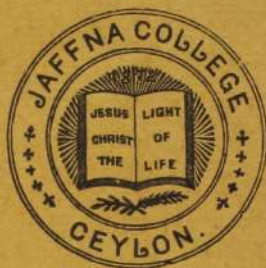


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Re-organizing The Curriculum

H. C. York, Ph. D.

No one who has followed the course of events at Jaffna College during the past few years needs to be told that changes have been going on; but it is almost equally certain that few understand more than dimly the true inner causes of these changes. I do not propose in this article to discuss these causes in detail, but rather to present one phase of the question which I believe has not received the attention and emphasis it should.

Every one who has had anything to do with local education in recent years, knows that one outstanding feature of our school system has been pruning for repression rather than pruning for larger growth. Wherever the chief blame may lie, the sad fact remains that our schools have very largely been content to do the poorest quality of work that would pass muster rather than try to attain something better.

In a recent paper read before the Jaffna Teacher's Institute I laid down the following principles to be followed in planning a practical curriculum; first, that a definite end be kept constantly in view; and second, that an up-to-date knowledge of child psychology be made use of. Perhaps I can do no better than to quote from the paper referred to above, to explain what I mean by these statements.

"These two principles (those quoted above) work exasperatingly at cross purposes. To follow either one exclusive of the other is easy, —but disastrous. Too often that appears to be exactly what is done, the result being a curriculum wonderfully perfect from the outside but impossible for the average pupil to master on the one hand, or a curriculum which the child delights in but which leads to no definite goal on the other. It is the easiest thing in the world, for example, to enumerate what the student ought to know at the end of Standard VIII, and then divide each study into eight equal parts, or something of that sort; but we know very well that such a curriculum would produce mental indigestion. At the other extreme we may argue that a child should be fed only what it can digest easily and pleasantly, and quite lose sight of the fact that education must guide as well as interest. There are too many flabby minds under the best of conditions, and too many woefully untrained students (?) graduated under existing conditions."

As to child psychology, the only period which comes directly under Jaffna College attention is the adolescent period covering the ages of about 12 years and upward to maturity. The earlier part of this period is a time of rapid structural (physical) growth and of corresponding mental weakness. "It is imperative that study be greatly relaxed during this period, and that the curriculum be planned accordingly. So far as possible no pupil should be compelled to repeat a year's work, the syllabus for each standard measuring up to the average child's capacity for that particular age, and no more." (It might be remarked briefly that the same characteristics are met with in children of the ages of six to eight, while between the ages of eight and twelve there is enormous excess vitality which makes these years of great importance for drill and habit-forming studies. Would that all parents and teachers realized the strategic importance of this brief period, and used it to the fullest advantage. We would hear fewer complaints about the study of after years.)

"Second, the curriculum-maker must decide very clearly what shall be the end which his curriculum sets out to attain, and then construct with that end constantly in view. Here is where we find the

most controversies among educationalists; for different men have different ideas as to the end to be attained, and each presents plausible arguments—on paper. I strongly suspect that each of these many conflicting ideas as to educational policy has truth in it and is perfectly right in its place, inasmuch as different stations in life do require different kinds of training. The thing for us to discover is the kind of training which best suits our community, looking, of course, to the future as forecasted by the present. It may even happen that we shall conclude that more than one kind is needed, that the minority as well as the majority (or is it the other way around?) need a special fitting for their life work.

"I suggest that the one setting out to plan a curriculum take account of existing conditions, and in doing so ask himself the following questions:—

- (1) For what walk in life are the majority of the pupils to be fitted?
- (2) At what age, approximately, do circumstances compel them to begin work?
- (3) For what occupation or occupations are the minority to be fitted?
- (4) In what numbers do they desire to enter the various vocations?
- (5) What special studies are important for each of these latter which are not important for other groups, and what studies are absolutely essential?

• Then one is ready to begin the building of his educational structure, or at any rate to construct ladders by which the students may mount upward with the least loss of time and effort."

In American schools it has been found that 95% of the total number of pupils leave school before reaching the grade of the High School, corresponding roughly to Standard VIII or Junior Local; and that of the remaining 5% who continue their studies in the High School or Academy less than 1% actually enter any College or University. Taking as an example the situation in Connecticut (U. S. A.), as shown by a recent report of a Committee appointed to investigate just this thing, we find that out of a total High School enrolment of 14,000 only

1,000 (or 7%) enter any Collegiate or Technical Institution. And yet the little state of Connecticut, with an area less than one-fifth that of Ceylon, is the home of two Universities (Yale and Wesleyan) and one College (Trinity).

