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EDITORIAL NOTES

A word of explanation is necessary for the late appearance of this issue. The Miscellany as hitherto published could not contain a complete review of the activities of the College, since the manuscripts had to be in the hands of the printers by mid-November. A College magazine, if it is an Annual, should be a complete chronicle of all the events and activities of the College during the year. We have therefore thought it expedient to publish the future issues of the Miscellany in January following.

No event of importance took place at Hartley this year. No doubt we had departures from, and additions to, the Staff. We welcome the new members of the Staff and wish them many years of happiness and useful service at Hartley. Government Central Schools still continue to attract the younger members. We hope that this drain on the Staffs of Assisted Schools will soon cease. The educational progress of the country as a whole is bound to be affected adversely by the unwise policy of luring away teachers from the Assisted Schools, which are an integral part of the educational frame work of the island.

To many University graduates the teaching profession seems to have no attractions; in fact, it is looked upon as a last refuge. Mr. K. Nesiah has in his article presented the case for the profession of an educator. The profession cannot find a better champion than the Editor of "The Ceylon Teacher," the Representative of the A. C. U. T.

on the University Court, and the Union's one-time President. We commend his article to our readers.

Hartley has given to the Island her quota of administrators, teachers, doctors, lawyers and others, but only one of our old pupils is a Veterinarian. Dr. C. Perumalpillai, who writes on "Veterinary Science as a Career", holds a Doctorate in Veterinary Science from the University of Manila, and is Research Officer at Peradeniya. We thank him for his article. He is confident that there is a great future for Veterinary Medicine in the Island. We hope that those of our young readers who possess a natural love for animals will follow his advice.

At every turn we are being reminded of our newly-won independence. To us in this corner of the island, Independence Celebrations meant little, but we do realise our responsibility and the part we have to play as citizens of a free country. It is up to us educators to train the youngsters in our charge, so that they may be better equipped to serve the New Lanka. The country demands now more than ever from her citizens a keen sense of duty and responsibility. We commend to our readers "Valeté" by Mr. S. T. Samuel.

The Students Section has not come up to our expectations. We received only a few articles. One wonders whether the present educational system which seems to place a premium on examinations is responsible for this lack of creative effort. We invite more of our young readers to write to the Miscellany.

For the Alumni Section we are indebted to Messrs. K. Vairamuttu and R. S. Kandiah. Mr. Vairamuttu has been Honorary Secretary of the Colombo Branch of the Old Boys' Association for six years. Under his efficient Secretaryship, the O. B. A. continues to be a live association. Mr. Kandiah continues to keep us informed of the doings of local Alumni.

As we go to press, we receive the "Last Night of the Year." We wish S. V. G. and his Sophie many more years of happiness in their haven by the sea.

THE EDITORS.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES — 1948

The Miscellany : The Miscellany is an Annual, and the new arrangement by the Editors to bring it out in January following, rather than in November or December, will help the Miscellany to fulfil its purpose of being a chronicle of all the events of the year. Essentially a School publication, its aim will be to put into permanent form an otherwise unwritten and quickly forgotten record of the events, utterances, etc. of the year, to strengthen the interest of the pupils in the School, and also to help the pupils, both past and present, to an appreciative understanding of the work and policy of the School. Accordingly, my Notes are full, and the Editors are taking steps to see that fairly full reports of the various activities are published, at least in the future.

The Staff : We lost two teachers to Special Posts in Government Central Schools in the course of the year : Mr. C. W. Vethanayagam, B. Sc., left for the Central School at Ibbagammuwa at the end of August; and at the end of September, Mr. V. Manikkam, Secondary Trained, left for the Central School at Vayavilan, Atchuvely. Both are Old Boys, and from the way they went about their work, they seemed set for long periods of service at Hartley. Mr. Manikkam, who had been continuously with us since 1935 except for two years at the Government Training College, made a definite contribution to Athletics here, and also helped in the Hostel and with Scouting. Mr. Vethanayagam helped in the Hostel and with the S. C. M. We were sorry to lose them.

Mr. M. Dason, B. A., too left us in August. He had nearly completed the period of three years for which he was appointed, and when a convenient vacancy elsewhere presented itself, he was, at his request, released.

We began teaching Sinhalese to our pupils in 1944, but when we entered the Free Scheme, we had to give up the teaching of the subject, as we could not maintain the teacher who was then on our excess Staff. I am glad to say that the teaching of Sinhalese has been resumed. Mr. Stanley Perera made a start in February, but left us at the

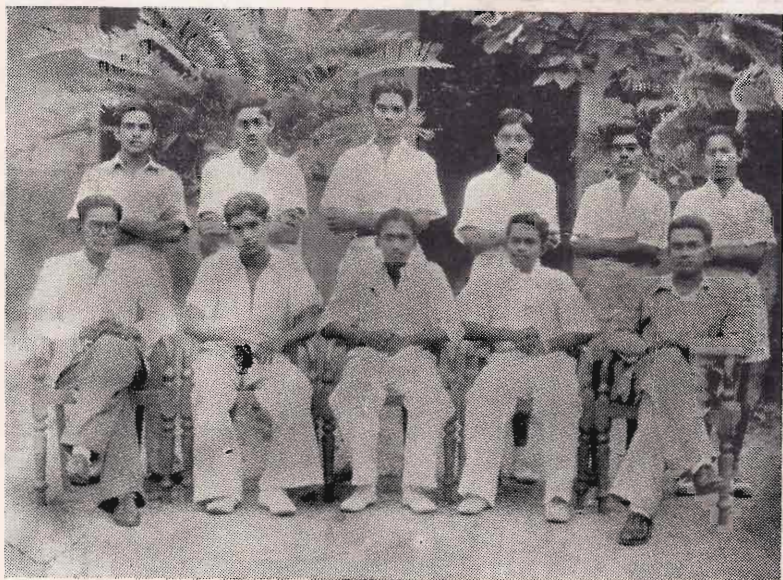
end of the first term on the ground of ill health. Mr. W. W. Somaratne took his place in May, and I am glad to note the progress the pupils are making. Mr. Somaratne expects to present this year's Form I pupils for Sinhalese at the J. S. C. Examination in 1950.

Mr. A. Somasundarampillai, B. A., joined us in May after a successful career at St. Joseph's College, Trichopoly. He has brought to bear on his work here his experience as Secretary of the Dramatic and Literary Society there. The increased activity of the Senior Section of the Literary Association is indication of his usefulness. Mr. K. V. Thomas, B. Sc., joined us in October and is helping us with Chemistry and Second Team Football. The son of a Schoolmaster himself, he has fitted into the life of the School. Mr. A. R. Joseph, an old boy, too joined in October, and is helping us in the Hostel and with Scouting. Miss A. Thuraiappah is supplying for Mr. A. R. Rajanayagam during his training at the Government Training College. We wish these teachers a pleasant time with us, and trust they enjoy their work.

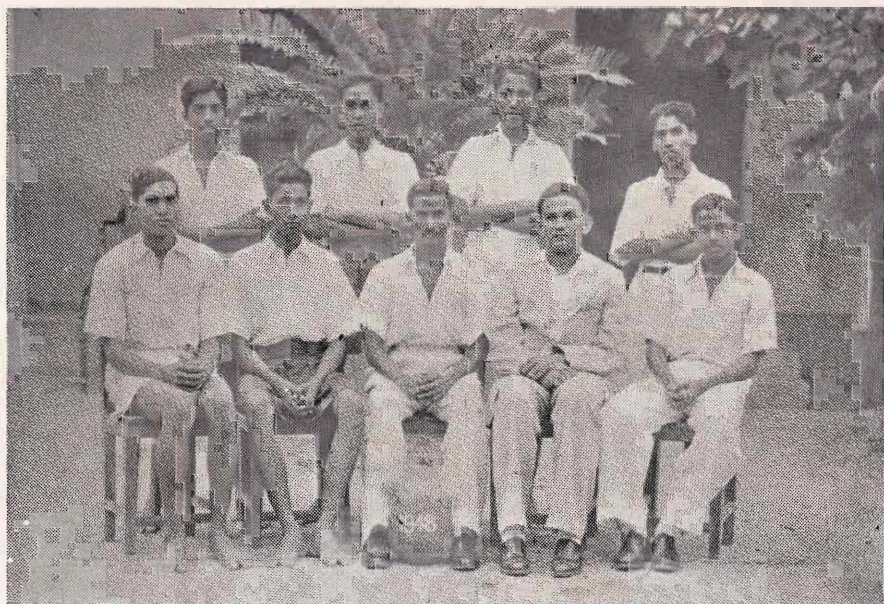
We shall be welcoming two new teachers in January 1949: Mr. M. C. John, B. Sc., a contemporary at College of Mr. Antony George, our Zoology Master, will be in charge of Botany. He has already had two years' experience as a teacher. His Main was Botany, as Mr. George's was Zoology, and they both got Second Class in their subjects. I am happy that our Biology Department is adequately staffed.

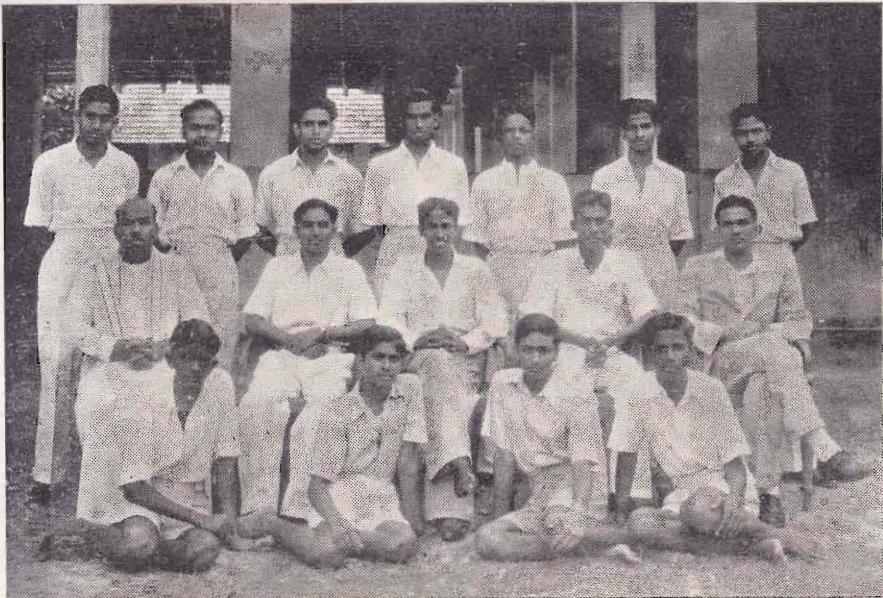
Mr. Albert M. Spencer, B. A., is an Old Boy of the College. English, British Constitutional Law and Economics were his subjects for the degree, and History was among his subjects at the Intermediate. He is therefore a welcome addition to the Arts Section of our Staff.

Examination Results : H. S. C. & V. E. : Of the ten candidates presented, only two, one in the Arts and one in the Science, secured admission to the University, none qualifying for the H. S. C. Our results at this Examination have been the least satisfactory. This may be due to the fact that the H. S. C. Classes consisted of boys who

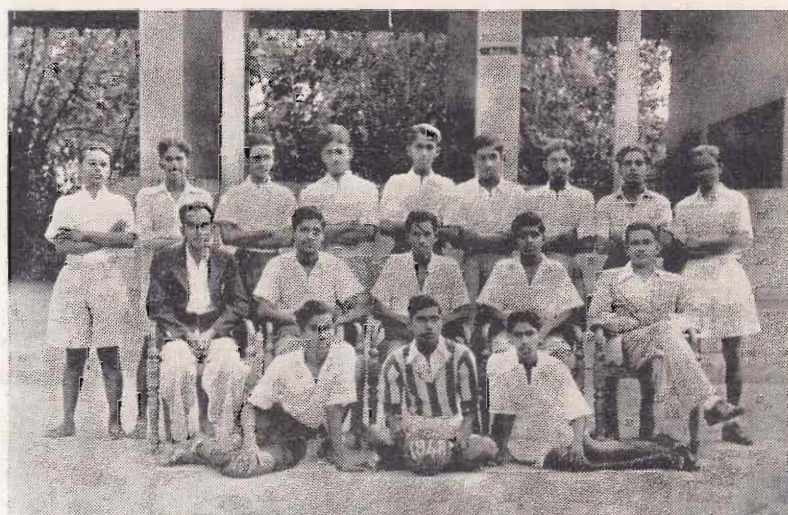


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had not decided whether to continue higher studies or not, and who, while attending these Classes, tried their chances at many of the examinations providing entry to the Public Services. The outcome of this was that a large section of the Class did not concentrate on their work, and also, the pace of the Class as a whole was retarded by the frequent absences of these pupils. In May this year, we weeded out all those who were either unfit for higher studies, or had not decided on completing the Course. As a result, the H. S. C. Prep. Classes are smaller, but there is no doubt that good work has been done with these smaller numbers, and I confidently look forward to good results at the 1949 Examination.

G. S. S. C. Of the 45 candidates presented, 23 passed the whole examination with one in the First Division, 3 securing exemption from the London Matric., and twelve being referred in single subjects. The large number of references is to be accounted for by the increase in the number of subjects required for a pass, from five to six.

J. S. C. Of the 42 candidates presented for this Examination, which is conducted by the Northern Province Teachers' Association, 37 passed, eight in the First Division. The N. P. T. A. is doing a good job of work: the question papers are of set standard; uniformity of marking is secured by the various examiners in a subject meeting the Chief Examiner; the results are published on Schedule, and are so true to the class performances of the pupils, that one does often wish that these were true of the G. S. S. C. Examination.

At the N. P. T. A. Fifth Standard Examination, 109 of the 113 in class passed, 37 in the A Division and 35 in the B Division. These figures indicate that the level of attainments is rising, and rising from the lower classes.

Games and Athletics: A full account of this side of the College work is given by the Prefect of Games. The Inter-House Athletic Meet was a success: We had as Patron of the Meet Mr. K.S.Arulnandhy, Deputy Director of Education, and one-time teacher at Hartley. As last year, we stayed out of the competition organised by the

Jaffna School Sports Association. In Games, we are staying out of all competitions, and play only friendly matches, which have really been friendly.

In Inter-School Athletics, five of the Northern Schools have formed themselves into a Group to run the selection meet for the C. P. S. A. S. A. Meet in Colombo on a non-School-ranking basis. The ranking of Schools often leads to the wrong kind of emphasis. There is tendency to concentrate on the few who are likely to help the School to rank rather than to see that as many of the School pupils as possible get athletic training. On the academic side, we have standards; and pupils, say of the fifth standard, have to be able to do certain operations with numbers, to comprehend passages of certain difficulty, and to do certain language exercises. Why should not there be a similar programme on the physical side? — namely, that every pupil of an age group, provided he is organically sound and free from physical disabilities, do specified distances within certain times, jump certain lengths or heights: this would be physical education and training, rather than ignoring the majority, and making a few athletic giants. As a School programme, this is perhaps new, but it occurred to two Jaffna Headmasters who attended the Cadets Camp at Diyatalawa, and to me it appeals strongly. When this plan will be realized at Hartley, I cannot say, but we ought to work for this.

College Societies: The various societies of the College functioned regularly. The Literary and Debating Societies met regularly, and the Senior Section broke new ground by organising Oratorical Contests in Tamil and English. The Biology Association worked through a normal year's programme. The History Society took its members on a tour to Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa. In this connection, I should like to mention that Mr. S. R. Wijayatilleke, the District Judge, and may I say, our neighbour, has offered a Prize worth Rs. 25/- for the best student in Ceylon History. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Wijayatilleke. The Dramatic Society was inaugurated in April this year, and it is very ambitious. Its first venture

was in October, when the different sections of the Literary Association staged playlets, and there was abundant evidence that our boys have dramatic talent. Nothing less than a Shakespeare Play is the Society's target for 1949. The S. C. M. Group organised a Carol Service in December last, and joined in the campaign during the Student Week of Evangelism. The College Co-operative Society has worked its way through the year without loss. The Prefects gave us another year of useful but unostentatious help with the maintenance of discipline. To them, to the other office-bearers, and most of all, to the teachers who were in charge of these activities, I give thanks.

The Old Boys' Association : The Colombo Branch of the Old Boys' Association had its tenth annual celebrations on the 20th November at the Y. M. C. A., Colombo. The function was a success, the Old Boys turning up in large numbers both for the Business Meeting, and for the Social and Public Meeting afterwards. That there was such a large turn-out in spite of the distractions provided by the Colombo South bye-election and the University Inter-Faculty Athletics Meet, is indication of the strength of the attachment of the Old Boys for their Alma Mater. I am very happy at this. A large share of the credit should go to the organising Committee, particularly to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. K. Vairamuttu, whose enthusiasm for the Association seems not to flag, but rather to increase with the passage of years. May the Association flourish and be a source of strength to the Alma Mater!



TEACHING AS A CAREER

By K. Nesiiah, M. A.

When you finish your schooling you will proceed to the University or some other place of further training or go to work straight away. But before you leave school it would be just as well for you to decide on your future career. What I would like to tell you is that you should choose your life's job as you would later choose your wife — because you like it, not for the money that comes along with it. You should carefully examine the claims of various possible jobs and intensively examine yourself, for no one but you will know what you can do best. Don't choose the wrong job because it carries the right emoluments, nor go about any job the wrong way, not certainly enlist parental aid in getting it.

Anyway, don't choose the profession of teaching when you really prefer to do something else or when you are not particularly interested in anything. If you are just a careerist please let teaching alone; if you are an anti-social being or worse a prophet of despair, you will not be fit to educate anybody for anything.

If, on the other hand, you are capable of high ideals, and noble impulses can move you, and if, despite its many failings, you still have faith in humanity and think you can inspire the young to endeavour and achievement, then you may consider the profession of educator. But choose the profession, don't slip into it.

A recent American investigation into what constitutes good teaching personality suggested the following traits, in this order: (1) Address (manner of meeting people), Personal appearance, (3) Optimism, (4) Reserve, (5) Enthusiasm, (6) Fairness, (7) Sincerity, (8) Sympathy, (9) Vitality, (10) Scholarship.

I am not here concerned with analysing the qualities needed to make a good teacher. but rather with indicating the opportunities teaching offers. Teaching is much more than communicating a knowledge of some subjects or helping to acquire a skill in games. It is watching the young

grow. It is training to think rightly. It is helping to choose the right ideals. It is making a whole man, who is efficient in his work and who takes life as a meaningful experience.

When you come to think of it, the function of a teacher extends far beyond the task of training individuals. We have begun to speak of schemes of industrialisation and various new fields of national activity. Well, education is without metaphor the basic industry, that which will make other developments possible. The role of education does not stop even here.

The true educator is the creator of a new society. He it is who brings a breath of fresh air to convert an expanse of land and a pile of building into a distinctive region. It is the climate of our great schools that must help to raise a new generation fit for the tasks of freedom and democracy. For all its routine and his conservatism, the job of a teacher is that of a revolutionary.

The profession of educator has a significance and a responsibility at the present moment in our country's history. It is the work of enduing courage and strength, of imparting vision and spirit and social cohesion and social purpose to a people enfeebled by a long period of foreign occupation and who have yet to recover from those weaknesses which made that occupation possible. If ever a creative job challenged the young manhood and womanhood of a country, here is the job and the hour.

Of material rewards, we have as yet little to offer you, though we are not unhopeful of converting the powers that be to a due sense of proportion. But not to be lightly despised is the fact that teaching offers you entrance to an educated and educative society. Nor the fact that you become heirs to a great tradition to which have belonged some of the noblest spirits that have lived. They were all teachers, nearly all.



