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FREEDOM IN EDUCATION

(BY REV. FATHER PETER PILLAI)

The Prize Day Address

It is with the greatest pleasure that I accepted the invitation extended to me by Mr. Bunker to speak at the Jaffna College Prize Giving. I deeply appreciate the honour paid to me by asking me, a young Headmaster of a relatively young institution to be a speaker at the oldest educational establishment in the island. Everyone knows the high position that Jaffna College holds in the educational world. Its long line of great teachers, its record of past achievement and present progress, its boldness in educational experiment on a background of venerable traditions all combine to render the contribution made by Jaffna College absolutely unique in the educational field. I could not therefore refuse the invitation to come, especially as it was made by Mr. Bunker whose friendship I greatly value, and for whose advice I have the greatest respect. Not only myself, all the other Headmasters have the same regard for Mr. Bunker that I have. All of us without exception greatly esteem his ripe experience, his sound judgment, his unassuming manner, and his absolute fairness to all. Jaffna College is fortunate in having such a Principal, for he is certain to leave the impress of his personality on the successive generations of students that come into contact with him.

Let me first of all congratulate the College Prize winners for their well merited success, the staff as well as the students on the splendid record that we have all listened to in the report. I cannot pay a higher compliment than to say that Jaffna College is remaining faithful to its vast traditions. We need not be too despondent about the future when such things are being done in the present.

It is about this future, however, that I am going to speak today. I wish to speak to you this
evening of the necessity for freedom in education. I want to make a plea for variety in educational forms. I wish to protest against the imposition of a rigidly uniform type of school, and to raise my voice against mass regimentation in the educational field. I make no apology for introducing such a topic here. The subject is of vital concern to the staff and to the parents, while the bigger boys who will shortly be leaving school will be called upon to play their part in the creation of a healthy public opinion on educational matters.

That changes are overdue in our educational systems no one will contest. As the social, economic and political aspects of our Society have undergone a change, the educational system must therefore also be adapted to suit the changed circumstances. Our secondary education has been violently criticized for the following reasons: The general criticism is that it is too academic. It does not pay sufficient attention to the development of our sensibilities, to aesthetic appreciation, to handwork. There is too much of learning and not enough of doing. Our curriculum is dominated by London Matriculation which is suitable for those intending to proceed to higher studies, but which is unsuited to be a leaving certificate. Our education prepares, as Mr. Bunker himself has said, for white-collar jobs that do not exist, rather than for manual employment that can be found. Then from another angle the criticism is made that enough importance is not given to the national languages and literatures. We are too much dominated by English ways of thinking, English habits and English traditions.

Then, with regard to still another fact of our education, it is maintained that we are so concerned about examination results that we do not insist sufficiently on the formation of character, that nothing is being done to eradicate our national vices of greed, dishonesty, and lack of public spiritedness. In India,
the sons and daughters of the land are prepared to make the greatest sacrifices for their country, whereas here in Ceylon, we have place-seekers, office-hunters and money-grabbers. It is contended that our education is not facing up to this situation, and that it is making no effort to strengthen our national character. Therefore, it seems that our educational system must be radically altered. They say that a real revolution is necessary, and such a revolutionary change is now being studied by the Special Committee on Education. It is suggested by them that there should be a Uniform System for the whole island. The Primary School up to the Vth Standard is to be in the mother tongue. On the Vth Standard examination results the students are to be drafted on to Practical, Senior or Secondary schools, and all education is to be free in the Primary and Post-Primary schools up to the eighth standard. Primary schools prepare for trades and industries, Senior schools for commercial and other general walks of life and Secondary schools for the Universities and Professions. That is, in the briefest outline, the direction in which the Special Committee is now working.

It must be admitted that most of the criticisms that I had previously mentioned were legitimate. They point to real deficiencies which must be remedied. But need our present system that grew up slowly with its accumulated wealth of traditions be entirely scrapped? Why should there be only one mould into which all schools should fit? What I contend is that the present educational system should be mended not ended.

Practical and Senior schools are to be started. These are necessary innovations. Up to now we were working in the rigid groove of the Secondary school system with its too pronounced academic bias. We have to enlarge that basis by the inclusion of Practical and Senior schools. That is undoubtedly a necess-
ary reform. But why compel boys at the early age of eleven to choose the school indicated by the results of an examination? Is that not tyranny? We can suggest, guide, and persuade. But does not compulsion savour of totalitarianism, of mass regimentation?

It is objected that those who do not accept the decision of the examiners have the liberty of sending the children to private schools that are not supported from public funds. These schools will necessarily have to charge high fees, so that only the richest will be able to afford the luxury of choosing the schools they like for their children. The others will be penalized. Liberty for the rich, regimentation for the poor. It is not a system that we can contemplate with any satisfaction.

My suggestion is that the present system of fee charging schools which are assisted by the Government should be continued while new free schools should be started. Then the parent will have a real choice. In England such variety exists. Besides the free Public Elementary Schools, there are the assisted Secondary Schools, in addition to the non-assisted Public Schools. The freedom of the parent is very real in England.

Why we should give up such freedom and elect to go into a cast-iron system which has not yet been tried passeth my understanding.

There is a serious objection to compelling certain boys to join the Practical schools. We cannot be certain that there will be employment for those boys in the trades which they have learnt. The fact is that we cannot now foresee the economic framework in which we shall be called upon to live. There is going to be more industrialization. But we do not know to what extent. We cannot then train the boys for particular jobs. Moreover the experience of the past is not encouraging.
Government Weaving schools have produced not weavers but weaving masters.

But it might be objected: "We do not compel; the practical and senior schools might be deserted." The answer is that if by studying in the practical schools the chances of employment or of a reasonable livelihood are increased, then the boys will flock to them.

There is one great objection to the existence of Government subsidized, fee-charging schools, by the side of the free schools, which I must answer. It is suggested if the parents pay according to their means, all the children will not receive the same education, and the children will not all have the same opportunities. In other words in such a system there will not be equality of opportunity. But what of it? Why should there be equality of opportunity? For a number of years I have grappled with this problem of the equality of opportunity, trying to establish the principle, and I find that it cannot be established. That the present extreme inequality should be removed—Yes. But that there should be a dead uniformity of level from which all should start is to my mind untenable. The fundamental equality of man demands that every man should have sufficient opportunities to live his full human life. Sufficient opportunities, not necessarily equal. Parents save up for their children and these children will have an advantage at the start. There is nothing iniquitous in it.

So far the only public opinion that has interested itself in education is that concerning salaries of teachers. It is time that the country took a much keener interest in the basic problems of education. Teachers' Associations could do no more to create that interest than they have done in the past. But I should like to see the layman, the ordinary parent concerned about the kind of education that we should
impart to his children. Such an interest will prevent ill-conceived schemes from being rushed through the State-Council, and will be of the utmost benefit to the schools who are carrying out educational experiments.

I have pleaded for liberty in education. But before I end I should like to add that liberty without idealism and vision will degenerate into licence. We ask that a soul-deadening control may be removed from us in order that we might be free to place before our students the complete ideal of man in all its entrancing beauty. I say the complete ideal of man, not merely the ideal of physical well-being or even patriotic endeavour. All these partial ideals must be integrated in the complete whole which includes man's spiritual and supernatural perfection. In the larger vision the body is ordered to the spirit, and the life of this world is caught up and swung as in a censer before the glory of our communion with God in the next life. Within this vision there is sanity, joy and peace. Outside is the night.
(By Dr. A. Chithambaranatha Chettiar, M. A. Ph. D)

புதியவை மணித்திறனாக பெறுத்தால் பால் பந்தையில் மினிலாக வெளியைக் காண்பது அகழ்வுற்றது. அது கைவிட்டு அம்ம முதிக்கல் தோன்றும். தொழிலால் பொருட்கள் பால் மக்ரி பந்தையை மினிலாக வெளியைக் காண்பது அகழ்வுற்றது. அதைச் சொல்லடைத் தனதிடம் தவறு பெற்றார். தனதிடம் தவறாக மனிதன் தனதிடம் பதில்பர். எனவே உண்மையான மனிதன் பதில்பர். எனவே உண்மையான மனிதன் பதில்பர்.

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சலாதிகளால் விளையாடுவதற்கு காந்தியினர். மேற்புலக்க
எளிப்பை, உயிரார்வை, காதா வலிய கால்சினைகளால்
சிறுப்பு புதுக்கூட அசை. இதற்கு சிறிய முடிக்கும்
வழியான நெறிகளுக்கு விட்டு, அங்கு வாழ்கின்ற நட்சத்திர
நேர, அப்போது சேரும் நகர்ந்து நேர, அதற்கு
அசைநிலையைப் பூர்த்திக் கொண்டு என்று.

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ஆனால் அக்கியலைம் போராடும் நிலையில் இவ்விதம் அண்டியதால் மேலும் இன்று தவறா செய்யப் போகலாம். இப்படி குறிப்பிட்டு கூறலாம் செய்துள்ள அக்கியலை எங்குயும் குற்றம் குறுகியவர் பெற்றுக்காட்டலாம். தற்கால அக்கியலைப் போராடும் நிலையிலும் அந்த கூறலை காண்கதான் அறிந்ததில்லையால் போராடும் நிலையிலும் கூறல் பின்னர் அருந்தவேன அன்னையருக்கும் அன்னையருக்கும் அளிப்பார்கள்.

ஆனால் அன்னையின் போற்றும் நிலையில் இவ்விதம் அனுமதியல்லையால் பாடலைக் கொண்டு தவறா செய்யும் நிலையில் இவ்விதம் அண்டியதால் மேலும் இன்று தவறா செய்யப் போகலாம். இப்படி குறிப்பிட்டு கூறலாம் செய்துள்ள அன்னையின் போராடும் நிலையிலும் அந்த கூறலை காண்கதான் அறிந்ததில்லையால் போராடும் நிலையிலும் கூறல் பின்னர் அருந்தவேன அன்னையருக்கும் அன்னையருக்கும் அளிப்பார்கள்.

