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## INVOCATION TO YOUTH

*Come then, as ever, like the wind at morning!  
 Joyous, O Youth, in the aged world renew  
 Freshness to feel the eternities around it,  
 Rain, stars and clouds, light and the sacred dew.  
 The strong sun shines above thee;  
 That strength, that radiance bring!  
 If Winter came to Winter.  
 When shall men hope for spring?*

*Lawrence Binyon.*



## EDITORIAL NOTES

We thank Mr. Sornalingam for the large list of the names and addresses of the old boys of our college in Colombo he has been kind enough to send us.

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Mr. J. T. Solomons, a member of our College Staff, has been appointed Treasurer by the Magazine committee. We request all subscribers to our Magazine to send in their subscriptions in future to the Treasurer. We shall devote a separate column for acknowledgments.

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We can never think of St. John's, Jaffna, without associating with it the name of the Rev. Jacob Thompson—one of our most successful and revered Principals. It is difficult to exaggerate the services he has rendered to our college. We are glad to hear from him, after a brief silence, that he has been appointed to a Rectory in an ideal spot in England. He is in charge of two churches—Alderton and Grafton Regis. We wish him and Mrs. Thompson a very pleasant time in their new field of work. In another column we publish our old Principal's very kind letter addressed to "The Old Boys of St. John's".



## THE OLD BOYS OF S. JOHN'S

The Rectory Grafton Regis.

22 June 1922

My dear Friends,

Three years have passed since I last saw you and during that time I have received many kind letters from friends in Ceylon, Singapore and the F. M. S. I have not replied to all as I have hitherto been in temporary lodgings, where I could not be systematic in correspondence. I have lately been appointed to this Rectory which is in the very heart of the country and where I have no excuse for neglecting my old friends. I hope they will forgive the past and write again. Doctor Handy's son, who is studying medicine in London, has already been to see us once and we hope to see him again soon. He seemed very well and spends his vacations as Ceylonese should do in visiting the country and not confining himself to the City of London. It is in the country where you best see England and English people.

I am in charge of two ancient churches—Alderton church was built more than 600 and Grafton Regis more than 800 years ago. The hamlets are only small with a total population of 220. In the school there are only 19 children.

The garden of the Rectory is lovely. There are many rose trees which are just now in full flower. There is a fine lawn where every Saturday evening the men of the village come and play bowls with me and the girls play badminton. In the fruit garden the apple trees, the pear trees, the plum trees and cherry trees are all laden with fruit.

So now you will know where to come and when to come. The coming may be difficult for we are 4 miles from the nearest railway station and then there is the sea. Well if you cannot arrange to come you should talk about it and let your imagination work in the day time and at night in dream land we may meet and chat about old times.

In prayer too we may by drawing near to God draw near to one another.

With much love to all Old Boys of S. John's and Old Girls of Chundicully from

Amy and Jacob Thompson



## COLLEGE NOTES

(BY THE PRINCIPAL)

The publication of the Magazine is quickly returning to its proper time, viz. the beginning of the term, thanks to the energy of the present editor, but the immediate result to these notes is that they will be shorter than usual, as it is not so long since I wrote last.

There is but little school news. At the beginning of July we were very glad to welcome upon the staff Mr. J. C. Handy, son of late Rev. C. C. Handy, who was Headmaster here from 1889—1908. Mr. Handy has had considerable experience in the teaching of Mathematics. We hope that he will create another Handy record for long service to his Alma Mater!

The account of the Prize-giving at the end of July appears in full elsewhere, but I should like again to record our appreciation of the honour paid to us by Mr Macrae, the Director of Education, in coming up from Colombo purposely for this function.

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Our Cricket XI are to be heartily congratulated upon winning the Inter-Collegiate Championship again this year. Keep it up!

Hearty congratulations are also due to our Cadets for their splendid success in the C. C. B. sports at the Diyatalawa camp in the holidays. To rise to 7th place out of 16 platoons, when competing for only the 3rd time, is an achievement of which the College is justly proud.



Before these notes are in the reader's hands I hope the Twynam Museum building will be complete, and Sir William's valuable collection safely housed. There will still be much cataloguing and other work to be done and it looks as if we shall have to wait a few weeks longer for the final opening ceremony. It is our sincere wish that the building may be opened free of debt and we look to those many friends of Jaffna and of the College, who wish to do honour to the memory of that great Servant of Jaffna, to help us to realise this wish.

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Some will have been wondering at what will have seemed to be a halt in the 80th Anniversary Extension Scheme propounded last autumn. The reason for this has been that the aspect of affairs changed somewhat, and the comparatively moderate scheme for a laboratory, a boarding-house and the remaining half of a sickroom, has developed into something far bigger. Many will remember that as long ago as 1906 a plan was suggested for the Girls' College to remove to a larger site and for S. John's to include the Girls' College compound within her own again. Realizing that if the Girls' College is to be allowed her natural development and is to keep abreast of the requirements of modern education, she must move to a site at least double the size of her present one, the Church Missionary Society has decided that the Girls' College shall migrate to such a site and her present compound be added to ours. This plan is now rendered practicable by the splendid gift of Rs. 25000 from the Hon. Mr. W. H. Figg to S. John's for this purpose. Our share, however, to the whole scheme is to be Rs. 40,000. There is, therefore, a balance of Rs. 15,000 still to be found. We feel confident that our Old Boys will rise to the occasion and enable us without delay to carry through this magnificent scheme of advance—a scheme which will at once supply us with all the class-

rooms, dormitories and other buildings which we so badly need, as well as with a full-sized playing-field. More details will follow later. Let every Old Boy come forward and put his shoulder to the wheel!

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Before closing these notes I think it is befitting that we should congratulate our C. M. S. Sister College, Trinity College, Kandy, upon attaining her Jubilee and upon the success of her celebrations in August. We are somewhat separated from our sister by natural barriers and what we know of her is chiefly by hearsay; nevertheless we wish her a long life of continued prosperity in the pursuit of our common objects.



## PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY

Just one hundred years ago—on the 8th of July 1822—passed away in the waters of the Spezzia Bay, a tender, passionate, loveable soul. Wandering as an exile in a foreign strand by the waves of the blue Mediterranean, beneath the beautiful Italian sky, Percy Bysshe Shelley barely thirty, received his summons to the starry realms. Though he outsoared the shadow of our right at an early age, yet within that brief span of life he has produced many a beautiful lay whose melody shall for ever haunt the world. His muse was not the mere tinkling of a lute in my lady's chamber; it could rise on occasion to touch the spheres. None who have realized the magic charm of his writing and his exquisite gifts of expression will question the truth. In Shelley the England of the nineteenth century may well boast of having given birth to one of the most powerful and sweet singers among the children of men.

Percy Bysshe Shelley was born at Field Place in Sussex on the 4th of August 1792. He was

the eldest son of Timothy Shelley and pretty Elizabeth Pilfold and as such he was in direct line to the family title and estate. We know but very little of the boyhood of Shelley. From a boy he is said to have had an instinctive aversion for company and showed a great desire to be alone often 'hidden in the light of thought.' While at school he was fond of adventure and longed for ever to discover something out of the ordinary. He is said to have once forced a stick into a low ceiling with the expectation of finding a secret chamber. He would dress himself with strange costumes to personate spirits or demons. He would spend hours gazing at the stars. At Eton his hobby is said to have been launching fire balloons, manoeuvring machines and experimenting with acids. It is said that once when he came for the holidays he flew an electric kite, with a wild romantic hope of bringing down electricity from the clouds. His favourite pursuits at Oxford used to be Physics and Chemistry. Such was his enthusiasm for these subjects that once he blew himself up at Eton and at another time swallowed some mineral poisons which greatly injured his health. These however he abandoned to taste of the fountains of Divine Philosophy. Scanty as are the records of his life as a boy it is yet possible to glean from the little we know that it was the same desire in the boy Shelley to discover something strange and out of the ordinary that made him later in life to attempt to penetrate the mysteries of man's existence.

He spent his early days at Eton. Leaving Eton he joined Oxford University in 1810. There he made the acquaintance of Hogg who became a great friend of his and heroically shared the disgrace with him at Oxford when the budding poet was expelled for writing a pamphlet on 'The necessity of Atheism.' Such was his confidence in Hogg and the great love he bore for him that once writing to him on some domestic broils the poet says, "It is my custom to com-

municate to you my dearest friend—to that brain of sympathetic sensibility—every idea that rises as I do to mine own.” In another place writing to Elizabeth Hitchener to whom he had a temporary liking he says, “My friend Hogg and I consider our property as common.” In fact he considered his friend Hogg little below perfection. But in this as in several other cases the poet deceived himself; for we learn that later on, Hogg being thoroughly overwhelmed by the revolutionary ideas Shelley preached to him regarding marriage fell in love with the poet's young wife Harriet Westbrook, thus breaking a friendship which would otherwise have lasted for ever.

In 1811—the very year he left Oxford—he returned home and when still a youth of nineteen he was induced to marry Harriet Westbrook, a school girl of sixteen and a playmate of his sister Elizabeth. She was pretty and cheerful when Shelley made her acquaintance. He took a liking for her and was very anxious to inculcate into her mind his new Doctrines. One great hindrance to the girl practising his ideals was Mrs. Fenning's school which he was forced to attend. She threw herself therefore upon Shelley's protection and the young poet eloped with her to Edinburgh where they were married. Incidentally it is interesting to note that the very marriage license that Shelley wrote is poetical. “Percy Bysshe Shelley farmer Sussex and Harriet Westbrook daughter of Mr. J. Westbrook, London.” However it is well to remember that this unhappy alliance was the source of all the serious troubles which affected the life of the poet.

After spending three years of wedded life with Harriet, Shelley fell in love with Mary Godwin, the daughter of Wollstoneraft Godwin, a novelist and a philosopher of Religions and Political philosophy. In 1814 Mary and Shelley eloped to France. They returned home after a short time and in 1818 Shelley left England once again never more



to return, and took his residence in Italy. The only important work he produced while in England was the 'Revolt of Islam' and the fanciful yet passionate poem "Alastor". But it was in the continent that he produced some of his brilliant poems whose passion and music are bound to render them immortal. In Switzerland he wrote his immortal hymn to 'Intellectual Beauty'; while the sublimely emotional "lines written among the Euganean hills" and the fascinating poem 'Julian and Maddalo' where 'he has idealized and glorified the likeness of Byron' were the first fruits of his residence in Italy. The 'Witch of Atlas,' 'The Cenci,' 'Adonais,' 'The Triumph of life,' are some of the other important poems he turned out there.

The last days of Shelley's life were spent in Casa Magni which Shelley had hired on the Bay of Spezzia. On the fourth of July 1822 Shelley, in the company of Williams went out on a boat newly built. Fifteen days afterwards Trelawney a great friend of the poet recognized in a body washed upon the beach the mangled corpse of Shelley. Trelawney found the body in an advanced state of decomposition. It was put on a funeral pyre and reduced to ashes. His remains were removed and conveyed to the Protestant Cemetery at Rome and buried with due ceremony by the side of his beloved 'Adonais'—his brother melodist who had passed away into the great unseen only sixteen months before.

... Among the Poetic warblers of England truly Shelley, more than any other, corresponds to the free sunward-soaring, melodiously-lyrical Skylark "Our sweetest songs," says Shelley in one place, are those that tell of saddest thought." It was the sad thought that all human joys all human love and passion unlike that of the joy and love of the Skylark, are transient and end in "sad satiety" that animated Shelley to give to the world the impassioned song on the Skylark. His spirit like that of the "West Wind" was



"Tameless and swift and proud." He felt that his true abode was somewhere above this mundane irrational earth — perhaps in one of the stars he loved so well. He was one of those like Byron or Chatterton, cradled into poetry by wrong and one "who learnt in suffering what he taught in song." We hear him appealing impatiently to the West Wind.

"Oh lift me as a leaf a wave, a cloud!  
I fall upon the thorns of life! I bleed!  
A heavy weight of hours has chained and bowed  
One too like the—Tameless and swift and proud."

In lyrical poetry there are few in all English Literature who excel him in melody and creative imagination. His lyrics have a freshness and a lightness of touch which surpasses in this realm the charm of even Coleridge and Tennyson. There are but few parallels in all English Literature to Shelley's beautiful lyrics such as "The West Wind," "the Skylark" "Ode to Naples" and "The Cloud." They are as beads of unbroken pearls—Each poem is perfect, finished, harmonious, like a piece of sublime music struck on the chords of a Violin by a master hand. In these he shows himself "the poet of impulse and not of effort." Their spontaneity and truth attract us at a glance and we realize that they flow from the heart of a writer like a stream from its fountain, like perfume from a flower or like incense from an altar. In these dainty lyrics we feel that the poet sings because he must even "as the thrush sings when spring is in the glade or the lark when morning fills the sky."

Speaking of Shelley as a great lyric poet Algernon Swinburne says, "Among all English poets there is but one who can be named with the poet who recognized in Coleridge a master as a lyrist. It is not in degree but in kind they differ. Coleridge and Shelley stand by themselves alone. The genius of Shelley at its highest rose above the genius of any other poet on record in the special and distributive qualities of the very high-

est poetry—creative imagination and coequal expression of the thing conceived."

So much for his lyrical powers. Now a word about his longer poems. Before passing any judgment upon them it is essential to understand the forces that influenced him and gave birth to the new and revolutionary ideas he preaches in his poems. It is of extreme importance to remember that Shelley was a child of the Revolution. He stood in the glow and passion of the contending forces which had created republican France. He was wild with its excitement; steeped in its ideas and urged by it to march in the name of freedom. This accounts for the predominant impulse evinced in all his works,—‘a passion for reforming mankind.’ He seemed irritated at the idea of a law. Government seemed to him absurd. Society he deemed an incubus and all social conventions monstrous absurdities. With these ideas seething in his brain, he penned ‘the Revolt of Islam’ ‘Prometheus unbound and the ‘Hymn to Intellectual beauty.’ Every where in his poems he bursts forth—Freedom! Liberty! Reform!—Down with the tyrants! In *Alastor* however his chief aim appears to be an intense desire to penetrate the mysteries of existence... This is evident when he says:—

“I have made my bed  
In Charnels and in Coffins, where black death  
Keeps record of the trophies won from thee  
Hoping to still these obstinate questionings  
Of thee and thine, by forcing some lone ghost  
Thy messenger, to render up the tale of what  
we are.”

