

JAFFNA COLLEGE MISCELLANY



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PALESTINE TODAY

In one respect the Palestine of today is very much like that of many centuries past. The first impression, as one comes into the limestone hills of the southern part of the country, is that the land is a place of utter bareness. The hills are ridges of rock, rising in terraces, one above another. Even the fields which are cultivated are full of small stones. A farmer of Ceylon would despair of getting a living out of such rocky soil. There are very few trees, only scattered olives on occasional hillsides. Once the hills were partly covered with trees, for the Bible speaks of certain "forests," but probably the word is to be considered in the light of what would seem forests to those who came from the deserts. Now there is nothing west of the Jordan which a Ceylonese would consider a forest.

The Government, however, is trying to introduce the planting of trees. Certain hillsides are set apart as the places where young trees are grown, to be transferred to other places later. The eucalyptus is very common as a planted tree, for it will grow in a dry

soil. Olives are much more plenty now than formerly. The valley of the Kidron, east of Jerusalem, which used to be completely bare, is well sprinkled with olive trees. Just now the olive harvest is going on, and each orchard of olivetrees is the centre of an animated group of women and children, beating the trees or climbing up short ladders to reach the branches, or picking up the olives from the ground.

One does not live here long without having the small size of the country forced on one's attention. The automobile does this as nothing else had ever done. There are certain roads now over which the auto may be driven; some excellent, some only possible. Sometimes the auto is driven across the desert where there is no road at all. From Jerusalem to Bethlehem is only fifteen minutes. It used to be at least a two days' ride on horseback from Jerusalem to Jericho and the Dead Sea and return. Now a party in an auto may, as we did yesterday, go down to the Dead Sea, starting at 3.30 in the afternoon, take a supper on the shore, and come back in the even-

ing. From Jerusalem to Beyrout or to Demascus is a day's drive. From Tiberias to Nazareth, over the hills of Galilee is two hours. The other day a party started early in the morning from Jerusalem, went to Hebron and Beersheba, and from there to Gaza, stopped an hour at each place, and came back in time for dinner. At the same time there are many places in Palestine where the horse or the donkey is absolutely necessary for travel, and where rapid trips cannot be made.

Jerusalem is growing very rapidly, outside the walls. In a little while the city outside the walls will be almost as large as that within the walls. A whole new city has sprung up, with its streets of shops and houses, built on modern plans. It is in the rough yet, some of its streets being dustheaps, and others fine asphalted pavements, as good as any in any city. Within the walls the city looks much as it has for centuries, with its very narrow streets, often covered with arches supporting houses overhead. In most of these streets the automobile does not penetrate and only camels and donkeys dispute the right of way with pedestrians. The mixture of races and costumes on the streets, both within and without the walls, is amazing. In some oriental cities the foreigner always attracts attention, but here the people are so accustomed to all sorts of persons that no one attracts any attention at all.

During the present autumn the feeling between the Arabs, as all non-Jewish Palestinians are called,

and the Jews, has run very high. You may recall reports of riots and bloodshed at the end of August. These reports were exaggerated, but the truth was bad enough. A display of British force prevents more riots, but there is open expression of bitter feeling. Some of the Jewish Zionists have talked as though Palestine were their land, and have frankly looked forward to the time when they would control it. This has alarmed and angered the Arabs, who naturally regard the land where they have lived for centuries as their own and who look on the Jewish immigration as a menace to their rights. They insist that the Jewish interpretation of the Balfour declaration, stating that the British Government favored a national home for the Jews in Palestine, infringes on the rights of the people of the land. That declaration also says that this national home shall not interfere with the rights of the other races of Palestine. The Arabs say that time has shown the two parts of the declaration to be contradictory; the national home, as the extreme Zionists think of it, cannot be made without interfering with the rights of other races. On November 2, the anniversary of the declaration, the Arabs of all Palestine went on a general strike. All shops were shut, no work was done by laborers, no autos could be hired, no loaded donkeys appeared on the street. The strike was complete. All the closed Arab shops bore a black flag over their doors. The position of the British Government is not an easy

one. Each side complains that the Government favours the other; which is perhaps the best proof that it is holding a just balance between the two. What will be the outcome no one can say. The best that can be said is that the cal-

lest leaders do not wish to gain their ends by violence. Let us hope that another dark page will not be added to the sorrows of this often afflicted land.

IRVING F. WOOD.



A VISIT TO CAIRO

The visit to the land of the Pharaohs is indeed a new experience to the Ceylonese boy. Egypt with its warm sunshine and its symbols of a marvellous history of the past, attracts visitors from all parts of the world. A party of nine of us landed at Suez in whose residents all the countries are represented. The growth of Suez has been of a remarkable character. Before the construction of the great Canal in the latter part of the 19th century, Suez was an insignificant village whose inhabitants lived by fishing. But the completion of the Canal has transformed this unimportant village into an important and flourishing port. Today to a large extent it controls the shipping in the Red Sea. Its historical significance is interesting enough. It is said that the Israelites crossed the Red Sea at this point.

The party was conducted by Cox and King's Ltd., Tourists Agents. We left Port Tewfik about 7.30 A. M. by cars which had their steering wheels on the left and the rules of the road were "go by the right and overtake by

the left." The route was the desert road by which the Indian Mails were carried before the Suez Canal was built. It is about 80 miles to Cairo and is the track followed by the Caravans and as such is traditionally known to be the route followed by Joseph and Mary with the infant Jesus in their flight to Egypt. On this road there is only one tree which is traditionally known as the Virgin tree, under which the Virgin mother with the infant Christ is said to have rested. After about three hours run through this desert (where Arabs were seen living in tents here and there and herds of Camels were seen grazing on the dried blades of grass) we reached the Ancient City of Heliopolis. Alas, for its greatness. The sole remaining fragment which testifies to its former greatness and magnificence is a lofty obelisk pointing to the sky to remind us that here once stood the great—the glorious city, dedicated to the worship of the Sun. But Heliopolis is not dead; In recent years a new city of the Sun has sprung Phoenix like, from the ashes of the past and is now known as the

new Heliopolis, or more commonly New Cairo. In this modern city all that is seen of Arab Architecture has been utilised to obtain a picturesque effect. This is now more or less the European Quarters of Cairo. Here is also a British Aerodrome. As we were entering the city we saw an Aeroplane descending after a practice flight. This city of Villas, with verdant gardens, and beautiful Avenues, mostly of Bo trees, right on the verge of the desert, is only 15 minutes from Cairo by car

We first drove straight to the Museum which contains most of the relics of the Ancient Pharaohs, which were highly fascinating and typical of Ancient Egyptian Architecture and Civilization. They are unique and deserve their premier position amongst the wonders of the world. Two hours were too short a time and it was impossible to repress a feeling of disappointment when we had to leave. The party was shown over the treasures taken from Tutankaman's tomb.

