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DIVINE COMPASSION

If not for thy compassion, Lord,
Where shall the race of man be now!
Each hour Thy mercy-beaming brow
Forgiveness flashes bright and broad.

On earth the highest we have known
Of sweet compassion nearing Thine,
And which we hold is half divine
Is sure a mother's for her own.

But Thou, the Mother of the world
To whom the heavens fondly cling!
The sweep of Thy compassion's wing
Is wider than the skies unfurled.

'Tis deeper than all human thought,
Unselfish, true and undefiled;
Though hills on hills be deftly piled
Its height can ne'er by man be sought.

To Thy forgiveness sweet, O Lord,
We owe each moment of our lives;
Thy mercy's heartening smile revives
Each sinner and each soul abhorred.

And every bud that breaks on earth
Sends forth the fragrance of Thy love;
And every light that shines above
Reflects Thy mercy's peerless worth.

S. J. G.



EDITORIALLY

The Principal arrived here on the 23rd of September after a short furlough in England. The School gave him a rousing reception as he entered the college hall for morning prayers. Though Mr. Peto was not well enough to assume his customary erect position without the aid of a walking stick, he was as cheerful and hopeful as ever. The boys were delighted to hear from the enthusiastic father of the educational progress of the eldest and the physical progress of the youngest of his sons. Mr. Peto is away, at present, in Colombo undergoing treatment for neuritis which he contracted in England just before he got on board the ship. We are informed that he is progressing fast, and the whole school is looking forward to his speedy return.

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Mr. Crossette who was our Acting-Principal during the absence of Mr. Peto disappeared from Jaffna within a couple of days of Mr. Peto's arrival, in a rather elusive manner, possibly, to avoid any demonstration on our part. Our indebtedness to him, however, cannot be over-estimated. We desire to express once again our deep appreciation of his kindness, and wish him and Mrs. Crossette every happiness.

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After nearly three-and a half years' stay at St. John's, Mr. A. J. Evans left us on the 11th of August. Mr. Evans' popularity and the regard in which he was held by the Staff and students, were evidenced by the great number of functions and the numerous presents he received at his

departure. Mr. Evans was many-sided and there was hardly any branch of activity at school which did not profit by his attention. He was energetic and active, ready to offer his expert assistance whenever it was required, and ready with his sympathy and even his purse when occasion demanded. He spent almost every hour of his life, during his stay with us, for the school. His life indeed was a sermon, and this young Britisher taught us in his daily life more of the spirit of internationalism and universal brotherhood, more of that spirit that rises above the petty distinctions of race and colour than all the platitudes of statesmen and journalists put together. Long may Bradfield flourish and long may she produce such sons as he, who alone, by the exercise of a common sympathy could save the far-flung Empire from disintegration!

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He is an enthusiastic scout. He created great interests among the boys for scouting and 'Rovering' and made them a really useful pastime for the boys. He was also responsible for getting boys interested in 'collecting hobbies,' and his own favourite hobby was to make a collection of Ceylon 'poochies' with the result that he has been successful in transporting a whole swarm of them across to Derbyshire. His passion for cricket was great, and it was not without success that he strove to instil a similar enthusiasm among the boys whom he trained. It was partly his enthusiasm for swimming that enabled us to start a swimming club for boys at St. John's.

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We do not wish to add to the number of thanks already showered on him. His plan we believe is to prepare for Missionary work in Africa, but we would consider ourselves extremely fortunate, if the boat that carries him to the dark continent, by the aid of some benign Ariel, should bring him to the blue waters of the Jaffna Lagoon which had often felt the warmth of his bosom!

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We had to bid farewell to another valuable member of the Staff in September. The Rev. J. A. R. Navaratnam was with us for nearly two years. As Chaplain he filled an important position at school and that most acceptably. His devotion to the ideals of his Master and the honest effort he made to feed the growing minds of the boys with thoughts of God have borne rich fruits. As boarding house master he was loved and respected by the boys, and in the class room his work was always thorough. In him we have lost a true friend and a noble guide. In his farewell speech he made the striking remark that St. John's never fails to ennoble and refine those who come under her influence. As an old boy of the school he is himself a loyal custodian of the traditions of St. John's, and during his stay with us he contributed a no mean share towards the realisation of this conviction of his. We wish him every success in the larger field of service which he has entered.

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It is with pleasure that we have been watching large numbers of our old boys going in for University Education. Their achievements in the

past have been praiseworthy, but this year, in particular, their results are remarkably good. Mr. G. D. Somasunderam who is away in England on an Engineering scholarship, it will be remembered, obtained first class honours in the B. sc. General examination last year. This year he obtains First Class Honours in the B. sc. Special examination. Mr. Sabapathipillai passes the B. A. Honours examination with Second Class Honours in Mathematics. Mr. C. R. Anketel obtains 1st class honours in the B. sc. General examination. Messrs. J. C. Handy and A. Somasunderam obtain the pass B. sc. degree, while Messrs. V. Sinnathurai and K. Sivagurunather pass the B. A. examination. These are results of which any school may be proud. Our heartiest congratulations to these for the honour they have brought to their old school.

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The Annual visit of the Inspectors took place in October. We had the pleasure of welcoming to our school the New Divisional Inspector of Schools, Dr. Ian Sandeman, and Mr. S. L. B. Kuppukotuwa, the recently appointed District Inspector. Mr. Kappukotuwa has been here now for sometime, and by his sincere efforts to help the teacher in his work and his genuine interest in educational work, he has made his influence already felt. We should be particularly happy in having obtained for our Province, a Divisional Inspector of the scholarship and erudition of Dr. Sandeman. His knowledge of Tamil and his simple and pleasant ways are likely to appeal to the people of this country. We have no doubt that his stay with us will help to bring about a

definite advance in the educational progress of the Province.

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The Christmas season has returned once again, and a new leaf in the book of time is in sight. In spite of the world-wide trade depression and local retrenchment schemes the Christmas bells will ring as merrily as ever singing to the children of the delights of Christmas and recalling to the minds of the older ones memories of other days, when Christmas crackers made their hearts leap and carol parties were like detours into fairy regions. It is by a fortunate arrangement that the New Year follows closely upon Christmas day. The year begins with the message of *peace* still ringing in the ears of children and grown-ups alike, and the echoes of the Christmas bells linger to give us heartening hopes.

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We wish our readers a very Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year!



SOME THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

I am writing these lines in the last hours of the year. The New Year is at the door. I am sending my sorrowful good-wishes across the Rhine.

I wish for the stupid a little understanding, and for the understanding a little poetry. I wish the most beautiful clothes for the women and

much money for the men. I wish a heart for the rich and a little bread for the poor. But, above all, I wish that we may black guard each other as little as possible during the New Year.

Heine nearly 100 years ago.

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Will the new year be a flyleaf, or the beginning of another grand division of life's volume.

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Any man can fight a battle when he is sure of winning; but give me the man who has pluck to fight when he's sure of losing.

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"We need an education that makes life worth living as well as an education that helps us to make a living."

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"No one needs a diploma to do good; but the more you know the better you should know how to serve."

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"The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well, and doing well whatever you do, without a thought of fame."

Longfellow.

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"It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude."

Emerson.



A VISIT TO ENGLAND

Past and present boys of the College will be very much interested to hear that I had the pleasure of spending a week with Mr. Thompson, our old Principal, in July last year. At the time I was with them both Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were keeping in good health and Mr. Thompson was in charge of two small churches in Arnesby. I felt I was back in Jaffna when I was with them. Mr. Thompson had a good collection of College photographs, and every day he would go through them trying to recollect the names of everyone in the groups. It is remarkable how well he remembers the names of most of his pupils. I had the pleasure of speaking to his parish children and taking part in one of his Sunday services, and every one in his parish wondered how I could speak English so well. It is of course due to the fact that in that part of England they very rarely come across a dark-skinned man.

As a student of the London Day Training College I had the opportunity of teaching twice a week in Tottenham Court Grammar School whose headmaster is Mr. A. J. Lynch, one of the pioneers of the Dalton plan in England. It was also my privilege to have worked under men like Dr. Percy Nunn, Principal of London Day Training College, Dr. Dover Wilson, Professor of Education and Dr. Cyril Burt, Professor of Psychology of the University of London. They are not only men with a sound knowledge of their subjects but they are men who instil a new spirit and life into teachers who have had the good for

tune of attending their lectures. I was, of course, specially interested in Dr. Nunn who is the leading authority on Education and Psychology in England today. He is a specialist in the teaching of Mathematics in secondary schools, and from his views on the teaching of this subject one gets an entirely new vision of it. I had also the opportunity of spending some time in the University of Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh. I must say that both Oxford and Cambridge surpass the University of London in the corporate life of the students. In London, Education is looked upon as a business transaction, but in Oxford and Cambridge the very atmosphere of the University buildings is inspiring. I had also the privilege of visiting a number of schools in the city of London and its suburbs, and it is my opinion that the best secondary schools in Ceylon are in no way inferior to those in England, except perhaps to schools like Eton and Harrow which are more or less feeder schools of the Universities. I must however make special mention of the Margaret Macmillan Nursery School, a school run entirely on private endowment for children of the slum areas. There are children varying in age from about two years to fourteen years, and the work done there is very well graded and made both interesting and instructive to the children. They are fed bathed and provided with very instructive games both indoor and outdoor. The teachers are very keenly interested in their work and take a real delight in uplifting the children of the poor classes.

One who goes all the way from Jaffna to London does not limit himself to his studies but al-

so takes the opportunity of seeing other places of interest. I was able to visit most of the places of interest in London including the Museum, the Library, the Tower of London, the Picture Galleries, some of the old castles and palaces, the Kew Botanical gardens, Madame Tussaud's Wax Works, Music and Theatre Halls, Picture palaces and various other exhibitions. One is also struck by the efficiency of the Police in London. They are very polite and know what they are about. They are of great service to a stranger and it is not possible for anyone to be lost in London because of the efficiency, sympathy and good will of the Police there.

I must now strike a note of regret at two things one would like to see otherwise. First at the disappointment one feels when one enters a church in London. The churches are all very huge, artistic buildings—they are really the most beautiful buildings in London—with a seating capacity for hundreds; but one finds rows and rows of empty pews during a Sunday service. One can hardly see the younger generation attending church, and it is no surprise that even our young men who go to England lose their religion. The next is the amount of money and time wasted by the foreign students who go to London specially the Ceylonese and the Chinese. A large percentage of the students who go to England do not realize, however rich their parents may be, at what great sacrifice to the rest of the family they are sent out. It is no doubt true that every one who has been to England has benefitted to a certain extent, but as to whether the benefit derived justifies the money and

time spent is a very doubtful question. Apart from what is actually needed for one's course of study, I am afraid, a good number of our students are spending far too much on other activities and amusements. Surely this money can be utilised to uplift the poorer classes in our own country.

I must also take this opportunity of referring to the good work done by three great institutions in London, namely, The Indian Student Hostel, The Student Movement House and The Friends House. The Indian Students Hostel caters to all Indians, including Ceylonese, providing temporary accommodation to all new arrivals in England and arranging suitable European homes in the suburbs of London for permanent residence of students. In this respect it is a matter of great regret that very few English homes which admit other foreign students are prepared to have foreign students from the East as boarders. I had the opportunity of pointing out this fact to a group of Toc H members in London where I was invited to speak on the Racial problem in India and Ceylon, and I was very much interested to find that its solution is made more difficult by the misinterpretation, the Europeans who come over to these countries make of the enormity of our caste system. It may be perhaps that the English homes consider it a great inconvenience and trouble to have foreign students from the East; but why should Hotels which are meant for the convenience of foreigners shut out students from the East? Is it not surprising that the Prime Minister of England should have refused to interfere in this matter? The Student Movement House and the Friends House are

doing their very best to bring together students of all races and nationalities, and there is much hope that these two institutions will succeed in solving this urgent problem, so detrimental to international fellowship.

