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Our New Vice-Principal

K. A. Selliah B. Sc., Dip. Ed., (Lond.) F. C. S.
REMINISCENCES OF MY STUDENT DAYS

BY CHELLIAH H. COOKE, ESQ., J. P.

The Editors of the Miscellany have asked me to send an article giving a picture of the College as it seemed to me during my student days.

My years in Jaffna College, as a student, were from July 1875 until I graduated in June 1879. This period may in a way be called the closing of the tentative and the beginning of a "fairly established" institution.

When I recall these days, it seems to me that the College was of heavenly birth. Those responsible for the institution were men of foresight and vision. Christian education was the largest concept in their vocabulary. Any education that was not thoroughly Christian was considered by them to be incomplete. And so they planned devotedly not only to train the intellect but also to develop Christian character and to nurture the whole of the students' personality.

In order to fulfill the true purpose of the founders, the Principal and the Staff laid great stress on:

I. Moral and Religious Training. Prayers were held morning and evening each day, and special meetings on Saturdays and Sundays. Bible instruction was carried on daily, and Bible Classes and religious reading circles were organized for Sundays. The students were required not only to attend Sunday services, but also to write out synopses of the sermons preached. Special care was taken to maintain a Christian atmosphere. Attendance at religious exercises
was insisted on, because it was thought helpful to all students in their moral training.

**II. Course of Studies.** The course was broad in its range and varied in its subjects. The idea underlying the scheme was that the pupils should know something of everything in order to become useful. The education was of an all-round nature. In teaching, the catechetical method, and not the lecture method, was followed. Class work was called "recitation." The direct contact of the minds of the teacher and the taught stimulated thinking. This method ensured preparation of lessons by the student and cultivated in him the free and ready expression of his ideas. The study hour system was helpful. According to which definite periods of study were assigned to particular lessons, and the study hours alternated with the class periods.

The daily programme was:

Rising, 5; Gymnastics, 6—6.30; Prayers, 6.45—7; Class, 7—8; Breakfast, 8—9; Class, 9—10: Study, 10—11; Class 11—12; Leisure & Dinner, 12—1.30 Writing, 1.30—2; Study, 2—2.45; Class, 2.45—3.30; Study, 3.30—4.15; Class, 4.15—5; Prayers, 5—5.15; Leisure & Supper, 5.15—7; Study, 7—9.

At the end of my first year 1876, certificate examinations were organized. The papers were mostly set and valued by outsiders. The examinations were called the Preliminary, the Junior and the Senior. In addition to these, Public examinations were held at the end of each term, and the public had the opportunity to watch the progress made by the students. On these occasions, besides the teachers outsiders took part in examining the students. One interesting fact was that there were neither question papers nor were answers written; all things were done by
word of mouth. I may say that not only pupils but teachers were also examined by the public.

**III Physical Culture:** The students devoted every morning from half to three fourths of an hour in Gymnastic exercises, and as much time in playing national games in the evening.

**IV Discipline:** No corporal punishment was allowed. Delinquencies were punished by marks, fines, suspension or dismissal. Monitors were appointed for the various classes and they were expected to mark boys who were late, absent or irregular; the students of each class went up to the Principal at a fixed time once a week for what was called marks excuse, to explain their conduct to him. Unexcused marks were counted against the 'deportment' of the student and these were counted towards his standing in the class. The cases of those accused of graver offences were brought up before the weekly meeting of the Faculty and the culprit was punished. Each class was under a Superintendent to whom matters of discipline, leave etc. were referred.

It is worthy of notice that the unique feature of the residential system of the institution made it possible, to a great extent, to fulfill the true purpose of the founders. The College was wholly residential, even those who lived near the College premises were compelled to be boarders. The teachers had their residences either in the College compound or very near it. The studies of the boys, their meals, their play and the moral and religious life of the students were constantly supervised by some teacher or other. The Principal and staff set the students examples in fellowship and common endeavour for great things in life.
When I recall the days of my student life in the College I must say that some of the happiest days in my life were spent in the College.

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A PEEP INTO THE PAST.

We are obliged to the Secretary of the Jaffna College Alumni Association, Colombo Branch, Mr. M. Ramalingam, for the photograph which appears on the opposite page. This is a photograph of the staff of the College taken sometime between 1903 and 1905 when Messrs. C. H. Cooke and J. V. Chelliah were young men. All the men in it are so well-known that no comments about them are needed from us.

The Editors.
An Old Staff Group

Left to right Standing: Rev. J. K. Sinnathamby, Rev. W. Joseph, Mr. A. A. Ward, Mr. Arulanantham, and Rev. J. Bicknell.

THE TRIAL AND DEATH OF SARDIEL

BY M. RAMALINGAM

"Naples is being cleared of Banditti and even in Mexico the French are doing the country the good of shooting some robbers for the encouragement of others. But here in Ceylon, it seems, our great Coffee Highway is to be infested with a gang of bandits, while our Police fear to cope with them and the arms of our Military are rusting. The credit of the Officer Administering the Government, who is a Military man, is decidedly involved in the nuisance being abated."

These were the words of the Ceylon Observer, in February 1864.

Hardly a month had passed, on Monday, 4th April 1864, two of the most notorious Kegalle robbers were placed in the Supreme Court dock to stand their trial on a capital charge. They were Sardiel and Mamaley Markar; the former the leader of the much dreaded robber gang of Utumankande, and the latter, a Muslim who had assisted the other in all his crimes and had remained faithful to him to the last. When it was known that Sardiel was to be tried, the excitement in Kandy was greater than one could possibly imagine. Crowds poured forth into Kandy from all the adjacent districts and a good many had come from a great distance to witness the trial. The Court House was packed with Europeans, Eurasians and Ceylonese, and the court-yard was one dense mass of human heads. Nothing could be heard on account of the unceasing murmur of the multitude. Had not the Judge (Justice Thompson) sent Captain Drew with a force of Policemen to clear the whole place
and prevent people from mounting the Maligawa steps, it would not have been possible for him to have proceeded with the trial.

Sardiel was brought from prison in a chair. He was escorted by an armed guard of English soldiers, whose bayonets bristled in the morning sun. He was heavily chained, the irons being forged on him so much so that it was found impossible to remove them at Court. The Muslim who walked behind him with heavy chains hanging from his hands and legs, was also guarded carefully. As the prisoners were paupers, Advocates Messrs. Purcell and James Van Langenburg were assigned to defend them. An English speaking jury was empanelled with Mr. G. D. B. Harrison of Messrs. Keir Dindas & Co. as Foreman. The Queen’s Advocate, the Hon. Mr. R. F. Morgan, who was specially summoned from Colombo, opened the case in a very lucid and able speech. Nearly twenty witnesses were called for the prosecution. Though the prisoners were charged with the murder of Constable Sabhan, still it was felt necessary to refer to events, prior to the murder, to show that the deceased was justified in attempting to apprehend them.

From Mr. Morgan’s speech and the evidence gathered, it appeared that in 1862 a warrant was issued against Sardiel on a charge of theft. He ran away to Negombo, pursued. On an attempt being made to take him, he stabbed a man and injured another. The former afterwards died of the wounds; but Sardiel was ultimately taken into custody. However, he escaped from the Colombo Jail. Two months later, he was recaptured in Uturnankande; but, on the way to Colombo, he again made good his escape. From that time, he com-
menced his career of brigandage. In Kegalle, Utumankande and other places, he was a terror to the people. Gathering to himself a large number of desperate fellows he set law at defiance and lived on burglary and robbery. Warrant after warrant was issued against him, but he could not be apprehended. He treated with contempt the Government proclamation offering a reward of £100 for his apprehension. The Police were ridiculed and abused by the lawless gang. However, attempts were repeatedly made to take Sardiel prisoner. A force of constables from Colombo and Kandy resided permanently at Kegalle, with the sole object of capturing this Robinhood of Ceylon.

On 17th March, 1864, news arrived that Sardiel was in a house at Utumankande. Some Police Constables surrounded the house to prevent him from escaping. From within, Sardiel saw these men. He was heard to say, “These sons of whores are come to catch me. I shall kill seven or eight of them to-night.” The reports of guns were heard and two Policemen fell, one dead and the other severely wounded, while those nearby received injuries in the eye, ear and other parts. The man, who was shot dead, was George Van Haught, who lived with his family, in the neighbourhood. His father, Christian, a very old man, hearing of his son’s death, came running to the spot and exclaimed “As you have killed my son, kill me too”, and the next moment he was writhing on the ground with a gun shot. He died in a couple of hours. The constables and bystanders were paralyzed at this daring double murder. The second prisoner, who had been inside the house with Sardiel, was seen issuing out after this and no attempt was made to seize him.
An application was instantly made for the Military. Express coaches from Colombo and Kandy brought an armed troop to Kegalle. On 21st March, 1864, Sardiel was said to have taken possession of a house on the high road at Mawanella, only 15 miles from Kandy. Two constables and four others entered the house in which there was a loft. While they were inside, they saw Sardiel coming forward on the upper storey with a gun ready to fire; but, before he could have discharged his piece, Sergeant Mahat fired his gun and wounded Sardiel in his thigh. At this moment, the second prisoner came forward and shot at Constable Sabhan. He levelled his gun at Mahat; but the cap snapped. The house was then surrounded by the Kandyans (5,000 of whom were in search), the Military and the Police. The coach, carrying passengers and mails to Colombo, was stopped by Mr. Saunders, the G. A., and sent back for more troops. The house was set on fire. As the flames rose high, a Sinhalese man shouted to Sardiel to put down his weapons and come out. Sardiel, seeing no hope of escape, surrendered, but not until he had fired off all the guns he had at the people outside.

The defence set up by the prisoners' counsel was that the murder was justifiable; but the jury thought differently and brought in a verdict of guilty. The prisoners were sentenced to be hanged at Kandy.

From the early hours of the morning, on Saturday, 7th May, 1864, large crowds began to gather in Kandy, and by nine some parts of the town were filled with people, who had come to witness the execution. Kandyans had left their interior homes with their families and were wending their way in large numbers to the Gallows Hill. The road opposite the
Jail was occupied by a large crowd, increasing from an early hour, composed of men of all races, Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims. Englishmen, from the neighbouring estates, had gone to Kandy with the sole object of having a last look at the much dreaded bandit. Burghers had put off their work to have a glimpse at the man who had set the law at defiance.

The large gate of the Jail opened at about half past eight. The Fiscal and other officials stood ready to lead Sardiel to his doom. Rev. Duffo had been with Sardiel from an early hour, perhaps to prepare him to his end. A guard composed of about forty men marched from the Ceylon Rifle Barracks, under the command of an European officer. The guard which used to attend criminals to the gallows on previous occasions seldom numbered twelve. The soldiers bated for a few minutes in front of the Jail until Sardiel came out, when they were ordered to fix bayonets and surround him on all sides. Sardiel and Mamaley Markar were seen in the centre of the group, handcuffed to each other and attended by the Roman Catholic Priest and a Mohamedan Lebbe.

Of the two, the Muslim was the more affected, his face ghastly pale. They should not have been hand-cuffed. Criminals on their way to the gallows had never been handcuffed, and for Sardiel to attempt to escape when he was so securely guarded was an impossibility.

At last, the Gallows Hill was reached and the procession with difficulty mounted the top. The large space of ground looked a sea of human heads. Business had been suspended for the day and offices closed down, for clerks, merchants, lawyers and planters could be distinguished amongst the crowd, and several European ladies too.
Two of the Commanding Officers of the Rifles were observed at a short distance from the hill. It was generally understood that they, as well as a portion of the Rifle Regiment, were under orders to be there, so that, in the event of any emergency, they might act without loss of time. It must be remembered that at one time a rumour had gained currency that Sardiel’s gang was composed of some three hundred men.

On the men reaching the Hill, the handcuffs were removed from the hands of Sardiel and his accomplice and the death sentence was read by the Fiscal. The executioners, meanwhile, mounted the awful machinery and were adjusting the ropes over the drop, while the Military and Police stationed themselves round the gallows on the sides.

Sardiel then took leave of the Jailors and, assisted by the priest, went up the steps of the gallows. Before doing so, he received the priest’s blessing on bended knee. The Muslim knelt down before Mr. Templer and begged that his body be given to his relatives after the execution; but the request was refused. He then went up accompanied by the Lebbe.

From the gallows, Sardiel addressed the multitude in the following words: “Christian people, do not be foolish as I have been. Take a warning from my fate. I have done all this to gain a name; but what is the use of a name when it comes to this? Do not follow in my steps. Lead good lives.”

The noose was then adjusted round the necks of the two unfortunate men, and the executioners came down, leaving the two priests and the condemned on the platform. Everything was ready; the signal was given by Mr. Templer; and the bolt was withdrawn. The Muslim priest left the platform as
soon as the drop fell; but Rev. Duffo remained un­til Sardiel was dead.

Photographs of Sardiel and his henchman were taken by Messrs. J. D. Herbert and Co. and several hundreds of them were sold at 2s. each.

The two men died in a few minutes and at half past nine their bodies were cut down. The re­mains were put into two coffins, placed in a cart and dragged by the prisoners through the town to Mahayawe. Application after application had been made for the corpses of these men; but they were not complied with. To prevent any attempt at taking them forcibly a body of constables accompanied the cart.

There could not have been a single case which created so much excitement. Even after Sardiel was completly disabled and was in the power of his capturers, he was guarded vigilantly as if he were still as powerful as when he was in the Kegalle jungles. A soldier stood near him by night and day. The irons and chains were never removed. For about a week before his execution handcuffs were put on his hands; and it is well-known that after his ap­prehension, irons were forged on his body in a man­ner that rendered it impossible to remove them with­out the aid of a smith. Never did a criminal prove so dreadful and defiant as did the Kegalle bandit. At the time of his execution, he was only 22 years old!
MORE POPULAR FALLACIES III.

(With apologies to the shades of Elia)

1. That a rolling stone gathers no moss.
   Of course it does not: But why should it?
   Is it the *raison d'être* of a stone to gather moss?