“ஒருவனின் போர்த்துவம் நிறை, காதல்
நென்றுக் கூறலாம், பாத்திர வின்
சரணம், ஒருவன் பாத்திரம் குறிப்பிட்டு.”

நான் என்று கூறின்.
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சமயத்தில் ஒரு வருடம் பல்வேறு குற்றரைப்புகளும் குற்றச்சாட்சிகளும் பல்வேறு போன்ற விளக்கங்கள் இருக்கின்றன. தேசிய விளக்கத்தில் பல்வேறு குற்றரைப்புகள் பல்வேறு போன்றவை இருக்கின்றன. தேசிய விளக்கத்தில் பல்வேறு குற்றரைப்புகள் பல்வேறு போன்றவை இருக்கின்றன. தேசிய விளக்கத்தில் பல்வேறு குற்றரைப்புகள் பல்வேறு போன்றவை இருக்கின்றன.

நான் பலவிலங்கள் அடங்கிய சோதனை மாற்றும் பார்க்கப் பயன்படுத்தியது. அதே மாற்றும் பார்க்கப் பயன்படுத்தியது. நான் பலவிலங்கள் அடங்கிய சோதனை மாற்றும் பார்க்கப் பயன்படுத்தியது. நான் பலவிலங்கள் அடங்கிய சோதனை மாற்றும் பார்க்கப் பயன்படுத்தியது. நான் பலவிலங்கள் அடங்கிய சோதனை மாற்றும் பார்க்கப் பயன்படுத்தியது.
மருத் துறவுகளின், பெருந்தொழில் சிறப்பும் அளவில் கடம் கிளைக்கால் பெற்ற துவப்பு முடி, "துவப்பு நோய் சிறப்பும் முடிக்கு” என்று என்று, "துவப்பு” என்று கூறுவதற்கு முன்னிலை அளவிற்கு முறையில் பழுதுப்புக் காலக்கால் செய்யப்பட்டது. எனவென்று இயல்பு ஏனைய காலம் சாலையில் காலக்கால் பன்முக புதுப்பிக்கப் பயிரியாயின், இலக்கிய காலக்கால் கலை கிளைக்கால் அமையப்பட்ட பொருளினங்கள், இவை,

“துவப்பு நோய் சிறப்பும் குறைந்த உடனூர் சுட்டிக்கு”

சூர்யா மலர்கள் பத்மக்கில் குறிப்பிட்டது.

“செந்தம் குரு துணையாளர்
சுட்டிக உரைப்போக்கு விளையும்”

சூப்பிர குடியரசு அயன் தினி புலத்தில் காலம் குறைந்த உடனூர் பெற்றது, இருக்கைகளின் காலம் குறைந்த பொருளீடு காலக்கால் உடனூர்கள் உடனூர் குறைந்த மறைந்தவை.

இன்பும் முதல் முடிய சுட்டிக ஒழிக்குறிக்கு
உளவோர் அழகை பொழுதும், அவ்வுழவோர் உளவோர்
உழவோர் அகுல் பெண்ணர் புதுப்பிக்கு எனயில் ஒழிக்குறிக்கு
உளவோர் உழவோர் அவ்வுழவோர் ஒன்றியம் உடனூர் குறைந்த
துவப்பு நோய் சிறப்பும் காலக்கால் பன்முக புதுப்பிக்கு எனயில்
பொழுதும் உடனூர் குறைந்த மறைந்தவை.

புதுப்பிக்கு முடிய என்று மருத்துவர்கள் பொழுதும்
பொழுதும் உடனூர் குறைந்த மறைந்தவை.

"துவப்பு நோய் சிறப்பும் குறைந்த உடனூர் குறைந்த
துவப்பு நோய் சிறப்பும் குறைந்த உடனூர் குறைந்த
துவப்பு நோய் சிறப்பும் குறைந்த உடனூர் குறைந்த
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துவப்பு நோய் சிறப்பும் குறைந்த உடனூர் குறைந்த
துவப்பு நோய் சிறப்பும் குறைந்த உடனூர் குறைந்த
தர்மக்குறுறுணர்ம நிகழ்த்துதல் என்பது தவள் இயக்கம் லாப்பை ரேயிலின் நோக்கில் இருந்தும் போர்க்காட்டியால் நிலையிடுகிறது.

“தம்மை பார்க்க அனுமனிது வருகை: இருப்பினும் அவள் சாத்யமுமை விள்ளாய, நான் என்னைக் கிளியை என்ன வந்தது ஒரு சுவாமியும் அக்கரை வருகையையும் கவசம் செய்யமுள்ளது. இது முடிந்து கிளியை குரியும் அவளை காய்த்து விடவே போதுமே. இந்த குடியை நம்பியும் போர்க்காட்டியான விளக்கம் தப்பிக்கிறது ஆனால் பல்கு பொய்யும் கிளியை கவசம் செய்யும் போதுமே. பொய்யிடப் போர்க்காட்டியர் சாத்யமுமை விள்ளாய, நான் என்னை கிளியை விளக்கிறது போர்க்காட்டியர் சாத்யமுமை விள்ளாய.”

பிறகு பெரும் பங்களித்த வரலாறு நிகழ்கிறது. துந்திய அங்கீகாரத் துணைக்காட்டிக் கூர்ந்தலில், நான் பரிபாலம், நான் விளங்கினேன நென்று. விளங்கிய பால் அக்கரைக் கிளியைப் புதிதரிக்கவும் விள்ளாய, பொய்யிடப் போர்க்காட்டியர் சாத்யமுமை விள்ளாய, நான் என்னை கிளியை விளக்கிறது போர்க்காட்டியர் சாத்யமுமை விள்ளாய. தொண்டின்படி நுழைந்து காப்பிடும் பல்கு கிளியை விளக்கிறது "தொண்டின் தானையாக என்னை கிளியை விளக்கிறது போர்க்காட்டியர் சாத்யமுமை விள்ளாய, நான் என்னை கிளியை விளக்கிறது போர்க்காட்டியர் சாத்யமுமை விள்ளாய.”
சுருக்க வாய்ப்பு என்றும் கூறுவது மற்றும் பழுத்துறை என்றும் குறிக்கப்படுகிறது,
நீங்கு வாய்ப்பு என்றும் குறிப்பிடுவது மற்றும் பழுத்துறை என்றும் குறிக்கப்படுகிறது.
கூறுவது மற்றும் பழுத்துறை என்றும் குறிப்பிடுவது மற்றும் பழுத்துறை என்றும் குறிக்கப்படுகிறது.
சுருக்க வாய்ப்பு என்றும் கூறுவது மற்றும் பழுத்துறை என்றும் குறிக்கப்படுகிறது.
சுருக்க வாய்ப்பு என்றும் கூறுவது மற்றும் பழுத்துறை என்றும் குறிக்கப்படுகிறது.
சுருக்க வாய்ப்பு என்றும் கூறுவது மற்றும் பழுத்துறை என்றும் குறிக்கப்படுகிறது.
"நன்றாக உங்களுக்கு வாழ்ந்து கூறும்பணி மூன்று வருடங்களுக்கு முன்னர்
நான் என்ன என்று கூறியது."

காண மற்றும் குறிப்பிட்டியுள்ள காலத்தில்ச்சித்திரங்கள் கெட்டுந்து அமைந்திருக்கும், காண கற்று கையில் கொண்டு கொள்ள உண்டா.

ஒவ்வொரு போரில் மேல் வந்தோர் பார்வாளின் அனை
தவுண்டிற்கு வருகையும், மேல்பக்கத்தில் பூச்செடியும் அரசியல் அமைப்புகளைத் தவுண்டிற்கு பார்வாளின். இயல் குறிப்பிட்டியுள்ள காலத்தில்ச்சித்திரங்களை, மணி தொழில் வருவதாக உண்டுவிளையாடும், முழுதாக அழகாக உண்டு வந்து விளையாடிய உண்டுபார்வாள் வீர்வீரியின் மேல் வருவதன் முகமாகவும் காலம் வருவதன் முகமாகவும். அம்மா
செய்திகளுடன் புதுப்பிக்கும் வாழ்வை கைத்தலும் காண
வையும் கொண்டோரின் கைத்தலும் காண வையும் வருவதன் முகமாகவும். முழுதாக வந்து விளையாட்டின் வீர்வீரியின் மேல் வருவதன் முகமாகவும். இயல் குறிப்பிட்டியுள்ள காலத்தில்ச்சித்திரங்களை
உண்டுவிளையாடும், முழுதாக வந்து விளையாட்டின் வீர்வீரியின் மேல் வருவதன் முகமாகவும். இயல் குறிப்பிட்டியுள்ள காலத்தில்ச்சித்திரங்களை
உண்டுவிளையாடும், முழுதாக வந்து விளையாட்டின் வீர்வீரியின் மேல் வருவதன் முகமாகவும்.
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நிறுவிய கல்வி தருகிறது முழுமையான முறைகளால் அனைத்தும் இணைந்து பேசுவதாக உறையம் காட்டும் பதிப்புகளை எழுதக்கூடியவர்கள் என்று கூறிப்பெயரியவை. இவும் உங்களுக்கு தவறான முறையில் பேசாது கூறிக்கொள்கிறேன். நீங்கள் முடித்து நான் ஒருவருக்கு அனைத்தையும் கூறிக்கொள்வது கூறிக்கொள்ள வேண்டியது. இவும் பெரும் பாதுகாப்பு அறிக்கை இதனால் வருகிறேன்;

"மோசேல் பைன்று பாற்றினால் அவளே!
அவளது கைகள் துரும்பவ இரண்டுடன் வேறு இருக்கிறது! கிறித்தவைகள் தன்மையை கொண்டிருக்கின்றன.

பயணத்தின் போது பாதுகாப்பு வழியும் நான் அவளது தோற்றமை விளக்கப்பட்டது, வெளியுற்றாள் நோய் வாறுவதில் குறைந்து.