J. C. H.

To A. J. E.

Dear Brother, dost thou go away so soon?
 Thy stay was short; but then it was so full
 Of life and love and work. Great England's son,
 We've learnt to love thy country more through thee;
 Her homes, her schools, with young men such as thee,
 Must surely bloom with fragrance rich and sweet!
 Though East be East and West be West, the twain
 Shall ever meet, when young men such as thee
 Who know not pride of colour creed or birth,
 Who feel mankind is one, and black and white
 Are surface tints; that mind and soul and heart
 Are those that count in life's swift stream—approach.
 We part! But thee, we shall remember friend—
 Thy kindness, service, purity of soul and mind
 Shall live and make us nobler, truer still.
 Let God's great blessings rest with thee, Farewell.!

8th August, 1930.

S. J. G.



“JUST ENOUGH”

Much has been written and said about the awarding of marks in schools. Pedagogues have applauded its efficacy as a means to an end which Psychologists have questioned with some heat. However between both they have kicked up such a dust of controversy that every one but themselves is choking with doubt.

But whatever might be said for the system as a discoverer of talent or an inspirer of perspiration it has a withering effect on a type of student—between the brainy slacker and the plodding dullard—which, (by far the largest) is satisfied with being mediocre because it is either too slothful to be ambitious or too easy-going to be industrious. How often before an examination the wish goes up from many a despairing heart: “Oh I shall be satisfied if I score *just enough* for a pass”. That *just enough* is the accusing finger of Nemesis pointing to-days of wallowing in senseless sloth and hours of feverish cribbing to avert a frown. But that *just enough* is merely an echo of what one hears when a school Examining Board sits down to distribute its largess. “Oh he has just passed and may be moved up with an admonition to persevere”. Yet a certificate of efficiency will not be issued with such ease to a chauffeur who only knows *just enough* to avoid a lamp post.

It is remarkable that the average school boy in our schools is woefully lacking in ambition. He hitches his wagon not to a star but to a chair. His wildest dream for the future is to be a Govt. Clerk and be happy thereafter. This

not with the laudable intention of relieving the monotony of clerkdom by his originality and industry but more often to rest securely on the stool sunning himself in the rosy prospect of a pension, when the mere passage of years transfers him to an easy chair. But when he takes to one of the professions he either strays or blunders into it.

If the child is devoid of ambition the man be- gotten of the child lacks the spirit of venture. Search the avenues of industry in our land. The aliens are the Dick Wittingtons and the sons of the soil the Cindrellas of business. The one is adventurous and successful the other waits for some fairy God mother to turn his pumpkins into coaches and his brinjals into aeroplanes. Whereas every prosperous foreigner was once a petty trader our native boutique keeper has no desire to be a merchant prince. In life as in school he plays for safety first—for *just enough*.

The nation reflects the character of the average man for the unit of a race is not the genius or the imbecile. When Napoleon called the English, shop-keepers, he happily hit upon their National characteristic. Just as in business he persuades you that his wares are the best for you, so in politics the Englishman clings with the tenacity of a bull-dog to his opinion that the edifice of your freedom must be built with his bricks. The insinuating politeness of the French chef, the blustering vulgarity of the American Commercial traveller, what are they but national traits? Unless some shock stirs up the young from

its lethargic indifference, as a race we would continue to be happy as "Hewers of wood and drawers of water" to the Egyptians.

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MEMORIES

I roamed among the mountains;
And by the moaning sea,
Through hushed, deserted cities
Where man has ceased to be.

'Tis sweet when in the twilight
The breezes softly blow,
To live among the lost days
On Dreamland's airy shore.

Along the shores of Jaffna
My fancy loves to stray;
Each winding bay and headland
Recalls a happy day.

I dream of Laxapana
The music of its falls;
The memory of its deep roar
My leaping heart enthral.

The silver lake of Kandy
In glory as she lies
Ringed round with lofty mountains
Reflects the starry skies.

Among the purple highlands
The lonely peasant sings
Of Lanka's storied beauty,
And dreamy vanished things.

Of love divine and freedom
And magic tales of yore;
Of bards and hoary sages
And long forgotten lore.

While on the swinging blossom
 The wild bee sits and sips
 The nectar on the branches,
 The squirrel gaily skips

On the bosom of the lake
 The love sick lotus blooms,
 And kissed by swaying waters,
 The floating breeze perfumes.

But onwards will I wander
 To beauties ever new;
 Tonight the stars they call me,
 And I must say adieu.

COLLIN WIMELASUNDRA.



OUR BELIEFS

Our conduct and behaviour in life are mainly guided by our beliefs. Most of us act according to certain beliefs we hold. We believe for instance that fire burns, and so we avoid coming in contact with fire. Some of us believe that ghosts walk about the earth at nights and so some of us are afraid to venture out into the dark. In the past several people believed that in the life after death men required and desired the same kind of life and pleasures they enjoyed on earth. So when a great man died they buried along with him not only his armour and horses and chariots but also his wife and servants. They did so because they believed that men required all these domestic comforts in the next world. So too in our every day life we act and we are guided by the beliefs we hold. Now most of the beliefs we hold are not our own but

are generally those handed down to us by our fathers. We very rarely try to test them or to find out their truth, but we follow them accepting them to be true because our fathers had followed them. One of the advantages of education is that it enables us to think, and as educated people it is not only our duty to respect the views of great men and the views of our fathers, but also to test their beliefs, however ancient and however popular they may be, before we accept them as our guides.

Of the many beliefs handed over to us by our fathers some may be mentioned. The belief in the caste system, the belief in signs and omens, auspicious days and horoscopes, belief in ghosts and belief in fate are a few. I have not mentioned many other beliefs we follow. You have only to sit down and think for a few minutes to find that there are a hundred other such beliefs that guide us—beliefs which we have accepted without much thought just because some great man taught it, or just because our relatives or all the people in our village believe in them. Our parents, our great religious teachers, our schoolmasters, the traditional beliefs of the race to which we belong—all these have such a powerful influence over us that it is often difficult for us to think independently. We are content to err with them rather than to think out things for ourselves, for fear of being called cranks or revolutionaries.

It is true that in one sense we should respect such authorities. Still if we desire to lead an intelligent life we should try to test most of these

beliefs. It is a good motto not to accept as true anything which we doubt, and to make a sincere effort to test its truth before we either accept or reject it. When you spend some thought and study over the many beliefs you have been made to hold you will be shocked to find that there are not very many strong reasons for accepting some of them at least.

Our belief in caste is gradually dying out, and I am sure as we become more and more enlightened we will begin to feel more and more strongly the injustice we do to our fellowmen by perpetuating this arbitrary and pernicious distinction. Our belief in ghosts is often the result of the threats employed in our infant years, by our nurses or our grandmothers, to check our howling or our mischief. Whether ghosts exist or not no boy or man who has any spirit in him would avoid the dark for fear of rubbing shoulders with some phantom. But the belief that is fraught with the most dangerous consequences is, in my opinion, the very popular belief in Fate. It requires another chapter to deal with the subject in all its aspects.



MY TRIP TO SINGAPORE

On the 1st of April last, in the midst of tears and cheers, I galloped off to my steamer in a small motor-launch. I had my things shifted on to the deck, where I found for myself a very comfortable place. The whole bulk set itself in motion at 8 P. M., and shortly afterwards I

thought that I had fallen head over heels into the ocean, for I beat my hands and feet only to hurt my knees and elbows. I was carried to my bed immediately, and on the following morning I got quit of these preliminary difficulties with an ounce of Eno's fruit salt.

My Sinhalese neighbours promised to give me my meals but by a peculiar point of honour they refused to accept any payment in return. Therefore I thought it best to help them in cooking at least.

I thus travelled happily, ever anxious to see a bird or a piece of land. On the third day we saw a range of mountains on our left and all of us rushed to view the mountains with envious eyes. No sooner had these mountains vanished under the horizon than we dispersed with deep sighs.

I chummed up with a certain member of the crew, who, as he told me, was the Deck-Steward. He was of much help to me, and what more, an interesting companion. He knew very little of English, so that it was with much difficulty that I made him understand me. He was greedy of news and particularly of those of India. I was surprised to find Ghandi praised and his greatness recognised by a poor sailor even as he. This friend of mine would take me into his room and very patiently listen to all that I said.

On the fourth day we sighted the Singapore harbour. I packed up all my things, and having wished good-bye to my ship-mates and to my Japanese friend, I waited anxiously to get out of the steamer. The steamer took us very close to

the landing place, and it was with much pleasure that I stepped on land.

I was met by my brother who took me round the Singapore town. It was now fairly late, and the whole town was brightly illuminated. The artistic buildings and the magnificent shops appealed to me very much, and in a moment I decided to spend my whole life time there.

I spent the most part of my two months' stay in touring the country. The first place that I visited was my birth-place, and it was with joy and pride that I attended the Sunday service in that particular Church in which I was baptised. I met several here who were once my school-mates at St. John's, and they were all very kind to me, and showed great anxiety to know how the old school was faring. I was able to assure myself of their love for their Alma-Mater in a moment, for when I told them of the sad incident of the burning of the College Hall, their jaws dropped. They assumed their normal position only after I had told them that it was a convenient apology for the College to realise some money by way of fund.

Owing to some difficulties I had to return home though with much reluctance. My journey back to Ceylon was almost of a similar nature, but due to the roughness of the sea it took us four more days to reach the Colombo harbour. I was fortunate in experiencing Sunday in the steamer. As was usual, the sailors put on their life-belts and ran about at the Captain's command, some lowering the life-boats half way into the sea, and others ringing bells, and behaving as though the steamer was in the brink of disaster. All the

people began to cry out of fear. It was in vain that the sailors tried to make them believe that it was only a training that they were giving the young members of the crew. They cried out more vehemently. I was also terrified for a moment. More, when I saw mothers hugging their children to their breasts who were already highly excited with fear. Though to myself I sang, "Nearer My God to Thee" yet to all outward appearances I moved about with mighty unconcern.

We reached the Colombo harbour on the eighth day, and I was at once reminded of the difficulties that I had to undergo at the customs office. I got over these difficulties without much trouble and proceeded to the Railway Station.

A. M. D. R.
L. M.



TO J. A. R. N.

And thus we meet in life's swift stream
Awhile, and part
With heavy heart ;
And yet this pleasing hope doth gleam
That we shall meet
Somewhere again,
To smile and greet.

Though love be sweet it leaves a sting
That gives us pain ;
Till time again
The friends we loved to us doth bring,
The pain to heal,
The pang remove—
That we now feel.

Is there a place beyond this earth
 Where friends do meet
 At God's white feet?
 Or do we end our love and mirth
 All here below,
 And ne'er again
 Each other know?


Where dwelt our soul before our birth?
 From what deep sleep
 To life did leap
 That we its past forget on earth?
 Immortal soul!
 Where wert thou born?
 What is thy goal?

Dost thou remember earth made friends
 In thy formless
 Life and endless?
 Or tell me whether knowledge ends
 With loss of mind
 And loss of brain—
 Your earthly find?

Behind yon lone mysterious star
 Midst strange delights,
 Beyond our sights,
 Is there a bourne unseen, afar,
 For thy rebirth,
 To meet thy friends
 You lost on earth?

S. J. G.



 Our very hearty congratulations to the Football XI. on winning the championship for the 2nd year in succession. (Ed.)