   In my school-days I often heard this proverb applied to those of my contemporaries who had had the good fortune to study in more than one school. When my teachers chose to express their scornful despair of a student in these terms, there was also a sigh of utter hopelessness and finality that accompanied the condemnation. In all my innocence I accepted this hackneyed half-truth as profound wisdom.

   Now that I am older and have done some rolling about myself, I know how true the dictum is, but, in a sense, quite the contrary of what people usually give it. Yea, truly, a rolling stone gathers no moss; but always keeps itself burnished and bright. People trotting out the adage assume that a stone exists only to gather moss. No, truly by no manner or means, a stone, if it would preserve its purity and gloss, should always roll about.

   I had all my education in one school and could never resist the temptation to envy the lot of those who had been to several schools. To those of us who had been all along in our school, our masters were the very best that ever were or could be. Our library was superior even to the Bodleian and the British museum libraries; our buildings could not be improved upon; and if any new comer dared to contradict any one of these cherished convictions, he would be lucky if he escaped alive to tell the tale of his rashness.
We clung to those beliefs with fanatical fervour and never cared to know if after all there might not be some truth in the assertions made by those who came from elsewhere. But I must confess that there was one point in respect of which I at least had a sneaking admiration for these fellows who had been to two or three other schools before they came to ours. They had more knowledge of the world and its ways, more dash, more savoir faire, more sophistication.

They were less naive than the rest of us. I remember especially one fellow, a notorious rolling stone, who had been to about a dozen schools before he came to ours, who laughed uproarously at our raivette who stood up to our teachers and dared to contradict them now and again and was altogether master of himself to an amazing degree. Much as I desired to chastise this iconoclast who laughed our cherished idols to scorn and went about with a knowing air, I could not repress a certain degree of admiration for his manliness and his sense of humour.

Since my school days it has been my lot to travel about in different parts of the globe; and how I loathe even to recall the smug parochialism of my school days. Our teachers too had been spending practically their whole life in the school and made no effort to dispel the insular illusions we hugged to our adolescent bosoms. Rather, perhaps themselves victims of the same illusions as ourselves they deliberately heightened our parochial outlook. Our school was not like other schools. We had never been guilty of the mortal sin of encouraging our students to prefer cash to culture. We always stood for high ideals. We never crimped pupils. We never coached our students for examinations. We did not attach undue importance to ath-
letics. We always observed a due proportion in our attitude to the different aspects of our school life.

Some of these things were undoubtedly true. But the smugness and ignorance that lay behind these utterances make me squirm at the recollection even at this distance of time.

No doubt they were only ignorant and not wicked. But often ignorance is as bad as, nay worse than, deliberate wickedness. The law never pardons a man merely because he is ignorant. The Greeks equated wisdom with virtue. Bunyan himself sends ignorance to hell.

Insular and parochial loyalties come only too readily to men and few there be that battle against it successfully and outgrow its baneful influence. And if teachers too whose chief mission is to enable their pupils to cultivate an enlightened attitude rather foster uncritical loyalties and prejudices, what hope is there for mankind?

Perhaps reader, you are wondering whether I have not wandered far away from the rolling stone, no, not at all. All this is about the rolling stone and I shall demonstrate its relevancy forthwith.

My soul has grown weary with watching the moss that has gathered on the numberless stones in this country. When someone says, Koddaikadu brinjals are the best in the world, I know it is the voice of a stone that has accumulated layer upon layer of moss, that has spoken. When I am told that the Indian and the tummy-ache are equally unreliable, it is again a mossy stone that speaks or when a political orator proclaims that the Tamils of Jaffna are the inheritors of the noblest civilization
humanity has ever seen, I have no doubt that this voice again proceeds from a mind parochialised beyond hope.

I am reminded here of a friend of mine, an otherwise intelligent man, who would preface all his remarks be they about the most minutely parochial practice, with the words "all over the world—this is done."

I have heard him when insisting that eggs should be broken only in the middle and not at either end say that that is how things are done all over the world. If my friend is to be believed, all over the world, the hair of people's heads is always parted in the same way; all over the world the currency is in terms of rupees and cents, all over the world marriages are arranged by the parents of the parties and acquiesced in by the parties themselves. All over the world, at funerals women wail and men smoke Jaffna cigars; of a truth reader, I dare not tell you, all the things that according to my friend happen in the Jaffna style all over the world, for you will accuse me of untruthfulness.

When a stone rolls about it cannot accumulate moss. It preserves a shining surface and remains a thing of perennial charm. But when it ceases to roll, moss, the essence of stagnation, overwhels it and defiles it and labour is again needed to scrape off the moss and to restore the stone to its burnished beauty. Likewise, the untravelled man, a man who has clung literally and metaphorically to his altar and his hearth, is a stagnant pool.

When a man crosses the frontiers of his homeland and sees customs and codes and conventions that are the very antithesis of what he has grown up in, he is jerked into a consciousness of the con-
ventional arbitrary and local nature of much that he has regarded as universal, eternal and celestial. This jerk from the complacency of the home-bred often comes with the force of a blinding revelation, after which the scales fall off and the victim has a wholesomer intellectual life. Much moss may be scorched away by the lightning flash of the contact with a new mode of living or thought; mere physical travel often has the pregnancy of a spiritual illumination.

But that is not all I want to say in this content. It is not always given to us to go in the body to all the places we wish to. Yet no man has any excuse for refusing to familiarise himself with the thought of other times and climes.

I love my people and my language with my whole being. But the Tamil who has studied Tamil alone is one of the sorest tribulations I have to face in life. He is often the quintessence of crudity. I often entreat such people to study a little English or Sanskrit so that their minds might outgrow their crudity. But perhaps the pedant who knows only one language is not so mischievous a personage as the fanatic who knows only his religion. I shudder to think of the blood this genus of men have shed and may yet shed. Filled with a fanatic frenzy they go breathing out slaughter and threatening to all of all ways but their own. If only these men would let their minds roll about a little and endeavour to see what others have thought and said on these questions, they should surely scrape off a mass of intellectual moss.

Their parochial dogmatism will yield place to a wholesome diffidence which is always the mark of culture and enlightenment. The tragedy of human civilization is not that stones roll about too much
but that they do not do so often enough. And now reader may I hope that I have persuaded at least you that the deadliest sin against the holy spirit of human enlightenment is intellectual stagnation and that its deadly offspring is that attitude most offensive to sensitive minds, namely the boorish ignorance of the village oracle that puts on the airs of omniscience.

THE PRIZE-GIVING.

The Annual Prize-Giving came off on Friday, the 1st of March. The devotions were led by Rev. S. T. Aseervatham. A welcome song, specially composed for the occasion by Mr. S. A. Visuvalingam, (of the College Staff) was rendered by two girls of the Lower School. After the reading of the Principal’s report, prizes were distributed by Mrs. E. L. Bradby.

An announcement was made that according to the decision of the Student Council, the prize-winners had sacrificed the value of their prizes for the Red Cross Fund. They were given certificates in the place of their prizes.

Then the chief speaker Mr. E. L. Bradby, Principal of Royal College, Colombo, delivered an instructive talk on “The Purpose of Education.” A vote of thanks was proposed by S. Dharmaratnam President of the Student Council and was seconded by Dr. C. T. Chelliah. The meeting came to an end with the singing of the “College Song.”
THE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT.

Once again it is my privilege, on behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and the students of Jaffna College, to welcome you all parents, alumni, and friends of the College— to our Prize-Giving. To you, Mr. and Mrs. Bradby, I offer a special welcome, not only to Jaffna College, but to Jaffna and Ceylon. I am confident that you have already learned to love this friendly and beautiful land, just as we have who have lived here longer, even though we live in Jaffna.

Now Jaffna, as you may have discovered, is a much maligned place. Certainly life is not as easy here as in the south of the Island, but perhaps that is precisely why her sons have found a place in the life of the Island— out of all proportion to their numbers. Certainly it is with pride that this College carries her name. And we feel that we are entitled to carry that name, even though we are situated out of Jaffna town, since Jaffna College in her day has made a unique contribution to the life of this peninsula. For nearly a hundred years she was the only school in the Island at any time to prepare students for the Bachelor’s degree or its equivalent.

But that day is no longer here, and today we readily recognize several other schools as our equals in what they are contributing to the life of Jaffna. What the future holds for us no man can say in this incalculable world we live in, but that with our resources we should be able again to make a unique contribution seems clearly our duty. The foundations in the way of an able staff, good buildings and spacious grounds have been well and truly laid by our predecessors. It is now incumbent upon us, if we
are to be true to our trust, to build a fit structure thereon. Just what form that building should take is what must now engage our attention. It is no easy task for the needs of the future cannot be easily foreseen, nor, unfortunately, can those who at present officially control the destiny of education in Ceylon be wholly relied upon to lend a sympathetic hand to the purposes of a denominational school such as this.

I hope I may be pardoned, Sir, for wandering so far and at this length from the Principal's job of reporting on the year just completed at the School. Your presence here is a temptation to raise some of the larger problems of our work in the hope that you may be able to contribute some seminal thoughts to help us in the task ahead. For you, too, are engaged in the same task, even if on slightly different terms. Royal College, true to her name, has a unique opportunity to show the rest of us the way. Your approach may, perforce, be somewhat different, but I am sure that our goal must be largely the same. Our confidence in you has been encouraged by what we know of your background and your ideas already expressed, and in no way weakened by the quiet way in which you have gathered the reins and taken time to survey the condition of the road in a new land.

It is not necessary to try to mention all the problems, but a few, such as that of trying to give a liberal education in a language other than the mother tongue, can never be far from our mind. Another, and one which we at Jaffna College are trying to attack this year under the sponsorship of Mr. K. Balasingham, the President of our Board of Directors, is how to relate
a strictly academic education to life in a land which is and apparently must remain mostly agricultural. We are skimming the cream off our rural population, preparing all the best boys from the land for occupations away from the land, and, despite ourselves, fostering a measure of scorn for the life of a farmer even though society seems to have no other life to offer to most of them. Our approach will be through clubs — to encourage boys to follow up their natural interests, to learn better ways of raising paddy, vegetables, goats and cattle, and to show them satisfactions in this kind of life. Granted that this is only scratching the surface of the problem, we yet hope that it will be of use to those who take part and will help us all to see even better ways of pressing on to the heart of the problem.

We know that in your short time here, you cannot have studied all our problems, and especially those of a school in a setting which contrasts so much with that of yours. Yet we will be interested and grateful if you can give us from a fresh perspective some light on what we can do truly to enrich the lives of all who pass through our English Schools.

To turn now to the record of the past year, I think I am safe in reporting 1939 as a good year for Jaffna College. It was a fateful year for the whole world, yet the war has left us relatively undisturbed except for the effect of shaking yet more our sense of confidence in the ability of man to shape his life rationally. Some supplies are scarce, but all essentials can be had; prices are high, but we are fortunate in that the interest from our American funds continues to reach us and even helps to offset the rise in costs by getting us a better rate
of exchange than formerly. This is an advantage we would gladly forego if only days of peace which are peace and not a psychological war could be established.

The most notable event of the year was the appointment of our new Vice-Principal, Mr. K. A. Selliah. I wish here publicly to congratulate both him and Jaffna College. Mr. Selliah's personal gifts, his high academic qualifications, and his experience both here and abroad will find full scope in this position. I look forward to a happy and, I hope, fruitful collaboration in the years that lie ahead.

There have been a few changes in the staff. Mr. Stuart Wright arrived from America in the dark days of the beginning of the war and is already carrying a full load of work both inside and outside the class room. Mr. P. Ariyapooshanam left us after nearly a year as a dormitory master for full time and more permanent work at the Tellippalai Union High School. Mr. Luther Jeyasingham has come to take his place, and is doing some teaching as an excess teacher. The larger numbers in the Lower School have required the services of another teacher in that department, and Mr. Samuel Beadle has been appointed. Mr. S. S. Selvadurai has left us for two years to work for his degree at University College.

Our average enrolment during the past year appears to be the largest the College has ever had. As a result we have three more places on the eligible staff than heretofore, and have been able to transfer two teachers from the excess to the eligible staff, besides appointing one new one. The increase in numbers has continued into this year—we now have 636 on the roll, which is forty more than ever before. Of these, 242 are in the Lower School.
332 in the Upper School, 36 in the Post Matriculation Class, and 23 in the Intermediate Classes. The increase in numbers is chiefly in the Lower School which seems to indicate that the numbers will remain like this for a time. We are naturally pleased to have confidence in the College expressed in this way by parents, yet we are not unaware of the danger of numbers. We regret anything that makes more difficult what little individual approach the Education Code allows us to make to our pupils.

The Boarding Department also has felt the increase. All the dormitories are full, the Post-Matriculation boarders are crowded, and, for want of accommodation, we have had to refuse entrance to our Women’s Hostel to several applicants. We are hoping to relieve the present congestion somewhat before the next term opens, but if the pressure keeps up we shall have to do more building. The advantages of living in the Boarding Department are so great in a school of this type that we must do everything necessary to encourage students to come as boarders, whatever we may do about restricting our general numbers to those we can adequately care for. Yet, though numbers bring us problems, they also leave a most welcome measure of freedom to discourage those whose records show them to be misfits in this type of education from continuing to drain their parents’ incomes by persisting in this type of schooling. I believe we can safely claim to have improved the scholastic tone of the whole school in this way.

The loss of several names on our roll, however, compels me here to strike a melancholy note. Since my last report three of our students have died. Two, Gnanapiragasam and J. M. Arasaratnam, were Matric students, one dying of pneumonia contracted in the
heavy rains of last November, other of hydrophobia, that insidious disease, over a month after an apparently harmless bite. The third was a little Second Form girl, C. Amirthavalliammah, who died of pneumonia. To their families and friends we extend our sympathy, and upon ourselves we would impress the importance of giving effective knowledge of the laws of health to prevent such tragedies in the future. If their deaths can lead us thus to reduce the gap between learning and life in our English Schools they will not have died in vain.