Because of these and similar conditions, the whole trend of education in the West is to provide for the ninety and nine who were formerly compelled to make the best of an educational diet properly adapted for the one percent who were headed for the University. Differentiated courses have now been provided in every up-to-date High School and Academy, thus enabling the student to round out his studies at almost any time or point that necessity compels. These courses also fit students to take up the more important vocational occupations with a minimum recourse to private instruction, and thus the student is not suddenly flung into the battle of life to be buffeted rudely about on account of an education so defective that it fits for nothing. The courses usually offered include the regular Classical and Scientific University Preparation and in addition some Commercial and Industrial training as well as a general culture course for such as neither expect to enter the University nor take up special vocations.

Acting along the same lines the Jaffna College authorities have decided that it is time to modify somewhat their former insistence upon an *exclusively* Classical standard, and try to meet the needs of that very large number of students who can never hope to pursue their education beyond (or even up to) University Matriculation. To do this the curriculum has been divided into four "Courses", —designated as the Classical, the Scientific, the General, and the Business or Commercial course respectively,—the details of which will shortly be published in the Jaffna College Calendar for 1912. These courses are by no means mutually exclusive, and the greatest facilities will be afforded the student to change from one to another without serious loss of time or effort, should a sudden change of plans for his life work require it.

Another feature of the re-organization in progress has to do with the sequence of studies and their

place in the daily program. In other words it is trying to render the schooling more effective by placing emphasis on particular studies and parts of studies where experience has shown it ought to be placed, and grappling with these in the order which experience has further shown needs to be followed for most rapid and thorough work thereafter. It is a notorious fact that in Jaffna, at least, the majority of pupils pass on from Standard to Standard in the lower schools with great gaps left in their foundation knowledge with little or no attempt made to fill the same until the crisis of some particular examination compels it. It is the inevitable result of a system which makes little or nothing of school inspection.

In common with other schools of its grade, Jaffna College has suffered much from these defects of preparation, expects to suffer for some time to come, but hopes nevertheless to gradually correct the evil in part by the following methods. It proposes not merely to set its own house in order, but—so long as it does not attempt to train boys from the first Standard up—to incite those who do this grade of work to make up at least a few of the deficiencies which exist at present. To accomplish this end Jaffna College is planning to lay down certain definite requirements for admission, in order that there may be the clearest understanding possible as to the character of the training which it is desired the entering class shall have received. These requirements, I should explain, in no way interfere with the Government Code, but merely emphasize those things which experience has shown are most essential for rapid advance work. We believe that both College and feeding school will benefit much from this sympathetic criticism and co-operation.

It is no part of this article to go into details regarding these requirements, since these will be published fully a little later. Suffice it to say that their prime object is to ensure a practical ability to use the English language with facility and ease (rather than a mere technical knowledge of grammar etc.), accuracy and rapidity in performing the fundamental arithmetical processes as well as a fair degree of power in reasoning out simple problems, and an

elementary knowledge of general geography and local history. Real knowledge—the ability to visualize what is spoken or written is desired above any amount of mere text-book definitions. The latter are important, to be sure, but almost valueless without the former. The weakness of mere text-book definitions is not always at once apparent, but it comes to light as soon as the student tries to do collegiate work. I have heard many a senior student in Jaffna College lament bitterly this weakness in his elementary training.

It might be added in this connection that a good education in Tamil will be regarded as making up for slight deficiencies in English. This means not merely a knowledge of Tamil, but of Arithmetic, History and Geography in Tamil.

Finally, provision is made for students who are deficient in one or two studies, but well grounded in the rest, to advance with their class by merely repeating the work on the one or two, by being given extra work specially directed, according as the needs of the particular case may render advisable. This applies especially to subjects like mathematics and languages where a certain amount of foundation work is indispensable. It is hoped, however, to reduce the number of these “conditioned” students to a minimum, by giving special attention throughout the year to such as are falling behind in any important study or indeed in any study. To this end it is proposed to arrange the time-table in such a way that individual as well as class teaching may be given regularly. This is the essential feature of the “Gary” and “Batavia” systems which have been adopted in many places in the West with such markedly beneficial results.

Such are the chief points in the re-organization of the Jaffna College curriculum. These changes are coming about gradually, but as rapidly as can be effected without harm to existing conditions. Some of them have already been tested, and others will be tried out during the next few months. It will doubtless be some time, however, before they are fully effected. Still, so long as there remains that which is unsatisfactory, just so long will we try to get something better. We will not even forget that “the good is the enemy of the best.”