FAREWELL DINNER TO MR. A. J. EVANS.

The latter period of last term was one of sorrow and depression to many of us, the obvious cause being the intended departure of Mr. A. J. Evans from our midst. As a token of our regard for him and an appreciation of the good work he had done at College during his short stay of three years, the sixth formers decided to entertain him at a farewell dinner on the eve of his departure.

Covers were laid for thirty-five, and Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram presided.

Mr. T. H. Crossette, the Acting Principal, and Mrs. Gunasegaram were also invited.

After the proposal of the customary loyal toast, A. M. D. Richards, in proposing the toast of the chief guest, said that they had all met that evening to express their appreciation of the manner in which Mr. Evans had performed his duty as a master. The speaker said that during the short period of three years Mr. Evans had endeared himself to all who came in contact with him. In responding to the toast Mr. Evans thanked the proposer for the kind things he had spoken of him, and expressed the sorrow that he felt in missing the company of the students and masters who had always cooperated with him in any good task that he undertook.

E. P. Easwaranathan then proposed the toast of the Acting Principal, and in so doing he also spoke a few good things about Mrs. Gunasegaram. Mr. Crossette responded to the toast very briefly and thanked Easwaranathan on behalf of Mrs.

Gunasegaram for the kind words that he had spoken of her.

Mr. T. M. Mathai in a very low and affectionate tone proposed the toast of the boys which was very suitably replied by H. W. A. Nathaniel.

H. P. Arumanayagam in a humourous speech proposed the toast of the Staff which was no less humorously responded to by Dr. Isaac Tambyah.

The last, yet the most difficult task of proposing the toast of the President was undertaken by A. N. Ratnathicam, which he accomplished very ably and artfully. Mr. Gunasegaram replied the toast very eloquently with frequent quotations from Stevenson, and after a brief reference to Mr. Evans, he brought the dinner to a close.

A. M. D. R.

L. M.



COLLEGE NOTES

BY THE PRINCIPAL

It will be known to most of those who read this Magazine that a little more than a fortnight after my return to College, on the 22nd of September, I was obliged to come to Colombo in connection with developments from an attack of rheumatism, which I had begun in England, but had expected to see the end of before I reached Ceylon. I am, therefore, writing this at the beginning of November from Hospital in Colombo.

I cannot speak too highly of the way in which

Mr. T. H. Crossette as Hony. Ag. Principal, carried on the College life all last term and the few days before I arrived this term. Everything seems to have worked smoothly and satisfactorily and, on behalf of the College and myself, I would offer Mr. T. H. Crossette our heart felt thanks. I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the whole Staff for the way they have carried on not only last term but also during my absence this term. One of the greatest tests of a good school must be the way it carries on during the absence of its responsible Head, and St. John's has risen splendidly to the occasion.

We have parted recently with two members of the Staff who have each made an invaluable contribution towards College life. Mr. A. J. Evans completed his three year term of service in August. He showed a vigour and thoroughness in all that he did which we have not often seen in East or West. His forms, his dormitory, the Christian Union, Cricketers big and small, Scouts and Rovers in chief and all branches of school in some degree have reason to be grateful for his contribution to their life and advance. We wish him every blessing in his preparation for Ministry and dare to hope that one day we may see him back. Rev. J. A. R. Navaratnam was with us nearly two years and was another who gave us of his best. He has been an inspiration to the religious life of the College in all its branches. We have seldom had a more devoted Boarding House Master and I know he proved himself one of the most interesting and successful of teachers. We hope to see him frequently amongst us.

We have been glad to welcome Mr. A. W. Rajasekaram (O. J.) this term as a permanent and Mr. A. S. Ramanathan (O. J.) as a temporary member of the Staff.

The Cadets had another successful year at camp at Diyatalawa and are particularly to be congratulated on their punctuality and keenness while there. It is remarkable that all Cadets kept good health throughout the Camp and everyone was present at all parades.

Hearty congratulations to our old boys on their London Degrees, Honours and Passes:— J. C. Handy, A. Somasundram, G. S. Somasundram, C. Anketell, V. Sinnathurai, S. Sabapathipillai, K. Sivagrunather.

We have long felt that the most desirable and by far the healthiest dress for small boys is "shorts and shirt". It is also the most economical and comfortable dress. I would urge all parents of boys aged 12 and under to adopt this dress for their sons.



OLD BOYS' COLUMN

By

J. T. S.

GENERAL

Dr. Isaac Tambyah has been appointed President of the North Ceylon Indigenous Society of Medicine.

Mr. J. P. Manickasingham, Science Master, St. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, who was sent

by the College to England on a Scholarship to prosecute higher studies in Science has returned after a period of three years and resumed duties having specialised in Physics obtaining the A. R. P. S., E. P. S. and B. sc. HONS. (Lond.)

Mr. J. V. Gunaratnam has been successful in the B. A. Examination of the Calcutta University with distinction and B. D. Examination of the Serampore College

Mr. N. Muttiah retired Chief Postmaster, Jaffna, has been appointed Manager of the Jaffna Co-operative Central Bank.

Dr. W. A. Thomas has been appointed medical Officer of Delft.

Mr. E. J. Rajaratnam, Chief Clerk, Department of Indian Immigrant Labour, has been appointed to act in addition to his own duties as Office Assistant to the Controller of Indian Immigrant Labour.

Mr. C. Canagasabai has passed the Second M. B. Examination of the Ceylon Medical College.

Mr. R. Muthuramalingam is practising as Advocate and Solicitor in Kuala Pilah. F. M. S.

Mr. C. Chellappah has joined the Tutorial Staff of Sri Samungala School, Panadura.

Mr. R. Norman has passed his Pre-medical Examination.

Mr. M. Thillanathan, M. A. has taken up his oaths as Advocate and is practising in Colombo

Messrs. Sabaratnam, Sinnarajah and T. Sundramoorthy have joined the University College.

MARRIAGES

Our hearty congratulations to the following on their recent marriages.

Mr. C. T. Cumarasamy, Proctor S. C., with *Miss Sivagnanam Manickavasagar*.

Mr. P. Sivasamy of the P. W. D. Puttalam with *Miss Nagaratnam Kumaravelu*.

Mr. Sam T. Solomons of Hartley College, Point Pedro with *Miss Milly Samuel* of the Staff of Uduvil Girls' School.

Mr. A. S. Abraham with *Miss Grace John*.

Mr. M. Sambandar with *Miss Sivapakiam Kanthar Thillayar* of Colombogam.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following Old Boys have been successful in the recent Examination of the London University. Our congratulations to them.

LONDON MATRICULATION.

D. C. Nathaniel.

A. M. D. Richards.

J. R. Thambyaiyah.

INTER SCIENCE

D. C. Arulananhdam

K. Kamalanathan

A. S. Ramanathan.

INTER-ARTS

S. Thambithurai.

B. A. HONOURS. Mathematics Pt. 1
and 11.

S. Sabapathipillar.

B. A. PASS DEGREE

*V. Sinnathurai.**K. Sivagurunather.*

B. SC. HONOURS.

1st Class Honours Maths. Pt.

G. D. Somasundaram.

B. SC. GENERAL

1st Class Honours.

C. A. R. Anketel.

PASS DEGREE

*J. C. Handy.**A. Somasundaram.*

OLD BOYS' DAY, 1930

The annual re-union of the Old Boys took place on the 26th of July. There was a very much larger gathering of Old Boys this year than at any other Old Boys' day during recent years. This was no doubt due to the popularity and enthusiasm of our secretary Dr. A. N. Coomarasamy and the assistant secretary Mr. E. M. Ponnudurai. The wives of Old Boys were invited and there was an encouraging response. After early Communion a sumptuous tea was served to the Old Boys and the lady guests. Mr. Sivapragasam spoke a few words welcoming the ladies to the days' proceedings. The usual cricket match followed in which the college xi proved too strong for their elder brothers.

There were about 120 at breakfast, where a variety of well prepared curries were served. The ladies who numbered about 15 showed great interest in the preparations. Mr. J. J. Hensman, Mrs. A. N. Coomarasamy, Messrs. J. K. Arnold, E. J. Rajaratnam, K. Sornalingam. C. Wimelasundra and W. T. Gunaratnam, the Senior Prefect, spoke.

In the evening a team of Old Boys met the college xi at football. The present boys had five goals to their credit when the referee's whistle dismissed the players.

Between 4.30 P. M. to 6. P. M. the committee of the O. B. A. was 'At Home' to the guests.

The public meeting commenced at 6 P. M. with Mr. T. H. Crossette, the Acting-Principal, in the chair. The proceedings began with prayer offered by Rev. J. A. R. Navaratnam, the College Chaplain. Mr. Justice Akbar and Rev. Dr. Isaac Tambyah were the chief speakers. The secretary Dr. A. N. Coomarasamy read a number of telegrams and letters sent by Old Boys and other branch Associations. The letter from Mr. V. Casipillai, perhaps the oldest old boy of the college, is being published separately as it contains sentiments and information likely to be of great interest to all Old Boys.

The secretary then read the Annual Report which we publish below. The President after a brief introduction called upon Mr. Justice Akbar to address the meeting. Mr. Akbar rose amidst applause and held the audience delighted for about twenty minutes. He touched upon the vanity of human achievements and endeavours, and emphasised the importance of seeking after spiritu-

al truths and values. There was a depth of feeling and sincerity in his speech which made a deep impression on the hearers. He also referred to a few of the distinguished Old Boys of St. John's whom he knew, and added that he found in Mr. G. K. Chellappah, a member of the College Staff, a link that brought him closer to St. John's, as he was one of those who taught him in his boyhood. Dr. Isaac Tambyah spoke next. He touched upon some of the characteristic weaknesses of the Ceylonese and their 'inferiority complex' in a short speech which was pregnant with stinging humour and flashes of wit.

A vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Mr. Sam. Sabapathy and seconded by Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram.

At the end of the public meeting a general meeting of the Old Boys was held presided over by Mr. T. H. Crossette. Votes of condolence were passed on the deaths of Mr. F. B. Mylvaganam, advocate, Mr. A. M. Maurice, teacher, Mr. Daniel Joseph, J. P., Mr. R. A. Allagaratnam and Mr. R. Werkmeister. The revised constitution was passed and the officers for the new year were elected.

President (ex-officio): *Rev. H. Peto.*

Vice-Presidents: *Messrs, T. H. Crossette, V. Casipillai, J. K. Arnold, J. J. Hensman, J. A. J. Tissaverasinghe and Rev. Dr. Isaac Tambyah.*

Secretary: *Dr. A. N. Coomarasamy.*

Assistant Secretary: *Mr. G. S. Chelliah.*

Treasurer: *Mr. K. Chornalingam.*

Assistant Treasurer: *Mr. S. L. Jansen.*

Committee:—*Messrs S. A. Sabapathy, C. T. Solomons, J. M. Singanayagam, C. L. Selvaratnam, S. Sivapiragasam, J. W. Arulpiragasam, A. M. Nathaniel, W. H. Bartlet, C. Arulpiragasam, S. M. Thambyayah, S. J. Gunasegaram, C. Newton, E. C. Daniel, J. C. Handy, R. Vethanayagam, G. R. Hensman, J. T. Solomons and Dr. S. Thambipillai.*

Mr. V. Casipillai's letter
to the O. B. A. Secretary.

Arialai Estate,
Jaffna.
22nd July, 1930.

To Dr. Coomarasamy
Dear Sir,

I have received your invitation to the Old Boys' meeting of the 26th instant. I am sorry to say that I am unable to attend the meeting, being ill to do so.

