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EDITORIALLY

During the early part of the term we had to bid farewell to Mr. S. G. Arulanandam who was transferred to the Baddegama, C. M. S. English school, Galle, as headmaster. He was a valued friend and a teacher devoted to his work. Though we keenly feel his absence, we are glad that we have been able to benefit Baddegama with one who will give his best to promote its welfare. We wish Mr. Arulanandam every success.

We shall also miss Mr. M. V. Seevaratnam, our Tamil pundit, next term. He has been appointed Assistant Inspector of Vernacular schools. We thank him for his very useful services to the school and wish him a happy time in the Inspectorate.

We regret to record the death of Mr. J. W. W. Jehoratnam, who passed away under tragic circumstances on the 11th of October. When we bade farewell to him a few months ago we least expected, in the course of the same year, to pen his *in memoriam*... He was one of the most loyal senior prefects we have had at school in recent years. After his student career he served on the staff as assistant master during which time he was also in charge of the Evarts' Boarding House. He was thoroughly devoted to his duty and did his best to be useful to his school and the boys in his care. He joined Bishop's College, Calcutta, in June, this year, as a candidate for the Ministry. Within the short time he spent there he had won the love and respect of his teachers and colleagues. He has been removed in the prime of his life ere he could realise his long cherished ambition to serve his Master as an ordained Priest. God knows best.

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Our deepest sympathies are with his parents, his brothers and sisters in their sad loss.

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The heavy showers of rain during the last two weeks have interfered with the intercollegiate football matches. There still remain a few more matches to be played. Our team, however, has so far acquitted itself creditably. The college inter-house matches are being keenly contested. As some houses are still to meet the house accounts will appear in our next issue.

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The public of Jaffna owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. C. F. Winzer, Inspector of Art, for his recent exhibition of school Art at the Stanley school. Among the exhibits were delightful drawings, designs and paintings of boys and girls of the Island. Even the most casual observer could not have failed to observe the remarkable beauty of the great many of the efforts displayed and the artistic talents, latent in the children who were responsible for them. The study of art in our schools is, unfortunately, one that has not been given the attention it deserves. To those who look upon Education as merely a means of finding a short cut for the earning of a livelihood the study of art fails to appeal as it gives no promise of helping students in that direction. But if it is the part of Education to instil in young minds a love of the beautiful, to develop their powers of observation, to cultivate their memory, and to enable them to take an intelligent interest in the variety of objects that surround them, there is hardly any other subject that deserves greater encouragement in our schools than the study of Art. Since the arrival of Mr. Winzer very definite strides have been taken in reorganising the teaching of Art in our schools, and it is pleasing to see that the teachers of this subject in our schools have also caught the enthusiasm of their chief. While we thank Mr. Winzer and his staff

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for the Exhibition, we wish them every success in their noble work.

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We owe an apology to our readers for delaying the last number. As we closed last term two days earlier than the date previously fixed, the magazines which arrived at college on the last day of term failed to reach us in time, and we were, much against our wish, compelled to postpone sending them to our readers till the beginning of this term.

COLLEGE NOTES

By the Principal

No less than five members of the Staff are to be congratulated this term upon appointments or success in various directions. Mr. S. G. Arulanandam has been appointed to the Headmastership of Baddegama English school; Mr. M. V. Seevaratnam has been appointed an Assistant Inspector of Vernacular schools under the Ceylon Government Education Department; Mr. J. C. Handy has received a "Special Post" upon the College Staff, in accordance with the present Education Code; Mr. S. J. Gnanasegaram has obtained his London B. A. degree with Second Class Honours in Philosophy; and Mr. E. M. Ponnudurai (officially known as M. M. Nalliah) has received his commission as an officer of the Ceylon Cadet Battalion.

Mr. S. G. Arulanandam has been teaching in the College or Branch schools since 1914. Many Old Boys have reason to be grateful to him for sound teaching work whether in the Branch schools or College, and not less for personal friendship given and interest shown in out-of-school relationships. We have been glad to welcome his younger brother

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back again in his place. The excellent Tamil results in the Cambridge examinations since Mr. Seevaratnam joined the Staff in 1925 testify abundantly to the quality of his work. Whilst congratulating both on their higher appointments we are very sorry to lose them, but wish them all success in their larger responsibilities. Mr. Gunasegaram's achievement is a splendid one, and all the more so as it was accomplished in his holidays and other scanty leisure time.

When these notes come to the readers' hand, we shall also be bidding farewell to Mr. V. Arumynayakam, who retires at the end of some fifteen years' work, chiefly at Kaithady, and latterly, since 1926, at the College. As these fifteen years were preceded by nearly twenty years' service elsewhere, we feel he has earned his rest. Miss R. P. Thevasagayam, after five years, also leaves us for lighter work elsewhere. We would thank both for excellent work done for the College in the lower School. We are looking forward to having with us next term the Rev. J. R. Navaratnam, an Old Boy and one who has since his ordination a year ago already entered the College life as a near neighbour. He will be College Chaplain and also be in charge of one of the boarding-houses.

We are always glad when Old Boys or friends found prizes, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. A. J. Evans for the Mile Cup he has so kindly presented to the College this year. The winner this year, S. N. Dawson, has received it this term.

There is an error to be corrected in my last term's College Notes. B. A. Thambapillai should read J. T. Jesudason. Apologies as well as congratulations to the latter!

The College Prospectus accompanies this number. It will be noticed that 25 cents has been added to the main tuition fees of all except Form 1. This may seem rather a ridiculously small addition, but this addition, though nothing for the

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individual, means a distinct addition to the total for the College finances. Year by year the salary bill for the Staff and other necessary equipment expenses are rising. I cannot conscientiously, and I am sure parents would not wish me to get a less qualified and inefficient Staff. Our equipment has improved immensely during the last two or three years, without any addition to the fees, and those who know my colleagues will I believe readily admit that the College has never had a better Staff.

I have left to the last my mention of the event which cast so heavy a shadow over us all in early October. I refer to the sad death by drowning of Mr. J. W. W. Jehoratnam at Calcutta on 11th October. I have said what we all thought of him in the "In Memoriam" notice in this number. A largely attended Memorial Service was held in the College Chapel on All Saints' Day, when we gave thanks to God for the life and example of one more added to that great number of men and women of all nations whom we commemorate on that day.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Williams have expressed a wish to raise a permanent fund in their son's name to help poor boys who have begun but are not able, through financial difficulties, to complete their education at College. It is proposed that the fund should take the form of a loan fund from which money should be advanced to such poor and deserving boys for their school fees. Such loans would have to be repaid when a boy began to earn his own living. The fund is to be vested in the College authorities, and of course loans would be made only upon proper legal security.

We in the College think the above an excellent suggestion. Mr. Jehoratnam was particularly interested in the less fortunate of his fellow men and such a fund will be, therefore, a most fitting memorial.

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We propose, therefore, after erecting a simple memorial tablet in the College, to devote all remaining gifts to the above fund.

PRIZE DAY AT COLLEGE

The Annual prize giving was held on Wednesday the 8th of August, at 6.30 p. m. The annual Cadet competition for the Cadet platoon of the College was begun at an earlier hour. When Justice Allan Drieberg, the chairman of the Prize Giving, arrived he was received at the entrance of the College by the Principal. The Cadets and the wolf-cubs of the College formed a guard of honour. The hall was tastefully decorated with greenery and garlands. The proceedings began with the singing of the hymn, 'O God our help in ages past.' Rev. Dr. Isaac Tambyah then offered prayers. A welcome song composed for the occasion was sung in Tamil by two boys of the College. The Rev. H. Peto, the Principal then presented the annual report. The Principal's report was followed by Prize declamation and recitations. Mr. Justice Allan Drieberg then distributed the prizes.

After the distribution of prizes, Justice Drieberg addressing the gathering said that he had presentiment before he left Colombo for the sessions in Jaffna that he would have to preside at a prize giving. Considering the large number of schools in that ancient place of learning it was not possible for any appreciable space of time to elapse without a prize giving. When he was in Jaffna for the previous sessions he presided at a prize giving. It was an honour and a great pleasure to him to preside at that evening's function. He had read with great interest a booklet which gave somewhat in detail the growth and development of the institution. He had heard of St. John's College in Colombo. He had come across men who had received their education from St. John's

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College. There were a very large number of men from Jaffna who were holding up the Flag of Jaffna in Colombo. Some of them ultimately came back to the land of their birth. The call of the country and the lure of the place was a great attraction to them. He was certainly interested in the report that Mr. Peto had just read out, to find that the school from the time of its foundation in 1823 was doing satisfactory work. The report that Mr. Peto had presented would, he was sure, be a source of great pleasure to the parents and the Old Boys of the school. Mr. Peto had made a reference to the teachers who had to serve on the jury. When he saw the large number of school masters on the panel at the last sessions, he thought that it was only a coincidence. But when that state of things was repeated he felt that that accounted for the excellent verdicts that were returned by the Jaffna Juries. If that was the case, in the interest of the general public and in the interests of those who stood their trial, he would have to harden his heart and continue to summon teachers to serve on the jury. It was very hard to spare a good juror. The profession of teaching was the most honourable occupation that any one could follow. It was a profession in which one found pleasure not in his own success but in the success of others. He was sure that when Mr. Peto was reading the report he would have felt that in chronicling the successes of his Old Boys he was having his reward. It was customary at a prize giving to say something concerning the events of the present day, and how they were going to react on the boys. He was unable to discuss politics which was some years ago his occupation. Still he would not refrain from referring to the changes that would come over the Island as a result of the reforms. The reforms would bring to the surface some of the best men of the country. That would be an entirely different world that the boys of the present day would be living in. It would be a world of greater equality, a world of greater democratic

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tendencies. Until a man could look his fellow man in the face as an equal, they could not attain to that political status that they hoped to attain. There was another convention to be followed at prize givings. It was to say something to those who did not get prizes. He (the speaker) did not get a single prize in his school days except one for drawing. Every boy in the school that could lustily applaud his competitor winning a prize which he had failed to win has that quality in him which will lead to success. All cannot expect to have the nimble brains of those who win prizes. But one can have the satisfation of having been a member of his team and done his best though he did not make the highest score. Addressing the boys, Justice Drieberg said, that they had, while in school, the chances to get the best education that their masters could give them. The education they were receiving in school was but the preparation to the education which they were going to get after leaving school. It was when they left school that their real education began, the education gained by their association with the fellow men and the education from the companionship with books. He was struck by the marvellous number of schools and the great amount of money that was being poured out by the generous people in the North. He wished it would occur to these generous people to endow a free library for the town of Jaffna. He that would endow a free library would have done greater good for the course of education than the founding of schools. That was the crying need of Ceylon. It was only the other day that Colombo opened a free library. Other towns in the island should have a free library. He hoped that some philanthropic men would endow Jaffna with a free library. One did not find so many schools in any other part of the island as in Jaffna. While facilities were given to the parents to educate their children in one direction, facilities were wanting in the other. Having taken two sessions in succession, in Jaffna he felt very much at home in the place.

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He would assure them that he took a real interest in Jaffna. It was indeed interesting, as he had said before, to read the record of a school and see what it had done for the last hundred years. St. John's College had been the centre of education, a centre of health and encouragement and enthusiasm. When one thought of the large number of men who owed everything in life to the education that they received in the college, he was sure that that thought would redouble them to be more generous and redouble their efforts to help the school.

Continuing, Justice Drieberg said that he was glad to find there that day one of his oldest friends, Dr. Isaac Tambyah. He, (the speaker) always felt that Dr. Tambyah would be where he was that day. He could have almost prophesied that. He was glad to know that the boys of St. John's College had the opportunity to have Dr. Tambyah in their midst and to profit by his scholarship and experience.

In conclusion Justice Drieberg appealed to the boys to love their school. One could not realise what the value of a school was till one left that school. He could tell them that they owed most of their successes in life to the efforts of their school. He would, therefore, exhort them to keep in touch with their school after they left it, and to try and encourage the school by helping it. He thanked Mr. Peto for having given him an opportunity to preside at the prize giving.