We next drove through the city, passing the magnificent palace of King Fuad, to the citadel on the hill crowning Cairo, surmounted by the Alabaster Mosque that was built by Mohamed Aly, the grandfather of the present King, in imitation of St. Sophia at Constantinople. Slipping sandals over our shoes we were allowed to enter the Mosque which is a wonderful piece of Saracenic Art. The magnificence of the interior decoration is too great for words.

The interior is of marble and alabaster, decorated with gold and enamel, the background being a dark green. The dome right in the middle with the same background is with stars studded with gems and stained glass arched windows which admit the light. The entire floor is covered with thick costly gorgeous carpets which makes it impossible to hear one's footsteps and the silence of the place is so impressive that every one spoke in whispers. Only the prayers and sighs of the worshippers disturbed the solemn quiet of this wonderful place. Right opposite the entrance at the other end is a niche where the King worships on special occasions. On both sides of this niche are two golden stairways leading up to galleries. Right under the left stairway as you look towards the entrance is the "Door of Wishes." The system of illumination is in keeping with the grandeur of the place, light being provided by two massive chandeliers of silver, each containing over a 1000 electric jets. Encircling these, about the same height from the ground, are a large number of globes of oriental pattern but lighted with electricity.

As you enter, on the right, is the tomb of Mohamed Aly, the builder of the Mosque. A peep into the interior reveals a tomb of black marble covered with valuable carpets. One thing that strikes the inquisitive visitor is the strong scent of incense that emanates from within the railed and walled enclosure. The numer-

ous costly ornaments and the great size of the structure makes it seem as though all the wealth of the nation had been expended on its grandeur. It is still more wonderful to note that the temple looks as though it had been completed only to-day.

A short time spent on the parapet of the citadel is worth one's trouble; for one obtains a survey of the entire city: a general impression of the wonderful mingling of the oriental and occidental life and a fleeting picture of Egyptian everyday life. As we proceeded the carburetor of our car gave some trouble and so we had some time to gain an insight into the true Egyptian life. The veiled women, the water melons laden on mule carts, the brightly robed men, the cigarette hawker, the roadside tea Kiosks where men congregated together talking in a funny tone, all combined to create a fascinating picture. The Cairo bazaars are one of the most interesting sights of the city, where the handicrafts of old Egypt are still practised. The most interesting of these being the art of the brass worker. From here we drove to the Victoria Hotel for lunch, via the Cop-tic Church where Christ is said to have lived for a time. It being Monday, the Church was not open. After lunch we drove through the city and over the Nile bridge,

which is very much bigger than the Kalladi bridge at Batticaloa, and came to the foot of the Pyramids of Gizeh and the world famed Sphinx. Here we had the novel experience of riding on Camels. The Pyramids number seven, the largest of which, the Pyramid of Cheops 451 ft. high, dates as far back as 3600 B. C. and is said to have taken 23 years to build. The world famous Sphinx is in the centre of a Sun Temple and is within a stone's throw of the Pyramids. It appears to have suffered a great deal from vandalism, so much so that it depicts very little of the features of a woman. That part of it which is meant to depict the lion resembles very much the wig of a Judge. The dragomen (as they call the guides here) accuse the soldiers of Napoleon of much of the vandalism that this idol has suffered. This excursion was followed by a reception by the High Commissioner H. E. Lord Lloyd at Mena House. This over, a drive back along the fertile Nile valley, where the fields were full of wheat, barley, sugarcane and cotton, brought us in good time to the great Central station, which we left at 6.45 P. M. for Port Said. Thus ended a great but thrilling day in the city of the Pharaohs.

R. C. S. COOKE.



VISITORS TO THE COLLEGE

Prof. Irving F. Wood, Mrs. Wood and their daughter Constance were visiting Jaffna College and the American Ceylon Mission field for four days from Feb. 20 to the 23. For Dr. and Mrs. Wood this was a return to their old field of service after some forty years of absence. Both of them having taught in college for some years in the eighties of last century, and Mrs. Wood having spent her childhood here in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Hastings. These four days were very full and pleasant days for the Woods and their friends, old and new. The first day included an inspection of the college, a visit to the village about, an address to the students on "The Old Days and Palestine," and a dinner by the staff, at which Mr. Chelliah, Mr. Perinpanayagam, Mr. Brodie, and the Principal spoke, in addition to Dr. Wood. On the second day they went to Tellipalai for an address, then on to Uduvil for the Old Girls' celebration where he spoke, then back to Vaddukoddai to the meeting of the Church Council. At 4.30 there was a reception by the Old Boys and students of the Woods at which Mr. T. H. Crossette made a most appropriate speech of reminiscence and appreciation of what he and others received from them during their period of work here. He noted especially the new method of teaching used by Prof. Wood, something of the modern ways before their day in Jaffna. On the third day there was another address to the Council with the emphasis on the need for working

together. Individuals without being united are like the grains of sand and gravel upon which nothing can be built. When joined they become like cement which makes a firm and lasting foundation. The rest of the day was spent in visiting other stations. On Sunday a large congregation gathered to hear a sermon by Prof. Wood. The subject was "Making Religion Real" and the scripture from which the subject was drawn was the story of the Healing of Naaman with special reference to the request of Naaman that he might take two mules' load of earth to his own land. The incident was made very vivid and the lesson was clearly and forcefully brought home. The visit was something many had looked forward to with eagerness and will look back upon with joy as it brought back to them the days of their youths in Jaffna College.

