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### EDITORIAL NOTES

#### **The Language Problem.**

The official language problem is assuming alarming proportions and threatens to divide the country at a time when all Communities in the island should rejoice at the turn of events which have led to the admission of Ceylon as a member of the U. N. O. Amidst the fire-eating speeches and battle cries we tend to forget that Ceylon obtained her independence through the joint efforts of all communities. The future of our country depends on the solidarity and co-operation of all communities in the common task of nation-building. We must at all costs preserve our unity and cry halt to the separatist tendencies which today threaten it. If our country is to play a significant role in the comity of nations, our statesmen should first put our own house in order. The recent outbursts of violence in India are an object lesson which shows how inflammatory an issue language can be, when it is exploited by communalists. We trust this problem will be approached in a spirit of tolerance and sanity free from communal rancour and passions. Educational institutions like ours have to play a vital part at this hour of national crisis. The need for children to be trained to live in communal harmony is much greater today than ever before.

#### **Swabasha Text Books.**

The Government's decision to push up 'Swabasha' to the pre-G. C. E. Classes without due preparation threatens to lower further the already falling standards. One of the many problems which schools are faced with today is that of suitable Text Books. When the Government's decision on the medium of instruction in the pre-G. C. E. Classes was announced, it was stated that the newly created Swabasha Department would produce the Text Books. Someone raised the question of qualified teachers and the Government organised six-months Refresher Courses in Swabasha! How easily problems of education are tackled in Free Lanka! But the problems however remain. The Text Books

that are available—mostly translations of out-of-date books—are meagre in quantity and shoddy in quality. Even the University seems to be indifferent.

#### **Curriculum Reform.**

The long-felt need for a reconsideration of the existing curriculum has at last been recognised by the Government. The present curriculum is too rigid, too uniform and too much dictated by examination requirements. Moreover, it is unsuited to our needs and inadequate to cope with the diverse interests and varying abilities of our school-going population. While catering to the highly academic, it completely ignores the less academic. No wonder there is so much frustration in our class-rooms and massacre at the G. C. E. Examination! The Curriculum Committee will soon make its recommendations and we are confident that it will evolve a curriculum giving due thought to suggestions made by Heads of Schools and Teachers' organisations.

#### **Our Contributors.**

Prof. T. L. Green of the University of Ceylon needs no introduction to our readers. In his article on 'Geology as a Hobby' he recalls the events which led to his interest in Geology—one of his many hobbies. As pointed out by him, hobbies provide interests and satisfactions and stimulate effort. Students who are on the look out for a worthwhile hobby will find his article both interesting and fascinating. Our thanks to the Professor for his article.

Miss M. Poonen, M.A., is a member of our Staff. In her article the 'Bhoodan Movement', she traces the origin and success of a great movement which has been extremely helpful in solving the problem of land hunger in India through a peaceful and non-violent economic revolution. We thank Miss Poonen for her article.

#### **The O. B. A. (Colombo Branch).**

We congratulate the energetic Secretary of our O. B. A. (Colombo Branch) on his new venture this year. The first Lunch of the O. B. A. held at the Y. M. C. A., Colombo, has been voted a grand success. The O. B. A. has been a source of great strength and encouragement to us. We wish the Association long years of faithful and devoted service to its Alma-Mater.

#### **Acknowledgement.**

We thank all schools which sent us their magazines during the year.

EDITORS.



## PRINCIPAL'S NOTES—1955

1. The number on roll is 672, of which 145 is in the Primary Section. Our attendance is good and I am glad that an increasing number of parents understand the value of regular attendance.

2. Our results continue to be satisfactory. (i) At the Fifth Standard Examination conducted by the Northern Province Teachers' Association, of the 82 pupils, 22 passed in the A grade, 22 in the B, and 33 in the C, and 5 failed. (ii) At the J. S. C. Examination conducted by the same body of teachers, of the 71 pupils, 54 passed, 14 in the First Division. (iii) At the S. S. C. Examination of Dec. 1954, 16 passed, 2 in the First Division, and 11 were "referred". At the July 1955 Examination, of the 38 who sat for the whole examination, 18 passed, and 8 were "referred". (iv) At the University Entrance Examination, of the 30 candidates, 19 secured admission: 8 to the Arts, 3 to the Medical, 1 to the Engineering, and 7 to the Science Faculties respectively. At the same examination for the award of the Higher School Certificates, 8 qualified, and 2 others completed.

As the figures above show, only the S. S. C. results are below expectation. There is something wrong with this Examination. No other conclusion is possible, when, in a school which has good results at other examinations, and has a fairly stable staff, contrary to the considered judgement of the teachers, many candidates failed only at this Examination. Further, a study of the figures of passes and failures for the last four years of some of the long-established and leading schools in the Island, showed that the percentage of those qualifying for the S. S. C. at the Dec. 1954 Examination was 50% of the figure for any one of the preceding years: in individual subjects, too, there was a considerable fall in the percentage of passes, in some cases as much as 40%. No right thinking person can attribute such a drop throughout the Island to a conspiracy of neglect on the part of the teachers. The Department of Examinations cannot take up the position that it is infallible. The question papers, the distribution of marks and the marking procedure must all come in for informed criticism. Also, it looks naive nowadays for the Department to fix arbitrarily on 35% as the pass mark, and to decline to standardize raw marks.

3. Changes in Staff have been fewer than in preceding years. Messrs. A. Thavendran, J. C. Kumaradas, K. Arumugam, S. Suntharalingam, and Miss P. J. Sherrard left us during the year. Mr. Thavendran left us after a short stay of less than a year, but he proved himself useful. With a special degree in Mathematics

of Ceylon and London, he taught Mathematics in the H. S. C. Classes. A great reader and with a fund of information, he infected his pupils with a like enthusiasm. He left us in April to do Accountancy.

Mr. Kumaradas left us after two years of service as a teacher of Mathematics and Science. Holding an Honours degree in Engineering of the London University, and with a definitely practical bias, he was of great help in the extra-curricular activities of the College, and especially in connection with our Centenary Celebrations. In Cricket and Football, his coaching was of a high standard, and our teams showed definite improvement. He left us at the end of June to take up work as Engineer at Laxapana.

Mr. Arumugam joined us in May and taught with acceptance classes ranging from First Form to the H. S. C. He was a systematic teacher, and also proved his usefulness in more than one department of extra-curricular activity. He was House Master of Kanapathippillai House, and Master-in-Charge of the Tennis Club, Film Club, and the Photographic Society. As teacher in charge of the duplication of question papers for all school examinations, whether Term-end or Entrance, he relieved me of a great responsibility, and did his work with meticulous care. He leaves us to continue his studies.

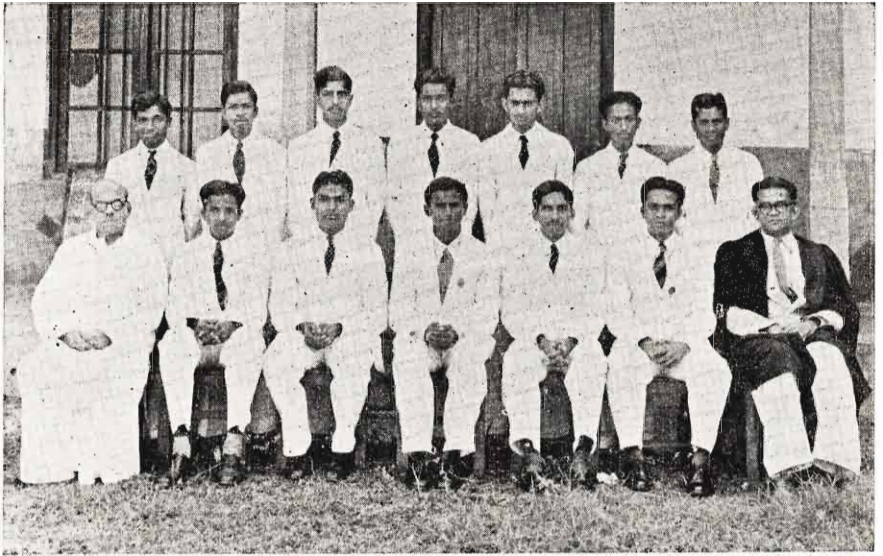
Mr. Suntharalingam also leaves us to continue his studies and probably to obtain professional qualifications thereafter. Himself an athlete, he has made a definite contribution towards the high standard of our boys. Although he followed a Science course at the University, he taught successfully both Arts and Science subjects.

Miss Sherrard leaves us after a little over a year to get married. She was in charge of the singing (Oriental) of the Primary and Middle Sections, and was also Class Mistress of one of the divisions of the Fifth Standard. Herself a talented musician, she contributed to the Standard of the Tamil singing at our Annual Carol Service.

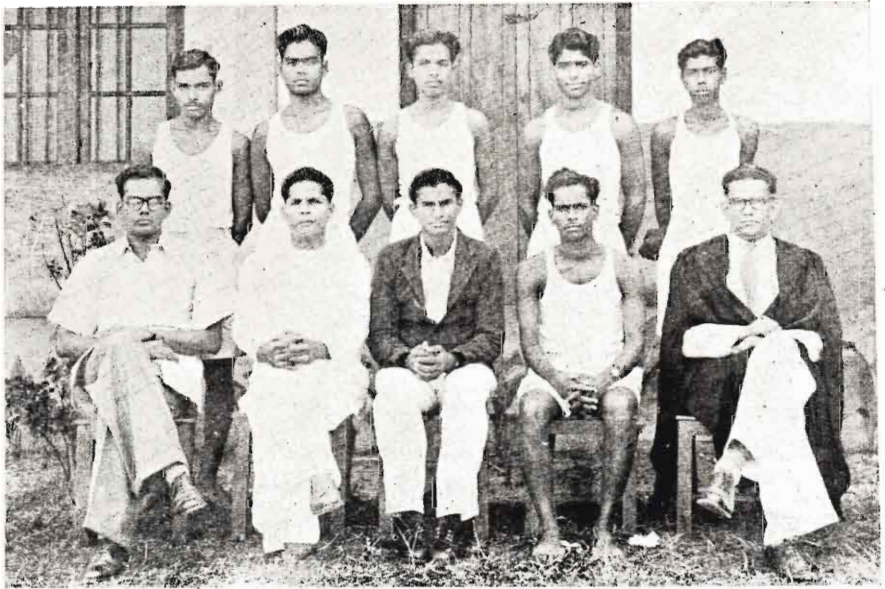
We thank all these teachers, and wish them happiness and success in their new spheres.

Messrs. W. N. S. Samuel and W. W. Somaratne are at the University for the Diploma course in Education.

We welcomed to the staff Messrs. W. R. Aruliah, S. Kandiah, C. Ratnavelu and M. Cooray. Mr. Aruliah joined us in January,



*Prefects - 1955*



*Volleyball Team - 1955*



*Cricket Team - 1955*



*Cricket - Second Team - 1955*

and is in charge of Form II A. He has Sports qualifications, and helps with games and Scouting, and in the Hostel. Mr. S. Kandiah obtained a Second Class at the Section B Examination in Chemistry, and was demonstrator at the University. An old boy of the School, and with a bent for teaching, he is a welcome addition to the Science Department. Mr. Ratnavelu's special degree in Mathematics and his achievements in Football and Volley Ball both at Hartley and later at the University indicate his usefulness both in the academic and Sports departments. Mr. Cooray not only teaches Sinhalese, but also English and History, having done these subjects for the degree course. He is also Staff Advisor to the Student Editors of the "Weekly Chronicle". We wish all these teachers a happy time at Hartley.