Mr. R. R. Crossette Tambyah—Crown Counsel, proposed a vote of thanks to Justice Drieberg. He said that he heard that it was customary for an old Boy of the College to propose the vote of thanks to the Chairman. It was true that he had received his early education at the College but if education to Justice Drieberg meant a continuing and continued process which was never completed, he (speaker) was at present receiving his education at the hands of Justice Drieberg. He was receiving his education not only in the principles of

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the law and their application to human life but in a far wider and deeper sense, in clarity of thought and preciseness of speech. One had only to watch a trial developing under Justice Drieberg to judge the great beauty of language and appreciate the value of what you have to say and to give the correct word. He was sure that Justice Drieberg would adorn the post of Chief Justice of Ceylon.

Mr. J. C. Handy seconded the vote of thanks.

Principal's Report, 1928

THE HON. Mr. JUSTICE ALLAN DRIEBERG, K. C., P. J.

Sir,

It is with great pleasure we welcome you to St. John's College to-day. Our welcome is the warmer to you as the son of an illustrious father whose name has for long been a household word in Jaffna Educational circles. Our only regret is that circumstances have prevented Mrs. Drieberg from being present with you. We would ask you to convey to her our sincere regret at her absence. Our connection with the legal profession is a close one. Many Old Boys hold high positions in the world of law, and we are proud that your Crown Counsel in the present assizes should be an Old Boy of the College.

The school year under review has been an uneventful one on the whole. Work and play have gone steadily forward. The twelve months, however, have been marked by four notable visits. In November we had the pleasure of receiving Mahatma Ghandi and Mrs. Ghandi. We were all glad of the opportunity of seeing one whose name is so famous in both East and West. In December, just before the close of term, His Excellency the

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Governor, Sir Herbert Stanley, paid us the honour of a visit. He saw almost the whole School in detail. The real interest he took in our work was shown a few weeks later by the arrival of a very handsome set of Sir Walter Scott's complete works. Later in December we received a visit from the General Secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation, M. Henriod. To those of us who were able to meet him he brought a message of real inspiration. Towards the end of last term we had the very great pleasure of welcoming back to his Old School, after a period of some 29 years, the Rev. J. Carter, Principal of the College from 1895 to 1899. He was with us only for a week-end, but a goodly number of Old Boys of his time were able to meet him. We wish that the visits of such former Principals could become a habit. So contagious was his enthusiasm for his Old College.

Number on Roll

The Number on the roll has exceeded any figure previously reached. We number at present 530. We are quite content with 500, but it is difficult to refuse promising young boys. We have, however, adhered strictly to our under-fifteen age—limit for admission, and exceptions have been rare except in the case of those who have passed the E. S. L. C. Examination from the Branch Schools. The four Boarding-houses have been full throughout the year. The number of boarders at present is 145. We do not think that this number has been previously exceeded.

Staff

There have been as usual some changes in the Staff. We have been exceedingly glad to have had amongst us daily from the beginning of this year the Rev. Dr. Isaac Tambyah, the Incumbent of St. John's Church and an Old Johnian. He has given us the benefit of his ripe scholarship and

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experience not only in the Scripture Classes but also in many other sides of the College life. Messrs. D. C. Arulanandam and J. W. Jehoratnam have left us to equip themselves further for their life work. Mr. W. W. MuttuRajah has exchanged the teaching for the legal profession. In their places we have welcomed Mr. A. J. Evans, B. A., of Peter house, Cambridge, Mr. G. S. Chelliah, who returns to us after completing his course at the Goverment Training College, Colombo, Mr. J. T. Arulanandam, who also returns from his two years' B. sc. Degree course, and Miss F. N. Santiago, who joins us at the end of an unusually successful career at a sister school. Mr. J. H. Gayer has left us after 2 years' faithful work as the College Bursar, a two years during which he also found time for a very practical interest in the College cricket and Cadets. Messrs. H. T. Tharmaratnam and J. T. Mann, both Old Boys, are welcome new additions to the College Office Staff. We would thank all those who have left for the good work done and we hope that all those who have joined us may have many years before them in our happy family.

Public Examinations

12 boys have passed the Cambridge Senior School Certificate Examination and 17 the Cambridge Junior. One obtained Senior Honours. It will interest those who may be inclined to lament present day lack of interest in Tamil Literature to know that Tamil was the subject done best in the Examination. 2 boys obtained distinction in the language. We have had no regular E. S. L. C. Class, but one boy sat for the Examination successfully. In the School Art Exhibition held recently in Colombo we won what but few other schools won, a threefold certificate of merit in Object, Nature and Memory Drawing.

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College Activities

The Christian Union has done steady work both in the College and in connexion with our Night School at Nallore.

The Social Service Union continued its good work till recently At present it is involved in difficulties through lack of suitable teachers, but we are sure that these difficulties will soon be overcome.

The Cadets have added one more successful Diyatalawa Camp to their record. 5th place in cross country running, semi-finals in foot-ball and a high position in the Herman Loos Cup are achievements worthy of the past.

The Scouts have taken to themselves a Rover Troop numbering about twenty. With the Wolf Cubs they supply an important need in school life.

Games and Athletic Sports

In Inter-Collegiate football we have won four out of five matches.

Cricket in Jaffna is unhappily still at a low ebb. There have been only three other colleges to play. We have defeated two of them. Within the school there has been very satisfactory keenness shown in the game. The House matches have provided some good competition. In the last King's Birth-day Athletic Sports we were placed third.

A very notable advance has been made in the College games as a whole this term. We have found it possible to arrange for every boy to play either football or volley-ball daily. Compulsory games were instituted eight years ago, but we have never before arrived at the most desirable ideal of exercise for every boy daily. It is an undoubted fact that regular games contribute very de-

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finitely to good mental work. During the last few years a standard in sports has coincided with a high standard in school work to a quite remarkable degree.

Extention

By a slight structural alteration we now possess a single large study hall for boarders' preparation work. All the boarders can come under the Supervising Master at one and the same time.

A new gas-making machine in the Science Laboratory not only supplies a long felt want in the Science Department but also has given us really satisfactory lighting for evening study. In breezy Jaffna a wind-proof light is a blessing which words can scarcely describe. The gas machine also as you may see, sheds its beneficence in this College hall.

The six handsome library almirahs have been followed by a further generous gift from the same kind donor, Mr. Thio Kim Chuan of 200 volumes, to which Mr. J. T. N. Handy has generously added another 200 volumes. I would like to take this opportunity also of thanking Mr C. A. W. Edwards for founding permanent prizes for Reading and Recitation in the Middle School. Such generous gifts from Old Boys are a great encouragement.

Old Boys

The Old boys have as formerly continued to add distinction to their Old School. The following are among the honours and successes recently won:—

Mr. F. H. V. Gulasekaram, M. A., Registrar of the University College, Colombo.

Mr. J. R. Fry, Class I Postal Service.

Mr. J. N. Vethavanam, M. A., B. L., District Judge, Avisawella.

Mr. G. G. S. Chelliah, 2nd Class Certificate Government Training College, Colombo.

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

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Dr. E. A. Lawrence, D. M. O., Delft.

Mr. J. B. Navaratnam, Ordained Deacon.

Mr. C. T. Arunasalam, Headmaster, *Sir Herbert Stanley* Bilingual School, Jaffna.

Dr. R. W. Crossette Tambyah, D. P. H, (London), first part.

Mr. M. A. Arulanandam, District Judge, Chilaw.

Mr. S. Kulandram, B. A. (London.)

Messrs. S. N. R. Breckenridge, S. C. B. Kamarakulasinghe, and *C. Chellappah*, Inter-Arts (London.)

Messrs. A. Ramanathan, G. Somasundram, and *A. V. Richards*, Inter-Science (London.)

Mr G. B. Richards, Second Class, Final Examination, Jaffna Farm School.

Mr. M. S. Sangarapillai, Second Class, Teachers' Certificate Examination.

Mr. A. R. Subramaniam, District Judge, Trincomlie.

Mr. Ebenezer Thambirajah, B. A., (Cantab), Forestry.

Mr. S. Kanagalingam, L. R. C. P., & S. (Edinburgh).

It is with great regret that we record the passing of two former Principals, the *Rev. T. Good*, Principal 1866 to 1874 and *Rev. D. Wood*, Principal 1874 to 1878. Perhaps few if any of us here to-day had the privilege of knowing them personally. We are sure that they are of the number who have helped to build up the noblest traditions of our College, and we remember them with grateful hearts.

It is with deep sorrow that we have to refer also to the loss of one who was amongst the most distinguished of our Old Boys. *Mr. J. A. Muttuvalue* held a high position in the Government Audit Office. Universally respected, he always took a most lively interest in his Old School. We look back to him as a man of the highest ideals, whose example we may all do well to try to follow!

I should like once more to express my grateful thanks to the brotherhood, commonly called,

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the Staff. Illness, Public Examinations and, last but by no means least, jury panels constantly rob us for a time of one or more members of the Staff. The readiness with which on such occasions the members of the Staff have always accepted such extra work in addition to an already heavy time-table has constantly filled me with amazement. The spirit of friendship and good-will between man and man cannot be, I am sure, surpassed in any other school in Ceylon. I should like to refer to two sections of the Staff not often specifically mentioned. I mean the Boarding-house Masters and the Office Staff. What we usually call the "Baby Boarding-house"—Thompson House has undergone a transformation since *Mrs. Workmeister* took charge last September. The exuberant spirits and evident joy in life shown by the occupants of the other 3 boarding-houses are sufficient proof of the efficient, kindly but firm methods of the masters in charge.

No one who has not worked in the College Office can have an adequate idea of the strenuous and exacting nature of the work which is, so to speak, the oiling of the wheels of the whole School. The Office Staff may be compared to our friends the busy bees, but without the sting.

In conclusion may I say that we view with dismay not unmingled with sadness the growing tendency in this country to divorce Religion from Education. The West is revising its standards and testifying afresh to its conviction that education without religion is no true education. Surely the East, the traditional possessor of a spiritual heritage, cannot lightly resign that heritage? The source and main-spring of all that has been best in the College life during the last 105 years have been our faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Divorce religion from education and you get a lifeless, inert system. Give to education the inspiration and power of a living faith and you may send forth to the world men to whom nothing that is great or good is impossible.

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PRIZE-WINNERS

Class.	Subject.	Winner
1st. Year C.	Scripture.	Samuel M.
	Class Prize.	Veerasingham T.
1st. Year B.	Scripture.	Gnanamanickam D.
	Class Prize.	Ponnudurai S.
1st. Year. A.	Scripture.	Ailegacone K.
	Class Prize.	Samuel V.
2nd. Year. A.	Scripture.	Lieversz B.
	Class Prize.	Ponnampalam R.
2nd. Year. B.	Scripture.	Vanden Driesen T.
	Class Prize.	Vythilingam K.
Form I A.	Scripture.	Sivalingam S. K.
	Class Prize.	Sivalingam S. K.
Form I B.	Scripture.	Philips S. B.
	Class Prize.	Theagarajah S.
Form I C.	Scripture.	Ratnasabapathy.
	Class Prize.	Thiagarajah M.
Form II A.	Scripture	Balasuriya A.
	Class Prize.	Balasuriya A.

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Form II B.	Scripture.	Aiyathurai J. V.
	Class Prize.	Rajaratnam F.
Form II C.	Scripture.	Sellathurai G.
	Class Prize.	Chelliah S.
Form III A.	Scripture.	Goonaratne E. V. M.
	Class Prize.	Thuraisingam R. J,
Form III B.	Scripture.	Perampalam V
	Class Prize.	Manickavasagam P.
Remove Reform.	Scripture. (Tisseverasinghe Prize)	Sabaratnam J. M.
	Class Prize.	Ratnavelu C. S.
Form IV A.	Scripture. (Tisseverasinghe Prize).	Rasiah S.
	Class Prize.	Selvanayagarajah S.
Form IV B.	Scripture.	Selvadurai S.
	Class Prize.	Ponnudurai S.
Junior Cambridge.	Scripture (C. B. Kumarakulasinghe Prize)	Nesadurai T.
	English.	Workmeistsr H. O.
	Tamil.	Nesadurai T. *dist.*
		Jesudason J. T. R. *dist.*
	Mathematics	Thambapillai B. A.
	Science, Chemistry.	Thanabalasingam S.
Senior Cambridge.	Scripture. (C. B. Kumarakulasinghe Prize).	Ramanathan A. S.
		Arthur G.
	Tamil.	Ratnasingham P. K.
	Latin.	Vethanayagam E. L. R.
	Seience, Physics. (Sabapathy Price.)	Ramanathan S.