Examination results continue to carry a great deal of weight with many people. Our results are as follows: In the London Matriculation Examination for January 1939, we presented 34 and 12 passed. In the June Examination, 15 appeared and 5 passed, one in the First Division. This is not as good a record as in recent years. This last January 40 appeared, but the results are not yet known.

In the J. S. C. we allowed eight to take the examination and one passed. Our experiment with this examination for the past two years has not worked out as we hoped, so we are giving it up and will no longer prepare for it.

Our Intermediate - Arts results were the best we have ever had. 8 appeared, 5 passed and one other was referred. In Inter-Science, 4 appeared, one passed and one was referred. Our Intermediate Classes are growing in numbers and in the emphasis we are putting on the work. We welcome the decision of the Education Department to recognize them, though it is hard to see why this should be postponed until July, 1941. We think that our results in 1939 show that the larger secondary schools may well be allowed to do Intermediate work, for what little they may lack in equipment in comparison
with University College is certainly compensated for by the larger measure of individual attention each student may expect from his teachers.

Someone remarked to me last week that a school is judged by examination results and sports results—he did not know which was most important, so I am glad to report that our sports results were good. In cricket last year (1939) we placed third among the Jaffna schools. This year, at the time of writing we have won one match and have just lost one to St. Patrick’s. In Athletics we placed second in the J. S. S. A. Sports Meet, but V. G. George continued his splendid record by winning three first places, setting Jaffna records in the Pole Vault and Long Jump, and winning the Senior Championship and the Parson’s Challenge Cup. George also won two first places and placed second in a third event in the All-Ceylon Schools Meet in Colombo. He broke his own record in the High Jump, setting it at 6 feet 4½ inch, set a new Schools’ record of 10 ft. 10½ ins. in the Pole Vault and was largely responsible for Jaffna College standing third in the meet. His exploits in the jumps have shed lustre on his school, and it is naturally with real regret that we see him drop out of Schools’ Athletics competition. I think I can safely predict that his name will be a by-word, surpassed by none, in the annals of Jaffna College sports.

In football we were joint-champions with St. Patrick’s. It will be a long time in Jaffna before our two matches with St. Patrick’s, one overtime and both ending in draws, will be forgotten. I think those who saw the games will agree that the standard of football played could hardly be excelled by school boys anywhere. Our congratulations go to the coach,
Mr. Jeevaratnam, and to every member of the team, as well as to our co-champions, St. Patrick's.

The other activities of the College carry on normally. The training formerly given by the literary societies is now supplied mostly in the rhetoricals period, provision for which is made in the Time-Table. The Brotherhood, however, shows a real spirit of persistence which is worthy of its tradition. The Inter-Union carries on as usual but under the more inclusive name of the Academy, since the Post Matriculates meet with the Inters. The Student Council, the Y. M. C. A. and the Tuck-shop make their regular contributions to the life of the students.

The religious life of the College has undergone a considerable change, partly as a result of our own experience and partly to satisfy the requirements of the Department. Where formerly the whole Upper school met four mornings a week for an assembly of a religious nature, we now meet on Mondays and Wednesdays for a secular assembly of the whole group, while on Tuesdays and Thursdays non-Christians meet here in the Hall for a secular assembly, while Christians meet for prayers in the study-hall. Similarly, in the Forms, Christians and those who have permission to study Bible, have a Scripture class, while those who do not have permission study a Civics course which is being worked out by Mr. Wright, in collaboration with Mr. Nesiah of St. John's College, and with the help of several of our teachers. We cannot claim to be wholly satisfied with this arrangement. We believe that the non-Christian students lose something of real value in having no religious instruction or worship in the school; on the other hand the Christian students miss the Civics courses which every student should have. But there is an entry on the credit side of the ledger, be
sides the conformity to Government requirements: it is now possible to do more intensive work with the Christian students and to give them a firmer grounding in Christian faith and worship. Certainly this is the best means we can think of for adapting ourselves to Government restrictions.

Our Parent-Teachers' Association is well on its second year of life. I think no one would maintain that it has yet achieved its full growth or its maximum usefulness. But I am glad to be able to report a persistent belief in it which will make it an increasingly helpful instrument in education. We have had several instructive lectures designed to give us a larger understanding of our children. If there are parents here to night who have not joined I would give them now an urgent invitation to come and help make this Association a real bridge between the class room and the home.

We have been doing some building during the past year. The chief item is the Administration Building. Although we have been in it only since last September, it already plays so large a part in our life here that it is difficult to realize it was completed so recently, and even more difficult to understand how we got along without it. On the first floor we have the College Offices, also the much needed Teachers' Room, and one other room at present used by the Post-Matric boarders. The large airy upstairs is used for the boarders, study and one end of it is used two mornings a week for our chapel service. Useful and handsome, we are grateful to our American Trustees whose special grant made it possible for us to build it.

Besides this major item of building we were also able to finish off the Y. M. C. A. Building and make it rather more presentable in appearance. We also
built up the walls of three rooms in the Lower School and expect to complete the work in the other rooms this year. Fairly extensive repairs or additions were made to two of the teachers' houses—one of them being the old Inter Hostel which was refur­nished for the use of Mr. Selliah. In its place we had to rent a house for our Inter students to live in, but we feel that this is well worth doing, and would extend the practice if thereby we can get more of our teachers to live close to the school. One other slight change in our arrangements has been made necessary by the increase of numbers in the Lower School: the Tamil School has taken over the whole of the rear of the Church building, thus va­cating the Kindergarten building for two classes. This has deprived the Lower School of a hall to meet in, but the Church has come to our help by allowing us to use the space at the back of its auditorium. We are grateful for this readiness of the Church to help.

The Affiliated Schools, with Mr. J. V Chelliah at the helm, have had another good year. Examination results, though good, were not as sensational as last year; but the numbers of students are up in nearly every school and all have made quite rapid and commendable progress in the direction of being self-supporting institutions. The number of schools, however, is less by one, for we have returned to the American Ceylon Mission the Tellippalai English School. It has been amalgamated with the Bilingual School there to form the new Union High School under our Old Boy and former teacher, Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam. We wish the new venture all suc­cess.

The Alumni Association has had a good year in Jaffna. Alumni Day was very successful, the busi-
ness session culminating in the adoption of a revised constitution, and the social side in a dinner on the Y. M. C. A. terrace. In Colombo the Old Boys' activities have been greatly restricted by the outbreak of war. The Principal's Tea was to be held in the Central Y. M. C. A., the day it was commandeered for the internment of German residents. The "black-out" discouraged us from having the Annual Meeting and dinner in November as usual, and it has been possible to arrange it only for this coming week. This certainly has betokened no lack of interest in the welfare of the College however, and I am happy to be able to report that plans are well under way among the Associations, and with the co-operation of our Old Boys in Malaya, to push on with the Bicknell Memorial Fund and use it for erecting a clock-tower in Mr. Bicknell's memory here at the College. You will be hearing more of this later in the year, I believe.

I have already mentioned the grant from our Board of Trustees which made our New Building possible. In closing I wish to mention a bequest from America which has come to Jaffna College. 5000 dollars has been left by Mrs. Caroline Hastings Lawrence, to establish a Hastings Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Lawrence was the daughter of Dr. E. P. Hastings, the first Principal of Jaffna College, and the sister of Rev. Richard Hastings, a later Principal of the College. Thus she is the aunt of Mrs. M. H. Harrison whose recent visit here with Dr. Harrison reminded us of how much they have been to the College. Mrs. Lawrence was born and lived her early years here. She often expressed a wish to come back for a visit, but was unable to do so; but she did not forget us. This generous gift to Jaffna College made us one of the two public bodies mentioned in our will. A gift for no other purpose could have
been more welcome, for with difficult days now being experienced in Jaffna and with more difficult days very possibly ahead of us, the need for such scholarship funds is very great indeed.

I would like to end my report with a favourite quotation of mine. Some of you may have heard of it before, but it bears repeating many times. It is from a letter of America's greatest philosopher, William James. It sums up his faith in his statement which all teachers should read to hearten them, and all those who direct large and successful institutions should read to caution them. It is especially necessary to read in a day when armies march, guns thunder, and great nations pride themselves on their power and their wealth. James says: "As for me, my bed is made: I am against bigness and greatness in all their forms, and with the invisible molecular moral forces that work from individual to individual, stealing in through the crannies of the world like so many soft root-lets, or like the capillary oozing of water and yet rending the hardest monuments of man's pride, if you give them time. I am against all big organizations as such, national ones first and foremost; against all big successes and big results; and in favour of the eternal forces of truth which always work in the individual and immediately unsuccessful way, under-dogs always, till history comes, after they are long dead, and puts them on the top."

MR. E. L. BRADBY'S ADDRESS.

I am going to start by asking what may at first sight seem a very 'odd question', namely why are prize-givings such an inadequate record of the real
work and worth of a school?' For I think it must be the common experience of those who love their school that prize-givings, however well arranged and conducted, do fail to do full justice to the real nature of the school and the education which it is giving. In order to find an answer, let us first ask the question 'what is it that we are educating'? Clearly it is not the intellect alone; English and American public school traditions, however much they may be criticized for many things, cannot fairly be accused of making that particular blunder. We are tempted to suggest the answer 'mind and body', with the implication that our book-work educates the mind and our games train the body. But on closer examination this distinction proves to be a shallow and untenable one. We may say, if we like, that a masseur 'trains' the body but an educator is not doing that: he is training the mind to use the body aright; so that we are driven back to the position that the educator's whole concern is with the mind.

Here, as in so many things, we can gain light from the clear insight of the ancient Greeks, who were thinking out these problems over 2,000 years ago. Plato, when he came to consider what should be the right education for his ideal 'Republic', distinguished three distinct 'parts' or 'functions' of the soul: the mind or intellect proper, with which we pursue knowledge; the 'spirit' which gives us courage, dash, daring, warm-hearted impulse of every kind; and the desires, or bodily cravings such as hunger and thirst. And he held that a right education must cater for the needs of all these three parts and ensure a proper balance between them. The problem of the desires he saw mainly as one of bringing them under control and ensuring that they did not interfere
with the higher parts of man’s nature; modern psychology has, perhaps, brought a more positive interpretation to bear on this function of the soul. The other two parts Plato held, in common with Greek theory and practice of his day, should be catered for by two main educational activities, ‘music’—which included reading and writing and the graphic arts as well as the art which we call music—and ‘gymnastic’, which included all kinds of bodily exercises.

Some of the implications of this theory of education we should do well to consider today. First of all, there is the broadness of the category ‘music’. Largely owing to historical accidents, our education of the intellect has come to concentrate far too exclusively on booklearning. Music and the other arts have had to make their precarious way into the traditional curriculum by a slow and painful process of penetration, each step being fought by the forces of conservatism. In recent years there has been an increasing recognition of their true educational value, and it is encouraging that the Spens report has recommended ‘that a more prominent and established place in the ordinary curricula of schools both for boys and girls should be assigned to aesthetic subjects, including, Music, Art, and other forms of aesthetic training, and that a larger proportion of periods should be devoted to them in the normal time-table.’ Secondly, the Greek idea of ‘gymnastic’ may serve as a useful corrective to some of our over-specialized notions of physical training and games. To the Greeks ‘gymnastic’ meant the education of the mind to have perfect control over the body, so that the body was ready to undertake whatever action might be required of it, whether sudden or sustained, and to execute it gracefully. With all our games and phy-
cal drill, how often we neglect to teach boys and girls how to walk, how to sit, and those other attributes of healthy physical development which the Spens report has well described as 'respect for the body, pride in posture, cleanliness, grace, poise and hardness of muscle.'

But, it may be objected, that is all very fine and good, but I have to offer six subjects for 'Matric,' and these things of which you have spoken are not among them. At this point, then, we must ask another question, namely 'what is the aim of education?' Let me first consider two wrong answers to the question, before going on to hint at the lines along which a right answer may be found.

The first answer which is commonly given is that education is training for a career. I am afraid that this view is very widely held, but what has always struck me as odd is that it is not, on the whole, held by employers. Supposing you are an employer looking for a young man to enter your factory as an electrical engineer, or to be a clerk in your business, or to help develop an estate, you are not going to look for a boy who at the age of 17 or 18 thinks he knows all there is to be known about engineering or book-keeping or farming; you are going to look for a boy who has had a good general education, is honest and not afraid of taking responsibility, adaptable and not afraid of buckling down to hard work, and who has shown some aptitude for an interest in the kind of work you have in mind. The amount of specialized training for a career that a boy can acquire by the time he leaves school is so small that most employers and all far-sighted ones, would much prefer the school time to be spent in real education.
The second answer to my question is its direct opposite: it is the theory that 'it doesn't matter what a boy learns so long as he dislikes it'; or in other words, the idea that the only purpose of education is to provide a sort of mental gymnastics, and that when a boy has done enough of these he will be able to 'turn his hand to anything'. This theory has, I fear, been responsible for a great deal of unimaginative and unnecessarily detailed teaching of subjects such as Latin Grammar and Mathematics. Nowadays we are beginning to struggle back to the truth which the Greeks saw so much more clearly, that no subject is of value in a curriculum unless it is viewed as part of the activity of the human spirit: to teach Latin Grammar without relating it, let us say, to the history and thought of the Roman people, or to the structure and idiom of our own mother-tongue, to teach Arithmetic without letting our pupils get a glimpse of the fascinating Science of Numbers and its evolution, to do this is to admit that the subjects are 'dead' and to invite reformers to sweep them out of the curriculum altogether as so much dead wood.

What then is the true aim of education? Like all the profound things in life, it is hard to put into words, and, as I have already remarked, I can do no more than hint at the lines along which a solution may be found. But if I had to express it in words, I should say something like this, 'Education aims at the full development of all the powers of a human personality, and at encouraging an ever fuller and richer life.' Let us look at one or two of the implications of this idea of education, first in the life of a school itself, and then in the larger life of the nation.

