</b> |           |
|      |                         | General Proficiency                                  |           |
|      |                         | Physics  | 1st Prize |
|      |                         | Pure Mathematics                                     | 1st Prize |
|      |                         | Applied Mathematics                                  | 1st Prize |
| 145. | Kathirgamanathan Sairam | Pure Mathematics                                     | 2nd Prize |
| 146. | Malini Karunakaran      | Zoology  | 1st Prize |

**G. C. E. (A. E. B.) Results**

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| 147. | Ann Rajamanohary Rajeswaran | Distinction in<br>Pure Mathematics<br>Pure & Applied Mathematics Alternative |
| 148. | Shelvi Sivasubramaniam      | Distinction in<br>Pure & Applied Mathematics Alternative                     |

**Special Award**

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| Wijeyaratnam Mathitharan | C. B. Bavink Prize for "BEST SCOUT" |
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**Sports Awards—1988**

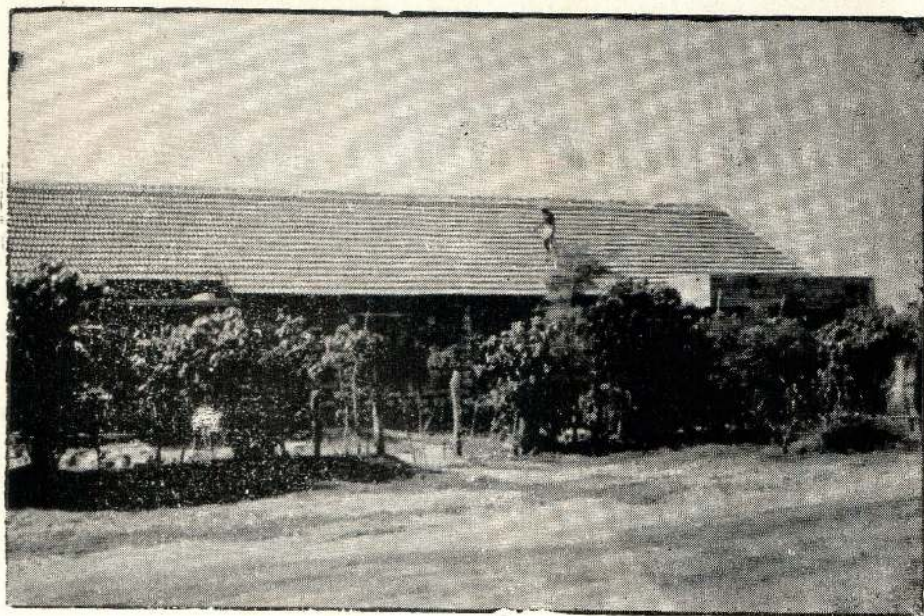
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| S. Vinothan                | K. V. George Memorial Trophy for Junior All Round Sportsman of the Year 1988      |
| Nithiaratnam Nithiarajan . | R. J. Thurairajah Memorial Trophy for Senior All Round Sportsman of the Year 1988 |
|                            | R. A. Gnanamuttu Award for Best All Rounder—Gold Medal                            |



Board of Trustees Meeting in Boston — 17-5-1989



(L. — R.) Rev. Eric Gass, Dr. S. Jebanesan, Dr. W. R. Hdmes



Branch School at Paranthan Staff Quarters



PARTNERS IN MISSION — CAPE COD 15-5-1989



(L. — R.) Mr. C. Holdrige, Rev. Paul Clayton, Dr. S. Jebanesan,  
Rev. Telfer Mook & Rev. Eric Gass.



The Principal with an Alumni group in London — 10-5-89



## IMPRESSIONS

I have several impressions I would like to share at the conclusion of this report. First, Dr. S. Jebanesan is the right choice for leadership of Jaffna College into the next decade. While he is young and has not been in the college as long as others, his academic credentials (a Ph. D., a B. D. at TTS, and two Masters degrees) make him eminently qualified. He is a Jaffna man, he walks and thinks and talks like a Jaffna man. His whole family has emigrated to Australia. His commitment is to Jaffna, Jaffna College, Jaffna young People; his passion for the school and for the college that is to come is evident the longer you know him. He needs the support of all who love Jaffna College.