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Special Prizes.

Tamil.	Forms IV, Remove & II.	Thambyaiyah P.
	Forms II & I.	Muttiah T.
	1st and 2nd Year.	William R. S.
Nature Study.	Form II	Balasuriya A.
Drawing.	Upper School	Balasuriya A.
	Lower School.	Carthigesapillai A.
General Knowledge.	Forms VI & V.	Ariaratnam A. S.
	Forms IV, Remove & III.	Jayaratnam M.
	Forms II & I	Newton V. J. J. Jacob I. V.
	Lower School.	Anandarajah K. M. Raju E. Rajanayagam S.
Arulpragasam Gold Medal for Oratory.		1. Rajendram J. A. 2. Richards A. M. P.
Reading.	Forms IV & III	Gooneratne E. V. M
	Forms II & I.	Vanden Driesen E.
Recitation.	Forms IV & III	Vanden Driesen C.
	Forms II & I.	Vethanayagam A. V. A.
		Vanden Driesen E.
Thompson Prize.	(for 1st boy in Camb. Senior Examination.)	Ramanathan A. S.
Cambridge Senior Honours.		Kamalanandham K.
Handy Gold Medal for General Excellence.		Not awarded.

Certificates

Elementary School Leaving Certificate.	Hannibalsz A. L.

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Cambridge Junior Passes.	Jesudason J. T. (with Distn. in Tamil)
	Ethirnayagam M.
	Nasathurai D. (with Distn. in Tamil.)
	Sundramoorthy T. K.
	SinnaRaja E.
	Rajendram A.
	Emerson R.
	Thanabalasingham J. M.
	Thambiaiyah J. R. M.
	Sabaratnam T.
	SenathiRajah N.
	Rasiah R.
	Thuraisingham J. S.
	Werkmeister O. V.
	Thambapillai B. A.
	Arunachalam S. A,
	Chelliah A. R.
Cambridge Senior Honours.	Kamalanandhan K.
Cambridge Senior Passes.	Ramanathan S.
	Vethanayagam L.
	Arthur G.
	Thambithurai S.
	Kulasingham J. R.
	Richards W. M. T.
	Ratnasingham P. K. (alias Norman)
	Thuraisingham G. D.
	Nadarajah A.
	Ratnathickam D. S.
	Richards. G. S.

House Championships.

1927	Football	Evarts
1928	Sports	Williams
"	Cricket	Knight

Inter-House Cadet Competitions 1298.

Senior Cadet Shield. No. 4. Section (Thompson & Evarts).

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Senior Section Commander's Cup. No. 4. Section—Commander.

Junior Cadet Shield. No. 3. Section.

Junior Section Commander's Cup, No. 3. Section—Commander.

OLD BOYS' COLUMN

Educational *Mr. A. J. R. Vethavanam*, B. A. Lecturer Govt. Training College has left for England on a Government Scholarship for higher qualification.

Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram of the staff has passed the London B. A. Examination with Second Class Honours in Philosophy.

Mr. A. V. Richards has obtained the B. Sc. Degree of the London University.

Mr. C. T. Arunachalam has been appointed Head Master of the Govt. Stanley School, Jaffna.

Mr. M. V. Seevaratnam, has been appointed Assistant Inspector of vernacular schools.

Messrs. A. Rajaindram and *C. R. Anketell* have passed the London Inter-Science Examination.

Messrs. F. S. G. Arulanandam and *E. Rajaindram* have passed the London Inter Arts Examination

Medical *Dr. C. Kandiah*, J. M. O. Jaffna has been transferred to Trincomalie.

Dr. A. N. Cumarasamy, Medical Inspector of schools, Jaffna, has been promoted to the First Grade in the Medical Department.

Dr. S. Thambipillai, Asst. Port Surgeon Colombo, is appointed Judicial Medical Officer of Jaffna.

Mr. C. Kanagasabai has passed the first examination of the London University for medical degrees.

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Clerical *Messrs. E. J. Rajaratnam* and *J. B. Ariyanayagam* have been promoted from class 2 to class 1 of the clerical service.

Messrs. A. H. B. Kumarakulasinghe and *Tennent Thamyappah* have passed the Govt. Clerical Examination.

Mr. M. V. Myivaganam has been appointed clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office, Colombo.

New Proctors: *Messrs. T. S. Kanagaratnam* and *Rajasingham Emerson* have passed the Proctors' Final Examination.

Police office *Mr. T. Rasanayagam* of the Jaffna Police Office has been transferred to the Head office Colombo.

Forest office. *Mr. Arthur Hensman* has been transferred to Kurnegalle as the Divisional Forest Officer.

Co-operative Society. *Mr. V. Ponnuchamy* of the Staff of the Drieberg's English school Chavakachcheri has been appointed Inspector of Co-operative Societies.

Shroff. *Mr. S. Chellappah* of *Messrs. Walkers* and *Sons*, Kandy, has been appointed shroff of the Jaffna Mutual Benefit Fund, Jaffna.

Marriages. We congratulate the following on their recent marriages:

Mr. S. V. Sundaram with *Miss Potkody Ponnampalam* of Tinnavely.

Mr. A. C. Manickam, Relieving Postmaster G. P. O. Colombo, with *Miss Manicka Ammal Arumugam.*

Dr. J. S. B. Kumarakulasinghe of the Civil Hospital, Kurnegalle with *Miss Daisy Suppiah.*

Mr. B. Selvanayagam, the youngest son of *Mr. R. Benjamin* with *Miss Sugirtham Rajaratnam* of Urumpirai.

Mr. N. Rajaratnam. Officer in charge, C. G. R. Kodigamam with *Miss Pathuminithi Ammal Ponniah.*

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Engagements: We congratulate the following on their engagements: *Dr. G. R. Handy* and *Miss Kanmany Strong*; *Mr. C. Thurairajahsingham*, Irrigation Sub-Inspector and *Miss Mercy Thangaratnam Jacob.*

Mr. D. R. Gunasegaram of the District Court, Kegalle, and *Miss Lily Mahilmalar Cheliah* of the staff of Uduvil Girls' School.

F. M. S. News: *Mr. C. Mailvaganam* of the staff of Central Mental Hospital, Tanjong, Rambuttan has passed the final examination of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain.

Mr. E. J. Chelliappah is acting for the Private Secretary to the Chief Justice, Singapore.

Mr. E. J. R. Perinpanayagam has been appointed Telegraph Inspector.

IN MEMORIAM

C. T. KANDIAH

Proctor S. C.

Colombo

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IN MEMORIAM

J. W. W. JEHORATNAM

(C. M. S. Divinity Student), Bishop's College, Calcutta.

Joseph Williams Jehoratnam was born on 14th, December, 1904. He entered St. John's College, Jaffna, in November, 1917, where he studied till December, 1925, being Senior Prefect his last year. For the next two years he was a member of the Staff and a boarding-house master. He entered Bishop's College Calcutta in June this year. He was a diligent and thorough student, and even at Bishop's College topped the men of his year at the end of that first term. He had a long term of service as Secretary of our College Christian Union and was prominent in school literary activities. As a Senior Prefect he was fearless for what was right and compelled respect from even the most troublesome. A devoted brother and son, he was, above all, a loyal follower of his Lord and Master. Bishop Packenham Walsh, Principal of Bishop's College, writes: "A splendid fellow, most bright and unselfish, a good scholar and earnest and devout in Christian life." Such we at St. John's always found him. Ever one who tried to follow his Lord in ministering rather than being ministered unto, his last public act seems to have been going with his Principal to help at a leper Service, for which he had undertaken regular responsibility.

Humanly speaking, we feel that such men are hard to spare, but we must perforce believe that, as the Bishop writes, "God has his own work for him in the world above."

He died on the 11th of October 1928.

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IN MEMORIAM

I

Among the thrones of saints on high,
The Lord espied a vacant one;
A crown of gold lay closely by,
And vestments that with whiteness shone.

II

"Now shall my presence lack a saint?
That throne of gold a virtuous son,
A mortal free of worldly taint
Shall grace in triumph my seat anon."

III

So said the Lord that loves the young
With love that breaks some mortals oft,
And bleedings that the Muse had sung
About, ere now in moanings soft.

IV

An angel from the starry clime
With lightning speed on earth descends.
With pointed lance at youthood's prime
His mortal life to danger bends.

V

A wat'ry thread in midway hung
Betwixt this life and life to come
"Now cross," the angel whispring sung,
And thou like Christian shalt become."

VI

That soul with hopes of shameless mien,
With hopes to wield a shepherd's stave
Across the water looked with keen
Unflinching eyes like Christian brave.

VII

A Christian's sight he saw on high,
"I step," he said "so guide me through,"
The angel led him through the sky,
A spirit now immortal true.

VIII

The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
The former things are passed away
Now peace and joy and rest we bring
To serve thee—all in close array."

E. C. A. N.
VI A.

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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE LITERARY ASSOCIATION

It was not possible for us to have a full term's programme this time. The few meetings held were all the more enthusiastically conducted. Our thanks are due to Misses M. V. Hutchins and F. N. Santiago for having kindly consented to take part in one of our debates.

We are also indebted to an ex-president Mr. A. M. Nathaniel for his useful and interesting lecture on he subject, "The mind behind the Scenes".

We warmly congratulate Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram on his brilliant achievement, and on his being the first in the island to obtain second class honours in Philosophy in the London B. A. honours examination. He is one of our enthusiastic vice-presidents and did at one time in the capacity of Editor of the Association successfully maintain the traditions of the Association. The S. J. C. L. A. may rightly feel proud of the record created by one of its products.

R. C. Daniel
(Hony Sec).

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DATE	BUSINESS	CHIEF SPEAKERS	OTHER SPEAKERS	RESULT
19th Sept.	(Extempore speeches) 1. Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise. 2. The Strategic importance of Singapore 3. Motor Traffic in Jaffna 4. State of Prohibition in Jaffna 5. Franchise for women in Ceylon 6 Oliver Lodge and A. Canon Doyle 7. Kellogg Pact.	S. Kathirasapillai C. A. Allagakone F. E. R. Vanithabmy A. Rajandram H. W. Nathaniel S. Chinnappah T. Rassiah	R. C. Daniel	—
26th Sept.	Debate "Shylock is more sinned against than sinning"	Prop. A. Rajandram D. Nasadurai Opp. T Rassiah C. Ratnasingham	E. P. Tennent A. M. D. Richards C. A. Allagacone R. C. Daniel	lost
3rd Oct.	Lecture Readings from English Literature	Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram B. A.	——	—
10th Oct.	Debate Ceylon is fit for woman franchise	Prop: Miss M. V. Hutchins Miss F. N. Santiago Opp: C. A. Allagacone R. K. Ramanathan	Mr. P. T. Mathai „ J. A. Evans „ E. P. Tennent „ A. Rajandram „ R. C. Daniel F. E. R. Vannitamby	undecided

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DATE	BUSINESS	CHIEF SPEAKERS	OTHER SPEAKERS	RESULT
17th Oct.	Extempore speeches in Tamil 1. சுதேசாபிமானம் 2. சைமன் கமிஷன் 3. உழுதுண்டு வாழ்வதே வாழ்வு 4. அன்பு 5. திரை கடல் ஓடியும் திரவியம் தேடு	R. Sathasivam Kathirasapillai S. T. Resiah H. W. Nathaniel D. Nasadurai	K. Thamboo	
24th Oct.	Lecture The Mind behind the Scenes	Mr. A. M. Nathaniel B. A.	C. A. Allagacone A M. D. Dichards	—
31st. Oct.	Reading of the English Paper	——	C. A. Allagacone R. K Ramanathan F. R. Vanitamby A. S. Ariaratnam	—
14th Nov.	Debate The World is ripe for Internationalism	Prop: R. C. Daniel Mr. K. Nasiah Opp: A. S. Ariaratnam Mr. P. I. Mathai	C. A. Allagacone F. E. R. Vannitamby	won

R. C. Daniel
(Hony. Secy.)

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The Woman Franchise Debate

Ladies take part

For the first time in the history of St. John's College, and for the first time since the inception of the Senior Literary Association a unique event took place in that ladies took part in a debate.

At a time when Ceylon is steeped in political problems of immense importance and when her women are venturing on the rough sea of politics, the committee of the association thought it would be good to discuss the subject, "Is Ceylon fit for woman franchise? It then struck them that the debate would be most interesting if ladies were allowed to voice their own sentiments.

