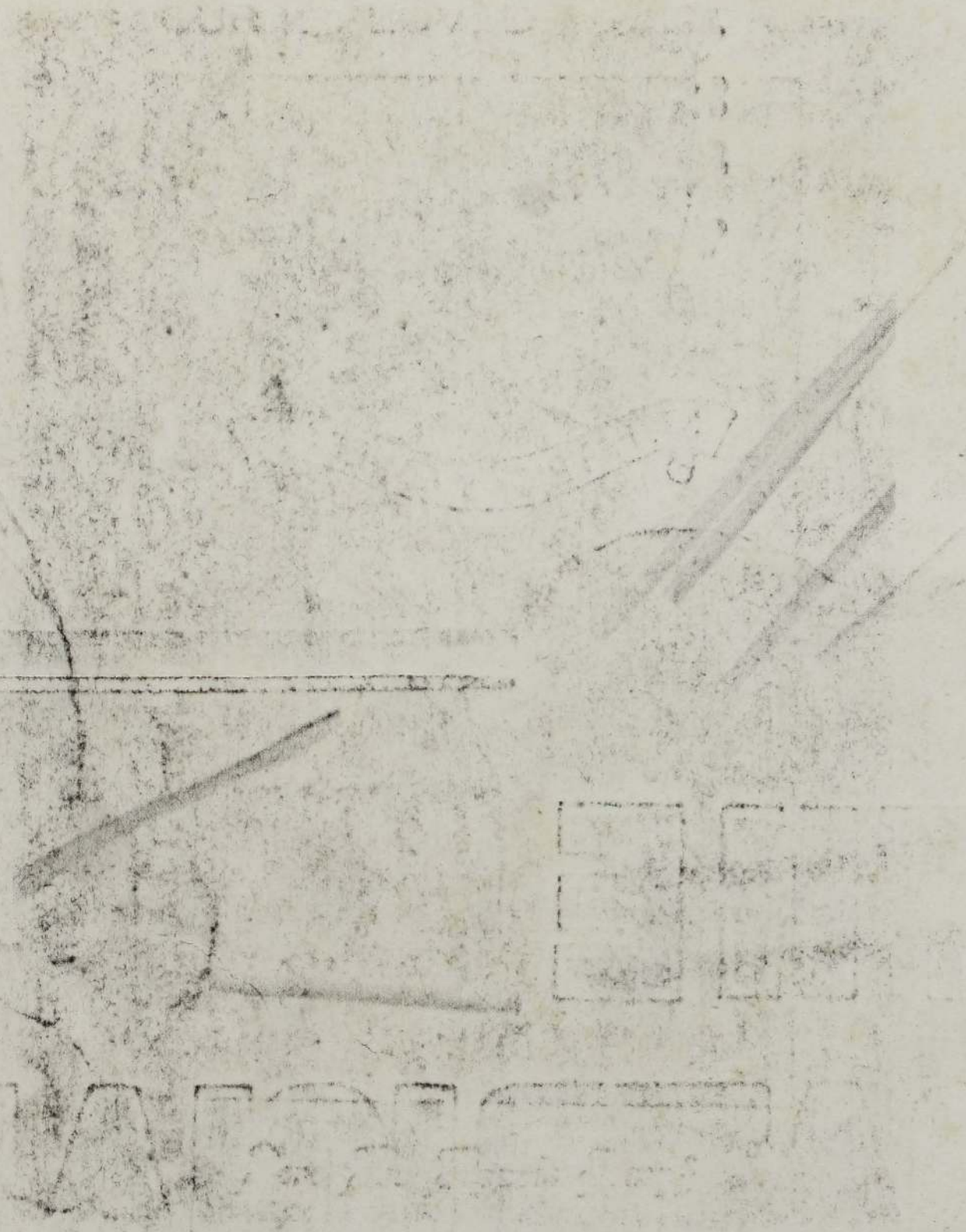


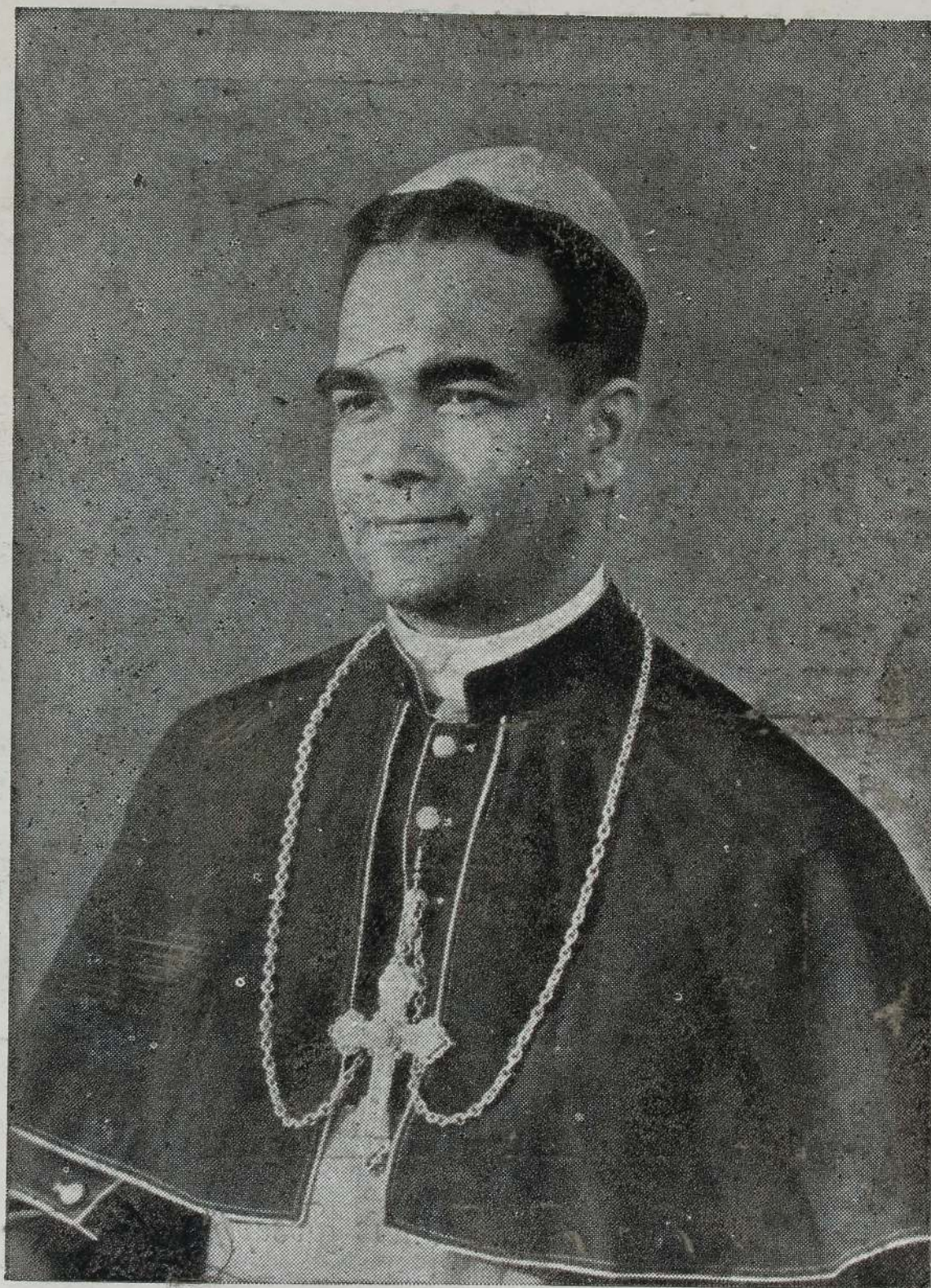
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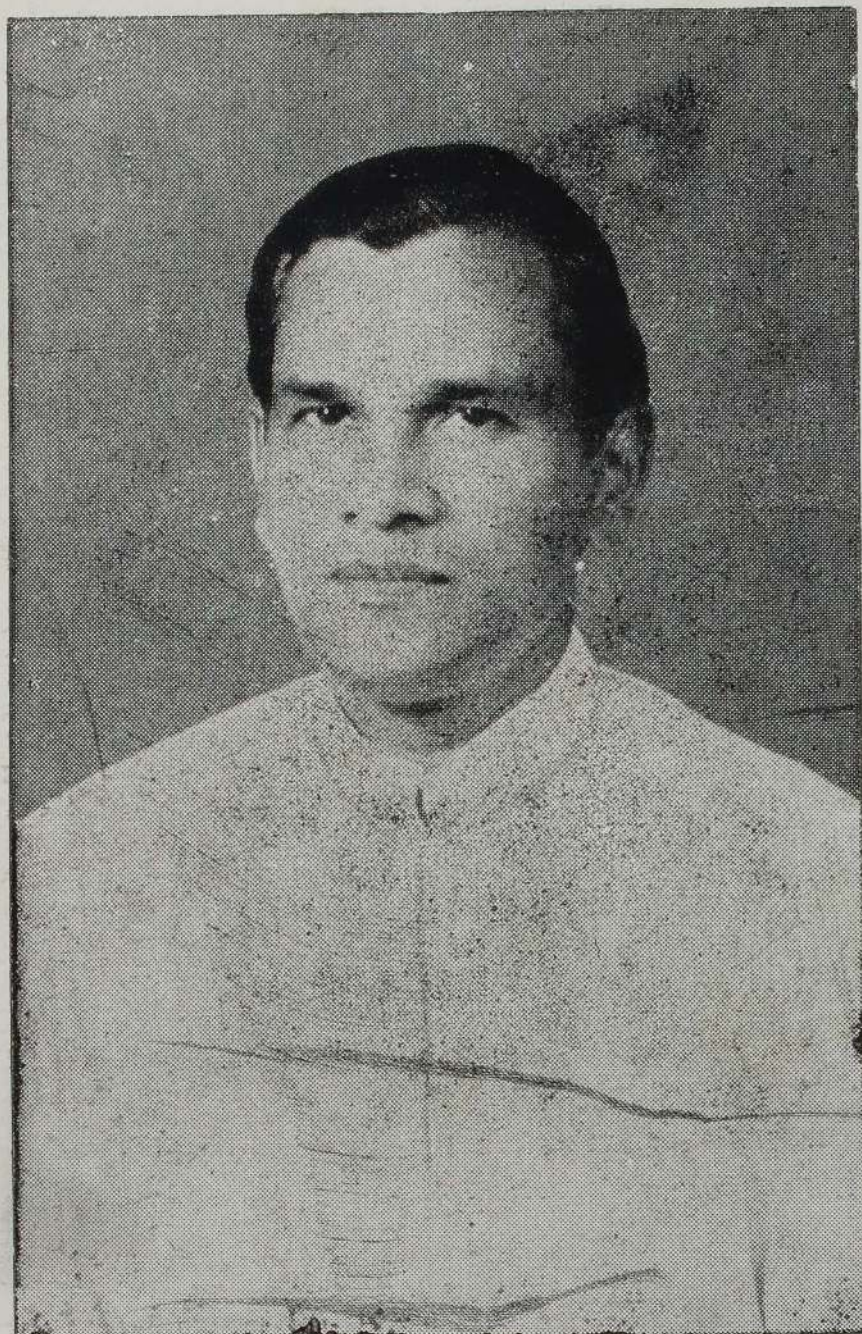


OUR BELOVED PASTOR



Rt. Rev. Dr. B. Deegupillai
Bishop of Jaffna

OUR BELOVED RECTOR



Rev. Fr. Francis Joseph

Editorial

This issue of **The Patrician** comes out at a time when the entire country is engulfed in great turmoil and tension; we have just passed through a grievous national calamity, when national indiscipline sunk to sordid depths unparalleled in the history of this country. A few thousand human lives have been taken away, several millions of rupees worth material possessions have been burnt or destroyed or looted, and thousands of families have been uprooted and made refugees and destitutes in the land of their birth. These are all bad enough. But what is worse is something that is intangible—the collapse of human, civilised values.

We at St. Patrick's who have been nurtured in traditions that value discipline in human living, cherish the preservation of law and order, and uphold the spirit of mankind, cannot possibly pretend that we are not unaffected by the tragedy that had overtaken all of us. There were no winners in this war of hate, all of us were the losers. The **Patrician** community itself had its share of victims, and let us remember them in our prayers. Let us give solace where solace is needed, succour is called for and let us pledge our commitment to truth, heroism, compassion and mercy.

The future is yet uncertain. Human lives are yet at stake. Human freedoms are yet in jeopardy. In this hour of crisis, we at St. Patrick's have an urgent role to play. We cannot stand outside as silent passive witnesses in a drama that threatens to engulf all of us. We have a duty to ensure that this generation of **Patricians**, the next generations and the generations to come shall, walk this earth with human dignity and in unhampered freedom.

With great sorrow in our hearts, and with implicit faith in God, we dedicate this issue of **The Patrician** to the memory of those who lost their lives for no other reason than that they were born into a Particular ethnic group.

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Rector's Report for the Year 1982

My Lord Bishops,
Honoured Chief Guests

Mr & Mrs. Simiampillai,
Rev. Fathers and Sisters,
Patricians, Past and Present,
Parents and Well-wishers.

We, of St. Patrick's take great pleasure in welcoming you, one and all, to our Annual Prize-giving. Your presence this evening at this unusual hour, confirms our belief in the keen interest you show in the welfare of the College. Let me assure you that to see you here in such large numbers is a source of great encouragement and an assurance of your good-will and regard towards the College.

My Lord, Our Chief Pastor,

It is your right and our happiness to have you preside at this Patrician Family gathering. You are always our Father and Guide. We are particularly proud and fortunate to have you as our Chief Pastor at such a turbulent time. Your enlightened and courageous leadership has withstood the test of time, and the future generations will hail you for your uprightness, strength of character and sense of sound judgement, and above all for the fearless stand for justice and fair deal to the oppressed and marginalised. We admire your far-sightedness, your prophetic vision, your fortitude, patience and endurance, and we pray God that He bestows on you His choicest blessings and perfect health of mind and body.

Honoured Sir, Our Chief Guest,

We are extremely proud and greatly honoured to have you and your gracious wife with us this evening as our chief guests and we welcome you both most heartily into our midst. Many Patricians have adorned the top-most positions in various walks of life—Only the Presidency and the Premiership of a country have so far evaded the Patricians for obvious reasons. In your being elevated to the ranks of the Regional Director of Education for the Northern Region, we Patricians are particularly proud that one of our own has reached such an eminent position, by sheer professional excellence and by recognition of merit.

An atmosphere of this nature is not strange to you, Sir. You have had numerous occasions to preside over the Prize-givings at various Institutions. But to be honoured as Chief Guest today at your Alma Mater, will surely bring nostalgic memories and evoke in you, as it does in us, warm feelings of affection and admiration.

Mr. Simiampillai, as some of you may be aware, had his primary and secondary education at St. Patrick's. He joined the College at the age of 10 in 1935. He has had a proud record of academic excellence not only during his student days at College, but also at the University of Ceylon. A reference to the back numbers of the "Bottled Sunshine" of 1938-1942 confirms the oft-repeated saying: 'He carried away a number of prizes year after year at the Annual Prize-giving.' He enjoyed the L. B. Emmanuel Scholarship from 1943 to 1945. After graduating himself

as Bachelor of Arts (Lond.) he obtained a Diploma in Education at the University of Ceylon and later was the recipient of UNESCO award in Educational Planning and Management-Bangkok and Malaysia.

He started his profession as a Teacher of Pure and Applied Mathematics for the Inter Science classes at St. Henry's College, Illavalai in May 1946. In 1953 he joined the Administrative service of the Education Department and served as Circuit Education officer till 1971 in the Up-country areas of Badulla, Bandarawela, Hatton and Gampola. He walked from success to success, being appointed Education Officer of Mannar in 1971, Chief Education officer of Vavuniya and Mullaithivu in 1973 where he was chiefly responsible for the development of Science, and Director of Education, Mannar in 1980, till at last he attained the highest eminence as Regional Director of Education N.R. in 1982.

Mr. Simiampillai is a man of rigid principles and to that more than anything else may be attributed his splendid success. A man of ripe experience, calm judgement, freedom from prejudice, liberal sympathies and independence of thought and action, we are sure that Mr. Simiampillai will prove an efficient administrator in the cause of Education of our Tamil Youth, and be a source of pride to and shed lustre on his Alma Mater.

Mrs. Jeyamany Simiampillai, You are no stranger to St. Patrick's. The 3 years you spent here as a member of the Staff from 1945 must have groomed you to accept the Patrician Bride-groom and keep him at the helm of affairs in such good shape and in a pleasant

mood always. We are thankful to you for kindly consenting to give away the prizes and I wish to assure you that our boys are anxiously looking forward to receiving their prizes off your gracious hands this evening.

My Lord, Bishop, Our Guest of Honour,

We are happy on this occasion of our annual prize-giving to greet you and offer you our warmest felicitations on your elevation as the Prince of the Church, the Bishop of Trinco-Batticaloa, the eighth Patrician Bishop. Indeed, if there is any Institution in this Island over which Providence watches with a special solicitude it is this great Institution, our own St. Patrick's College. No other institution in this fair Lanka can now boast of having produced so many Princes of the Church. While we are mindful of the exalted dignity to which you have been raised, we, none the less, cherish the memory of the days which you have spent in almost daily contact with us. You have identified yourself with your 'Alma Mater' and laboured exclusively for us first as the General Manager of Schools and later as the Manager of St. Patrick's College for the past 11 years. We therefore make bold to claim your Lordship as our Bishop in a special manner. Your genial and winning personality, your agility of mind, your sagacity and wit, your approachability, your inimitable concern for those in need and your capacity to adjust yourself to changes, all these great qualities of head and heart coupled with your deep faith in God, will, we are sure, enable Your Lordship to meet the new challenge of your Apostolate. The sun of Jaffna has risen in the East and it has risen from the firmament of St. Patrick's.

It is certainly a very brilliant dawn, the dawn of a great and glorious regime. Gladly do we avail ourselves of this opportunity to offer you our grateful thanks for all that you have done for us as Manager of the College, while we lay at your feet the tribute of homage and loyalty due to a Bishop. We also make bold to say that being a "Prince" as the Bishop of a Diocese, you will one day, true to your name Kingsley be a "King" in the Hierarchy of the Church in the land of our birth.

Decay of Parental Responsibility

At a time when responsible leaders of well established institutions close their eyes to the eroding of the fundamental human rights in our Society, I deem it imperative to express our deep concern over the callous attitude of the parents in the exercise of their parental rights and authority over their children. I sometimes entertain painful doubts about the future of this land of ours when I think of the growing decay of parental responsibility all around us. The Society is made up of units of the Family, and we can hardly expect the State to prosper and discharge its duties towards the citizens if leaders of families, instead of realising their responsibilities, shirk their duty in the humble sphere of the home. If parents do not assert their inalienable right to command, notwithstanding the heroic efforts of our teachers and school authorities, there will be an ominous process of child-ruin, and the society will be flooded with a herd of undersirable and contemptuous individuals. It is, therefore, necessary to arrest this growing trend of parental soft-peddalling and to reform the home and the family.

Ladies and Gentlemen, permit me to place before you some everyday facts that we in school encounter which will prove this sad state of affairs. Nowadays children choose their school themselves and settle whether they will be hostellers or day-scholars. It is they who decide whether to attend classes in school or in the tutorials, and determine which examination to sit or to miss. They order their parents to apply for leave, sometimes even dictate to their parents the text of the letter of excuse. The children successfully interpret or rather alter, their progress charts and reports. They also fix the amount which the family exchequer must contribute to their enjoyment and their pleasures, regardless of the needs of the rest of the family. It is pathetic to see parents trying to save their children from the consequences of their faults. They seem to have agreed to allow their children to shirk any training which entails long and concentrated effort and they fancy that protection and general adaptability will secure for their children success in life.

The modern parents in short, have no hold on their children. They are, to put it mildly, afraid of their children. They seem to think that the divine precept "Obey thy father and mother" is not applicable to this generation of children. Parents no longer command, but they let the children demand.

I crave your indulgence for forcing these unpalatable truths on you on this festive occasion, but this is the only chance I have every year of meeting a goodly number of parents together. I wish before all to remind you, in the words of our illustrious and revered Rector Fr. Matthews o.m.i. "that there is no cruelty so hard and so bitter as that of spoiling a child". I hope that

qualifying for admission to the University. Let me at this juncture express our sincere gratitude to Dr. John St. George, a distinguished and loyal Patrician, for the presentation of a handsome and majestic Challenge Trophy to be awarded for best performance in the A/L exam. We congratulate Mas. V. S. C. Raviraj, who has the distinction of being the first recipient of this trophy and who qualifies for the Bursary offered by the Old Boys' Association of Jaffna. For admission to the Universities in 1982, though 37 students received the preliminary questionnaires, we are not in a position to give you the exact figures, since according to the latest procedure, the school authorities are not officially informed of the final selection.

At the G.C.E. O/L exam of Dec. 1982, 208 sat and 155 (i.e. 75%) passed in 6 subjects, 169 (i.e. 81%) passed in 5 or more subjects, out of whom 102 (i.e. 49%) qualified to follow the G.C.E. Advanced Level classes.

We congratulate Mas. A. Pepitus of Gr. 8, who has qualified to receive the Gold Medal which is awarded to those who get an aggregate of 85% of the marks obtainable in the terminal and final examinations. Mr. A. S. Augustine, the head of the Department of Examinations deserves our unreserved praise and grateful appreciation for the yeoman service he renders in conducting the examinations and in distributing the free books.

We also thank Mr. X. D. M. Constantine, the head of the Science Dept. Mr. J. A. J. Arumainathan and Mrs. G. R. Janendran who conduct the General Knowledge Competitions, and

Miss M. Sinnappu and Mr. M. Jesuthasan who are responsible for the Religious Knowledge contests.

Board of Prefects

The Board of Prefects and the Students' Council, headed by X. A. Rajindrakumar and ably assisted by G. J. T. Vethanayagam, under the inspiring and prudent guidance of our Vice-Rector were a source of strength in maintaining order, discipline and in helping to organize school functions. So were the Prefects of the Middle School, headed by B. Dilan Arumainathan under the able and skillful direction of Fr. G. Pilendran, Prefect of studies of the Middle School. I thank all the prefects and monitors for their spirited and selfless services towards the smooth running of the school.

Games and Sports

Thanks to the determined and devoted efforts of the newly appointed Secretary of Games, Mr. Albert Santiapillai, the spirit of sport is as alive as ever, even under the difficult circumstances of students opting to go for tuitions instead of attending regular practices in the evenings. Also in the playing fields we uphold the Patrician tradition of instilling the spirit of discipline in the minds of our charges, even at the risk of losing matches. The presence of the Masters in Charge of various games during the practice sessions and of a fair number of the members of the staff during matches has definitely been a source of encouragement to our youngsters.

Cricket

Our 1st XI cricket team, captained by M.K.M.J. Chellappah played 7 matches won 2 drew 4 and lost 1. Though most

of the matches were drawn, our lads should be commended for the good standard of game they displayed. We also hosted St. Joseph's College, Colombo at a limited over game which was keenly fought and lost.

The Under 17 team, led by B. S. M. Ariarajah, participated in the J.S.C.A. tournament and emerged J.S.C.A. Champions, winning 4 matches and losing 1. Mas. A. E. Antonipillai has the distinction of scoring a century against the formidable St. John's College team.

The Under 15 team, captained by S. A. Gladstone, entered the J.S.C.A. tournament and played 3 matches, losing all.

Soccer

St. Patrick's maintained its supremacy and high standard in Soccer, becoming the unofficial champions of the North. The first Eleven, captained by J. Rockhudson, played 6 matches against the leading school soccer teams in Jaffna and won all. The tally of 28 goals shot by the Patricians, as against one by all other teams, is a proud record for St. Patrick's. Our star player J. Rockhudson was selected for the National Youth pool.

The 2nd XI, captained by A. E. Antonipillai, played 7 matches, won 5, drew 1 and lost 1. We shot 29 goals, with 4 goals against us.

The 3rd XI led by B. E. Abraham, played 6 matches and won all, shooting 21 goals and conceding 4.

Athletics:

The Annual Inter-House Athletic meet held under the patronage of

a distinguished Patrician sportsman Mr. S. S. Navaratnarajah, A.S.P. and Mrs. Rathamany Navaratnarajah was well attended by a large number of parents and old boys. Two ground records were established. At the quadrangular meet we obtained 7 first places, 8 second places and 13 third places.

Let me take this opportunity to express our deep sense of gratitude to Dr. John St. George who has very generously donated another beautiful challenge trophy to be awarded to the best Senior athlete.

Basket Ball

Under the extension scheme of the Patrician play-grounds, a new Basket ball court was laid and ceremoniously delcared opened by an ardent Patrician sports enthusiast Mr. S. Mariathas, Jaffna District Sports Officer on 3.6.82. Inter - House tournaments were keenly contested, though the interest in the game has dwindled chiefly due to the want of a recognised body in the North to promote the game. The College team however took part in the tournament organised by the Trimmer Club, and it became runners up at the tournament conducted by the Young Patricians.

Badminton

Inter-house tournaments were organized. The College team participated in the tournament organised by the Y.M.C.A. and played a friendly match with Jaffna Central College.

Table Tennis

Besides having the inter-house tournaments, the College team fared well in the tournaments organised by the Y.M.C.A. and by the Young Patricians.

Chess

A coaching camp was conducted in the College for the young enthusiasts, and a Junior Chess team was also formed. We took part in the Jaffna Schools Chess tournament and fared well.

The College owes a great debt of gratitude to all those who were responsible for the successful year of sports. First and foremost we thank our energetic and enthusiastic Secretary of Games, Mr. Albert Santhiapillai who spared neither pains, nor time to supervise all the sports activities. A special mead of praise is due to the untiring efforts of the newly appointed full-time coach, Mr. Francis Kandiah, who has already put St. Patrick's on the road to success. His firm and efficient handling of the Soccer and Cricket teams is greatly appreciated and commended. Our thanks are also due to the Masters in-Charge of the different sports activities: to Mr. X. D. M. Constantine for 1st and 2nd XI cricket and Indoor games; to Mr. M. Mariasoosai for 3rd XI cricket and Soccer; to Mr. R. A. Thilagaratnam for 1st XI soccer and for Basket Ball; to Mr. Albert Santhiapillai for Athletics and Badminton; to Mr. G. Arulanandam for 2nd XI soccer.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Fr. Thaninayagam Muthamil Mantram

Due to the untiring efforts and prudent guidance of Vidwan Pulavar Mr. F. Anandarayer, the Tamil Mantram, with S. L. Rubert as its president and J. T. Vethanayagam as Secretary, organised various activities such as oratorical contests, Essay, short story writing, Musical and dramatic contests and debates, to comem-

memorate the centenary year of Maha-Kavi Bharathiar. Rev. Fr. M. Selvaratnam o.m.i., better known as Karvaiyoor Selvam, was the Chief Guest at the 'Muthamil Vizha' very successfully celebrated by the Mantram. At the debate competitions organised by the Tamil Catholic Cultural Society in Colombo, the College team performed creditably well beating all their opponents.

English Day:

English Day activities were organised by a committee of Senior Students with X. A. Rajindrakumar as Chairman and I. B. Constantine as Secretary. The moving spirit behind this programme which evoked much enthusiasm was the efficient team of our teachers of English under the dynamic guidance of the versatile and resourceful partner Fr. P. Jesunesan o.m.i. We were extremely pleased and greatly honoured to have as our Chief Guest a highly cultured Gentleman, interested in the affairs of our College, in the person of Mr. A. Kadirgamar, the Principal of Jaffna College, our dear Brother College. Mrs. Kadirgamar delighted our boys with her presence and gave away the awards.

Dramatics:

Inter-House dramatic competitions were held under the direction of Fr. G. V. Pilendran. Scenes from Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, Othello, Romeo and Juliet, and Moliere's Forced Marriage were staged. We wish to place on record our appreciation and gratitude for the selfless help rendered by our former teacher Mr. Cyril F. Swampillai, who spared no pains to train our young dramatists.

Scouts and Cubscouts:

There are 27 scouts in our troop. Seven cubs joined the Junior troop. Our troop participated in the Lord Baden Powell's day celebrations held at J/Vaideeswara College. For the first time we ventured to hold an exhibition of Scouts' handicrafts, which was declared opened by Mr. S. S. Navaratnarajah A. S. P. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. R. Navaratnarajah, and Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Rodrigo of Canada were the Guests of Honour. We thank Mr. W. J. Navaratnam A.D.C. (Town), the advisor of our troop, and Mr. M. Thanabalan, our Scout Leader, who is ably assisted by Messrs. D. C. C. Santhiapillai and F. Francis.

We have a band of 27 cubscouts with 4 sixers as leaders. They hold their regular meetings on Wednesdays. Mrs. R. J. B. Xavier, A. D. C. (cub-scouts) and Miss M. L. G. Gnanapragasam assist the cubscouts in all their activities. We thank the Scouts and Cubscouts who offer their services at all important functions.

Social Service League:

The members of the Social Service League, with its energetic president J. T. R. Vethanayagam and Secretary J. A. John, were very active during the whole year. Imbued with the spirit of their Moderator, Mr. A. S. Augustine, they are a service-oriented group who can be called upon to serve the school community at various levels. The Social Service Week was conducted in a fitting manner. Mr. K. Nadarajah Chairman Palmyrah Board, was the Guest speaker at the celebrations. We thank the members for all the different types of self-less service rendered to the school and Community.

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The Advanced Level Union

The Advanced Level Union had its usual round of activities and meetings with T. N. Sebaratnam as President and R. Sanchayan as Secretary. Rev. Fr. Mark Perera S. J. of the University of Peradeniya was the Guest Speaker at one of the monthly meetings. They participated in a debate with the team of Chundikuli Girl's College. We thank Mr. X. D. M. Constantine for all the interests taken in guiding the activities of the Union in the past. Under the guidance of Mr. R. A. Thilagaratnam and Mr. V. Kuhatharan, the newly appointed Moderators, the Union had its annual dinner with His Worship the Mayor, Mr. R. Visvanathan, an Old Boy of the College, and Mrs. Visuvanathan as the Chief Guests.

Interact Club:

Under the watchful eyes of Mr. J. A. J. Arumainathan, its staff advisor, the Interact Club with J. C. P. Rajendra and R. Sanchayan as President and Secretary resp. organised various activities, chief among which were the collection of immunization particulars of all the children between the ages of 3 months and 3 years at Navanthurai area, and the cleaning up of the Home for the Aged at Colombogam and entertaining the Elders therein at a Carol service. They also financed the printing of College Basket Ball jerseys. At the debate organized by the Rotary Club of Jaffna between St. John's College and St. Patrick's, the Patrician Interactors won the challenge shield and the best debator award. 17 interactors of our club attended the 5th Interact District conference held in Colombo at Royal College.

The Parents' Day and Meeting of Parents

The children of the Primary Department entertained their parents at a well attended evening function at which His Lordship our Chief Pastor presided and Mr. M. M. Munsoor, Chief Education Officer, Jaffna, was the Chief Guest. All credit for the success of the evening programme goes to Rev. Sister Seraphine and the enthusiastic and devoted teachers of the Primary Department.

During the 2nd term the Rector, the Prefect of Studies and the Class teachers met collectively the parents of all the students of each division of Grades 10 & 8, to discuss problems affecting the students. During the 3rd term the parents of Gr. 10 were again met, this time individually, and briefed of their children's progress in school.

The Hostel

We have in our hostel over 100 students who receive the best of attention from its dedicated and conscientious Warden, Fr. G. Pilendran. In this house of formation, all the details of a pupil's life are carefully regulated. He receives constant attention to soul and body and he is subjected to a discipline which will be to him a valuable asset to future life. Though we are unable to impose the rule 38 of our Prospectus due to facilities of accommodation in our hostel being nearly exhausted, I would like to bring to the notice of the parents the same regulation 38 of our Prospectus which says: "Parents from outstations are earnestly requested not to board their children with strangers or even relatives. Incalculable harm is done yearly to the boys by the loose discipline and the dangers of such boarding houses". The parents of the hostellers joined their children to celebrate the Hostel Day in grand style. We thank the Warden,

Fr. Pilendran, for the tremendous interests he takes in giving the hostellers a sound formation.

The services rendered for over 40 years by Mr. A. Rayappu as the Chief steward of the hostel deserve our grateful acknowledgement. Though no hosteller will cherish the memory of a refectory, our hostellers will however remember his maternal concern for them at meals time. We wish him a healthy and peaceful life in his retirement.

Illustrious Visitors

We wish to place on record the visit of His Excellency the Most Rev. Dr. John M. Sherlock, Bishop of London, Canada, who declared opened the Augustine Block in January 1982, donating over two lacs of Rupees to the College. We were also privileged to honour Rt. Rev. Mgr. Fernand Frank Secretary General of the Society of the Propagation of Faith at a School function in August 1982.

The College Magazine

We congratulate the Editor, Fr. Jesunesan o.m.i. and the Associate Editors for bringing out the college annual worthy of its name "The Patrician". Due to financial restraints the usual English Day and Muthamil Vizha souvenirs were suppressed and special features of these events are now included in the College Annual.