First, it implies that a school is not a knowledge shop, but a society, with a life of its own. This is
what gives, to my mind, such great importance to the voluntary activities of a school, the clubs and societies, the team-games and friendly competitions, and all the other activities which go on outside the class-room. In this connection, I must say how glad I was to hear that you at Jaffna College are proposing to start farming clubs. If the boys who belong to those clubs learn from their own experience to love the land and to have a right attitude of respect for farming, then I think that you will have done more than what your Principal, in his modesty, has called 'scratching the surface' of the problem. It is, then, only by participating to the full in the life of that society which is the school that we shall get the most out of our school life.

Secondly, it follows from this that we should have the most profound respect for all skills and activities of the human spirit, whether we possess them ourselves or not; in other words, true education will teach us tolerance—not the tolerance of indifference, but the tolerance born of a deep faith in the richness of other people's personalities. This becomes more important when we leave school and go out into the world at large. I believe that there is scarcely any quality which is so much needed by the citizen today as this spirit of enthusiastic tolerance, whether it is for the views of his own fellow-countrymen, or for those of other lands. You in Ceylon have many difficult problems caused by the differences of racial origin, of language, and of creed, which exist among you. But it is my firm belief that there is not one of these problems which cannot be solved if it is tackled in the spirit to which I have referred, and also that on the successful solution of these problems in
Ceylon itself will depend in the last resort the place which Ceylon is going to take in world history.

In conclusion I want to say a word or two, in the light of what I have tried to show above, to each of the three main groups represented here. To each of my fellow teachers I would say: be bold! Do not attempt to justify education on narrow utilitarian grounds, but keep the true aim of education constantly before you. To parents I would say, be patient! Do not expect your sons to be just what you have always imagined that they would be, or even just like their fathers. Finally: to those of you who are still at school, I would say: look ahead! Do not let your horizon be bounded by the end of term report, or by the next school cricket match, but make the most of your life here in every way that you can, so that when you come to look back on it you may at least be able to say, I lived my school life fully.

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**THE PRIZE LIST.**

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Mahendran V.—Mathematics 1st Prize.
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Sivasubramaniam V.—Tamil 1st Prize.

First Form A.

Kumaratnam S.—Gen. Prof., English 1st Prize, History 1st Prize, Mathematics 1st Prize, and Scripture 1st Prize.
Nageswary N.—Gen. Prof., Tamil 1st Prize.
Theagarajah K.—Scripture 2nd Prize, and Tamil 2nd Prize.
Yoganathan R.—Geography 2nd Prize.
Alfred Paul—Carpentry 2nd Prize.

Second Form B.

Thurairatnam K.—Mathematics 2nd Prize.
Puvanendran G.—Mathematics 1st Prize.
Gladstone Niles—Geography 1st Prize, History 1st Prize.

Second Form A.

Gnanasundram P.—Gen. Prof., Geography 1st Prize, History 1st Prize, Scripture 2nd Prize, Tamil 1st Prize.
Ratnasingam R.—Gen. Prof., Mathematics 2nd Prize, Tamil 2nd Prize.
Jeevarajah J.—English 2nd Prize, Science 2nd Prize, Scripture 1st Prize.
Balasingham N.—Tamil 2nd Prize.
Subramaniam C.—Drawing 1st Prize.
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Kirupairajah V. S.—Geography 1st Prize.

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Sanmugam S.—Gen. Prof., History 1st Prize, Latin 1st Prize, Science 1st Prize, Scripture 1st Prize.
Sukirntheratnasingham K.—Geography 1st Prize, Tamil 2nd Prize.
Pushparanee J.—Geography 2nd Prize.
Elizabeth Elias—History 1st Prize.
Saraswathy N.—Tamil 1st Prize.

**J. S. C. B.**

Rajanayagam C. J.—Tamil 1st Prize.

**J. S. C. A.**

Kumarasamy K.—Gen. Prof., History 1st Prize, Latin 1st Prize, Mathematics 1st Prize, Chemistry 1st Prize, Tamil 1st Prize.
Jegatheesa Iyer K.—Gen. Prof. Latin 2nd Prize, Mathematics 2nd Prize, Civics 1st Prize, Tamil 2nd Prize.
Ruby Appadurai—Chemistry 2nd Prize.

**Fifth Form B.**

Kandasamy V.—History 1st Prize.

**Fifth Form A.**

Ponnampalam H. N.—Chemistry 1st Prize, History 2nd Prize.
Rajaratnam K.—Latin 1st Prize.
Mahurkadan S.—Chemistry 2nd Prize, History 2nd Prize, Civics 1st Prize.
Kuruvilla Thomas—History 1st Prize.
Velliampalam K.—Tamil 1st Prize.
Athipuranam P.—Mechanics 1st Prize.

**Lond. Matric C.**
Rasammah Kandiah—Mathematics 1st Prize.
Ponnampalam M.—Mathematics 2nd Prize.

**Lond. Matric B.**
Nadarajah A.—Chemistry 1st Prize, Mathematics 2nd Prize.
Muttukumarasamy K.—Geography 1st Prize.
Selvanayagam P.—Mathematics 1st Prize.
Edward G.—History 1st Prize.

**Lond. Matric A.**
Sivalingam A.—Gen. Prof., Chemistry 1st Prize, Mathematics 2nd Prize, Physics 1st Prize.
Jesudasan J.—Gen. Prof., Chemistry 2nd Prize, Mathematics 1st Prize.
Nesaratnam Devasagayam—Gen. Prof., History 2nd Prize.
Jeyaratnam T.—English 2nd Prize.
Kantharatnam K.—History 1st Prize.
Veluppillai N.—Latin 1st Prize.

**Post Matric.**
Nadarajah C. P.—Mathematics 1st Prize.
Jeyamany Strong—Chemistry 1st Prize.
Jayasooriya D. P. J.—Chemistry 2nd Prize.
Thambirajah R.—Mathematics 2nd Prize.
Nancy Jeyamany Bartlett—English 1st Prize, Tamil 1st Prize.
Leelavathy Ponnambalam—English 2nd Prize.
Karunalingam A.—Physics 1st Prize.
Matriculation success at the London Examination
with 1st Division—Jacob K. P.

SPORTS PRIZES FOR THE YEAR 1939.

George V. G.—Batting Prize, Special Prize for
a score of over 50 runs, Special Prize for in-
ter-Collegiate Senior Championship, Special Prize
for outstanding performance at the All Ceylon
Public Schools Meet, winning two first Places
and one 2nd Place. (Two new records in High
Jump and Pole Vault.)

Selvarajah N.—Cricket Colours, Special Prize for
a score of over 50 runs. Cricket All Round
Prize.

Kandiah K.—Cricket colours, Special Prize for a
score of over 50 runs.

Jayasuriya D. J. P.—Cricket colours, Special Prize
for a score of over 50 runs.

Amerasingham C.—Cricket colours, Special Prize
for a score of over 50 runs.

Ratnasamy N.—Cricket colours, Special Prize for
a score of over 50 runs. Bowling Prize.

Selvajeyan S.—Cricket colours.

Dharmaratnam S.—Fielding Prize.

Kurien G.—Athletic colours, Special Prize for Ju-
nior Championship at the Inter-Collegiate Sports
Meet.

Ratnasamy S.—Athletic Colours

Joseph G.

Jeyaratnam T.—Foot-ball Colours

Jeyaveerasingham E.

Sabanayagam M.

Kanagasababathy R.

Sivagnanam S.
LOWER SCHOOL

Std. V A. Arasaratnam S. English First Prize, History First Prize, Bible First Prize, Writing Second Prize.

Devasundrarajah N. English Second Prize, Bible Second Prize.

Kandasamy A. Arithmetic First Prize, Tamil First Prize, Writing Second Prize.

Velautham E. Arithmetic Second Prize

Rajaratnam D. Writing Second Prize

IInd Year A.

Kandasamy K. Arithmetic First Prize

Thiruchevan K. Writing First Prize

IInd Year B.

Chandraranee K. General Proficiency, English First Prize, Writing 2nd Prize

Parupathiar N. Writing 1st Prize, Tamil 1st Prize

Selvadurai A. Arithmetic 1st Prize

Rajamalar N. Tamil 2nd Prize

Ist Year A.

Sachchithananthan General Proficiency

Rajendram N. Arithmetic 1st Prize, Tamil 1st Prize

Manonmany V. Arithmetic 2nd Prize

Ponnurajah R. Tamil 2nd Prize

Ist Year A.

Henry Worthington English 1st Prize

Thangarajah K. Arithmetic 1st Prize

Sivasubramaniam N. Arithmetic 2nd Prize
CAROLINE HASTINGS LAWRENCE.

Recently Jaffna College was willed $5000, (Rs. 15,000) to establish a scholarship named the "Hastings Scholarship" in honour of Rev. E. P. Hastings and Rev. Richard Hastings, first and third Principals of the institution—The donor was Mrs. Robert Ashton Lawrence.

Mrs. Lawrence was born in Jaffna. She was Caroline Hastings, with her twin brother, Charles, the youngest of the 6 children of Mr. & Mrs. Hastings. With anguish the mother had sent the first four children to the United States of America at an early age, each to live with a separate family. She could not bring herself to part thus with these her youngest ones, and so they remained in Ceylon till they were 15. Their teachers were: the mother; Mr. Joel Fitch of Manipay; and for their last two years, their elder brother, Richard who had returned to Jaffna, himself now a Missionary.

When Caroline did reach the United States, she went to a boarding school, and then to Smith College. Before she had received her B. A. degree there
however she left to study Art.—Later, while she was a governess, she met and married Mr. Robert Ashton Lawrence, a scion of the wealthy Massachusetts family, whose name is connected with the Elite Groton Boys' School and the extensive Lawrence Cotton Mills. For two years these two lived abroad, and thereafter, together, made annual visits to foreign lands until the death of the husband, twelve years later, in 1905. He was killed in a suburban railway accident.

It was in the years just before his death, and especially in that one year following, that Mrs. Lawrence's niece, Minnie Hastings, spent much of her time with her aunt. Miss Hastings (later Mrs. M. H. Harrison) was then a student at nearby Wellesley College.

In a short time, Mrs. Lawrence sold her home, crossed the Atlantic and spent most of the rest of her life in Europe:—in Italy where she had a villa, for 15 years; and in Paris, where she died at the American Hospital, February 20, 1939. She studied Italian and French; wrote a little in Italian for newspapers and magazines; and served at a front-line relief station in the Alps, with the Red Cross, for the Italian troops during the war of 1914-1918. It was while she was there that she had a cancerous growth removed without anaesthetic, as she bravely lay on a bare wooden table. After 19 years, in 1936, on a periodic visit to the states, she was again attacked by this malignant disease, and though, when she returned to Paris in 1938, she thought it was arrested, it finally brought her death, just a year ago.

She was beautiful and gifted, generous hearted, and brave but, withal, lonely. Her husband's early death, and that of her only son, as a baby, deprived her of a family. Her heart often turned lovingly to
the scenes of her early childhood. She was interested in Gandhi and modern India. She always planned a "home coming", but though she got as far as Palestine in 1929, she never did see again that land where she had spent her youth.

She made only two public bequests—One was of $5000 to her husband's favourite charity in Boston, Massachusetts (one of the societies for prevention of cruelty to animals); and the other, this gift to Jaffna College, in Ceylon.

From THE YOUNG IDEA.

P. G. WODEHOUSE

(This is a paper read at one of the general English classes in the Matric C.)

The whole world acclaims Wodehouse as a national institution of humour. T. B. Priestly, commenting on him, says, "He is superb and I am fascinated by the mixture of diverting humour." "Mr. Wodehouse is beginning to exhaust the superlatives of his critics," says Mr. Compton Mackenzie. Mr. Bruce Lockhart considers him spell-binding, original and memorable as ever, while the Daily Mail looks upon him as 'a real creator and superb craftsman'. "To criticise Mr. Wodehouse is like taking a spade to souffle," says Punch. Many people wonder how he can keep on being so bright and humourous through three hundred closely printed pages and the Times says, "Mr. Wodehouse comes near to defying all criticism." Commenting on his books the Spectator says that his books are 'wreathed in smiles and shaken here and there with sudden wild laughter'.


I have read only five of his books—Summer Moonshine, Heavy Weather, The Heart of a Goof, Love among the Chickens and Adventures of Sally, not to mention some of his shorter Strand stories.

'Summer Moonshine' features an aristocrat fallen on evil days who is waiting to dispose of his big house to the first buyer. His only chance occurs when a wealthy princess begins toying with the idea of purchasing it and the anxious lord spares no efforts to please her. But as usual in Wodehouse the most unexpected things happen. Ultimately however everything ends happily.

'In Heavy Weather,' a young man wants to marry a charming chorus girl but his mother forbids the union. His uncle, however, evolves a plan to make the course of true love run smooth.

A handsome young man, in the 'Heart of a Goof,' wishes to be a competent golfer. An old man makes the story very interesting with his reminiscences. This is a golfing story showing that the heart of a goof is after all in the right place.

In 'Love among the Chickens,' two friends start a chicken farm in a borrowed house with borrowed fowls and eggs. One of them falls in love with a girl in a train. The birds get "rupe", one of the friends gets the "pip", the eggs do not come, and the other friend's love affair does not prosper. The results are disastrous, but highly amusing.

'Adventures of Sally' is about a pretty, rich girl who is engaged to be married. But fate and another romantic girl are waiting jealously round the corner.

Thus in Wodehouse's books there is very little story but lots of humour. His books are not full of
witty remarks or sage reflections, but are a riot of comic phrases and incidents. Wodehousian humour is the humour of situation. The construction of his stories follows usually the same old, simple pattern. They begin with a situation that is complicated enough to be intriguing, but as the story proceeds the situation becomes more complicated because of the whimsical folly of the chief characters. But in the end it reduces itself to a surprisingly easy solution.

His books are masterpieces of humour and are tonic for heavy hearts. In many places he is so finely humourous that even high-brows can laugh unashamed.

Moreover, Wodehouse has created some immortal characters, the name of any one of whom is synonymous with uproarious laughter. His characters are true to life. On the broad shoulders of a Jeeves or an Ukridge. Wodehouse's humour evolves entirely and securely. In Jeeves, he has created an immortal. Jeeves is wise and intellectual. When Bertie Woaster is caught up in a complicated situation, he calls Jeeves and says, "Now then, Jeeves, think. I haven't the machinery."