Literary Societies

The Jaffna College Brotherhood

The adoption of the weekly system in the College boarding department last year deprived the students of their long-continued Improvement Society (formerly held on Saturday) and the need of a substitute was badly felt by the senior students. A joint petition was accordingly sent to the Faculty by the members of the Local classes, requesting them to organize one in its place, and the Faculty in return advised the petitioners to start an independent society of their own with the help of the Principal. At the advice of the Principal, all those members of the upper classes who wished to join the society, and whose grade was over fifty per cent in the previous term examination were created charter members. The eighteen members thus elected form the origin of this society, and the first literary meeting was held by them on the 27th August, 1910.

The main object of this society is to help the members to acquire a character that will fit them to take a worthy place in society, recognizing the true brotherhood of man, and to help them to become proficient in the use of the English Language. The motto of this society is, "Today will never come again."

The constitution and rules drawn up by the charter members still remain in force with slight modifications. The programme at first consisted of an oration, an essay, a reading, a song and a debate. Extempore speaking and an interpretation exercise have since been added. Beginning with this term, we have two papers, one in English and one in Tamil alternate weeks, bearing the names "The Literary Star" and கலைக்கொள்கை. The president of each meeting is appointed by the Executive Committee from the members, and thus everyone is given a chance of knowing the rules of presiding. Time is also given for the transaction of business, and discussions as to parliamentary usage often arise in this part of the programme.

The Principal was the critic of the society until the beginning of this term. Mrs. Brown has kindly consented to be the critic hereafter. We have had the

presence of both of them for most of the meetings of this term. Every possible opportunity is taken by them to make the members have a true insight into the subjects of discussion and to show them the way in which they should apply the things that they learn there for the benefit of their race and country. Proper care is given to accent, idiom, and pronunciation, and there is great improvement in the rhetoric of the members. The members have learnt also a large number of rules of etiquette through them, and their counsel has contributed much to the success of this society. Our thanks are due to Dr. York also, who is always ready to help us in their absence. He has also been kind enough to take a photo of the members of the society.

We intend to have a series of public lectures delivered under the auspices of the society, and the first of these was delivered by Professor Allen Abraham, B. A., on the 25th August, 1911. The lecture was very interesting and instructive. We heartily thank him for the ready response he has made to our invitation.

Mr. Brown gave us a talk on English political parties and the recent debate in Parliament to help us get a true grasp of the present crisis in England and its great importance in history.

This society is found very useful to the upper class students, and its growth during this term is so satisfactory that it gives a good promise for the future.

May the Giver of all good make this society a blessing to our Alma Mater and her young men.

K. S. Kanagarayan
Secretary.

The Third Form Literary Union

President,	Mr. J. V. Chelliah, M. A.
Vice-President,	Master P. Thambusamy
Secretary,	Master V. L. Rajanayagam
Treasurer,	Master R. Nagalingam.

The members of this Union are the students of the Third Form who had another society before this, called The English Improvement Society, under the supervision of Mr. J. K. Kanapathipillai. Soon after the anniversary celebration of that society, a new president was appointed and a new name adopted.

The boys are not compelled to join this Union. Even then, all the boys of the Third Form, feeling that it is of much use and of much improvement for them, have joined the Union.

The meetings are held every Friday night from 6.30 to 8 P. M. The programme consists of songs (both in Tamil and in English), recitations, the paper named "The Student," Tamil essay and the debate which brings the greatest improvement. For our paper "The Student" we have a good and able chief editor, Master R. C. Satkunasingham, and also good sub-editors, Master N. Sinnadurai, Master J. W. S. Chellappah and Master P. Thambusamy who make it interesting with all sorts of amusing problems, College news and other news worthy of being recorded. The subjects for debate are chosen carefully and wisely so that they may suit the College boys. Now the members of this Union have much improved not only mentally, but also morally, spiritually, and socially. This great improvement of the members is due to their taking pains in attending the meetings regularly and performing their duties; but above all it is due to the great care which the President has taken to correct our mistakes.

May God bless this Union which in course of time may become one of the leading societies in Jaffna.

The Junior Literary Society

President,	Mr. S. M. Thevathan, M. A.
Vice-President,	Master J. M. T. Cooke
Secretary,	Master M. Rajaratnam
Treasurer,	Master K. Namasivagam.