The Old Boys

The old boys are an integral part of the Patrician Family. I wish to thank the old boys for the interest they take in their Alma Mater and for the ready response the Rector meets with whenever he appeals to them. I wish to appeal to the many old Patricians here and abroad who are not members of the

O.B.A. to enrol themselves as members, for it would not only enhance the Association but would be an asset to the College. The O.B.A. Jaffna has a very dynamic and enthusiastic Committee with the energetic Secretary Mr. A. V. A. J. Wijeyaretnam as its chief executive. They with the newly found young blood—the young Patricians of the O.B.A. with W. B. Canagaratnam as President, are a force to reckon with in Jaffna. Their service to the Community at large and to their Alma Mater in particular is the envy of many an association. The recognition of their services by the State in appointing many of them Justices of the Peace is a matter to be proud of. I have great pleasure in congratulating in particular Dr. J. P. C. Phillips, our Senior Vice President of the O.B.A. Jaffna and the live—wire of the

Association, on his being chosen as Justice of the Peace for the whole Island.

The O.B.A. Colombo, with Mr. Cyril N. Lawrence as its President and Mr. S. X. Gnanasegaram as Secretary is bubbling with great enthusiasm and deep concern for the welfare of the College. They organised a raffle in aid of the College, and presented the entire proceeds of over Rs. 10,000/- to update the Reference Section of the College Library. We thank them immensely for this generous gesture. The enterprising and undaunted efforts of its President Mr. C. N. Lawrence to form a branch of the O.B.A. (S.P.C.) in London has proved successful. We wish the newly formed O.B.A. (S.P.C.) London, with Dr. A.E.A. Joseph as President, every success in all their enterprises.

The Old Boys' Achievements

Our warmest felicitations to the following old boys on their achievements of which the Alma Mater is proud. We regret that due to lack of proper communication we are unable to present a complete list. The blame for any omissions has to be shared by both parties.

- Rev. Fr. J. Kingsley Swampillai — appointed Bishop of Trincomallee-Batticaloa.
- Mr. M. Simiampillai — Appointed Regional Director of Education, Northern Region
- Mr. M. Anthonimuthu — Appointed Government Agent, Batticaloa.
- Mr. J. X. L. Philips — appointed Electrical consultant to the Ministry of Local Government, Housing and Construction.
- Dr. E. Emmanuel Peries — appointed consultant Paediatrician Government Base Hospital Mannar.
- Mr. D. P. I. Manuelpillai — obtained a Doctorate in Chemical Engineering University of Surrey.
- Mr. S. J. Fatimaharan — B.A. University of Peradeniya.
- Mr. V. Joseph — Chief Accountant Education Department.
- Mr. Anton C. Arulanandam presently in Australia — passed his B.A. Exam (Australia) and has been appointed the Manager of the N.S.W. Schools Athletic Teams.
- Mr. Alfred E. Arulanandam in Canada — passed the A.C.M.A.

- Mr. Angelo M. Arulanandam in Hongkong — passed his B.Sc Civil Engineering
A.M.I. Mechanical Engineering A.M.I.
Highway Engineering.
- Mr. Adrian W. Arulanandam in Australia — passed his B.Sc. in Civil Engineering
Post Graduate in Soil Engineering and Diploma in Technology.
- Mr. A. I. L. Gunanayagam — promoted Grade 111 Principal.
- Mr. P. Sanchithan Peter — selected to follow one year Diploma in Religious Studies
at St. Patrick's College, Mynooth, Ireland.
- Mr. F. J. Sathananthan — Appointed District Factory inspecting engineer.
- Mr. Frank Sebaretam — won the Men's Singles title of the Tennis National.
- Brigadier A. P. R. David — General Manager Airport and Aviation Services Ltd.,
Colombo.
- Mr. A. C. Wijanathan — International Director of Lions International.
- Mr. S. Bonifce — Additional General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board.
- Mr. B. M. J. Sattrukulasinghe — Managing Director Messrs. Walker and Greig Ltd.
- Mr. George Nicholas — Promoted A.S.P.
- Mr. A. M. T. Saverimuthu — Awarded overseas scholarship to Post Graduate Studies
at the University of Cambridge.
- Mr. A. A. Edward — District Land Officer Mannar.
- Mr. J. A. Titus — B.Sc. Engineering Ceylon
- Mr. A. E. S. Rajendra B.Sc. " "
- Mr. S. Reginald B.Sc. " "
- Mr. P. A. Thayaparan B.Sc. " "
- Mr. F. A. Joseph B.Sc. " "
- Mr. A. J' Vincent B.Sc. " London
- Dr. J. P. C. Phillips All Island J. P. Elected member of the College of General Practitioners & re-elected President Jaffna Football league.
- Mr. Z. Singarayer J.P. & re-elected President Jaffna Referees' Association.
- Mr. N. Antonipillai J.P.
- Mr. S. A. Santiago J.P.
- Mr. J. E. Sebastiampillai J.P.
- Mr. A. V. Stanislaus J. P.

Sacerdotal Silver Jubilarians

- Rev. Fr. Lawrence Xavier o.m.i.
- Rev. Fr. A. H. Vethanayagam o.m.i.
- Rev. Fr. Victor Croos o.m.i.
- Rev. Fr. Anton Rajanayagam
- Rev. Fr. S. E. N. Gunaseelan
- Rev. Fr. P. Em. Selvarajah
- Rev. Dr. Bennet Constantine (D.Cl.,)

Ordained Priests

- Rev. Fr. Anton Jeyabalan Cross
- Rev. Fr. Jeribel Kirupaharan

Rev. Fr. A. Jivendra Paul o.m.i.
Rev. Fr. Albert Yogendarajah
Rev. Fr. Camillus Nimalan

We also record with deep regret the death of the following Old Boys:

Mr. E. Gopalasingham J.P. Attorney-at-law.

Mr. A. L. Thambyah — Ex. M.P. for Kayts., Chairman Cargo Boat Despatch Co.
Ltd. Vice Patron of the O.B.A. Colombo

Mr. F. Masilamany — Lecturer in English at Palaly Training College.

Mr. P. Joseph — Proprietor, Rose Art Studio.

We deeply mourn the death of two of our students Mas. K. Balathas who was here for 8 months and Mas. Michael Chester of Gr. 11, a brilliant student, who during the 10 years at St. Patrick's endeared himself to his companions and teachers by his quiet and exemplary behaviour.

May their souls rest in peace.

Our Gratitude

I want to place on record my admiration of and sincere gratitude to my priest colleagues, Fr. P. Jesunesan o.m.i. our Vice Rector and Fr. G. V. Pilendran, Warden, who devoting their talents, their energies and their heart's best blood to the service of the College, do make my yoke easy and burden light. I also thank them and Sr. Seraphine without whose loyal and unreserved support as Prefects of Studies of the three different sections of the College, the smooth running of the school will grind to a halt.

I say a big "thank you" to all the sectional heads: Mr. B. Lawrence

for the Advanced Level classes, Mr. Albert Santhiapillai for Gr. 10&9, Mr. M. Mariasoosai for the Middle school and Mrs. Matthews for the Lower school and to my worthy advisors Mr. A. S. Augustine and Mr. J. A. J. Arumanathan for their ready assistance. To the House Masters, Messrs, G. Arulanandam, A. S. Augustine, W. J. Navaratnam and M. Maria soosai, we express our appreciation and thanks for all the services rendered. We are extremely grateful to our Old Boys and friends who have contributed so generously to our Prize fund. We are very much encouraged by the response to our appeal for Founded Prizes. I thank the following very sincerely for donating the Founded Prizes this year:

Mr. R. H. S. Philips for the Mrs. Mary Francis Memorial Prize.

Cherubim Family for the Victor Ernest Cherubim Memorial Prize.

Dr. John St. George for the St. George Memorial Prize.

Dr. John St. George for the Challenge Trophy in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Sam S. D. St. George.

Rev. Fr. J. Michael Saverimuthu o.m.i. for the Jacob Michael & Isabel Memorial Prize.

Gnanams Studio for the Soosaipillai Marypillai Memorial Prize.

Rev. Fr. N. M. Saverimuthu for the Bishop J. Emilianuspillai Memorial Prize.

Rev. Fr. N. M. Saverimuthu for the Bishop B. Deogupillai Memorial Prize.
Dr. E. Emmanuel Peries for the Mr. Elias Peries Memorial Prize.
Dr. A. A. Mariampillai for the Mr. S. A. Mariampillai Memorial Prize.
Mr. J. X. L. Philips for the Mr. Albert Edward Phillips Memorial Prize.
Prof. D. Ramadas for the Dr. Nagamuthu Dharmalingam Memorial Prize.
Rev. Fr. T. A. J. Mathuranayagam for the Fr. P. J. Jivaretnam o.m.i. Memorial Prize.
Dr. A. E. A. Joseph for the Fr. T. A. J. Mathuranayagam Memorial Prize.
Dr. A. E. A. Joseph for the Mr. Sam B. R. Alfred Memorial Prize.
Mr. R. S. Pathmanapan for the Mr. Vythilingam Subramaniam Memorial Prize.
Mr. S. Xavier "Xavy Glass" for the Xavy Glass Memorial Prize.
Mr. V. Nagendra for the Nagendra Memorial Prize.

We have always received prompt assistance and ready favours from the officials of the Education Department and we are indebted to them for all their good will.

We thank Our Blessed Lord, His Blessed Mother Mary, and St. Patrick, Our Heavenly Patron, for the numerous blessings showered on us during the past year.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we thank you for encouraging us by your presence this evening.

We thank, you, my Lord Bishops, for your presence.

Finally we thank you, Sir, for having so readily consented to be our Chief Guest, inspite of your arduous duties, and to you Mrs. Simiampillai we genuinely express our gratitude for having so elegantly graced the occasion and for consenting to distribute the prizes.

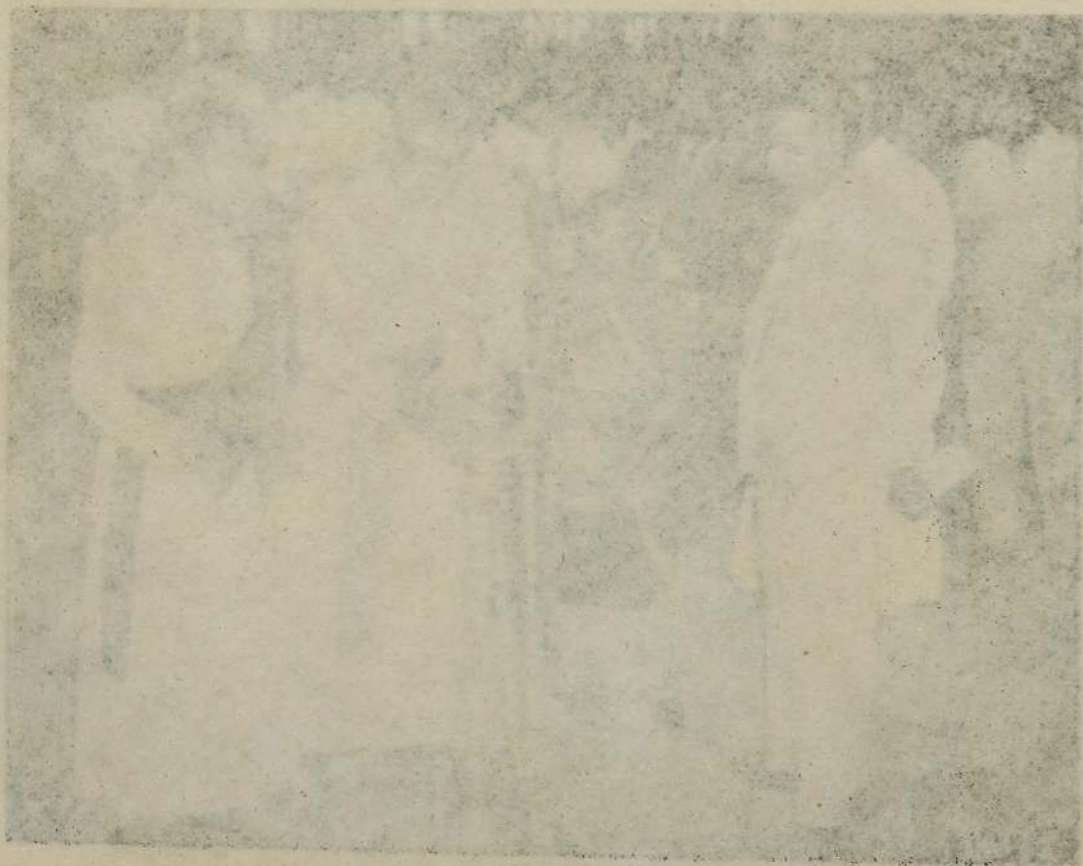
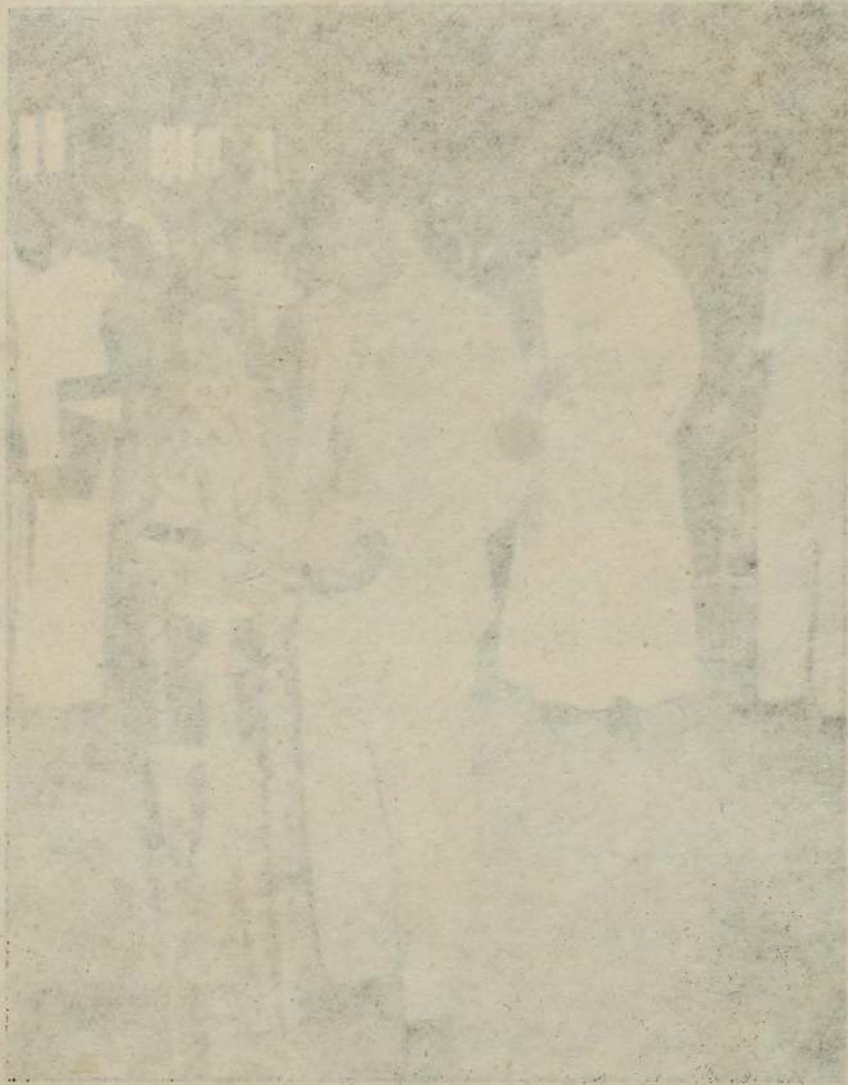
God Bless you all.

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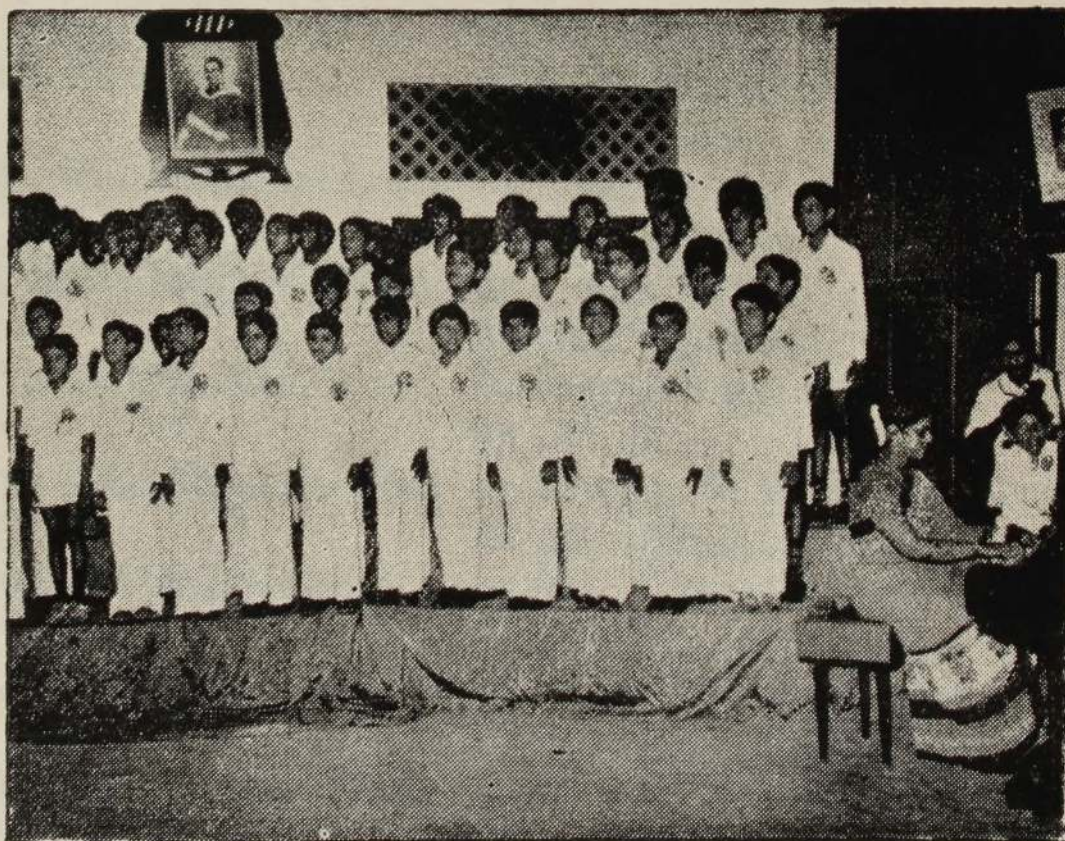
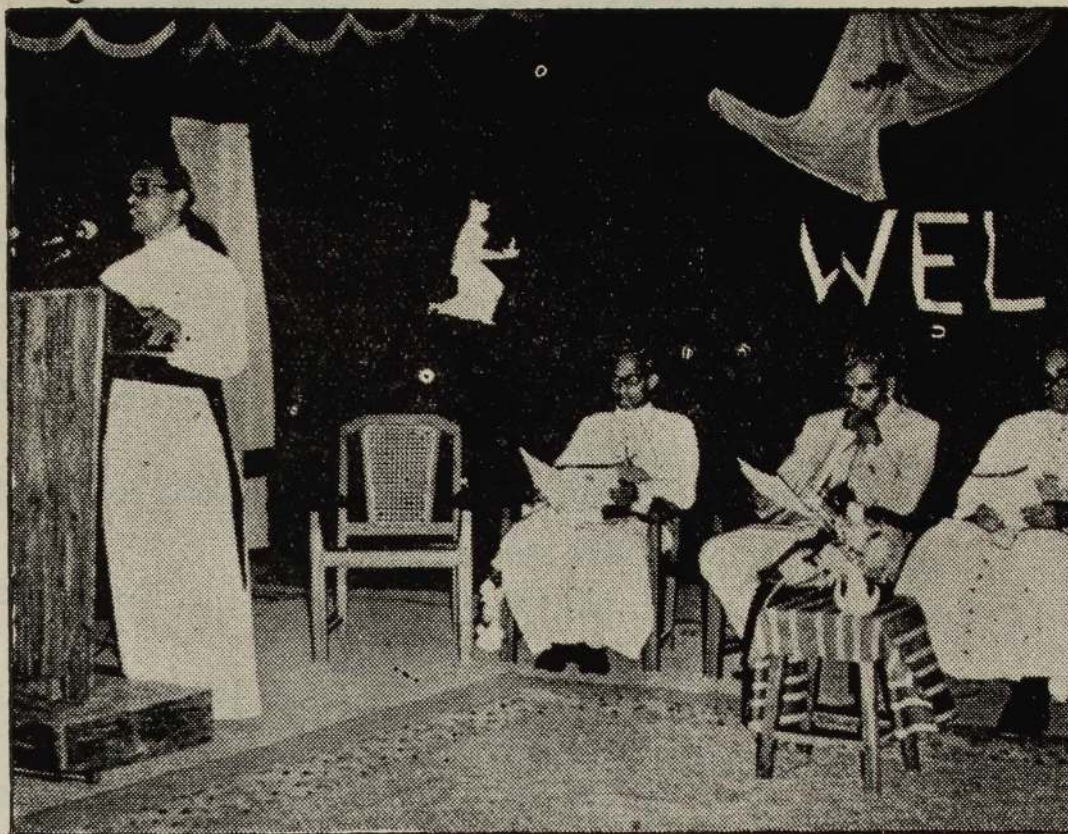
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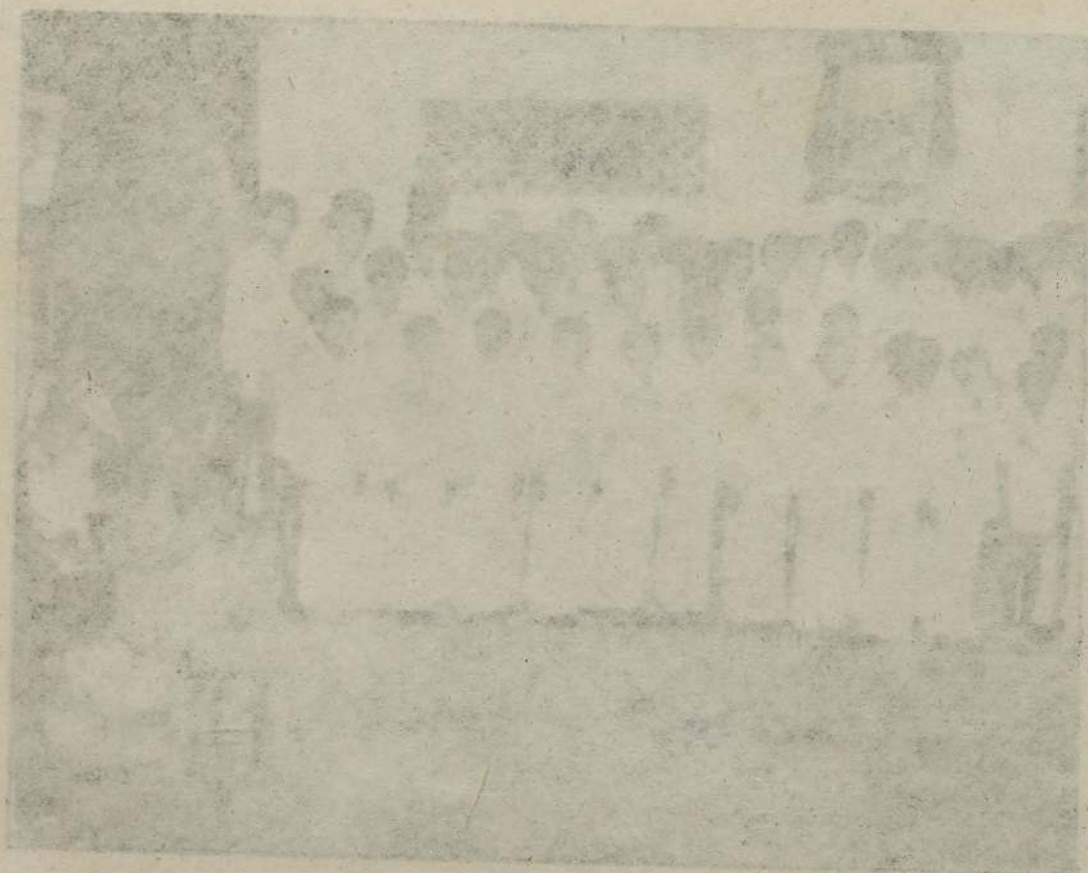
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Memorial Scholarship:

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The Bishop Guymoar Memorial Prize

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for A/L Student

by Mr. R. G. Dominic
for A/L Student

by Most Rev. Dr. L. R. Antony
for Senior English, Elocution

by Fr. T. A. J. Mathuranayagam
for Patrician of the year.

by Dr. J. P. C. Phillips J.P.
for A/L Chemistry

by Dr. W. A. Ferdinand
for best Performance in Primary Dept.

by Mr. E. S. W. Selvadurai
for best Performance in O/L

by Mr. N. P. Jeganathan
for best Performance in Middle School
by Mr. C. N. Lawrence

for A/L Commerce
by Dr. G. A. Amirthanayagam
for A/L Christianity

by Dr. A. L. Abraham
for A/L Zoology

by R. H. S. Phillips
for A/L Maths

by Cherubim Family
for Best Debator

by Rev. Fr. J. Michael Severi-
muthu O.M.I. for O/L Christianity (R.C)

by Gnanms Studio
for O/L Art

by Rev. Fr. N. M. Saverimuthu
for best attendance Gr. 12

by Rev. F. N. M. Saverimuthu
for Senior Tamil Elocution

by Dr. E. Emmanuel Peries
for best Performance Gr. 9

by Dr. A. A. Mariampillai
for best Performance Gr. 6.

by his son Mr. J. X. L. Phillips
for Best Batsman

The Dr. Nagamuthu Dharmalingam Memorial Prize	by his son Prof. D. Ramadas for Best Bio Science Student in A/L 1st year
The Fr. P. J. Jivaretnam o.m.i. Memorial Prize	by Fr. T. A. J. Mathuranayagam for O/L English
The Fr. T. A. J. Mathuranayagam Memorial Prize	by Dr. A. E. A. Joseph for the Head Prefect
The Mr. Sam B. R. Alfred Memorial Prize	by Dr. A. E. A. Joseph for A/L Best Physical Science Student 1st year
The Mr. Vythilingam Subramaniam Memorial Prize	by Mr. R. S. Pathamanpan for Tamil O/L
The 'Xavy Glass' Memorial Prize	by Mr. S. Xavier "Xavy Glass" for best Performance Gr. 7
The Nagendra Memorial Prize	by Mr. BV. Nagendra for Commerce A/L 1st year

Memorial Trophy

Donated

St. George Memorial Trophy	by Dr. John St. George for best Senior Athlete
Mr. & Mrs Sam S. D. St. George Memorial Trophy	by Dr. John St. George for best Performance in A/L exam

His Lordship the Bishop of Jaffna	Mr. Peter Rajasingham
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Mr. A. Sebastiampillai	Mr. A. Gnanapragasam
Mr. Sinnadurai	Prof. W. L. Jeyasingham
	Mr. R. E. V. Sandrasegara

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Kindergarten

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class Prize:

Kg. A—A. Marian Sasiraj
Kg. B—G. Vasanthakumar

General Proficiency:

A. Marian Sasiraj
S. Darmarajasingam
G. Vasanthakumar
M. S. Christopher
R. Anton Rex
D. D. Joseph
L. T. D. Abraham
J. JegaraVi
K. Vasanthakumar
R. Lesley Jeyakaran
C. Cyril Ranjith

Religious Knowledge:

1 M. S. Christopher
2 R. Lesley Jeyakaran

Tamil:

1 J. JegaraVi
2 R. Anton Rex

English:

1 K. Vasanthakumar
2 G. Vasanthakumar

Arithmetic:

1 L. T. D. Abraham
M. S. Christopher
G. Vasanthakumar
A. Arun

Environmental Studies:

1 G. Vasanthakumar
R. Anton Rex

Grade 1

Class Prize:

1.A—M. Angelo Niyanthan
1.B—K. Roy Headings

General Proficiency:

J. Kokulan

M. Angelo Niyanthan
L. J. A. Thanganayagam
A. L. Lebontine
S. Jude Starnis Pearl
K. Roy Headings
M. L. B. Nesakone
A. Joseph
P. J. C. Theivendran
N. G. Sobers
Dunstan Jeristus

Religious Knowledge:

1 C. Ranjith Kumar
2 J. Oxman

Tamil:

1 C. A. Jeyakanthan
2 C. R. Samson Selva

English:

1 M. Roshan Ajith
2 L. N. Iruthayanathan

Arithmetic:

1 J. Kokulan
2 S. Jude Starnis Pearl

Environmental Studies:

1 L. J. A. Thanganayagam
K. Roy Headings
S. Jude Starnis Pearl
S. R. Pragalananth

Grade 11

Class Prize:

11.A—A. Valentine
11.B—A. Antony Maxi

General Proficiency:

A. Valentine
T. W. N. Mathimaran
A. Antony Maxi
B. Thevapalan
R. S. Kathirgamanathan
B. D. Kishyanthan

J. Bruslee
 R. Richmond
 T. Narenthiranathan
 J. Justine
 N. Ponniah
 G. P. Singarayer
 K. Pratheepan
 E. G. Nirmalarajah
 I. Fabian
 R. Theophilus

Religious Knowledge:

- 1 A. Valentine
- 2 R. Richmond

Tamil:

- 1 A. Valentine
- 2 T. Narenthiranathan

English:

- 1 A. Valentine
- 2 G. P. Singarayer

Arithmetic:

- 1 J. J. Emil Urban
- 2 B. D. Kishyanthan

Env. Studies:

- 1 A. Valentine
- 2 J. Bruslee
 B. Thevapalan

Grade III

Class Prize:

- 111.A—S. A. Ramesh
 111.B—S. Prasanth

General Proficiency:

- S. Prasanth
 S. A. Remesh
 A. J. Inpajothy
 J. C. Lucksman
 G. J. Gunatharshan

Religious Knowledge:

- 1 S. A. Ramesh
- 2 M. Regno Jeyatharan

Tamil:

- 1 S. A. Ramesh
- 2 A. J. Inpajothy

English:

- 1 S. Prasanth
- 2 P. Valentine

Arithmetic:

- 1 S. A. Ramesh
- 2 M. H. Ilanchelian

Env. Studies:

- 1 S. A. Ramesh
- 2 S. Prasanth

Grade IV

Class Prize:

- IV.A—C. M. D. Manoharan
 IV.B—P. J. Dinesh
 IV.C—A. Suresh Joseph

General Proficiency:

- C. M. D. Manoharan
 H. R. Joseph
 P. J. Dinesh
 P. S. Pathinathan

Religious Knowledge:

- 1 C. M. D. Manoharan
- 2 P. J. Dinesh

Tamil:

- 1 C. M. D. Manoharan
- 2 P. J. Dinesh

English:

- 1 P. J. Dinesh
- 2 A. Suresh Joseph

Arithmetic:

- 1 C. M. D. Manoharan
- 2 A. Johnson

Env. Studies:

- 1 C. M. D. Manoharan
 T. J. Arjun

Grade V

Class Prize:

- V.A—A. A. Rajanayagam
 V.B—L. Parthipan
 V.C—E. C. Augustine

General Proficiency:

- L. Parthipan
 E. C. Augustine

A. A. Rajanayagam
S. Alfred
R. C. Marianayagam
G. I. S. Wignarajah
P. C. Pratheepan
J. E. Niranjana
K. V. Shankar
S. N. Rubanathan
J. J. Clinton

Religious Knowledge:

- 1 S. W. Raveendran
- 2 R. C. Marianayagam

Tamil:

- 1 L. Parthipan
- 2 E. C. Augustine

English:

- 1 S. Alfred
- 2 A. A. Rajanayagam

Arithmetic:

- 1 L. Parthipan
- 2 P. C. Pratheepan

Env. Studies:

- 1 L. Parthipan
- 2 S. Alfred

*The Joseph Ferdinand Memorial Prize
for the Best Performance in Primary School*
E. C. Augustine.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade VI

Class Prize:

VI.A—A. G. Gunandran
VI.B—G. N. Raju
VI.C—L. Gunaratnam

General Proficiency:

C. L. W. Patrick
L. Gunaratnam

Religious Knowledge:

- 1 C. L. W. Patrick
- 2 P. C. Sanjay

Tamil:

- 1 M. I. Locean
- 2 C. L. W. Patrick

English:

- 1 S. A. Priantha
- 2 C. L. W. Patrick

Mathematics:

- 1 A. S. F. Jenice
- 2 P. C. Sanjay

Science:

- 1 J. L. S. Bruno
- 2 P. C. Sanjay

Social Studies:

- 1 G. N. Raju
- 2 A. G. Gunandran

Hygiene:

J. M. M. Antony

Wood work:

S. Sivakumar

Art:

C. L. W. Patrick

Carnatic-Music:

E. Sadish Roy

Western Music:

J. M. M. Antony

Hinduism:

O. Kiruparan

*The S. A. Maria npillai Memorial Prize
for the Best Performance*
L. Gunaratnam

Grade VII

Class Prize:

VII.A—R. Karunakaran
VII.B—H. J. C. Vethanayagam
VII.C—Vincent Collins

General Proficiency:

H. J. C. Vethanayagam
G. S. Saverimuthu
R. Nimalaraj

Religious Knowledge:

- 1 G. S. Saverimuthu
- 2 H. J. C. Vethanayagam

Tamil:

- 1 G. S. Saverimuthu
- 2 H. J. C. Vethanayagam

English:

- 1 G. S. Saverimuthu
- 2 P. M. Y. Nishanthan

Mathematics:

- 1 H. J. C. Vethanayagam
- 2 R. Nimalaraj

Science:

- 1 H. J. C. Vethanayagam
- 2 G. S. Saverimuthu

Social Studies:

- 1 H. J. C. Vethanayagam
- 2 R. Nimalaraj

Hygiene:

G. S. Saverimuthu

Wood work:

H. J. C. Vethanayagam

Art:

R. Nimalaraj

Carnatic Music:

V. Thilakaraj

Western Music:

P. M. Y. Nishanthan

Hinduism:

S. Vijayakanthan

The Nagendra Memorial Prize for the Best Performance

H. J. C. Vethanayagam

Grade VIII

Class Prize:

- VIII.A—A. Pepitus
VIII.B—E. C. Vasanthan
VIII.C—A. Amalarajah Croos
VIII.D—S. Maxwell

Grade IX

Class Prize:

- IX.A—S. A. Valentine
IX.B—A. C. Surendrakumar
IX.C—D. V. E. Ravichandran
IX.D—A. E. Rajkumar
IX.E—A. Silva

General Proficiency:

- A. Pepitus
J. J. Babington
S. L. Jeganathan
A. G. Manivannan

Religious Knowledge:

- 1 J. M. Lambert
- 2 A. Amlarajah Croos

Tamil:

- 1 J. M. Lambert
- 2 A. Pepitus

English:

- 1 S. L. Jeganathan
- 2 A. Pepitus

Mathematics:

- 1 A. Pepitus
- 2 A. G. Manivannan

Science:

- 1 A. Pepitus
- 2 S. L. Jeganathan

Social Studies:

- 1 J. M. Lambert
- 2 S. L. Jeganathan

Hygiene:

M. T. Sarathjeevan

Wood work:

A. Pepitus

Art:

A. Pepitus

Carnatic Music:

J. J. Babington

Western Music:

T. Joseph

Hinduism:

S. Muthukrishnar

The Fr. B. E. Alfred Memorial Prize for the Best Performance in Middle School:

A. Pepitus.

UPPER SCHOOL

General Proficiency:

A. C. Surendrakumar

Religious Knowledge:

- 1 D. V. E. Ravichandran
- 2 M. H. Hubert

Tamil:

- 1 D. V. E. Ravichandran
- 2 A. C. Surendrakumar

English:

- 1 T. T. Thalayasingam
- 2 G. R. Thavaratnam

Mathematics:

- 1 A. C. Surendrakumar
- 2 M. H. Hubert

Science:

- 1 D. V. E. Ravichandran
- 2 J. P. Sugantharajah

Social Studies:

- 1 V. Devananda
- 2 M. L. Selvaratnam

Hygiene:

M. L. Selvaratnam

Agriculture:

S. A. Roy Nesan

Art:

S. A. Gladstone

Carnatic Music:

T. Soosainathan

Western Music:

A. A. Benedict

Hinduism:

R. Ketheesan

The Elias Peiries Memorial Prize for the Best Performance

A. C. Surendrakumar

Grade X

Class Prize:

- X.A—P. K. Rajakariar
- X.B—R. Uthayakumar
- X.A—P. R. Shivanthan
- X.B—P. J. Valentine
- X.C—A. R. Pillainayagam
- X.D—G. L. Gnanatheva

General Proficiency:

P. J. Valentine

Religious Knowledge :

(The Jacob Michael & Isabel Memorial Prize)

- B. N. Joseph
2 J. A. Pillainayagam

Tamil:

(The Vaithilingam Subramaniam Memorial Prize)

- 1 J. C. Paul Rohan
2 J. A. Pillainayagam

English:

(The Fr. V. Jevaratnam Memorial Prize)
P. J. Valentine

- 2 A. R. Pillainayagam

Maths:

- 1 J. A. Pillainayagam
2 M. K. Shanthakumar

Science:

- 1 P. J. Valentine
2 C. J. Surendra

Social Studies:

- 1 J. C. Paul Rohan
2 P. N. Antony

Hygiene:

P. J. Valentine

Agriculture:

P. J. Valentine

Art:

(The Soosaipillai and Mariampillai Memorial Prize)

S. W. Kingsley and
A. J. Ratnakumar

Carnatic Music:

Anton St. Jude

Hinduism:

J. Vivekanandan

The Selvadurai Memorial Prize for the Best Performance in O/L Examination:

P. R. Shivanthan

GRADE XI (1st Year)

Class Prize:

XI.B₁—T. Balendra

11.M—M. A. C. Anandarajah

11.C—S. A. C. Vasiharan

Physics:

T. Balendra

Chemistry:

T. Balendra

Pure Maths:

S. A. Winsles

Applied Maths:

M. A. C. Anandarajah

Botany:

J. M. Constantine

Zoology:

No Award

Accounts:

S. A. C. Vasiharan

Commerce:

S. A. C. Vasiharan

Economics:

K. J. Singarayer

Christianity:

K. J. Singarayer

Tamil:

K. J. Singarayer

The Sam B. R. Alfred Memorial Prize for the Best Physical Science Student.

