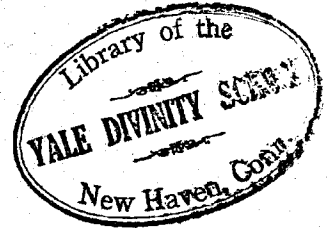


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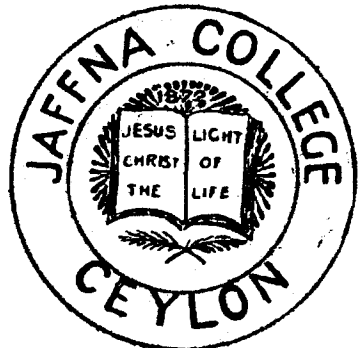


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ORIGIN OF THE TAMIL LANGUAGE

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Tamil ever Ancient and New

Tamil is said to be the most ancient of the languages now spoken in the world. This statement might sound extravagant to those who have not examined the question. One fact, however, is beyond dispute: Tamil has remained ever the same, from the remotest times of which we have any written record. It is rightly said to have retained its agglutinative character to a remarkable degree. Its words are still monosyllabic stems *glued to* or combined with other monosyllabic words which function as suffixes and inflexional elements. To give an example: the original stem *el* (எழில்), 'bright', forms the word *el-il* (எழில்) 'brightness', by combining with *il* (இல்) which means 'having, possessing' and which becomes its stem-suffix. So *kur* (கும்) 'short', becomes *kur-il* (குறில்), 'a short vowel', by being *glued to* the same word as suffix. The words added to stems as suffixes etc. often undergo great transformations, such as dropping a letter in one place, changing a vowel or consonant in another etc. For example, the stem *kud* (குட), 'curved', becomes *kudatu* (குடாது), 'the curve in the horizon: the West,' by the addition of the suffix, *atu* (அது), 'what belongs to a thing'. But this suffix becomes *am* (அம்), in *kudam* (குடம்), 'a pot' and *ai* (ஐ) in *kudai* (குடை), 'an umbrella' and so forth. Yet, these suffixes are still separable with some knowledge of Dravidian phonetics and morphology. Apart from these transparent and ascertainable transformations, Tamil has kept its vocabulary and structure identical throughout the ages. If we should accept the readings of the Indus Valley seals by Father

Heras, the Tamil of five thousand years ago appears so much like our modern speech, that one would say that those seals were inscribed in our own days. There is hardly any change in Tamil from the so called Sangam period of two thousand years ago till now, although some words have become obsolete, and others, built up always in the same way, have been newly introduced. The combinations and inflexions are practically the same. Such is the conservative character of Tamil.

Distinguishing Objects of Sense

Now, such an ancient and conservative language should possess the advantage of giving us a clue to the discovery of the original formation of speech. The present writer claims to have hit upon the way in which the Tamil language was built up. The facts bearing upon this subject will be first dealt with here in brief, and then, a few examples illustrating those facts will be given.

A study of the early forms of Tamil makes us conclude that this language originated from *distinguishing* objects of sense by means of what is known as Extension. This will be explained presently. Without distinguishing the known from the unknown — myself and what is not myself — and distinguishing again, the things known, one from another, there is no knowledge. But because I observe things outside myself as different from me, and because I observe a variety of objects outside myself such as the sun, the sky, the earth, sheets of water, trees, animals, other men etc., I distinguish them one from another and *know*. If all were one thing — all a blazing sun, or all sky, or all an endless expanse of land or water, my knowledge will be limited to myself and a vague not-myself, and that is all. But

with a variety of objects to be sensed, we come into the possession of the knowledge of things by distinguishing one thing from another. Note that the word *distinguish* itself conveys the idea of separating things. The Latin *distinguere* is from *dis*, and *stingere*, and means 'to prick' asunder, 'to separate into points'. The Tamil word for knowledge is just as instructive. *Arivu* (அறிவு) comes from *ar-u*, 'to cut asunder'. It is the same in sense as *aru-ppu* (அறுப்பு).

Knowledge consists, then, in the process of mentally separating one thing from another. Without individual objects, no distinct knowledge of the world is possible. Our knowledge begins with sensible objects. The highest flights of metaphysical thought are based, as we shall see, on a humble distinguishing of material objects. Sense-knowledge is the foundation of our intellectual concepts and reasonings. As the Scholastics say "Nil in intellectu quod prius non fuerat in sensu".

Spatial Relation.

But, how is this act of distinguishing, or mentally separating, one thing from another, accomplished? If we give a little thought to the process involved, we will discover that this act of our mind is based upon the relation of things in regard to space, or Extension, as it is scientifically termed. When we distinguish things, we are actually noting whether a thing is near or far, below or above, short or tall, narrow or broad, bent or straight, thin or thick, soft or hard etc. Colour and sound themselves strike us in terms of Extension as scientists would tell us. It is noteworthy that the Tamil names for the different colours merely connote various degrees of intensity or depth. Observing the relation of objects in regard to space, or their "spatial relation" for

short,—is the process we get through when distinguishing them one from another. Under objects are to be included also movements and actions which, even more palpably, fall under observation with regard to spatial relation. The mental picturing of the things we perceive are always in terms of Extension. To these we give names which are the result of distinguishing things one from another. They denote how a particular thing stands with regard to other things in respect of spatial relation. A name divides one particular thing or class from all others. It is remarkable that the Tamil word for a name is *peyar* (பெயர்), which etymologically means 'the divided or separated thing'. This word is from *piri*, (பிரி), 'to divide,' through its other from *per* (பெர்). *Peyar* is 'what is divided'.

That our knowledge of things is based on their spatial relation can be confirmed by how dumb people convey even their most spiritual ideas to others. They use their hands, eyes, mouth and other limbs to denote things near or far, small or big, and so forth. Through the objects of sense which they bring before our eyes by their gesticulations we easily deduce the ideas which are connected with them and which our informants want us to conceive. A splendid object-lesson this, to show the progressive development of ideas—from the seen to the unseen.

Object-pictures and Sound-pictures

Indeed, in early writing, all ideas were represented by means of pictures of objects. For instance, the picture of the sun denoted not only the orb of day but also light, fame, godhead etc. A drawing of two legs in the act of running stood for running, as well as for haste and other connected ideas. This is what is called pictograph or picture-writing, known

to ancient Tamils as *Vadiveluttu* (வடிவெழுத்து). The system of picture writing which existed among the Sumerians, Egyptians, Babylonians etc. were brought to light only in comparatively recent times. Similar writings, once current in India, were unknown to us till very lately, when the excavations in the Indus valley conducted by Sir John Marshall astonished the world by the very ancient civilization which they revealed for the first time. It is now known that picture - writing gave the origin to the letters of our alphabet. At the beginning, separate pictures of objects, crudely drawn and much transformed in course of time, stood for each word bearing a specific sense, and thus the signs were numerous and unwieldy. Later, a smaller number of signs were selected for representing the first syllables of words, which gradually led to the alphabetic writing of the present day.

In writing, names were pictured by the objects they stood for. But how did those names themselves arise? There can be no doubt that all names of objects, except of course those which are given conventionally, correspond in some way to the objects they represent. Any one can see that the group of words *mel*, *medu*, *mekam*, (மேல், மேடு, மேகம்) meaning 'above, hillock, cloud' cannot take the place of *kil*, *kidanku*, *kinaru* (கீழ், கிடங்கு, கிணறு) signifying 'below', 'hole', 'well'. Some principle is involved in naming things showing 'elevation' by a certain set of sounds, and those showing 'depression' by another set of sounds. To any one who is conversant with the analogy of Tamil word - forms it would be revolting to give the name of *tady* (தாடி), 'beard' to *micai* (மிசை), 'moustache'. The former by its very sound suggests what is higher, while the latter suggests what is lower. Here comes in the fact I have discovered. Names are sound - pictures of objects. In naming, the

outstanding spatial relations which things possess or appear to possess are signified by certain apt sounds, and these sounds form the basis of their names, just as lines form the basis of picture-writing.

To illustrate this by examples: The sun is represented pictorially by a circle as already remarked. The circle, originally drawn as an orb radiating light, is a linear picture of the sun. But its name *el* (எல்) is a sound-picture from the word *el* (எழ), 'to rise'. This is a word showing the spatial relation of 'going up', the sound *e* (எ) standing for the idea of 'above' and the consonant *l* (ழ) being a formative as will be explained below. The outstanding feature in the orb of day appeared to be its rising (எழ) in the horizon every morning, and our ancestors of the hoary past gave it the name of *el* (எல்) the 'riser', *oriens*. It will be remarked that the name for the sun in most European and Indian languages (such as Greek: *helios*, Latin: *sol*, Breton: *heol*, Lithuanian: *saule*; Semitic: *el*, Sanskrit, *suriya* etc.) is derived from the Tamil *el*. So, a pot is delineated in picture-writing as a rounded hollow thing. But its name is from a sound denoting the spatial relation of being 'curved or rounded' i. e., *kul* (கூழ்). It is enough for our present purpose to merely mention here the fact that *kul* itself is derived from an original *ul*, (உள்,) 'inwards'. From *kul* the word *kud-am* (கூடம்) was evolved by combination with the suffix *am* (அம்) referred to earlier in this article. The change of *l* (ழ) into *d* (ட) is justified by certain phonetic laws which it is outside our purpose to explain here. We thus see that in writing a name, the *linear* representation of the object named was used. The name itself was a *vocal* representation or sound-picture of an outstanding characteristic of the object with regard to its spatial relation or Extension. In the case of the name of the sun, *el*, it was the outstanding

spatial relation of 'rising' daily. In that of *kudam*, it was the spatial relation of 'being rounded.'

Earliest Words or Roots.

We should now consider the basic sounds which represent the different spatial relations of objects and which serve as elements for the formation of words. A careful study of the Tamil vocabulary discloses the fact that words beginning with vowels are earlier than those beginning with consonants, and that the latter are derived from the former. (For obvious reasons, the benign reader has to take this fact for granted in the present article.) And, when the earlier words, i. e. those beginning with vowels, are compared together, they are seen to fall into four distinct groups—the *a* group, *u* group, *i* group and *e* group. It is further seen that the four initial sounds *a*, *u*, *i* and *e*, stand for the four spatial relations: Nearness, Remoteness, being Beneath and being Above, respectively. But the initial sounds in question are *vowels* which are, by nature, vague sounds lacking precision and emphasis. To them, therefore, were harnessed *consonants*, which are more distinct sounds as they result from different kinds of obstruction in the organs of speech. Such consonants are called *formatives* for they give a distinct *form* to the vowel sounds. We have, thus, the first words or roots of the Tamil language, from which all other words (excepting a few onomatopoeic) ones were gradually evolved. They have both the verbal and the nominal sense. For the sake of convenience, the former only are noted in the list below.

a group : Nearness

ahk, (அஃக) to contract, to get near, to recede
ad, (அட) to be near

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| an, (அண்) | to be close together |
| at, (அத்) | to approach, to belong to |
| ap, (அட்) | to adhere |
| am, (அம்) | to press down, to immerse |
| ay, (அய்) | to be in the neighbourhood |
| ar, (அர்) | to approach, to flow down |
| al, (அல்) | to knit together |
| av, (அவ்) | to get near, to reach for |
| al, (அழ்) | to press, to burn |
| al, (அள்) | to be close |
| ar, (அர்) | to fasten, to diminish |
| an, (அண்) | to touch, to approach, to heave |

u group : Remoteness (or being hidden from view)

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| uk, (உக்) | to start away, to push, to exert |
| ud, (உட்) | to get inside |
| un, (உண்) | to draw in, eat |
| ut, (உத்) | to give a push, to be at a distance |
| up, (உய்) | to expand, to rise high |
| um, (உம்) | to emit, to discharge |
| uy, (உய்) | to get inside, to escape, to drive away |
| ur, (உர்) | to issue forth, to increase, to shout out |
| ul, (உல்) | to turn round, to be spent |
| uv, (உவ்) | to expand, to soar high |
| ul, (உழ்) | to turn inwards, to plunge in |
| ul, (உள்) | to get into, to be within, to exist |
| ur, (உர்) | to fit into a hole, to be permanent |
| un, (உண்) | to enter into oneself, to rise, to propel |

i group : being Beneath

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| ik, (இக்) | to go down |
| id, (இட்) | to lay down, to place, to give |
| in, (இண்) | to bring down, to fall in with |
| im, (இம்) | to diminish |
| iy, (இய்) | to go down, to move |
| ir, (இர்) | to lower, to be, to flow down |

- il, (இல்) to slip away, not to be
 il, (இழ்) to go down, to pull down, to insert
 il, (இள்) to abate
 ir, (இற) to drop down, to lay aside, to descend
 in, (இன்) to be brought low

e group : being Above

- ehk, (எக்) to go up, to throw up
 ed, (எட்) to rise, to take up
 en, (எண்) to pick out, to count
 et, (எத்) to rise up,
 ey, (எய்) to raise up, to shoot
 er, (எர்) to send up as flames
 el, (எல்) to arise
 er, (எற) to throw up
 en, (என்) to breathe, to utter to speak

From the Physical to the Metaphysical.

These are the forty - eight first words of the Tamil language. It may be mentioned here that all Indo - European languages too are based on these first words or roots—(the proof for this assertion will be found abundantly in my Etymological and Comparative Lexicon of the Tamil Language now in course of publication.) I shall confine myself here to giving a few illustrations of the manner in which words which originally signified material objects of sense came to convey the most spiritual ideas. A word from each of the four groups will be taken.

What can be more spiritual than the idea of love! Yet the Tamil word signifying love comes from the root *an* (அண்) 'to be close together.' From *an* we have the form *an-pu* (அண்பு) 'being closely united.' This word is still in its original form in Kanarese

but Tamil has now changed it into *an-pu* (அன்பு) for facility of diction.

The original word *ul* (உழ்) combined with the suffix *al* (அல்) became *ulal* (உழல்) 'to turn about', 'wallow' — note the kinship of this English word with its Tamil original — and then *valai* (வலை) 'to encircle, bend' — here compare the Latin 'vallo' and the English 'wall,' Further, the word *valai* (வலை) is found as *van-anku* (வணங்கு) and *vanku* (வாங்கு) 'to bend, to worship, to be crooked'. The Latin 'venerare,' to venerate, may be remembered here. But *vanku*, 'to be crooked' assumed another form to denote moral crookedness and we have *vancai* or *vancam* (வாஞ்சை, வஞ்சம்) with the Sanskrit in about the same form.

The word for pity, mercy is coming from the root *ir* (இர், இம்), 'to lower, to descend'. *Iranku* (இறங்கு) means to go down, while *iraincu* (இறைஞ்சு) is the term for 'making obeisance'. *Iranku* (இறங்கு), on the other hand, is 'climbing down' in the moral sense,—condescension—and the name for the most humane of virtues, *irakkam* (இரக்கம்), 'mercy' is derived from it.

From the last or *e*- group we may select *el* (எழ்), 'to arise', as we have already become familiar with it in the foregoing paragraphs. This root gave us *el* (எல்), the ancient name for the sun. From *el* we have a host of metaphysical terms in all languages. Suffice it to mention *vilakkam* (விளக்கம்), understanding, which comes through *vel* (வெள்) 'light-someness, white' and *vedku* (வெட்கு) 'to be ashamed,' literally 'to turn pale' of which we have a parallel in English,—'blush'. This word did not originally mean to become red but to glow. It is connected with 'bleak', 'bleech' and even 'black' which originally signified a pale white and not dark colour.

A NOTE ON MODERN ENGLISH POETRY

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But there was no information, and so we continued

And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.

To one who has read little or nothing in Modern English Poetry, it will be startling if I tell him that the preceding four lines are poetry; perhaps amazing if I add that it was written by a modern poet, certainly shocking if I confess to him that I consider that poem from which these lines are taken to be a great poem which will live as long as the English language lives. The title of the poem is the 'Journey of the Magi' and the poet is no other than T. S. Eliot.

It is with the object of making my readers realise a few aspects of modern poetry that I begin with a quotation. Critics when they define poetry begin by saying that the best way of defining poetry is quoting some. (1) This is an admirable and perhaps the only successful way. The two qualities which strike us in the lines quoted above are the stark realism and the strange manner of treatment. Most of us can never appreciate it without getting into the proper mood — a training as it were. The wheel of poetry has come full circle. In the first phase the poet coincides with the circle of his hearers. This is the period of the ballads. In the second he is a point within the circle. This is the period of the humanist poet. In the third he is a point on

the circumference. This is the period of the religious poet. Lastly he is a point outside the circle. This is the period of the Romantic poet. The modern poet is conscious of the wheel having come full circle and tries hard, therefore, to find a way out of the state of eccentricity with varied results.