This society was organized at the beginning of the term by Mr. S. M. Thevathan, M. A. The constitution was drawn up by the Chairman and passed at a formal mass meeting of the First and Second Form students. The elective principle of membership is followed and applications of students intending to become members and to participate in the activities of the society should be given to the executive committee for approval.

The weekly meetings are held every Friday night and occupy full two hours. An interesting programme

consisting of songs, recitations, readings, extempore speeches, essays (Tamil and English), interpretations (Tamil to English and vice-versa) and a debate is gone through and great enthusiasm is shown by the members. Also a paper called "The Tyro" is edited by a couple of students every week. It is quite readable and contains a lot of news items of special interest to College students.

It is to be hoped that the members of the Junior Literary Union will find these weekly meetings a useful factor in improving their use of English, in learning parliamentary principles, and in promoting their common social interests.

News Gleanings

From the papers of the various literary societies, viz. The Literary Star, published by The Brotherhood, (Cambridge Locals), The Student, published by The Literary Union (Third Form), The Tyro, published by The Junior Literary Society (Second and First Forms.)

Mr. Bridge came from England in connection with the question of Education, and paid a visit to Jaffna College accompanied by Mr. Harward, the Director of Public Instruction, on the 9th of August. Mr. Bridge examined the classes.

Dr. H. M. Fernando accompanied by Dr. Curtis and Mr. Edward Mather paid a visit to Jaffna College. Dr. Fernando after speaking with the teachers a short time motored to Jaffna.

We were blessed with a shower of rain on Monday, 21st August. Now we are glad to see green grasses in all the places which were cruelly dried up by the hot sun.

A missionary from Turkey and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Getchell, came here on the 22nd August. They came to our classroom and asked us some questions in Geography and were answered well. Afterwards the missionary took some photographs.

All the students and teachers were greatly interested in the magic lantern lecture delivered by A. C. Harte Esq., on the Passion Play of 1910, on Saturday 19th August. The next morning at 7. A. M. he preached to the students in Otley Hall. Afterwards

he preached in the Church to the Church members and many other visitors. Lastly he spoke to the students at Otley Hall and gave them some good advice and returned to Jaffna.

The Tyro.

We are sorry to hear that our president, Mr. J. V. Chelliah, is to be away at Bangalore for a few weeks. He is elected as one of the delegates of the Jaffna Council to the convention of the United Church of S. India.

The discussion of the Veto Bill is going to be acted by the members of the Jaffna College Brotherhood. This Bill restricts the power of the House of Lords. Formerly they had the power to reject the bills passed many times by the House of Commons. Now by this Veto Bill, any bill passed three times in the House of Commons within a certain time, need not be approved by the House of Lords.

Many rules are passed regarding the College dining hall. Some rules are easy that we may act accordingly. Some rules are hard so that it is difficult for us to act accordingly. Even then we have to act accordingly. But there are two glee clubs which give us great amusement. One is in the Vegetarian department, the other is in the Ordinary department. A programme is arranged daily. In that programme there are not only the singing service, but also some other services such as short speeches and gramophone. Above all the greatest pleasure is in making motions for showing gratitude and in seconding them. This gives the boys a good and hearty amusement, before they begin to eat.

There was a football match played between the Forms and the Locals of Jaffna College. The players from the Forms, although they were juniors and not well trained, invited the senior players to an encounter. This was a daring thing but it shows the determined spirit of the juniors. The senior players who made nothing of these players before this, were thunderstruck at the dexterity and cleverness showed by the juniors. The captains were Masters M. J. Navaratnam for the Forms and Veerasingam for the Locals. The seniors won by a goal. It was but a mere thing.

There was another football match played between the Forms and Junior Locals. It is a very sorrowful thing to see that the Forms who boasted so much of their ability both in cricket and in football were totally defeated. The ball was always on the side of the Forms. The Juniors would have scored a dozen goals had it not been for their bad selection. The time has come to put down the high ideas of the Forms.

The long-expected lecture by Hon. P. Ramanathan, K. C. M. G., took place on Thursday the 14th September at the Jaffna College Hall. Though the subject chosen by the lecturer was an abstract one, indeed the lecture was very interesting. It was well attended and took one full hour.

The Tyro.

Mr. J. V. Chelliah, our popular English professor, we are glad to say has come to live near us. His relatives and friends envy Vaddukkodai in spite of our rejoicings. It is rumoured that he is soon leaving for India for a short stay. But however short his stay may be it will have some effect on the students, especially those of the higher classes. It is expected that some fit person will take his place during his absence.