4. Extra-Curricular Activities: The College had its programme of extra-curricular activities. Elsewhere in the Miscellany the Prefect of Games gives a full account of the Games and Athletic activities of the School, but I should like to draw attention to two points: First: Our new athletic programme whereby an attempt is made to make every boy contribute to the final position of his House, was started. It is a step in the right direction, and should result in greater enthusiasm of larger numbers in course of time. Secondly, there has been evidence of the increase of the sporting spirit in our school: it has been a pleasure to watch our First Team boys playing with determination to the end, however great the odds against them; and I do hope that this spirit will spread to the younger teams, and become a tradition of the whole school.

The various sections of the Literary Association met regularly. The Senior Section had its Oratorical Contest, and ended the year with a "Social". The H. S. C. Union had its Annual Dinner with Mr. S. U. Somasegaram, the Education Officer of the Province, as Chief Guest. The Dramatic Society had its annual production, but the performance was confined to the School and not presented to the public. The Film Club had regular shows of both educational and 'feature' films. The Historical Association met regularly. Four excursions, historical-cum-geographical, were worked off on a class-basis: Standard 4, Standard 5, Form II and J. S. C. The S. C. M. worked its programme of study and discussion, and also had its Annual Carol Service, of which the speaker was the Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles. The Christian boys took part in the Inter-school Christian activities, Rallies and Camps organised during the year. For these activities to go on in a School, enthusiastic co-operation on the part of the teachers is essential, and I must thank the Staff for help given in plenteous measure.

## GEOLOGY AS A HOBBY

*T. L. Green, Professor of Education, University of Ceylon*

I was born in a small village in the Western parts of the Western county of Herefordshire in England. From there, at the age of ten I went to live in the Cotswold Hills, in Gloucestershire. To these two pieces of good fortune I owe one of my many hobbies which, over the next forty years, in many other places, has been a source of unfailling interest and satisfaction. This hobby is just the amateur study of geology—the science of the earth.

At this long distance of time I cannot recall how it began. Perhaps it was finding shining flakes in the coal—and thinking they were gold! Perhaps it was the rumbling and shaking which I thought was the end of the world! Or perhaps it was finding what I thought (at the age eight) was a snail carved out of stone. Or perhaps it was finding out that in each of these cases I was wrong! The “gold” turned out to be iron pyrites, the “end of the world” was only a slight earthquake and the “carved snail” turned out to be a fossil. Anyway, from these, and from other such events, I became a geologist. Even if I seldom knew the things I ought to have learned in school I knew an awful lot which I learned out in the hills, valleys, rivers and plains of the “western brooklands which bred me long ago”.

On my father's farm the plough share sometimes turned up broken pottery and bronze implements (never complete). These I was told came from Roman days of the second century when Kenchester was a Roman Camp. Then one day, while scrambling on the forbidden Jackdaw Cliffs beside the River Wye I found three things in the cliff face. Near the top, a broken clay pot, lower down a yellowish white arrow head, and still lower down a fossil. It struck me that this difference of level was really a difference of time—and I had discovered the basic idea of stratigraphy, succession and geological time. It must have been somewhat overwhelming because I lost my grip and fell into the river—to find that the water was deeper and faster at the cliff foot than on the other side where there were the flat meadows of the farm. That too was an interesting point in geology, though by then I was more concerned to get home and into dry clothes!

Of course I neither invented, nor knew till long after, such words as stratigraphy or succession. All I knew was that the things which were deepest down the cliff were probably older than the ones at the top—and I went off to consult the local vicar

who, as I knew, had wonderful collections of many curious things. For the rest of the holidays I was happily engaged in the excitement of collecting, fossils, (very few) arrow heads (still fewer) and stones of all kinds. When I went back to school my box (every school boy in England has an almost sacred box for "tuck") was full of fossils and stones instead of toffee and cakes! The school was in the town which had a museum—and there I spent all the free time I could.

When my family removed to the Cotswolds it was like going to live in Paradise, for every path, every quarry, every gravel pit—every where—was chock-a-block with fossils. By the age of eleven I knew most of the common fossils—and at fourteen I had read (not always with understanding) every book in the Library, on geology. Between then and eighteen I cycled several thousand miles, armed with my old field camera, photographing church architecture and geological features.

And then I went to the University—but decided not to read geology! The interest wasn't dead, it is still very much alive in fact—but I was even more interested in living things. Why then should an interest persist for so long? I don't know, but I know that it is both satisfying and challenging.

Why is the mouth of Borrowdale in the English Lake District almost closed by a curious conical hill? Because it was once a volcano—and the moment I saw Sigiriya I wondered if this also was a volcanic plug? Why the curious concentric rings of ridge and valley rising tier on tier round central Ceylon? Why do some Ceylon rivers, which are close neighbours, run in opposite directions? What makes the Mahaveli flood more quickly in some parts than others? How were the World's Ends on Horton Plains formed? Why are gems and plumbago restricted to certain areas? How long ago was it that India and Ceylon were joined together? What caused the formation of Palk Strait?

I haven't found the answers to all these questions yet—and there are lots of other questions of a similar kind in my mind. The great point, to me, is that my very little knowledge of this vast subject is just enough to bring questions to my mind, wherever I go. The result is that no moment need be dull, because there are always problems to solve.

People sometimes say to me—"what's the use of it all?" Well—the world depends on the geologists who find oil and coal for us, and sanity and satisfaction depends upon interests. So some of us owe a double debt to geology.

Some people say that geology teaches them all sorts of other things, especially, it seems some sort of belief in a Universal Design, a creator and the like. Well, let it—I find results which are smaller, more prosaic and probably more selfish. Somewhere between these, between the concept of Cosmic Law and drilling for oil, lie other good reasons. Geology is useful to society in a utilitarian manner, but also in a psychological manner. It provides interests, it produces satisfactions and it stimulates effort. Few branches of knowledge offer a better training in observational technique, in logical deduction and in painstaking effort. Wherever you are—geology lies around you—yes, and if you are up in a plane you can see more of it! I didn't really understand mountain formations until I saw them from the air!

If you want a hobby which will send you to the museum and the library and yet drive you into the open air, if you like collecting things, drawing, painting, photography—if you want something which acts as a focus for many forms of knowledge, if you want a training in scientific method—in brief if you want a first class hobby—take up geology.



## ACHARYA VINOBA BHAVE AND THE BHOODAN MOVEMENT

*Miss M. Poonen, M. A.*

“In a world burning with discord and quarrels, if God desires to sprinkle a few drops of love through me, I shall gladly be His instrument” says Acharya Vinoba Bhave, whose name is now associated with the Bhoodan Yagna or the Land Gift Movement of India.

Vinoba Bhave was born 61 years ago into a Brahmin family in a village in the Bombay Presidency. Both his parents were of a deeply pious nature, and it is said that his mother dedicated all that she did to God and shared all her household preparations with her neighbours, the task of distribution falling on Vinoba. This early training accounts for his unselfish life in later years.

Very early in life he felt an urge to dedicate and renounce his life for national service, and so even as an undergraduate he joined Mahatma Gandhi's ashram. Like Gandhiji, he believed in plain living and high thinking, and became one of Gandhiji's most



trusted disciples. One of the lessons that he learned from his master was that justice and fair deal must be got for all and that too by changing men's hearts and not by passing laws. He was always fond of unostentatious and silent work, but after the death of Mahatma Gandhi, a voice from within exhorted him to come out of his voluntary seclusion. Today he is the moving spirit behind the Bhoodan Movement.

In India the majority of people are agriculturists. But a few rich landlords own the land and they get the work done by the landless peasants. Much land is thus left unused and there is real want and misery in the land. Thus India suffers from the malady of simultaneous existence of plenty and poverty, the rich and the poor, the high and the low. The State of Hyderabad is the most conspicuous victim of this malady. The Nizam of Hyderabad is the richest man in the world, but the poverty and the squalor of the land is unequalled. In the village of Telengana, which is five miles from the rich capital of Hyderabad, the gulf between the haves and the have-nots is very great. A few years ago, Telengana attracted the attention of some young communists. Following the lead given by the Russian and Chinese communists, they took by force land belonging to the rich landlords and gave it to the poorer peasants. There were even cases of murders of landlords. The police interfered and several innocent people who had nothing to do with either the communists or the police suffered badly. It was actually a reign of terror. Nobody was happy and everybody was afraid. Vinoba Bhave was watching from afar what was happening there, and he was not satisfied with this state of affairs. He loved the poor, but he did not hate the rich. At that time he had an idea that instead of forcing the rich to give up the land, he appealed to their sense of love and justice, better results would follow. So he started on a walking tour of the village of Telengana. He found that Telengana had 3000 acres of cultivable land which was held by 90 families while 600 families were landless. The only way to root out the trouble was to remove the unequal distribution of land in a peaceful way. From the people of the land he learned that if they got 80 acres of land, their problems would be solved. So during one of his evening meetings where both the poor and the rich were present, he put this question to the people. If this land cannot be got from the Government, cannot some one in the village give it? Then a man got up and said, 'I will make a gift of 100 acres from my land'. Everybody was taken aback by pleasant surprise. Vinoba asked him to repeat what he said. 'If you do not believe me, I am prepared to make a written declaration', he said.

That was a sleepless night for Vinoba Bhave. He felt convinced that the task God had for him was to find land for the landless and thus the great Bhoodan Movement was born on April 18th, 1951 with the gift of the 100 acres of land. Since Gandhiji's death, he was trying to find some field for experiment with non-violence and in Telengana he saw the vision of non-violence in the form of Bhoodan.

Fired with enthusiasm he went about Telengana district with his message of love and goodwill, and in a few days time he got 3,500 acres. He created a stir, he created also a feeling of security in a place where fear oppressed the people more than anything else. Hearts were changed by his method. When he finished his tour of Telengana District in 51 days, he had passed through 200 villages, walked 1800 miles, and got 12,201 acres.

When Pundit Jawaharlal heard about the success of his mission he invited him to Delhi. Vinoba Bhave walked the 800 miles in two months and collected 18,000 acres of land.

His method of approach is like this. He divides the people of the country into rich landlords, rich peasants, poor peasants and the landless. To the rich landlord he says, 'Give me as much as you can'. To the rich peasant he says, 'Give me at least one-sixth of your land'. To the poor peasant he says, 'Give me whatever you can'.

He has travelled the length and breadth of India to propagate his gospel of love and self-sacrifice. His knowledge of several Indian languages has helped him in this campaign.

The theory behind the movement is that like air, water and sun-light, land also is a gift of God and must belong to all. Just as the thirsty should be provided with water, the cultivator should be provided with land. His aim is to put an end to the idea of ownership and replace it by trusteeship. It is not an effort to make you feel virtuous because of your generosity. He feels that the landless should be given their share of land as a right and not as charity. It is in fact a plea for dedicating oneself to God for the greater good of one's neighbour. It aims also at freeing people from undue attachment to wealth and material possessions.