I may tell you that I am perhaps the oldest of the Old Boys, being now 82 years of age. I graduated from the college in 1867.

I have practised law for 38 years and retired about 16 years ago. I took a great interest in all meetings of the old boys for a long time when Rev. Thompson was the manager. I have given up attending public functions, not only because I am weak but also for the reason that I have lost the power of hearing.

I wish all success to the Association.
Hoping you will excuse my absence,

I am,
Yours truly,
V. CASIPPILLAI.

THE O. B. A. ANNUAL REPORT 1930.

The committee of the St. John's College Old Boys' Association have the honour to present the following report for the year 1929-1930.

The 25th Anniversary of the O. B. A. was celebrated on Saturday the 9th November, 1929. There was a large number of Old Boys present and the usual programme was gone through. At the annual meeting held in the College hall with Rev. H. Peto in the chair the following were elected office bearers:—

PRESIDENT: *Rev. H. Peto (Ex-officio.)*

VICE-PRESIDENTS: *Mr. T. H. Crossette (Ex-officio.)*

Mr. V. Casipillai.

Rev. Dr. T. I. Tambyah.

Mr. J. K. Arnold.

Mr. F. B. Mylvaganam.

SECY. *Dr A. N. Coomarasamy.*

ASST. SECY: *Mr E. M. Ponnudurai.*

TREASURER: *Rev. J. A. R. Navaratnam.*

ASST. TREASURER: *Mr. G. S. Chelliah.*

COMMITTEE: *The Office Bearers—and*

Rev. S. C. Daniel.

Mr. I. A. J. Tisseveerasinghe

„ S. J. Gunasegarani.

„ S. A. Sabapathy.

„ K. V. Sinnadurai.

„ A. M. Brodie.

„ J. T. Arulanantham.

„ S. M. Thambyaiyah

„ C. Newton.

„ K. Nesiah.

„ J. T. Solomons.

„ I. M. Singanayagam

Mr. *C. T. Solomons.*
 „ *A. G. Charles.*
 „ *V. C. Canagaratnam.*

The O. B. A. Dinner was held at the Jaffna Rest House. Covers were laid for about fifty only, as the accommodation was limited. Thanks to Dr. Isaac Tambyah and the dinner committee, an excellent menu was discussed. The chief speakers at the Dinner were Messrs. H. A. P. Sandrasegara, J. D. Brown, P. T. Cash, C. P. Thamotheram, James Joseph, Natesapillai and Veerasingham. . . Dr. Isaac Tambyah, Messrs. J. K. Arnold, S. Sivaprakasam, A. M. Brodie and Sam. Sabapathy.

The Committee of the O. B. A. met thrice during the course of the year. The first meeting was held in the Principal's Bungalow and the other two at Dr. Coomarasamy's Bungalow and Mr. Arnold's Bungalow respectively. The excellent manner in which the two latter entertained the committee has made them decide to hold all future committee meetings at the residences of committee members who consent to be hosts.

At a committee meeting held on the 6th of December, 1929 it was decided to hold the O. B. A. on the last Saturday in July, and to have the O. B. A. dinner on the 27th of December thus offering an opportunity for those Old Boys who return to Jaffna for the X'mas Vacation to attend the Dinner. A Sub-committee consisting of three was appointed to revise the constitution of the O. B. A. At the next committee meeting, the revised constitution drafted by the sub-committee was adopted after a few minor alterations. It was also resolved that a membership fee of

Rs. 2. be charged from every Old Boy and that the College Magazine be given free, three quarters of the subscription being set apart for expenses in connection with the magazine.

College News.

The most outstanding college event during the year under review was the retirement of Mr. T. H. Crossette. Mr. Crossette was associated with the College for nearly sixteen years, during a greater part of which time he was Vice-Principal. He also acted on more than one occasion for the Principal. His contribution towards the growth of the College cannot be adequately estimated. As a teacher he was very successful. He was respected by his students as well as his colleagues for his large experience and wide knowledge. The Robert Williams Hall in which we are gathered together to night was erected with the help of the funds collected by Mr. Crossette from Old Boys and friends in Ceylon and in the F. M. S. and S. S.

In memory of the great work done by Mr. Crossette for the school, the Crossette 'Scholarship Fund' has been started. Liberal contributions have already been given to the funds and we appeal to those Old Boys who are not yet aware of it to contribute their share to such a worthy and deserving cause. The other event of importance was the departure of the principal to England in March on a short furlough. He will be back in September. Mr. Crossette is very kindly acting for him in an honorary capacity. Old Boys are pleased and proud to learn that the work of the school is being carried on under the guid-

ance of Mr. Crossette, in a most efficient and smooth manner.

News of Old Boys.

Dr. G. R. Handy, Officer in charge, Anti-Malarial Campaign A'pura.

Dr. R. W. Crossette, D. P. H. (London) M. O. H. Kegalle.

Mr. Edward Mather, J. P. for the Jaffna Division.

Mr. T. S. Saravanamuttu, D. E. Degree, Glasgow University.

Mr. T. Saravanamuttu, 2nd Class Honours in History at the London B. A. Examination.

Mr. C. Chellappah, B. A. London.

Mr. G. D. Somasundram, First Class Honours. B. Sc. (General) London University.

Mr. G. D. Somasundram, Winner of the Government Engineering Scholarship.

Messrs. C. Santiago, A. Gnanamanickam and T. Sinathurai, London Inter Arts.

Messrs. J. M. Arasaratnam, G. B. Kumarakulasinghe and A. D. Gnanamanickam Government Clerical Service.

Mr. M. R. Jebaratnam, Asst. lecturer, Farm School Jaffna.

Mr. G. A. Ratnavarather, Headmaster, Bilingual School, Tellippalai.

Mr. D. J. Tambapillai, Headmaster, Urumpirai C. M. S. English School.

Mr. S. G. Arulanantham, Headmaster, Neerveli English School.

Mr. J. C. Handy has returned after a year's course at the King's College, London.

- Rev. J. A. R. Navaratnam*, ordained Priest.
Mr. P. C. Vilvarayan Additional, District Judge,
 Jaffna.
Mr. R. R. Selvadurai, Crown Counsel.
Mr. R. R. Crossette, Acting Police Magistrate and
 Commissioner of Requests, Colombo.
Mr. S. J. V. Selvanayagam, Acting Commissioner
 of Requests.
Mr. J. K. Arnold, Vice-President, Jaffna Council
 of the South Indian United Church.
Mr. J. A. J. Tisseveerasinghe, Vice-Chairman, Jaffna
 Urban District Council
Mr. J. B. Gunaratnam, B. A. Calcutta, B. D. Ser-
 ampore.
Mr. J. M. Singanayagam, B. D. (Serampore.)

This year has witnessed the death of a fairly large number of prominent Old Boys. The names of Advocate F. B. Mylvaganam, Proctor Aseervatham and Mr. Daniel Joseph are familiar to every Old Boy. Mr. Mylvaganam and Mr. Daniel Joseph, the latter one of the oldest Old Boys of the School, were both vice-presidents of the O. B. A. Mr. R. A. Alagaratnam who died under tragic circumstances was a Senior Prefect and Cricket Captain at College. Mr. A. M. Maurice was a teacher at College for nearly 24 years. The youngest of them all, Robert Workmeister was an outstanding cricketer in his days. Our heart-felt sympathies are with the bereaved.

The College Magazine.

The College Magazine which is becoming more and more a record of School activities and news of Old Boys is being edited and published terminally. It continues to maintain a high stand-

ard. The first issue is sent per V. P. Post in accordance with the decision of the Colombo O. B. A., The subscribers to the magazine became *ipso facto* entitled to membership in the O. B. A., and a portion of the subscription is devoted to the expenses of the O. B. A. We would appeal to the Old Boys for greater co-operation with the Editor and Treasurers to make the magazine a more useful organ with a wider circulation among Old Boys.

We have this year invited to our Old Boys function not only the Old Boys but their wives as well. We feel that the school is entitled to the devotion and care not merely of the Old Boys but of all those who are intimately connected with them. May we appeal to the Old Boys to make this our annual re-union a function more and more of the type of a great family gathering.

We take this opportunity to give a hearty welcome to Mr. Justice Akbar and to thank him for the very kind manner in which he has responded to our invitation to address us to night.

A. N. COOMARASAMY.

(Honorary Secretary)



CONSTITUTION OF THE S. J. C. O. B. A.

- I. This Association (hereinafter referred to briefly as the 'Assn.' shall be called the Old Boys' Assn. of S. J. C. Jaffna.

II. The Association exists:—

1. To link all Old Boys in fellowship.
2. To keep all Old Boys fully interested in the well being of St. John's College, Jaffna. (hereinafter referred to as 'the College')
3. To see that the best traditions of the College are maintained.

III. All Old Boys, past and present teachers of the College become members of the Assn. on their signing an application form to be obtained from the Secretary of the Assn. This does not apply to persons who are members of the Assn. at the time of the coming into force of these rules.

- IV. (a) Every member shall pay a subscription of two rupees annually and he shall be entitled to receive the College Magazine free of charge.
- (b) The subscription shall become due in January and shall be paid not later than the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) Members in arrears for one year shall not be entitled to vote.

V. (a) The Assn. shall be managed by a committee of 30 persons consisting of a President, 7 Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, an Asst. Treasurer, and 18 unofficials, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting as provided for in Rule VI.

- (b) The President shall be the Principal, and one of the Vice-Presidents th Vice-Principal.
- (c) The Committee shall meet at least once a quarter.
- (d) Nine members shall form a quorum.

VI. (a) The Assn. shall meet once every year in the month of July and in such place as the Committee shall appoint. At the Annual General Meeting the following business shall be done:—

1. Presenting of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports after the reading of the minutes of the previous General Meeting, Annual and Special.
 2. The Committee for the new-year shall be elected.
- (b) 1 There shall be a reunion dinner annually, or a dinner be arranged on a date appointed by the Committee.
2. The Committee shall have charge of all the arrangements for all events connected with the Annual General Meeting and with the dinner.

VII It shall be lawful for the President or the Committee or for ten members of the Assn. to submit to the Secretary a written requisition to call a Special General Meeting

1. Such requisition shall state the nature of the business.
2. The Secretary shall give due notice and in the notice set out the business as stated in the requisition.

VIII. (a) The period of notice shall be:—

1. For a Committee meeting not less than four days.
 2. For an Annual General Meeting not less than a fortnight.
 3. For a Special General Meeting not less than five days.
- (b) The quorum for a Special General Meeting shall be thirty.
- IX. The Secretary shall keep a full record of all transactions of the Committee and General Meetings and submit an annual report at the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer shall keep all accounts and submit at the meeting of the Committee a written statement, and a Balance sheet at the Annual General Meeting.
- X. The Committee may arrange for lectures, concerts and other events at any time in pursuance of the aim of the Assn. set out in Rule II.
- XI. Branch Assns. may be formed and affiliated. Members of these Assns. will enjoy the privileges of this Assn.
- XII. No rule herein contained shall be added, amended or repealed except by a two-thirds majority at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting convened under rule VII, provided a 15 days' notice has been given to the Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I apply that I may be enrolled a member of the O. B. A. of St. John's College, Jaffna. I agree

to abide by the rules of the Association.

PARTICULARS:—

1. Joined College in Left
2. Present occupation
3. Full name and address

.....
 Signature

Date

To the Committee S. J. C. O. B. A.



LONDON UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

MATRICULATION

J. R. Thambyaiyah
 D. C. Nathaniel
 A. M. D. Richards

INTER ARTS

S. Thambithurai

INTER-SCIENCE

D. C. Arulanantham
 S. Ramanathan
 K. Kamalanantham

B. A. HONOURS

Mathematics Pt. I & II
 Sabapathipillai 2nd Class Honours,

B. Sc. HONOURS (Special)

Mathematics Pt. I
 G. D. Somasunderam
 1st Class Honours.

