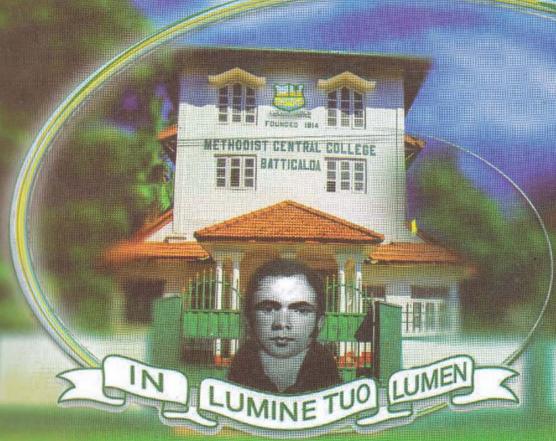




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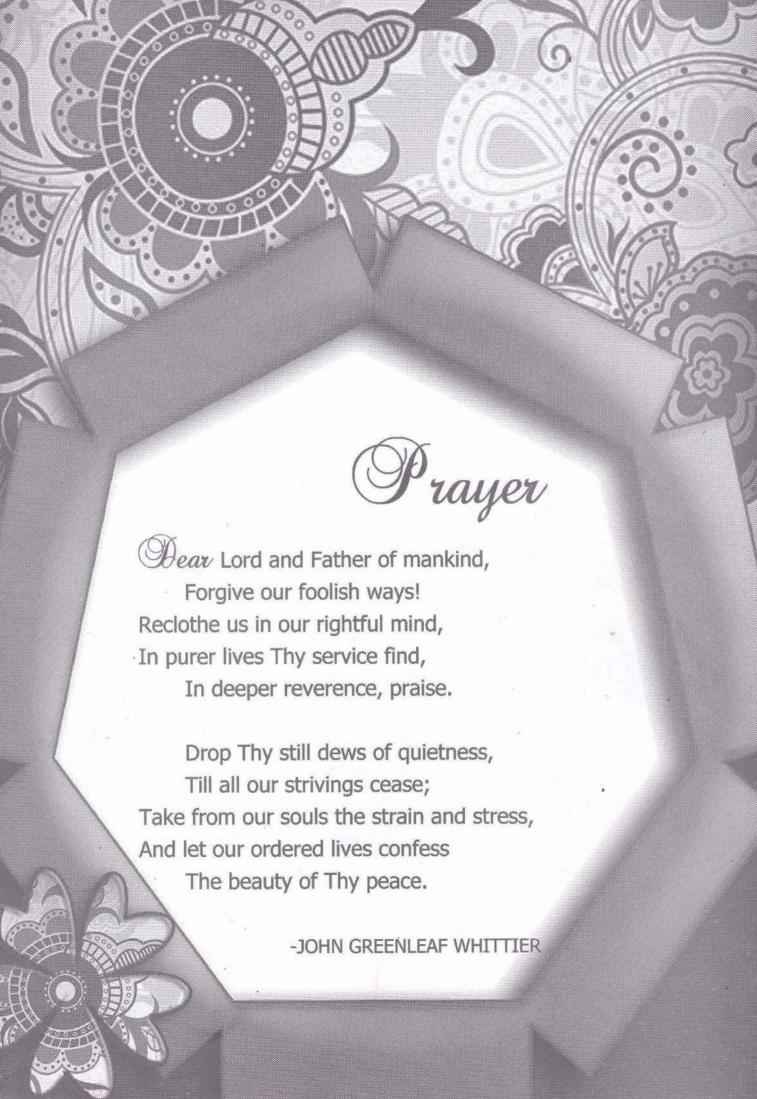
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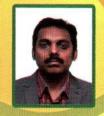
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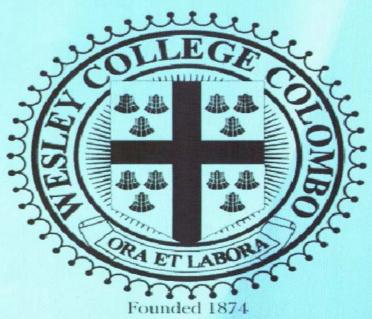
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.. John Wesley



Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to write this message of felicitation, as the President of the Old Boys Association of the UK branch, for the 3rd annual gathering of Methodist Central College, Batticaloa. I feel it is the most important event amongst our old boys and amongst the society in the UK. This event, which was started in 2014, has reached the third year with more than three hundred participants.