Second I'm impressed by Bishop Ambalavanar. In a sense, he is the glue that holds the system together. He sits on all of the boards of all of the agencies we support in Sri Lanka. His commitment to the poor, his connections with the West, and his dedication to the people mean he is one of our strongest partners.

Third I want to emphasize the heroics of life in Jaffna. Many people did not emigrate to safe and affluent countries because they are poor. They have not the education or training to live abroad. But many others did not emigrate because of their commitment, their affection, their faith. It is a privilege to have been with them.

Finally, I am impressed by our missionaries there. Bob Porter works tirelessly both in Jaffna College and at Uduvil. Ben Bavinck, working out of Colombo for the NCC, lives across the Tamil-Sinhalese divisions in a creative and yeasty fashion.

From: **Rev. Paul C. Clayton**

A Report on a visit to Sri-Lanka During the Period March 2 to  
March 11 1989.



## Report of Alumni Representative of the Jaffna College Alumni Association to the Board of Directors, Jaffna College 1984/1990 Presented at the A. G. M. of J. C. A. A. on 03.02.1990

I have great pleasure in presenting my report as your representative in the Board of Directors of Jaffna College during the last six years.

I am grateful to you Mr. President and the executive committee for offering me an opportunity to do so on the eve of the expiration of my second term of office of Director.

When I commenced my first term I had my misgivings about the effective role of the alumni representative in the Board. But during my tenure of office I found that the alumni representative could play an active role in the management and administration of the College and look after the welfare of the alumni and the Institution.

The alumni electing me for a second term of office, with an overwhelming majority unprecedented in the history of alumni representative elections I believe, gave me an additional inspiration to discharge my duties and responsibilities effectively.

The Board of Directors of Jaffna College appointing me and enabling me to offer my services to the Council of Management of Jaffna College Institute of Technology and Agriculture to which I am now the Vice Chairman and to the

Evelyn Ratnam Institute for Inter Cultural Studies showed the trust and confidence I enjoyed in the Board.

No representative can offer the best of his services unless he is equipped with upto date information about the Institution and its progress. My attending all the meetings of the Board since 1984 whether it was annual, semi-annual, special or emergency gave me such an opportunity and was an added advantage for me to contribute fully on all issues that come up from time to time.

Despite the unsettled state of affairs that existed during my tenure of office I have looked after the interest and welfare of our Institution and have truly represented the views of the alumni, parents and the community. I have expressed my strong feelings and sentiments on behalf of the alumni on all vital issues including the location and constructions of the primary school complex, compulsory residence of the Officers of the College in the vicinity of the college campus, services of experienced teachers, deserving requests of the staff of the College, Scholarships to deserving students, appointments to qualified deserving alumni, punctuality of the Staff and students, academic standards and better results at public examinations.



Being a lawyer I had an added advantage of offering my services on legal issues and offered all assistance to finalise the deed regarding Evelyn Ratnam Institute for Inter Cultural Studies in favour of our College. I also had the pleasure of serving in committees which drafted or amended constitutions of various Institutions under our management.

I strongly felt that the alumni and community should work closer with the College and worked towards this goal. I am glad we have reasonably achieved this target during my tenure of office as Director

I had the privilege of serving as Director to two principals—Mr. Rajan Kadirgamar and Rev. Dr. S. Jebanesan. The former was my respected teacher and the latter my good friend and contemporary at College. Mr. Kadirgamar respected the views of the alumni and honoured them. I cannot forget his kind gesture in persuading the management to admit refugee students who came from Colombo after the communal riots, without any pre conditions. Rev. Dr. Jebanesan is in no way second to anyone to accommodate the views of the alumni. He is all out to raise the academic standards of our College and produce better results at public examinations. All of us must join hands with him and offer our assistance for his dedicated efforts in this venture

I also had the privilege of meeting trustee representatives whenever they were here and had useful discussions with Rev. Eric Gass, Rev Paul Clayton and Mr. C. B. Bavinck who gave a responsive hearing to the alumni views.