The College dining room is undergoing a remarkable change under the supervision of the new superintendent. We are glad to say in the first place that he has remodelled the whole system in the room. The two singing clubs, one of the Ordinary and the other of the Vegetarian department entertain the audience. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the winners of the competition thus far, viz., Mas. A. Kanagasundram, V. S. Visuvanather and K. S. Kanagarayan of the Vegetarian department.

Lecture:—On the 25th August under the auspices of the Jaffna College Brotherhood, a public lecture on Socialism was delivered by Mr. Allen Abraham B. A. Several friends and outsiders were also present. The learned lecturer treated the subject to the extreme satisfaction of all present. During the course of the lecture he dwelt briefly on all the political agitations of the day throughout the most civilized nations. Then he mentioned some of the political and social agitations of the eastern countries, which

are advancing to the light. In fine, the lecture was both interesting and instructive.

Personal:—Messrs. D. S. Sanders, A. W. P. Cooke, E. T. Hitchcock, S. Muttucomarasamy, C. Ampalavaner and S. S. Tamboe appeared for the Teacher's examination for English certificates last month. We are glad to say that most of them hope for a pass.

What lawyers say:—They say that gentlemen who are employed in teaching are sometimes and mostly too severe when they are called upon to sit in the jury to judge a case. This they say is the effect of their being strict disciplinarians with the students, and they also add that they always look at the seamy side. [This is quite true, if verifying is needed the students will do it creditably.]

The Literary Star.

The Social Function of the Third Form Improvement Society

Our Anniversary and Social Function was held on Saturday the 5th August, 1911, and all the students and Faculty of the College were invited. Mr. J. K. Kanapathippillai occupied the chair. The meeting began at 9. A. M. with prayer by Mr. A. Abraham. Then Mrs. H. C. York played on the organ.

The next item on the programme was cutting the cake by Mrs. G. G. Brown which was very surprising to the audience as it hardly ever takes place among the Tamils. Then the Secretary's report was read by Mas. P. Thambusamy who gave a clear and brief description of the Society from the beginning.

Then came the most interesting item on the programme, the drama, *Midsummer Night's Dream*. The class are reading Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare and they simply acted out their reading lesson. It was acted very well and was well appreciated by the audience.

Three songs were sung by Messrs. A. Coomarasamy and K. C. Ratnam concerning our Improvement Society. Another song by Mas. N. Thambyrajah was very well appreciated. Two essays were read, one by Mas. R. C. Sathumasingam on "Youth is the Season for Improvement" and the other by Mas. P. E.

Rajaratnam on "Punctuality." Another essay was read in Tamil by Mas. R. Nagalingam on "Education." It was a very interesting and advisable one and it was well appreciated by all. Then there were very good recitations. After several other items on the programme came music by the Gramophone. While the Gramophone was singing, we began to serve our guests. Several kinds of cakes, were served first. Then fruits and tea were served. Then the president asked the members of the Faculty and visitors to pass some remarks.

Then Mas. P. Thambusamy expressed the thanks of the Third Form boys to the guests and presented to Mrs. Brown a nice fan and to Mr. Kanapathipillai a watch and chain as a token of our gratitude for their help and sympathy. The presents were gladly accepted and thanks were given in return. Then the meeting came to a close at 11. A. M. by singing the national anthem. Then three hearty cheers were given to the members of the Faculty and the guests responded by cheers to the class.

P. T.



Y. M. C. A.

No. of Active Members	37
“ “ Associate “ (Christian)	30
“ “ Associate “ (non-Christian)	40
Total	<hr/> 107

Officers for the year 1911

<i>President,</i>	Dr. H. C. York
<i>Vice-President,</i>	Mr. J. K. Kanapathipillai
<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	Mr. E. A. Williams
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	Mr. G. D. Thomas
<i>Treasurer,</i>	Mr. A. C. Sundrampillai
<i>Auditors,</i>	{ Rev. G. G. Brown Mr. A. Abraham

Chairmen of Committees

<i>Personal Piety Committee,</i>	D. S. Sanders
<i>Prayer meeting,</i>	A. C. Sundrampillai
<i>Outdoor meetings,</i>	Isaac Chelliah
<i>Missionary,</i>	J. T. Miller
<i>Sunday School,</i>	R. K. Arulampalam
<i>Garden,</i>	A. C. Joseph
<i>Athletic,</i>	S. W. Charles
<i>Reading Room,</i>	E. A. Williams
<i>Friend-in-need,</i>	Isaac Chelliah
<i>Membership,</i>	A. Kanagasundram

• *College Y. M. C. A. Sunday-school work*

This work is done with as much vigour and enthusiasm as was shown by students of former times. Formerly, as a rule, boys of the higher classes only undertook to perform this work. But now, even small boys, all Christian boys, no matter whether they are members of the church or not, go to the surrounding vernacular schools to teach the children. It is the duty of the chairman of this committee, to send regularly to every school.