The Woods had come from an extended visit in Jerusalem echos of which may be found in an article in this magazine: they went on for a visit to the Harrisons in Manamadura (Mrs. Harrison being their neice.) and a trip through northern India, then to the Far East where a daughter is living in China.

On Feb. 7th Miss Erskine of Philadelphia, U. S. A. spoke to the students of the work of the Federal Council of churches in America in sending Messages of Good will to different parts of the world. These packages have been sent to the children of Japan and Mexico,

and they are now planning to send to China. Later they may send to India and Ceylon, In this movement the churches of Europe are now joining with those of America.

March 4th Rev. E. C. Dewick of the Y. M. C. A. spoke to the students on China and Japan contrasting the situations in these two countries: China a land of chaos; Japan a land of order. Yet in the disorder of China there is more of freedom of thought and the students are more hopeful. He also spoke to the teachers of conditions in India and the movement of Mahatma Gandhi.

January 8th Miss Smiley of the American Board, Boston, was at the college and at morning chapel told the boys to Watch their Words, their Actions, their Thoughts

their Companionships, their Habits, getting her topics from the letters in the word Watch. While here she took some moving pictures of the boys as they came from the chapel, of Moses climbing a coconut tree, and others, all of which are likely to appear on the screen in U. S. A.

[Feb. 18th. Prof. and Mrs. A. G. Weidler from Berea College, Kentucky, U. S. A. were guests of the principal. He is Dean of Labour in Berea and has the task of arranging for all the work of the students, outside their regular studies, in this institution, where everybody works for a living. Of this unique task that he has Prof. Weidler told the students and teachers. It was something of a revelation to find there are so many who in rich America have to do manual labour to meet the expenses of their education.]



MR. CHELLIAH'S TRIP TO EUROPE AND AMERICA

On the 8th April, Mr. Chelliah left on the M. M. steamship "Chenonceaux" for his trip to Europe and America. He is expecting to return in time for the opening of the Third Term of school, Tuesday, September 9. He lands at Marseilles and goes overland to London with a short stay in Paris. From London he will, within a few days, sail to New York, and spend his time in the United States until the 14th of June when the White Star liner, the Adriatic, takes the members of the Good Will Pilgrimage, American Congre-

gationalists, on board for their voyage to England. This time will be taken up speaking to churches, Conferences, and individuals, about the Proposed Plan of Union of the S. I. U. C., Wesleyans, and Anglicans of South India. The individuals, he will probably interview, will include Dr. Burton, Secretary of the Congregational Council, Dr. Frank K. Sanders (Born in Vaddukoddai and later a teacher there.) Chairman of the Commission on Inter-Church Relations, Dr. W. E. Barton who writes the articles "Safed the Sage", besides

many lesser lights. He will also see the men who constitute the Board of Trustees of Jaffna College in Boston regarding the interests of Jaffna College and the secretaries of the American Board, especially Dr. Strong and Dr. Alden Clark, about the development of their work here and give them information regarding the plan for devolution.

From July 1-8 the great International Council of Congregationalists is to be held in Bournemouth, England and here Mr. Chelliah will have the supreme opportunity to present the case for Union on the platform and in private conversation. He will find opportunity, also, to see in this flourishing seashore city and its environs many points of interest connected with the life and writings of Thomas Hardy. Not far away is Alum Chine where lived Stevenson whose "An Island Voyage and Travels with a Donkey" is one of the texts

for the Cambridge Senior this year. After the Council meetings are over, there will be many engagements for speaking and conference, but this will not prevent visits to the places with which Mr. Chelliah has become so familiar through his study of English literature. How he will revel in Stratford on Avon, in the university cities, and in London itself!

He may, further, get an opportunity to present the view of some of the people of Jaffna regarding the Reforms, and has, in fact, been delegated to speak as a representative of the Depressed Classes League. He will be sorely disappointed if the itinerary does not take him to Italy where he will again live over the life and scenes he has come to know so well through his study of the Latin classics.

Of all this we trust we may, by the next issue of this magazine, hear from the traveller himself.



FAREWELL

FAREWELL TO THE HARRISONS

A farewell dinner was given by the Staff to Rev. and Mrs. Harrison at the close of last year. Mr. Chelliah, Mr. M. I. Thomas, and the Principal spoke of the valuable services of these two to the College and community and wished them all success in their future fields of service. They feel-

ingly responded indicating how much they had enjoyed their life in Jaffna and how much it was costing them to leave. The immediate field of their work is Manamadura in the Madura Mission field, but they will be transferred to the Bangalore Theological College during the year 1931.

FAREWELL TO MR. J. C. AMARASINGHAM

There was no formal farewell to Mr. Amarasingham who left the college at the close of the year 1929. This was due to the fact that the transfer took place during the Christmas holidays. He left us to take up very important work as principal of the Union Men's Training School at Tellippalai. We shall miss him much in very many of the college activities and believe he felt a severe wrench in parting from the teachers and students with whom

he has been for a number of years. The position to which he has gone is one for which he is well fitted and the interest he has in educational matters and the development of the knowledge of Tamil as a means of spreading learning should there find opportunity for full expression. Jaffna College students will continue to have the privilege of listening to his thoughtful, open-minded, constructive sermons and addresses.



THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
JAFFNA COLLEGE

This meeting was held in accordance with the constitution, that it be held during the first term of the school year, March 15th.

The Board of Directors is now constituted of five chosen by the American Ceylon Mission, the Principal and Vice-Principal, and nine others, three of whom are chosen each year. These nine are, Hon. Mr. K. Balasingham, President; Judge A. R. Suppramaniam, Vice-president; Rev. R. C. P. Welch, Mr. C. H. Cooke, J. P., Mr. Edward Mather, J. P., Mr. S. Somasundram, Mr. A. S. Arulampalam, Rev. J. K. Sinnatamby, Sec., Mr. S. C. Arnold.

The principal read a report covering in considerable detail the situation in the college, and the

progress of the year. Some of the points made and information given is here summarised.

I. The Student Body.

Number on the Roll 533; an increase of 28 over a year ago.

Upper School 374; Lower School 159.

Boarders 150.