The 10th of October was to be the "red letter" day. When it did dawn all excitement was strung to its highest pitch. The College bell sounded at 3.10 p. m. and, as bees to their cell, the members of the association rushed into the hall. As the Chairman, Mr. T. H. Crossette, followed by the four chief speakers of the day, walked up to the platform they were lustily cheered. Miss M. V. Hutchins and Miss F. N. Santiago took their seats on the right of the Chairman while Messrs. C. A. Allegekone and R. K. Ramanathan, who spoke for the opposition, took their position on his left.

The preliminaries of the meeting were hastily gone through and Miss Hutchins rose amidst loud applause to open the debate. She was cool, brief, and argumentative. She did not believe in circumlocution, but had as her motto the words of the poet, "Brevity is the soul of wit". She argued that 'the hand that rocks the cradle will rule the world', and so women must be given franchise. The English woman, she said, has gained her right and she believed that the Ceylon woman, who is no second to the English, should also, without delay, be given not only the right of voting but also of sitting in Council. Mr. Allegekone, leading

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the opposition, emphasised that a woman's sphere is her home and as such had no place in politics. He persisted that the "pots and pans" were the companions of a woman and all her attention and circumspection should be centred on them. Miss Santiago endorsed all that Miss Hutchins said in very strong words. She too was precise and to the point and so drove both the arguments of Miss Hutchins and herself home to the audience. She believed that as the world is not complete without woman, as no nation is complete without woman so also the State Council is incomplete without women representatives. To her the Council was a world within a world. She also proved that the women of Ceylon are equal to any other women in intelligence and education. Mr. Ramarathan in seconding the opposition took as his text the words of Shakespeare "Frailty, thy name is woman!" As eloquent as a counsel addressing the men of the Jury he abjured his hearers to withhold such a stumbling block as a woman from the threshold of politics.

When the house was open for remarks Mr. R. C. Daniel, the energetic Secretary, delivered an oration which held the house in suspense for a while. He advised women not to soil their hands with politics but be content in their homes. He placed the obedient mother in a higher status than a poet. Mr. P. T. Mathai, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association, was for neither side and yet spoke for both sides! He was in favour of extending franchise to women, but wanted it to be limited to literates among both males and females. Mr. A. Rajendram, a budding orator, supported the propositon strongly and hoped to see the women of his day in a higher sphere. Mr. A. J. Evans brought forward examples to prove the great intelligence of woman by referring to ladies of his own family. He thinks that Ceylon women are even cleverer than his own.

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The principal speakers were then given time to sum up their arguments and after a vote of thanks was proposed to the lady speakers the Chairman made a few remarks. The minds of the audience were left in suspense as the subject was not put to the vote.

F. E. R. V.
VI. A.

S. J. C. BOARDERS' UNION

Owing to other activities coming off and on, we were not able to have many meetings; but the meetings we had were very interesting and useful. We are glad to note that the members are taking more and more interest in the meetings, and we sincerely hope they will benefit greatly by them.

We have had two public lectures delivered during the course of the year. Mr. J. V. Chelliah spoke on 'the Donoughmore Report", and Mr. A. M. Brodie on "Theodore Roosevelt". We take this opportunity of thanking both these gentlemen for their lectures.

We were able to carry on our work successfully because of our energetic President, Mr. G. S. Chelliah. We thank him very much for his services to the Union.

In conclusion we wish all our members, who are taking the Cambridge Examinations, all success, and our readers a "Very Merry Christmas" and a "Prosperous New Year."

Samuel J. Asbury,
Hony. Secretary.
S. J. C. B. U.

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S. J. C. CHRISTIAN UNION

We have great pleasure in presenting the Report of our Union. We have had a very successful year, and our meetings were held regularly.

At the beginning of this Term, a student committee was formed to manage the affairs of the Union. This committee is composed of seven students of the Cambridge classes. There is another committee composed of the Principal and two teachers. This committee advises the student committee in matters of importance. The former committee was formed with a view to making the students take greater interest in the Union.

The Evangelistic work at Paria Theru is carried on under the able leadership of Mr. P. T. Mathai, one of our Vice-Presidents. In this connection we would like to offer our thanks to Messrs G. S. Chelliah and A. K. Benjamin for giving singing practice to the boys who help us in the meetings. We also offer our thanks to all who gave addresses week by week.

Our grateful thanks are due to those who spoke at our weekly meetings. We are all very grateful to them, and we hope they will continue to take interest in our Union.

In conclusion we would offer our thanks to all the office-bearers for the service rendered by them to the union.

SAMUEL J. ASBURY
Hony. Secy.
S. J. C. C. U.

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THE ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Annual Oratorical contest, under the auspices of the St. John's College Senior Literary Association, was held on the 1st of August at 6.30 p. m. in the College Hall. There was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen. Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram, one of the Vice-Presidents, presided. In a short speech he welcomed the guests and judges. The following acted as judges:—

Mrs. James Joseph
Mrs. O. L Gibbon
Mr. W. D. Pentelowe

There were four competitors. A. Rajaindram, who declaimed Mrs. Sarojini Naidu's speech to the Law Students, in Colombo was declared the winner. A. M. D. Richards came a close second. C. A. Allegacone and E. P. Tennent were the other competitors. The former spoke clearly and was highly appreciated.

Mr. Pentelowe, who is a Cambridge graduate, summing up the views of the judges, said that it was agreed by all the judges that the standard of oratory displayed by the students was of a very high order. They were glad that the pronounciation of the boys was excellent. The Staff of the College deserved their heartiest congratulations on the high standard reached by the boys in the correct speaking of English. He closed his remarks with a few criticisms.

Mr. P. I. Matthai, M. A., L. T., then proposed a vote of thanks which was seconded by F. E. R. Vannitamby.

O. W.

THOMAS HARDY

The world has heard and read a good deal of Thomas Hardy, especially these last two years, and is bound to hear much more. In penning a few points I have collected about him, it is my desire to rouse the interest of all to study the life and works of this Novelist and Poet, who is fa-

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mous today throughout the English-speaking world. Thomas Hardy, the first and greatest of the Georgians, was born in Dorsetshire on 2nd June 1840. He was educated first at Dorchester and later at King's College, London. He then served as an apprentice under John Hicks, the ecclesiastical architect, from 1856-62, and during this time he studied his Greek and Latin with a fellow student. "In 1862 he returned to London and worked at Gothic Architecture under Sir Bloomfield for five years. Following the natural bent of his genius he wrote verses from 1865-68, gave it up for prose and resumed it in his later life.

It will be interesting to pause here for a moment and review his contemporaries. The author of the "Return of the Native" was born when some of Nelson's Captains were still alive. He grew with the Victorian lake-school of poets and romantic-school of novel writers. When young Hardy was dreaming seriously of becoming a writer he was in the midst of immortals. The world was experiencing the spiritual force and admiring the beauty of the poetry of Tennyson. Robert Browning, the poet philosopher, Rossetti, the poet and painter, Mathew Arnold and Swinburne were all alive. Among the novelists were Dickens, who had become famous with his "Pick-wick Papers", Thackeray, Lytton, George Eliot, George Meredith, Charles Reade and a host of others. It was just after the death of Dickens in 1870, Hardy began his own career as a novelist. From that time till the death of Queen Victoria he studied and shared in all kinds of literature. Then from 1880 onward all these great lights of literature were quenched. One by one all passed away. Carlyle died first, George Eliot, Browning, Mathew Arnold, Tennyson and Ruskin followed. "To many men and women of Hardy's age," says Garvin, "it seemed not only that great lights were quenched, but that the pillars of the firmanent were removed and that nothing but littleness could be expected for a long time. But as these immortals passed away the twentieth century literature began to draw breath. George

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Meredith was read more and more. In fiction Wells, Kipling and George Moore came to the forefront, and in poetry Francis Thompson and W. B. Yeats became famous. In the meantime Thomas Hardy also became remarkable to a degree unparalleled among English writers. To quote once again the words of Garvin, "Thomas Hardy's 'Tess' and 'Jude' began to insist on the tragic and irrational elements of life."

When one reads Hardy he will undoubtedly be struck by his sombre philosophy of life and his great imaginative powers. He is popularly known as the Wessex novelist and as such he has depicted and elaborated typical village life. He has painted in words the life of the peasant folks around his own home at Dorsetshire. He in his novels becomes the 'voice of the voiceless.' It is impossible to confuse his Sunday barber with the barber we meet in "Romola." One always remembers his master Mason William Warm. Hardy is the very embodiment of honeyed philosophy and he has a great insight into the character of man. Hardy is often known as one fond of tragedies and very ironical. His irony is declared in his appeal to both his contemporaries and juniors:—

"Sophocles Plato, Socrates, Gentlemen,
Phythagoras, Thucydides,
Herodotus and Homer—Yea,
Clement, Augustine, Origen,
Burnt brightlier towards their setting day, Gentlemen,
And ye, red-lipped and smooth-browed, list Gentlemen;
Much is there waits you have missed;
Much lore we leave you worth the knowing,
Much, much has lain outside our ken
Nay, rush not; time serves we are going gentlemen,
yes, rush not time serves, we are going—"

But Hardy is steeped in subtle humour. There is beauty and a certain amount of sympathetic humour in his descriptions of tragedies.

He has nothing of adventures in his novels, but he most gradually leads up to a climax so much so that the reader is able to guess the end. Hardy's most gorgeous novels, among which are

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"The Return of the Native," "The Major of Casterbridge," "Tess of the d'Ubervilles," "Under the Greenwood Tree" and "Far from the Madding Crowd" demand a shelf for themselves, and the very thought of that shelf magnetises every student and lover of literature.

As a poet he was the disciple and follower of Browning. His collection of poems form a posthumous volume and was published just last month. Hardy wrote poems in his later life, and in them he reveals his final philosophy of life. In a reflection of his eightysixth birthday he wrote.

"Well, world, you have kept faith with me,
Upon the whole you have proved to be
Much as you said you were.
Since as a child I used to lie
Under the blaze and watch the sky,
Never, I own, expected I
That life would be all fair."

During his last days Hardy had earned the title "King of contemporary litereture" but it is remarkable that though he had attained such a height and was appreciated and venerated by all—the people and critics— he was constantly tormented by the thought that he was misunderstood. It is said, "Like Tennyson he felt the slightest breath of criticism as keenly as though it had been a devastating hurricane." He was conscious that he was slightly pessimistic and gloomy, but it must be admitted that he had a subtle sense of humour, a delight in Humanity and Nature and a great love for animals, birds, and insects. A few months before his death, in his eighty-seventh year, he wrote his last poem and determined that his literary career should end with that moving poem. Hardy entitled it "He resolves to say no more", and in it he says,

"O my soul, keep the rest unknown!
It is too like a sound of moan.
When the charnel-eyed
Pale Horse has neighed:
Yes, none shall gather what I hide!

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Why lead men's minds with more to bear
That bear already ills to spare?
From now alway
Till my last day
What I discern I will not say.
Let Time roll backward if it will;
(Magians who drive the midnight quill with brain a glow
Can see it so,)
What I have learnt no man shall know.

And if my vision range beyond
The blinkered sight of souls in bond,
By truth made free—
I'll let all be,
And show to no man what I see."

On the 11th of January, 1927 Thomas Hardy breathed his last and joined his brother poets and writers in that great beyond. Hardy married twice. His First wife was Miss Emmon Lavinia Gifford and she died in 1912, Then in 1914 he married Miss Florence Emily Dugdale. The body of Hardy was given a double burial. His heart was extracted and buried in his own parish churchyard at Stinsford. The casket was borne into the church by the Vicar, who figures in Hardy's "Under the Greenwood Tree," followed by the whole of Dorchester who had come together to pay their last respects. As the casket was brought into the Church the bell began to toll, each deep note thrumming under the roof and hardly dying away before the next note fell." Hardy's favourite hymns and psalms were sung. "Lead kindly light amid the encircling gloom" was followed by Hardy's favourite hymn "Through all the changing scenes of life." Then the Vicar carried the casket to its last resting place. His heart was buried beside his first wife where it was his earnest wish to be buried. At the same time Westminster Abbey "answered to his philosophy and opened its graves to place the ashes of Hardy beside those of Dickens and Browning". It was not since Dickens was borne to the Abbey in 1870 such an honour to an English writer was witnessed. Hardy had the honour of having as his pall bearers Ramsay Mac Donald on behalf of the State, and

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Mr. Rudyard Kipling, Mr. Bernard Shaw, Sir Edmund Gosse, Mr. John Galsworthy and Mr. James Barrie representing the literary world. Other instances of double burials are recorded in history but they are rare in modern times. We read of the heart of Shelley, who was cast ashore near Via Reggio in July 1822, which would not burn snatched from the flames by Trelawney. It was given to Mary Shelley and it is now at Bournemantle.

