

EDITORIALLY

*"More things are wrought by prayer than this
World dreams of. Wherefore let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day,
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God".*

We have selected the above quotation from Tennyson on purpose. Very few with whom we have come in contact, have realised the value of prayer as the one to whom we dedicate this issue of the College magazine. Our Principal, the Rev. Henry Peto, received his ordination as Priest on Sunday the 26th of February, at the Mutwal Cathedral. Those of us who have been with him know that his life has been a sincere effort to serve his Master. He has spent several years in earnestly preparing for the ministry, and we rejoice with him that his one great ambition in life has been fulfilled. We wish him many years of happy service in our midst.

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We regret to record the death of Mr. J. A. Muttuvaloe one of our most devoted Old Boys. He belonged to one of the oldest Christian families in Jaffna, and received his education at St. John's College. On leaving school he joined the Government clerical service where his ability was early recognised, and his rise in the department was meteoric. He passed away on the 14th of February at the age of 52. He was a very earnest Christian worker, and his life was as pure as it was simple. He had a very

warm corner in his heart for his old school, and his loss will be keenly felt, not only by every true Johnian but by all who knew him. We offer our sympathies to his daughters and to all others who were dear to him.

Mr. A. Cathiravelu, J. P. U. P. M.; Crown Proctor, is another distinguished Old Boy, whose death occurred recently. He was a prominent member of the Bar, and acted as District Judge on several occasions. His death has removed from Jaffna a valuable citizen. We condole with his friends and relatives.

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The College Cricket XI opened the season with a tour in Colombo. The Anandians gained a splendid victory over us, and we are obliged to them for their kind hospitality. The other match played in Colombo was with the Old Boys. The team of the latter, consisting of some of our past captains and a few of the first-rate Tamil Union cricketers, scored an easy victory over our boys. We are grateful to them for the thrilling game they gave our XI. We can assure them that, under the able guidance of Mr. A. J. Evans, our new cricket master, the team will be able to give a better account of themselves in the next few months.

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The Old Boys provided the team with an excellent lunch and several delightful speeches were made. We are glad that in the meeting that followed it was unanimously agreed, by the Old Boys present, that the magazines be sent to them by V. P. Post. This will save the trouble of the Treasurer having to remind members of their subscriptions, and will prevent subscribers from forgetting this detail, in the midst of their numerous other duties. We are obliged to the Old Boys in Colombo for their enthusiastic loyalty towards the College and for all the kindness they have extended to us in the past.

Our thanks are especially due to the energetic Secretary of the O. B. A. in Colombo, who spared

no pains in making the meeting of the Old Boys and the New a success.

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His Excellency Sir Herbert J. Stanley, K. C. M. G. paid our school a visit at the end of last term. As his visit fell on the very last day of term, the holiday in his honour had to be postponed for this term. His Excellency showed very keen interest in the various activities of the school, and went round to the different classes conversing pleasantly with the teachers, and putting a few interesting questions to boys in certain forms. Unlike other Proconsular visits we have had, this was rather an extended one, and his Excellency would have found ample time to form a fair estimate of the work that is being done. We thank him for his kindness, and for the warm and graceful manner in which he inspected the school and spoke to us. Under a Governor who evinces such great interest in the Educational institutions of the country, we doubt not that the future of Education in our island is safe.

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The 28th of November was a red-letter day in St. John's College. During his lightning tour in Jaffna, the Mahatma granted us a visit lasting for about ten minutes. The staff and students of the C. M. S. Girls' College also joined us in the reception. Two purses were presented by the two schools respectively, and the Mahatma in a short speech gracefully thanked the schools for their gifts, and explained to them the object of his mission. A holiday was given to the two schools in honour of the visit of one of the greatest men of our age.

We wish to place on record our gratitude to the Student's Congress which was chiefly responsible for inviting the Mahatma to our shores, and to Mahatmaji for his kind visit to our school.



COLLEGE NOTES

BY THE PRINCIPAL

We have been glad to welcome back this term Mr. G. S. Chelliah (formerly C. E. Gunaratnam, Old Boys please note!) who has rejoined the Staff after a 2 years' course at the Colombo Training College. He takes charge of the Knight Boarding-house and also of the Wolf Cubs.

Since writing my last notes we have had two distinguished visitors at the College. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Herbert Stanley, K. C. M. G., came to the College on the last day of last term. He visited in detail nearly the whole School and was received in the Hall. When visiting the library and seeing the recent handsome gift of teak almirahs, he expressed the wish to give some books. This term a very handsome, complete set of Sir Walter Scott's works have been received. We would thank His Excellency both for this and for the real interest he showed in our work when he was here.

In Mahatma Ghandi, who paid a brief visit on the 29th of November, we welcomed one whose name is famous throughout the world, and whom we had all for a long time wished to see. The Mahatma and Mrs. Ghandi were received in the Hall by the whole school. As I said at the time, we welcomed him as one who not only strove for unity where there was strife, and for the spirit of service where there was oppression, but also endeavoured, at whatever cost, to live true to the high ideals he set before him. Would that more men and women would add deeds to the words with which they express loyalty to the Mahatma's ideals!

The foot-ball season may, I think, be regarded as having been a satisfactory one. Though we did not come out head of the schools in Jaffna, to win four out of five Inter-collegiate matches was

a good record. Congratulations to the team! The House Sports this term showed as much keenness as before. Congratulations to Williams House, who won the House Championship by a large margin! The Cadet Sports in Colombo produced nothing worthy of record for us. We must train more seriously and go better prepared if we are to compete successfully with Colombo and Kandy.

The School has sustained a very heavy loss this term in the passing of Mr. J. A. Muthuvaloe. In the Government Audit Office he held a position perhaps as high as any other Old Boy at present living. I had the privilege of knowing him well personally and I often have talked over College matters with him. He was always deeply interested in his old School and his advice was always most sound and helpful. We look back to him as a man of the highest ideals, whose example we may all do well to try to follow. Our sympathy is with his children and relations.

The Staff were glad to have with them the Rev. A. E. Dibben at the beginning of the term, and we would thank him for the series of most thoughtful and inspiring addresses he gave us. Soon after these notes have gone to the printer we hope to have with us for a few days the Rev. J. Carter, M. A. Principal of the College, 1895-99. It is always a pleasure when old friends come to see us.

I should like Old Boys to know that as I have now received full Ordination, there will (D. V.) be a Celebration of the Holy Communion every Sunday morning at 6.50 A. M. in term time. Old Boys who may happen to be in the neighbourhood are always welcome.

May I call the attention of Old Boys especially to the report given in this number of the meeting of the Old Boys in Colombo on February the 16th?



THE POETS OF JAFFNA

By

SWAMI VIPULANANDA

The following are notes of a lecture delivered at the Historical Association of Jaffna, on the 28th of October 1927 in the College Hall.

Swami Vipulananda said that there had been some real Tamil Literature produced in Jaffna. The History of that Literature and the life story of the poets remained to be written. It was altogether an unexplored field. It was a field in which he hoped younger people would evince a greater interest. He saw before him a large number of students who were great lovers of their country's past. The connected story of the history of the poets of Jaffna would be a fascinating study. He hoped his discourse would be productive of thought and cause research work to be undertaken.

The earliest poet about whom there was a record in the Sangam Literature was Pootham Devanar of Ilam. Ilam is another name for Lanka. That poet lived during the Sangam age. He was recognised by the third Tamil academy at Madura. The poems of Pootham Devanar found a place in the Sangam anthology. The other poet of whom there is mention made was Mudinagarayar of Murinchi. Murinchi is identified with Musiri, a place near Mannar.

These were some of the earliest poets. Then there is a very broad gap till the time when the Arya Chakaravarthis ruled at Nallur. The Tamil Raghuvamsam, a beautiful rendering of the Raghuvamsam of Kalidasa, is one of the foremost poems in Tamil Literature. Arasa Kesari, the author of this Epic poem, flourished in the 15th century. His uncle Pararajasekaram was a great patron of learning. Segarajasekaram the brother of Pararajasekaram was also a great poet. The early part of the 15th century could well be called the Augustan age of Tamil Literature for Jaffna. There

were scholars and poets, and a Tamil King who was himself a patron of learning and a poet who ruled at Nallur. There was then a Sangam at Nallur on the model of the one at Madura. That marked the first epoch of Tamil poetry in Jaffna. That was about 400 years ago. Besides Literary works medical and astrological works were written during this period. The younger people should make it a point to study the writings of this period. They would discover rare original excellences in them.

After the fall of Nallur there followed political disturbances. Foreign powers invaded the land. When there are political disturbances and a period of unrest very little of poetry could be expected. For some time nothing of any merit was produced. While the Portuguese were ruling Jaffna there lived a poet by the name of Gnanapiragasa Munivar at Tirunelvely. At that time the people were expected to provide a cow daily for the table of the Portuguese Governor. When it came to the time of Gnapiragasa Munivar to give a cow he thought it better for him to leave the country, and he went over to India. He lived for several years at Chidamparam. He wrote a large number of commentaries. Though these do not go strictly under the class of poetry, still judged from the standard of the influence which his writings had upon the thought of his age, Gnanapiragasa Munivar deserved to be considered a poet of no mean order. At that time there lived at Alaveddy a poet by the name of Vaithyanatha Munivar. He was a contemporary of Gnanapiragasa Munivar. His best known work is the Vyagrapada Puranam. These two poets lived 300 years ago. After that there is another gap lasting several years. Information available is very scanty. Perhaps the scholars of the future might be able to piece together a history of the period. That opened the second epoch. After that there was a regular continuity of scholars and literary men.

Then came the time of Sinnathamby Pulavar, the son of Vilvarayar Mudaliyar. Tradition says

that Sinnathamby Pulavar acquired the gift of poetry miraculously. He never went to school when he was young. His father who was also a poet began to compose an Anthathi. Vilvarayar Mudaliyar composed the first two lines of the invocation and had to go away on business. He left the palm leaf manuscript behind. When he returned he found, to his great surprise, the remaining two lines completed. He inquired from his wife whether any one had access to his study room, but was told that no one but his son had gone into the room. The son was sent for, and he came rather reluctantly. His father questioned him and found out that the anonymous composer was his son from whom he never expected work of such a high order. Sinnathamby Pulavar was a poet of high rank. About the same time there lived at Chunnakam a Brahmin named Varatharajah Pandither and another at Mathakal, Mylvagana Pulavar. That opened up the 3rd epoch of Tamil Literature. Mylvagana Pulavar was the one who wrote a connected history of Jaffna.

Then began a movement for a greater spread of the Tamil language and Literature. Koolankai Thambiran came to Jaffna at the invitation of Vythilinga Chettiyar, the founder of the Sivan temple. He was the teacher of the teachers of Nannool. Under him studied Senathyrajah Mudaliyar. The Nallaikuravanchi of Senathyrajah Mudaliyar was a great piece of literature of high poetic excellence. Koolankai Thambiran's pupils received a sound training in Grammar and Phonetic which contributed not a little towards the accurate scholarship which is the hall mark of the Jaffna scholars of the last generation.

Coming close to modern times the fullest perfection was reached in the time of Arumuga Navalar. Navalar was a pupil of Senathyrajah Mudaliyar. At that time the aim of the scholars was to produce works of accurate scholarship. Navalar produced several works all of which have the touch of true scholarship. They who sat at his

feet were imbued with the desire for accurate scholarship. That was the 5th epoch of Tamil Literature. The lecturer then recapitulated. In conclusion, he said that it was not possible, within the compass of such a resume, to make mention of several poets who, though they did not produce any big works of eminence still wrote tolerably good poetry. Among the Roman Catholics there were several who wrote good poetry. But because some of them did not conform to the strictly classical standards, scholars are not inclined to consider their works as of high value. But that was unfortunate. A man might not conform to the standards of classical learning; but that did not prevent from handing to posterity real solid contribution to the thought of the world. The lecturer then referred to Dramatic Literature and said that there were extant about 150 dramas of great literary merit.

He ended by suggesting that the Historical Association should first prepare a catalogue of the available Tamil works produced in Jaffna, and then try to write a connected history of the Literature of the country. He hoped they would not be altogether engrossed in politics and social reform, but would also devote time to the development of the Literature of their land.



A WALKING TOUR IN THE ARDENNES MOUNTAINS IN FRANCE

In 1923 three English boys who had just left school decided to have a walking tour in France. They left Southampton at 11.30 p. m. one night in the middle of August and arrived at Havre. At 6.30 a. m. the next morning after having their passports examined and their luggage pushed about and probed into by fierce looking gendarmes (police) they proceeded to train by Charleroi in Belgium via Paris.

Going to Charleroi by way of Paris is an extraordinarily costly and stupid way; the obvious way is by Ostend, by which way one does not go along two sides of a right angled triangle. But the travellers were young and the young are foolish.

Three things may be noticed about the journey, which was a lengthy one with a change of stations in Paris. First the extremely rapid and very dangerous driving of the Paris motor driver. The Jaffna driver is bad but the Paris driver is much worse. In the French Capital if a pedestrian is knocked down by a car it is the former's fault; and so the crossing of a Parisian street is a matter of considerable trepidation.

Secondly the number of crops each peasant grows on his bit of land—a small field may contain four different crops—a strip of corn perhaps only five yards wide, then a similarly narrow one of sugar beet, adjacent to cabbages and beans for example. In parts of France and Belgium tobacco is grown.

Thirdly the customs.