Two divisions in the Senior and Pre-Senior classes.

Three divisions in the Junior, 15 Inter students.

A few girls admitted to the Second and Third Forms.

A number of E. S. L. C. students coming from the Elementary schools for admission to the Pre-Senior Form.

II. The Staff.

The constancy of the staff as a most desirable state.

The leaving of Rev. S. P. Hieb and Rev. M. H. Harrison and the return of Mr. C. W. Phelps from America.

The transfer of Mr. J. C. Amarasingham to the Union Training School, and Mr. P. W. Ariaratnam's leave for study in the Government Training School.

The transfer of Mr. S. J. K. Hensman to the Manipay Memorial School.

III. The Course of Study.

Physics being taken as the science subject for Juniors. Both Physics and Chemistry for the Seniors.

Manual Training extended to the First Form.

Religious Knowledge no longer a subject for the Senior Cambridge examinations.

Tamil on a better basis than ever before.

English improving, especially in the amount of reading being done by the students.

The distinct advance in Geography teaching.

IV. Other Activities.

The great variety of organised activities on the play-ground and the participation by practically all the students with many teachers supervising.

Regular religious exercises with special classes, and freedom of discussion in the Bible study. The study of standards of character.

V Examination results.

Excellent results in the Cambridge Senior and Junior: over 70% in each.

Senior results for the past 6 years: 1923-8; 1924-8; 1925-13; 1926-12; 1927-17; 1928-22.

Junior not taken for several years, 1928-18; 1929-26.

VI. Buildings and Equipment.

Rs. 200,000 spent on buildings during the past 15 years.

Ottley Hall Remodelling nearly done.

New dining room and kitchens nearly completed.

Future building plans including teachers' houses.

Furniture for the library and assembly room.

VII. Old Boys.

Increased attendance on our celebrations.

Revival of the Colombo Association.

Small contributions for the Jubilee Fund from those who have subscribed.

VIII. Affiliated Schools.

1. ATCHUVELI.

No. on Roll: 159. Previous year: 161. Teachers 8.

Improvement: library distinctly enlarged.

Needs: addition to building and grounds.

2. DRIEBURG.

No. on Roll: 156. Previous year: 153. Teachers 11.

Improvements: library enlarged, open class room being enclosed.

Needs: more equipment and special rooms.

3. KANGESANTURAL.

No. on Roll: 70. Previous year: 38. Teachers 5.

Improvements: marked in many ways.

Needs: addition to building.

4. **KARADIVE.**
No. on Roll. 85. Previous year, 97. Teachers 8.
Improvements: library enlarged; grounds filled in.
Needs: equipment, general improvement.
5. **MANIPAY.**
No. on Roll, 159. Previous year, 165. Teachers 10.
Improvements: E. S. L. C. results quite good.
Needs: A play ground.
6. **PANDATERIPPU.**
No. on Roll: 125. Previous year: 129. Teachers 9.
Improvements: Scouting and Basket Ball started. Trained teacher added to staff.
Needs: partitions and new desks.
7. **TELLIPPALAI.**
No. on Roll; 186. Previous year; 190. Teachers 12.
Improvements; E. S. L. C. results very good.
Needs; more spacious grounds for play.
8. **UDUPITTY.**
No. on Roll; 132. Previous year: 99. Teachers 8.

Improvements: starting E. S. L. C. class. Parents' Day awakening keen interest.

This report and the audited treasurer's report were accepted.

The Constitution was changed so that the Vice-Principal becomes, like the Principal, ex-officio, a member of the Board of Directors.

The Vice-Principal, Mr. C. W. Phelps, Mr. A. S. Arulampalam, Mr. C. H. Cooke, Miss L. G. Bookwalter, and Rev. J. K. Sinnatamby were chosen as the Executive Committee, along with the Principal, Mr. Edward Mather, Mr. S. C. Arnold, Mr. A. S. Arulampalam, Mr. S. Somasundram and the Principal were chosen the Finance Committee. Certain matters pertaining to the Staff were referred to the Executive committee for action.

It was voted that the Drieburg School should not take Cambridge classes.



OLD BOYS' DAY—COLOMBO BRANCH

A meeting of the Old Boys of Jaffna College in Colombo was held at the Town Hall on the 14th December, 1929 commencing at 4.30 P. M. The object of the meeting was to revive the Colombo Branch of the Old Boys Association, the last meeting of which was held in 1916.

2. Over 80 old boys met and a group photograph was taken with the Principal of the College the

President of the Association, as the central figure.

3. This was followed by a Social. At the close of the social, the President explained the objects of the meeting. Rules were then discussed governing the Association and passed. The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

President: Rev. John Bicknell,
B. A., B. D., M. ED.

Vice-Presidents :

1. The Hon. Mr. K. Balasingham.
2. Mr. V. Carthigesu.
3. „ K. Kanagaratnam.
4. Dr. E. V. Ratnam.
5. Mr. S. Rasaratnam.
6. „ P. Vaithialingam.

8. J. S. Rasanayagam,

9. P. Sathasivam.

10. R. M. Thevathasan.

4. Rev. Francis Kingsbury, the Hon. Mr. K. Balasingham, and Mr. P. Vaithialingam addressed the meeting.

5. The meeting was then open for remarks and the Old Boys in the course of their remarks emphasised the desirability of employing non-Christian old boys on the staff of the College and strongly urged that steps be taken to found a memorial for the late Mr. Allen Abraham B. A , F. R. A. S.

6. The meeting terminated with an address by the President touching on the various activities of the College.

Secretary: Mr. A. Arulpiragasam.