Poetry according to Aristotle is an imitation of life and I may add a *concentrated* imitation. It has a very simple human purpose to serve — the expression and relief of human emotion. It must reflect and absorb the complexities of our civilization. And this machine-made age and all its associations seem to kill the muse of poetry. They seem as if they can never be reconciled to Art. They are mere superficialities. But stark realism is a matter of necessity — however much it may be unpalatable. There is however — thanks to the poets — no foolish romantic idealism in most modern poetry because that would be like Marat keeping doves amidst ‘Madame la Guillotine.’

But the modern poet seems to be obsessed with the sordid and the ugly in life. The verse itself is often crabbed, tortured and often tuneless. Consider such lines as

Grishkin is nice; her Russian eye
 Is underlined for emphasis;
 Uncorseted, her friendly bust
 Gives promise of pneumatic bliss. (2)

or

Here, tier on tier,
 Like a black box rear,
 In the flapping slum
 Beside Death's docks. (3)

or

Yet no doubt he was aware of the flesh of
Rosalind

It was cooler and more white

And Cleopatra!

He was aware of her warm blood. (4)

and you certainly will bawl out like Lear:—‘Give me an ounce of civet, good apothecary, to sweeten my imagination.’ Such lines are like the sounds one hears in the wards of a fever hospital. This picture of pain and lust, as G. M. Hort puts it, seem to be an accumulation of ‘past Karma’.

The chaotic condition of modern poetry, its utter disregard of the canons of poetry, the impossibility of classifying poets into schools, the numerous innovations in verse are caused by the complexities and many sidedness of the world today.

The dissatisfaction which is evidenced in Modern poetry, a phase of which is revealed in its liking for the ugly and the *macabre* is the result of a serious conflict—the conflict between the scientific and the aesthetic. Razor blades and coal-tar perfumes seem to be out to ring the death-knell of poetry, kill the primary human emotions, having already sapped some of their intensity. As Matthew Arnold put it—it is as if the poet was caught between two ages, the one dead and the other struggling to be born. Hence, the pictures of the ‘Waste Land’; Agamemnon; ‘The Hollow Men’; ‘To Morfydd’, and ‘The Hambone and the Heart’ are inevitable.

I have pointed out that Modern poetry is realistic, obscure in matter and peculiar in style, and often treats of the ugly and the *macabre*. There is another quality it possesses which makes us optimistic

about its future. This is the variety. One must compare lines like:—

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree (5)

Do you remember an inn, Miranda?

Do you remember an inn?

And the fleas that tease in the high Pyrenees.(6)

At fourteen I married My Lord, you.

I never laughed, being bashful

Lowering my head, I looked at the wall. (7)

She fares in the stark immortal

Fields of death;

I in these goodly, frozen

Fields beneath. (8)

When lovely woman stoops to folly and

Paces about her room again, alone,

She smooths her hair with automatic hand

And puts a record on the gramophone. (9)

I heard a linnet courting

His lady in the spring! (10)

Still eyes looked coldly upon me

Cold voices whisper and say

He is cursed with the spell of far Arabia

They have stolen his wits away. (11)

to realise how varied and sincere modern poetry is. We have the facile charm and youthful simplicity of W. B. Yeats; the exquisite music of Belloc; the 'flux' theme of Ezra Pound; the biting satire of T. S. Eliot; the morbid views on life of the Sitwells; the *vers libre* experiments of G. M. Hopkins; the glorious and remote enchantments of Walter de La Mare; the heavenly ecstasies of Tagore; the magnificence of Bridges and the divine draughts of the vedanta of A. E. It is impossible to think of any other age in the history of English Literature which

had more varied conceptions and performances in poetry.

The modern poet has tended to become more objective; he has not even an iota of the 'desire of the moth for the star'; he has not that negative capability which Keats advocated for the poet who, according to him, must take as much delight in conceiving an Iago as an Imogen. The modern poet chooses all Iagos and no Imogens; all Cleopatras, no Edgars. But only in Shelley's word do I find solace. 'The poet is a nightingale, who sits in darkness to cheer its own solitude with sweet sounds. His hearers might hear the music, yet might never comprehend it. A poet can never be properly judged by his own generation. Jeffreys never understood Wordsworth's Excursion. "The Quarterly," said Byron, "killed Keats." To Matthew Arnold, Shelley was an 'ineffectual angel'. The jury which sits in judgment upon a poet must be empanelled by time from the wisest of many generations. Modern poetry will be understood and appreciated only in the next fifties. But one with a discerning eye can see traces of its greatness even now.

Regarding the forms in modern poetry, much can and ought to be said, but for want of space I should like to explain a few only of the most important verse forms that have been constantly used in Modern poetry. There is the *Vers libre*- 'Free

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- * 1. Elizabeth Drew — Discovering Poetry
 - 2. T. S. Eliot — 'Whispers of Immortality' .
 - 3. Edith Sitwell — 'Gold Coast Customs'
 - 4. W. J. Turner — 'Seven Days of the Sun'
 - 5. W. B. Yeats — 'THE LAKE ISLES OF INNISFREE.'
 - 6. H. Belloc — Tarantella.
 - 7. Ezra Pound — A letter.
 - 8. D. H. Lawrence . . Hymn to Friapus
 - 9. Eliot — The Waste Land

Verse' where the poet follows no metrical form, the 'Sprung Rhythm' adopted first by G. M. Hopkins where a poet can employ any number of syllables with an equal number of accents this can be done by slurring over unimportant words —) and the 'loose Alexandrines' first used by Bridges in his 'Testament of Beauty'. I refrain from dilating on these forms for my reason given elsewhere. I have also an intention to treat the subject separately. Let me end my note with a quotation from a modern poet — one of the splendid gifts I have received from the study of English Literature:—

Be in me as the eternal moods of the bleak wind
 And not as transient things are
 Gaiety of flowers;
 Have me in the strong loneliness
 Of sunless cliffs and grey waters.
 Let the Gods speak softly of us
 In days hereafter,
 The shadowy flowers of Orcus
 Remember thee. (12)

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10. Robert Bridges.
 11. Walter de La Mare
 12. Ezra Pound.
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SOME MORE POPULAR FALLACIES

II

(WITH APOLOGIES TO THE SHADES OF ELIA)

That Man is Rational

I have heard it said that every human being is either a Platonist or an Aristotelian. I don't know much about either of these two worthies. But ever since I made a half-hearted attempt to study logic and gave up the effort in despair, I have been nursing a grievance against the Stagyrite and have given my sympathies wholly to Plato. The major count of my indictment against Aristotle is that he was the founder of logic. But his offence has in my eyes been aggravated by another circumstance. I have somehow or other got the notion that he is responsible for the preposterous fallacy that man is a rational animal. Animal he is true enough. But rational! Homo Sapiens indeed! I am sure the irony of this description of man is unsurpassable. I am not out on set purpose to prove a malignant thesis against the human race. No, believe me, I have no such purpose. Occasionally I have seen some kindly men and women. More rarely still, I have seen beautiful men and women. But a rational human being I have never seen. Impulsive, emotional, greedy, possessive, spiteful, malignant now and then generous, aye recklessly generous, hospitable and sentimental, reacting to their environments, suggestible creatures of circumstance seeking ever to find a rational justification for their pettiness and their perfidy are the men I have seen.

The objectivity, the impartiality, the sense of proportion and the aloof detachment that the word

“rational” connotes have never been found in the human beings with whom I have had dealings. The nature of your digestion, the friends in whose company you find yourself, the general moral and intellectual atmosphere that surrounds you, the state of your purse are the factors that guide your thoughts and control your actions. A missionary friend of mine used to tell me that his assurance of salvation depended on the fulness of his stomach.

The poor man's rationality is one, for it depends on his poverty. The rich man's is another, depending on his wealth. The school boy's rationality is a measure of his circumscribed outlook in life. It sometimes happens that quick transformations in a person's fortunes have effected a revolution in his whole body of relations and reactions to the world. He who on December 15 was a school-boy finds himself a junior master on January 15, and what a change has come over him ! He, who had spent his waking hours in denouncing teachers, and calling them hard names for their exaggerated sense of their own importance, is now seen as a champion of correctness and propriety in the relations between masters and pupils. These men devoid of humour and imagination and forgetful of their own boyish pranks, he said, were inhuman enough to treat every small error of the school-boy as a heinous offence, and visit it with extreme penalties. But my heavens ! he has been a school master for five days and what airs he gives himself ! The loud laugh is not in my line. If I were capable of any uproarious hilarity, the self importance of this five-day-old school-mastership would have provoked me to irrepressible guffaws. But why laugh, say I, at one fool, when we are all fools ? The advocate of tolerance, forbearance, and sympathy has been metamorphosed. You cannot re-

cognise him in the new creature. He now feels that the responsibility for maintaining discipline and decorum is his mission in life. The lack of discipline is his unending complaint. There is no proper respect shown to authority. Things are becoming worse and worse. Something drastic should be done or he will not be answerable for the consequences. There is grave concern writ large in his eyes, his voice, his whole person. It was not so when he was a school-boy.

A friend of mine, a fiery nationalist in his early twenties, breathing out slaughter and threatening to all who had the faintest trace of communalism in them; violent in speech and action, openly proclaiming that if the old communalist leaders should die it would be a great day for Ceylon, today spends half his income in combating nationalism. The Ceylonese nation that he dreamt of and spoke of has disappeared from his ken with his arrival at years of discretion. His slogan today is "Linguistic Swaraj." And in as much as the Tamils and the Sinhalese speak different tongues, Ceylon can never be a united nation. Ergo, he wants the severance of the Northern and Eastern provinces from the rest of Ceylon so that these two might exist as a separate political entity or become federated with the Madras Presidency from which the Telugu speaking people should be cut off. My charge against him is not inconsistency, which is always a feeble argument; only I do not know when next a change of environment will engender a change of outlook in my friend. He had solid, irrefutable reasons for his nationalism that he pressed on his hearers with irresistible force and cogency. His arguments for his present linguistic Swaraj are presented with the same brilliance and vehemence.

If tomorrow some circumstance should make slavery seem a beneficial institution, I am sure he will bear down on his friends with convincing arguments in support of slavery. And yet someone has said, man is rational.

Illustrations of this trait in human nature there are many more. But I shall not tax your patience, reader, with any more of them. Only let me tell you a story from the Hindu Puranas that just fits my thesis. You no doubt know that there has existed from the day of creation an interrecine and deadly enmity between Garuda (the Brahminny Kite) and the cobra and that Garuda inspires his adversary with such a wholesome fear that the cobra always strives to maintain a respectable distance between himself and Garuda. You also know that Garuda is Vishnu's vehicle and that the cobra is Shiva's necklace. It chanced one day that Vishnu went to the abode of Shiva riding on his Garuda. The cobra around Shiva's neck greeted Garuda very affably and said, "Hello, Garuda fine day, eh !" Garuda, his dignity wounded, did not return the pleasantry. But the cobra, nothing abashed, persisted in addressing polite inquiries to Garuda. The climax came when the cobra ventured to ask Garuda, "Hey Garuda, how are you, and how is everybody?" Garuda wriggling under this piece of familiarity replied with becoming hauteur "I know; I know your impertinence is begotten of your present security."

And reader, have you ever paused to ponder over this singular phenomenon? To every one of us, with negligible exceptions, that religion alone is true into which we have been born and to which our devotion has been directed by the thousand subtle threads of affection and association and suggestion in early childhood. Even of those that change their religious labels, not one is able completely to

destroy his ancient loyalties and surrender himself wholly to the new faith. The old idioms of thought, the old orientations, the old approach to life abide unobserved of the many who took only to the label. Beneath the ill-fitting layer of the new faith, they are visible to those who can discriminate. To too many men religion is like caste to a Hindu. It is something for a person to be born into. And yet how passionately, how consistently, how cogently we argue to prove that our religion alone is the true one? To many of us religion, like complexion, is a thing we cannot help having.

To come to lesser things than religion, the very chillies that grow in my garden are the very best the world has seen or is ever likely to see. The cluster of roses I raised is the *ne plus ultra* in rose culture.

When two schools are playing a football match, and if one of the schools happens to be one's own, where is that inhuman monster who would want the better side to win? "My side, weak or strong" is his attitude.

Of course, reader, few of us will be frank enough to admit the truth without reserve. Each one of us, without a trace of conscious dishonesty, will be able to give a hundred valid reasons why our team should win. The other side has crimped some players from other schools. Generally they contest the referee's decisions—they 'doctor', birth certificates and perpetrate many other iniquities. So our side deserves to win.

Perhaps you have heard of rationalization, a process very different from reasoning. And the foregoing is a good example of rationalization. Rationalization is the process of discovering "reasons" to support conclusions at which we *have arrived* by emo-

tional promptings. Allied to this process is what is called wish-thinking. If only we would pause and indulge in a little introspection and scrutinise the corners of our mind at any given moment, we would be appalled at the scantiness of honest thinking we find ourselves capable of; with what tenacity, with what staunch refusal to face facts that contradict our conclusions, with what self-imposed blindness to the defects of our position, do we cling to them, fearing to admit even to ourselves any fact that will however faintly weaken our positions. Any piece of evidence that will go against our prejudices, we prefer to regard as tainted with malice. But the flimsiest gossip, however unfounded, finds ready credence in our hearts, if only it corroborates our previously held beliefs. No, reader. No! Man is not a rational animal. But the strangest part of all this intricate business is that deep down in the selves of each of us is an instinct to rationalize. Why can't we as honest men and women admit our inability to transcend our emotional determinism and say that we do things because we like them or don't do them because we hate them? The instinct to justify an action before the judgment seat of an abstract and ideal rationality is the most baffling part of this whole business of an intellectual life. A well-known metaphysician has said that metaphysics consists in finding bad reasons to justify what you instinctively believe to be true; yet this desire to justify is itself an instinct. Only I wonder whether there is anything that one instinctively believes to be true. Perhaps it will be truer to say "metaphysics is the process of discovering reasons to justify what you instinctively wish were true."

No, reader, no! The cold, impersonal, detached, objective, unbiassed assessment of truth which alone can entitle any being to be called rational is beyond us the children of men; be that as it may, I have

never as yet seen a rational human being. Perhaps my demands are exacting. But anyone, who can without violence to language can be called Rational I have not seen.

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இக்காலத்தில் கூனியைத் தன் தொழிலில் காண்பது அருமையாயினும் சிலகிடங்களில் கூனரே கூனியருக்காகத் தொண்டாற்றிவருவதை நாம் காண்கின்றோம். கடைசியாக நாம் கூனனைக் கண்டது பிப்பல கீர்த்திபெற்ற சிந்தாமணிப் படத்திலேயே. இங்கே கூட்டிக் கொடுக்கும் குணம் கூனனுக்கு எப்படி வாய்த்தது? இது புதிதா பழையதா என்று யோசிக்குமிடத்து இது மிகப் பழையதென்றே கொள்ளல் வேண்டும்.

சிலப்பதிகாரமென்னும் நூல் இலக்கியச் செறிவு மிகவுடையது. இந்நூலை எழுதிய இளங்கோலிகள் தாசியாகிய மாதவிக்கு வசந்தமலை எனனும் தோழியைக் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார். இவளே பெயர்மட்டில் அழகுடையவளேனும் உருவத்தில் கூனியே. இவள் தோற்றம் துணுக யாராயினன் றிப் புலனாகாது.

“மலையாங்குநர் சாலுநங் கொடிக்கென

மானமர் நோக்கியோர் கூனிகைக் கொடுத்து,”

என்பதும்,

“மாதவிமலை கோவலன் வாங்கி, கூனி

தன்னொடு மண்மனைபுக்கு,”

என்பதுமே நாம் வசந்தமலையின் உருவத்தைப்பற்றி அறியக்கூடிய சான்றுகள். வேறு பலகிடங்களில் அவள் பெயர் வரினும் கூனி என்பது பெற்றிலேம். இவ்விடத்திலும்

கூனியின் தொழில் சந்துசெய்து வைக்கும் தொழிலென்பதைக் கோவலனுடைய சந்தர்ப்பத்தால் அறிகின்றோம். அப்படிச் சந்துசெய்து வைப்பதற்கு வசிகரிக்கும் சொல்வன்மை மிகவும் வேண்டப்படுமன்றோ? ஆதலின் வசந்தமாலை பால் வேண்டிய சொற் சாதாரியமும் இருந்ததென்பது புலனாகும். அதனாலன்றோ கோவலனை இன்னுமொருமுறை மனந்திருப்பும்பொருட்டு ஆறலைக்கும் பெண்ணைணங்கொன்று பின் ஒரு முறை வசந்தமாலை வடிவிற நேன்றற்று.