This is one of the unique events, in unison it is a social gathering with the past pupils, friends and families wanting to come together on this wonderful evening with varying interests. It also gives them an opportunity to meet their old schoolmates, families and friends. This reflects the basic culture of respect and gratitude for our teachers, for our peers and moreover for our school as a whole and what it stands for.

I am proud to state that Methodist Central College is the first educational institution in Batticaloa and the first English language School in Sri Lanka, which goes without saying that I am proud to be a part of it. This is indeed a praiseworthy achievement for Methodist Central College, Batticaloa, as it reaches its 202 years! This itself is an indication of the value of it's educational philosophy, it's vision and it's mission.

The spread of the institution in the United Kingdom and abroad, speaks volumes about it's commitment and it's contribution to the field of education. Methodist Central College also has to credit the honour of having produced an illustrious OBA in UK, which has contributed to the fibre of the growth and prosperity of Batticaloa, Methodist Central College. The Vision of this OBA is to develop the school in the field of sports and to help the students who are undergoing financial difficulties for various reasons and are finding it difficult to continue their studies. I wish the OBA all the very best for achieving this vision.

The aim of this event is to help our parent school, back in Sri Lanka, of the participating OBAs, by sharing amongst them the surplus funds collected, to be used for their development. While participating fully in this popular event, I am certain that all the constituent OBAs of this organisation have benefitted over the years, both financially and in other ways.

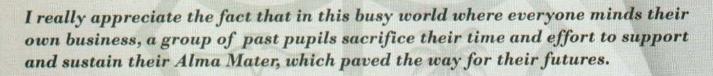
I would like to thank all our past and current committee members for their continuous support and sincere commitment in taking up various responsibilities for the success of our union. I extend my appreciation and express my gratitude to sponsors, for the financial support; for Business and Trade Stall holders, for their contributions; for the advertisers in the Souvenir Magazine; for all well-wishers, for their loyalty. Finally, I wish to convey my best wishes for the success of this celebrations and for the continuing endeavour of the Methodist Central College, Batticaloa, to achieve significant new heights in the field of education.

Senduran Sampanthamoorthy President, MCC OBA (UK)

Principal's Message

It is my delight and honour to contribute to this souvenir magazine issued by the Old Boys' Association in the United Kingdom. As the present principal of Batticaloa, Methodist Central College, I am greatly impressed by the continual growth and the progress in the activities and to see our

school's rich history brought into limelight internationally by events conducted by the Old Boys' Association of Batticaloa Methodist Central College, UK.



The gratitude that you have shown to your school by maintaining a close relationship and helping both financially and voluntarily, has not been in vain. We have been able to complete various projects through the support of the OBAs worldwide, who have kept in touch with the school at the same time with the other past pupils.

I sincerely wish that the UK, Old Boy's Association of Methodist Central College, Batticaloa, will move from strength to strength in the coming years. Though I cannot be in person to share in the celebration, I whole heartedly wish the you all a wonderful evening.



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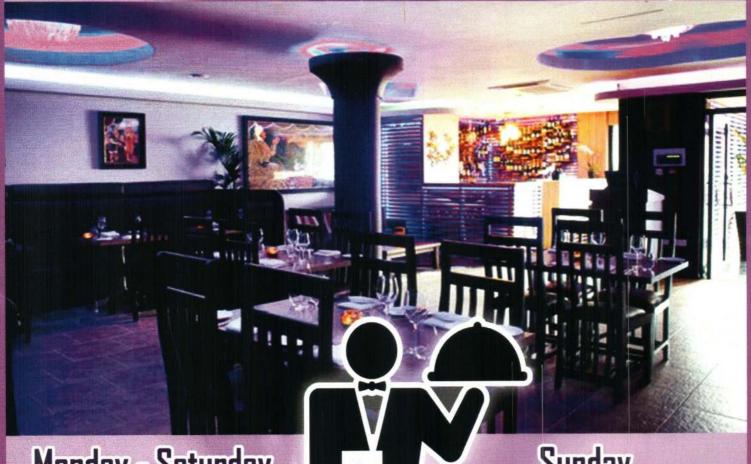








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A NOTE ON THE COLLEGE CREST

- By Past Principal S.V.O.Somanader



I do not know if all of us are aware of the significance of our College Crest. wich was pleasurable privilege to design at the special request of the Rev. R.W.Holtom, B.Sc., during his principalship. I thought a note on it, in this our first issue of the College Magazine, would not be out of place, so that we might all understand and appreciate its meaning.