VETERINARY MEDICINE AS A CAREER

By C. Perumal Pillai, G. V. Sc., D. V. M.

A question that usually confronts every student after completion of his secondary course is "What career shall I follow?" The answer to this question is not easily forthcoming, because there are many factors that influence one's determination to take up a professional career. In this modern age of specialization and economic stress, the nation can ill afford to have many square pegs in round holes. It is best then that students should study this matter carefully and analyze their natural abilities and chances of making good in the profession they desire to pursue in the future. Obviously, we cannot all be lawyers, engineers, pharmacists, or physicians. To those who may have an inborn love for animals in particular and to those who desire to be of great service to the country at this state of her economic development, we submit for serious consideration, VETERINARY MEDICINE AS A CAREER.

The question might be asked, "What is a veterinarian?". The word is derived from the adjective "veterinary" meaning "of or pertaining to beasts of burden". The noun is "Veterinarian." Therefore, a man who graduates in veterinary medicine is a veterinarian or a Bachelor in Veterinary Science (B. V. Sc.). Originally, a veterinarian was called upon to attend to the ailments and injuries of the beasts of burden exclusively. His patients were the ox and the ass. Later, when these animals gave way to the faster and more efficient animals like the horse and the mule, the veterinarian's practice changed to the care of the sick and injured horses and mules. And today, the veterinarian is qualified by reason of his special training to care for all species of livestock. He is in fact qualified to be of service in all phases of animal industry. The veterinary colleges of the present time are graduating men well qualified to become not only general practitioners but also men who are trained in preventive medicine, in the control of contagious and infectious diseases, in the protection of meat food products, the protection of milk and

milk foods. They are qualified also to do veterinary teaching, administrative, laboratory and research work.

The veterinarian of today is trained to play his proper role in the safeguarding of public health. Perhaps, he is the most important factor in protecting public health in general, from animal diseases which are transmissible to men, as for instance—tuberculosis, rabies, anthrax, glanders, intestinal infections.

The qualified veterinarian of the present age occupies a very important place in the life of the community in which he lives. He is usually active in social and civil affairs and being especially trained in the care, feeding, breeding, treating, and handling of livestock, his advice is continually being sought on these problems.

The veterinary profession affords a wonderful opportunity for humane service. It also affords as great an opportunity for actual service of great economic importance to the country. It offers an honourable professional career, lucrative in proportion to the educational foundation one possesses and the honesty of purpose with which one applies oneself to this profession.

Opportunities for employment in veterinary science are many and varied, for graduates may serve as government veterinarians, meat and milk inspectors, research workers and teachers. The move to expand the veterinary services of the country is destined to offer veterinarians a much greater opportunity for employment in the government. As practitioners, veterinarians have an undeveloped field. However, due to the fact that the quality and quantity of our animals are not what they should be, veterinary practice at present is confined largely to Colombo. But there is no question that because of such a situation, a potential field for a lucrative employment awaits the veterinarian.

He may also, engage in the commercial production and utilization of various species of animals such as poultry, swine, cattle, etc., with the advantage that he knows how to prevent and cure their diseases. As a matter of fact,

the principal objective of the veterinary profession in Ceylon, at the present time, is the control and eradication of animal diseases and the development of better classes of livestock. Without the control of animal diseases to a large degree, the production of good quality animals on a commercial scale will be fruitless, because the new generations of animals will be susceptible and become easy prey to the prevailing epizootics. Once these diseases are under control, animal production will not only be safe but will rapidly increase and the economic development of the country will be greatly enhanced. By controlling animal diseases transmissible to man, veterinary science also helps in safeguarding the public health.

The nutrition of the mass of our people must be improved so that we may develop in this country a more vigorous people. As our nutrition experts have demonstrated, this can be accomplished by advocating the consumption of more meat and milk products. It is necessary therefore, to encourage and insure the rapid multiplication of meat and milk type of livestock in order that the present prohibitive prices might be brought down to within the easy reach of the great majority of the people. This can be attained through the agency of an efficient veterinary organization.

Prospective students of veterinary science should possess a natural love for animals, although this personal habit may be cultivated by constant contact with them. Those who have been brought up under surroundings conducive to livestock work will be better qualified to pursue this professional career than those who have no previous experience in handling animals. Good health and a certain degree of resourcefulness are also very important personal traits for one who desires to enter the veterinary profession.



VALETE

by

S. T. Samuel

A word to our outgoing students of the year and to others who will soon follow them, before we bid them adieu. You have reached another milestone in your student career. At the lower levels we have seen failings met by necessary chastisement. Among those persistently aiming higher there has been eagerness to advance and a corresponding readiness on the part of your teachers to aid you on. You now bear on yourselves the stamp of the influence that nurtured you and in yourselves the spirit of your Alma Mater. As students you have pursued the squirrel on the bough, the butterfly on the wing and the ball in the playing field. You have vied with one another to breast the tape at the end of the course, to carry the house with you by your arguments and to merit advancement in the classroom. A greater task now awaits you, something that spells higher values to yourselves and to your companions in life's labours. Unshaken by defeat, unintoxicated by success you face the needs of a new world in throes of being reconstructed in conditions resulting from the most devastating war of all time. Every man, be he Mongol or Ethiopian, Burman or Indonesian, feels a new found freedom from the shackles of domination.

Preparatory to his coming of age, man is fast coming into his own age, and it means not only a privilege but also a heavy responsibility. Erstwhile he had others to look after his affairs and to dictate to him his course. This new responsibility calls for unsolicited self sacrifice without prospect of praise or reward. The citizen of a free country earns merit by what he puts into the *totum* of his community than by what he takes out of it. As a free people we alone are answerable to ourselves for what affects us or our neighbours for better or worse. It was easy to blame our rulers then for the multitude of our own sins. The scapegoat is now hard to find, the search for it leads to ourselves. The task of the modern world is to

exercise the new freedom to the betterment of the lot of man. We of this country find ourselves in a free land, our lot cast together with other races with whom we have long lived together. Free Lanka calls upon every one of her sons to work for the harmony and wellbeing of her people. Those who begin to face life now have thus a task to accomplish, a greater one than that undertaken by their forbears. Harmony between communities and happiness for the individual is what a free country offers to her people. And it depends on her people to make freedom a reality of lasting value. Freedom leads to nobility and nobility to true greatness. That is what made Greece great, and Rome afterwards and every other sovereign state of the past and the present. Abuse of the freedom leads to destruction from which it is a long way to life again. The history of the decline of France and that of the fall of Germany and of Japan, all point to the failure of those peoples to exercise freedom for larger interests.

Time has been when we served our masters. We rendered them service in return for the wages they paid us. The outlook of the public servant is now changed. What he gets in return for service is of least consequence in his outlook; what he achieves to make the country a place fit for people to live in contentment matters more now than ever in the past. Of such a heritage one has reason to be proud. The farmer views with pride the success of his self imposed labours. Equally so does the public servant of a free country who has contributed his mite for the progress of his community, feel the taste of success.

This is a world of changing values. What we value today is cast aside tomorrow. If the architects of our ancient forts lived today they would view with disappointment the ineffectiveness of their bastions against modern weapons. What is in itself of absolute value is worth the search. The world is athirst to find it, the pearl of great price that remains ever high priced. All efforts of man since the dawn of consciousness have been in that direction. He is still hot on the scent. Various methods have been tried to get nearer the goal adventure, learning, research.

and even war. These methods have had their day, and their values are now clear in their true perspective. Other forces, of a spiritual nature, have now been laid bare by men of vision and insight. Those who have tried them have proclaimed their success in ushering into the community of man a lasting peace and harmony that has in it the quality of the presence of God with man. That man is unfit to be the prophet of this new era who is not prepared to consecrate all that he has and all that he is to the service of his fellow men. A free Lanka calls to you to render this much needed service to resuscitate her broken spirits and your Alma Mater with eyes aglint with hope looks to you to respond even as says the ancient bard :

“நன்ற பொழுதிற் பெரிதுவக்கும் தன் மகளைச்
சான்றோரெனக் கேட்டதாய்”.



THE LAST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Sophie, this night is the last of the year;
Circle has gone full, with laughter and tear ;
Over the days of the past we shall throw
Arms of fond memory: sweets of love grow.
Blushes of youth and a brimful of smiles
Play, on your face, with those innocent wiles ;
Here, in our cabin like boat drawn on shore
Live we in plenty by wishing no more.
Gusts of the wind, and the roar of the sea,
Rains of the season beat vainly on me,
Closed in a tender tie, free in my thought,
Dawns in my spirit the heaven I've sought
Love is an anchor, and life is the sea,
Home is the haven for Sophie and me.

“S. V. G.”

Students' Section

A PLEA FOR CAPITALISM

It has become the fashion with the 'so-called Marxists' to attack Capitalism in the bitterest terms possible. According to them the word 'Capitalism' means a creed followed by those, who with inexorable severity and unimaginable savagery suck the blood of the starving millions, in order to further their selfish interests. All the suffering, misery and wretchedness of the poor are laboriously traced to the presence of a Capitalist class in society. These self-seeking intellectuals, revolutionaries and demagogues, juggle with facts and try to prove that Capitalism is the repository and embodiment of all social ills. The dumb millions are easily moved by their verbal fire-works. To dispel the delusion that surrounds the word Capitalism, it is necessary to weed out much misunderstanding and to show the rival gospels in their true colours.

Abuse is often born of ignorance. In Ceylon the word 'Kara' is almost synonymous with a rascally brigand. Kara is just a common name like Ariaretnam or Podi Singho. The deeds of a particular person, have added such notoriety to the name, and the possessor of that name is gaoled for the acts he perpetrated and not for his name. So it does not mean that every individual with this particular name, should be rounded up and sent to Welikade. Likewise, for the simple reason that a Capitalist society had done much diabolical outrage in Russia, and so had ill-fame there, it is not at all logical to conclude that Capitalist society is of the same character all over the world, nor is there any reason for it to be vilified and slandered.

The cry has been raised that if the iniquitous system of Capitalism is tolerated, civilization itself will be in danger. But the case is precisely the opposite! Civilization does not exist because of any human safe-guard. Man is equipped by the constitution of his mind and body for facing dangers and asserting himself. It is by private initiative, by competition and by constant striving that mankind has reached such spectacular heights. Our present civilization is a saga of individual initiative and striving. Man plodded his weary way and discovered wonders. The weaker lagged behind. The stronger survived and thus mankind progressed. To cripple private initiative and to bring one to the level of a machine by compelling him to work without any aim or purpose, is to leave him ill-equipped to face the crisis.

No man will work with ardour unless he is sure that the benefits of his work will go solely to himself and to his family. It is the height of folly to expect or sheer impudence to force one to work with the same zeal for his State, as he would do for his family. When the urge for competition is thus crippled, society becomes static and decays. So it is Capitalism which fosters progress by allowing private initiative. It is the incentive to support his family and to maintain his home that induces an individual to work efficiently. It is the possession of private property which strengthens family ties and gives a sense of security to an individual. In a Capitalist state alone can one enjoy this right.

Those who attack Capitalism, tooth and nail denouncing England and America as the strongholds of this vile creed and praise to the sky Russia, the birth place of Communism, will do well to study the real conditions prevailing in this land of Communism. The society in Russia organized on the principle "from each according to his capacity, to each according to his needs" should not be considered the ideal one. When political freedom is denied, criticism forbidden, and the natural, sacred, fundamental, and inalienable rights of free thought and expression are snatched away, there is no earthly meaning in the abundance of material goods, that are claimed to be provided in such a country. "The State comes into existence to make life possible. It continues to make life good", said Aristotle. Food and the gratification of physical desires are not the only or even the important things which make life enjoyable. A state which dwarfs its men, in order that they may be more docile instruments in its hands even for beneficial purposes will find that with small men no great things can be really accomplished", said J. S. Mill.

The curtailment of criticism and free thought is the quickest way to destruction. Civilization will fossilize and perish. Shaw says "A civilization cannot progress without criticism and must therefore, to save itself from stagnation and putrefaction, declare impunity for criticism" In Russia is there the right of criticism? The great intellectuals who sowed the seeds of revolution in Russia, would not have had the chance to criticize, or to advocate a new order, if all over the world, there was an order of society which they envisaged and created. It was England, the land of Capitalism, which gave them shelter to write all their revolutionary literature. If Marx or any other preceptor of the Revolution were born again in the Russia of their dreams and entertained a wish to bring in a little reform by writing some revolutionary literature they would find themselves herded into Concentration.

camps or in the Siberian colds, by the ever vigilant OGPU of Russia, to their bitter chagrin. Perhaps they may escape to England to fight for Capitalism, which alone respects the rights and liberties of mankind.

Revolution might seem a simple word to utter. It may even be an inspiring word, which can rouse millions to action. But if we descend to realities, it is the only word before which humanity shudders. What a toll of innocent lives and carnage and bloodshed it entails. It is at such times of disorder that vice and depravity would infest the roads with impunity. It is in such times that the vile characteristics hitherto dormant would assert themselves. Even if the ends are advantageous, one should pay great consideration to the means. It is the philosophy of the East, and to disregard it is to overlook one of the cardinal principles of nature's law. Shaw has said that 'progress depends on our refusal to use brutal means even when they are efficacious.' To use brute force is to disregard the cosmic force of love.

Since Communism advocates violence, it mostly happens that it has only a few adherents. Even in Russia, it is only a small minority who are Communists. Violence begets nothing but violence. A minority of fanatics seize the reins of government and to see that they are entrenched in power create a totalitarian state, where the discontented majority are suppressed. The rule of Stalin in U. S. S. R. is maintained by the violent extermination of the "Kulaks." In such a state, one will be in constant fear of the secret-police and other agents who live by carrying tales.

The economic approach taken by Marx has been proved to be equally fallacious. The theory of surplus value was the first shaft aimed at the Capitalist mode of production. It was argued that under the present system of work in a Capitalist society, the worker was not paid the equivalent of his work and thus was exploited. But the theorists had obviously ignored the cost of distribution, the cost of machinery and above all the fluctuations in market. The cry "The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Workers of the world unite"—has now lost its meaning. If all over the world, there were workers of the type of pre-revolutionary Russia, then this argument is sound. But in this world of Savings-Banks and Share markets the workers are more bourgeois than was contemplated by Marx, and revolutions can be invited only at the peril and curse of the workers themselves.

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SPOTLIGHT ON MY CLASS

Any stranger passing along the College verandah will be startled by the noise that bursts out at frequent intervals from my class. His first glance will fall on a short, tough, young monitor in charge of a set of able-bodied young men, who come there to enjoy the Free Education provided by Free Lanka. We are proud to say that we are wind-proof, rain-proof, sun-proof, cane-proof and even knowledge-proof. We have become thick-skinned by the constant use of the office cane on our bodies. When a member of our class is detained, he takes it with a smile. Among the group in this class, there are a few who deserve special mention.

“Mon-Eater” alias Cannibal: He is fair in complexion and tries to reach the height of five feet. Is young and attractive. Symptoms of the growth of a beard and whiskers have already appeared now itself, owing to the persistent use of the razor, long before there was any necessity for its use. The poor boy now regrets his foolish act. He controls the class either by pulling out the discipline book or by clutching at the ear of a weakling.

Stock: An amateur tough-guy, who claims to hold the title for lifting 25 lbs. He cracks jokes that keep our mouths shut. He has a Herculean figure but still claims to take part in the Junior Relay. Starts arguing in English but soon slips into the Mother-tongue.

Varani: The brainiest in the class. Is weak and pale. Always says that his step-mother treats him well. Tops the class when given marks but faints at the slightest refusal.

“Keela”: Has a smiling face always and is known by every Tom, Dick and Harry in the College as “KEELA.” He sings love songs but when his eyes move in the direction of the girls, the singing comes to an abrupt end, and he does not respond even to the several ‘encores.’

Sellaka: Though there are no girls in our class we are glad to introduce our “Sellaka.” He leads the Second XI Football team and plays full back. Often sends the ball crashing into his own goal while trying to stop an attack. Represents the College in Cricket and uses his legs and hands as auxiliary bats in emergencies. Though tall has a short temper.

Val : Though he has no tail, he has all the characteristics of a monkey. He plays Football for the First XI and is always recognized by the opponents as too dangerous a man. Uses his fists, body, leg and all to stop an attack and comes out from a heap of struggling mass, unhurt and smiling.

Chatter-Box : Differs from the rest in having a cousin waiting in his home, for matrimonial purpose, as soon as he passes his Senior Examination. Poor girl! She may remain an old maid for ever. Says he is going to refuse the offer made by his uncle. Is ubiquitous and is often checked by the teachers.

Chettiar : This young man is the third vertex of the 'triangle of lunatics.' The other two being "KEELA" and "CHATTER-BOX." When one answers a question put by a teacher, the second shouts and the third giggles.

Appa : Spoke like an old man and won the Second Prize in the Tamil Oratorical Contest. At the Social of the Senior Literary Association, we had to pull him out to go and receive the prize from Mrs. Pooranampillai. Is shy but takes part in Tamil Debates. He once spoke against Dowry System but later told me that one of his uncles, who owns a large property has a daughter waiting for him with the property. He is also recognized as the successor of our "MON-EATER."

Bagavather : Tries to imitate Thiagaraja Bagavather but brays. Has a record for holding a Tamil Senior Certificate and 'upholding' the average age of the class. Got through the Village Clerical Examination and when he went to Colombo for his interview, got shocked by the flight of steps leading to the office and made a hurried return home by the Jaffna train.

Karuppiah : Is named after a Hindu deity, but nick-named "Karuapiah" by the boys, owing to his dark skin. When he smiles he exposes the whole set of molars and premolars that look like white paper pasted on charcoal.

I have not turned the light on the other members of the class, but I can assure my readers, that this crew who may give several headaches to teachers, is nevertheless a jolly one.

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THE MIDNIGHT MURDER

The day was drawing to a close. Darkness was fast approaching. The noise and bustle of the town grew fainter and fainter. Soon everything was quiet. It was the dark half of the month, and the town lights were lit. Dark clouds gathered in the sky and the cold wind blew hard. The trees bowed in respect to the raging winds. The chilly winds were attended by a slight drizzle. The streets were deserted. The rain increased. Thunder pealed. Flash after flash of lightning gleamed. The storm was gathering momentum.

It was on such a stormy night as this, in a lonely house, that the murderer lay in the arms of slumber. Everything was in sepulchral silence, except for the tick, tick of the clock on the table in the room, and slow breathing of the man in the bed.

The man stirred. His hands moved. He awoke from his peaceful sleep. How angry a man becomes when disturbed from the ambrosial sleep—sleep, that brings comfort to humanity, from toil and torment; struggle and strife; misery and hunger! He rolled impatiently in his bed for sometime.

Outside, the storm had increased in fury. Thunder rumbled, as though the whole world was to be pounded to pieces. Lightning flashed. The lights in the street flickered and went out. It was pitch dark. The lamp in the murderer's room was burning dim. He dozed off for a few minutes. Then suddenly he sat up. There was something cruel in his heart. There was murder in his eyes. They gleamed with hate. He rose from his bed to trim up, the wick of the lamp, but a gust of wind put it out. He retraced his steps and fell on his bed biting his lips. The storm grew fiercer. So did the hate in his eyes. Winds howled. Thunder rumbled in a deeper tone. Lightning flashed with a brighter glare. The elements seemed to forecast the impending doom.

Then suddenly he bit his lips in an agony of pain. He jumped up. Just then a flash of lightning lit up his room. He saw his tormentor take to his heels. Soon his fingers were on his foe. The deed was done. In a pool of blood lay his victim—a poor little Bug.