B. A. Pass. V. Sinnathurai
Sivagurunather

B. Sc. (General)

C. A. R. Anketel 1st Class Honours
PASS

J. C. Handy
S. Somasunderam



—THE ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST—

The oratorical contest came off on the 23rd of July when five budding young orators exhibited their powers of elocution to a large audience. The rapt attention of the house fully confirmed the ability of our future Ciceros.

There has been a marked increase in the number of the competitors this year, which clearly shows that the members are making an earnest attempt to cultivate their powers of oratory.

C. B. Vanden Driesen, declaiming William Pitt's speech against the employment of Indian troops, was awarded the medal. C. A. AllegaKoen, who gave a selection from Lord Brougham's speech on Parliamentary Reforms, came a close second. The clearness of voice and the boldness of delivery of Vanden Driesen won for him the top place which he well deserved.

C. A. AllegaKoen who won the medal last year, was not at his best owing to unavoidable circumstances. J. V. C. Nathaniel was through with his speech, but his strained accents went against him.

V. R. Nathaniel somewhat marred his speech by being slightly indistinct, and A. N. Ratnathicam began splendidly but faltered towards the end, this being his first attempt at public speaking.

Messrs. J. C. W. Rock, P. Mortimer and S. L. B. Kappukottuwa acted as judges. Mr. Rock speaking on behalf of the judges, congratulated the speakers on their splendid attempts and wished them every success on more elevated platforms of life. H. P. Arumanayagam proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the judges on behalf of the Senior Literary Association, and was seconded by C. A. AllegaKoen.

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SENIOR LITERARY ASSOCIATION

We were able to hold 7 meetings—the maximum number possible for this term—out of which one was devoted to a Tamil lecture, two for speeches, one for the reading of the English paper and the rest for debates.

The analysis of the work done shows a marked improvement which is partly due to the great interest taken by our hitherto silent members and partly due to the interest taken by our enthusiastic Vice-Presidents.

We are indebted to Messrs. S. Nagalingham and V. Nagalingham, Proctors, for their useful and interesting lectures in Tamil on “The life and

works of Subramania Bharathi" and "The greatness of the Tamil Language" respectively.

Our grateful thanks are due to Messrs. S. J. Gunasegaram and K. Subramaniam, two of our Vice-Presidents, for the help they gave us in the English and the Tamil branches of the Association respectively. In conclusion I wish to thank those who made my tenure of office a successful and pleasant one.

H. P. ARUMAINAYAGAM,

Hony. Secy.)

S. J. C. L. A.



ABSTRACT OF MEETINGS OF THE ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE SENIOR
LITERARY ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER, 1930.

DATE	SUBJECT	PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS	OTHER SPEAKERS	RESULT
10-9-30	Speeches. 1. Robert Louis Stevenson 2. Health Weeks 3. Test Matches 4. The Coming Election 5. Unemployment: Its causes and cure 6. Electric Lighting in Jaffna	1. S. C. J. Hensman 2. N. R. Abdi 3. C. B. Vanden Driesen 4. E. P. Easwaranandan 5. J. R. M. Thambyayah 6. A. K. Black	1. B. A. Thamapillai 2. J. M. Sabaratnam 3. M. Ratnasingam	
17-9-30	English Debate. "We are more happy than our fathers".	1. R. Sadasivam 2. S. C. Jebaratnam 3. K. Kanagaratnam <i>Opp.</i> 1. V. Mylvaganam 2. V. Chellappah 3. A. W. Eliaratnam	1. H. P. Arumainayagam 2. A. M. D. Richards	Lost

DATE	SUBJECT	PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS	OTHER SPEAKERS	RESULT
24-9-30	Tamil Debate. “தற்காலிக தலவியுடைய எங்கள் சேத கலத்திற்கு எந்த தன்மை.”	Prop: 1. C. S. Rasiah 2. C. A. AllegaKoen 3. V. Canagasabapathy Opp: 1. T. Sinnathamby 1. A. M. D. Richards 3. S. V. Marnican	1. K. Saravanamuttu 2. J. R. W. Thambyaiah 3. T. Gnanasundaram 4. S. A. Arunachalam	Won
11-10-30	English Debate. “The study of History and Literature has a more refining influence than the study of Science and Mathematics.”	Prop: 1. A. Nathaniel 2. S. Ratnakesaralingam Opp: 1. E. V. J. Hensman 2. H. W. Nathaniel	1. H. P. Arumainayagam 2. J. M. Sabaratnam 3. C. A. AllegaKoen	Lost

DATE	SUBJECT	PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS	OTHER SPEAKERS	RESULT
8-1-30	Tamil Speeches 1. தனித்தமிழ் 2. பாரதியாரின் ஐயங்கள் 3. பாரதிதேவியின் சொற்களம் 4. என் கடன் பணிசெய்து இப்போது 5. தமிழரின் நாகரீகம்	1. S. S. Thuraisingam 2. S. R. Sadasivam 3. V. Mylvaganam 4. V. Chellappah 5. H. P. Arumamayagam	1. V. S. Ramasamy	
15-10-30	Tamil Lecture “தமிழின் மாண்பு”	Mr. S. Nagalingam, Proctor, s.c.	Vote of Thanks K. Thampee	
29-10-30	Reading of the English Paper	The Editor		

H. P. Arumamayagam
(Hony. Secy.) S. J. C. L. A.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE BOARDERS' UNION

By the middle of this term we had to bid farewell to Rev. J. A. R. Navaratnam, one of our Vice Presidents who took very great interest in the activities of our Union. We thank him for the great interest he evinced in our Union and wish him godspeed in his new sphere of life. Also we extend a hearty welcome to Mr. A. W. Rajasekaram who has filled his place.

Up to the time of this report going to the press, we were able to hold only about four meetings. Among the subjects discussed were:—"Inter racial marriages are beneficial to the welfare of Ceylon" and "Morality increases with Civilisation." A triangular debate viz:—"Teaching, Healing, Preaching—which is the greatest need of a nation?" proved very interesting and Teaching carried the day.

This being the last term of the year, it will not be out of place to say something about the work of the Union. I am sure this year the members have shown great interest and enthusiasm in the proceedings of the Union. This, I feel, is what it should be, for this Union affords its members a rare opportunity for cultivating their forensic talents. I feel sure that those who made their maiden speeches during my tenure of office have great possibilities before them.

Before laying down my office, I should like to place on record my grateful thanks to all those who by their attendance and interest in our meetings helped me to make this year the successful one it has been.

M. RATNASINGHAM,
(Hony. Secy.)

THE SOCIAL SERVICE UNION

The Social Service Union is making slow but steady progress. The members were divided into two groups at the beginning of last term. One of the groups visits the slums of Colombogam with medicine. It is very encouraging to note that the people welcome us very warmly and accept our medicines readily. But we greatly regret to state that time and weather do not permit us to continue our work there this term.

The second group visits the hospital once a week. These members with their cheery conversations, little services of love and sympathy, endeavour to bring a little sunshine into the gloomy lives of the patients.

We have been greatly handicapped by the departure of Rev. J. R. Navaratnam, one of our most enthusiastic members early this term. He spared no pains to assist us in all our activities, and we wish him every success in his new and larger field of action.

Though our deeds seem trivial, yet we trust that this little training would bear much fruit in the future.

P. E. DANIELS.

Hon. Secy.



பரீட்சையில் சித்தி அடைவதெப்படி?

நாம் நம்மைச் சூழ்ந்திருப்பவற்றைப் பார்க்கும்போது அவை உண்டாவதற்கு ஒரு சுத்தி உண்டி என்பதை எண்ணுகின்றோம். இச்சுத்தியே கடவுள். கடவுளொருவர் உண்டென்பதைப் பல்வகையால் நிலைநிறுத்தலாம், ஆனால் அவை இங்கு அவசியமற்றவைபாய் இருக்கின்றன. பல சமயக்கோட்பாட்டின்படி சுத்த கிருண பரப்பிராயத்தி் திரிகுணத் மகமான தத்துவம் சனித்தது. அந்தச்சத்துவத்தின் மூலமாய் நிலம் நீர், நெருப்பு, காற்று, ஆகாயம் உண்டாகிப் பஞ்சபூதங்களென்று சொல்லப்பட்டன. இப்பஞ்சபூதத்தினின்றும் எல்லாச் சேதனப்பொருள்களும் அசேதனப்பொருள்களும் தோன்றின. இதினின்றே புல், கொடி, செடி, ஊர்வன, பட்சி, விலங்கு, மனிதன் உண்டாகி, படிப்படியாய் ஒன்றைக்காட்டிலும் மற்றொரு சாதி உத்தமமானதாகக் கொள்ளப்பட்டது. இவைகளைத்தினும் மானிடசாதியே சிறப்பிடையது. மனிதன் பகுத்தறியுந், அங்கக்காரணமும் (புத்தி, சித்தி அகங்காரம்) உடையவருதலாலே, மேன்மை அடைந்த இப்படியானமாத்சியுடைய மனிதன் தனக்குள் இருக்கும் சுத்தியை அறியாது “ஊழ்” என்னும் நியதியை எண்ணி ஏமாற்றம் கொள்வின்றான். ஊழ் யாது என்பதைச் சற்று ஆராய்வோம். இருவினைப்பயன் செய்வனையே சென்றடைதலாகிய நியதியே ஊழ் என்றார் பரிமேலழகரும். சந்தாலம் மறுபிறப்பில்லைபென்று நிறவுபவர்கள் எப்படி ஊழில் நம்பி மயங்குகின்றார்கள் ஊழில் நம்புபவர்களும் அதற்கு அச்சமுற்றவாழாதிருக்கின்றனர். ஆனால் இது மிகவும் பெரிய மதியீனம். “விதியையும் மதியால்வெல்லலாம்” என்னும் நம்மான்னோர் கொள்கையே நமக்கு அதிக உற்சாகத்தைக்கொடுக்கின்றது. இதுவுமல்லாமல்.

“ஊழையும் உப்பக்கம் காண்பர் உலவின்நி
தாழாது ஞாற்பவா”

என்று திருவள்ளுவரும் கூறிப் போர்தார். நாம் பொருள், கருவி, காலம், வினை, இடைனோடைந்தும் இருந்தீர எண்ணிச்செய்யின் எதைத்தான் நிறைவேற்றமாட்டோம். இதுவு

மல்லாமல் பண்டைக்காலத்தில் மந்திரத்தில் விளங்கிய பெரியோரே நமது கொண்கைச் சான்றவர். பிரகருந்கைகையப் பூமிக்குக்கொண்டுவந்ததும், மாரக்கண்டையர் என்றும் பதினாறு வயதுள்ளவராகியது, சாவத்திரி கணவனை உயிர் பிடித்ததும் எமக்கு எவ்வளவு உற்சாகத்தைக்கொடுத்தது விடா முற்பந்தியை ஊட்டுகின்றது.