I am grateful to the Chairman and members of the Board, Our Bishop Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar, the Principal of the College and the trustee representatives for the manner in which they accommodated the views I expressed on behalf of the alumni, parents and the community. I have personally gained maturity and wealth of experience from the deliberations of the Board for which I ever remain grateful,

If we are to raise the standards in our Institution and expect better results academically or otherwise, we must contribute our share of service. The role of an alumni association should be an effective and vital one for the progress of an Institution. I regret, that we have not contributed adequately for the progress and development of our College in the recent past. Unless we activate and reorganise our activities I am afraid we may not achieve the aims and objectives of our association. I also take this opportunity to thank the alumni in Jaffna as well as in out-stations for forwarding me the nominations signed and requesting me to seek re-election. I would have been too glad to continue to serve you and the College in this capacity, if not for the sabbatical rule. This kind gesture of the members gave me contentment and satisfaction that I have truly served to the satisfaction of my electorate.

Finally, I thank the Alumni, Community, Parents, Principal and Staff of Jaffna College and the Board of Directors for their unstinted co-operation and assistance given to me during my tenure of office as Director

Mr K. Gunaratnam, J. P. U. M.



# Jaffna Collge Alumni Association

(Established 1879)

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1987 - 1988

I am greatly pleased to submit the 108th report of the association. Five Executive Committee meetings were held. Our achievements during period under review are satisfactory inspite of the trying circumstances we passed through on account of misrule and maladministration by the state.

The 14 months of our tenure of office can also be termed as the period of expansion of the Alumni Association. Two new branches of the associations were formed in Melbourne and Sydney. There is a very strong Alumni Association in Toronto Canada. We also convey our fraternal greetings to our branches abroad. Twelve new life members joined us during the period. The membership total as at date is 593.

It is with mixed feelings I submit the retirement of our Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar whose spotless purity and dauntless courage steered our College through very difficult periods, and we are happy to note that destiny has marked him for greater services to the community in his new role as Registrar of the Christian Theological Seminary of Sri Lanka. Our sincerest prayers to the almighty for his and his families long and healthy life.

Our heartiest congratulations to Dr. S. Jebanesan, our new Principal, an Educationist par excellence whose 'Armour is his honest thought and simple truth his utmost skill'.

A memorial service was held at Cathedral Church, Vaddukoddai, in honour of the late Dr. M. H. Harrison, former missionary and acting principal. The following members of the staff and employees were felicitated for their loyal service for over a period of 25 years. They are Messrs A. Rajasingam, S. A. Paulraj, P. Amirthanathan, W. N. Thevakadacham and Mrs. S. Kanagaratnam of the College staff and Messrs M. C. Ariaratnam and E. M. Kandasamy of the minor staff.

I shall be failing in my duty if I do not thank the many Alumni members who rendered spontaneous and selfless services in the distribution of food and clothing to the victims of state terrorism.

We are deeply grieved to mention the many members of the Alumni and friends who had left us to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveller returns. Our heartfelt condolences to the deeply bereaved families.

My thanks are due to Mr. A. Kadirgamar for his immaculate guidance and help to carry out my duties. I must make special mention of Mr. M. A. Velupillai in this respect and to all the members of the committee who by their presence and deliberations helped in the efficient functioning of the association.

M. Sithamparanathan  
Hony. Secretary



# Jaffna College Alumni Association

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PARENT BODY 1987 — 1988

<b>President</b>	:	Mr. A. Rajasingam
<b>Vice-President</b>	:	Mr. M. A. Velupillai Mr. G. Rajanayagam Mr. N. Selvarajah Mr. W. N. Thevakadacham
<b>Secretary</b>	:	Mr. M. Sithamparanathan
<b>Treasurer</b>	:	Mr. T. Anandaratnam
<b>Committee Members :</b>		Mr. T. Wignarajah Miss M. Elias Mr. N. Sivagnanam Mr. N. S. Ratnasingam Mr. N. Jeyaranjithan Mr. W. D. Kulathungam Dr. S. Jebanesan Mr. V. K. Kandiah Mr. S. Thevananthar Miss S. S. Selvadurai Mrs. S. Rajamohan Mr. K. Gunaratnam
<b>Ex-Office Members :</b>		The Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar The Alumni Relations Officer Mr. S. J. Manickam
<b>Auditors</b>	:	Mr. G. Jeyasingam Mr. A. Jeyarajan