The brute, he had murdered the poor thing—yes, and horribly too.

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S. S. C. Prep. (A)

AMIDST THE RUINS

"Travel in the younger sort is a part of education." So said Francis Bacon, "the possessor of the most exquisitely constructed intellect that had ever been bestowed on any children of men," in the words of Macaulay. If travel is a part of education, the tour undertaken by the members of the Historical Association, is certainly a step in the right direction. The tour provided a sure and first hand knowledge of historical data, hitherto construed in abstract from accounts in history books. It served to refresh the body, mind and spirit of the students to a degree that no sports meet or vacation could accomplish.

It was on a Friday evening in September, with their pulses throbbing and blood racing in their veins in anticipation of adventure, that the members of the Historical Association waved good-bye to the familiar College buildings, to everyone they encountered on the road and even to the black dog that barked furiously at the van. There was excited chatter and free exchange of stale jokes until the van reached the great trunk road leading to Anuradhapura.

Night enveloped the world in darkness and very soon the moon sailed among the fleecy clouds shedding her golden beams on the wide road which ran through the tropical jungle. The van sped along and very soon the air was filled with the latest film-hits and bailas accompanied by rhythmic clapping and thudding of feet. The shout "Hurrah for the Hartleyites" rent the sky proclaiming the fame of the educational institution to the silent stars which peeped through the cloudy screen, and even the disturbed fauna of the forest, listened in rapt attention.

It was midnight when the van reached Anuradhapura and everyone was eager to lie down and rest. It was the hospitality of an Old Boy of Hartley, at present a Cultivation Officer, that met the need. With the vast dome of Ruvanveliseya looming in the fore-ground all of us slept forgetting cares and worries, leaving our safety in the hands of the Great Teacher, to perpetuate whose memory the vast Dagoba was built.

Three days were spent in visiting the ruins of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Mihintale. Words fail to describe all that we saw and enjoyed during this short period. Thousands of years ago, when the Westerners were leading a precarious existence, often at the mercy of the forces of nature and always at the mercy of the wild beasts, our fore-fathers had organized forms of gov-

ernment, built cities, and erected buildings and palaces of immense proportions and unmatched grace. The ruins which we saw bear eloquent testimony to the culture, refinement and artistic talents of our ancestors.

Two sights are indelibly impressed in my mind. When we were ascending the rocks of Mihintale, I went to a cavity where there was a polished stone, reputed to be the bed of Mahinda. Here the air was cool and refreshing. I looked down to see waves and waves of green foliage spreading themselves interminably. Monkeys chattered from nearby trees and raced in their mad course through the upper terraces of the trees, and the whole atmosphere was so exhilarating that I felt a strong impulse to jump down from the dizzy height on the vast undulation of green below. The second day at about 9 p. m., I went for a stroll with a few friends amidst the ruins of the ancient capital. The vast domes of the great Viharas were bathed in moon-light. The tree-capped dome of the Abhayagiri, the white dome of the Ruvanveliseya and the pillars of the Brazen-Palace pointing like fingers of destiny towards the sky, were all bathed in the moon-light, and in the stillness of the night, they were a grand sight indeed. Then we went into one of the Dagobas where we came across the statue of a seated Buddha, with a majestic simplicity. The divine atmosphere, the hushed silence, the innumerable flowers scattered before the statue, in fact everything there, inclined us to prayer.

It seemed as if the days had passed like minutes, and we turned homewards, nursing happy memories. The hospitality of the Cultivation Officer, the kind faces of the two surveyors who entertained us, the impressive ruins, the rocks of Mihintale, the cool waters of the Topawewa, where we had a bath, the beauties of nature, the throbbing of the tom-tom before the Bo-tree, the beautiful Singhalese maidens with flowers in hand on their way to the Dagobas, and the chattering monkeys — the memories of all these flitted across our minds, and we neared Elephant-Pass and the land of the Palmyrah. What a contrast it presented to what we had left behind. Deep in our minds will lie imprinted, the sights we enjoyed on the tour, never to be forgotten.

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“ MARCH FORWARD ”

The ambition of an average Jaffna boy is to pass the S.S.C. examination, to enter the Government or Mercantile service—and of course to marry a girl with a large dowry ! On the other hand, the average Jaffna girl does not even care to pass any examination or to take any interest in her studies, but will not be satisfied if her skirt is not a bit shorter than that of her neighbour.

This sort of attitude is not going to pay in the future. It is quite certain that we cannot progress far, unless and until we dispel this strange notion. Our boys and girls must have higher aims in life. Surely everyone cannot aspire to be the Prime-Minister of Ceylon. We certainly may not achieve our object in full but may be able to attain something. Also one must not try to fit into any job but must see that he enters the one for which he is fit.

Free Education has offered a golden opportunity especially to the poor. Those who have the aptitude should proceed for higher education and not try to enter the subordinate services. Our girls too must have a more serious outlook and worry less about their personal appearances. They must educate themselves not merely to get employed but to bring up the future citizens of Lanka. To most of us unemployment is a nightmare. There is plenty of work to be done in Free Lanka—the building of roads, completion of Irrigation and Housing Schemes, introduction of improved sanitation and medical facilities and the development of our infant industries. On the contrary, there is a dearth of technicians and specialists.

There is also a tendency among us not to leave the Peninsula. This peninsular outlook should be discouraged. The population of Jaffna is increasing, and soon we will be forced to migrate to the South in search of fresh fields and pastures new. It is true that Farming is not a paying concern today. Agriculture in this island is not yet fully developed, but with the introduction of collective-farming, co-operative enterprises, and modern implements we will be able to increase the output with less effort.

Asia has awakened and thrown off the foreign yoke. It is our duty now as citizens of an Independent Lanka, to cease thinking in terms of communities, to end our petty quarrels with our brothers in the South, and to “March Forward”, hand in hand with the other nations of Asia, for the upliftment of Mother Lanka.

N. VIJAYASINGHAM,
S. S. C. “A”

PERPETUAL YOUTH

If there is anything in this world which a human being desires most it is perpetual youth. Great saints, kings and princes of old, have always prayed to God that they be granted this much desired gift. The story of Markandan is well known. This gift of God has now become a thing of the past and men of the present day have taken upon themselves the task of attaining this object by scientific experiments. They have made attempts to rejuvenate old people with the help of animal glands. This scientific method is called 'Dr. Voronoff's cure'. Whether this cure is a success remains to be seen.

Leaving apart science, let us consider what the various religious leaders teach us. Whatever religion one may belong to, he is enjoined to observe certain precepts for his moral, physical and social well-being. These precepts enforce the control and proper use of the five senses.

A nonagenarian doctor when questioned about the secret of his long and healthy life said, "I behave myself. I never taste tea or coffee nor any stimulating or alcoholic drinks. I eat plenty of vegetables and fruits. I eat neither meat nor fish". This in short is what one ought to observe to keep himself healthy, strong and young.

If you wish, then dear reader, to prolong your life and maintain your youthfulness, have no worries; regulate your life with regard to your food and drink—always leave the table, wanting to take a little more; live close to the sea that you may inhale pure air; take plenty of exercise; and finally, be pure and clean in all your thoughts and actions. Then you will maintain perpetual youth.

S. A. KULENDRAN,
J. S. C. (B)



THE WORST DAY IN MY LIFE

It was a bright morning. I was awakened from my sleep by the singing of the birds. The sun was already up and peeping through the window into my room. I got up from my bed and washed my face.

My mother brought me a cup of tea. While I was sipping the tea, the cup suddenly slipped from my hands. It fell on the floor and broke into pieces. My mother scolded me, and to my surprise, gave a hard slap on my face. I cried aloud. Suddenly there was a loud knock at the door. I ran towards the door to see who was knocking. It was a great surprise to see my uncle "Jeeva" at the door. He told us that Kandy was under floods. This made us all sad as my father was in Kandy. Tears trickled down my cheeks. I flung myself into a chair and was thinking about my dear father. Time flew on and it was soon time for my lunch. As I was very hungry, I went up to my mother for my plate of rice. I took my plate and went to the dining table. While on my way I slipped and fell and broke the plate. My mother did not scold me this time, as she too was in a sad mood.

After lunch, I lay down on my bed to have a nap. I must have slept for sometime. I was awakened by the sound of a cycle bell. I ran to the door and found the telegraph-peon. My little sister Devi was having a telegram in her hand. She had torn it into pieces. I gave her a sound knock on her head. I then took the torn telegram into my study to re-form it. These were the words in the telegram :

THANK GOD AM SAFE BRING CAR—THARMALINGAM

We were all very happy at this good news. I immediately hired a car and went to Kandy. When we neared Kandy, we found the roads under water. The car could not go any further. So I walked the rest of the distance. In some places I had to swim across. At last, I reached my father's house. I found my father at the entrance to the house. He felt glad and kissed me. After the floods had subsided, my father and I returned to Point Pedro.

T. JEYANANTHAM,
Form I Upper—A.



சத்திரம்.

பாழடைந்த பழங்காலச் சத்திரம். அதன் முற்றத்தில் கால வெப்பத்தில் கருகி உடைந்துபோன ஒரு பெண்ணின் சிலை. ஒரு கலைஞனின் உள்ளத்திற் கொதித்தெழுந்த காதற்பெருக்கின் பிரதிபிம்பமாக நின்றது அச்சிலை. சிலையின் முகத்தில் ஒரு புன்னகையின் ரேகை—இலட்சண சாஸ்திரத்தின் துட்பம் இதுதானென்று கூறிற்று. ஒருகாலம் நடந்தேறிய காதல்நாடகமொன்றின் ரூபக சின்னமாக விளங்கிற்று அந்தச் சிலை.

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பத்னோரம் நூற்றாண்டு இலங்கை.

சோழமன்னன் இராஜேந்திரன் இலங்கைத்தீவை ஒரு குடைக்கீழ் ஆண்டகாலம். இலங்கையிற் சிற்பமும் ஓவியமும் சிறந்து விளங்கிய காலம். மக்களை அடக்கியாண்ட மன்னவர்பெயர் சரித்திரத்திற் பொறிக்கப்பட்டது. ஆனால் காதலுக்குத் தன் ஆவியைச் சமர்ப்பணஞ் செய்த சோழநாட்டு ஏழைச் சிற்பிக்குச் சரித்திரம் இடமளிக்கவில்லை. அவன் பெயர் காலச்சுழலிற் புதைபட்டு மண்ணோடு மண்ணாக மறைந்து விட்டது. ஆனால் அவன் வாழ்க்கைச் சித்திரம் அக்கிராமத்து மக்களின் மனத்தினின்றும் மறையவில்லை.

அவளும் அந்தக்கிராமத்தில் வசித்து வந்தாள். அவன் கலைக் கண்களினால் அவளை நோக்கினான். அழகின் உறைவிடத்தைக் கண்டு விட்டதாக அவன் மனம் களிப்படைந்தது. அவன் தன் திறமையைப் பறைசாற்ற விரும்பாததுபோல அவனுடைய மெலிந்த தேகம் அடக்கத்துடன் வளர்ந்து நின்றது.

அவனுடைய குடிசையைத் தழுவிக்கொண்டு பாய்கிறது மகாவலி.

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காதல்.

அவனுக்கும் அவளுக்கும். ஆனால் கட்டியரவணைத்து முத்தமிட வேண்டுமென்ற உணர்ச்சியல்ல. பிள்ளைகளைப் பெறவேண்டுமென்ற ஆசையுமில்லை. அவளுடன் கதைப்பதிலும் இன்பக் கதைகளைக் கேட்பதிலும் அவனுக்கு ஒரு தனியார்வம். அவள் குறும்புச்சிரிப்பையும், கண்வெட்டையும், இரசிப்பதற்கு அவனால் மட்டுமே முடியும். அவன் கலா தேவியின் பாம்பக்தன்.

சத்திரிகையின் சீதளக்கதிர்கள் பணிபோற்றப்பெய்து கொண்டிருந்த எத்தனை வசந்தகால இரவுகளில் அவர்கள் காதல் செய்திருப்பார்கள்! ஆர்வம் கொந்தளிக்கும் கண்களுடன் அமைதியாக அவளது அழகை அள்ளியள்ளி அருந்தியிருப்பான் அவன்.

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ஒரு ஜாமம்.

பலமான மழை. பயங்கரமான புயல். மகாவலி உருண்டு சென்றது. மழை உக்கிரமமாகப் பொழிந்தது. வெள்ளம் மேலும் வந்துகொண்டிருந்தது. அவளுக்கு அன்றிரவு தூக்கமில்லை. ஆற்றங்கரையிலிருக்கும் அவன் கதியை நினைக்க அவள் மனம் நிம்மதியிழந்தது.

மறுநாள் காலை. பொழுது புலர்ந்து அதிகநேரமாகவில்லை. ஆற்றங்கரையில் அவன் குடிசை காணப்படவில்லை. வெள்ளம் அடித்துச் சென்றுவிட்டது. அவளால் எந்தப் பொருளையும் காணமுடியவில்லை. மரமோடு மரமாக மலைத்துப்போய் நின்றாள். கல்லோடு கல்லாகச் சமைந்துவிட்டாள். அவளாற் பேச முடியவில்லை. அசைய முடியவில்லை. அழவும் முடியவில்லை. உலகம் வெறும் பாலைவனமாகத் தோற்றியது. அந்தப் பாலைவனத்தில் ஒரே ஒரு நீர்ச்சுனைதான் அவள் கண்ணுக்குத் தோற்றியது. அதுதான் மாணம். அன்றிரவு அவளுடைய பிணம் அந்தச் சத்திரத்தில் அசைவற்றுக் கிடந்தது.

அவனை வெள்ளம் இழுத்துச்சென்றது. ஆனால் மாணம் மன்னித்து விட்டது. அவன் அந்தக் கிராமத்துக்குத் திரும்பியபோது அவனை எதிர்கொண்டு வரவேற்றது அவளுடைய மாணச்செய்தி. அவன் சில நிமிஷம் அசைவற்று நின்றான். ஆனால் கலங்கவில்லை. கதறவில்லை. களங்கமற்ற மனதின் கண்ணாடிபோன்ற அவன் முகத்தில் கவலையின் சாயல் ஒரு கணம் இலேசாகப் படர்ந்தது. ஆனால் மறுகணம் கவலையைக் கிழித்துக்கொண்டு வைராக்கியப் புன்னகை.

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சீலை. சிங்காரச்சீலை.

அவன் செதுக்கிய கடைசுச்சீலை. அவன் ஜீவனளித்த கடைசுக் கல்லு. கலைபுலகுக்கு அவனளித்த கடைசுச் செல்வம். அந்தச்சீலை, அவன் கற்பனையிற் கண்ட கன்னியல்ல. கனவிற்கண்ட பொய்த்தோற்ற மல்ல. அவன் மனமராக் காதலித்த மங்கையின் மருண்ட தோற்றம். இன்பக் கதைகளைச் சொன்ன இதழ்கள், அவனுடன் பேசத்தாடிப்பது போலிருந்தன. குருத்தினங்கண்களில் அழகின் கருவூலம் அப்படியே தேங்கிக்கிடந்தது. ஆனால் இப்பொழுது அவள் அவனது காதலியல்ல. ஏன்? விடுதலைபெற்ற அவளை மீண்டும் விதிச்சுழலில் அகப்படுத்துவது

அவனுக்கு வேதனையளித்தது. இப்பொழுது அவள் அவன் போற்றித் துதித்துப் பூஜித்துவரும் புனிதத்தெய்வம், காலையிலும் மாலையிலும் சிலையின்முன் சுடர்விளக்கு எரிவதைக் கண்டதாகச் சொல்லிக்கொள்ளுகிறார்கள். இரவில் அதிக நேரம் அந்தச் சிலையினருகிலிருந்து அவன் ஏதோ பேசிக்கொண்டிருப்பான். பேசுவது கேட்காது; கேட்டாலும் விளங்காது. அது ஒரு ஆழ்ந்த மர்மம். அந்தச்சத்திரத்திற்கு இரவில் எவரும் போவதில்லை. நடு ஜாமங்களில், இரு குரல்களின் பேச்சும் காற்றோடு நழுவிச்செல்லும் நகைப்பும் கேட்பதாகச் சிலர் சொல்லுகிறார்கள்.

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விதி.

அவனைக் கொன்ற விதி அவனையும் முற்றுக்கையிட்டது. ஒரு நாள் காலை அவனது இளைத்த உடல் பிணமாக அச்சிலையின் காலடியில் நிம்மதியுடன் படுத்திருந்தது. சிலையின் பாதத்தை அவனிருகரங்களும் பிரிக்கமுடியாது பிணித்திருந்தன. அவனுடைய ஆவியை ஆசீர்வதித்து உற்சாகமுட்டுவதுபோல் சிலை கம்பிரமாக நிமிர்ந்து நின்றது.

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தமிழ் மொழியின் மேன்மை

“யாமறிந்த மொழிகளிலே தமிழ்மொழிபோல் இனிதாவ தெற்கும் காணோம். உண்மை வெறும் புகழ்ச்சியில்லை” என்று பல மொழிகளை ஐயத்திரிபறக் கற்றறிந்த பாட்டுக் கொருபுலவன் பாரதி பறைசாற்றினார். இன்னும் “தமிழெனுழினிய தீஞ்சொந்தையல்” முதலிய தொடர்களிலிருந்து தமிழெனும் சொல்லுக்கே இனிமை யென்று பொருள் என்றார் தமிழ் கற்றறிந்த பெரியார். இனிமையே உருவாக இய்மொழி இலங்குதல் அதன் மேன்மை அன்றோ! மிகப்பழைய காலத்தில் தொல்லுலகிற்கு தோன்றித் தனிமையாக இயங்கும் மாபெரும் மேன்மை கொண்டது. ஒரு மொழிக்கு முக்கிய கருவிகளாகிய இலக்கிய இலக்கணத்தைக் குறைவில்லாமற் கொண்டது.

ஆதியிலே அகத்தியர் இலக்கணமமைத்தனர். இப்பெரும் பனுவலை ஆதாரமாகக் கொண்டு சங்கத்திலே தமிழ் ஆராய்ந்தனர் புலவர்கள். இவ்விலக்கிய நூல் மறைந்துபோக காப்பியக்குடிப்பிறந்தோன் தொல் காப்பிய மருளினன். இன்னும் பவணந்தி முனிவரின் நன்னூல் முதலியனவும் இடம் பெற்றிருத்தல் குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

இலக்கியம் ஒரு மொழியின் அத்தியாவசிய பாகம். இத்திறன் படைத்த இலக்கியத்தைப் பண்டை நாட்தொடக்கம் வளர்த்தவருவது தமிழ். கற்பவர் மனத்தைக் கனியவைக்கும் கம்பராமாயணத்தைக் கொண்டது தமிழ்மொழி. இதன் இலக்கிய நூல்களில் ஒன்றாகிய திருக்குறளின் பெருமைதான் என்னே! இதைப் பல்வேறு மொழி களிலும் அமைத்துப் பொன்னெனப் போற்றுகின்றனர் பிறநாட்டார். இப்பெரும் பனுவலை இரண்டாயிரம் ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன் தெய்வப் புலமைவாய்ந்த திருவள்ளுவர் என்னும் தமிழர் பெருந்தகை பாடி முடித்துக் கடைச்சங்கத்தில் அரங்கேற்றி சாத்தனார் தலைக்குத்தை நீத் தார். கல்வியில் மிகவும் முன்னேறிப் போகின்ற இக்காலத்திலும் இதன் ஞானம் பொய்க்கவில்லை. பெருமீதம் குன்றவில்லை. “நெஞ்சை அள்ளும் சிலப்பதிகாரம்” என்று பாரதிபோற்றிய முத்தமிழழையும் ஒருங்கே கொண்ட சிலப்பதிகாரத்தைக் கொண்டது தமிழ்மொழி. இன்னும் பிறநானூறு, அகநானூறு, மணிமேகலை முதலிய பாமாலை களை தன்னுடனே வைத்துள்ளது தமிழ்.