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First of all, you have in the bottom half of the crest the wide concerned before you, and in the background, on the Eastern horizon, you see the sun rising in its splendor and diffusing its rays of light to brighten up the surface. In the same way, Batticaloa Central College – through its students – should 'shed light' to illumine the 'darkness of the land' – especially Batticaloa which can be regarded as 'the land of the Rising Sun', so far as our Ceylon is concerned.

Then you have, on the top left, an open book, signifying that the student of Central should love books (study), and especially the book of life, valuing knowledge for its own sake, and ordering his life according to the Book of Books. All our learning and our thinking should not lead us to sin and wrong but-as the dove flying over the book signifies – to purity, innocence, simplicity of character, and reverence for all that is noble. This is all very important especially at this time when the knowledge that we gain is being directed towards evil ends – crime, selfishness, bribery, corruption and other similar vices.

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

The Coconut palm on the top right has alwo a great meaning. While it is typical of our pretty East Coast, it indicates that our growth should be "tall" and "straight" and just as every part of the palm is of use to man, the student of Central should not only be "straight-forward" but useful-every part of him being used for unselfish service in the cause of humanity around.

If we live and set like the palm, the dove, and the book, and the rising sun over the sea of ignorance, then, and then only, can we grow-up to be good citizens and shed lustre. But no light that we radiate upon the world around us is worth anything if it is not reflected from the light of God who is the Source of all light.

All these, then in a broad sense, sum up the meaning of our school Motto "In Lumine tuo Lumen" (In Thy Light is light) found at the bottom of our Crest.

Let us all remember, therefore, what our school-crest stands for, and strive – with God's grace-to shed light and lustre, and thus live up to its great and noble significance.

From the First College Magazine - 'The Cetralite'-1946



Rev. William Ault, The first and the founding principal of Batticaloa Methodist Central College.



Rev. William Ault was born in West Bromwich, Warwickshire in 1778. From his young age, he had read the Bible and he was jointly conducting a Sunday School in his home town. He was called to do God's work and he entered Ministry in 1808.

Ault expressed his interest to assist the Rev. Dr. Thomas Coke in the overseas Ministry work. When Rev. Coke was selecting Ministers as missionaries to Ceylon, he included Rev. Ault and his wife, Sarah. They all made their way to Portsmouth and went on board ship on 30th December, 1813 and set sail for Ceylon, the next day.

Dr. Coke sailed on "Cabalva" with Benjamin Clough and Mr & Mrs William Harvard. Lynch, Erskine, Squance and Mr & Mrs Ault sailed on "Lady Melville". It was a difficult journey on the stormy seas. Ault's wife who was already showing signs of pulmonary disease died on 10th February 1814 and was buried at sea. It was unfortunate, Dr. Coke suddenly appeared weak on May 2nd. Though he took medicine, he was found dead on the floor of his cabin at 5.30, next morning. The death of their revered leader shattered the hopes of their Mission. Though the outlook for the Mission was gloomy to the young and inexperienced missionaries, yet they with all "FAITH" proceeded on the journey.

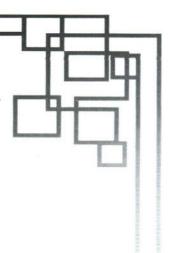
When their ship was sighted three miles off-shore from Galle harbour, the master attendant sent two boats to meet it. It was on Wednesday June 29th 1814, Lynch, Squance and Clough reached ashore in one of those boats. Ault and Erskine who were in the other boat were carried away by strong winds and tides to the open sea in darkness, but they landed unhurt at Weligama at 2.30 a.m.

On Monday, July 11th, the missionaries drew lots to choose their stations. Ault was to proceed alone to Batticaloa and the journey proved to be perilous. He was to travel almost over 200 miles by sea in a dhoney (a small sailing vessel). The expected three days' journey took almost eight days. The crew in the dhoney were lazy and they sailed in a haphazard manner. An anchor was lost in a strong wind. Food and water nearly used up, almost all Ault's books, and some of his other belongings were spoilt by drenching seas. Once he fell over the side of the boat, and when at last he arrived at his destination, the boat capsized.

