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## *Prayer*

*Dear* Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our striving cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

*-John Greenleaf Whittier*



## The College Song...

Land of our birth, we pledge to thee  
Our love and toil in the years to be;  
When we are grown and take our place,  
As men and women with our race.

Teach us to bear the yoke in youth,  
With steadfastness and careful truth;  
That in our time; thy grace may give  
The truth whereby the nations live.

Teach us to rule ourselves always,  
Controlled and cleanly night and day,  
That we may bring, if need arise,  
No maimed or worthless sacrifice.

Teach us to look, in all our ends,  
On thee for judge, and not our friends;  
That we, with thee, may walk uncowed,  
By fear or favour of the crowd.

Teach us the strength that cannot seek  
By deed or thought to hurt the weak;  
That under thee we may possess,  
Man's strength to succour man's distress,

Teach us delight in simple things,  
And mirth that has no bitter springs;  
Forgiveness free of evil done,  
And love to all men 'Neath the Sun'.

Land of our birth, our faith our pride,  
For whose dear sake our fathers died,  
O motherland we pledge to thee,  
Head, heart, and hand through the years to be.

- Rudyard Kipling.



## கல்லூரிக் கீதம்...

பல்லவி

மட்டு நன்னகரின் மத்திய கல்லூரி  
மாநிலம் புகழற வாழியவே - மட்டு.....

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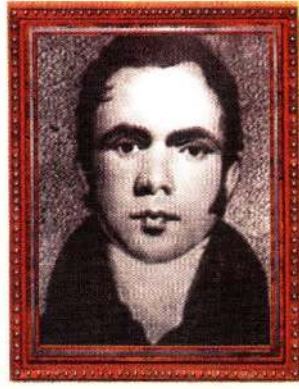
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அனைத்தும் வளர்ந்திட வாழியவே!  
வாழ்க! வாழ்க!! வாழியவே!!!

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**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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# 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, which was my 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 also 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*





## A Brief History of the College

The 12th of August 1814, is a significant day of Methodist Central College, Batticaloa, for it was on this date that the founder of the School, the Rev. William Ault arrived in Batticaloa. He was the first Methodist Missionary to East Ceylon, and was given every encouragement by Mr. Simon Sawyers, the Collector of Revenue at that time. Rev. Ault opened his first school in a large store room granted by Mr. Sawyers which was probably one of the Customs ware-houses. There were just five pupils at the inception, three of them were the orphan sons of two British soldiers who had died during an epidemic of fever, while the two others were boys of the locality. Rev. Ault taught the pupils English Language and the principles of true religion and the greatest tribute to his work is shown by the fact that within eight months, when he died in April, 1815, there were forty pupils in the school. There was a delay in the arrival of Rev. Ault's successor and it seemed that the torch lit by this great missionary would be put out, but a good Samaritan in the person of Captain Thomas Aldersley Jones, the Commandant of the English Garrison, filled the breach till Rev. Elijah Jackson arrived in July 1816.

The school had humble beginnings where the pupils, due to the scaracity of paper in those days, had to use the ashy under surface of plantain leaves for writing. There was only one English Dictionary in the town which belonged to an old Dutchman Kahle. he kept the book well protected in camphor in a safe, but the boys realizing Kahle's weakness for tobacco, were able to consult the dictionary as long as they brought a plug of Kahle's favourite brand of tobacco. The school moved to a new location when in 1839, the then Governor of Ceylon, the Hon'ble James Stewart Mackenzie, who was greatly interested in education, visiting Batticaloa, gave the Rev. George Hole the materials of the old Dutch Church and an old store room in the Fort for school buildings with a total of £25. This helped to put up verandahs on each side of the Methodist Church and school sessions were then held on the verandah immediately overlooking College House, the Principal's bungalow.





As the boys' school began to outgrow the church verandah, a large cadjan shed was put up where the present classes adjoining the office block now stand. A comment worthy of note made in the Methodist Mission minutes of 1860 stated "Our Mission at Batticaloa must take its place as an educator or be superseded".

The first prize giving on record was held on January 10th 1876, and even as early as that date among the items at this prize giving was the staging by the boys of Act 4 of Shakespeare's Richard II, while for the essay competition, the subject was "Cranmer". A long line of Methodist Missionaries continued to serve as principals of the school till 1942, the first Ceylonese Principal was appointed.