### Wedding Bells

1. Mr. K. Jeyapalan to Miss J. Jeyaveerasingham
2. Mr. T. Gnanasambanthan to Miss N. Ganesanathan
3. Mr. Katpakan Kadirgamar to Miss Krishanthi Phillips
4. Mr. Suntharamoorthy Puvanakumar to Miss Arulanantham
5. Miss Gowri Sivasubramaniam to Mr. Nagalingam Sritharan
6. Mr. V. Rajkumar to Miss Kalaichelvy Kumarasamy



7. Miss Somasundaram Indrani to Mr. Kathirgamar Navaratnam
8. Mr. V. Mithiraranjan to Miss J. J. Thanabalasingham
9. Miss Gnananthikai Rajendram to Mr. Sithamparanathan Sivaloganathan
10. Miss Jeyabhavani Ganeshan to Mr. Sinnathurai Shanmugarajah
11. Dr. T. Balachandran to Miss Nadarajah Mangayathkarasi
12. Mr. K. Mahadeva to Miss Ponnampalam Gnanamalar
13. Mr. Noel Pathmarajah to Miss Mary Lawrenciya
14. Mr. Daniel Mahilrajan to Miss Evangeline Uthayamathy
15. Mr. Kasinathar Sivasithambaran to Miss Rajini Ragunathan

### R. I. P.

We record with deep sorrow the passing away of the following Alumni during the course of 1987 and 1988.

1. Mr. V. Sivasubramaniam (Kampar), Tholpuram.
2. Dr. A. Vijeyaratnam, Araly North.
3. Mudaliyar V Mahesan, Navaly.
4. Mr. J. S. Sinnappah, Retired Bursar, Jaffna College.
5. Mr. Shanmuganathan, Engineer.
6. Mr. A. R. Abraham, Retired Teacher, Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai.
7. Dr. K. Krishnar, Retired Registrar, Vaddukoddai
8. Mr. C. Perinpanayagam, Vaddukoddai.
9. Mr. P. Kumarakuru,
10. Mr. Kenneth Somanathar.
11. Mr. N. Sasitharan.
12. Mr. K. Murugathas.
13. Mr. C. Paramsothy.
14. Mr. Kanagaratnam Krishnakumar.
15. Mr. Kanapathipillai Sivachandran.
16. Mr. Nagarajah Sivakanthan.
17. Mr. N. Ramasuthan.
18. Mr. K. N. Jeyaseelan
19. Mrs. Pearl Anandanayagam
20. Mr. N. Armugadas
21. Mr. V. Balasingham
22. Mr. Gnanapiragasam Perinpanayagam
23. Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy
24. Mrs. K. Muralitharan
25. K. Janaka



26. Mr. V. A. Balakrishnan
27. Mr. V. Thirunavukarasu
28. Mr. S. Nadarajalingam
29. Mr. P. Veeravagu
30. Mr. S. Marimuthu
31. Mr. S. A. Champion
32. Mrs. K. P. Devasagayam
33. Rev. S. T. Aseervatham
34. Mr. S. R. V. Joheeswaran
35. Mr. V. K. Balasuntharam
36. Rev. J. J. Ratnarajah
37. Mrs. Kanagaratnam Sellammah
38. Mrs. Thangarajah Puvaneswari
39. Dr. A. Sathasivam
40. Mr. S. Srikanthan
41. Mr. A. Vaidilingam
41. Mr. J. M. Sabaratnam
42. Miss Yasotha Satchithanathan
43. Mr. Gunaratnam Shanmuganathan
44. Mr. Manikam Chandrakumar
45. Mr. K. Sivapathasundaram
46. Mr. R. C. Thavarajah
47. Mr. Selliah Kandasamy
48. Mr. Kanapathipillai Sivapatham
49. Mr. Winslow T. H. Sugirtharatnam
50. Mr. V. Thiruchittampalam
51. Mrs. Sellathurai Thilagawathiammah
52. Mr. Vethaparanam Tharmaseelan
53. Mr. Vyravanathan
54. Mr. K. Sivasubramaniam
55. Mr. Rajasuriyar Chellappah
56. Mr. Murugesu Nadarajah
57. Rev. Sam Thampoe
58. Mr. Amals Ariarajah
59. Miss Suntharalingham Rajini
60. Dr. (Mrs.) Rajni Thiranaganam
61. Dr. Subramaniam Jeyaseelan