‘*Adonais*’ is an elegy on the death of the young poet Keats. Swinburne calls that poem “one of the glories of English Literature” As an elegiac writer, Shelley’s only prototype is that ‘mighty-mouthed inventor of harmonies,’ who gave to the world ‘*Lycidas*.’ In the fascinating melody of its verse, the lucid and flawless beauty of expression we are directly conscious of the magic touch of a true poet..... Students of this beautiful poet will not fail to discover in his works, that in power

of conception or in mastery of such verse as includes the respective gifts of the painter the musician and the sculptor, he has no equal in all English Literature.....

.... With reverent hands we lay our laurel leaf upon the grave of Shelley and before we turn away we repeat over his grave this tribute of admiration which he paid to the skylark, because we feel that it is the author himself who deserves it most.

"I know not what thou art  
What is most like thee  
From rainbow clouds there flow not  
Drops so bright to see.  
As from thy presence rains a shower of melody."

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## FRANCIS THOMPSON

### THE POET WITH A VISION

"Great poets are obscure for two reasons, now because they write about something too large for the human mind to grasp and again because they speak of something too small for the human mind to see." So writes Gilbert K. Chesterton, the laughing philosopher, in one of his inimitable essays on poets of the Nineteenth Century.

Tested by this touchstone of greatness, Francis Thompson, stands high above many of the press-puffed poets of his days; critics of repute hailed him as the Morning Star of mystic verse.

He was born at Preston, a commercial town in England, and was educated at Ushaw and Owens Colleges. His father, a doctor, intended educating him for his own line of work. The Divine design was different. The moving finger of God had touched the soul of Francis and chosen him for his own. No earthly wailing or weeping could wash out the Heavenly touch, for it had transmuted the clay and encased within it the poetic genius.

At College, he was noted for his extremely high strung nature and his awkward ways. He was given up to aimless rambles and his lessons had no fascination for him. However, he is said to have distinguished himself as a Greek scholar. Before he left Ushaw for Owen's College, Manchester, he had soaked his mind with the classical lore of ancient times.

At Manchester his moods became abstract and during his lectures he was noticed gazing out of the windows of the Anatomy room. When examinations came, he failed them with painful regularity till his father began to despair. He gave up wooing the art of healing and turned his eyes to London. On a very sunny day, when everything seemed gasping for breath, Francis arrived in London with a copy of Aeschylus in one pocket and one of Blake's Poems in the other. Like Dick Wittington of old he had made his journey to London town.

There he sought employment, and soon he found himself bent beneath the load of books which he had to collect for a second hand book-seller. The work was sordid and tiring to a finely strung nature like Thompson's, yet he comforted himself by thinking that his load was always a load of books. Before a year passed he had tried his hand at several odd jobs and very often he went about the streets of London clothed in miserable rags and bursting shoes. With his neglect his bodily suffering began to increase and in seeking some relief from the severe pains, he contracted the drug habit against which he strove bravely during his later days. In this he was like De Quincey or Coleridge.

During his days of aimless wanderings he had composed some poems on wrappers and waste paper picked up from the London by-ways. He was fortunate enough to get one of these published. This brought him several friends. One of these irresistable friends picked up this neglected genius



after a continuous search of days and nights. To his great surprise, he found instead of the proverbial poet with long hair and hungry looks, a young man with a moody face marked deeply with the indelible marks of suffering and want. In his eyes he saw great intellectual energy and his firmly set lips expressed with force the iron will that animated the poet's life. Several other poems which were found in his pockets were published with the help of his newly acquired friend who had him sent to a hospital where he was looked after and nursed back to health once again. But his roving spirit took possession of him and before long he was again leading a nomad life, composing poems when the inspiration came to him, and neglecting his health terribly.

In his earthly sojourn his body had wandered through the wilderness of pain, though his voice made the ethereal rafters ring with his music. It was music issuing from a harp over which the Heavenly Hand strayed with infinite love and tenderness.

To him the simple smile or the little sorrow of a waif "opened up vistas fair and free," and he mused with sublimer thought while his soul risen from its earthly habitation wandered through the 'star spangled vault' in search of the Eternal. In 'Daisy', one of Thompson's poems on children he describes one of his little friends:—

Where mind the gorse the raspberry  
 Red for the gatherer springs,  
 Two children did we stray and talk,  
 Wise, idle, childish things.

She listened with big-lipped surprise,  
 Breast-deep midst flower and spine,  
 Her skin was like a grape, whose veins,  
 Run, snow instead of wine.

She knew not those sweet words she spake,  
 Nor knew her own sweet way.  
 But there's never a bird so sweet a song,  
 Thronged in whose throat that day !



Again in "Little Jesus" he muses over the childhood of the Divine Man. He asks:

And what did it feel like to be,  
Out of Heaven, and just like me ?  
Didst Thou sometimes think of there,  
And ask where all the angels were ?

Hadst Thou ever any toys,  
Like us little girls and boys ?  
And didst thou play in Heaven with all,  
The angels, that were not too tall,

With stars for marbles ? Did the things,  
Play "Can you see me" through their wings ?  
And did thy mother at the night,  
Kiss Thee, and fold Thy clothes in right ?  
And didst Thou feel quite good in bed,  
Kissed, and sweet, and thy prayers said ?

"The Hound of Heaven," acclaimed my critics to be one of the best odes in the English language, contains some of the noblest thoughts of Thompson. The all compelling majesty of imagery and motion captures the reader and soars with him to the heights of Zion where few have ever been. It is an ode that cannot be read sitting down.

The poem is a description of the search of God after fugitive man. Man, darkened and marred by his own waywardness, flees from Him who searches with all the cringing fear of a fugitive:—

I fled Him, down the nights and down the days,  
I fled Him down the arches of the years,  
I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways,  
Of my own mind, and in the mist of tears,  
I hid from Him, and under running laughter.

But with unhurrying chase,  
And unperturbed pace,  
Deliberate speed, majestic instancy,  
They beat—a voice beat,  
More instant than the Feet.

"All things betray thee, who betrayest me."

Atremble with a guilty mind he flees, but only

to find that the infinite love of God sees farther than the guilty fear of man :—

“Fear wist not to evade as love wist to pursue”

Then man appeals to nature to come to his aid:—

I said to dawn be sudden, to eve be soon,  
With thy young skiey blossoms heap me over,  
From this tremendous Lover !  
Float thy vague veil about me, lest He see.”

But he hears the voice of the pursuing Lover.

“Naught shelters thee, who wilt not shelter me”

Tired with the fruitless flight he surrenders himself to the pursuer and exclaims:—

“Naked I wait Thy love’s uplifted stroke,  
My harness piece to piece Thou hast hewn  
from me,  
And smitten me to my knee,  
I am defenceless utterly.”

Though he yields, erratic man, pleads yet again.

“Ah ! is Thy love indeed,  
A weed, albeit an Amaranthine weed,  
Suffering no flowers except its own to mount  
Ah must  
Designer infinite  
Ah ! must Thou char the wood ere,  
Thou, caust himn with it.”

Then the reply comes:—

“And is thy earth so marred,  
Shattered in Shard on Shard ?  
Lo, all things fly thee, for thou fliest me,  
Ah fondest, blindest, weakest,  
Thou dravest love from thee, who dravest me”

When the subtle rythm and majestic music of Thompson’s verse find an echo in a reader’s mind he is compelled to exclaim “Here is a true seer of visions ; to him the mysteries of life have been revealed.” He was indeed a child of God, perhaps slightly marred by want and physical suffering. But that was the law of life. Suffering for

the beautiful soul and pleasure for the beautiful body.

Towards his forty-seventh year his overstrained body was quickly revenging itself. His friends found him in the streets in a state of collapse and had him sent to the country. He was looked after by Wilfred Blunt, a poet of some repute. It was too late. Even Thompson's unconquerable mind failed to stifle the agony that racked him frequently. He began to sink rapidly and on a fine November day in 1907 his incarcerated spirit which had warbled some of the sweetest songs in the English language went on its final journey to those limitless lands of glory where it may sing to its heart's content.

Many men of culture and learning praised his genius and looked up to him as a poet of the first rank. He was the twin soul of Shelley blended with the deeper mysticism of Blake and the divine discontent of Herrick. He refused all aid and sympathy from his well meaning friends and drifted about the weary wilderness of London with the flotsam and jetsam of the city. In one of his poems he pathetically describes his life.

Forlorn, and faint, and stark,  
I had endured through watches of the dark,  
The abashless inquisition of each star,  
Yea, was the outcast mark,  
Of all those heavenly passers' scrutiny,  
Stood bound and helplessly,  
For time to shoot his barbed minutes at me,  
Suffered the trampling hoof of every hour,  
In night's slow wheeled car,  
Until the tardy dawn dragged me at length,  
From under those dread wheels, and bled  
of strength,  
I waited the inevitable last.

This neglected man of God helped greatly to add more lusture to the English tongue in all its branches. His criticisms of Art and Literature contributed to the "Standard" and "Athenaeum" are some of the brightest gems in the literature of England. For style, wealth of words, imagination

and polished diction he had few contemporaries who were his equals.

Some of his writings have not made their mark, but his "Sister Songs," "The Hound of Heaven," "The ode to the setting sun" and his Essay on Shelley will stand out as a challenge to posterity and his now neglected name will one day be writ large in the annals of English Literature for the moon of the present to silver and the sun of the future to gild.

S. N. R. B.

### SOME APPRECIATIONS OF FRANCIS THOMPSON

The Poetry of Francis Thompson must end in creating "A new heaven and a new Earth."  
—*Coventry Patmore.*

"A new poet of the first rank."  
—*H. D. Traill.*

"(The Hound of Heaven) is the return of the nineteenth century to Thomas-a-Kempis."  
—*J. L. Garvin.*

Mr. Thompson's thought, always strong, often runs into exquisite sweetness and exquisite clarity. —*Sir Quiller Conet*

In Francis Thompson's poetry you can work infinitely out and out but yet infinitely in and in. These two infinities are the mark of greatness; and he was a great poet.

—*G. K. Chesterton.*



### A DAY IN ANCIENT ANURADHAPURA

*"Men are we and must grieve when even the shade,  
Of that which once was great is passed away."*

It was on a sunny day in August when I first beheld and first entered the mighty wilderness—the city of Anuradhapura. This city which was once the colossal Emporium of Men, wealth, arts, intellectual and physical power, now looks a little better than a jungle, bleak and almost desolate. Here and there are found awkwardly built houses, and everywhere broken bits of burnt bricks and weather beaten granite which once sustained those wonderful monuments of Sinhalese Architecture and Sinhalese Civilisation. No wonder that fore-

igners who come to Ceylon with the idea of enlightening its horde of benighted souls and of imparting to them a little of the sweets of their civilisation, when they happen to visit these ruins gape at them with the bewilderment of rustics and that the ignorant villager attributes such feats to giants and demi-gods . . . . . where once trod the feet of warriors and where stately robust figures strode in majesty, are seen now emaciated individuals goading reluctant bulls to the Railway Station or skulking about in the market purchasing pieces of bovine carcase.

As I saw the time worn remnants of the once magnificent palaces, stupendous Dagobas, luxurious bathing places and palatial mansions rearing their heads with a haughty inflexible demeanour even after the lapse of ages I felt as if watching the saddest tragedy one could witness.

*'A little sand and grass is all their shroud.'*

The sight of these vast ruins covering a space of nearly twelve square miles crowds the imagination with a gloom to which there is nothing corresponding in this planet. Where once Princes and Princesses sported there now the monkeys of the jungles around chatter and grin, frisk about and bound. Where one Prince courted Princesses there now the snake and the lizard have their amours; where once proud kings and beautiful Queens reposed there slumber now the bats by day, and by night the owls make their wierd screeches.....

A few minutes walk from the Railway station along the road which leads you to the present town will bring you to the Maha vihara which was built in the reign of Devanampiya Tissa and which is said to have been once "A great seat of learning and the home of great men." The very appearance of the old grey walls, the quivering of the innumerable leaves of the Bo trees that stand on the sacred grounds of the temple, the benign smile that plays on the lips of the statues of Buddha placed at intervals in the outer yard of the temple—all these combine to produce a sense



of awe and inspire you with a feeling of reverence for the edifice as you approach it. You see knots of worshippers passing in and out of the temple bearing in their faces marks of unshakeable faith and sincere devotion. As you ascend the steps that lead you to the inner sanctuary of the temple you are requested to remove your shoes. You feel ashamed of yourself for not having done so unrequested and tread softly on leaving your shoes behind on one of the steps. As you advance you find small handsome statues of Buddha placed in ornamented niches in front of which are seen Priests burning incense and folks lifting up their hands in prayer. Now you come to the most important part of the temple. The place where stands the Sacred Bo tree. The tree which is well over 2000 years old, the tree which was brought to Ceylon by the renowned Sister Sanghamitta from India as a gift—the tree which was once the branch of the Bo tree under whose shade Buddha is supposed to have attained Nirvana—the tree which has attracted, and is and will be attracting the greatest number of human worshippers—the tree whose very dead leaves are preserved with the deepest veneration;—surely the greatest of all trees!! There are many Bo trees round about, but none like this. Their leaves are light green in colour while those of this tree are almost white. All round this tree is built a stone wall. A huge brass stand supports the sacred tree and for ever its leaves are steeped in the perfume of flowers offered and the sweet smell of incense burnt. You gaze at it with wonder. Yes! millions before you have done so and millions after you shall do so. . . Buddhist priests in yellow robes are seen moving about and women who have taken upon them the vow of celibacy and sworn to serve their Lord Buddha are found sweeping and garnishing constantly the temple precincts. Huge statues of Buddha carved out of granite adorn the temple yard. There is a majesty in those statues and a reality about them all that makes even the rankest unbeliever take off his hat. . . .