With the change over from colonial rule to the era of independence, Missionary schools such as Central College are facing hard times., where they suffer, at the cost of the Governmane going all out to develop Government schools. Mission schools today are in the role of the 'Cinderellas' of Education and unless assistance from various quarters is enlisted, the future of schools such as Central College, which did the initial spadework in lighting the torch of learning and rendering service to the people of this country irrespective of caste, creed or race, will indeed be bleak. After a period of 145 years of service, these schools may even have to close down unless the school receives assistance and encouragement from friend and well-wishers all over the globe to continue the noble work of a long line of selfless missionaries.





Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure and honour that I write this message to you as the President of the Old Boys' Association (OBA) of Methodist Central College Batticaloa, as we gather to celebrate this grand annual event. It is overwhelming to think that this is the second successful social event during my tenure as President of this flourishing organisation.

These gatherings are unique. A group of past pupils, with their families and friends, wanting to come together at a wonderful evening like this... is something very special. This reflects the basic culture of respect and gratitude - for our teachers, our leaders, our peers, most of all our school as a whole and what it stands for. Methodist Central College is the first educational institution in Batticaloa and the first English school in Sri Lanka and I am proud to be part of it.

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank the past and current committee members for their constant support and sincere commitment in taking up various responsibilities which are the cornerstones in making our reunions so successful.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow Centralites for their continuous support throughout this journey to accomplish our vision. It is my responsibility to say a special thank you to our sponsors and all those who have financially supported us. Your generous contributions have gone a long way in implementing various projects to enhance the quality of our school's education, sports and teaching.

As mentioned in my last message, our aim is to unite all Diasporas and build a strong Centralites' community in the United Kingdom. This can be enhanced by maintaining good relationships with the other OBAs in Canada and Sri Lanka and of course with our dear Alma Mater. I must, at this juncture, thank each and every one of you, who are representing other OBAs and for investing your time, energy and funds to be here with us this evening; we truly appreciate your presence.

I wish you all a phenomenal evening!

Thank you.

Sritharan Arunagirinathan  
President  
BT/MCC OBA (UK)





### **All the Old Boys' of Methodist Central College, Batticaloa United Kingdom Branch**

I am extremely glad that the Old Boys' Association, UK, is actively and eagerly involved in publishing a Souvenir Magazine of their school, Methodist Central College, Batticaloa. I am very much thankful for their tremendous support given to us in the past years.

Our College has recently completed its 200th years' anniversary, which was a milestone in the history. All things considered, it is an undeniable truth that our school has flourished in all areas over the years. The curricular and extra-curricular activities of students have proved that the wonderful support given by the Old Boys' Association, UK has not gone to waste. Their aspirations have undoubtedly encouraged our students and the teachers to accomplish their goals. It is evident that the old boys who are here and are abroad, especially in the UK, have given a better foundation to the wellbeing of our school. We are delighted and greatly motivated by their support. In the recent past, they had generously funded for a photocopier worth Rs.127,200.00, along with other cricket equipments worth Rs.100,000.00 and for many more things to alleviate the school's needs, for which we are truly grateful.

Our anticipation is that the Old Boys Association, UK should be with us in every endeavor in future and continue to give their assistance to their school.

On behalf of Methodist Central College, Batticaloa, I sincerely wish the Old Boys' Association in the United Kingdom, every success.

**Mr. J.R.P. Vimalraj**

Principal

Methodist Central College, Batticaloa

2014 - Present



## Reverend James Cartman, OBE (1910 - 1998)

Reverend James Cartman was the last European Principal of Methodist Central College in Batticaloa. He was born near Manchester, England in 1910 into an Anglican family, but became a Methodist when his father, a talented organist, was asked to play at the services in the local Methodist church. After leaving school he joined a manufacturing firm as a trainee manager but, at the age of 20, he decided that he wished to train for the Ministry. Entering Manchester University he studied theology and gained a first class BA degree. While there, he heard an appeal for ordained men to work overseas as missionaries. He undertook a post-graduate course in education having specifically asked to be sent to Ceylon as an Educational Missionary. He married Winifred in August 1937, and a year later in August 1938 he arrived in Batticaloa as Principal of MCC. He threw himself whole heartedly into this role, seeking to guide his pupils in both academic and sporting fields, particularly cricket. He was appointed General Manager of Methodist schools in Batticaloa and was a consultant to the Education Office there.