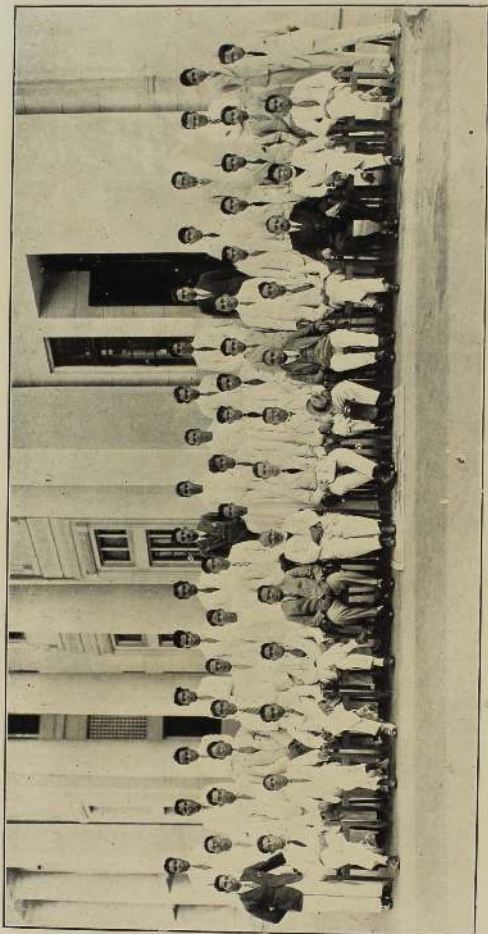
Treasurer: „ V. Nalliah.

Auditors:

1. Mr. A. W. Savundranayagam.
2. Mr. R. Krishnapillai.

Committee Members.

1. K. T. Chittampalam.
2. Rev. N. Hitchcock.
3. S. R. Kanaganayagam.
4. S. Kulasingam.
5. W. W. Mutturajah.
6. A. W. Nadarajah.
7. A. S. Paraeraver.



JAFFNA COLLEGE, OLD BOYS
(COLOMBO BRANCH).

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION—COLOMBO BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 15TH MARCH, 1930.

	Rs.	Cts.		Rs.	Cts.
Collections:	293	00	Advertisements -	7	50
			Cards - -	7	00
			Stamps and stationery	6	18
			Rent for Town Hall	55	00
			Rent for furniture -	20	00
			Refreshments -	132	75
			Group Photograph -	47	50
			Coolies - -	3	00
			Expenses towards col- lection of subscriptions	5	60
			Miscellaneous -	1	35
			Balance in hand -	7	12
Rs.	293	00	Rs.	293	00

A. ARULPIRAGASAM,

Organising Secretary and Treasurer.

March 15, 1930.

Audited and found correct.

R. KRISHNAPILLAY,

Auditor.

15th March, 1930.

CONSTITUTION OF THE JAFFNA COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION COLOMBO

1. The Association shall be called the "Jaffna College Old Boys' Association (Colombo).
2. The members of the Association shall be old boys and masters of Jaffna College resident in and about Colombo.
3. The Object of the Association shall be:
To maintain and foster among the old boys a sense of loyalty to the College and of fellowship with one another.

4. Members shall pay an annual subscription of not less than Rs. 2 which shall be paid or remitted to the Treasurer, Jaffna College Old Boys' Association (Colombo). The payment of membership fees entitles the members to free copies of the College Miscellany.
5. The annual general meeting shall be held [in September each year.
6. The officers of the Association shall be a President, 4 or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Principal shall be ex-officio President and the other office-bearers shall be elected annually.
7. a. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the office-bearers and ten other members to be elected by the Association at its annual general meeting.
- b. Three shall form a quorum.
- c. The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur among them or the office-bearers, pending the next general meeting.
- d. The Committee may convene general meetings and shall deal with the funds and arrange for any functions connected with the Association.
8. At least seven days' notice shall be given of all general meetings and meetings of the Committee.
9. Two auditors shall be appointed at each annual general meeting to audit the accounts of the Association for the ensuing year.
10. The rules of the Association shall not be altered except at an annual general meeting. Two weeks' notice of the proposed alteration shall be sent in writing to the Secretary.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The following were elected office bearers for the year 1930 in the election that was held in November:—

President: Mr. L. S. Kulathungam

Vice-President: „ P. R. Rajendra

Secretary: „ S. S. Selvadurai

Treasurer: „ A. R. Rajanayagam

Corresponding

Secretary: „ K. S. Selliah

The following were elected Chairmen of the Various Committees:

Personal Piety Com: Rev. J. Bicknell

Entertainment „ Mr. C. W. Phelps

Missionary: „ „ J. Thurairajah

Sunday School „ „ S. Eliathamby

Study Circles „ „ A. S. Kanagaratnam

Social Service „ „ S. Jeyasingam

Garden: „ „ K. E. Mathiapparanam

Programme „ „ S. V. Vyramuttu

Publicity Com: Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam

Membership Com: J. M. Arasaratnam

The annual expedition to the island of Eluvadive of the Jaffna College Y. M. C. A. came off early in March. About thirty from our number went to the island this year. We congratulate the Missionary Committee Chairman for bringing this expedition to a wonderful success.

Seven delegates, including the President, attended the all Ceylon students' camps.

The meetings on Wednesdays were addressed by Messrs. S. Sinatamby, S. R. Kanaganayagam, V. Nagalingam and S. S. Nagalingam to whom our thanks are due.

It would be an injustice not to mention the work done by the entertainment committee chairman. He kept us busy and happy every Saturday by some kind of entertainment or other such as "Spy Game," "Ghost Story Night," "Water Sports," "Piny Pong tournament" and "Lantern Lectures."

S. S. SELVADURAI,

Secy. Jaffna College Y. M. C. A.



THE LYCEUM

We have great pleasure in presenting a report of our First Term's activities for they were characterised by several innovations which were introduced, to give us a greater measure of responsibility in managing our own affairs and provide an incentive for enthusiastic debating. In all, six meetings were held of which two were presided over by students chosen from the members and the other four were presided over by the patron Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam,

The following were the subjects discussed:—

1. English should be taught only as a second language.

2. Franchise should be extended to the women of Ceylon.
3. Equal treatment should be given to the depressed classes.
4. Ceylonese should not mix with foreigners.
5. A Tamil University should be established in Jaffna. Of these the last subject on the "Tamil University" was debated with national fervour and evoked the enthusiasm of the usually silent members. We are looking forward with keen delight to celebrate our 22nd anniversary in the near future.

V. VYTHALINGAM.

Hony. Secy.



‘THE FORUM’

“The Forum” is the Literary Association of the Cambridge Junior Classes of Jaffna College. It was started in 1923 and was carried out successfully all these years.