கடவுள் படைச்சு பிரகருநியை உபயோகித்து பயன்படவென மனிதன். பிரகருநியிலிருந்து தோன்றி, பிரகருநிப் பதார்த்தங்களைபுண்டி கொண்டு, அப்பிரகருநியைத் தன் வாய்ப்படுத்திக்கொண்டு ஆட்டிவைக்கும் மானிடர்பால் எவ்வித அற்புத சத்தியிருக்கவேண்டும்? “பெறலரிது மானிடப் பிறவி”, என்ற சான்றோர் உரைக்கிணங்க மானிடப்பிறவி நமக்கு எளிதிற்கிடைத்ததல்ல. அப்படியிருக்கக் கேவலம், ஆகாரம், சித்திரை இவைகளுக்கு மாத்திரம் உள்ளவோமேயாகில் எமக்கும் மிருகசாதிக்கும் என்னபேதம், நாம் உலகத்திற்கு பெரிபாராய் விளங்கவேண்டுமாயின் எம்மிடமிருக்கும் சத்திகளை உபயோகித்துப்பலன்பெறவேண்டும். அதுவுமல்லாமல் எம்மையிப்பூவுலகிற்கு அனுப்பிய பரமபிதாவின் அன்பிற்கானாகி அவருடைய கருபையைப் பெறவேண்டும். சமையலாதத்தை யறவேயொதுக்கி, சமைய ஆசாரியர் காட்டிய வழிகளில் ஒழுக்கி இறைவனடியைச் சேருவோமாக.

மனிதன் உலகத்திற்கு செய்யவேண்டிய கருமங்கள் பலவற்றையுட இளமையிற்றொடங்கவேண்டும். நாமெல்லோரும் பரிட்சையையே முன்வைத்து நடத்தலால் அதிலெப்படிச் சித்தியடையலாம் என்னும் எண்ணமே எம்மனதில் உதிக்கின்றது. பரிட்சையிற் சித்தியடைவதைப் பற்றிச் சிறிது ஆராய்வோம். முதலாவதாக எம்மனதை அடக்கி எம்மை முற்றாக ஈசனிடம் ஒப்புவிப்போமாக. இரண்டாவதாகச் நட்சித்தத்தை விருத்தி செய்வோமாக. மூன்றாவதாக உபாத்தியாய கற்பிப்பவற்றைச் சிரத்தையுடன் கற்போமாக, இதுவுமல்லாமல் மற்றைய அற்பகாரியங்களைக் கவனத்தடனும் சிரத்தையுடனும் செய்தல் மிக நலமாகும். இப்படிச் செய்தலினால் நாம் ஏவ்வித பரிட்சையினும் சித்திபெற்று நமக்கும் பிறர்க்கும் உதவ் புரிபவர்களாய் வாழ்வோம்.

இவைகளேவிட, விடாமுபற்சி இன்றியமைபாது. விடாமுபற்
சியுடன் செய்தால் எல்லாச் செய்கைகளிலும் சித்தியடைய
லாம். இது 11-ற்றியே திருவள்ளுவரும்:—

“தெய்வத்தான் ஆகாதெனினும் முபற்சிதன்

மெய்வருத்தச் கூலிதரும்” என்று கூறியுள்ளார் கடை
சியாகத்திடசித்தம் என்றால் என்ன? அது கமக்கு என்ன
உதவிபுரியும் என்று ஆராய்வோம். ஒருவனுடைய விருப்பத்தை
அதிகரித்து, கோரிய கருமங்களை இடை யூறுகளில்லாமல் முடித்
தற்கு ஊக்கப்படுத்தும்.

பிரபததனத்திற்கே திடசித்தம் என்று கூறப்படும். கிறீ
ஸ்து, கெப்போலியன் விவேகானந்தர் போன்ற பெரிய சிதா
மணிகளின் சரித்திரமே கமக்குச் சான்றாகும். அவர்கள் திட
சித்தத்தினை உதவியால் முன்னேறினர் என்பது வெள்ளிடை
மலை. திடசித்தம் எவ்வகை ஆபத்திலும் வெற்றியைத் தெரி
விக்கும். திடசித்தமுள்ளவனை ஒருவரும் வெல்லுதல் அரிது.
இப்பேற்பட்ட பெரிய யத்திரத்தை நாம் வைத்திருந்தபோதி
லும் அதை உபயோகியாது அதை எம்மடமையே. திடசித்
தத்தைப் பயிற்சி செய்து அதன் பயனை அடைவது ஓர்
இன்றியமைபாத கருமம். நாம் உலகில் புத்திபெற்று விளங்க
வேண்டுமானால் மேற்கூறியவற்றைச் சிரத்தையுடன் செய்து
உலகசீவியத்தைக்கனிப்போமாக.

V. Chellappah

VI. B.



HOUSE ACCOUNTS

PARGITER HOUSE

Here we are again to review our activities of the last two terms, and one cannot but complain that Fortune has withdrawn her smiling face from us for a season. A weak Volley-ball team captained by S. N. Johnson entered the finals in the first term. We were no match to the formidable Johnstonians who defeated us very easily.

Even last term we were unlucky in the inter-house Cricket matches. We were very much handicapped by the departure of many prominent Pargitarians who left us at the end of last year. In the senior house Cricket match we met the Johnstonians again. In spite of the weakness of our team, they had a hard fight for victory. We heartily congratulate the Johnstonians on their well deserved championship. We are glad to see that our younger brothers have pulled us up a great deal by becoming the Junior Champions.

This term, it is our earnest hope that we will regain all our lost laurels in the inter-house Foot-ball matches.

We take this opportunity to thank S. N. Johnson, our former captain, for the great interest he took in our welfare and wish him all success and prosperity in his future life.

SAM. J. G. SELVADURAI,
(House Captain)

JOHNSTONE HOUSE

We made a good start this year by winning the sports championship and have followed it up by carrying away the Volley-ball and Cricket championships too. The Volley-ball matches were played at the latter part of the first term and proved to be of great interest due to the keenness of the competition. Each of the two matches we played had to be extended to three games and in the final match the result remained doubtful until the last point was scored.

The inter-house Cricket matches were played last term and we marched on the high road to victory. The first match was against the formidable Pargitarians who made a bold stand and gave us a hard fight. Though we won it we did not do so well as we expected. The final match was against Handy House. They did well scoring 109 runs in the first innings, but, scored only 36 in the second innings. We scored 141 runs in the first innings each player putting up a good score. Thus we became champions defeating them by 9 wickets and a few runs.

Something is whispering into my ear that we are going to do well in football too this term, and with ordinary luck we have every chance of becoming champions. Perhaps this may sound highly optimistic. But is it not good to hope for the best? We have the services of a good foot-baller in the person of our house-master, then why not put our shoulders together and see what we can do?

In studies we are not far behind. We were second last two terms. Handys came first de-

feating us by a very narrow margin, and let us tender our heartiest congratulations to them.

With such a record I find no reason why we cannot be justly proud of our doings, and I am sure that when the Johnstonians of the past read this report they will feel satisfied with the manner in which the standard they set up is being maintained.

ETHIRNAYAGAM MILLS

(House-Captain)



THOMPSON HOUSE

We have been very much handicapped by the departure of our former Captain T. E. Abraham. Consequently we were unable to do well in the field of sports. We wish him all success in his future career.

Our deficiency in sports is counterbalanced by the achievements of the Thompsonians in the last London, Cambridge and E. S. L. C. examinations. We are proud to say that we have the largest number of successful candidates in both the Cambridge and E. S. L. C. examinations. Our heartiest congratulations to all our successful candidates.

C. S. Ratnavale and S. E. SinnaRajah obtained Honour with distinctions in both chemistry and mathematics and have topped the list as first and second respectively in the Senior Cambridge.

A. Casippillai topped the list in the Junior; S. Subramaniam passed his E. S. L. C in the first Division and J. R. M. Thambiayah passed his London Matriculation.

We look forward for the Inter House-Football competitions where we hope to do well.

Our heartiest congratulations to the Johnstonians for their well earned Cricket Championship

N. KANDIAH,
(House-Captain)

HANDY HOUSE

This year again we have been judged first in studies. For the last six years in succession we have been topping all the other houses in studies, and we hope to maintain this record throughout.

Though we were very much weaker than our opponents, the Johnstonians in cricket, yet even as the rat in the fable frightened the lion, so were we able to incite the Johnstonians with fear. We rose above all expectations and put up a hard fight against them though at the end we lost. With cheerful hearts we celebrated our loss with a team attendance at the circus that night. It is with sincere hearts that we tender our heartiest congratulations to the Johnstonians on their well earned championship.

This year again a Handyan has won the medal for oratory. C. B. Vanden Driesen a member

of our house obtained the first place in the annual oratorical contest, and thus entitled himself to the "Arulpragasam Gold Medal." I hope that in the years to come, Handyans will continue to carry on the record that has already been created.

The foot-ball matches have not yet begun, but we are glad to find that our members are already enthusiastic about it, and promise to win the championship this year.

A. M. D. RICHARDS,
(House-Captain)



CRICKET IN 1930

Cricket in Jaffna has serious disadvantages in interesting only a comparatively few people outside the schools—serious because there is always considerable difficulty in finding suitable non-school teams to play against before beginning our school matches. Such men as are available do their best but they are always out of practice and a few indeed have the regrettable tendency of thinking that absenteeism is permissible. Of course if a couple of men send substitutes at the critical stages of a game, the other twenty men suffer in enjoyment considerably and the game is in fact hardly worth continuing.

This preamble begins our remarks for the year because it explains one of our chief difficulties. We have for several years now tried to get one or two matches in February with outside non-school teams as a preliminary to our more serious games. But we have always failed and

hence since we usually easily defeat such teams, they give hardly as much practice as we should wish for. These remarks must be in no way taken as derogatory to the personnel of the teams we have recently played; we are very grateful to them for giving us a game. But the fact remains, that a couple of matches against teams who could give a real test in every department of the game, be very welcome.

Jaffna College gave us a good game, which we just won; but against St. Patrick's we completely fell to pieces and were routed hip and thigh, chiefly due to our bowling which was not quite up to standard. There is a tendency for everyone to bowl the same type of ball; we want a good fast bowler very much and failing that a useful slow bowler. One of the most interesting points about our match against St. Patrick's was Mill's batting. Mills, our captain has that inestimable quality of rising to an occasion, and while our batsmen were processing in and out, he, very much like Horatius, was quite holding his own and scored two thirds of our runs in both innings, and had he been able to find a Lartius the result might have been very different.

Mr. Sabaratnam is to be much congratulated on the cricket of Jaffna Hindu College. Their standard is reviving, so much so that 7 of our wickets fell for 20 runs; but then Perumal saved the situation and made a very useful if slightly unorthodox 60 not out. Central College, under that old boy of ours, J. M. Singanayagam is also looking up and our last year's heavy victory

was by no means repeated, though we certainly got the better of them.

A list of the leading averages.—

BOWLING

NAME	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WKTS.	AVERAGE
P. Thiagarajah	45	12	134	20	6.7
S. J. Selvadurai	56	13	163	23	7
V. Perampalam	118	30	289	40	7.2
E. Mills	149	47	349	25	13.9

BATTING

NAME	NO. OF INNINGS	TIMES NOT OUT	RUN	AVERAGE
P. Thiagarajah	17	2	311	20.1
C. M. Alfred	15	1	277	19.8
G. Beligodapitya	9	0	148	16
A. Ponnampalam	17	0	257	15
E. Mills	15	0	195	13
A. Perumal	14	1	173	12

The batting averages flatter Alfred and Thiagarajah slightly for they scored well at the beginning of the season. Alfred, from whom we had hoped much never really got going: with his height he should and can play a very good game but he could not place his feet right, and ill luck dogged him much of the season. Thiagarajah is as good at cricket as he is at other games; but he would be even better if he were to play quietly for the first two overs. Ponnampalam is probably our stylist: he has some beautiful shots and breaks the back of the bowling for us, but he too was disappointing. Perampalam and Selvadurai are a couple of use-

ful bowlers and we have hopes for them next year, especially the former. Beligodapitya was absent through ill health during the first term and we missed him. Fielding is always vital in cricket and this year perhaps we improved a little and it was very difficult for a bad fielder to find a place. Gopal Krishna, Mills and Thigarajah were probably the best but Perumal and nearly all the others were good.