Batticaloa at that time, had suffered a drought for two years and was painfully affected with sickness. Soldiers were dying daily in the crowded hospitals; the temperature was 94 degrees in the shade.

The people were in a state of fear due to an earthquake which happened a fortnight before.

When the Rev. William Ault, the first Methodist Missionary to Batticaloa arrived on the 12th of August 1814, Mr. Simon Sawyers, the Collector of Revenue at that time welcomed him and encouraged him to open an English school. Ault opened his first school (eventually grew into Batticaloa Methodist Central College) in a large store room granted by Mr. Sawyers which was probably one of the Customs Warehouses in the town. There were just five students at the inception, three of them were orphan sons of two British soldiers who had died of an epidemic of fever, while two others were boys of the locality – one of them was Rajakarier Daniel Somanadar who is the great grandfather of Dr. S.V.O Somanader (The first Sri Lankan principal of Batticaloa Methodist Central College).



Rev. Ault taught the English language and the first principles of the true religion. He learnt Tamil and preached freely. Altogether he established eight Schools and he visited them with great enthusiasm; preaching to both Hindus and Muslims and was joyously ministering to a congregation of 150.

Ault's health was already deteriorating. Though he was suffering from high fever, he was in perfect possession of his reason till the last moment. At his request, his only attendant read the Scripture-Jeremiah 3: 4-22. At the start, he listened with attention and then saying "It is enough", turned aside on his bed and breathed his last.

When Ault died on April 1st 1815, there were 40 Students in the first School he founded. Just before Ault died, he wrote a hymn which was sung on June 29th to mark the early years of the Methodist Mission.

The 12th of August 1814 is a significant day for Batticaloa Methodist Central College, for it was on this date that the founder of the School, the Rev. William Ault arrived in Batticaloa. Though the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka will be celebrating its Bicentenary on 29th June 2014, Batticaloa Methodist Central College will be completing its 200 years of existence only on 12th August , 2014 and this day can never be forgotten by the past and present students of the college.

Rev. Ault was the first to join the Dr. Coke's band of Missionaries and he was the first to die on the Asian soil. Today, the Church and the School he founded continue the noble work of a long line of selfless missionaries and they remain as his fitting memorials.

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Greetings from Parent Body President

S. Sasikaran President, Past Pupils Association Methodist Central College Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. Dear Centralities of United Kingdom,



It's my great pleasure to mark this message to all centralities of United Kingdom carrying on a meaningful mission to celebrate the 202 years of our Alma Mater. If I say it in a sentence, MCC is an efficient school which enabled to position us appropriately in life.

Our college is doing well in all fields, especially in academics and sports.

His Excellency, the President of Sri Lanka was the chief guest in the celebration of this year's college day. This happened first time in school's history which gave us an opportunity to celebrate our colours with the first person of the country. Our present PPA is doing well in the midst of many hardships and changes. We have been placed as one of the best PPA of all other schools in the province.

The leadership of New principal Mr. J.R.P. Vimalraj and the Vice Principal Mr. R.Baskar, develops a new culture of teaching and learning process which would come up with competent children where attitude development taken its' charge with knowledge and skills.

We have been strengthened with the support and encouragement of you all in the past, and let's experience the same continuously. Our frontrunner PPA is closely walking with our school and being as first shoulder in all statures and failures. Wishing and blessing you all again on this glittering evening full heartedly, for all your endeavors to be a success. Gathering as Centralities brings new energy and boost in the memory of good old days. Let's make it as profit and build on for the future mission of our Alma Mater.



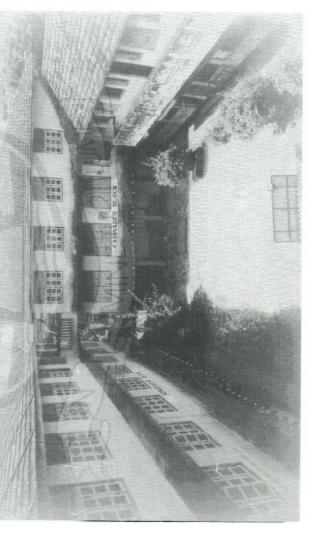
It gives me great pleasure to send a message to United Kingdom OBA on behalf of North America OBA Committee.