In 1942 a daughter, Christine, was born and she spent her first two years very happily in Batticaloa. However, in 1942, Mrs Cartman and Christine were evacuated to England following the threat of a Japanese invasion of the island. James stayed on as Deputy Civil Defence Commissioner and worked tirelessly helping the many survivors of vessels sunk by the Japanese off the East coast. For this work he was awarded the defence medal.

In 1944 he also returned to England and his work in Batticaloa came to an end. However, this was not the end of his service to Ceylon. While on furlough he studied for a Bachelor of Divinity degree, again obtaining a first class honours, and returned to Ceylon in March 1945 to take up the post of Principal of Wesley College, Colombo. He continued his wonderful work there before returning to England in late 1949. The then Prime Minister of Ceylon, asked him if he would accept a post working at the Ceylon High Commission in London as education and Welfare officer. This he was delighted to do as he could continue his association with Ceylon and also give guidance and support to the many students from Ceylon who wished to study, join the forces or simply work in United Kingdom.

In 1983 James and Winifred returned to Sri Lanka for a long holiday during which they visited MCC, Batticaloa. They were given a wonderful welcome - feted, garlanded and paraded both at the College and through the town. They were delighted to see that the College was flourishing and took home very many happy memories. In the years to follow, Rev. James Cartman and Mrs Cartman were always delighted to be involved with Ceylon expatriates, and his association with Sri Lanka, which began in 1938, continued until his death in 1998.

Written by :

Mrs. Christine Weaver

Daughter of Rev. James Cartman, O.B.E., M.A, M.Th.

Past Principal of Batticaloa Methodist Central College

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Dear Centralites,  
Friends and Family,

It is a pleasure and undeniable privilege to be a part of this historically remarkable school – Methodist Central College, Batticaloa. As the secretary of the UK branch of the Old Boys Association, I take immense pride in writing this message for our school's souvenir.

First, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone attending this Dinner & Dance - 2015 tonight. It is always a great occasion when past pupils come together for a worthy cause. Bt/MCC OBA (UK) was set up to bring all past pupils living in UK together as a united group and by doing this to look after the interests of our school. This evening's proceeds will therefore go towards projects that are to be carried out in our school and for the OBA events that are to be held locally in future.

As our school steps into its 201st year of existence, we old boys of this prestigious school have a lot to give back to our Alma Mater. Since inaugurating our UK branch of the OBA in 2014, we have worked tirelessly and wholeheartedly to alleviate the needs of our beloved school. Many projects have been carried out in the last year and OBA has had a successful year entering major sporting events in UK. Festival of cricket entrance for the first time in 2015 has put our OBA amongst popular schools from Sri Lanka.

We have had a successful year building relationships with other branches of the school's OBA especially a meaningful relationship with North American OBA. I have no doubt that this Trans-Atlantic cooperation will lead to a close working relationship on major projects that will be carried out in future. We expect to have a similar cooperation with the parent OBA in coming years.

This magazine has been carefully edited with our school's rich heritage and traditions in mind. Articles have been re-printed from our first school magazine the 'Centralite' dating back to 1946 and a brief history obtained from 1959 Building Fund Appeal portrays the first 145 years of the history. These invaluable articles will enlighten the readers of our College's standards that have been passed on through many generations for the last 201 years.

In conclusion, as the secretary of the Batticaloa Methodist Central College Old Boys Association, UK, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who has contributed towards this day and to all committee members who have worked tirelessly to make this event a great success. Let me wish everyone an enjoyable and a most memorable evening. We've done the utmost to make this a glittering one for you!

Manickam Sanjeevan  
Secretary  
BT/MCC OBA (UK)



## THE COLLEGE I CHERISH

Batticaloa Methodist Central - the vintage School,  
Maintaining discipline - It's the golden rule,  
Celebrated its bicentenary with great gusto,  
It's the prestigious college, we always adore.

The Rev. William Ault founded this College,  
In Christianity and English, he imparted knowledge.  
Five pupils were there at the beginning,  
Now, three times five hundred are learning,

In my days at Methodist Central College,  
I learnt varied skills and useful knowledge.  
My teachers did unlock my potential,  
Which made me learn what is essential.

The teachers taught me lessons and values.,  
To solve problems, they gave me clues.  
Today I am shining well in my career,  
Determined to face in life, any barrier.