In Europe especially where a country has several neighbours the frontiers are watched with great care lest travellers should evade paying duty on dutiable articles, and it happens that new formed states are especially jealous of their importance. Further the smaller the state the greater the care taken: thus in passing from Germany to France the train might be delayed fifteen minutes; if one passed from Germany to Czecho Slovakia the stop would be three times as long. Well, to return to our subjects. They managed to evade being dashed to death in Paris and eventually reached the frontier between France and Belgium. Here there was a halt. The train was boarded by French gendarmes dressed in red and blue uniforms with fierce moustaches. (Gendarmes always do seem to have fierce moustaches.)

They scrutinised 'les anglais' and their baggage closely. The train moved on out of France and came to rest a few minutes later at a station in

Belgium. Here entered even fiercer looking Belgian gendarmes led by an officer with a sword. These held a still more minute scrutiny, emptying packs and looking under seats. In spite of their efficiency they were not quite vigilant enough to prevent a couple of Germans doing a rather doubtful piece of work. These hitherto had been peacefully munching grapes. As soon however as the train stopped they were galvanised into activity. One popped out of the corridor door, rushed round to the window,—the gendarmes being occupied a little further down—received a parcel from his erstwhile grape-eating companion and vanished into some inner chamber among the platform buildings. When the train was about to move he reversed his procedure and was soon sitting innocently in his seat with his parcel intact. How he avoided the alert eyes and bristling moustaches of the Belgian army it is difficult to say. Shakespeare was not far wide of the mark when he wrote:—

'So may the outward shows be least themselves,

The world is still deceived with ornament'.

And so Charleroi was reached about 4.30 p. m. A map was bought together with the inevitable picture postcard and a secluded looking wood was settled on for the night's camping place. At this point perhaps it would be well if we referred to what is meant by a walking tour. Now there are diversities of walking tours. One may train to some centre, sleep there each night in a rest-house or other place and go excursions outwards from that as a base; or one may walk from place to place sleeping in different buildings each night; or thirdly one may take one's house upon one's back, like the snail, in the shape of a tent and only make use of bricks and mortar if one is very thoroughly wet through. The last type is truest to the name and was the one followed by our adventurers. They each carried two blankets, one rolled into a sleeping bag, and a tent between the three. The height of the tent when erect was about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet; the poles, top pieces and oblique pieces, were of light bamboo and in sections. The weight of the pack of the man who carried

the tent was about 28 lbs, of the other two less. Besides the tent cooking and eating utensils and a quantity of food had to be carried. For again one may either eat entirely at boutiques and food cooked there, or buy cooked food or cook one's own.

Eventually a town was reached which was a short distance from the selected wood. Enquiries were made for the exact direction to be taken. Now during the whole tour the public labelled the walkers either *allemands* (Germans) or 'Boy Scouts' because they wore shorts and carried on their backs a type of pack much used in Germany, whose young people are very fond of walking.

In this town Flemish was spoken more than French—Flemish is common among the uneducated people of Flanders and what little French the wanderers knew did not appear to be intelligible to the inhabitants. There is no less difference between French learnt in England and taught by an Englishman and the French spoken by the peasants than as there is between *Jaffna Tamil* and the coolie variety. Because of this mutual lack of language, the inhabitants cast round for an interpreter for these delightful but on no doubt moon struck '*anglais*' and a start was made to a house in a neighbouring street where lived a damsel who was reputed to be a bilinguist. Her English however consisted of precisely two words neither of which were very helpful, so amid many bows and smiles on either side the wood was sought without direction from that particular section of the town. The wood was reached, the tent put up, the cocoa made and three tired travellers went to sleep. Next morning an estate agent, fetched by a forest keeper wanted to know why they were there. On hearing they were students—apparently most students are capable of anything he thought—that two of them knew the only town in England (Guildford) which he himself knew, and that they all came from universities—Derby Technical College was elevated to an university for the occasion—he departed all smiles.

After walking for an hour and a half they decided that a drink would be acceptable, so they entered an inn. Here they were served by a gentleman who revealed himself as Professor of Mathematics in the University of Nivelles (a town in Belgium); he was doing duty as a barkeeper as a little holiday. Conversation ensued and the company, enlarged by the addition of Willie, the son of the Mathematical publican, adjourned to the garden for a mutual exchange of photographs. This done, and full of good wine, our tourists restarted.

The next event of interest, private rather than public, was the experiment one day of trying a large breakfast of veal (calf) and vegetables and cheese. This proved rather disastrous and distinctly unsatisfactory to walk on, for that evening a considerable amount of regurgitation took place.

The route followed necessitated crossing and re-crossing the Belgo-French boundary more than once. All along the frontier of every European country are dotted at frequent intervals frontier police to see that no smuggling of untaxed goods or no entry of undesirable persons takes place. Besides being very costly to the nation, it is irritating to the walker. The course of the river Meuse as far as Sedan was followed roughly. Frontier police were met several times and often the huts or houses where the force of the two different nations lived, generally an N. C. O. and two or three men—were found very near each other. In one village for example the French post was passed and 50 yds. up the same street the Belgians were also found. So that it is possible to be examined as to passport and baggage several times a day if near the frontier, for cycling gendarmes sometimes take it into their heads to get off and say 'Your papers, if you please.

In spite however of such minor disadvantages a walking tour in France or anywhere else affords a very enjoyable holiday.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S VISIT

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Stanley accompanied by Mr. R. C. Byng P. S., Mr. T. B. Russell G. A. and Mr. K. Pippet, Superintendent of police were received at the gate by the Principal Rev. H. Peto and Mr. T. H. Crossette Vice Principal. The cadets corps and the Scouts under the command of Capt: J. H. Gayer presented a guard of honour. His Excellency after inspecting them expressed his appreciation of the smart turn out. The cubs then rallied round His Excellency and gave him the grand howl. His Excellency and party were conducted to the various class rooms where he made some boys to read and others to recite. In some of the senior forms he asked some questions. Next he visited the Laboratory and the Art Room. He was very much impressed to see the drawings of the boys that were exhibited, and was highly pleased in the way the art Room was kept. The party then visited the Twynam Museum. There they spent some time in viewing the different collections. The Government Agent brought to the notice of His Excellency that the graves of the two Rajahs of the north (the late Mr. Percival Acklard Dyke, C. C. S. and Sir William Twynam C. C. S.) were in the adjoining Cemetery. The Governor walked into the Cemetery and paid his respect to their graves.

By this time the whole college was assembled in the College Hall which was gaily decorated. His Excellency was then conducted to the Hall. His Excellency was garlanded, and Lady Stanley was given a bouquet by the Cubs. The principal read the following address:—

To His Excellency,
Sir Herbert Stanley,

*Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor*

and Commander-in-Chief over the Island of Ceylon and its Dependencies.

May it please Your Excellency,

It is with the greatest pleasure that we welcome you and Lady Stanley to St. John's College to-day, and we are most grateful for the honour you have conferred upon us by this visit. Our pleasure is enhanced by the thought that Your Excellency is a member of the same Church to which it is our privilege to belong.

St. John's College was founded by the Church Missionary Society in the year 1823; since which time the School had, under God's Blessing, an unbroken and prosperous career. We are proud of a long line of sons who have gone forth from these walls to live useful and honoured lives in Ceylon, in India, and in the Malay States.

Our School buildings are, compared with those of many schools in Ceylon, insignificant and mean. In spite of this it has been our endeavour to maintain a high standard of both academic and athletic attainment. We hope for structural developments in the near future. In this connection we would like respectfully to draw Your Excellency's attention to the fact that a deficit of over Rs. 4,900 still hangs as a cloud over that memorial to one of the greatest sons whom England has sent to the Ceylon Civil Service, the late Sir William Twynam, K. C. M. G., for twenty-seven years Government Agent of this Province and for over fifty years a member of the Ceylon Civil Service. The building of the Twynam Museum was begun with the encouragement of the Ceylon Government and the Jaffna people. Jaffna may be fairly said to have done her part, but we confess to disappointment in the Government assurances.

In conclusion we respectfully ask your Excellency to accept a copy of the College Centenary

History, published in connection with the recent Centenary celebrations.

We remain,

Your Excellency's obedient servants,
The Principal, Staff, and Boys of
St. John's College, Jaffna.

St. John's College,
Jaffna,
8th December, 1927.

The Governor in reply thanked the Principal, Staff and the Students for the kind welcome extended to Lady Stanley and himself, and for the beautiful decorations. There was only one thing that was not provided. It was the sunshiny weather, and perhaps the fault was not entirely ours. He expressed his admiration for the work which the Church of England, his own Church, was doing in Ceylon. He had recently been to our Sister College at Kandy. Trinity College had won a reputation all over the world. He thought it was due to Principal Fraser who had become a leading figure in the Educational world in Africa as well as in Ceylon. The Principal had mentioned that the school buildings were insufficient, but buildings were a minor consideration. A school was judged by its work. He exhorted the boys to be loyal to the tradition of their School and walk in God fearing ways. He asked them to remember the Roman saying "A healthy mind in a healthy body," and advised them to develop both the mind and the body. The Cambridge boys were on the eve of their examination.

Examinations were a great ordeal, he knew, because he himself had once underwent them. He hoped they would come out with flying colours and thus bring honour to their School. The School would be judged by their conduct and therefore wherever they were, they should act in such a way as to be worthy of their school. St. John's

is a college of which they may always be proud because of its age and tradition and high ideals. His pride in his own old school remains with him throughout his life and still he strives to live up to the ideal set forth by his School. In conclusion he would advise the boys, in whatever they do, to put their back into it and to give their best. As the College was closing term that day he requested the Principal to give the boys a holiday in honour of his visit the next term. Once more he wished the Cambridge boys success in their examination.

The Principal then called for three hearty cheers to Sir Herbert and Lady Stanley.



MAHATMA GANDHI'S VISIT

The days of heroes and heroines seemed to have gone far beyond recall. Having dissected and analysed everything, we of the twentieth century were laughing at everything in heaven and earth, thinking that nothing was too great or mysterious for our almighty brains to solve or to understand, but then appeared a man to disturb our self-imposed self-complacency, and that person is Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi—one of the plainest and if you want, one of the most uncouth figures walking this earth. You would not have believed me until you saw him, but now that you have seen him and heard him, you will heartily endorse my opinion.

It was on the 28th of November 1927 that our College precincts were hallowed by the footsteps of the Mahatma to whose visit we have all been looking forward so eagerly; for ever since he has been described as the world's greatest man by Rev. Holmes of New York city, everyone was feeling it a life's opportunity to see such a man in

the flesh. All eyes were directed to the car which took him to the College door, and in walked a slender figure with an eternal smile playing about his face—as that of a child—which sometimes broadened into a hearty laugh of infinite good humour and kindness. Hurrying to the platform with Mrs. Gandhi and the Principal, he squatted in oriental fashion on a coloured Khaddar cloth spread on a spacious table in the centre of the platform. A minute later, the smile gave way to a serene saintly look which seemed to probe deep down into your soul, and there is always a grim practicality about his lips which seems to proclaim to an astonished world, the sad broodings of a great soul over the many ills of this Universe. The Principal then read the following short address of Welcome to Mahatma Gandhi.

Mahatmaji:—

This is a day to which we all have long looked forward. We give you and Mrs. Gandhi the very warmest welcome.

We welcome you as one whose life has, under one aspect, been spent in trying to bring together for the common good those who are at variance. The College has for one hundred and four years stood as a witness to the power of the Christian Faith to bring together those who are separated by race or creed. Your countrymen, and women, my countrymen, women and the men and women of Ceylon are, as you may see, represented in our two schools here to-day.

Under another aspect, your life has been spent in the service of your fellow-men and in the uplift of those not so happily placed as yourself. We seek, though imperfectly, to follow your example in treating all men as brothers, and it is our pride that we can count members of the so-called "depressed classes" of our number.

But chiefly we welcome you as one who endeavours, no matter what the cost, to live true to the high ideals you have set before yourself. In the East, no less than in the West, we need men

who will inflexibly set the Spiritual Ideal first, and who will sacrifice all in pursuit of that Ideal.

We thank you for the call you give to the simpler life, a call based on a noble wish to give your poorer brethren a more sufficient livelihood. We would ask you to accept a small gift towards that worthy object".

Two small purses were then presented to him one of which was from the Staff and students of the Chundikuli Girl's College. They were received very thankfully by the Mahatma who has been thus going about with the begging bowl (as his famous Countryman Buddha did centuries before Christ) in the service of the dumb and inarticulate starving millions of India.

Yes the Mahatma has come and gone but what was his message, what inspiration has he left behind for those who thronged to have a look at him? To my mind, his message is three-fold. His loin cloth has proclaimed, in the most unmistakable manner, his kinship with the lowest of the low. Like the sanest of the saints and seers of the race, he has accepted poverty as his bride and Khaddar which is produced by these starving thousands has quite a charm about it for him and for all lovers of the poor, in spite of its ugliness or coarseness.

"Thy paleness moves me more than eloquence" we might say with Bassanio who was no more to be moved by emotional ebullitions than by external embellishments. And this remarkable, small built, slender figure in loin cloth, moving about among us more like a disembodied spirit ready to shuffle off this mortal coil than as a man of flesh and blood, has made people recognise greatness in tattered rags and, questioning the very fundamentals of institutions and preaching a return to a simplicity of life that is so relentless in its injunctions with all the fire of an Elijah and all the earnestness of real man of God, he

laughs at our little civilisation and its petty triumphs, and gives the rudest shocks to our feelings of supreme self-satisfaction.