Wodehouse has an easy conversational style and this makes his books light reading. His dialogue is not sparkling like Sheridan's or Oscar Wilde's. Often it is only "Oh", said Bertie. "Ah" said Jeeves. But equally often with this kind of dialogue he manages to make an irresistible appeal to our laughter-loving vein. He leaves much to our own innate power of comical imagination. That is why he is invariably irresistible.

Underlying all the humour, and all the funny situations, Wodehouse seems to want to show that
however difficult a problem may seem and whatever difficulties may confront people,—often there is a way out to the one who stops to laugh when everything goes topsy-turvy. Here he is a philosopher. To him complex situations and difficulties are as common as everything else. From his illustrations we gather that, with patience, endurance, and above all with a sense of humour, hardship could be got over. What impresses a reader is that, in spite of difficulties and calamities, the characters in the story are always merry.

In a mad world 'where but to think is to be full of sorrow', Wodehouse provides a very salutary escape. This is indeed a considerable service to humanity. In recognition whereof the Oxford University has conferred upon him a D. Litt. Take a dose of Wodehouse occasionally and fortify yourselves for life. God rest you merry gentlemen!

R. VYRAVIPILLAI,
L. M. C.

The Story and Ideas are from Thomas Hardy's Poem

"Who is digging on my grave"
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பஞ்சவரை பிள்சிக்க பெண்ணையர் புத்தர் க்

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"தென்று தந்தான்! எந்தவுடன் என்று. 

மாணவர் கொண்டான் பெண்ணையர் 

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From the Young Idea.

S. RATNAM,
Post Matric.
I am glad to record the fact that great enthusiasm was evinced in the Student Council activities during the first term of this year. Fresh elections took place at the beginning of the term and new members were returned.

Seven weekly meetings were convened and various suggestions of great importance were made to the Faculty and the Principal. Some of the resolutions passed by the Council are:

(1) "That the constitution of the Student Council should be so amended as to make it possible for a representative of the Post-Matric-Hostel to serve on the Council."

(2) "That a qualified man or nurse should be employed to look after the sick and that there should be a well equipped and up-to-date sick room."

(3) "That greater attention should be paid to patients and that arrangements should be made to give suitable diets to them at suitable times."

May I seize this opportunity to thank our enthusiastic President, S. Dharmaratnam, all the other members, whose active co-operation enabled me to carry on the meetings successfully and last but not least the Faculty advisor of the Council, Mr. Lyman Kulathungam, for the invaluable help rendered to me on more than one occasion.

S. Kanagasabapathy,
Hony. Secy.
"Well begun is half done." The Jaffna College-Y. M. C. A. has well started its work for this year under its new President, Mr L. Jayasingham, B. Sc., and it is the hope of every one that it will continue to function with the same earnestness as before. After the election of the office-bearers, the Executive Committee went to Eluvaitivu for a week-end retreat to draw up the plan of work for this year.

Another thing of importance which we had in our College this term was the Jaffna-Inter-Collegiate Christian Fellowship Rally and the observance of the universal day of prayer. I congratulate S. S. Sathaseevan, the Secretary of the J. I. C. C. F., on the success of the rally.

I am proud to report that our Sunday School Committee under G. Edward is doing its work to our entire satisfaction. I am also thankful to R. C. Thavarajah, our Entertainment Committee Chairman for the great pains he has taken in carrying out the annual Ping-Pong tournament. Our congratulations to S. Dharmaratnam on having become the champion this year also (for the second time in succession).

Some young and lively boys have enrolled themselves as members and we hope to have a good year with this enthusiastic band of workers.

My thanks to the Secretary, Miss Nancy Bartlett, and other members of the Vaddukoddai Y. W. C. A. for co-operating with us in making the sale of refreshments a success in the drama staged by the Jaffna College Alumni Association in aid of the Bicknell Memorial Fund.
We had the privilege of having Dr. Stanley Jones with us on the 21st of March. Some of our College students, who wished to see him, had the opportunity of meeting him privately and solving their problems in life.

I am grateful to all the members of the Executive Committee for the valuable help rendered to me in carrying out my duties.

S. O. A. Somanader,
Hony. Secy., J. C., Y. M. C. A.

THE ACADEMY

President: C. Sivagnanam
Secretary: S. Kanagasabapathy

It is with great satisfaction that I present the Report of the Academy for the term under review. Meetings were conducted regularly and the average attendance of members was much higher than it had been in the past. We had three public meetings, two of which were conducted in Tamil. Mr. Ramaswamy Sarma of Central College and Pandit S. Kanapathipillai of Tinnevely Training College delivered lectures on "இயற்பியல் போர்" and "மெல்லியேறியுள்ள கல்லூரியால்" respectively. Also we have had the pleasure of hearing a lecture on "The Challenge of Science" by Mr. Stuart Wright of the College staff.

At the regular meetings we had debates or prepared speeches by the members of the house. Some of the subjects we debated were:

(1) "The settlement of the communal problem should precede the granting of Independence to India."
“War is an effective instrument for settling international disputes”.

“The Board of Ministers should not accept office unless disciplinary action is taken against Mr. P. N. Banks”.

Let me thank in conclusion our Patron, Rev. S. K. Bunker, to whom we are very grateful for his immense interest in our work. My thanks are also due to the energetic President, the Executive Committee and all the other members, without whose help it would have been very difficult for me to carry on my work.

S. Kanagasabapathy,
Hony. Secy.

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THE BROTHERHOOD.

The thirty-first Anniversary Celebrations of the Brotherhood came off on Thursday, March 14th at 6.30 P. M. The first part of the function took the form of a farewell to our out-going Patron, Mr. D. S. Sanders. The public meeting, which was presided over by Mr. L. S. Kulathungam, our new Patron, commenced with a welcome song by K. Muttukumarasamy and was followed by the Secretary’s Report. An illuminated address was read and presented to Mr. Sanders by R. C. Thavarajah. A. C. M. Thawfeek next spoke on behalf of the Brotherhood about the services rendered to the Association by Mr. Sanders-Miss Ranjitham Sundrampillai, a member of the Brotherhood, next entertained the gathering with a
song excellently rendered. D. T. Wijayanathan, speaking next on behalf of the recent old members of the Brotherhood, said that Jaffna College students were influenced by their teachers in various ways. "The Schoolmaster's life" continued the speaker, "is very uneasy because a teacher is faced with the nuisance of salary cuts, frequent circulars from the Education office, the stupidity of his students at school, and at home the curtain lectures which no man who values his sleep can afford to ignore. The only joy that a teacher has is derived from the gratitude of his students and his College. In this Mr. Sanders was amply blessed on that day."

Mr. D. C. Singaratnam, Proctor, speaking next on behalf of the old members, said that Mr. Sanders was a great democrat. He never interfered with the rights and privileges of the Brotherhood, and had impressed them all by his spirit of independence and his sense of fair play. He expressed great regret at the resignation of Mr. Sanders.

A farewell song was next sung by S. Kanagaratnam. Mr. Sanders, replying to the tributes paid to him that day, said that he was pleased with the genuine demonstration of gratitude he had received that day. In conclusion he conveyed from the bottom of his heart, his greetings for the future of this Association. A few remarks by the Chairman and the singing of the Brotherhood song brought the public meeting to a close.

The dinner commenced at 8 p.m. Mr. L S. Kulathungam presided. Covers were laid for 175 including 40 ladies. Mr. C. Ponnampalam, Chairman, Jaffna U. D. C., the chief guest, in proposing the toast of the College said that Jaffna College stood for tolerance and freedom. What was needed
in Ceylon to-day, especially in Jaffna, was this tolerance and ability to understand the other man’s point of view. This spirit he hoped would be fostered at Jaffna College. The Principal, in replying, spoke of the agricultural and industrial training that they were hoping to give at Jaffna College.

The Toast of the Brotherhood was proposed by Mr. K. Nesiah, M. A., Dip. in Ed., St John’s College, and was responded to by G. R. Edward, the President. The Toast of the old members of the Brotherhood being proposed by Sam. S. Sathaseevan was responded to by Mr. C. Subramaniam B. A. of Manipay Hindu College in a speech full of uproarious witticism.

K. Kathiravelpillai proposed the toast of the Sister Associations which was responded to by Miss Rose Daniel, the President of the Senior Literary Association of the Chundikuli Girls’ College. The Toast of the guests, proposed by K. Nadarajah, was responded to by the Rev. S. Kulendran, B. A., B. D., President, J. C., S. I. U. C. and by Mr. D. S. Sanders. With the singing of the College song the dinner came to an end at 11.30 P. M.

K. KATHIRAVELPILLAI,
Hony. Secy.
THE \textbf{ANNUAL REPORT \textit{READ AT THE 31st ANNUAL CELEBRATION}}.

The privilege of welcoming you to-night and submitting to you a report of the Jaffna College Brotherhood has fallen to my lot. I need not tell you how proud I feel.

The beginning of this Association goes back to the year 1909. The late Rev. Brown has the distinction of being its founder. At first the jurisdiction of the Brotherhood was confined to the members of the Senior classes who secured a high percentage of marks in studies. Obviously it was then a very respectable and intelligent body, but later the inconvenient distinction was done away with. Now we have come back to the old order by having the percentage bar, and thereby the membership has been somewhat limited and although the attendance has been made voluntary, the number is encouraging. We have now a total of over seventy. The object of this Association is to promote the art of effective public speaking and to inculcate in the members a spirit of \textit{esprit-de-corps}. The organizers and previous Patrons of this Association are responsible for the high standard which our Association has at present attained. We are indebted to Mr. D. S. Sanders, our ex-Patron, for guiding the destinies of the Brotherhood for the past ten years. We hope he has not severed his connections with this Association. His perseverance in trying to carry on with the Brotherhood even when the attendance was despairingly poor, his tact in dealing with unruly members and above all his pleasing countenance contributed not a little to the interest evinced at the regular meetings of the Brotherhood. It is with deep feelings of regret that we bid farewell to our Patron. His successor is Mr. Lyman Kulathungam
and we welcome him with great pleasure, and we hope that he will prove to be a worthy successor of Mr. D. S. Sanders. His previous experience as Patron, though not for a long time, will help in some way.

To repeat the words of our Principal, the Brotherhood is carrying on in the same lively spirit as ever.

We have our regular meetings and subjects of varied interest, such as "India should help England in the present war," and, "The tax on sweet-toddy should be removed," were discussed with lively interest. It is interesting to note that we hold Tamil meetings too, and not long ago, the subject for discussion was "whether Ministers were justified in sending their resignations." The members took unusual interest in this subject, and finally it was decided by a majority that the Ministers were right in doing so.

There was also a special meeting under the auspices of the Brotherhood. Mr. A Vaitilingam spoke on the social evils that debar the progress of Jaffna. The progress that we have made is an assurance of the bright future that lies before us. Already plans have been formed to institute a Literary Circle, where literature may be studied with fitting interest. We have other items in our programme that are of great interest and the "New Business" is certainly the best part in our programme. Of late the introduction of freshers has been removed from the programme and I do not know whether it is for the better or for the worse.

In conclusion, may I be permitted to thank one and all of you for having responded to our invitation and for so patiently listening to my perhaps boring report. May I also thank Mr. Gnana-
segaram, Mr. Visvalingam, Mr. Rajasundaram, Mr. Vethaparanam and Mr. Wright and all others who have so enthusiastically helped to bring this celebration to a success.

K. KATHIRAVELPILLAI,
Hony. Secy.

HUNT DORMITORY UNION.

I am proud to report that never before in the history of this Union has there been such a large number of members as during this term.

With the enthusiasm evinced by members and with the help of the Executive Committee the meetings were held regularly. We have had altogether three meetings. We invited two speakers—Mr. T. Vinayagamoorthi and Mr. Stuart Wright who entertained us by their thought provoking speeches on “Tamil Love Poetry” and the “Origin of Man” respectively. We had also a debate on the subject, “That Ceylon should be given Independence”

One of our interesting items is the “New Business” and due preference was shown towards it this time—a happy contrast to the preceding phase. Matters of vital importance to the Boarders were discussed and many resolutions were passed which are yet to be carried out.

Our thanks are due to the speakers, to the Patron Mr. R. J. Thurairajah for his guidance, and the Inter Hostelites, the Post Matriculates and the Athenaeums who had by their presence helped us a great deal in bringing our meetings to a success.
We are grieved at the loss of Mas. J. M. Arasaratnam, an active member of the Union. “His youth was void of blemish. His record at school was not unenviable. His brief span of years he spent joyously and serenely.” Our heartfelt condolence is due to his beloved parents and relatives. May his soul rest in peace.

The following are the elected office-bearers for this term.

President: S. Dharmaratnam
Vice: P. Selvanayagam
Secretary: S. Kumarasamy
Asst. Secretary: C. Rajaratnam
Treasurer: N. S Ratnasingham
Editor: Paul Thuraisingham
Asst. Editor: M. Nadarajah
Senior Member: A. C. M. Thawfeek
Student Council Members: S. Dharmaratnam and K. Rajakone

S. KUMARASAMY,
Hony. Sec., H. D. U.
The elections at the very commencement of the term returned an able Committee which worked well under the patronage of our new Patron, Mr. L. Jeyasingham and the guidance of H. M. Thambayah, our President.

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.

Besides a good many debates we had a lecture. In this connection I must not fail to thank Mr. Jeyasingham on his thought provoking speech.

Our ex-Patron Mr. P. R. Ariapooshanam to whom the Association owes its existence left us last term to join the staff of Union High School at Tellippalai. We wish him all success. His departure from our midst will be a great loss to us, for in him we found an enthusiastic Patron and an adviser in time of emergency. His departure will no doubt greatly affect the affairs of our Association, but still it is our fervent hope that the high ideals of our ex-Patron will be kept by our members even after his departure.

In conclusion, I feel it my duty to render sincere thanks to all office-bearers and members of the Association who gave their hearty co-operation to carry on the meetings to a great success. I must also thank our Principal for the warm sympathy he showed with regard to the affairs of our Association.