The number of schools under our care at present is seven. The number of teachers sent is eighteen. The usual attendance of the children is 180. The spirit of the College boys shown towards this work is extremely encouraging. Boys, without caring even for the hot mid-day sun, volunteer to go as teachers; to some schools they have to walk two miles or more. The children also show great interest in our work.

In order to get the children more and more interested, we regularly distribute picture cards which some kind ladies supply to us.

• We hold an annual Prize-giving in each school regularly in November.

Most of the children give charity. Some give money, each a cent, some give arecanuts, while others give lime fruits or peppers.

Many God help us to do this work with more vigour.

R. K. Arulampalam,
Chairman of Committee.

Garden Committee

The work of this committee is carried on by some active and associate members who are really taking a great interest in this matter. The garden is watered regularly in the early morning by the members. This committee gains a fair profit from the cocoanut trees, papaw trees, pomegranate trees and plantain trees. The plantains near the tub which are on the north-western part are well watered regularly. This committee thanks Mr. Brown for his great kindness in fencing the northern and eastern parts with wires. Some young cocoanut trees are expected to be planted all over the garden after a good shower of rain.

The income derived from the garden during the last eight months is as follows:—

	Rs. cts
By the sale of plantains	8.03
“ “ “ “ plantain leaves	0.93
“ “ “ “ pomegranates	0.25
“ “ “ “ papaw	0.67
“ “ “ “ cocoanuts	11.13
By fines	0.81
	Total 21.82
To expenses	0.36
	21.46

This committee hopes for a better profit and better state hereafter.

Joseph A. Chinnappapillai,
Chairman of Committee

Athletics

Our *Miscellany* readers may not be aware of the slight change made in the Athletic department. The College authorities have kindly consented to undertake the financial business of the committee which the committee found difficult to manage.

The work of this committee is now lessened to that extent. It has to see to it that the boys are interested in the play. The entire management of the field day sports is left with this committee. These sports are held only once a year and prizes are offered to the winners.

The junior boys are more interested in cricket. Inter-class matches are arranged and played with great enthusiasm. Foot-ball games are largely in the hands of grown-up boys and are played regularly.

The tennis court is now repaired and is open for use. The game is not less attractive than others and a good deal of interest is taken, especially by upper class boys.

Sundram Charles,
Chairman, Athletic Committee.

Jaffna College Reading Room

A committee with a chairman is appointed to carry on this work.

The duties of the committee are:—

(1) To get papers regularly from the College authorities.

(2) To open the room during all possible leisure hours.

(3) To keep the room clean and attractive.

There are a set of rules which every reader has to obey as long as he stays within the room.

The No. of dailies we get is	1
“ weeklies	13
“ monthlies	12
“ quarterlies	1

Almost every boy avails himself of the opportunity of visiting the room.

An Appeal

We are indeed sorry our splendid papers have to be kept in an old and rotten room, consequently they are not so attractive as they ought to be. A few rupees will do.

If any friend, any old boy, any well wisher of this Y. M. C. A. cares to answer to this call, indeed we shall be thankful.

E. A. Williams,
Chairman, Reading Room Committee

Prayer Meeting

The special purpose of this committee is to improve the students in their communion with God and to be good and do good for the betterment of their fellow-beings.

Prayer meetings are held on Sunday nights and Tuesday nights regularly.

In these meetings, the chairman of the committee, or some senior Christian member speaks to the students regarding the means of moulding the Christian character. We are encouraged by the attendance of all the members both Christian and non-Christian present in the college and by their unbroken anxiety towards the light of life. Our earnest prayer is that God should enlighten our hearts more, and more to see his mysteries.

Albert C. Sundrampillai
Prayer Meeting Committee Chairman.

Missionary Committee

Every reader knows how much and what kind of work is being done in different parts of the world by missionary committees. Such a work is being done in the Island of Elavaitive by the young men of Jaffna College. The work, comparatively small as it is, is done well and successfully. There is a vernacular school under the management of the College Y. M. C. A.