Just opposite this time honoured temple lies the ruins of the Brazen palace. The Palace with a thousand legs as the people call it. This wonderful building was planned by that famous king of Ceylon—Duttugemunu. This was a palace that was supported by 1600 pillars of solid granite. It had nine storeys with a hundred small rooms in each storey. And the ninehundred rooms beautifully ornamented were occupied by ninehundred Priests of Buddha. It was 100 cubits in length, 100 cubits in breadth and 100 cubits in height. There were nine floors in all and the first floor evidently was on the top of the pillars. The average interval of space between one pillar and the next is a little less than one and a half yards. The wonder about all this is that though near a couple of thousand years have passed away since the palace was first erected yet the majority of the pillars still stand strong and upright, unaffected by the cruel destroyer time. . . . One wonders as he beholds these giant pillars how it could have been possible for man to have brought them down there and planted them so firm and erect without the aid of machines !! They were truly a wonderful people who did that! . . .

A little further away from these is found a stupendous mass of brick-work raising its hoary head deep into the sky. That is the Ruanveli Dagoba—another great monument of the dead civilisation. As you approach it you are aware of the fact that attempts are being made to repair it. As a matter of fact much has been already done in the way of repairs. So early as in 1876 a Buddhist Priest had commenced making it a more permanent ruin. This is testified to by the writing on a board which is hung up at the entrance. The board contains a tribute of recognition made by the then governor of Ceylon, Sir William Gregory, to the attempts made by the Priest whose name appears to be Varanvita Sumanasara Unanse. The author of that tribute says that he has encouraged the Priest's un-

dertaking "not as a religious work but as the conservation of a great national monument characteristic of the best period of Singhalese Art." As far as we could see, those who have taken upon themselves this well meaning task of 'conservation' have only succeeded in disfiguring those they have touched and have thus removed a great deal of the charm and beauty attached to the hoary buildings.

This Dagoba is another memorable undertaking of the noble Dattugemunu. To those of us who have taken the trouble to glance through the pages of the Mahawansa the pathetic anecdote connected the erection of this ancient building will be familiar. One of the devoutest ambitions of the brilliant Dattugemunu during the twilight of his days was to see this Dagoba completed. While still on his death bed he intimated his desire to see with his own eyes the Dagoba in complete form before he launched into the waters of oblivion. Accordingly he was removed to the site. The building at this time was in an unfinished state. Thereupon the walls were covered with white cloth and a spire out of bamboo was erected and the whole show manipulated in such a way as to present to all outward appearance a Dagoba in a perfected state. The dying king gave up his ghost with his eyes venerably directed towards it. . . . Today a handsome Statue of Dattugemunu is found there (right in front of the Dagoba) with eyes turned towards the Dagoba and hands clasped in reverence.....

As you approach this Dagoba you are attracted by a small building whose ceiling and front wall are decorated with beautiful paintings illustrating the various events connected with the life of Buddha. In the verandah are seen five majestic white Statues of Buddha dressed in flowing robes. As you enter the hall a sudden sense of surprise overtakes you. You are taken aback astounded. You pause. You stare. You feel as if you have been hurled centuries back among a strange, handsome stal-

wart people looking at you in the face. They seem to smile and shed holy light on you. You pause another minute, recall your senses and say to yourselves. "No they are not living beings: They are only statues and yet how real?" ... Certainly it takes you some time before you undecieve yourselves.

The first thing that meets your eye is a huge figure of Buddha in a reclining posture. All round him are seen standing his devout disciples. There is a terrible reality about these that make your frame still shudder and tremble. The reclining statue of Buddha is a stupendous one—about 18 feet in length and proportionately broad. The sculptor that gave to the world such a masterpiece truly deserves immortality. He may be justly ranked with the master sculptors of the world. But like many another unfortunate genius whose name has been forgotten though his work is still a wonder and delight to the world, his name too seems to have been destined to sink into oblivion. In another clime and among another people he might have perhaps earned for him a niche in the temple of fame and a name never to be lost in the corridors of time. But fate had decreed that he should be numbered among the nameless, forgotten wonder-workers.

You reluctantly divert your gaze to see the other treasures in the hall. You turn to the right and behold the noble, mild-looking Elara seated on a dark Elephant surround by his sworthy, stalwart, muscular followers—their hands gripping the hilts of their swords. On your left facing these is the stately form of the valiant Gemunu—sparks flying from his eyes—seated on his milk white Elephant "Kandulla". His followers are of shorter stature but equally fierce and powerful as the comrades of the Tamil King. This very strikingly illustrates the last fight between Duttugemunu and Elara. Another interesting curio in the precincts of this Dagoba is a beautiful bronze statue of Buddha.



A few yards away from the Ruanwele Dagoba are found in close proximity to one another a number of bathing tanks surrounded by the ruins of innumerable other buildings. The designs of these bathing places are very beautiful indeed. The floors are paved with smooth stones while flights of steps lead you to the bottom. The big artificial tanks in the vicinity of the city which once supplied the rich corn fields of Anuradhapura supplied these also with water. The water was led into them by means of huge underground pipes. One of these tanks is sufficiently undefaced by the ravages of time for me to form an idea of its design and purpose. It has two distinct parts marked out by a low wall. One is more spacious than the other. The more spacious part of the tank was probably meant for the males of the royal family and the other for the ladies. On either side facing each other are placed two seats which are still sound, under two beautifully finished arches. Here evidently the royal bathers rested their tired limbs at intervals, after swimming. . . . . With full confidence that these were once graced by the noble princes and princesses of Lanka and wild with the desire of at least by chance meeting the shades of one of those mighty departed I sat five minutes on each. Save the moaning of the wind and the rustling of the dead leaves I could see nor hear anything else. Feeling my unworthiness too immense and my audacity to continue sitting there too glaring I slipped it into the fields with a heavy heart.....

I drifted gradually into the very heart of the ruins—far renewed from the hum of the present town. The grey stones seemed to frown at me, and I in my turn peeped into every crevice and corner. The curtains of the night dropped without my knowledge and saw me all alone in that wilderness. I looked up to see the moon struggling through the dense foliage of trees. She leapt triumphantly over them and lit the ruins with a bewitching splendour. She seemed to cast a tragic glance at the scene below. With a pathetic gaze



she glided through the cloudless sky. Her silvery tears streamed in procession down on those worn-out stones. The ghastly shadows of the ruins falling on the uneven ground presented a wierd spectacle. Shadows seemed to flit about and faint shrieks were heard... And lo! from among the clusters of nodding pillars there seemed to rise a tall majestic spirit. Was it the shade of the mighty Gemunu? .... Methought I saw the well formed curve of the lips move. Like the distant rolling of thunder a voice I heard. Whence art thou stranger? Wherefore dost thou disturb the peace of this ancient city? What strange garb art thou in? Dost thou know that thou treadest on the abodes of mighty kings and noble warriors? Art thou too a degenerate son of the soil—a weakling nestled in the lores of other tribes who led a savage life when thy fathers ruled the earth? or a stanger come to .... There was a deadly pause for a while and once more the lips of the spirit seemed to quiver. "O mighty city," it rang again, "where are thy Princes, thy warriors thy Priests? Was it not yesterday that I left thee queen of the earth? Where are thy Treasures? Where thy children?"

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## THE ENGLISH EPICS

Long before written language became the medium for the records of history poetry filled that place with the greatest acceptance. It was the medium by which each generation handed over to its next great national events and incidents deemed worthy of human memory. Such was the beginning of the true epics. Epics are correctly speaking national poems which hold up national ideals especially of a martial nature. Viewed by that light Vergil's Aeneid, Homer's Iliad, Valmiki's Ramayana and the Mahabharata are the only true and real epics extant. By literary indulgence and as a matter of national apology Dante's Divine

Comedy and Milton's *Paradise Lost* are ranked as epics. So also are often described Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and Boccaccio's *Decameron*. If these two deserve such a place among the classical epics of the world there is no doubt that Moore's *Lalla Rookh* should also find a similar place. That would open the gateway through which many minor celebrities and their more minor poems would find their way to literary eminence and classic importance. Therefore the student of literature who studies the question of epics is faced with the question of the limits of epic-land. A knowledge of its reach and extent would automatically determine its boundaries. An epic according to Edmund Gosse, the Librarian of the British Museum and one of the greatest modern *literati*, is a national heroic poem resplendent with a nation's martial glory. Scanned in that light the claims of Chaucer fall to the ground; so also those of Dante and Milton. Is there then no English epic today? In examining this proposition in the light of history one is constrained to admit that justice has scarcely been meted out to some English Poets and to their poems. The unattainable has often been mistaken for greatness. This applies equally to the sphere of literature. Had Sir Walter Scott written his *Marmion*, *The Lady of the Lake*, *The Lord of the Isles*, or his *Lays of the Last Minstrel* even in Latin of doubtful correctitude he might have been placed among the great epic writers of the world and his works classed as epics? When the Frenchman Fenelon wrote his *Talemachus* for the special guidance and recreation of his Royal Pupil he little thought that he was producing a work that was so uniquely to be honoured. The translation of it into English endowed it with literary importance which would otherwise have never been attached to it. Tennyson's *Tales of the Knights of the Round Table* are equal to any of the recognised epics of the world. But they did not receive their due meed of recognition because of the tender sympathy so natural to truly literary minds, which dwelt on Tennyson's. In

Memoriam to the distinct disadvantage of his more robust contributions. The heartwringing wails of a sorrowing friend over the grave of a dear dead instantly absorbed all interest and focussed all attention. The merits of Arthur Henry Hallam, so immortalised by his dearest friend and might have been brother-in-law are more familiar to the student of Tennyson than are the martial glories and chivalrous achievements of Arthur's Knights. The error in judgment and peculiar partiality lost to Tennyson his place among the epic writers of the world and his poems their place among its epics. It is also a sad recollection that Byron, the Genius of Pain, did not give to his language an epic as he well might have. The Creator of Corsair, the genius that raised the libertine Don Juan to a heroic pedestal might have, but for the perversity of his mental fibre, called into being an English hero replete with all those chivalrous cravings which made the very name of Englishmen synonymous with the Crusades and led the poet himself to face the horrors of war on behalf of oppressed Greece. But such has been the sad fate that dogged the footsteps of English Poetry that great though its poets have been not one has given to English literature a hero and his heroism, of sufficient literary merit and equal national significance to place them among the epics of the world.

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## THE STORY OF CREATION (*Continued*)

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அனல்விமாண்டரின் சிவதப்பின்னாகனிலொருவராகிய அனல்  
கவியேனின் என்பவரின் கொள்கைப்படி எல்லாத்தீவனங்  
கும் ஆகாரமாகிய வஸ்து சாற்று. இக்காற்றானது ஒப்பின்  
றிக் சதாநாலமும் அனல்துமொண்டிருக்கும். உலகத்திலுள்ள

யாவும் குளிர்ப்பெய்தல் என்னும் இரண்டினதும் செயலால், காற்று எரிக்கும் விகாராபுபங்கள். பூமியும் கட்சத்திராதித்தரும் காற்று குளிர்காரணம்பற்றி ஒருங்கு சேர்த்ததாலுண்டான பொருட்கள்.

மேற்சொல்லப்பட்ட கலங்கியானிகளின் வகுப்பைச் சேர்த்த கிருகினிற்றஸ் என்பவர் வானமும் பூமியும் உண்டாகமுன் ஒருவிசமூலாக்கினிப்புதாரிருத்ததென்றும் அம்மூலாக்கினியானது தன்சொந்த இயற்கையை யிழந்துபோகாது பலவிச பூதியங்களாய் மாறுத்தத்துவமுடைத்தன வென்றும் ஆதியிலிலிருந்து பிரதவி அப்பு சேயு வாயு என்னும் நான்கு பூதியங்களும் தோன்ற இவைகளுட் பூமி தன் பாரகாரணத்தாலோர் மத்தியஸ்தலச்சுத்தேட, அவைச் சுற்றி சலம் நிற்க, அவையிரண்டிற்கும் மேலாக காற்றும், இவை மூன்றையும் உள்ளும் புறமும் நிறைத்து மூடிக்கொண்டி அக்கினியும் ஆகாயமும் நிற்பதாயுட், கட்சத்திராக்கப்பட்டங்கள் ஆகாயத்திற்பதிககப்பட்டிருக்கும் அக்கினிக்கோளங்களுள்ளும் அவைகளும் மற்றும் உலகவஸ்துக்களுடையோவ சீவன் கொடுக்கும் மூலாக்கினியிலிருந்துண்டானவைகளானபடியினால் சீவனுள்ள வஸ்துக்களுள்ளும் போதித்தவர். அனகச்சுக்கோறஸ் என்பவர் கிறிஸ்துவர்கு 500 வருஷங்களுக்கு முன்பிறந்தவர். இவர் உலகத்திலிடையோ என்னென்ன பொருட்கள் காணப்படுகின்றனவோ, அவையாவும் தனித்தனியாய்த் தம்மைப்பிறப்பிக்கும் தான் தோன்றி வித்துக்களிலிருந்து தோன்றினவைகளென்றும், இவ்வித்துக்கள் ஆதியில் ஒன்றுடனொன்று கலந்து எவ்வுதம் விபாபித்திருத்தபடியால் இவர்கள் குணம் தன்மைகளைக் கிரகித்துக்கொள்ள ஏலா திருந்தன வென்றும், மாசு எனக்கமற்றதும் சகல வியாபியுமாகிய புத்த அசைவென்னும் நாமசேயத்தோடு இப்பொருட்களுட்புகுந்து அவர்களை இனத்துடனினம் சேரப்பண்ணினதால் இப்பூமியானது \*உண்டாயிற்றென்றும், ஆகாயத்திலுள்ள வாடிக்கொண்டிருத்த சீவவித்துக்கள் பழையுடன் கலந்து பூமியினமேவ்விழுந்து தாபரவஸ்துக்கள் பூமியில் உண்டாகிப்பலகிப் பெருக்காரணமாயிருந்ததென்றும் சொல்லுகிறார்.

மத்தித்தரைக்கடலின் தீவுகளிலொன்றாகிய சிசிலியில் கிறிஸ்துவர்கு 490 வருடங்களுக்கு முன் சீவித்த எம்பிடோகிளீஸ் என்பவரின் கொள்ளை யென்ன வெனில் “பிருதவி, அப்பு, தேயு, வாயு என்னும் நான்கு பூதியங்களும் ஆதியந் தமில்லா நத்தியவஸ்துக்கள். உலகமும் அதிலுள்ளயாவும் அவைகளின் சேர்க்கையாலுண்டாயின இப்பூதியங்கள் நான்குப் பாசம், பதை என்னுமிருத்தத்துவங்களால் ஒன்றுடனொன்று நிறைக்கப்பட்டும் ஒன்றைவிட்டொன்று பிரிக்கப்பட்டும், வரும்.