The following are the office-bearers for this term:

President: Hartley M. Thambayah
Vice-President: R. Brodie
Secretary: N. R. Balasingham
Treasurer: S. Pathmajeyan
Editors: K. Arulanandham
Add. Executive Member: V. V. Chelliah
Student Council Representative for the year: W. S. Mahendram
E. R. C. Selvanatham.
N. R. Balasingham.
Hony. Secy.

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OFFICE-BEARERS

Teacher Advisors: Mr. Stuart Wright
" R. J. Thurairajah
Secretary: S. Muthaya
Treasurer: C. Paul Thuraisingam

A College imports knowledge to its students in various subjects such as Chemistry, History, Logic and Physics. Along with these, Literary Associations are formed to train them in public speaking. But we students of Jaffna College have taken a step further in introducing this Society and since we have not heard of such a one in any school in the Island, we are proud that our College may be the first in starting such a Society.

In presenting the first report of this Society which was started in December 1939, we should at the outset express our sincerest gratitude to the Principal and
to the science teachers of the College for having given us the science laboratory for carrying on our work. We are also grateful to Mr. Stuart Wright for giving so much enthusiasm in organising this Society in spite of his other heavy duties. We started with four members and now there are fifteen. Membership is open to both teachers and students.

The purpose of this Society is to teach boys to take good pictures, to develop, to print and to enlarge them, to enjoy photography as a hobby and to keep down its expense. Since the equipment is incomplete only printing is done. We hope to get the necessary apparatus for all kinds of photographic work soon. Our immediate programme includes a competition every term, an annual competition and at the end of each year the publishing of a booklet of the best pictures taken by members of the Society. If other Colleges follow us, we hope to have inter Collegiate competitions. We have started the first term competition already but since there is no time to give the results before going to print, we will publish them in the next term's issue.

Lastly I thank the members of the Society for the kind co-operation and the enthusiasm they have shown. Since there is a daily increase in our Society we look forward to a bright future.

S. MUTHAYA,
Hony. Secy.
HOUSE REPORTS
ABRAHAM HOUSE.

House Master — Mr. K. A. Selliah
House Captain — K. Tharmaratnam
Volley-Ball Captain — N. Sabanayagam

Since the House matches in Cricket have been put off to the next term I have little to say about our sports activities.

I would like to make mention of the superb leadership of S. Dharmaratnam, our former House-captain. His efficiency should stimulate us to do our best.

Though we were not very successful in the Volley Ball tournament, I congratulate the team for its marvellous perseverance, and keen enthusiasm. I am proud to say that D. N. Selvaratnam, one of our senior members, has proved to be the Tennis-Champion. It is my fervent hope that our teams in Cricket and other fields of sport will do likewise.

Our House Master, Mr. K. A. Selliah, shows unfailing interest in our encounters and his presence encourages the teams to rise to the occasion.

K. THARMARATNAM,
House Captain.

BROWN HOUSE

House Master — Mr. D. S. Sanders
House Captain — N. Ratnasamy
Girls Captain — Miss P. Kandiah
Senior Football Captain — N. Ratnasamy
Senior Volley Ball Captain — N. Rajendra
Junior Volly Ball Captain — K. Senathirajah
I will be failing in my duty if I do not pay my sincere thanks to V. G. George our ex-House captain, for the valuable service he rendered. He was the ablest captain in the annals of the history of "Browns." He executed his duties ably, sincerely and remarkably.

Under the able guidance of our energetic House Master, Mr. D. S. Sanders, and our persevering ex-House captain V. G. George we gained the Football championship last term.

This term we had only Volley Ball inter House matches. We annexed the much coveted Volley Ball Championship to our House by the fine display of our team composed of star players. The team and the House spirit and keenness they displayed need special mention.

Our House has contributed four promising members to the College Cricket XI. All of them have done their best in the matches played, bringing honour to their team and the College.

The Brown House has not only distinguished herself in the field of sports, but she has also added fame by having members who have done well in the field of studies. The Brown House whether in studies or in sports can compete with any other house. The fact that several sports and scholastic prizes were carried away by the "Blues", and that last year the invincible College Football team, which won the long desired championship was led by V. T Muthucumaru a leading member of this house, are evidences of her incomparable fame.

The Editor of the Young Idea, which is one of the leading students' journals in the Island, is a member of the Brown House.
We expect to become the Cricket Champions next term; since the first eleven players are also allowed to partake in the House matches, it will be possible for us to come out with flying colours in Cricket also.

We regret that we had no games whatsoever for girls this term. We intend having Paddle Tennis and Badminton for them next term. Keenness of spirit and much anxiety will be shown in mixed doubles if played.

In conclusion, I congratulate those who carried away prizes at the prize giving, the Football and Volley Ball teams for gaining the Championship and their respective captains. I also thank the members of the House for their co-operation and Mr. D. S. Sanders, our House Master, for his able instructions.

N. RATNASAMY,
House Captain.

HASTINGS HOUSE

House Master — Mr. E. J. J. Niles
House Captain — K. Muttucumaraswamy
House Captain for girls — Miss M. Somasundram
Intermediates’ Captain — K. Kumarasamy
Juniors’ Captain — G. Kunen
Cricket Captain — R. Sithamparanathan
Volley Ball Captain — S. Ratnasamy

The task of tendering the Red House report for this year has fallen on my shoulders. This term we had Inter-House Volley Ball matches. We defeated all the Houses except the Brown House and were
runners up. Though we failed to get the Volley Ball championship, yet the activities and the keen House spirit displayed by the members of the House need special mention. We have to congratulate S. Ratnasamy, the Volley Ball captain, and his team for the splendid display and hard fight put up against the other Houses. The Juniors though they lost a few matches did well.

N. Selvarajah, the captain of our College Cricket team, who scored a brilliant 65 against St. Patrick's College, and D. J. P. Jeyasooriya, the excellent batsman who scored 84, 45, 62, 50 against St. Henry's, Central, St. John's and Hartley Colleges respectively, are members of the Red House.

This year the majority of the prize-winners who received prizes at the prize-giving held this term were from the Red House. Special mention should be made of K. Kumarasamy, our Intermediates' captain, who received more than six scholastic prizes.

Next term we wish every talented person in singing and elocution from our House to contest and not to keep away from contesting as was done last year. We wish our House Cricket team every success in the forthcoming Inter House matches under the able captaincy of R. Sithamparanathan.

It was with deep regret that the members of the Red House received the shocking news from Uduvil of the untimely death of the nineteen year old lad J. M. Arasaratnam who died of hydrophobia. It was not only shocking news to the Reds but also to the whole College and to those who were acquainted with him. As a loyal member of the Red House he encouraged every member to play his or her part in the field of sports. We miss him very much—this comrade of ours—who always had a smil-
ing face and who was always kind and courteous and helpful. His passing away has created a void in our midst. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

K. Muttucumaraswamy,
House Captain.

Hitchcock House.

House Master — Mr. K. V. George
House Captain — K. Kathiravelpillai
Seniors
Volley ball Captain — S. Cumarasamy
Cricket Captain — K. Kandiah
Intermediates
Volley Ball Captain — S. Parameswaran
Cricket Captain — R. Brodie
Juniors
Cricket Captain — R. Thevarajah.

In commencing to write a report for the first term of this year, I should not fail to recall the success of the House last year. We carried away the first place in the Field Day and in addition the All Round Championship too came to our House. Special mention must be made of B. Namasivayam, last years’ House Captain, for the brilliant way in which he guided the House to its success. Also the members of the House deserve praise for the fine sense of duty displayed by them. I am sure the Whites will continue to be true to their colours and carry on the success achieved in previous years.

There has not been much activity this term, except for the Volley Ball matches. The result in the Senior Division is not very creditable as far as victory
NORTH CEYLON INTER-COLLEGIATE SOCCER CHAMPIONS, 1939.

St. Patrick's College & Jaffna College
goes, for we lost all three matches played, yet I am proud to say that we fought till the last and all the matches were stretched to three games. The Juniors won all three matches that were played, but one of the matches was disqualified.

In studies the Whites are not far behind the others, for several of our members carried prizes on the Prize Day. Five of the Current Events Prizes out of six were won by us, there being one first and two second ones.

**Cricket.** With three of our members playing for the College eleven, and especially when the competition is open to all, the Inters including, the Seniors have a fine chance of success. We expect the lady members and the teachers to contribute more towards the success of the House than in the past.

K. KATHIRAVELPILLAI,
House Captain.

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**PHYSICAL DIRECTOR'S NOTES.**

*Football 1939.* After a very successful season we were declared joint Football Champions with St. Patrick's College. The Championship celebrations were held at Jaffna College with a group photo of the two teams followed by a mixed game and a dinner for the two teams and members of the staff of the two Colleges. The celebration was a great success where a real spirit of friendship prevailed. It will be remembered that this is not the only time that these two Colleges have met in a joint celebration. In 1935 they met at a dinner to celebrate the joint Cricket championship. We are sure
that good feeling between the two Colleges will continue to be the same in the years to come.

Our thanks are due to Mr. S. T. Jeevaratnam, our Football coach, for the interest he took in training the boys. We are also grateful to the other members of the staff who stood by the team right through the season and cheered them on to success.

**Cricket:** We started the season well with an innings victory over St. Henry’s College. Even though we lost the second game against St. Patrick’s College, we are proud to mention that this game was a very interesting and well fought one. The spirit with which the teams played the games deserves special mention. St. Patrick’s College deserves our special congratulations for the plucky way in which they batted to win a game which would have otherwise ended in a draw. As we go to press we have a good record to publish of having won four games out of five played. We will be meeting Jaffna Hindu College before we close for the Easter vacation, and Manipay Hindu during the second term. We wish the Cricket Team all success. We are proud to have Mr. E. J. J. Niles as our Cricket coach. We are thankful to him for the time and energy he spends to coach the boys. Mr. Niles has been for a number of years interested in training the second teams and is mainly responsible for a good number of the first class players in the First Team today. He has started well and we hope he will annex championship after championship in the years to come. We are sorry to find Mr. Vethaparanam give up Cricket coaching. He has been our coach for the last four years and during this period did well to win a championship. Our grateful thanks to him for all that he has done to us. The Inter-House Cricket competitions, usually held during the first term, had to be postponed owing to
unavoidable circumstances. This change will, I am sure, make a definite change in the competition, for it will give the Houses a chance to play with their full strength.

Inter-House Competition: The Volley Ball Inter-House competitions were held with great success. With a slight change in the eligibility to play in House games, there prevailed a better enthusiasm and keener rivalry. The Senior Division championship was won by the Brown House, while the Junior Division championship ended in a tie between the Abraham House and the Hitchcock House.

Sports Committee: A new Committee was formed with a revised constitution, to be in charge of all sports activities in College. The following form the Committee: Messrs. C. A. Gnanasegaram, S. T. Jeeveratnam, E. J. J. Niles, K. A. Selliah, C. C. Kanapathipillai, K. V. George and the Physical Director. The Committee has already started to function and has made its presence felt. We are thankful to the various members of the Committee for their co-operation.

Track and Field Sports: We hope to organise a series of Meets during the second term with a view to improving the standard of athletics in Jaffna College. We expect to hold at least five Meets—A preliminary Meet, a Boarders vs. Day Scholars Meet, Freshers Meet, a duel Meet with St. Patrick's College and the Annual Field Day Meet. Athletics, unlike the other games, needs a very systematic training spread over at least three months. The time we have at our disposal during the second term is just enough to give the finishing touches to the competitors. May I take this opportunity to appeal to those interested in athletics to try their best to keep in training during the vacation. This is the only
way by which you can put in your share to win another championship for your College.

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**THE SCOUT TROOP.**

The new term saw new appointments and a reshuffling of the Troop. I am proud to say that there are about thirty Scouts in the Troop.

For some time we concentrated more on work in Camps and Public Meetings, but now we have determined to do something of value to our educational and social life. I do not say that we have done away with Camps and helping at public meetings, but we have added something useful to our programme of work. We hope to put the many proposals in this direction into execution this year. Nature study with collections of various leaves, and similar hobbies keep us busy. Caustic criticisms have stimulated us and we plan to do something useful to our College, village and to ourselves.

We enjoyed our Annual Camp at Velanai and at the time I am writing this report we are making extensive preparations for a Joint Camp with the St. John's, the Victoria College and the Central Troops at Mandaithivu. The purpose of such a grand idea is to cultivate brotherhood together with getting enjoyment and training.

In conclusion, I wish to congratulate the freshers who have creditably won their Tenderfoot badges.
May this be a prelude to their future success in their Scout career. I hope they will co-operate with the others to make the Scout Troop felt at College.

R. C. Thavarajah, Troop Leader.

STUDENTS' TENNIS CLUB.

Our court has been relaid since our last report and as we went to play this term it meant new vigour and enthusiasm for all of us. We maintained a fairly large membership until the end of the annual tournament for the Bicknell Memorial Challenge Cup, which came off in the latter part of February. The tournaments were keenly contested and patronised by all the members of the club and one more from the Matriculation class.

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Our heartiest congratulations to the prize-winners and especially to D. N. Selvaratnam who succeeds V. Thuraisingham in carrying off the Bicknell Memorial Challenge Cup with no less glory-

J. C. ROUND TABLE.

Office Bearers for 1940.

President: Mr. M. I. Thomas
Secy. & Treas: Mr. P. W. Ariaratnam
Additional Members of Committee
Mr. E. C. Lockwood
Mr. M. Rajasundram
Mr. C. S. Ponnuthurai

Report of the Jaffna College Round Table
For 1939

(Presented at the last annual meeting)

Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I claim the customary privilege to present to you a report for the past year.

Nine meetings have been held during the year and the subjects ranged from Religious, Philosophical, Educational, Political, to discussions of matters concerning ourselves, our school and the limits and boundaries of our functions as teachers here. We were really fortunate that those who addressed were real masters of the subjects they handled. Of dinners and lunches, we have had four.

At the end of the first term we met at a term end dinner of Fellowship. This was just a revival of an old custom to meet at dinner at the end of the term for the purpose of merely getting together, rather than for saying good-bye to a departing friend.