# Executive Committee of the Jaffna Branch — 1990

**President :** Prof. S. Pathmanathan

**Vice - Presidents :** Mr. A. Kadirgamar  
Mr. A. Rajasingam  
Mr. N. Jeyaranjithan  
Mr. K. Gunaratnam

**Secretary :** Mr. M. Sithamparanathan

**Treasurer :** Mr. A. Jeyarajan

**Committee Members :** Mr. K. C. Kadirgamar Mr. T. Anandaratanam  
Mr. Tony P. Ganesan Miss MS. Elias  
Mr. G. Rajanayagam Mrs. S. Rajamohan  
Mr. N. R. Balasingam Mr. K. Selvarajah  
Mr. G. Jeyasingam Mr. M. A. Velupillai  
Mr. R. A. Retchakan Rev. A. Jeyakumar

**Auditors :** Mr. S. Surendran Mr. V. Arunasalam

**Ex-Officio members :** The Principal, the Alumni Relations Officer.

## London Advanced Level Union

The long awaited day dawned on the 16th of October, 1989. We had decided to have a social for the London Advanced Level Union amidst great difficulties under the present circumstances. We took it up as a challenge with the co-operation of the Union members and the guidance of our patron Dr. Robert G. Porter.

The social started with a welcome speech by Miss T. Vanathy. This was followed with a recital of a Tamil song by Miss Sathiya; a violin recital rendered by Miss T. Sujitha; Bharatha Natiyam by Miss Janani. The first session came to a conclusion with a drama entitled "The First Patient".

After a break of ten minutes the programme continued with Tamil songs by Mr. R. Saiprakash and Miss R. Jaishankari, and a solo act by Mr. T. Thayalan. Next came the "War of Love" which was rendered in the form of choreography for the first time at Jaffna College. Next was the Radio drama; the star event of the day was the mimicry by Mr. K. Janardhanan and Mr. P. Ganesham.

All this was followed by a fellowship lunch.

S. Cumaresan  
Secretary



## Opening of the George Gymnasium



Mr. A. Kadirgamar lighting the traditional lamp



Luther Selvarajah Memorial Tennis Tournament Prize Distribution  
Doubles Champions Mr. S. A. P. Thurairatnam &  
Mr. G. Nadarajah





Students Council Say  
good - bye to — Miss Mary Elias

# JAFFNA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Farewell to Mr. & Mrs. A. Kadirgamar



# Jaffna College Alumni Association

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1988-1989

During the period under review six committee meetings were held. Eight new life members joined us during the period.

The Jubilarians fund which had almost come to a grinding halt was swelled by sending printed letters of appeal to our alumni abroad. I must thank our former Principal Mr. A. Kadirgamar for playing a major role in helping us to increase the funds.

Mr. K. Gunaratnam, our Alumni representative on the Board of Directors for the past six years retires and we thank him for the services rendered.

Mr. M. A. Velupillai was elected as our representative to serve on the Board of Directors of the College.

We are very thankful to the chairman and members of the Board of Trustees of Jaffna College in USA who sent one of their representatives, Rev. Eric Gass to Jaffna College when the citizens of Jaffna were bombed and shelled at, from the air, land and sea. We admire his courage and his missionary zeal.

Mr. A. Kadirgamar was felicitated on the 25th January, 1990 on his retire-

ment as teacher and Principal of Jaffna College for thirty-five years. He was a roving ambassador of the Alumni Association promoting the founding of Jaffna college Alumni Associations in USA, Canada, Malaysia and Australia. We wish him well.