ஆனால் நாம் சாதாரணமாகக் “கூனி” என்றுச்சரித்தவுடன் எங்கள் மனக்கண்ணில் வந்து நிற்பவள் மந்தரை என்னும் கூனியே. இவளுடைய தொழில் யாதென இலகுவில் தோன்றாது. தசரத மகராசனுக்குச் சொந்த மனை யாட்டிகளைவிட வேறும் பலர் அந்தப்புரத்தில்தொழந்தனர். இப்படிச் சுவீகாரப் பெண்களை அமர்த்துதல் அக்காலத்து அரசர்களிடையில் ஒரு பெரிய வழக்கமாகவிரந்தது. இப்பெண்கள இடையிடையே அரசருடன் ஊடுதல் சகசம். அப்படி ஊடுப்பொழுதெல்லாம் அவர்களைச் சந்துசெய்வதற்கு வேறு பெண்களோ ஆண்களோ இருந்தனர். அவர்களுள் ஒருத்தியே இம்மந்தரையும். ஆனால் இராமாயணத்திலே இவள் தன் சுயதொழிலினின்றும் சற்றே கிலகிவிட்டாள். யாவருக்கும் ஒருப்படாத வென்றைச் செய்யத் தொடங்கிவிட்டாள். அதனை நன்கறிந்த கைகேயி:—

“எனக்கு நல்லையு மல்லையீ யென்மகன் பரதன்
தனக்கு நல்லையு மல்லையத் தருமமே நோக்கி
ஊனக்கு நல்லையு மல்லையந் தாழ்வினை தாண்ட
மனக்கு நல்லன சொலினை மதியிலா மனத்தோய்”

என்றெல்லாம் ஏசி, தன்தொழிலை கிட்டுப் பிறிதொன்று செய்யற்க, என்று புத்திகூறி அனுப்பினாள்.
[அவள் திரும்பவும் வந்து கூறவன எமக்கு இப்போ வேண்டாதன.]

இனி, நாம் களவுபற்றிக் கூறும் சங்க நூல்களை ஆராயுமிடத்து மருதநிலத்திற்கு ஊடலும் ஊடல் கிமித்தமும் சிறப்புடைய உரிப்பொருள்களாத லறிகின்றோம். இப்படி ஊடியிருக்கும் தலைவன் தலைவியரைச் சந்துசெய்யும் பாக்கி

யம் பாவலருக்கும் கீழ்ப் பிராமணருக்கும் உரியதென்பர். பொறுமையும், ஆழ்ந்த அறிவும், கூரிய புத்தியும், மெல்லிய பேச்சும், மெத்தென நடையும் இவர்களுக்கு இலக்கணமாகு மாதலின் இவர்கள் இயற்கையாகவே முன்வளைந்த உடல முடையவராகின்றனர். ஆதலின் இவர்களும் கூனர். சந்துசெய்வதே அவர்கள் தொழிலென்பதும் காண்க.

“இலக்கியங்கண்டதற் கிலக்கணமியப்பலின்” என்பர் நன்னூலார். அதற்கிணங்க, மேற்கூறிய இலக்கியச் சான்று களைக்கொண்டு இலக்கண நூலார் “கூன்” என்று ஒரு தனிச் சொல்லைக் கூப்பிடுகின்றனர். இதன் தொழில்பற்றியே இதற்கு அப்பெயர் சூட்டினாரெனின் அது சாலும். இங்கும் அத்தனிச் சொல்லிற்குச் சந்துசெய்வதே தொழில். இது கலிப்பாவினும் அகவற்பாவினும் நிகழும். தொடக்கத்தில் ஒரு பாட்டில் எழுந்தவரும் முனைப்பான எண்ண மொன்றைப் பின்பு முடிவில் எழும் வேறொரு எண்ணத் துடன் தொடர்வுபடுத்தவதற்கே கூன் உபயோகமாகிறது. இவற்றுள் ‘அதா அன்ம’, ‘எனவாங்கு’, ‘ஆங்கனி’, ‘ஆங்கு’ என்பன சிறப்பாகப் பலவிடங்களில் வந்தன. இவை கூன்கள். இன்னுமொன்று கூற உண்டு. தமிழ் கெடுங்கணக்குகளில் “ங” வரி எழுத்துகள் ஒன்றேனும் பழைய இலக்கியங்களில் பாவிக்கப்பட்டதாகவில்லை. ஏறக்குறையப் பத்தாம் நூற்றாண்டு வரையும் இப்படியே வந்திருக்கிறது. ‘அங்கனம், இங்கனம், உங்கனம், எங்கனம்’ என்னும் சொற்களுக்கு முறையே ‘அங்கனம், இங்கனம், உங்கனம், எங்கனம்’ என்னும் பதங்கள் வழங்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. ஆகவே, நகரவொற்ற மாதிரிமே உபயோகிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இதனை அறிந்தன்றே அவ்வையாரும் “ஙப்போல்வளை” என்றார். இந்த ‘ங’ வும் ஒரு கூன் வடிவுடையதென்பதை வாசகர் இதற்கிடையில் உணர்ந்திருப்பர். இந்த நகரவொற்றிற்கும் சம்பந்தப்படுத்தும் தொழிலே உடைத்து. அகா முதலாய பன்னிருபிராயும், ககர வரி உயிர்மெய்களையும், சகர வரியாதியவற்றுடன் சம்பந்தப்படுத்துவது ‘ங’ என்னும் ஒரே ஒரு எழுத்தே. இதுவும் கூன் போன்று குடங்கைய வடிவுடையது. ஆதலின், சந்துசெய்ய வரும் கூனையும் கூனரையும் கவனியுங்கள்!

Y. M. C. A.

The following are some of the activities of the "Y" during this term.

On Sunday mornings two groups of students meet regularly for Bible study. One group, comprising of the Inters, Post Matriculates, and the Matriculates has had the opportunity of studying the lives of the Prophets, while the other comprising of the 1st five Forms meets in the "Y" chapel and studies certain portions of the Bible. The former is conducted by Rev. S. K. Bunker, while the latter is under Mr. E. J. J. Niles. Our thanks are due to them.

We have had three public lectures this term. Mr. S. Thuraisingham, Divisional Agricultural Instructor, Jaffna, spoke on "Rural Agricultural Upliftment", Mr. A. M. Brodie of the College Staff spoke on "The Trial of Jesus Christ", and Rev. C. F. Graves of Galle gave a religious address.

Our Devotional meetings have been held regularly at the "Y" chapel, two of the leaders being Rev. R. C. P. Welch and Mr. A. C. Thambirajah.

Mr. C. S. Ponnudurai and the Secretary represented the J. C. "Y" at the Y. M. C. A. Area Conference held in Colombo in June. As members of this organization we have had the privilege of having connections with our mother organization and also with the Student Christian Movement. At this conference was discussed many a vital question pertaining to the youth of today. The value of this conference is now being realised, and we hope in future that more will represent us at such conferences.

The annual Eluvativu Expedition took place on the 28th of July, ably managed by the Missionary

Committee Chairman, Mr. R. J. Thurairajah. Our thanks are due to him and others who have been helping us to make it a success.

The various committees are going on as usual with their work. The Games Room especially has been a source of attraction to many. It affords a pastime to many who do not take part in the outdoor activities.

SAM. S. SATHASEEVAN,
Hony. Secy.

THE ACADEMY.

The Academy is a new name to the Inter-Union. At three successive meetings the revised constitution drafted by a sub-committee appointed by the old Inter Union underwent a number of amendments and corrections by the new Post-Matriculates and Inters. It is rather discouraging that the Inter Science students and the lady members are still keeping away, perhaps waiting for personal invitations.

We have had only one debate up-to-date, when we discussed the justification for the repatriation of Indians. At the next meeting, Mr. M. Rajasundaram of the College Staff delivered a lecture on "Socialism" to a full house. Our thanks to him. I must not fail to thank our Patron Rev. S. K. Bunker for the patience with which he presided over our meetings

Let me take this opportunity to express our thanks to Mr. A. W. Nadarajah, Secretary of the

Alumni Association for inviting our President and Secretary to the Alumni Dinner.

C. JAYASINGHE,
Hon. Secretary.

HOUSE REPORTS.

i—ABRAHAM HOUSE

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| <i>House Master</i> | Mr. K. A. Selliah |
| <i>House Captain</i> | S. Dharmaratnam |
| <i>House Captain for the girls</i> | Miss P. Kanapathipillai |
| <i>Athletics Captain</i> | K. Tharmaratnam |

The task of tendering the report of the Greens for the term has fallen on my shoulders, as I am asked to act as captain in the absence of our regular captain, K. Amarasingham, who left us last term.

The Green's report will be incomplete if his keenness as a captain and his general contribution towards the success of the house were not mentioned here. He was a model captain and always won our whole-hearted co-operation in all his efforts in bringing our House to a recognised standing and fame. During his time we won the Football Championship. We shall always keep his memory green in our minds and we wish him the best of success in life.

At the Fresher's Sports Meet held this term we swept the boards to win an easy and convincing championship. At the Annual Field Day we gave a close fight to the other Houses, but we be-

came third. Our congratulations to D. P. Jayasooriyar and George for breaking the record in Hop, Step and Jump and Long Jump by clearing 39 ft. 6 inches and 21 feet respectively. We are grateful to our girl members for having graced the occasion with their presence.

The singing competitions held on the Alumni Day failed to bring us any points, as our girl members kept out of the event. May I earnestly appeal to our girl members to place the interest of our House before any other consideration, personal or otherwise.

With regards to base-ball, we are having a good chance. We expected to play our matches this term but owing to Athletics they have had to be postponed. Our policy is to play the game in the best of spirit and face alike victory or defeat with a smile.

Our gratitude is also due to our House masters for their active co-operation and for the boys who displayed great enthusiasm on the field day. Our congratulations to G. Joseph on winning the Intermediate Championship.

Whether it be in Athletics, Football, singing or studies, Abraham House expects everyone to do his or her duty.

S. DHARMARATNAM,
House Captain.

ii—BROWN HOUSE

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| <i>House Master</i> | Mr .D. S. Sanders |
| <i>House Captain</i> | V. G. George |
| <i>Girls Captain</i> | Miss M. Handy |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | S. Sathaseevan |
| <i>Senior Baseball Captain</i> | S. Sathaseevan |
| <i>Intermediate Baseball Captain</i> | R. Selvarajah |
| <i>Junior Baseball Captain</i> | M. Veerasingham |

At the end of the first sextant this term we bade farewell to Mr. S. S. Selvadurai, our House Master, who is now preparing for his B. Sc. at the University College Colombo. Our best wishes accompany him. He will come back to us after two years, a graduate.

Mr. D. S. Sanders has succeeded him as House Master. We have not yet shown our new House Master what we really are capable of, but he has shown us that he is more enthusiastic than we thought he would be.

This term, as yet, has not been an outstanding one for us. Both in the Fresher's Meet and in the Annual Field Day Meet our place was a secure last. That all the following College records in the relay events and most in the other Track and Field Sports events are held by members of the Brown House is a noteworthy fact—Relay (Seniors): 4 × 110; 4 × 440; 100 yds (Seniors); 220 yds. Low Hurdles (Seniors); High Jump, Long Jump and Pole Vault (Seniors.)

On Alumni Day our girls did excellently well winning most of the music prizes. In the Oratorical contests, our boys won many prizes.

With the Inter House Matches in Baseball just begun for the boys and Paddle Tennis for the girls, we hope for a better state of affairs than is prevalent now.

V. G. GEORGE,
House Captain.

A note—

V. G. George, the Senior Champion in the Inter-Collegiate Sports Meet held recently, the record holder in Pole Vault, High Jump and Long Jump, the proud possessor of the Col. J. P. Parson's Cup—awarded to him this year "for the best performance" in the Jaffna Inter-Collegiate Sports Meet, (and for other achievements of his place read the exhaustive sports report) in his capacity of the captain of the Brown House has through modesty refrained from revealing to us his own achievements. We shall blow the trumpet for him!

Editors.

iii—HASTINGS HOUSE

House Master Mr. E. J. J. Niles
House Captain N. Selvarajah
House Captain for the girls—Miss L. P. Aseervatham
Athletics Captain D. J. P. Jayasuriya
Base Ball Captain A. C. M. Thawfeek

Here we are again at the end of the second term. As Captain of the Reds, I have much pleasure

in presenting a report of the successful programme of the House.

The excitement of Athletics enthralled our Senior and Junior members, who had to fight bravely without the assistance of the Intermediates and Pre-Seniors. It may be interesting to note that at the Annual field day, out of the 81 points scored by the Reds, with which we were runners-up for the Championship, not one point came from one Intermediates. The Hitchcock House, who were Champions, led us by two points only, which fact shows that if we had but one moderate athlete in the Intermediates, we could have easily swept the boards. Our congratulation to the Whites on their excellent performance! Special mention should be made of the ground record that was created by Jayasuriya, our energetic Athletics Captain, in Hop, Step and Jump where he cleared 39 ft. 6 inches at the Annual Field day, which was full of interest. Ratnasamy, the College-team sprinter, and Jayasuriya, were runners-up for the Senior Individual Championship, while Kurien did extremely well in annexing the Junior Championship for himself, with Rajandram also of the Reds, as the runner-up. We take a legitimate pride in the fact that the backbone of the College Athletic team consists mainly of the "Dangerous" Reds.

The main programme of the Base-ball matches is still before us and we are sure that our competent team will give a good account of itself.

In turning to the field of studies. I make bold to say that we have in D. T. Wijayanathan the most eloquent speaker of the College. He availed himself of the opportunity at the last Alumni Day, where he not only won the prize for himself but also added points to the House. Nor does the House

depend on a single Wijayanathan for its laurels- D. Thurairatnam, K. Selvarajah, N. Thevasuntharajah, and S. Rajendram also won prizes that day. K. Muttukumaraswamy, of the Reds, with his melodious voice not only carried away the prize for singing but also brought credit to the House. I am sorry that some girls of our House did not take part in the singing - competition, thereby depriving us of many points. In the class rooms we are doing just as well.

This term's activities clearly show the keen enthusiasm and active interest the House system has roused in the hearts of the students of the College. Standard of sportsmanship has been considerably raised. We are glad to note that the members of the Hastings House, especially the Juniors, show great enthusiasm in the House activities. Some of them actually took part in the activities, while most of the others turned out in large numbers and cheered their House with unreserved energy. I should not fail to mention the genial personality of Mr. Niles, our House Master, that went a long way in kindling the spirit of the members of the House.

This report will not be complete without reference to the encouragement given by our sisters. Whether it was a case of their presence or whether it was some money needed for the House photo or whether it was lending a red saree to decorate the Athlete's tent, their encouragement was never failing. When once it happened that one more boy was needed to run a relay race, of her own accord a girl member of our House readily offered her services. May be she knew that she was ineligible, yet it is the spirit that matters. It is indeed a matter for grief that competitions among the girls were not promptly run this term, for we expected our members to do very well.

Whether it was Athletics, Base-ball, Paddle-tennis, studies, or any other activity, Hastings House has played, is playing, and, I hope, will play its part creditably. "Perfect gain is the best of all, but if that is impossible, the next best gain is the perfect losing".

N. SELVARAJAH,
House Captain.

IV — HITCHCOCK HOUSE.

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| <i>House Master</i> | Mr. K. V. George |
| <i>Asst. House Master</i> | Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam |
| <i>House Captain</i> | C. N. Beadle |
| <i>House Girls' Captain</i> | Miss J. Strong |
| <i>Intermediate Base Ball Captain</i> | R. C. Thavarajah |
| <i>Juniors Base Ball Captain</i> | J. Jeevarajah |

Before submitting a report of our activities during this term, I must thank our former House Captain, R. Shanmugaratnam, on behalf of Hitchcock House, for the signal service he rendered to our House during his captaincy. Indeed we have missed him very much this term,

Coming to our activities this term, I can say with pardonable pride, that Hitchcock House has been the most successful of all the Houses. At the Freshers' Meet held recently we finished the race a fairly good second, and at the Inter House Sports Meet held some weeks ago, we came off with flying colours. Hitchcock House was renowned in the past for its perseverance to the very last, and this reputation was established on firmer foundations recently. Sheer perseverance has

been instrumental in our winning the much coveted championship cup. Our thanks are due to our representatives, who have been largely responsible for our success. Special mention must be made of S. Kandiah and M. Kantharatnam, whose devotion and enthusiasm were a great source of strength to the other competitors.

Base - ball matches have already commenced and the fact that we were given walkovers in the two matches that we had to play is testimony enough of our superiority. We can safely hope for the championship.

A Paddle - Tennis tournament is to be held among the girls before the end of the term and we hope that our girls will rise up to our expectations. The girls have now been given a strong leader in Miss Strong.

Last but not least, mention must be made of our success in the Elocution Contests held on the Alumni Day. In the Senior English Elocution Contest R. Thavarajah and C. Sivagnanam won the second and third prizes. In the Senior Tamil Elocution Contest V. Kanapathipillai was given the first prize and among the Intermediates N. Kugarajah dwarfed the other competitors. Our heartiest congratulations to them !