Secondly his passionate search after truth, his religion itself being a series of experiments with truth as he has himself told us, must inspire us to nobler loves and nobler cares and the pursuit of a similar ideal in our own lives. Many have tried to define him and his religion, but it beggars all description and defies all our petty pitiful attempts at analysis. Viewing his religion from the Sermon on the Mount, he has called himself a Christian, and his practical translation of the highest ethical principles of that same sermon is the greatest challenge to the official Christianity of the present day for it is to be doubted if any other living man has followed those injunctions more literally than Gandhiji himself. For let us listen to the memorable words occurring in the course of that historic judgment by a noble-minded English Judge. I know that no ordinary criminal is standing before me, but one who is almost worshipped by millions of his countrymen'. 'In the processes of Providence such men come to our earth perhaps only once in the course of several centuries in the history of our sad fallen race, to turn us to truth and to remind us of our high and exalted destiny, that we are not creatures of a day but that we are made for eternity. Born in one of the richest families in Kathiwar in Gujerat, a member of the blue-blooded aristocracy, the son of a Prime Minister of two Indian states, an England—returned barrister, yea a young man who once attempted to play the gentleman in the most fashionable circles of London, has now chosen to go about in a mere loin cloth which is practically the only thing which he can call his own. Is not this a supreme call to each one of us to a life of simplicity, service, and sacrifice?

Thirdly, there is his creed of non-violence in thought, word and deed and perfect love for all men, even his bitterest enemies. Going to prison

with a smile more than once in Africa and India for right and justice and inspiring thousands of his countrymen to do the same, he yet called away his Satygraha Movement against his enemies when they were themselves in the throes of a life and death struggle. He has brought quite a new force into politics—the weapon of Non-cooperation with evil. In this respect he has fulfilled his Master's injunction of absolute non-resistance to evil. "To him that smiteth thee on the one cheek, offer also the other".

As finally I traced my footsteps home that day my thoughts naturally went back to Jesus of Nazareth who went about doing good, as the friend of publicans and sinners, caring for the sick and the downtrodden, cleansing the leper and blessing the children, yet rebuking the proud and insolent hypocrites for all their paraphernalia of Pharisaic ecclesiasticism and self-righteous worship. To perceive truth in all its aspects is a great thing; to preach it to our fellows with a passion is a much greater thing; but to practise it like the Christ and the Mahatma, His disciple in our own lives for ourselves and others is the greatest thing of all.



OLD BOYS' COLUMN

Mr. J. N. Vethavanam, Esq., M. A., B. L. Advocate, has been appointed Police Magistrate, Avisawella

Mr. G. S. Chelliah, has obtained the 2nd class certificate of the Government Training College, Colombo.

Mr. S. R. Kanagasabai, has been appointed Assistant Inspector of Schools in Art.

Dr. E. A. Lawrence, has assumed duties as D. M. O. Delft.

Mr. J. Sitharam B. A. (Lond.) has enrolled himself as an Advocate student.

Messrs. K. P. Raju and G. Richard, have passed the Railway Clerical Examination.

Mr. John T. Hubert, has joined the Inspector General of Prison's Office.

Mr Hudson Seivarajah, has joined the Colombo Municipality.

Mr. Henry Richards, has passed the Government Surveyor's Entrance Examination.

Mr. K. Thiyagarajah, has been successful in the Railway Surveyor's Examination.

Mr. N. S. Sanders, Assistant Superintendent of Excise, has been transferred to Kegalle.

Mr. S. Ratnasabapathy, has passed the entrance examination for Sanitary Inspectors.

Mr. J. W. W. Jehoratnam, has joined the Divinity School at Mount Lavinia.

Mr. D. S. Ratnathickam, has been appointed Assistant Master at the Urumpirai English School.

Mr. J. T. Mann, has taken up teaching work at Mann's School Uduvil.

Mr. V. S. Amarasingham, is appointed an Assistant Instructor at the Commercial Tutor, Colombo.

Mr. S. Ramanathan, has joined the District Engineer's Office at Diyatalawa.

Mr. A. Thampoe, has been appointed a clerk in the Government Railway.

Mr. C. A. P. Samuel, has been appointed a clerk at the Rubber Controller's Office, Colombo.

Mr. Edwin Samuel, has been appointed Assistant Draughtsman at Messrs Walker & Sons Colombo.

Dr. R. W. Crossette Thambiah, has gone to England for further qualifications.

Mr. Navaratnam Richards, was ordained Deacon at the Mutwal Cathedral on the 16th of December 1927.

STAFF NEWS

The Principal, Rev. H. Peto, was ordained Priest at the Mutwal Cathedral on the 26th of February.

We are glad to welcome back to our midst Mr. G. S. Chelliah after his two years' course at the Government Training College, Colombo.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peto on the birth of a son, and to Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Mathai on the birth of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

We congratulate the following on their recent marriages.

Mr. A. P. Kandasamy, B. sc., Senior Technical Assistant, Colombo Observatory, with Miss S. Sothimathi Sivapragasam.

Mr. S. Kasippillai, of the C. G. R. Wattawela, with Miss Sellammah Sithamparapillai of Point Pedro.

Mr. Victor E. Jansen, of the Mercantile Bank Colombo, with Miss Norah Morel of Kurunegala.

Mr. S. C. Ramalingam, of the Forest Department, Jaffna, with Miss Thangammah Thamothersampillai, lately of the Staff of Ramanathan College.

Dr. S. Sivagnanam, of Bahong with Miss Nallammah Suppiah of Tinnevely.

Mr. A. Somasundaram, of the Staff of the Jaffna Hindu College, with Miss Arulammah Saravanamuttu.

Dr. J. S. Amarasingham, with Miss Rathi Ariacutty of Nallur.



COLOMBO O. B. A.

The occasion of the Cadet Sports was made an opportunity this year for the Colombo O. B. A. showing fresh life. A whole-day cricket match on the Tamil Union Grounds at Campbell Park was played between the College Eleven and the Old Boys in Colombo on Thursday, February the 16th. The Old Boys put up a very strong team and won an easy victory, details of which appear elsewhere. There was a goodly gathering of Old Boys throughout the day. Breakfast was served to both teams and other Old Boys present, at the residence of the O. B. A. Secretary, Mr. E. J. Rajaratnam, and our late Cricket Master, Mr. A. S. Abraham. Mr. A. J. R. Vethavanam, Lecturer at the Government Training College, presided at the breakfast at which the toasts of the College and O. B. A. amongst others were enthusiastically received. When the match was over there was a well-attended Old Boys' meeting in the pavilion at 6.30. Owing to technical difficulties the meeting was of an informal nature and not, as some might have expected, a regular annual meeting. The Principal spoke at considerable length upon present events in the College. He began by a reference to the passing of Mr. J. A. Muttavelu, who had been, he said, a man implicitly trusted by the Government, a right-hand adviser of the C. M. S. Conference and Committees, and one whose life had been devoted to helping all good causes. The Principal also referred to the death of Mr. C. Sundram, whose death, though he passed from us some time ago, had occurred since the last O. B. meeting. He had been, the Principal said, a man who had held one of the highest positions under Government without the least shadow of suspicion ever passing over the discharge of his responsible duties. Votes of sympathy were passed with the bereaved families, all standing. Mr. Peto also referred to the late Mr. Wadsworth and Dr. Vairakiam. These with the two above mentioned had all passed from us within the last few years.

They stood in the front rank, whether one regarded their uprightness of character, their mental and moral energy, their service to their country, or their devotion to their old School. Their lives were a challenge to the younger generation to fill the gaps in their ranks. The Principal then went on to speak of the School. The number on the roll, 521, was the highest on record. 14 out of the 19 Jaffna Tamils on the Staff were Old Boys. Cricket, foot-ball, athletics, the Cadet Corps, were all maintaining a satisfactorily high standard. The speaker appealed for the moral support of the Old Boys in carrying out the College ideals. School tradition and school tone and school public opinion contributed much to the formation of right character. It was most important that the School should give good certificates only to those boys who acquitted themselves worthily of the College. Old Boys could help the School by keeping up a lively interest in the present generation, and the School could do something for the Old Boys. He suggested that interest could be best sustained, when regular visits were not possible, by Old Boys taking in the College Magazine, and he asked whether the V. P. P. system would not be the best and most acceptable to all Old Boys. The Principal concluded with a reference to the Centenary Fund, which it was hoped would soon again be got under way.

The meeting resolved that all Old Boys whose addresses were known should be asked if they were willing to take the magazine by V. P. P., the amount of Rs. 2 being paid at the time of receiving the first number of the year. Absence of reply to the inquiry should be taken as a reply in the affirmative.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Old Boys who by the breakfast arrangements and in other ways had contributed to our comfort and enjoyment. A further vote of thanks was passed to the Tamil Union for the use of their grounds. The members of the Team were again entertained to dinner.

In Memoriam

J. A. MUTHUVALOE

(CHIEF AUDIT EXAMINER, RAILWAYS)

Born : March 24, 1878

Died : February 14, 1928

In Memoriam

A. CATHIRAVELU

J. P. U. P. M., CROWN PROCTOR

Born: July 31, 1860

Died: Feby. 17, 1928

“நில்லாதவற்றை நிலையெய்வென்றுணரும்,
புல்லறி வசண்மை கடை”

“நானென வொன்றுபோற் காட்டி யுயிரீரும்,
வானதுணர் வார்ப் பெறின்”

“கெருக லுன்கொருவ னின் நிலையென்னும்,
பெருமை புடைத்திவ்வலகு”

“புன்னுனியேவ் நீர்போல் நிலையாமையென்றெண்ணி,
இன்னினியே செய்க ஆறலினை — இன்னினியே
தின்ருன், இருந்தான், திடந்தான் தன்கேளவற,
சென்றான் எனப்படுதலால்”

VALETE

- D. G. Lawrence.* Joined 1920.
Cambridge Junior Certificate 1924.
Cambridge Senior form 1926.
- Mr. S. Ramasamy.* Joined 1921.
Cambridge Junior Certificate 1924
Monitor 1926,
Tamil Editor S. J. C. L. A. & S. J. C. B. U.
- K. Nagalingam.* Joined 1925.
Cambridge Senior Certificate 1926.
- S. S. Sabaretnam.* Joined 1925.
Cambridge Senior Certificate 1926.
- A. W. Rajasegaram.* Joined 1919.
Cambridge Junior Certificate with honours
1924.
Cambridge Senior Certificate 1925.
Cambridge Senior Certificate with honours
and distinctions 1926.
Monitor 1926.
Secretary S. J. C. L. A.
- W. N. Bartlette.* Joined 1919.
Cambridge Junior Certificate 1924.
Cambridge Senior form 1926.
- W. J. Edwards.* Joined 1919.
Cambridge Junior Certificate 1923.
Cambridge Senior Certificate 1926.
Monitor 1925.
Prefect 1926.
Senior Prefect 1927.
Captain Johnstone House. Sub-librarian.
- C. Ratnasamy.* Joined 1920.
Cambridge Junior Certificate 1923.
Cambridge Senior Certificate 1925.
Cambridge Senior Certificate (exemption) 1926.
- K. P. Raju.* Joined 1924.
Cambridge Junior Certificate 1926.
Captain, Johnstone House.

- A. S. ArisRetnam.* Joined 1918.
 Cambridge Junior form, 1925.
 Cambridge Senior form, 1927.
 Secretary s. J. C. B. U.
- R. Thuraiabalasingham.* Joined 1916.
 Cambridge Senior form 1927.
 Monitor 1926.
 Prefect 1927.
 Senior Prefect 1927.
 Secretary s. J. C., C. V. & S. S. V.
- L. Vethanayagam.* Joined 1921.
 Cambridge Junior Certificate 1924.
 Cambridge Senior Certificate 1926.
 Monitor 1926.
 Prefect 1927.
 English Editor s. J. C. L. A.
 Captain Handy House.
 Captain, First XI Football 1927.
- R. C. Daniel.* Joined 1925.
 Cambridge Senior form, 1927.
 Monitor 1926.
 Prefect 1927.
 Secretary, s. J. C. L. A.
- N. Yoga Rajah.* Joined 1924.
 Monitor 1926.
 Captain, Volleyball Team.
 Captain, Thompson House.
 Cambridge Senior form 1927.
- E. J. Chellapah.* Joined 1918.
 Cambridge Junior Certificate 1925.
 Cambridge Senior form, 1926.
 Monitor 1927.
 Captain, Football Team 1926.
- J. T. Mann.* Joined 1921.
 Cambridge Junior form 1927.
 Captain, Johnstone House.
 Monitor 1926.
 Sergeant Cadet Corps.
 Secretary s. J. C. S. C.
- C. Sinnadurai.* Joined 1922.
 Cambridge Junior Certificate (Honours) 1926.
 Patrol Leader, Scout Troop.

THE DAYS GONE BY

One warm afternoon as I sat lazily in a chair wondering what I should do, a hundred and one ideas swam into my astonished vision, gilding my senses as the sun gilds the brow of a hill at sunset. One picture of the mind alone occupied most of my time. It was very sweet and pleasant and had the "glory and the freshness of a dream."

I thought I was at a theatre and saw the days of my childhood pictured in such splendour as surpassed the grandeur of the starry skies. Startled at the sound of something outside I looked around and found myself in the house Was it a common place dream I was dreaming—a dream that carries one into the borders of paradise by night and leaves one in the morning much to his sorrow and regret and then dies in a few days? No! It is a dream that lurks in man's memory all the day of his life . . . "The dream of my youth came upon me, a glory and a vision unutterable."

I remember those days of innocence; and sure as Wordsworth said heaven lay about me in my infancy. In everything I found joy; but that joy is rapturous now. Then in that spring-time of my life I stood on a lovely hill crowned with beautiful trees, which blossomed flowers of various hues, and the sun did gild its top with its radiant beams; but being there I knew not I was there. But "soon hath time, the subtle thief of youth" transported me on wings to a different abode; and now do I see my old habitation—a second paradise—"a far bright city smitten by the sun through many rolling clouds." Time reveals hidden things, time brings repentance, time is experience and time is the only true harvest.