The question is very often asked whether those who are entrusted with the task of distribution succeed in finding the really needy. The procedure is as follows. The date of distribution of land is fixed and announced several days ahead. The government officials and the village headman are also invited. On the appointed day the entire village turns up and in front of all, the

landless are asked to stand up. Hence there cannot be any false claimants. Backward communities are given priority. The condition in giving is that the land should be under cultivation within two years and at least for two years the recipient should keep and cultivate the land. The land is not to be sublet except by widows and disabled people.

The figures at the end of August 1955 are 4,014,629 acres given by 493,659 people of which 313,204 acres are already distributed among 72,352 families. This does not include the hundreds of villages given over for redistribution. When we remember how deep is man's attachment to land, it is indeed a stupendous achievement.

Several criticisms are levelled against the movement. One is that it subdivides the land that is already fragmented. But this is remedied by distributing the land in economic units. That some of the land that is given is poor is another criticism. To help improve the poor land money is given along with the land. Another criticism is that it is too slow. It cannot be helped, because a non-violent method is bound to be slower than the violent methods, but more successful. Then there is the possibility that the land will revert to the landlords. But it is always given to people who show a desire to own and look after the land.

That there is no stress on legislation is the greatest criticism. In several provinces in India, where the government has tried to achieve the same object by legislation, it has been found that when a ceiling is fixed for ownership, the landlords divide the land into bits equal to the ceiling and get them registered in the name of their sons and relations, and if anything is left, it will be the poor land. But when you give willingly you do not usually give the worst land.

Another difficulty is compensation. According to the constitution of India, for anything acquired by the government, compensation should be paid. That will mean taxing the common man. Vinoba does not give any compensation.

Even if by legislation land is transferred to the landless, it will not achieve Vinoba's object of closing the trade in land for all time. What he says is, 'If man is prepared to obey the law of the country, why not make him respond to the divine law of love? Man is born through love, grows through love, thirsts for it and feels comforted when he gets it. Why not get him to give it to his poorer neighbour? Legal justice fragments hearts and creates disruption while God's justice binds hearts and creates harmony.'

Another programme he has launched is Sampathdan or Wealth-Gift. This also aims at making the rich shed their sense of ownership of money. Moreover to help settle the landless when they are given land, money has also to be given. A pledge Sampathdan means donating a part of one's income, and keeping the money and spending it for others in a manner as Vinoba would desire him to and submitting an account of it either to him or to his nominee. Hence it is more binding than Bhoodan. It is aptly said by Vinoba himself that while Bhoodan is like giving one's daughter in marriage, Sampathdan is like entering into wedlock oneself. While the former relieves, the latter binds.

Vinoba's target is 50 million acres of land by the end of 1957. To reach this target, he needs helpers and so he is asking for Jeevandan or Life Gift, so that those who feel called for the task might give their life to preach his gospel. Several people have responded to this appeal and plunged into Bhoodan work.

In theory all this would have sounded idealistic and platitudinous, but he has put all this into practice and the response to his appeals is so good that the faith of the people in this great movement is daily increasing in India as well as outside. Moreover it has broken the back of communism in India.

It has been rightly said that that the progress of a society can be by the rule of the jungle with force and violence, or by the rule of law with courts, police, and prisons or by the rule of love with non-violence and unselfishness. The last should be the method of civilised humanity. In Vinoba Bhave we have one who is trying to introduce the rule of love in the social and economic life of India.

To repeat the words of the poet,

'The famished, the homeless  
Raise their hands towards heaven  
And utter the name of God  
Their call will never be in vain  
In the land where God's response  
Comes through the heart of man  
In heroic love and sacrifice'



## AN APPRECIATION

ON

SAM D. THAMPOE ESQ.,  
Advocate, Jaffna.

Like the silent force you act your part.  
Apt in phrase, and versed in Shakespeare's art,  
What wondrous charm your tongue suasive, spells,  
Your imposing stature, your voice else !  
Easy vanquisher of all accusing foes,  
Righting wrong with reason's mighty blows,  
Saviour true of erring man from woe,  
Down to ages may your name ever go—  
Teaching those on whom the mantles fall,  
All that matters in a lawyer's call ;  
Marking that which angels hosts extol—  
Protect and retrieve the entrapped soul.  
Only, always trust for what is just,  
Even though the Heavens should fall to dust.

Thumpallai,  
Point Pedro.

S. NAGALINGAM.

The late Mr. S. D. Thampoe was closely associated with Hartley College. We convey to his bereaved family our heartfelt condolence.

EDITORS.



## *Students' Section*

### RACIALISM IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Episcopal Synod of the Church in the Union of South Africa has declared that "in South Africa there is the evil of colour prejudice and the effect of the colour prejudice is cruel, wasteful and dangerous. Cruel, for it deprives those who are its victims of the opportunity of making full use of their capacities and talents, causing frustration and despair; wasteful for it deprives the community of the skill of many, which would otherwise be used for the benefit of all; dangerous for unjust treatment meted out by one section of the community to another,

creates fears and ever increasing resentment with results that no one can foresee." There, put in a nutshell, is an answer to the champions of apartheid, who consider the arrogant racial policy of South Africa as not dangerous and inhuman.

Today racialism seems to be an accepted ideology in South Africa and through racial segregation the South African Government in striving to keep millions of poor Indians and Africans in a state of constant fear. The measures taken by the Whites to keep the Indian and African people under their subjection can be seen from the fact that "sixty three laws" had been enacted against the Indian population alone, during the past fifty years. The Government of South Africa under the extreme national fanatic J. Strijdom is passing legislation every day which is reducing a large part of the population to the status of slavery. The White Capitalists had grabbed all the good lands from the native population so that a large part of the lands belong to the White Plantation-owners. The White - Capitalist economic stranglehold over the poor natives of South Africa is a matter to be deprecated and must be done away with. According to L. Yablochkov, Russian writer, "Hunger, poverty and heavy taxes" force the natives of South Africa to seek work under the Whites, agreeing to any, most enslaving conditions". The African labourers were never paid wages equal to those paid to workers of the white race. They had no right to paid holiday or to a pension when they lost their capacity to work. It must be pointed out, at this juncture, that the whites who are a minority group in South Africa could not have maintained a high standard of living as at present without the services of non-whites who have contributed enormously to the development of South Africa's economy.

The arrogant Whites want the non-Whites of South Africa to work under them, so that they may lead a luxurious life. It is high time they gave up this desire. While on the one hand these Whites want the non-Whites to work under them, they deny the latter even the bare necessities which enable a human being to lead a respectable life. Such conditions as we witness in South Africa today, are anachronistic in the 20th century, where in all parts of the world there is a demand for equality and justice. The denial of fundamental rights—namely the right to live, right to self-development, right to self-expression, and the right to enjoyment—by the South African Government to the non-whites, constitutes a grave threat to the prestige of the United Nations. The U.N. Commission which was appointed to study the racial situation in South Africa has stated in unequivocal language that

Apartheid "constitutes a grave threat to the internal situation and foreign relations of the Union of South Africa as also to the future of peaceful relations between ethnic groups". The Commission has described the Apartheid laws enacted by the Union's government as "contrary to certain provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The Union of South Africa has refused to co-operate with the Commission and when the treatment of the people of Indian origin is taken up for discussion in the United Nations, South Africa insists on it as a matter within the jurisdiction of the Union Government. It is a lamentable fact that even great nations like Britain and New Zealand have refused to co-operate with the U.N. Commission.

Thus South Africa by its racial policy has not only failed to carry out its obligations under the United Nation's Charter but has created an explosive situation which is likely to engulf the whole world. The Asian nations are aware of the injustice practised in South Africa against non-whites and Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru has stated that "this racial discrimination in Africa will not be tolerated". The crisis is mounting from day to day in South Africa and unless the Western Powers like the United Kingdom and the United States take a firm stand against all forms of racialism and concede the demands of the Africans and Indians, the world may witness a fearful race conflict which may be disastrous not only for Africa but for the whole world.

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## CRIME IN CEYLON

Various authorities have complained of, and reported on the increase of crime in Ceylon. This marked increase is apparent even to the common man. It is very strange that there were four hundred and ninety three successful murders in this tiny land of Ceylon, during the last year. Even an official of the Scotland Yard was surprised at this deplorable condition. No land can claim itself to be free from crime. Crime exists everywhere in some form or other and therefore the existence of crime in Ceylon is not something peculiar. On the other hand, the rapid increase of crime year by year is characteristic of only a few countries including Ceylon.

Obviously there should be some causes for the marked increase of crime in Ceylon. The three main causes for this rise are the increase of population, the advent of modern films and literature and the irreligious life led by the majority of the people. Ceylon has been reported to have a steadily increasing population—the rate of increase being the second highest in the world. But while the population is increasing in a geometric progression, the resources remain the same. When the population of a country increases there is a forced demand for more and more land and wealth. It is an undesirable fact that the present generation of Ceylonese regard farming as an undignified occupation. They consider it so base that they prefer to remain unemployed rather than to do farming. But in other countries, farming is as dignified as any other occupation. An average Ceylonese regards all jobs that involve manual labour with disfavour. He is idle. He does not in any way make an effort to contribute to the health and wealth of the Island. These and many other causes make the average man poor. When afflicted with poverty, unwholesome ideas creep into one's mind. The poor man finds no way of earning his bread and chooses theft or murder as the only remedy for his ills.

Moreover the increase of population demands more and more employment. But the government of Ceylon which is still in its embryonic stage, is unable to cope with the new situation. The unemployed section of the population which finds it impossible to live without any employment, resort to theft. Theft may end up in murder and such other crimes.

Further, the present day films and literature have played a very important part in the increase of crimes in Ceylon. In most of the modern films and especially in those films which treat gangsters as heroes, one might get ideas of the way in which crimes may be committed with absolute safety. Whenever one who has seen such a film is in a bad plight one takes to theft etc. and acts like the hero of the film. In the same way, certain films especially the Western comics, treat gangsters and rowdies as heroes, give a vivid back ground of the life of the gangsters and accord to them undue prominence.

The third factor which has led to the increase of crime in Ceylon is the irreligious life led by the majority of the people in the Island. During the ancient period, people had little leisure and they devoted this little leisure to prayers and other religious activities. But today the amount of leisure that the average man has, is very great, while those who are unemployed enjoy leisure all the while. Yet man finds it very difficult to spare a short



time for prayers and religious activities. If a man is religious he will never commit a crime. No religion allows murder or theft, and most of the religions condemn such practices as the taking of alcoholic drinks, divorces etc. When a man is under the influence of liquor he does whatever he likes and it usually turns out to be a criminal act.