நான் கூறியது தெளிவாக இருக்கிறது, நேர, நேர்வாயில் கூறுவதை கோரியும் போக்கு அதன் அவளது விளக்கங்களை அவற்றை மதிக்கிறேன். அவளது கைகள் குறிப்பிட்டும் புகழ்வி குணம் கிளக்கும் நேரத்திலிருந்து குறைந்து விளக்கம் அவளை தானே அறிக்கை இன்று வந்தால், என்ன அவள் புதுக்கால்.

நான் கூறியப் புகழ்விகள், லோகோகள் கேலியின்னடியில் தோன்றியுள்ள புகழ்விகள் பல நூற்றுக்கண்ட போல அதே காலப்பட்டமான முழுந்தலைப் பொறுத்து வந்தல், பலரும் கூறியதில் முடியாதுப்

புதுக்கால். சாத்தை கூறிய புதுக்கால் பேரரசு, என்னுடைய உரிமையை வாழ்க்கையை பெரிதும் பலரும் பெரிதும் பொறுத்தது.

முக்கியமான போக்கு என்று புதுக்காலினர், என்று கூறினாலேயே பொறுத்தது.
பா. கிருஷ்ண, சுப்பிரமணிய மகன் புதியத்தால்
நாசி காப்புத்தகத்திற்கு மானசியான புனிதமான சுசிப்பிட்டு நீண்டகாலில் பெற்றார். என்றும் சுப்பிரமணியாலே புதியத்தால் புனிதத்தினர் மதவத்தை தானே பெற்றார். என்றும் சுப்பிரமணியாலே சடந்து மித்திகார அமையார். இந்த அளிர்கின்ற நோயுடன் சுருக்கிய காலத்தில், சுப்பிரமணியா குருதிய நிலையில் காலமால், அதிசயமாக உருவான தொடர்று சடந்து சுய்க்கத்தை விளையாட்டினார். சுப்பிரமணியாலே நோய்விட்டு நார் பெற்று வரும் தோற்றத்தில் பெருமாகவும் அந்த தோற்றத்தில் நோயித் தோற்றம் தோற்றமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக நார் பெற்று வரும் தோற்றத்தில் பெருமாக விளங்கியது. இந்தக் காலத்தில் பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது. எப்படியாலே நோய்விட்டு பெருமாக விளங்கியது.
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அடையாள அடையாள போன்ற நுண்ணறை விளக்கியது என்ன? இதை என்று காண்பது
தமிழ் மொழியில் அடையாள அடையாள போன்ற நுண்ணறை விளக்கியது என்ன? முன்னாரையற்ற நாடுகளில் காண்பது இடைவெளியாக மாற்றம் செய்யவும் செய்வதற்கு அவசியம் முழுவதும் விளக்கியது. அவ்வாறு என்று காண்பது மூத்துகள் காண்பது என்ன? அவ்வாறு என்று காண்பது மூத்துகள் காண்பது என்ன?
தீர்மானப்படுத்தம் செய்யப்பட்டதுதீர்மானப்படுத்தம் செய்யப்பட்டது

கூறுகள் மற்றும் விளக்கங்கள் கூறுகள் மற்றும் விளக்கங்கள்
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இரு காலங்கள் பலன் பெற்ற முன்னர் பொறுப்புகள் வல்ல நூற்றுக்கணக்காக எடுக்கும். அல்லது
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முதல் வரிசையில் புதிய பாதுகாப்பு செய்யப்பட்ட பொறுப்புகள்
வரையறுக்கப்பட்டன. என்பது முன்னர் பொறுப்புகளுக்கு உதவியாகவே
இருக்கும் பொறுப்புகள் எங்களுக்கு உண்மையான சொல்லால்
கூறுகின்றன.

இரண்டாம் வரிசையில், பாலாங்களை எனும்
பல கூறுகளுடன் பல்லந்து பயன்படுத்தும் பொறுப்புகளுடன்
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அடுத்து, அவுக்கு மேலே எடுக்கும் சொல்லால் அதிகம்.
Father Peter Pillai, ladies and gentlemen: It has been two years since we at Jaffna College have been able to welcome you to the Jaffna College Prize-Giving. In spite of the tension and anxiety of the times a year ago we had planned our Prize-Giving for early in March, but when our chief speaker was unable to come and the black-out was steadily becoming blacker we finally abandoned our plans and it seemed best to wait and hold it this year. Certainly we meet under brighter skies this evening, with less of tension in the atmosphere even though our belts are drawn more tightly and we would be happy to see more things like chillies and kerosine and toothpaste in the shops. Our welcome to you all is the warmer for the knowledge we have that petrol is hard to come by, and your presence here in such numbers is most encouraging to us.

A special word of welcome to our chief guest: Father Peter Pillai is known to everyone here as Rector of St. Joseph's College, Colombo; but he was known to us long before as one of Ceylon's ablest men, all of whose gifts were devoted to his religious faith and, in that faith, to the common man. For many of us his name was synonymous with Social Justice. Here, we knew, was one scholar who sought no cloistered virtue, lived in no ivory tower, but identified himself with the needs of his lowliest countrymen. Moreover, we have never forgotten that he is of a Jaffna family, and a family that has given three sons of outstanding ability to the priesthood of their Church. Small wonder, then, that Father Peter Pillai's appointment to St. Joseph's College met with such unanimous pleasure and acclaim throughout the island, but especially in Jaffna.
We feel greatly honoured that he has consented to come to be our chief guest and speaker tonight.

I must now address myself to reporting two years of school life at the College, and I shall have to pass over events more rapidly than usual in order to keep my report within reasonable compass, for in the two years there have been a number of changes.

The process of changing the College Constitution has continued with the provision in it for one alumnus of the College to be elected by the Alumni Associations and for another alumnus to be elected by the College Staff. These elections have coincided with the coming into force of that provision of the Constitution which requires at least one year's retirement after two consecutive terms of service as members of the Board. Thus we have missed the presence this past year of Mr. K. Balasingham and Mr. J. V. Chelliah. Mr. S. Kanagasabai also retired after serving as the first non-Christian member of the Board, and we suffered a serious loss in the death of Rev. R. C. P. Welch. These places have been filled by Mr. W. P. A. Cooke and Rev. D. T. Niles, elected by the Board, and Messrs. A. W. Nadarajah and J. F. Ponnambalam elected respectively by the Alumni and the Staff. We wish to record our thanks for the fine services of those who have retired and to extend a warm welcome to the new members.

There have been changes in the staff during the past two years. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood and their four boys returned to America on furlough last May. The decision to sail was taken rather suddenly owing to the difficulty of getting bookings on suitable ships. After a voyage of some difficulty, due chiefly to sickness, they arrived safely and now report that they are all well and happily located near Boston. They are busy with study and speaking engagements. We have invited them to
return to Jaffna but have not yet heard what their plans are. It seems clear that we cannot expect them to come before the end of the war. Mr. Wright also had to leave suddenly and he had an even more eventful trip. His first ship was torpedoed and he spent two days in a lifeboat. His second ship took two months to go from Africa to the United States, but we know only that he arrived safely. Mr. Wright, being a short-term worker, will not be returning and therefore I would like to record our appreciation of his services. He was a skillful teacher and a most helpful counsellor to the many students who visited his room. He rendered unique service in the extra-curricular activities, doing good work with the Scouts, starting the Photographic Society and bringing the level of western music at the College to the highest point I think we have ever reached. He was as friendly a person as we have ever had here, but he will perhaps be longest remembered for the splendid work he did as Deputy A. R. P. Controller in organizing the civil defence of the peninsula. The College was able to free him half time, but he did a full-time job. His very many friends will be wishing him well as he returns to life in America.

Mrs. J. C. Nagalingam of the Kindergarten Department and Miss Marjorie Appadurai of the Lower School both have retired during the period under review. Mrs. Nagalingam had taught for 16 years, and it was her quiet, wise and understanding ways that bridged the chasm between home and school for so many of our present pupils. It is a tribute to her that this ordeal, so fearsome for so many, was made so easy and pleasant all these years. Miss Appadurai left us after several years of fine work to be married and we congratulate her husband and the churches he serves in having her as the mistress of the parsonage.
Miss Ruby David was appointed to take Mrs. Nagalingam's place. Miss Kandiahpillai taught in the Lower School for nine months in a Temporary capacity. We have also added several part-time teachers: Mr. V. Lakshmi Narayananivar, teaching oriental music in the Lower School, Mr. E. Knight helping us in craft work, also in the Lower School and Mr. H. L. Hastings taking the place in our agricultural work which Mr. V. Ehamparam was doing before he joined the Ceylon Engineers. The courses in oriental music and basketry are new and are proving very popular and useful. The former course is entirely self-supporting, being paid for by special music fees.

We are missing a tall, familiar figure overlooking the physical welfare of the College these days. Mr. S. R. Beadle, having reached age limit, has retired on pension. The College is grateful to him for his long, arduous and almost vacationless service of over twenty years.

One of the changes which I have welcomed most has been the creation of the post of Chaplain at the College. We were fortunate in that Rev. S. Kulan-dran was the pastor of the Vaddukoddai Church and we were able to arrange for him to serve in an honorary capacity. It has meant much to have one of his capacity and devotion associating with us so intimately. We are wondering just how we can meet the situation if he is transferred in May of this year. In this connection it may be mentioned that we have made a pre-terminal Retreat of the Staff a regular part of our program and it is proving helpful to many. We have also extended Scripture teaching to all the classes of the College.

Since my last report we have welcomed back two teachers who had been away improving their qualifications. Mr. S. S. Selvadurai returned after
two years at University College with a B. sc., and Mr. K. Mathiaparanam also after two years in the Honours course at Annamalai University with an M. A. in Tamil. It is good to have them back, and with increased capacity to serve the College as faithfully and well as ever.

One or two other changes should be noticed. Our experiment with a School Council which is wholly elective and which has increased responsibility for school discipline is continuing. So far it cannot be characterized as a complete success. The formation of cliques and factions and the seeking of personal interest, sometimes at the expense of general interest are universal human tendencies in schools as well as in State Councils. But we are persevering in the hope that experience will bring wisdom, self-control and a responsible attitude.