This is an event where our Centralites
fraternity feels their youthfulness recollecting
their school times and enjoys below in their hearts.
We must not forget the facts that the mission of our old boys'
organization is not only to keep ourselves together wherever, but
also to do our best towards the welfare and developments of
BTMethodist Central College.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Centralites in UK on another successful evening and wish you success in all your future endeavours.

Thank you.

Kokul Kumaraswamy President 2015 – 2016 BT/MCC OBA - North America.



Dear Centralites and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure and honour, as the Secretary of
Methodist Central College Old Boys Association in the
United Kingdom, to write this message for our college souvenir.
I am proud to convey my good wishes to our members and
friends around the world on our annual get together.
First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to express a
warm and sincere welcome to everyone for attending and

gracing this Dinner Dance, in celebration of all that we have achieved over the past year. May I give my sincere appreciation to each and every one of you, for your continued support to our Alma Mater. Your support and continuous encouragement gives us inspiration and strength to carry the esteemed name of our Alma Mater in the future.

Our school is passing through it's 202nd year of existence, and this occasion is our third year of celebration in the United Kingdom since the inauguration of our OBA. I am so humbled and privileged to serve this prestigious old boys association in UK. It brings to us memories of friendship, joy and excellence in life experience. Anywhere in the world, past pupils' gatherings are remarkable and unique. It re-energizes and epowers us for a self - satisfying life. It recalls so many good memories and the history which shows to us who we are, our background, our values, our norms, our gratitude and respect for our leaders, teachers, peers and our country men. These celebrations are significant events in the life of people. I am glad our association in the UK have good links and great respect with our brother associations in the North America, Australia, Norway and Sri Lanka.

I strongly believe this glorious relationship and cooperation among our associations will lead to many major projects in the future. Due to all our members' motivation and tireless work, we have managed, without failing, various achievements and projects that have been carried out for our college in the last three years. I hope this will continue with all your help in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have contributed towards this event in various ways, and have made this a wonderful day for all of our committee members and their families who have worked day and night without any hesitation to make this evening a great success.

I am sure you all will have a good time and I wish you all an enjoyable and a most remarkable day.

Nantha Sivaganeshar Secretary, MCC OBA (UK)



Dear Friends,

It is an honour and pleasure in writing this message on this occasion as the Treasurer for the Old Boys Association of Methodist Central College, UK. The rich heritage and traditions of the college has been passed on through many generations over the last 202 years. I am certain that we as the past students being a part of this great heritage can help our school to maintain and deepen its past traditions by our little contributions from wherever we live.

In 2014, we had our first fund raising event. Since then we have had two successful events and still managed to make substantial profit. I'm proud to share that we have carried out some essential work requested by the school from the funds we raised since then.

Some of the contributions are:

• We are financially helping Rs. 8,000 on a monthly basis to a medical student who passed out from MCC, since the beginning of this year for educational purposes.

• Cricket materials bought for Rs.100,000 that to be used by talented young cricketers. Also Rs. 80,000 was recently sent to Centralite's sports club for cricket shoe purchase. This will be used in their day to day practice and tournaments.

• Paid Rs.35,000 for cricket nets. Together with Sri Lankan OBA's initiative a practice net was built in the old Principal's quarters. This will encourage boys to practice regularly and will be an invaluable aid for tournament training.

• A photocopy machine for Rs.127,200 was donated to the school administration office. This replaces the malfunctioning old copier.

• Hired an external IT teacher to enhance IT skills for the students who opted in to study Information Technology. Classes are conducted during and after school hours.

We aim to deliver major projects to enhance the quality of our school's education, sports and teaching.

The old boys are an inspiration and can help the school that is contributing a good service to the betterment of the young in the field of education.

Jacob Julian Thanuharan Treasurer, MCC OBA (UK)