The following were the Office Bearers elected for the First Term 1930 :—

President : Mas. P. Arasaratnam

Vice-Pre-

sident : „ K. Thavanandan

Secretary : „ S. A. Ascervatham

Treasurer : „ T. Vijearatnam

Eng. Editor : „ Samuel Alfred

Sub. Editor : „ D. S. Williams

Tamil Editor : „ T. Visuvanathar

Sub. Editor : „ N. Muttiah.

The members of the executive committee to represent their classes are :—

A. W. Sanders, Jr. A.

V. Nadarajah Jr. B.

K. Rajaratnam Jr. C.

The meetings were held on every Saturday and it was a pity that we could not have our Patron at any of the meetings held last Term owing to his illness.

But we hope to have him sometime this term.

The meetings were carried out successfully even in the absence of our Patron.

The following are some of the subjects discussed in the Forum during the First Term, 1930.

1. “Science is better than Literature.”
2. “The Physical side of Education is more essential than the intellectual side.”
3. “We are better off than our forefathers.”
4. “To be a boarder is better than to be a dayscholar.”
5. “Inter-dining should be introduced in all schools.
• Some of these subjects were discussed in such a manner, that the President had to limit the time of each speaker. A good percentage of the Cambridge Junior Class boys attend the meetings of the Forum.

S. A. ASEERVATHAM.
Hon. Secy.



REPORT OF THE JAFFNA COLLEGE BROTHERHOOD.

Twenty years ago the Brotherhood came into birth under the patronage of the then principal Rev. Brown; and by slow and steady progress, it has built up a democratic system with as many conventions and confusions as the Mother of Parliaments. Now we can proudly say that there is no association in the College so thoroughly democratic as the Brotherhood. There are two papers, one

in Tamil, “The Sākotharamithiran,” and the other in English, “The Literary Star,” both of which practise the right of the freedom of the press, with a disregard for the feelings of the members. Perhaps if you talk to our editor, you will find that he has as high an opinion of his “Literary Star” as the Patron has of his “Morning Star” We have very interesting and heated discussions on Political,

Social, and Religious subjects. It is not an unusual sight to see visitors from outside crammed at the doors and windows, craning their necks to drink in the flood of eloquence pouring out at white-heat, when a speaker glowing with passion fulminates against the cruelties of the caste system or topics of kindred thought. The following are some of the most important subjects discussed this year.

1. India is right in boycotting the Simon Commission.
2. Abolition of Scripture for the Senior class is justified.
3. A Lawyer is justified in defending a man guilty of murder.
4. The arrival of foreigners in our land is detrimental to our progress.
5. The Franchise should be extended to women in Ceylon.
6. More harm than good has been achieved from religion.
7. The world is progressing for the better.
8. Inter-dining is a good step towards Social elevation.

We also feel deeply the loss of one of our members. Mr. T. Thiruchittambalam, who has passed away to rest. Wherever he went his happy and joyous presence never failed to brighten and gladden the hearts of friends.

The 21st anniversary celebration of the Association took place on Tuesday the 27th instant commencing at 6.30 P. M. After a welcome song the Secretary presented the

by the reading of the two papers. Scenes from Gold-neith's, "She Stoops to Conquer" were acted.

Over a hundred sat for the dinner at 8.30 P. M. where. Mr. J. V. Chelliah presided. After an excellent menu was gone through Mr. S. Nadesapillai, B. A. B. L., proposed the toast of the College and the Principal responded. Mr. M. F. D. S. Jayaratne, C. C. S. Police Magistrate at Jaffna proposed the toast of the Brotherhood, and Mr. Venayagamoothy responded. Mr. R. J. Thurairajah proposed the toast of the sister Associations and Mr. Sivagurunather of St. Patrick's College responded. Mr. V. Secvaratnam proposed the toast of the Old Boys and Mr. Vethaparanam responded. Mr. Ayadurai proposed the toast of the guests and Mr. Kapakottuwa, Inspector of Schools, responded. Mr. K. Navaratnam proposed the toast of the patron and Mr. J. V. Chelliah responded. After the singing of the College song the gathering dispersed at midnight.

We welcome Mr. L. S. Kulatungam, as our acting patron, during the absence of Mr. J. V. Chelliah. It is but fitting that he should be our patron since he has been responsible for many of the dramatic plays we put on board from time to time.

R. J. THURAIRAJAH
Hon. Secretary.

CAMBRIDGE RESULTS-DECEMBER 1929

SENIORS PASSED.

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| 1. Chinniah K. | 8. Villavaniaratnam S. S. |
| 2. Gunanayagam A. | 9. Ayadurai N. |
| 3. Kirubaerasa G. A. | 10. Mathiaparanam A. |
| 4. Rajasingham C. E. | 11. Rajaratnam S. |
| 5. Rajathurai M. | 12. Ratnasingam S. R. |
| 6. Thambiratnam P. J. | 13. Seevaratnam M. |
| 7. Thurairatnam K. S. C. | 14. Suppramaniam V. |
- 1, 2, 3 & 6 took honours. 6 ranks first; 3 second; 2 third.
1 & 3 special honours in History.
- 12 entitled to special certificate for Ceylon.

JUNIORS PASSED.

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| 1. Kanapathy P. | 14. Danforth D. S. |
| 2. Muttucumarasamy S. | 15. Rajasundram M. |
| 3. Navaratnam K. R. | 16. Sabaratnam A. T. |
| 4. Paul S. V. | 17. Somasundram K. |
| 5. Rajah S. | 18. Arasaratnam J. M. |
| 6. Rajathurai T. | 19. Arumugam S. |
| 7. Rajathurai U. | 20. Balasingham N. D. R. |
| 8. Selvaratnam C. | 21. Ehamparam N. |
| 9. Selvaratnam T. | 22. Jeyaratnam P. G. |
| 10. Subramaniam S. | 23. Jeyasingam K. S. |
| 11. Thambynayagam V. | 24. Thevasakayan J. |
| 12. Thevanandham K. | 25. Thurairajah A. |
| 13. Chelliah V. | 26. Varathungan M. |
- 15 took honours. 15 ranks first; 16 second; 22 third.
15, 16 & 17 special honours
- in Mathematics.
16 & 17 special honours in Tamil.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES.