Perhaps the chief difficulty in any school, as in any home today, is the boarding department. Costs have risen sadly. We felt we had to raise boarding fees at the beginning of this year, but already costs have advanced far beyond what we are collecting by way of fees. Yet the cost troubles us less than the difficulty of getting supplies to give a varied and appetizing diet. Miss Perumal's task is quite the most difficult at the College and we feel fortunate to have one who brings so much resource to her problems. People often think that, being situated in the countryside, our problem of getting foods is simpler than that of schools in town areas. Actually the opposite is the case, and the shortage of petrol is a serious handicap in getting supplies, as we must, from Chankanai and Jaffna.

As for the necessary air raid precautions at the College, we have gone to some expense to make two shelters which will give the necessary protection. We have spent over Rs. 1000.00 and hope
that we have done what is necessary to provide against what we may hope will never come.

The final change I would make note of is a change in our educational environment. The establishment of the University of Ceylon has already had its effect upon us. For one thing, the value of the London Intermediate certificate is less certain; for another, the University Entrance Examination syllabus is now our syllabus for the first year of post-matriculation work at the College. This coming year we shall change the name of the Junior Intermediate Class to that of "Higher School Certificate Class." The decision of the University to hold a Higher School Certificate examination is welcomed by all schools, I am sure; and since this will be based on the University Entrance syllabus, all students may prepare for the University and even though they fail to get admission they may yet hope to get a certificate higher than the London Matriculation or Senior School Certificate. The University's acceptance of the local Senior as a qualifying examination for its entrance examination has made the holding of the London Matriculation examinations unnecessary (since exemption can be gained through the local Senior) and it is with some relief that we see the last London Matriculation examination before us in June.

We have not yet reached the Promised Land in education, however, for until we can be sure of the maintenance of a fixed standard in the Senior School examination we shall feel dissatisfied and insecure. Also, the present determination of the nature of the Higher Certificate examination by the University is not desirable as a permanent arrangement. We are grateful for the help of the University in this transition period, but we must not let our gratitude blind us to the fact that secondary education is not primarily concerned with preparing pupils for a University education. Its work is to initiate boys and girls into their place in the life of
their generation. The hold of the academic interests of the colleges and universities on secondary education is still a serious defect of education in the West in spite of decades of struggle. I think that that grip is even stronger here in Ceylon. We should therefore be aware of the struggle that lies ahead of us. It is not the authorities administering the University who are our enemies in this. It is the hold of the academic tradition upon the minds of children, parents, teachers, administrators and the general public which is the chief enemy to a truly rational education in Ceylon.

I might illustrate this by citing the agitation on the part of not a few persons for the starting of degree work, at least in Arts here at Jaffna College. This is not an unnatural suggestion to come from those who recall the day when this College was affiliated to the Universities of Calcutta or Madras. Yet the people who urge it can hardly be aware of the changes that have come over College education in the past forty years and of what effect the starting of a degree class here at Jaffna College would have upon the other departments which are and must remain our reason for being. The provision of courses all the way from the Tamil kindergarten to the bachelor's degree in one compound is an impossible and most undesirable educational task. The chief attention of the College would be focussed on the degree classes. Undergraduate students instead of senior pupils would set the standard for conduct and discipline. Anything that departed from the academic line leading to the degree classes would seem relatively worthless and would be slighted. We would have here in accentuated form what is the curse of education in Ceylon—the belief that education is only truly itself when it makes certain the winning of a 'white-collar' job. Moreover, we do not begin to have the resources for such an attempt.
No, in my view, we must be content with our own proper job of primary and secondary education and set ourselves to do it better. The will o'the wisp of higher classes had led us off our proper road which leads to a more practical education at the secondary level. The confused state of world events and uncertain prospects after the end of the war and even of the Special Education Committee’s recommendations make planning for future conditions impossible (if it is ever possible), but we can and should direct our attention to doing an ever better and more intelligent job of secondary education.

I have been led to think and speak along this line partly because of the pressure for starting degree classes, but also because of our own recent experience here at the College. The fact that I have nearly completed at least my first term of service at Jaffna College and expect soon to leave on furlough has encouraged me to include this subject at such length in this Report. The logic of experience and circumstance has been leading us to see that the inclusion of the proposed Higher Certificate Class in the secondary department rather than in what we have called the Collegiate Department is necessary for the general health of the school. It seems to me that the glamour of the higher work—of splendid results in the Intermediate examination, for example—must not be allowed to obscure for us and for our friends the fact that our chief duty is to our pupils in the primary and secondary departments.

And now to return to my more strictly reportorial task. The arrival of the Senior School Certificate as our chief secondary school examination has enabled us to shorten our course so that pupils may normally expect to take that examination in five years after passing the Fifth Standard, instead of
six years as in the past. This also has led us to raise the age limit of admission to our classes by one year in all classes except the Senior Class itself. Those who consult this year's Prospectus should keep this fact in mind.

The numbers on the roll of the College have continued to increase steadily. Today we have the largest number in attendance we have ever had. The figures are: In the entire English School 685; Lower School — 221, Secondary School — 387, Collegiate Department — 77. As I have studied these figures and compared them with those of five years ago, I find that the increased enrollment is to be accounted for by the increase in the number of girls (147 out of the total) attending the College added to the increased enrollment in the Collegiate Classes. We are thankful that this is the cause and not the presence of evacuees from Colombo. We have had very few of the latter at any time and we hope that we have converted the few that remain to permanent residents. The number in the boarding department have remained practically the same for the past few years: approximately 120.

The following are the examination results and I shall leave them to speak for themselves. London Matriculation: January, 1941, 28 presented, 24 passed; June, 1941, 13 presented, 8 passed; January, 1942, 42 presented, 29 passed (7 in the first division) and four more referred in one subject; June, 1942, 11 presented, 7 passed. Senior School Certificate (Special :) December 1941, 44 presented, 30 passed (13 with exemption from the Matric); December, 1942, results came yesterday: 44 presented, 29 passed, (5 in the First Division) London Intermediate of July, 1941: Science — 5 presented 2 passed, 2 referred in one subject; Arts — 9 presented 8 passed (one referred in one subject.) 1942 Inter Science results have also come: 8 presented,
2 passed, 2 referred. I think we can claim quite a record for consistently good results. I should also note that two of our students—K. Kumarasamy and K. Jegathessa Iyer—were offered free scholarships at the University as the result of their high standing in the January 1942 Matriculation examination.

In sports the outstanding feat of the past two years was the winning of the cricket championship in 1941 with an undefeated team. Congratulations to the team and coach. The following year we were runners-up to St. John's. In athletics we have continued to send outstanding athletes to the All-Jaffna Meet. In 1941 the Parsons Challenge Cup was awarded to Joseph George for the outstanding performance of the Meet in setting a record in the Hop, Step and Jump. In 1942 he received the Parsons Cup again for breaking his own record. This was the third year in a row that a George brought this Cup to Jaffna College. We have not been able to place better than third in the team scores, however. In football: in 1941 we lost but one match and that to our old and friendly nemesis, St. Patrick's. In 1942, an inexperienced team with but one player remaining from the year before did well to win two games. Here at the College, volleyball, basketball and thatchie continue to provide good inter-house competition, in addition to the other sports.

The Literary Societies, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. have continued their usual activities with nothing of note to report. The Geographical Society has held its monthly meetings and arranged one interesting trip to Kilinochchi to study the irrigation and agricultural developments there. The Agricultural Society, in keeping with the times, has been very active and has been doing good work, especially with fresh vegetables this year. The Photographic Club has been starved into quiescence by the dearth of supplies, and the Tamil Circle is thinking of reviving itself after a period of hiber-
nation. The Rovers carry on much as usual; the Scouts are missing Mr. Wright, but we hope to arrange to give them the leadership they need soon. New arrivals, and welcome ones, on the campus are the enthusiastic bands of Girl Guides and Brownies. Miss Vytilingam is to be thanked for her interest and encouragement here, as well as several of the older girls. Indeed the life that is developing in and around the Women's Hostel is one of the bright spots of the last two years.

The Parent-Teachers Association has been handicapped by the difficulties people find in travelling these days, yet it is carrying on. I cannot help noticing how different this association is, however, from similar organizations in America. There such an association is made up very largely of mothers and is far more enthusiastically and practically supported than here I cannot help wishing that the retiring nature of our women-folk here would suffer a sea-change, at least in this respect. It is not that we do not want the fathers; it is that we do want the mothers who, in spite of any appearance to the contrary, are the chief moulders of their children.

The war has prevented us from doing much building. In the past two years we have extended two buildings—the Tamil kindergarten building beside the Vice-Principal's house, so that it can now contain all four classes; and also the house occupied by Mr. M. I. Thomas. There are other buildings we need, some rather desperately, but satisfactory building materials simply cannot be had. We need houses for teachers very badly. We also need a well-planned dormitory to house all our male boarders, with quarters attached for married wardens. We need this not only for the sake of the boarders but also to free other space in the College for things like committee rooms, a music room, and so on, and especially to enable us to develop a Biology labora-
tory to go with the new biology teacher we expect to add to our staff next term. A pavilion for the sports field in memory of Mr. Bicknell has also been planned by the Alumni Association but it has proved impossible to carry out the plans under present conditions.

There is not a great deal to report from our Affiliated Schools. Kankesanturai has taken a new lease of life under its new headmaster, Mr. K. P. Ponnambalam. Uduppiddy has added a science block and is now preparing pupils for the Senior School Certificate. All the schools had excellent results in the recent J. S. C. examination. Uduppiddy sent one boy who stood second in the entire list of candidates. Several of the schools are now pressing to be allowed to prepare for the S. S. C.

The Alumni Association in Jaffna has carried on its usual activities. Those who attended the last Alumni Day dinner, held in this hall, will long remember it as being the largest and in the most attractive setting of any we have had. In Colombo, the black-out and the difficulties of travel have forced a suspension of activity for the last year or more; but a recent letter from the Secretary indicates that we may hope to see a resumption of something like normal life in that Association again. We continue to send our students out in good numbers into the Government and other services, so the Colombo Association should be prospering.