This school is yearly visited by some members of the Y. M. C. A. and besides giving prizes to the students to encourage their attendance at the Sunday school, Gospel meetings are conducted. Every year a committee with a chairman is appointed to conduct such meetings and other business concerning the school.

As usual, this committee undertook the missionary tour to the Island in February last. A good and satisfactory work was done there. The teacher of the school and his wife are doing good mission work. They conduct the Sunday school regularly, visit all the houses and teach the people Bible lessons.

Consequently the Island has made good progress. The people, who formerly, it is said, used to run away when they saw any missionaries or others who went there to preach the Gospel, have begun to see the light and are able to understand and appreciate the moral lessons taught to them.

J. T. Miller, Chairman

Calendar of Events

Third Term

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| July | 25. | Opening Day. |
| " | 29. | Jaffna Teachers' Institute. |
| " | 29. | Annual Meeting of Board of Directors. |
| August | 3. | Lecture, "The Strenuous Life," Mr. A. Abraham. |
| " | 5. | Annual Meeting and Social Function of the Third Form English Improvement Society. |
| " | 6. | Missionary Meeting. |
| " | 9. | Visit of Mr. Bridge and Mr. Harward. |
| " | 10. | Visit of Dr. H. M. Fernando. |
| " | 12. | English Parlour Games, Principal's Bungalow. |
| " | 13. | Evening Sermon (English), Mr. J. V. Chelliah. |
| " | 14 to 19. | Teachers' examination. |
| " | 19. | Magic Lantern Lecture, The Passion Play, Sec. A. C. Harte. |
| " | 20. | Visit of Mr. Harte. |
| " | 20. | Evening Sermon, Mr. S. M. Thervathasan. |
| " | 22. | Visit of Rev. D. K. and Mrs. Getchell, Marsovan, Turkey. |
| " | 25. | Lecture, "Socialism," Mr. A. Abraham. |
| " | 27. | Evening Sermon, Mr. T. P. Hudson. |
| September | 2. | Magic Lantern Entertainment, Dr. H. C. York. |
| " | 3. | Missionary Meeting. |
| " | 7. | Lecture, "The Truth shall make You Free", Mr. J. V. Chelliah. |
| " | 9. | Adjourned Meeting of Board of Directors. |
| " | 10. | Evening Sermon, Mr. L. S. Ponniah. |
| " | 14. | Lecture, "The Goal of Life, the Expansion of Love and Peace", Hon. P. Ramanathan. |
| " | 17. | Evening Sermon, Mr. Abraham. |
| " | 19. | Bajanai, Bagavather Vethanayagam. |
| " | 22. | Jaffna Teachers' Institute. |
| " | 24. | Evening Sermon, Dr. H. C. York. |
| " | 26-28. | Term Examinations. |
| " | 29. | Closing Day. |

A Letter from the Principal

To Former Students of Jaffna College

Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai,
September 24, 1911

Dear Friends:—

The most valuable asset of any College is the great body of students who have studied within her walls and have learned to revere her ideals and her traditions. I am perfectly sure that the majority of the 1,379 students who have been enrolled in Jaffna College are truly loyal to their Alma Mater. Since becoming Principal, I have not made many appeals to you for assistance, and I hope I shall not at any time weary you by continually asking your assistance for schemes in connection with the College. But there are three things which I wish to have done which can be done only as you come to our aid and I now appeal to you for your assistance.

A few days ago, I sent out to a large number of you a circular letter inviting your attention to these matters and I rejoice to report that within the very short time that has elapsed a number of alumni have responded. I desire now through the pages of the Miscellany to call further attention to these matters, and I beg that each one of you will give them all your careful consideration.

I. The Miscellany

This little Magazine is published by the Faculty and the students of the College and is intended to be the medium through which former students and other friends of the College may keep in touch with the institution. The subscription price is only fifty cents a year. But a large number of small amounts means a great deal to those who are responsible for the finances of such a paper. So I appeal to you all, dear friends, to lend us your aid in making this Magazine a greater success than it has ever been by sending in your subscriptions and by inducing those who are not now on our list to become subscribers. You will notice by the acknowledgements on another page, that within a few days a number have paid for two years in advance.

II. The Y. M. C. A. Memorial Fund

In a recent number of the Miscellany I made an appeal for this object, and I desire again to call your attention to the matter. I cordially thank those who have already subscribed Rs. 46.50 for this purpose, but this amount falls far short of the sum needed. I am sure that the Y. M. C. A. touched all your lives for good while you were in College and I trust that you will respond generously to our appeal for funds to worthily commemorate its founding by placing a suitable tablet in Otley Hall. I have been in doubt as to whether I should publish the subscription list as the sums come in. I have decided not to do so but to wait till the whole is complete and to publish the final list all at once. Let us hear from you soon.