That first abode was paradise writ small. When I think of that and all the "bounding rapture" that enwrapped me in my wanderings there, strong is the spur that urges me to visit that place again. Every road and house and tree, yea every

bush which, with my little friends, I was wont to approach to catch the little birds that twittered among the branches, is now before my eyes not as they were before, but with added beauty and charm, that is describable not by man but by the fairies themselves that dwell therein and astonish man's senses. A Christmas tree with a million pearls, rubies and diamonds hanging amongst toys, and glittering in the light of Japanese lanterns does not so charm me as this congregation of Merlins in those objects which caught my youthful eyes. Every pebble does sing a song to me and every object is "vocal with a thousand recollections."

School life then was not less captivating. I remember how I used to leave my house for school at the early hours of the morning long before the first bell chimed and walk along carelessly sporting with a stone or any rubbish by the wayside. It will not seem strange to you if I say that although I started for school so early yet often I got late. I would be occupied with something of novelty to me and then starting up suddenly run off to school at full speed for fear of getting a caning from my head-master. Though I lived in such fear, I like to live that life over again; for when I think on it now I am filled with a pleasurable feeling of delight.

Which is the day and which is the hour, that will bring back those happy days to me. I am not exempt from mankind to live such life alone all my days but must trudge along with patience under the joint yoke of time and custom. Rome in all its high and palmy state was not more glorious and splendid than were those sweet, sweet days. Gone! Gone are those days. No more! No more!! "O memory shield me from the world's poor strife and give the scenes thine everlasting life!!"

A. H. B.



BOYS' CORNER

"AT SCHOOL"

It will create no surprise in the minds of many young readers of this article, when they hear that they are at present or they had been at one time or other moving amidst such boys whose locality, manners and customs, art, dress, thoughts and politics have been as heterogeneous as those of the witches' cauldron in 'Macbeth'. Such heterogeneity, though it seems to bring down to a certain extent the tone of the school, affords its pupils that indispensable experience which would be of a very great help in their future in aiding them to fight the battle of life in this world where there are men of diverse character and habits to be encountered.

As Chesterton has said, "Boys have a sort of romantic ritual, which is not always their real selves. They, in themselves, are very sentimental individually but stoic collectively. It is a fundamental truth that there are black sheep in every fold. It is very much the same among boys in a school. In this little world of ours, we find both the 'unpretending Great' and the 'arrogant Little;' There are some who take a very lively interest in sports alone, while there are others who have a very keen appetite for studies alone. Nevertheless there are a few Laodiceans and lukewarm persons who—take a great deal of pleasure in accomplishing things by 'via media.' But it is very striking to find that even those who do not at all take any interest in either sports or studies, have a remarkable way of showing themselves wise by covering up their ignorance in the mask of eloquence. Though such people, with a liberal expenditure of 'Lingua furbesca,' rouse the curiosity of a few uneducated, they are accounted as mere babblers in the eyes of the wise. The state of the world at present is such that even maid servants and kitchen knaves are getting instructed in "ologies" that they are gradually becoming ignorant of 'brewing, boil-

ing and baking. Beware of these silver—tongued orators, who have but little substance in them. Watch their tongues. 'Barking dogs never bite,'

In this connection I am reminded of Demosthenes who is said to be ranked among the greatest orators of the world, I understand that he spoke nothing that seemed practicable. But very few would have heard of Phocion who is said to have been a man of few words. I do not in the least discourage any-one studying the art of Demosthenes. It is well and good that we study it, but it is not all in all. It is a means to an end and not an end in itself. I assure my readers that there was greater eloquence in the rap of Phocion's staff than in all the thundering harangues of Demosthenes. To these pretenders the words of Shakespeare hold good:—

"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice,
Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment."

That class of pupils, who, as I have mentioned before, take a very lively interest only in one branch of their education ought to realize that they are unconsciously laying snares to their own lives. They are, as it were, trying their utmost to drown themselves in the deep sea by fastening the heaviest weight to only one side of the boat with the help of which they cross this great ocean of life. Instead of being like the drone in the great beehive, these lukewarms should put a little more life and spirit into them and make their lives worthy of the school in which they are taught; otherwise, by attempting 'duabus sellis sedere' they will plunge themselves into a deluge of poisonous mud. Let every student fully realize, the real meaning of this beautiful Latin phrase 'mens sana in corpore sano'—a sound mind in a sound body,—which expresses fully the ideal of education.

It is really a regrettable drawback in many schools that boys, who are endowed with higher talents and nobler gifts, are allowed to pass out into the world unheeded. The latent possibilities

and the dormant capacities that lie buried in them ought to be roused up. It lies incumbent on the part of the teachers, who are their 'cultural pivot' and the 'moulders of their destinies,' to realize that these young pupils will be in the future their 'epistle' read by all at all times, and to direct them on the right path of Life.

I hear that there is also a process called 'cramming' carried on, on a large scale in most schools and colleges. Since this word 'cramming' was very familiar to my ears, I was rather curious to know the real meaning of it. I understand that it is 'the getting up of such points of things as the examiner is likely to put question about.' Adopting such a process is unworthy of an honourable mind. I am aware of the fact that it is more than eight hundred years since universities have been established. Universities stood for quite a different ideal in mediaeval times. It was the place where great thinkers and efficient teachers met together in order to instruct thousands and millions of scholars who flocked to them in their eagerness to listen to their lectures. But this wonderful old homeopathic doctor 'Time' has entirely altered the former meaning of contact of mind with mind.' At the present time, even University education has deteriorated into mere book-cramming.

Now, let me turn to another aspect of school life. In a school, where the social enthusiasts are looked down upon by the haughty with an envious eye, they ought to remember that humility could be their only weapon with which they could fight the battle against the proud-hearted and the self-conceited. They are like the helpless insect in the hands of cruel children whose hard-heartedness only humility could melt. To these proud-hearted apply the words of Solomon "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."

Generally speaking many schools are in need of spiritual development. To a young student of the present day, any suggestion that is brought forward or anything undertaken for the spiritual uplift of a school seems mere wastage of time and energy. Let these light-hearted and narrow-minded scholars learn a lesson from the Greeks. We find that even in those barbarous times—considering deeply the religious nature of the Greeks—they shone brilliantly as a divine light with the sunny effulgences of Art amidst the darkness of the then known world. It is because they were spiritually far more advanced than their contemporaries, that Europe attributes its ancient Art and culture to the Greeks.

In a school, where the character and temperament of boys are quite opposed to each other jealousy is most joyfully welcomed to their midst. There are boys in every school with that degree of envy and malice, that they cannot even bear to allow a good man his merits. Let such students clearly understand that making one's own field superior is far more effective than reducing other people's fields to inferiority.

The golden season of our life is the time that we spend in a school or a college. It is the seed time of our life when instead of sowing wheat, if we sow tares, we cannot reap anything better in the end, but have to sit and weep like the good old Xerxes. It is during this season of our life that our minds are said to be pliant and flexible when wisdom and knowledge can mould us into any shape, for as Robert Browning has it—'we are as clay in the hand of the potter.'

Many come into this world endowed with precious gifts and talented with unseen powers. But there is one thing, without which all else is nought and which unfortunately no one brings with them. This is Reverence. Let us do reverence to the Supreme One above us, to our equals who are around us and even to those who are in pain sorrow and suffering.

"Work and despair not." For it has been truly said that 'Hope springs eternal in the human breast.' When under the powerful rule of time even the sons of Belial are made sons of God and the Enchanter's rod of wickedness is transformed into Aaron's rod of Truth and Virtue and "the gum-flowers of Almack's are made living roses in a new Eden," is there anything to despair of? Let us remember that 'the tree of knowledge springs forth from a root of evil and brings forth fruits both good and evil.' Before I bid adieu to my gentle readers, I would like to draw their attention to what Lord Tennyson has said:—

"Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell,
That mind and soul according well,
May make one music as before."

G. A.

VI A.

LEAVING SCHOOL

The last days at school! The prospect of going out into the world! The delightful sense of freedom from masters, discipline and restraint. It sounds alluring; but it is much less alluring than it sounds. It is not not alluring at all, but rather tragical. It is the closing of the greatest chapter of life; it is the end of the season of sowing; it is the termination of the happiest, most care-free period of life; it is the explorer's plunge into the unknown, his final leaving behind of the familiar and homelike, and his first curious peering into the strange and foreign land with its new customs and manners and scenery and peoples.

Yet many leave school very light-heartedly. They see more of comedy than of tragedy in it. If the future is unknown, there is hope to spur them

on; if the way is hid there is excitement in path-finding; if preparation is meagre, they are ignorant of the difficulties of the way and therefore not conscious of their lack. The main thought is not that they have begun life, but that they have ended school; not that they have come under their own control but that they have escaped from other's; not that they have commenced their education, but that they have finished it.

The fact is that most progressive human beings never leave school. They only go from one course of education to another, and as a rule, indeed, several courses are running concurrently. Sometimes their teachers visit them, and sometimes the pupil goes in search of the teacher. They learn both by accident and design, both at home and abroad, both in season and out of season. The man whose education has simply made him a selfish brute, who seeks his own ends and cares nothing for his neighbour, is not truly educated at all although he may talk Latin to his dog and Sanskrit to the cat.

To those that are leaving school presently, it is not much use to preach increased diligence in school work so called. They are leaving. The end of school days has arrived, and it does not follow that the careless easy going chap looks forward less confidently or happily to the future than the more serious well prepared one. To the latter it is proper to say: "Go on working". We know many who worked so hard at school that they got 'fed up' with books and study generally, and went away with the feeling that they did not want to open another book all their days. So they went in for a course of general reading, which mostly meant novels, intending in the back of their minds to return to hard books later on, when they had had a little mental rest, change and recreation. This is a great mistake. The mind will get out of the mood for hardness and it requires a tremendous effort to bring them to their former state. They have lost their keenness,

their zest and their fine training. They have loathing for hard work now, and feel they cannot face it.

But the way how a hardworker can compromise between pleasure and work is to work hard at the thing he likes best and in which he takes a living interest. It may be in the line of his profession it may be not. He may not have a profession. There is a great danger in this; for he may slip down from the honourable reputation he had learned at school and become "a mere business man". But profession is not a necessity, for, knowledge will never lose its value under any circumstances.

Now what about him who is leaving school with only a smattering of this and that, thankful that the long agony is over and that he is free to choose his path? Well, he is nevertheless free. Every hour he has wasted at school has been "an additional thorn in the hedge" which is to hem him allowing the narrow path of life, leaving him no room or opportunity to turn to the right or left. There is nothing so restricting as idleness.

There is strength in knowing one's own mind. Have we no ambition, no aim or object? Does anything beckon us in life except folly and easy going? Many know that "a merry heart goes a long way but a serious one a great deal farther," that it is little use leaning on our own supports and expecting miraculous reinforcements, that if we do not buck up and put in a day's work in a day's time we get badly in arrears, and that if one does not watch as well as pray, the enemy breaks through and makes a breach which can never be repaired.

E. C. A. N.
VI B.

"How much it is a meaner thing
To be unjustly great than honourably good."

THE YOUTHS OF CEYLON AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. P. J. Thomas lecturer in economics at the University College, Colombo, during the course of a recent lecture on "Wealth and Welfare" remarked that the youths of Ceylon were the best dressed in the East. Mr. Thomas paid a compliment to the young men of Ceylon, but he did not hesitate to hint that it was a doubtful compliment. It is a deplorable fact that Ceylon today is booming in dandies, who think that the '*Ne plus ultra*' of all earthly existence is to appear stylishly dressed. Of course, we do not for a moment deny that clothes provide rather a pleasing spectacle; for clothes worn well are a delight. We do not wish anybody to go about dressed in skins or leaves; but we should certainly disparage those who go beyond their limits. "Costly thy habits as thy purse can buy." If a man spends his income on luxuries which are quite foreign to his upbringing, not only will he derive no benefit from them, but by allowing himself to contract more and more of these expensive habits, which lead one to dissipation, he will ultimately compass his own down-fall.

At a time like the present when our country requires all our sane energy to guide it, and make it happy and free for those who have to live in it after us, it is very necessary that we should muster our attentions to useful things. Even while we are at school we should learn to understand our responsibilities. Many of us have a mistaken notion that we go to school for the sole purpose of passing examinations. Passing examinations is not the end and aim of our existence, nor are examinations the real tests of a person's merits. It is a matter of common knowledge that many students though they have come out with flying colours in examinations, are unable either to express a sound opinion on any important subject, or to accomplish any act that is of some practical value. On the other hand there are many, who have not met with success in any

examination, but shine brilliantly where ever practical talent is required. Gladstone's failures in the London Matriculation examination have now almost become proverbial. Nevertheless he shone in his time as the brightest star in the British firmament.

It must be admitted, therefore, that many a failure in life is due to the stubborn fact that boys lead a practically useless life when at school, not caring to learn those things that do really matter. According to Cardinal Newman a school or College is the training ground for the future citizens of the world. It is there that we learn how to "live and let live". It is there that we learn to become great men. If we examine the lives of some of the world's great men we shall find that they began building up their character while at school. History furnishes us with many examples, "In the playing fields of Eton, the battle of Waterloo was fought and won".

Let us not, therefore, while we are in school, neglect the grave responsibilities that are vested on us, for we are the architects of our own fortunes. Let us not devote our time to useless pursuits, to idle gossips and scandalous talks, nor learn to waste our health and wealth by cultivating those dangerous habits of smoking and drinking which tend only to demoralise mankind physically and mentally.