பூதியங்கள் ஒன்றுடனொன்று கலக்கும் விதிப்படி பொருட்களொன்றுக்கொன்று தாரதம்மியப்படும். உதாரணமாக இரத்தமும் மாமிசமும் சரிசரிபங்கான பூதியங்கள் சேர்த்ததாலுண்டாயின. ஏனும்பில் அரைப்பங்கு கெருப்பும் காற்பங்கு சலமும் காற்பங்கு பூமியுமுண்டு. ஒருகாலத்தில் பூதியங்களையாவும் அன்பெனும். கவர்ச்சிப்பொருளாவிணைக்கப்பட்ட ஒர் சோளவடிவங்கொண்டிருந்தது. பனக் தன் ஆட்சிசெலுத்தத்தொடங்கவும் அது பலவாறு பிரித்து வெவ்வேறு விகாரரூபங்களைடுத்தது. பூதியங்களின் சேர்க்கையால் அநேக நூதன ரூபங்கள் ஜெனியபிக்கப்பட்டன. கழுத்தில்லாத தலைகளும் தோளில்லாத கைகளுமுண்டாகிக் கண்டபடி ஒன்றோடொன்றிணைந்தபடியால் மாட்டுத்தலையுள்ளமனிதரும் மனிதத்தலையுள்ள மிருகங்களோமுண்டாயின. ஆயினும் இவைதக்கவிதமாகொன்றுடனொன்று சேராதபடியால் அழிந்துபோக சொற்பமானஜீவன்கள் மாத்திரம் நின்று பிடித்தன. இவ்விதமாய்ப் பூதியங்கள் ஒன்றுடனொன்று தற்சம்பவமாய் இணைந்ததாலுண்டான மனுஷன், மிருகம் முதலிய இவ்வுலகிலுள்ளயாவும், ஒரே விதவஸ்துக்களிலிருந்துண்டானபடியால் ஒன்றுடனொன்று இன சம்பந்தமுடையவைகளாயிருக்கின்றன என்பதே.

இயற்கைச் சில காலங்களின் பின் சிவித்த வியுதிப்பன் என்னும ஜானி, எங்களைச் சுற்றிலும் காண்கு புறத்திலும் எங்கள் மனோதத்துவங்களால் கிரகித்துக் கொள்ள எலாதபடி எங்கும் விசரலித்து முடிவு, கரை, தோற்றம், அழிவு என்பனவிலலாத வியாபித்திருக்கும் இடமானது எவ்விததுட்ப பூக்கண்ணாடியாலும் கண்டபிடித்துக்கொள்ளக் கூடாத அய்வனவு துண்டையான லட்சாதிவட்சக்கணக்கான அணுக்களால் நிறைந்திருக்கின்றனவென்றும், இவ்வணுக்கள் யாதாமொரு இயற்கைப்பிரமாணத்துள்ளுமமையாது அங்குமிங்குமாயிலைந்து வருகையில் காற்றினால் மோதப்பட்டு ஆகாயத்திலிலைந்துதிரியும் மேகக்கூட்டங்கள் நோத்திற்கு நேரம் வெவ்வேறுரூபங்கொள்ளுமாறு உலகத்திற்காணப்படும் லட்சாதி லட்சப்பொருட்களையும் தம் சேர்க்கையினாலுண்டாக்கக் கூடுமென்று போதித்தார்.

அப்பெசரா என்னும் பட்டணத்தில் கிறிஸ்துவுக்கு முன் 460 ம் வருஷம்வரையில் சிவித்தவரும் மேற்சொல்லிய வியுதிப்பன் என்பவரின் மாணவருமாகிய டெமோகிறிற்றஸ் என்பவர் உலக உற்பத்தியைப்பற்றிப் பின்வருமாறு உரைக்கின்றார். “ஆதி அனாதியாயிருக்கப்பட்ட வஸ்துக்கள் அணுக்களும் வெட்டவெளியுமே. அணுக்கள் சகலத்திற்கும் மூலாதாரவஸ்து. அவைகள் யாதாமொன்றினாலும் பிறப்பிக்கப்படமால் நித்தியமாயிருக்கப்பட்டவைகள். கப்புலனுக்குத் தோன்றுவிடினும்



நீளம், அகலம், பருப்பம், பாரம் முதலிய குணங்களையும், இடத்துக்கிடம் திரியும் தத்துவத்தையும் உடையவைகள். உலகத்திலுள்ளனயாவும் இவ்வணுக்களின் சேர்க்கை யாலுண்டானவையே யன்றி நூர் செருவடி கர்த்தாவினாலுண்டாக்கப்படவில்லை.”

இன்னும் வரும்.

J. W. A.



## OLD BOYS' NEWS

Mr. Fred Vancylenburg has been appointed Director of the Copay Technical Schools.

Mr. S. Sivapragasam, B. sc., has accepted work at the Jaffna Hindu College as Science Master.

Mr. Thurairajah, Trained Teacher has been appointed Acting Headmaster, Heneratgoda Training School.

Mr. S. Vive Kananda Rajah has joined the Singapore Medical College.

Mr. B. W. Chelliah, has been appointed Sanitary Inspector in the Railway Department.

Messrs G. R. Handy, A. R. Rasiah and Thirunavakarasu, have got through their first Pro. in the Ceylon Medical College. Mr. G. R. Handy is the winner of the Lucy de Abrew Medal this year.

Messrs R. W. Crossette and C. W. Vaniasegaram have successfully completed their Second Pro. in the Ceylon Medical College.

Mr. G. P. Thamoatham, has got through his 3rd Pro.

Mr. K. Tharmaratnam, has joined the Clerical Service.

Mr. V. Rasiah, has been transferred from the D. T. S Anuradhapura to the Chunnakam Railway Station.

Mr. S. Somasundaram, has been transferred from the Chunnakam Post Office to the Jaffna Post Office.

Mr. Richards Guruswamy, was married to Miss Spencer.

Mr. A. R. Ramupillai Alias Chirancheey Rajadurai was married to Miss Thilliammah Tambimuttu of Uduvil.

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## IN MEMORIAM

MUDALIYAR R. A. HOOLE

This term saw another prominent old Boy of our college pass away from our midst. The late Mudaliyar Hoole was born on the 26th of April 1856. He received his early Education at S. John's. At the age of eighteen he got through the Clerical examination and was fortunate enough to be put into the Colonial Secretary's office.

"In 1881 he married Miss Ondatjee the daughter of the late Mr. M. J. Jurgeon Ondatjee Assistant Shroff Colombo. While he was still eighteen he organised and conducted a Bible Union for Boys at Chundicully. The Union is still in existence. Before he left for Colombo in 1889 he was Secretary District Council, Jaffna. In Colombo too he was appointed to the same post. He was instrumental in building S. John's Church Maradana, which was afterwards sold and two churches were built out of the proceeds. He was specially interested in the young men of his time and was one of the members who first started the Y. M. C. A. in Colombo. In 1901 he went to Batticaloa as Secretary, District Court and was chief leader in all social works. He took active part in Church matters and was the right hand of the S. P. G. minister at that time. He started a Gospel Union meeting, was president and carried it on successfully till he left in 1912. Doing very strenuous work for the church and asserting his utmost influence in spreading the Gospel message in every possible way he attracted the attention of other denominations too. He was a preacher in the Wesleyan Church as well and united with them in trying to extend the Lord's Kingdom. He took active part in all their moonlight meetings. Wherever he went, he never lost interest in the young men. He was Vice-President of the Batticaloa Y. M. C. A. At Nallore he was the church warden for years and was very helpful in all church matters

to the late pastor. He was a licensed lay reader too. For several years he was the President of the Nallore Y. M. C. A. This work was greatly appreciated by the young men of the time. All his talents he consecrated to the service of his Master. He leaves behind him his wife, six daughters, an only son and a host of relations to mourn his loss." [*Morning Star*.]

We lament the loss of such a distinguished Old Boy of the college and we offer to his family our sympathies in their bereavement.

## S. J. C. LITERARY ASSOCIATION

17th MAY 1922

Debate: "That Ceylon at present should encourage agriculture more than education."

This was proposed by T. Jeremiah with the support of E. R. John and opposed by E. J. Perimpalayagam supported by R. Werkmeister.

C. W. Chellappah, J. W. Jehoretam, G. B. Richards and E. R. Rajanayagam offered a few remarks. When put to vote the proposition carried the day.

31st MAY 1922

Extempore Debate. "That wealth is more conducive to crime than poverty."

This was proposed by C. T. R. Singham with the support of E. R. Rajanayagam and opposed by F. Sebastian supported by A. P. Somasundram.

We need hardly say that we enjoyed the evening thoroughly. The various speakers handled the subject in an extremely interesting manner, as usually happens in extempore debates.

Remarks were offered by C. W. Chellappah, A. G. Guneretnam, H. Richards and A. P. Selvaretam. When put to vote the proposition carried the day.

7th JUNE 1922

Reading of the Tamil and the English papers.

21st JUNE 1922

Tamil Debate. “கீழ்ச்சேத்து நாகர்க்கு மேல்சேத்து நாகர் சத்திலும் மேலானது.”

This was proposed by A. Sundrasakaram supported by H. W. Tambiah and opposed by C. W. Chellappah with the support of F. D. M. Kanagasabai.

Some brilliant eloquence was displayed. Remarks were offered by S. Elagapillai, S. Somasakeram and R. Canagasabai. When put to vote the proposition carried the day.

28th JUNE 1922

Extempore Debate. “That war is the only means of settling international troubles.”

This was proposed by A. G. Guneratnam with the support of T. Jeremiah and opposed by E. R. Rajanayagam supported by E. Anketell. Remarks were offered by A. V. Richards, and C. W. Chellappah. When put to vote the opposition carried the day.

5th JULY 1922

Lecture on “Dr. Johnson” by Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram. After a brief sketch of the life and works of Dr. Johnson, the speaker read some extracts from “Boswell's life of Johnson.” He then related some of the eccentricities of that interesting character and closed his speech with a quotation from Macaulay. E. R. John proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and Mr. T. M. Matthai seconded.

12th JULY 1922

Debate: “The study of Literature is better than the study of Science.”

E. R. John and C. A. W. Edwards spoke for the proposition while J. W. Jehoretnam and C. Arasaretnam opposed.

The proposer spoke of the glories of literature and the beauties to be found therein. The opposer replied by speaking of the usefulness of science. The times we lived in he said did not encourage poetry but science. The civilization of it was based on science.

Remarks were offered by C. W. Chellappah, E. J. Perinpanayagam, G. B. Richards, S. Sandra-sakeram, E. R. Rajansyagam and the Chairman. When put to vote the opposition carried the day.

19th JULY 1922

Reading of the English paper.

26th JULY 1922

Debate "Mahatma Ghandi in prison is more dangerous than Mahatma Ghandi out of prison."

S. S. K. Barr, S. Thambithurai and J. Gould spoke for the proposition while C. K. Albert, S. Mailvaganam and J. Gould opposed. This was a very spirited debate.

Remarks were offered by C. W. Chellappah and M. Joseph. The proposition carried the day.



## THE ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

(July 1922)

This year saw a new activity at S. John's. The Gold Medal for oratory awarded by Mr C. Arul-pragasam has been keenly contested for this year and promises to be one of greater interest in the years to come. The winner for 1922 is C. A. W. Edwards, R. Santiaogoe coming off approximate.

There were thirteen competitors in all. Of these seven were selected at the Semi-Finals, when Messrs H. Peto, T. H. Crossette and J. K. Channugam acted as judges.

The final event came off on the evening of the 14th. There was a large and critical gathering present on the occasion. The Principal in welcoming



the audience said that it was the first time that S. John's held a public function of that kind and that it was chiefly due to the enthusiasm of Mr. Arulpragasam the event owed its existence. The medal was to be valued at a Sovereign and was of fine workmanship. He especially welcomed the judges present and expressed his joy at the presence of visitors who were come from all parts of Jaffna. . . . Seven entered for the finals. Mr. Nevins Selvadurai, the Rev. Father Long and Advocate Duraiswamy were the judges. Some of the passages selected were from Burke, O'Connell and Asquith.

The following is the order in which the competitors spoke with the passages selected for declamation.

- R. Santiago—Edmund Burke 'On American Taxation'
- A. P. Selvaretnam—Mr. Asquith's speech at Cardiff.
- A. G. Gunaretnam—from Patrick Henry
- C. A. W. Edwards—Mr. Asquith's speech at the 'Guild-Hall.'
- D. A. N. Guanapragasam—General Smuts on 'Freedom.'
- J. W. R. Gladstone—Danil O'Connell on 'Irish Bill of Taxation.'
- J. W. W. Jehoretnam—Danil O'Connell on Slavery.'

The speeches over, Mr. Nevins Selvadurai spoke on behalf of the judges. He said that the standard reached was quite good. It took them a long time to decide who was best. Edwards and Santiago excelling in different merits of their own. Santiago stood a 'Stump Orator' there with all the eloquence of a Burke, while Edwards had the lucidity and resonance of speech which could sway an audience with it. There was one particular weakness in Jaffna speech-making—that was pronounciation. He said that difficulty was well overcome. In closing his speech he said that in their opinion Edwards was first and Santiago second. The third place they would assign to J. W. R. Gladstone.

A vote of thanks to the Judges was proposed and seconded by Messrs S. J. Gunasegaram and S. N. R. Breckenridge respectively and carried with acclamation.

In the History of our College this is the first time we have had an Oratorical contest. It was the unanimous verdict of all present that the function was an unqualified success. The College may be justly proud of it. It is hoped that this contest will continue to be a much-looked forward to annual event, since the benefits derived from such contests are manifold, and that students of the College would display as much enthusiasm and keenness as they have shown this year.

D. R. G.



## THE ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING: 1922

The annual Prize-giving took place on the 31st of July. We had been privileged to get the Director of Education to speak to us on the occasion and to distribute the Prizes. The College may justly congratulate itself on being the first to have got the new Director of Education to appear upon a public platform in Jaffna. Since Mr. Macrae had to take the night train on the same day the function was commenced at 4.30 P. M.