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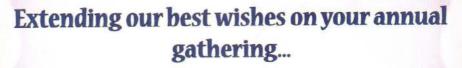
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கனவாகிப்போன கதை என்னம்மா
எம் செந்தூரியே அன்புக்கு இலக்கணமாய் திகழ்ந்தவளே
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ஆசைக்கனவுகள் ஆயிரம் சுமந்து நின்றோம் அத்தனையும் கானல் நீரானது தேடற்கரிய செல்வமே எம் சீர் பெற்ற செந்தூரியே பார்போற்ற வாழ்ந்தவளே எம்மை பரிதவிக்க விட்டுச் சென்றாயம்மா ஊர் போற்றும் உன் குணத்தை உலகறியும் உன் பெருமை பார்மகளே உன் பிரிவால் பரிதவிக்கும் எம்மனதை ஓராண்டு ஆனாலென்ன ஓராயிரம் ஆண்டுகள் ஆனாலும் ஓயாது உன் நினைவு எம்மனதில் விண்ணில் வாழ்பவளே வேண்டுகிறோம் உன் சாந்திக்கு... ஆழாத்துயருடனே அன்பின் அம்மா அப்பா ஆசை சகோதரன் உன் ஆத்ம சாந்திக்காய் வேண்டி நிற்கும் உன் குடும்பத்தினர் உற்றார் உறவினர் நண்பர்கள்









In Memory of

Mr. Sinnathamby Nagalingam

(Justice of Peace, Licensed Surveyor, Leveller, Valuer and Court Commissioner)



(15.01.1945 - 14.12.2006)

I never ask for miracles,

But today

just one would do,

To see the front door open and

See our Dad walk through.

Loving Son
Nagalingam Ramanan & Family
Birmingham 2016

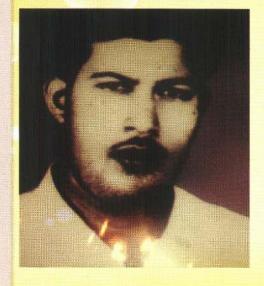
With Best Compliments In memory of

Kalikuddy Somasundaram

Fond memories Dad,
Through the mists of time
It seems so long,
since we met last
But happy times are remembered yet.

K.Somasundaram Family No 10/01 Eirst Gross Thirughentur Kallady 13.07.1946 31.07 2008

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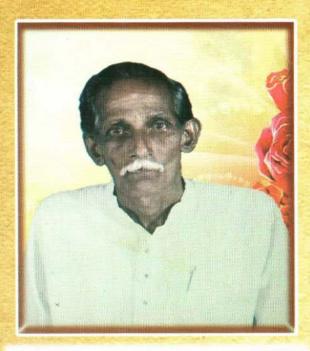
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WITH BEST COMPLIMENTS
IN MEMORY OF

DAVID ARULANANTHAM

EVERY DAY IN SOME
SMALL WAY
WE MISS YOU MORE THAN
WORDS CAN SAY.
IN OUR HEARTS YOU WILL
ALWAYS STAY
LOVED AND REMEMBERED
EVERY DAY.

In Loving Memory of Anthonimuththu Soosai Jacob



03.12.1934 - 21.12.2001

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 4:14

Family of Jacob
UK & Stillanka 2016

In Loving memory of

Mr. & Mrs. Selvadurai

கானல் நீர் எனக் கரைந்திடும் நம் வாழ்வில் நீங்காத நினைவுகளை விட்டுச் சென்ற எம் தாய்க்கும் தந்தைக்கும் எமது கண்ணீரின் சமர்ப்பணம்! காலங்கள் கடந்தாலும் அழியாது உங்கள் நினைவுகள்



From Loving Son

SELVARAJAH & FAMILY 2016

Best Wishes on this memorable day...

Remembering you is easy
Dad,

I do it every day,
And missing you is
something
That will never go away.

Beloved Son, Kailaívasan - Liverpool 2016



07.07.1925-28.01.1987

With best wishes in loving memory of

Late Vijayaretnam Sivakanesar (01.01.1928-22.06.2014)

(Retired Technical Officer, Highways Dept. Batticaloa, & All Island Justice of Peace)

Late Ruby Sivakanesar (05.09.1934 - 17.05.1989)

अळंप्णं भागकीक्कं

பத்து மாதம் சுமந்து பாலூட்டி வளர்த்து கண்ணை இமை காப்பதுபோல் காத்த — எம் அவ்பு அவ்வையே

கதைக்கி முக்கி சிரிக்கி முக்கி காலில் வைத்து நடை முக்கிற 🗕 எம் அன்புத் தந்தையே

ஒன்பது பிள்ளைகளையும் ஒய்யாரமாய் வளர்த்து ஒப்பேற்றிவிட்டு ஓய்ந்துவிட்ட எம் ஆசை பெற்றோரே