முற்காலத்தில் சேர சோழ பாண்டியர் என்னும் முடியுடை மூவேந்தராலும் தமிழ்மொழி வளர்க்கப்பட்டது என்று முத்தெள்ளா யிரத்தால் நன்கறிபலாம். தமிழ்மேற் காதல் பூண்ட புரவலர்கள் புலவராயிருந்தும் புலவர்களை ஆதரித்தும் வந்தனர்.

குடதிசையும் குணதிசையும் கடலும், வடக்கே அம் பொற்கயிலையும் தெற்கே குமரிமுனையும் இத்தமிழ் பேசிய நாட்டுக்கு எல்லைகள். ஒவ்வொரு பகுதியில் இருந்த மக்கள் சொல்லாட்சியுடையராய் இலங்கியதாலும் வேறு மாற்றங்களாலும் தமிழ்மொழி “கன்னடம்” “தெலுங்கு” “மலையாளம்” முதலிய மொழிகளுக்குத் தாயாகிய மேன்மையைக் கொண்டது.

தற்போதய நாகரீகத்தில் பெரும் பங்கெடுக்கும் இசைக்கலை தமிழ்மொழியில் இற்றைக்கு இரண்டாயிரம் ஆண்டுகட்கு முன்பே அமைந்திருந்தது. அந்நாளில் தமிழர் யாழ், குழல், முழவு முதலிய இசைக்கருவிகளை இசைத்தனர். பாணாற்றுப்படை, விறலியாற்றுப் படை, கூத்தாற்றுப்படை, பொருநராற்றுப்படை, சிலப்பதிகாரம், பரிபாடல், புறநானூறு, சிந்தாமணி, உதயணன்கானியம் முதலிய பழைய தமிழ் நூல்களிலிருந்து தமிழ் இசைக்கருவிகளைப்பற்றி நன் குணசலாம். கிழக்கிலங்கையில் உதித்த பேராசிரியர் விபுலாநந்த அடிகள் முன்னே குறிப்பிட்ட நூல்களை நன்காராய்ந்து யாழ்நூல் என்னும் பயன்மிகு பனுவலை இவ்வையகத்துக் களித்தார். இதிலிருந்தும் தமிழிசையின் மேன்மை நன்கு புலனாகின்றது.

பாரிற் பல மொழிகள் தோன்றின. அவற்றுட் சில வளர்ப்பா ரற்று மறைந்து போகின்றன. எம் தமிழ் இக்கதியெய்தாது மேன் மேலும் வளர்த்து போகின்றது. பல நூற்றாண்டுகளாக அன்னியர்

ஆட்சியுட்பட்டும் மங்கிற்றிலது. இப்போழுது இதன் மேன்மைக்கு, கவிஞர் தேசிக விநாயகம்பிள்ளை, யோகி சுத்தநந்த பாரதியார், காந்தியக்கவிஞர் நாமக்கல் வெ. இராமலிங்கம்பிள்ளை முதலியோர் உழைத்து வருகின்றனர். இன்னும் எண்ணிலா எழுத்தாளர்களும் இதில் முயற்சிக்கின்றனர்.

தமிழ்பேசும் நாடுகள் சுதந்திரம் அடைந்துவிட்டன. தமிழ் தலைநிமிர்ந்து ஒங்கப்போகின்றது. தமிழ் அரசியல்மொழியாக வந்து மேன்மேலும் மேன்மை உற்று மேல்நாட்டில் வளர்த்துவரும் விஞ்ஞானக்கலை முதலியவற்றைத் தானும் கொண்டு சிறப்புற்று விளங்கப்போகின்றது என்று சொல்லவும் வேண்டுமோ?

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தேசத்திற்கு உழைத்த உத்தமன்

தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட ஒரு சாதியிற் பிறந்தவனென்ற அற்பகாரணத்தாற் சமூகம் ஒதுக்கி, அடக்கி விலங்கிட்டு வைத்திருந்த அதே உத்தமன் தான். பழைய கொள்கைகளையே ஜீவாதாரமாகக் கொண்டிருந்த ஒரு பிற்போக்கான மக்கட் குழுவினரின் மூடக்கண்களுக்குப் பைத்தியக்காரன் போலத் தோன்றிய அந்தச் சமூக சீர்திருத்தவாதிகள், தன்னுடைய ஊர்ச் சேவா சங்கத்தின் பேருதவியால் இன்றைய சமூகத்தில் ஒரு கௌரவமாகிய ஓர் ஆசிரியத் தொழிலில் அமர்ந்திருக்கிறான்.

இவனுக்கு கண்டியில் முற்போக்கான கொள்கைகளுக்கு அமோக ஆதரவு கிடைத்தது. உள்ளொன்று புறம் ஒன்று வைத்துக்கொள்ளும் சந்தர்ப்ப வாதிகளின் அரசியல்வானில் அவன் முற்பட்டிருக்கில் இவன் இன்று ஓர் மந்திரி. ஆனால் அவன் பூமாதேவியின் இதயத்திற் பதிக்கப்பட்ட முத்து. பாலவனத்திற் பூத்துக் குலுங்கும் அழகிய பூக்கொத்து. சரோஸாவின் வறுமைச் சின்னம்.

சரோஸா தகப்பனில்லாதவள். ஆனால் இவளின் தாய் கூலிவேலை செய்து தங்கள் சீவியத்தை நடத்திவந்தாள். சரோஸா ஓர் தனவந்தனின் பூர்தோட்டத்திற்கு தண்ணீர் அள்ளி இறைத்து அதிலிருந்து வரும் வருவாயை எடுத்து தங்கள் சீவியத்தைத் தாயுடன் சேர்ந்து நடத்தி வந்தாள்.

அற்ப ஜீவியத்தை அடிப்படையாகக்கொண்டு காமப்பெயின் காலடியில் தனது களங்கமற்ற உடலை அர்ப்பணஞ்செய்து வாழ அவன் கருத

வில்லை. கல்வியின் மணத்தையறியாதவள் கல்விக்கடலின் பெருமையைப் போற்றினாள்.

உத்தமன் மல்லிகாவின் வீட்டிற்குப் பக்கத்தில் வந்து குடியேறிச் சில காலந்தான் ஆகிறது. உத்தமனும் சரோஸாவும் கதைத்து வருவது வழக்கம். இப்படியாகப் பேசிவிட்டு நின்றுவிடுவது காதலால் முடியாத காரியம். வாயும் விழியும் பேசிவிட்டால் காரியம் முடிந்து விடாது.

அன்று கிறிஸ்மஸ் திருநாள். கிறிஸ்தசமயத்தினர் ஆனந்தங்கொண்டாரும் நந்நாள். ஏழைகளின் இரத்தத்தைப் பிழிந்து எடுத்துப் பணக்குவியலாக, அவற்றினருகே வயிற்றைத் தடவிக்கொண்டிருக்கும் செல்வருக்குமட்டும் அது ஒவ்வூ நாள் அல்ல. ஒவ்வொரு ஏழையும் நிம்மதியுடன் இளைப்பாறும் நாள். அன்று வழக்கம்போல் சரோஸா பூந்தோட்டத்திற்குத் தண்ணீர் இறைக்கச் சென்றாள். அன்றைக்கு லீவு நாளாகியபடியால் உத்தமன் அவள் அண்டை சென்றான். நிசப்தம் நிறைந்த சோலையில் அவ்விருபேர்களையும் தவிர வேறு எவர்களும் இல்லை. அவ்விரு உள்ளங்களும் ஆனந்தத்தில் அமிழ்ந்தின. அவர்களின் இருதய புஷ்பங்கள் காதல் நிலவிற்பூத்து மணந்தன. அவர்கள் அன்று தங்கள் இருதயங்களைத் திவ்விய பிரேமையாற் கட்டியதற்கு அம்மரங்களே சாட்சிகள்.

ஒரு வருஷம் உருண்டோடியது. வகுப்புவாத அலை, காதல் அலையை எதிர்க்கும் ஏமாற்றத்தில் நின்று பின்னோடிவிட்டது. உத்தமனும் சரோஸாவும் மணம்புரிந்து கொண்டனர்.

உத்தமனின் புகழ் உச்சக்கொப்பை எட்டிக்கொண்டது. சமூக சீர்திருத்தமே முக்கிய வாழ்வின் நோக்கமாய்க் கொண்டிருந்த உத்தமன் ஒவ்வொரு கிராமத்திலும் சொல்மாரி பொழிந்து வந்தான். ஒரு புதிய சமூகத்தைச் சிருட்டிக்க அவன் மனக்கோட்டை கட்டிக்கொண்டிருந்தான். தன்னை ஓர் மனிதனாக்கிய அதே யாழ்ப்பாணச் சேவா சங்கம் அவனை ஒரு உபநியாசத்திற்கு அழைத்தது. அந்த அழைப்பை அவனால் நிராகரிக்க முடியவில்லை.

தாழ்த்தப்பட்டோர் கும்பல் அன்று கடல் அலையாக யாழ்ப்பாணத் தெருவில் மோதின. எந்தச் சமூகம் அவனை ஒதுக்கி வெறுத்ததோ அதே சமூகத்திற்குப் புத்திபுகட்ட தன் சரோஸாவுடன் போகிறான்.

அழுக்குப் பிடித்திருந்த சமூகம் தூய்மை அடைந்து விட்டதெனத் திண்ணமாக நம்பித்தான் சென்றான். மைதானம் ஜன வெள்ளமாக மாறிவிட்டது. உத்தமனுக்குத் தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட மக்களின் உற்சாக வரவேற்புக் கிடைத்தது. அவன் பேசத்தொடங்கினான். உணர்ச்சி ததும்ப உலகத்தை மறந்து பேசினான். சமூக கட்டுப்பாடுகளையும் சமய மூட நம்பிக்கைகளையும் அலசி ஆராய்ந்து பேசினான். அநீதிக்கு அஞ்சி வணங்கக் கூடாதென அலறினான். கடைசியிற் பொதுமக்களின் பலத்த

காசுகோஷத்திடையே கர்ச்சித்தான். “ ஏழை என்றும் அடிமை என்றும் எவனுமில்லை—சாதியில் இழிவுகொண்ட மனிதர் என்பா இந்தியாவில் இல்லையே.”

“உண்டு” எனக் கூறுவதுபோல் துப்பாக்கி ஒன்று வெடித்தது. உத்தமன் மரம்போல் சாய்ந்தான். தண்ணீப் பூசித்துவந்த தனையன் இச் சமூகத்தின் மூடக்கொள்கைகளை சக்கரங்களிடையே நசுக்கிவந்த தனையனை நினைத்து தமிழ்த்தாய் துடித்தாள். தாழ்த்தப்பட்டவரின் முதுகெலும்பாய் விளங்கிய ஒரு தலைவன் மூடக்கொள்கைகளின் முரட்டுக்கையால் முரியடிக்கப்பட்டான். சரேஸாவின் உள்ளத் துடிப்பைக் கூற ஒரு நீண்ட பெருமூச்சு காற்றுடன் கலந்து சென்றது. அவள் வீர உதிகளில் ஓர் தியாகப்புன்னகை விரைந்தோடி மறைந்தது.

சரேஸா தன் வரன் இறந்ததைக்கண்டு தன் உயிரை அவனுக்கே தியாகம் செய்து இறந்தாள்.

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Form I upper (B)

சூரியோதயம்

நானும் எனது நண்பர்களும் சூரியோதயம் பார்க்கும் நோக்கமாக கடற்கரைக்குச் சென்றோம். அன்று நல்ல நிலவாக இருந்ததன் நிமித்தம் சற்று முந்திப் போய்விட்டோம்.

ஆயிரம் கதிர்களுடன் அதிகாலையில் அதித்தன் உதயம் செய்வான் என்பார்களே. ஏழு குதிரை பூட்டிய தேரில் எல்லைமார்த்தாண்டன் எழுவான் என்பார்களே. அதைப் பார்க்கவந்த அரும் தருணமல்லவா? ஆகவே சூரியனுடைய வரவை எதிர் புர்த்தவராய் உட்கார்த்து கொண்டு இருந்தோம்.

சற்று நேரத்திற்கெல்லாம் கீழ் வானம் சிவந்தது. என்ஞாச்சரியம், சூயில்களெல்லாம் கூக்குரலிட்டன. சேவல்கள் கூவின. காசுகளெல்லாம் கதிரவன் உதிக்கிறான் என்று கட்டியம் கூறின. விண்மீன்களெல்லாம் வானத்திலிருந்து விடைபெற்றுக்கொண்டு சென்றுவிட்டன. சந்திரனோ தந்திரமாக முகில்களிடத்திலே மறைந்தான். சூயிலிசை கேட்டுத் தய்வெழுந்த தொழிலாளர் தத்தம் வேலைகளை ஆரம்பித்தனர்.

இப்படியான ஆயத்தங்களின் பின் கதிர்வன் உதிக்கிறான். நேற்றும் பூமியிடத்தே நடந்த விஷயங்களைக் கடவுளுக்குச் சொல்லியும் சிரித்தான் போன்று அவனிடத்தே உள்ள சிவப்பு நிறம் காட்டியது. அருகிருந்த ஆலயங்களில் மணியோசை கேட்டது.

அந்தக் காலேரோத்திலே கதிரவனைப் பார்க்கும்போது கண்கள் களிப்படைந்தன. அந்த நேரத்தில் மனதில் தோன்றிய சந்தோஷத்திற்கு அளவே இல்லை. அவன் தன் காங்களை எங்களைக் கட்டியணக்கும்படி நீட்டுவது போன்று நீட்டினான்.

இரவு முழுவதும் தன்னிடத்தே தங்கிய சூரியன் மேலே போகிறானே. அவனை இதோ பிடிக்கிறேன் என்று எண்ணிய கடல் தனது அலைகளை அதின்மேலே அள்ளி எறிந்தது. ஆனால் ஆதித்தன் அகப்படவில்லை. கரையிலிருந்த கட்டுமாமெல்லாம் கடல் ரோக்கி வந்தன. இதைக் கண்ட மீன்களெல்லாம் துள்ளிக்கொண்டோடின. ஆ! இப்படியான இன்பங்களை அநுபவித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும் நேரத்தில் ஒரு கருமுகில் கதிரோனை மறைத்துவிட்டது.

சற்று துக்கத்தடன் வீடு திரும்பினோம். சிறிது நேரம் கழிந்த பின்பு கதிரவன் தென்பட்டான். ஆனால் அவன் முன்னிருந்த சந்தோஷத்தைத் தரவில்லை ஏனென்று யாரைக் கேட்பது?

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Form II (A)

“நாயைக் கண்டால் கல்லைக் காணோம்,
கல்லைக் கண்டால் நாயைக் காணோம்”

நல்ல பழமொழி இது! என்ன, ஜனங்களின் நல்லெண்ணம்! மெதுவாக ஒழுகிற ஒரு நாயைப் பார்த்தவுடன் “ஐயோ! இப்போது நம்கையில் ஒரு கல்கூட இல்லையே” என்று மனம் அங்கலாய்க்கிறது. ரோட்டுத் திருத்துவதற்கு முனிசிப்பல் அங்கத்தவர்கள் ரோட்டுக்களில் நிறையக் கல்லைக் குவித்திருந்தால் அதைப் பார்த்ததும் “அட்டா, இவ்வளவு கல்லும் வீணாக அல்லவா போகின்றன. இவைகளைப் பிரயோசனப்படுத்த ஒரு நாயைக்கூடக் காணோமே!” என்று மனம் ஏங்கித் தவிக்கிறது.

சிலநாட்களுக்கு முன் என் நண்பர் ஒருவரை இதற்குப் பொருள் கேட்டேன். “இது என்ன ஐயா மிகவும் சாதாரண பழமொழியாயிற்றே. உங்களுக்குத் தெரியவில்லையா? உதாரணமாகப் பாருங்கள்; வாசலில் கூடை கூடையாகப் பழம் வருடும்போது நம்கையில் காச இருப்பதில்லை. காச கையில் இருக்கும்போது வாசலில் ஒன்றுமே வராது. இதுதான் அர்த்தம். அதாவது ஒன்று இருந்தால் இன்னொன்று இருப்பதில்லை, என்பதுதான்” என்றார். எங்களால் இயன்றவரையில் இப்பழமொழிக்கு நாம் கற்பிக்கும் இப்போதைய அர்த்தம் விசித்திரமானதுதான்.

வை. மாணிக்கம்.

Form II.

காலத்தினருமை

காலமே எமது உயிர். அதனை வீணாக்குவது நம்மை நாமே கொலைபுரிவதை ஒக்கும். மனிதன் வாடைகள் சில, அவற்றுள் பிணியால் கழிகின்ற நாட்கள் பல. சோம்பலால் கழிகின்ற நாட்கள் சில. தூக்கத்தால் கழிகின்றவை பல. ஆயின் அவன் கற்கவேண்டிய நூற்கள் பல. தொண்டுகளோ பல. ஆதலின் அவன் இயற்கையாய்மைத்த தூக்கத்துக்குரிய பாதிக்காலத்தைக் கழித்து எஞ்சிய காலத்தில் நோயனு காது செந்நெறியில் வாழ்க்கையை நடத்தவேண்டும்.

இத்தகைய பெரிய வேலைகளைச் செய்யக் கடமைப்பட்டுள்ள ஒவ்வொருவனும் தன் காலத்தை வீணாக்குவது பெருங்கேட்டை விளைவிக்கும். ஒருவன் வாழ்க்கை உயர்வடைவதோ அன்றித் தாழ்வடைவதோ அவனது காலத்தைப் பொறுத்துள்ளது. அந்தந்தக் காலத்தில் அந்தந்த வேலைகளைச் செய்துமுடிப்பவன் படிப்படியாக உயர்ந்த நிலையை அடைகிறான். அன்றியும் அவன் மகிழ்ச்சியுறவோ, உடற்பயிற்சி செய்யவோ, தூங்கவோ நேரத்தைக் காண்கிறான்.

சிறு பிராணிகளாகிய ஈ, எறும்பு, தேனீ முதலிய அற்ப ஜெந்துக்கள். தேனீ முதலிய அற்ப ஜெந்துக்கள் குறித்த நோத்தில் குறித்த வேலையைச் செய்துமுடிக்கின்றனவென்றால் ஆற்றிவு படைத்த மனிதன் எவ்வாறிருக்கவேண்டும். “அணைகடந்த வெள்ளம் அழுதாலும் வராத” என்றபடி கழிந்த காலத்தைத் திரும்பவும் பெற முடியாது. இயமன் வரும் நாளோ நமக்குத் தெரியாது. அவன் வந்தால் பாலரென்றும், முதியோரென்றும், நல்லோரென்றும், தீயோரென்றும் பாராது எந்நேரத்திலாவது உயிரை எடுத்துச் செல்வான். ஆகையால் அன்று செய்யும் வேலையை அன்றே முடித்துவிடவேண்டும். குறித்தநேரத்தில் குறித்த வேலைகளைச் செய்யாதவரின் கதி: புகையிரதம் போன பின் புகையிரதச்சீட்டு எமிக்கப்போவார் கதியை ஒக்கும். சிலர் காலத்தின் பெரும்பகுதியை வீணிக்கழித்துவிடுகின்றனர்.