This rapid increase of crime, if not checked in time, would spell the ruin of our country. In spite of the efforts of the Police and Criminal Investigation Departments the majority of the crimes and murders remain undetected. Crime cannot be stopped by the mere actions of a Department or two. Every individual must turn patriotic and devote at least a part of his time to the uplift of his society and to the eradication of poverty. The government too should give due thought to, and take necessary actions to get rid of the ulcer of unemployment. For this, major projects like the Gal Oya-Multi-Purpose-Scheme should be launched. Lastly, there should be a certain amount of religious fervour in every individual. Schools should be set up, where religious instruction may be imparted. It is praiseworthy that at present a number of Buddhist monks have taken this job in their hands. Moreover, every student in school should be given religious education in some form or other. If religion is given its rightful place the temptation to commit crimes will be considerably reduced.

The films and literature which suggest ways of committing crime should be censored if not banned. The Censor Board which is responsible for the screening of wholesome films, can help in providing the unwary public with good fare. Moreover, as Dr. N. M. Perera has suggested, a Faculty of Criminology and Criminal Research should be set up in the University of Ceylon, for it would be a very useful means of checking the rapid increase of crime in Ceylon. Future citizens could learn there the ways in which crimes could be checked and will thus play a better part than any professional anti-crime force.

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## CHEMISTRY IN EVERY DAY LIFE

The field of Chemistry is so broad and diversified that it provides something for almost all human needs. The chemical industry, a combination of Applied Chemistry and Engineering, is almost a kind of 'universal provider' to the world. Dyestuffs, medicines, photographic materials, food preparations, soaps, fertilizers, artificial fabrics, rubber, plastics and thousands of other synthesized substances are indispensable products of the modern chemical industry. 'From our morning bath, right through our daily occupations in home, office, school, workshop or factory, in our hours of relaxation and amusement and during our periods of illness, we are in touch with one or other of the all pervading and ever utilitarian chemical industry'. Its products, which range from ink to aspirin and from petrol to perfumes, are being constantly used by us.

Let us first have a look round our homes. The common building materials we use are bricks, cement and mortar. Portland cement is an artificial combination of limestone and clay which are strongly heated and ground to a fine powder. Concrete is a mixture of gravel, sand and cement. Mortar is made from slaked lime and sand. Steel is used to strengthen the walls of buildings. The common window glass is prepared by fusing white sand, limestone and soda. The molten glass is then annealed and this glass is cut into sheets suitable for windows. Lamps are also made of glass. Glass lenses improve our sight, the food we eat is packed and preserved in glass utensils and we drink from glass tumblers. There are many other uses of glass in every day life. The addition of potassium carbonate instead of soda, produces Bohemian tableware. The addition of borax produces pyrex glass which is heat-resisting. A modern house will not put on the same good appearance without paints, varnishes, enamels and lacquers. When these are applied on any surface, the film acts as a protective and preservative coating, in addition to being a beautifier. A paint consists of a pigment suspended in linseed oil and turpentine. Varnishes are made by dissolving resins in vegetable oils. Shellac consists of gum shellac dissolved in alcohol. Chemistry has thus made our homes more comfortable and safer to live in.

Chemistry has helped us in yet another way. It has enabled us to analyse the food we take and point out our nutritional needs. Vitamins are complex organic substances occurring in natural food and essential to the normal physiological functioning of living bodies. Certain diseases are caused by vitamin deficiency and the intake of the necessary vitamins alone can cure these

diseases. Hormones, secreted by glands in the human body, regulate the functions of the different parts of the body. When the glands are out of order, the necessary hormones, synthetically prepared, can be taken in. Most famous of these are thyroxine and insulin. Glucose is prepared from starch by heating it with sulphuric acid. Chemists are changing by hydrogenation oil of no food value into fats of high food value. Chemistry also helps man to preserve his food. The refrigerator depends for its working on sulphur-di-oxide or ammonia. Food kept in the refrigerating chamber could be kept fresh for a long period. By the method of quick freezing, the vitamins and flavour in the food are also preserved. Drying and sterilization of food is confined to fruits, fish, meat and vegetables. Two widely used methods of preserving food are dehydration (a way of reducing the water content of food) and canning. There are many chemical preservatives. The common inorganic preservatives are the sulphides of sodium and calcium and boric acid. Among the organic substances benzoic acid is mostly used. Chemistry has also given to the housewife a wide range of cooking utensils—aluminium, stainless glass etc.

In the laboratory fine silky threads are made from coal, air and water. From the cocoon of caterpillar comes silk. Today the chemist is able to produce artificial silk known as rayon. He has not only stolen nature's secret, but actually produced something superior in many ways to the silk he imitates. Rayon is made from cellulose (wood pulp). It is changed into a sticky fluid with caustic soda; dissolved in carbon di sulphide and is forced through fine perforations in a small nozzle into sulphuric acid, forming filaments which are twisted into threads. Two other synthetic textiles are nylon and vinyon. Textiles are also made from fibres of glass. The beautiful dyes with which these textiles are coloured principally come from coal tar. Indigo was originally extracted from a plant but today Indigotin is made from Naphthalene. Fabrics are bleached by dipping them alternatively into bleaching powder and sulphuric acid. Hydrogen peroxide and sulphur-di-oxide are satisfactory bleaching agents for wool.

What about the soap we use? It is actually a salt of a fatty acid. Cosmetics used today are mainly the products of chemistry. Creams are emulsions of oils and a watery substance. Face powder consists of metallic products like talc and zinc oxide. Perfumes and flavours are exclusively vegetable products. Important products like camphor, vanilla and peppermint are produced artificially on a vast scale.

Plastics have been called the 'jewels of organic chemistry'. The chemist has created with plastics a veritable revolution. Fancy combs, brushes, mirrors, trays, and a host of other toilet and household articles are made of plastics.

Many of the drugs found in nature have been synthesized in a pure, cheaper and more reliable form; and numerous new drugs have been discovered. One of the first of the natural drugs successfully synthesized and manufactured was aspirin. Fleming discovered penicillin, a drug extract of common mould. Anaesthetics like chloroform has relieved many persons operated on, from agony. Antiseptics have reduced the number of deaths due to blood-poisoning and helped wounds to get healed quickly. Quinine has saved thousands from malaria. Penicillin, Streptomycin and a number of other physiologically active compounds have contributed greatly to the effective treatment of diseases. In recent years great progress in the work of sanitation and public health has been made. Chemistry has helped in the investigation of water supply and purification, of the disposal of wastes, in the problem of ventilation and in the preparation of disinfectants and antiseptics. Water is purified by filtration and chlorination. The hardness in water is removed by the precipitation of the dissolved salts by adding chemicals or passing the water through zeolites.

Plants too use chemicals which are present in the soil for their growth. The loss of chemicals from the soil is replenished with substances called fertilizers. Chemical industries prepare many substances as fertilizers. Nitrogen compounds synthesized from air have saved the world from the verge of starvation. Agriculture is confronted with an increasing number of difficulties in the form of blights and insects. To meet these difficulties chemistry supplies sprays and poisons. Advances have been made in agricultural chemistry to fight blister blight with copper compound, cotton leaf defoliant with cyanamide and insect pest with D. D. T.

Photography is a series of chemical processes dependant upon the power of light to decompose silver compounds. The chemist has prepared antiknock compounds, which mixed with gasoline help the gasoline to fire easily under compression. Safety matches are also products of chemical industries.

Chemistry has thus helped us by increasing the variety and quantity of things at our disposal. It has given us better food, clothes, medicines and all sorts of material goods. This development will continue and chemistry will help to develop further the comforts of humanity.

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**“WHAT IS THIS LIFE IF FULL OF CARE,  
WE HAVE NO TIME TO STAND AND STARE”**

Modern life is one long and mad rush after wealth and power. In this era of cut-throat competition, man has no time for leisure and he is always on the move. It is said that no one stops in the streets of London even for a second. This may be an exaggeration but it points to the fact that modern man is always in a hurry in his ceaseless struggle to get as much of wealth and power and wield as much influence as possible. The question is usually asked, what is the use of such a life without a moment's rest? Is it worth-while living at such high pressure? It is no wonder that modern civilization has given rise to some special nervous diseases as a result of such life, and some have even ventured to think of civilization as a disease. Edward Thompson in his book "The cause and cure of civilization", deals with this problem.

Every right thinking man knows that life without proper relaxation is not worth living. But the anxiety to make money is so great that such rational thinking is set aside by many. The Bible too has emphasized the needs for a free life. "Take no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take care of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof". So said Jesus Christ to his disciples.

If such a life is lived, man will have plenty of time to stand and stare at the beauties of nature. A loving God has provided us with ample opportunities for such employment but few there are, who make use of them. People are so busy toiling for the filthy lucre of this world that they have little or no time to raise their eyes to the wonders of the starry heavens above! They have no time to see and enjoy the wonders of nature, the blue of the sky or the glow of the sunset, the running brooks or the rolling waves, the different kinds of trees or plants or flowers that are spread before them by Mother Nature in such abundance.

Again what of the treasures of art and architecture, sculpture and painting which remain unnoticed. What about the wealth of literature, magazines and newspapers of the modern age?

But where is the time for people “to stand and stare” even for a few minutes, at the marvels of ancient and modern works of art and literature ?

But some people go to the other extreme of standing and staring the whole time, without doing their legitimate duties. That is going too far. Both extremes must be avoided. As in all things a happy mean is the best—a healthy combination of one’s duties and appreciation of beautiful things in leisure hours.

In modern times all model employers try to provide enough leisure for recreation of workers. Too much work without rest and pleasant recreation will kill the soul, and affect even the quality of their work. Modern governments, which try to cater to the needs of the common man, have introduced “Shop Acts” and other measures to enable him to stand and stare, and thus lead the full and free life of a useful citizen.

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## THE VALUE OF READING

“Reading maketh a full man”, said Bacon. There was a time when reading was the occupation of monks only. But thanks to Caxton who introduced printing into England, reading has become popular, and knowledge has been brought within the reach of all who seek it.

Reading has exerted a tremendous influence on the advancement of the world and the impetus reading has given since the time of Renaissance to man’s spirit of enquiry is incalculable. It has resulted in discoveries and inventions that have marked a new era in human history and helped to change the life, thoughts and ideas of the people of the then civilised world. In Europe it affected the arts of sculpture, painting, music and architecture, while in England the most notable influence was in the fields of learning and literature.

Reading is the agency by which ideas are spread among men. New ideas give rise to great movements that affect men’s lives

collectively or individually. So great is the value of reading to the individual that of the subjects in a school curriculum, reading is still given its due place. It is mostly through reading that a person can gather a store of sufficient knowledge necessary to pass an examination. Unless a person is born rich, examinations are the only means by which a person can improve his lot in life.

Reading becomes still more useful after the school-going period. A person can keep himself well informed of what is going on around him, by reading the news of the day. To the farmer and the merchant, reading is of special value to improve and enlarge his activities. In short, books have become the medium by which a man can make known his thoughts to others for mutual pleasure or profit.

Knowledge grows from day to day and this is stored up in books for the benefit of those who follow us after we are no more. The best in a man is therefore known when his noble or valuable ideas are preserved in writing. We still read Shakespeare and profit by it. The reading of the classics in the literature of a language, imparts to a person a refining influence making him an asset to the community in particular, and to the Society in general.

Today we live in an age of Science. Much research work is carried out in all branches of knowledge or of human activity, to discover what had been in the past, and to improve on it. Research work is a feature of education today. This has been made easy because Research workers can easily get books for reference making research work a pleasant and edifying diversion.