About the middle of the 2nd term we were glad to welcome Dr. M. H. Harrison, a former colleague.
of ours, at a lunch. Dr. Harrison was then on a brief visit to deliver a course of seven addresses at the 4th Annual Teachers' Camp. The whole Harrison family were in Jaffna during the last X'mas vacation, and I am sure most of us met them.

Soon after this we entertained Mr. S. S. Selvadurai at a dinner prior to his departure to the University College to prepare for his degree in Science. We met again at the end of last term, and this time to felicitate Mr. K. A. Selliah on his appointment as Vice-Principal. I am sure we are all glad that we now have a Vice-Principal, and that one among us has been given the responsibility. We wished him well then, and we wish him well now too.

Mr. P. R. Ariapooshanam joined us quietly last term and left us suddenly at the end of last term on his being appointed to the staff of the new Union High School. Our best wishes go with him in his new sphere of work. We also welcomed last term Mr. Stuart Wright. He introduced himself with his talk on Vocational Guidance; of his vocal and instrumental abilities too we have both seen and heard. We await to hear more and more; and today we welcome Mr. W. L Jeyasingham and probably at the next meeting we will be welcoming one of our old boys into the Round Table — Mr. Sam. Beadle. We are multiplying — Good luck!

So much in brief is what has happened. Let me also here thank our President, Rev. Bunker, and the Committee for their whole hearted co-operation and help in all matters—the members for all that they have to be thanked for. I must also thank Miss Perumal for her ungrudging and valuable help at dinners. I shall not now hesitate to make again the customary commendations to the new Committee
to do all that we have failed or omitted to do. For we are always wiser after an event than before. Besides, the old order changeth, yielding place to new. All of us are only too aware of this. May it not be then that the Round Table should enlarge its sphere of activities. Normally we are apt to think of the Round Table in terms of a tea and a lecture or a farewell. We have considered other things too, but only when a situation demanded it—as revision of constitutions? etc. During the coming year we shall perhaps see the passing away of some time-honoured bodies, with which we as a body were directly or indirectly concerned, and new ones taking their places. I refer in particular to the Board of Directors and the new Faculty—especially to the latter. I wonder whether in view of this it would not be better for us to enlarge our activities and do more continuous thinking in the more immediate affairs of the whole school—curricular and extra-curricular. Such a course may make every member to think more in terms of the whole school rather than in terms of departments. It will give each member an insight into all the departments of the school and not be well informed in only his or her own department. We then shall begin to concentrate more in terms of the whole school, our interests will enlarge, and we shall truly be the Round Table, which gathers in all various diversities to make a perfect whole. As to how this could be achieved, I shall leave it to the genius of the next Committee.

Then does not the politico-religious situation today and the consequent enactments call for our thinking? We have now entered on a new basis where religious instruction is concerned. Does not the situation challenge us to a definite and revised programme and to uphold what we are deeply con-
vinced about? Cannot the Round Table now contribute its share in meeting this situation? Is not the Round Table to show forth in an unmistakable way that we are a Christian body of Christian teachers working in a Christian school for Christian ideals? To the working out of such aims and others that may seem valuable to another year of fruitful work, our best wishes go with the next Committee. Thanks to all for all.

C. S. Ponnuthurai,
Hony. Secy.

THE JAFFNA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (COLOMBO BRANCH)

I. TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The twenty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna College Alumni Association (Colombo Branch) was held at the Central Y. M. C. A., Colombo on Tuesday the 5th March, 1940, at 5.30 p. m. with Rev. Sydney K. Bunker, the Principal of the College, in the chair. Over 150 members were present at the meeting.

Mr. M. Ramalingam, the Honorary Secretary of the Association, read the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and they were confirmed. Mr. P. J. Thambiratnam, the Honorary Treasurer, presented an audited report of the accounts of the Association and this was duly accepted.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year.

President:
Rev. Sydney K. Bunker (Ex-officio)
Vice-Presidents:

Sir W. Duraiswamy Mr. G. C. Thambiah
Mr. K. Balingam Mr. W. H. T. Bartlett
Dr. E. V. Ratnam Dr. S. L. Navaratnam
Mr. K. Kanagaratnam Mr. C. Arumugam

Honorary Secretary:
Mr. M. Ramalingam (Re-elected)

Honorary Treasurer:
Mr. P. J. Thambiratnam (Re-elected)

Honorary Auditors:
Mr. K. Nagalingam
Mr. A. Ponniah

The following members were elected to form the Executive Committee:

Mr. R. M. Thevathason Mr. V. Sabapathy
Mr. S. Kulasingam Mr. P. E. Rajaratnam
Mr. K. T. Chittambalam Mr. T. K. Curtis
Mr. S. Sinnathamby Mr. A. S. Peraeavvar
Mr. P. Sathasivam Mr. V. Kandasamy

It was decided to fall in line with the views of the Malayan Branch which is very keen on erecting a clock tower in memory of the late Rev. John Bicknell.

The Principal then addressed the gathering.

M. RAMALINGAM.
Hony. Secy.

II—The Annual Report

This report covers the period from November 1938 to March 1940. Our Association has existed for 26 years and at the last meeting we celebrated
our Silver Jubilee with the publication of a Souvenir and a grand dinner.

Unfortunately, we could not enjoy a Principal's Tea during the past year. The Y. M. C. A. building was commandeered by the Military on the very day (4th September, 1939) we were to have our Tea and it had to be abandoned. Our congratulations to the Principal on his lucky escape.

The “Blackout” did not leave us unaffected. We should have had our Annual Dinner in last November. It was mainly on account of the blackout that we postponed it to so late a date.

Mr. J. F. Ponnambalam, convener of the Bicknell Memorial Fund, wrote to me that the Executive Committee of our Parent Association at Vaddukod-dai, had decided to fall in line with the views of the Malayan Branch which is very keen on erecting a clock tower in memory of our late beloved Rev. Bicknell.

They had called for estimates and had concluded that Rs. 7,000 would be required for a tower 40 feet high and a clock lit internally. I was requested to put this matter before the Committee or the Annual General meeting for our views. But the letter reached me late. It was not included in the Agenda of the Committee Meeting. Hence my mention of it here.

Amongst the achievements of our Old Boys during the past year, the appointment of Mr. K. Kanagaratnam to the post of Deputy Auditor General stands prominent. We offer him our heartiest congratulations. It is our hope that his stars will shine with great brilliance. We wish him every success in his new department.

M. Ramalingam,
Hony. Secy.
III. THE ANNUAL DINNER

Referring to the relations between the Tamils and Sinhalese at the 26th annual dinner of the Jaffna College Alumni Association, Colombo, Mr. D. S. Senanayake said "We of the two major communities have lived here for many centuries and we will have to live for many centuries more. We shall continue to live as brothers."

The Rev. Sydney K. Bunker, Principal of the College presided, and there were about 150 diners at the Central Y. M. C. A. on the 5th March.

After the loyal toasts Mr. Senanayke proposed the toast of the College.

Mr. Senanayke in doing so said that he was glad to come there that day from an atmosphere of intrigue, to be present in the midst of members of a distinguished and historic race.

Mr. Senanayke said he had been associated for 17 years with one of the Association's distinguished Old Boys, Sir Waitialingam Duraiswamy.

"Every time I meet and associate with the members of the Tamil community, among whom I count a large number of my friends, I feel that they are a hospitable, kind and a lovable set of people," he declared.

When he thought of Sir Waitialingam Duraiswamy, one of their distinguished Old Boys, he wondered why they did not get all their representatives in the State Council educated at Jaffna College.

"We of the two major communities have lived here many centuries," continued Mr. Senanayake, "and
we will have to live for many centuries more. We shall continue to live as brothers.

"However much others may try to disturb our good friendship, I know it will never be disturbed."

He had great pleasure in giving them the toast of Jaffna College.

The Rev. Sydney K. Bunker, the Principal, in reply, referred to the work of the American Mission and said that 100 years ago the only institute in Ceylon that gave instruction up to the standard of a University degree was Jaffna College.

Mr. Bunker said that there was a great temptation for heads of schools to advert to the new amendments of the ex-Minister of Education. He would not yield to that temptation, as he had the confidence that the State Council would not agree to strangle the denominational schools.

He appealed to them to influence public opinion as to what kind of education was needed from the schools. If that was done the schools could supply that and meet the needs of the country. It was for them to decide what the future of Ceylon was to be, and the schools would then be able to help them.

Mr. C. C. Rasaratnam proposed the toast of Ceylon.

Mr. A. E. Goonesinha in reply said he was sorry difficulties had been put in the way of the unification of the communities. He hoped that notwithstanding the resolutions of the Jaffna Association and others led by designing individuals, the people of Jaffna would stand by the people of the South.
“It is not in a state of suspicion that we should embark on a struggle like this, and when the fight is still on why should we suspect each other? That is the position that must be properly and closely studied,” he concluded.

Mr. Abraham Gardiner in proposing the toast of the Old Boys said that he stood for the blending of all the races in the Island. Jaffna College, he said, had left its mark in Ceylon as well as in South India and Burma.

Although Jaffna College Old Boys were taking a prominent part in the shaping of the destiny of Ceylon, he was glad that they had nothing to do with the intrigue of politics.

Mr. Gardiner said that every one of them wished the Association every success.

Mr. K. Kanagaratnam in reply spoke at length about the ancient and illustrious history of the College.

In the course of his speech he remarked:—

“The College has made history today by being the first to entertain two of the ex-Ministers who have laid down their ministerial offices to vindicate their political principles. Today is the most momentous day in the political life of Ceylon. Our distinguished guests including the Mayor of Colombo have come direct into this hall after participating in a debate of great importance and from muddy politics and stuffy Council Chamber to the salubrious atmosphere afforded here which should, no doubt, be a great physical and mental relaxation to them. One of the objects in the constitution of the Jaffna College Alumni Association is to promote unity and co-operation and foster a close and cordial relationship between all
peoples and it is therefore a happy augury for a satisfactory and successful solution of the most important question of the day that our guests should be entertained by an Association which stands for freedom and fellowship. Under the good auspices we have assembled to night to entertain them I foresee a bright ray of happy and a silver lining emerging from the darkest clouds that have gathered in our political horizon."

Dr. A. W. Rasiah proposed the toast of the Sister College, to which Mr. A. A. Azeez replied.

Mr. S. Alalasunderam in proposing the toast of the guests referred to the sincere and good work done by Mr. D. S. Senanayake to help the poor man and the villager. He had been glad to hear Mr. Senanayake state at the public meeting on Galle Face that he had been inspired by the speech of Mrs. Naysum Saravanamuttu in the Council.

She was a true daughter of Jaffna. "In all your future endeavours you can rest assured that the true sons and daughters of Jaffna will stand steadfastly behind you," said the speaker.

Mr. G. C. S. Corea in reply said that often a feeling of sadness and depression crept over him when he thought of the efforts being made by some to widen the gulf between the Sinhalese and Tamils.

"It is not a matter of politics but one of national regeneration that all the communities should make a sincere, determined and valiant effort to unite. "Let us hope", said Mr. Corea, "that out of this heterogeneous mass of all races and communities it would be possible to evolve a homogeneous race of Ceylonese."
Mr. D. F. Mc Clelland, the Associate General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.'s in India and Ceylon, also spoke.

The singing of the College song brought the proceedings to a close.

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THE JAFFNA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

News and Notices

THE HARRISONS.

A very pleasant and cordial reception was held by the Alumni Association on Saturday 6th January 1940 at the New Town Hall, Jaffna, to enable the Old Boys and their wives to meet Dr. M. H. Harrison, M. A., Ph. D., Principal of the Union Theological College, Bangalore, and formerly Professor at Jaffna College, and Mrs. Harrison. A large number of Old Boys and their wives attended this social.

After tea both Dr. and Mrs. Harrison addressed the gathering and the Hon. Secretary thanked them both for their presence that evening and for their message of good wishes to the Old Boys.

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THE MEMORANDUM.

The Alumni Association has carefully prepared and submitted to the members of the Board of Directors of the College a memorandum embodying the following four resolutions and urging on them many reasons in support of the same:
Resolution 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.

Resolution 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.

Resolution 3. In view of the fact that the Constitution is being revised and this Association is submitting a memorandum in pursuance of the resolutions passed at the last Annual General Meeting held on 15th July 1939, we resolve that the sub committee do study the present constitution of the College and draft a memorandum suggesting reforms in the present constitution and submit the said draft to the Executive Committee for its consideration and approval.

Resolution 4. That the sub committee do draft in some memorandum suggestions about the constitution and composition of the Faculty of the College and a memorandum embodying this and the previous resolution be sent to the members of the Board of Directors.

Following the despatch of the memorandum to the Board, a deputation from the Alumni Association met the members of the Revision Committee of the Board of Directors of the College.

We wish to record here our appreciation of the opportunity afforded us by the Board of Directors to meet their Committee and our thanks
to the members of their Committee whom we met for the discussion we had then.

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THE BICKNELL MEMORIAL FUND.

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association in pursuance of the direction given to it at the last Annual General Meeting has worked out some of the details pertaining to this Fund and has accordingly resolved that the form for the Bicknell Memorial be a Clock Tower to be constructed on a suitable and prominent site in the College premises.

The first attempt to collect more money for the Bicknell Memorial Clock Tower was the recent staging of "Valli-Tirumanam" under the auspices of the Alumni Association in aid of the Bicknell Memorial Fund in the Ottley Hall on Saturday, 16th March 1940. The play was a brilliant success and our thanks to all those who took part in the production of this play and to our patrons. Our thanks to the Principal of the College, for the unrestricted use of the College Hall, its lights and fans.

Dr. S. K. Chinniah, an enthusiastic Old Boy, was solely responsible for managing and producing this play and our sincere thanks to him for this splendid work in aid of the Bicknell Memorial Fund. By his genial and forceful personality he has been able to bring in a sum of Rupees Five hundred to the Fund.

(Details of the collection, expenditure and balance from the production of this play will be published in the next issue of the Miscellany.)

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THE MISCELLANY.