Now it only remains for me to thank all the members of the House for the willing help they rendered to me in the discharge of my duties. Our warmest thanks are due to our House Master, Mr. K. V. George, for the great and indefatigable pains he has taken to establish our reputation on firm grounds and to the other masters of our House for their whole-hearted co-operation,

We take this opportunity to congratulate our House Master Mr. K. V. George on his securing the Bachelor's degree in Arts.

C. N. BEADLE,
(House Captain.)

THE HUNT DORMITORY UNION

This term we have had a large recruit of freshers, but our meetings have not been as frequent as they ought to have been. The first regular meeting this term took the form of a ‘‘கதாப்பிரசங்கம்’’ by Mr. S. A. Visuvalingam on ‘‘சாவித்திரி சுத்தியவான்’’. Many boarders other than the members of our Union attended this meeting and we are sure they did not go disappointed.

As other events of importance occurred, the meetings became less frequent. The next and the last meeting was of a peculiar type. In this meeting some members gave some humorous extempore speeches on various subjects.

K. SACHCHITHANANTHAM,
Hony. Secy.

THE ATHENAEUM

Meetings were held regularly according to plans drawn out at the very beginning of the term. Three speakers were invited to address us and consequently we have had only two debates.

We are really proud of the keen enthusiasm evinced by our members who are a great help to us in bringing the meetings to a success.

Our sincere thanks are due to the speakers: Mr. D. S. Sanders, Mr. A. C. Thambirajah, and Mr. P. R. Ariapooshanam, who gave us interesting and thought provoking speeches on "The state of Jaffna College during my time," "Conscience" and "The Student Life" respectively.

The following are the office-bearers for this term:—

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| <i>President :</i> | K. Sathasivam. |
| <i>Vice-President:</i> | T. Thurairatnam. |
| <i>Secretary :</i> | R. K. Rajasenam. |
| <i>Treasurer :</i> | T. Marshal Hartley. |
| <i>Editors :</i> | { S. M. Jebaratnam. |
| | { A. Ratnasingham. |
| <i>Sub-Editor :</i> | S. Pathmajeyan. |
| <i>Additional Executive Committee Member:</i> | K. V. Navaratnam. |
| <i>Student Council Repre- sentative for the year:</i> | N. S. Ratnasingham. |
| | R. K. RAJASENAN, Hony. Secy. |



THE SCOUT TROOP

Even though no one has yet volunteered to become our Scout Master, we are still working on under the guidance of the General Scout Master, Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam. We hope someone will volunteer to lead us soon.

Our activities this term were not many. Some of us helped at concerts and functions. We had our usual meetings regularly on Wednesdays, but some were not able to attend them due to other activities such as foot-ball and athletics practice. We were unable to go out camping for almost all the week-ends were occupied with other events.

During the early part of July, thirteen of us including the G. S. M. had the privilege of attending the All-Ceylon Jamboree which was held in Colombo to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Colombo local Association.

The Jaffna Contingent was composed of five Patrols, one from our Troop, one from the Jaffna Central College Troop, one was a combination of the vernacular teachers. The fourth was a combination of our boys and Jaffna Hindu College Scouts and the last a combination of St. John's College Scouts, Kopy Scouts and one of our Scouts. The Troop Leader of the contingent too was from our Troop.

We all camped in the open under a few trees. The ground was damp, uneven and overgrown with bushes and thorns. We made the ground flat and removed all the bushes and thorns. After four hours of hard work we were able to put up our shelter of bamboos and coconut leaves.

One Patrol as I have already said was entirely composed of our Scouts. They put up a hut with palmyrah leaves. These leaves were taken from Jaffna by train. They were a cartload. This hut drew the attraction of many people. It was a novelty to them and they gazed at it with wonder.

Another hut was also put up with palmyrah leaves. This was the hut where our exhibits were placed.

Close to it were planted a palmyrah tree with fruits and two other small ones. These too were taken from Jaffna.

In camp we had an inspection of camp sites. We were in the blue camp. The whole camp was divided into four sub camps, each under a sub camp chief. Marks were given for neatness, promptness and smartness. On the first day's inspection Jaffna out of fifteen Troops in the blue camp became the first. For this we were allowed to fly a pennon for twenty four hours.

Coming back to College, we are now busy with preparations for camp fires, displays, and week-end camps. Even though we have not done much this term we hope to do more next term.

JOSEPH GEORGE,
Troop Leader.

THE ALL-CEYLON BOY SCOUT

JAMBOREE

With shining morning faces, we, the Boy Scouts of the Jaffna Contingent, alighted at the Fort Station at daybreak on the 6th of July. The Chief Commissioner of Ceylon, Mr. J. H. De Saram, and Mr. B. K. Billimoria were there and the "de-training", usually a mammoth task for the Jaffnese, was made easier by their help. Our bags and packages with a truck-load of palmyrah leaves were packed into a bus. As we drove through the streets of Colombo, the pedes-

trians eyed us, making out clearly that we "came from Jaffna."

The bus took us to the Jamboree premises which were in the Excise Grounds at Bullers Road. Scores and scores of gay coloured flags fluttered gaily in the gentle breeze; there was an unusual hubub in the grounds, and many Scouts were seen busy erecting their tents. Mr. C. Dymoke Green, the Camp Chief, greeted us with a Scout salute and some sweet smiles. Our Camp area being allotted to us, we started erecting our tents and sheds. Wearing by the morning's work we sat down to have our meal.

In the evening the Scouts proposed to do a stroll, and with the Scout Master marching ahead the Scouts followed. After enjoying ourselves at the New Olympia where an interesting film was shown, we returned to the Camp. Dinner over, there was a musical medley from all the harmonicas, violins and cymbals of the various Troops of the Island. Although it was not a sweet concord, it was pleasant. Then the loud speaker announced "Lights Out" and "sang" the lullaby, (if it can be called a lullaby) with a hilarious voice, and at 10.30 P. M. we crept into our huts for a quiet repose.

The shrill voice of the "hudoo" horn aroused us at 6 o'clock the next morning and with excusable reluctance we sneaked out of our hut. After tea, we started working hard for the Camp inspection. In the fore-noon we erected an exhibition hut made of palmyrah leaves and we set up a palmyrah palm on the side with "*nongos*" hanging in clusters. Inside the hut we arranged our exhibits. The various Camp gadgets and other arrangements made our Camp site a sight for the gods.

Mr. Thaddeus, Secretary of the All-Indian Boy Scout Association, was one of the visitors of the Jamboree. He was at the head of the Indian Scout Contingent. His duty was to inspect all the Troops of the Island and judge the best Troop for cleanliness and camp activities. We are glad to say that we came out first and received the coveted "Blue Pennon." The Palmyrah hut and the palmyrah palm attracted the attention of the host of visitors. Some good-humoured people referred to us by calling us "Pannangkodai" and "They come from Jaffna".

At noon all the two thousand Scouts assembled in the Arena. At the hoisting of the Union Jack 2000 hands rose up to salute the flag. The Mayor of Colombo, Dr. V. R. Shockman, then gave his address. He referred to the Scout Association as the noblest of all youth organisations. While he was speaking, the press photographers flocked in to "snap" the sight. The Mayor visited our camp area. One of our Scouts offered him an electric table lamp made by him out of palmyrah and coconut shell. Although the Mayor appreciated it, he was reluctant to receive it. He jokingly replied "I am afraid I might get a shock" (punning on his name). When we told him our difficulties regarding the Campsite, he said "It is the deficiency of the Jaffna man that makes him industrious." We were glad at this compliment.

It is interesting to note that the four days we enjoyed there were four days of city life. The Jamboree had all the conveniences. The Camp Post Office, the Camp Newspaper, Scout Shops, Mess Hall, and various other things contributed to the reality of the Jamboree City. The Excise grounds were no longer Government Head Quarters but a happy city crowded with tents, huts and happy Boy Scouts. Flags

and crests flew on the tops of the tents. Melodious music, powerful electric jets and the smoke curling upwards from the camp kitchens were attractive. Any commodity was available, laundry, barber saloon, Tuck shop, etc.

In the evening the Wolf Cubs held a pageant. This was well attended. To the public the Jamboree was a grand Carnival. It was indeed a festive occasion where the Boy Scouts from all over the Island grouped together to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Boy Scout Association in Ceylon. The lovely evening came to a close and the tinkling bells of eve died down. The visitors left the Camp. After dinner, a thousand voices blended into a sweet harmony and thus the Scouts gave a Broadcast recital.

The same routine of work followed the next day. In the noon the arena displays and the march past were rehearsed. At 3 o'clock came the most important item. H. E. the Governor arrived in Scout Uniform accompanied by his daughter Miss Joan Caldecott. The C. L. I. Band played a peppy marching tune and the two thousand Boy Scouts marched past H. E. the Governor. He took the salute. Crowds of people started pouring in and the arena was packed with a sea of heads. The various Troops of the whole Island depicted some native dances and industries. The Kandy Scouts gave an interesting item. Scouts bearing tea-bushes sat down, while the Indian women plucked the tea leaves. The S. D. rode on a horse without a tail supervising the work. Kandyan dances were performed and "kavady processions" were enacted by us. The other Troops illustrated the different modes of transport. The Governor sat with a smile of satisfaction and applauded joyously each item.

The finale depicted the life of the Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell. All the Troops combined to give this item. The Chief Scout's early life, where he took interest in camping, drawing, athletics and cooking to his colonelship where he distinguished himself in the army, was represented on the stage. The ashanti campaign and other acts were interesting.

The camp Fire was open to the public and was well attended. Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Rovers, Sea Scouts and Wolf Cubs squatted round the crackling fire and interesting items were gone through. The next item on the programme was rest and the Scouts went in to have a sound sleep. The morning dawned and we started packing our things to leave the place. Huts were pulled, rubbish was removed and the place looked clean. After four full days of rich enjoyment, useful instructions and glorious brotherhood and friendship, we bade good-bye to our out-station friends and left the camp.

R. C. THAVARAJAH,
Fifth Form A.

PHYSICAL DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Second Eleven Cricket. At the beginning of this term we launched on an entirely new sphere of activity by training a team of Second Eleven Cricketers and arranging an Inter College competition for them. They were left under the able and energetic guidance of Mr. Jeevaratnam Niles and Mr. P. R. Ariapooshanam, to whom we are gratefully thankful for the lively enthusiasm and correct Cricket they have imparted to the boys. Our boys

met St. John's and though they were defeated they gathered a rich and profitable experience. They will be meeting Central a week hence. The idea of holding these matches was to find out the really good and otherwise latent talents who may do us good as First Stringers in time to come. And we are happy to find that there are some classy Cricketers among them.

Athletics. We had a series of competitions this year to enable us to find out new talents and to give spirit and drive to both athletes and would-be-athletes. There were three major meets.

First we had our annual Boarders-Day Scholars Meet on the 17th of June and it ended, as usual, by the day boys sweeping the board and winning the championship by a large margin. The Long Jump ground record of 19 ft. 11 ins. was broken by the holder V. G. George who did 20 ft. 5½ in. In Hop, Step and Jump a new record was created by S. Cumarasamy, who did 38 ft. 1 in.

Next we had the Freshers Meet on the 29th of June. Here again there was a keen competition. This year we included among the competitors even over-aged candidates who had represented the College at the Inter-Collegiate Meets. The idea was to give every boy a chance and to keep him in training for greater Meets. Here again the Long Jump ground record of 20 ft. 5½ in. held by V. G. George was short-lived and S. Ratnasamy broke it by clearing 20 ft. 6 in.

Finally there was held the Annual Field Day (The Inter-House Sports Meet) on the 12th and 13th of July. It was run on an unusually grand scale. The Houses erected their respective tents on the

Bicknell Field and literally "housed in" all their members. The girl members of the various Houses graced the occasion and cheered their brothers not a little. The Uduvil girls and teachers too came down in numbers and gave added grace to the function. They seem to have benefitted a lot by seeing our athletes in action, for they have since won the championship in a Meet held for the Girls' Colleges in the North. Our congratulations to them. Miss Beals honoured us greatly by distributing the prizes. This is the first time in the history of sports in our College when certificates were awarded for the first three places in each event. The Hitchcock House (White) won the coveted championship with 84 points. That there was a keen contest is evident from the fact that Hasting House (Red) and Abraham House (Green) who came second and third scored 82 and 80 points respectively. Several records were broken and new ones created on this day. V. G. George who won the Senior championship cup broke the Long Jump ground record held by S. Ratnasamy by clearing 21 ft.

In Pole Vault he broke his own ground record of 9 ft. 11 in. by going over a height of 10 ft. 5½ in. In Hop, Step and Jump D. J. P. Jeyasooria broke the ground record held by S. Cumarasamy by clearing 39 ft. 2 in. In the Relay event 4 x 110 Brown house broke their own record by running it in 52 ⅔ sec. We must make special mention of the three brothers, V. G. George, G. Joseph, and G. Kurien who won the Senior, Intermediate and Junior championship cups respectively.

In all these various Meets a keen contest was evident from the number of records broken. The

spirit of healthy rivalry that was displayed at these Meets is one truly worthy of commendation. Our thanks are due to the members of the staff for acting as ground officials at these meets.

Padder Tennis. We have started a Padder Tennis Court for the girls in their own precincts and trust that they will have the best out of it.

Base Ball. The Inter-House competition is now in progress and Hitchcock House is leading at present and will likely annex the championship.

Football. Football is now in full swing under the keen supervision of Mr. K. A. Selliah and Mr. S. T. Jeevaratnam. Our probables met the Old Boys on the Alumni Day and gave them a good game. We hope they will do the same in the Inter-Collegiate matches too.

Boxing. Boxing has been newly introduced and there is a lot of keenness shown by the boys to learn the art of scientific boxing.

What we lack. There is an out-cry that the sports activities are given undue prominence in schools, but in our institution it is the other way about. We find it very difficult to get boys down to the field to take part in games. Even the House Masters have experienced this difficulty when getting up a list of boys to fight for their respective Houses in Inter-House Meets. Sports has something distinct and profitable to give unto a boy and it is but fitting that the members of the staff should encourage the boys to take part in them. It was Stevenson who said, and rightly said, "What religion knits people so closely as common sports"? By taking part in sports students become better citizens, learn to

mix up on friendly terms with the rest of mankind, and are made to feel quite at home in the midst of any company whatever. This is not a trait that can be had by digging into books within closed doors. It is a self-evident truth. We admit that study should be given its place in a school but we wouldn't like that sports should be denied its rightful place.

THE INTER-COLLEGIATE AMATEUR ATHLETIC
SPORTS MEET

This big Athletic Meet of the North was held on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of July. We pitted our athletes against the very cream of athletes available in the other institutions of the North and we have every reason to be proud of our achievements at this Meet. Our regular training and the series of local Meets we had at College prior to this great event bore fruit at this local Olympic. Though we were placed second, we had a good bunch of individual feats to our credit. V. G. George became Senior Champion once again (this time bracketting for the honour with R. R. Scott of St. John's), by winning the first place in three items — High Jump Long Jump, and Pole Vault. In the High Jump event he still holds the Jaffna and the Ceylon Public School's record with 5 ft. 11 ins. and 5ft. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. respectively. In Long Jump he beat the standing Jaffna record of 21ft. 1in. held by A. Ratnasingham of Jaffna Hindu by clearing a distance of 21 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. This is just a quarter of an inch short of the Ceylon Public Schools record. In Pole Vault he broke his own Jaffna record of 10 ft. 3 ins. by clearing a height of 10 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. And to crown all this he annexed to himself

the Parson's Challenge Cup for his classic performance in Pole Vault and in Long Jump. This cup is "awarded to the Athlete in the Senior Division whose performance in any event is considered the best by the A. A. A. Representatives." Our congratulations to him. Our miler K. Kandiah broke his own record of 5 mts. 13.4 secs. by covering the distance in 5 mts. and 6.4 secs. Well done, Kandiah! S. Ratnasamy did his 100 yds. dash in 10.8 secs. In him we have a potential record breaker as the Jaffna record for this event is only 10.4 secs.

The Senior Relay events were marked by characteristic team work and we were placed no mean seconds. In the Intermediate Division G. Joseph beat the existing Pole Vault record of 8 ft. 2 in. held by K. P. Jacob (also of Jaffna College), by clearing 8 ft. 2½ in. We must make special note of the achievement of young G. Kurien who won the Junior championship in tip-top style. He won the first place in three items—220 yds., High Jump and Long Jump. It was certainly a feat worthy of high praise for a kid of his age. Our congratulations to him. As he is a potential Parson's Cup winner, we trust that he will make it a point to win for us that coveted cup which has been won by his brother this year, a few years hence. Well played, George brothers! St. Patrick's was placed first once again with 109 points to their credit. This is the 6th time in succession they have done so. Our congratulations to them.