Finally I must record our sense of loss at the death of two good friends of the College. Rev. R. C. P. Welch was one of the finest products of Jaffna College. In his utter sincerity, his sterling integrity of character, and his devotion to duty he represented the Jaffna man at his best. He was long a member of the Board of Directors and of its Executive Committee. We are the poorer for his passing, but we thank God for his life and for all
that he did for the College, the Church, and the whole community of people in Jaffna. Mr. D. S. Seevaratnam was the first man to greet me and garland me as I landed in Ceylon. He was a true friend in every way. His love of his old school was a constant reminder to me of what part a good school can and should play in the life of its alumni. In America, also, two men at one time intimately connected with the College have died: Mr. A. A. Ward was both a teacher and a member of the Board of Directors, while Mr. L. B. Fritts was a teacher for seven years. We are sorry to hear that they have passed away.

As I close this report with the thought of departure from Ceylon present to my mind, my chief feeling is one of gratitude for what the five and a half years here have given me. I think of friends like Mr. Welch and Mr. Seevaratnam, and of the many others who have dealt generously with me. I think of my two healthy daughters, of the host of lovely and happy memories, and of the knowledge and experience which these years have brought. It seems to me that I have received far more than I have been able to give. In any case, I wish to record my gratitude to all the people who have made these years possible and shown me such kindness during them: the Board of Directors here and the Board of Trustees in America; the entire staff of the College, whose loyalty, ability and steady work have made the College what it is; the students, especially those bright cheerful ones who keep alive our hope for the future when the world itself seems bent on self-destruction; and finally to all of you friends and supporters of the College, who have inspired me and all of us at the College by your steady interest and help. God be with you all.
THE PRIZE-GIVING

Our prize-giving came off on Friday, the 26th February at 6.30 p.m. It was presided over by the Principal, the Rev. S. K. Bunker, and commenced with devotions led by the Rev. G. M. Kanagaratnam. The prologue, composed specially for the occasion by Mr. C. R. Wadsworth of the Staff and reproduced below, was recited by Ratnasingam Appadurai. Some of the girls of the College gave an oriental singing item. After the Principal's report, which appears elsewhere in this issue, Mrs. Bunker distributed the prizes. The Rev. Father Peter A. Pillai, Rector of St. Joseph's College, Colombo, was our chief guest and the theme of his address was "Freedom in Education". The address is also reproduced elsewhere in this issue. A vote of thanks proposed by V. G. Jacob, President of the School Council, and seconded by Mr. C. Subramniam, an Old Boy, brought the function to a close.

PRIZE-DAY PROLOGUE

Ye gentle all that grace this hall
In numbers large, our earnest call
Thus answering so graciously,
We joyful welcome bid to ye!
Directors of this ancient seat
Of learning, bid we welcome meet
To keep, and guard, and feed this flame
Of culture grand; to spread the fame
Of this our Hall of pristine pride
Has been to you a labour tried
In times when man 'gainst man doth vie
With beast-like passion, rampant, high.
You gentle lady, simple, kind,
In you Americ's heart we find;
We welcome you, these children's hope!
In your own bounteous hand lies scope
To gladden well each childish heart,
And even though you did so part
To ‘Meric’s fair land to go
Your mem’ry sweet their hearts will owe.
We welcome you, our chiefest guest,
In garb of priest and scholar drest,
Peter Pillai, thou on Rome’s
Old seven hills, as on thy home’s
Humble hearth a beam didst light
That shed afar a lustre bright.
Dear aim thou hast in this thy plea
For Social Justice; we welcome thee!
Yet hear a plaint from thine own land,
For Justice is thy land’s demand.
The Varsity in lonely height
Rejects our claim, our well tried might
O’er five score years and decades more
In field of ever widening lore!
’Tis Justice merely that we ask
And not in favours smile to bask!
Our lads and maids a hall they need
For learning dear and culture’s breed.
The war is on, the rice is out,
The wheat is up, our bowels no doubt
Keep telling us, “You should now fight,
You boys, you girls, to get your right,
A moratorium you demand
Of studies, as of food was planned!”
You’ve rationed paper, pen, and ink,
Now ration texts— with justice think—
And ration too exams for us;
For goodness sake do not make fuss!
When Hitler’s last bus he has missed,
And Musso from his seat is tossed,
When Tojo’s perfidy is venged,
And when at last this world has hinged
Its doors to open wide and smooth,
’Tis then at length that peace in truth
Will gently lave in healing balm
This broken earth and bring it calm.
But now a moment let us turn
And see and joy with those that earn
Recognition of their worth
In fields of mind and body both!
Once more we welcome one and all
This Prize-Day, yea, both great and small!

C. R. W.

PRIZE LIST 1941

London Matric. A.

1. H. N. Ponnambalam 1st division.
4. Veluppillai A. History 1st prize.
7. Thurairatnam D. Matric. 1st Division.
10. Jacob Chacko Matric. 1st Division.
12. Wijayasingham T. Logic 1st prize

London Matric. B.

1. Navaratnam K. V. Gen. Prof., Math. 1st prize, Physics 1st prize
2. Thambimuttu T.

London Matric C.
1. Sundranadarajah K.

Pre Matric A.
1. Balaraman S.
2. Shanmugam C.
3. Mahesan S.
4. James Rasanayagam
5. Atputharatnam V.
6. Pushparanee J.
7. Sukirtharatnasingham K.

Pre Matric B.
1. Sivasubramaniam V.
2. Subramaniam K.
3. Josephine Rasanayagam

Fourth Form A:
1. Pathmajeyan S.
2. Ratnasingham R.
3. Jeevarajah J.
4. Seevaratnam I.
5. Sivaguru K.
6. Kugarajah N.

Fourth Form B:
1. Kirupairajah V. S.

Third Form A:
1. Gunaratnam S. W.

Gen. Prof., Eng. 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize, Math. 2nd prize.

Mathematics 1st prize.

Gen. Prof., Physics 1st prize, Math. 1st prize, Chem. 2nd prize.

Latin 1st prize.

English 1st prize, Civics 1st prize.

Chem. 1st prize.

History 1st prize.

Tamil 1st prize.

Math. 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize.

Botany 1st prize.


Gen. Prof., Latin 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize, Math. 2nd prize.

Hist. 1st prize, Chem. 2nd prize.

Scripture 1st prize.

Tamil 2nd Prize.

Geography 3rd prize.

Geography 2nd prize.

Gen. Prof., Science 1st prize, Mathematics 1st prize, Bible 1st prize.
2. Selvaratnam S. Geography 2nd prize.

4. Sivasithamparam S. Latin 1st prize, Civics 1st prize.
7. Kunamalai K. Tamil 1st prize, Bible 2nd prize.
8. Pushparanee S. Tamil 2nd prize.

Third Form B:
1. Vijayaledchumy R. Geography 1st prize.
2. Patmanathan M T. Sinhalese 1st prize.

Second Form A:
3. Arumugam Kandasamy Tamil 1st prize.
5. Thevasundrarajah N. Geography 1st prize, Science 2nd prize.
6. Selvarajah Sanders Bible 2nd prize.

Second Form B:
1. John Chelliah Drawing 1st prize.

First Form A:
2. Susan Thomas

3. Rajamalar N.

4. Rasiah S.

5. Paramgothy S. C.

First Form B.

1. Visuvalingam K.
2. Selvadurai A.
3. Rajaratnam A.
4. Visuvanathan S.

Carpentry prize:
II A. Sabaratnam P. 1st prize.
II B. Vijayaratnam S 1st prize.

Post Matriculation: 1942

A. F. Tampoe Latin 1st prize.

Special Prize for scholarship in the Ceylon University for the best results in the Lond. Matric exam.
— K. Jegatheesa Iyer.

Lond Matric. A and B.


3. Balaraman S.

4. Mahesan

5. Gunaratnam Luthur

6. Rasanayagam V.

London Matric C:

Pathmajeyan S.

Geog. 1st prize, Hist. 1st prize, Tamil 2nd prize, Science 1st prize
Bible 1st prize.

History 2nd prize, Science 2nd prize, Geog. 2nd prize.

Bible 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize.

Sinhalese 2nd prize.

Math. 2nd prize.

English 1st prize

Eng. 2nd prize.

Math. 1st prize

Math. 2nd prize

P. 1st prize.

Sinhalese 1st prize.

Eng. 2nd prize.

Math. 1st prize.

Math. 2nd prize.

Pathmajeyan S.

2. Ratnasingham R.  
   Chem. 1st prize, Physics 1st prize, Latin 1st prize.  

3. Gunawardene L. C. M.  
   Latin 2nd prize.  

**Pre Matric. A:**  
1. Ranee Devi K.  
   Eng. 1st prize.  
2. Jeevarajah J.  
3. Shanmugalingam K.  
   History 1st prize.  
4. Thillaganathan K.  
   Math. 2nd prize.  
5. Ratnasingham A.  
   Eng. 2nd prize.  
6. Saraswathy M.  
   Botany 1st prize.  

**Pre Matric. B:**  
1. Victor Kirupairajah  
   Geography 1st prize.  
2. Gladstone Niles  
   Geography 2nd prize.  

**Fourth Form A:**  
1. Gunaratnam S. W.  
   Gen. Prof., Mathematics 1st Prize, Chem. 1st prize, Bible 1st prize.  
2. Kurien George.  
   Math. 2nd prize, Geog. 1st prize.  
3. Theagarajah S. C.  
   Tamil 1st prize.  
4. Pushparanee S.  
   Tamil 2nd prize.  
5. Sundralingam S.  
   Latin 1st prize.  
6. Mahesan K.  
   Tamil 2nd prize.  
7. Navaratnammah V.  
   Geog. 2nd prize.  

**Fourth Form B:**  
1. Vijayaledchumy R.  
   Geography 1st prize, Tamil 1st prize.  
2. Pathmanathan M. T.  
   Math. 1st prize.  