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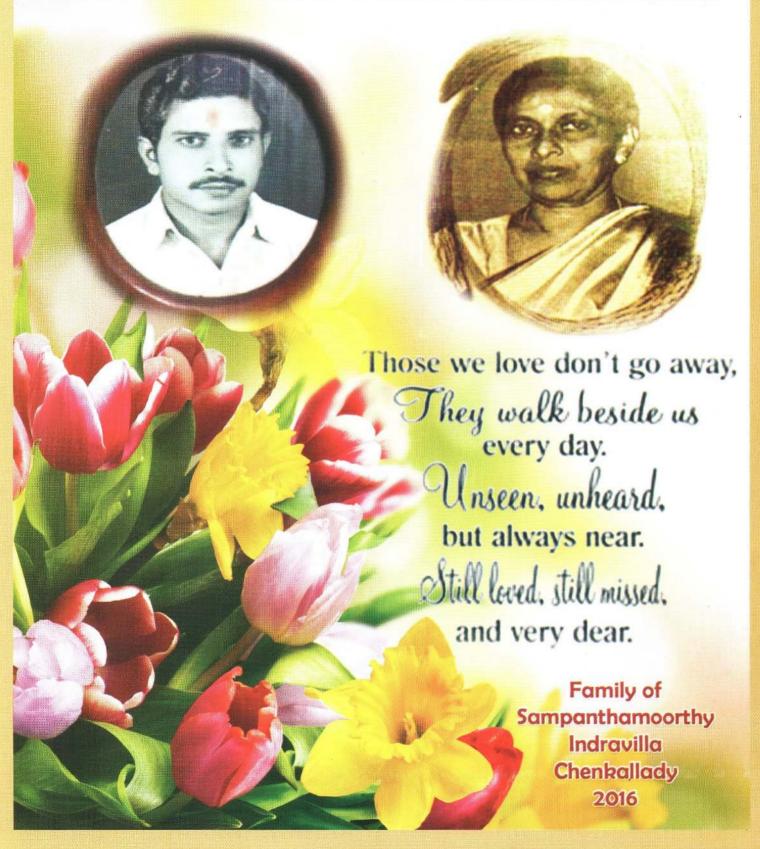


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Mr. Kamadchisundaram Satheeshkumar

Past Centralite

(09.08.1969 - 16.09.1985)

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Those we Love remain with us, for Love itself lives on.
Cherished memories never fade, because a loved one is gone.

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Loving Brother, Kamadchisundaram Rajkumar & Family Sutton 2016

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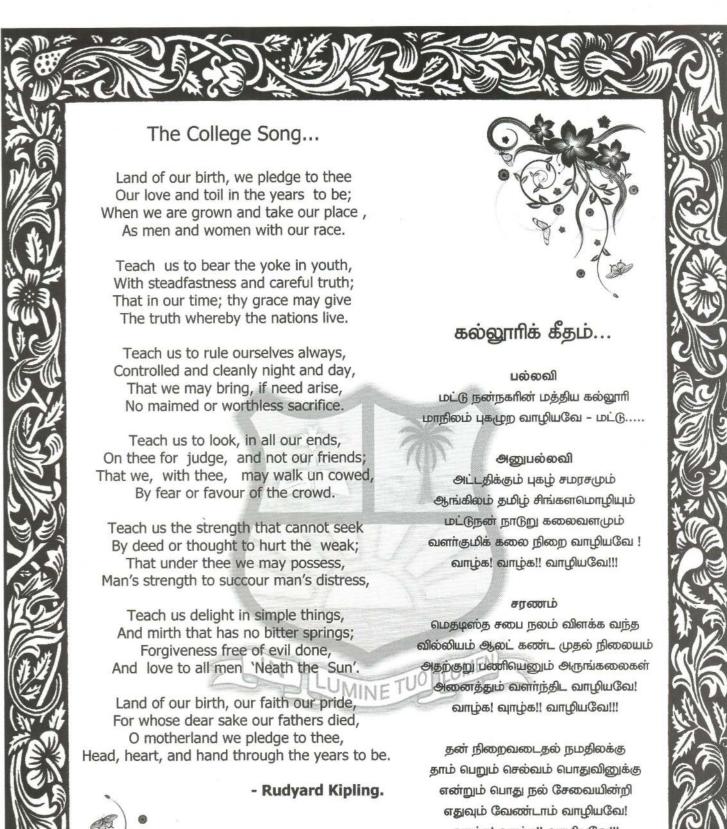
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