ANNUAL FIELD DAY SPORTS MEET 1939

| Event | Name | Brown | Hastings | Hitchcock | Abraham | Record |
|-----------------------|---|----------|----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| High Jump. Senior. | George V. G. Jeyasuriya D. J. P. Rajendram P. | 5. 1. | 3. | | | 5 ft 9 in. |
| High Jump. Inter. | Ariaratnam A. Nadarajah S. K. Nesarajah B. | | | 3. | 5. 1. | |
| High Jump. Junior. | Kurien G. Rajendram N. | | 5. 3. | | | 4 ft 3 in. |
| Long Jump. Senior. | George V. G. Ratnasamy S. Jacob G. | 5. | 3. | 1. | | 21 ft. |
| Long Jump. Inter. | Joseph G. Rajasenana R. Thiruchittampalam. V. | | | | 5. 3 1. | 15 ft. 10 in. |
| Long Jump. Junior. | Kurien G Rajendram N. Selvarajah. S. | 1 | 5. 3. | | | |

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| Event | Name | Brown | Hastings | Hitchcock | Abraham | Record |
|------------------------------------|---|-------|----------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Throwing the Weight. Senior | Jeyasooria D. J. P. Nadarajah N. Gunaratnam C. | 3. | 5. 1. | | | 28 ft. 4½ in. |
| Hop, Step, and Jump. Senior. | Jayasuriya D. J. P. Jacob G. Tharmaratnam K. | | 5. | 3. | 1. | 39 ft. 2 in |
| Pole Vault Senior. | George V. G | 5. | | | | 10.5½ |
| Pole Vault Inter. | Joseph G. | | | | 5 | 7 ft. 7 in. |
| 100 Yds. Senior. | Ratnasamy S. Nadarajah A. Arulrajasingham S. | 1. | 5. | | 3. | 11 ¹ / ₁₀ Sec. |
| 100 Yds. Inter. | Theagarajah C. Thiruchchittampalam V. Rajasenana R. | | | | 5. 3. 1. | 14 Sec. |

| Event | Name | Brown | Hastings | Hitchcock | Abraham | Record |
|---------------------|---|-------|----------|-----------|----------|------------------------|
| 100 Yds. Junior. | Yoganathan R. Thevarajah S. Selvaratnam S. | | 1 | 3 | 5. | 15 $\frac{1}{10}$ Sec. |
| 220 Yds. Senior. | Ratnasamy S. Jacob G. Arulrajasingham S. | 1. | 5. | 3. | | 26 $\frac{2}{8}$ Sec. |
| 220 Yds. Inter. | Theagarajah C. Veerasingham A. Nesarajah B. | | | 3. | 5. 1. | 32 $\frac{1}{8}$ Sec. |
| 220 Yds. Junior. | Kurien G, Rajendram N. Yoganathan R. | | 5. 3. | | 1. | 33 Sec. |

| Event | Name | Brown | Hastings | Hitchcock | Abraham | Record |
|-------------------------------|--|--------|----------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| 440 Yds. Senior | Kanthatratnam M. Edwin Rajah A. Arulrajasingham S. | 3 1 | | 5 | | 61 Sec. |
| 1440 Yds. Inter | Joseph G. Veerasingham C. Theagarajah A. | | | 3 | 5 1 | 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec |
| Half Mile Senior | Kanthatratnam M. Kandiah K. Edwin Rajah A. | 1 | | 5 3 | | 2,20 $\frac{2}{3}$ Sec. |
| Mile Senior | Kandiah K. Nadarajah A. Karunaratnam S. | 1 | | 5 | 3 | 5.17 Sec. |
| Hurdles 120 Yds. Senior | Nadarajah N. Tharmaratnam K. Kanagendram N. | 5 | | 1 | 3 | 19. Sec. |
| Hurdles 100 Yds. Inter | Nadarajah S. K. Nesarajah B. Ratnasingham A. | | 1 | 5 | 3. | |

| Event | Name | Brown | Hastings | Hitchcock | Abraham | Record |
|-------------------------------|--|-------|----------|-----------|---------|------------------------|
| Hurdles 220 Yds. Senior | Nadarajah. N. Kandiah, K. Kanagendram N. | 5 | | 3 1 | | 31 Sec. |
| Relay 4 x 110 Senior | Brown House Hastings House Hitchcock House | 7 | 5 | 3 | | 52 $\frac{4}{8}$ Sec. |
| Relay 4 x 220 Inter | Abraham House Abraham House Hitchcock House | | | 3 | 7 5 | 2 13 Sec. |
| Relay 4 x 110 Junior | Hastings House Abraham House Hitchcock House | | 7 | 3 | 5 | 1.7 $\frac{3}{8}$ Sec. |
| Relay 4 x 440 Senior | Hastings House Brown House Hitchcock House | 5 | 7 | 3 | | |
| Obstacle Relay Post Senior | Hitchcock House Hastings House Brown House | 3 | 5 | 7 | | |

| Event | Name | Brown | Hastings | Hitchcock | Abraham | Record |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------|----------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Medley Relay Post Senior | Hitchcock House Hastings House Abraham House | | 5 | 7 | 3 | |
| Pillow Fight Post Senior | Namsivayagam B. Kandadas K. Mahesan N. | 3 | | 5 1 | | |
| Blind Mar.'s Buff Post Senior | Mahesan N. | | | 5 | | |
| | Total . . . | 56 | 82 | 84 | 80 | |

JAFFNA COLLEGE

TRACK AND FIELD

Records

| EVENT | NAME | RECORD | YEAR |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------|
| 100 yds. | J. C. Arulampalam | 11 sec. | 1926 |
| | R. J. Thurairajah | " | 1930 |
| | U. Rajadurai | " | 1932 |
| | V. Selvaratnam | " | 1938 |
| | V. G. George | " | 1938 |
| 200 yds. | J. C. Arulampalam | 25 sec. | 1926 |
| 440 yds. | J. C. Arulampalam | 55 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec. | 1926 |
| Half mile | T. Visuvalingam | 2 min. 12 sec. | 1926 |
| Mile | K. Kandiah | 5 min. 17 sec | 1939 |
| Hurdles 120 yds. | G. C. T. Rajanayagam | 17 $\frac{1}{5}$ sec. | 1933 |
| „ 220 yds. | N. Nadarajah | 31 sec. | 1939 |
| Relay 4 x 110 | Brown House | 52 $\frac{4}{5}$ sec. | 1939 |
| Relay 4 x 440 | Brown House | 4 min. 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ sec. | 1938 |
| High Jump | V. G. George | 6 ft. 1 in. | 1938 |
| Long Jump | V. G. George | 21 ft. | 1939 |
| Pole Vault | V. G. George | 10 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. | 1939 |
| Throwing the weight | | | |
| | P. Manickavasagar | 37 ft. 10 in. | 1932 |
| Hop, Step. & Jump | D. J. P. Jeyasuriya | 39 ft. 2 in. | 1939 |

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES.

As I sit down to write these notes, we are in the throes of Education Week. From the teachers and Principal it brings a sigh, for it interrupts the placid routine of our work. I hear no sighs from the students, however, for a public lecture or a common function in the Hall or a trip to another school is always to be preferred to a lesson in a class-room. And we have been fortunate in our lecturers: Dr. Nadarajah, the M. O. H., and Dr. Chinniah, our local Medical Officer and interested Old Boy, have both given us most useful lectures on Health and have presented challenges, that I hope, will never leave our minds. We have had a talk on "Road Safety" from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, and we will be hearing from Mr. R. C. S. Cooke on Co-operatives. Whatever else the Week does, I think it must make the general public conscious of their schools for there are more school functions going on all over the Peninsula than one can shake a stick at.

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As I think back over other happenings of the term, I realize that most of them will be treated in other pages of "The Miscellany", but I must refer to some of them. The Jaffna Inter Collegiate Sports Meet has just been held and we were placed second this year. Once again St. Patrick's far outdistanced the rest of us. But we did not come away without our honours, for V. G. George not only tied for Senior Champion, but brought back the Parson's Challenge Cup which is awarded for the outstanding performance of the Meet, in this case the breaking of two Jaffna records. We also had the Junior Champion in G. Kurien, and I wonder whether we have not a record here of two champions in one family at the same time.

Alumni Day was again a great success. The generous list of prizes offered by the Old Boys keeps up the interest of the students in elocution and declamation and in singing. A splendid job has been done in remaking the Constitution of the Alumni Association. The dinner found ladies with us for the first time, and the site for it on the Y. M. C. A. terrace-roof was just about ideal. Too much credit cannot be given to Messrs. A. W. Nadarajah, R. C. S. Cooke, and E. J. Jeyarajah for focussing the interest and loyalty of the alumni on this day and its activities.

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Friends of the College who have not been in Vaddukoddai for the last few months will be interested to see the architectural changes. The roof is on the new Administration Building already and the whole will be ready for use at the beginning of next term. It is going to be a handsome as well as a useful building and it makes the facade of the College much more imposing. To keep it company, we have finished off the Y. M. C. A. Building. With these two jobs done, our new building is probably ended for a time and we must husband our resources for various kinds of equipment.

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There is only one set of examination results to report on; the January (1939) Matriculation Examination. We presented 33 candidates and 12 passed. The 36 percent that this represents is below the standard for recent examinations, but is still better than the Island average.

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Changes have taken place in the Intermediate Class. Mr. J. V. Chelliah, who has been helping us

out so effectively recently, felt that owing to ill-health the first few months of this year he should not try to carry on. Thus ends forty-three years of teaching service in the College, but it is far from meaning the end of his service to the College for he carries on as Manager and as Vice-President of the Board of Directors. Mr. Perinbanayagam has happily consented to forego his right to a place on the eligible staff in order to take up Mr. Chelliah's English work in this Class besides carrying on with his Latin. The College is fortunate in having him to do this work and to undertake it at this sacrifice. With Mr. Rajasundram also giving much of his time to the Intermediate Science Class, this Intermediate work is receiving the attention it must be given to be successful. The new emphasis on it seems to reflect itself in the larger number of students in it. There are 19 in the Arts and 12 in the Science Classes. Friends who remember the earlier days of the College will be happy to see this steady growth. I am sure; and they can help us by recommending this class to their friends, but they should note that admission is only by examination, held towards the end of June, unless the candidate has already sat for the Intermediate Examination.

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I will close with these personal notes. Mr. Oppenheim's friends will be pleased to know that he has found an opening for his fine gifts as a teacher of English in Doane College, Nebraska. He takes up his duties there in September. In September, also, his successor out here will be arriving. Mr. Stuart Wright, B. Ph. , M. A., will be joining our staff. His special qualifications are in English and Sociology, but he will also help us greatly with his interests in music, dramatics and speech. All friends of Mr. Bicknell will

be glad to hear that Mr. Wright was a colleague of Mr. John W. Bicknell at St. Lawrence University this past year.

With our staff, our equipment, and the students who continue to come in good numbers, there is no reason why we should not continue to move ahead in our work of education in spite of the cold winds that sometimes blow from the Department of Education and the State Council!

**THE
JAFFNA COLLEGE ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION**

NEWS AND NOTICES

Alumni Day.

A full report of the Alumni Day Celebrations appears in this issue of the Miscellany. It was a very eventful day and all the items of a heavy programme were successfully gone through. A very large measure of the success is due to the hearty co-operation of the Principal, Rev. S. K. Bunker, with us. Mr. Bunker is always ready and willing to discuss and work out the details of the Alumni Day and devote much of his little leisure time to attend to the business of the Alumni Association.

It is a very pleasant surprise to note the cordial manner with which the members of the teaching and administrative staff of the College cheerfully undertook the responsibility of working out certain

activities entrusted to them. Their thought and concern to make it possible for the Old Boys to enjoy themselves on the Alumni Day were factors which largely contributed to the success of the Day and this feature was observed and keenly appreciated by every Old Boy who was present then.

We particularly wish to mention the Scout Master and those members of the College Scout Troop who helped us on Alumni Day, specially for their traffic control work at the time the guests arrived for Dinner and also for their help and service at the Alumni Dinner.

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The Membership Campaign Committee

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association elected twelve Old Boys to form the Membership Campaign Committee and authorised them to meet as many Old Boys as possible in the area allotted to each of them and to collect the Association dues from them. One meeting of the Membership Campaign Committee was held at the residence of Mr. R. C. S. Cooke, the Hony. Treasurer. We thank Mr. Cooke for the rich tea served to the gathering then.

Mr. R. T. Chelliah (Araly), Mr. A. P. Jesudasan (Cipay), Mr. E. J. Jeyarajah (Jaffna Town), Mr. A. S. Kanagaratnam (Chavakachcheri), Mr. A. K. Kandiah (Tellipalai), and Mr. T. Venayagamorthy (Vaddukoddai) were some of the members of the Membership Campaign Committee who did splendid work and were able to collect the Association subscriptions which otherwise would never have reached the Treasurer's vault. They were also able to collect donations and induce many Old Boys to at-

tend the Alumni Day celebrations and were thus responsible for the large turn out of Old Boys on Saturday, 15th July 1939.

We are very thankful to these members for their active interest in our Association activities and for the excellent work they have done.

We are compelled to make special mention here of the work done by Mr. T. Venayagamoorthy, who was solely responsible for the collection of a large sum of money by way of subscriptions and donations. He had a very wide and difficult field to work in. His performance is very commendable and we and the Association are sincerely grateful to him for the splendid enthusiasm he displayed in this work for the Association.

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The Old Boys

Without the Old Boys there can be no Alumni Day nor Annual Dinner. Their sustained co-operation and attendance are the two vital factors that make possible an Alumni Day. Also we need money to run our show. We sincerely thank all the Old Boys who attended and took part in the various items of the Day, and we gratefully acknowledge with thanks all those sums of money paid to the Hony. Treasurer by way of subscriptions and donations. To those Old Boys who generously and quickly responded to our call for contributions towards the prize fund our special thanks. All contributions are recorded in the Treasurer's list which appears in this issue of the Miscellany. Apart from money donations we received a silver cup from Mr. R. Kanagasooriam of The Colombo Stores, Main Street, Jaffna, a loyal Old Boy, which gift we acknowledge with thanks. Last year too, Mr. Kanagasooriam gifted

a silver cup. We trust this will be an annual occurrence.

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The Miscellany

The Miscellany today serves as the official publication of the College and the Alumni Association. This year we have had remarkable success in being able to canvass and collect many subscriptions for the Miscellany from the Old Boys. To the new subscribers the Manager of the Miscellany will post the copies of the Miscellany issued for one year from now.

We have sent by post and delivered complimentary copies of the Miscellany in the past to many Old Boys who are not subscribers. This was possible through the co-operation and generosity of the Principal of the College and the Manager of the Miscellany. We have reluctantly taxed their generosity again and requested them to send complimentary copies of this issue of the Miscellany only to those who have paid their annual Association subscription for the current year, so that our members might have in their hands a full report of the Alumni Day proceedings and Annual Dinner, which appears in this issue. No further issue of the Miscellany will be sent them unless they send in the Miscellany subscription of Re. 1 to the Manager, Jaffna College Miscellany, Vaddukodai.

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Alumni Annual Dinner.

This year we appointed a Dinner Secretary to take charge of all the Dinner arrangements. Mr. E. J. Jeyarajah was appointed Dinner Secretary and he

is solely responsible for all the arrangements for the catering of the Dinner and its service. What a splendid success he made of the formidable job entrusted to him, will be whole-heartedly endorsed by all those who partook of the dinner. This year the task was made more difficult by holding the Dinner on the top of the Y. M. C. A. flat roof. A rich and entertaining repast was afforded to the guests and Old Boys at the Dinner and Mr. Jeyarajah can be justly proud of his performance.

Our sincere thanks to him and to Mr. K. A. Selliah, President, Jaffna College Y. M. C. A., for letting us have the use of their fine terrace and to Mr. R. T. Chelliah for the excellent lighting arrangements of the venue of the dinner.

One word of apology to those who gave their names to join the Dinner on the Alumni Day itself and whose names were not accepted.

Ample and frequent notice had been sent out to every Old Boy requesting him to send in his name for the Dinner. The catering of the dinner was given out on a contract to a caterer in Jaffna town, who was to lay only a certain specified number of covers. He refused to accept any more orders for covers on the day of the dinner. So there we are. Nevertheless, our apologies to those who were disappointed.

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The Register of Members of the Alumni Association

It is needless for us to inform the Old Boys that the Alumni Association is now under the governance of the provisions of the new Revised Constitution which was considered and adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 15th July, 1939.

In pursuance of the requirements set forth in Rule 3 (g) of the Schedule to the New Constitution of the Association, the Hony. Secretary is preparing to keep a register of the persons who are members of the Association.