M. A. C. Anandarajah

The Dr. Nagamuthu Dharmalingam Memorial Prize for the Best Biological Science Student

T. Balendra

The Xavy Glass Memorial Prize for the Best Student—Commerce

S. A. C. Vasiharan

GRADE XI (2nd Year)

Class Prize:

11.B₂—R. Vasavan

11.M₂—A. J. Ravikumar

11.C₂—S. L. Rupert

General Proficiency:

Physics:

R. Vasavan

Chemistry:

R. Vasavan

Pure Maths:

A. J. Ravikumar

Applied Maths:

S. J. Mariathas

Botany:

R. Vasavan

Zoology:

R. Vasavan

Accounts:

T. J. Karunaharan

Commerce

(The Amirthanoyagam Memorial Prize)

J. C. G. Yogarajah

Tamil:

F. A. J. Coonghe

Political Science:

T. J. Karunaharan

GRDE XII

Class Prize:

XII.B₂—A. Aruljothy

XII.M₂—M. R. Jeyamanoharan

XII.C₂—E. Mariathas

XII.B—N. Senthilraj

XII.M—V. S. C. Raviraj

XII.C—S. P. A. Jeganathan

General Proficiency:

V. S. C. Raviraj

N. Senthilraj

Physics:

V. S. C. Raviraj

Chemistry

(The Philips Memorial Prize)

N. Senthilraj

Pure Maths:

(*The Mrs. Mary Francis Memorial Prize*)

V. S. C. Raviraj

Applied Maths:

V. S. C. Raviraj

Botany:

N. Senthilraj

Zoology:

(*The Abraham Memorial Prize*)

N. Senthilraj

Accounts:

No Award

Commerce:

No Award

Economics:

T. Emmanuel

Christianity:

No Award

Tamil:

T. Quintus

Prizes for distinctions obtained in A/L 1982

V. S. C. Raviraj	Distinctions in	Pure Maths, Applied Maths and Physics.
X. A. B. A. Fernando	"	Applied Maths
M. R. Jeyamanoharan	"	Applied Maths
J. C. P. Rajendra	"	Botany
N. Senthilraj	"	Chemistry

Prizes for Scouting:

Juniors: Best Scout:

A. D. C. Regulas

Best Job Card Collection:

M. X. Maxwell

Best Patrol Leader:

S. Muthukrishnan

Prize for the Best Exhibit:

J. J. A. Bebbington

Field day Prize:

M. T. Sarathjeevan

Cub-Scouts: 1. A. V. Virendra
2. G. V. R. Rickman
T. R. Constantine

Elocution Contest

English

Sub-Juveniles — A. A. Rajanayagam
Juveniles — A. Herson
Juniors — N. N. Ahilakumar
Intermediates — B. N. Joseph

Tamil

Juveniles — S. V. Vignanayagam
Juniors — N. N. Ahilakumar
Intermediates — T. Ravindar Thomas
Seniors (The Bishop Deogupillai Memorial Prize)
— A. Jeevaratnam

Seniors

(*The Bishop Guymor Memorial Prize*)

— N. T. Swampillai

Post Seniors — J. B. Perinpanayagam *Post Seniors* — P. A. P. BenjaminRajah
Prize for the best debator

(*The Victor Earnest Cherubim Memorial Prize*) — X. A. Rajindrakumar

Prize for the Best Attendance in Grade XII

(*The Emtlianus pillai Memorial Prize*) — P. Hariharan (12B₂)

Prize for the Head Prefect

(*The T. J. Mathuranayagam Memorial Prize*) — X. A. Rajendrakumar

OPEN PRIZES

Medals Awarded:

General Knowledge	<i>Upper School</i>	S. L. Rupert
	<i>Middle School</i>	S. L. Jeganathan
Religious Knowledge	<i>Upper School</i>	J. C. Paul Rohan
	<i>Middle School</i>	J. E. T. Athanasiar
		A. Stany Croos

Gold Medal for Excellent performance in Studies — A. Pepitus of *Grade VIII*

Cups Awarded:

<i>Best Footballer</i>	—	The Fr. Long Memorial Challenge Cup	J. Rock Hudson
<i>Best Cricketer</i>	—	The Mr. A. S. Alagaretnam Memorial Challenge Cup	S. L. P. Melanious
<i>Best Batsman</i>	—	The Mr. Albert Edward Phillips Memorial Cup	M. K. M. J. Chellappa
<i>Best Athlete</i>	—	The St. Goerge Memorial Challenge Cup	A. D. Ivory
<i>Best gen. Proficiency in</i> <i>A/L</i>	—	The St. George Memorial Challenge trophy	V. S. C. Raviraj
<i>The Patrician of the year</i>	—	Cup and The Bishop Emilianuspillai Memorial Prize	J. C. P. Rajendra

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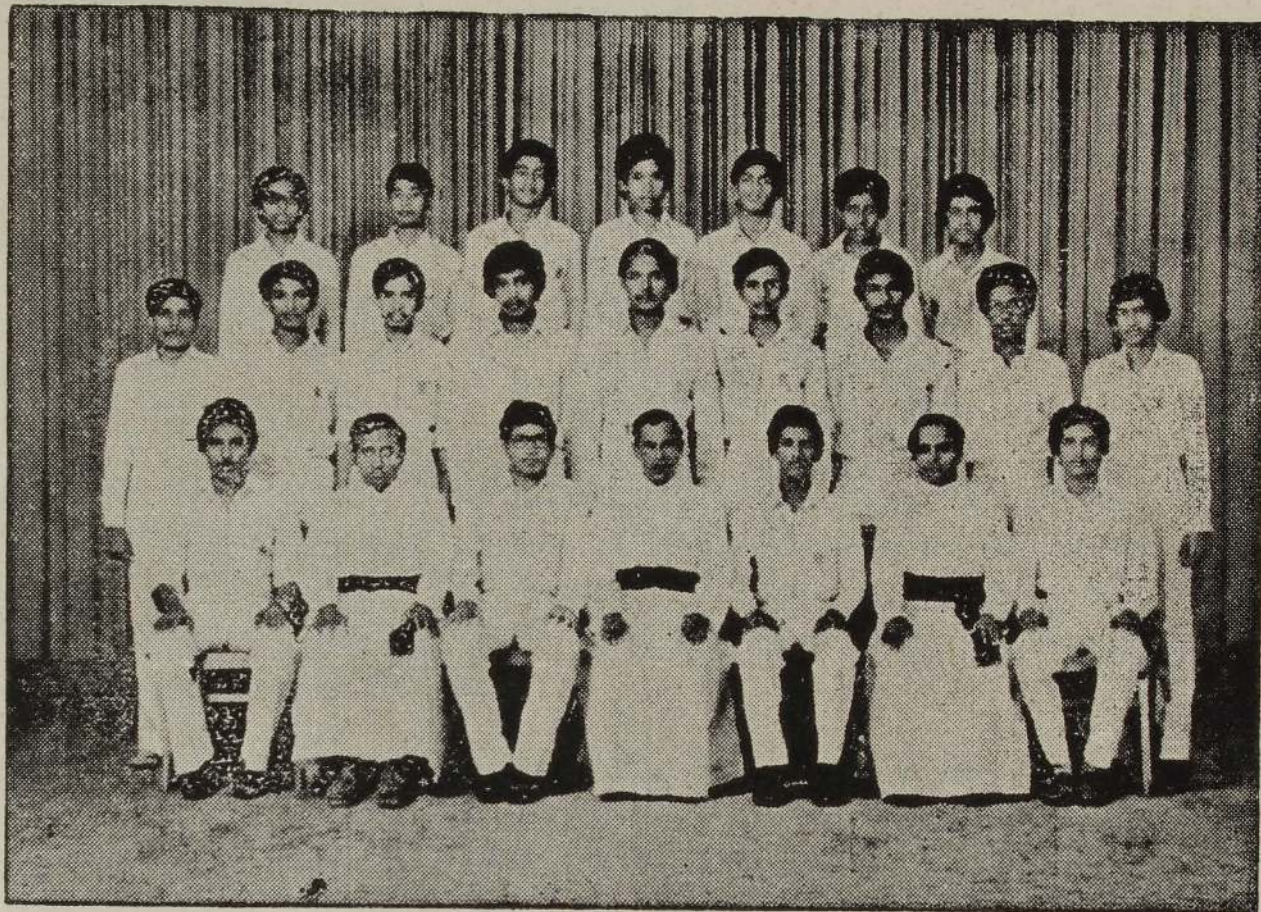
<i>Football</i>	—	T. E. Tibutius (1981)
		Rockhudson (Re-award)
		A. D. Ivory
		S. L. P. Melanious
<i>Cricket</i>	—	T. E. Tibutius (1981)
		M. K. M. J. Chellapa (Re-award)
		N. Navaneetharajah
<i>Athletics</i>	—	V. S. C. Raviraj

Inter House Competition:

<i>Dramatics</i>	—	The F. J. Armstrong Challenge Trophy
		Long House
<i>Debate</i>	—	The F. N. C. Saverimuthu Challenge trophy
		Matthews House
<i>Elocution</i>	—	The S. F. Santhiapillai Challenge trophy
		Dunne House
<i>Athletics</i>	—	Bonjean House
<i>Football</i>	—	Long House
<i>Cricket</i>	—	Matthews House
<i>Basket Ball</i>	—	Long House

The Guyomar Shield for the year 1982 is awarded to
BONJEAN HOUSE

Board of Prefects - 1982



Seated (L-R)

M. K. M. J. Chellappa, Rev. Fr. Vice Rector,
X. A. Rajindrakumar (Head Prefect), Rev. Fr. Rector,
G. J. T. Vethanayagam (Deputy Head Prefect),
Rev. Fr. Pilendran, S. D. B. Constantine.

Standing (Middle)

R. Vasavan, N. Senthilraj, C. I. Joseph, A. F. Jesuthasan,
A. B. Perinpanayagam, A. R. C. Constantine, A. D. Ivory,
B. L. Sanchayan, S. L. Rupert.

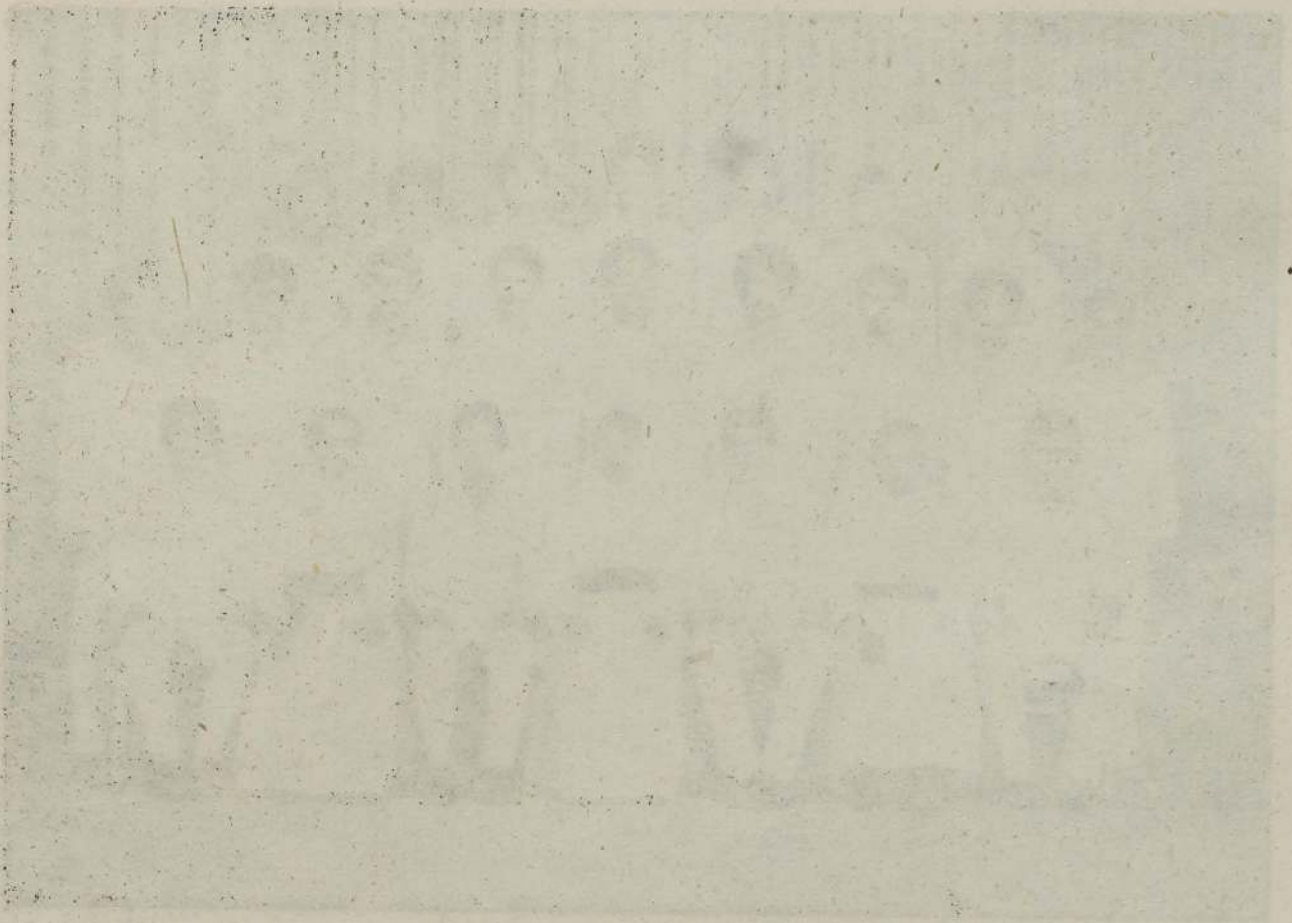
Standing (Top)

J. C. P. Rajendra, Hector Joseph, N. T. Swampillai, P. A. Antony,
I. B. Constantine, F. X. D. Nirmalan, J. T. R. Vethanayagam.

Absentees

L. L. Ravindra, M. J. Linton.

Board of Trustees - 1982



Seated (L-R)

M. K. M. J. Chellappa, Rev. Fr. Vice Rector,
X. A. Rajendrakumar (Head Trustee), Rev. Fr. Rector,
G. I. T. Velmurugan (Deputy Head Trustee),
Rev. Fr. Rector, S. D. B. Convent.

Standing (Middle)

R. Varma, N. Senthil, C. I. Joseph, A. R. Jayaraman,
A. B. Perumal, A. R. C. Convent, A. D. Iyer,
B. I. Sathyan, S. I. Kumar.

Standing (Far)

I. C. R. Rajendran, Hector Joseph, M. T. Senthil, P. A. Arora,
I. B. Convent, F. X. D. Numbur, I. T. R. Velmurugan.

Absent

L. I. Rector, M. J. Iyer.

HOUSE REPORTS

LONG HOUSE

House Master:	Mr. G. Arulanandam
Sports Master:	Mr. M. A. N. Antony
House Captain:	Mas. J. M. Constantine
Asst. House Captain:	Mas. G. J. T. Vethanayagam
Sports Captain:	Mas. N. Navaneetharajah
Asst. Sports Captain:	Mas. B. L. Sanjean
Cricket Captain:	Mas. A. E. Antonypillai
Football Captain:	Mas. J. V. Saverimuthu
Chess Captain:	Mas. J. M. Constantine
Table Tennis Captain:	Mas. I. B. Constantine
Secretary:	Mas. L. L. Ravindra
Treasurer:	Mas. I. B. Constantine

It is with great pleasure that I submit the report of our house for the year 1982. Our performance during the year in studies as well as in athletics has shown much improvement. I am happy to report that Mas. T. N. Thirumaran from our house was selected to follow Medicine. At the G. C. E. (O/L) December 1982 examination our boys obtained commendable results.

Messrs. S. Sahayaraja, A.E. Autonypillai and Z. S. B. Roy took part in the quadrangular meet held in 1982. Messrs. J. E. Tibutius, N. Navaneetharajah and S. I. Baskaran represented College in Cricket. Mas. N. Navaneetharajah had the distinction of capturing 50 wickets during the inter-school matches. At the annual big match Mas. N. Navaneetharajah was adjudged the best bowler and Mas. J. E. Tibutius won the special award. Mas. N. Navaneetharajah and Mas. J. E. Tibutius also were members of the Jaffna Schools Team. Mas. A. J. Elmo represented college in Soccer while Mas. A. E. Antonypillai captained the Soccer 2nd Eleven.

We won the inter-house football competition captained by Mas. A. J. Elmo. We also won the inter-house basket ball competition. Mas. J. V. Saverimuthu who captained our house team, led the College Basketball Team also. In the inter-house table tennis competition Mas. I. B. Constantine and C. Kulendran won the doubles in the Senior group while Mas. J. M. Constantine and J. Milroy were the runners up in the doubles-Junior group. Mas. A. M. Nirmalaraj earned a number of points at the Inter-house athletic meet.

In the Inter-house Tamil day competition we were awarded the runners-up shield. Our thanks to Mas. B. L. Sanjean who led the debating team that won.

In the English Day Programme too our house had its share. Mas. S. Alfred was placed 2nd in Elocution, Singing and Essay writing, Mas. J. M. Constantine and Mas. B. L. Sanjean were placed 3rd in the intermediates and seniors elocution competitions respectively. Our entry for the dramatic competition was "Forced Marriage" and

we retained the Armstrong Challenge shield for the second year. Mas. G. J. T. Vethanayagam was adjudged the best actor. It is my duty to thank Mr. C. F. Swampillai, our former house master, who directed the play and the actors. Mas. I. B. Constantine represented our College in the U. N. mock session which was sponsored by the Jaffna Lions Club.

Mas. G. J. T. Vethanayagam served as the President of the Catholic students Federation and the Secretary of the Muthamil Mantram. Mas. I. B. Constantine was the Secretary of the English Day Celebrations organising committee and the Vice-President of the Interact Club.

In conclusion I wish to place on record our sincere thanks to Mr. G. Arulandam, our house master, the other teachers and my fellow Longites for helping our house achieve its present success.

Secretary

DUNNE HOUSE

House Master	Mr. M. Mariasoosai
Sports Master	Mr. M. M. Thanabalan
House Captain	J. Rockhudson
Sports Captain	S. L. Rupert
Cricket Captain	A. J. Ravikumar
Football Captain	A. Anton Jeyakumar
Basketball Captain	S. Mariathas
Badminton Captain	T. N. Sebaratnam
Table Tennis Captain	H. Joseph
Secretary	R. Sanchayan
Treasurer	M. R. Antony

I have pleasure in submitting the report of the Dunne House for the year 1982. As in the previous years, this year too our House had many achievements to its credit.

In the field of sports many of our boys found places in all the teams and brought credit to the college. Mas. A. Mervin and Mas. P. Sathiendran created new records in 800 metres and Discus throw respectively. Mas. M. K. M. J. Chellapah captained our college cricket team. He was chosen the best batsman of the year. Our college football team was captained by our house captain Mas. J. Rockhudson who was called to the National youth pool. He was chosen the best soccer player of the year.

For the Inter house dramatic competition Dunne House staged Romeo and Juliet. Though we were placed 2nd in the competition this play was highly appreciated by the audience. In this connection my special thanks are due to our House master Mr. M. Mariasoosai, Mrs. R. J. B. Xavier, Miss P. P. P. Patrick and Miss M. P. Antony.

I take this opportunity to congratulate "Dunne House" for winning the Elocution championship cup. At the Talent contest conducted in our college Dunne House obtained most of the places both in group singing and individual singing.

Our sports captain Mas. S. L. Rupert was elected President of the Muthamil Mantram of 1982. Under his able chairmanship the Muthamil Day was celebrated on a grand scale. Mas. T. N. Sebaratnam the President of the Advanced Level Students Union and Mas. R. Sanchayan the Secretary were both from our house.

I will be failing in my duty if I don't mention the valuable services rendered to us, the Dunnites by Mr. S. F. Xavier who was our sports master for eight years and House Master for the last three years. Under his able guidance and leadership we emerged champions at our annual Inter-House Athletic Meet for a continuous period of nine years from 1972 to 1980. He was always at the service of our Dunnites. In spite of the heavy demand on his time he had always been very generous to stay back after school hours to help us in our endeavours. On behalf of all Dunnites my sincere thanks are due to him

I take this opportunity to say a big "Thank You" to all my fellow Dunnites for the enthusiasm and the whole hearted co-operation they gave me in all the activities of our house, and hope they will keep our green flag flying higher and higher.

Secretary.

BONJEAN HOUSE

House Master	Mr. A. S. Augustine
Sports Master	Mr. D. C. C. Santhiapillai
President	Mas. S. Regipaulton
Secretary	Mas J. B. Perinpanayagam
Treasurer	Mas. J. M. Sebastiampillai

Captains: Football	Mas. J. Steinburg
Cricket	Mas. D. E. Gunaratnam
Basketball	Mas. C. I. Joseph
Athletics	Mas. V. S. C. Raviraj
Indoor Games	Mas. M. A. Arulanandam
English Day activities	Mas. F. X. D. Nirmalan
Tamil Day activities	Mas. V. Hillary

I have great pleasure in submitting the report of Bonjean House for the year 1982. This year had been one of great achievements in almost all the competitions. Our House the reigning champions in athletics, retained the challenge cup for the year 1982 as well, with the top score of 147 points. As a result of our superb perform-

ance we won the field events cup and the relay cup. Mas J. Holywins was declared the under 13 champion. Mas D. E. Gunaratnam was chosen the college athletic captain. In the quadrangular meet the members of our house displayed their talents creditably.

The results of the English day competitions are proofs enough to show our mettle in that field of activities too.

Elocution contest: Subjuveniles 1st place: Mas. A. Rajanayagam
Post Seniors 1st place: Mas. J. B. Perinpanayagam

Spelling Contest: All groups except the intermediate group won first places.

Debate: Runners up

Singing: Sub-Juveniles 1st place Mas. A. Rajanayagam
Juveniles 1st place Mas S. L. Jeganathan
Seniors 1st place Mas J. Fernando

In the field of studies many of our members were recipients of Prize day awards. Mas V. S. C. Raviraj won the St. George memorial challenge trophy for the Best General Proficiency in A/L. Our congratulations.

V. Hillary, F. X. D. Nirmalan, M. J. Linton, J. B. Perinpanayagam and C. I. Joseph served as members of the Board of Prefects for the year 1982.

To crown all these successes we are proud to announce that this year we have won the much coveted Guyomar Shield, declaring the Bonjean House as the champion house of the year 1982.

Finally I wish to express my sincere thanks to the House master, sports master, teachers who are responsible for other activities and every member of the house for contributing towards its final success in his own small way.

I wish and hope the Bonjeanites maintain the same standard in the years to come.

Secretary

MATTHEWS HOUSE

<i>House Master:</i>	Mr. W. J. Navaratnam
<i>Sports Master:</i>	Mr. J. A. J. Arumainathan
<i>House Captain:</i>	Mas. X. A. Rajindrakumar
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mas. J. C. Rajendra
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mas. J. George
<i>Cricket Captain:</i>	Mas. A. M. Thurairatnam
<i>Athletics Captain:</i>	Mas. A. D. Ivory
<i>Soccer Captain:</i>	Mas. R. Ronicut
<i>Badminton Captain:</i>	Mas. F. R. Jesuthasan
<i>Basket ball Captain:</i>	Mas. V. Jeganathan
<i>Table Tennis Captain:</i>	Mas. N. D. Anandarajan
<i>Chess Captain:</i>	Mas. A. M. Chinniah
<i>Drama Captain:</i>	Mas. J. K. Michael

It is with great pleasure that I submit the report of our House for the year 1982. Our success in cricket, athletics, debate and studies is due to the efforts of our participants. Whenever our boys were called upon to participate in competitions, they gave us their full support and co-operation. I as secretary of the Matthews House thank them all sincerely.

Achievements

I am proud to state that our House Captain was appointed Head Prefect while the following were elected college prefects. They were Mas. J. T. R. Vethanayagom, Mas. P. A. Antony, Mas. F. A. Jesuthasan, Mas. P. Vasavan, and Mas. A. D. Ivory.

I must congratulate our cricket team for winning the inter-house cricket championship cup under the leadership of Mas. A. M. Thurairatnam. Though we did not come first we were runners-up in the inter-house sports meet. We won the Individual Championship Cup in under 16, 17 and 19. Our Athletic Captain excelled in these events. Mas. A. D. Ivory our Athletic Captain got two first places in the quardrangular sports meet held at Jaffna College.

We had many inter-house competitions in connection with the English Day. Mas. A. Herman won the 1st place in the Elocution contest (Juvenile group). Mas. Gerard Joy won the 1st place in the English Essay competition (Junior group). Post Senior Group won the 1st place in the English Spelling contest. We won the English Debate and the Tamil Debate competitions.

Mas. X. A. Rajindrakumar was adjudged the best debator. He also chaired the students committee that organised the English Day.

We extend our appreciation to those who brought these victories. It is our pleasure and bounden duty to thank our House Masters and other House Teachers for their kind advice, encouragement and guidance.

I take this opportunity to thank all those officials and fellow Matthewites for the excellant work put in and the good will shown. I hope they will keep their red flag flying higher and higher in the years to come.

Secretary

English Day

The English day activities 1982 were organised once again by a committee of senior prefects headed by Mas. X. A. Rajindrakumar. Mas. I.B. Constantine functioned as the secretary. The committee was guided by Rev. Fr. P. Jesunesan, the Vice Rector and the other English teachers.

The great enthusiasm stimulated by valuable activities such as elocution, singing, debate and drama, was due to the competitions being organised on an Inter-House basis. Challenge trophies were awarded for elocution, drama & debate. The Messrs. F. N. C. Saverimuthu, and S. F. Santhiapillai trophies were awarded in memory of both these Patrician stalwarts who taught English, with dignity and dedication.

Mr. Kadirgamar, B.Sc, M. A. Sc. Ed. Principal of Jaffan College and his charming wife graced the occasion as chief guests.

We thank, the students committee, Fr. Vice Rector, and all other teachers of English, who spared their time ungrudgingly to make the day another successful one. A special word of thanks is due to Fr. P. Jesunesan, our Vice-Rector for all the assistance rendered to the Committee in working out the contests and also in organising the final day programme.

Debate:

During the year, the debating society was conducted and guided by Mr. X. D. M. Constantine, its moderator. X. A. Rajindrakumar and I. B. Constantine participated in the U.N. mock session sponsored by the Lions of Jaffna. Inter-house debating competition was organised by the English day committee and the F. N. C. Saverimuthu challenge shield awarded to the winner was donated by the Young Patricians of the OBA. Jaffna. This was won by Matthews house this year.

Dramatics:

The Inter-house dramatic competition was organised by the English day committee as in the previous years. Long House won the Armstrong challenge trophy staging scenes from "Forced Marriage". Mas. G. J. T. Vethanayagam was selected the best actor. Our sincere thanks are due to the house masters G. Arulanandam, A. S. Augustine, W. J. Navaratnam, and M. Mariasoosai, for the genuine enthusiasm shown. We thank Fr. G.V. Pilendran, Director of Dramatics for his kind co-operation and assistance.