The Director was welcomed, as he entered the College, by the cadets, cubs and scouts of the college who were lined up on either side of the beautifully decorated avenue that led to the Robert William Hall. There was a large gathering of parents, old boys and well wishers and the spacious hall was crowded to overflowing. Mr. L. W. Schrader, M. A., the Government Agent of the Northern Province, presided. The function commenced with the singing of the hymn "O God our help in ages past." The Revd. S. C. Daniel next said Prayers and the reading of the Annual Report by the Principal followed. (A copy of the Report is published below.)

The winner, C. A. W. Edwards, of the Arulpragasam Gold Medal for Oratory, and R. Santiago, the second, were called upon to declaim their speech-

es. The Prizes were then distributed by the Director.

The chairman now called upon Mr. Macrae to deliver his speech. Amidst the united cheers of all who were present he rose to speak. He said that he was glad to address an audience in Jaffna—a country which held no narrow views on education. The interesting Report read by the Principal testified to the very good work done in the College during the previous year. The subject he had chosen to speak on that day was "The Aim and Purpose of Education."

The following is a very brief summary of the Director's speech:— "Education has made rapid strides during recent years. In olden days Education was considered to be a peculiar monopoly of the Priests. It was regarded more or less as a luxury meant for only rich leisured classes. But the attitude of the present day people towards education has changed. Education has become a necessity—a fundamental '*Sine qua non*' of complete living—, so much so that in many places people are advocating compulsory education.

The aim of education in our schools should be to cultivate ideals, to develop faculties and to train the mind. The education of a child has its beginnings in school. Here the child must be trained so as to educate itself even after leaving school. That school fails in its purpose which makes its pupils think that their education ceases with their school career.

There have been complaints to the effect that English educated youths in Ceylon display a tendency to look down upon manual work. If this be true there is some mistake in the Education imparted to them. It is a sad reflection on the training given to them by our schools. The sooner this is remedied the better it would be for our country.

There is a danger of Education becoming abstract. This should be carefully avoided. There should be a natural relation between what is taught and the every day life of the child".

Mr. Nevins Selvadurai, B. A., Principal of the Jaffna Hindu College proposed a vote of thanks in his own inimitable 'Selvadurian' style and the Revd. A. Lockwood seconded. The function came to a close with the singing of the national Anthem.



## ANNUAL REPORT 1922.

*S. John's College, Jaffna.*

The Hon. Mr. Macrae, Director of Education.,

Sir,

We, as a College, feel deeply honoured by your presence with us this afternoon, the first occasion, we believe, on which you have appeared upon a public platform in Jaffna. We take this opportunity of welcoming you not only to Jaffna but also to Ceylon, and with many other schools we rejoice that our education is once again in the hands of a permanent Director. Though your time in Ceylon may have been as yet short we are sure that under your guidance there are rosy days ahead for education in this Island whether Secondary, Elementary or Vernacular. We indeed thank you for accepting our invitation to come here today.

*Number on Roll.* School reports usually begin with referring to the numbers on the roll. In spite of the opening of a large Boys' School in the neighbourhood our numbers have kept up well though the total is less than a year ago. A satisfactory feature is the increased number of boarders.

*Staff.* There have again been several changes on the Staff in the course of the year. After fifteen years' service our Headmaster, Mr. A. M. Nathaniel has left us to be Principal of a College in the South. We feel that a link with the past has been broken, but we thank him for many years of faithful work. Three more, Mr. E. D. Hensman, Mr. B. S. Peterson and Mr. Veerakatipillai, have



let us after shorter terms of service to take charge of schools. We wonder whether we are regarded as a training ground for Headmasters! We are exceedingly glad to welcome back Rev. I. S. Ratnathicam as Chaplain and Boarding House Master, and Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram, who returns as a trained teacher. Mrs. Charles, after ten years' work in the College, has left us for new work, and we have welcomed in her place an Old Boy, Mr. J. T. Solomons. Others after a short sojourn have left to obtain higher qualifications, and in their stead we have been glad to welcome Messrs. M. A. Chelliah, M. Chinniah, V. C. Kanagaratnam, T. B. Daniel, D. R. Gunasegaram, and Mr. J. C. Handy, the son of our late headmaster, Rev. C. C. Handy.

I should like here to thank the Staff for their help at all times and for the cheerful and ready spirit with which they have always undertaken whatever they have been asked to do.

*Public Examinations.* Five boys passed the Cambridge Senior, and 19 boys the Cambridge Junior School Certificate examinations last December. This is not a satisfactory result as regards the number of passes, but amongst those several boys obtained honours, and there were some distinctions, which we did not obtain last year. We must realise that a good foundation is essential to good building. Well over 80% of passes in the individually examined classes at the last Annual Inspection in October would indicate that the foundation is being more surely laid. We look with confidence to the future.

*Extension.* Last year was our 80th Anniversary and we set out to raise funds for a new Science Laboratory, a new Boarding House and the completion of the Sick-Room. We made a good start in the Autumn, raising about Rs. 5000 from parents and guardians of present boys and from Old Boys and friends of the School in the District. I should like to thank all these kind friends who have encouraged us by their generous donations. The appeal is now being taken farther afield and we hope in the near future to see concrete results. The new Boarding House, to be called 'The



Thompson Boarding House" with its additional compound came into use in October last. It is a most welcome addition and is able to accommodate some thirty more boarders.

*Boarding Houses.* The number of boarders has doubled in the last two years, and in spite of the new boarding house all our dormitories are full. The health of the boarders has been, I am thankful to say, remarkably good throughout the year. The percentage of absence from illness among the boarders does not average more than one to two per cent. I sometimes wonder whether the ten to twelve percentage among day-boys could not be materially reduced. We welcome, Sir, the prospect of organised medical inspection in our schools, and assure you of our hearty co-operation.

*College Activities.* The various College Unions and Societies continue and thrive. The Christian Union has weekly meetings and the Senior and Junior Week-end Camps held at Mandative during the past year have been a stimulous. The Social Service Union has week by week visited in the poor parts of Jaffna and brought what help it could. The seven branches of the S. J. C. Literary Association meet every Wednesday afternoon and every boy in the school has an opportunity of developing his powers of debate or declamation. We are exceedingly grateful to Mr. C. Arulpiragasam for the encouragement he has given to the development of the Art of Public Speaking by founding the 'Arulpragasam Gold Medal' Oratorical Contest. You are to witness, Sir, our maiden efforts in this direction in the latter part of this afternoon's programme.

Last Autumn Term Shakespeare's 'Merchant of Venice' was staged by masters and boys and was well received.

*Games and Athletics.* Improvement is always seen more quickly in the physical than in the mental sphere, and we may now be said to have recovered from the time of depression of one or two years ago. Last Cricket season we won the

Championship amongst Jaffna schools with an unbeaten record, and in the Cricket season now ending we have almost repeated the performance. Our 1921 Football season, though better than the year before, was not a successful one, but in the Inter-collegiate Athletic Sports on the King's Birthday we rose to the first place. Within the College, Pargiter House is to be heartily congratulated on winning all three House Championships in the year 1921-22, though not popularly supposed to be the cock house.

*Cadets.* Both Senior and Junior Cadets have an obvious advance to record in efficiency, and on the occasions of the visit of the Prince of Wales and the Cadet Sports in Colombo they acquitted themselves with credit. To those parents whose sons are not in the Cadet Corps I should like to say that your sons are losing tremendously by not being members of the Corps. There is no finer opportunity for your sons to develop the more manly qualities which we all desire to see in our boys. Perseverance and self-discipline are two of the great qualities that make successful men, and these are the chief outcome of the cadet training. The boy who finds the continuous and even monotonous performance of duty irksome is usually identical with the boy who shirks becoming a cadet. If your son is medically fit to be taken into the Corps, you should be proud to have him belong to it.

*Scouts.* The Scouts and Wolfcubs have increased very considerably in numbers and have brought glory to themselves and their School on several occasions.

*Old Boys.* It is always invidious to pick out any special achievements of Old Boys for comment, but the following at least amongst many may be mentioned:—

Mr. A. M. Kumarasamy was for some time Acting-Principal of Trinity College, Kandy.

Messrs Hector Ropes and V. Ponnusamy have passed out as Proctors of the Supreme Court.

Mr. A. Winslow has been appointed Irrigation Engineer at Puttalam.

Mr. M. R. M. Jebaratnam has been appointed Inspector of Plants and Pests in the Agricultural Department.

Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram has successfully completed his course in the Government Training College, Colombo.

Mr. T. Sabapathy has passed the Surveyors' Final Examination.

Mr. M. M. Gulasegaram B. Sc. has been appointed Professor of Mathematics at Royal College.

Mr. S. Nadarajah has taken his London B. A.

Mr. Thillainather has passed his Calcutta Inter-Arts Examination.

Mr. B. S. Peterson has been appointed Headmaster of St. Anna's English School, Kurunegalle.

Mr. R. W. Crossette-Tambiah has passed the 2nd, and Mr. S. N. Chelliah the 3rd Professional of the Ceylon Medical College.

Mr. C. Ariacutty has passed the Inter-Law Examination.

Mr. C. Sundaram has been appointed a Companion of the Imperial Service Order.

During the last twelve months the College has suffered some grievous losses through death.

All will remember that the late Mr. William Wadsworth was chairman at our Prize-Giving last year, and we all knew him as a man of tireless energy and activity. Reaching a public position about as high as any Old Boy of the College has ever reached, he was Vice-President of the O. B. Association in Colombo and throughout his busy life his old school claimed some of the first of his attentions. Only last year he founded the Senior Challenge Cup for Sports, and he was a keen supporter of our present Extension Scheme.

In Sir William Twynam we have lost an old friend who was taking a keen and practical interest in the College long before even many of

us were born. It was seldom that he missed any of our public functions such as we are holding today. He was a close friend of my predecessors in the Principalship, and it was as the friend of the Rev. Jacob Thompson that he gave to S. John's the priceless gift of the Twynam Museum collections. It is a cause for deep regret that circumstances prevented the Museum Building being completed in Sir William's life-time. We hope, however, that the opening ceremony will take place early next term, when we earnestly ask the public of Jaffna, who are to share the benefit, to see to it that the building is opened free of debt—a fitting tribute to one who had such a unique record of service to Jaffna and its people.

By the death of Dr. S. A. Vairakiam, Ceylon has lost one of its ablest doctors and we one of our most devoted Old Boys. Like Mr. Wadsworth one of the Vice-Presidents of the Colombo Old Boys' Association, he was also the founder of the Ryde Medal for the best boy in the Cambridge Senior. He was never tired of giving of the best of his time and thought to his old school.

The death of some of the best of our Old Boys in the prime of life is a challenge to others amongst our younger Old Boys and a challenge to present boys to be up and doing. Mr. Wadsworth and Dr. Vairakiam were Old Boys of whom we are justly proud. Their lives encourage us and help to show us that through fourscore years as a school we have not altogether failed. It has been the privilege of former Principals and their colleagues, as it is my privilege and that of my colleagues today, to endeavour continually to bring before our boys the example of One who went about doing good, simply because goodness was good. When we find, as we often rejoice to find, that our boys have been generally esteemed in after life as intelligent men and as good men, we thank God and take courage.



## PRIZE LIST

We offer our best thanks to the following who so kindly contributed to the prizes:—S. K. Appadurai Esq., J. K. Arnold Esq., C. Arulpiragasam Esq., A. Cathiravelu Esq., Paul Chellappah Esq., A. R. Chinnappah Esq., Rev. S. C. Daniel, F. H. V. Gulasekaram Esq., J. C. Handy Esq., S. Kanagasabai Esq., A. P. Kandasamy Esq., C. H. Kathiravelu Pillai Esq., J. A. Muttuvaloe Esq., V. M. Muttukumaru Maniagar, F. B. Mylvaganam Esq., R. R. Nalliah Esq., Rev. N. G. Nathaniel, J. S. Nicholas Esq., Miss S. L. Page, G. Phillippiyah Esq., The Principal, M. S. Ramalingam Esq., S. C. Samuel Esq., L. W. C. Schrader Esq., C. L. Selvaratnam Esq., V. M. Selvadurai Esq., Dr. V. Sivapragasam, A. R. Supiramaniam Esq., J. A. Tisseverasinghe Esq., S. Vytilingam Esq.

| <i>Class</i>   | <i>Subject</i>           | <i>Winner</i>                            |
|----------------|--------------------------|--|
| Preparatory    | Class Prize<br>Scripture | K. Sundram<br>K. Rajaratnam              |
| 1st Year B     | Class Prize<br>Scripture | N. Kanagaratnam<br>J. O. R. Perera       |
| 1st Year A     | Class Prize<br>Scripture | T. Subramaniam<br>P. Thumbiah            |
| 2nd Year B     | Class Prize<br>Scripture | C. Nadarajah<br>C. Nadarajah             |
| 2nd Year A     | Class Prize<br>Scripture | M. Edirnavagam<br>C. S. Martinez         |
| 5th Standard B | Class Prize<br>Scripture | S. A. Ayadurai<br>K. Kamalanandam        |
| 5th Standard A | Class Prize<br>Scripture | J. K. Ratnanandham<br>J. K. Ratnanandham |
| 6th Standard   | Class Prize<br>Scripture | V. Ayadurai<br>V. Ayadurai               |
| 7th Standard   | Class Prize<br>Scripture | W. D. L. Alagoda<br>W. D. L. Alagoda     |
| 8th Standard   | Class Prize<br>Scripture | S. Tharmalingam<br>S. Tharmalingam       |
| Form II A      | Class Prize<br>Scripture | T. Selvarajah<br>A. W. Rajasegaram       |
| Form II B      | Class Prize<br>Scripture | A. S. Edwards<br>A. S. Edwards           |



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|------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Lower III Form   | Class Prize               | C. Ratnasamy                               |
|                  | Scripture                 | C. Ratnasamy                               |
| Upper III Form   | Class Prize               | S. Thangarajah                             |
|                  | Scripture                 | S. Thangarajah                             |
| IV Form          | Class Prize               | S. Cathiravelu                             |
|                  | Scripture                 | F. K. Balaratnam                           |
| Junior Cambridge | Scripture                 | W. G. R. John (with distinction)           |
|                  | English                   | W. A. Vanden Driesen                       |
|                  | History                   | W. A. Vanden Driesen<br>(with distinction) |
|                  | Latin                     | W. A. Vanden Driesen<br>(with distinction) |
|                  | Tamil                     | H. W. Thambiah                             |
|                  | Mathematics               | W. A. Vanden Driesen                       |
| Senior Cambridge | Scripture                 | R. C. Santlago                             |
|                  | English                   | D. R. Gunasegaram<br>(with distinction)    |
|                  | Tamil                     | S. Sellamuttu                              |
|                  | Mathematics (Handy Prize) | S. Sellamuttu                              |

### *Special Prizes*

|                  |                   |                      |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Upper III Form   | Science           | S. Thangarajah       |
| Cambridge Junior | 2nd class honours | W. A. Vanden Driesen |
|                  | " " "             | H. W. Thambiah       |
|                  | 3rd " "           | C. Sabaretnam        |
| Cambridge Senior | Ryde Medal        | D. R. Gunasegaram    |
|                  | Thompson Prize    | D. R. Gunasegaram    |

The Thompson Prize has been newly founded this year by F. H. V. Gulasegaram Esq., in memory of the Rev Jacob Thompson's long Principalship. The prize is of the value of Rs. 25 in books.