The names of those persons which appear in the Treasurer's list herewith published, since they have paid their annual subscriptions for the current year, are taken over to the Register of the Association. To them all future notices and communications of the Association will be duly addressed.

But we have in our list of Old Boys of the College over 500 names. To them all we have addressed during the course of the year under review, 1939, very many communications by way of circular letters, copies of the Miscellany containing our news and notices, announcements in the papers published in Jaffna and by individual invitations about the activities and the annual celebrations of the Alumni Association. These various modes of notification have cost the Association a tremendous sum. Besides these, the members of the Membership Campaign Committee have at much expense of their own time and money endeavoured and met a number of Old Boys to collect the Association dues and to solicit specially their support and co-operation for the Association activities.

At the moment, we feel justified that in future we shall send out notices and communications to only those Old Boys whose names appear in our Register of Members of the Association.

We would then earnestly solicit every Old Student of the College to send in his name to the Secretary with the Association subscription of

Re. 1 for the current year and thus have his name inscribed in the Register of Members of the Jaffna College Alumni Association.

A. W. Nadarajah,
Hony. Secretary.
J. C. A. A.

**THE
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ALUMNI DAY 1939.

The Alumni Day Celebrations and the Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna College Alumni Association came off this year on Saturday, 15th July at the College Campus at Vaddukodai.

Tennis.

At 7.00 in the morning there was a tennis tournament between the Old Boys' team and the members of the College Tennis Club. A number of lively events were played. Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam, an Old Boy and the well known and brilliant tennis player, was in charge of the Old Boys' team. The court arrangements were excellent. Immediately after the tennis events, morning tea was served to all the Old Boys who were present there. Mr. C. C. Kanapathipillai, the Hony. Secretary of the College Tennis Club, was responsible for these fine arrangements.

Thanksgiving Service.

At 9.30 a. m. the Old Boys assembled in the Ottley Hall for a Thanksgiving Service. Mr. B. C. D. Mather, B. D., was in charge of the service. Mr. C. S. Ponnudurai offered the prayers. Miss J.

W. Strong presided at the organ. Mr. Mather delivered a thought-provoking address.

Elocution Contests.

The Service was followed by the Elocution Contests held for the students of the College. Mr. T. H. Crossette, M. A., J. P., retired Vice-Principal of St. John's College, Jaffna, and a distinguished Old Boy of our College, presided. Messrs. T. H. Crossette, S. A. Nathan and J. F. Ponnambalam were the judges for the contests held in English and Rev. G. D. Thomas, Mr. T. Venayagamoorthy and Mr. A. K. Kandiah were the judges for the Tamil items. This year the students of the Senior groups in the English and Tamil contests had to draw lots for the subjects to be assigned to them and they were given only twenty-four hours to prepare the same. In spite of these stringent conditions, the students of this group gave a very good account of themselves. Special mention must be made here of the students who took part in the Intermediate group of the Tamil Elocution Contests. Their performance was brilliant.

The prize winners of these Elocution Contests are: —

Senior English Elocution.

First : D. T. Wijeyanathan
 Second : R. Thavarajah
 Third : C. Sivagnanam

Intermediate English Declamation

First : V. Buvanasundram
 Second : D. Thurairatnam
 Third : K. Selvarajan

Junior English Declamation

First : Reginald Appadurai

Second : N. Thevasundrarajah
 Third : Henry Worthington

Senior Tamil Elocution

First : V. Kanapathippillai
 Second : Edwin Rajah

Intermediate Tamil Declamation.

First : A. Kugarajah
 Second : M. Satchithanantham
 Third : V. Buvanasundram

Junior Tamil Declamation

First : A. Kandasamy
 Second : N. Rajendram
 Third : A. Vivekanantham

At the close of the contests, Mr. T. H. Crossette addressed the assembly. He referred to some interesting reminiscences of his own College days.

College Lunch.

Soon after the contests at 12.30 noon all the Old Boys gathered in the College Dining Hall for lunch. About seventy Old Boys sat for lunch. Mr. S. R. Beadle, the Boarding Master of the College and an Old Boy, had thoughtfully, and with his characteristic attention to detail, seen to the lunch arrangements. It was a very appetizing and tasty meal and was richly enjoyed both by the vegetarian and non-vegetarian guests.

After lunch many of the Old Boys went into the College Library to rest for a while. Mr. K. Selalaiah, the Librarian of the College and an Old Boy, received the Old Boys and showed them round the Library, one of the best equipped and superbly managed libraries in Ceylon.

Annual General Meeting.

The business part of the day's celebrations commenced with the Annual General Meeting held at 2.00 p. m. in the Ottley Hall. Rev. S. K. Bunker the President of the Association, was in the chair. Rev. G. D. Thomas offered prayers. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 17th September 1938 was read by the Hony. Secretary, Mr. A. W. Nadarajah, and the Hony. Treasurer Mr. R. C. S. Cooke, submitted a report of the accounts for 1938 and these were accepted by the assembly.

A vote of sincere condolence was passed in respectful memory of the following Old Boys who had passed away during the year under review:--

Mr. V. Carthigesu, Chief Shroff, Mercantile Bank Colombo.

Mr. B. A. John, Ceylon Medical Service, Ratnapura.

Professor William John.

Mr. C. Kulanthavelu, Advocate, Point Pedro.

Mr. C. T. Tharumalingam, Advocate, Batticaloa.

Mr. C. Velauthan, Apothecary, Municipality, Colombo.

Mr. S. Velupillai. Retired V. C. Chairman, Araly South.

The New Revised Constitution was considered and adopted by the assembly.

The following were elected office-bearers under the new constitution for the ensuing year:--

President: The Rev. Sydney K. Bunker, B. A., B. D., B. Litt. (Oxon).

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Thampoe Buell, J. P., K. I. H.
Mr. T. H. Crossette, M. A., J. P.

Mr. C. S. R. Singham B. A.
 Mr. A. C. Sundrampillai, B. Sc.
Hony. Secretary: Mr. A. W. Nadarajah.
Hony. Treasurer: Mr. R. C. S. Cooke.

Executive Committee:

The Office-Bearers and Mr. A. M. Brodie, Mr. V. C. Cathiravelu, Dr. S. K. Chinniah, Mr. E. J. Jeyarajah, Mr. S. R. Kanaganayagam, Mr. M. S. Nalliah, Mr. S. H. Perinbanayagam, Mudaliyar V. Ponnambalam, Mr. J. F. Ponnambalam, Dr. S. W. C. Ratneser, Mr. D. S. Sanders, Mr. C. K. Tambe, Mr. T. Venayagamoorthy, and Rev. R. C. P. Welch.

Auditors:

Mr. P. Nagalingam, Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam.

After the elections the following motions of which due notice had been given were considered and adopted by the assembly:

1. The members of the Jaffna College Alumni Association assembled at this Annual General Meeting request the Board of Directors of Jaffna College to appoint to the Board two Old Boys to be elected by the Alumni Association.

Proposed by Mr. C. S. R. Singham,
 Seconded by Dr. S. K. Chinniah.

2. The members of the Jaffna College Alumni Association assembled at this Annual General Meeting request the Board of Directors of Jaffna College to make possible the appointment of non-Christian teachers to the Faculty of the College.

Proposed by Mr. C. S. R. Singham
 Seconded by Mr. T. H. Crossette.

At the New Business time the matters pertaining to the Bicknell Memorial Fund were discussed.

Letters from the trustee of the Bicknell Memorial Fund, Malaya, and the Hony. Treasurer, J. C., O. B. A. Colombo, were read. Whether a Clock Tower would be the best form for the memorial was discussed. Messrs. T. Buell and C. O. Elias spoke on this topic. Later Dr. S. K. Chinniah proposed and Dr. S. W. C. Ratneser seconded that the details of the Bicknell Memorial Fund be worked out by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association. This resolution was adopted by the assembly.

The President Rev. Bunker then delivered his address. He dealt with various matters relating to the College and the Old Boys.

President's Tea.

After the General Meeting, the Old Boys went over to the Principal's New Bungalow where Rev. and Mrs. Bunker were At Home to the Old Boys. The reception was held on the lawn. Excellent tea was served and everybody enjoyed himself. About one hundred and twenty-five Old Boys were present at this pleasant function.

Football.

A friendly game of football was played between the Old Boys' team and the College eleven. The game commenced at 5 p. m. Among the Old Boys' team were those who had in their College days been Captains of the College teams and some of them first rate star-soccer players in their time in Jaffna. A sprightly game was played. Mr. S. T. Jeevaratnam and Mr. R. J. Thurairajah made all the arrangements to make this event possible.

Singing Contests.

The Tamil Singing Contests for the students of the College were held at 6 p. m. in the Ottley Hall. Mr. Tampoe Buell of Bombay fame, a very distinguished Old Boy of the College, presided on this

occasion. Mr. V. Nagalingam, Proctor, and Professor Saravanamuttu were the Judges of the events.

The results of the Singing Contests are as follows:—

TAMIL SINGING COMPETITION

Girls—Senior Division

Ranjitham Sundrampillai

(Only one competitor entered for this contest.)

Girls—Junior Division

First: Sukirthaledchumy Ratnasabapathy

Second: Punithavathy Sundrampillai

Third: Manimekalai Visuvalingam

Boys—Senior Division

First: K. Muttukumarasamy

Second: S. Balakrishnan

Third: A. S. Ayathurai

Boys—Junior Division

First: R. Ponnurajah

Second: C. Sabaratnam

A special feature this year at the close of the Singing Competition was a contribution by the little girl students of the College. They entertained the audience with a variety of sprightly and intricate *Kummi* dances which were keenly appreciated by the assembly. Dr. S. K. Chinniah, D. M. O., Vaddukodai and an Old Boy of the College, was solely responsible for this very entertaining show.

Two songs were rendered by Elizabeth Elias, Monie Elias and Ranjitham Sundrampillai, students of the College.

Mrs. T. Buell graciously distributed the prizes to the winners in the Singing and Elocution Contests. Mr. Buell offered a few interesting remarks at the close of these proceedings.

ANNUAL DINNER

This was the formal important item of the day's programme. The Dinner commenced at 7.30 P. M. and was held on the flat roof of the smart new Y. M. C. A. building, where covers were laid for 115 including the guests. This was the first time in recent years when ladies were invited and there were about 25 ladies present including the wives of Old Boys and of the members of the College staff. The Rev. Sydney K. Bunker was the Chairman and acted as toastmaster at the dinner. He had on his right the chief guest of the evening, Mr. R. B. Naish, C. C. S., Government Agent, Northern Province, and on his left Mrs. C. Coomaraswamy, the wife of the District Judge of Jaffna.

The College.

After the loyal toasts by the Chairman, Mr. Naish gave the toast of the College.

"Whatever the defects in the British administration in Ceylon," he said "the heritage of liberty of the Press, religion and thought will prevail here." Jaffna College, said Mr. Naish, was founded by an American body in British territory, and it was appropriate that they should connect it with the heritage from both sources.

One of the reasons was that at that time there was stress and turmoil in England, when men were seeking for greater liberty, not in the matter of election, but liberty in thought, belief and religion, liberty to speak freely on matters of importance, and to print and write freely what they had to say.

"In these very disturbing times we live in, it will not be out of place to point out that the College of American origin standing on British territory

has a definite contribution to make to the world and with the Rev. Bunker and his staff, is likely to make that contribution."

In conclusion he hoped that Jaffna College would set an example not only to Jaffna but also to the whole Island standing fast to individual liberty.

Replying to the toast of the College, the Rev. Sydney K. Bunker said that they very much appreciated the remark by Mr. Naish about his confidence in the College.

They had had happy relationship with the officials and there was harmony and sympathy. They could carry on in that spirit. He referred to Sir William Twynam, a former Government Agent, who was a member of the Board of Directors of their College.

They however needed some encouragement from men like Mr. Naish as several devils were on their trail. He referred to unemployment as one of the devils, and the circulars of the Education Office as another.

In facing the very serious problems confronting them they needed men who were convinced of productive work with love for others than their own selves. They wanted each individual to come out of the College like that.

Ceylon.

Mr. R. H. Bassett, C. C. S., the Commissioner for the Development of Agricultural Marketing, proposing the toast of "Ceylon" said that there was nothing controversial about Jaffna. He had been long enough in Ceylon to appreciate it. Jaffna's climate was particularly salubrious.

There were not many changes except the new Municipal buildings. Ceylon had an extraordinary charm on the people outside Ceylon; all were full

of admiration for the scenery and the people. It was with tremendous pleasure that one came to Jaffna once a year. This was very noticeable in Government Service.

Every member of the Service outside Jaffna had always two reasons for applying for a transfer to Jaffna. They were that the water was bad and that his wife always ill.

Ceylon can be regarded as one of the best of places to live in and work in. When he, the speaker, returned from home leave, he sighed with relief to see Colombo harbour. But there was no better place than Jaffna to live in.

Dr. S. W. C. Ratneser, D. M. O., Kayts, a distinguished and very loyal Old Boy of the College, in a vigorous speech scintillating with frank humour replied to the toast given to Ceylon.

He said that Mr. Bassett was a paradox. He who presided in important Courts in this country was now hawking about dry fish. He who lunched with Governors now dined with Moplabs. He collected the products of cottage industries from the lower strata and sold them to aristocrats in England.

The speaker inquired whether it was not possible for Mr. Bassett as Marketing Commissioner to find suitable husbands for their educated girls. (loud laughter). That kind of work was being now undertaken to some extent by their pastors (laughter). The speaker referred to three devils: economic pressure, communal bias and privation and poverty. He suggested the adjustment of the system of education obtaining at present and the sinking of communal differences.

He urged the women to take part actively in social service. He knew of very many cases where

babies were neglected for want of proper food and clothing.

The Sister Colleges.

Mr. C. A. Gnanasegaram, a member of the College Staff and an Old Boy, proposed the toast of the Sister Colleges.

Miss E. G. MacIntyre, Principal, Kopay English School, who replied, said that as the proverbial eldest sister, Jaffna College, was always sympathetic and kind towards her younger sisters. Even in the matter of co-education Jaffna College led the way. Other colleges would do well to follow the example of Jaffna College. She said that it was the first occasion a woman was permitted to take the floor at an Annual Alumni Dinner:

Our Guests.

Mr. A. W. Nadarajah, the Secretary of the Alumni Association, proposed the toast of 'Our Guests'. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, C. C. S., District Judge of Jaffna, and said that Mr. Coomaraswamy was the finest contribution that Jaffna had given to the Public Services of Ceylon.

Mr. C. Coomaraswamy replied.

The Dinner concluded at about 11. 30 P. M. with the singing of the College song.

The following attended the Alumni Dinner.

Messrs. J. C. Amarasingham, P. Ariabushanam, P. W. Ariaratnam, R. H. Bassett, Miss A. Beals, Mr. A. M. Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. T. Buell, Miss Buell, Rev. S. K. Bunker, Messrs. J. V. Chelliah, R. T. Chelliah, Dr. S. K. Chinniah, Messrs. S. Chinniah, S. V. Chinniah, C. H. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. S. Cooke, Mr. W. P. A. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. C. Coomaraswamy,

Messrs. D. S. Devasagayam, C. O. Elias, K. A. George, K. V. George, C. A. Gnanasegaram, E. T. Hitchcock, S. T. Jeevaratnam, E. J. Jeyarajah, C. Jeyasinghe, S. Jeyaveerasingham, A. P. Jesudason, S. R. Kanaganayagam, A. S. Kanagaratnam, Mr. and Mrs. B. Kanagathungam, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kanapathippillai, Messrs. S. Kandasamy, A. K. Kandiah, M. Kathiravelu, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Kennedy, Messrs. S. Kirk, R. Krishnapillai, E. C. Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Lorage, Miss E. G. Mac Intyre, Mr. and Mrs. Mathiaparanam, Miss E. G. Murugasu, Mr. S. S. Muttiah, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nadarajah, Messrs. P. Nagalingam, V. Nagalingam, S. Nagaratnam, R. B. Naish, M. S. Nalliah, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Nalliah, Messrs. C. Ed. Navaratnam, V. Navaratnarajah, N. Navasivayagam, Dr. A. Nell, Mr. E. J. J. Niles, Miss E. Peak, Miss N. Perumal, Messrs. J. F. Ponnampalam, C. S. Ponnuthurai, N. Rajaratnam, T. C. Rajaratnam, M. Rajasundram, T. Ratnasabapathy, A. E. Ratnasamy, H. A. C. Ratneser, Dr. and Mrs. S. W. C. Ratneser, Mr. T. Ratnasingham, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rodrigo, Messrs. A. Sambandan, M. S. Samuel, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Sanders, Mr. K. S. Saravanamuttu, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Selliah, Messrs. A. J. Selvadurai, C. S. R. Singham, J. Sinnappa, S. Sithanparanathan, V. Sivasubramaniam, B. K. Somasundram, A. R. Subramaniam, K. Subramanian, M. K. Subramaniam, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sundrampillai, Messrs. C. K. Tambe, A. C. Thambirajah, M. I. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. M. Thurairappah, Messrs. R. J. Thurairajah, I. P. Thurairatnam, T. Venayagamoorthy, A. T. Vethaparanam, Rev. Sam. P. Vijayaratnam, Messrs. S. A. Visuvalingam, C. R. Wardsworth, D. T. Wijayanathan, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Williams.