Parents Day

The transmission of common social values and culture is one of the important aims of education. With the child's internalisation or interiorisation of these values and discipline, he gets initiated into the life in society. In other words the school has to make the home and the environment meaningful to the child. It has to be a

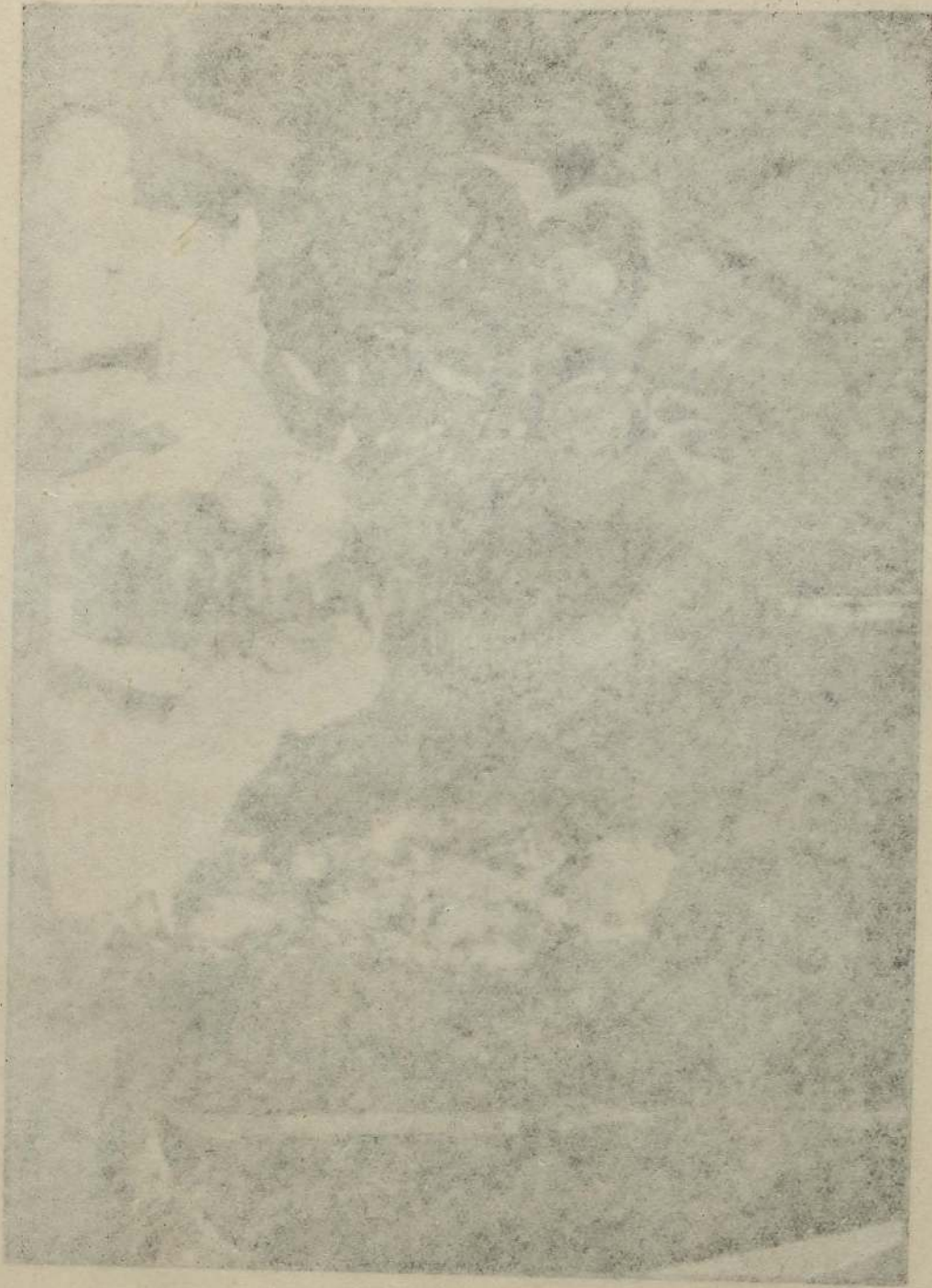
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ENGLISH DAY GALA



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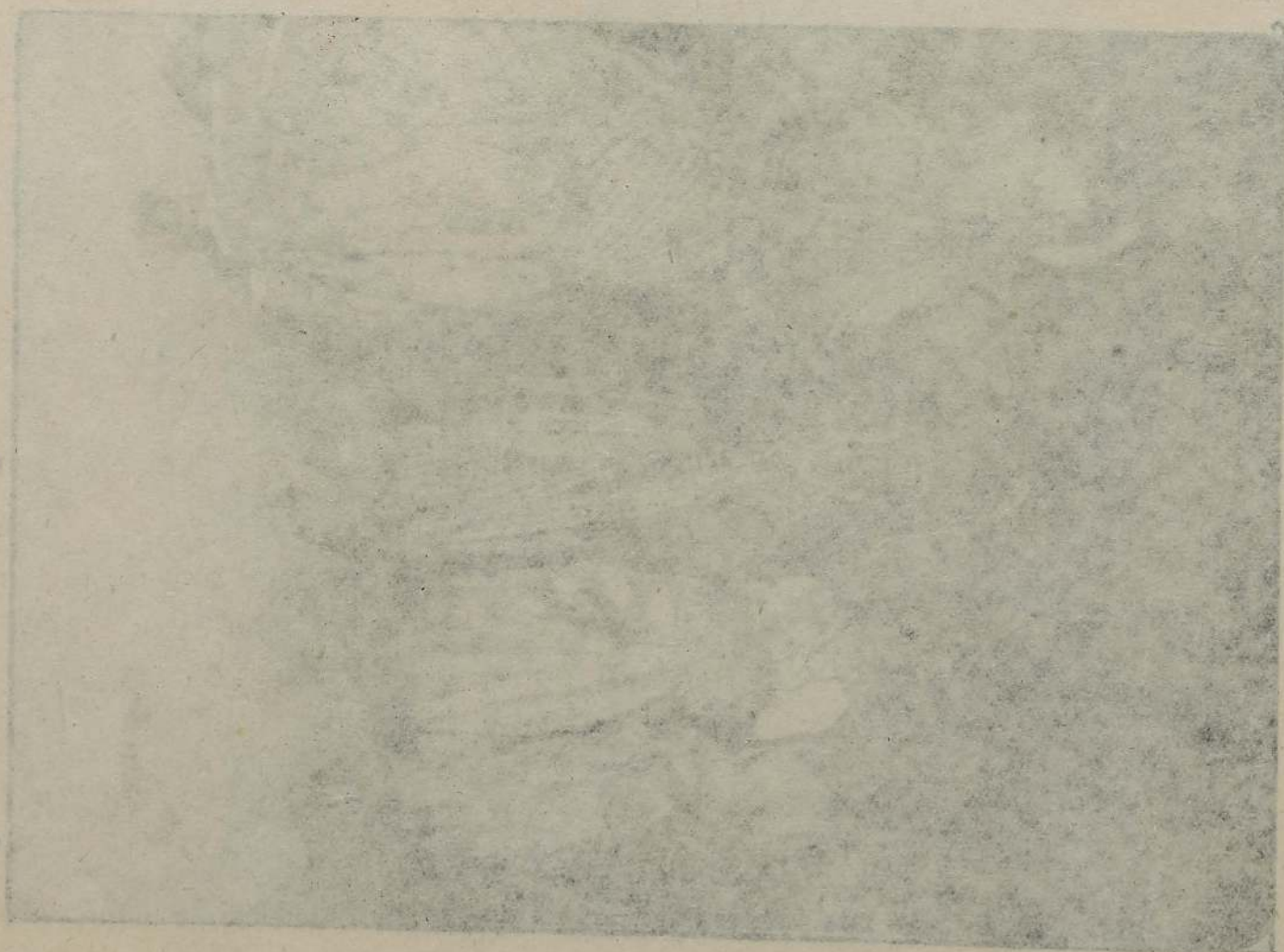
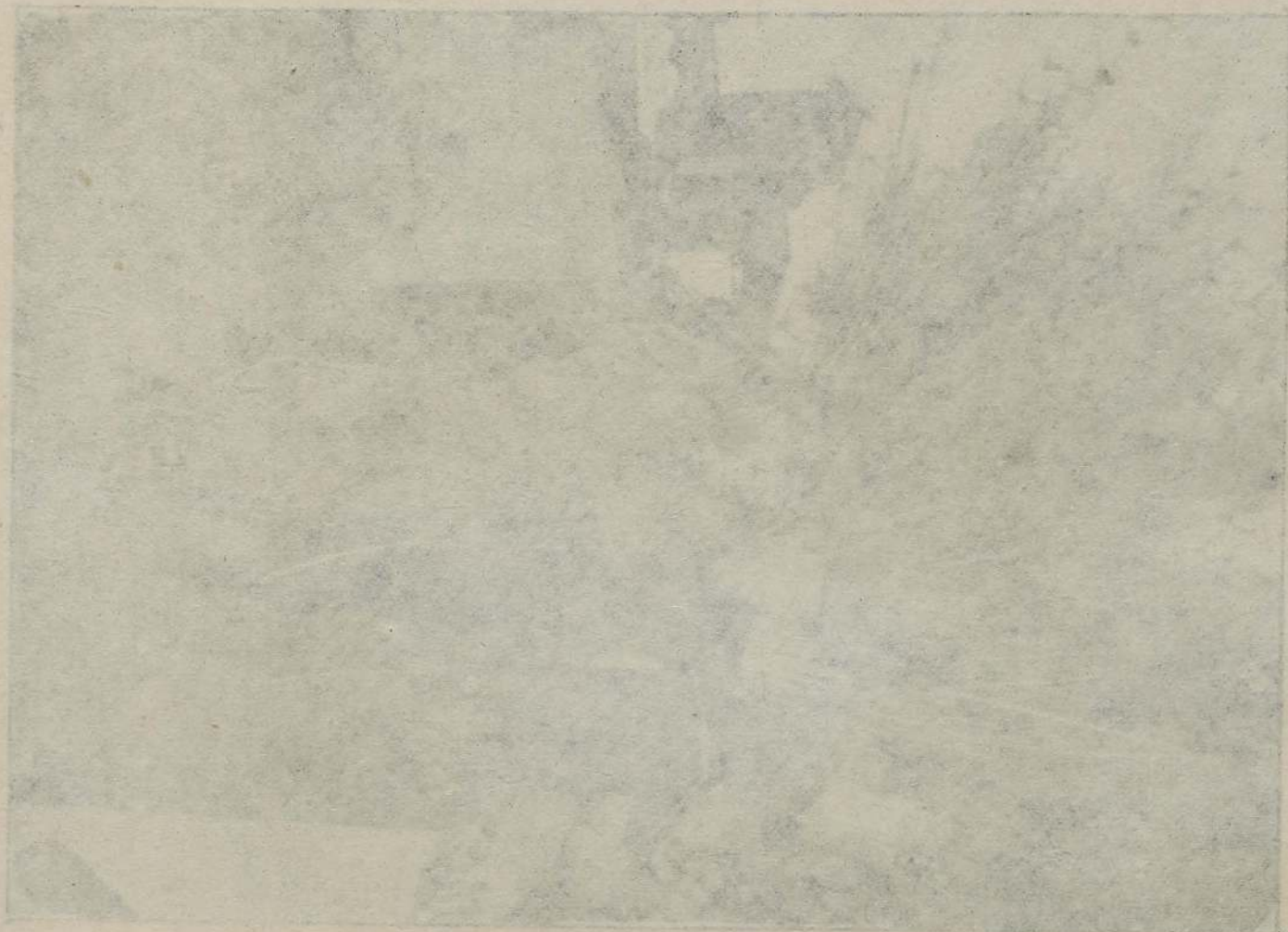




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second home, a micro-society or a community in miniature which reflects the larger society outside, but should also seek to improve the society in the long run. To achieve this aim a close Parent-Teacher link must be developed.

We are proud to say that St. Patrick's always welcomes and respects the constructive ideas and criticism of parents and takes necessary steps to remedy any shortcoming. The Parents' Day celebration of the Primary School was held on 8th Oct. 1982 under the patronage of most Rev. Dr. B. Deogupillai, Bishop of Jaffna. The Chief Guest was Mr. M. M. Munsoor, Chief Education Officer, Jaffna.

The celebration began with the traditional lighting of the oil lamp by the chief Guest and the singing of the college anthem. Rev. Sr. Seraphine read out the annual report and expressed her sincere appreciation of the co-operation and sacrifice given by all the members of the staff on all occasions towards the formation of the child, to be a worthy citizen of the soil. A variety entertainment made the evening an enjoyable one. The packed hall of parents and grand-parents reflected the keen interest the parents have in the education of their children. The variety entertainment brought out the talents of the children.

The Rector thanked the parents for the interest and assistance they always give and requested them to be in touch with the school by giving their valuable suggestions for the betterment of the school.

Miss. N. Vethanayagam gave the vote of thanks and the parents left the hall with cherished memories.

Interact Club

President	Int J. C. P. Rajendra
Secretary	Int. R. Sanchayan
Treasurer	Int. G. George
Club Service Director	Int. X. A. Rajindrakumar
Finance Director	Int. H. Joseph
Community Service Director	Int. P. A. Antony
Vice President	Int. I. B. Constantine

It is with great pleasure that I submit the report of the Interact Club for the year 1982. The motto of the Interact Club is "Service above Self". I am very happy to say that our Interactors were very active and they displayed great enthusiasm in doing projects for the communtiy, There were 30 Interactors in our club last year.

Now I would like to list out projects and activities that we did during the year 1982.

As the year 1982 was dedicated to the elderly people our club spent a major part of its time in organizing projects for the elderly people. We went to the home for the

aged, Colombagam in December. We helped them in preparing a part of the building to be floored and we had a carol party to entertain the elders and they were very happy.

Our congratulations to our Project Chairman Int M. S. S. J. Sooriajeevan for organizing this project very successfully.

In September our Interactors had a immunization survey in the NaVanthurai area. This project was organized at the request of the Rotary Club of Jaffna. We collected immunization particulars of children between the ages of 3 months and 3 years. We submitted the results of the survey to Rtn Dr B. S. Bharathy. I take this opportunity to thank Rtn Dr. B. S. Bharathy for his help to complete this project. This was our main project for youth activity week 1982.

As a fund raising project for the year 1982, we had a cycle park during foot ball matches. Though we had only one fund raising project for the year 1982 the collection exceeded our expectations.

Our thanks to the O. B. A. of St. Patrick's college for giving us their premises to have the cycle park. I also thank our Treasurer Int K. Ravindran who made this project very successful.

We made use of the amount collected to print the basket ball jerseys for our college basket ball team.

The Rotary Club of Jaffna organized a debate between the Interact club of St. John's College and Interact club of St. Patrick's College in September. On behalf of our club Int. X. A. Rajendrakumar, Int J. T. R. Vethanayagam and Int. B. L. Sanchayan participated. We won the debate and we got the challenge shield. Int. B. L. Sanchayan was awarded the cup for the best debator.

In December 17 Interactors from our club participated in the 5th Interact District Conference which was held in Colombo at Royal College. We are happy that of all the outstation clubs our club had the largest number of members participating.

It is our pleasure and bounden duty to thank our staff advisor Mr. James Arumainathan for giving us great encouragement and good advice in the many activities done by the Interactors.

Finally I wish to thank all Interactors for the co-operation and the good will shown by them. I sincerely hope that our Junior Interactors will remember the Interact motto "Service above Self" and undertake many more projects for the school and the community.

Secretary

Teachers' Guild

President
Vice President
Secretary
Asst. Secretary
Treasurer

Mr. A. S. Augustine
Mrs. S. Mathews
Mr. M. Pakianathan
Mr. V. Kugatharan
Mr. Albert Santhiapillai

It is with great pleasure I present to you the report of the Teachers' Guild of St. Patrick's College, for the year 1982. It has a membership of fortyeight excluding the Honorary members, the religious staff.

The members being of the highest calibre and dedicated commitment to the present day needs of the children, are highly commended by the Rector of the College in his annual report. The secret of their success is that they consider teaching a vocation and not merely a job to maintain themselves, which is the cause of low standards in present day Education. We are proud that the Guild is contributing towards the building up of a Greater St. Patrick's and as a result the nation.

During the course of the year we bade farewell to a few who left us on account of poor health and personal reasons. One of our senior members Mr. D.S.Gnana-pragasam the head of the Department of Science, and a very successful teacher was one of them. He is one much sought after by students from all parts of the Island and he imparts his knowledge ungrudgingly. His contributions to the Guild in various forms during his membership helped in a great way towards its success.

Mr. F. F. Anselmar and Mrs. M. J. Inpanayagam left us after, though a short but successful career. The Guild takes this opportunity to wish them a long happy and contented life.

We welcome to the Guild Messrs. T. Kalamany, S. Ariaretnam, R. P. Kanesan and G. M. Sebastampillai, all with the best of achievements in various fields of study.

We wish them a long and pleasant association with the Guild.

The Guild, this year, had to attend to many social requirements of the members and we are thankful to everyone for the co-operation given in fulfilling these obligations.

The family day was a very significant one in that we had the 50th birthday celebrations of the Rector and the farewell to two of the veteran members of the auxiliary staff, Mr. T. A. Fernando and Mr. K. S. Santhiapillai. The Guild honoured the Rector and the others in a fitting manner.

Finally I wish to thank the Rector for the magnanimity with which he listens to our problems, and the Vice Rector and the prefects of studies for acting with understanding and to all the members for the ready help and co-operation extended.

Secretary.

The Patrician Family Day

Unity is strength. "United we stand, divided we fall"—so goes the proverb.

The primary object of the Patrician Family Day is to create a feeling of oneness among the Patricians who are responsible for maintaining its good name and fame. Just as every member of the family co-operates and works in harmony for the upliftment of the family so do Rev. Fr. Rector, the teachers, the students and the clerical staff work as one body for the smooth and successful administration of the college.

The Family Day has been celebrated on a grand-scale since the 30th of June 1980 which incidentally is also the birthday of Rev. Fr. Rector. The special significance of the Family Day of 1982 was the 50th birthday of Rev. Fr. Rector.

The celebrations began with a concelebrated mass said by Father Rector the celebrant and other Patrician Priests. Fifty oil lamps were lit on the altar to mark the 50th birthday.

After the mass the Patrician Family assembled at the Mathuram Square and extended their sincere and loving wishes in many novel, rather unusual ways, allowing each member to guess what was going to happen next. The tiny tots of the Primary Department released 50 balloons, 50 students from the Middle school put 50 garlands of Jasmines round Rev. Fr. Rector's neck and the students of the upper school presented 50 roses to the Rector.

The farewell function of Messrs K. S. Santhiapillai the Librarian and T. A. Fernando the Chief Clerk also took place.

After the celebrations Rev. Fr. Rector delivered a speech in appreciation of the services rendered by Messrs K.S.Santhiapillai and T. A. Fernando, the former having served for more than half-a-century and the latter for nearly half a century in the Patrician Family. He also thanked all those who had been responsible for making it a very enjoyable event.

The family day programme came to a close with a sumptuous lunch hosted by the Rector to the Members of the Tutorial Staff, the Clerical Staff and representatives of the students.

FAMILY DAY REMEMBRANCES



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Social Service League

<i>President :</i>	X. A. Rajendrakumar
<i>Vice-President :</i>	A. J. Ravikumar
<i>Secretary :</i>	P. A. Antony
<i>Asst. Secretary :</i>	F. X. D. Nirmalan
<i>Treasurer :</i>	L. L. Ravindra
<i>Asst. Treasurer :</i>	J. M. Constantine

From the day our new office-bearers were elected for the year 1982 our League has been functioning very well. Every member of this League took a great interest and contributed his share towards success.

In the course of the year 1982, our members had many occasions to exhibit the rare virtue of Community Service. We declared one week "Social Service Week", and carried out several social service projects. Food packets were collected from the students and distributed to the aged at the Home for the Elders and to the shanty dwellers around the school. We also displayed posters stressing the needs of the community.

The weeks programme ended with a meeting. Rev. Fr. S. Pathinather chairman of the Human Development Centre, Jaffna addressed the meeting. He delivered an interesting and instructive speech regarding the obligations to society and social justice.

We responded to the calls for assistance from CNAPT and other institutions. Our members participated in the Jaffna Public Library Fund Raising Project organised by the Jaffna Municipal Council.

Finally I wish to express our thanks to Rev. Fr. Rector and the Master-in-charge Mr. A. S. Augustine for their assistance and encouragement. We sincerely hope that this glorious spirit of service will grow from strength to strength among our students for the formation of a charitable society.

*Hands that help are holier
than the lips that Pray.*

Secretary

Cubscouts

It is with great pleasure that we submit the Report of the Cubscout Pack for the year 1982.

This year only a few cubscouts were invested. At the Going Up Ceremony 5 cubscouts joined the junior scout troop. The cubscouts held a special meeting to welcome Miss. M. L. G. Gnanapragasam, who was appointed Asst. Cubscout Leader.

The Pack met regularly every Wednesday during the First Term but owing to unavoidable circumstances only fortnightly meetings were held during the second and third terms.

The cubscouts celebrated Lord Baden Powell's Day on Feb. 23rd and Mothers' Day on May 18th.

Special meetings were held once a term and a full day was spent on various training programmes with plenty of fun and excitement. The cubscouts were trained to sew, cook, wash and iron clothes. All the meetings were well attended. The cubscouts eagerly look forward to meetings of this type.

During the period under review many cubscouts were able to complete the First and Second Silver Star Badges and some worked towards the Proficiency Badges.

In the field of studies too the cubscouts have done well. Many of them received Prizes for various subjects on the Prize Day. We offer our heartiest congratulations to them.

Some of the former cubscouts still continue to assist us during our meetings and we say a 'Big Thank You' for their valuable help.

We express our thankful obligation to Rev. Fr. Rector for his advice, guidance and encouragement.

We sincerely thank the parents of the cubscouts for their goodwill and co-operation extended to us in many ways. We wish the cubscouts every success in the future and hope they will always live up to their Motto. 'Do Your Best'.

ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITIES — 1982

UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA

Phy. Science

M. Amalathas
R. C. S. Augustine
P. Gnanachandran
G. B. Gnanaraj
S. J. A. Ravindran

Commerce

B Vethanayagam
S. Michaelthasan

Dip-in-Education

Mr. M. A. N. Antony
Mrs. S. Shanmugalingam

UNIVERSITY OF PEREDENIYA

Engineering

T. Spencer

Phy. Science

B. Rajasooriar
S. Pius

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

Medicine

T. N. Thirumaran

PRIVATE MEDICAL COLLEGE RAGAMA

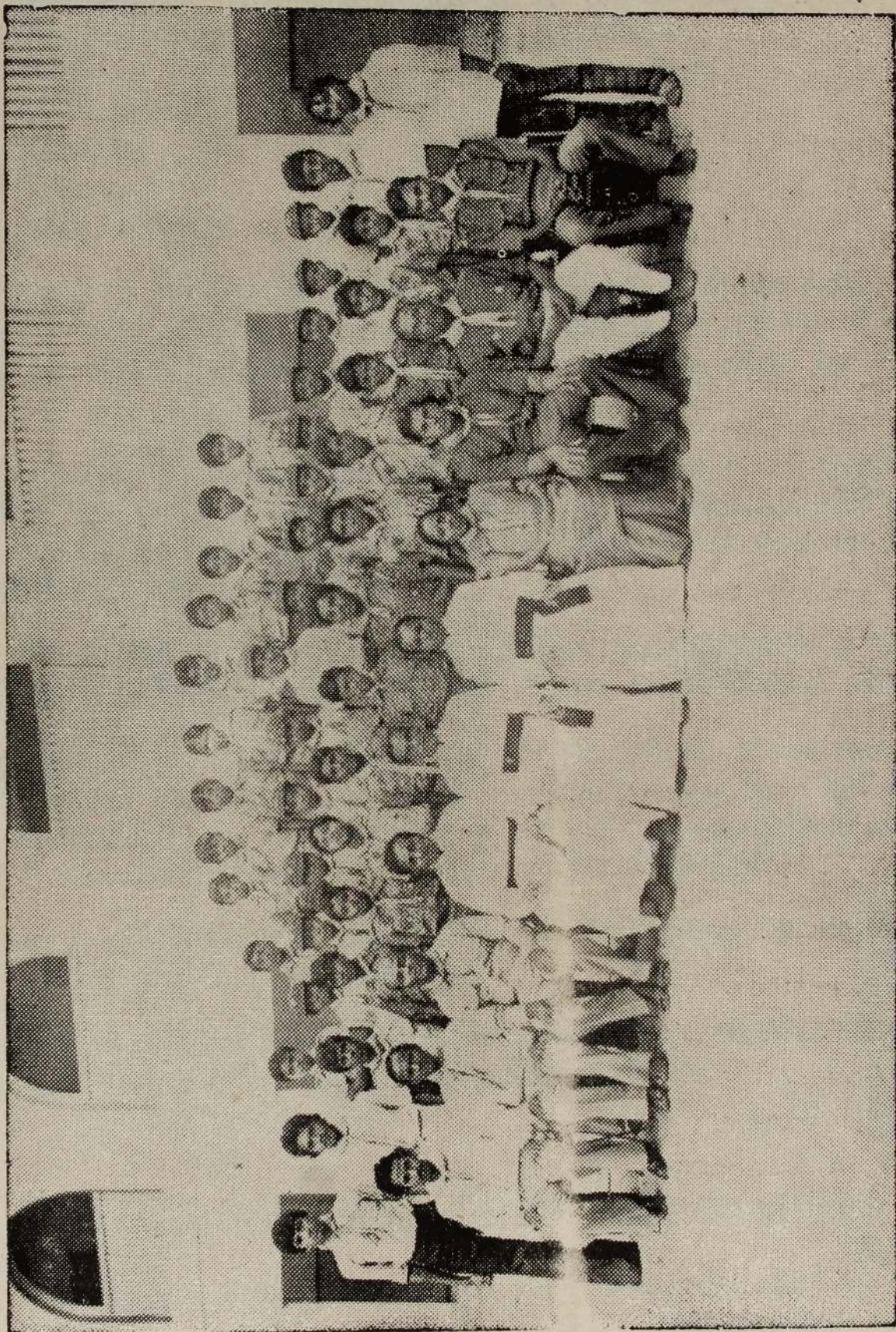
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STATE UNIVERSITY OF MOSCOW

Medicine

S. G. A. Ilanganathan

CUB-SCOUTS — 1982



Advanced Level Students Union

Patron	Rev. Fr. Francis Joseph
Vice Patron	Rev. Fr. P. Jesunesan
Moderator	Mr. R. A. Thilagaretnam
Co-Moderator	Mr. V. Kugatharan
President	Tony N. Sebaratnam
V. President	J. C. P. Rajendra
Secretary	R. Sanchayan
Treasurer	L. L. Ravindra
Asst. Secretary	J. A. John

I deem it a great privilege to submit the annual report of the Advanced Level Students Union. We held our meetings regularly during this period. These meetings serve as a medium for our members to show their best talent and widen their knowledge.

At the invitation of our Vice President, Rev Fr. Mark Perera a Psychiatrist came over and delivered a useful talk to the members on "Youth Participation". It was a very informative talk and our thanks are due to Fr. Mark Perera and our Vice President Mas. Rajendra who arranged it.

During this period two of our union members participated in a U.N. Mock session at Chundikuli Girls College, conducted by the Lions Club of Jaffna.

The highlight of this year's activities was the get-together at the annual dinner held on 27-2-83. Our Past Mayor Mr. Rasa Visuvanathan was the Chief Guest and Mr. Satchithananthan a one time member of the staff of our college and present Principal of J. Kanagaretnam M.M.V. was the Guest of Honour.

My sincere thanks are due to our Patron, the Vice Patron and the Moderators for all their advice, help and guidance.

I also extend my sincere thanks to the members of the committee for their ready co-operation and keen interest in the activities of the union.

Secretary

The Catholic Students' Federation

Spiritual Director	Rev. Fr. P. Jesunesan o.m.i.
President	Mas. G. J. T. Vethanayagam
Secretary	Mas. A. F. Jesuthasan
Treasurer	Mas. Benjaminrajah

Being the secretary of the Catholic Students' Federation I have pleasure in submitting our annual report for the year 1982. The federation is proud of its 28 years of spiritual service to the catholic students of the college. We promote the social

development of the members with firm spiritual background to enable them to face the ups and downs of their future with confidence and determination.

The federation is pleased to place on record the beneficial services rendered during the course of the year.

The 'Second Sunday Mass Programme' was organised and conducted throughout the year in our college chapel. Sincere thanks to our Rector for all the encouragement and help given to make this programme a success. We have the prayer meetings in the Cathedral conducted by the students on Tuesdays and Thursdays; On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays our spiritual director leads the prayer services for us. Among our activities Bible Reading takes the most important place. The devotions to our Blessed Lady were regularly conducted by our federation in the month of May and October. First Friday services too were held by the C.S.F. in a systematic way.

One of our programmes 'The Daily Group Mass' was well organised and each class was assigned a day to hear this group mass. We are indebted to those priests who came all the way from their Parishes to say mass and give us very valuable spiritual advice. The way of the Cross in the Lenten Season was very piously and devotedly observed.

Our federation is justifiably proud of having assisted a brother society 'The Sacred Heart Confraternity to revive itself under the guidance of Mr. W. J. Nava-retnam.

Besides, the Federation organised many activities in connection with the Patrick's Day celebrations and the feast of St. Joseph, the Patron saint of our dearest Guardian Rev. Fr. Rector. Our federation is also extremely happy to place on record that the 'Family Day' was well organised as it marked the 50th Birthday of our Rector.

Before concluding I wish to take this opportunity to thank our spiritual Director Rev. Fr. P. Jesunesan for the able guidance and counsel he had given us. We are also indebted to the Prefects of Studies of Middle and Lower Schools Rev Fr. V. Pilendran and Rev. Sr. M. Seraphine for their whole hearted support in all our activities.

It is also our bounden duty to thank in a special manner our Rector for his advice and guidance in all our activities. In conclusion permit me to thank my brother office bearers, the President, the Treasurer and the Committee members for their cooperation in all the activities of the federation. My sincere thanks are also due to our Seminarian members and well wishers for the whole hearted co-operation they gave in the activities of the federation.

Secretary

BOARDER'S ENTERTAINING



The College Hostel

Bursar (Rector)
Warden
Study time supervisor
Hostel Prefects

Very. Rev. Fr. G. A. F. Joseph
Fr. G. Pilendran
Mr. A. Adaikalam
Mas. A. J. Fernando
Mas. P. A. Jeganathan
Mas. P. K. Rajakariar
Mas. E. Eaton Peries

St. Patrick's hostel has the reputation of having produced good citizens and sound religious persons in the past. Even today parents continue to bring their children to St. Patrick's hostel with the idea of giving them the best of the formation during their school career. The primary aim of the hostel is to achieve an integral growth of the personality of the students. The life style in the hostel provides ample opportunity to achieve this end.

During the academic year 82-83, over one hundred students joined the hostel. They came from all over Sri-Lanka. In spite of the differences in age, grade, and religious faith the hostellers lead a life of fellowship and love.

Discipline and application to study are very much emphasized in the hostel. No necessary steps are spared in maintaining discipline in the house. Discipline is never thrust on the students. On the contrary the stress is more on self-discipline as a result of a deep realization of the need for it. Application to study is facilitated by the regular time fixed for studies and the necessary supervision provided during periods of personal study.

The co-operation from the side of the parents for the orderly and harmonious functioning of the hostel is worthy of note. The parents in general are very helpful in this regard. Every Sunday night at the spiritual conference given by the warden hostellers are exhorted to follow the rules and regulations of the hostel. Occasions are provided to train one-self in self-discipline, generosity, service by the observance of silence and in carrying out the jobs assigned to each one.

Regarding education we can say there is a marked improvement in most of the students. A good number of those who sat the G.C.E. O/L last year had got qualified to follow the A/L class. A number of them received prizes at the annual prize distribution held by the College. Tuition facilities are provided in order to help the weaker students to improve their standard in English, Maths and Science. Mr. F. C. Vethanayagam, Mr. W. W. Seenithamby, Mr. D. C. C. Santhiapillai and Mrs. P. V. T. Antonipillai help us with tuition classes. Our thanks to them all.

"Hostel day" in one of the few eagerly awaited days for the hostellers. On the 7th, Oct 82, "Hostel day" was celebrated in a grand scale. Most of the parents also participated and encouraged their children. In preparation for this, members

were divided into "Green" and "Gold" houses and many competitions were held. On this day senior students staged a scene from Shakespeare's Julius Ceasar in Tamil directed by the warden. The juniors staged a comedy scene from the "Arabian Knights" directed by our English teacher Mrs. P. V. T. Antonipillai, Rev. Fr. P. Jesunesan o.m.i. our Vice Rector gave away the awards.

We offer our prayers, study, work, games, everything we do and ourselves to God during worship time. The habit of prayer is cultivated in our youngsters.

The language of the house is English. In order to keep this rule faithfully and help our boys towards an easy and fluent handling of English, opportunities are provided daily. Now and then painful measures are taken to keep up the "English only rule".

Recreation is compulsory after dinner. During this time all have to converse in English. Indoor games like table tennis, carrom, draughts and chess may be played during recreation on Sundays and Saturdays. Even games is compulsory. They can play football, cricket, volley-ball or basketball according to their preference. Our volleyball team played a match against the cathedral youth group and came out victorious.

The advice and guidance of very Rev. Fr. Rector and Fr. Vice Rector is a great help in running the hostel and maintaining its high standards. Our hostellers past and present will always be grateful to Mr. A. Rayappu for the care and concern he showed them during meal time. Hostellers are grateful to Fr. Rector for his untiring efforts to make their stay an enjoyable and comfortable one.

Today running a hostel is not an easy task. But St. Patrick's known for its sound discipline and character formation, imparting, of knowledge and instilling of the spirit of self-discipline is not a difficult task because it has been the life style for years.

Warden

முத்தமிழ் விழா



தவத்திரு தனிநாயக அடிகளார் முத்தமிழ் மன்றம் - 1982

பாரதியின் நூற்றாண்டுவிழா உலகில் தமிழர் வாழும் இடமெல்லாம் மிகச் சிறப்பாகக் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. அவனது கவிதையில் இழையோடியிருந்த கருத்துக்கள் மிக ஆழமாக விமர்சிக்கப்பட்டுக் கொண்டிருந்தன. அந்த வகையில் கல்லூரி வட்டத்துக்குள் பாரதியை அவனது சிந்தனைகளை நினைவுறுத்த வேண்டிய பொறுப்பு முத்தமிழ் மன்றத்தைச் சார்ந்து நின்றது. அந்தப் பொறுப்பை ஏற்றுச் செயற்படுத்த 1982-ம் ஆண்டுக் கான புதிய நிர்வாகக்குழுத் தெரிவு 06-02-1982-ம் நாளன்று அதிபர், காப்பாளர் முன்னிலையில் ஸ்மித் மண்டபத்தில் இடம்பெற்றது. இதில் உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களுக்க:-

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பொருளாளர்:- செல்வன் பி. ஆ. அன்ரனி

ஆகியோருடன் ஏழு பேர் கொண்ட நிர்வாகக்குழுவினரும் தெரிவு செய்யப்பட்டனர்.