Such was Hardy's birth, life and death. An apprentice as a boy he became Thomas Hardy, the philosopher, poet and novelist. Let us therefore learn more of this King in literature and cherish him as a modern Wordsworth in prose.

F. E. R. V.
VI. A.

Franchise for Women in Ceylon

The proper place of woman in modern society has been the subject of thought to the socialists of this age. Perhaps man is egoistically assumptive when he tries to assign a place for woman in society. She is no curio to be reckoned merely as a valuable ornament. She is as indispensable as man is in the building up of society. Yet this is no plausible argument for her to emulate man.

To know exactly what might be woman's contribution to society, the extent of her mental capacity must be ascertained. Psychologists tell us that the mind is composed of three faculties namely willing, knowing and feeling. No person endowed with a mind, can be devoid of any of these faculties, but often, as it is, these are unevenly proportioned, even so as not to be conducive to produce a mental equilibrium. Normally the feeling faculty is predominant in the woman's mind. Persons possessed of such a mind must essentially be emotional and impulsive. Feeling

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and pity control the action of woman more than reason. This is nature's gift to her who has to bring up her little ones not through the employment of reason but through love and tender forgiveness. Man by nature and by virtue of the part he has played in society has cultivated more the rational side. Here is no intention to show that woman is born short of a mental equilibrium, but, however, the fact remains that this weakness innate in woman stands to her discredit in comparison with man. Therefore it can be maintained that man attains a higher standard of mental maturity than woman. If this be no fallacy, then woman can lay no claim for sex equality.

The western mind may not agree with this. The late war has made woman an inevitable actress in man's theatre. Consequently she claimsequality which the Englishman cannot rightly deny. If women of the West deserve our congratulations, they also need our sympathies, for they have lost more than they have won. England has for ever lost those humble yet rich homes that gave us a Shakesprare and Milton and all others of their order. Instead a new generation of mothers have made us feel proud of a Kitchener and a Jellicoe, men unsurpassed in military and naval tactics. Alas of what avail are they to humanity! At the present time all nations eagerly look forward to men who can be great enough to work for the fulfilment of the prophecy "The Parliament of man, the federation of the world." In these days when the Donoughmore Commission has recomended the enfranchisement of women, our blondes must feel proud of their share in the general contribution to the progress of our country. There yet remains in store for them, something worthier of achievement. Ceylon is not only a British colony, but it has also come to mean an England writ small. But then the Ceylonese must have as much patriotic fervour as Englishmen. Can nothing be made attractive in all that pertains to our country to prevent us from being Esaus? These but reveal the

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ample scope for constructive work in the country The task of bui'ding a nation rests with the women of Ceylon. This is the power that is referred to in the words "The hand that rocks the cradle is the power that rules the world".

The functions and adaptations of woman are different from those of man. She must have a theatre peculiarly suited to her own designation to play her part. What can her theatre be but the home?

"Nothing lovelier can be found in woman than to study the household goods and good works in her husband to promote."

R. C. D.
VI A.

On An Evening Walk

Lively company is ever pleasant at a pleasure-party; a tea-party is morose and a water-party unattractive without it. Again it is indisputable that a club room needs it, a theatre welcomes it, a recreation club expects it, a feast appreciates it and a picnic party yearns for it; but when going on an evening walk one should be alone with nature. Company may be desirable on going a journey, but not on going out for a walk. Conversations are really very good. They enlarge one's vocabulary and general knowledge; and Bacon himself rightly says, "Conversation maketh a ready man." But should you not prefer to partake of that greater bliss of conversing with nature? Would you not be more inclined to revel in the beauties of nature than to exchange words on some stale or scandalous topics? Is not solitude sometimes the best society? Certainly one should never be considered alone when enjoying solitude. Company is unnecessary and a hinderance for a walk? Is not the rose beautiful without a comment? Is not the lily, which is as white as new fallen snow, grand and more glorious than the splendour of King

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Solomon, when we are alone? Are not the warbling notes of our feathery friends sweet without exclamation? Does not the pretty butterfly capture our heart even when we are alone?

The purpose of a walk is to retire for a time from the din and stir of the town, to free oneself from the piggish grunting of the moto-car—in short to forget the town with all that is in it—and to go to some pleasant meadow, a sandy beach or some rural scenery to enjoy sweet solitude and to breathe fresh air. If one be living in the country-side it should be only to give oneself to meditation. How pleasant it would be to stretch yourself in an open meadow, with the clear blue sky above you, the green grass beneath you, all nature's bounties around you, and the wind whispering sweet philosophy in your ears. The mind is at perfect peace and liberty. It is "in its own place." One is at liberty to think and feel for oneself. In a party one is to eat when not hungry; take drinks when not thirsty; speak, but with all observations of formality; and laugh, but artistically. But when one is in communion with nature, one can be free from all insincerity and formality.

William Shakespeare, one of the greatest dramatists of the world, rose to such *a pinnacle of prominence* in the field of Literature because he was well versed in the book of nature. This "chestnut haired, brown eyed, playful boy, with shining morning face creeping unwillingly to school", who had the unique fame of a truant in the free Grammar school, became the centre of admiration to the world. This boy with his "little Latin" and "less Greek" was to be the all-worshipped idol to the world. It is said that Shakespeare often preferred to go to the forest and watch the panting antlered deer, the squirrel's jumping from bough to bough, and the murmuring brook rather than to attend school and rack his brains over "dull" arithmetic and "duller classics." He had drunk deep from the well

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of nature that raised him to such a lofty position above all other poets.

So when one goes out for an evening walk one should prefer no other companion than nature. Are we not able to see heaven in a wild flower and revel in the wealth of wild flowers? No other companion makes one happier, livelier, philosophic and great. If one cannot and does not enjoy this bliss, he is not, and is not destined to be, great.

"Who can paint
Like nature, can imagination boast,
Amidst its gay creation hues like hers?"

A. R.
VI F. A.

A Visit to Anuradhapura

We left Jaffna by the evening train on the 5th of October, and reached A'pura at 1. 45. a. m. We were the guests of Rev. S. S. Richards, who was very hospitable to us throughout our stay there. The next day, after taking our morning tea, we went to see the ruins nearby. In the evening we visited the Bo-tree temple where we saw a huge statue of Buddha. We then went in and saw the famous Bo-tree on which red and white flags were hanging. We entered one of the temple rooms, where we saw another image of Buddha gorgeously painted, and beautiful to look at. On either side of it were two small images made of marble.

We next had a sight of the Ruanwali Dagoba which we climbed half way up. The top part was under repair; so, being unable to proceed further, we descended. We then went to the Thuparama Dagoba which was the first Dagoba built in the Island.

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On the top of Mihintale
Snap Shot taken by G. S. C

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The climbing of the Abyha-Giri-Dagoba was the most interesting part of our visit. We climbed it by dark steps and soon reached the top. On looking down, the most beautiful sight, ever seen, met our eyes. It was a vast stretch of greenery, dotted with bits of water which shone like silver at the touch of the rays of the setting sun. It was indeed a sight worth seeing, and well worth the tiresome climb.

The sun having sunk in the west, the moon, not to be out beaten, shone forth in all her splendour. After dinner we had a chat, and then we set out for a moonlight walk. On arriving at the Isurumunia temple we went in and some of us were startled at the sight of a gigantic image (eighty feet long) lying on the floor, with a huge measure for its pillow. Opposite to this were many statues of soldiers on horses in fighting attitude. At about 10.30 we retired to bed.

At dawn the next morning, the birds were singing sweet songs. We heard the horns of the cars and buses, the rattling noise of the water barrels, and the pealing of the neighbouring church bell summoning Christians to Sunday worship.

After taking our morning tea, we got into a bus which took us to Mihintale, where we climbed up the hill with the greatest difficulty. We went up to the rock where Mahinda preached; at the foot of it was the statue of Mahinda which was very beautifully painted with colours. Then we had a sight of Nagopockana which was a small pond full of water. Near the Pockana was a seven headed serpent carved on stone. From there we had a sight of the Elephant Dagoba, which was higher than all that we had climbed at Mihintale. We came back to the bus and had some drinks.

Then we got into the bus and came back to A'pura. We then packed our things and after taking our breakfast, we started to the station.

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On the way we saw the "Brazen Palace" in ruins with its hundreds of pillars.

"O, why knock down that Brazen Palace
Why on building vent your malice
Spoiling that once goodly city,
With its carvings—such a pity!"

We came to the station and got into the up-train to Jaffna. At Madawatchi the train was delayed for want of water for about three hours. (I think it was an unnecessary delay.) Then, when it had taken water, it steamed off and reached Jaffna at 10.15 p. m.

On the whole I wish to say that Anuradhapura, even in its ruins is still a wonderful city. An English writer has described it as the "Eastern Rome." We may then imagine what it must have been in the great days of Lanka.

We heartily thank Mr. Luther for helping us in every way he could at A'pura, Rev. S. S. Richards for his kindness in giving us lodging and Mr. G. S. Chelliah and Mr. K. Nesiah for their kindness in taking us to A'pura and showing us the ruins and giving us notes about their History.

S. R.
Remove Form.

Junior Cadet Camp at Anuradhapura

The historical features and other beauties of A'pura attracts even a tourist who has been there a hundred times, to go there again for the hundred and first time. The same longing was felt by us when it was announced that we were to go into camp for a period of three days at A'pura.

The 25th of October was keenly looked forward to by us, and when the day dawned our hearts leapt with joy. On the evening of that day a jolly squad in full uniform was marched off to

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the Railway Station under the command of Second Lieut. E. M. Ponnudurai. The hand of the clock pointed to 6.10 p. m. when the "Iron Horse". steamed in. Great excitement prevailed, and when the cadets had got into their compartments must I say that all the excitement and so far suppressed joy burst forth into loud cheers and songs. As the train steamed out, the station was filled with the lusty cheers of the cadets.

We reached our destination late at midnight after a very enjoyable journey. Next morning we were a bit late in rising, but nevertheless we were marched off by 9. a. m. to the esplanade for drill. For two full hours we had strenuous drill, but after our noon day meal, to which we did justice, we were left to ourselves. Soon the streets of the town were dotted with khaki clad youths. In the evening we had a vigorous game of football. By 9. p. m. after prayers, we had gone to bed.

On Saturday we rose earlier than the sun, and at 6. a. m. we were out on the green for half an hour's physical training. After tea we set out on a route march of seven miles. We accomplished it without any difficulty. The afternoon was occupied in visiting old ruins the sacred Bo-tree temple, Ruhanveli Dagoba, and the Abeyagiri Vihare. At 3. 30 p. m. we fell in for an inspection by the Government Agent of the North Central Province, Mr. L. T. Dyson. He commended us highly on our "smart turn out." In the evening we met a football team from St. Joseph's College A'pura at play; we own our defeat but we were handicapped in that we were Lilliputians against Gullivers. After sunset an Old Boy of our College gave us a joy ride in a bus and took us all round the town. We sang, cheered, and made merry as we went along. We once again express our thanks to him for the very enjoyable time he gave us.

Sunday dawned bright and after our private devotions we were out at Mihintale. We climbed that great rock and a most wonderful and charm-

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ing scenery met our eyes. We spent the whole morning out in the midst of ruins and other historical objects. But soon the time had come when we had to retrace our steps homeward. Yes, home we felt was the sweetest place of all, but we could not but sigh when we were marched off to the A'pura Railway Station. We stretched our necks out through the windows of our compartments gazing on all that was able to be seen till we could see no more.

Soon darkness set in and by seven o'clock that night we were back at Jaffna. Every cadet dispersed to his home having a mouthful of adventures and news to relate to his parents.

Now my brother cadets join me in "Three hearty cheers for our officers."

Sergt.
C. B. V. DRIESEN.
IV. F

நாம் நம்முன்னோரிலும் பார்க்க முன்னேறி வந்திருக்கிறோமா?