The Handy prize for mathematics has also been newly founded this year by Mr. J. C. Handy in memory of his father Rev. C. C. Handy, Headmaster of the College, for 1889-1908.

London Matriculation K. Kanagaratnam  
 Arulpiragasam Gold Medal for Oratory C. A. W. Edwards  
 Next year it is hoped to award special prizes for recitation, drawing and Tamil essay.

### *Certificates*

|              |              |                     |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| School Final | October 1921 | J. Edward           |
|              | "            | K. Nalliah          |
|              | "            | V. Ponnusamy        |
|              | March 1922   | S. Sinnadurai       |
|              | "            | T. Vythilingam      |
|              | "            | L. V. W. Jayatilake |

*Cambridge Junior Dec. 1921*

(Under 16) W. A. Vanden Driesen 2nd class honours with distinctions in History & Latin

H. W. Thambiah 2nd class honours  
C. Sabaretnam 3rd class honours  
W. G. R. John with distinction in Religious Knowledge.

(Over 16) C. Kanagasabai M. Mylvaganam  
S. Arulampalam E. R. Rajanayagam  
E. Arumugam C. Rajakarier  
V. Kandiah V. Sabapathy  
R. Cumarasamy M. Somasundaram  
C. D. Singham I. T. Solomon  
V. S. Kandiah S. Thambiturai  
N. Kasupathipillai

*Cambridge Senior Dec. 1921*

(Under 18) D. R. Gunesagaram 2nd class honours with distinction in English

K. Ayaru  
R. C. Santiago  
T. Somasundaram

(Over 18) A. Subramaniam

*London Matriculation Jan. 1922*

A. E. Jayarajasingam (partly Trinity College  
K. Kanagaratnam Kandy)

*Athletic Prizes*

The following have been awarded bats for scoring 50 runs or more, either last season or this:—

C. A. Dissanayake  
J. M. Singanayagam  
A. P. Selvaretnam  
J. A. H. Banda  
E. M. Ponnudurai  
K. Valthianathan  
R. Werkmeister

Out of these seven players it may be said that no less than five have also scored centuries.

Prize for bowling:—D. C. Rajaratnam

Overs, 256, Runs, 551, Wickets, 72, Av. 7, 6.

*Athletic Sports*

The Senior Championship Cup—The Wadsworth Cup

The Junior Championship Cup I. T. Solomon.  
R. Werkmeister.

*House Championships*

Last year cricket was won by Thompson House, Football was won by Pargiter House.

This year Athletic Sports were won by Pargiter House who have also just won the cricket.



## CLASS ROOM HUMOUR

- Q. Why was that called the South-sea Bubble?
- A. Because there were many bubbles in the South-sea and some of them burst.
- Q. What do you know of Shakespeare?
- A. Shakespeare is a kind of leather.
- Q. What can you say of the age of Elizabeth.
- A. If Elizabeth were living she would be almost 450 years old.
- Q. Compare (a) up (b) "bad".
- A. (a) up; more up; most up. (b) bad; better; best.
- Q. Describe the conversation that took place between the Tortoise and the Hare.
- A. The Tortoise went to the Hare and said "Come for a race." The Hare looked at him and put his forepaw on his mouth and laughed.
- Q. Describe a Frog.
- A. A Frog is a big bug which sits on its hind legs and jumps with his fore legs,



## WHAT THE BOYS SAY

They say:—

That the age of miracles has not passed away since the Twynham Museum is nearing completion.

That Mas. Peto has all the potentialities of a great Tennis player.

That his presence at the last tournament between Mr. Bicknell's team and our club was a source of great encouragement to the latter.

That the midsummer holiday was too short.

That in future it ought to be extended at least for a week more.

- That the prize giving was a great success.
- That the College deserves to be congratulated.
- That an increase in the number of prizes would be commendable.
- That they congratulate the cricket eleven on their splendid show this year.
- That they hope the college team would continue to be champions for years to come.
- That they had a ripping term end "kick-up".
- That all's well that ends well.
- That Mr. T. B. D. proved a great advertising medium there.
- That of late Mr. C. T. S. has launched into the political world.
- That they wish him all success in the coming Urban Council elections.



## S. JOHN'S COLLEGE TENNIS CLUB

*President*  
*Captain*  
*Secretary*

The Principal  
Mr. J. C. Handy  
Mr. C. T. Solomons

The Tennis club has had a very lively time this term. Since the championship was to be decided every member made a fresh start from the beginning of the Term and went on playing steadily. Rapid progress was noticed in all. New arrivals joined the club and good Tennis was anticipated. Excitement ran high in view of the approaching annual tournament. Some were nervous, some confident about their play. To relieve the anxiety of most, the tournament was started early in July and disappointments followed in quick succession. Excitement, over-confidence and nervousness spoilt the game of many. Still the progress of the game was watched with keen interest.

We take the opportunity of offering our congratulations to Mr. J. C. Handy for winning the much coveted championship and thus becoming the



captain of the club. Mr. Victor C. Kanagaratnam deserves unstinted praise for the excellent game he played with Mr. Handy for his partner in the double's championship. Mr. Kanagaratnam is barely eight months old as a Tennis player and credit is surely due to him for sharing with Mr. Handy the Honour of winning the double's championship.

On Friday the 4th of August and the following day we had an interesting match against a team of Mr. Bicknell (Principal of Jaffna College). We had four sets of singles playing eleven games for every set. We won all the sets. Out of the nine set of doubles (here too 11 games constituting one set) played, we won five. The victory was decided by totalling the number of games won by the two teams separately. We won the match by 88 games to 55. The following played for our team:—Messrs H. Peto, C. H. Kathiravelupillai, T. M. Mathai, P. T. Mathai, C. T. Solomons, J. C. Handy and S. J. Gunasegaram. All our players need to be congratulated since every one won some set or other. Messrs Kathiravelupillai and J. C. Handy need specially to be congratulated for winning all the sets in which they took part—the former in spite of his grey hairs.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Principal of Jaffna College and his team for the splendid time they gave us and to congratulate them on the good tennis they displayed.

#### OUR MEMBERS

*Mr. H. Peto.* Last year champion. Has lately got out of form owing to lack of practice. We will not be surprised to see him win back the championship next year.

*Mr. Kathiravelupillai.* The oldest yet the most vigorous of our Tennis players. Hardly any other member relishes his own strokes more. Spectators have remarked that the flourishes he gives his racquet by way of prelude afford much Aesthetic delight. An opponent to be reckoned with; a partner highly optimistic.

*Mr. C. T. Solomon.* A very enthusiastic player. Rather bellicose at the net. Plays a tolerably good game when he gets into his "Tennis Mood". Very often misses his aim and discovers to his great joy that it was the racquet that played him false.

*Mr. D. H. Chinniah.* The mildest that ever handled a racquet. Being an expert at lobbing he seldom fails to lift the ball a wee-bit off the boundaries. A rare exponent of novel back hand strokes.

*Mr. T. M. Mathai.* A reckless player. Rather too fond of performing acrobatic feats in the court—balancing his racquet on the tip of his nose being one of his favourites. Is responsible for making holes in the net.

*Mr. P. T. Mathai.* A steady and careful player. Has cultivated a monotonous twist stroke. Narrowly missed the championship. Some of his twists strokes are so masterly that a casual visitor was almost conferring upon him an M. T. degree. Has a good chance of winning the championship next year.

*Mr. Kanagaratnam.* A great 'lover' of the game. Is ready to play at all hours of the day with any opponent. Betrays invariably a peculiar aversion to the ball and chases it all over the court and outside seldom returning without chastising it. Feels the court a bit too small for a good game and the net too high.

*Mr. Jacob.* Takes a keen interest in Tennis. Plays a good game. He hails from the staff of our sister, Central.

*Mr. J. T. Solomons.* Shows signs of great promise. If he could manage to get his herculean drives into the court then woe be to his opponents. That those days are by no means near is a consolation to many.



*Mr. A. S. Abraham.* A late addition to our Club. Very often mistakes the Tennis court for the Cricket pitch. How like a colossus he doth bestride our narrow court!!! If the people of Brobdingnag happen to challenge us in Tennis surely Mr. Abraham shall captain us.

*Mr. Handy.* Fresh from the hills. Has a strong fore arm drive. Almost impenetrable at the net when the strokes of the opponents are feeble. His services are forcible though invariably they overshoot their mark. Is the champion this year.

*Mr. S. J. Gunasegaram.* Plays a consistently reckless game.

*Mr. Muttukumaru (Maniagar)* A careful and consistent player.

Mrs. Peto and Mrs. Workmister are two other members of our club.

P. S. I am indebted to the Editor for the description of my play and that of a few others.

C. T. SOLOMONS,

HON. SEC.



## CADET CORPS

We are just after our annual Camp and it is well to give a short account of the Cadet Corps since last Camp. Soon after the last Camp some of our efficient Cadets left us. Some time later the Union College deprived us of a few more, including the two Sergeants whose services we have very much missed since then. Thus the beginning of the year saw us wanting both in quantity and in quality. Many recruits enlisted and very soon we made up in numbers. The visit of the Prince of Wales to Ceylon and the possibility of a trip to Colombo of the Jaffna troops made us put our best into our drills—for it was announced that only the efficient Cadets

would be allowed to proceed to Colombo to honour His Royal Highness. Finally 32 of us were selected by the O. C. as eligible to take part in the celebrations in Colombo.

We were also given particular training in athletic sports in view of both Jaffna Sports and the Cadet Sports in Colombo. Mr. T. B. Daniel who took great interest in the sports training insisted on special privileges in the morning to the sportsmen, which we who could not jump or run very much envied and very naturally too. Those 'specials' coupled with the training had their own results and we were very pleased to see Lee. Cpl. I. T. Solomon carrying off the championship in Jaffna with seven first places. We won the Championship by 84 points while the next best total was only half of ours. Our attempts in Colombo however were unsuccessful and we were quite beaten in all the events. Our prospective champion hurt his foot rather badly before going to Colombo and could not run about; while our seconds were no match to the Colombo and Kandy sportmen. We had to be satisfied with watching, wishing ourselves better luck next year. When we returned home we had to do less of sports and more of squad drill. We progressed very satisfactorily and by August we felt we were even more efficient than last year's troops!!

The annual camp lasted 10 days commencing on the 20th August. We took part in all the activities of Camp and it was a very enjoyable time we had in Diyatalawa. We were quite satisfied about everything but we did not come up so high in the competitions as we expected to. We did very well in Drill but there were other squads that did better. On the other hand we lost marks owing to the love of their long hair that some of our comrades have cherished ever since they were born!! It is a great pain to these long haired ones to let the barber have his own way. If special marks were given for short hair, one or two of us may have made up for the rest but

that was not done!! We had once again competition in sports in Diyatalawa and this time we did much better than we did in Colombo. We secured high positions in many events and on the whole did very well coming off 7th out of the 16 Colleges that took part. What was more pleasing to us and to our officers was the fact that our general behaviour in Camp was considered good. On the last day of Camp the commanding Officer in the presence of the Battalion made special reference to the good behaviour and conduct of S. John's Jaffua platoon throughout Camp. He further complimented us on the high places we had secured in the sports competitions and on the general standard of efficiency reached. He congratulated the Officers on the good work done in spite of the fact that there were no Sergeant Major Instructors attached to our platoon.

We feel happy to think of the progress we have made as Cadets. We are grateful for the efficient training we have received from our officers and the encouragement always given to us by our Principal.

The following are the Non-Commissioned Officers in the platoon for the year 1922.

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Platoon Sergeant: | S. M. Jenkins     |
| Sergeant:         | E. M. Ponnudurai  |
| Corporals:        | J. B. Hunt        |
|                   | C. A. Dissanayaka |
|                   | A. A. McIntyre    |
| Lef. Cpls.        | J. A. H. Banda    |
|                   | I. T. Solomon     |
|                   | 'A. Cadet'        |



## INTER-HOUSE ATHELETIC COMPETITIONS

The annual inter house sports came off on Empire day May 24th. The programme included a large number of events classified to suit boys of various ages. The venue as usual was the college grounds. The gathering was large and representa-



tive. There was a good number of entrants for the different events which were all well contested. The arrangements were quite satisfactory. The course was well mapped out with ropes and poles which carried flags representing the United Kingdom, and other nations.

Tea, cakes and native sweets were served from a specially erected cadjan shed and near this were accomodated the fair sex, who were seated round the table on which was a collection of beautiful and valuable prizes.

All the items were worked off well. The Tug-of-War, the bun race, and the arithmetic race were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

I. T. Solomon having come top among the seniors, carried off, in addition to many prizes the silver cup presented by the late Mr. William Wadsworth. Robert Werkmeister came out as the Junior champion and carried off the silver cup presented by the Old Boys in Jaffna.

Mr. J. T. Solomons and Co., entertained the gathering to sweet Oriental music. A special song composed by Mr. Kanavathipillai for the occasion, was sung by the composer himself.

The function was brought to a close late in the evening when Mrs. Schrader, wife of the Government Agent, Northern Province, gave away the prizes to the successful competitors, Lieut. A. S. Abraham reading out the names of the prize winners and the donors of the prizes. This over the Principal in a few words thanked Mrs. Schrader. Mr. Abraham called for three lusty cheers for the G. A. and Mrs. Schrader for honouring the occasion with their presence and for giving away the prizes. This was heartily responded to and the gathering dispersed.