III. A Record of Former Students' Achievements

Every College worthy of the name tries to keep in close touch with its former students and to keep a record of what they have done and are doing in the world. Our record of your life since leaving College is very incomplete. We have entirely lost track of some of you. That is partly your fault and it is partly ours. And now I ask you to help to correct the mistake by sending in to me, in the forms which I have supplied, the record of what you have been doing so that we may all rejoice with you in your success. I am sure that the record, when it is complete, will show that Jaffna College students have done as much for their country and for the advancement of high ideals, as the students of any other institution in the country. Please give us your best assistance in this matter.

• In this connection I may add that we will be particularly grateful for information about students of whom we have lost track. Letters sent to their last addresses on our books are returned unclaimed. Later on we will publish a list of those of whom we wish to have further information, but in the meanwhile, if some of you can give us a list of all the old students of the College whom you know in your neighbourhoods, we can do much to complete our record at once.

Relying upon you all for your sympathy and co-operation,

I am
Yours very cordially,
Giles G. Brown,
Principal.



Alumni Notes

Rev. S. Somasundram, B. A. of the C. M. S. has succeeded the Rev. G. Daniel who is retiring from pastoral work owing to ill health.

Mr. S. L. Eliatamby, who is preparing for his B. A. examination at Bishop's College, Calcutta, has been admitted as a member of the Astronomical Society of India in recognition of a thesis, "The Future of the Planets."

Mr. Victor L. Joshua has been appointed teacher at Ipoh, Perak F. M. S.

Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, who was successful in the last Clerical Examination has received an appointment in the Audit Office, Colombo.

Mr. A. M. Richards, Veterinary Surgeon, Trichinopoly, has been promoted as Inspector of Veterinary Hospitals, Madras.

Mr. S. M. Theyathasan, M. A., of Jaffna College has obtained the "Eliot Prize" awarded by the Presidency College, Madras.

Mr. Eliatamby Buell, B. A., who obtained first place in his first and second examinations, has taken his oath as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Ceylon.

Dr. S. F. G. Danforth of the Poly Hospital has been transferred to Kalmunai.

Mr. R. A. Gnanamuttu of the Jaffna Post Office has been transferred to Galle.

Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam, who was an Assistant Master in the Manipay Memorial English School, has joined the staff of St. John's College.

Mr. R. H. D. Vethamanikkam B. A., has received an appointment in the Rajapakse College, Koskoda, as Principal.

Mr. P. Vythilingam, B. A., Advocate, acted as Police Magistrate and Commissioner of Requests at Point Pedro and Chavagacheheri for a few days in July.

Mr. F. R. Rajanayagam of the Police Department, Negombo, was married to Miss Annappillai Subramaniam of Changuvely at the Vaddukoddai Church on the 10th July, 1911.

Mr. E. Joseph, Proctor, Kurnegalle, was married at the Manipay church to Miss Clara Nallammah Ponnampalam on the 15th July, 1911.

Mr. James Mather has joined the United Theological College at Bangalore.

Visitors. **Rev. E. R. Fitch** of the American Presbyterian mission, Etawah, India, and Messrs. **R. A. Naganathar** of the P.W.D. Kula Lumpur, **A. Thillianathar** of the Marine Department, Port Dickson, **S. Sittampalam** of the Post Office, Kuala Lumpur, **A. Chellappah** of the Surveyor's Department, Malacca have visited us recently.

Mr. P. S. Charawanamuttu, is now in the second class of the Clerical service and is Chief Clerk in the Master Attendant's Office Colombo, which position he has held since 1907. He entered the service in 1890 and served in the Prisons Department, the Audit Office and Trincomalee Kacheheri before being promoted to his present post.

Mr. T. S. Selviah is Head Master of Uva Collegiate school, Badulla, which position he has held since August 1st, 1907.

Mr. B. R. Vijiya and **Mr. Samuel Sanders** are now clerks in the Office of the Principal of the College.

Mr. A. Pounjah, Master of Methods, Training College, has been appointed Sub-Inspector of schools, Northern Province.

Mr. J. M. Kanaganayagam has been transferred from N'Elia Kacheheri to the Agricultural Department, Colombo, as the Head Clerk.

Mr. T. Arumainayagam has enrolled himself as a Law Student.



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