நம் முன்னோரின் கல்வித்திறமையையும், நன் நடக்கைகளையும், ஆயுசுப் பலத்தையும் நாம் நன்றாக ஆராய்ந்து அறிவோமாகில் நாம் அவர்களைப் பற்றிப் பரமானந்தமடைவோம் என்பதற்கு மறுப்பு எங்கும் இராது.

தற்காலத்துக் கல்விமான்கள் சிலரும், கலாசாலைமாணவர் பலரும், ஆங்கிலேயம் உலகம் முழுவதும் பரம்பினதின்பின்தான், உலகம் கன்னிலையில் வந்ததென்று கூறுகின்றனர். அதன்பிறகுதான் கணிதசாஸ்திரம், மற்றும் இரசாயண, பௌதிக தத்துவ சாஸ்திரப் பயிற்சிகளும் வந்ததாக நினைக்கவும் கூடும். ஆனல் அப்படி நினைப்பது அறிவின்மையே. பண்டைக்காலத்தில் நம் முன்னோர்கள் இத்தகைய சாஸ்திரங்களை நன்றாகக் கற்றிருந்தனர். இதற்குதாரணங்களை, தற்கால சாஸ்திரவாயிலாயும், இந்தேச இலக்கிய மூலமாயும் நாம் யாவரும் அறியக்கூடும்

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ஆனபடியால் தற்போது இருக்கும் கல்வி நிலைமையிலும் பார்க்க நம்முன்னோர்கள், கல்வியில் எவ்வளவோ விருத்தி அடைந்திருந்தார்கள் என்று செப்புவதற்கு யாதேனும் ஆட்சேபனை இல்லை.

நம் முன்னோர்கள் பண்டைக்காலத்தில், நம்மவர்களைப்போல் கூட்டிடங்கள் கட்டி அதிலிருந்து கல்வி கற்றனரல்லர். ஆனால் மாளிகைகளிலும், ஆச்சிரமங்களிலும், பெரிய விருட்சங்களின் கீழ் இருந்தும், இயற்கைமாதாவிடமிருந்து கற்கக்கூடிய ஒவ்வொரு அணுவையுமங்களையும் கன்றாகக் கற்றனர். அப்படி அவர்கள் கல்வி கற்குங்போது சுத்தமான காற்றை கன்றாய் உட்கொண்டு தேக செளக்கியமுள்ளவர்களாய் வாழ்ந்தனர்.

நம்முன்னோர்கள் ஏறக்குறைய 28 அல்லது 29 வயது அடைந்தவுடன் அல்லது அதன் பிறகு தானே இல்லற வாழ்க்கையில் புகுந்தனர். அவர்கள் கல்வியிலும், மற்றும் பலவிதமான பிறருக்குதவியான முயற்சிகளிலும், தங்கள் வாழ்நாட்களைக் கழித்துத் தகுந்தவயதில் தேகபெலனைப்பெற்று இல்லறவாழ்க்கையிற் புகுந்தனர். இவர்கள் மிகவும் தேக வலிமை உடையவர்களாய்ச் சீவித்தார்கள் என்பதற்குச் சற்றேனுமையமில்லை. உதாரணமாக, இவ்விலங்காதீபத்தின் கண்ணை இடித்து, விழுத்து, அழித்து மண்ணுப்ப போயிருக்கும் ஆயிரக்கணக்கான, அற்புதமான கட்டிடங்களையும், குளங்கள் கால்வாய்களையும் நம் கண்பார்கள் பார்ப்பார்களையாகில், தற்காலத்திலும் அப்பேர்ப்பட்ட அற்புத சிற்ப நுட்ப வேலைகளைச் செய்யக்கூடும் என்று நம் நாவால் செப்பமுடியுமா?

நம்முன்னோர்கள் தற்போதைய மக்களைப்போல, தேக ஆரோக்கியம் கொடுக்கக்கூடிய பற்பல மேல்நாட்டு உணவுப்பொருட்களை உண்டனரல்லர். இயற்கைப் பொருட்களாகிய கோர், கிழங்கு முதலிய பொருட்களையும், இன்னும் தாம் தம்தேசத்தில் உழுது பயிரிட்டு அதன் பிரயோசனமாகிய நெல்லு, குரக்கன், வரகு முதலிய தானியவகைகளையும் பெற்று அவைகளை உண்டு சீவித்தனர். அவர்கள் அரிசியிலிருந்து தவிட்டை நீக்காமல், தவிட்டுடன் உண்டிசமைத்து அதைப்புசித்தனர். தற்காலத்திலும் ஜப்பானியரும் சீனரும் அப்படியே செய்து வருகின்றனர். தற்காலத்து மக்கள் குரக்கன், சோளம், வரகு முதலிய தானியங்களைச் செவியிலும் கேட்டுமிரார். தற்காலத்து மருத்துவதாலோரும் பண்டைக்காலத்து உணவே மிகவும் சிறப்புவாய்ந்தது என்று கூறுகின்றனர். ஆனால் தற்காலத்தில் நம் மக்கள் ஆயிரக்கணக்கான ரூபாய்களை வீணாகச் செலவழித்து, மேலைத்தேசத்தவரை உண்டு, தாங்கள் சுகவாழிகளாய் வரு

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வதற்குப் பதிலாகத் தேசப் பெலம் குன்றி அகாலத்தில் இய மனுடைய பாசக்கயிற்றிற் படுகின்றனர். ஐயோ! இது என்ன பரிதாபம்.

நம் முன்னோர்கள் பண்டைக்காலத்தில் "ஐயமிட்டுண்" என்றபடி தக்கமுறையில் தருமத்தைச் செய்யவேண்டுமென்ற எண்ணத்துடனும் பிறருடைய கண்ணையும், கீழ்த்த பலனே உத்தேசித்தும், புண்ணியத்தையும், மேலுலகில் கிடைக்கக்கூடிய பேற்றையும் நினைத்தும், சனங்களின் பொதுகன்மையை வேரும் பியும், அவர்களுக்குச் சகுத்த அறிவையும் ஞானத்தையும் புகட்டவேண்டுமென்ற நோக்கத்துடனும் அன்னதானம், வஸ்திரதானம் கோதானம் பூதானம் என்னும் சருமங்களையும் இடைவிடாது செய்துவந்தனர். செல்லும் இடங்களில், வழிப்போக்கர்களுக்கும் ஏழைகளுக்கும் அன்னமளிக்க மடங்களும் தாக சாந்தி செய்யக்கிணறுகளும் குளங்களும் கடவுளே வழிபட கோயில்களும் கட்டிவைத்தனர். தற்காலத்தில், அப்பேர்ப்பட்ட மன்னர்களாலும், பெரியபிரபுக்களாலும் ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்ட மடங்கள் மேற்சொல்லிய நோக்கங்களுக்கு விரோதமாகப் பெரும்பாலும் குதிரை யானை முதலிய மிருகங்களுக்கும், வேலையற்ற சோம்பேறிகளுக்கும் வயிற்றுப்புரைகளாகி விட்டன. அந்தோ! இப்பேர்ப்பட்டகாலத்தில் யார்தான் நாம் நம்முன்னோரிலும் பார்க்க முன்னேறி விட்டோம் என்று கூறக்கூடும்.

நம்முன்னோர்களின் உடையைச் சற்று நோக்குங்கால் அவர்கள் நம்தேசசுவாத்தியத்துக்கேற்றவாறு மிகவும் மென்மையான உடைகளே அணிந்து சூரியனின் கொடுமையான வெப்பத்தினின்றும் காப்பாற்றப்பட்டும் வந்தனர். அவர்களின் உடைகள் அவ்வளவு செலவு உடையதாய் இருந்தனவல்ல. தற்போதைய உடைகள் நம்தேசத்துக்கு என்னவேலும் ஒத்துப்போகக்கூடிய உடைகளல்ல.

நம் முன்னோரின் பெண்மக்கள் இல்லத்தின் கண் நின்று தம் காயகரே தம தெய்வமென்றெண்ணி தம்மடைப்பள்ளித்தொழில் களேச் செய்வனே செய்து, தம்மக்களேயும் செவ்வனே காப்பாற்றி நல் வழியில் நடத்தினர். அவர்கள் கற்பைக் கடைப்பிடித்து வாழ்ந்தனர். ஆகையால் தான் நம் இத்துதேசக்கற்பரசிகள் இன்று மென்றும், அவர்கள் பெயர் குன்றுவணணம் ஐரோப்பியராலும், அமெரிக்காராலும், மற்றும் சாதியார்களாலும், வாழ்த்தப்படுகின்றனர். தற்காலத்தில் அப்பேர்ப்பட்ட கற்பரசிகளே நாம் கண்ணுறுவது மிகவும் அருமையில் அருமையாய் இருக்கின்றது. தற்காலமங்கையரின் உடைகளேயும், நடைக

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னையும், பாஷைகளையும் நாம் சற்று ஆராய்ந்து பார்ப்போமா யில் இங்கு அவைகளை விஸ்தரிக்க நாம் பின்னிற்க வேண்டி இருக்கின்றது.

நம்முன்னோர் தற்போதுள்ளார் போல மதபானங்களை மூக்கு முட்டப் பாவித்தனரல்லர் அவர்கள் "காதல், சுவராடல், கள் ளுண்டல், பொய்மொழிதல்" என்னும் இத்தீக்குணங்களை விட் டுத் தாங்கள் இயற்கையால் எடுக்கக் கூடிய சுத்த சலமே முசன்மையானது என்றெண்ணி அதைப் பாவித்துவந்தனர். ஆனால் தற்போதைய மக்கள் இளைஞர் தவறி முதியோரை வும், இன்னும் சில பெண்மக்களும், வெறிதரும் மதபானங் களை அமிர்தமாய் உபயோகிக்கின்றனர். தற்போது, தம்தே சத்திலிருந்து எடுக்கப்படுகிற மதபானங்கள் காணுதல் என்று மேலைத்தேசத்திலின்றும் எடுப்பித்தல் பாவிக்கின்றனர். இது தான் தற்போதைய நிலைமை.

நம்முன்னோர்கள் இப்படி இயற்கையின் வழிபாடுகளைச் செவ் வனே தொடர்ந்து நடந்தபடியால், அவர்கள் தேக சௌக்கி யத்துடன் நீடிய வாழ்நாளைப் பெற்றுச் சிலித்தனர். தற்போது 40 வயது சென்றால் அவர் தலைநரையண்ணம், இன்னொரு வரை நியமிக்க வேண்டியதாய் இருக்கின்றது. இன்னும் நம வாலிபருக்கு 11 அல்லது 15 வயதில் தலைமயிரும் உரைத்துப் போகக் காண்கிறோம். இது என்னபரிதாபம்!

சிலர் நம்மூரில் மேலைத்தேசத்து நாகரீகம் வந்து நம்மவரை மேலோங்கச் செய்துவிட்டது என்று இன்னும் சொல்ல எம் செவியால் கேட்கிறோம். இது உண்மையோ அல்லது வீண் பேச்சோ என்று இதை வாசிப்பவர்கள் ஒன்றுக அறியக்கூடும். மேலைத் தேசத்தாரிடமிருந்து நாம் பெறக்கூடியவைகள் சிலவுன. அவையாவன நம் கல்வியை வளர்த்தல், புதிய முறைகளை காட்டல், ஊக்கத்தைக் கைவிடாமல் சுறுசுறுப்பாயிருத்தல், யாவ ரும் ஒற்றுமையாய் இருத்தல் முதலியனவே. அதற்குப்பதி லாக மேலைத்தேசத்து கடை, உடை, பயன்தராத விளையாட்டு முதலிய கெட்ட தொழில்களை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு, நாம் நம்முன் னோரிலும் ஈர்க்க முன்னேறி விட்டோம் என்று புகழுவது முற்றும் வீண்பேச்சே.

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THE MASTERS' GUILD

The Programme for this term provided for three meetings. At the first meeting Mr. T. M. Mathai read a paper on "Some School Errors" It proved to be very interesting and provoked much discussion.

The next meeting had to be postponed on account of the speaker Miss L. G. Bookwalter, being unable to attend. She intended to speak to us on, "Method as a Result of the Philosophy of the Teacher." We hope, however, to hear her at the beginning of next term.