Our thanks are due to all officials who laboured hard to make the function a success, especially to Mr. Aiyadurai who acted as the starter and Mr. T. M. Mathai, who was the recorder and to the secretary, Mr. Abraham who took no small pains.

In conclusion we extend our heartiest congratulations to Pargiter House for rising from the bottom place to the top.

T. B. D.

## RESULTS

| EVENTS                      | WINNERS   | HOUSE       | DONORS   |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------|--|
| Throwing the Cricket Ball   | A. P. Selvaratnam<br>H. Banda<br>J. M. Singanayagam | J<br>T<br>H | Mr. Peto<br>" A. E. Phillips<br>" S. J. Gunesegaram                |
| Seniors<br>100 yards        | I. T. Solomon<br>Navaratnam                         | P<br>T      | Hon. Mr. Duraisamy<br>Mr. H. R. Subramaniam                        |
|                             | A. P. Selvaratnam                                   | J           | " A. G. Charles  |
| Under 16<br>100 yards       | R. Werkmeister<br>Sivakolunthu<br>Balaratnam        | P<br>P<br>H | Mr. Duraisamy<br>" A. H. Chinniah<br>" J. T. Solomons              |
| Under 14<br>100 yards       | Ponniah<br>W. Edwards<br>S. Jeremiah                | H<br>J<br>J | Mr. S. R. Phillippiab<br>" T. M. Mathai<br>" V. C. Kanagaratn.     |
| Seniors<br>440 yard         | I. T. Solomon<br>Vythianathen<br>Navaratnam         | P<br>P<br>T | Mr. V. K. Hitchcock<br>" K. V. Sinnathurai<br>" C. C. Jell         |
| Under 16<br>220 yards       | R. Werkmeister<br>Sivakolunthu<br>Balaratnam        | P<br>P<br>H | Mr. V. K. Hitchcock<br>" P. T. Mathai<br>" D. A. Chinniah          |
| Under 14<br>220 yards       | W. Edwards<br>C. A. P. Samuel                       | J<br>J      | Mr. M. Vythilingam<br>" G. N. R. Breckenridge                      |
|                             | Ponniah   | H           | " I. E. R. Solomons  |
| Putting the shot<br>Seniors | Singanayagam<br>H. Banda<br>D. C. Rajaratnam        | H<br>T<br>J | Miss N. C. Twynam<br>Mr. C. Vythilingam<br>" T. B. Daniel          |
| Long Jump<br>Seniors        | Solomon<br>Mylvaganam<br>Selvaratnam                | P<br>T<br>J | Mr. H. Peto<br>" J. T. Thambapillai<br>" E. T. Hitchcock           |
| Long<br>Jump under<br>16    | Werkmeister<br>Jeyaratnam<br>Pararajasegaram        | P<br>J<br>T | Mr. E. T. Hitchcock<br>" J. K. Arnold<br>" P. Chellappah           |
| Under<br>14                 | Vethanayagam<br>Sunderam<br>Edwards W.              | H<br>H<br>J | Mr. T. M. Mathai<br>Rev. C. H. Vandenberg<br>Rev. C. H. Vandenberg |
| Under 16<br>High<br>Jump    | Werkmeister<br>Pararajasegaram<br>Anketel           | P<br>T<br>H | Dr. Ponnuchamy<br>Mr. V. C. Kanagaratn.<br>" J. C. Handy           |
| Under 14<br>High Jump       | Edwards W.<br>C. A. P. Samuel<br>Karalasingham T.   | J<br>J<br>P | Miss N. C. Twynam<br>Mrs. Werkmeister<br>Mr. C. T. Solomon         |
| Seniors<br>Hurdles          | Solomon<br>Rajanayagam<br>Kanagasabai               | P<br>J<br>P | Mr. J. K. Arnold<br>" S. V. Chinniah<br>" K. T. Chelliah           |

| EVENTS               | WINNERS   | HOUSE       | DONORS   |
|----------------------|---|-------------|--|
| Seniors<br>High Jump | Hunt J. B.<br>Solomon I. T.<br>Edwards C. A. W. | J<br>P<br>J | Rev. S. Ratnathicam<br>Mr. K. D. Lawton<br>" C. C. J-11            |
| Under 16<br>Bun Race | Werkmeister<br>Jeyaratnam<br><br>Sabaratnam     | P<br>J<br>J | Mr. N. Kandiah<br>" S. N. R. Brecken-<br>ridge<br>" D. A. Chinniah |
| One<br>mile          | Guneratnam A. G.<br>John E. R.<br>Vythianathan  | H<br>P<br>P | Mr. J. Vandendriesen<br>" S. E. R. Solomons<br>" J. Vandendriesen  |
| Relay                | Mylvaganam<br>Solomon<br>Somasunderam           | T<br>P<br>H |  |

### Open Races

|                                      |   |  |                                    |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Mathematics<br><i>Race</i>           | 1. Miss Creedy<br>2. Mrs. P. T. Cash                  |  | Mr. A. S. Abraham<br>" J. C. Handy |
| <i>Old Boys</i><br>100 yards<br>dash | 1. C. T. Solomon<br>2. W. A. Thomas<br>3. J. C. Handy |  | V. L. Fernando<br>& Co.            |

P Stands for Pargiter House  
T " " Thompson "  
H " " Handy "  
J " " Johnstone "



## INTER-COLLEGIATE SPORTS

The annual inter-collegiate sports took place on June 3rd on the esplanade. The youngsters were the keenest set in the College and it was no uncommon sight to see them run three or four rounds on the College grounds the first thing in the morning.

The heats were worked off in the morning and the finals came off in the afternoon in the presence of a large gathering.

A special feature of this year's sports was two items for the girls. And we heartily congratulate Miss Evengeline Ponniah for representing the Girls' College and carrying away two of the prizes offered

I. T. Solomon deserves credit for the way he ran his races coming first in every one of them. Among the seniors Solomon proved himself by far the best athlete.

The Tug-of-War team pulled excellently against their opponents. Thanks for the excellent training and timing Dr. Thomas gave them. Among the other athletes Willie Edwards, Navaratnam, Ponniah and Werkmeister did well.

As expected S. John's easily became champions with 80 points, beating the second college by 41 points.

In the absence of the Government Agent Mr. Kauffman gave away the prizes. The singing of the National Anthem brought the function to a close.

T. B. D.



## ACCOUNTS OF HOUSE CAPTAINS

### PARGITER HOUSE

This year we are athletic champions and cricket champions. On the occasion of the inter-house sports championship, Pargiter swept the board. R. Werkmeister, the intermediate champion hailed from us. In cricket we defeated both Thompson and Johnstone houses each by a very wide margin. We feel quite confident that we shall win the foot-ball championship for this year and thus become top-house.

I. T. SOLOMON (CAPT).

(The writer modestly refrains from saying that he carried off all the prizes at the inter-house sports competition and that he was senior athletic champion).

### THOMPSON HOUSE

We did not put up much of a show at the house-sports but we took the second place in the cricket competition. We possess quite a good foot-ball Team and expect to put up a good stand against Pargiter in the foot-ball competition next-term.

P. W. RUTNAM (CAPT).

## JOHNSTONE HOUSE

On the occasion of the inter-house sports' competition Johnstone came second being defeated by a very few points by Pargiter house the winner. In the cricket competition we were defeated by Pargiter the champion house. We expect to do better in the foot-ball competition.

J. B. HUNT (CAPT).

## HANDY HOUSE

We did not achieve much this year in the way of sports. We were defeated by Thompson house by an innings during the cricket competition. But we are intellectual champions. All the classes taken in Cambridge Examinations this year were won by Handys. At the prize-giving half the prize-winners were Handys. Our foot-ball team is a good team and we expect to do something in foot-ball next term. We offer our heartiest congratulations to Pargiter house on becoming both sports and cricket champion.

W. A. VANDEN DRIESEN (CAPT).



## CRICKET

We have the pleasant task of congratulating the Cricket team on winning the Championship once again. They have had a splendid season on the whole and deserve the congratulations of both past and present boys.

The batting was good in every match except in the 2nd match against St. Patricks when we had to play without some of our best batsmen who were absent through illness. It must be admitted that St. Patrick's fielding team was splendid and they have our congratulations on their victory in this match. In all other matches the batting was



faultless. We never depended on any particular batsman but runs came in somehow. Almost every member of the team has in one match or another pulled up the batting of his side. But it may be mentioned without discredit to the others that the following have made their centuries in the competition matches:—Singanayagam, Ponnudurai, Selvaratnam, Vaithianather, Dissanayake and Werkmeister. Our biggest total was against Jaffna College when we made 382 for 8 wickets. Jaffna College followed up very well but the match had to be discontinued rather suddenly owing to some dispute about the decision of an umpire. The Jaffna Sports committee finally decided that the match be continued to finish disregarding the delivery which caused the dispute. This decision of the committee occasioned our biggest victory for the season. Our opponents scored 225 in the 1st innings and 34 in the 2nd innings.

The match against Wesley was in our hands from the beginning to almost the end. We were quite confident of a victory during the morning's game. We had 99 to our credit and they had reached the sixties at the fall of their 9th wicket. At this stage our captain effected an unnecessary change in bowling which gave them just enough runs to make it a tie on the 1st innings. The rest of the match we made a poor show. It was true our men tried to play out time as will be seen from the fact that half the team got either run out or stumped behind the wickets. But in their anxiety to win they forgot there was a chance of losing too!! The Wesleyites picked up very well and beat us by a large margin. We are very grateful to Wesley for the game they gave us, and also for the cordiality we received at their hands during the day. We hope they will give us a return game in Jaffna next year.

The other match worth mentioning is our 2nd match with Jaffna which was played at Vaddukoddai. As soon as we landed in their premises we were escorted into a magnificent 'Pandal' erected for us. From beginning to almost the end of the game we were bombarded on all sides with

huge dashing crackers! The excitement was great when their team made up our total on their first innings. Our men put up a good fight in the 2nd innings scoring 151.

We gave our opponents a chance and they had little more than an hour before them. But they collapsed in about 30 minutes with only 34 to their credit thus leaving us victorious by 94 runs.

Our bowling has also been particularly successful this season. Rajaratnam has invariably proved disastrous to the opponent's team; Abraham though not so steady, was the dread of the batsman when he got his length. Selvaratnam always got into wonderful form when his services were most needed.

The fielding was certainly not as good as it might have been. Failure in this department was to some extent due to the indifference following a big innings. But when we needed help from our fielding team they generally did well. Banda is far above the rest here and Mylvaganam is another safe field. We may miss some of our Cricketers next year but hope at any rate to put up a hard fight for the first place in this game.



# Hindu

## 1st Innings

1. C. Sabaretnam
2. C. Ponnambalam
3. K. Darmalingam
4. C. S. Vettivelu
5. Subramaniyam
6. C. Kanagasagaram
7. C. S. Mahadevan
8. C. Thuraisingham
9. M. Kanaganathan
10. Thalayasingham
11. S. Selvadurai

Extras

## 2nd Innings

|                |    |             |                |    |
|----------------|----|-------------|----------------|----|
| b Abraham      | 4  | Run out     | b Ponnudurai   | 2  |
| b Rajaretnam   | 10 |             |                | 23 |
| b " "          |    |             | b Singanayagam | 17 |
| b Abraham      | 4  | ct. and     | b do.          | 4  |
| b Rajaretnam   | 5  |             | b do.          | 13 |
| b Singanayagam | 9  |             | b Ponnudurai   | 5  |
| b " "          | 8  | Not out     |                | 7  |
| b Rajaretnam   | 9  |             | b do.          | 0  |
| b " "          | 8  | ct. Bandah  | b Singanayagam | 7  |
| b Singanayagam | 0  | ct. Edwards | b Ponnudurai   | 0  |
| b " "          | 17 |             | b " "          | 0  |
| b " "          | 10 | Extras      |                | 6  |
| Total          | 92 |             |                | 84 |

## Runs at the fall of each wicket

1 for 2 for 3 for 4 for 5 for 6 for 7 for 8 for 9 for 10 for  
7 23 27 35 37 55 66 66 66 92

## Analysis of Bowling

| Overs              | Maidens | Runs | Wickets |
|--------------------|---------|------|---------|
| D. C. Rajaretnam   | 16      | 39   | 4       |
| D. S. Abraham      | 10      | 23   | 2       |
| G. M. Singanayagam | 6       | 15   | 4       |
| E. M. Ponnudurai   |         |      |         |
| C. A. W. Edwards   |         |      |         |

## Runs at the fall of each wicket

1 for 2 for 3 for 4 for 5 for 6 for 7 for 8 for 9 for 10 for  
20 27 39 49 74 77 80 80 84 84

## Analysis of Bowling

| Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 9     | 4       | 19   | —       | —       |
| 5     | 1       | 20   | —       | —       |
| 13    | 5       | 23   | 4       | 5.75    |
| 4.5   | —       | 8    | 5       | 1.6     |
| 1     | —       | 4    | —       | —       |





# Central

## 1st Inning

1. T. M. Z. Mahomath
2. K. Alagaretnam
3. M. Ponnudurai
4. S. Soundranayagam
5. T. Kandiah
6. S. Muttiah
7. R. D. Watson
8. M. S. Ponniah
9. P. C. Selvaretnam
10. J. C. Sanmugam
11. H. Avariernam

Total

- ct. Vaithianathan  
ct. Bandah  
ct. Vaithianathan  
ct. and  
ct. Abraham  
not out

- b Abraham  
b Rajaretnam 16  
b Abraham  
b " 27  
b Rajaretnam 4  
b Rajaretnam 18  
b Abraham 0  
b Rajaretnam 16  
b Abraham 3  
b " 0  
b " 0  
3

Total

36

## 2nd Innings

- b Rajaretnam  
b Rajaretnam  
b " 7  
b Abraham 5  
b Rajaretnam 1  
b Abraham 4  
b " 2  
b Werkmeister  
b " 4  
b Rajaretnam 0  
b Rajaretnam 7  
b " 4