A. W. NADARAJAH,
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| Somasundram B. K. | Tellippalai | 1 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 2 | 00 | | | | | | | 4 | 00 |
| Somasundram S. S. (Rev.) | Nallur | 1 | 00 | 1 | 00 | | | | | | | | | 2 | 00 |
| Subramaniam A. R. | Jaffna | 1 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 2 | | | | | | | | | |

**THE
JAFFNA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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If the name of any subscriber has been inadvertently omitted in the said list, please draw the Treasurer's attention to the same, and the error will be rectified in the next issue of the Miscellany.

For want of time we have been only able to draw up a statement of the receipt of monies. Since some of the bills have not yet been paid, it is not possible to give a statement of the expenditure in this issue. A duly authorised and audited statement of accounts of the Association will be submitted through the Executive Committee for publication in the next number of the College Miscellany.

All Old Boys are kindly notified that unless they send in their current membership subscription, their names will not be inscribed in the new Register of Members of the Association. The attention of the present members of the Association, specially of those who have not paid the membership subscription, is drawn to rules Nos. 3 and 8 of the Schedule to the New Revised Constitution.

We wish to thank sincerely Mr. E. J. Jeyarajah for preparing and drawing up the accompanying statement of receipts.

R. C. S. COOKE,
Hony. Treasurer,
Jaffna College Alumni Association.

ALUMNI NOTES.*(Gathered by Alumnus)***GENERAL.**

—*Mr. G. Crossette Tambyah*, District Judge, Kandy, has been appointed District Judge of Colombo.

—*Mr. J. P. Kanthyah*, Extra Office Assistant at the Puttalam Kachcheri, has been transferred as Additional Office Assistant at the Colombo Kachcheri.

—*Mr. D. Kanagasundram*, Chief Postmaster, General Post Office, Colombo, was made a Muhandiram at the last King's Birthday Celebrations.

—*Mr. P. Narayanar*, I. S. O., retired F. M. S. Pensioner, Chulipuram, was also made a Muhandiram at the last King's Birthday celebrations.

—*Mr. E. T. Gnanamuthu*, of the General Post Office, Colombo, has been transferred to the Post Office, Talawakele.

—*Mr. V. Somasundram*, Proctor s. c., has taken his oaths and is practising his profession at Colombo.

—*Mr. T. Chinnappah*, Proctor s. c., has taken his oaths and is practising at Gampola.

—*Mr. S. Thirunavukarasu*, Advocate, has taken his oaths and is practising at Colombo.

—*Mr. D. C. Singharatnam*, Proctor s. c., has taken his oaths and is practising at Jaffna.

—*Mr. T. Navaratnarajah*, B. A. (Lond.), has joined the tutorial staff of the Jaffna Hindu College.

—*Mr. J. P. Thurairatnam* has joined the tutorial staff of the Christian College, Kotte.

—*Dr. S. Saravanamuttu*, D. M. O. Pussellawa, has been transferred to Chilaw.

—*Mr. Chas. T. Stickney* has been appointed the

Manager of the Uduvil Girls' English School and of the Uduppiddy Girls' Bilingual School.

—*Mr. A. Rajaratnam*, B. A. (Hons. History, Lond.), has joined the tutorial staff of Central College, Jaffna.

—*Mr. P. Samuel* has joined the Municipal Clerical Service and is working under the Colombo Municipal Council.

—*Mr. M. Marnikam* of the C. G. R. has been transferred as the Station Master of the Chunnakam Railway Station.

—*Mr. W. I. Alagaratnam*, Irrigation Engineer of the Irrigation Department, Ceylon, has gone on long leave to India, Egypt and Europe.

—*Mr. W. Bonney Kanagathungam* has been appointed Inspector of the Agents of the Oriental Government Security Life Assurance Co. Ltd., in the Jaffna District.

—*Mr. T. Thillainather* has also been appointed Inspector of the Agents of the same Company in the Galle District.

—*Mr. W. T. H. Sugirtharatnam*, of the Irrigation Office, Nachchaduwa, has been transferred to Ambalantota as Irrigation Inspector.

—*Mr. J. Venayagam*, of the Registrar's Office Jaffna, has been transferred to the Registrar's Office at Puttalam.

—*Mr. S. V. Somasundaram*, of the Irrigation Office, Colombo, has been transferred to the Jaffna Kachcheri.

—*Mr. N. Rajaratnam*, Relieving Apothecary has been appointed Acting Apothecary at Vaddukoddai.

—*Mr. V. Thamboo* has joined the tutorial staff of the Bilingual School at Karampan.

—*Mr. N. Nadesan* has won a scholarship and joined as apprentice, of the P. W. D., Ceylon.

—*Mr. J. P. Nagalingam*, of the tutorial staff of the Manipay Hindu College, is undergoing a course of training at the Y. M. C. A. School of Physical Education at Saidapet, Madras.

—*Messrs. W. T. Hunt, George Evarts, and M. Jebaratnam*, who completed their course of studies as Sanitary Learners, have been appointed as Sanitary Assistants at Getahetta, Digane and Ratnapura respectively.

—*Mr. C. Kengaratnam* has been appointed Assistant Draughtsman, P. W. D., Dimbula, Talawakele.

Examination Success.

—*Mr. C. Kularatnam*, B. A. (Hons. Geography) (Lond.), F. R. Econ. S., has been awarded the Diploma of Geography of the Madras University.

—*Mr. L. C. Williams*, B. sc., (Lond.), who is prosecuting his studies in England at present, has passed his Inter Engineering examination and part I of his B. sc. examination in Engineering and A. C. G. I.

—*Mr. E. B. Anketell*, B. sc. (Lond.), of the Irrigation Department of Ceylon, has passed the Section C. examination of the Institution of Civil Engineering.

—*Mr. K. Kandiah*, B. sc. (Lond.), the Ceylon University Scholar, who is prosecuting his studies in England now, has secured the Mathematical Tripos of the Cambridge University.

—*Mr. N. Selvaratnam*, F. C. I. (Birmingham), has been made a Licentiate of the Council of the Association of International Accountants.

—*Mr. K. V. George*, of the tutorial staff of Jaffna College, has passed the B. A. examination of the Calcutta University.

—*Mr. A. R. Rajanayagam* has passed the Intermediate in Arts examination of the Calcutta University.

—*Mr. W. T. Gunaratnam* has passed the Intermediate in Science examination of the Calcutta University.

—*Dr. T. Visuvalingam* has finished his course of studies at the Ceylon Medical College and passed the final examination for the L. M. S.

Wedding Bells.

Our congratulations to the following couples on their marriage:

—*Mr. A. Gunanayagam* and *Miss Lily Raneenayagam Kumarakulasinghe*.

—*Mr. J. V. Thambinayagam* and *Miss Harriet Nannitamby*.

—*Mr. R. N. Nathaniel* and *Miss Florence Sugirtham Walton*.

—*Mr. Selvadurai Alexander* and *Miss Thangaratnam Sangarapillai*.

Our congratulations also to the following couples on their engagement to be married:

—*Mr. A. Rajaratnam* and *Miss Arudpragasam*.

—*Mr. S. Arumainayagam* and *Miss Selvaranee Navaratnam*.

—*Mr. K. S. Jeyasingham* and *Miss Marjorie Rosamalar Appadurai* (Both Old Students).

—*Mr. W. T. Sugirtharatnam* and *Miss Daisy Ramalingam*.

—*Mr. K. A. Coomaraswamy* and *Miss R. Kula-segaram*.

—*Dr. C. Ethirnayagam Lewis* and *Miss Yogamani Nalliah*.

—*Mr. A. T. Gunaratnam* and *Miss Atputham Gunapushanam Murugesu*.

Requiescat in Pace.

The death of the following Old Boys have taken place since the publication of the last Miscellany:

—*Mr. S. Veluppillai*, Retired Chairman of the Village Committee of Araly South.

—*Mr. V. Karthigesu*, Shroff of the Mercantile Bank, Colombo.

Mr. C. Velauthan, Apothecary, Municipal Dispensary, Grandpass, Colombo.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Retrenchment Commission & Teachers' Salaries.

It is not many years ago that the scale of salaries now known as the Old Entrants' Scale was introduced by the Education Department. When the managers protested against the scale on the ground that too heavy a burden was being placed on them, they were told that, these contributions being fixed, there would soon come a time when the government would pay a larger share of the salaries. So the managers were made to accept the scale. It would seem that as soon as the burden was shifted and the government was called upon to make a larger contribution, the government became convinced that a new scale of salaries was required and the New Entrant Scheme was imposed upon the teachers. Now, when teachers are protesting against the iniquity of that scheme, a more iniquitous scheme has been presented by the

Retrenchment Commission, and the Board of Education has accepted it. Although what is now placed before the country is somewhat of an improvement on its predecessor which evoked such universal condemnation, that it has been withdrawn, the features that vitiated the earlier scheme mar this one too. The quota of pupils per teacher has been increased. It is needless to point out that even the slightest increase in the present quota is beset with unwholesome consequences. It is no doubt true that, in universities and institutions of that grade, a class consists of hundreds of students and if the teacher in our schools is also expected to pursue the same educational technique and deliver a series of lectures to the tots of the Kindergarten, say, on the Montessori Method, then the class may consist of as many as the Retrenchment Commission in its wisdom wishes. But the essence of education at least in the lower grades of our schools, is personal attention and any addition to the number of persons claiming a teacher's attention will inevitably reduce the quality and degree of attention each pupil will receive. As we go higher up, one more pupil means a dozen more exercise books and a dozen more examination papers. The most tedious part of a teacher's work is the correction of exercise books and papers. Such work is necessary and a necessary evil as far as the teacher is concerned; at the end of term and many times during term, a teacher's patience is taxed to breaking point by being compelled to read the same answers times without number. Even one exercise book less, or one paper less, makes an appreciable difference to the school master. Hence, the increase in the quota of pupils per teacher is harmful in every respect.

The grading of teachers is another objectionable feature in the scheme under consideration. Grading is sought to be justified on the analogy of the Govern-

ment services. But the one condition that makes grading equitable and practicable in the government services is absent in regard to the teaching service—viz. unity of control and organisation.

A Class III clerical servant employed in the Hambantota Kachcheri does not need to wait for the death or retirement of a colleague in the same Kachcheri to get into Class II of the service. But a teacher in Grade V in Jaffna College cannot reasonably expect to pass into Grade IV unless death or retirement removes his colleague.

This seems to us the most formidable argument against the proposal to 'grade' or 'degrade' teachers. Grading, we repeat, is an anomaly in the absence of unity of control and organisation, even if it be granted that on other grounds it is justifiable. But that is not to say there are no other objections. The amount of heart-burning caused by one or two special posts in a school is notorious. So if it happens, as it is bound to, that two people of identical qualifications are in different grades, receiving different salaries, (or again if a man with a higher qualification finds himself in a lower grade), every manner of unwholesome rivalry will taint the atmosphere of the school. But even if we dismiss such considerations, there is the objection, insurmountable in our view, that in the absence of a homogeneous organisation of the educational service of the Island, grading will entail severe hardships on the members of the profession. We wonder whether the grades, as constituted after the scheme is accepted, will undergo any very serious change within the next fifteen years. It seems to us, an impossible attempt is being made to reconcile to irreconcilable entities viz.—grading by the state and control by private agencies. The logical solution to the

problem will be for the state to take over all the education in the Island and impose upon it some semblance of homogeneity. But such a step does not seem to be in contemplation. And if it should be attempted, we know a series of new difficulties will ensue. And we do not intend to discuss them at this juncture. We are only interested in pointing out the illogicality of the scheme now sought to be imposed upon teachers.

Support for the change in the scale of salaries now introduced is being sought from the teaching profession, on the plea that the scheme will have no application to those already employed as teachers. In the first place, the contention is not true, for every vacancy that will arise hereafter will be suppressed until the schools are placed on the new quota and the quota rule will gradually come into operation against teachers already employed. Further the present teachers are not interested merely in saving their skins. It is a matter of experience that the New Entrant Scale has adversely affected recruitment to the profession. The present scale is on the whole inferior even to the New Entrant Scale and the prospects of capable young men entering the profession hereafter are gloomy indeed.

The New Conscience Clause

The immediate significance of the New Education Ordinance to institutions like ours lies in the new Conscience Clause. This clause itself is the expression of a new attitude on the part of the public of Ceylon to foreign Missionary institutions. It would seem that the clause is designed to guard against two abuses—one, that the child of non-Christian parents has often been induced by considerations other than religious, to abandon the faith of his

fathers ; the other, that a child's ignorance of his own religion has often been exploited by the Mission school to induce in his mind a contempt for his ancestral faith and a partiality for the new faith. We cannot honestly say that both these fears are without justification. That many conversions owed their origins to motives of economic gain is amply proved by the fact that these converts joyously returned to the faith of their fathers once their economic status was improved. We are also personally aware that some, who rejected their faith without a full apprehension of what it meant, have harboured a sense of grievance against those who were responsible for the change. Speaking from the point of view of Mission institutions we should regard the Conscience Clause as a boon in as much as it will tend to reduce the two types of converts we have referred to above. The onus is now cast upon the parent to bring his mind deliberately to bear on the question whether his child attending a school run by a denomination not his own may receive instructions in the doctrines, morals, etc. of that denomination. If he so decides and authorizes the school to impart such instruction, he will have nobody to blame if things turn out contrary to his expectations.

We say Mission agencies should welcome this clause, for converts attracted by hopes of economic gain shed no lustre on the faith they embrace. And people who feel tempted to make such doubtful appeals to other people's cupidity are also to a certain extent restrained from letting their zeal outrun their sense of fairness, for it is a lamentable fact, that once we conceive a zeal for anything, we are not over-scrupulous about the means we adopt for achieving our ends. More important than all these in our view is the fact that fewer students will have any cause to harbour a grievance against their

Old School for taking advantage of their ignorance. A school defeats the purpose of its existence, if it sends out even a few boys who nurse a grievance against their Old School on the score of unfairness. Above all these, it is our deep-rooted conviction that the principle of voluntariness is of the essence of religion and any unfair pressure, however remote or indirect, exerted over a person's religious life is a violence to the spirit of religion. There is an old story that when two people, one an Oxford don and the other an ex-Oxford man, were talking about compulsory attendance at chapel, the don said that for them the choice was between compulsory religion and no religion at all. His friend replied that he saw no difference between the two. Therefore, we say that the new Conscience Clause is a boon from the point of view of the Missionary institutions themselves, for if people hereafter accept the Christian faith in Missionary institutions, the charge of undue influence cannot be easily sustained. We are happy that the report of the Lindsay Commission substantially endorses the position we have maintained in this note. In fact the Commission expresses the opinion that in certain circumstances the institutions of their own accord should, without waiting for the state to force their hands, initiate a conscience clause in their own interest. S. H. P.

The Board of Directors of Jaffna College.

We are told that a resolution was passed at the last annual meeting of the Directors that certain amendments should be made to the constitution and a committee was appointed to draw up the draft amendments. We are not aware how far the labours of this committee have gone; and recently there was a resolution passed at the meeting of the Alumni Association that at least two

members of the Board should be elected by the Alumni Association. It thus seems that after all some change may be effected in the constitution of the Directorate and we should also like to offer some suggestions of ours for what they are worth.

According to the present constitution the American Ceylon Mission is entitled to five out of the fifteen members. Whatever justification there might have been for this preponderance of the Mission when this provision was made, we see no justification for it today. The Mission contemplated by this provision when it was made is not the body today called the American Ceylon Mission. It is not our contention that, because the present Mission contains more "nationals", it should have fewer representatives. But we do contend that the interests represented by this new Mission are already otherwise represented and there is little justification for such a large representation to the new Mission. It is a curious fact that there is hardly any difference in personnel between the S. I. U. C. and the American Ceylon Mission today and in practice, though not in strict theory, these two bodies control the Directorate of the College. That they should have a voice—and an important voice—over the affairs of the College we do not question. But these two bodies being possessed of such a distinct ecclesiastical bias should not exclusively control the educational policy of the College.