Everyday at the College was another world.,  
Varied ways of thinking were unfurled.  
In Drama and Debates, I always excelled.,  
To name and fame, I was soon propelled.

Our College trained us in Scouting.,  
We obeyed the rules without flouting.  
Few of us were awarded "President Scout",  
A great achievement, nobody will doubt.

The commitment and caring by the teachers.,  
They were their distinguished features.  
The skills and knowledge together, they taught,  
Helped us in all the challenges, we fought.

My dad was the Principal in my College days.,  
Every class was attentive; Never they dared to laze.  
Though stern, yet in love, towards the pupils.,  
He was a man ever with moral scruples.

"Vincent", close to "Central", is our Sister school.,  
When girls pass by, we follow the golden rule.  
Not to look at them, but sometimes, we do.,  
Glimpsing through the grille and shouting "boo"



That daring experience, my classmates and I had,  
Though unforgettable, it made us so sad.  
Suddenly the Principal appeared with a cane.,  
To probe and punish to make us sane.

There were students from all communities.,  
Everyone fully enjoyed equal amenities.  
M. P's, pastors, Professionals and Businessmen.,  
Our College Products of excellence - a long list to pen.

Our College and Church are side by side,  
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Though of different faiths, united we stand,  
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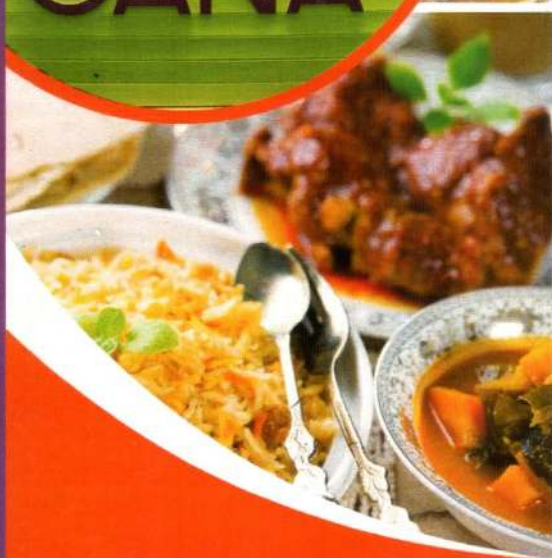
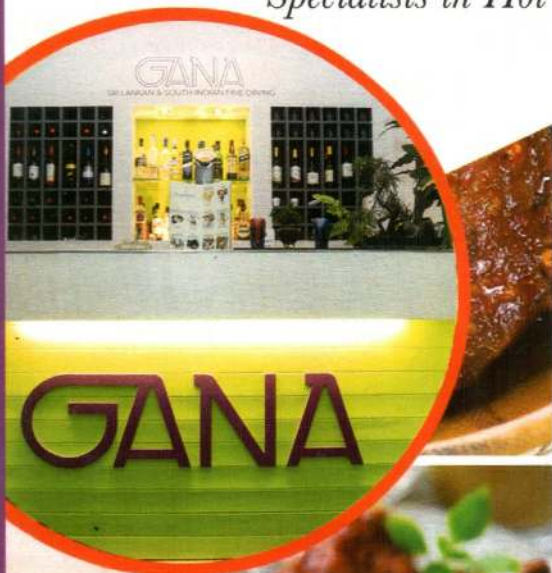
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“The leave granted to the members of the staff, casual as well as medical, totals 54 days in all. The teachers in general have shown a commendable sense of responsibility in not applying for casual leave except for very urgent reasons”

“The Inspecting officers who visited the school are all agreed that the written exercises given and corrected were on the whole very satisfactory”

“Arrangements are being made by the teacher to provide for the recreational reading of the pupils. This commendable step will supply a long felt need”

The boys were very well behaved not only during the hours of work but also during those of relaxation. This is commendable. The tone of all the classes was thoroughly healthy. In short there was the esprit-de-corps. This spirit existed in its intensest form in 5 A.

The work in all the classes was on the whole satisfactory.

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Dear All,

It is an honour and pleasure in writing this message on this occasion as the Treasurer for the Old Boy's Association of Methodist Central College, UK.

The rich heritage and traditions of the college has been passed on through many generations over the last 201 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.

Last year we had our first fund raising event. Even though this is was the first of many more to come, we still managed to make a profit. I'm proud to share that we have carried out some essential work requested by the school from the funds we raised.