மேற்படி எமது புதிய நிர்வாகம், எங்கள் மத்தியில் இலைமறை காய்களாக இருக்கும் மாணவர்களின் திறமைகளை வெளிக்கொணர்ந்து தங்களிடம் ஒளிந்து கிடக்கும் திறமைகளை அவர்களே உணர்ந்து கொள்ளவும் அதனை வளர்த்துக் கொள்ளவும் வேண்டிய ஊக்கத்தையும், உற்சாகத்தையும் சரியான முறையில் வழங்கவும் உறுதி பூண்டது. மேலும் மாதம் ஒரு பேச்சாளரை அழைத்து கருத்துரை வழங்குவதெனவும் முடிவெடுக்கப்பட்டது.

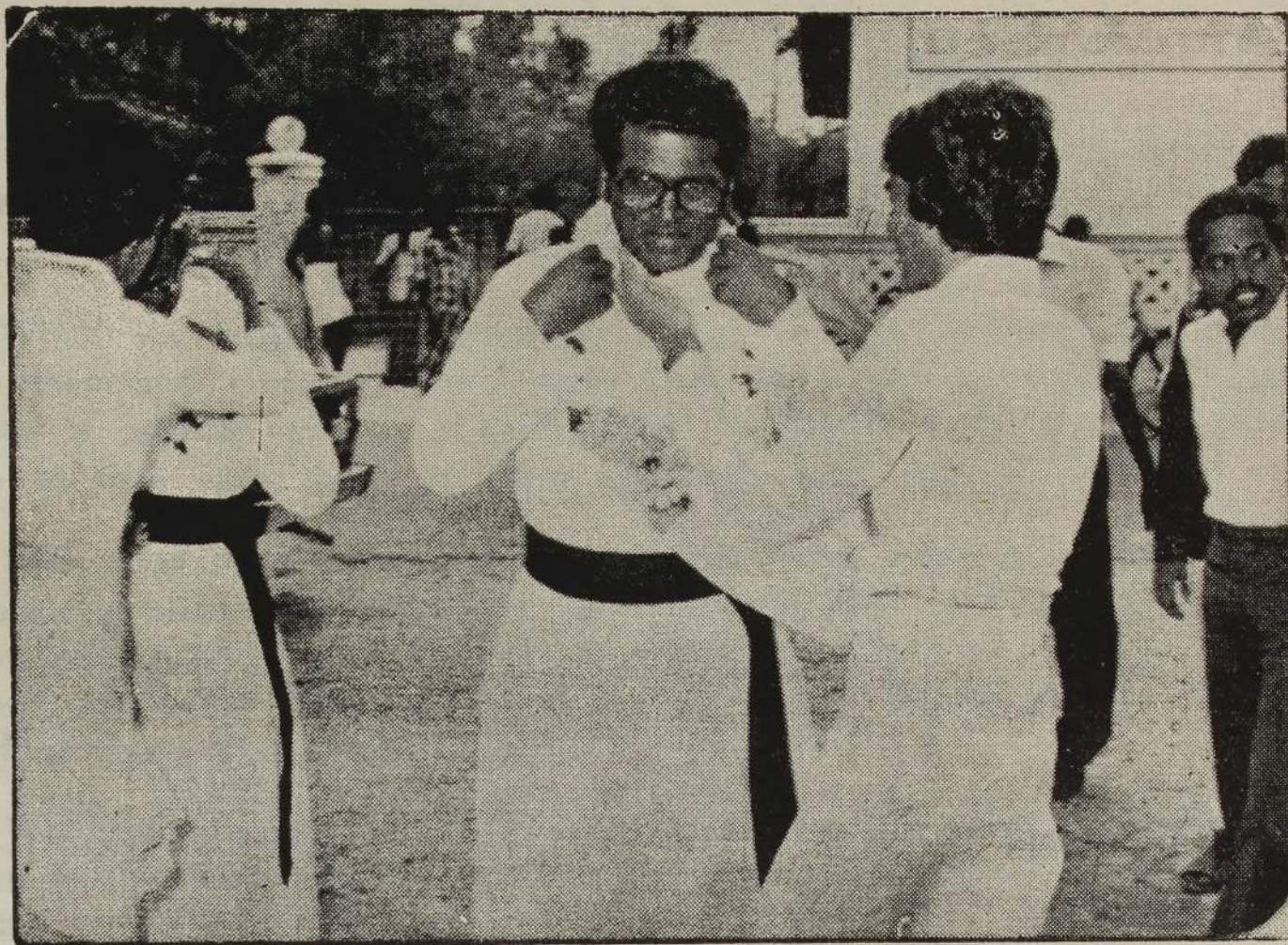
இதனடிப்படையில் பேச்சுப்போட்டி, கட்டுரை, சிறுகதைப்போட்டி, கவிதைப் போட்டி, இசைப்போட்டி, தனிநடிப்புப் போட்டி, விவாதப்போட்டி என்பன மாணவர்களிடையே பாரதியை மையமாகக் கொண்டு நடாத்தப்பட்டன. இவற்றின் சிகரமாகப் பாரதியின் நூற்றாண்டையொட்டி அவனுக்கு எமது நன்றிக்கடனைச் செலுத்துமுகமாக 28-07-82-ம் நாளில் மன்ற உறுப்பினர்களின் அயராத உழைப்பினால் 'பாரதி விழா' மிக அமைதியான முறையில் எடுக்கப்பட்டது. விழாவுக்கு அருட்திரு சா. ம. செல்வ ரெட்ணம் அடிகளார் பிரதம விருந்தினராகக் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவாற்றினார். எமது மன்றத்தால் நடாத்தப்பட்ட போட்டிகளில் கலந்துகொண்டு வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவர்களுக்கு சான்றிதழ்களும், பரிசில்களும் பிரதம விருந்தினரால் வழங்கப்பட்டன.

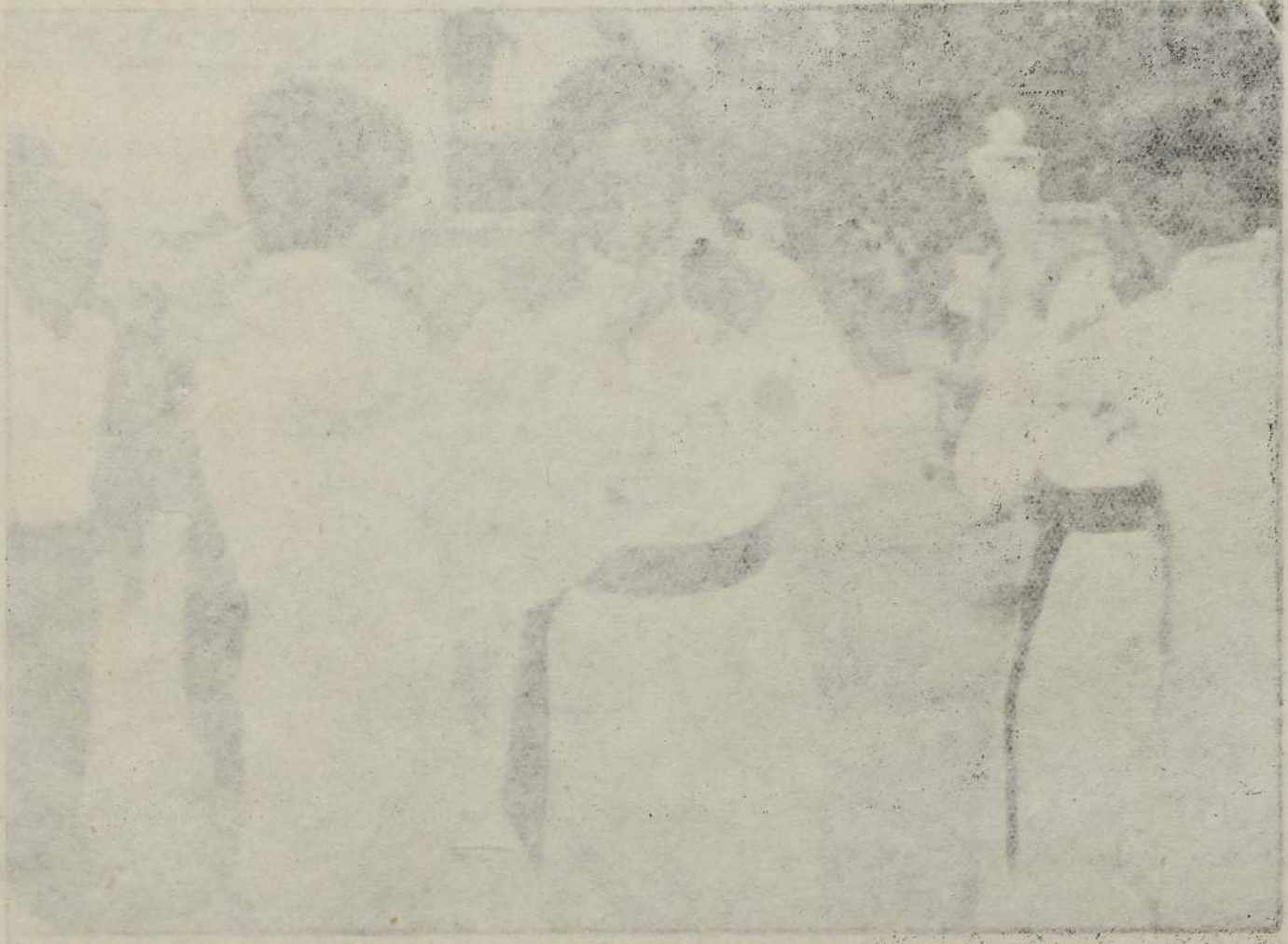
மேலும் பாரதி நூற்றாண்டு விழாவையொட்டி கிறீஸ்தவ தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டுப் பேரவையால் அகில இலங்கை ரீதியாக நடாத்தப்பட்ட விவாதப்போட்டியில் எம் கல்லூரி மாணவர்கள், மன்றத்தின் சார்பில் சிறப்பாகப் பங்கு பற்றி கல்லூரிக்கு நற்பெயரை ஈட்டிக் கொடுத்துள்ளனர். பிறகல்லூரிகளில் நடாத்தப்பட்ட விவாதப் போட்டி, கவி யரங்கு போன்றவற்றிலும் கலந்து கொண்டு அவற்றுக்கு மெருகூட்டினர்.

இவற்றையெல்லாம் யாம் சிறப்பாக நடாத்த எம்மன்றத்துக்கு ஊக்கமளித்த அதிபர், காப்பாளருக்கும் நாம் உதவி கேட்டு சென்றபோதெல்லாம் இன்முகம் காட்டி உற்சாகமும், உதவியுமளித்த ஆசிரியர்களுக்கும், மாணவ சகோதரர்களுக்கும் எம் உளம் நிறைந்த நன்றிப் பெருக்கு உரித்தாகுக. நன்றி

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STUDENTS' SECTION

TRAVELLING AS A PART OF EDUCATION

We remember what we see more than what we read from books. At present, schools and institutions organize trips and excursions to different places so that the children can learn a lot of things by seeing them.

When we travel from place to place we meet a number of people, talk to them and come to know about their ways and culture. In Sri Lanka there are a number of places which could be visited by Sri Lankans as well as the tourists who come in large numbers every year.

Even small children with their inquisitive mind learn a lot by travelling from place to place. As elders we must not stop them from asking questions. We must encourage them to ask intelligent questions by answering them whenever they ask questions from us. Grown up people gather knowledge when they travel from place to place.

When one goes abroad he comes to know about the lives, the ways, the culture, the language, the religion and many other aspects of the country he visits.

There is a saying. "When you are in Rome do as the Roman does". Similarly when you travel from one country to another you adapt yourself to the ways of that country and learn a number of things which you never knew before.

Some are thirsty for knowledge. They like to travel and learn more and more about this wonderful world of ours. People of this nature don't believe in hoarding money and not spending it wisely. Whenever we get an opportunity to travel, we must make the best use of it and visit different places. Travelling makes a man a full being.

J. A. Pillainayagam

11 M.

VALUE OF ENGLISH

English is the world language. In different countries it is studied and spoken by various nations. It is the language of trade and commerce. In the business world it is the main Language of Communication.

Higher knowledge is acquired and it is increased if we read books on Science and Literature of the world. In Sri Lanka the standard of English has fallen. If English is studied by all nations there will be racial unity, better understanding and closer communication can be established.

In Sri Lanka Engineering and Medical colleges impart education in the English medium. Likewise in India too higher education is conducted in the English medium, so that students from all parts of the country can study together. Even in Sri Lanka it is the same.

One should be able to converse in English as it helps to travel to any part of the world, for, there will be someone who can understand English.

A. Ranjith Pillainayagam

11 M

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PAPER

My dear, you have left your own country and come here. I will go to my country tomorrow.

Oh! if it so, you are lucky. Formerly nobody cared for the old paper which is in the basket. They throw them or burn them. But today you have become famous, therefore all buy parcel, and send you to the country where you were born.

I was born in Valaichenai. There is a big paper factory, that is owned by the Eastern Paper Mills Corporation. There are a lot of engines that produce us.

Do you know that there are a lot of paddy fields in the east of Ceylon. I was made with the straw which grew in those paddy fields.

The workman of the factory brought the straws and heaped them on a side. Then they cut them into small pieces with the help of the machines and put them in big tanks. Then they mixed a kind of chemical and dye. When they boiled the mixture the straw dissolved and the stems were separated.

They call the mixture "pulp". Then they wash this "pulp" with the help of the rolling machines. Then they strain off the stems. These stems are green in colour. Then they mix a kind of liquid to remove that colour. Then they mix the "wood pulp" and the "straw pulp". Then they make that mixture proper by adding some other chemicals. They clean the mixture with the help of the machine. They stir the mixture and allow it to go through the strainers. Then the water in the mixture is removed. Then it becomes a sheet of paper. That sheet of paper is wet. Therefore that sheet of paper is rolled through heated rollers. The paper is rolled into shape by steel rollers and made soft. In this manner they produce a lot of sheets of paper.

Then the sheets of paper are taken in lorries and sent to the printing press. There they cut the sheets of paper into sizes. Like this my friends and I were made.

We were made into newspapers and were sent to the shops. There we were arranged beautifully on a table. A boy came there and bought me and now I am here.

P. J. Valentine

11 M

THE RADIO TEACHES US

Radio, like the cinema, is one of the best means of modern education. In former times all learning was confined to the class room and the text book.

The radio was the crowning triumph in a series of evolutionary processes—the telegraph, the telephone and the wireless were made possible by the discovery of electricity. The radio may be said to be the most wonderful invention of the human brain. It was Marconi the Italian who invented it.

Most learning is done through the eye and the ear though man gains ideas and impressions through all the five senses. In the film the eye plays a greater part but in the radio, the ear is far more important. It enables us to listen to the best speakers and professors in the world on various subjects. Thus it saves us from the limitation of the class room and makes the best in each subject available to the student.

Moreover the radio is the fastest transmitter of news we possess. The radio helps to conquer time and distance, like the train, motor vehicles and the aeroplane. The world has therefore become a much smaller place than before.

Besides the dissemination of knowledge and news, it is also a wonderful means of entertainment. It brings to us interesting dialogues and word building and other pastimes dear to the hearts of children. The contests held over the radio from time to time provide endless fun to children and increase their knowledge, especially of technical subjects. We can also follow the fortunes of a match step by step or car racing or religious programmes as if we were one of the spectators.

The radio has a great future. When television is perfected, not only can we listen to the above events as they happen but we also see the actors or speakers on these occasions even if they are tens of thousands of miles away from us. Hence the radio has unlimited possibilities of development in the future and is sure to become a better means of education than any other invention of man except the cinema.

V. B. Constantine

11 M

TELEVISION AND THE FUTURE OF CINEMA IN SRI LANKA

The introduction of Television has changed the pattern of life for the Sri Lankans. First, Television was a dream and we saw it only in movies and pictures from foreign countries.

Thanks to Japan that made a gift of telecasting equipment to Sri Lanka, we are able to enjoy the benefits of Television. The introduction of Television has put Sri Lanka on par with a number of countries in the world.

Cinema, starting from the time of silent movies has been a popular form of recreation and entertainment. Be it the rich or the daily wage earner, both were able to enjoy the same show but paying different rates. The large crowds seen outside theatres is proof of the popularity of cinema, as a form of a entertainment. Recent world trends such as inflation, increase in the price of fuel etc., have increased the rates charged by the theatres and also the incidental expenses incurred by patrons by way of transport charges, refreshments and the like. Hence it is becoming increasingly difficult for a middle class man to make use of the cinema as a form of past time.

It is at this stage that television has come into the scene in Sri Lanka. Since Television sets are available in various sizes in colour and black and white and prices ranging from Rupees Three Thousand to Rupees Twentyfive Thousand and over, it is something that can be afforded even by middle class people.

Unlike the cinema it provides entertainment at home and at the same time it is informative also. A person who owns a Television set has a choice of programmes. There are programmes suitable for the young ones as well as for the grown ups. Even the timing of the programmes can be decided by the elders at home. Children need not be exposed to the dangers of viewing certain objectionable scenes without the knowledge of the parents.

The introduction of educational programmes over the T. V. has increased its usefulness. In addition to class room instruction, lessons over the T. V. will help the students to improve their performance in studies. Further, the use of the video cassette deck makes it possible to view past programmes and also to enjoy films in all languages in the comfort of your home at your own convenience.

When all these advantages are taken into consideration, the T. V. is sure to almost replace the cinema. People going to the cinema will have to sit in cramped seats breathing the carbon filled air and sweat it out. But the T. V. provides you all that the cinema provides at your leisure in your own home.

The only argument in favour of the cinema is that all can't afford to own a T. V. But looking back at the performance of the radio during the years when it was introduced and at present when it is difficult to find a home without a radio, we can hope that the day is not far off when the T. V. will also be in every home. Then it might be a question of "to exist or not to" for the cinema.

A. Shabbir Hussein

11 C

THE SILENT PRAYER

She walked down the beach very slowly trampling the white soft sand beneath her feet. She looked around with sorrow written in her eyes. The sea waves were shining and the breeze was cool. But it did not alter that sorrowful look in those pretty ebony eyes. This is where she was born and brought up. But the sea and its thunderous waves turned that youthful life into a pool of deep sorrow. Her thin lips whispered "May 3rd". Her mind went back to that fateful day. May 3rd—It was the day when Aruni saw the world with the eyes of a young wage earner. She was paid daily for the work she did. On that first day she was paid Rs. 15/-. She wanted to buy a present for her brother who looked after her like a father. He was a poor fisherman. Their parents died in a train accident when she was six and the brother eighteen. From that day onwards her friend, brother and father all had been her brother. So she bought him a pair of rubber slippers and a packet of rice for both of them. She returned home with joy and happiness to her "Annan".

But when she entered the house she saw a crowd gathered around the camp bed. On that bed lay her brother—the only God she worshipped—Dead! She stared in stunned surprise and slowly tears rolled down her cheeks. There was no 'Annan' to greet her nor to accept her present but only a dead body to be buried. He had been caught in a storm and was forced to say "Good bye" to that little sister whom he loved and cared for. There was only loneliness and despair now for Her!

The days rolled on but the image of her loving brother did not fade away. It was imprinted deeper and deeper with every minute that passed. The sleepless nights she spent crying were more than the nights she slept. She asked herself why should only one human being suffer while others enjoyed life. The loneliness, sorrow, disappointment and despair drove her to wear the habit of a nun and live in a monastery, still weeping for that dead brother.

She prayed, "May I soon attain that Heaven where my dear Annan is now!"

M. Nandakumar

10 C

PRIESTHOOD IN TODAY'S WORLD

Priesthood is a life totally dedicated to Christ. Through this dedication a priest is called to serve the Church and the whole mankind. Christ is the supreme high priest. All of us share in his priesthood through Baptism. But some are chosen to share in His priesthood in a higher degree. There were many who followed Christ, yet Christ chose only twelve disciples to continue His mission in the world. Christ has said "He who wishes to follow me let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me". Therefore priesthood is a vocation from Christ, for service and self denial. Priesthood is a gift from God. The gift is given to a few people only. Therefore we must thank the Lord and praise him for this greatest gift.

Priesthood demands a lot of sacrifice. To preach the good news to all men is the first duty of every priest. Priesthood aims at the salvation of all mankind. Christ brought salvation to the world through his death and resurrection. In the same way a priest also should suffer and die in order to save the people. The future priest should prepare himself in this manner in order to be a true servant of Christ.

Gnanapragasam Ladislaus Gnanatheva
11 A

TUTORIES ARE NECESSARY EVILS

In the days gone by, there were no tuitions other than that the students received in their schools. There were exceptional cases where backward students were coached-up after school hours in their weak lessons. But during the recent past the students were made to seek outside help in their lessons due to a number of reasons.

The first reason was the inadequate planning in the system of education. Political interference and the frequent changes in the curriculum of Education upset the stability of the age old system. Foreign Educational Systems were introduced to the detriment of the indigenous population's literacy. This made the child a victim of many Educational experiments. These were introduced under the false name of National Education to satisfy the needs of the local population.

The next was the dearth of well qualified teachers to handle the incoming changes. The teachers and pupils were thrown into a dark wilderness and chaos. The political changes in the system of government aggravated the situation.

Because of the political changes the noble aim of Education became a commercial affair. A certain percentage of marks at the examinations is demanded to obtain jobs. The noble aim of Educating a child to be a good and fit citizen is lost. Unfair means are sought after to achieve this end. One of the evils is the teaching in tutorials. This is a necessary evil.

Tutorials have sprung up like mushrooms after a few days of heavy rain. They are like job providers to those who seek a living. They are run as money making concerns. Most of the members of the staff are thrown-outs from entering universities. Some are 'green' students from universities. Their main idea is to make some money to maintain themselves in their seats of learning. In such a state how do the parents expect the growing generation to get the best in Education. This is well proved by the failure of a majority of students who cannot make the grade. These tutorials rely on the students cramming the notes dished out to them. It is a pity that this sort of Education of the child should be tolerated.

The solution to get rid of these evils should be soon found out. A fool-proof system of Education suited to the needs of the country a well trained, a highly qualified staff and well equipped schools are some of the urgent needs today. These will counteract the evils spread by Tutorials.

— A. S. Victor Sosai
12 Com.

AN IMAGINARY FLIGHT TO MARS

Our crew consisted of five aeronautic engineers, five highly skilled technicians and seven scientists.

Since our space craft was too heavy to be launched from earth, it was assembled part by part in space.

Since our journey took nearly 440 days, we carried an immense quantity of oxygen, water and food.

As scheduled we started on our expedition on December 28th 1980. But right from the outset we had to face many dangers and hardships. On the 50th day an engine developed trouble. As our technicians were trying to repair it, a part of the space craft was damaged and there was a leakage in the oxygen tank. We were alarmed. We even feared that we might be dead before reaching Mars. But fortunately our technicians skillfully patched up the leak. In doing so we lost one of our technicians. He was choked to death. We were all struck with grief. After a short religious ceremony the brave technician's body was abandoned.

Though we were badly shaken up, fighting against all these odds, we struggled on courageously.

On the 110th day we started on the second phase of our journey. This was the most dangerous moment of our journey but fortunately nothing happened. On August 4th 1980 we safely landed on Mars.

Since we learnt about strange beings like giants and dragons on Mars, we were so scared, that we did not get down from our space-craft. But through the close circuit television we were able to see the landscape. It was more or less like our earth with hills, valleys and plains of rich vegetation.

On the following day we put on our special suit and began to explore the Martian surface. We also collected samples of red and brown Martian soil. Since we wanted to explore a bit further we got into our special jeep and drove towards the North. All of a sudden there stood a huge figure just in front of our jeep. We took the special machine guns we carried and fired a volley of bullets at the figure. But to our surprise it stood there knocking off our bullets as if it were chasing flies. With a mighty roar it bent down, took our jeep in its hand and was getting ready to dash it on the ground. I took out my walkie-talkie to give a message to the rest of the crew who were aboard and shouted out with all my might. I felt someone tapping on my back and turned round to see my mother with a cup of coffee saying "Son get up; it's time for school. I think you must have had a dream."

S. L. Jegannathan

9 A.

WATER OF LIFE

Water is one of the loveliest things in life. Imagine a world without water, and at once you will begin to realise what a precious commodity it is.

But we talk of water and think about it, only when it is scarce or when there is a fear that it may get scarce.

Why? Because we take it so much for granted. We waste it by the bucketful. We use it so liberally that we often forget that there are many parts of this world where water is so precious that it is rationed and sold. And every drop costs as much as rice or bread costs us and often much much more.

These past few months we have talked a lot about water because there was a long drought and a fear that the rains were long in coming.

But we are lucky—the rains are here once more—no, let us not start wasting water.

Little children sometimes ask how rains are made? Who makes the sea and from where does all that water fall when it rains. These are questions that intrigue and puzzle grown ups. But they also tell us something very precious—that water is something that even tiny people are conscious of.

No child is happier than when he is playing with water. Rowing a paper boat in a bath or a tub, in an old drain or by the roadside gives children endless hours of pleasure. Sea bathing is a delight. Bathing by a well is equally joyous. Often children who have very little in life have plenty of water to make them happy.

But there are places even in Sri Lanka in the far flung districts of Hambantota and Mannar where water is difficult to come by. But even these places are not so bad as some rural parts of Africa where water has to be carried for miles on the backs of human beings through rocky and mountainous areas.

But in the past water has served human beings very well—on the banks of great rivers like the Euphrates and Tigris, the Indus and the Nile where great civilizations grew and flourished. People were able to live in these areas happily because it was possible to grow and produce and to transport their goods easily on these free waterways.

From even earlier times than these, man has had an affinity with water. Cultural links grew through water and even primitive hunters sought water in their wanderings and settled down when they came to a stretch of water. Maybe that's why even today we talk of water as life-giving.

T. Julian Fredrick

11 B

MY BEST FRIEND

I have a number of friends both in and outside the school. Of them all, Ram is my best friend. He studies with me in Grade 6. He sits near me in class. He is a good natured boy. He is quiet in class and is very keen about his studies. All the teachers like him very much. Though he becomes first in class, he is never proud.

We always play together and share the sweets, cakes and chocolates we get. Sometimes he comes home to play with me, other times I go to his place. We two have the same character. So we rarely disagree or quarrel.

His hobby is picture collecting. My favourite hobby is also the same. So we share the pictures we collect. We are very much devoted to each other.

‘A friend in need is a friend indeed.’ According to this proverb Ram is a very good example. On many occasions he has helped me. And I am sure we will be friends throughout our life-time.

S. N. Rubanathan

6 A

MY NEW SCHOOL

My father was transferred in January this year to Brown and Company at Paranthan.

Since there are no good schools at Paranthan, I have come to Jaffna my home town. I was very sad to leave my many friends.

My new school is St. Patrick's College. The Rector of my college is Rev. Fr. Francis Joseph. Every face was new to me and I was feeling lonely the first few days. Now I am quite happy.

The college is near the Cathedral and looks beautiful. It is a big College. It has classes up to the G. C E., Advanced Level.

I am in Grade six. There are forty-two boys in my class. My class monitor is Mas. P. A. Rajanayagam. My class teacher is Mrs. Janendran. I like my teacher and other subject teachers very much.

P. A. Sabapathy

6 A

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO BE

Everyone wants to achieve something in his or her life. Some hope to become teachers, while others would like to be doctors, engineers, administrators, and professors. While everyone has ambitions it is not all who become what they had wished to be.

I would like to become a doctor for many reasons. In the first place by becoming a doctor I will be following in the foot steps of my grandfather who was a well known medical practitioner during his time. Further as a doctor one can be of service to the sick and the poor among us. A doctor also helps many unfortunate people to lead happy lives by making them healthy again.

Apart from treating sick people, as a doctor I can teach those who do not know about diseases how to lead clean and healthy lives. It is a calling that is noble, selfless, and important to our society. A doctor is therefore respected for his knowledge, kindness, and service to his fellow beings.

These are the reasons why I would like to become a doctor when I grow up.

Sanjeev Alfred

6-A.

MY PET

My pet is a dog. His name is Caesar. He is white in colour. My uncle gave him to me last year. He likes meat for his lunch. He never enjoys his lunch without meat. He barks at strangers. He loves to play with me. Every morning, before going to school I chain him. In the evenings I play with him. Whenever I go out of the compound Caesar also follows me.

One day a car knocked down Caesar. He was bleeding. We all thought he would die. We took him to the veterinary surgeon. The following day Caesar was able to walk. We never allow him to go out of the compound.

We all love Caesar. He too loves us.

J. Sajitharan

6-E.

A NARROW ESCAPE

It was last Friday morning. I was waiting for the school bus. I was already late to school. I was worried. I feared the class teacher. I feared his punishment.

While I was in this confused state of mind, I saw a bus in the distance. It was tearing along the main road at break-neck speed.

I stepped on to the middle of the road. I wanted to stop the bus. I do not know how long I stood there. But the next moment, I heard the screeching of brakes. I stood still when the red monster zig-zagged its way towards me. I could hardly utter a cry. But all too suddenly, I felt an iron-like grip on my wrist. I could feel myself being pulled away to a side.

I stood there shocked. I was speechless. Slowly I became aware of a small crowd around me. They all exclaimed, 'Oh'! What a narrow shave he has had! What a miraculous escape it was!"

S. Sooriyakumar.

6 A.

MY FLOWER GARDEN

I always like to do something interesting during my leisure hours. I am a lover of flowers. I have a beautiful garden in front of my house. This helps me to spend my time happily. Both in the morning and the evening. I spend a short time in this garden.

This garden is twenty five feet long and eight feet wide. I have divided it into small plots. There are small beds of flower plants in each plot. There is a barbed wire fence around the garden to keep away stray animals. In the middle of the garden there is a circular plot where I have planted a rose plant. It blooms early in the morning. The flowers are large, red and fragrant. There are other kinds of flower plants in my garden. They are zinnias, cannas, sunflowers, jasmines, cocks-comb and queen of the night.

I keep my garden clean and tidy. There is not a single weed in my flower garden. I water the plants daily. Once a month I dig up the soil and manure the plants. The flowers gracefully sway in the gentle breeze. We admire them for their beauty. Every Sunday my mother plucks these flowers and takes them to the church. My brothers and sister love to sit in the garden on moonlit nights. I have gathered seeds from these plants to plant them.

D. G. R. Ratnasinham

6-A

READING AND THE HIGH COST OF BOOKS

"Reading maketh a full man", said the poet. The habit of reading helps a person spend his leisure hours profitably. It provides relaxation to the mind and at the same time improves one's knowledge. A well read man will be able to keep company with men of knowledge and standing. He can walk with kings yet not lose the common touch. He won't feel out of place anywhere and will be welcome in any good society.

The best source to cultivate the habit of reading is the school and the influence of the teacher, who teaches you, but one must acquire a taste for it. Most of the big schools have good libraries and these can be made use of by the students. They could read historical novels, romantic stories, science fiction and detective stories, which enthrall the young ones, according to their own tastes, for knowledge is power.

In Shakespeare's "King Lear", he does not lament the loss of his Kingdom, when he says "My Library is a dukedom large enough". In retirement nothing is more comforting and relaxing than to go over the **old books** you have once read and remember the old sentiments you had once experienced.

This habit will be helpful in the future life of a student also, when he is out of school, for his search for knowledge will always make him run to the Public Libraries. But for a person interested in reading, there will arise a pressing desire to collect his own books. The question is how many can afford to have a collection of their own books. The high cost of books has made books out of reach for the average young man.

Nations are built by men of knowledge, Scientists, Artists and great Authors. These great men all gained their knowledge through reading books of their choice. English is now a world language and this country fell back a decade, when English was banned by the past Government. Science, today is far advanced that man can even travel to the Moon and back. This could not have been done if the Scientists had no recourse to books, written by greater men with inventive ideas and a crave for research.

Earlier, there was exemption from import duties for books. This made books very cheap and within the reach of everyone. Later on, when there was the FEECS system for certain items, books were exempted from this making them still cheap. Now, with the floating currency value system and import duties on all printed materials, books have become very expensive. But they say, knowledge is free.

This is a tax on knowledge. So it is the duty of the Government to make books available without tax, so that all may read and improve their knowledge. And then, this country will be rich in knowledge, love, understanding and harmony, for a man without knowledge cannot understand the feelings of his fellow men, and will descend to the level of the beast, when roused.

Hiran D. Thuraisingham

11 C

SHOPPING

I like shopping.

One afternoon I went shopping alone with my father. From our house we walked along the Hospital Road to the Grand Bazaar.

There we saw many shops. We saw a happy crowd. I looked at a big building. It was as tall as a tower. It was a big shop. We walked into the shop. People were walking about inside the shop. Some were buying things.

There were all kinds of articles. There were books, sweets, dishes and many other things. My father bought me an umbrella and a fountain pen. He also bought a tin of biscuits. Then we returned home, by taxi.

G. V. R. Rickman

6 E

MY KITTY

My kitty is a pretty little one. I saw her in the lane playing with a string. I carried her in my arms and patted her. Then I left her in the lane and went home. But the kitten came behind me crying 'mew-mew-mew-mew'. So I took her into the house. I gave her milk in a saucer. My little sister liked her very much. My mother told us that she had no home and to keep her with us. Kitty is fond of woollen balls. I gave her one and she always plays with it. Kitty will soon grow up into a cat. She will catch all the rats. She is fond of me. I am fond of her.

G. Satheesh

6-E

My Baby Sister

My Baby sister's name is Sumi. She is one and a half years old. She is very interesting and a cute little one. She can't talk properly. She is just starting to talk. She won't allow us to eat any thing. She'll ask us to give her also. She likes to play with me. I like her very much.