The following were felicitated for having served twenty-five years or more as teachers at Jaffna College. They were Miss M. S. Elias, Mr. R. D. Thanabalasingam and Mr. T. Visuvanathan.

We wish Dr. S. Jebanesan all success in his assuming duties as Principal of Jaffna College. The burden of maintaining the best traditions of his predecessors and introducing new ones lie in his hands. We are sure that he will succeed.

In conclusion I would like to thank the President, Treasurer, Members of the Executive Committee, Mr. S. J. Manickam the Alumni Relations Officer and the office staff. My special thanks are due to the retired Principal, Mr. Kadirgamar and the present principal Dr. Jebanesan for all the help and guidance.

M. Sithamparanathan  
Hony. Secretary



## We Wish Them Well

During the period under review four of our Jubilarians retired from service, The Miscellany thanks them for their services and wishes them many years of happy retired life.

### Miss M. S. Elias B. A. (Hons) (Lond.) 1953—1989

It is difficult to believe that Miss M. S. Elias is actually going to quit the service of the college. She was an underground influence and power behind many things going on here. She did her degree in Oriental Languages, but nobody associated her with purely linguistic matters. She was a very dynamic social institution, besides the diverse subjects the College authorities assigned to her. Her pleasant features and unruffled temper were a great asset, which we hope will not be lost to the college eventhough she formally retires.

### Sahayamani

### Mr. T. Viswanathan B. Sc. (Cey.) Dip. Ed. 1950—1987

M. T. Viswanathan was with us for thirty-seven years, teaching highly recondite subjects such as physics, chemistry and maths. His favourite subject was physics. We never travelled the same roads as Mr. Viswanathan. But there is no doubt that he enjoyed his travels. Latterly he was greatly concerned about what Halley's comet was going to do.

Unfortunately for him this time, probably for the first time in History, the comet let down everybody and

falsified all prognostications. He did not confine himself to the teaching world, but took an interest in public questions, although we may not approve of the sides he took. But at the age of sixty, he has a long future before him, which we are sure, he will put to great use.

His extra curricular activities consisted in promoting the interests and rights of teachers.

We wish him well in his retirement.



## THEY RETIRE



Mr. T. Visuwanathan,  
(B. Sc. (Cey.) Dip. Ed.  
1950 — 1987



Miss M. S. Elias,  
B. A. (Lond.)  
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1953 — 1987



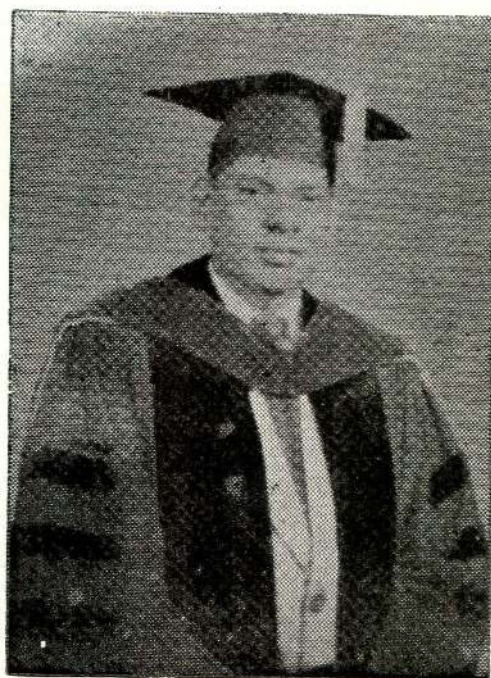
Mr. A. I. Sinniah  
B. Sc. (Cey.) Dip. Ed.  
1958 — 1989