Some of the contributions are:

- Cricket materials bought for Rs.100,000 that to be used by talented young cricketers. 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. This will only be achieved if all Centralites all over the world unite together.

Jacob Julian Thanuharan  
Treasurer  
BT/MCC OBA (UK)





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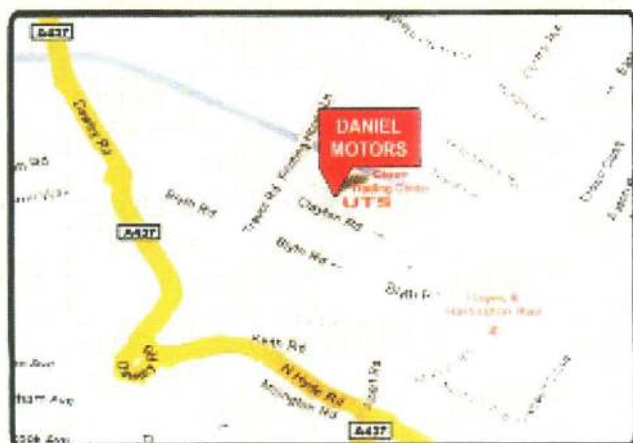


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Dear Centralites,

It gives me great pleasure in contributing a message of greetings to the souvenir magazine to be published on the occasion of the celebration of the first anniversary of the Old Boys Association of Bt/Methodist Central College in the United Kingdom.

I feel extremely proud and happy to mention that both my sons are the products of Bt/Methodist Central College, and their behaviour pattern and discipline they had learnt and followed under the eminent principals namely, Mr. Prince Casinader, Mr. A. A. Arulannarajah and Mr. S. G. Arulanantham paved them the path to lead a disciplined life wherever they went. Hence, I am pretty confident that every Centralite would lead a disciplined and systematic life wherever he goes.

I, along with my family, take pride in wishing the best of everything to the Old Boys Association of Methodist Central College in the United Kingdom, and back at home in Batticaloa as well.

My sincere love and kind regards to the President and his battalion of committee members of the United Kingdom branch.

Thank you.

Sabaratnam Thevarajan

Former District Commissioner of Scouts, Batticaloa

Former Committee Member of the World Scout Bureau





Old Boys' Association of Methodist Central College, Batticaloa.  
UK Branch



I am pleased to have been given an opportunity to deliver a greeting message for the souvenir magazine. I take this opportunity to thank the old boys in the United Kingdom, for their constant assistance in providing the much needed sports equipments, which greatly supported us to facilitate the big match. In addition, they had openhandedly financed our school to increase our extracurricular activities which plays a big role in the school's development.

As Methodist Central College, Batticaloa, steps into another year, after celebrating 200 years of successful education, I am very much delighted to declare that the supplies that the old boys in the UK are providing are a tremendous encouragement for our future generation. I wish the UK OBA, great success in everything they do.

Ever in teaching service

Mr. T. Puvanendrakumar  
Teacher (Physical Education)  
Methodist Central College, Batticaloa.



Old Boys Association  
United Kingdom

I would like to start off by extending my whole hearted wishes to the team of producers of this souvenir magazine, in the year 2015. As the senior prefect of Methodist Central College, Batticaloa, I ought to express my gratitude to the international community of Methodist Central College. I had commenced my life in this college in 2008 as a grade 6 student. Since then, I have achieved the best results the in G.C.E O/L (December 2013) with 9 As. This was due to the fact that I have been educated by result orientated principals and teachers of the college. This is the first step on the footpath of my educational career. In addition, I have been trained to build up the moral values and succeed in challenges, not only as a student of Methodist Central College but also as a citizen of my Country. I take this opportunity to extend my gratefulness to all teachers who have helped me in my development. Furthermore, I thank the past pupils of Methodist Central College, United Kingdom, for their immense support, especially through donations, which was utilized for big match 2015.

Recently, we have celebrated the bicentenary of Methodist Central College in a grand manner. Presently our college is getting facilitation in all aspects, mostly by past pupils. As a result, we are growing up with a profound intension to serve to our college through our professional life and through brotherhood, which is being planted by our past pupils. My great appreciation to the principal, staff and the Old Boys Association of the United Kingdom for providing me this precious opportunity to write a message for your souvenir magazine.