N. Sugunan
4 B

My School

My school is St. Patrick's College. It is a big school. There is a big play ground in our school. It has many large buildings. It is a boys' school. There is a chapel in our school. Our school has classes from Grade One to Grade Twelve. Our school does very well in studies and games. It is one of the leading schools in Jaffna. I am proud of my school.

Tyrone
III B

My Mother

My mother is a beautiful lady. Her name is Praba. She stays at home and does the house work. She keeps the house tidy and clean. She cooks very tastily. She helps me in my studies everyday. She bathes me, dresses me, feeds me and sends me to school on time. I love my mother very much.

J. J. Justine
III C

Our Car

We have a car. The name of our car is Morris Oxford. Its colour is green. It has four wheels. It has an engine and a radiator. Our car works on petrol. It works thirty five miles on a gallon of petrol. My father drives the car. My brother and I wash our car. We get our car serviced once a month. My father, mother, brother and I go to church in our car. I feel sorry for our car because it is getting older day by day.

Newman Ponniah
III C

My Garden

I have a beautiful garden in front of my house. There are flowering plants and crotons in my garden. I water them morning and evening. The sweet scent of my flower garden haunts me, whenever I turn that way. I love my flower garden very much.

J. G. Gunatharsa n
IV B

“Mind Your Language”

The TV programme I like best is “Mind Your Language”. It is telecast every Friday on Rupavahini. It is a good show for the whole family. It is about an English teacher having a class for pupils from different countries. It shows clearly how people from various countries speak English. This is an interesting programme. Hence I won't miss it.

T. Loid Gnanalan
IV B

Our T.V. Set

My father bought a TV set last week. It is a colour TV set. It is 20 inches in size. Its name is SONY. It is a beautiful TV set. The TV programmes I like best are Daktari, Gentle Ben and Green Hornet. They are very good TV programmes. We can improve our knowledge of English when we watch the TV. During my leisure time I play Atari Video game with my brother. I like our TV set very much.

Gajan B. Singarayer
3 B

The Aeroplane

The aeroplane is like a bird. It flies. It has three wheels to land on the ground. Some planes go whistling across the sky. There are jets, the latest in aeroplanes. They land at Ratmalana and Katunayake air ports. They are handled by the pilot and a co-pilot. I like to travel in an aeroplane. I will be a pilot one day.

Narendran
IV B

My Meccano Set

My father gave me a ‘Meccano Set’ as a birthday present.

At first when I opened the box I did not know how to make use of the Meccano Set. It contained plates with holes, nuts, screws, wheels and small spanners and screw drivers. My father read the book of instructions and helped me to make a small crane. Now I can make a swing, a jeep, a merry-go-round and many other interesting toys.

I like this better than all my other toys. It is good for every student to have a Meccano Set. It helps us to think and learn while we play.

P. Suresh Pathinathan
5 A

A Monkey's Story

I was a small baby living in the forest at Vavuniya. When I was a baby I used to cling to my mother's chest. One day accidentally I let go my hands and fell down. My mother did not carry me again and she went away. So I walked along the road. A man caught me and tied me with a piece of string and took me to his home. Now I am very happy with my master. I play with his children. Although I am happy. I feel sorry when I think of my mother.

C. M. D. Manoharan
V A

NOBLE LIVING

The title of this article may seem an anachronism in the situation obtaining in our society today. Nevertheless it is the intention of the writer to bring home to its readers the immense good it has done in the past and it can do in the future. The indiscipline in schools, the scant respect for law and order, the manner of speech, unbridled exhibition of emotions, in short the complete decadence of human nature all stem from this single source, a want of high thinking and noble living.

Here at St. Patrick's apart from the imparting of academic education, great stress is laid on etiquette and noble living. The beautiful words of the college anthem express it clearly and is embodied in its motto "Fide et Labore" The word "Patrician" as in Roman times means a nobleman. Hence a Patrician is expected to be a true 'Patrician' Patrician.

The trouble with our youth of today is that they are too mundane in their thought, word and deed. Religion has no meaning to them and is not applied to their daily lives but rather taken as any other subject for exam purposes only. No wonder then that our youth are at unrest, rebellious and are a law unto themselves. Teachers are not respected at all, neither are the authorities nor the elders including parents. There is a feeling of despair and hopelessness everywhere.

The wicked seem to prosper and the younger generation seems to feel that the more wicked you are the more prosperous you can be; besides, they are lulled in to a warped idea that one could become a hero and catch the public eye if one is wicked. Spiritual values are thrown to the winds and Heaven and Hell are regarded as grandmother's tales. It's all against the tenets of our Religion.

The twentieth century is now drawing nigh to a close and very soon we'll be stepping out into the twentyfirst century, and when we look back on this age, the 20th century, in many ways it has been an age in which mankind has materially progressed in an astonishing manner even to the marvels of space and beyond despite the looming spectre of a nuclear holocaust. New inventions and discoveries, electronic and computer gadgets have all made us of this century feel very conscious of our immense superiority over all other centuries. Yet, is today's man a better man on account of all this? Do we of this age uphold truth more fervently, live more honourably and strive to show more kindness than men of other centuries? Do we as christians follow the path of Him who said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"? Do we hesitate through fear of ridicule to do what we know to be right or do we ever allow ourselves to be influenced to believe that the restrictions of His law are foolish? Are we free from the vices and follies that man had in other centuries? Are we not jolted out of our complacency when we read our daily newspapers, or listen to a radio broadcast and learn of strange happenings in and all around us? Do we not ponder then "Whither are we bound?" Yet amidst all the changes that we see all around us one thing stands out firm and clear. Something beckoning us as it did to our brethren of all ages-Noble Living.

Noble living means noble self culture or the cultivation of our moral faculties not only by the power of our intellect, the splendour of our imagination, or the wealth of our affections but also as the possessor of the faculty of distinguishing, what is duty, what is right and what is wrong. Moral excellence has been an indispensable element of all human greatness; and, it is moral self culture that gives us the courage to stand up for what we think is right and what we feel is our duty, despite all opposition.

A man may occupy the most exalted position in the world, and yet be one of the basest and meanest of men. It is not what a man has, not what a man wears, not what a man knows, but what a man is, that makes him truly great. It is therefore the culture of our moral faculties that allows us the discovery of what is true, and the practice of good which are two of the most important objects of life.

Another factor that contributes towards noble living is noble influence "We are in a world where all is held together by invisible threads; in a world, where we cannot be noble or base unto ourselves alone". We of this modern age exert more influence on our brethren than men of other centuries. With the immense progress made in communication, the world has grown a smaller place; Through the crowding of lives in great industrial centres, man has to a large extent lost his identity and individuality. Living in a world such as this, the influence we cast on others bears a greater imprint on their lives. We must realise that the good and the evil of the future generation takes its origin from us. However, good influence lives longer than evil influence. Men get tired of the evil which destroys them, but they do not get tired of the good which invigorates and blesses. "Men cannot love evil for evil's sake, as they can love good for goodness' sake. "A good man in the world cannot be merely good to himself.

"As one lamp lights another,
Nor grows less,
So Nobleness enkindles Nobleness"

We do not live our lives unto ourselves alone but, by the lives of others who come into contact with us. In living our lives and shaping our destinies we are working for others as well as ourselves. What then is character? It is our true inner nature, not what we say or what we seem to appear. In the great business of living it is not pleasure, not fame, not money that counts but Noble character. Character is the thought and the impressions stamped into our lives. It is character that shines through our inward souls lighting up our countenances.

Noble manners flow from noble character. Self reverence, sincerity, unselfishness and purity constitute Noble Character. A man cannot reach higher altitudes of conduct if he thinks merely of himself; a man of character is one who is sincere to his convictions. Whilst unselfishness is one of the rarest of human virtues, purity which comes from within us, extends its influence over so much of our outward conduct.

And so, in this age, when we look around us and see the chaos springing from mental and spiritual unrest; from the revolts of modern youth, and from man's vain attempts to escape from reality into a utopia of his own, it is our lives and our influence which we cast on others that remain calm.

“Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time”

J. T. Roshan Vethanayagam
12 B.

எமது கல்லூரி

அந்தநாள்	தொடக்கம்	இந்தநாள்	வரையில்
அரும்பணி	பேணி	ஆக்கத்தை	அளித்து
செந்தமிழ்	வளர்த்த	சம்பத்	திரிசியார்
செழுஞ்சுட	ராமே	எம் கல்லூரி	வாழி!
முதற்கண்	வணக்கம்	முன்பு	செலுத்தி
அதற்குள்	நுழைந்த	நாமெல்லாம்	இன்று
எதற்கும்	அஞ்சா	நெஞ்சம்	படைத்து
முதற்கண்	வாழவைக்கும்	நம் கல்லூரி	வாழி!
அன்பு	கொண்டு	அணைக்கும்	கரங்களால்
ஆதரவு	அளிக்கும்	பத்திரீசியத்	தந்தைகள்
பண்பு	கொண்டு	கட்டுப்பாடு	அளித்து
பரத்த	உலகினைப்	பார்க்கும்நம்	கல்லூரி
கல்லூரி	ஒழுங்கில்	கவனம்	செலுத்தி
கலைகட்	கெல்லாம்	கண்ணாய்	இருந்து
பல்கலைக்	கழகம்	பண்போடு	அனுப்பி
வல்லவ	ராய்வாழச்	செய்யும்நம்	கல்லூரி
உளமும்	உடலும்	ஒன்றாய்	இணைந்த
உயர்ந்த	பயிற்சியை	நமக்கு	அளித்த
வளர்கலை	அறிவுக்	கூடத்தை	என்றும்
வாயார	வாழ்த்திப்	போற்றுவோம்	வாரீர்!

நீ. பாக்கியநெஜிஞேஸ்ட்

9 A

நாவடக்கம்

அடக்கத்தை உறுதிப் பொருளாகக் கொண்டு காக்க வேண்டியது மனிதனது ஈடு இணையற்ற பொறுப்பாகும். அவன் அடக்கம் என்னும் உயரிய செயல்களினாலே மிருகத்தன்மையிலிருந்து புறம்பாக்கப்பட்டு 'மனிதன்' என்னும் உயர்ந்த ஸ்தானத்தை அடைகின்றான். மனித வர்க்கத்தைச் சேர்ந்த ஒவ்வொருவனும் தன்னை மனித இச்சைகளுக்கு ஒடுக்கி வாழ வேண்டும். மாறாக மிருகத்தன்மைக்கு ஆளாகக்கூடாது. அடக்கமானது ஒருவனை உயர்த்தி தேவருட் சேர்க்கும். இந்த அடக்கத்தில் நாவடக்கம் மிகவும் பிரதானமானதாகும்.

மனிதனுடைய நாவானது ஓர் தீப்பொறிக்கு ஒப்பிடப்படுகின்றது. ஓர் தீப் பொறி ஒரு பெரிய காட்டையே எரித்துவிடும் என்பதில் ஒருவித சந்தேகமுமில்லை. மனிதனுடைய நாவும் அவ்வாறே. இன்றைய நவீன காலகட்டத்தில் மனிதன் நாவடக்கமின்மையிலேயே பல பிரச்சனைகளை எதிர்நோக்குகின்றான். சமூகத்தைச் சமூகக் கண் கொண்டு பார்க்கும்போது இதன் உண்மை உள்ளங்கை நெல்லிக்கனி போல் எமக்குப் புலனாகும். வள்ளுவர் கூட நாவடக்கத்தைப்பற்றி வன்மையாக எச்சரிக்கின்றார்.

“யாகாவாராயினும் நாகாக்க காவாக்கால்
சோகாப்பர் சொல்லிழுக்குப் பட்டு”

என திறம்பட எடுத்துரைக்கின்றார். சமூகத்தின் மத்தியிலே பிளவுகளும், சண்டை சச்சரவுகளும் உறவுகள் முறிந்து கிடப்பதையும் நாம் காண்கின்றோம். ஓர் பிழையான வார்த்தையின் மூலமாக இவ்வாறான பாரதூரமான விளைவுகள் ஏற்பட்டுக் கொண்டே யிருக்கின்றது. இதை தவிர்ப்பதற்கு மனிதன் ஒவ்வொருவனும் தனது நாவினைக் கட்டிக் காக்க வேண்டும். “பேசுமுன் உணர்ந்து பேச வேண்டும்” என்னும் கூற்றுக்கிணங்க ஒவ்வொரு மனிதனும் செயற்பட வேண்டும். மேலும் வள்ளுவர்,

“தீயினுற் சுட்ட புண் உள்ளாறும் ஆறாதே
நாவினுற் சுட்ட வடு”

என மிகவும் அழகாகக் கூறுகின்றார். தீயினுற் சுட்ட புண் புறத்தே வடு இருந்தாலும் உள்ளே ஆறிவிடும். ஆனால் நாவினால் தீய சொல் கூறிச் சுடும் வடு என்றும் ஆறாது. மனித வாழ்விலே அறிய வேண்டியவற்றை அறிந்து நல்வழியில் அடங்கி ஒழுகப் பெற்றால், அந்த அடக்கம் “நல்லோரால் அறியப்பட்டு மேன்மை பயக்கும்” என மேலும் வள்ளுவர் விளக்கியுள்ளார். எனவே நாவடக்கம் மனிதவாழ்வுக்கு ஓர் முக்கிய அம்சமாகும்.

அ. நதீஸ்குமார்

11 A

ஆலயங்களும் மருத்துவ மனைகளே

எங்கே அமைதி? என்று மனிதன் தேடி அலைந்து கொண்டே இருக்கின்றான். செல்வந்தனும் அமைதியைத் தேடுகிறான், வறியவனும் அமைதியைத் தேடுகிறான். மாளிகை வாசிக்கும் அமைதி இல்லை, ஓலைக் குடிசையில் உறைபவனுக்கும் அமைதி இல்லை. அமைதியின்மை மட்டும் அனைவருக்கும் உரிய பொதுச் சொத்தாகக் காட்சியளித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது. வெளியில் எங்கோ சென்று அமைதியைத் தேடுகின்ற மனிதன் அதைத் தேட வேண்டிய இடத்தை மட்டும் ஏனோ விட்டுவிடுகிறான். அந்த இடம்

எது? அதில் அமைதியை எவ்வாறு தேடிக் கண்டு பிடிப்பது? என்கிற விடயங்களைப்பற்றி மனிதன் அறியமுடியாத, புரிய முடியாத புதிரைப் போன்று தேடி அலைகின்றான். மனிதன் தன்னிடத்திலே தானே அமைதியைக் காண முடியாவிட்டால் வேறு இடத்தில் அமைதியைக் காண முயற்சிப்பது வீண் பிரயத்தனமாகும். மன்னிக்கத் தெரிந்தவனே மன அமைதி பெறுவான்.

இன்னும் மனித வகையிலே ஆண்களும், பெண்களும், சிறியவர்களும், பெரியவர்களும், வயோதிபர்களும், வாலிபர்களும், ஏழைகளும், பணக்காரர்களும் என்ற பல்திறத்து மக்களும் மாலை நேரப் பொழுதை மகிழ்ச்சியாகக் கழிப்பதற்கென கடற்கரைக்குச் செல்கின்றார்கள். இவர்களை நாம் மேல் நோக்கமாகப் பார்க்கும்போது, அவர்கள் மகிழ்ச்சியாக நேரத்தைக் கழிக்க வந்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று எண்ணுவோம். ஆனால் இவர்களுடைய உரையாடலை நாம் அவதானித்தால் கணவனும் மனைவியும் குடும்பப் பிரச்சனையை விவாதித்துக் கொண்டிருப்பார்கள். காதலனும் காதலியும் தங்களது திருமணத்தைப் பற்றிப் பேசிக்கொண்டிருப்பார்கள். வயோதிபர்கள் தங்களுக்கு வந்துள்ள நோய்களைப்பற்றி சொல்லிக்கொண்டிருப்பார்கள். வியாபாரிகள் வியாபாரப் பிரச்சனையைப் பற்றி விவாதித்துக் கொண்டிருப்பார்கள். இவ்வாறு இவர்கள் பொழுதுபோக்க வந்த இடத்திலும் பிரச்சனைகள்தான் தலையெடுக்கின்றதே ஒழிய அமைதியைக் காண்பது அரிதாகவே உள்ளது.

இவ்வாறான மன அமைதியின்மை நோய்க்கும், ஏனைய நோய்களுக்கும் மருந்து பெறும் மருத்துவமனையாகவும், மருந்து அளிக்கும் வைத்தியனாகவும் இறைவன் அமைகின்றான். இறைபிரசன்னமாகிய ஆலயம் அமைகின்றது. இதை மனிதன் உணர்வதில்லை. “நல்ல ஆலயங்கள் உங்களைப் புனிதமாக்குகின்றன” என்று சுவாமி விவேகானந்தர் எடுத்துக் கூறியுள்ளார். இன்னும் “கோயில் இல்லாத ஊரில் குடியிருக்க வேண்டாம்” என்ற பழமொழி ஒன்றும் உண்டு. இதை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு தான் ஓர் ஊரின் மைய ஸ்தானம் ஆகவும் முக்கிய இடமாகவும், ஆலயத்தை நம்முடைய முன்னோர்கள் கருதினார்கள். இதற்கு காரணமாக அமைவது என்னவென்றால் வாழ்க்கைப் போராட்டத்தில் அல்லல் பட்டுத் தவிக்கும் மக்களுக்கு ஆறுதல் அளிக்கும் இடமாக ஆலயம் கருதப்படுகின்றது. இன்னும் வாழ்க்கையின் பிரச்சனைகளுக்குத் தீர்வுகாண முடியாத மக்கள் ஆலயத்துக்குச் சென்று ஆண்டவனைத் தரிசிக்கும்போது மன அமைதி பெறுகிறார்கள். இன்னும் பிரச்சனைகளை எதிர் நோக்கிச் சமாளிக்கும் மன வலிமை அவர்களுக்கு ஏற்படுகிறது.

மேலும் வேறெங்கும் தேடிப் பெற முடியாத அமைதியை ஆலயங்களில் அவர்கள் பெறுகிறார்கள். வைத்தியர்களால் குணப்படுத்த முடியாத மனம் பற்றிய நோய்களைக் கூட ஆலய வழிபாடு தானாகவே தீர்த்து வைக்கிறது. இதையுணர்ந்தே ஒவ்வொரு மதத்தவனும் தனது ஆலயத்தைப் புனிதப்படுத்தி பூசை செய்து வருகின்றான். அவ்வாலயத்துக்குரிய மரியாதை செலுத்தி வணங்கி வருகின்றான். ஆகவேதான் ஆலயமானது தீராத நோயைத் தீர்த்திடும் மருத்துவமனையென்று அழைக்கப்படுகின்றது. தெய்வம் எம்மை மன்னித்து மறுவாழ்வு, புனர்வாழ்வு அளிக்கிறது. மன்னிக்கும் இயல்புடைய மனிதனும் மன அமைதி பெறுவான்.

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மாணவர்கள் அரசியலில் ஈடுபடலாமா

அரசியல் என்பது அரசைப் பற்றிய அறிவைப் பெறுவதாகும். அறிவு என்பது கலையறிவு, விஞ்ஞான அறிவு, வர்த்தக அறிவு, தொழில்நுட்ப அறிவு எனப் பலதிறப்படுகிறது. அவற்றுள் அரசியல் அறிவும் ஒன்று. அரசியல் அறிவைப் பெறுவது வேறு, அரசியலில் ஈடுபடுவது வேறு. மாணவர்கள் அறிவைப் பெற வேண்டியவர்களேயன்றி அரசியலில் பங்குபற்றுவது அவசியமில்லை என்பது அறிவியலாளரின் ஆன்ற கருத்தாகும்.

இரு தோணியில் கால் வைப்பது போல கல்விகற்கும் மாணவர்கள் கலையறிவு பெறும் வேளையில் அரசியலில் பங்கெடுப்பதும் ஆபத்தான விஷயமாகும். இதற்கு வரலாற்று நிகழ்ச்சிகள் பலவற்றைக் கூறலாம். பல தேசங்களிலும் இளைஞர்கள் அரசியலில் பங்குபற்றி பகடக் காய்களாக உருட்டப்பட்டு இருக்கின்றார்கள். இதற்கு மிகச் சிறந்த உதாரணமாக எம் ஈழநாட்டைக் கூறலாம். இங்கு சிறப்பாகத் தமிழ் இளைஞர்கள் அரசியல் வாதிகளின் கைகளில் அகப்பட்டுச் சிறையிலே சித்திரவதை அனுபவிப்பதும், உயிர்ப்பலியாவதும், உயிர்களைப் பலியெடுப்பதும் இன்று சர்வசாதாரணமாக நாம் காணக்கூடிய நிகழ்ச்சிகளாகும்.

இளமை என்பது உணர்ச்சிக்கும், வேகத்திற்கும், செயலாற்றுந் திறத்திற்கும் அஞ்சாமைக்கும் இருப்பிடமானது. இதனைத் தங்களுடைய அரசியல் சாணக்கியத்திற்குப் பலியாக்கி மாணவர்களை மடைமாற்றி விடுவது பெரிய துரோகச் செயலாகும். இத்தகைய இளைஞர்களின் விரக்தி மனப்பான்மைக்கு இந்த அரசியல் தொடர்பே காரணம் என்று கூறினாலும் மிகையாகாது. எத்தனையோ குடும்பங்கள் இளைஞர்களை இழந்து அவர்களால் பெறவேண்டிய பயனைப் பெறமுடியாத நிலையில் தவியாய் தவிப்பதற்கும் இந்த அரசியல் தொடர்பு இயமனாக அமைந்துள்ளது. பல்கலைக்கழகங்களில் பொறியியலாளராகவும், மருத்துவர்களாகவும், வேறு பட்டதாரிகளாகவும் உயரவேண்டும் என்ற நிலையில் வருந்திக் கற்கப் புகுந்த மாணவர்கள் அரசியல் புரட்சியில் ஈடுபட்டிருப்பதன் காரணம் தலைவர்களின் தான்தோன்றித்தனமான வழிகாட்டலாகும். இதிலிருந்து கல்வியின் ஒரு எல்லைக் கோட்டைத் தாண்டாமல் புகுவழியில் மாணவர்கள் அரசியலில் பங்குபற்றுவதுமிகப் பெரும் தவறு என்பதை எவரும் மறுக்க முடியாது. உலக அரசியல் நிபுணர்கள் என்று பலராலும் போற்றப்படுகின்ற காந்திமகான், ஜெவகர்லால் நேரு, ராஜகோபாலாச்சாரியார் போன்றவர்கள் உயர்கல்லூரிகளிலும், பல்கலைக்கழகங்களிலும் ஆற்றிய சொற்பொழிவுகளில் மாணவர்கள் அரசியல் அறிவு பெறவேண்டுமேயன்றி அரசியல் தொடர்பு கொள்ளுதல் பிழை என்பதை திட்டவட்டமாக எடுத்துக்காட்டியுள்ளார்கள்.

மாணவர்கள் எதிர்காலத்தின் வச்சிரத் தூண்கள். அவர்களது வாழ்க்கையின் குறிக்கோள் ஏதாவது ஒரு துறையில் உயர்நிலை அடைவதேயாகும். ஐம்புலன்களையும் அடக்கி, ஒருநிலைப்படுத்தி கல்வி வளர்ச்சியில் காலத்தைப் போக்க வேண்டியவர்கள் புலன்களைச் சிதறவிடுவதை எவரும் ஆதரிக்க மாட்டார்கள். மேலும் இவர்களின் அரசியல் தொடர்பால் இவர்கள் மட்டுமன்றி பெற்றோர், ஆசிரியர், சமுதாயத்தினர் அனைவரும் பெருந் துன்பத்திற்குள்ளாகின்றனர். மாணவப் பருவத்தில் செய்ய வேண்டிய கடமைகள் பலவுண்டு. அவற்றுள் சிறந்தது ஒழுக்கம். இந்த ஒழுக்கத்தைக் கூட அரசியல் தொடர்பு பாதிக்கின்றது. ஏதோ ஒரு நல்ல இலட்சியத்தைப் பெறுவதற்காக அரசியலில் பங்குபற்றுகிறோம் என்று கூறிக்கொள்ளும் மாணவர்கள் புகைத்தல், களவு, கொலைச் செயல்கள், சதிச் செயல்கள், கற்பழிப்புக்கள் என்பவற்றில் கூட ஈடுபட்டுத் தம் வாழ்வை

பாழ்படுத்திக் கொள்கின்றனர். கத்தியைக் கொண்டு உபயோகமான கருமங்களை நிறைவேற்றுவதற்குப் பதிலாகக் கொலைகளைச் செய்வதைப் போலவும், நெருப்பைக் கொண்டு பயன்படத்தக்க செயல்களைச் செய்வதைவிட்டு பயங்கரமான தீ விபத்துக்களை உண்டாக்குவதுபோலவும், மாணவர்கள் தமது மகத்தான இளமையின் பயனைக் கைவிட்டு மகாபாதகச் செயல்களைச் செய்வதற்கு இந்த அரசியல் தொடர்பே காரணமாக அமைகின்றது.

அரசியல் தொடர்பானது இளைஞர்களை மட்டுமன்றி யுவதிகளையும் பாழ்படுத்தி விடுகின்றது. அரசியலார் தங்களுடைய காரியங்களை நிறைவேற்றுவதற்கு சத்தியாக் கிரகம், உண்ணாவிரதம், பகிஷ்கரிப்பு என்ற போர்வையில் அரசாங்கத்தை எதிர்ப்பதற்கு மிகச் சிறந்த இலகுவான வழியாக பாடசாலை மாணவர்களை இயக்கி விடுகிறார்கள். ஐந்து வயதிலே தொடங்கும் இந்தப் பழக்கத்தை ஐம்பதிலே நிறுத்த முடியாதது. அவர்களும் நாளுக்கு நாள் இந்தப் பழக்கத்தில் ஈடுபட்டு தங்கள் எதிர்கால வாழ்வுக்கு உலை வைக்கின்றார்கள் என்பதை முதன் முதலில் ஆசிரியர், தலைவர்கள் உணர வேண்டும். வீதியிலே ஊர்வலம் வருவதும், சுலோக அட்டைகளைத் தாங்குவதும், கோஷங்களை எழுப்புவதும், பாடசாலையை விட்டு வெளியேறிய மாணவர்களுக்கு மிகப் பிரியமான காரியங்கள். அதனால் இலகுவாக மாணவர்களை ஏமாற்றி விடலாம் என்று நினைப்பவர்கள் ஒரு நல்ல சமுதாய வளர்ச்சியையே குழிதோண்டிப் புதைக்கிறார்கள். வளர வேண்டிய பயிருக்கு தண்ணீர் வார்க்க வேண்டியவர்கள் நீருக்குப் பதிலாக நெருப்பைக் கொட்டுகின்றார்கள். வேரிலே கோடரி வைக்கின்றார்கள். இத்தகையோருடைய மனச்சாட்சியின் கொடுஞ் செயலை, வஞ்சக மனப்பான்மையை நீக்கும்வரை மாணவர்கள் வாழ முடியாது, வளர முடியாது. வாழ்வின் உண்மையான குறிக்கோளை எட்டிப் பிடிக்க முடியாது.

நீந்துவதற்குப் பழக்கமில்லாத ஒருவனை நீந்தப் பழக்க வேண்டும் என்பதற்காக கொடிய முதலைகள் வாழ்கின்ற குளத்திலே பயிற்சி கொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்று ஒருவன் கூறுவானாகில் அவனது கூற்றை எந்த மடையனும் ஏற்க மாட்டான். அதுபோலவே அரசியல் அறிவு மாணவர்களுக்குத் தேவை என்பதற்காக மாணவர்களை அரசியலில் ஈடுபடுத்த வேண்டும் என்று கூறுபவர்கள் இரு கண்களையும் திறந்துகொண்டு படுகுழியில் வீழ்கின்றார்கள். அறிவு, அடக்கம், பண்பு, ஒழுக்கம், அன்பு, சமாதானம், நீதி, உண்மை முதலிய நற்குணங்கள் வளர வேண்டிய இளமை உள்ளங்களை முனையிலே கருகச் செய்கின்ற இந்த முயற்சி முற்றாகத் தவிர்க்கப்பட வேண்டும் என்பது எனது முழுமூச்சான அபிப்பிராயமாகும். அரசியலில் ஈடுபட்டு தன் வாழ்விலே உயர்ந்த இளைஞன் இவ்வுலகில் யாராவது உண்டோ? என்ற கேள்வியே மாணவர்கள் அரசியலில் ஈடுபடலாமா? என்ற கேள்வியின் விடையைத் தெளிவாக்குகிறது.

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“மாருதது இறைவாக்கு மட்டுமே”

காலம் மாறுகிறது, கருத்து மாறுகிறது, கோலம் மாறுகிறது, கொள்கை மாறுகிறது, மனிதன் மாறுகின்றான். கட்சி மாறுகின்றது, அரசியல் மாறுகின்றது, மனித மதிப்பீடுகள் மாறுகின்றன, அரசியல் வாதி மாறி மாறிக்கொண்டேயிருக்கின்றான். எல்லாம் மாறுகின்றன. ஏன் உலகமே மாறுகின்றது.

ஆனால் இறைவனின் வார்த்தை மட்டும் மாறவே மாட்டாது. மறைகள் பல மாற்றத்துக்குட்பட்டன. ஏன் திருச்சபையே மாறியது. மாற்றத்துக்குட்பட்டது.

ஆனால் யேசுவின் வார்த்தைகள் மாற்றமடையவில்லை. அவற்றை மாற்றவும் முடியாது. ஆனால் அந்த இறைவாக்குகளினால் பலர் பல விதமாக மாற்றமடைகின்றனர்.

விஞ்ஞானத்தை ஆதித்திருச்சபை வெறுத்தது. கண்டுபிடிப்புக்களையும் அவற்றின் மூலம் வந்த மாறுதல்களையும் வெறுத்த காலமும் திருச்சபைக்குண்டு. அவற்றை ஒதுக்கி “கிணற்றுத் தவளையாக” புறம்பாக வாழ்ந்து வந்த வரலாறும் திருச்சபைக்குண்டு. “பூமி உருண்டை” என்ற உண்மையை உலகம் ஒப்புக்கொண்டது. ஆனால் திருச்சபை ஒப்புக்கொள்ள பலகாலம் பிடித்தது. ஆனால் எல்லாம் மாறலாம், இறைவாக்கு மட்டும் மாறவே மாறாது என்ற உண்மையை மாற்றங்கண்ட திருச்சபை உலகிற்குணர்த்தியது. ஏன் ஆவியின் அருளால் இயக்கப்பட்ட இரண்டாம் வத்திக்கான் சங்கம்கூட ஒரு மாற்றத்தின் பக்க விளைவாகும். அதன் மூலம் பலமாற்றங்கள் உலகிற்கு, விசேடமாக திருச்சபைக்குள் புகுந்தன. “உரோமை பேசிவிட்டால் பிரச்சனை முடிந்தது” என்று சொன்ன காலமும் உண்டு. ஆனால் இன்று விவாதங்கள், ஆலோசனைகள் இன்றி மாற்றங்களை திருச்சபையின் தலைவரால் கூட புகுத்த முடியாது.

இறைவாக்கு கல்லின்மேல் எழுதிய எழுத்து. அன்று இரண்டாயிரம் ஆண்டு களுக்கு முன் அருளிய அன்புச் செய்திகள் பலபேரை மனமாற்றமடையச் செய்கின்றன. ஆனால் அவற்றை மாற்றமடையச் செய்ய முடியாது. விஞ்ஞானமும், நவீனமும் மக்களின் மனத்தை மாற்றி அதன்மூலம் இறைவாக்குகளையே மாற்ற முனைந்தன. முடிவு “நீர் மேல் எழுத்துதான்”. இன்று பலர் விஞ்ஞானம் செய்த விபரீதத்தினாலும், நவீனம் செய்த நயவஞ்சகத்தினாலும் தாங்களும் மாறி இறைவாக்குகளையும் மாற்ற முனைகிறார்கள். இதனால் மாறுவது இறைவாக்கல்ல, மக்கள்தான். இறைவாக்குகள் எம் வாழ்க்கைத் தூண்கள். இறைவாக்குகள் இலகுவில் அழியா. அழிக்கவும் முடியாது. எனவே இறைவாக்குகளைக் கைக்கொண்டு விஞ்ஞானத்திலும், நவீனத்திலும் சிக்குண்டு இருக்கும் எம் வாழ்க்கையை மாற்றி வாழ்வோம். இறைவாக்குகள் மாறாது என்பதற்கு யேசுவே சாட்சி கூறியிருக்கின்றார். “விண்ணும் மண்ணும் ஒழிந்து போகும். திருச்சட்டத்தின் ஒரு சிற்றெழுத்தோ புள்ளியோ ஒழிந்து போகாது” [மத் 5:18] எனவே மாறாது இறைவாக்கு மட்டுமே.

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இலங்கையின் கிராமியப் பொருளாதாரம்

இன்று இலங்கையின் பொருளாதாரக் கொள்கையில் கிராமியப் பொருளாதார வளர்ச்சி என்பது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்ததொன்றாக இருக்கின்றது. இலங்கையின் கிராமியத்துறைப் பொருளாதாரமானது தற்போதுள்ள நகர்ப்புறங்களையும் தோட்டப்புறங்களையும் தவிர்ந்த ஏனைய பிரதேசங்களை உள்ளடக்கிய பகுதியினைக் குறிக்கும். இலங்கையின் மொத்த நிலப்பரப்பில் ஏறக்குறைய 65% மானது கிராமப்புறமாக காணப்படுகிறது. அத்தோடு இலங்கையின் மொத்த சனத்தொகையில் 65% மாறோர் கிராமப்புறங்களில் வாழ்வதாகவும் கணிப்பிடப்பட்டுள்ளது.