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| Mr. Ariam Williams. | The Vice-Principal. |
| "I have not come to bring peace but a sword". | Prof. Irving F. Wood. |
| Rev. E. T. Selby. | "Making Religion Real". |
| "Religion and Magic". | Dr. Isaac Taxahyah. |
| Mr. J. C. Amarasingam. | "Striving". |
| Mr. MacVeigh of the Wesleyan Mission. | Rev. A. G. Kanagaratnam. |
| The Principal. | Rev. G. D. Thomas. |
| "A Rich Entry into the Eternal Kingdom". | "The Price We Pay for Truth". |
| | The Principal. |
| | "The Syrian Christian Convention". |



ATHLETIC EVENTS OF THE FIRST TERM

Intercollegiate athletic events during the first term of 1930 were rather fewer than usual at this season. Teams represented the College in track and field athletics during this term, and in cricket. But only three matches were played with outside teams in cricket, and only one intercollegiate dual athletic meet could be arranged. Most colleges in Jaffna limit their activities in track and field athletic sports to a few weeks just before the June 3rd. Intercollegiate Sports Meet held annually on the Jaffna Esplanade.

In cricket, the College team played matches with St. Patrick's College, St. John's College, and with a mixed team of teachers and students from Manepay Hindu College. St. Patrick's had a particularly strong team, and defeated us easily. The match with St. John's College also resulted in defeat for us, but the finish of the match proved rather exciting as our last wicket did not fall until just five minutes before the time limit. Our team showed fairly good play throughout this match—all fielding fairly well, and several batting quite steadily. The third and final match ended the season with a taste of victory.

In the dual meet with Manepay Hindu College our team was rather badly beaten. Manepay came to Vaddukoddai as our guests for this year's meet and brought with

them a strong and very well balanced team in all events. In some events she proved unusually strong,—her most outstanding athlete in the meet being Duraisingam, S, entered for Intermediate events. For Jaffna College, Thurairajah, J. won all his races,—the 100, 200 yd. dashes, and the quarter mile run. Thaliasingam, T., and A. Rajaratnam won first and second places respectively in the Intermediate hurdles. and Senthunathan, and Hunt won the first places in the Junior high jump, and Junior long jump respectively. All other first places went to Manepay.

These results of the Intercollegiate competition during the first term may well serve as a challenge to inspire better results in these sports next year. Let us accept the challenge, and not be content with anything but an advance next season.

This year for the first time during the first term, an Inter-Class competition was arranged, organised much like the Inter-Class competitions of the other two terms; this one included three sports also,—track and field sports, playground baseball, and mass games. The competition was not quite as keenly contested as usual during the other terms, but quite a little enthusiasm seemed to be developed in playground baseball, and we should see some very creditable play in this game next year.



IN MEMORIAM

JOSEPH KADIRGAMER CHANMUGAM

The death of Mr. J. K. Chanmugam, removes a leading figure in the public life of Jaffna. The loss will especially be felt by the Christian community, of which he was a worthy pillar.

Mr. Chanmugam was born about seventy years ago at Pandaterrippu. He belonged to an influential family, some members of which were headmen, best known of whom was Supramania Udayar, his father's brother. Mr. Chanmugam showed unusual intelligence when he was a boy, and his parents sent him to the Vaddukoddai High School, and subsequently to Jaffna College. While in Jaffna College he was always at the top of his class and carried away many prizes. The intelligence and industry of young Chanmugam attracted the attention of the Misses Leitch who selected him to go as teacher to North India after graduation. He served as a teacher in the Presbyterian Misson High School in Indore, and rose to be headmaster. While there he appeared for the examinations of the Calcutta University and obtained the degree of B. A. His training in Jaffna College in habits of study stood him in such good stead that he came out first in the University in a number of subjects at the Matriculation Examination. Mr. Wilkie, the Principal of the Indore High School, while on a visit to Jaffna looked for a young man to be employed in his school "of the type of Mr. Chanmugam" as he put it.

Mr. Chanmugam was married to Annamma, the second daughter of Dr. William Paul, the popular physician of the Jaffna F. N. S. Hospital. After marriage Mr. Chanmugam was appointed headmaster of a school in Madras, and served there a few years. When Rev. Daniel Niles, the able Vice-Principal of the Central College was about to retire Mr. Chanmugam was invited to be headmaster of the College, in 1892. How Mr. Chanmugam served the Central College is known to all in Jaffna. He was really the maker of the Central College. Principals came and principals went, but Mr. Chanmugam was there guiding the destinies of the institution which at first was a struggling school. No greater testimony of his work is needed than the present flourishing state of the College. As Secretary of the North Ceylon Educational Association he did yeoman service to education in Jaffna. As a school master he was in his element, and was never too old to use up-to-date methods of teaching.

He made quite a mark in the public life of Jaffna. As the Secretary of the Temperance Association he was the moving spirit of temperance work in Jaffna. The fact that he polled nearly 900 votes in a triangular contest for election to the Legislative Council, especially at a time when anti-Christian propaganda was going on, shows what influence he wielded among the masses.

He was a prominent member of the Wesleyan Church, and did much work for the advancement of the Christian cause in Jaffna. For a time he was the Secretary of the Christian Union of Jaffna. After his retirement he devoted a great deal of his time for the study of Church problems.

The most outstanding characteristic of Mr. Chanmugam was his strength. What he believed he believed with his whole heart, and what he did he did with all his might. His strong convictions and aggressive work brought him many a time into conflict with easy going people but he stood up for what he thought right without fear or favour.

He had above all, a simple, but deep Christian faith. His last words were:—“I am happy. The door is open. Let me go”. He lived a long and useful life, and although in a human way we may mourn his departure, we may rejoice that his life was spent in the service of his Master. We offer our heart-felt condolence to his wife, seven sons, three daughters and numerous relations who mourn his death.