**Third Form A:**  
1. Arasaratnam S. W.  
2. Thomas Haefner

3. Somasundram S.

4. Amarasingham R. C.

Third Form A:

5. Kanagamalar Beadle
6. Easwarakadadcham J.
7. Velayutham E.

Third Form B:

1. Alice George
2. Villavarayan S. K.

Second Form A:

1. Kulasegarampilla T.
2. Kandasamy K.
3. Chandraranee K.

4. Rajantalar N.
5. Maheswary K.
6. Susan Thomas
7. Rasiah S.

Bible 1st prize, Latin 1st prize, Eng. 2nd prize. Eng. 1st prize, Drawing 1st prize, Hist. 2nd prize, Bible 2nd prize.

Geography 1st prize, Math. 2nd prize.

Science 1st prize, Geog 2nd prize.

Tamil 1st prize.

Tamil 1st prize.

Sinhalese 2nd prize.

Sinhalese 1st prize, Civics 1st prize.

Civics 2nd prize

Carpentry 1st prize.

Carp. 2nd prize.


Tamil 1st prize, Bible 1st prize, English 2nd prize.

Sinhalese 1st prize.

Science 1st prize, Geog. 2nd prize, Civics 2nd prize.

Math. 2nd prize.
Second Form B:
1. Nadarajah S.
2. Sitchithanantham R.
3. Sinnadurai A.

First Form A:
1. Rajapalan R.
2. Amarasingham J. L.
3. Sivapiragasam S.
4. Kumariah S.
5. Visuvanathan K.
6. Thankaratnam V.
7. Balarajah J.
8. Satchithananthan A.
9. Henry Worthington

First Form B:
1. Christian Paul
2. Nadarajah K.
3. Veluppillai S.
4. Kanagalingam S.
5. Murugamoothy S.
6. Ramachandran R.
7. Arasakularatnam M R.
8. Shelton Gunawardene

Sports Prizes 1941
Jacob. C. Cricket Batting Prize, Athletic colours.
Thavarajah, R. Cricket bowling prize, cricket special prize for score over 75, cricket colours. football colours.
Nadarajah, N. Cricket Fielding prize, cricket colours.
Selvarajah, N. Cricket all-round prize.
Kuruvilla, T.  Cricket special prize for score over 75, cricket colours.
Navaratnam, S.  Cricket colours.
Gunaratnam, C.  Cricket colours.
Joseph, G.  Special Athletic prize for winning Parson's Cup for two years in succession, cricket colours.
Ratnasabapathy, P. Football colours, Athletic colours.
Sivasubramaniam V.  Athletic colours.
Sivarajalingam, K. Football colours.

Sports Prizes 1942

Kandiah, K.  Cricket batting prize, cricket special prize for century.
Mihendran, K.  Cricket bowling prize, cricket colour.
Joseph, G.  Cricket fielding prize.
Jacob, G.  Cricket all-round prize.
Nagendra, V.  Cricket colours.
Nalliah, K. Football colours.
Mills, K.  Football colours.
Kurien, G.  Athletic special prize for new record.

House Reports

Abraham House

Since no report was submitted for the third term last year the present report includes that period too.

Our senior team led by B. Nesarajah came first in thatchie, but it failed to win any match in basket-ball. Our intermediate team under the able captainship of S. Ganesan came first in thatchie and were runners up in foot-ball.

Our Junior team too came first in thatchie, but they failed to win any match in foot-ball. From this any one can understand that our members are all skilled and interested in the national game thatchie.

This term no sports activity has yet started, but we hope to do well in volley-ball. The captain of our senior volley-ball
team, S. D. Jeyasingam, supposed to be the best player at College will, I think lead us to victory.

We had one general meeting this term to elect an inter-councillor. J. M. Panniah was elected. Our congratulations to him.

G. Sanmugam,
House Captain.

BROWN HOUSE

This term there was no competition in any sports activities except that of volley-ball, the results of which will appear in the next issue of the Miscellany, since the competitions are not over. The results of the competitions in foot-ball, thatchie and basket-ball held last term are as follows:

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Though we did not distinguish ourselves last year as in the past, yet we were fairly successful.

This year we had to bid good-bye to G. N. Vijeyaratnam—a representative of the house in the School Council. K. Sitsapasan has been elected in his place. We congratulate him. He is also the captain of the first eleven football team and it is our fervent hopes that he will (as previously done by a Brown) lead us to the championship this year.

Before I end my report let me thank all the members of the house for the whole hearted co-operation they have given me and let me wish the house a very successful year under a better and abler leader.

S. Ratnasabapathy,
House Captain.

HASTINGS HOUSE

House Master: Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam
School Councillors: C. Kanthasamy (House Captain)
                   V. Velliampalam
                   T. Thurairatnam

We have a proud list of achievements to record. The forecast of C. Paramasothy, the then House Captain, in the last issue of the Miscellany, concerning the Intermediate foot ball team was signally fulfilled when it annexed the Inter-House
Intermediate Football championship. The strong basket ball teams in the Senior and Intermediate Divisions mentioned in our last report secured the Senior and Intermediate Basket-Ball Championships. Our Senior Thatchie team was bracketed with that of Brown House for the Senior Thatchie Championship. There are also strong grounds to believe that our Post Senior Volley Ball team in which are T. Thurairatnam and S. Sellathamby, the star players of the College, would annex the Post Senior Volley Ball Championship.

C. Paramsothy, who so ably led us last term, left us early this year to pursue higher studies. He has been succeeded in the Captainship by C. Kanthasamy and in the membership of the school Council by T. Thurairatnam.

C, Kanthasamy,
House. Captain.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE

With the new year, many of our members bade us good-bye and new-faces have taken their places. Every member of the House has, each in his own way, helped to maintain the noble traditions of the house.

The house had to meet occasionally to elect representatives to the School Council. K. Kandiah, our former House-Captain, left us after passing the London Matriculation. The continued success of the House, during the past years, was due to his invaluable services. We thank him and wish him the best of luck. G. Jacob succeeded him, both as representative to the School Council and Captain of the House. He was elected President of the School Council. P. Vettivelu was elected to the Inter-boarder seat, which was vacant for a long-time. He had to leave us all of a sudden and T. Sinnappapillai was elected to his place.

The members of the House have shown keen interest in all games. Most of them turn out regularly for practice. Under the captaincy of T. Sinnappapillai, the volley ball team should easily annex the championship. In Shanmugaratnam and Vettivelu, we miss two of our veteran players. Yet we go forward undaunted. In cricket too, our team has got to be tested.

In conclusion, I thank all the members of the House and the House-masters for their whole hearted co-operation.

Jacob George,
House-Captain.
THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

President: G. Jabob
Secretary: C. Kanthasamy
Faculty adviser: Mr. L. S. Kulathungam

The period under review (October 1942—March 1943) has been a turbulent one in the history of the School Council. The members ventilated their grievances to a greater extent than before. The Council was able to have some of the grievances of the students redressed.

On many an occasion the Faculty did the courtesy of referring student matters to the Council. Usually when there was a breach of discipline on the part of the students the Faculty referred the matter to the School Council for investigation and for meting out punishment. The Principal also explained to us the reasons for some of the decisions of the Faculty.

The constitution of the School Council has been revised. One amendment to the constitution was that only students who had been at Jaffna College for two years were eligible to become members.

The School Council has lost the valuable and much appreciated services of two Presidents—R. Shanmugaratnam and A. F. Tampoe, during this period.

The criticism of staleness cannot be made on the Present School Council. Fresh blood is being constantly pumped into it by frequent by elections.

C. Kanthasamy,
Hony. Secy.

THE DAY SCHOLARS' UNION

It is with great satisfaction that I present the report of the Day Scholars' Union for the term under review. Although the Day Scholars' Union has not yet completed its first year of existence it has made its influence felt in the student community. This Union was formed about the middle of last term under the direction of Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam to look after the welfare of the day students.

"Well begun is half done." The Union has well started its work for this term and is showing promise of doing more responsible work with the same earnestness as evinced at present.
THE SCHOOL COUNCIL.
Matters of vital importance to the students were discussed and many resolutions were passed. One was to the effect that the class-room doors were to be open during noon-intervals so that the hardships caused to the students may be alleviated. We express our gratitude to the School Council for translating the resolution into action.

The other resolutions pertain to the economic hardships experienced by poor students. A committee of five, called the "Economic Survey Committee", was elected to investigate into the conditions of the poor students, and submit a report to the house. We hope soon to present the reports along with an appeal both to the Director of Education and the College authorities requesting them to create a fund in order to provide free noon-meals to those students.

A co-operative cafe - The Day Scholars' Co-operative Cafe - was started this term. This cafe which is under the direct supervision of the Day Scholars' Union is managed by an executive committee elected by the share-holders. At present lunch is served to day-students. Soon we expect to open a canteen that would supply tea and preparations from wheat. In no way should this cafe be considered a rival to the College Tuck-shop.

A Committee is preparing a constitution for the Union.

I wish to thank the Director Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam for his taking a lively interest in our activities and for his guidance and also the members of the Union for their whole-hearted co-operation with me.

R. R. Ratnasgingam,
Hony. Secy.

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THE ACADEMY

President: V. Buvanasundaram
Vice-President: S. Renganathan
Secretary: T. Somasekaram
Asst. Secretary: Miss E. N. Niles
Treasurer: R. Visuvanathan
Auditor: V. Shanmugalingam

Though petrol-ration and other wartime exigencies have deprived us of the privilege of hearing eminent speakers from out
side, yet we have had interesting and enlightening speeches from members of the staff. Mr. D. S. Devasagayam spoke to us on “The Present Indian Situation”. Mr. M. Rajasundaram spoke to us on “Ramakrishna the Saint”. We have had interesting debates on the following subjects: “Communism is a better form of government than Capitalism”. “English education is a hindrance to the progress of our national culture.”

It is remarkable that in all our speeches and debates, there is evinced an encouraging amount of progressive thought and outlook on the part of the members. Though it is a long way off the ideal, however it is a healthy sign to note that the majority of the members are realising their responsibilities as students, and are trying to shoulder rather than shirk them.