Books are store houses in which treasures are locked up. The ability to read is the key by which we can gain entrance to these store houses and help ourselves to riches untold. Chapman after reading Homer wrote :

“Much have I travelled in the realms of gold  
And many goodly states and kingdoms seen”.

“These realms of gold” and these “goodly states and kingdoms” are within the reach of all who acquire the ability to read the languages of the world.

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## BUTTERFLIES

Perhaps you have seen lovely and delicate ladies in your garden sitting on a sun flower or shoe flower to refresh themselves with the sweet honey, a flower can afford to give its weary visitors from its honeysack.

They all have dresses of different hues. They are blood-red, meadow-green, emerald-green, cabbage-green, sunset-red, snow-white, Brazilian brown, coal black etc. Some of these have underwear, but others can't afford to wear these.

Have you heard the names of these creatures? Not the ones we learn in our Zoology Classes—I mean the meadow-names as folk call them. They are all so nice and pretty names but their children—the caterpillars' names—ugh!—they are horrible.

As I went through a book written by Enid Blyton—the "Queen of Story Tellers", I found some "portraits" of some of these ladies. Perhaps I must call them pictures—but the only difference between these portraits and the ordinary portraits is that the former are not meant to bring out the profiles of the persons portrayed—but to bring out their dresses only.

One of the richest and the most celebrated of these flying beauties is the "Peacock Butterfly". This one wears a fine red brown dress with a coal black petticoat to match. On the dress, two patterns are embroidered. The design is like that of the eye on a peacock's feather you might have seen the like on a Japanese kimono. She wears neither shoes nor sandals, for she does not do much walking; if at all she does, it will be on flowers and it will be silly to wear shoes to walk on a rose.

The second is "Spanish Lady" who is also very grand. She wears a yellow dress with a black border. She does not wear a petticoat, though she is the wife of a Spanish knight: she cannot afford one or, may be, she is stingy!

The third is "Boiled Cabbage Leaf". This is an ordinary peasant woman who wears a greenish white garment. Surely you must have seen her in your garden because she does not confine her walks to flowers only. You may ask me why she does not wear shoes then. Well—she cannot afford or perhaps she is content to be bare-footed! This woman is a busy and active housewife.

These three are the commonest in the butterfly world. If you are on the look-out you will come across many more varieties of these grandly appparelled celebrities.

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J.S.C. (A).



## A RAINY DAY

A rainy day is a horrible day, because I cannot get out to play. When it rains I play with my toys. When I am tired, I take my book and read and of course I get tired of it much sooner. I prefer to play a game or else I take out my song-book and start singing with my cousin, sometimes even trying to drown the noise of the rain. When we get tired of that too, we try romping about the house with the dog until my mother or sister screams at us and tells us, that we are disarranging the house and asks us to "stop it." Oh! then what do I do? Well, I sit on a chair and try to keep quiet; but I just cannot keep still, my legs and hands want exercise.

I then begin to scold the skies for sending down the rain. But what can the skies do? I am sure every body will agree with me when I say that a rainy day is one of the worst days and especially for me, for I love to play, out in the garden.

JOSEPH BERNARD ANTONY,  
Form 2 B.



## OUR CLASS

Our Class, as we all know, is an interesting class. We are thirty five in number, and we are a jolly set. Our teacher, Miss C. S. Alagaratnam, enjoys teaching us.

In games and studies we are always good. L. C., the King-kong in our Class, keeps us always bubbling with laughter. He is also known as "Lacto Baby"—R. S., who is also another like L. C. in size, is for ever smiling! We are lucky to have P. S. with us because he is good in C.I.D. work. He has taught us how to be honest. K. S. tops the class all three terms, and we are all proud of him. S. R. is the monitor of our Class, and is also the Sports star. V. K., who comes from Alway is proud of his colour—a Black Beauty perhaps!

We shall stop here now. We may be able to tell you more next time.

Who are we??

WE TWO.



### MY DOGGIE

I have a little Doggie. His name is Rover. He is white in colour. He has a short tail and long ears. Every evening, I take him along the beach for a walk. When he sees crabs, he jumps and barks at them. Sometimes I give him a bath in the sea. He loves to swim. I give him rice and bones to eat. He is a brave doggie and likes to play with children. He is a watch-dog. When he hears a noise he barks. I love my doggie.

R. SELVARAJAN,  
Std. IV (A).



### MY PARROT

I have a pretty little parrot  
Its colour is green.  
It has a red mark round its neck  
The colour of its beak is red  
It eats grains and fruits  
It lives in a cage in my house.  
When it is hungry it calls me  
One day by chance, it got out of the cage.  
I chased it and then caught it. After that, I took much  
care of my pretty parrot.

R. SIVAGNANASUNDRAM,  
Std. IV (A).



## Tamil Section

வீண் ஆசை பேர்அவஸ்தை

அண்ணு எங்கே போனாய்  
யாரையும் நீ கண்டாயா?  
அம்மா உன்னைத் தேடி  
அலைந்து அலைந்து திரிந்தா.

அருவிக் கரைக்குப் போனேன்  
அங்கு இரண்டு நண்டுகள்  
அன்புடனே பேசி  
ஆழக் குழி தோண்டின.

பெரிய நண்டு புருஷன்  
சிறிய நண்டு பெண்டாட்டி.  
புதிய வீடு கட்ட  
நிறைய மண்ணைச் சேர்த்தன.

பெரிய நண்டு சொன்னது  
பிரிய எந்தன் நாயகி  
சிறிய வீட்டில் எப்படிப்  
பிள்ளையுடன் வாழ்வது.

அதற் கென்ன அத்தானே  
அருகில் அறை போடேன்  
அதிலே எங்க பாப்பா  
அச்சமின்றி வாழட்டும்.

பிரிய எந்தன் நாயகி  
பேரப்பிள்ளை வந்தால்  
இந்த வீட்டில் நாங்கள்  
எப்படித்தான் வாழ்வது.

அச்சம் ஏனோ அத்தானே  
அடியில் அறை சேர்த்தால்  
அதிலே எங்க பேரன்  
வாழுவானே யஞ்சாமல்.

நரி ஒன்று வந்தது  
நாலா பக்கம் பார்த்தது  
நண்டு இரண்டையும் கௌவி  
நன்றாய் ஓட்டம் மிடித்தது

அங்கே அம்மா வாறு  
ஐயோ அடிக்கப் போகு  
எங்கே நானும் ஒளிப்பேள்  
எந்தன் தம்பி சோல்வடா.

அம்மா அருகே வந்தா  
அணைத்து முத்தம் தந்தா  
கும்மா வாங்கோ செல்வமே  
என் துணை நீயே என்று.

விட்டுக்கு நாம் சென்றோம்  
வேலைகள் யாவும் செய்தோம்  
பாட்டி எம்மைக் கண்டு  
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### வில்லி காட்டும் ஒரு வள்ளல்

இதிகாசங்களின் வரிசையில் இந்திய நாட்டில் நிலவுவன கம்பராமாயணமும் வில்லிபாரதமும் இவை வழி தூல்களென்னும் முதல் தூலிலிருந்து ஒருபடி உயர்ந்தன வென்பது மறுக்கவோ, மறைக்கவோ முடியாத உண்மை வால்மீகியும் வியாசனுந் தீட்டிய ஒளியிழந்து துருப்பிடித்த உருவங்களுக்கு மெருகிட்டு வர்ணத்தீட்டிய ஓவியர்கள் கம்பனும் வில்லியுமாவர். கர்பனின் அற்புத சிருஷ்டிதான் இராமன். வில்லிதான் இதிகாசத்திற தோற்றுவித்த புருடன் கண்ணன். இருவரும் கதாநாயகர்கள், இலக்கிய புருடர்கள்.

தனது கற்பனைத் திறனைக் கடைந்து நிரட்டியெடுத்த இக் கதாபாத்திரத்தில் வில்லிபுத்தூரர், ஒருவள்ளலையும், வீரனையும் ஒருங்கே தோற்றுவித்துள்ளார். வில்லி காட்டும் இவ்வள்ளல் வள்ளுவன் வாய்மறைக்கு இலக்கியமாய்மைந்தவன். ஒருக் கால் அதனிலும் மேம்பட்டவன்.

“வறியார்க் கொன்றீவதே ஈகை மற்றெல்லாம்  
குறியெதிர்ப்பை நீரதுடைத்து”

என்று ஈகைக்கு வாய்பு வகுத்துள்ளான் வள்ளுவன். வள்ளுவன் வகுத்துக் காட்டிய எல்லையையும் இகந்து, வறியோரன்றி இகந்தோர் யாவர்க்கும் கேட்டதைக் கேட்டவாறே கொடுப்பவனாக மீளர்கின்றான் கண்ணன். இவ்வள்ளல் தமீழ்த் திரு நாடு தனைப்பெற்ற வள்ளற்றன்மை மிக்காருள் தலையாயவன். கொழு

கொம்பற்றுத் தளர்ந்த முல்லைக்கொடிக்குத் தன் அரியதேர் சுந்து உதவியவன் பாரி. தன்தலையைத் தானமாகக் கேட்ட துறவிக்கு இன்னுயிர் நீத்தும் இரந்ததை யளித்தவன் குமணன். இவர்களின் வரிசையில் முன்னிடம் பெறத்தக்கவன் கண்ணன். சதலால் வரும் புகழை நினைந்து “உள்ளவெலா முவந்தீழும் வள்ளியோர்” போன்றவனல்லன் இப் பெருந்தகை. தன் கருமத்தை நோக்காது தருமத்தை நோக்கும் தகைமை சான்றவன். தன்னுயிர் சுந்தும் பிறர்யாசித்ததை உதவச் சித்தமாயிருந்தவன். இப் பெருந்தகையின் கொடைத் திறனைப் புலவன் கடுமையான சோதனைகளுக்கு உள்ளாக்குகிறான். ஒவ்வொன்றிலும் கண்ணனின் கொடைச்சிறப்பும் நன்றியறிவும் வீரமும் சுடர்சுட ஒளிரும் பொன்னேபோல் மிளரிகின்றன. ஆசிரியர் தன்படைப்பையெய்வளவு நிறைவுள்ளதாகச் சிருஷ்டித்துள்ளார்!