Mr. V. Selvaratnam  
B. Sc. (Lond.)  
1960 — 1988



IN GREATFUL MEMORY



Dr. W. L. Jeyasingham  
Former President, Jaffna College

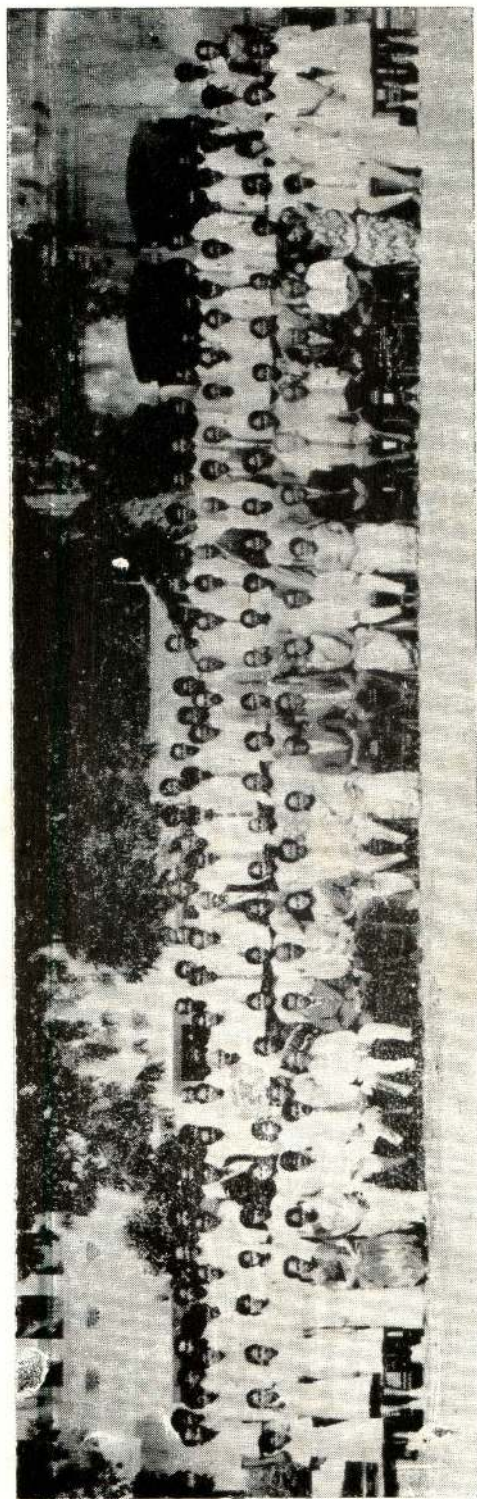


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## Mr. R. D. Thanabalasingham (1954—1987)

Mr. R. D. Thanabalasingham was a familiar figure on the campus through the decades. Quietly and unobtrusively he saw that the boarding was running smoothly. In fact in the old days it was a complaint that the boarding department was always running into debt. His friends explained the matter by saying that Mr. Thanabalasingham liked to see his boys eat. That it cost money caused him no concern. Generations will be sorry that the time had come for him to retire.

## Mr. V. Selvaratnam B. Sc. (London) 1960—1989

Mr. V. Selvaratnam was a versatile person. He was an excellent Hockey and Tennis player, voracious reader, a deeply religious person and a keen student of international affairs. He was a teacher of Physics par excellence.

Mr. Selvaratnam did his Science Degree of the University of London from Jaffna College. He decided to serve his alma mater as a teacher and through decades served her with unwavering loyalty.

As a teacher he helped the administration to organize coaching camps, exhibitions, sports activities and cultural programmes.

He decided to retire prematurely in order to be independent and to achieve some of his ambitions. We are sorry that Mr. Selvaratnam decided to retire from service. We wish him happiness in the new life he has chosen to lead.

## Mr. A. I. Sinniah B. Sc (Cey) Dip. Ed 1958 — 1989

Mr. A. I. Sinniah was a very vital person. Nobody can make a mistake about his views on any question. It was a great thing for us to have a person who would not be a reed shaken by the wind. We trust that all those who went through his agriculture classes were greatly benefitted. From the outside we

were more concerned with the very positive force that he always was. This does not mean that his views were always accepted, but he would not move from them. It is a great thing for an institution to have a person so definite and so sure about his views.

We wish him well.



## Jattna College Staff—1989

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