In conclusion the Secretary wishes to thank the speakers who spoke to us, the members of the executive committee and other members, without whose help the execution of his duties would have been almost impossible.

T. Somasekaram
Hony. Secy.

THE AGRICULTURAL CLUB

To say that this term was really a successful one for the Club is no mere boasting. The gardening was in full swing as the members were thirsting for a knowledge of agriculture and were encouraged by prizes. Two prizes were awarded, the first prize being won by the Lockwood Group and the second one by the Senanayake Group. But I am sorry to say that after the prize-giving some members have not taken as keen an interest as they took before.

We cultivated paddy in the eastern garden and the produce from the nine lachams amounted to nine bushels which was more than we expected. This was sold to the boarding at the control price.

In the western garden we planted tomatoes, lettuce, radish and carrots. We expected a good crop but it was not up to the mark. Any way we have found out the mistake and next year we can be sure of making up for the loss.

The annual meeting of this Club was held this term on the 3rd of March, when new office-bearers for the coming year were elected. They are:
THE AGRICULTURAL CLUB
President: — M. Navaratnam
Secretary: — S. Balaraman
Treasurer: — A. Kumarasamy

Group Leaders:

Lockwood Group: — S. Somasundaram
Senanayake Group: — G. Jeyasingam
Balasingham Group: — S. Thanabalasingham
Peiris Group: — V. Atputharatnam

An examination of the Treasurer’s report for the period, August - December 1942, is very encouraging. The total expenditure was Rs. 97, and the total income for the period under review was Rs. 104.

I will be failing in my duty if I do not thank, in the name of the Club, the former Secretary, S. Ganesan, for the splendid service he rendered to the Club.

S. BALARAMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

THE SCOUTS

We regret to record that we have not been very active this term. Various difficulties cropped up and prevented us from functioning as usual.

We have been greatly handicapped in that we have had no one to lead us. No one has yet volunteered to be our Scout Master, but we still hope that we shall not be long leaderless.

The Scout Council, however, was steady in managing skillfully the affairs of the Troop. It arranged and held fortnightly meetings, where scout craft was practised. Many of our recruits have reached the Tenderfoot rank and are very busy preparing for their Second Class Badge.

We also should like to congratulate Rover Nagalingam and Scout Rajasingam on their winning the National Service Badge. I am sure that I won’t be far wrong in saying that these Scouts are two of the small number of Scouts in the peninsula that have won this coveted badge.

In closing let me thank the Troop Leader, Patrol Leaders, and members themselves for the kind co-operation, and steady
support which they have given me throughout. I also wish to congratulate our ex-Secretary, E. R Appadurai, who ably carried out his work.

R. THIAGARAJAH,
Hony. Secretary.

THE Y. M. C. A.

This being the first term, we started off with a new President and a new committee. I am very happy to say that most of the Christian students and several non-Christians are keen to attend the meetings.

Our thanks are due to the last year's officers for their efficient work.

The following were elected office-bearers for this year.

**President**: Mr. S. Selvadurai
**Vice-President**: Luthur Gunaratnam
**Secretary**: D. R. Ampalavanar
**Assistant Secretary**: S. R. W. Charavanamuthu
**Treasurer**: B. M. Singam

The conveners of Committees for this year are the following:

- **Membership Committee**: Mr. W. L. Jeyasingham
- **Missionary Committee**: Mr. R. J. Thurairajah
- **Personal-Piety Committee**: Mr. P. W. Ariaratnam
- **Sunday-School Committee**: D. R. Ampalavanar
- **Social Service Committee**: C. S. Nagalingam
- **Sports Committee**: J. R. S. Aruirajasingam

At present we are conducting only one Sunday-School at Thunavy. There is a considerable increase in the number of children.

We have meetings every Wednesday and they are well attended. The following are the speakers and their topics:

- Mr. P. C. Gaussen on "Accident of Birth"
- Miss G. Lee on "The Poetry of Jesus"
- Mr. C. R. Wadsworth on "The Christian and The Bible"

We thank the speakers for their addresses.

We were able to have one devotional meeting, which was conducted by our President. Then we had a Bible Study in...
Tamil conducted by Mr. K E. Mathiaparanam. and his subject was "Sair et'fii,. Many of us were benefited much by this Bible Study. We hope to have more Bible Studies in English and Tamil next term.

About fifteen boys attended the Fellowship Meeting, which was held at the Uduvil Girls' School. We had a whole day programme. In the evening a service was held in the Church led by Rev. Jeffries.

I must thank Miss Ruby Navaratuasingham and Miss Chanthiramathy Alagaratnam for helping us in the singing at our meetings.

In conclusion, I thank our President for his guidance and the committee for their help in keeping the Association functioning.

D. R. Amapalanar,
Hony. Secy, J. C. Y. M. C. A.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JAFFNA COLLEGE ROUND TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1942

President: Mr. L. S. Kulathungam
Secretary: Mr. S. S. Selvadurai

The Round Table had seven meetings during the year. The chief speakers at its meetings were:

Mr. W. R. Watson on "Ceylon University," formerly Miss E. Peak now Mrs. Grainger on "The Trend of Education in America now, and her voyage from America to Ceylon". Captain Tham-biah on "The Teacher and the Taught," Dr. Miss M. Ahrends on "Education in Germany", and Mr. D. S. Devasagayam on "Industrial Development of India Today".

At two of the other meetings of the Round Table the members considered the formation of a
Staff Co-operative Stores. It was a long felt need and some members of the staff who foresaw the difficult times ahead informally suggested that we should form one. The Round Table took up the suggestion, sponsored it and now the stores is a reality serving the needs of at least forty families. Under the able guidance of the present efficient managing committee we wish this endeavour the best of success and many more years of prosperity.

Last year we had to bid farewell to two of the members of the staff. Mr. E. C. Lockwood suddenly decided to leave us on furlough to America. We were unable to bid him farewell at the Round Table. So we sent our best wishes to him in a telegram when he was at Wai in India.

Mr. Wright's departure was too sudden and unexpected. He was entertained at a Round Table lunch. The President, Mr. L. S. Kulathungam, the Principal and Mr. Rajasunderam spoke at the lunch. It was he who was responsible for the A. R. P. Organisation in Jaffna and also an able Scout Master and a good friend of us all. We miss him here. We are very happy to hear that he has reached his homeland safe after so many difficulties on the way.

Among the other activities of the Round Table was a year-end party. Messrs. Visuvalingam, Galagoda and Vethaparanam gave us delightful songs. Messrs. Niles, Brodie and Elias made eloquent speeches. It was a really good time and very much enjoyed by the members.

It was not possible at the present time to get up more meetings on account of the difficulty of getting good speakers.

Finally my thanks are due to the members of this House, the different speakers, the committee and to Messrs R. J. Thurairajah and S. R. Beadle.
for the great help rendered by them in organising the lunch and the year-end party.

S. S. Selvadurai,
Secretary.

Officers for 1943

President: Mr. A. M. Brodie,
Secretary: Mr. M. Rajasundram.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College was held at the Principal’s Bungalow on Saturday Feb. 27th. After other items of business had been transacted, the following persons were elected members of the Board: Rev. D. T. Niles (re-elected) and Messrs. J. V. Chelliah, and R. O. Buell. The following officers were elected: President: Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam; Vice-President: Mr. W. H. T. Bartlett; Secretary: Mr. J. F. Ponnambalam; Treasurer: the Principal.

We are happy to welcome Mr. Chelliah back as a member of the Board. No one has been connected with Jaffna College both so long and so intimately as Mr. Chelliah, and therefore it was right and inevitable that, after the year of retirement the Board Constitution requires, he should return. We are happy to have Rev. D. T Niles carry on for another term after his very short period of service this past year (in the place of Rev. R. C. P. Welch); while we most heartily welcome Mr. R. O. Buell, whose family has played so large a part in American Mission affairs both here and in Bombay and who himself has done so fine a piece of Christian work as General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Colombo.

The retirement rule has caused two vacancies. We shall miss two old and staunch members of the Board in the persons of Messrs. A. R. Supramaniam and T. Buell. They have brought large experience
and long service as their gift to the College, and we shall miss them greatly.

S. K. B.

EXAMINATION RESULTS (1942)

S. S. C. SPECIAL

1. Gunaratnam Luther
2. Dharmarajah S.
3. Sugunarajah N. W. G.
4. Mahenthiram A.
5. Jeyasingham S. D.
6. Mahesan S.
* 7. Theiventhiram S.
8. Sri Rajaseharam S.
* 9. Sri Rayan T.
10. Subramaniam K.
11. Amirthalingam S.
* 12. Sukirtharatnasingham K.
13. Ratnasabapathy P.
14. Atputharatnam V.
* 15. Rajadurai A.
* 16. Balaraman S. 1st Division
* 17. Rasananayagam V. 1st Division
* 18. Thomas M. 1st Division
19. Ganesan S.
* 20. Sanmuganathan C. 1st Division
21. Pararajasingham N.
22. Mills J. K.
23. Sinnappapillai T.
24. Paranjothi C.
25. Alagaratnam K.
* 26. Rasananayagam J. B. 1st Division
27. Ambalavanar Nesamany
28. Elizabeth Elias
29. Pushparanee Jeevaratnam

* Exempted from the London Matriculation Examination.
Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, the Acting Auditor General, has assumed duties as the Director of Subsidiary Foodstuffs.

—Mr. S. Perarayar has been appointed Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Northern Division, Jaffna.

—Mr. P. Sathasivam, of the General Treasury, Colombo, has been appointed Chief Clerk, Food Purchase Department, Madras.

—Mr. V. Nalliah, of the Chief Secretary's Office, Colombo, has been transferred to the Jaffna Kachcheri
—Mr. A. Arulpirasam, of the Land Commissioner’s Office, Colombo, has been promoted to the Civil Service and is now attached to the General Treasury, Colombo.

—Mr. S. A. Subramaniam, of the Labour Office, Colombo, has been promoted to the Civil Service and is now attached to the Mannar Kachcheri.

—Mr. K. Thillainathan, of the Income Tax Department, Colombo, has been appointed Acting Assistant Assessor in the Department itself.