பாபதப்போரில் பாண்டுவின் தளையர்க்கு வெற்றி யிட்டித்தர முனைந்து நின்ற கிருஷ்ண பரமாத்மா இந்திரனை இவன்ிடம் அனுப்பிப் போரில் வெற்றியிட்டவருந்த “கவச குண்டலங்களை” பெற வழிகோலினான். இந்திரன் மூப்பொரு வடிவங்கொண்டநாமெனவொரு முனியாகியே கொற்றவன் வாயில் சென்றடைந்தான். இந்திரன் கவச குண்டலங்களை யாசித்தான், கண்ணன் சுகின்றான். திடீர் என்று ஒருசோதனைக் குள்ளாகின்றான் வள்ளல் “இந்திரன்றனை விரகினான் மாயவன் ஏவினான் வழங்கல் நீ” என்று விண்ணகந்திடை ஓர் அசரீரி இடித்தொலித்தது. வள்ளல் மனங் கோணிவன் அல்லன். “சிந்தையின்கண் ஓர்கலக்கமற்றளித்ததான்; செஞ்சுடர்த் தினகரன் சிறுவன்.” மீண்டும் இக்கொடைத் திறனைப் பரிசோதனைக் குள்ளாகித் திறமையுகின்றார் கவிஞர். சன்ற பொழுதற் பழிநாணித் தள்ளிவிட்ட தன்மகனைப் பாண்டுவின் மனைவி இப்போ பயன்கருதி யணைக்கமுயல்கின்றான், தானே கண்ணனின் தாயென்று நினைத்தான், தன் காதற் புதல்வனைக் கட்டியணைத்தான். “வருக வென் மதலாய், இளைஞரைவரும் நின்றுமலரடி அன்பினால் வணங்கி ... ஏவல் செய்ய ஒருதவிச் செங்கோலோச்சிக் குருகுலாதிபதியும் வாழ்வு கூர்வாய்” என்று வேண்டினான் அரவக் கொடியோன் ஆணைக் கீழ் அரசு செய்த அரக்கிகோன் அரசர்க்கரசனாகும் அரிய தருணத்தை யிழப்பானேன்? குருகுலக் குரிசிலாய் அரசுவீற்றிருக்கச் சான்றான்மையிலையா? உண்டவீட்டுக்கு இரண்டகஞ்செய்யும் இந்த இழிதகவைக் கவிஞன் தன்கதாநாயகரிடம் இய்யளவும் இல்கையென்று நிரூபிக்கிறான். உய்வில்லாத் செய்தநன்றி கொன்ற மக்களின் வரிசையினின்றும் விலகி, பயன்கருதித் தன்னுலியற்ற உதவிபுரிந்த சுயோதனனுக்கு “செருமுனைச் சென்று செஞ்சேற்றுக்கடன் கழிப்பதுவே” தன் கருமமும் என்று இடித்துரைத்தான். தன் வாழ்வைத் தன் நண்பன் வாழ்விற்காகத் தியாகஞ் செய்ய — பவீயிடப் பிரதிக்ஷணமும் ஆவலோடிருந்தான். அப்படியே விசயன் வாளிதன் உயிர்குடிக்க ஆருயிர் தண்புகை “அழிவின்கண் அல்லல் உழந்தான்” கண்ணனின் சூதையுணர்ந்தும், தன் உயிர்க்கு உலைவைப்பதே குந்தி கேட்ட வரம் என்று அறிந்தும் அதனைக்

கொடுக்காது விடவில்லை. மரணத்தையும் அவன் மகிழ்ச்சியோடு வரவேற்றான். இரப்போர்க்கு இல்லை என்று சொல்லும் நிலையை அவன் கனவினும் விரும்பவில்லை.

பூந்ருவதாகக் கவிஞர் கண்ணனின் குணநலனுக்கு இட்ட பரிசோதனை மிகக் கடினமானது. இது அவன் உண்மைப்பொடையின் திறனை உள்ளங்கை நெல்லிக் களிப்போற் காட்டுகின்றது. இங்கே வில்லிபுத்தூராழ்வார் சுயநலங்கவலாத் தூய்மையான ஒரு தருமசொருபத்தை நமக்குக் காட்டுகின்றார். நன்கைப்பொருள் அனைத்தையும் பிறரின் நன்மைக்காக ஒருவன் அர்ப்பணிக்கிலும் அது சுயநலத்தின் பாற்பட்டதாகக் கருதக்கூடும். புகழை விரும்பியே அம்மகன் தருமம் வளர்த்தான் என்று கூறுதல் பொருந்தும். ஒருகால் புகழ் கருதாவிடிலும் மறுமைப் பயன் நோக்கிப் புரிந்ததாகக் கொள்ளினும் பொருந்தும். இவ்வாறே எவ்விதச் செயலையும் உதவியையும் சுயநலத்தின் பாற்படுத்தல் இசைந்ததே. ஏனென்றால், மனிதன் இயற்கையாகவே சுயநலத்தை நாடுவதும் மற்றோர் தன்னைப் புகழ்வதை விரும்புவதும் ஆனதன்மையே படைத்தவன். ஆனால், ஆழ்வாரின் இந்த அற்புதசிருஷ்டி மனித இயல்பைக் கடந்தவனாய்த் தேவனாய்த் திகழ்கின்றது. இதுவரை இலக்கிய புருஷனின் தருமமும், தானமும் சுயநலத்தின் பாற்பட்டதாக வாசகர் உள்ளங்கள் ஒருபோது சிந்திக்கச் சந்தேகிக்கக் கூடும். கவிஞரும் தன்னோக்கத்தை இன்னும் பூர்த்தி செய்யவில்லைத்தான். ஆனால், இக்கட்டத்தில் ஆசிரியர் இத்தரும சொருபத்தை—சொல்லோவியத்தை—பூரணமாக்கி விடுகின்றார். வாசகரின் மனங்களும் ஊசலாட மறுக்கின்றன. வள்ளலின் வரையாக் கொடையைக் கண்டு இதயங்குபுறி ஏதோ சொல்ல வாய்விடுகின்றன.

எவ்விடத்தும் படைகள் சிதறுண்டோட, குருடன் மகன் தன் வலதுகண்ணைப் பறி கொடுத்தவன் போல அன்ற, யுத்த பூமியில் கவிஞரின் சிருஷ்டி அயர்வுற்று அறிவிழந்த நிலையில் இருக்கின்றது. பார்த்தன் விட்ட பசுபதியின் வாளிகள் கண்ணனின் உடலைச் சல்லடையாக்கி விட்டன. பூத உடல் குருதி வெள்ளத்தில் மிதந்துகொண்டு கிடக்கின்றது. “செஞ்சோற்றுக் கடன்” கழித்து விட்டதாக வெண்ணிச் சித்தம் சாந்தியடைகின்றது. இந்தப் பரிதாப நிலையில் முதியோன் ஒருவன் கண்ணன்டம் சென்று பிச்சை கேட்கிறான். கொடுமை! கொடுப்பது என்னத்தை? வில்லி கூறுகின்றான் கொடுத்ததை:

“ஆவியோ நிலையிற் கலங்கியதியாக்கை  
யசுத்ததோ புறத்ததோ வறியேன்  
பாலியேன் வேண்டும் பொருளெனாம்  
நயக்கும் பக்குவந்தனில் வந்திலையால்  
ஒவ்வாதியான் செய்புண்ணிய மனைத்தும்  
உதவியேன் கொள்க நீயுனக்குப்  
பூவில் வாழயனும் நீசரனென்றந்  
புண்ணிய மிதனிலும் பெரிதோ!”

தனக்கென வெஞ்சியிருந்த புண்ணியத்தையுமா இவ்வள்ளல்  
சந்துவிட்டான்! மிச்சமென்ன? மனமொன்றிய தெளிந்த நிலை  
யில் ஓர் ஆத்ம சாந்தி!

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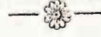


**உலகூட்டும் உழவன்**  
(நிலைமண்டில வாசிரியப்பா)

மழைவரு	நாளினை	மனமது	நாடியே
விழைந்தெதிர்	பார்த்துநின்	றழைக்கிரு	னுழவனும்
கருமுசில்	கண்டதுங்	களித்தெழு	மயிவ்வன்
பெருமழை	பெய்துமண்	பூரித்த	துணர்கின்றான்
ஏர்கையிற்	பிடித்தவன்	எழுகிரு	னெருத்தினை
நாரிட	டழைத்துமே	புழும்பொருட்	டேகிருன்
பாருளோர்க்	குணவினைப்	பகிர்ந்துநான	ளிப்பனென்
றெண்ணியே	துள்ளியே	பொழிந்திருங்	களியுளம்
மண்ணினை	புழக்கிட	நண்ணிடும்	பாதமுரு
செலுத்திட	விரைத்தவன்	சென்றுதன்	வயல்சனை
அடைத்தது	மெருவினை	எடுத்துமே	பரப்பி
விடைகளை	விரட்டியே	ஏரினை	யோட்டியே
தவத்தினை	உழுதவன்	நென்மணி	விதைக்கிருன்
விழ்மழை	நீர்தும்	விரைத்தே	ஓடியும்
புழங்கியே	வயல்தீவம்	மறைந்திட	நிறைந்தது
நெல்லினுள்	முனையுயி	ரடைந்தே	பசுமையுஞ்
செழிப்பும்	பெற்றே	தழைத்தே	யுயர்ந்ததே
செந்தந	மன்மேற்	பசுமையும்	படர்ந்தது
வளர்ந்திடும்	பயிரினு	ஞறங்கிருங்	கதிர்தும்
விழித்தே	பயிரினைப்	பிளந்தே	நென்மணி
நிறைந்தே	வளைந்துதந்	தலையினை	யசைத்ததே
மார்புகம்	கழியக்	கோடைவந்	தடைந்ததும்
முற்றிக்	கதிரவன்	வெம்மையிற்	பழுத்து
வினைத்திடு	மவைகளைக்	குவித்திடு	மரிவாள்
பூட்டியே	யர்ந்து	கூட்டுமுப்	பட்டி
சேர்த்துமே	கட்டிய	வார்த்திமிக்	கேறுங்
கதிர்ச்சமை	நிலைவைத்	தேயகம்	தோக்கி

எகடு	முழுவன்	உளமுவத்	துணவினைப்
பசியற	வாழ	வுலகினுக்	கூட்டி
உயிர்களைக்	காத்திடு	டிறைவ	னணையன்
உழுவளில்	வையகம்	வாழ்வது	மெளிநோ

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### கம்பனின் வர்ணனைகள்

தமிழிலே எத்தனையோ தலை சிறந்த மகாகவிகள் தோன்றி மறைந்தனர். அவர்களின் கவிதாவன்மையை இன்றையத் தமிழ் மக்களும் சுவைத்து மகிழ்க் காரணமாயிருப்பவை அவர்களின் இலக்கியங்களும் காப்பியங்களுமேயாகும். புகழேந்தியின் புலமையை நளவேண்பா மூலமும், சாத்தனரின் வல்லமையை மணிமேகலை மூலமும், தேவரின் சிறப்பைச் சீவக சிந்தாமணி மூலமும், வள்ளுவரின் பெருமையை வான்முகழ்கொண்ட திருக்குறள் மூலமும், இளங்கோவின் புகழை நெஞ்சையன் றும் சிலப்பதிகார மூலமும், அதிவிராம பாண்டியனின் கவித்திறனை தைத்த மூலமும் தமிழ் மக்கள் அறியக் கூடியதாயிருக்கின்றது. இது போன்ற கம்பனின் கவித்திறனை அவன் கட்டியெழுப்பிய காஷ்யப்பெருங் கோயிலாகிய கம்பராமாயணத்தின் மூலம் அறியலாம்.

கம்பராமாயணம் ஆறுகாண்டங்களாகப் பிரிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. சொல்வளம், பொருள்வளம் போன்ற எத்தனையோ சிறப்புக்களைக் கம்பராமாயணத்திலே பரக்கக் காணலாம். கம்பராமாயணத்திலே அயோத்தியா காண்டத்திலே கம்பனின் வர்ணனைச் சிறப்பைச் சிறிது ஆராயலாம்.