இலங்கையில் கிராமியப்பொருளாதாரத்தை விருத்தி செய்வதன் மூலமே பொருளாதாரத்தில் வளர்ச்சியை ஏற்படுத்த முடியும். சுயதேவையைப் பூர்த்தி செய்யும் குறைந்த வருமானத்தைக் கொண்ட கிராமியப் பொருளாதாரத்தில் உற்பத்தி, ஏற்றுமதிகளுக்காக அன்றி சொந்த நுகர்வுக்காகவே மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டு வருகின்றது. இன்று

இதனைத் தன்னிறைவுத் தன்மை கொண்ட பொருளாதாரமாக கருதமுடியாது. இலங்கையின் கிராமியப் பொருளாதாரத்தில் ஏறக்குறைய 50% க்கும் இடைப்பட்டோர் வேதனையுடையவர்களாகக் காணப்படுகின்றனர். தற்போது கிராமிய உற்பத்திகள் சந்தையினை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டுள்ளது. உற்பத்திக்குத் தேவையான உள்ளீடுகளும் சந்தையிலிருந்த வெளிப்படுகின்றது. எனவே இன்று கிராமியத்துறைக்கு வரைவிலக்கணம் கொடுக்கையில் இன்று கிராமியத்துறை ஒரு பிழைப்புமட்ட பொருளாதாரம் என்று வரைவிலக்கணம் கொடுக்கலாம்.

இலங்கையின் கிராமியப் பொருளாதாரம் பெருந்தோட்டப் பொருளாதாரத்துடனும், நகரப் பொருளாதாரத்துடனும் தொடர்புபட்டதாகவே இருக்கின்றது. தொழில் அடிப்படையில் நோக்கும்போது நெல் விவசாயம், உப உணவுப் பயிர்ச்செய்கை, மீன்பிடித்தல், வேட்டையாடுதல் காட்டுத்தொழில் போன்றவற்றைக் குறிப்பிடலாம். இலங்கையின் கிராமியம் என்னும் போது அது நெல் விவசாயத்தையே பிரதானமாக குறித்து நிற்கின்றது. இதற்கு காரணம் நெல் உற்பத்தி கிராமிய உற்பத்திகளில் மிகக் கூடிய பங்களாகவும் இலங்கை மக்களின் முக்கிய உணவாகவும் விளங்குவதோடு, கிராமிய மக்களின் சமூக பொருளாதார வாழ்க்கையுடன் மறை, சமய ஆசாரங்கள் எல்லாம் நெல் விவசாயத்துடன் தொடர்பு பட்டிருக்கின்றன.

உணவுத்தேவையினை தன்னுள் அடக்கி இருக்கும் தொழில் என்ற வகையிலும், மிகக் கூடிய வேலையாற்றப்பினை வழங்கும் தனிப்பயிர் என்ற வகையிலும், நாட்டின் முற்று முழுதான பொருளாதார வளர்ச்சி, உள்நாட்டு விவசாயத்துறையில் தங்கி இருப்பதால் நெல் விவசாயம் துரிதமாக அபிவிருத்தி செய்ய வேண்டியதுறையாகும்.

இன்று கிராமியத்துறையானது பலவிதமான பிரச்சனைகளை எதிர்நோக்கி நிற்கின்றது. குறிப்பாச கிராமப்புற மக்கள் அனுபவித்துவரும் மூலதனப் பிரச்சனைகளுக்கு தீர்வு காணக்கூடிய சிறந்த அமைப்புக்கள் குறைவாகக் காணப்படுவது, கிராமியத்துறை விவசாயத்தில் உற்பத்தி செய்யப்படும் உற்பத்திப் பொருட்களுக்கு சந்தை வாய்ப்புக்கள் குறைவாக காணப்படுவது போன்றவையாம்.

இவ்விதமான பிரச்சனைகளைத் தீர்ப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் பல நடவடிக்கைகளை மேற்கொண்டு வருகின்றது. கிராமியத்துறை மக்கள் அனுபவித்து வரும் மூலதனப் பற்றாக்குறைப் பிரச்சனைகளைத் தீர்க்கும் பொருட்டு நிறுவன ரீதியான அமைப்புக்கள் மூலம் கடன் வழங்கப்படுவதற்கான ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளன. உதாரணமாக மக்கள் வங்கி, இலங்கைவங்கி, கூட்டுறவு வங்கி போன்றவற்றின் மூலமாக கடன் வழங்கி வருகின்றது. ஆனால் கிராமியத்துறை, நிறுவன ரீதியற்ற துறையிடமிருந்தே கூடுதலான கடன்களைப் பெறுகின்றது. மொத்தக்கடனில் பெரும்பகுதியை கிராமிய மக்கள் நிறுவன ரீதியற்ற துறையிடமிருந்தே பெறுகின்றார்கள். கடனைப் பெறுவது இலகுவாகவும், சிரமமின்றி பெறக்கூடியதாகவும், பொறுப்புக்களை சுமர்ப்பிக்கவேண்டிய அவசியமில்லாததாலும் விவசாயிகள், நிறுவன ரீதியற்ற கடன்களைத் தொடர்ந்தும் விரும்பிக்கொள்கின்றனர். அரசாங்கமானது நிறுவன ரீதியான முயற்சிகள் பலவற்றை மேற்கொண்ட போதிலும் கூட, விவசாயிகளின் கடன்கள் என்ற பிரச்சனை போதியளவில் தீர்க்கப்பட்டதாகச், சொல்ல முடியாது. எனவே அரசாங்கத்தினால், கடன்களை மேலும் இலகுவாகவும், தாராளமான நிபந்தனையுடனும் தகுந்த மேற்பார்வையுடனும் வழங்குவதற்கு முயற்சிகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட வேண்டும்.

உற்பத்திப்பொருட்களை சந்தைப்படுத்துவதற்கு பல வழிகள் மேற்கொள்ளப் பட்டு வருகின்றன. உதாரணமாக நெல் சந்தைப்படுத்தும் சபை, பால் சேகரிப்பு நிலையம். மற்றும் சந்தைப்படுத்தும் திணைக்களம் போன்றவற்றினைக் குறிப்பிடலாம். அதோடு உற்பத்திப் பொருட்களுக்கு உத்தரவாதம் விதிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. உதாரணமாக நெல், இறுங்கு போன்றவற்றைக் குறிப்பிடலாம்.

மேலும் கிராமிய மக்களின் வாழ்க்கைத் தரத்தினை அதிகரிக்கு முகமாக வீடமைப்புத் திட்டங்கள், நீர்ப்பாசனத் திட்டங்கள் போன்றவற்றினை உருவாக்குவதுடன் மக்களின் அடிப்படைத்தேவைகளாகக் கருதப்படும் கல்வி, சுகாதாரம், போன்ற முயற்சிகளும் படித்த இளைஞர் குடியேற்றத்திட்டம் ஒன்றிணைந்த கிராமியத் திட்டம் போன்ற திட்டங்கள் அரசாங்கத்தினால் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.

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12 C

மாணவத்துவம்

ஓ! மாணவனே, மாணவனே!
மாணவத்துவமது பற்றி—
சிறிதேனும் அறிந்து கொள்ளேன்!
காலை வேளையிலே “கடவுளே” என நினைந்து
கல்லும் கரையுமாறு கவின் மொழிகள் ஊடாக
கல்வியெனும் புண்ணியத்தை—கரைகாணு அப்பாற்கடலை—
கடைந்தெடுத்து உமக்கூட்ட
கண்ணும் கருத்துமாக கடும் சேவை பல ஆற்றி
கண்ணியமாய்த் தன் கடமைகளை
கட்டுடனே முடிக்குமந்த
ஆசானின் முன்னிலையில் நீ!
நல்லவனாய் வல்லவனாய்
நாணயத்தின் முதல் மகனாய்
செந்தமிழின் மறுமகனாய்
சுதந்திரத்தின் தலைமகனாய்
“இறைபற்றும் உழைப்பும்”—அதை
உன் வாழ்வின் உயிர்மூச்சாய்
ஏற்று நீயும் வாழ வேண்டி—
எண்ணற்ற பயிற்சிகளை எடுத்தளிக்கும்
எம் பள்ளி வாழ்க்கையிலே—நீ
ஓ! மாணவனே—மாணவனே
மாணத்துவமது பற்றி—
சிறிதேனும் அறிந்து கொள்ளேன்!

டி. வி. இ. றவிச்சந்திரன்
10 C

தமிழ்த் திரைப்படங்களும் தமிழர் பண்பாடும்

ஒரு நாட்டின் கலை, கலாச்சாரம் என்பன அந்நாட்டு மக்களின் பண்பாட்டினை விளக்கிக் காட்டும் சின்னங்களாகும். விஞ்ஞான வளர்ச்சியால் ஏற்பட்ட திரைப்படங்களும் நாட்டு மக்களின் பண்பாட்டினை எடுத்துக் காட்டுகின்றன. திரைப்படங்கள் விஞ்ஞான ஆராய்ச்சியில் மேலோங்கி விளங்கும் மேலதேசங்களின் தொடர்பினால் நமது நாட்டிலே புகுந்தவொரு கலையாகும். நாடகங்கள், கூத்துக்கள் என்பனவே நம் நாட்டின் பண்பாட்டினை எடுத்துக் காட்டும் கலைகளாக விளங்கின. நாளடைவில், விஞ்ஞான வளர்ச்சியினாலும், மேலதேசத் தொடர்பினாலும் தமிழ் நாட்டிலும் திரைப்படங்களின் தொகை அதிகரித்தது.

எவ்வாறு நாடகங்கள், கூத்துக்கள் என்பன தமிழர் பண்பாட்டினை எடுத்துக்காட்ட உதவுகின்றனவோ அவ்வாறே திரைப்படங்களும் எமது பண்பாட்டை எடுத்துக்காட்ட உதவுகின்றன. தமிழ் நாட்டினைப் பின்னணியாக வைத்துப் படங்கள் எடுக்கப்படுவதனால் எங்கள் நாட்டுப் பண்பாட்டைப் பிறநாட்டு மக்களும் அறிந்துகொள்ள வாய்ப்பு ஏற்படுகிறது.

“தமிழன் என்றொரு இனமுண்டு
தனியே அவர்க்கொரு குணமுண்டு”

என்ற நாமக்கல் கவிஞரின் கூற்றுக்கிணங்க, தமிழ் மக்களுக்கெனத் தனிப்பட்ட பண்பாடுண்டு. தமிழ் நாட்டிலுள்ள சிற்பம், ஓவியம், இசை, நடனம் என்பன தமிழ் மக்களின் சிறந்த பண்பாட்டுச் சின்னங்களாக இன்னும் விளங்குகின்றன. தமிழ் நாட்டுக் கோவில்கள், தமிழர் நாகரீகத்தையும் பண்பாட்டையும் உலகத்துக்கு அறிவுறுத்தும் வகையில் சிறந்த எடுத்துக் காட்டாய் நின்று தமிழ்நாட்டை இன்றும் அணிசெய்கின்றன. கிழைத்தேசக் கலைகள் பற்றி ஆராய்ச்சி செய்த ஆனந்தக் குமாரசாமி அவர்கள் நடராச விக்கிரகத்தின் மகிமையைப்பற்றி விரிவான முறையில் விளக்கியுள்ளார்கள். இவற்றைத் திரைப்படங்களிற் காட்டும்போது பிறநாட்டு மக்கள் தமிழ் மக்களின் பண்பாட்டினை நன்கு அறிந்து கொள்வர். இசை, நடனம் என்ற நுண்கலைகளும் தமிழ் மக்களுக்குரிய தனிப்பண்பு வாய்ந்த கலைகளாகும். கர்நாடக இசை, பரதநாட்டியம் போன்ற கலைகள் உலகின் பல பாகங்களிலுமுள்ள மக்களின் கவனத்தை ஈர்த்துள்ள நுண்கலைகளாகும். இவற்றையெல்லாம் திரைப்படங்களின் மூலம் வெளிப்படுத்துவதனால், திரைப்படங்கள் தமிழர் பண்பாட்டை அறிவிக்கும் கருவிகளாக உதவுகின்றன. தமிழ் நாட்டிலும், ஈழத்திலும் சிறந்த இயற்கைக் காட்சிகள் ஆங்காங்கு நாட்டின் அணிகலன்களாக மிளிர்கின்றன. இவற்றைப் படம் பிடிப்பதில் திரைப்படக்காரர் தவறுவதில்லை. நாட்டின் அழகை இக்காட்சிகள் எடுத்துக் காட்டுகின்றன. உல்லாசப்பிரயாணிகளைக் கவருவதில் இத்தகைய இயற்கைக் காட்சிகள் பெரிதும் பயன்படுகின்றன.

தமிழ் மக்களின் வாழ்க்கை முறைகள், அவர்களது சமயானுட்டானங்கள், அவர்களின் சமூகப்பழக்க வழக்கங்கள், விஷேட கிரியைகள், போன்றவை திரைப்படங்களில் இடம் பெறுகின்றன. திருமணக் கிரியைகள், சமயவிழாக்கள் என்பன தமிழ் மக்களின் பண்பாட்டு நிலையை எடுத்துக் காட்டுகின்றன. ‘ஜெல்லிக்கட்டு’ என்னும் விளையாட்டு ஒரு திரைப்படத்திற் காட்டப்பட்டுள்ளது. அது பண்டைக்காலத்து “கொல்லேறு தழுவல்”

என்னும் ஒருவகை நிகழ்ச்சியைக் குறிப்பதற்கும். கொல்லேறு தழுவல் என்னும் ஒழுக்கம் சங்க இலக்கியங்களிற் கூறப்பட்ட கைக்களை என்னும் ஒழுக்கத்தின் பார்ப்பும். தமிழ் மக்களின் பண்பாட்டு நிலையையறிய இந்நிகழ்ச்சிகளைக் கொண்ட திரைப்படங்கள் உதவுகின்றன. சரித்திர சம்பந்தமான திரைப்படங்களில் பண்டை அரசர்களின் உடைகள், போர்க்காலங்களில் அவர்கள் உபயோகித்த ஆயுதங்கள் போர்முறைகள், என்பன காட்டப்படுவதனால் அக்கால மக்களின் போர்முறைகளை அறியலாம்.

இவ்வாறு, தமிழர் பண்பாட்டினைச் சித்திரித்துக் காட்டும் திரைப்படங்கள் இன்று வேறு திசையில் திரும்பியுள்ளமை முக்கியமாகக் குறிப்பிடத்தக்கதொன்றாகும். தமிழ் மக்களுக்கெனத் தனிப்பட்ட பண்பாடு ஒன்றுண்டோ என ஐயப்படக்கூடிய நிலையில் இன்று சில தமிழ்த் திரைப்படங்கள் வெளிவருகின்றன. மேலைநாட்டுத் திரைப்படங்களினதும், பாரத நாட்டிலுள்ள ஏனைய மொழிகளில் வெளிவரும் திரைப்படங்களினதும் ஆதிக்கம் தமிழ்த்திரைப்படங்களில் நிலைபெற்று விட்டமையே இதற்குக் காரணமாகும். இன்றையத் தமிழ்த்திரைப்படங்களில் தமிழ் மக்களின் பண்பாட்டுக்கு மாறான இசைகள், நடனங்கள், கொலை, களவு, முதலான நிகழ்ச்சிகள் இடம் பெற்றுவிட்டன திரைப்பட நடிகர்களின் உடைகள் கூட பிறநாட்டார் தமிழ் மக்களின் பண்பாட்டு நிலையை இகழ்த்தக்க முறையில் அமைந்துவிட்டன. மேலாட்டு முறையில் அமைந்த காதற் காட்சிகள் தமிழர் பண்பாட்டைச் சீர்குலைக்குஞ் சாதனங்களாய் அமைந்துள்ளன. மேலாட்டுக்குரிய முறையில் அமைந்த பயங்கரக் கொள்ளைகள், கொலைகள் போன்ற காட்சிகள் தமிழ்ச் சமுதாயத்தையே பயங்கர வழியிலிட்டுச் செல்கின்றன. ஆணுடன் பெண் சேர்ந்து மது அருந்துதல், ஆண், பெண் உறவு முறைகள் ஆகிய காட்சிகள் தமிழ் மக்களின் பாரம்பரிய பண்பாட்டுக்கு முற்றும் மாறுபட்டன. தற்போதைய போக்கிலே தமிழ்த்திரைப்படங்கள் சென்று கொண்டிருந்தால் அவை தமிழர் பண்பாட்டைப் பிரதிபலிப்பனவாக அமையமாட்டா.

ஆகவே, தமிழர் பண்பாட்டை எடுத்துக்காட்டுங் கருவியாகத் தமிழ்த்திரைப்படங்கள் அமைய வேண்டும். அதற்கிசையவே தமிழ்த் திரைப்படங்களை வெளியிட வேண்டும். மேலாட்டு நடிப்பு முறைகளைக் கலந்து தமிழ்த் திரைப்படங்களைச் சிதைத்து விடக்கூடாது. உண்மையான தமிழர் பண்பாட்டினைப் புலப்படுத்த வேண்டுமானால் திரைப்படங்களை வெளியிடுவோர் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டுக்கு ஒவ்வாத செய்திகளை விட்டு நல்லமுறையில் வெளியிட வேண்டும். பொருள் வருவாய் ஒன்றினையே கருத்தாகக்கொண்டு தமிழ் மக்களின் பாரம்பரியப் பண்பாட்டினைச் சிதைத்து விடுதலாகாது.

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எங்கு முடியும் இப்பயணம்

குமரன் சென்று கொண்டிருந்தான். அவன் பார்வை நிலைக்குத்தியவாறு இருந்தது. அவன் எவ்வகையான காட்சிகளையும் இரசிக்கவும் இல்லை, பார்க்கவும் இல்லை. அவன் நீந்தி விளையாடிய குளங்களும், ஏறி விளையாடிய மரங்களும், நண்பர்களுடன் சேர்ந்து விளையாடிய மைதானங்களும், அவன் விரும்பிப் பார்க்கும் அழகிய மலர்களும், அவனுக்கு முன்னே வந்து பின்னே சென்று மறைந்தன. அவன் மனம் இக்காட்சிகள் எதிலும் இலயிக்கவில்லை. வெறித்த பார்வையுடன், முற்றுந்துறந்த முனிவரின் மன நிலையில், அவன் காலை இடறிய சில கற்கள் விளைத்த துன்பத்தையும் ஒரு பொருட்டாகச் சிந்தியாது, பழகி, விளையாடி, அநுபவித்த இடங்களைக் கடந்து சென்று கொண்டிருந்தான். அவன் மனம் தன் பழைய காலத்தை எண்ணமிட்டது.

குமரன் 12 வயதுச் சிறுவன். அவன் தன் சிற்றப்பா வீட்டில் வாழ்ந்து வருகிறான். அவனுக்குத் தந்தை தாய் எவருமில்லை. அநாதை. அவனை அவனது சிற்றப்பன் வேலை வாங்கி வாங்கி துன்புறுத்தி வந்தார். ஒருகணநேரமும் அவனை ஓய்வாய் இருக்க விடுவதில்லை. அவரது பெரிய 20 பரப்பு காய்கறித் தோட்டத்துக்குத் தண்ணீர் பாய்ச்சுவது, அருகிலிருக்கும் காட்டுக்குச் சென்று விறகு பொறுக்கி வருவது, காடுகளுக்கு மேயப்போகும் அவரது 50, 60 மாடுகளை மேய்த்து வீடு கொண்டு வந்து சேர்ப்பது எல்லாம் அவனது வேலைதான்.

குமரன் தன் 5 வயதில் தாயை இழந்து விட்டான். அவனது தந்தை ஒரு பெரிய பணக்காரர். அவருடைய தம்பியும், குமரனின் சிற்றப்பாவுமான சுந்தரம் மிகவும் தீயவன். குமரனின் தந்தையின் சொத்துக்களை அபகரிக்கும் எண்ணத்துடன் இருந்தான். குமரனின் தந்தை நோய்வாய்ப்பட்டு இறந்ததும் தான் குமரனைப் பொறுப்பேற்பதாகக் கூறி ஒரு நாள்அவனைத் தன்னுடன் அழைத்துச் சென்றான். இப்பொழுது குமரனின் சொத்து முழுவதும் அவனது சிற்றப்பன் வசமாயின. ஒரு சில வருடங்கள் குமரனை அன்பொழுகக் கவனித்து வந்தார். குமரனை எங்காவது துரத்தி விட்டால், தான் எல்லாச் சொத்துக்களையும் சொந்தமாக்கலாம் என்ற தீய எண்ணம் அவனுக்கு வந்தது. அதற்கான திட்டங்களையும் அவன் வகுத்தான்.

ஒருநாள் குமரனின் சிற்றப்பா குமரனிடம் வந்து, அன்பொழுகப் பேசினார். “குமரா, இன்று நாம் வேறு ஒரு ஊரில் வசிக்கும் ஒருவரைக் காணுவதற்குப் போகின்றோம்” என்றார். குமரனுக்கு நல்ல சந்தோஷம். அவன் தன் உடுப்புகளை எடுத்துப் பயணத்திற்கு ஆயத்தம் பண்ணினான்.

அடுத்த நாள் மாலை 7 மணியளவில் எல்லோரும் இரயில் நிலையத்தை அடைந்தனர். இரயில் வந்தது, எல்லோரும் ஏறினர். இரயில் புறப்பட்டது. சிறிது நேரத்தில் குமரன் நித்திரையாகி விட்டான். குமரன் நித்திரையாகியதும் அடுத்த புகையிரத நிலையத்தில் குமரனின் சிற்றப்பாவும் அவரது குடும்பமும் இறங்கி விட்டனர். குமரன் மட்டும் இரயிலில் தனியாகச் சென்று கொண்டிருந்தான். அடுத்த நாட்காலை.....

குமரனை ஒரு டிக்கட் பரிசோதகர் தட்டி எழுப்பினார். குமரன் திடுக்கிட்டு எழுந்தான். “டேய் பொடியா, எங்கே உனது டிக்கட் சீக்கிரம் காட்டு. எனக்கு நேரமில்லை” என்றார்.

“ஐயா, ஐயா நான் என் சிற்றப்பாவுடன் வந்தேன். என் சிற்றப்பாவைக் காணவில்லை” என்றான்.

“டேய், எனக்கா கயிறு திரிக்கின்றாய், உன்னைப் போல் டிக்கட் இல்லாமல் பயணம் செய்யும் பொடியன்கள் பலரைக் கண்டவன் நான்” என்று கூறியவாறே குமரனின் கன்னத்தில் ‘பளார்’ என்று ஓர் அறை கொடுத்தான். குமரன் தன் கன்னத்தைப் பொத்தியவாறே அழுது “ஐயா...ஐயா....உண்மை...தான் ஐயா. நான்..நான் சிற்...சிற்றப்பா” என்று குழறிக் குழறி சொல்லிக்கொண்டிருந்தான்.

திடீரென அவனது கன்னத்தில் இன்னும் ஒரு அறை விழுந்தது. “செய்வதும் செய்து விட்டு அழுகை வேறேயா” என்று கூறிவிட்டு இன்னொரு அறை கொடுத்தான் டிக்கட் பரிசோதகர்.

அடுத்த புகையிரத நிலையம் வந்ததும் டிக்கட் பரிசோதகர் அவனை வெளியே தள்ளி விட்டார். அவனுக்குப் பசியும், களையும் காரணமாக சிறிது தூரம் நடந்து ஒரு

சிறு வீதியில் விழுந்து விட்டான். திடீரென மாட்டு வண்டில் ஒன்று அவனுக்கு முன்னால் வந்து நின்று விட்டது. அதிலிருந்து இறங்கிய கிழவன்;

“டேய் பொடியர் எழும்பு, எழும்பு வண்டி செல்ல வேண்டும்” என்றான். குமரன் எழுந்திருக்கவில்லை. குமரனால் எழுந்திருக்கவும் முடியவில்லை. கிழவனும் அதட்டிக்கொண்டேயிருந்தான். கிழவனின் கோபம் உச்ச நிலையை அடைந்தது. அவரது கோபம் எல்லை தாண்டியது. மாட்டை அடிக்கும் சவுக்கினால் குமரனுக்குப் படர் என ஒரு அடி விழுந்தது. உடனே குமரன் எழுந்து அப்பால் சென்று நின்றான். ஒரு மர நிழலில் உட்கார்ந்து அழுதுகொண்டிருந்தான். அப்போது ஒரு பெரியவர் அவனண்டை வந்தார். அவர் குமரனிடம் ஏன் அழுகின்றாய் எனக் கேட்க குமரனும் தான் புகையிரத வண்டியில் ஏறியதிலிருந்து நடைபெற்றவற்றைக் கூறினான். உடனே அந்தப் பெரியவர், தம்பி உன் கதையைக் கேட்க மிகவும் பரிதாபமாக இருக்கின்றது, உன்னை நான் உனது கிராமத்துக்குச் செல்வதற்கு வேண்டிய இரயிலில் ஏற்றி விடுகிறேன். நீ போய் உன் சிற்றப்பாவுடன் சுகமாக இரு” என்று கூறி, குமரனை இரயில் நிலையத்திற்கு அழைத்துச் சென்று அவனுக்குப் பயணச் சீட்டையும் கொடுத்து இரயிலில் ஏற்றி அனுப்பினார்.

குமரனும் தான் பட்ட கஷ்டங்களுக்கு ஒரு விடிவு காலம் வந்துவிட்டது என்று எண்ணினான். இரயிலும் அவனுடைய இதயத்தின் ஏக்கத்தை உணர்ந்தது போல் விரைவாகச் சென்று குமரன் இருந்த ஊரை அடைந்தது.

குமரன் இரயிலில் இருந்து இறங்கியதும் ஆவலுடனும், ஏக்கத்துடனும், நம்பிக்கையுடனும் மேல்முச்சு, கீழ்முச்சு வாங்க விரைவாக ஓடிச் சென்றான். சிற்றப்பன் வீடு நெருங்க, நெருங்க அவனது ஆவல் பொங்கியது. அவ்வீட்டிலுள்ளவர்களின் பெயர்களை வாய்விட்டு அலறியவாறு சிற்றப்பனின் வீட்டை அடைந்தான்.

ஆனால் அவனுக்கு ஒரு பெரிய ஏமாற்றமே காத்திருந்தது. குமரன் சிற்றப்பாவின் வீட்டை அடைந்தபொழுது அந்த வீட்டில் வேறு ஒரு குடும்பம் குடியிருந்தது. அவர்களை விசாரித்துப் பார்த்ததில் குமரனின் சிற்றப்பாவும், அவர்களுடைய குடும்பமும் வேறு ஒரு ஊருக்குக் குடிபெயர்ந்து சென்றதாக அறிந்தான். இப்பொழுது குமரன் ஒரு அநாதை, இருக்க இடம் இல்லை, உடுக்க மாற்றாடைய இல்லை, உண்ண உணவில்லை. செய்வதறியாது திகைத்து நின்ற குமரன் திரும்பி நடக்கத் தொடங்கினான்.

குமரன் பார்த்து மகிழ்ந்து விளையாடிய இடங்கள் ஒவ்வொன்றாகக் கழியத் தொடங்கின. எங்கு போவது என்று தெரியாத குமரன் கால் இழுத்துச் சென்ற திசையில் சென்றான். இப்பயணம் எங்குதான் முடியுமோ?.....

அ. பெப்பிற்றஸ்

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சர்வஜன வாக்குரிமை

ஜனநாயக அரசாங்கம் என்பது மக்களுக்காக மக்களால் நடத்தப்படும் மக்கள் ஆட்சியென்று வர்ணிக்கப்படுகிறது. மக்கள் ஆட்சியென்றால் அந்த ஆட்சியில் ஒரு நாட்டிலுள்ள மக்களனைவரும் பங்கு கொள்ள வேண்டும் அல்லவா?

எல்லோரும் ஆட்சியில் பங்குபற்றுவது முடியாத காரியம், சாத்தியமான காரியமுமாகாது. எனவே தான் அனைவரும் மறைமுகமாக, ஒவ்வொருவரும் ஆட்சிப் பொறுப்பை ஏற்பதற்குப் பதிலாக மக்கள் கூட்டம் கூட்டமாகத் தொகுதிவாரியாகச் சேர்ந்து தங்களுக்குப் பிடித்தமான ஒரு பிரதிநிதியைத் தேர்ந்து அவர் கையில் ஆட்சிப் பொறுப்பை ஒப்படைப்பதுதான் அந்த முறை.

பிரதிநிதி மக்களிடமிருந்து அதிகாரத்தைப் பெற்று ஆட்சி மன்றத்தில் அதைப் பிரயோகிக்கிறார். அப்படிப் பிரயோகிக்கும்போது மக்கள் தாங்களே தங்கள் அபிப் பிராயத்தை அந்தப் பிரதிநிதி மூலம் மறைமுகமாகப் பிரயோகிக்கும் நிலை ஏற்படுகிறது. இது மக்களே ஆட்சி நடத்துவதற்கு சமமானதே.

ஜனநாயக அரசமைப்பு முறையில் இவ்வளவு தூரம் முன்னணியில் நிற்கும் இங்கிலாந்தில் கூட ஆரம்ப காலத்தில் சர்வஜன வாக்குரிமை இருந்ததில்லை. ஆண்களுக்கு மட்டும்தான் வாக்குரிமையளிக்கப்பட்டது. பின்னர் 1918-ம் ஆண்டில் முப்பது வயதுக்கு மேற்பட்ட பெண்களுக்கு மட்டும் வாக்குரிமையளிக்கப்பட்டது. இதைத் தொடர்ந்து 1928ல்தான் இங்கிலாந்தில் சர்வஜன வாக்குரிமை 21 வயதினையடைந்த ஆண், பெண் சகலருக்கும் வழங்கப்பட்டது.

இலங்கையைப் பொறுத்தவரையில் 1931-ம் ஆண்டுக்கு முன்னர் படித்தவர்களுக்கும், நிலபுலங்கள் உடையவர்களுக்கு மட்டுமே வாக்குரிமை கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருந்தது. 1931-ம் ஆண்டில்தான் இலங்கையில் சர்வஜன வாக்குரிமை நேரடியாகப் புகுத்தப்பட்டது. அப்போது 21 வயதுடைய ஆண், பெண், இரு சாராருக்கும் வாக்குரிமை வழங்கப்பட்டது. இந்த உரிமைக்கு 1959-ம் வருடத்திலிருந்து ஒரு புதிய சட்டத் திருத்தத்தின் மூலம் 18 வயதிற்கு மேற்பட்ட அனைவரும் உரித்தானவரென செய்யப்பட்டது.

ஒரு சுதந்திர நாட்டில் மக்கள் அனைவரும் சரிநிகர் சமமானம் என்ற தத்துவத்தின் அடிப்படையிலேயே அனைவருக்கும் வாக்குரிமை வழங்கப்படுகிறது. ஆயினும் சர்வஜன வாக்குரிமை வழங்குவது பிழையானது என்று வாதிடும் கட்சியினரும் இருக்கிறார்கள்.

ஆர். சி. மனோசுமார்

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அன்பின் மகத்துவம்

“அன்பு” ஒரு மூன்றெழுத்துச் சொல். ஆனால் எமது வாழ்வின் தத்துவமே இந்த மூன்றெழுத்தில்தான் தங்கியுள்ளது. அன்பு செய்யத் தெரியாதவன் மிருகத்திற்குச் சமமானம். மிருகம் கூட அன்பு செய்கிறதே. எனவே அன்பில்லாதவனைக் கல்லுக்கு ஒப்பிடுதல் மேல். எவ்வாறு ஒரு கல் இளகாமல் இறுக்கமாக இருக்கின்றதோ அதே போல் அன்பில்லாதவன் நெஞ்சம் இறுக்கமான கல்லாக இருக்கிறது. ஆனால் ஒரு உண்மை, மனிதனாகப் பிறந்த ஒவ்வொருவனும் ஏதோ ஒரு வகையில் மேற்கூறிய கல் நெஞ்சத் தன்மைக்கு விதிவிலக்காகிறான். அவ்வாறில்லாதவன் பிறவாது இருந்தால் எவ்வளவோ மேல்.

அன்பு இல்லாதவன் எந்தக் காரியத்தைச் செய்தாலும் சுயநலத்தையே கருத்தாகக் கொண்டு செய்வான். அன்புள்ளவனோ தன் என்னைக்கூட அதாவது தன் உயிரைக் கூட பிறருக்காக இழக்கத் தயங்க மாட்டான். இதைத்தான் தெய்வப்பலவர் வள்ளுவர்

அன்பிலார் எல்லாம் தமக்குரியர்; அன்புடையார்

என்பும் உரியர் பிறர்க்கு

என அழகாக எடுத்தியம்பியிருக்கிறார். அண்ணல் யேசுவும் இதே கருத்துப்பட “தன் நண்பனுக்காக தன் உயிரைக் கொடுப்பதைவிட மேலான அன்பு யாரிடமும் இல்லை” எனக் கருத்துச் செறிவாகக் கூறிச் சென்றார். புத்தர், காந்தி, முகம்மது, பாரதி யாரா யிருந்தாலும் சரி அன்பைப்பற்றி பறைசாற்றுதோர் எவருமில்ர்.

ஒருவன் வாழ்வில் அன்பு பெருகப் பெருக தன்னலம் குறையும். மாறாக தன்னலம் தாண்டவமாடத் தொடங்கினாலோ அன்பு இருந்த இடம் தெரியாமல் அகன்று விடும். அன்பு செய்வதற்கு நேரங்காலம் கிடையாது. சாதி, மத பேதங்களைக் கடந்தது அன்பு. உயர்ந்தவன், தாழ்ந்தவன் என்ற பாகுபாட்டிற்கு விதிவிலக்கானது அன்பு.