L. S. PONNIAH, B. A.

Most of us depend on what the world sees in us and yet here was a teacher, whose life was perfectly unostentatious, who went about doing his work because he believed he had a message to the world through his students. Love of fame and position never influenced his life unless he was forced to accept such positions, which he then filled with ability. He had a keen sense of duty and

believed, however humble might be his station in life, it was his duty to remain and do his bit with contentment and cheerfulness wherein placed.

Mr. Ponniah was born of Christian parents on the 23rd February 1878 at Uduvil, and attended Mann's School at Uduvil and then Manepay Memorial School before he entered Jaffna College in 1894. During his college career he showed remarkable intelligence, winning prizes annually, and topped the classes always. He graduated in 1901.

Mr. Ponniah first joined the Wesleyan Mission English High School at Trincomalie and after two years became a Latin teacher in St. John's College, Jaffna. His interest in village re-construction and social reform was still unabated when he accepted the Head-Mastership of Atchuvally English School. He faced and solved the problem that confronts our schools just now and the school was open for all castes and creeds.

In 1909 he joined Jaffna College and taught Latin and English delightfully. As a teacher his linguistic attainments and sound educational principles are well known to his students and fellow teachers.

None of his students can forget the emphasis he put on correct pronunciation of words and proper use of sequence of tenses, in both of which he was an authority. His untiring efforts to edify his pupils and his fatherly affection won for him the love and esteem of everyone who chanced to come under his care that was very

much evidenced by the large attendance at his grave side. He was bound in utter loyalty to the Mission and his strict adherence to the same can be very well conceived from his having declined twice more lucrative posts. During his last days in the college he was busy with Tamil study and very soon acquired sufficient mastery of a third language.

In 1924 he was failing in health and was forced to retire to his village at Atchuvaly, to recover, it was hoped, a health impaired by his noble labours. There he accepted the humble position of an assistant teacher in the English School.

During this period of retirement he was compelled to allow himself to be elected the first chairman of the Village Committee. Instead of the hesitant expectancy with which a presidentship of this type is generally received Mr. Ponniah was readily hailed as the harbinger of reform and in no length of time he won the complete confidence of all his colleagues. He was always thankful to God for this period of public service he was called upon to render and wished he had better health for further service.

"The lease of life"—a phrase

Mr. Ponniah often used was over on January 4th, 1930, at 11 P. M.

Mr. J. W. S. COOKE.

The death occurred on the 12th of February of Mr. J. W. S. Cooke, broker, Colombo. Mr. Cooke was while in College, a distinguished sportsman, winning the medal as the college athlete. No one has done more loyal work as an alumnus of the college in the stimulation of interest in the Old Boys' Association than he. For a number of years he was the very life of the Colombo Association and was striving to keep its work to a high pitch. He was a great help in getting subscriptions for the Jubilee Fund.

T. THIRUCHITTAMPALAM,

T. Thiruchittampalam, a member of the Cambridge Senior Class died February 14, after a short illness. He was a much beloved student with a pleasing disposition that endeared him to his fellow students and teachers. He was the son of Mr. P. Thilliam-palam of Thyiddy.

R. MAHESAN

R. Mahesan of the Fourth Form passed away on the 15th of April in his 16th year. He was the son of Mr. Rajakariar, retired Irrigation Inspector of Vaddukodai.



ALUMNI NOTES

Mr. T. H. Crossette, M. A., F. R. S. has retired from active service after 40 years' strenuous work in India and Ceylon. He is acting as Principal of St. John's College Jaffna.

Dr. A. Suppiah, Medical Officer Chavagachcheri, has been transferred to Vaddukodai.

Messrs. J. V. Chelliah, M.A. and S. Somasundram, have been appointed to be members of the Pro-

vincial Road Committee, Northern Province, for the year 1930.

Mr. T. Thillainathan, Technical Subordinate, P. W. D., F. M. S. has returned to Ceylon on pension and is residing at Naranthanai.

Mr. H. V. Ponniah, of the Victoria Institution, Kuala Lumpur, who holds a super scale appointment in the Malayan Government Educational Service, has been appointed Headmaster of the Government High School, Klang.

Mr. W. T. Alagaretnam, Assistant Irrigation Engineer, Trincomalee has been successful in the Associate Membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers in London.

Mr. T. Ruara, has been appointed as Sanitary Inspector at Ruelwella, Keegalle District.

Mr. M. Sangarappillai, M. O. Kantankudi, is now on study leave preparatory to sailing for England.

Mr. D. B. Eliatamby, has been installed as Lay Pastor of Christ's Church, Sanganaï.

Mr. Ariam Williams B. E. Private Secretary of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, is accompanying the distinguished Indian Poet, on a health trip to Europe,

Mr. G. Cross, the Thambyah, B. A. District Judge, Batticaloa, has been appointed Additional District Judge, Colombo.

Dr. A. E. Duraisamy, Deputy Medical Officer, F. M. S., has been

promoted to the Post of Specialist Ranks in the Department.

Dr. S. S. Rasanayagam, Assistant Medical Officer, has been appointed Deputy Medical Officer, F. M. S. Medical Department.

Mr. V. L. Joshua of the P. W. D. Muar, Johore, has returned to Sanganaï on long leave.

Mr. S. Poorana Sathunan, B. A. has been appointed Inspector of Schools, Colombo.

The Rev. S. K. Ponniah, Vicar, St. Andrew's Church, Batticaloa, has been transferred to Dandagamuwa.

The Rev. D. S. McLelland of Vannarponnai has been transferred to Kalmunai.

Matrimonial

Mr. Jeddie T. Fitch of the tutorial Staff of the Royal College was married to *Miss Violet Blanche* at St. Lucias' Cathedral, Kothahena on the 28th of April.

The marriage of *Mr. K. A. Selliah* B. Sc. of Jaffna College with *Miss Regina Ratnammah Sinnatamby* of the Uduvil Girls' School staff was solemnized at Tellippla Church on the 2nd of May.

On the same day *M. Samuel Paul*, B. E. of the Engineering College, Gundy was married to *Miss Leeli Poovathy Williams* at the Zion Church, Napier Park, Madras.

Mr. S. H. Parinpanayagam was married to *Miss Amita Devi Rajasingham* at the S. I. U. C. Church Manepay on 23rd May.