Further, we are also of opinion that the College Faculty should be represented on the Directorate. The two new members elected to the Directorate by the Mission are two ex-members of the Faculty. We do not grudge them their election. On the other hand, we seize this opportunity to tender them both our sincere congratulations. But we do regard it as

curious that mere membership on the staff of Jaffna College disentitles a "national" to serve on the Directorate. The argument may be advanced that since the Directors are the employers and the teachers are employees it is somewhat anomalous for the same person to be for certain purposes an employee and for certain other purposes an employer. Rather than discuss first principles, we wish merely to draw our readers' attention to a very intriguing fact. This principle has heretofore been observed in regard only to "national" members of the Faculty. American members of the Faculty, even those who come on the three year agreement, have often served on the Directorate. So we are afraid the argument that inclusion of Faculty members in the Directorate will create an anomalous situation loses much of whatever force it might possess. If ever provision is made for the inclusion of a member of the Faculty on the Board, we are convinced that the right to elect such a person should be vested in the members of the Faculty. It will be plausibly argued that unwholesome competition and canvassing will result from such provision and that these ills can be obviated by nomination. Nomination does not necessarily obviate canvassing and competition. Instead of canvassing their colleagues, ambitious men will canvass the support of those who are to nominate them. Between these two kinds of canvassing one has no reason for preferring the one to the other.

Further, nomination makes the nominee cultivate the goodwill of those who nominated him so that he might be renominated. But if he gets into the Board, elected by his colleagues, it is then he will seek to satisfy. Though both have evil consequences, election has at least the sanction of democratic usage.

The claim made by the Alumni Association that they should have the right to elect two members of

the Directorate is a reasonable one, considering the interest evinced by our old pupils in the affairs of the College and the fact that the total strength of the Directorate is fifteen the claim made by the alumni that they should elect two of these members is a very fair one. It is certainly true that a large proportion of those who serve on the Board are alumni. But the Alumni Association as such is entitled to be represented on the Board and to have its point of view urged by its representatives. Nomination by the Board of members of the Alumni Association is a compromise that will not satisfy the alumni. We are convinced that a democratic constitution, which recognises the right of the constituent bodies to elect their representatives, is what the present time needs. The Alumni Association has altered its constitution and will soon have a list of alumni entitled to the privileges of the Association. So, it cannot hereafter be pleaded that the absence of a clear definition of an alumnus and of a reliable register of alumni makes it unsafe for the Directors to let the alumni elect their representatives. So, we would in all earnestness commend these suggestions to our Board of Directors.

Our Contributors.

Rev. Fr. Gnanapragasar, who writes on his special theme "The Antiquity of the Tamil Language," needs no introduction to our readers. The thesis he elaborates is new and difficult. Its very novelty staggers the reader. Nor from the nature of the subject is it possible to present it to the reader, ignorant of philology, in such a form as to be grasped by him without any effort on his part. So, we would ask our readers to read this article with patience and not to reject its conclusions without an honest attempt to test their soundness. The best mode of further testing the Rev. Father's scho-

larly work is to peruse his Lexicon to see how far that work supports the theories on which it is written.

Mr. S. Srinivasan is the Principal of Skandavarodhya College and an English Honours graduate of the Madras University. English poetry in the present century has changed beyond recognition. Themes hitherto regarded as lying outside the range of poetry, new verse forms, a new orientation are characteristics of contemporary English poetry. Mr. Srinivasan gives our readers a glimpse into this complex phenomenon called Modern English Poetry.

Diogenes prefers to remain anonymous.

ஜோவைவாணன் எனும் பெயருடன் தமிழ்ச் கட்டுரை எழுதி உதவியவர், எமது கல்லூரிப் பழைய மாணவருள் ஒருவர். தமது புனைபெயராலேயே தம்மை வாசகர்கள் அறியவேண்டுமென்பது அவர்விருப்பர். அவர்விருப்பத்தைப் பாராட்டி யவரது திருநாமத்தை நாமும் வெளிப்படுத்தாது விடுகின்றோம். கட்டுரையைப் படிப்போருக்கு அவரது ஆற்றல் புலப்படாது போகாது.

MATRICULATION RESULTS

- A. Mahesan
- * N. Vijayasegaram
- S. Manickavasagar
- C. Jayasinghe
- K. Kamalarajan
- * P. Sinnadurai
- * K. Somasundaram
- A. Choraningam
- V M. Jeevaratnam
- * K. Ramanathan
- R. Thambyrajah
- D. T. Wijayanathan
- Miss Rajapoopathy Kandiah

- * M. Sinnathamby
 - N. R. Jayaratnam
 - * S. Balachandran
 - S. Kumaraswamy
 - V. S. C. Ratnasingham
 - * C. Ponniah
 - * S. Thurairajah.
- * Private and Jaffna College.

NOTES FROM A COLLEGE DIARY.

Monday, May 15.

The College re-opens after the long vacation. Though our hearts warm at our meeting our friends once again, we feel the difficulty of getting back to normal working conditions after six weeks of leisure and play.

—The only change we see in the College campus is the quick rising of the walls of the new building, called the Administration Block.

Wednesday, May 17.

The devotional meeting of the Y. M. C. A. is led by the new Pastor of the Vaddukoddai Church, the Rev. R. C. P. Welch. We feel very happy to welcome Rev. Welch into our midst, not so much as the President of the Jaffna Council of the South India United Church and as one on the Board of Directors of the College, but as an Old Boy and a good friend of the College. We look forward to intimate and inspiring friendships with him during the four years he will be our Pastor.

Sunday, May 21.

The Principal is the Preacher at the Evening Service.

Tuesday, May 23.

At the meeting of the Round Table, Swami Vipulananda delivers a lecture on "Hindu Philosophy". Some friends from the public are invited to the lecture.

Wednesday, May 24.

The delegates of the Y. M. C. A., who attended the annual Student Christian Movement Camp at Richmond College, Galle, in April last, give their report at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A.

Friday, May 26.

The annual meeting of the Jaffna Native Evangelical Society takes place at Uduvil. The College is closed for the day to enable teachers and students to attend the meeting.

Sunday, May 28.

Mr. A. C. Sundrampillai of the College Staff preaches at the Evening Service.

Wednesday, May 31.

Mr S. K. Thuraisingham, B. sc., Divisional Agricultural Officer, Jaffna, speaks at the Y. M. C. A. meeting on "Rural Agricultural Uplift".

Thursday, June 1.

The Horlick's Malted Milk Company exhibit some advertisement films of theirs at the Ottley Hall. An interesting show altogether.

Friday, June 2.

Mr. S. A. Visuvalingam of the College Staff conducts a *Kathaprasangam* in Tamil at the weekly meeting of the Hunt Dormitory Union.

Sunday, June 4.

The Rev. Lakdasa de Mel, M. A., of Baddegama is the Preacher at the Evening Service.

Monday, June 5.

The London Matriculation Examination commences. The College is a centre.

—The College Entrance Examination for the Intermediate classes in Arts and Science takes place.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Arianayagam of India spend an evening with the Round Table. Mrs. Arianayagam delivers a lecture on “The Wardha Scheme of Education.” Mr. Arianayagam also offers some remarks. This lecture is open to friends from the public.

—Mr. Arianayagam delivers a public lecture on “The Gandhi Seva Sangam” in the Lower School Hall.

Wednesday, June 7.

The College is very glad to welcome its past Principal and friend, Dr. M. H. Harrison, Principal of the United Theological College, Bangalore, on a brief visit to Jaffna.

The Round Table entertains him at a Lunch.

Thursday, June 8.

The College is vacated in honour of the King's Birthday celebrations.

—The annual Teachers Camp organised by the North Ceylon Inter-Collegiate Fellowship commences at Hartley College, Point Pedro. A number of our teachers attend it. Dr. Harrison is the chief speaker at the Camp.

Friday, June 9.

The College is vacated to enable the teachers to attend the Camp at Point Pedro.

Wednesday, June 14.

Mr. A. C. Thambirajah, Assistant Pastor of the Vaddukoddai Church, leads the devotional meeting of the Y. M. C. A. We are glad to welcome Mr. Thambirajah into our College life.

Friday, June 16.

The Inter Arts class bids farewell to Mr. J. V. Chelliah as he retires from his teaching English for this class. The farewell takes the form of a Tea Party in the quadrangle. Though we feel very sad at the thought of Mr. Chelliah's retirement, we must say how deeply grateful we are to him for all that he has meant to us as a teacher. Adequate praise can never be rendered to this veteran teacher for his excellent and inspiring service given unstintingly to the College for well over four decades. His students can never forget his vigorously active and stimulating teaching. May he enjoy a well earned rest! —Mr. A. C. Thambirajah speaks at the weekly meeting of the Athenaeum Dormitory Union.

Saturday, June 17.

A Sports Meet between the day-scholars and the boarders takes place. The day scholars emerge victorious with 90 points to their credit.

Sunday, June 18.

Mr. J. Subramaniam Lewis preaches at the Evening Service.

Monday, June 19.

New Intermediate classes in Arts and Science are formed.

Wednesday, June 21.

At the meeting of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. A. M. Brodie of the College Staff delivers a lecture on "The Trial of Jesus".

Sunday, June 25.

The Rev. S. Selvaratnam preaches at the Evening Service.

Tuesday, June 27.

The Application Examination for the January 1940 Matriculation class commences and goes on till the end of the week.

—In the evening we hear the happy news of the success of Mr K. V. George at the B. A. Examination of the Calcutta University. Our heartiest congratulations to the new graduate.

Wednesday, June 28.

The Freshers' Sports Meet commences

Thursday, June 29.

The Freshers' Sports Meet is continued. Abraham House comes out first.

Friday, June 30.

The College breaks for the mid-term.

Monday, July 3.

Mid-term holiday.

—The Inter Arts Examination commences at St. Patrick's College.

Wednesday, July 5.

The Matric classes are re-shuffled.

—Some Scouts from our Scout Troop with their General Scout Master, Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam, leave for Colombo for the Silver Jubilee Jamboree.

—The Round Table bids farewell at a Dinner to Mr. S. S. Selvadurai. of the College Staff, who goes to the University College, Colombo, to prepare for his degree in Science.

Sunday, July 9.

A Song Service is held in place of the usual Vesper Service.

Tuesday, July 11.

The semi-finals of the Elocution Contests for the Old Boys' Day are held.

—Mr. M. Rajasundram of the College Staff delivers a public lecture under the auspices of the Academy on "Socialism".

Wednesday, July 12.

The Heats of the Inter House Sports Meet are worked off in the Bicknell Field.

Thursday, July 13.

The finals of the annual Sports Meet are held in the Bicknell Field. The Whites, Hitchcock House win the championship, with the Reds, Hastings House, a very close second. The Meet proves to be altogether a colourful event, with a number of records broken, and with the presence of friends from Uduvil.

Saturday, July 15.

The annual Alumni Day is celebrated with all glee and enthusiasm. Tennis in the morning, a Thanksgiving Service, Elocution and Singing Contests, Lunch, Football, Business Meeting, Principal's Tea and Dinner make up a delightful programme. The whole programme is rounded off with a dinner held on the beautifully decorated and brightly illuminated terrace-roof of the Y. M. C. A. building. What a turn out of Old Boys and how pleasantly they renew old memories and old ties!

Sunday, July 16.

The Rev. R. C. P. Welch is the Preacher at the Evening Service.

Thursday, July 20.

The first day of the North Ceylon Inter-Collegiate Sports Meet in Jaffna. The Heats of some of the events are worked off.

Friday, July 21.

The Second day of the Meet. Some more Heats are worked off, and some Finals too. Our competitors fare well. The College is closed for the afternoon sessions to enable us to go to the Meet.

Saturday, July 22.

The final day of the Sports Meet. Though we finish second to St. Patrick's College, ours is a

respectable second place, with George tying for the Senior Championship and winning the much coveted Parson's Challenge Cup for the best performance in the Senior group, and with his younger brother, Kurien, winning the Junior Championship. Our heartiest congratulations to the George brothers, chips of the old block!

—The annual Children's Rally of the Jaffna Council of the South India United Church takes place at Manipay. Though the Sports Meet keeps a number of students and teachers away from the Rally, the College is well represented. In the Singing Competitions, the Vaddukoddai Church comes a good second to Uduvil.

Sunday, July 23.

Mr. A. M. Brodie of the College Staff preaches at the Evening Service.

Monday, July 24.

The annual Education Week organised by the Education Department for the schools in the Northern Division commences. We start off the Week with a lecture in the morning by Dr. V. Nadarajah, M. O. H., Jaffna, on "Rural Sanitation".

Tuesday, July 25.

Joint Rhetorical Exercises of the whole College are held in the Ottley Hall. An interesting programme is gone through. The high lights of the programme are a debate by London Matriculation students on the Dowry system. Two girls take part on either side.

—Dr. S. K. Chinniah, Medical Officer, Vaddukoddai, delivers a lecture on "Infant Mortality in Ceylon".

—An Educational Film is shown in the Ottley Hall in the evening.

—The new Bishop of the Church of Ceylon, The Right Rev. Cecil Horseley, pays his first visit to the College.

Wednesday, July 26.

In the afternoon, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Jaffna, Mr. P. R. Krishnaratne, delivers a lecture on "Road Safety." At the close of the lecture, he visits all the Drill Squads in action.

—A party of students and some teachers go to Victoria College to take part in the Physical Fitness Display of the schools in the Division of Valigamam West and the Islands. An Exhibition of school work is declared open at Victoria College.

—In the night, there is the Camp Fire of the Boy Scouts.

Thursday, July 27.

Students go in parties to the Exhibition at Victoria College.

—In the afternoon, Mr. R. C. S. Cooke, Supervising Officer of the Co-operative Inspectors in Jaffna, delivers a lecture on "Rural Uplift through Co-operation".

—There is a Health Exhibition held in the College, organised by the students. Interesting and informative placards on health and diet prove valuable.

—Parents' Day at College. Late in the afternoon, a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association takes place. Mr. S. H. Perinbanayagam of the College Staff delivers a lecture at the meeting on "Child Psychology".

The Parents' Day programme is rounded off with an excellent Concert in the Ottley Hall. The Lower School provides most of the items which are very interesting. Dr. S. K. Chinniah's

kummi group give a successful repeat performance,
—Miss E. Scowcroft, Principal of the Vembadi
Girls' High School, gives a talk to ladies exclu-
sively in the afternoon.

Friday, July 28.

A Day of Excursions! The College is closed in the afternoon. Parties of students from the Forms go to Kilinochchi and Iranamadu on a whole day excursion with three of their teachers. Others go in the afternoon to Jaffna to see the Indian Art Exhibition held under the auspices of the Northern Province Teachers' Association at Parameshwara College and the Physical Fitness Display.

—The annual Expedition of the Y. M. C. A. to the island of Eluvaitivu takes place. A party of over thirty students and seven teachers make the trip.

Sunday, July 30.

A Song Service is held in the evening.

Monday, July 31.

Back to normal conditions after the Education week.

Wednesday, August 2.

The annual Flag Day of the Jaffna Council of the South India United Church is observed in the College.

—The Rev. Carl F. Graves of Galle speaks at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A.

Sunday, August 6.

The Rev. S. S. Somasundaram of Nallore, Jaffna, is the Preacher at the Evening Service.

Tuesday, August 8.

Dr. E. Forrester Paton of the Thirapattur Ashram

spends the day at College.
He delivers a lecture at the meeting of the Round Table. He also speaks to the Christian students at the morning chapel exercises, and addresses the Y. M. C. A. in the evening.

Friday, August 11.

A football match between the College Eleven and the Jubilee Team of Jaffna, ends in a win to the College Eleven by 3 goals to one.

Sunday, August 13.

Mr. M. I. Thomas of the College Staff preaches at the Evening Service.

Monday, August 14.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the College takes place.

Tuesday, August 15.

The term examinations commence.

Friday, August 18.

The College closes for the mid-summer vacation.
—The Administration Block is well nigh completed and will be ready for occupation next term.

THE MISCELLANY FILE

Thanks to our readers who responded so splendidly to the call for back numbers of the Jaffna College Miscellany. Our file is now complete but for number 2 of Volume 13—1903. We are still hopefully awaiting some Old Boy or friend of the College, at least from distant America, to send this missing number to complete the set for binding.

OUR EXCHANGE LIST.

The following magazines were received since the publication of last issue of the Miscellany.

Pasumalai Progress.

K. D. J. High School Magazine—Maurewan

The American College Magazine—Madura

St. Thomas' College Magazine—Colombo

Bottled Sunshine—St. Patrick's College, Jaffna

The Young Hindu—Jaffna Hindu College

The Antonian—St. Anthony's College, Kandy

St. John's College Magazine, Jaffna

Madras Christian College Magazine

The Aloysian—St. Aloysius College, Galle

The Madras Law College Journal

Nalanda—The Magazine of Nalanda Vidiyalaya.

The University College Magazine Colombo.