—Mr. A. Ponniah, of the Audit Office, Colombo, has been appointed Acting Chief Audit Examiner.

—Dr. C. Wijaratna is now attached to the Department of Civil Defence.

—Mr. E. A. Devasagayam of the Customs, Kayts, has been transferred to Colombo.

—Mr. R. M. Thevathason, of the District Courts, Colombo, has been transferred to the Magistrate’s Court, Jaffna.

—Mr. N. Kandiah, of the G. P. O. Colombo, has been transferred as Postmaster, Vaddukoddai.

—Mr. C. Sithamparanathan, Co-operative Inspector, Jaffna, is now attached to the Department of Subsidiary Food Stuffs, Colombo.

—Dr. T. Visuvalingam has been transferred to Chavakachcheri, as Field Medical Officer.

—Mr. K. Rajadurai has assumed duties as apothecary in the Government Hospital, Chavakachcheri.

—Mr. S. P. Satsunam, B. A., District Inspector, Jaffna, has been transferred to Kandy.

—Messrs. S. H. Perinbanayagam, B. A. and J. C. Amarasingam, B. A., have been appointed members of the Board of Education.
—Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam has been elected the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Jaffna College.

—Mr. J. V. Chelliah, M. A., J. P., has been elected once again a member of the Board of Directors, Jaffna College.

—Mr. W. H. T. Bartlett has been elected Vice-President of the Board of Directors, Jaffna College.

—Mr. Thampoe Buell, J. P., has been elected Chairman of the American Ceylon Mission.

—Mr. A. C. Sundrampillai, B. Sc., has been elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, Jaffna College.

—Rev. S. Kulendran, B. A., B. D., has been re-elected President and Executive Officer of the Jaffna Council of the South India United Church.

—Rev. T. K. Curtis of the Methodist Mission has been transferred from Hatton to Jaffna.

—Rev. G. M. Kanagaratnam, Worker J. C., S. I. U. C., has been appointed to be in charge of the work among the outstation members of the J. C., S. I. U. C. in Colombo and other places.

—Dr. Cyrus Edirnayagam Lewis has been appointed Second Lieutenant of the Veterinary Service.

—Mr. D. R. Devasagayam has been appointed Assistant Controller of Textiles.

—Mr. S. P. Rajaratnam, Headmaster of Memorial English School, Manipay, has been transferred as Headmaster of the Atchuvely English School.

—Mr. C. R. Rainasingham of the Staff of Memorial English School, Manipay has been transferred to the Udupiddy English School.

—Mr. N. S. Sanders, Superintendent of Excise of Gampola, has been transferred to Anuradhapura.
—Mr. A. R. Rajanayagam, B. A., has joined the staff of St. Mary's College, Veyangoda.

—Mr. A. R. E. Rajaratnam has joined the Ministry of the Church of Ceylon and has been ordained a Deacon.

—Mr. V. G. George of the C. L. I. has been promoted Lieutenant.

EXAMINATION SUCCESS

**Government Clerical Class II.**

Messrs. N. Chelliah and J. Ariaratnam.

**Class III**

Messrs. C. E. Gunaratnam, K. Tharmaratnam V. Kandasamy and S. O. Thuraisingham.

**London B. A.**

Messrs. A. Gunanayagam and K. Sellathurai.

**London B. sc.**

Messrs. N. Veerasingam and T. Abraham.

**London Inter Arts.**

Mr. G. K. C. Sundrampillai; Miss Nancy Bartlett (last year referred from College.)

**London Inter Commerce.**

Mr. J. A. Navaratnam Appadurai

**Advocates' Final.**

Mr. K. Jayakody.

Wedding Bells

*Mr. V. Kandasamy* — Miss P. Vythilingam

*P. Balasundarampillai* — G. Ramalingam

*S. Subramaniam* — G. Sellathurai

*V. Kandiah* — M. Thambipillai.

*V. Vythilingam* — C. Kandiah

*N. Aiyadurai* — M. Namasivayam

*E. S. Jeyaratnam* — L. Singam

Engagement

*Mr. N. Ehambaram* — Miss S. Mylvaganam
IN MEMORIAM

Mr. C. Arumugam, Shroff, National Bank, Colombo. One of the Vice-Presidents of the Jaffna College Alumni Association, Colombo.

—Mr. S. Somasundaram, retired Broker, Colombo. He was at one time a valued member of the Jaffna College Board of Directors.

—Dr. Daniel John of the Indian Military Medical Service. A great Tamil Scholar, who did research work into antiquities.

—Mr. C. C Kanathipillai of the Tutorial Staff of Jaffna College.

ALUMNI DAY 1943

JULY 3

PLEASE KEEP THIS DATE FREE
NOTES FROM A COLLEGE DIARY

Sunday, Jan. 10.
—The Staff spends the day in a Retreat, conducted by Rev. Lakdas de Mel.

Monday, Jan. 11.
—College re-opens for the new year.
—Rev. Lakdas de Mel speaks at the Morning Assembly.

Thursday, Jan. 14.
—Thaipongal-Holiday.

Sunday, Jan. 17.

Tuesday, Jan. 26.
—London Matriculation Exam. commences and goes on till Friday. Some of the candidates heave a sigh of relief.

Saturday, Jan. 30.
—We play a practice cricket match against the "Hot Shots." The game ends in a draw.

Sunday, Jan. 31.

Wednesday, Feb. 3.
—The Annual General Meeting of the Y. M. C. A. takes place and Mr. S. S. Selvadurai is unanimously elected President.

Saturday, Feb. 6.
—The College first XI plays a cricket match against the College Inter Union. The match ends in a draw.
Wednesday, Feb. 10.
—Mr. S. S. Selvadurai, the President of the Y. M. C. A., speaks at a meeting of the “Y.”

Friday, Feb. 12.
—Mr. K. Somasundaram, the Chief Scout Commissioner of Ceylon, visits the College and he is very much impressed by the upkeep of the Troop Room.

Saturday, Feb. 13.
—The day-scholars play a cricket match against the boarders. The match ends in a draw.

—Mr. A. M. Brodie speaks at the Vesper Service.

Wednesday, Feb. 17.
—At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. P. C. Gaussen, Vice-Principal, St. John's College and President of the J. I. C. C. F. speaks on “Accident of Birth.”

Thursday, Feb. 18.
—Sextant break. Boarders go home to make up for the starvation undergone by them during the past few weeks.

Friday, Feb. 19.
—Sextant holiday.

Saturday, Feb. 20.
—The Jr. Inter Hostellers shift to their new quarters, the room adjoining the Tuck shop, to enable the Sr. Inters to confine themselves to the College campus.

Monday, Feb. 22.
—The arrival of the London Inter Science results causes much excitement. The results are 2
passed and 2 referred out of 8. Congratulations to the successful candidates.

Wednesday, Feb. 24.

—At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Miss G. Lee, a member of the Staff of the Pandakerruppu Girls' School, speaks on "The Poetry of Jesus."

Thursday, Feb. 25.

—The results of the Senior (special) exam held in December 1942 arrive. 29 pass out of 44, with 5 first divisions. 9 are exempted from the London Matriculation examination. Congratulations.

Friday, Feb. 26.

—The Annual Prize-giving takes place. The Chief Speaker is Rev. Father Peter A. Pillai, Principal of St. Joseph's College, Colombo. Mrs. Bunker distributes the prizes.

—Prior to the Prize-giving the Teachers, Round Table entertains Father Peter Pillai at tea. He addresses the Round Table on "Some Social Problems."

Saturday, Feb 27.

—Our under 19 cricket XI plays a match against Union College XI. The match ends in a victory for the College XI.

Sunday, Feb. 28.

—Mr. E. J. Jeevaratnam Niles speaks at the Vesper Service.

Monday, March 1.

—Holiday on account of the Prize-giving.

Wednesday, March 3.

—At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. C. R. Wadsworth speaks on "The Christian and the Bible."

Saturday, March 6.

—Cricket match St. John's College Vs. Jaffna College. The match ends in a draw.
Monday, March 8.

—The London Inter Arts results arrive. 5 passed and 4 referred out of 11. Congratulations.

Thursday, March 11.

—Mr. K. E. Mathiaparanam speaks on சொடை பின் at a meeting of the Y. M. C. A.

Saturday, March 13.

—The Annual Cub Rally is held in the Old Park, Jaffna. Some of our Cubs attend the Rally and they are placed second in the various competitions. Well done, little ones.

Towards the evening we are very much grieved by the shocking news of the untimely death of Selvadurai Rajaratnam, a member of the London Matric Class. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved parents and brothers. He was a gentleman in the true sense of the word.

Sunday, March 14.

—Mr. J. C. Amarasingham speaks at the Evening Service.

Monday, March 15.

—At the Morning Assembly the Principal announces the sad news of the death of Selvadurai Rajaratnam. The whole school stands up and observes two minutes' silence as a mark of respect for him.

—The Inter-House volleyball competitions commence with great enthusiasm. The Hastings House gives closefight to the Hitchcock House.

Thursday, March 18.

—The College Academy plays a friendly football match with the St. Patrick's College Inter Union. The match ends in a victory to St. Patrick's by two goals to one. Later the visitors are entertained at a variety entertainment.
Saturday, March 20.

Cricket match against St. John's College. We miss a victory by 18 runs. The match ends in a draw in our favour.

Monday March, 22.

—Rev. McFarlen Harley, Senior Chaplain of the R. A F., addresses the morning Assembly on "Flying."

Sunday, March 28.


Tuesday, March 30.

—Term Exams. commence.

Thursday, April 1.

—we hear the sad news about the death of Mr. C. C. Kanapathipillai, a member of the College Staff. The Principal addresses the morning assembly on his death. The College is closed as a mark of respect to him.

Saturday, April 3.

College closes for the Easter vacation.

C, S. N.

We are very much obliged to Dr. A. Chithambaranatha Chettiar. M. A Ph. D., of the Annamalai University for his article appearing in this number. Our thanks to him. We look forward to having more articles from his pen in future numbers. # Ed.