Colours were awarded to T. E. Abraham and A. Ponnampalam; the former does not figure in the averages, for he left at the end of the first term, but he was then our most useful batsman and also an opening bowler.

We should like before we close to welcome the first inter Staff match at any rate for some years, which we played against Central Staff and hope it may recur for if we can stir up a number of our staff to enthusiasm, so much the better for that enthusiasm would be greatly welcomed in the Junior games. [*St. John's—A. J. Evans 70; Central G. Spencer 61.*] Ed.

A. J. E.



CADET CAMP

August 15th evening saw us busily running up and down the Railway Station dressed in slacks and tunics. The long awaited train puffed in and soon we were in the compartment reserved for us. As the train moved we were cheered by our friends who had come to see us off. During our whole journey we took care we did not sing anything that might wound the tender suscepti-

bilities of the station masters or their uniformed staff. It was nearing 4 P. M. the next day when we arrived at Diyatalawa. Here we were lined up and marched off to our hut a little more than a mile from the Railway Station. At the entrance of our hut was the "advance party" ready with salutes to entertain us. Soon we were dismissed and here began our camp life.

We had our wash followed by the evening tea, after which we made a full survey of the hut premises. I for my part noted that there was the Royal Artillery Hill behind us, the Polo grounds on the right, the survey huts on the left and the Railway Station in front. Furnished with this rough sketch of the place in my mind I was quite prepared for any stroll my companions might propose. But unfortunately the "standing orders" posted on the door of the hut positively warned us against going beyond a mile without the written permission of the orderly officer. A little later we heard the sound of a bugle. Imagine what thoughts came into me a novice to such camps! I thought there was going to be some entertainment that night. I had hardly time to think of any other alternative for a friend of mine, a veteran to this camp, accosted me with the news that it was a bugle call for dinner, and without a word more escorted me to the mess room. The dinner was over by 8 P. M. and it was not long after that I saw a very familiar face stepping into our hut. It was no other than Revd. C. S. Green coming there to conduct our night prayers. Before we went to bed our sergeant read to us the orders for the next day. Next day was Sunday and

according to the orders we had to fall in for Church parade at 8.30 A. M. We woke up early and got into our uniforms. We were busy cleaning our hut when our lieutenant stepped in calling out "Sergeant get all your men to fall in." Soon we were marched off to a lonely place under a tree where we were to pray that day. The service was over soon and the next order in the list was a ceremonial parade. This was not under a tree, but in the open in what they call the "Polo ground." At about 12 in the noon we returned to our hut and were reposing our poor wearied limbs when we heard the bugle call for breakfast. The rest of the time we were left free and we could go anywhere within the range of a mile.

Daily at 6 A. M. or even earlier we were up from our beds to polish or clean our equipments. Not later than 7 A. M. we were ready after a light tea for physical training all uniformed in blue shorts, white banians and white deck shoes. A long blast from the whistle of our company commander indicated that this exercise was over. Next was the "gargyling parade" as we call it, which many of us detested though our lieutenant more than once assured us that it was for our own good or said "that is the way in the army". Our morning tea was over at 8 A. M. after which we cleaned the hut and lined up all the trunks and beds. Sharp at 9 leaving the hut in charge of the hut orderly for the day, we marched off to the "Polo ground" for drill, the nature of which purely depended on the orders issued the night before. At about 12 o'clock we returned to our hut for breakfast.

after which we did whatever pleased us. If one chose an outing into the town or anywhere, he had his will. If another preferred a "nap" after the hard drill that morning he could do so but not without the fear of being uniformed in boots and helmets while yet in sleep by those who chose fun for their pasttime. He might even sleep with his bayonets fixed and his rifle sloped across his body. A camp means enjoyment. In the evenings we had our inter-section football matches. Though our expectations in the football field came to a poor pass, we did well in becoming the first in the hut inspection.

This year, as was remarked by lieut. Colonel Robison on the last day, we had quite a successful camp and no doubt it was thoroughly enjoyed by us all. The most remarkable thing about our camp was that none fell ill and every body got in parade in spite of injuries sustained in the inter-section football matches. Great enthusiasm was displayed by all cadets but we are unfortunate in not having a range in Jaffna. We would have come top but for our bad shooting and we are fully hopeful that we will do much better next year.

Before I conclude I should express the appreciation of the cadets of St. John's College to Colonel E. B. Ferrers for the interest he took in us. Whether it be in the drill grounds or outside he stands conspicuous among the boys. No less is our appreciation of lieut. Colonel Robison who with his paternal look is always before us. The few words of encouragement he spoke to us on the last day are deeply rooted in our hearts.

29th Oct. 1930.

E. P. E.
VI A.

THE SCOUTS

FAREWELL TO MR. A. J. EVANS

One of the many activities of Mr. A. J. Evans was in connection with the College Scout Troop. Before he arrived in Ceylon, he had undergone a course of scouters' training at Gillwell training course at Imperial Head quarters, and it was in Jaffna that he put in practice the experience and knowledge he had acquired there. Soon after he had taken up work as assistant scout master, it was found that there were a number of scouts who were over 18 and who were anxious to do something more suited to their age than those scout games and scout crafts which they as younger boys enjoyed. It was therefore thought advisable to form a Rover Troop and Mr. Evans very readily consented to be the leader. Week after week the Rovers have been meeting in the Old Park and they learned many a useful thing under him in the scout way.

Mr. Evans did not, of course, confine his activities to the Rovers but he has been helping the Scout Master in various ways as A. S. M. Two of the scout camps were more or less entirely run by him. At camps he was an example to all the scouts in those qualities for the development of which the Scout movement stands, namely, sense of honour, self discipline, unselfishness, self-reliance and service, and no scout will easily forget the lessons he has learned under him, not so much by his precepts as by his example.

The farewell function arranged by the Troop for him was in the shape of an afternoon camp in the Old Park. Cubs, Scouts and Rovers met

and played' with him many of their favourite games in which almost all our invited guests (chiefly members of the Staff) also joined. The lady guests (wives of masters) very kindly prepared tea and served refreshments. The function terminated with a camp fire at which Mr. Evans was presented with a photograph of the whole Scout group.

We, the Scouts, Rovers, Cubs and his fellow Scouters take this opportunity to thank him for all that he has done for us, for we realise that we owe not a little of our efficiency to his untiring efforts. One can never forget his keen sense of duty, his great capacity to stand strain, his unbiased view of men and things, his willingness to help at all times and his love for that which is straight and honourable.

S. M.



A TRIP TO ANURADHAPURA

One bright morning in October, a set of jolly boys marched into their class-room, little expecting that their master had good news for them. Well, the master, marched in saying, "Good morning." Then he said in a splendid tone, "Boys, I should like to take you on a trip to Anuradhapura. Do you like it?" The boys jumped for joy. The master seeing their delight answered, "Well we shall all go on Friday". Thus it was arranged.

On Friday the 10th evening about thirty boys and a few masters were busy stepping into the

train which was to go to Anuradhapura. In the train we had a merry time mainly due to those who could play on musical instruments, sing and cause laughter. Each time the train stopped at a station, we popped our heads out and opened our sleepy eyes wide to notice a few dagobas. The moon and the stars peeped out of their windows and made our journey an interesting one.

At one o'clock our train steamed into Anuradhapura station. Before the train could stop we stepped out with our luggage. We were met by Dr. Coomarasamy in whose car we placed our luggage and joyfully marched off to St. Joseph's school, a few yards away from the station. There we went to bed and did not rise till late in the morning. After breakfast in the morning we triumphantly marched off to the Bo-tree temple. Just before breakfast we saw the Brazen palace. It was fenced by wire all-round. In the middle of it was erected a house on a few pillars to show how the old palace was constructed.

The Bo-tree temple with its large bo-tree looked very wonderful. In front of it stood a statue of Buddha. At the entrance was a well carved moon stone. Taking off our shoes we walked up to the sacred Bo-tree which was supported by a number of pillars and enclosed by iron bars. In the sacred room of worship there stood three statues of Buddha and two of his disciples. The floor was paved with squared slabs of beautifully coloured marble stone. Along the sides of the walls were placed almyrahs which contain all the ancient books of the Sinhalese race.

We left the temple, and in a few minutes reached the Ruhanveli Dagoba. In the entrance were built images of Dute gemunu and his mother, and Buddha's image and the images of Dute-gemunu and Elara ready to fight were found in the temple. We then got up the stairs with great difficulty and at last reached the top. On the top men were working and we were delighted in looking at the dagobas, Mihintale and the tank Tissawewa.

From there we went to the Thuparama dagoba which lay a mile away. Then we visited the Lankarana Dagoba and the Jethavana Dagoba. The Jethavana Dagoba was very high. After a while we trotted to the fairly big hotel in the town. We then reached our abode in a few minutes. In a while we were all dozing away. We had prepared to play a match that evening but the rain came pouring down and put a stop to it. As soon as the rain ceased we tramped on to the Abayagiri Dagoba, but could not enter in as it was wet.

Very soon we reached the Isrumunya temple by the side of which was a large deep tank. We also visited the inside of the temple, and at about 4.30 returned to our abode. We had a hearty supper after which we were asked to go to bed because we had to start in the morning to Mihintale. At 5.30 A. M. we were all ready to go to Mihintale, and at about 7.30 the bus came and in a few minutes we reached Mihintale. We walked through many dark jungles, on our way we saw the lion bath which the olden king used for bathing. We also saw the statue of Mahinda. We at last got up to the very top which was called "Ma-

hinda's preaching place". From there we could see exquisite scenes. Mihintale was really a curious hill composed of rocks and nearly a mile high.

We then went to Mahinda's bed which was a few yards away. Then we went back to the school in the bus. After lunch we packed our things and set off to the station. As our train moved towards Jaffna we bade farewell to Anuradhapura. At 7 P. M. as the rain ceased our train steamed into Jaffna station. Very soon we were on our way to our dear old college. The boys at school greeted us, and the rest of the time we spent in relating all that we had seen and heard. Thus we enjoyed our trip to Anuradhapura.

JOHN F. N. DANIEL
II Form A.



THE MASTERS' GUILD

We had only one address during this term. Rev. V. W. Abbey, the secretary of the Christian Endeavour Society, spoke to the guild on "Religious Education the lecture was very interesting and greatly appreciated. Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Abbey for the useful evening.

The guild sustained great loss owing to the departure of two of its keen members, Mr. A. J. Evans and Rev. J. A. R. Navaratnam, during the course of the term. Mr. Evans was entertained at a farewell dinner by the guild, on the

7th of August. Almost all the members and a few ladies were present. Mr. J. T. Arulanantham, the chairman of the guild, presided. At the end of an interesting menu the toast of the chief guest was proposed by Mr. K. Nesiah; Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram supporting the toast presented Mr. Evans, on behalf of the guild, with a silver bowl mounted on a stand consisting of three elephants carved in ebony.

The farewell dinner to Rev. J. A. R. Navaratnam who left us in October, was held on the 13th of October. Covers were laid for 32. The chairman of the guild presided. The toast of the chief guest was proposed by Mr. P. T. Mathai and supported by Mr. G. S. Chelliah

I take this opportunity to thank both Mr. Evans and Mr. Navaratnam for the interest they took in the guild and wish them every success in the work to which they have devoted themselves.