Let our watch-word be "Simple living and high thinking" if we wish to mould our future on lines of true citizenship.

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"A wits' a feather, and a chief a rod;
An honest man's the noblest work of God."

கதரியக்கம்

உலகத்திலுள்ள ஒவ்வொரு மனிதனும் தான் முன்னேற்ற மடைய வேண்டுமென்று எண்ணுகிறான். பின் அவன் தன் குடும்பம் முன்னேற்றமடைய வேண்டிய வழியில் உழைக்கின்றான். பின் தன்னூர்வர்கள் முன்னேற்றமடைய வேண்டுமென்று விரும்புகிறான். இவ்வளவோடமையாத அறிஞர் பலர் தம் தாய்நாடு முன்னேற்றமடைதற்குரிய வழிகளில் முயற்சி செய்கின்றனர். இவ்வாறு நம் தாய்நாடாகிய பாரத தேசம் முன்னேற்றமடைதற்குரிய பல முயற்சிகளைச் செய்து வருபவர் மகாத்மா காந்தியடிகளே. அவர்கள் நம் பாரத நாடு அடிமையினின்றும் விடுதலையடையக் கண்டு பிடித்த வழிகளுள் கதரியக்கமும் ஒன்றாகும்.

பருச்சி அதிகமாக விளையுமிடங்களில் நம் பாரத நாடுயொன்று இப்பருத்தியினின்றும் எடுக்கப்படும் பஞ்ச பெரும்பாலும் இவ்விவாந்து அமெரிக்கா முதலிய பிற தேசங்களுக்கு ஏற்றப்பட்டு வருகின்றது. இப்பஞ்ச அத்தேசங்களிலேய்ந்திர ஆலைகளில் நூலாக நூற்கப்படும் சேலைகளாக நெய்யப்படும் பின்னர் இந்திய நாட்டிலும் நம் இலங்கையிலும் மற்றுமிடங்களிலும் வந்து இறக்கி விற்பனை செய்யப்படுகின்றது. இந்தியாவில் ஒரு அணுவாக வாங்கப்பட்ட பஞ்ச நூலாக நூற்கப்பட்டு ஒரு ரூபாவிற்கு அதிகமான விலையாக கீட்டும் இந்தியாவிலேயே விற்கப்படுகின்றது. இசனால் வரும் லாபத்தைப் பெறுபவர்கள் யார்? இப்பஞ்சக் கைத்தொழிலைச் செய்பவர்கள் யார்? நம் வழைமக்கள் கொடுக்கும் பணம் எங்கே செல்கின்றது? இதனை ஆராயின் நம் நாட்டிச் செல்வமுழுவதும் ஆங்கிய நாட்டாருக்குப் போய்ச்சேர்த்து விடுகின்றதென்பது நன்கு விளங்கும். இதனை மகாத்மா காந்தியடிகள் நன்காராய்ந்தே இந்திய மக்களின் ஈடேற்றம் கருதி கதரியக்கத்தை ஸ்தாபித்தார்கள்.

இந்தியாவிலுள்ள ஜனங்களின் குடிசனமதிப்பு 35 கோடி, அரசினர் கணக்கிட்டபடி ஒருவனுக்கு நாள் வீதம் சராசரி வருமானம் 2 அணா. இவர்களுள் நாள் வீதம் 500 ரூபா வருமானமுள்ள ஜமீன்தாரை நோக்காது ஏனைய ஏழை மக்களை நோக்குமிடத்து அவர் வருமானம் நானொன்றுக்கு அரை அணாத்தானும் இன்றெனத்தணியப்படுகிறது ஐயையோ இப்படியாக நானொன்றுக்கு 5 அணாத்தானும் வருமானம் வராது ஏழைமக்கள் இந்தியாவில் எத்தனையாய்ரவர்? இவர்களிற் பெரும்பாலர் இந்தியா தேசத்தில் 1 வருடத்தில் ஆறாய்ச் காலம் வரையில் அங்குள்ள வயல்களில் ஆண் மக்களும் பெண் மக்களும்

மாக வேலை செய்து தம் சீவனத்தை யொருவாறு கழிப்பார். இதுசூனும் கிடையாது அலைந்த திரிபவரும் அநேகர். இவ்வாறு பயிர்த்தொழில் செய்து ஜீவனஞ் செய்து எஞ்சிய ஆறு மாதங்களிலும் நம் இக்கியப் பெண்மக்களிற் பெரும்பாலர் பட்டினத்து வீதிகளில் வீறகு வீற்றல், தண்ணீர் மொண்டு கொடுத்தல், மாவரைத்தல், சமையல் வேலை செய்தல் முதலிய வற்றைக்கொடுத்து காலக் கழிப்பார். இத்தொழில் தானாக கிடைக்கப்பெறாது சம்மானத்தை விற்று வயிறு வளர்ப்போரும் பலர். ஆண் மக்களிற் பெரும் பாலார் வீறகு வெட்டல், உத்தியோகத்தர்களுக்கு உணவெடுத்துச்செல்லல், சத்திராவசளில் எச்சிற்கல்லை பொறுக்கல், தெரு வீதி பெருக்கல் முதலிய இழி தொழில்களைச் செய்து காலக்கழிக்கின்றனர். இவ்வியக்கமுண்டாயின் ஒரு ஏழைப்பெண் சந்தையிற் சென்று பஞ்ச வாங்கிக் கொண்டிவந்து சனக்கு ஓய்வான கோங்களில் தூலை நூற்ற ஒரு கிழமையின்பின் சந்தைக்குச்சென்று தான் நூற்ற தூலை 8 அணு வாய்ப் வரக்கூடியதாக விற்கின்றார் இசூலல் அப்பெண்மணிக்கு நானொன்றுக்கு 1 அணு ஊதியம் வருகின்றது. இவ்வாறு எட்டு அணுவிற்குப் பஞ்சை விற்ற பெண்மணி அவ் வெட்டணுவிற்கு தன்வீட்டிற்குரிய சரக்கு, மிளகாய், வெற்றிலை, பாக்கு முதலிய பண்டங்களை வாங்கிக் கொண்டு போகின்றார். இதனைச் சண்ட அப்பெண்ணின் புருஷன் மிகவும் சந்தோஷமுறுகின்றார். பின்னர் மற்றைய காளில் தன் ஓய்வு கோர்த்தில் நாயகனாக் கூடப்பெண்ணினோடு சென்று பஞ்ச வாங்கிவந்து தானும் தன் ஓய்வுகோர்களில் நூற்கத்தொடங்குகின்றார். இவ்வாறு இக்கிய ஏழை மக்களிற் பெரும் பாலார் இத்தொழிலையாதரித்து நடத்தி சஞ்ஜீவனத்தை மரியாதையோடு கழித்து வருகின்றனர்.

இதுகாறும் கூறியவற்றால் சுசரியக்கம் ஏழை மக்களின் சீவனத்தை அவர்கள் தம் மரியாதையோடு கழித்தற்கு மிகவும் வாய்ப்புடையது என்பது நன்குவிளங்கும். இலங்கை வாசிகளும் இத்தொழிலை அபிவிருத்தி செய்தால் இது இலங்கை ஏழை மக்களுக்கும் நன்மை பயக்கும் இலங்கையில் உள்ளவர்கள் இக்கசருடையை உடுத்தி வருவார்களானால் அது இந்திய ஏழை மக்களுக்கு உதவி செய்வதாகும். இதை விடுத்த அந்நிய தேச உடைகளை வாங்கி அணிவார்களாயின் அது மேலைத்தேச வாசிகளாகிய செல்வர்களுக்கு உதவி செய்வதுமன்றி நம் தாய்நாடாகிய இந்தியா தேசத்திற்கு தீமை விளைத்தலாக முடியும். சதருடையை விடுத்து அந்நிய தேச உடையை இலங்கை வாசியொருவன் வாங்கி அணிதல் பெற்றதாய் பசித்திருக்கப்

புத்திரன் காசி சென்று அன்னதானம் செய்வதை யொக்கும். ஆதலினால் நாமெல்லாம் கதருடையை அணிந்து நந்தாய் நாடாகிய இந்திய நாட்டை அடிமையினின்று விடுதலை யடையச் செய்வோமாக.

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ஸ்வாமி விவேகானந்தருடைய சீவிய சரித்திரம்

ஸ்ரீமத் விவேகானந்தஸ்வாமிகள் கல்கத்தாவிலே 1863 ம் வருஷத்தில் ஓர் உயர்ந்த காயஸ்த குடும்பத்திற் பிறந்தார். அவருக்குப் பூர்வாகிரமத்தில் நரேந்திரநாததத்த என்று பெயர். அவர் அனைவருடைய உள்ளத்தையும் கவரத்தக்க வடிவழகும் வீரலக்ஷணமும் பொருந்தியிருந்தார். அவரது முன்னோர்கள் நியாய துரந்தர உத்தியோகத்தினால் ஜீவனம் செய்துவந்தார்கள். ஸ்வாமி அவர்களின் தந்தையாகிய விசுவநாததத்த என்பவர் 1860 ம் ஆண்டு முதல் 1870 ஆண்டு வரை மத்திய மாகாணங்களிலுள்ள பிரதமநியாயஸ் தலங்களில் நியாயதுரந்தர உத்தியோகம் வகித்துவந்தார்.

ஸ்வாமிகள் இளமை முதற்கொண்டு ஸ்தச்சங்கத்திலும் ஸ்ரீமார்த்தத்திலும் அதிக ஆவல்கொண்டிருந்தார். அவர் குழந்தையாயிருக்கும் காலத்திலேயே, ஏகாந்தமாய்ச் சென்று தியானத்தில் அமர்வதும், சம்வீனையாட்டுத் தோழர்களையும் அவ்வாறு செய்யும்படி தூண்டுவதும் வழக்கம்.

அவர் பாடசாலைகளிலே பயின்றபின்னர், கல்கத்தா ஸர்வதலாசாலையிலே “கலாகுமாரன்” அதாவது (B. A.) என்னும் பட்டம் பெற்றார். அவர் ஸங்கீத ஸாஸ்திரங்களிலும், நர்த்தனம், சித்திரம், முதலியவைகளிலும்” அதிபாண்டித்திய மடைந்திருந்தார். ஸ்வாமிகள் 1884 ம் ஆண்டு “கலாகுமாரன்” (B. A.) பரீட்சையில் தேறிய பிறகு வம்ச பாரம் பரியமாய் வரும் நியாய துரந்தரர் உத்தியோகத்தினாலே ஜீவனம் செய்யும் தகைக்கு வந்தார். அக்காலத்தில் அவர் உன்னத தகைக்கு வரத்தக்க யாதொரு குறிகளும் அவரிடத்தில் காணப்படவில்லை.

ஆயினும் அவர் அதுமுதல் மதவிசாரணையில் புத்தியைச் செலுத்தத்தொடங்கி, முதலில் இந்துமதாசாரங்களில் வெறுப்

படைத்து அக்காலத்தில் பிரபலமாயிருந்த பிராஹ்ம ஸமாஜத் திற் சேர்ந்தார். அவர் மனதில் மதவுண்மையை யறியவேண்டும் என்ற ஆவல் ஆழமாகக் குடி கொண்டிருந்தது. அதுமுதல் அவர் கிறிஸ்தவர், முஹம்மதியர், முதலிய சகல மாதாசாரியர்களிடத்தும் சென்று அவர்கள் சொல்வதைக் கேட்கலானார்.

அவர் ஓர்கான் ஸ்ரீராமகிருஷ்ணபரம ஹம்ச தேவர் என்ற மஹானிடம், “ஐயா! நீர்கடவுளைக்கண்டறிந்திருக்கின்றீரா?” என்று கேட்க, அவர் “ஆகா! நான் கண்டறிந்திருக்கிறேன்,” என்று விடையளித்தார். அசற்கு நரேந்திரர் “அவைகளை நீர் எனக்குக்காட்டுவீரா” என்று கேட்க, “ஆஹா! காட்டமுடியும்,” என்று கூறினார். அவர் அன்று தொடக்கம் ஸ்ரீராமகிருஷ்ண பரம ஹம்சதேவருடைய பிரதம சீஷ்சரானார்.

நரேந்திரர் கீர்வாணபாஷ்யயிலும் ஆங்கிலேய பாஷையிலும் மகாபண்டிதர். அனேக கீர்வாண, ஆங்கிலேய நூல்களை நன்றாக ஆராய்ந்துணர்ந்தவர். அன்றியும் சாதாரணமாக இந்து மதத்தையும், அதன் ஆசாரங்களையும் ஏனாமை செய்துவந்தவர் எப்படி ஸ்ரீராமகிருஷ்ணரின் பரிமைபை உணர்ந்து குருவாகப்பெற்றார், என்னும் ஆசங்கைநிகழலாம்.

நரேந்திரரது மாமனாராகிய ராமசந்திரதத்தார் என்னும் ஒருவர் இருந்தார். அவர் செய்வ பக்திபுள்ளவர், ஸ்ரீராமகிருஷ்ணரிடம் சென்று உபதேசம் பெறுபவர். நரேந்திரர் மாமனருடன் மதவிலையமாய் அடிக்கடி தர்க்கம் புரிந்துவந்தார்.

ஓர் நாள் ராமசந்திரதத்தர் தன் மருமகனாகிய நரேந்திரரை, தக்ஷணைசுவராலயத்தில் வீற்றிருந்த ஸ்ரீராமகிருஷ்ணரிடம் அழைத்துச் சென்றார். அவர் முன்சொன்னவிதம் வினாவி விடைபெற்றறிவிருந்த இருவருக்கும் பரஸ்பர அன்பு உண்டாயிற்று.