- ct. Singanayagam  
ct. and  
not out  
ct. Selvaretnam  
Extras

Total

36

Runs at the fall of each wicket

1 for 2 for 3 for 4 for 5 for 6 for 7 for 8 for 9 for 10 for 1 for 2 for 3 for 4 for 5 for 6 for 7 for 8 for 9 for 10 for

Bowling average

| Overs          | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|----------------|---------|------|---------|---------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 13             | 4       | 22   | 4       | 5.5     | 8     | 3       | 10   | 5       | 2       |
| 12             | —       | 42   | 6       | 7       | 7     | —       | 19   | 3       | 6.3     |
| 2              | —       | 12   | —       | 8       |       |         |      |         |         |
| 1              | —       | 7    | —       | 8       |       |         |      |         |         |
| 2              | —       | 5    | —       | 8       |       |         |      |         |         |
| R. Werkmeister |         |      |         |         |       |         |      |         | 1.5     |

# 3rd Match

## S. J. C. vs. St. Patrick's on Patrick's Grounds

### S. J. C. 1st Innings

|                             |                 |                 |    |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|
| 1. C. A. Dissanayake        | ct. Fernando    | b Bastiampillai | 19 |
| 2. D. C. Rajaratnam         |                 | b "             | 16 |
| 3. E. M. Ponnudurai         | ct. Sixtus      | b "             | 0  |
| 4. R. Werkmeister           |                 | b Martin        | 10 |
| 5. C. A. W. Edwards         | Run out         | b Bastiampillai | 9  |
| 6. H. Bandah                |                 | b Martin        | 3  |
| 7. A. P. Selvaretnam        | ct. Sammanthar  | b "             | 6  |
| 8. D. S. Abraham            | ct. Rajanayagam | b Bastiampillai | 1  |
| 9. S. M. Mailvaganam        | not out         | b "             | 20 |
| 10. E. J. R. Parinpanayagam | ct. Martin      | b               | 4  |
| 11. J. T. Solomon           |                 |                 | 95 |
| Extras                      |                 |                 | —  |
| Total                       |                 |                 | 95 |

### 2nd Innings

|                   |                 |    |
|-------------------|-----------------|----|
| ct. Phillips      | b James         | 7  |
| Stumped Rajanaya- | gam             | 5  |
|                   | b Martin        | 2  |
|                   | b Bastiampillai | 0  |
| ct. Fernando      | b Bastiampillai | 16 |
| ct. Swampillai    | Run out         | 6  |
| ct. Thirunayake   | b James         | 27 |
|                   | b "             | 0  |
| not out           | b Bastiampillai | 0  |
|                   | b James         | 11 |
| Extras            |                 | 1  |
| Total             |                 | 8  |
|                   |                 | 76 |

66

### Runs at the fall of each wicket

|  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 for 2 for 3 for 4 for 5 for 6 for 7 for 8 for 9 for 10 for | 1 for 2 for 3 for 4 for 5 for 6 for 7 for 8 for 9 for 10 for |
| 26 26 45 45 53 58 64 65 65 95                                | 10 13 15 15 63 65 71 71 76 76                                |

### Bowling average

| Over | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 12-8 | 3       | 39   | 6       | 6.5     |
| 7    | —       | 39   | 3       | 13      |
| 5    | 1       | 12   | —       | 8       |

|                        |      |         |         |
|------------------------|------|---------|---------|
| P. A. E. Bastiampillai | Runs | Wickets | Average |
| H. W. Martin           | 39   | 6       | 6.5     |
| A. James               | 39   | 3       | 13      |
| P. Phillips            | 12   | —       | 8       |

### Runs at the fall of each wicket

|  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 for 2 for 3 for 4 for 5 for 6 for 7 for 8 for 9 for 10 for | 1 for 2 for 3 for 4 for 5 for 6 for 7 for 8 for 9 for 10 for |
| 15 15 15 63 65 71 71 71 76 76                                | 15 15 63 65 71 71 76 76                                      |

### Bowling average

| Over | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 15   | 4       | 26   | 4       | 6.5     |
| 6    | —       | 20   | 1       | 2.0     |
| 91   | 3       | 16   | 4       | 4       |
| 2    | —       | 4    | —       | 8       |

## St. Patricks'

| 1st Innings       |          | 2nd Innings                 |     |
|-------------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. P. Philips     | Run out  | ct. Solomon                 | 96  |
| 2. Subramaniyam   |          | b Rajaretnam                | 23  |
| 3. S. Fernando    | L. B. W. | ct Parinpanayagam b Edwards | 2   |
| 4. Swampillai     |          | not out                     | 27  |
| 5. Bastiampillai  |          | b Abraham                   | 31  |
| 6. Thirunayake    | ct. and  | not out                     |     |
| 7. Rajanayagam    |          |                             |     |
| 8. P. E. Fernando |          |                             |     |
| 9. James          |          |                             |     |
| 10. Sammanthar    | not out  |                             |     |
| 11. Martin        | Extras   | b Rajaratnam                | 0   |
|                   |          |                             | 7   |
| Total             |          |                             | 186 |

Runs at the fall of each wicket

1 for 2 for 3 for 4 for 5 for 6 for 7 for 8 for 9 for 10 for

1 9 27 37 45 45 64 67 78 80

Bowling average

| Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 12    | 5       | 26   | 1       | 2.6     |
| 18    | 5       | 28   | 4       | 7       |
| 11.1  | 2       | 22   | 4       | 5.5     |
| —     | —       | —    | —       | —       |
| —     | —       | —    | —       | —       |
| —     | —       | —    | —       | —       |
| —     | —       | —    | —       | —       |
| —     | —       | —    | —       | —       |

Runs at the fall of each wicket

1 for 2 for 3 for 4 for

3 61 119 186

Bowling average

| Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 18    | 4       | 48   | 2       | 2.4     |
| 11    | 1       | 45   | 1       | 4.5     |
| 12    | 2       | 38   | —       | 8       |
| 4     | 1       | 12   | —       | 8       |
| 3     | 1       | 8    | 1       | 8       |
| 4     | 1       | 7    | —       | 8       |
| 3     | —       | 18   | —       | 8       |
| 3     | 1       | 4    | —       | 8       |

# Continuation of the 4th match of the 1st round

S. J. C. vs. Jaffna College

The first part of this match appeared in the last numbers. The following are the scores that did not appear then.

Jaffna 1st Innings

|                     | L. B. W.        |              | Jaffna 2nd Innings |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1. Cooke            |                 | b Rajaretnam | 73                 |
| 2. Meadows          |                 | b "          | 0                  |
| 3. Thuraietnam      |                 | b Abraham    | 0                  |
| 4. Jayarajah        |                 | b Rajaratnam | 25                 |
| 5. Balasingham      |                 | b Rajaretnam | 0                  |
| 6. Thuraietnam      |                 | b Rajaretnam | 72                 |
| 7. Vyramuttu        | ct. Werkmeister | b "          | 10                 |
| 8. Thirugnanam      |                 | b "          | 12                 |
| 9. Thevasagayam     | L. B. W.        |              | 0                  |
| 10. Vethaparanam    | Not Out         | b "          | 4                  |
| 11. Vyramuttu R. A. |                 | b "          | 0                  |
| Extras              |                 |              | 29                 |
| Total               |                 |              | 225                |

Total

Run Out  
Run Out  
Not Out  
Extras  
Total

Runs at the fall of each wickets

|       | 1 for 2 | 2 for 3 | 3 for 4 | 4 for 5 | 5 for 6 | 6 for 7 | 7 for 8 | 8 for 9 | 9 for 10 | 10 for 11 |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 1     | 19      | 105     | 109     | 194     | 199     | 203     | 223     | 225     | 225      | 0         |
| 2     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          | 16        |
| 3     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          | 18        |
| 4     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          | 21        |
| 5     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          | 22        |
| 6     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          | 30        |
| 7     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          | 30        |
| 8     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          | 34        |
| 9     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          | 34        |
| 10    |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          | 34        |
| 11    |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          | 34        |
| Total |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          | 34        |

Bowling average

|              | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|--------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| Rajaretnam   | 29    | 7       | 56   | 9       | 5.5     |
| Abraham      | 14    | 5       | 42   | 1       | 42      |
| Singanayagam | 11    | 3       | 27   | 1       | 27      |
| Selvaretnam  | 9     | 2       | 29   | —       | 8       |
| Ponnudurai   | 5     | 4       | 4    | —       | 8       |
| Edwards      | 2     | —       | 7    | —       | 8       |

Bowling average

|              | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|--------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| Rajaretnam   | 8.7   | 3       | 13   | 7       | 1.9     |
| Abraham      | 3     | —       | 14   | 1       | 14      |
| Singanayagam | 5     | 3       | 5    | —       | 8       |

# Jaffna College vs. S. J. C.

## Jaffna College

### S. J. C. 1st Innings

|                       |                |    |  |
|-----------------------|----------------|----|--|
| 1. J. M. Singanayagam | b Vyrarnuthu   | 2  |  |
| 2. C. A. W. Edwards   | b Thurasingham | 8  |  |
| 3. K. P. Vythianathan | b Thurasingham | 0  |  |
| 4. R. P. Selvaratnam  | b Thevasagayam | 18 |  |
| 5. A. M. Ponandurai   | b Thurasingham | 0  |  |
| 6. E. M. Perikuniser  | b Thurasingham | 11 |  |
| 7. D. C. Rajaratnam   | b Thurasingham | 12 |  |
| 8. C. A. Disnayagam   | b Thurasingham | 12 |  |
| 9. J. A. Herathbanda  | b " "          | 7  |  |
| 10. J. T. Solomon     | b Alfred       | 2  |  |
| 11. D. S. Abraham     | not out        | 3  |  |

Total

75

### Bowling Analysis

| Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 9     | 2       | 23   | 4       | 5.75    |
| 6     | 2       | 15   | 1       | 15      |
| 3     | 1       | 13   | —       | —       |
| 4.3   | 1       | 14   | 4       | 3.5     |
| 3     | —       | 10   | 1       | 10      |

### S. J. C. 2nd Innings

|                       |                 |    |  |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----|--|
| 1. C. A. Disnayake    | ct Vyrarnuthu   | 5  |  |
| 2. K. Vythianathan    | b Vethavanam    | 5  |  |
| 3. E. M. Ponnuthurai  | b Winslow       | 36 |  |
| 4. D. C. Rajaratnam   | b " "           | 13 |  |
| 5. R. Werikuniser     | ct Balasingham  | 0  |  |
| 6. A. P. Selvaratnam  | ct Thuraietnam  | 12 |  |
| 7. J. M. Singanayagam | ct Thurasingham | 15 |  |
| 8. C. A. W. Edwards   | b Winslow       | 0  |  |
| 9. J. A. Herathbanda  | b Vethanayagam  | 35 |  |
| 10. J. T. Solomon     | b Winslow       | 1  |  |
| 11. D. S. Abraham     | not out         | 4  |  |
|                       | Extras          | 25 |  |

### Bowling Analysis

| Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 14    | 4       | 27   | 1       | 27      |
| 8     | 2       | 18   | 1       | 18      |
| 10    | 2       | 31   | —       | —       |
| 7.3   | 2       | 33   | 2       | 16.5    |
| 10    | 4       | 10   | 5       | 2       |
| 3     | —       | 7    | 1       | 7       |

### Jaffna College 1st Innings

|                  |                 |    |  |
|------------------|-----------------|----|--|
| 1. Cooke         | b Rajaratnam    | 16 |  |
| 2. Meadows       | b " "           | 10 |  |
| 3. Thuraietnam   | b Selvaratnam   | 3  |  |
| 4. Jayarajah     | b " "           | 2  |  |
| 5. Balasingham   | b " "           | 18 |  |
| 6. Vethanayagam  | b " "           | 12 |  |
| 7. Vethanayagam  | ct Disnayake    | 2  |  |
| 8. Thurasingham  | b Selvaratnam   | 28 |  |
| 9. Vyrarnuthu    | not out         | 1  |  |
| 10. Thurasingham | b Selvaratnam   | 2  |  |
| 11. Devasagayam  | ct Vythianathan | 1  |  |
|                  | Extras          | 2  |  |
|                  |                 | 97 |  |

### Bowling Analysis

| Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 18.3  | 4       | 44   | 4       | 11      |
| 4     | 1       | 14   | —       | —       |
| 14    | 3       | 37   | 6       | 16      |

### Jaffna College 2nd Innings

|                 |                |    |  |
|-----------------|----------------|----|--|
| 1. Cooke        | b Selvaratnam  | 0  |  |
| 2. Meadows      | b " "          | 8  |  |
| 3. Thuraietnam  | ct Robby       | 0  |  |
| 4. Thurasingham | ct Bandah      | 0  |  |
| 5. Jayarajah    | b " "          | 0  |  |
| 6. Balasingham  | b Selvaratnam  | 3  |  |
| 7. Winslow      | ct Mallon      | 15 |  |
| 8. Vyrarnuthu   | Not Out        | 1  |  |
| 9. Selvaratnam  | ct Arthur      | 4  |  |
| 10. Thuraietnam | b " "          | 0  |  |
| 11. Devasagayam | ct Selvaratnam | 2  |  |

Total

151

### Bowling Analysis

| Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 13.5  | 5       | 24   | 6       | 4       |
| 13    | 9       | 10   | 4       | 2.5     |





## A REVIEW

We are in receipt of a 'Sheaf of Brambles'—a collection of Poems dealing on such vital topics as Life, Love and Death, written by Mr. G. A. Ratnavarather, an old boy of our college. The sheaf is dedicated to the Author's mother. The author has indeed very profitably used his 'hours of idleness'.

We refrain from passing any comment on Mr. Ratnavarather's Pegasus, for we have long been convinced that it is almost impossible for one to write anything like poetry in a tongue that is not one's own. We commend the collection however as a sincere and spontaneous outburst of the young author. The more we dive into the 'sheaf' the more are we convinced that the author has in him much of that divine instinct called poetry. At the same time we grieve to find that the poetic fire in him looses not a little of its lustre when it comes to be transferred into words. It is language that gives glow to the fires of emotion and in attempting to translate our emotions in a language in which we cannot adequately feel the poetry in us is apt to appear prosaic.

There are very many beautiful thoughts scattered here and there in the little book. We congratulate Mr. Ratnavarather on the first 'Sheaf of Brambles' he has collected in his wanderings on the slopes of Paranasus..... (Ed.)



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