On the 30th of this month Rev. J. Bicknell, Principal, Jaffna College, addressed the guild on "Economy in Learning".

Apart from the lectures, we have proposed to visit the "School of Home Arts," at Udupiddy and another at Pt. Pedro, both of which are worked according to the Project Method. These are perhaps, the only institutions in Ceylon run on Project lines. We thank the Principal of the school, who has kindly consented to show us round, when the schools are in session.

We are sorry to bid farewell to Mr. M. V Seevaratnam, one of our ardent members, who is leaving us to join the Education Department as Asst. Inspector of Schools.

In conclusion I take this opportunity to thank all those who have in any way contributed to the success of our meetings.

G. S. Chelliah.

Hony. Secy.

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FAREWELL TO ST. JOHN'S

(BY MR. M. V. SEEVARATNAM)

திருவளர் செல்வோன்ஸ் தலைதரு சாலார்
ஒருமுதல் வன்றன் ஒளிதரு பொருளே
அன்னைபோன் றெமக்கின் னருளினை யூட்டிடும்
உன்னிய வழியெலா முழுலா தெம்மை
முன்னவன் பாதம் கண்ணிடைக் காட்டியும்
சிறுகோல் கொண்டு சீரிடா சிரியும்
சான்றோ ரென்னைச் சாற்பெயர் கோட்டையில்
ஆன்ற வோகை அன்புடன் கொண்டும்
மறம்வளர் எனருனம் மாண்றண் பணைபோல்
அறம் வளர்த் திடவோ ரருன்மழை பொழிந்தும்
பணி செய கின்றுய் பரிவொடு கின்றுய்
காயொளி பரப்பும் கதிரினிற் சிறந்து
தூயொளி யீந்தும் தூண்டா விளக்கே
நீதிச் சுடரே நிறையொளி முத்தே
அன்னையிற் சிறந்தாய் அன்னைதான் என்செய்தோ
சின்னு ளிருந்தனர் பலபினி கொண்டனர்
மூத்தனர் கிடந்தனர் முதலனை கண்ணினர்
நீயோ நீணிலம் நிலவுறும் போழ்தும்
ஓயா திருந்துலா யுறுகின் பணியை
மூகக்கண் கொண்டுகின் னுருவினைக் காண்டல்
செருக்குறை யொருவன் றெய்வம் காண்டல்போல்
அகக்கண் கொண்டுகின் னழகுறு காட்சியர்
அணங்கே கின்னைகின் னருட்பெறத் புகல்வர்
உண்மையிற் கண்டனர் ஒழுக்கத்திற் கண்டனர்
எழிலினிற் கண்டார் என்னணும் கண்டார்
நாடகத் தமிழை நடிக்கையிற் கண்டார்
ஆங்கில மொழிப்பேச் சமைதியிற் கண்டார்
நீதி மன்றத்தே கின்றவர் வியக்க
ஓதிடும் வாய்மை யுறுதியிற் கண்டார்
மருத்துவ தூலதா னேத்திட வெங்களும்
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தத்துவ ஞானத் தலைஞான் மேம்பொரு
ளற்புத மாயுள மாடையிற் கண்டார்
உற்றே சத்நில உறுதி நயந்து
வருவன வற்சன வழிவழி காட்டும்
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முன்னவன் பாதம் முடியில் வைத்தனனே

ITEMS IN OUR DIARY

Sept. 12th. Christmas term commenced.

26th. Mr. S. G. Arulanantham, bids good bye; goes as Headmaster, Baddegama C. M. S. English School. Mr. D. C. Arulanantham rejoins the Staff.

Oct. 1st. News received that Rev. & Mrs. Whelan, late of the Staff, were blessed with twins (*Ed. cheers.*)

5th. Historical party under Mr. Chelliah and Nesiah made a trip to Anuradhapura.

9th. Dr. Kanagaretnam addresses the school on "Hookworm."

22nd. Holiday declared to celebrate Mr. Gunasegaram's success in the B. A. Honours Examination.

24th. Mr. A. M. Nathaniel, B. A. addresses the Senior Literary Association on "The Mind behind the Scenes."

25th. Junior cadets under 2nd Lieut Ponnudurai and Benjamin entrain to Anuradhapura for a Camp.

26th. Midterm holiday.

Nov. 1st. Memorial service to Mr. Jehoratnam held in the College Chapel.

7th 9th. Medical Inspection by Dr. Coomarasamy, District Medical Officer, N. P. C. A.

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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

CALENDAR FOR 1929.

January	16,	Lent Term begins.
February	13,	Ash Wednesday.
March	31,	Easter Day,
April	4,	Lent Term ends.
„	12,	C. M. S. founded, 1799.
"	20,	St. John's Church dedicated, 1862
May	6,	King's Accession 1910.
„	9,	Ascension Day.
„	19,	Whitsunday.
„	23,	Trinity Term begins.
„	24,	Empire Day.
June	3,	King George V. born, 1865.
August	15,	Trinity Term ends.
September	11,	Michaelmas Term begins.
December	1,	Advent Sunday.
„	6,	Cambridge Examinations begin.
„	18,	Michaelmas Term ends.
„	25,	Christmas Day,
„	27,	St. John's Day.

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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

A Summary of its History

St. John's College, Jaffna, is the oldest College in connection with the Church of England in Ceylon. In the year 1823 an English Seminary for the higher education of Tamil boys was opened by the Rev. Joseph Knight at Nallur with seven boys—the Nallur Seminary. In 1825, there were thirty boys and to this number the school was for some time limited by the Church Missionary Society. Subsequently, the school grew steadily and today there are 500 boys upon the roll.

In 1841, the school was transferred to Chundiculi and was known as the Chundiculi Seminary. For five years, under the Principalship of the Rev. J. T. Johnstone, it was carried on in rented premises until in 1846 the Rev. R. Pargiter took charge and transferred it to a large hall adjoining the east end of the old Church. At the same time a new school building on the present site was erected by Mr. Pargiter and opened in 1861. Part of the ground was granted by Government and for the remainder we were indebted to the late P. A. Dyke, Esq., then the Government Agent, N. P.

In 1876, the Rev. W. Wood, bought an additional piece of land, on which in 1868 the Evarts House was erected in memory of Mr. J. Evarts, Headmaster from 1867-1887.

In 1891, in honour of fifty years' work in Chundiculi the Seminary was re-christened St. John's College and we began sending up boys for the examinations of Calcutta University.

On the 12th of Oct. 1899 the roof of the College building collapsed. It was also found necessary to pull down the Evarts House, which would otherwise have fallen of its own accord.

In February 1901, the College building was re-opened, in May the Lower School was occupied, and in October three of the four wings of the Evarts House were completed. In 1903 the Secondary school was re-roofed and extended and the next year the fourth wing of the Evarts House was built. In 1911 an additional row of class rooms was completed and two years later a science laboratory was added to the College.

To compensate the College for the land and building now used by the Girls' College, the Church Missionary Society advanced £ 100 to build a bungalow for the Principal, on

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land leased for 99 years by the Rev. W. E. Rowlands. The bungalow was occupied in 1911.

The grounds of St. John's College were extended in the year 1909 in memory of the late Rev. C. C. Handy, Headmaster from 1889 to 1908. The Handy Memorial Library, erected and furnished by the late Dr. J. M. Handy of Singapore, was opened early in 1913.

In 1914, Mr. T. H. Crossette, our Vice-Principal, went to the Straits Settlements and the F. M. S. on a collecting tour which resulted in the building of the Robert Williams Hall with a seating capacity for 800 people.

In 1919, at the expense of the late Dr. J. M. Handy, the Fleming Boarding House was built in memory of the late Rev. G. T. Fleming, Principal 1880—1889.

In 1920, through the generosity of the late Hon. Mr. W. H. Figg, the compound was again enlarged and a new playing field was added.

In 1921, an additional boarding house with grounds, adjoining the College, was purchased and named the Thompson Boarding House in memory of the Rev. Jacob Thompson's long Principalship.

In 1923, the College received the further splendid gift of Rs. 25,000 from the late Hon. W. H. Figg, given with the intention of making it possible for St. John's College again to acquire the Girls' College compound.

The year 1923 also saw the College complete its centenary, and the Old Boys' Association decided that the event should receive a fitting celebration. An appeal was made for a sum of Rs 60,000 for the following purposes:—

The completing of the sum (Rs. 40,000) due from the College for the carrying out of the transfer of the Girls' College to Nallur; the payment of the balance due on the purchase of the Thompson Boarding House; a new and up to date science laboratory; and improved and extended dormitories.

The Branch School at Kopai, transferred to the College in 1899 and the Branch School at Urumpirai, built in 1911, are now First Grade English Elementary Schools preparing boys for the Elementary School Leaving Certificate Examination.

The Branch School at Kaithady, built in 1912, is a Primary English School.

This is a brief record of the past for which we thank God and take courage

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PRINCIPALS

Rev. J. Knight	1823-1825
„ W. Adley	1825-1839
„ F. W. Taylor	1839-1841
„ J. T. Johnstone	1841-1846
„ R. Pargiter	1846-1866
„ T. Good	1866-1874
„ D. Wood	1874 1878
„ E. Blackmore	1878-1879
„ G. T. Fleming	1879-1889
„ C. C. Handy, B. A. (acting)	1889-1892
„ J. W. Fall, M. A.	1892-1895
„ J. Carter, M, A.	1895-1899
„ R. W. Ryde, M. A.	1899-1900
„ Jacob Thompson, M. A.	1900-1919
„ K. C. McPherson, M. A. (acting)	1919
„ Henry Peto, M. A.	1920

VICE-PRINCIPAL

Mr. T. H. Crossette, M. A.	1921

HEADMASTERS

Mr John Hensman	1841-1842
„ W. Santiagoe	1842-1848
„ J. Philips	1848 1853
„ Robert Williams	1853-1866
„ S. Williams	1866-1867
„ Jeremia Evarts	1867 1887
Rev. C. C. Handy, B. A.	1889 1908
Mr. T. H. Crossette, M A.	1908-1916
„ F. H. V. Gulasekharam, M. A.	1916-1919
„ A. M. Nathaniel, B. A.	1919-1921

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Principal

Rev. Henry Peto, M. A. *Late Exhibitioner, Pembroke College, Cambridge; 2nd class, Classical Tripos; Honours, Theological Tripos.*

Vice-Principal

T. H. Crossette, M. A. *F. R. Hist. S. Calcutta and Allahabad Universities.*

Chaplain

Rev. J. R Navaratnam, *Bishop's College, Calcutta.*

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S. M. Thambyaiyah, *F. A. Calcutta, 2nd Class Teacher's Certificate.*

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C. C. Jell.

D. H. Chinniah, *2nd Class Teacher's Certificate.*

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T. M. Mathai, B, SC. *Calcutta.*

Mrs. P. Werkmeister.

J. T. Solomons, *1st Class Drawing Certificate; Government Technical Schools, Colombo.*

J. C. Handy, *Inter Science (London) Late Lecturer, Government Survey Department.*

J. T. Arulanantham, *Inter-Science (London), 2nd Class Secondary School Trained Teachers' Certificate.*

S. L. Jansen, *2nd Class Teacher's Certificate*

A. K. Benjamin

K. Nasiah, B. A. *Honours, Madras.*

D. C. Arulanandham *Provisional Certificate.*

G. K. Chellappah. *3rd Class Teacher's Certificate.*

P. I. Mathai M. A., L. T. *Madras.*

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D. S. Ratnathicam, *Provisional Certificate.*
R. C. Daniel.