Our congratulations to Mr. C. S. Ponnuthurai on his appointment as Manager of the College Miscellany.

We wish to thank most sincerely Mr. K. Sellaiah for the co-operation and help he afforded us as Manager of the Miscellany in the publication of the Alumni Association news in this journal and we wish to record here our appreciation of his splendid work for the Miscellany.

ALUMNI DAY, 1940.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association and Alumni Day Celebrations for 1940 will be held on or about 20th July. We earnestly solicit all Old Boys of the College to send their names and addresses to the Hony. Secretary of the Association with their membership subscriptions for the current year and have their names inscribed in the New Register of members of the Jaffna College Alumni Association.

A. W. NADARAJAH,
Hony. Secretary,
Jaffna College Alumni Association.
ALUMNI NEWS.
(Gathered by Alumnus)

GENERAL.

—Dr. J. M. Somasundaram, J. M. O., Batticaloa, has been transferred as J. M. O., Jaffna.

—Dr. S. W. C. Ratnasar, D. M. O., Kayts, has been transferred to Nuwara Eliya as D. M. O.

—Dr. S. K. Chinniah, D. M. O., Vaddukoddai, has retired from active service. He has put in many years of service in the Medical Department of the Ceylon Government.

—Dr. K. Nadarajah, who was away in England for a few years on study leave, has returned to the Island having obtained the Diplomas in Tropical Medicine, in Tropical Hygiene, and in Public Health. He is at present doing acting work at the Civil Hospital, Jaffna.

—Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam, B. Sc., has been elected the President of the Northern Province Teachers’ Association.

—Mr. S. Handy Perinbanayagam, B. A., has been elected the Vice-President of the N. P. T. A. He has also been elected the President of the West Jaffna Teachers’ Association.

—Mr. A. K. Kandiah, B. A., has been elected the Secretary of the N. P. T. A.

—Rev. S. Kulandran, B. A., B. D., has been elected the President of the Jaffna Council of the South India United Church.

—Rev. G. D. Thomas has been elected the Vice-President of the J. C., S. I. U. C.
—Rev. B. C. D. Mather, B. D., has been elected the Secretary of the J. C., S. I. U. C.

—Mr. P. W. Ariaratnam has been elected the Treasurer of the J. C., S. I. U. C.

—Mr. S. S. Ariaratnam, B. A., Advocate, has taken his oaths and is practising his profession in Colombo.

—Mr. K. Sivagurunathan has joined the staff of the Hindu English School, Neerveli.

—Messrs. C. R. Ratnasingham and A. Aruliah have returned from the Government Training College, Colombo, after a course of training and have joined the staff of the Manipay Memorial English School and A. M. English School, Karainagar, respectively.

—Messrs. K. Kamalarajan, S. Rojanoyagan and W. N. Paul have joined the Sanitary Department and are at present undergoing a course of training as Sanitary Learners.

—Mr. E. V. Ponnudurai has been transferred to Jaffna as the Superintendent of the Farm Station, Tinnevely.

—Mr. Solomon Balasingham, the Superintendent of the Farm Station, Tinnevely, has been transferred from Tinnevely.

—Mr. A. T. Sabaratnam, B. Sc., has joined the staff of St. Benedict’s College, Colombo.

—Mr. J. Welch Balasingham has joined the clerical staff of the Bank of Ceylon, Colombo.

—Mr. J. Mannickasingham Sanders has joined the staff of the Drieberg English School, Chavakachcheri.

—Mr. P. Thambimuttu, of the Kachcheri, Jaffna, has been transferred to the Marketing Department, Colombo.
—Mr. A. T. Saravanamuttu, Engineer, P. W. D., Kalmunai, has been transferred to the Head Office, Colombo.

—Mr. N. Kandiah, of the General Telegraph Office, Colombo, has been promoted Post Master and transferred to Deniyaya.

—Mr. Samuel Beadle has joined the tutorial staff of Jaffna College.

—Mr. V. Gnanaśiragasam, of the Forest Office, Kurunegala, has been transferred to the Treasury, Colombo.

—Mr. S. Balasingham, of the P. W. D., has been transferred to the Supreme Court, Colombo.

—Mr. S. A. Navaratnam, Sanitary Inspector, Maggona, is now attached to the Bacteriological Institute, Colombo.

—Mr. T. Monaguru, of the Irrigation Department, is now attached to the Head Office, Colombo.

—Mr. T. Balasingham, Proctor S. C., has taken his oaths and is practising his profession at Colombo.

—Mr. V. Vijayadeivendran, Advocate, has taken his oaths and is practising his profession at Colombo.

—Mr. J. T. Sabapathippillai, Proctor S. C., has taken his oaths and is practising his profession at Chavakachcheri.

EXAMINATION SUCCESS

Our congratulations to the following on their recent success in their examinations.

—**Messrs. R. G. Singaratnam** (Referred in English,)  
**V. S. Jesudhasan** (Referred in Latin)—Intermediate in Arts of the London University.

—**Mr. P. R. Rajendram**, the Final Examination for Proctors, Ceylon Law College.

R. I P.

—**Mr. S. Kanapathippillai**, the Camp, Karainagar, died in February.

**Wedding Bells**

Our warmest congratulations to the following newly wedded couples:

—Dr. K. Krishnar and Miss Sivapakiammal Kailasam.

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

—Mr. W. M. T. Nicholas and Miss Rosa Mahilmalar Hastings.

—Mr. A. A. Mathiaparanam and Miss Grace Gnana Sukirtham Mylvaganam.

—Mr. J. M. Sittampalam and Miss Annammah Somasundaram.

—Mr. N. R. Subramaniam and Miss Sivasithamparam.

—Mr. A. Rajaratnam and Miss Rose Jeyamany Arulpragasam.

Our congratulations also to the following couples on their engagement.

—Rev. T. K. Curtis and Miss Evangeline Sukirtharanee Nathaniel.

—Mr. P. J. Thambiratnam and Miss Esther Kathiravelu.
—Mr. D. K. Parinpanayagam and Miss Nesaratnam Ponniah.
—Mr. S. S. Ariaratnam and Miss Violet Chinniah.

OUR INTER ARTS RESULTS.

1. S. S. Edward
2. K. Jeyakkoddy
3. M. Nadarajah
4. H. Selvadurai
5. Miss S. Sivakuru.

REFERRED LIST
1. Ernest Appadurai (Latin.)
2. Miss G. E. S. Walton (Pure Maths.)

NOTES FROM A COLLEGE DIARY.

Tuesday, January 16.
—The College reopens for the new term. Mr. Luther Jeyasingham, B. Sc., is welcomed into the staff in the place of Mr. P. R. Ariapooshanam.

Friday, January 19.
—Home and Home Cricket Match.

Saturday, January 20.
—InterArts results out. Five pass and two referred. Splendid achievement.

Saturday, January 27.
—The Scouts go on their Annual Camp to Velanai. A practice cricket match is played against the Chundikuli Youth League. The game is not played to a finish.
Thursday, February 1.
—The Annual Meeting of the Round Table takes place.

Saturday, February 3.
—The Cricket team plays another practice Cricket match against Mr. S. Sambanthar's Team. The team wins by a few runs.

Friday, February 9.
—Mr. Ramasamy Sarma of the tutorial staff of Central College, Jaffna, delivers a lecture on "Kali thokai" under the auspices of the Academy.
—The College vacates for the afternoon sessions to enable a good number of teachers to attend the Annual sessions of the Jaffna Council of the South India United Church at Tellipallai.
—Mr. T. Venayagamoorthy speaks at the Hunt Dormitory meeting on "Love in Tamil Poetry."

Friday and Saturday, February 10 & 11.
—We play our first Inter-Collegiate Cricket match with St. Henry's College. The match ends in an easy innings victory for us. A promising start for the season.

Wednesday, February 14.
—Mr. Stuart Wright speaks on "The Challenge of Science" under the auspices of the Academy.
—Mr. S. H. Perinbanayagam reads a paper on Kraemer's Book. "The Christian message in a non-Christian world" at a meeting of the Round Table.

Friday, February 16.
—Mr. T. Ethirveerasingham, an Old Boy of the College, conducts a cinema show of educational and Ceylon films at the Ottley Hall.
—The members of the Committee of the Y. M. C. A. go for a week-end retreat to Eluvativu.

Saturday, February 17.
—Practice Match with a selected Town team takes place. We win by a few runs.

Sunday, February 18.
—Fellowship day of the J. I. C. C. F. at Jaffna College.

Wednesday, February 21.
—At a meeting of the Parent Teachers’ Association of the College, Mr. C. T. Lorage, the Divisional Inspector of schools, and Mr. W. R. Watson, Assistant Director of Education, deliver addresses on “The Problem—Parent”

Friday, February 23.
—Sextant Break
—The long awaited cricket duel with the Patricians comes off. The thrilling game ends in their favour. We lose by 3 wickets and 3 runs.

Sunday, February 24.
—The College hears of the death of J. M. Arasaratnam of the L. M. C. Our condolence to the grieved parents and relatives.

Monday, February 25.
—Sextant Holiday.

Wednesday, February 28.
—The College holds a Current Events Test.

Friday, March 1.
—The Annual Prize-Giving comes off. Mr. E. L. Bradby Principal of Royal College is the chief speaker.
—The Cricket match against Central College starts.
—The Round Table entertains Mr. & Mrs. Bradby at a social.

Saturday, March 2.

—The match with Central College ends in a well-earned victory for the College cricket team. Well-done.

—Miss Beals of the Green Memorial Hospital, Manipay, takes the vespers.

Wednesday, March 6.

—Pundit Kanathipillai delivers a lecture on "Sati Thas Sessu" under the auspices of the Academy.

Friday, March 8.

—Mr. Stuart Wright speaks on "The Origin of Man" at the Hunt Dormitory Meeting.
—The Cricket Match against St. John's starts.

Saturday, March 9.

—Our team earns a well deserved and laudable victory. Our congratulations.

Thursday, March 14.

—The Brotherhood bids farewell to its ex-Patron Mr. D. S. Sanders at the anniversary celebrations. The Annual Dinner also takes place.

Friday, March 15.

—Our Cricket team goes to Point Pedro to meet Hartley.

—The Scouts go on a Joint Camp, with the Troops of St. John's College, and Union High School, Tellipallai, to Mandaitivu.
Saturday, March 16.

—The Cricket match with Hartley ends in our favour.
—"Vally Thirumanam" is staged at the Ottley Hall in aid of the Bicknell Memorial Fund. Veterans at their height of frolic. A successful performance.

Sunday, March 16.

—Rev. S. Kulendran speaks at the vespers
—The Scouts return home after a jolly time at camp.

Wednesday, March 20.

—The Principal speaks about the Agricultural Scheme at the morning assembly.

Thursday, March 21.

Dr. Stanley Jones of world wide repute speaks at the morning assembly. A very inspiring talk.
—Dr. and Miss Jones are entertained at a social by the Round Table. Dr. Jones delivers an inspiring address.

Friday, March 22.

Good Friday—Holiday.

Monday, March 25,

—The Round Table is At Home to the West Jaffna Teachers' Association at a general meeting of the latter, which is addressed by Mr. J. V. Chelliah on "Attitudes".

Friday and Saturday, March 29 & 30.

The cricket match against Jaffna Hindu College. A business meeting of the Round Table takes place.
Tuesday, April 2.
—The term examinations start.

Friday, April 5.
—The College closes for Easter vacation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

OUR NEW VICE-PRINCIPAL

In our last Miscellany we made the announce­ment of the appointment of Mr. K. A. Selliah as the new Vice-Principal of the College. We wish to take this opportunity to offer him our warmest congra­tulations on the high honour that has been conferred upon him and wish him a successful spell of service in his new post of responsibility. It is not necessary for us to detail here all his scholastic achievements: our readers know them only too well. His stay for two years in England has no doubt enriched his experience and fitted him to fill this new post. The fact that he was made, immediately after his return from England in September 1938, the Careers Master of the College, then shortly after awarded one of the Special Posts, and then made the Vice Principal within a short time shows the high esteem in which he is held by the authorities of the College. While congratulating him, we are sure that this elevation will not spoil his character, which has always been characterised by a genial kindliness of nature and an absolute sense of fairness, and which has made him a friend of all his fellow members of the staff of the College.
On the other hand, it is our hope that other qualities will stand him in good stead to make a success of his Post.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

We are grateful to Mr. C. H. Cooke for his ready willingness to give his 'Reminiscences' of his school days. It is but fitting that he—the oldest Old Boy living should commence the series of 'Reminiscences' we are proposing to publish in these pages from time to time. We have no doubt but that such peeps into the past will be appreciated and even found useful.

Mr. M. Ramalingam, the indefatigable Secretary of the Alumni Association, Colombo Branch, writes an interesting article on the 'Execution of Sardiel'. Mr. Ramalingam is bidding fair to shine as a historian. That he has found a useful hobby in digging out of the dusty heaps in the Colombo archives interesting bits of historical information of the Island's past must receive the commendation of all his friends. He will, by such researches, be only following the traditions established by some of his illustrious predecessors in the Government Service, who utilised their leisure in similar hobbies.

Diogenes is continuing with yet another of his 'Popular Fallacies'. The present instalment on the well known proverb "A rolling stone gathers no moss" will be found to be thought provoking.
In Memoriam

S. Guanapragasam, London Matriculation C,
Died: November, 1939.

In Memoriam

Miss C. Amirthavalliammal, Second Form,
Died: October, 1939.

In Memoriam

J. M. Arasaratnam, London Matriculation C.
Died: February 24, 1940
ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Kumbakonam College Magazine
Young Hindu
The National College Magazine
The Central
The Bottled Sunshine
Uduvil Magazine (Agnew Number.)
St. Joseph's College Magazine (Trichy)
St. Thomas' College Magazine (Matara)
The American College Magazine
Madras X'tian College Magazine
Annamalai Nagar Miscellany
St. John's College Magazine
The Judsonian (Burma)
Hatton Methodist Boys' High School Magazine

Richmond College Magazine
The Pembrian (Pembroke Academy)