நம்முன்னோர்கள் உடற்பயிற்சி, மனப்பயிற்சி, தூக்கம் முதலிய வற்றை உரிய காலங்களில் தவறாமல் செய்துவந்தபடியினால்தான் நீடிய ஆயுளைப்பெற்று பணிசெய்து புகழ்கிறார்கள்.

ஆகவே மானிடராகிய நாமனைவரும் காலத்தின் அருமையை உணர்ந்து அதைப் பொன்போற் போற்றி ஒரு நொடிப்பொழுதேனும் வீணாக்காது நல்வழியிற் பயன்படுத்துவோமாக!

ம. அருளானத்தம்
Form I. Upper (B)

ஓர் வாங்கிலின் சுய சரிதம்

நான் ஒரு நாள் என் வாங்கிலில் இருக்கும்பொழுது ஒரு சத்தம் கேட்டது. உடனே சுற்றுமுற்றும் பார்த்தேன். வாங்கிலிலுள்ள ஓர் துவரத்தால் ஓர் சத்தம் கேட்டது. என்ன என்று கவனித்தேன். வாங்கில தன் கதையை சொல்லத் தொடங்கியது.

“நான் முன்பு ஒரு கொட்டையாக இருந்தேன். பின்பு ஒரு மரமாக வளர்ந்தேன். ஒருநாள் சில தச்சர்கள் வந்து என்னை பலகைகளாக அறுத்தார்கள். நான் அப்பொழுது அழுதேன். பின்பு என்னை ஆணிகளால் அறைந்து ஒரு அழகான வாங்கில் ஆக்கினார்கள். இதைப் பார்த்த இந்த வீட்டு எஜமான் என்னை விலைகொடுத்து வாங்கினார். என் எஜமான் சில நாட்கள் விடுதலையாக வேறு ஊருக்கு போய்விட்டார். வீட்டு வேலைக்காரர் என்னைக் கவனிக்கவில்லை. கறையான்கள் என்னைக் கடித்துப் புண்ணாக்கிப்போட்டன. நான் இங்கே இருந்து அழுகிறேன். நீ ஆவது என்னை புதுசாக்க மாட்டாயா”? என்றது.

அதற்கு நான், “உலகத்தில் இன்பமும் துன்பமும் மாறி மாறி வருவது இயல்பு”, என்றேன்.

மாக்கல் குணரத்தினம்
Standard IV (A)



SPORTS SECTION

REPORT OF THE PREFECT OF GAMES.

The increased interest in Sports shown last year, continues to be maintained. The first term was devoted to Cricket, the second to Athletic Sports and the third to Foot-ball. In addition Volley-ball, Badminton and Table Tennis were played throughout the year.

We began the year with Cricket. Mr. P. Ahamparam, the Master in charge of this game, spared no pains in making of novices cricketers fit to play matches. We played in all six matches. We lost 3 (to Union College, St. John's College and St. Patrick's College), drew 2 (with Jaffna Central College and Skanda Varodya College) and won the match against Jaffna Hindu College. Our boys have certainly done better this year than in the past years. K. Sivapatham hit a century against Jaffna Central College. His 122 runs is the highest individual score for a Hartley batsman. S. Kathirgamathamby captured all the ten wickets in an innings against Jaffna Hindu College.

The Volley-ball team under the charge of Mr. A. R. Rajanayagam won 3 of the 5 matches played in the Local Tournament.

The main interest during the second term centred round Athletics. Messrs C. Rajadurai and V. Maniccam took up the training in hand. The Annual Inter-house Athletic meet was held in July, under the distinguished patronage of Mr. K. S. Arulnandhy, Deputy Director of Education. Much enthusiasm and healthy rivalry prevailed among the various Houses. The relative position of the Houses was as follows:—

1. Paulpillai	96 points
2. Kanapathipillai	72 „
3. Sherrard	61 „
4. Abraham	60 „

Cups were awarded to the following:—

G. K. Rajasooriar (Sherrard)	Champion Athlete—	Senior Group
M. Princely (Paulpillai)	„	—Intermediate „
T. Subramaniam (Abraham)	„	—Junior „

K. Ramachandran of Kanapathipillai House was awarded the prize offered by an Old Boy for the runner-up in the Intermediate Group. N. Sivakumaran of Paulpillai House was declared Champion Athlete in the Infant Group. Several new ground records were set up at this Meet (vide results of Athletic Meet).

The results of the competitions held during the third term are as follows :—

INTER-HOUSE

Kanapathipillai House	Foot-ball	—	Senior
Abraham House	„	—	Junior
Kanapathipillai House	Volley-ball	—	Senior
Kanapathipillai House	„	—	Junior

INTER-CLASS

S. S. C. (A)	Foot-ball	—	Senior
J. S. C. (A)	„	—	Intermediate
Standard V. (B)	„	—	Junior

The Rev. D. V. Thamotheram Memorial Shield for Inter-House competitions goes this year to Kanapathipillai House.

Messrs C. Rajadurai, K. V. Thomas and P. Ahamparam were responsible for the training of our Foot-ball teams. The season has not been a successful one for our First and Second teams. The First team won only two of the eight matches played ; while the second team won one, drew one and lost four. My congratulations to the coach, Mr. P. Ahamparam and the Third Team for winning the two matches that they played.

My thanks are due to Mr. N. Nadarajah and Mr. S. Kumara-segarampillai of the Excise Department for refereeing our matches.

To all my colleagues I express my gratitude for their co-operation.

S. A. Rasaratnam



SUMMARY OF CRICKET MATCHES—1948

Hartley Vs. Union College.

	Lost by an innings and 11 runs.
Hartley 81	(Sivapatham 31, Nadarajah 18, Sabapathipilla i 14, Alagiah 10, Nagalingam 3 for 17, Arul 4 for 18)
&	
57	(Sabapathypillai 13, Krishnapillai 13, Alagiah 10, Nagalingam 4 for 15, Sinnathamby 4 for 17)
Union 149	(Sinnathamby 34, Harichandran 24, Jogaratnam 13, Sivapatham 6 for 31, Kathirgamathamby 3 for 41)

Hartley Vs. Jaffna Central College.

Drawn

Hartley 80 Kathirgamathamby 16, Eswaradas 12, Alagiah 11, Jeyaratnasingam 4 for 30, Ramanathan 4 for 16.

&

187 for 4 declared (Sivapatham 122, Kathirgamathamby 31)

Central 144 (Balendran 32, Jeyaratnasingam 20, Cheivayagam 37, Karunaratnam 16, Sivapatham 3 for 50, Kathirgamathamby 3 for 49)

&

90 for 6 (Jeyaratnasingam 49 not out, Sivagurunathan 20 Sivapatham 3 for 34.

Hartley Vs. St. Patrick's College.

Lost by an innings & 158 runs

St. Patrick's 288 (Singarayar 68, Wilfred 27, Paramsothy, 33, Francis 42, Emmanuel 38, Manivarnam 25, Shanmugam 26, Eswaradas 3 for 63, Nadarajah 3 for 82)

Hartley 48 (Sivapatham 12, Benedict 11, Singarayar 6 for 8, Francis 3 for 20)

&

82 (Nadarajah 15, Krishnapillai 26 not out, Benedict 12, Emmanuel 3 for 31, Xavier 3 for 19, Francis 2 for 16)

Hartley Vs. Jaffna Hindu College.

Won by 5 wickets

Hindu College 76 (Logeswaran 35, Eswaradas 5 for 26, Kathirgamathamby 3 for 15)

&

74 (Ramanathan 17, Kulasingam 29 not out, Kathirgamathamby 10 for 28)

Hartley 104 (Sivapatham 67 not out, Alagiah 12, Sabapathipillai 10, Somasundaram 5 for 35, Manawarajan 3 for 38)

&

53 for 5 (Sabapathipillai 11, Mannawarajan 2 for 17, Somasundaram 2 for 23.

Hartley Vs. St. John's College.

Lost by 8 wickets

Hartley 63 (Sivapatham 28, Sabapathipillai 11, Martin 5 for 18, Deen 3 for 8)

&

36 (Deen 6 for 11, Martin 4 for 5)
 St. John's 32 (Segarajasinghe 14, Satchithananthan 5 for 11,
 Sivapatham 3 for 1)
 &
 76 for 2 (Brodie 24, Deen 28 not out, Martin 17 not out)

Hartley Vs. Skanda Varodya College.

Drawn

Hartley 128 (Nadaraiah 20, Sandrasegaram 28, Eswaradas
 29, Krishnapillai 25, Thuraisingam 5 for 29)

&

99 for 5 (Krishnapillai 59 not out, Eswaradas 17)

Skanda Varodya 117 (Kandasamy 33, Murugiah 23, Kulasingam 17,
 Thavarajah 15, Eswaradas 4 for 25)

&

26 for 4 (Kathirgamathamby 4 for 6)



BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Times not out	Highest Score	Total	Average
K. Sivapatham	12	1	122	287	26.1
N. Krishnapillai	11	3	59*	141	17.6
S. Eswaradhas	10	1	29	80	9.0
K. Sabapathipillai	11	1	14	86	8.6
K. K. Nadarajah	12	0	20	84	7
S. Kathirgamathamby	12	1	31	74	6.6
C. Sandrasegaram	11	1	28	60	6.0
C. Alagiah	10	1	12	41	4.5
K. Selvamaniccam	8	1	8	29	4
P. J. Benedict	9	0	12	35	3.9
C. Ramachandran	8	3	9*	16	3.2
N. Sachithananthan	3	1	1	1	.5

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BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
S. Kathirgamathamby	128	24	345	31	11.1
K. Sivapatham	76.2	15	223	18	12.4
S. Eswaradas	72.5	17	225	13	17.4
N. Sachithananthan	21	5	51	7	7.3
C. Ramachandran	7	2	25	1	2.5
K. Nadnrajah	25	3	152	4	30.5

CATCHES

Eswaradas	5	Sandrasegaram	3
Alagiah	5	Kathirgamathamby	2
Sabapathipillai	4	Selvamanicam	1
Sivapatham	3	Krishnapillai	1



A PEN-PICTURE OF OUR CRICKETERS

- S. ESWARADAS:**— The Skipper. Is one of the best all-rounders in the team. He started as a bowler, who could break both ways. He is also a stylish bat with majestic drives and pretty square cuts. It is really in fielding that he excels. He is very popular among his team mates and is the most regular member at practice.
- S. KATHIRGAMATHAMBY:**— Vice-captain. He fully believes that one plays best after a hearty meal. He bowls medium fast and can keep a good length for long spells. He has been our most successful bowler. 'Bagged' all ten wickets in an innings. A safe field and a fair bat.
- K. SIVAPATHAM:**— Ex-Captain. A dashing batsman who can play all the strokes from the late cut to the leg glance. Scored a century this season—the first Hartleyite to have performed this feat. He is also a good medium paced bowler but has become erratic of late. Is one of the best slip fieldsmen one can think of.
- K. SABAPATHIPILLAI:**— Keeps wickets for the third year. Short and dark with the semblance of a goat beard. His 'appeals' can be heard in Timbuctoo. He can cut, drive, and hook with style; but unfortunately gets out before he can execute these delightful strokes as he cannot resist crossing a straight ball. A jolly fellow who is never perturbed by defeats.
- N. KRISHNAPILLAI:**— His motto is 'hit or get out'. His best innings was his last one where he treated a large crowd of spectators at Kanterodai to some hectic hitting—his 59 not out included only three singles. As a field we regret to say that he is not as good as we would like him to be.
- K. K. NADARAJAH:**— A vastly improved player this year. He opens batting and is quite good on the off. He must avoid glancing balls pitched on the leg stump. He is also a slow left hand bowler. Fields at cover and his ground fielding is better than his catching. Sings even more beautifully than he plays cricket. Is very careful about his appearance and even after a hard day in the field, his waves will remain undisturbed.

- P. J. BENEDICT:— A very dependable fielder. As a batsman he does well at practice. In matches he gets out by 'crossing'.
- C. ALAGIAH:— The elder of two brothers in the team. Has always played better in matches than at practice. A fair bat who does not believe in playing forward. A very quiet young man. It is said that he discusses cricket only with his brother.
- C. SANDRASEGARAM:— The younger of the brothers, and is the find of the season. Two wonderful catches in a practice match earned him a place in the team and now he plays like a seasoned player. Though slow, a very dependable fielder. A steady bat. Finds the bat a bit too heavy for him. Should be quite good next year.
- K. SELVAMANICCAM:— A 'blind' hitter. Whenever he connects, the ball will reach the ropes. He once confessed that his fielding was poor because his 'body do not bend'.
- C. RAMACHANDRAN:— A change bowler. Bowls medium paced ones. A fair bat and a weak fielder. Gives the necessary moral support to the team.
- N. SACHITHANANTHAN:— The youngest member of the team. Tall but frail. A left hand bowler. In his first big match captured six wickets. He would rather not bat.
- K. POORANALINGAM:— Played in one match. A promising player
"STUMPER"



SUMMARY OF VOLLEY-BALL MATCHES 1948

1. Puttur Somaskanda Vidyalayam vs. Hartley ;— Away. Lost 3-0.

This being our first match, many of our players were out of form. Our congratulations to Puttur on their victory.

2. Hartley vs. Puloly Boys' English School:— Home won 3-0.

Our last defeat made us practice more seriously. The result was the better play in this match. Sockalingam, who although small of stature, played a fine game and was chiefly instrumental for our victory.

3. Hartley vs. Atchuvely A. M. School:— Home won 2-1.

We took the first game without much difficulty. This seemed to have had a bad effect on our boys. The second game

saw our players throw all caution to the winds in an attempt to exhibit individual brilliance. We realised our folly too late and lost the second game. A ding dong battle went on in the final game till 12 all was called. Then suddenly, the team played as one inspired and obtained the points necessary for victory without conceding any.

4. Hartley vs. Chithampara Vidyalayam :—Home. won 2—1

This was a friendly game and not one of the tournament matches. Our success in this match is certainly praiseworthy in view of the fact, that our opponents were finalists in the All Ceylon Six-a-side Tournament.

5. Hartley vs. Udupiddy Boys' English School :—Home. won 2—1.

A lively game. Our opponents played very pluckily to the very end.

6. Vigneswara College vs. Hartley :—Away Lost 2—1.

We were the first to lower the colours of Vigneswara—the champions. After losing the first two games we rallied magnificently and won the last game. Thevarajah should be congratulated for taking the last two vital points with two successive superb smashes, when the score was 14 all.

J. PARAMADAS,
Captain.



INTER-HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS MEET, 1948

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Events	Senior Group	Intermediate Group	Junior Group	Infant Group
High Jump	1. K. Kumbesan P 2. { S. Vijayaratnam K M. Ramakrishnar P	1. M. Princely P 2. S. Kanagasooriam P 3. K. Sivapatham K	1. T. Subramaniam A 2. { C. Navaratnam S D. P. Niles P { A. Jeyarajah S	
Long Jump	1. D. Mahendram K 2. M. Ramakrishnar P 3. C. Ratnavel K	1. M. Princely P 2. S. Gunalingam K 3. V. Vamadeva A	1. T. Subramaniam A 2. P. Thavapalan S 3. S. Sinnaiyah A Distance—14 ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.*	1. C. Thuraiyah P 2. C. Kathirgamar S 3. A. Sivapathasundaram S
Pole Vault	1. C. Ratnavel K 2. K. Sabapathypillai P 3. { S. Arunayagam A S. Kathirgama-thamby P	1. K. Ramachandran K 2. K. Kandiah P 3. P. Soosayathasar A Height 8 ft. *		Three-Legged Race V. Perampalam } P 1. C. Kumarasamy } Soosai Eronimus } K 2. S. Rajesvaran } T. Navaratnarajah } A 3. T. Vaithianathan }
Putting the Weight	1. K. Velauthampillai S 2. K. Selvamaniccam K 3. S. Kathirgama-thamby P			
Discus Throw	1. K. Selvamaniccam K 2. K. Velauthampillai S 3. V. Gengatharam P			

Events	Senior Group	Intermediates Group	Junior Group	Infant Group
Hop-Step & Jump	1. G. K. Rajasooriar S 2. S. Vijayaratnam K 3. M. Ramakrishnar P			
100 yds.	1. G. K. Rajasooriar S 2. K. Kumbesan P 3. D. Mahendram K	1. M. Princely P 2. K. Ramachandran K 3. J. R. Rajadurai A	1. T. Subramaniam A 2. D. P. Niles P 3. P. Thavapalan S Time—13'3 secs. *	50 yds. 1. T. Navaratnarajah A 2. A. Sivapathasundaram S 3. N. Sivakumaran S
220 yds.	1. G. K. Rajasooriar S 2. K. Kumbesan P 3. D. Mahendram K	1. K. Ramachandran K 2. V. Vamadeva A 3. K. Maheson S Time 27 secs. *	1. T. Subramaniam A 2. P. Thavapalan S 3. D. P. Niles P Time—31 secs. *	75 yds. 1. N. Sivakumaran P 2. V. Perampalam P 3. C. Kathirgamar S
440 yds.	1. D. Mahendram K 2. K. Selvamaniccam K 3. K. Nadarajah S	1. M. Princely P 2. K. Ramachandran K 3. V. Vamadeva A Time 6'4 secs. *		
Half-Mile	1. K. Sivanathan A 2. S. Kathirgama-thamby P 3. T. Subramaniam S Time 2 mins. 27 secs. *			
Mile	1. K. Sivanathan A 2. T. Subramaniam S 3. S. Jeevakadacham A			

**120 yds.
Hurdles**

1. G. K. Rajasooriar S
2. K. Sabapathypillai P
3. S. Vijayaratnam K

100 yds. Hurdles

1. V. Vamadeva A
2. K. Maheson S
3. K. Kandiah P

**4x110 yds.
Relay**

1. Paulpillai
2. Kanapathypillai
3. Sherrard

1. Abraham
 2. Paulpillai
 3. Sherrard
- Time—63'8 secs. *

**4x220 yds.
Relay**

1. Paulpillai
2. Abraham
3. Kanapathypillai

**4x440 yds.
Relay**

1. Kanapathypillai
 2. Paulpillai
 3. Sherrard
- Time 4 mins. 36 sec. *

Official Race

1. Mrs. Lovell & Mr. Mills
2. Mrs. Mills & Mr. Vetharanyaseyone

220 yds. open

1. A. Retnasingham
2. K. K. Nadarajah
3. R. Sabanathan

S. A. Rasaratnam

Prefect of Games,

* Indicates New Ground Record

FOOTBALL—SECOND STRING.

K. SELVAMANICCAM:—Captain. Plays left full. Has long kicks and is quite at home with both feet. He kicks with more force than direction. He goes for the ball like a steam engine and puts the fright into his opponents. It must be said of him that he is very unassuming and practices very hard.

S. MANICAVASAGAR:—Fresher, who had the pleasant surprise of being elected vice-Captain. Plays right full. He is as short as the Captain is tall. Marks well, and has long and sure kicks. Kicks always with the right.

K. RAMACHANDRAN:—Plays centre-forward, for the second year. Is very keen and has a lot of dash; but his finishes are weak. He too cannot kick with the left. He usually ties a hankie round his head perhaps to be easily recognisable in the field.

K. KANDIAH:—Another second year. Plays left-in. A good player with sound football sense. We are sure to hear more about him in the years to come.

K. SIVAPALAN:—Left half. A twin brother of the centre-forward. Plays a very sensible game but lacks stamina.

C. THAVARAVI:—Right-in. A stylist in person and in play. Dribbles beautifully. Shot a 'solo' goal against St. Patrick's College. Has a tendency to fall back.