ஓர் நாள் ஸ்ரீராமகிருஷ்ணர் நரேந்திரரை அருகே யழைத்து, நரேந்திரர் கீர்வாணப்பிரகாரமாயிருக்கும் பொழுதே அவரது மார்தயில் தமது திருக்கரத்தைவைத்தார். உடனே ஒரு முகூர்த்காலம் வரை இவ்வக உணர்ச்சியே இல்லாமல் இருந்ததாம். இதுவேசமாதிரிவே. இந்தயோகானுபவத்தை பரமஹாம்ஸர்தமது கரத்தினாலே அனுக்கிரகித்தார்.

அதுவே நரேந்திர விவேகானந்தராவதற்குச் சபமுகூர்த்தமாய்விட்டது அப்பொழுது அவரைச் சுட்டிக்காட்டி, “இவன் இவ்வகத்தை ஓர் ஆட்டம் ஆட்டிவைப்பான்,” என்று பரமஹாம்ஸதேவர் அங்கிருந்தவர்களுக்குச்சொன்னாராம். அவருடைய வாக்குறிவைவெற்றின விஷயம் இப்பொழுது உலகப்பிரசித்தமாயிருக்கிறது.

ஸ்ரீராமகிருஷ்ண தேவர், 1886 ம் ஓர் வஹாஸமாதி அடைந்தபொழுது, ஸ்ரீவீவேகானந்தருடன் சீஷ்யவர்க்கத்தில் இருபதின்மர் இருந்தனர் அவர்கள் ஸன்னியாசம் பூண்டு ஸ்ரீவீவேகானந்த ஸ்வாமிகளையே தங்களுக்கு தலைவராக்கி, சர்வமத ஆல்களையும் பயின்று, பின்னர், தனித்தனியே பிரிந்து யாத்திரை செய்தார்கள்.

ஸ்ரீவீவேகானந்த ஸ்வாமிகள் இவ்வாறு தேயம் எங்கும் சஞ்சரித்துக்கொண்டு 1892 ம் ஓர் சென்னைக்கு வந்துசேர்ந்தார் அப்பொழுது அங்கிருந்த அனேகம் ஆக்கிலேய வல்ல பிரமுகர்கள் அவரிடஞ்சென்று, அனேகவித கடினகேள்விகளைக் கேட்டு அவற்றிற்குத் தகுந்த உத்தரவுகளைப்பெற்று யகிழ்ந்தார்கள்.

அப்பொழுது அமெரிக்காவிலுள்ள சிகாகோ நகரத்திலே கூடியஸ்ர்வமதமஹாசபைக்கு, இந்துமதத்திற்காக, ஸ்வாமிகள் அமெரிக்காவிற்கும் பிரயாணமானார். அவர் 1893 ம் ஓர் மே, மாசத்தில் சிகாகோவில்போய்ச்சேர்ந்தார்.

1893 ம் ஓர் செப்டம்பர் மீ 10 ன் உ ஆதித்தவாரத்தன்று, டாக்டர் ஜோன் ஹென்றி பாரோஸ் என்பவரின் அக்கிராஸநத்தின் கீழ் ஸர்வமத மஹாசபைகூடிற்று. அதில் ஒவ்வொரு மதத்திற்காகவும் அநேக பிரதிக்ஷிதகனம் அநேக ஜனங்களும், சென்றிருந்தார்கள். அதில் ஸ்ரீவீவேகானந்த ஸ்வாமிகள் சபைவணக்கத்தை அதிஸாமர்த்தியமாகப் பேசினுடித்தார்.

செப்டம்பர் மீ 15 ன் உ சக்கிரவாரம் பிற்பகலில், ஸர்வமத மஹாசபையின் ஆறாம் நாள் கூட்டத்தில் ஸ்ரீவீவேகானந்த ஸ்வாமிகள் ஸர்வஸகோதாத்தவத்தைப் பற்றிப் பேசி எல்லாரையும் களிப்பித்தார்.

செப்டம்பர் மீ 17 உ. ஆதித்தவாரத்தன்று ஹிந்து மதத்தைப்பற்றியும், அதில் வேதம், ஆக்மாநித்தியம், கடவளின் குழந்தைகள், ஸ்ரீ கிருஷ்ணபகவானுடைய உபதேசம், முதலியவைகளை அதி தெளிவாகவும், அநேக உதாரணங்களுடனையும் மற்றோரது மனங்களைக் கவருமாறு பிரஸங்கித்தார்.

செப்டம்பர் 20 உ. ஸ்ரீ விவேகானந்தஸ்வாமிகள், ஏழை அஞ்ஞானிகளைப்பற்றியும்; 22 உ வைகீகஹந்து மதத்தைப்பற்றியும்; 26 உ ஹிந்து மசத்துக்கும்பெளத்தமதத்துக்கும் உள்ள சம்பந்தைப்பற்றியும், சிகாகோ ஸர்வமதமஹாஸபையின் பிரசங்கத்தைப்பற்றியும் நன்றாகப்பேசினுடித்தார்.

ஸ்ரீ விவேகானந்தஸ்வாமிகள் சிகாகோ ஸர்வமஹாஸபையில், ஹிந்து மதத்தைப்பற்றிப்பேசி வென்று கீர்த்தி பெற்றபின், அநேககூட்டங்களுக்கும், கிறீஸ்தவ ஸபைகளுக்கும் அமெரிக்க

கர்களாலேயே வாவழைக்கப்பெற்ற “வேதாந்தம்”, ஸநாதனதர்மம்”, முதலியவைகளைப்பற்றிப் பிரஸங்கங்கள் செய்தார்.

இவ்வாறு ஸ்வாமிகள் அமெரிக்காவில் நம் மதவிஷயமாய் அநேக பிரசங்கங்கள்செய்துவிட்டு, 1895ம் ஆண்டு இறுதியில் இங்கிலாந்துக்குச் சென்றார். இதற்குமுன்னரே ஸ்வாமிகளின் பிரஸங்கத்தைக்கேள்வியுற்று அவரை எப்பொழுது காணப்பெறுவேனென்று, ஸ்ரீ ராமபிரான்வருகையை எதிர்பாத்திருந்த பரதீனப்போல், ஸ்வாமிகளின் வரவை எதிர்பாத்திருந்த மிஸ்டர் ஸ்டேர்டி (Mr Sturdy) என்னும் ஆங்கிலேய அத்வைதியானவர் ஸ்வாமிகளைக் கண்டவுடன் அடங்காமகிழ்ச்சிக்கடலில் ஆழ்ந்தார்.

ஸ்வாமிகள் ஸ்டேர்டி துறையின் ஸகாயத்தால் லண்டனில் அநேக வேதாந்த பிரஸங்கங்கள் செய்தார் மீண்டும் 1895ம் ஆண்டு டிஸம்பர் மீ அமெரிக்காவுக்குப் போனார். அங்கே அநேக பிரசங்கங்கள் செய்த காலங்களில் 1896ம் ஆண்டு பிப்ரவரி மீ டாக்டர் ஸ்டீட் என்பவர் ஸ்வாமிகளுக்குச் சீஷ்யராகிய யோகானந்தர் என்னும் நாமம் பெற்றார்.

திரும்பவும் ஸ்வாமிகள் இங்கிலாந்துக்கு வந்தார். அங்கு பிரஸங்கங்கள் செய்தபிறகு மஹாபண்டிதராகிய மோக்ஷமுலப்பட்டாசாரியரை (Professor Maxmuller) சந்தித்துப்பலவிஷயங்களைப்பற்றிப்பேசிய பிறகு, அங்கிருந்து புறப்பட்டு ஸுவீட்சலாந்து தேசத்திலுள்ள ஜூரிச் என்னும் பட்டணத்தில் நடந்த தர்ம மஹா ஸபையைப் பார்த்துக்கொண்டு அங்கிருந்து ஜேர்மனி தேசத்திலுள்ள கீல் (Kiel) என்னும் பட்டணஞ்சென்று, அங்கிருந்து நீராவிக்கப்பல் மூலமாக இலங்கையின் இராசநானியாகிய கொழும்புக்கு, 1897ம் ஆண்டு ஜனவரி மீ 15 உ வந்தார். அங்கிருந்து யாழ்ப்பாணத்திற்கு வந்தார்.

அவர் சென்ற இடங்களில் எல்லாம் அநேகஸபைகள் கூடி வந்தனப்பத்திகைகள் வாசித்தார்கள். அவர் யாழ்ப்பாணத்தில் வேதாந்தமதச்சுதைப் பற்றியும் அகில் வேதம், புராணம், ஜீவநித்தியம், ஆன்மா “ஆத்துமாவேறு சோல் (Soul) வேறு,” ஸகுணநிர்க்குணம், அனுபவ வேதாந்தம், ஜாதிக்கட்டுப்பாடு, ஆத்மஞானநானம் முதலிய அநேக விஷயங்களைப்பற்றி அநேக பிரஸங்கங்கள் செய்தார்.

இங்கிருந்து வெளிப்பட்டு அவர் இராமநாதபுரம் சென்றார். இவ்விதமாக ஸ்ரீமத் விவேகானந்தஸ்வாமிகள் அநேக இடங்களுக்குப் பிரயாணஞ்செய்தும் புகோணம் போய்ச் சேந்தார். அங்கு வேதாந்தத்துடன் சீர்திருத்தக்காரர்கள் உத்தமபிராமண

ரின் இயல்பு, தூஷணை புரியவேண்டாம், என்னும் அனேக பிரஸங்கங்கள் செய்தார்.

அவர் அனேக பிரதேசங்களுக்குச் சென்று இறுதியில் 1900ம் ஆண்டு இந்தியாவிற்கு வந்தார். அவர் சிலகாலம் சவுக்கியமற்றிருந்து திரும்பவும் அமெரிக்காவிற்குச் சென்று இரண்டு பிரஸங்கங்கள் செய்தபிற்பாடு இந்தியாவிற்கு வந்தார். அங்கு சில பிரஸங்கங்கள் செய்தபிறகு தன்பிறப்பிடமாகிய கல்கத்தாவுக்குச் சென்றார்.

அவருக்கு உடம்பு திரும்பவும் அசௌக்கியமாயிருந்து அவர் மறுபடியும் சுறுசுறுப்போடும் உற்சாகத்தோடும் வேலையைச் செய்யத் தொடங்குவார் என்று எல்லோரும் நம்பியிருக்கையில், அவர் 1902ம் ஆண்டு ஜூலை மீ 4 உ வேலூர் மடத்திலே மஹாஸமாதியடைந்தார். அப்பொழுது அவருக்கு வயது 39. அவருடைய கீர்த்திக்கு, அவருடைய பிரஸங்கங்களை மற்றவர்கள், தம்தம் பாஷைகளில் மொழிபெயத்திருந்தலே சான்றாகும்.



MORAL MAXIMS

THE ALPHABET OF SUCCESS

- Attend carefully to the details of your business.
- Be prompt in all things,
- Consider well and decide positively.
- Dare to do right, fear to do wrong.
- Endure trials patiently.
- Fight life's battles bravely, manfully.
- Go not in the society of the vicious.
- Hold integrity sacred.
- Injure not other's reputation or business.
- Join hands only with the virtuous.
- Keep your mind free from evil thoughts.
- Lie not on any consideration.
- Make few acquaintances.
- Never try to appear what you are not.
- Observe good manners.
- Pay your debts promptly.
- Question not the veracity of your friend.
- Respect the counsels of your parents.
- Sacrifice money rather than principle.

Temperate be in all things.
 Use leisure hours for self improvement.
 Venture not at the threshold of the wrong.
 Watch your passions carefully.
 'Tend to every body a kind salutation.
 Yield not to discouragement.
 Zealously labour for the right.

Compiled by—E. P. E.
 VI. F. C.



ANNUAL INTER-HOUSE SPORTS

The annual Inter-House Sports came off on Wednesday 1st February under the Patronage of Mr. D. J. Brown, Government Agent, Jaffna. The Prizes were given away by Mrs. Brown. The following acted as Judges—Dr. T. Isaac Tambyah, Mr. A. Hensman and Rev. H. Peto. The college is divided into 8 houses; Johnstone, Pargiter, Handy, Thompson, Knight, Adley, Williams and Evarts. The different houses displayed great enthusiasm. There was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen consisting of Old Boys and well wishers of the College. The sports started at 3. p. m. and event after event was worked out smoothly. The races that created greatest interest were the mile, hurdle, and the obstacle. Several Old Boys took part in the Old Boys race. There were separate events for the ladies. The race for the visitors and officials created much amusement. The first prize of the Old Boys race (220 yards) was won by Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram. Mr. S. L. Jansen came second. In the Kim's game for the ladies Mrs. Brown came off first, and Miss M. M. D. Willis came second. In the officials and visitors race Mr. C. F. E. Stork and Mrs. Brown won the first prize. The second prize was won by Mr. T. M. Mathai and Miss M. M. D. Willis.

At the end of the meet the distribution of Prizes took place. The Principal Rev. H. Peto thanked Mr. Brown for having kindly consented to act as

Patron, and Mrs. Brown for consenting to give away the prizes. He considered it a privilege to have had the new Government Agent and his wife in their midst, particularly because it was perhaps the first public function with which their names were associated and for the reason that it was the first day of Mr. Brown's regime as Government Agent of the Province. He also thanked the visitors for having come there as usual "in such large numbers.

Mr. Brown speaking next said that he regarded it an honour to have been called upon to act as Patron of the Meet and thanked the college on behalf of Mrs. Brown. He made special reference to Dawson, the winner of the mile race on his splendid running and congratulated the Everts House on winning the Tug O'war. He said that the team pulled as one man and that therein their success lay. The boys could learn a great lesson from that example. If their College was to go on progressing there was need for all the boys to pull together. He congratulated the Principal and the Staff on the excellent arrangement made and on the success on the meet. Mrs. Brown gave away the prizes. The happy function came to a close with the singing of the English National Anthem. The Senior Prefect called for three hearty cheers to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, the Judges and the visitors respectively.