G. S. CHELLIAH,
(Honorary Secretary)



OUR DIARY

(Continued from last term's issue)

- July* 16th. Proctor S. Nagalingam addresses the Senior Literary Association on the Life and Works of Subramania Bharathi.
- 19th. Johnstone vs. Handy Cricket Match
Johnstone House wins.

- 23rd. Annual Oratorical Contest.
 1. C. B. Vanden Driesen.
 2. C. A. AllegaKoen.
- 26th. Old Boys' Day Celebrations.
- Aug.* 1st. Kumarakulasinghe Scripture Test.
 Cricket Match with Jaffna Central College. We win by 7 wickets and 109 runs.
- 7th. Farewell to Mr. A. J. Evans.
- 9th. College Staff *vs.* Central College Staff Cricket Match. We win by 91 runs.
- 10th. Mr. Evans' last sermon at Even-song. A. J. E. takes train.
- 14th. School closes for Mid-summer vacation.
- Sept.* 9th. X'mas term commences.
- 12th. Feasts of strength by young Philipino, Simon Jaevito.
- 18th. The poet Harindranath Chattopadhyaya, Mrs. Sarojini Devi's brother, reads us a few of his selected poems. Mr. S. Venkatasalam, Art Critic, Madras, addresses us on "The Message Modern Art has for you."
- 23rd. The principal arrives from England. Football Match with the Police Team. We win by 2 goals to 1.
- 25th. Dr. Kanagaretnam's address on Hookworm Disease.

- Oct.* 3rd. Football Match with Jaffna Hindu College. We win by 2 goals to nil
- 6th. Farewell to Rev. J. A. R. Navaratnam, College Chaplain, who goes as Vicar, St. Paul's Church, Colombo.
- 9th. Annual Inspection of the whole school.
- 10th. Dr. Ian Sandeman, the new Divisional Inspector, addresses the Masters' Guild.
- 11th. Football Match with Parameshwara College. We win by 4 goals to nil.
- 13th. Hookworm treatment of entire school.
- 15th. Proctor V. Nagalingham addresses the Senior Literary Association on "The Greatness of Tamil."
- 16th. Football Match with Manipay Hindu College. Lost by 1 goal to 2.
- 21st. Holiday in celebration of the Deepavali Festival.
- 22nd. Heavy rains.
- Nov.* 1st. Football Match with Jaffna College, We win by 2-1
- 8th. Football Match with Central College We win by 7 to nil.
- 15th. Football Match with Hartley College, We win by 3 to 2.
St. John's declared champions for 1930.
- 17th. Holiday in honour of the Championship in Football.

C. A. A.
VI. A.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of following Magazines:

Magazine of the C. M. S. Girls' College, Chundiculi.

Magazine of the C. M. S. English school, Kotte.

Trinity College Magazine.

Ladies' College Magazine.

Hillwood Magazine.

Ananda College Magazine.

St. Alosiyus' College Magazine.

Uduvil Girls' College Magazine.

The Young Men, Colombo Y. M. C. A.



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M. Ratnasingham: Secy S. J. C. B. U. Cpl. Cadet Corps.

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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

CALENDAR FOR 1931

JANUARY	8,	Lent Term begins.
FEBRUARY	18,	Ash Wednesday.
MARCH	26,	Lent Term ends.
APRIL	5,	Easter Day.
"	12,	C. M. S. founded, 1799.
"	20,	St. John's Church dedicated, 1862.
MAY	6,	King's Accession, 1910.
"	13,	Trinity Term begins.
"	14,	Ascension Day.
"	24,	Whitsunday.
"	"	Empire Day.
JUNE	3,	King George V. born, 1865.
AUGUST	13,	Trinity Term ends.
SEPTEMBER	9,	Michaelmas Term begins.
NOVEMBER	29,	Advent Sunday.
DECEMBER	10,	Michaelmas Term ends.
"	14,	Cambridge Examinations begin.
"	25,	Christmas Day.
"	27,	St. John's Day.



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 1888 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-named 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 classrooms 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

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, the 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. Mr. 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 Junior Secondary English 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.

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.	{ 1911-1916
	{ 1921-1929

HEADMASTERS

Mr. John Hensman	1841-1842
" W. Santiago	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.	1908-1911
" F. H. V. Gulasekharam, M. A.	1917-1919
" A. M. Nathaniel, B. A.	1819-1921



THE STAFF

Principal

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

Chaplain

Rev. S. S. Somasuntheram, B. A. *Honours Calcutta.*

Assistant Staff

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

A. G. Charles. *3rd Class Teacher's Certificate.*

C. C. Jell.

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

Miss I Leembruggen.

S. J. Gunasegaram B. A. *Honours, London, 1st Class Certificate;*

Training College, Colombo.

C. Newton, *3rd Class Teacher's Certificate.*

P. T. Mathai, B. A. *Honours, Calcutta.*

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

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

V. C. Canagaratnam, *2nd Class Certificate, Training College, Colombo.*

J. C. Handy, B. sc. *London, Late Lecturer, Government Survey Department.*

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

A. K. Benjamin.

G. S. Chelliah, *1st Class Certificate, Training College, Colombo.*

K. Nesiah M. A. *Honours, Madras.*

D. C. Arulanandham, *Inter Science, London.*

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

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

K. Subramaniam, (*Inter-Arts, London.*)
 M. S. Thambithurai, *Provisional Certificate.*
 Mrs. B. L. Ponnudurai, *Cambridge Senior Certificate*
 Miss M. E. Van den Driesen, *Cambridge Senior Certificate*
 A. W. Rajasegaram, *Provisional Certificate.*

Clerical Staff

W. T. Richards.
 S. P. Navaratnam.



BRANCH SCHOOLS

Kopay English School

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

Asst. Masters :

S. V. Eliatamby, *1st Class Vernacular Certificate.*
 J. M. Selvanayagam, *2nd Class Drawing Certificate.*
 E. R. Williams, *1st Class Drawing Certificate.*
 Mrs. L. T. Williams, *Cambridge Senior Certificate.*
 J. M. Kanaganayagam F. A. (*Calcutta.*)
 E. C. A. Navaratnam, *Provisional Certificate.*

Urumperai English School

Headmaster: D. J. Thambapillai, *2nd Class Certificate, Training College, Colombo.*

Asst. Masters : G. B. D. Nesamanicam, *Provisional Certificate.*

S. Subramaniam, *2nd Class Teacher's Certificate.*

Miss J. Sanmugam.

E. Nagalingam

M. Subramaniam, *2nd Class, Vernacular Trained Certificate.*

Kaithadi English School,

Headmaster: M. S. Changarapillai, *2nd Class Teacher's Certificate.*

Asst. Master :

M. A. J. Ratnam. *2nd Class Drawing Certificate.*

THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The College is a fully organised Collegiate School under clause 2 of the Government Code for 1929. It consists of Primary and Secondary Schools. Boys are admitted only after passing the Tamil third standard.

The Secondary School contains an Arts and a Modern Side and consists of Forms I, II, III, Remove, IV, V, VI, and Matriculation Class. 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.

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, Geography

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, Chem-
istry.

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, Reports, Extra Tuition and Home Study

1. Examinations are held at the end of each term.
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 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.
5. Extra private tuition may be arranged for through the Principal, according to a rate fixed by the College in the case of boys who are backward in any particular subjects. This is intended for boys who for some exceptional reason (e. g. change of school or illness) require coaching in order to reach the standard of the rest of the class. Ordinarily it should not be necessary for boys present throughout

the College course. Such private tuition may be arranged from the beginning or middle of any month during term time."

6. *Home Study Hours.* The time expected to be spent upon work set for the following days is as follows:—

Forms VI—III	3 hours
" II—I	2½ "
Second Year	2 "
First Year	1½ "

Except in the case of the lowest classes boys are usually given six subjects per night to be prepared. If a boy should be frequently spending either less or more than the above hours, it is requested that information be sent to the Form Master or Principal.



SCHOOL HOUSES

The School is divided into four Houses named after four chief College benefactors. Each House is divided into Junior (ages 15 and below) and Senior (ages 16 and above) sections, and each section is under the direct charge of a House-master. Every boy on his admission to the College is placed in one of these four 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 their Houses.

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	(Juniors)	Mr. G. K. Chellappah.
	(Seniors)	" T. M. Mathai.
Pargiter House	(Juniors)	" C. Newton.
	(Seniors)	" J. T. Arulanandham.
Handy House	(Juniors)	" C. C. Jell.
	(Seniors)	" P. T. Mathai.
Thompson House	(Juniors)	" G. S. Chelliah.
	(Seniors)	" S. J. Gunasegaram.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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 at least half of the main tuition fees.

C. M. S. Scholarships

- (a) Three Scholarships for sons of C. M. S. Clergy, consisting of half tuition fees.
- (b) About ten Scholarships for sons of C. M. S. lay-evangelists and teachers in English schools, consisting of half tuition fees.
- (c) Four Scholarships for sons of C. M. S. Vernacular School teachers, consisting of half tuition fees.

Not more than one member of a family is entitled to any of the above Scholarships at one and the same time.

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 the 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 a 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 A. M. to 12.20 P. M. and from 1.30 P. M. to 4.15 P. M.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Boys are strictly prohibited from smoking.
8. 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 four in number. They are divided into:—

- Senior*:— The Fleming Boarding House
Intermediate:— The Evarts Boarding House.
 The Adley 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.

The study of Boarders is under the supervision of masters.

Rules of Boarders

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:

I steel trunk, with lock		
6 suits of clothes	4 pillow cases	I pillow
12 handkerchiefs	4 bedsheets	I comb
4 towels	2 blankets	

Small hand-bucket and clothes bag.

N. B. All boys under fourteen years of age are expected to wear "shirt and shorts."

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 proceeding 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. Borders 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.
7. 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 following month.
8. 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 :—Sec. Lieut. V. C. Canaga Retnam.

Scouts

Scout Master :—

Mr. T. M. Matthai, B. Sc.

Cub. Master :

„ G. S. Chelliah,

FEES AND ATTENDANCE 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.
2. Science and Games fees are payable by the term.
An Overage fee of Rs. 8 per term is added in cases where boys are ineligible for attendance grants i. e. where they have completed their nineteenth year.
An inclusive charge of Re. 1 (or for the Lower School cts. 50) for the term is made for the College Magazine examination paper and use of the Reading Room.
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 10th of the month in which they are due
Day boys are not allowed in school after the 10th.
Boarders must pay an additional Rs. 2.50 but are allowed to stay till the end of the month, after which, if arrears still exist, they 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 other fees are due *till the end of the current term*.

The year is divided into three terms of four months each, namely, January to April, May to August, September to December. In the case of notice being given less than one month before the beginning of a new

term, fees are due to the end of the first month of that new 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 fee for boarders covers only small injuries and slight illness. It does not include doctor's fee 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.

12 **Fines for Absence.**

Absence on account of illness, unless notified before the third day, is fined from the third day. Absence for any other reason is always fined unless previous leave has been obtained from the Principal. Fines are at the rate of 50 cents a day.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Tuition (monthly)	R. c	Science (for the term)	R. c.
First Year -	2 50	Forms Remove & IV	2 00
Second Year -	3 00	V & VI	4 00
Form I -	5 00	Games (for the term)	
" II -	5 50	Forms I VI	1 00
" III -	6 00	1st Year & 2nd Year	60
" Remove -	6 50	Boarding (monthly)	
" IV -	6 50	Special mixed Diet	16 00
" V (Junior Camb.)	7 50	Non-Vegetarian	13 00
" VI (Senior Camb.)	8 50	Vegetarian	14 00
Lond Matric. .	9 00	Extra tea.	5 00
		Dispensary Fee	25
		Dhoby and Barber	1 00