S. GUNALINGAM:—Centre half. A formidable player who believes that even if he misses the ball he ought to mark the man. Kicks equally well with the right and the left. Heads well too. Has all the making of a fine player if he avoids playing foul. Comes from a family of foot-ballers.

A. SACHITHANANTHAN:—Fresher. Plays right-half. Slow, but clears well. Should use his left foot also.

P. MARIANESAN:—Right extreme. Was discovered in the middle of the season. Centres extremely well, but there is no dash in his game. Could have done better if he had been more regular at practice.

S. BALASINGAM:—Left extreme. Young and timid. Has foot-ball in his blood and is bound to be one of the future stars.

M. MANICAVASAGAR:—Goal keeper. Rather short. Has a lot of courage. Is bound to do well in the years to come.

“LINESMAN”



WHO IS WHO OF THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL THIRD TEAM,

A. NAVARATNAM:—Captain. Plays right-full. A sound player. Combines with the left-full to form a good defence. Excelled in both matches.

V. KRISHNAPILLAI:—Left-full. The star player of the team. Played best in the Jaffna Central College match. Generally known as "Amman".

K. PGORANALINGAM:—Better known as "Pulimootai". Plays centre-half. Runs all over the field and is often found leading his forward line.

A. MARIADAS:—Goalie. Has been practising long for this position. Very stylish. Did well in both matches.

J. J. KULARATNARAJAH:—Left-half. A slow but good player. Might have played better if he had fewer sores on his legs.

P. SOOSAITHASAR:—Youngest of three foot-ballers. Plays centre-forward. Is a good player inspite of his talking a lot.

T. PUVENANTHIRAN:—Right-half. Cannot stop the ball with his legs. Often does a standing high jump over the heads of his opponents. Also known as "Poonai".

A. JEYARAJAH:—Plays right-in. Shot a good goal against Jaffna Central College. Too stylish for foot-ball. Proud as a peacock.

K. ARULANANDAM:—Right extreme. A player with a lot of dash. Netted a wonderful goal against Jaffna Hindu College.

C. JOTHIRAVI:—Left-in. The babe of the team. Ready with excuses whenever he plays badly. Kicks the ball in a funny way.

S. GANESAMOORTHY:—Left-extreme. A slow player. Combines well with the left-in. Centres well.

"ONE-OF-THE-TEAM."



SUMMARY OF FOOTBALL MATCHES—1948

Vs	1st eleven	2nd eleven	3rd eleven
1. Ceylon Technical College	Won 3—2	—	—
2. Jaffna Central College	Lost 2—3	Lost 0—3	Won 2—1
3. Chithambara Vidyalaya	Won 2—1	—	—
4. Skanda Varoda	Lost 1—2	Won 3—1	—
5. St. John's College	Lost 0—7	Lost 0—4	—
6. Jaffna Hindu College	Lost 0—5	Lost 0—3	Won 2—1
7. Jaffna College	Lost 0—3	Drawn 3—3	—
8. St. Patrick's College	Lost 0—7	Lost 1—4	—
H. C.—4			

HOUSE REPORTS

ABRAHAM HOUSE

In presenting the report for the year 1948, I must at the outset confess that this year has not been a very successful one for Abraham House. Though we were fourth in Athletics, I am happy to say that we fought to the end. The most outstanding of our Athletes was T. Subramaniam, of the Junior Group, who won all his four events, setting up new ground records in 100 yds., 220 yds., and Long Jump. Well done! Suppu. K. Sivanathan and V. Vamadeva did well in the Senior and Intermediate Groups respectively.

In Football and Volley Ball, our performances were fairly satisfactory. We won the Junior Football championship. I am proud to say that all the members of this team have found places in the College Second and Third teams. We have few Seniors in our House, and still fewer who take interest in games, and as a result, our performance has been far from satisfactory. Our Juniors are full of talent, and it will not be long before our flag flies once again. In Cricket, four of the members of the College team including the Captain, hail from our House.

Our success is in no small measure due to the loyalty and devotion of our House Masters and our House Mistresses. At the end of last term, we had to bid farewell to Mr. V. Manikkam, who left us to join a Central School. He had done invaluable service to our House, his very personality being a source of inspiration to all members. He firmly believed in fair play, and could never think of taking undue advantage over our opponents. We wish him and Mrs. Mannikkam a very happy and prosperous future.

Our thanks are also due to our Captain, P. J. Benedict, whose services we are unable to have at the moment as he is ill. Therefore the writing of this report has fallen to my lot.

Finally, we congratulate Paulpillai House on having won the Athletic Championship, and Kanapathipillai House on having got the much-coveted Shield.

V. Vamadeva,
for House Captain.



KANAPATHIPILLAI HOUSE

I have great pleasure in stating that the year 1948 has been a successful one for us. We won the Rev. D. V. Thamotheram Memorial Shield for being the Champion House of the year.

In athletics, we had great hopes of winning the R. R. Gunaratnam Challenge Cup, but we just failed to do so. We lost to Paulpillai House.

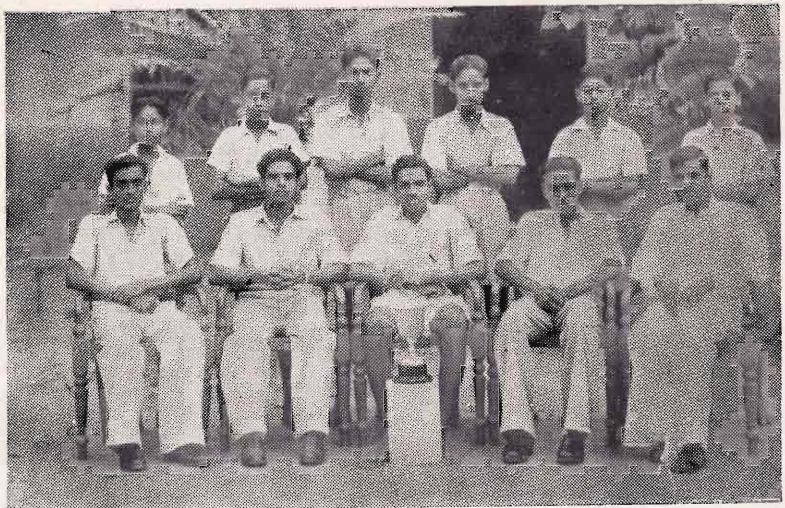


INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

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INTER-HOUSE VOLLEY BALL CHAMPIONS

(Juniors)—1948



INTER-HOUSE SENIOR VOLLEY BALL AND FOOTBALL
CHAMPIONS—1948

J. S. C. (A)



INTER-CLASS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS—1948

We failed because we had very few athletes among the Infants and Juniors, and most of our star sprinters were unfortunately not in their best form on the Sports Day. Still we will never say die. We have a fine set of young athletes who, we hope, will win back the lost laurels next year. Our congratulations to Paulpillai House.

It is with a heart swelling with pride that I record our praiseworthy achievements in Football and Volley Ball. The Seniors with their invincible team led by their gallant skipper, C. Ratnavelu, emerged champions in Football. The team proved their invincibility by their decisive victories over every other House—one House being trounced to the tune of five goals to nill. My thanks are due to K. Thevarajah, the Captain of the Senior Volley Ball Team, and S. Gunalingam, captain of the Junior Volley Ball Team for so ably leading their teams to victory. Quite a number of our House members are good cricketers, including the ex-captain N. Krishnapillai, a lusty hitter.

We welcome the two new House Masters, Mr. K. V. Thomas and Mr. A. R. R. Joseph. Mr. R. M. Gunaratnam is back again with us. Messrs. M. Dason and C. W. Vethanayagam left us during the second term. We thank them sincerely for all the interest they took in our House, and wish them all success.

In conclusion, I thank all the members, House Masters and the house Mistress for their co-operation. A special word of thanks is due to the members of the Sports-Day-Tent Committee, who in spite of the fact that the tent was uprooted thrice, persisted and put up an attractive and spacious tent. We wish the best of luck to all those members who are leaving us at the end of the year.

K. K. NADARAJAH,
(House Captain)



PAULPILLAI HOUSE

It is my great privilege to present the report for the year under review. Our performance this year in sports as well as in studies has been splendid.

Before I mention our achievements, I must refer to the departure from our midst of Mr. A. R. Rajanayagam, our House Master, who left us to join the Govt. Training College, Colombo, and of Miss M. R. Chinnappah. We wish them success. We are glad to welcome Messrs. A. Somasundaram and W. W. Somaratne.

At the Inter House Athletic Meet, we emerged champions. Our congratulations to Princely Muttiah, the Intermediate Champion, and to N Sivakumaran, the Infant Champion. Our thanks are due to S. Kadirgamathamby for his untiring efforts in training our Athletes.

Paulpillai House has contributed most to every team that represented Hartley this year. Four members of the College Cricket XI, and three members of the Football First XI, hail from Paulpillai House. I am proud to say that the Captain of the Football First XI, B. J. Paramadas, and the Vice-Captain, S. Kadirgamathamby, are from among the Yellows. Special mention must be made of B. J. Paramadas, S. Kadirgamathamby and C. Alagiah, who represented the combined Colleges of Jaffna against 'Old Josephians' at Soccer. In Cricket, S. Kadirgamathamby did exceptionally well in capturing all ten wickets in an innings against Jaffna Hindu College. C Chandrasegaram is another of our contribution to the Cricket XI. In Volley Ball too, both the Senior and Junior teams came as runners-up. The Captain of the College Volley Ball team, too, hails from Paulpillai.

In the College Literary Associations and the Dramatic Society, some of the principal Office-bearers are from our House. N. Wijaya-singam carried off the first prize of the Oratorical Contest in English held by the H. C. L. A. (Senior Section).

My report would be incomplete if I fail to mention the services rendered by K. Ganeshamoorthy, our Treasurer, and K. Sundaralingam, our Vice Captain.

In conclusion, I thank our House Masters, the House Mistress and the members for their loyal support.

K. SABAPATHIPILLAI,
House Captain.



SHERRARD HOUSE

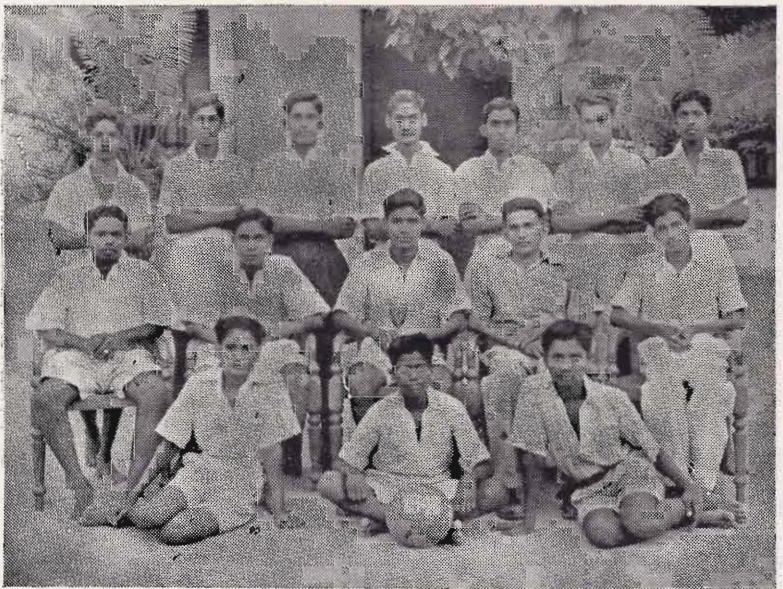
I regret to note that we have failed to keep up the traditions of the Sherrard House, in the field of Sports. This is partly due to the unexpected departure of some of our Athletes this year. But we have some promising youngsters who are determined to win back our lost laurels. Our congratulations to G. K. Rajasooriar for setting up a ground record in the 120 yds. Hurdles and winning the Senior Championship. The performance of P. Thavapalan too deserves mention. The little success we achieved was due to him and to the untiring efforts of K. Velauthampillai, the Athletic Captain and of S. Suntheralingam, one of our ex-Captains.

In Cricket, one of our members K. Sivapatham, scored a magnificent century against Jaffna Central College on their grounds—the best performance for the season. In the Inter House Soccer matches too, thanks to S. Chelliah, our Soccer Captain, we did remarkably well. K. Thurairajah, the mainstay of the College Volley Ball team, hails from Sherrard House.



INTER-HOUSE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS - 1948

S. S. C. (A)



INTER-CLASS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1948



FOOTBALL—SECOND TEAM—1948



FOOTBALL—THIRD TEAM—1948

Our achievements in studies have been on the whole satisfactory. Many of our members were successful in the last G. S. S. C. and London Matric Examinations. I am glad to mention that four Prefects including the Head Prefect are Sherradites. We too contributed our share to the 'Variety Entertainment' organised by the Dramatic Society.

I have great pleasure in announcing to our readers about the engagement of Mr. S. P. Nadarajah, one of our House Masters, to Miss M. Muttucumaru, 'an Old Sherradite.' Our congratulations to them. We are also glad to note that young Balakumar Rajadurai has a brother. With athletics in their blood, we hope Sherrard House will do better in the years to come.

In conclusion, I thank the members of the House, especially S. Sabaratnam, the Treasurer, for the great help rendered in making the Sports Meet a success.

S. MANICKAVASAGAR,
House Captain.



LITERARY ASSOCIATIONS

H. S. C. UNION

I am happy to state that the year 1948 has been one of useful activities and the best traditions of the Union have been maintained throughout the year.

During the period under review, we had our weekly meetings, the majority of which were devoted to debates. Our members debated on present day problems. Our President often observed that our debating ability is of a fairly high standard.

Miss V. Sangarappillai, M. A. addressed the Union on "The Choice before Humanity." We are greatly indebted to her for her ready response to our invitation. Mention must be made of the picnic we had at the end of the year.

Finally, my thanks are due to the Patron, Vice Patron, President and other Office-Bearers and members for their whole-hearted co-operation and support.

K. SIVANATHAN,
Hony. Secretary.

HARTLEY COLLEGE LITERARY ASSOCIATION SENIOR SECTION

The year 1948 has been one of lively activities. The meetings were held regularly. We had eighteen meetings this year. Seven of these were devoted to debates, seven to prepared speeches, and the rest to Tamil items. Some of the subjects keenly debated were :-

“Ceylon should remain within the British Commonwealth”

“Co-education should be abolished”

“System of “arranged-marriages” should be abolished”

We had the privilege of listening to an interesting lecture on “What Independence means to us” by Miss Valli Sangarapillai, M. A., an old Girl of Hartley and a member of the Staff of the Vadamaradchy Hindu Girls' English School. I take this opportunity to thank her on behalf of the Association.

The Association contributed two items to the variety Entertainment organised by the College Dramatic Society. Our English play “the Unexpected” was adjudged the best event of the evening. “Chitraleka”, the Tamil play too was highly commended. We congratulate the actors on their excellent performances.

We had two Oratorical Contests, one in English and the other in Tamil. We are very much indebted to the judges, Miss A. J. Arulambalam and Messrs. P. Ahamparam, S. V. Gunanayagam, A. Somasundram, and J. V. Sivapragasam for their assistance.

The following are the winners in the contests :

N. Vijayasingam	(S. S. C.—A)	First	Prize—English
K. Sivapalan	(S. S. C.—A)	Second	„ „
K. Konesapillai	(S. S. C.—B)	First	„ Tamil
M. Sebaratnam	(S.S.C-Prep. B)	Second	„ „

We closed the year with our grand Annual Social. It behoves me to thank all those gentlemen and ladies who responded to our invitations and graced the occasion.

Before I conclude, I wish to thank our Patron and our President for their ungrudging help, and the Office-bearers and other members for their loyalty and co-operation.

S. SABARATNAM,
Hony. Secretary.



HARTLEY COLLEGE LITERARY ASSOCIATION INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Our Section has 53 members on the roll. All are students of the J. S. C. Classes. Since the beginning of the year we have had 17 meetings. The items were prepared speeches, recitations, stories and songs. Besides these we had debates occasionally.

We also presented two items to the "Variety Entertainment" organised by the College Dramatic Society—"The Unlucky Couple" and "The Dancing Horse".

I take this opportunity to thank the members for their keen interest and whole-hearted co-operation in every undertaking of the Association.

C. Thavaravy,
Hony. Secretary.



HARTLEY COLLEGE LITERARY ASSOCIATION JUNIOR SECTION

The year 1948 has been a period of uniform success. The meetings were held regularly and the members have shown great enthusiasm.

Since the beginning of the year, we have had 20 meetings devoted to Prepared Speeches, Recitations, Songs, and Debates. Once a month, the meetings were conducted in Tamil. I have also to thank our Vice Patron, Mr. S. P. Nadarajah, for the valuable help and guidance he has given us. I shall also fail in my duty if I do not thank the members for their whole-hearted co-operation. My thanks are also due to the Members of the Executive Committee.

C. SENATHIRAJAH,
Hony. Secretary.



HARTLEY COLLEGE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Though our Association is still young, it has been very active under the guidance of our President, Mr. S. P. Nadarajah.

Up-to-date, we have had 11 meetings. Four of these were devoted to debates and four to prepared speeches. The debates and speeches were on International problems and on topics of historical interest. We also had the pleasure of listening to Mr. C. Tharmakulasingam on "The State—Its origin and development," and to an interesting talk on "Minority Problems" by the late Mr. C. Kulaveerasingham.

This year we organised a tour. We visited Anuradhapura, Polanaruwa, Mihintale and other places of historical importance. The idea of a tour first struck our President, and I take this opportunity to thank him for his services to the Association. We are grateful to Mr. M. K. B. Ratnayaka, an Old Boy of Hartley, for the lodging facilities he had made during our stay at Anuradhapura. He was not only our host, but also our guide, during the whole tour. Our thanks are also due to Messrs. S. Sivakkolunthu, Proctor S. C., S. Simmananthaguru, S. Kanapathipillai and K. Paramanantbam for the kind hospitality they extended to us during our stay at various places.

We are happy that up to date, our Association has lived up to the ideals for which it was formed, and hope it will continue to prosper. The meetings throughout the year have been kept very lively and our members have shown keen interest and the Office-Bearers have always given full co-operation.

We congratulate our President on his engagement to Miss M. Muttucumaru, but we have no doubt that he will continue to interest himself in the activities of our Association.

I wish the Association all success.

N. PARAMANANTHAM,
Hony. Secretary.



HARTLEY COLLEGE BIOLOGY ASSOCIATION

As the Secretary of this Association, it is with great pleasure that I submit the report for the year 1948, which has been a period of uniform success. Meetings were held regularly, and the members have shown great enthusiasm. One of the aims of this Association is to promote the knowledge of the members in subjects pertaining to Biology. Since the beginning of the year, we have had 18 meetings, which, were devoted mainly to prepared speeches on Biological topics. A high standard has been maintained.

This year we had to bid farewell to two of our Vice-Patrons' Messrs. M. Dason and C. W. Vethanayagam, whose untiring efforts contributed a great deal to the success of the Association. The Association gave them a 'farewell.' Mr. C. W. Vethanayagam was unable to attend. Our Annual Social was held during the first term. It was a great success.

Our thanks are due to our present Vice-Patron, Mr. Antony George, for his ungrudging help and guidance, and to the members for their whole-hearted co-operation. Before I conclude, I wish to thank my predecessors in office for the good work they did in maintaining the traditions of the Association, and wish the Association long years of useful service.

GANESWARI KANTHIAH,
Hony. Secretary.