1. William House came top with 53 points.
2. Thompson came second with 28 points.
3. Knight House came third with 27 points.

The individual Champions were:—

Seniors E. Rasiah, Williams House.

Intermediate, T. Sabaratasingham, Thompson House.

Juniors. D. Nesadurai, Williams House.

The visitors were treated to Oriental Music and light refreshments were served.

Mr. J. C. Handy, the Secretary of Games, deserves our heartiest congratulations for the very smooth and successful way in which the meet was conducted.

C. T. S.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS

WEDNERDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY 1928

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WINNERS

Long Jump Seniors

1. R. Rasiah Williams 17' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
2. K. Nadarajah Knight

Long Jump Juniors

1. D. Nesadurai Williams 12' 11"
2. C. Vanden Driesen Handy

High Jump Inters

1. { C. Vanden Driesen Handy 4' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
M. L. George Johnstone
N. Nathaniel Pargiter }

Throwing the Cricket ball Seniors

1. S.N. Johnson Pargiter 86 yds 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
2. R. Rasiah Williams

100 yds. Seniors

1. R. Rasiah Williams 10, 6"
2. K. Nadarajah Knight

100 yds. Juniors

1. E. B. Gnanaratnam Johnstone 13"
2. G. R. Kanagasabai Adley

220 yds. Seniors

1. R. Rasiah Williams 27' 4"
2. K. Nadarajah Knight

Long Jump Inters

1. S. Sabaratnasingam Thompson 11' 1"
2. N. K. Govindasamy Williams

High Jump Seniors

1. A. R. Chelliah Handy 4' 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
2. C. M. Alfred Knight

High Jump Juniors

1. D. Nesadurai Williams 4' 3"
2. C. Nathaniel Pargiter

Putting the shot Seniors

1. H. T. Nathaniel Adley 29' 9"
2. K. Nadarajah Knight

100 yds inters

1. S. S. Sabaratnasingam Thompson 11, 8"
2. K. Govindasamy Williams

Hurdles Seniors

1. R. Rasiah William
2. K. Nadarajah Knight

220 yds. Inters

1. S. Sabaratnasingam Thompson 30' 6"
2. N. K. Govindasamy Williams

220 yds. Juniors

1. G. R. Kanagasabai Johnstone 32. 8''
2. D. Nasadurai Williams

440 yds. Inters

1. S. Sabaratnasingam Thompson 1. 11. 2''
2. B. A. Thampapillai Johnson

Half Mile Seniors

1. S. N. Dawson Pargiter 2. 13. 4''
2. S. Sivagurunather Everts

Relay Race Cadets

1. Handy and Williams
2. Johnstone and Knight

Relay Race Junior Cadets

No Competitors

Obstacle Race Inters

1. S. Ratnakesaralingam Knight
2. E. P. Eswaramantham Adley

Old Boys Race 220 yds.

1. S. J. Gunasegaram
2. S. L. Jansen

Kim's Game. Ladies

1. Mrs. Brown
2. Miss M. M. D. Willis

440 yds. Seniors

1. E. A. Spencer Williams 63''
2. S. N. Dawson Pargiter

Cubs Race

1. F. G. Jansen Handy
2. G. Somasundaram Adley

Half Mile Inters

1. S. Sabaratnam 2. 35. 8''
2. S. Thambirajah Thompson

Relay Race Scouts

1. Johnstone and Knight
2. Pargiter and Adley

Obstacle Race Seniors

1. A. Chelliah Handy
2. Velauthapillai Everts

Cooks' & Servants' Race

1. Thirupathi
2. Viswalingam

Mile Race

1. S. N. Dawson Pargiter 5' 6. 8''
2. T. Rajaratnam Adley

Visitors' & Officials' Race

1. Mrs. Brown & Mr C E. E. Stork.
2. Miss M. M. D. Willis & Mr. T. M. Mathai.

Tug of War

Everts House

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

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| Seniors. | R. Rasiah | Williams |
| Inters. | S. Sabaratnasingam | Thompson |
| Juniors. | D. Nesadurai | Williams |

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

| | | Points |
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| 1. | Williams | 53 |
| 2. | Thompson | 28 |
| 3. | Knight | 26 |
| 4. | Pargiter | 25 $\frac{2}{3}$ |
| 5. | Johnstone | 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| 6. | Handy | 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| 7. | Adley | 17 |
| 8. | Evarts | 14 |



ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE SENIOR LITERARY ASSOCIATION

It is with great pleasure that we note the steady progress of our literary association. We note with pride that the members are continuing to take great interest in the Association and that the debates and discussions have been lively.

We are glad that the scouts have joined us again to cooperate with us in promoting the success of this association. We extend our hearty thanks to our past secretary Mr. R. C. Daniel, for having accomplished his work satisfactorily last year.

Office bearers:—

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| <i>President</i> | The Principal. |
| <i>Vice Presidents:</i> | Mr. T. H. Crossette (Vice, Principal), Mr. W. Muthurajah Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram, Mr. P. I. Mathai. |
| <i>Secretary:</i> | S. Thambydurai, |
| <i>Asst. Secretary:</i> | A. S. Ramanathan, |
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| <i>Sub Editor Tamil:</i> | R. Sadasivam. |

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE LITERARY ASSOCIATION

| DATE | BUSINESS | CHIEF SPEAKERS | OTHER SPEAKERS | RESULT |
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| 18th Jan | Election of Office bearers | | | |
| 25th Jan | Tamil Debate. "செந்தியப் பந்தம்" (செந்தியப் பந்தம்) | Prop. { S. Ratnasingam { T. Guanasundaram Opp. { A. Nadarajah { S. Sinnappah | S. Arunasalam S. Kathirasapillai K. Mahalingam A. Jesuthasan V. Ratnasabapathy C. Thambo | Proposition Carried the day |
| 8th Feb | Debate: "Law, Teaching or Medicine, which of the three is the best Profession." | Law { R. Vannitamby { H. Werkmeister Teaching { G. Arthur { T. Rasiah Medicine { A. Rajandram { S. Allegakocn | S. Ramasingam W. Richards | Teaching profession Carried the day. |

| DATE | BUSINESS | CHIEF SPEAKERS | OTHER SPEAKERS | RESULT |
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| 15th Feb | Reading of the Constitution. | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| 22nd Feb | Debate, 'Ceylon is Fit for Self-government.' | Prop. { R. K. Ramanathan { S. Ratnasingham Opp. { A. S. Ramanathan { S. Thambydurai | A. Rajandram Mr. R. C. Daniel R. Vannithamby R. Ariyanayagam | Proposition Carried the day. |

S. Thambydurai
Hony. Secretary,

THE ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST (1927)

Owing to an oversight the account of last year's Oratorical Contest was not included in the last number of the College Magazine. The Contest as usual took place in the College Hall. There was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen and students from other schools. Mrs. O. L. Gibbon, Mr. Nevin Selvadurai B. A. M. B. E. and Rev. O. L. Gibbon M. A. acted as Judges. The Principal took the chair. The following were the contestants and the speeches declaimed by them.

A. S. Ramanathan. "Employment of Indian Troops" *William Pitt*

A. M. D. Richards. "Defence of Great Britain" *Robert Hall*

A. Rajandram. "A Speech from Mrs. Sarojini Naidu

C. A. Allegakone. A speech from Mrs. Sarojini Naidu

L. R. Velhanayagam. "The Reform Bill" *Lord Brougham*

A. S. Ramanathan. was declared winner and C. A. Allegakone. was given the second place.

A vote of thanks to the Judges was proposed by Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram.

R. K. R.

VI. F.



S. J. C. BOARDERS' UNION

This Term Mr. E. M. Ponnuthurai resigned from his office as President of our Union, owing to pressure of work. Nevertheless, he gives us his hearty support by helping us in the work of our Union.

We heartily thank him for the useful work he has done as president of the Union.

We are glad that the Presidentship has fallen on the worthy shoulders of Mr. G. S. Chelliah who, it is hoped, will discreetly guide the destinies of the Union.

We were not able to hold our meetings regularly this term owing to the week-end holidays we have had. Mention must be made of the good work that is being done by the Intermediate and Junior Associations.

EDWARD A. SPENCER

HON. SEC.



ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE CHRISTIAN UNION

It is with great pleasure I present the report of the College Christian Union. We have had a successful Term. Our weekly meetings were held regularly, but I regret to say that the attendance was not quite satisfactory. I appeal to the Christian Boys of the College, especially the Boarders, to make a special effort to be present at these meetings.

The open-air preaching at Paria Theru is still carried on. In this work we are helped by the Social Service Union Members.

Before I conclude my report, I beg to thank all those who have helped me to carry on the work. My special thanks are due to the following for their inspiring and instructive addresses at our meetings:—

Rev. A. Lockwood on "The Greatness of Little Things."

Rev. Richard Navaratnam on "Why should we read the Bible?"

Mr. S. G. Arulanandam on "Rights of Reasoning."

Mr. P. T. Mathai on "Mary Slessor."

Mr. T. M. Mathai on "Sin"

My thanks are also due to the Principal for Presiding at most of our meetings, and to Miss S. L. Page for kindly consenting to give us an address.

SAMUEL J. ASBURY.

Hony. Secretary.

S. J. C. C. U.



S. J. C. SOCIAL SERVICE UNION

The approach of the New year witnessed the Union breaking forth into fresh buds, flowers and fruits of Service, and we have no doubt that this will be a year of great success

On January 25th, the Christian members met in the College hall and elected the office bearers for 1928:—

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| <i>President:</i> | Mr. J. C. Handy. |
| <i>Vice Presidents:</i> | Mr. P. I. Matthai. Mr. P. T. Matthai. |
| <i>Treasurer:</i> | Mr. T. M. Matthai. |
| <i>Secretary:</i> | G. Arthur. |

The chief event of the term was the entertainment, which was held at the college hall on Saturday the 11th of February. The members of the Night School at Paraia-teru were given a game of volley-ball. Later, they were entertained to a tea party, where a large number of the Night School students were present. Then followed a variety entertainment, when musical artistes of the Union and of the Night School treated the gathering, which included the teachers and students of the Girls' College. We are deeply indebted to the members, who graced the occasion by their presence and brought the meeting to a success by their contributions. The interest shown by the members towards the Union is highly commendable and I have the fullest trust that they will continue to do so.

We have, to a certain extent, changed the plan of work this term. Last year the members took their turn in helping the Night School teacher; but now, since our financial position has improved, we have secured the service of an additional teacher. We have, however decided to visit hospitals and help the sufferers by giving them any help they need. We have also resolved to pay visits, as frequently as possible, to the slums of Karaiyoor, where too, we hope to carry out the same plan. With the arrival of Mr. P. I. Matthai, we have once more, with real earnestness brought back to life one of our chief social activities, namely, visiting the hospitals and slums of Jaffna town.

We are greatly indebted to the other masters, who occasionally give their help, and especially to Mr. Handy, who as the President for the third year in succession has rendered invaluable help to the Union.

I do not entertain the least doubt that the office-bearers and members of the Union will do their best for reviving social activities in the College, and improving the tone of the school as a whole, and above all for providing opportunities for real social service to our fellow beings who are less fortunately placed than ourselves.

G. ARTHUR,

Hon: Sec.

Life is not a holiday but Education.

Drummond.



THE MASTERS' GUILD

EASTER TERM, 1928.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 1st of February when the office bearers for the year 1928 were elected.

Since this report is called for rather early in the term before a definite programme has been fixed upon I can only give an account of what we hope to do in the future.

We hope to hold at least three meetings this term two of which will be addresses and one a debate on some Educational topic of interest. I am glad to announce that on the 23rd of March Rev. Fr. Long has kindly consented to speak to us on "Life in a Medieval University."

A fuller account may be possible in the next report.

In closing, I wish to express our thanks to the retiring officers. Mr. C. Newton, the president and Mr. S. J. Guna-segaram, the Hony. Secy. for having ungrudgingly given their time and energy for the work of the Guild

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| <i>Officebearers for 1928</i> | <i>Pres:</i> | M. P. S. Matthai. |
| | <i>Hony. Secy:</i> | G. S. Chelliah. |
| | <i>Hony: Treas:</i> | Mr. D. H. Chinniah |
| | | G. S. CHELLIAH |
| | | Hony. Secy. |



THE CADETS' ANNUAL TRIP TO COLOMBO

"Three hearty cheers for the S. M." the boys shouted as the train steamed off. We were in the best of spirits for we were looking forward to a ripping time in Colombo. As the train gradually gathered speed, so did we in singing ourselves hoarse. When stations of importance were reached songs to the effect of "The Porter Mahatayah jumped upon the Station Mahatayah's back" were sung, which ended up by the "Porter Mahatayah" hurling a stream of abuse on the singers' heads. Towards 12 p. m. all singing and sounds of merriment stopped for it was time to retire. Next morning all were astir and hurried into their uniforms, for the Fort Station which was our destination was drawing

nigh. Our destination reached, we alighted and marched off to the Central Y. M. C. A.

After tea we went to see our team play against the old boys on the Tamil Union grounds. The match after a break for lunch continued till six in the evening, after which the Old Boys were at Home to the Present Boys.

The Junior Cadet Competitions and Sports took place on Friday and Saturday. Of course our boys did nothing worthy of note, save that they tried their best—their level best.