Clerical Staff

W. T. Richards,
H. T. Tharmaratnam,
J. T. Mann.

BRANCH SCHOOLS

Kopai English School

Headmaster: Peter Chelliah, *1st Class Certificate, Training College, Colombo.*

Asst. Masters:

S. V. Eliatamby, *1st Class Vernacular Certificate*
M. A. J. Ratnam, *2nd Class Drawing Certificate*
M. S. Thambiturai, *Provisional Certificate.*
Miss A. Samuel.
J. M. Selvanayagam, *2nd Class Drawing Certificate.*
J. V. Markandu, *Inter Arts (London); 1st Class Certificate Training College, Colombo.*

Urumperai Bilingual School

Headmaster: G. A. Ratnavarather, *Bilingual Trained Teacher's Certificate, Gampaha.*

Asst. Masters: J. M. Kanaganayam, *F. A. Calcutta.*
E. R. Williams. *1st Class Drawing Certificate.*
K. V. Nadarajah, *Provisional Certificate.*
S. Subramaniam, *2nd Class Teacher's Certificate.*
Mrs. E. C. Gnanaratnam, *1st Class Vernacular Trained Teacher's Certificate.*
Mrs. R. Mann, *3rd Class Vernacular Trained Teacher's Certificate*
S. Muttiah, *Uncertificated.*
K. D. Ponnampalam, *1st Class Vernacular Certificate.*

Kaithadi English School

Headmaster: M. S. Changarapillai, *2nd Class Teacher's Certificate*
Asst Master: M. Canagaratnam, *1st Class Drawing Certificate.*

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THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The College is a fully organised Secondary School under clause (2) of the Government Code for 1927. It consists of Lower Elementary and Secondary Schools. Boys are admitted into the Lower School only after passing the third standard of the Vernacular. They then pass through a special course of two years in English Reading and Conversation, Arithmetic, History, and Geography. At the end of the second year they are promoted into Form I. No Sinhalese or Tamil boy will be promoted into Form I unless he has passed an examination in the vernacular fourth standard in reading and writing.

The Secondary School contains an Arts and a Modern Side and consists of Forms I, II, III, Remove, IV, V, VI, and Matriculation tClass Boys may pass from Form II through the Remove to V. or through III and IV to V, according to the standard they have reached at the time of their promotion from Form II The Cambridge Junior School Certificate Examination is taken in V. Form, the Cambridge Senior School Certificate Examination in VI Form and the London Matriculation in the Matriculation Class.

Boys may enter for the Elementary School Leaving Certificate Examination from IV. Form.

CURRICULUM

Lower Elementary School

Special Classes, 1st year:—

Scripture, English, Tamil, Arithmetic, Drawing.

Special Classes, 2nd Year:—

Scripture, English, History, Geography, Tamil, Arithmetic, Drawing.

Secondary School

Form I.

Scripture, English, Ceylon History, Geography, Tamil, Arithmetic, Drawing, Exp. Geometry.

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Form II.
Scripture, English, History, Latin, Geography, Tamil, Mathematics, (Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry) Nature Study, Drawing.

Form III.
Scripture, English, History, Latin, Geography, Tamil, Mathematics, Science, Nature Study, Hygiene.

Remove Form.
Scripture, English, History, Latin, Tamil, Mathematics, Exp. Science.

Form IV.
Scripture, English, History, Latin, Tamil, Mathematics, Exp, Science, Geography, Drawing.

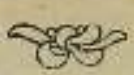
Form V. (Cambridge Junior School Certificate Class.)
Scripture, English, History, Latin, Tamil, Mathematics (including Trigonometry and Mechanics), Physics, Chemistry.

Form VI. (Cambridge Senior School Certificate Class.)
Scripture, English, History, Latin, Tamil, Mathematics (Pure, Advanced and Applied) Physics, Chemistry.

Matriculation Class. Scripture, English, History, Latin, Tamil, Mathematics, (Pure, Advanced and Applied, Physics, Chemistry.

Examinations and Reports

1. Examinations are held at the end of the first, second and third terms.
2. Promotions take place and prizes are awarded at the end of the year's work upon the results of the year's work and examinations.
3. Weekly progress charts are in use in all classes from the third form and downwards. These are signed weekly by the parent or guardian
4. A detailed report is sent at the end of every term to the parent or guardian of each boy both as to his progress and his general conduct during the term. Parents are requested to study these reports carefully.



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SCHOOL HOUSES

The School is divided into eight Houses named after eight chief College benefactors. Each House is under the direct charge of a Senior Master known as the House-master. Every boy on his admission to the College is placed in one of these eight School Houses and remains in that House throughout his school career. The House masters are ready at all times to advise and help in any matter affecting the welfare of any boy in his House.

It is hoped that every parent or guardian will do his best to get to know his boy's House-master and so be able to co-operate with him and the School in the interest of his boy.

The names of the Houses and their present House masters are as follows :

Johnstone House	Mr. G. K' Chellappah.
Knight House	,, T M. Mathai.
Pargiter House	,, C. Newton.
Adley House	,, J. T. Arulanandham.
Handy House	,, J. C. Handy.
Williams House	,, C. C. Jell.
Thompson House	,, S. J. Gunasegaram.
Evarts House	,, P. T. Mathai.

SCHOLARSHPS

The following scholarships are tenable at the College ;—

Pargiter Scholarships

These are three in number and were founded in 1926 by an Old Boy of the College, in memory of the Rev. Robert Pargiter, Principal 1846-1866. Conditions :—

1. All poor and deserving Christian boys who have been members of the College for not less than one year and have reached the First Form, are eligible.
2. The scholarships are renewable.
3. The value of the scholarships is higher for boys in the Fifth form and upwards than in the Fourth form and downwards.

These scholarships vary in value but may be expected to cover most of the main tuition fees.

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C. M. S. Scholarships

(a) Five scholarships for sons of C. M. S. clergy, consisting of whole tuition fees.

(b) About ten scholarships for sons of C. M. S. lay-workers, consisting of half tuition fees.

College Scholarships

About ten scholarships for any poor and deserving boys who have been members of the College for not less than one year, consisting of whole or half tuition fees according to circumstances.

All the above scholarships are tenable for one year from 1st January. Scholarships are awarded on the results of the annual promotion examinations in December. The standard required is that a boy should not be above the age proper to his class and should usually hold a position in his class not lower than fifth and in no case lower than tenth.

Branch School Scholarships

Boys who have passed the E. S. L. C. Examination from the Kopay or Urumperai School or have passed (in every subject) the fifth standard at Kaithady are eligible for scholarships consisting of half tuition fees for one year.

GENERAL RULES

1. Boys will be admitted to the College only on production of the record sheet and a certificate of birth.
2. Candidates for admission may be required to pass an entrance examination, graduated according to their age before being admitted into the College. The standard requires that a boy shall be fit for the 1st year Special by the age of 10, Form 1 by 12 etc., except in very exceptional circumstances.
3. No boy will be admitted as a day scholar unless he can satisfy the Principal that he is properly housed under good and efficient supervision.
4. School hours are from 8.55 to 12.30 noon and from 1.35 to 4.10 p. m.

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5. Boys absent from school without leave are fined 25 cents per session. In the case of sickness, the parent or guardian must immediately inform the Principal. In default of immediate notification the fine will be charged from the second day.
6. Leave of absence will not be granted to any boy for any reason other than illness except under very special circumstances and upon production of a written request from his parent or guardian.
7. Boys whose fees are in arrears beyond the 20th day of the month for which they are due are sent home. Boys sent home for non-payment of fees remain subject to rule 5. Boys who wish to leave the College must give at least one month's notice. No certificates are given until all dues to the College have been paid.
8. Any parent or guardian sending to school a boy who has been in contact with infectious diseases must inform the Principal of the fact and send with him a doctor's certificate to show that the boy is immune from infection. Failure to comply with this rule shall render the parent or guardian liable to a fine of Rs. 20 at the discretion of the College authorities.
9. Boys are strictly prohibited from smoking.
10. The Principal may send a boy home for misconduct or any other cause, and may or may not disclose his reason for doing so.

BOARDING HOUSES

Boarding houses are five in number. They are divided into :—

Senior :— The Fleming Boarding House.
Intermediate :— The Evarts Boarding House: (Two divisions.)
The Knight Boarding House.
Junior :— The Thompson Boarding House:

The Senior and Intermediate Houses are under the charge of resident masters, and the Junior House under the charge of a resident mistress.

A vegetarian table is provided for those who prefer purely vegetarian diet.

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The study of Boarders is under the supervision of the housemasters.

Rules of Boarders

1. Applicants for admission must produce testimonials of a good moral character. When a boy enters the Boarding House, he must be provided with a complete outfit, viz:—

1 steel trunk, with lock.

6 suits of clothes	4 pillow-cases	1 pillow
6 handkerchiefs	3 bedsheets	1 comb
4 towels	2 blankets	

Small hand bucket and clothes bag

2. Parents when sending their boys back to the College after the holidays, are requested to see that their outfit is complete, and every article marked clearly with the boy's name or initials.

3. No boy is allowed to go outside the College grounds except under special circumstances and with an absit signed by the house-master. Prefects and monitors are excepted from this rule, but are expected to inform the house master of their absence.

4. Boarders will be allowed a week-end leave to visit their parents twice a term. The dates of the week ends appointed will be given at the beginning of the term. No permission for absence will be granted at any other time except under very special circumstances and at the written request of the parent or guardian. The privilege of the week-end leave is not extended to those whose conduct or work has been unsatisfactory during the preceding month.

5. The sleeping arrangements are made at the beginning of each term, and no boy is allowed to change his place during the term without the permission of his dormitory master, or his dormitory without the leave of the Principal.

6. Boarders who do not return on the day appointed at the beginning of each term, unless special leave has been previously obtained from the Principal, are liable to a fine of Rs. 2.

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7. Boarding fees should be paid on or before the 10th of the month for which they are due. No boarding fee will be charged for the month of April No reduction whatever will be made for other holidays or broken periods. Boarders whose fees are in arrears beyond the 20th of the month for which they are due, are sent home.
8. A month's notice is necessary before the removal of a boy from the Boarding House, and fees are due till the end of the current term.
9. Any boy returning to the boarding-house after leave of absence must report himself immediately to his boarding house-master.

GAMES

The College grounds are extensive. The chief games are cricket and volley-ball during the 1st and 2nd terms and Association football during the 3rd term. Every boy in the school is expected to take part regularly in the school games.

Cadet Corps

Officer Commanding:—Sec. Lieut: E. M. Ponnudurai.
Second in Command: Mr. A. K. Benjamin.

Scouts

Scout Master:— Mr. T. M. Matthai, B. sc.
Cub Master:— „ G. S. Chelliah.

FEES RULES

1. Tuition and Boarding fees are payable monthly on or before the 10th of each month, and in January, May and September within 10 days of the beginning of term. If these fees are not paid by these dates, 25 cents is added to the tuition fees and Re. 1.00 to boarding fees

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2. Science and Games fees are payable by the term. An over-age fee. of Rs. 8 per term is added in cases where boys are ineligible for attendance grants.

   An inclusive charge of Re 1 for the term is made for the College Magazine, examination paper and use of the Reading Room, for boys in Form I and above.

   The above terminal fees are payable on or before the 10th of February, June, and October respectively.

3. If fees are not paid on or before the 20th of the month in which they are due, boys are sent home.

4. An extra library fee of Re. 1 per annum is charged for boys in Form I and above. This fee is payable on or before the 10th of February.

5. In the case of day boys, no money change is given at the College office. Only the exact amount due for the month (or in the case of terminal fees for the term) is accepted, and the receipt is given not later than the next day.

6. New boys pay an admission fee of Rs. 2 in the Lower School and Rs. 4 in the Secondary School.

7. No Boarding fees are charged for April. In other months no broken periods are allowed.

8. Boys who wish to leave the College must give at least *one month's notice* and their fees are due *till the end of the current term.*

9. When three brothers attend the College, the youngest will receive free tuition; if four, the eldest will be free.

10. No reduction of fees is made for absence due to illness unless the period exceeds one term for tuition fees or one month for boarding fees. The Dispensary fees for boarders covers only small injuries and slight illness. It does not include Doctor's fees or prescription charges.

11. Day scholars can be provided with breakfast at a charge of Rs. 5. per month. Allowance is made for broken periods.

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SCHEDULE OF FEES

Tuition (Monthly)	Rs. cts.
First year	2.50
Second year	3.00
Form I.	5.00
„ II.	5.50
„ III.	6 00
„ Remove	6 50
„ IV.	6.50
„ V. (Junior Camb)	7.50
„ VI. (Senior Camb)	8.50
London Matric,	9.00

Science (for the term)	Rs. cts.
Forms III, Remove & IV	2.00
„ V. VI. & Matric	4.00
Games (For the term)	
Forms I. VI.	1.00
1st Year & 2nd Year.	60
Boarding (Monthly)	
Special Mixed Diet	15.00
Non- Vegetarin	12.00
Vegetarian	13.00
Extra tea 1st Class	5.00
„ „ 2nd „	2.50
„ „ 3rd „	1.25
Dispensary Fee	25
Washing Fee	60—75

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