அன்பு பல விதமானது. தாய்க்கும் பிள்ளைக்கும் இடையில் இருப்பது ஒரு வகை அன்பு. காதலன் காதலிக்கிடையில் இருப்பது இன்னொரு வகை. ஆசிரியன் மாணுக்கனுக்கிடையில் இன்னொரு வகை. எல்லா அன்பிலும் ஒரு ஒற்றுமை உண்டு. உண்மையாக அன்பு செய்து வாழ்கின்றவன் ஈடு இணையில்லா இன்பத்தை அனுபவிப்பான்.

அன்பு செய்து பார், அப்பொழுது தெரியும் அதன் மகத்துவம்.

ஏ. ஜே. சீ. எக்ஸ். ஜென்சன்

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முத்தமிழ்

ஆலமரந் தரும் சோலை நிழல்தனில்
அக்கா என்றழைக்குது பச்சைக்கிளி
பாலமுதச் சுவைகூறும் இயற்றமிழ்
பாங்கினை யெண்ணி மயங்கி நின்றேனடா.

தேனைப் பிழிந்து கூவென்றழைத்திடும்
தீங்கவி பாடும் குயிலோசை
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வண்ணத் தமிழிசை கேட்குதடா

காரிருள் சூழ்ந்த மழை முகில் கண்டு
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GAMES AND SPORTS

It gives me great pleasure to present a review of the games and sports activities in 1982. I am happy to say that this year has been one we could be proud of.

The inter house cricket competition was keenly contested by the four houses and Mathews house won the championship cup. The College first eleven captained by Mas. K. M. J. Chellapah played 8 inter college matches won 2, drew 4 and lost 2. We played a limited over game with St. Joseph's College Colombo. Though we lost the match our players were able to show a splendid performance. N. Navaneetharajah did well in bowling for the season and was selected for the Jaffna school team.

The under 17 team was captained by B. S. M. Ariyarajah. Played 5 matches, won 4 and lost 1. We entered the J.S.C.A. tournament and emerged champions of the north winning the trophy presented by the Jaffna Schools Cricket Association. Captain Ariyarajah scored 89 against Hartley College and A. E. Antonypillai scored 112 against St. John's College.

The under 15 team captained by S. A. Glastone entered the J. S. C. A. tournament but their performances were not to our expectations.

Results of the First XI Fixtures

1. S.P.C. Vs Mahajana College — Drawn
S.P.C. 1st Innings 214 all out. 2nd Innings 3 for 95
Mahajana College 131 all out. 2nd Innings 9 for 116
2. S.P.C. Vs Skanda won by innings and 59 runs
1st Innings S.P.C. 231 for 8 Dec. K. M. J. Chellappah 52. J. E. Tibutius 60.
Skanda 104 all out.
2nd Innings Skanda 68 all out. Malanius 6 for 28
3. S.P.C. Vs Jaffna Hindu College — Drawn
1st innings
S.P.C. 84 all out
J. H. C. 125 all out
2nd innings
S.P.C. 131 for 7 (N. Navaneetharajah
J.H. C. 133 all out (7 for 32)
4. S.P.C. Vs Jaffna Central College — lost
1st innings
S.P.C. 93 all out
J.C.C. 227 for 9 Dec
2nd innings
S.P.C. 110 all out

5. S.P.C. Vs St. John's College — Drawn

1st innings

S.P.C. 180 all out (Melanius 50)

S.J.C. 154 all out. N.Navaneetharajah
5 for 58

2nd innings

S.P.C. 110 for 5 Dec

S.J.C 39 for 1

6. S.P.C. Vs Manipay Hindu—won by 154 runs

1st innings

S.P.C. 142 all out

Manipay Hindu 45 all out N. Nava-
neetharajah 5 for 28

2nd innings

S.P.C. 112 all out

Manipay Hindu 55 all out N. Nava-
neetharajah 5 for 33

7. S.P.C. Vs Jaffna College — Drawn

1st innings

S.P.C. 109 all out V. Sathajanan 62

J.C. 116 all out

2nd innings

S.P.C. 92 for 7

J.C. 114 all out N. Navaneetharajah
6 for 41

8. S.P.C. Vs St. Joseph's College Colombo (Limited overs) lost

S.J.C. All out 152

S.P.C. All out 89

Under 17 Cricket (J.S.C.A. Tournament)

S.P.C. Vs Kokuvil Hindu—Won by innings and 123 runs

1st innings

S.P.C. 224 for 5 S. I. J. Baskaran 69, A. E. Antonypillai 81

Kokuvil Hindu All out 42 and 2nd innings all out 59

2. S.P.C. Vs Jaffna Central — Lost

1st Innings

S.P.C. 121

J.C.C. 160

3. S.P.C. Vs Jaffna Hindu College — won by 29 runs

1st Innings

S.P.C. 193 all out S. W. Kingsley 53

J.H.C. 164 all out N. D. Anandarajah 7 for 68

4. S.P.C. Vs. St. John's College — won by 62 runs.

1st Innings

S.P.C. 232 for 8 A. E. Antonypillai 112

S.J.C. 170 all out

5. S.P.C. Vs Hartley College — won by 96

1st Innings

S.P.C. 209 all out Ariyarajah 89

Hartley 113 for 9 Dec.

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Under 15 Cricket (J. S. C. A. Tournament)

- i. S.P.C. Vs Kokuvil Hindu — Lost by 6 runs
1st Innings
S.P.C. 110 all out
K.H. 116 all out
2. S.P.C. Vs St. John's College lost by 10 runs
1st Innings
S.P.C. 74 all out
S.J.C. 84 all out
3. S.P.C. Vs Jaffna College — Lost by 15 runs
1st Innings
S.P.C. 69 all out
J.C 84 all out

SOCCER

The 1st Eleven was Captained by J. Rockhudson with S. L. P. Melanius as Vice Captain. Played 6 school matches and we won all. Our team shot 23 goals against 1 goal. We were unofficial champions of the north beating most of the leading schools. J. Rockhudson was selected to the National Youth Pool.

The 2nd Eleven was Captained by A. E. Antonypillai with S. J. Jeyaseelan as Vice Captain. Played 7 school matches, won 5 drew 1 and lost 1. We shot 29 goals against 4 goals.

The 3rd Eleven was Captained by B. E. Abraham with S. K. Nevil as Vice Captain. Played 6 matches and won all. We shot 21 goals against 4 goals.

Results of the Matches	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI
St. Antony's College	—	9—0	1—0
St. Xavier's College Mannar	7—0	2—2	—
J/ Central College	4—0	10—0	7—0
Mahajana College	2—0	2—0	4—0
St. John's College	1—0	1—2	3—2
St. Henry's College	6—1	3—0	3—2
Jaffna College	3—0	2—0	3—0

ATHLETICS

The inter-house meet was held on July 3rd 1982 under the distinguished Patronage of S. S. Navaratnarajah Esqr (A. S. P. Jaffna) and Mrs. Rathamany Navaratnarajah. The meet was keenly contested by the 4 houses. Bonjean House won the championship cup. Two best achievements were established by P. Sathiyendran in the under 15 Discus and A. Meryn in the 800 M under 17 group. The Athletic team was captained by D. E. Gunaretnam. At the quadrangular athletic meet we obtained 7 1st places 8 2nd places and 13 3rd places.

Individual Champions in the Inter House Athletic meet were:

Under 13	A. M. Nirmalaraj
Under 14	H. Holywins
Under 15	P. S. Sathiyendran
Under 16	A. R. Deeno
Under 17	S. J. Jeyaseelan
Under 19	A. D. Ivory

At the quadrangular meet :

Under 16

A. R. Deeno — 3rd Long jump, 1st Hurdles

Under 17

J. D. White 3rd 400M, 3rd 1500M,

S. J. Jeyaseelan 3rd Hurdles, 3rd Discus

A. Meryn 1st 800 M, 1st 1500M

S. Sahayarajah 1st Long Jump

N. D. Anandarajah 3rd High Jump

4×400 M Relay —2nd

4×100 M Relay —3rd

Under 19

V. S. Gnanasegeram

2nd 5000M, 2nd 3000M

V. Sathajenan

2nd 1500 M, 3rd 3000 M

A. D. Ivory

1st 100 M Hurdles, 1st 300 M Hurdles, 2nd Putt shot

A. Jesuthasan

1st 800 M

V. S. C. Raviraj

3rd 400 M, 2nd High Jump

J. V. Saverimuthu

3rd 800 M, 3rd 1500 M

S. L. P. Melanius

3rd 200 M, 2nd 100 M.

D. E. Gunaretnam

3rd Triple Jump

4×400 M Relay — 2nd

BASKET BALL

The Inter House matches were played and Long House became the Champions. The College team was captained by J. V. Saverimuthu. Our team took part in the tournaments organised by Trimmers Club, Young Patricians' Sports Club and Y.M.C.A. Played friendly matches with Jaffna Central College and St. John's College. Runners up at the tournament conducted by the Young Patricians' Sports Club.

BADMINTON

Inter house tournament were held and Long House became the champions. The College team was captained by Jude Nicholas. Played with Jaffna Central College 3 singles and 2 doubles, won 2 singles and 1 double. Took part in the tournaments conducted by the Y.M.C.A. and Young Patricians Club and fared well.

Inter House Finals

Singles—J. Nicholas, G. R. Thavaretnam

Doubles—J. Nicholas and T. T. Thavanesan, G.R.Thavaretnam & S.S.Arumainayagam

CHESS

We participated in the Jaffna schools chess tournament and we fared well. Since the junior boys were enthusiastic we started a junior group this year. We had a coaching camp at college to give encouragement and guidance to our young lads.

TABLE TENNIS

This year there were more interested in this game. The inter house tournament was keenly contested. We participated in the tournaments organised by the Y.M.C.A and the Young Patricians' Sports Club and our players reached a good standard and fared well. Dunne House won the championship cup.

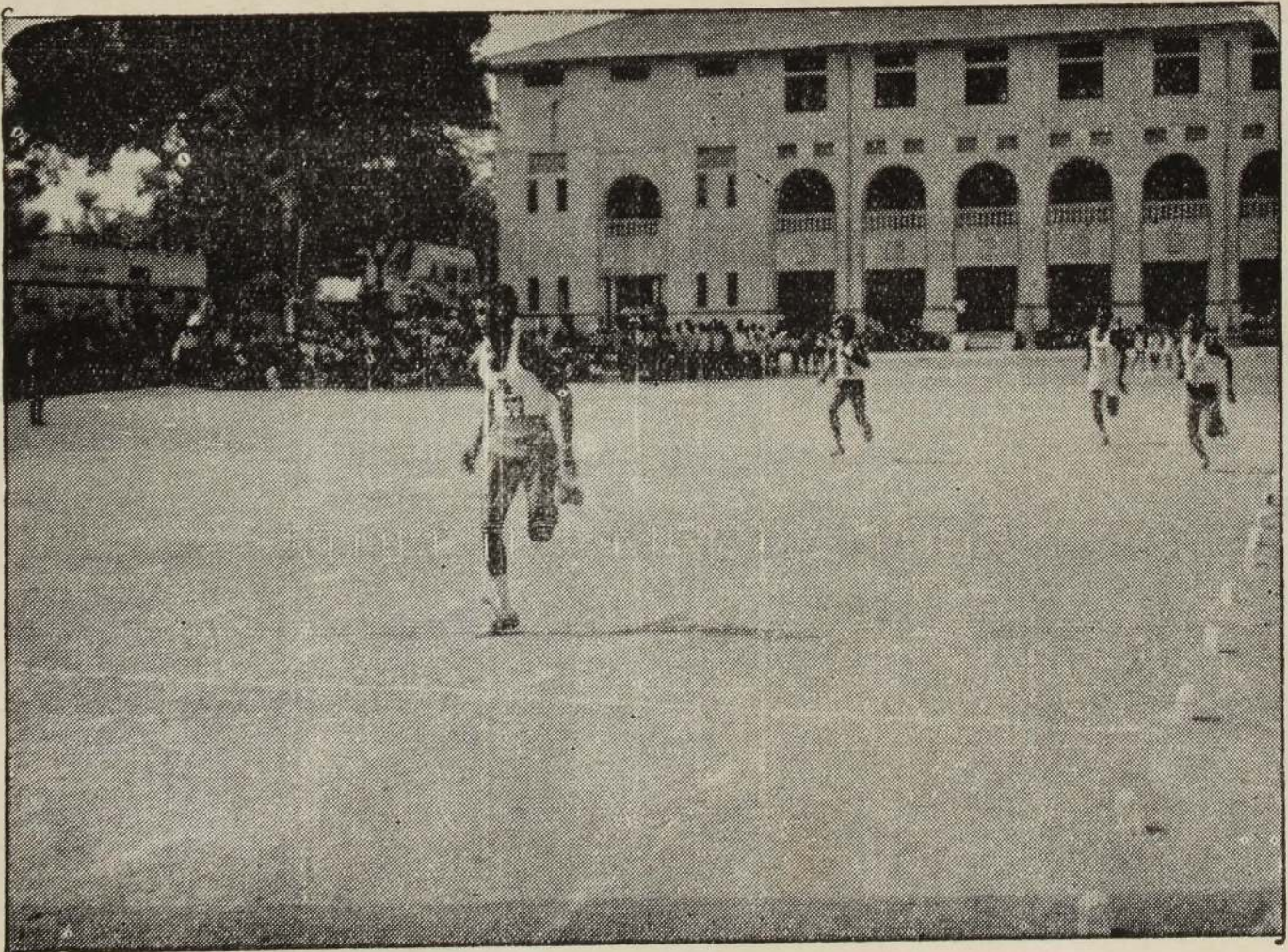
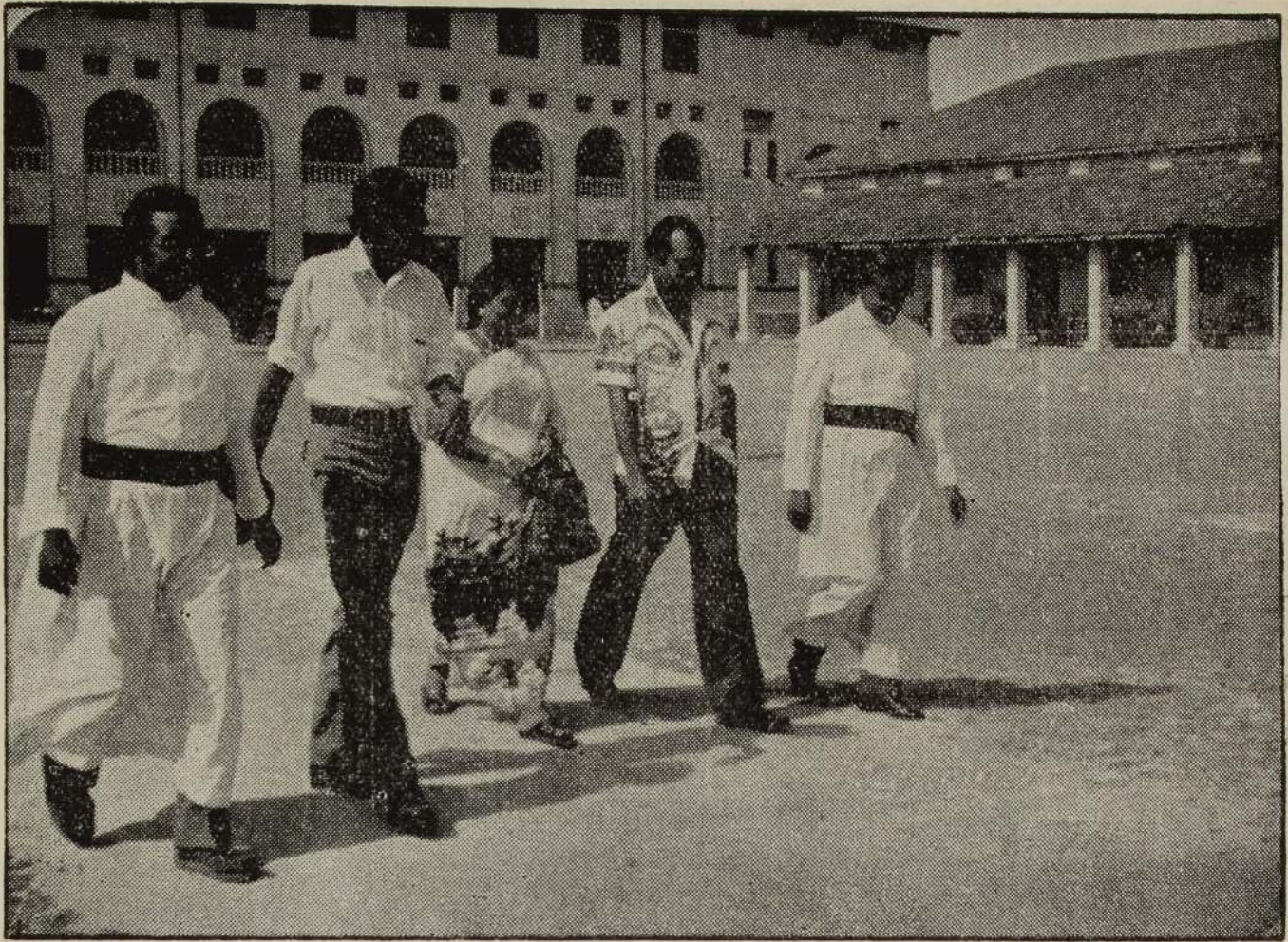
Inter House	Winners	Under 17	Winners
Over 17 Doubles	I. B. Constantine Long J. Kulendren House	Doubles	G. R. Thavaretnam Dunne S. S. Arumainayagam
Singles	A. G. Surendrakumar Mathews House	Singles	G. R. Thavaretnam Dunne

Our sincere thanks to all the masters in charge of the different games, specially Mr. X. D. M. Constantine & Mr. Mariasoosai for cricket, Mr. R. Thilagaratnam Mr. G. Arulanandam and Mr. M. Mariasoosai for soccer, Mr. R. A. Thilagaretnam for Basket Ball, Mr. X.D. M. Constantine for indoor games and specially our devoted and energetic soccer and cricket coach Mr. Francis Kandiah for the guidance, training and encouragement given to our players.

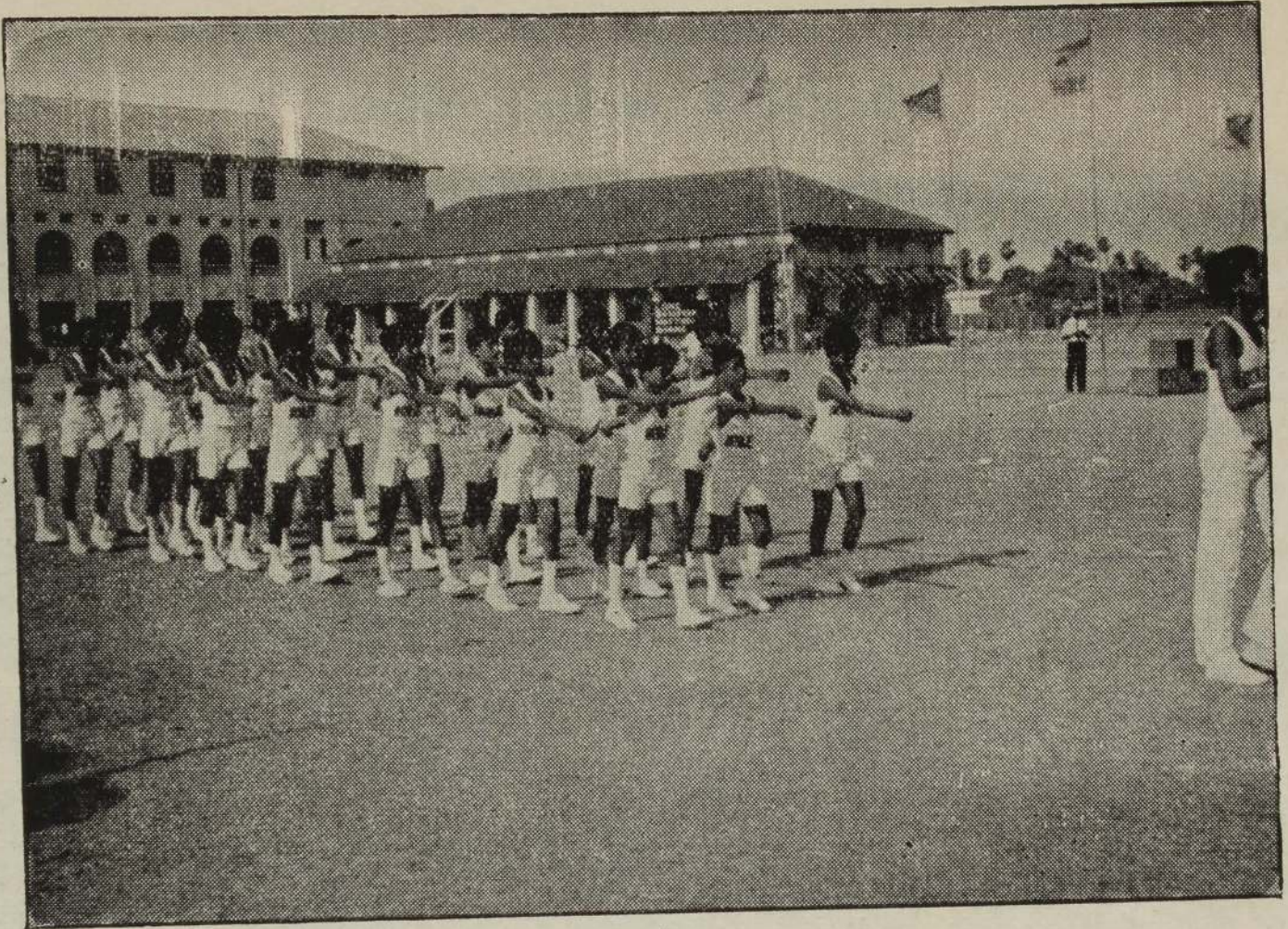
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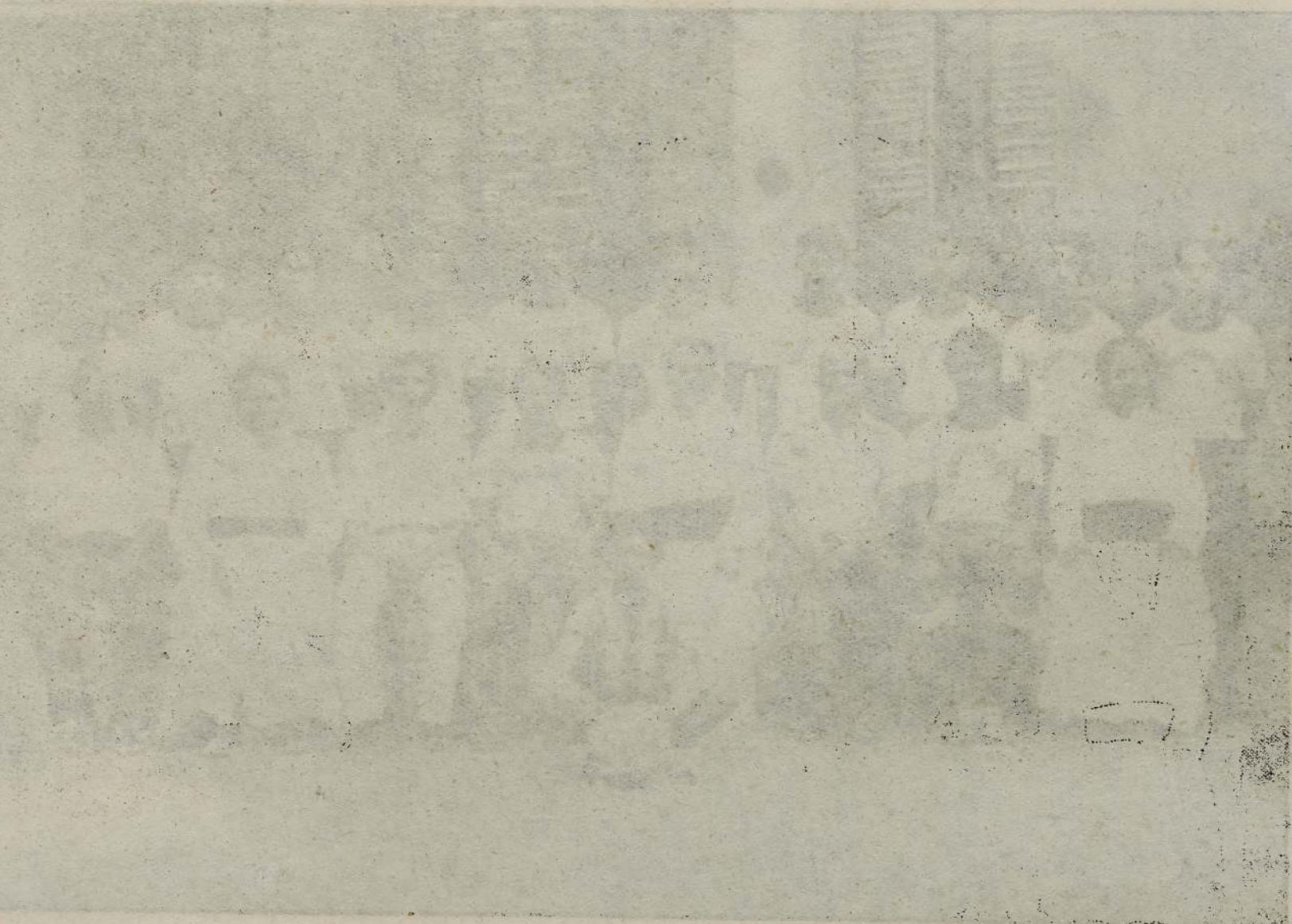


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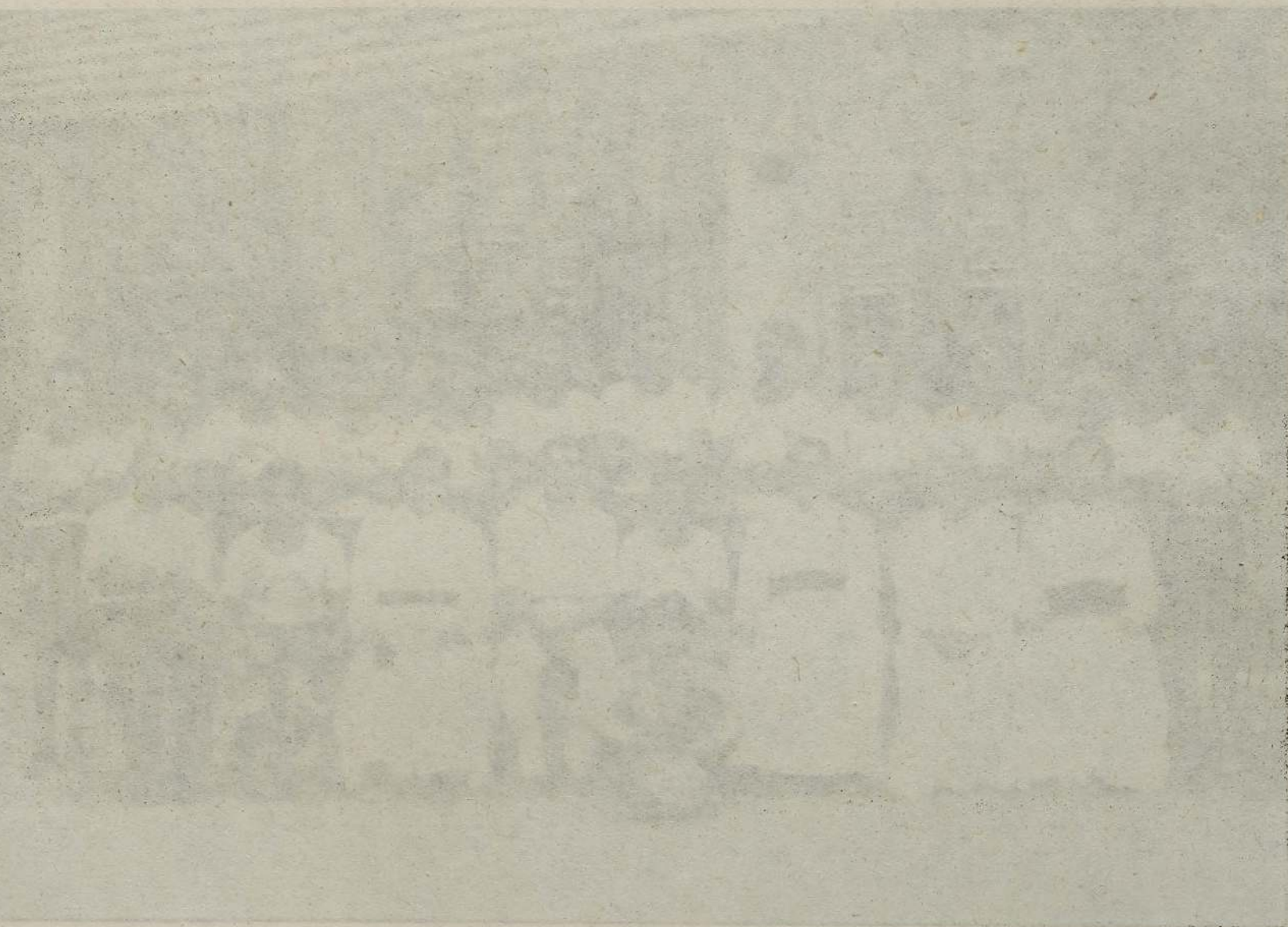
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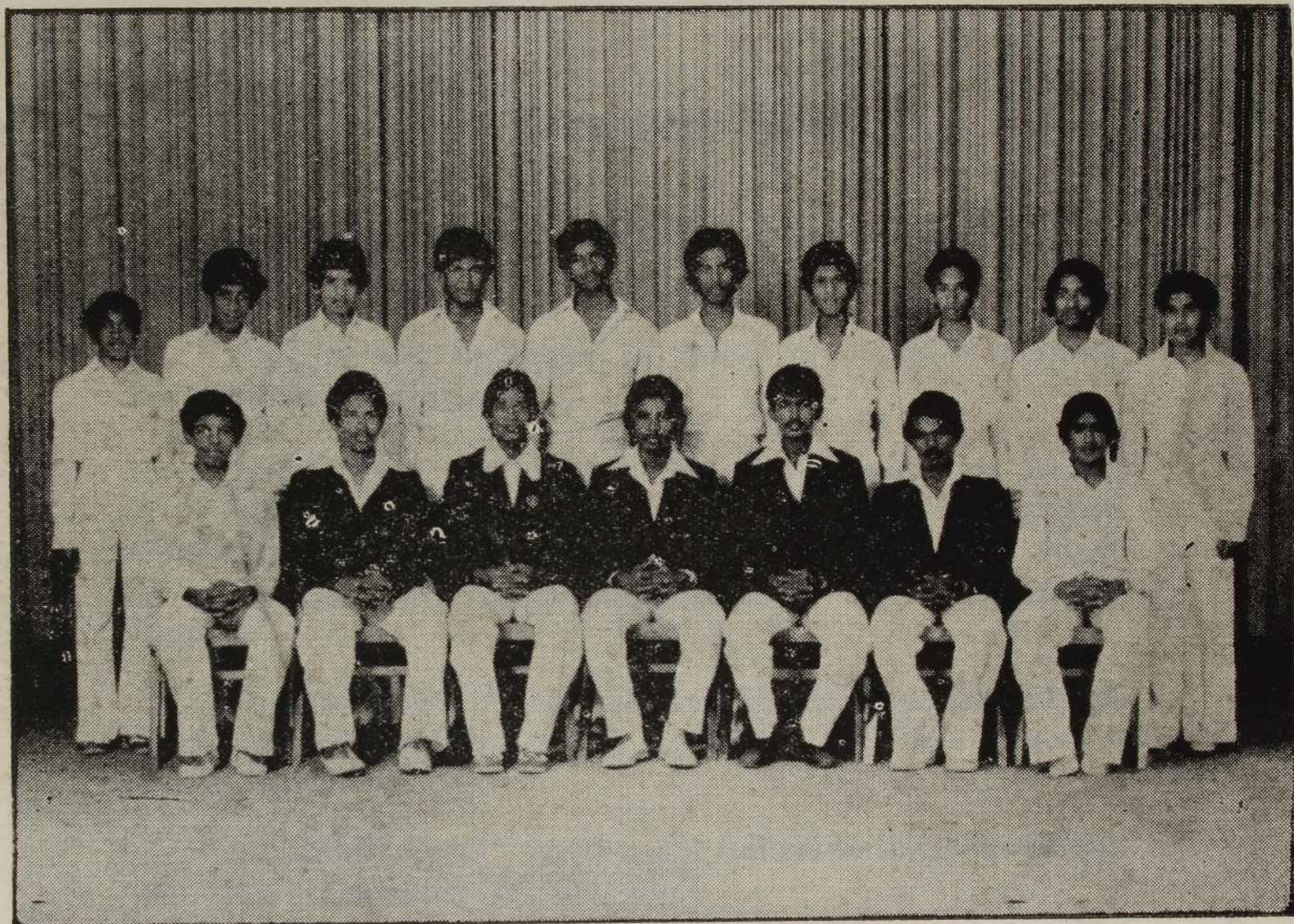
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Appreciation

During these trouble—ridden times, a venture of this sort is surely an exception.

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