Best regards,  
Mr. S. S. Shownath,  
Senior Prefect, Methodist Central College, Batticaloa.  
Sri Lanka.



Dear Centralites,

It is indeed a great pleasure to send this message of felicitation on behalf of the Members of North America Methodist Central College OBA.

I'm glad to extend our warm greetings and wishes to president and the committee members of the MCC Old Boys Association of UK.

I'm sure that this Souvenir would serve as an instrument to linking up all our past and present students, present and former principals, teachers, parents and well-wishers. Let's keep our hands together to support our Alma Matters.

Again wish you all the members of the Association, your families and friends to have a pleasant evening and may the God bless you in all your future endeavors.

Kokul Kumaraswamy  
President  
BT/ Methodist Central College OBA  
North America



Dear Centralites,

I am glad to serve this message to all the centralites in UK , who join hands in the annual gathering , to remember the good old days that we spent in the school. The days we remember for a special reason is because of an event took place in our heart. This is what the reason made us to gather to recall the happiest days on this special gathering for all the centralites.

Our school, with a golden history far back to 1814, is now one of the leading educational institutions in the county. We have reached this position because of the clear vision and hard work by the founder, continuous effort taken by the past and present principals, staff, teachers, parents, well wishers and above all, generations of students.

It is my humble request to all centralites living all over the world, let us join hands and contribute to make our precious school to be developed more and more in the educational sector.

I wish all centralites living in UK on this occasion, let your mission be successful and your contribution will be an honor to our school.

Thank You

Eng. D.A.Pragash  
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Best Wishes on your glittering evening.....

In Loving Memory  
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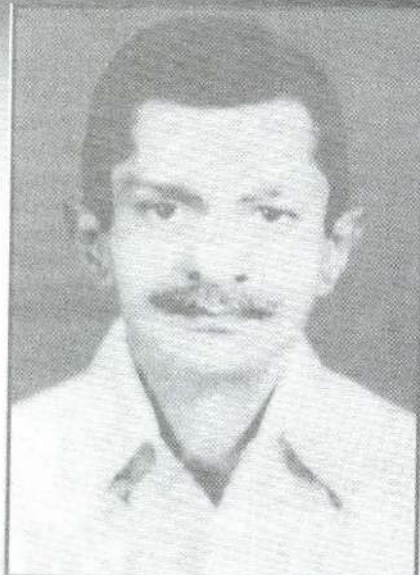


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29.05.1938 - 18.06.2005

*In Loving memory of*  
**Senathirajah Vasanthakumar**

The love in our  
family flows  
strong and deep,  
leaving us  
memories to  
treasure and keep



*From Loving brother*

**Senathirajah Sureshkumar**



## With Best Compliments

In memory of Kalikuddy Somasundaram



13.07.1946 - 31.07.2008

*"Dad...*

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you'll always stay.

Loved and Missed  
everyday.....

*David Family*

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**In Memory of**

**Mr. Sinnathamby Nagalingam**

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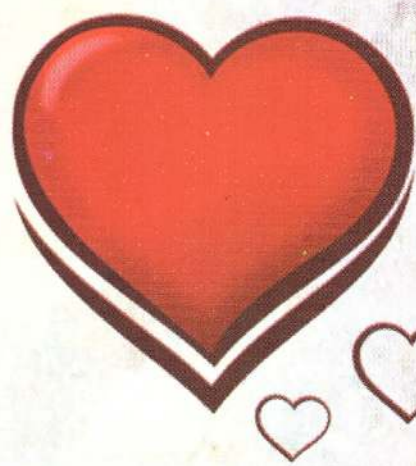
“Words alone cannot  
even begin to express,  
Just how much you are  
Loved and Missed...”

Beloved Son,  
Kailaivasan—Liverpool



In Loving memory of  
**Mr & Mrs Selvadurai**

*Time passes  
Memories fade,  
feelings change,  
people leave,  
but hearts never  
forget*



**from Loving Son**

**SELVARAJAH & FAMILY**



With very best wishes.....

In Memory of

Mr. Kamadchisundaram Satheeshkumar

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(09.08.1969 – 16.09.1985)

IN MEMORY OF A SPECIAL

*Brother*

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and every single one of them  
is filled with happiness

For you were someone *special*  
always such a joy to know  
and there was so much pain  
when it was *time* to let you go

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