முதன் முதலாகத் தசரதனது அரசாட்சியைப் பற்றியும் அவனது அமைச்சர்களின் குணநிசயங்களைப் பற்றியும் கம்பன் வர்ணிக்கிறான். ஒரு அரசனது ஆட்சிக்கு ஆணிலேவராக அமைந்தது அவனது அமைச்சரும். அரசனுக்கு நேரும் இன்னல்களையும், ஆபத்துக்களையும் தன் மதியூகத்தால் நீக்கும் வன்மை மந்திரியையே சார்ந்தது. அரசன் செய்யுங் காரியங்களின் பலனாய் வரப்போகும் காரியங்களை யுதித்தறிந்து அதற்கு ஏற்ற காரி



யங்களைச் செய்தலும், நான் சரியெனக் கண்டதை மன்னன் கோபித்தாலும் விடாது உரைத்தலும், தம் நன்மை கருதாமல் நாட்டு மக்களின் நலனையே தம் கருத்தாகக் கொண்டு பணிபுரிதலும் நன் மந்திரிகளின் தலைசிறந்த கடன்களாம். இதனைக் கம்பனும் தன் கவிதையிலே அழகுற அமைத்தான்.

“ உற்றது கொண்டுமேல் வந்துறு பொருளுணைநுங் கோளார்  
மற்றது வினைவின் வந்ததாயினு மாற்றலாற்றும்  
பெற்றீயர் பிறப்பின் மேன்மைப் பெரியவரிய நூலுங்  
கற்றவர் மானநோக்கிற் கவரிமானையை நீரார்.”

“ தம்முயிர்க் குறுதியெண்ணூர் தலைமகன் வெகுண்ட போதும்  
வெம்மையைத்தாங்கி நீதி விடாது நின்றுரைக்கும் வீரர்.”

இராமனது முடிசூட்டு வைபவ விழாக் கோலத்தைக் கம்பன் காட்டும் பான்மை சுவைத்து மகிழ்தற்கரியது. மன்னுயிரையும் தன்னுயிர்போல் பாவித்து, குடிமக்களின் அன்பையும், நன்மதிப்பையும் பெற்றுவாழ்த்த இளவரசனாகிய இராமன் மணிமதுமம் புணையும்நாளைக்காணும் ஆவல் மிக்கவராய்ப் பிறதோத்து அரசர்களும், போர்வீரர்களும், ஆண்பாலாகும், பெண்பாலாகும் ஒன்றுகூடினிகள். ஆண்களின் கூட்டமோ அல்லது பெண்களின் கூட்டமோ அன்றி அரசர்களின் கூட்டமோ பெரிது என்று சொல்ல முடியாதவாறு சனத்திரள் திரம்பியிருந்தது. போனவர்கள் திரும்பி வர முடியாத வண்ணமும், வந்தவர்கள் போக முடியாதவாறும் அவ்வாசலில் அடைபட்டு நின்றார்கள். இதைக் கம்பன் :

“ பாகியல் பவளச்செவ்வாய் பணைமுலைப் பரவையல்குல்  
தோகையர் சூழாமுமைந்தர் சும்மையுந்துவன்றி எங்கும்  
ஏகுமினேகு மினென் றிடையிடை நின்றலல்லால்  
போகில மீளகில்லா பொன்னகர் வீதியெல்லாம்.”

என்றும் கூறி வெகு அழகாக விளக்கினான்.

கைகேசியின் ஆணைக்குக் கீழ்ப்படிந்து இராமன் காடு செல்லச் சித்தமானான். மணிமுடி புனைந்து நாடாள வேண்டிய இராமன் மரவுரிதரித்துக் காடாளச் செல்வதா? என உற்றாரும், உறவீனரும், குடிகளும் அழுதார்கள். இந்தச் சோக சித்திரத்தைக் கம்பன் இன்பம், துன்பம் என்ற இவ்விரண்டையும் வெவ்வேறு மனையாவத்தோடு வரவேற்கும் மக்கள் மட்டுமன்றி, இன்பம், துன்பம் இரண்டையும் ஒரே நோக்குடன் எண்ணும் யோகிகள்

கூட இராமனுக்கு நேர்ந்த இத்தீச் செய்கையை என்னி மனங்கலங்கினார்கள் என்று கூறிய கவிஞரின் வர்ணனை போற்றத்தக்கது.

இராமன் காடு செல்கிருளென்பதை யறிந்த சீதை தானும் அவனுடன் காடுசெல்ல என்னினான். எனினும், மலர்நிலம் மிதிக் கப்பெருந் மெல்லடியினையுடைய அவளைப் பருக்கைக் கற்கள் மிகுந்த காட்டுக்குக் கூட்டிச் செல்வதால் ஏற்படும் இன்னல்களையெண்ணி, இராமன் அவளைக் கூட்டிச் செல்ல மறுத்தான். இராமன் இவ்விதம் கூறியதும் சீதை மிகவும் வருத்தினாள். கணவன் காடு சென்று கந்த மூலாதிகளை உண்டு எளிய வாழ்க்கையை நடத்தத் தான்மட்டும் பஞ்சணையில் படுத்துறங்கிப் பாலும்சோறும் உண்பதா என விம்மினாள். அவள் கொதித்திடும் உள்ளத்தினைக் குந்து வேதனைப் பெருவுச்சுக்கள் வெளிவந்தன.

“பரவி கந்த மனத்தொடு பற்றிவா  
தொருவு கின்றனை யூழி யருக்கனும்  
எரியுமென் பதியாண்டைய திண்டு நின்  
மிரினினுஞ் சுடுமோ பெருங்காடு.”

என இராமனிடம் கேட்டான். கணவனைப் பிரிந்த ஒரு மனைவி அடைகின்ற துன்பத்தைக் காட்டிலும், சூரியனுடைய வெப்பின் கொடுக்கும் துன்பம் பெரிதல்ல. இதைக் கவிஞன் சீதையின் வாயினாகக் கூறி அவளது கற்பின் பெருந்தன்மையை இனமறை காய்போல் விளக்கியிருப்பது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

கர்பன் கம்பராமாயணத்தின் பற்பல பாகங்களிலும் அதன் கதாநாயகியாகிய சீதையின் அற்புத அழகினைப் பலபட வர்ணித்துள்ளான்.

கங்கைப் படவத்திலே சீதையின் கயல் விழிகளின் கவர்ச்சியையும், அழகையும் வர்ணிக்கும் பாடல் களி பேருவகை விளை விப்பதாம். கொண்டவனுடன் காட்டினே வாழ்ச்சித்தமாவ சீதை தடந்துகொண்டே காட்டின் அழகினைக் கவனத்தவண்ணம் செல்கின்றாள். மருத நிலத்திலே பூத்திருந்த அழகிய நாமரை மலர் களிலும் பார்க்கத் தன் மனுவளரின் பாதத்தாமரைகள் அழகுந விளங்குவதைக் கண்டு களிகூர்ந்தாள். இவ்விடத்திலே கவிஞ னும் தன் வர்ணனையைச் சுருங்கக் கூறுகின்றான்.

“அஞ்சம்பையு மையன்றன தலகம் பையுமளவா  
நஞ்சங்களை வெலளாகிய நயனங்களை உடையான்  
துஞ்சுங்களி வரிவண்டுகள் குழலின்படி சுழலும்  
கஞ்சங்களை மஞ்சன் கழனகுகின்றது கண்டான்.”

இராமனுடைய கூரிய அம்புகளையும், மன்மதனின் பாணத்  
தையும், நஞ்சினையும் வெல்லும் திறனுடைய கண்கள் என்று  
சீதையின் கண்களைக் கம்பன் வர்ணித்தான். மிகவும் கூர்மையா  
னவையென்பதால் இராமனுடைய அம்புக்கும், கண்டோர் மன  
தைக் கவரும் வன்மைரிக்கதால் மன்மத பாணத்திற்கும், விக்ர  
ப் பார்வை வீசுவோரை வெறுத்தோதுக்கும் தன்மை வாய்ந்த  
தால் நஞ்சுக்கும் உவமை கூறிலார்.

இவ்விதமாகக் கம்பராமாயணம் முழுவதிலும் கம்பன்  
கருத்தொழுக்கும் வர்ணனைகளைக் கண்கூடாகக் காணலாம்.

வாழ்க தமிழ்! வாழ்க கம்பன்!!

J. T. SATCUNANANTHARAJAH,  
G.C.E. "A"



### சொல் அலங்காரம்

வண்டி இழுப்பது மாடு,  
நாய் வசிப்பது வீடு,  
பெண்கள் அணிவது தோடு,  
மரங்கள் இருப்பது காடு.  
இக்காலத்தில் வேண்டியது பணம்,  
இறந்துபோன உடல் பிணம்,  
மல்லிகைப் பூ நல்ல மணம்,  
பெண்களுக்கு வேண்டியது நல்லகுணம்.  
காட்டிலே இருப்பது மரம்,  
நமக்கு உள்ளது கரம்,  
காளி கொடுப்பது வரம்,  
பயிருக்கு இடுவது உரம்.  
பால் கொடுப்பது கூலம்,  
ஆகாய நிறம் நீலம்,  
விட்டுக்கு இடுவது கோலம்,  
வயதை ஏற்றுவது காலம்.  
நமக்கு அவசியம் வளி,  
பழம் கொடுப்பது புளி,  
உருசி உணவு களி,  
தர்சனுக்கு வேண்டியது உளி.

A. JOHN THEVARAJAH,  
Form III (A).

## தமிழ் மொழியின் பெருமை

(பிரந்தாவனமும் நந்தகுமாரனும் எ. மெ.)

1. தேனினுமினிய செந்தமிழே போல்  
தேசத்தில் பாஷையு முண்டோசொல்  
மாநில மீதுறை மாதவருடனே  
வாவவ ரும்விழை வாரிதையோ.
2. மருப்ரினில் பிறந்தே திருத்தமாக  
விருத்தி யடைந்தது மிதுவன்றே  
கருத்தறியாதார் காதலிராதே  
உதைத்திட நினைப்பதும் அழகாமோ.
3. காதினுக் கிளியது கவின் பெறுதமிழென  
ஓதினர் சான்றோர் உணராயோ  
போதனைக் குரியது சாதனைக் கெளரியது  
வேதனை தீர்ப்பதும் இதுவன்றே.
4. களியிது விருக்கக் காய்தனைத்தேடி  
கண்ணிலன் போலே அலையாதே  
மண்ணதில் மேவி விண்ணினுத்தாவும்  
தெள்ளமு திதைக்கைப் பிடிப்பாயே.

K.RAMACHANDRAN,  
Form II, (B)



## மோட்டார்

தின்னச் சின்ன மோட்டார்  
சிக்கார மோட்டார்  
நாலு சக்கர மோட்டார்  
நானேறும் மோட்டார்  
பாம், பாம் மோட்டார்.