HARTLEY COLLEGE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This Society was inaugurated in April 1948, at a full assembly of the post-primary classes. The proposal to form the Dramatic Society was received with great enthusiasm by the prospective members. The aims and object of this Society are to develop the dramatic talents of the students and to acquaint them with the best in dramatic literature of the East and West.

A Variety Entertainment held during the latter part of October presented many pleasant surprises. The Senior Section of the Literary Association deserves much credit for their performance of "The Unexpected." I take this opportunity to thank C. Alagiah who sacrificed most of his leisure time in helping the actors. C. Thavaravi and A. Shanmugathungam of the Intermediate Section deserve special mention for their comic scene. They kept the house roaring with laughter. "Paid in the same coin" a farce, by the boys of Form I Upper B and "Old King Asoka" - Operetta, by Form I Upper A, were quite entertaining. The H. S. C. Union did not contribute any item to the Variety Entertainment. We hope they will make up for this next year.

At the end of the entertainment, Mr. C. Tharmakulasingam, commenting on the acting, stated that the evening's performance had revealed that there was plenty of dramatic talent at Hartley. He singled out the actors in "The Unexpected" for their good acting. Encouraged by these, we have decided to stage a play in July next year.

In conclusion I thank the members of the Dramatic Society, Mr. S. T. Samuel, our President, and our Patron, for their co-operation in giving this infant Society a real start.

K. K. NADARAJAH,
Hony. Secretary.



PREFECTS' GUILD

I have great pleasure in presenting a report of the activities of the Prefects' Guild during the year, 1948. The Guild is in the fifth year of its existence. Building up a tradition is a slow process, but it is being steadily done.

We fully realise our responsibility in carrying out all routine work connected with order and discipline. We are quite sure that the training we receive now will be of much value to us when we take our rightful place as full-fledged citizens of Free Lanka.

The Prefects meet by themselves once a fortnight and with the Monitors once a month. Many difficult problems regarding order and discipline were freely discussed and solutions found. The Monitors are of great assistance to us in carrying out our duties and we thank them for their hearty co-operation.

We are happy to mention that Mr. M. Ganeshaalingam, Head-Prefect, 1947, has been selected as Irrigation Learner. Of the Prefects of last year, Messrs. C. Ramachandran, A. R. Joseph and W. M. A. Kanagaratne are now employed, and the others are continuing their studies. We wish them all success.

K. SUNDRALINGAM,
Hony. Secretary.



THE HARTLEY COLLEGE CO-OPERATIVE SUPPLY AND THRIFT SOCIETY

I have great pleasure in presenting the report of the H. C. Supply and Thrift Society for the year 1948. This Society was inaugurated in 1945. During the war, it rendered immense service, especially to those students who found it very difficult to get their mid-day meals. In the previous years, owing to the inexperience of the Committee, we lost even a good portion of the Share Capital, but now thanks to our President, we have been able to replace at least a part of it.

We have now reorganised our Society, and today we face the future with hope and confidence under the able guidance of our President, Mr. R. W. M. Walton. There is a feeling among a few at College that our Society exists only for profit-making, but let me assure my readers that the Society was founded with the idea of training the students in co-operative endeavour, which will contribute largely to the progress of Independent Lanka.

We have also decided to enlarge the business of the Society by starting a Bookstall to supply the students with books and stationery. This will enable more students to take part in the activities of the Society. I wish to record my sincere thanks to the members and to the Committee for their help and co-operation. We appeal to the members of the Society to give us more encouragement so that we may help the Society to live up to the ideal for which it was started.

R. NAGANATHAN,
Hony. Secretary.



STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

Since the last publication of the Miscellany, a great many changes have taken place in the Hartley College S. C. M. The meetings were held once a week. The meetings were presided over by the Junior President. The agenda were mainly Bible Clásses. At a few meetings talks were delivered by distinguished speakers. Rev. A. S. Veerakathipillai helped us in conducting the Bible Classes and he addressed the S. C. M. on "Leadership"

Towards the latter part of the Second Term, the S. C. M. started its annual campaign of Evangelistic work for one week. Open Air Meetings were held at Katkivalam. The Week was quite a success and I wish to thank Mr. S. T. Samuel and the Lady Teachers of Hartley College for the help they rendered. Soon after this, the S. C. M. was called upon to conduct a Children's Bazaar at the Annual Ingathering Sale. At the end of this term, Mr. C. W. Vethanayagam who was our Senior President, left us and Mr. R. M. Gunaratnam succeeded him. We gladly welcome Mr. R. M. Gunaratnam and hope that the S. C. M. will prosper under him.

During the third term no activities of importance took place except that we attended the Rally held at Puttur.

J. J. RAJANAYAGAM,
Hony. Secretary.



HOSTEL

THE COLLEGE HOSTEL

Although there is accommodation available for sixty students, our strength this year has been 35. We hail from all parts of the peninsula and are a happy lot indeed.

Daily we go through a well-planned programme of work and recreation. In addition to the usual school games, we have indoor games as well. Table Tennis, which was introduced this year, seems to be the chief attraction. The health of the Boarders has been satisfactory.

Most of the Boarders are keen sportsmen, and we are proud to have in our midst the Second Eleven Football Captain, the Intermediate Athletic Champion, and a good number of the members of the College Cricket and Football Elevens. Most of them are good in studies as well.

Slight changes have taken place in the course of the year. The Seniors now have a separate dormitory downstairs. During the second term, we had to bid farewell to two of our Boarding Masters, Messrs. V. Maniccam and C. W. Vethanayagam, and also to M. Dason. Our sincere thanks are due to them for the help they gave us during their stay with us, and we wish them all success in their future endeavours. We welcome our present Boarding Master, Mr. Antony George. He takes a keen interest in the welfare of the Boarders.

Before concluding, we wish to thank the Principal, the Boarding Master and the resident Masters for their interest in our welfare.

K. SUNDARALINGAM,
Prefect.

HOSTEL UNION

We have great pleasure in presenting a brief record of the work done by our Union this year. The work done during the period under review gives good cause for satisfaction.

The aims of the Union as expressed in its constitution are: to promote the knowledge of its members on subjects social, political, literary and scientific; to provide the necessary training in the art of public speaking, and to inculcate an *esprit de corps* among its members. We are proud to say that our Union has lived up to this ideal. We had the annual dinner at the end of the third term. Since the beginning of this year we have had 14 meetings.

Our thanks are due to our President for the help and guidance he has given us, and to the members for their whole-hearted co-operation in every undertaking of the Union.

PRINCELY S. MUTTIAH,
Hony. Secretary.



TEACHERS' GUILD

If the keen enthusiasm displayed by the members of the Guild can be correctly interpreted, the Guild, though still young, has definitely come to stay as the Forum of our teachers. The pious hope expressed by my predecessor in office has, we believe, materialised.

In spite of the difficulties confronting the Committee of a Teachers' Guild in an out-of-the-way place like Point Pedro—mainly the problem of getting down speakers from outside, we spared no pains to keep the year interesting. We were able to hold four meetings during the year.

We started the year with a talk on "Discipline" by Mr. V. Nataraja B. Sc., B. T. The talk was interesting and was followed by a long discussion. The methods he advocated for dealing with delinquents were mild. These methods he has successfully adopted both in the home and in the class room. Our President, Mr. R. M. Gunaratnam B. Sc., was our next speaker, and the topic "Memory". It was certainly a treat to listen to his talk. If my memory does not fail me and if his "Memory Test" could be accepted as reliable, it revealed that the 'purdah-group' of the Guild is endowed with a better faculty of memory. We had also the privilege of listening to Mr. S. U. Somasegaram M. A. Dip. in Ed., on "Measurement in Education". The discussion that followed was sure proof that his lecture was well appreciated. Rev. D. T. Niles B. A., B. D. spoke on "The Amsterdam Conference" at the last meeting of the year. On behalf of the Guild, I thank these gentlemen, especially the last two, for their ready response to our invitation.

We welcome to the Guild Miss. A. Duraiappah and Messrs. W. W. Somaratna, A. Somasundarampillai, K. V. Thomas and A. R. Joseph. We wish them a very pleasant stay with us. In April we bade 'au-revoir' to Mr. A. R. Rajanayagam who is at present at the Govt. Training College undergoing Post-Graduate training. Messrs. M. Dason, C. W. Vethanayagam, V. Maniccam and Stanley Perera too left us during the year. Mr. Dason is now at Sacred Heart College. Mr. Vethanayagam and Mr. Maniccam have joined Central Schools. The departure of C. W. V. is badly felt especially in the Executive Committee meetings. Those who persuaded V. M. to desert the E. B. L. (Eligible Bachelors' League) little realised that V. M. would feel the urge to be nearer home. We wish these gentlemen all luck.

In December, we had our term-end-lunch at Keerimalai. This was a welcome change from the gloomy atmosphere of 'class-room lunches'. We regret that all the members were not present on this occasion. The congestion in the staff room has been considerably relieved by the demolition of the partition wall and now we have a more spacious staff-room.

Before I close I would like to thank the Committee and the members for their co-operation and valuable suggestions.

S. P. NADARAJAH,
(Hony. Secy.)



SUCCESS AT EXAMINATIONS.

JUNIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—DEC, 1947.

FIRST DIVISION.

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| 1. | Anandacumarasamy S. Dist. | Arith. and Maths. |
| 2. | Arunthavaraja S. | „ Arith. and Gen. Sc. |
| 3. | Kandasamy S. | „ Eng. Lang. and Arith. |
| 4. | Kathiravetpillai S. | „ Arith. |
| 5. | Kanapathipillai K. | „ Arith. |
| 6. | Subramaniam V. | „ Arith. and Gen. Sc. |
| 7. | Krishnaraja V. | „ Arith. and Maths. |
| 8. | Somasundram M. | „ Arith. and Lit. |

PASS.

9. Arulchelvam K. S.
10. Arumugam V.
11. Balasingam K.
12. Balasingam P.
13. Kanagasooriam S.
14. Kulanayagam M.
15. Kumaranatnan K.
16. Kylayalingam R.
17. Mahendiran D.
18. Marianesan P.

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| 19. | Nadarajah V. | Dist. | Arith. and Maths. |
| 20. | Navaratnam A. | „ | Arith. |
| 21. | Ponnampalam V. | „ | Maths. |
| 22. | Rasiah K. V. | | |
| 23. | Samuel V. K. | | |
| 24. | Sachithanantham N. | | |
| 25. | Saraswathy R. | | |
| 26. | Sebaratnam S. M. | | |
| 27. | Seliathurai S. | | |
| 28. | Sivalingam N. | Dist. | Arith. and Maths. |
| 29. | Sinnathurai S. | „ | Arith. |
| 30. | Somalingam R. | „ | Gen. Sc. |
| 31. | Kathirgamasundaram A. K. | | |
| 32. | Subramaniam R. | | |
| 33. | Tniagalingam N. | | |
| 34. | Vettivetpillai P. | | |
| 35. | Vyramuthu S. | | |
| 36. | Yogendra R. S. | | |
| 37. | Arulanantham K. | Dist. | Arith. |



SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—NOV. 1947.

FIRST DIVISION.

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|------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| *1. | Subendranathan V. | Dist. | Elem. Maths., Physics, Chemistry |
| | | | PASS |
| 2. | Ariasuntharam N. | | |
| 3. | Arudpiragasam K. D. | Dist. | Physics, Eng. Lit. |
| 4. | Ganasan M. | Dist. | Physics, Chemistry |
| 5. | Ganeson S. | Ref. in Adv. | Tamil for Exemption |
| 6. | Ganeshanathan V. | | |
| 7. | Joseph T. A. | Dist. | Art. |
| 8. | Kanapathipillai P. | | |
| 9. | Krishnapillai P. | | |
| 10. | Nadarajah R. | | |
| 11. | Paramadas B. J. | Dist. | Physics |
| 12. | Paramanathan S. | | |
| 13. | Ponniah V. | | |
| 14. | Rajalingam M. | | |
| *15. | Rajaratnam A. | | |
| 16. | Satharanthan G. G. | | |
| 17. | Sivagurunathan T. | Dist. | Chemistry |
| 18. | Thiagarajah S. | | |
| 19. | Vadiveloo S. | | |
| 20. | Wijeyaratnam S. | | |
| 21. | Manicavasagar C. | Dist. | English Lit. Civics. |
| 22. | Nallathamby S. R. | | (Miss) |
| *23. | Sivapathasundaram M. | | (Miss) |

* Denotes exemption from the Lond. Matriculation.

REFERRED LIST—S. S. C. NOV. 1947.

1. Bartlett L. S. (Adv. Tamil)
2. Joseph A. R. (Hist.)
3. Kandanajarah K. (Ele. Maths. Sp.)
4. Nadaraja V. (Ele. Maths. Sp.)
5. Paramanathan C. (Biology)
6. Pathmanathan S. (Art.)
7. Ratnasabapathy N. (Hyg. & Physiology)
8. Subramaniam K. (Biology)
9. Thirunavukarasoo K. (Eng. Lang.)
10. Segatheesar T. C. (Eng. Lit.)
11. Santhirasegaram K. (Eng. Lit.)

2—7 and 9 have since completed the examination by passing in the ref. subject at the S. S. C. July 1948.



LONDON MATRICULATION, JAN. 1948.

FIRST DIVISION.

1. Subendiranathan V.

PASS

2. Arudpragasam K. D.
3. Ganesan S.
4. Panchanathan E.
5. Paramanathan S.
6. Rajaratnam A.
7. Sivagurunathan T.
8. Sivapathasundaram M. (Miss)
9. Vadivelu, S.

REFERRED

1. Ganeshanathan V. (English)
2. Ponniah V. "
3. Sabaratnam S. (Chemistry)



LONDON MATRICULATION, JULY 1948.

1. Ganeshan M.
2. Somasundaram M.
S. Suntheralingam passed referred subject.



UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE—DEC. 1947.

1. Perambalam V. (Arts)
2. Sathyamoorthy S. (Science)

TECHNICAL COLLEGE ENTRANCE—MAY 1948.
Rajasundaram A.

AN UNOFFICIAL DIARY OF COLLEGE EVENTS-1948.

College re-opened after the Christmas holidays on the 19th. General assembly in the Hall. Ninety, timid youngsters make their first appearance at College. Prefects (Mootha-annans) introduced to the youngsters. Principal announces examination results:

January Standard Five 109 out of 113; J. S. C. 37 out of 42, eight in the first division.

No new faces among the staff. R. M. G. is back again with us. V. M. has a guilty look on his face and a stout ring round his finger. Don't blush Sir! You have gone the way of all flesh.

Everybody including Thambipillai is settling down to work. "Independence" is on all mouths. The post brings good news to A. R. R. He is happy that he will be in Colombo during the Independence Celebrations. S. A. R. directs him to the Pastor for a ticket to the Assembly Hall.

We begin the month rather sadly. College closed on the 2nd in memory of a saint, who died at the hands of an assassin. "Children of God never die".

February Ceylon gained her independence and S. P. N. lost his on the 4th—without a jolt or a jar. College closed for a week to celebrate the birth of a New Lanka.

Cricket season in full swing. The young master-in-charge instructs the boys to avoid 'misses' and to make sure of the 'catches'.

A not-too-new motor bicycle of nondescript make arrives at the boarding. P. A., S. P. N. and other friends of the owner learn riding on the College Green. Married teachers leave strict instructions at home to keep the kids indoors.

The S. S. C. Results came during the early part of the month. Fattest month of the year for the Tuck Shop managing committee.

March Boxing is introduced at Hartley. First bout—mainly to try out the new gloves, is held in the Hostel premises. M. D. maintains that he wins on points. Remember 'the village school master'—'Though vanquished he would argue still'.

The President of the Teachers' Guild receives an anonymous packet on the 1st—'All Fools Day'. It contains cuttings of advertisements in pictures from the daily papers. Each member

April of the staff has his or her initial marked on an appropriate picture. The shortest is asked to "Be Taller" by investing in 'Ross's System'. The bald ones are reminded that their 'hair is precious' and are requested to put all their trust in the efficacy of 'Silvikrin'. Miss A. let the cat out of the bag by trying to pretend that she knew nothing about the anonymous packet. Hats off to the Turretites for their cute idea.

Term-end dinner at the Hostel on the 1st. Dew prevents R. W. M. W. from attending the dinner. A good dinner—tribute to the quiet efficiency of the boarding master. Motor cycle acrobatics; Pooranalingam's encores; Anandarajah's songs.

An absent-minded young teacher loses part of his salary. Take care Sir; you may lose your h.....t one of these days and never care, to retrieve it. College closed on the 2nd. Staff lunch and 'au revoir to A. R. R.

College reopened on the 3rd. Bush-coats appear to be in fashion. A number of teachers and a few boys look smart in bush-coats. Clothes do make the man. The Sinhalese teacher is missing. **May** Alas! the climate of Point Pedro does not suit him. He is gone. but the boxing gloves and the memory of his bailas still remain.

Houses begin preparing for the Athletic Meet. Kanapathipillai House discovers that its best sprinters are old for the Junior Group, while their Juniors are too sluggish to be good sprinters. An ex-captain of Sherrard House spots a certainty for the Hop, Step and Jump event. Patiently, he instructs his choice to first hop, then step and finally jump. The trainee smiles, races to the jumping board, steps from it, jumps and then hops into the jumping pit. The ex-captain persists. The athlete has several tries but he always ends with a hop. He finally hops away to some other event.

Bright weather prevails. Several new admirers fall in for Tennis. A veteran tennis player is stretched by a 'podian' of yesterday. **June** P. W. J. M. and C. R. in a tennis duel. Barring the pickers these were the only ones on the Court, hence even to this day the result of the match is not known. The Principal and his life partner are fairly regular at tennis. Very often one sees only these two on the Court. On these occasions Mrs. K. P. invariably wins.

S. V. G.'s prophesies about the results of the Test Matches for once come true. Miss A. returns from Lunawa after a short visit with a lighter baggage and a heavy heart.

Athletic Meet on the 3rd under the distinguished patronage of Mr. K. S. Arulnandhy. Everything went on according to plan. **July** The meet was over by 6 p. m. and the Patron reached Kodigamam in time for the night mail. Members of Paulpillai House are gloating over their bit of luck.

College closed at 11 a. m. on the 7th 'to enable masters and students to attend Mr. V. Maniccam's wedding'. Car loads and Van loads of Hartley crowd see M happily married to a slim beauty and a fat dowry.

A member of the staff sits down to reckon. *Debit*: Van Rs. 2/- *Credit*: A sumptuous lunch at Nunavil; tea at Chankanai; cool drinks at Uduvil; sweet Kadudai mangoes on the return journey. *Nett profit*: Half-pound increase in weight and 100 per cent relaxation.

Three members of the staff invited as judges at an Athletic Meet in a mixed-school. A. G. blossoms, as a judge par excellence, of the thread and needle race.

July 14th, Education Day. A dozen teachers crawl their way to Jaffna in a rickety old bus. W. W. S. for the first time sees 'Yalpane' and handles a freak coconut instead of a பனங்கொட்டை. Art Master's 'Common Life' wins the first prize at the Art show. The Day closed with the grand performance of the Vice-President of the N. P. T. A. who put his shoulder to the wheel and with one mighty push succeeded in coaxing the Co-op-bus to start. Cheers from the esplanade crowd.

The Boarding Master calls at 'Ocean View', the abode of the man-who-is-always-late for the late mails, and learns the name of that 'wonderful hair restorer.'

August

Everybody is tired and yearns for the holidays. The tuck-shop management has become wiser and abolishes credit sales. Farewell to Mr. C. W. Vethanayagam by the Guild.