Saturday evening saw us in the train on our way to Jaffna. As usual singing, dancing, and other healthy fun was indulged in, till Jaffna was reached.

We climbed out travel stained but cheery—not in the least 'down hearted.'

I. R. P.

V. A.



THE SCOUTS

Every Scout rejoices at the prospect of a camp, for it brings pleasant memories of time well spent, new friendships formed, and the jolly hours round the camp fire. We were very sorry indeed to find that the proposed Northern province Rally and week-end camp which was fixed for the 11th Feb. had to be postponed. Yet at the time of writing we are looking forward with great expectations to our own week-end camp which will be held in the course of a few days.

As usual the beginning of the year we lost the services of some of our Veteran Leaders, as they have finished their school course and have left. We render our sincere thanks to their past services in the troop, and wish them success in their career. We are sure that the experience they have had in the Scout Troop will stand in good stead throughout their life time, for, one important thing that they must have learned is self reliance, which is a necessary and valuable acquirement to every young man who begins the battle of life.

We are now trying to make better use of Saturdays by doing some out-door scouting.

The visits we made to the Experimental Gardens at Tinnevely and to the Salt-pans at Navatkuli have been very useful. On Wednesday afternoons we do chiefly Inter-patrol competitions in the various scouting activities, and Friday afternoons are now entirely devoted for patrol work which gives our leaders ample opportunities to develop leadership.

A fresh impetus for the study of Nature has been given to the scouts by the lecture on Natural History by Mr. A. J. Evans, and the result is seen in the keenness with which some of the Scouts go about Collecting insects and butterflies. With the help of one who knows about stars we are making a study of the names of the important constellations and thus we go on getting more and more acquainted with the nature around us and taming controlling and developing the nature within us.

S. M.



THE CUB PACK

The cubs are very busy preparing for their tests and are determined to pass them.

Nothing eventful has so far happened, but the scouts and cubs are going for a two days' camping out at Keerimalai, and we all expect to have a jolly good time.

AKELA.



HOUSE ACCOUNTS

KNIGHT HOUSE, 1928

The annual Inter-house sports competitions were worked off in February. We had high hopes of winning the first place, but unfortunately our captain was disabled. Anyway we were not down hearted, and endeavoured to do our best,—our very best.

We came out third in the competitions losing the second place by one point.

Our heartiest congratulations to Williams house.

I am glad to see our boys taking keen interest in sports. The cricket competitions are approaching and we hope to do our very best in the matches.

Hurrah for the Knight boys!

(House Captain)

K. NADARAJAH.

PARGITER HOUSE

The Inter-house sports took place on the 1st of February in which Williams House came out first. We came off 4th losing the 2nd place by a very few points. Special mention should be made of S. N. Dawson who did yeoman service to the house in the sports. He contributed 13 of the 22 points we won. His House may be well proud of the reference made to his mile race by the Government Agent, Mr. J. D. Brown, who acted as Patron of the sports.

We will cheer up and win the other Inter-house events, for which the co-operation of all the Pargiterians is cordially invited.

Our heartiest congratulations to the Williamites on their well earned success.

JOSEPH R. GNANAPRAGASAM,

(House Captain)

ADLEY HOUSE

The Inter-House competitions took place on Wednesday the first of February. Our congratulations to G. R. Canagasabai (Junior) who contributed 10 points out of the 17 points to our credit. The Adleyans did not fare well this time owing to the absence of the former captain K. P. Raju who has joined the Railway Clerical Service. We wish him all happiness in the C. G. R.

Our heartiest congratulations to Williams House on winning the sports championship this year.

T. HUGH NATHANIEL

(House-Captain)

JOHNSTONE HOUSE

We have been rather unfortunate this term as some of our best members have departed from us. We take this opportunity to thank our late captain Mr. J T Mann and all other Johnstonians who bid good bye to us last term.

This term we were unable to do well in the Inter-house Athletic competitions. We entered the finals in the Tug O' war. We came out fifth out of the eight houses.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Williams house on winning the Athletic championship this year.

MILLS ETHIRNAYAGAM

(House Captain)

WILLIAMS' HOUSE

The Williamities have for the first time, since the organisation of the new House System obtained the Inter-House Sports Championship,—thus gratifying our long anticipated hope.

The Championship cups for the Senior and the Junior Champions were won by R. Rasiah, and D. Nesathurai respectively.

The useful 23 points contributed by R. Rasiah, was chiefly responsible for the big lead that we gave the second House,—28 points against our 53 points.

I take this opportunity to thank all the Williamites who took an active part in the Sports, and worked for the upliftment of their House in every way possible.

This is the first championship that we have gained, and we are sure that this is a token of many more victories to come.

EDWARD A. SPENCER,

House Captain.

EVARTS HOUSE

The Inter-house Athletic meet came off early this term in February. As many of our sportsmen who contributed a great deal towards the success of our football championship last term had left us—we were unable to do well in this meet. However our tug O' War team by their joint and united pull defeated all the other teams, and thus came off the Tug O' War champions this year.

We extend our hearty congratulations to Williams house on gaining the Sports' Championship.

In conclusion let me, on behalf of the Evert's house, congratulate N. Sabaretnasingham, the intermediate champion, who belongs to our sister house Thompson, on his achievements on the sports day.

M. VELAUTHAPILLAI
(House Captain)

HANDY HOUSE

The chief event this term was the annual Inter-house Sports meet, which came off on the 1st of February, on our college grounds.

Although we fought tooth and nail to win the sports championship, yet fortune seemed so dead against us that we were out-classed by many other houses.

Even though we have not done much in the field of sports, yet in point of studies the Handyans still remain first.

We take a justifiable pride in mentioning this.

Our heartiest congratulations to our sister-house—The Williamites—on their well earned success.

We tender our sincere thanks to our past captain, Mr. L. R. Vethanayagam, for the valuable services he rendered towards the up-lift ment of our house.

SELVAM A. RAMANATHAN
(House Captain)

THOMPSON HOUSE

It is really baffling to think that our past captain, who was in the midst of us for quite a long time, has left us. We thank him for his services.

We are glad to note that the scales have turned in the field of sports. This year we came off second in the Inter-House Athletic sports meet. Sabaratnasingham, the intermediate champion was responsible for 25 points. A splendid achievement!

Our congratulations to Williams House on their well-earned championship.

TOMMY E. ABRAHAM.
(Captain Captain.)

THE CRICKET TOUR TO COLOMBO

On Wednesday evening February 15 we left with the Cadets and as Cadets for Colombo. A train journey with a large number of companions of one's own age, especially if they are young, is never a very peaceful affair, and our journey proved no exception. Most of the team were hopping about at most of the stations and found it difficult to rest themselves for the match as they ought to have done.

The majority reached the Tamil Union grounds about 9.35 : a. m., but it was 10.15 before we started. The Old Boys who had a distinctly strong team let us bat and we sent in Meyappan S. and Mills. They began badly as they could have been sent back to the pavilion twice in the first over. However after that they added runs slowly, very slowly. Mills went first when the score was about 40. Of the rest Ponnampalam justified his inclusion by playing a brief good innings. Many more runs could have been scored if as a team we could learn how to run between wickets. We were entertained to an excellent breakfast by the Old Boys. The Old Boys gave us rather a magnificent display of rapid scoring and beat us by 9 wickets. V. Meyappan carried out his bat for a very useful 48.

On Monday 20th we went to Ananda. We were well beaten by a better side. The two chief features of the match on our side were the excellent bowling of K. Nadarajah and the distinctly bad fielding of our men.

Ananda showed us over their quite palatial premises and gave another excellent breakfast.

It was a great pity we should have to play two such strong teams so early in the year when our men had not once previously played together as a team.

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In the lexicon of youth, which fate reserves for a bright manhood, there is no such word as 'fail.' Lytton.

ST. JOHN'S Vs. ANANDA COLLEGE "A" TEAM

ANANDA COLLEGE 1ST. INNINGS 2ND. INNINGS

| BATSMEN | HOW OUT | BOWLER | RUNS | HOW OUT | BOWLER | RUNS | BOWLING ANALYSIS | | | | 2ND. INNINGS | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|------|------------|--------|------|------------------|------|-------|------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|---------|--|
| | | | | | | | OVERS | M O. | WKTS. | RUNS | AVERAGE | OVERS | M. O. | WKTS | RUNS. | AVERAGE | |
| 1. R. T. de Silva | Run | Out | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. W. D. de Silva | L. B. W. | Nadarajah | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. S. Wijayasinghe | ct. Alfred | Meyappan | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. B. Amarasuriya | L. B. W. | Nadarajah | 00 | Not | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | |
| 5. V. D. Jayasena | Bowler | | 33 | ct. Alfred | | | | | | | | | | | | 59 | |
| 6. W. B. Gunatilleke | L. B. W. | | 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. W. H. Wanasinghe | ct. Meyappan | Kamalananthan | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. F. Amarasuriya | ct. Gnanapragasam | Nadarajah | 52 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. E. de Silva | Bowled | | 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 41 | |
| 10. I. de Silva | L. B. W. | Out | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 69 | |
| 11. D. S. Jayasundara | not | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | |
| | Byes | | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Total | 152 | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | 180 | |
| 1ST. INNINGS | | | | | | | BOWLING ANALYSIS | | | | | | | 2ND. INNINGS | | | |
| S. Meyappan | 11 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 52 | 4 | — | 1 | — | — | 22 | — | — | — | — | |
| K. Nadarajah | 12.5 | 1 | 7 | — | 51 | 73 | 7 | — | — | — | — | 72 | — | — | — | 72 | |
| J. R. G. pragasam | 6 | — | — | — | 20 | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | 45 | — | — | — | 45 | |
| E. Mills | 1 | — | — | — | 12 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 11 | — | — | — | — | |
| K. Kamalananthan | 2 | — | 1 | — | 8 | 8 | 5 | — | — | — | — | 23 | — | — | — | 23 | |

ST. JOHN'S

2ND INNINGS

1ST INNINGS

| 1ST INNINGS | | BOWLING ANALYSIS | | | | | 2ND. INNINGS | | | | | | | | |
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| BATSMEN | HOW OUT | BOWLER | SCORES | HOW OUT | BOWLER | OVERS | M. O. | WKTS | RUNS | AVERAGE | OVERS | M. O. | WKTS | RUNS | AVERAGE |
| 1. E. Mills | Bowled | Amarasuriya | 26 | Bowled | Wanasinghe | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 2. V. Meyappan | St. Jayasena | " | 3 | ct. Silva | " | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 3. J. R. Gnanapragasam | ct. Silva | " | 6 | ct. Gunatileke | " | 2 | 4 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 4. K. Nadarajah | ct. Gunatileke | " | 0 | Run | out | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 5. C. M. Alfred | Run | Gunatileke | 10 | Bowled | " | 9 | 9 | — | 24 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 6. A. Ponnampalam | Bowled | " | 11 | ct. Amarasuriya | " | 2 | 3 | — | 17 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 7. S. Meyappan | ct. Amarasuriya | " | 2 | ct. Wanasinghe | " | 4 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 8. K. Kamalanathan | ct. Wanasinghe | " | 1 | not out | " | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 9. S. Thambiah | not out | " | 4 | Bowled | Amarasuriya | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 10. Nathaniel | Bowled | " | 0 | ct. Jayasena | " | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 11. Abraham | Byes | " | 1 | Byes | " | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | | Total | 64 | | Total | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |

ST. JOHN'S Vs. OLD BOYS

OLD BOYS

ST. JOHN'S

| BATSMEN | HOW OUT | BOWLER | RUNS | HOW OUT | BOWLER | RUNS |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------|------|------------------|-----------|------|
| V. Meyappan | not out | — | 48 | S. D. Jansen | Abraham | 76 |
| E. Mills | ct. Praesoody | Praesoody | 14 | K. C. Praesoody | Nadarajah | 40 |
| C. M. Alfred | ct. " | Jansen | 4 | J. T. Hubert | Abraham | 40 |
| J. R. Gnanapragasam | ct. Selvanayagam | " | 5 | V. Jansen | | 36 |
| K. Nadarajah | Bowled | Sornalingam | 6 | D. C. Rajaratnam | | 24 |
| A. Ponnampalam | ct. Hubert | Rajaratnam | 14 | K. Sornalingam | | |
| T. Abraham | Run | Out | 0 | G. H. R. Hubert | | |
| S. Meyappan | ct. Jansen | Rajaratnam | 13 | A. S. Abraham | | |
| H. Nathaniel | Bowled | " | 1 | E. Selvanayagam | | |
| T. Gunaratnam | ct. Hubert | Hubert | 6 | D. S. Abraham | | |
| S. Thambyah | Bowled | Rajaratnam | 0 | V. Vivekananthan | | |
| Byes | | | 8 | Byes | | |
| | | Total | 119 | | Total | 15 |
| | | | | | | 237 |

OUR DIARY

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| JANUARY 11th | College reopened. |
| 28th | Inter house Sports (Heats.) |
| FEBRUARY 1st | Inter House Sports (Finals) |
| 4th & 5 th | General Exeat. |
| 7th | Capt. Trollope inspects Cadets. ^o |
| 9th | The Principal, blessed with a son. |
| 10th | Holiday on behalf of the new Master Peto. |
| 11th | Volley ball match with the Paraiiah boys of Nallur followed by a tea-party. |
| 16th | Cricket match at Colombo Old Boys <i>vs.</i> Present Boys. |
| 17th | Mid-Term holiday. Cadet Competition at Colombo. |
| 18th | " " " " |
| 20th | Cricket Match at Colombo. Ananda College, Colombo <i>vs.</i> St. John's College, Jaffna. |
| 26th | Ordination of the Principal. |

M. R.



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