College reopened on the 6th. The familiar face of the 'Biologist of To-morrow' is missing. S. P. N. hands in his answer papers half-an-hour before time to catch the Jaffna Night Mail. The

September College authorities believe that this is due to a strong sense of duty but the local gossips know better. It is rumoured that he has replenished his stock of socks. He has also changed his tonsorial artist. All these are symptoms that he is stricken.

The members of the Historical Association go out on an 'Educational Tour'. The Masters-in-charge also learn a thing or two, viz: the eating capacity of Hartleyites is in inverse proportion to their sizes.

A. S. celebrates his graduation by giving a grand dinner to the Turretites and the other members of the staff. Confessions follow a heavy meal.

27th—30th Farewells to Mr. V. Manniccam. May the Athletic tradition which he helped to build at Hartley grow.

Mrs. C. Rajadurai leaves for Kopay. (Vide Dec. entry)

The month of heavy casualties. Arulnayagam finds a weak spot on Kandasamy's head. Sadachcharanathan pokes his head in the path of a stone flung by Nagalingam. Little Puvanendirarajah broke his crown. That imp Paraparam pushed him down.

October

J. V. S. has a bandage round his hand, and R. W. M. W. has parted company with a front tooth. Years of married life has not made them adepts at ducking.

J. S. C. and S. S. C. students burn midnight oil in a last minute effort to cram their notes.

The month of Socials. The Senior Literary Association organised a very grand social, indeed. Arrangements were perfect. **November** Office bearers in other Associations were also invited to this social. The H. S. C. Union foresaw this, and created offices for every one of its gentleman-members!

Mr. M. Dason is given two farewells, one by the Biology Association and the other by the J. S. C. (B) Class.

A Senior Prefect has lost a library book. He is prepared to reward the 'Founder'. The librarian is in the limelight. He organised a concert, that did not take place. "But, Master, the crowd behaved nicely and demanded refund of their ticket money in very polite terms".

The rains have come. V. N. and S. T. S. have visions of bumper Crops at Madduvil and Massar. The London Matriculation results came towards the end of the month. Somasundaram one of the successuls swears that in future he will sit for London Examinations only.

f The examination month. H. E. A. leads a deputation of teachers to interview the Director and the Minister of Education. The deputation 'asks for more'. The Intermediate Literary Association held their social on a cloudy day. The President of the Association lost his bicycle while the wife of the Patron bagged a few more Cuticura tins.

Teachers receive invitations for Mr. R. R. Daniel's wedding. Our erstwhile Biology Teacher has at last found a rare 'daisy'. C. R. is now the proud father of two sons.

"THE DIARIST"



P. K. SRINATHAN

Standard Five

DIED 1ST OCT. 1948

OLD BOYS' SECTION

THE NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1947

The Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Hartley College Old Boys' Association (Colombo Branch), was held at the Forum Hall of the Central Y. M. C. A., Fort, at 3-15 p. m., on Saturday the 29th November 1947.

Mr. K. Pooranampillai, the Patron was in the chair. There were about 95 members present.

The notice convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the Eighth Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday the 30th November 1946, were read and confirmed.

The Honorary Treasurer then presented the statement of accounts and balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of Rs. 481-77. Mr. S. Nadaraser proposed and Mr. G. M. Chinnatamby seconded the adoption of the audited accounts and the balance sheet and this was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary tabled the correspondence regarding the teaching of Sinhalese in Tamil schools. The Patron explained in detail its implications and after discussion, Mr. C. Balasingham proposed that a deputation including the present Member of Parliament for Point Pedro should place all facts before the Honourable the Minister for Education at an early date. This was seconded by Mr. Thamotherampillai and unanimously adopted. The following were elected to be the members of the deputation: (1) The Member for Point Pedro, (2) The Principal, (3) The President, (4) Mr. S. Nadaraser and (5) The Hony. Secretary. The Secretary was also requested to get in touch, if possible, with the Secretaries of other Old Boys' Associations to take similar steps to facilitate matters.

The Secretary gave a short account of the Thamotheram Memorial Fund's progress and appealed to old students and well-wishers to send in contributions to make the scheme a success. The sum so far collected was Rs. 2087-76. The Patron then addressed the gathering. He expressed his regret for not being able to attend the last two meetings — the reason being sickness in the family on both occasions. He expressed delight at the bigger gathering this time and especially at the large number of younger members. He then explained the change in educational policy of the Methodist Church and made special mention of the change in the constitution of the Governing Boards where representatives of the Old Boys are included. He strongly appealed to the Old Boys to see that right is exercised for the betterment of the college. He then gave an account of the success of the students in the examinations, in sports and other activities. He also appealed to the old boys to encourage them by buying the magazine which was expected to be ready by first week

of December after the lapse of four years. He then appealed to all the Old Boys to co-operate with him for the successful management of the college activities and also to take better interest in the association. He once more thanked the members for giving him an opportunity of meeting and speaking to them. He also referred to the successes of a few of the Old Boys of Hartley College and congratulated them all.

Then the election of office-bearers took place and the following were unanimously elected for the year 1947 — 1948.

President :- Mr. K. Alvapillai

Vice-Presidents :-

Mr. J. N. Arumugam	Mr. M. Kidnapillai
„ K. S. Arulnandhy	„ S. Nadaraser
„ G. M. Chinnatamby	„ K. P. Sherrard
„ A. P. Kandasamy	Dr. A. Suntharalingam
Dr. A. Kandiah	Mr. P. S. Thuraiappah

Hony. Secretary :- Mr. K. Vairamuthu

Hony. Asst. Secretaries :-

Messrs. C. Balasingham & M. Kanapathipillai

Honorary Treasurer :- Mr. D. S. Rasiah

Hony. Asst. Treasurers :-

Dr. S. Ponnampalam & Mr. K. Thamotherampillai

Committee Members :-

Mr. V. T. Arasu	Mr. S. Nagalingam
„ V. K. Arumugam	„ V. Paramsothy
„ S. Arunachalam	„ V. Ratnam
„ S. L. Gunaratnam	„ P. Ratnasingham
„ K. Jeyarajah	„ S. Tharmalingham
„ P. Kanapathipillai	„ T. Thiagarajah
„ C. Kandiah	„ A. Thiruchelvam
„ T. Kenghatharan	„ S. Velauthapillai

Honorary Auditors :- Messrs. J. H. A. Alagaratnam & R. R. Daniel.

The vote of thanks to the retiring office-bearers was proposed by the Chairman and was seconded by Mr. V. S. Kandappu.

Then the election of members to represent the Old Boys' Association in the Governing Board for 1948 was taken up. The Patron explained in detail the composition of the Governing Board and suggested the election of one member for the present and if the Parent' association at Point Pedro could not possibly elect the other, he advised that the committee may be given the power of nominating the second member later. This was accepted by the house and the President Mr. K. Alvapillai was unanimously elected to be a member of the Governing Board for Hartley College for 1948 representing the Old Boys' Association (Colombo Branch),

Mr. K. Alvappillai then thanked the Patron for coming over to Colombo at great inconvenience to preside over the meeting and also requested him to convey our best wishes to the Staff. There being no other business, the meeting terminated at 4-50 p. m.

K. VAIRAMUTHU,
Honorary Secretary.



THE TENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE
HARTLEY COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION,
COLOMBO BRANCH, 1948

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held at 3-30 p. m. on Saturday the 20th November 1948 at the Central Y. M. C. A., Colombo. The Principal of the College presided, and there was a large number of old boys present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer's statement showed a balance of Rs. 544-93.

The Thamotheram Memorial Fund : This fund which had been started to perpetuate the memory of the late Principal, the late Mr. C. P. Thamotheram, B. A., was voted into the College Building Fund, on the understanding that the Botany Laboratory would be called after Mr. Thamotheram. The amount of the Fund is Rs. 2100/-.

Teaching of Sinhalese : At the last Annual General Meeting the Association has resolved to urge on the Hon. the Minister of Education the necessity to provide in Schools in Tamil speaking areas Teachers of Sinhalese, over and above the quota of teachers allowed by the attendance, in order that the teaching of Sinhalese as a compulsory second language may go on without sacrifice of the other subjects. The Secretary stated that the Minister had replied, regretting his inability to accede to the request on account of the additional cost involved. The Association then resolved to have the matter taken up in the Parliament through the members of the Tamil speaking areas.

After reviewing the year's activities, the Principal referred to some of the aims the School had, and the difficulties he experienced. First, he said, the College aims at preparing the pupils for living a full life in the modern world. Referring to the extra-curricular activities he said that during the last four or five years, three new Societies had been started, namely the Biological Association, the Historical Association and the Dramatic Society. Parents often considered participation in these activities unnecessary, and put difficulties in the way of the administration. In a free School, regular attendance was essential to secure an adequate staff, but often boys were kept from School for

frivolous reasons, as anniversaries of the deaths of grandparents, weddings of cousins of the second and third remove, house warming ceremonies of uncles and neighbours, and temple festivals all the year round. The Principal desired the understanding and the help of the Old Boys in overcoming these difficulties.

The Principal then referred to the necessity for additional buildings. The new Building Scheme had a lakh as its target, and he said that one thousand old boys contributing a hundred rupees each would help him to hit the target. He and Mr. R. W. M. Walton expected to spend the Easter vacation in Colombo to meet Old Boys there.

The election of Office-bearers then took place. The vote of thanks to the retiring Office-bearers was proposed by Mr. S. Sinnathurai, Inspector of Labour, and seconded by Mr. V. Markandan of H. M. Customs, and to the Chairman of the meeting by Dr. A. Sundaralingam.

The Social & Public Meeting : The Old Boys then adjourned to the Gymnasium Hall for tea and the public meeting. Refreshments were served. Among the guests present were the Hon. Mr. E. A. Nugawela, the Minister of Education, Mrs. E. A. Nugawela, the Hon. Mr. C. Sittampalam, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education, Dr. S. F. Chellappah, retired D. M. & S. S., Mr. K. S. Arulnandy, Deputy Director of Education, Mr. P. Sriskandarajah, Chief Magistrate of Colombo, Mr. A. M. Azeez, Principal of Zahira College, Mr. M. S. Thiruvilangam, Assistant Controller of Establishments and Mrs. Thiruvilangam, Mr. V. Suppiah, Assistant Assessor, Income Tax Office, Mr. R. Namasivayam, Proctor and Mrs. Namasivayam.

The Public Meeting began about six thirty with Dr. A. Sundaralingam, the new President, in the Chair. The speakers of the evening were the Hon. Mr. E. A. Nugawela, the Hon. Mr. C. Sittampalam and Mr. A. M. A. Azeez.

Mr. Azeez, who spoke first, referred humorously to the bad bargain he had made with the Secretary through Mr. Thiruvilangam of the Treasury, in that he had to speak that evening in return for the lavish refreshments he had enjoyed. Speaking of Hartley College, he considered it notable that the present Principal's father and grandfather also had been Principals of Hartley, so that the present Principal may be said to have Principalship in his veins. Another notable feature was that Old Boys of Hartley had won no fewer than seven of the University Scholarships in Mathematics tenable in England, with two Doctorates for research in Mathematics.

Mr. Azeez continuing said that taking advantage of the presence at the meeting of the Minister of Education, and of his Parliamentary Secretary, he would speak of the plight in which the Schools which had entered the Free Scheme were, as a result of the meagre equipment

grant received. If the purpose of the meagre equipment grant was to help the Government Schools to catch up, he would call it an unwise policy. It was like stopping water and manure to a tree that was bearing good fruit, to enable another tree to grow up. If the Government was sincere in its professions of its preference for the democratic way of life, it should do everything it could to keep the denominational Schools at their pre Free Scheme levels of efficiency. In the list of priorities for Governmental action, the question of paying increased maintenance grant, and of payment of debts incurred by the free Schools, should find a very high place. Let not the Government and the Minister treat the denominational Schools as unwanted children.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Nugawela, speaking next, said that he would like to put before the meeting what the Chairman had referred to as "the other side of the question." Free Education, whatever people may say, was a boon to the poor, and he would call it a 'Gem' that requires to be reset so as to bring out its full lustre, and he and his Parliamentary Secretary were engaged in that task of resetting. He quite realized the need for maintaining the efficiency of the Assisted Schools, but he, as Minister, had to look at another claim, the claim of the two thousand and the odd Government Schools to be brought to the level of the Assisted Schools. Far from intending to level down the standard of the Schools in the country, he intended to level up. He had asked his Parliamentary Secretary to prepare within the limits of resources of the country, a new scheme of maintenance grants, which when ready, he would place before the Government for implementation.

He further said that education aimed at preparation for life, and life to be fully lived required loyalties to ideals. He was reminded of an utterance of Oscar Wilde when he said that the best Americans were in Paris. He wondered whether he would not be right in stating that the best Jaffnese were in Colombo. The Jaffna man was loyal, but often his loyalty tended to be parochial, militating against the greater loyalty to the country to which he, in common with the others, belonged. He urged upon the Principal the need to keep this danger before him in educating his charges. His message to them would be "Widen your Horizons."

The Hon. Mr. C. Sittampalam touching upon various aspects of the question of Free Education, said that his Government was committed to the Free Scheme and it would be implemented to the uttermost. Next, he said that, though the Minister of Education had that day put before that meeting the claims of the children in the Government Schools, there was no greater friend of the denominational Schools than the Minister of Education himself, as he, the speaker, knew from the discussions at the meetings of the Cabinet.

The speaker then referred to a kind of argument put forward, namely, that since the Assisted Schools were entirely dependant on Government Grant, then on the principle of the tune being called by the man who paid the piper, the free Schools should submit to entire control

by the Government. He did not agree with that kind of argument. Ceylon being a poor country, secondary Schools here did not have endowments; but since the peculiar traditions and individuality of these assisted denominational Schools enriched the culture of the country, he was in favour of Schools like Hartley, being given all the help Government could give, and given complete freedom to maintain their individuality and traditions.

Mr. A. Mahendrarajah, Crown Counsel, on behalf of the Association, thanked the speakers of the evening for their presence that evening and for the thoughtful contributions they had made to the subject on which they seemed to have agreed to speak — Education. He then referred to the guests who had been so good as to respond to their invitation, and made mention of Mrs. Nugawela, Mr. K. Kanagaratnam and Dr. S. F. Chellappah, (the retired Director of Medical and Sanitary Services), the last named of whom had always made it a point to be present at the annual celebrations. Thanks were also due to the Y. M. C. A. for the excellent arrangements and the excellent catering. The meeting terminated about 8 p. m.

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K. VAIRAMUETU,
Honorary Secretary.



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2. Mr. M. Kidnapillai.



ALUMNI NOTES

General

- Mr. S. K. Rajasingham has been promoted as Asst. Director of Education.
- „ A. Kanapathipillai is confirmed as Asst. Accountant, Commerce and Industries Department.
- „ A. S. Navaratnarajah, C. C. S., is now attached to the Kachcheri, Vavuniya,
- „ K. Subramaniam is Chief Clerk, Salt Department.
- „ P. Ratnasingham is Asst. Accountant in the Electrical Department.
- „ C. J. T. Thamotheram has joined the staff of St. Patrick's College. He has been elected to the University Court by the Registered Graduates.
- Dr. S. Sanmugathasan is now Lecturer in Mathematics at the Ceylon University.
- Mr. S. D. Rasamaniccam is Investigating Officer. General Treasury.
- Messrs M. Tharmaratnam and K. Apparsamy are now in the Municipal Magistrates Courts, Colombo.
- Messrs P. V. Canapathipillai and K. Thangavadivelu have been appointed Tamil Translators, Education Department.
- „ S. K. Mailvaganam and R. N. Gunanayagam have been appointed Inspectors, Govt. Valuation Department.
- Mr. P. Thirunavakkarasu is Asst. Commissioner of Labour, Colombo.
- „ C. Balasingham is now in the Magistrates Courts, Panadura.
- „ A. S. Kandappoo is Asst. Shroff, Bank of Ceylon.
- „ K. Rajasingam is the Sanitary Assistant at Puloly.

Dr. P. Rajasingam is M. O. H., Jaffna.

Mr. P. Ganeshathason has qualified as Licenced Surveyor.

„ P. S. Thuraiappah has retired from Govt. Service.

„ R. Vyramuttu is Post Master, Colpetty, Colombo.

„ T. Cumaraswamy is appointed Chief Clerk, Labour Dept., Galle.

„ S. Arulpiragasam is appointed as Labour Inspector, Galle.

„ C. Sivapiragasam is now in the Income Tax Department, Colombo.

„ V. E. Mailvaganam is in the Irrigation Department, Colombo.

„ S. Sinnadurai is Labour Inspector, Employment Exchange, Colombo.

„ V. Andiappar is Apothecary, Lady Havelock Hospital, Colombo.

„ S. Thamalingham is in the Survey Department, Anuradhapura.

„ K. C. Praesoody is Excise Inspector, Minuwangoda.

„ A. Mahendrarasa is appointed as Actg. Crown Council. Colombo.

„ V. Kenghadaram is attached to the Ministry of Commerce and Trade.

„ A. Rajasingham B. Sc. is Teacher, Central College, Jaffna.

„ C. S. Ganesharajah, B. A. is Teacher, St. Thomas College, Mt. Lavinia.

„ S. Tharmasangari, First in Arts is Teacher, Zahira College, Colombo.

„ P. Gananathappillai B. A., has entered Law College.

„ A. C. J. Eliezer is in the Survey Office, Diyatalawa.

„ H. E. Arulampalam has been elected President of the All-Ceylon Provisional Certificated English Teachers' Union.

Messrs A. R. Rajanayagam, A. Mandaleswaram and M. Ganeson are undergoing Post-Graduate Training at the G. T. C., Colombo.

Mr. V. Kanapathipillai has been selected to undergo a two-year course at the G. T. C., Colombo.

„ C. W. Vethanayagam has joined the Ibbagamuwa Govt. Central School.

„ V. Maniccam has joined the Vasavilan Govt. Central School.

„ R. Subramaniam, Retired Udaiyar, has been elected Chairman of the Puloly Village Committee.

„ K. Krishnapillai has been promoted Education Officer, N. C. P.

Miss. S. Chinniah B. A. has joined a Government Central School in Batticaloa.

Mr. M. S. Kandiah, Proctor has been appointed J. P. U. M..

Messrs M. Sivapiragasam and P. Kanagasabai have been appointed Commissioners for oaths.

Mr. C. Kanagasabapathy, is now in the High Commissioner's Office, London.

Mr. N. Nadarajah, Proctor, has been elected Chairman of the Town Council, Point Pedro.

„ John A. Ramalingam is now Range Forest Officer.

- Messrs S. Muthucumarasamy has been appointed Supervisor of National Savings Movement, Jaffna District.
- ” S. Paramsothy, R. D. O., has been appointed Supervisor of Community Centres, N. P.
- ” A Mathiaparanam has been promoted to Class IV of the Accountants' Service.
- ” M. Thirunavakarasu has been promoted to the Special Class of the General Clerical Service and is presently attached to the Kachcheri, Anuradhapura.
- ” V. Paranjothy is the Head Accounts Clerk of the Marketing Department.
- ” N. P. Balachandran is in the General Clerical Service.
- ” T. Kangadaran has been appointed Manager Intelligence Branch of the Marketing Department.
- ” K. T. Pasupathy is attached to the Out-station supply branch of the Marketing Department.
- ” S. Sivasubramaniam is attached to the Hospital Supply branch of the Marketing Department.
- ” S. Kanapathipillai is attached to the Tripoli section of the Marketing Department.
- ” C. S. Sunderam is attached to the Hospital Supply Branch of the Marketing Department at Matara.

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