S.SIVATHASAN,  
Form (II A)

## எட்டு

நாலும் நாலும் எட்டு  
சிறுவர் விரும்புவது எட்டு  
விருத்தில் வைப்பது தட்டு  
நலையிலே மிடித்துக் குட்டு.

V. THIAGARAJAN,  
Form II (A).



## மலைநாட்டு வர்ணனை

இலங்கையின் மத்திய பாகத்தில் அதிக மலைகள் உண்டு. அவற்றில் பேறுருநாலகாலை மிகவும் உயரமானது. நாம் மலைப் பக்கங்களுக்குச் சென்று காலைிலும் மாலைிலும் பார்ப்போமானால் கண்ணைக் கவரும் முகில்கள் மலை உச்சியில் படிந்து இருப்பதையும், முகில்களின் மிக அழகிய வர்ணங்களை யாரோ தீட்டி இருக்கிறார்களென்று சொல்லும் படியும் காட்சிகளைக்காணலாம்.

மலைநாட்டில் காலைில் சூரியன் மலைமுகட்டில் ஆயிரம் சூதிரைகள் பூட்டிய தேரில் பவனி வருகின்றான். அப்பொழுது மலையில் படிந்திருக்கும் பனிப் படலங்கள் உருகி வெள்ளியோடம் போன்று பாய்ந்து நான் பூமியைப் பேணுகிறேன் என்றுசொல்லி நலப்பரப்பை நோக்கி விரைவாக வருகின்றது. அப்பொழுது நாம் சென்று பார்ப்போமானால் அவை எம்மையும் அழைத்துக் கொண்டு எங்கே செல்லப் போகின்றதோ என்று நோன்றும்.

நாம் மலை முகட்டில் நின்று பார்ப்போமானால் அவற்றின் அழகு நோன்றும். கரைப் பக்கங்களில் ஒரே அளவான றப்பர் மாங்கனையும், தேயிலைத் தோட்டங்களையும் அங்கு பனி செய்யும் தொழிலாளர்களையும் பார்க்கும் பொழுது கண்கவர் காட்சியாக இருக்கும்.

அங்கு மிகவும் சூலிரானதால் அங்கு வசிக்கும் மக்கள் கம்பரிசிச் சட்டையை அணிந்து கொண்டு தங்கள் வேலைகளைச் செய்வர். சிறு பிள்ளைகள் மலைகளில் எழிக் குதித்து விளையாடுவார்

கள். அங்கு வசிக்கும் உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் பின்னரே வேலைகளில் மலைகளில் எறித் தமது நேரத்தை உல்லாசமாகக் கழிப்பார்கள். அது அவர்களுக்கு மனச் சந்தோஷத்தையும் அளிக்கும்.

ஆங்கு காணும் காட்சிகளே அளவற்றன. மலைப்பக்கத்தின் சரிவுகள் நீர்வளம் பொருந்தி இருக்கும். அங்கு நானூ பக்கமும் புற்றரை. ஆதலால், ஆடு, மாடு, குதிரை முதலியன அங்கே மேய்த்து வாழும். அவைகள் கூட்டம் கூட்டமாய் நின்று புல் மேய்வதைக் காணக் காணத் தெவீட்டாத இன்பம் பயக்கும்.

மலைநாட்டு வர்ணனை எண்ணிக்கை அற்ற அழகுடையதாய் யாவராலும் புகழ்ப்படும் கண்கவர் காட்சிகளில் ஒன்று. என்னே! மலைநாட்டு வர்ணனை.

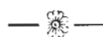
N. GANESHALINGAM,  
V Std. (A).



### கடற்கரை

நாங்கள் கடற்கரைக்குச் சென்று விளையாடுவோம். பலர் கடற்கரைக்குப் போய் உவாவுவார்கள். கடற்கரையில் பல காட்சிகளைக் காணலாம். கடற்கரையில் மணல் அதிகமாக இருக்கும். அந்த மண் வெண்மையாக இருக்கும். கடற்கரையில் தென்னை மரங்கள் அதிகமாக வளரும். கடற்கரையில் செர்படவர் இருப்பர். கடற்கரையில் அலைகள் மோதும். கடற்கரையில் சுத்தமான காற்றைச் சுவாசிக்கலாம். எங்கள் பாடசாலை கடற்கரைக்குப் பக்கத்திலுண்டு.

C. K. RAJANAYAGAM,  
IV Std. (A).



## මමගේ සුරතලා

මමගේ සුරතලා ඔරුවෙකි. උඹ කොල පාවසි. උමගේ හොඳම රතු පාවසි උඹ කුඹුටු ආතුලේ දුදලා කපාකරනවා. මම උඹට බොහොම ආදරෙයි. උඹ හැමදම “කී,” “කී” කියලා කෑගහනවා. උඹට බොහොම ආදරෙයි. උඹ බොහොම හොදයි. උමගේ ඔලුව බොහොම ලොකුයි දැන් උඹට විකන් කනාකරනව පුලුවනි. උඹට මම අතීතෙහි කෑමට දෙනවා. උමගේ කෑම නොයෙක් ගෙසී ජාතියි. මගේ තාත්තාත්, අම්මාත්, නංගිත් උඹට බොහොම ආදරෙයි.

ආදේ. ගොනෙසලිංගම් විසිනි.

K. Konesalingam  
J. S. C. A.

## මා ගිය ගමනක්

මමගේ මගේ යහලුවන් නිවාඩු දවස්වල පෙරහර බැලීමට යන්නට සිතාගන්නා. එක දුරේද දවසක පොසින්ට් ජේදුරුවේ සිට බස් එකක් කොසියාමම් බලා ගියා. එහැනදී අපි දෙවෙනි පන්තියේ විකට් අරනෙත කෝට්ටිය ආවට, කෝට්ටියට නැග්කා. කෝට්ටියේ සෙනෙ පිරිලා සිටියා. ඒ නිසා අපට කෑම කාලා තිදුගන්න බැවිවුනා. ඒ නිසා අපි කනා කර කර ගියා. කරුනෑ ගලට යන කොට වෙලාව එක වුනා. පොලීන්හවෙලදී අපි බැහැලා මහනුවර කෝට්ටිය ගත්තා. මහනෑර දුම්රිය පොලට අපේ මාමා කාර් එකක් ඇත් සිටියා. අපි මහනුවර සුමානසක් විතර ගත කරා. පෙරහර නිවෙරන්ම බැලුවා. ජේරාදෙහියේ මලිවිත්තට්ටිය ගියා. හවනොයෙක් දේ බලා අපි මාමාගේ කාර් එකක් පොසින්ට් ජේදුරුව බලා පිටත්වුනා.

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යාපනයේ වාසයකරන්නේ වැඩිපුර දෙමලිය. මෙහි පස දුනා නිසරුයි. නල් ගස සෑම තැනම වාගේ දකින්නට ලැබේ. මේ පදේගයේ වරුණාම හිත නිසා විසාල වාතාන්තර දකින්නට නොලැබේ.

යාපනයේ වසය කරන්නේ වැඩිපුරම කොටිනෑනෙන් ජීවත් වෙති මවුහු විනෝතිනෑන් කීවීම, අතර තක්කාලි, වම්බවු ආදී එලවලුන් වඩනි කුඹුරුවලට වතුර ලබා ගන්නේ ලිංචිලිත්තය. අවතිවාසය කරන්නො බොහෝ උත්සාහයෙන් කටයුතු කරනවා. වතුර හිඟ නිසා ඔවුන්ගේ ගොවිතැන්වලට වතුර ලිංචිලිත් ආදී දැමුන්ට විනිවෙනවා. විසලි දේගනුණයන්, නිසරු පසත් මෙහි වාසය කරන්නන්ට දුනාම ලොකු අවහිරයක් වෙලා නිවෙනවා. එහිසා දැන් දැන් බොහෝ දෙනා යාපනය අත්හැර ලංකාවේ වෙන පලාත්වලට, රක්ෂා ගොයාගෙන යන්නේය.

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N. Kandasamy  
FORM III A

## UNIVERSITY NEWS

(From Our University Correspondent)

### Examination Results—Final Qualifying Examination.

1. C. Ratnavel—B.Sc. Special Science—Maths.
2. K. Mahalingam—B.Sc. General Science.
3. S. Kanagasooriam—B.Sc. „ „
4. S. Ganesan—B.Sc. „ „
5. K. Thevarajah—B.A. General Arts.
6. V. Thangarajah—B.A. Special Arts—Tamil.
7. N. Sivasambu—B.A. (Hons.) Philosophy—Second Class.
8. S. Pancharatnam—B.Sc. (Agriculture).
9. K. Kathirgamanathan—B.A. Special Arts—Economics.

B.Sc. Engineering—J. Paramadas.

### Medicine (Final)

K. Thangarajah	M. Rajaratnam
V. Karunanathan	S. Mahesan

### General Qualifying Science and Arts

Miss. K. Velmurugu	Miss. P. Krishnapillai
K. Vignarajah	Miss. P. Muttusamy
S. M. Sarma	P. Vettivetpillai

### Sports and Other Activities

Colours :

K. Krishnasamy (Football)	A. Navaratnam (Volleyball)
C. Ratnavel (Volleyball) Captain	B. J. Paramadas (Football)

### Debating Teams—English

V. Vamadeva Leader of the Debating Team (Peradeniya)  
K. Vignarajah Leader of the Debating Team (Colombo)

### Tamil

T. Sivapathasundaram Member of Debating Team (Colombo).



## Sports Section

### REPORT OF THE PREFECT OF GAMES

We are happy to record that we have had yet another successful year of Sports activity. Our Representative Teams have fared satisfactorily and our long-term plan of starting with the younger boys is just bearing fruit.

#### Cricket

Mr. J. C. Kumaradas was entrusted with the First Eleven. As usual there was no colours man in the side. V. Eswaradevan was elected captain. We had an array of bowlers but not a single dependable batsman. Our First match was with Victoria College on our grounds which we won by an innings and 39 runs. We won the toss, and batting first totalled 208 runs. A feature of the innings was the batting of Eswaradevan who drove and hooked powerfully to score 71 runs. Our visitors went in to bat and from the start they went for the runs. But wickets fell quickly and at one stage the score was 68 for 7. But the later batsmen retrieved the position and they went on to total 126. Following on, they were dismissed for 43 runs mainly due to the splendid bowling of K. Balakrishnan who took six wickets for 12 runs. In this match we had one serious casualty. Duraiappah, one of our opening bowlers, while running for a catch, crashed into the wall and sustained a fracture of the collar bone. He had to keep out of games for the rest of the year.

Our next match was with Skanda Varodaya College, again on our home grounds. Batting first, we were all out for 132 runs, the highest scorer being P. Ramachandran who was more a bowler than a batsman. The batting of our team was disappointing and the scores came from unexpected quarters. Skanda Varodaya went in to bat and were soon in trouble against the bowling of left-handers, S. Arumugasamy, who eventually took five wickets for 27 runs. They were all out for 60 runs. Hartley batting a second time did not fare much better, having at one stage 45 runs for 5 wickets. We declared with 80 runs for 6 wickets. But for K. Sivalingam's determined knock of 39 runs we would have been in serious trouble. Our visitors had to score 152 runs in even time but they were all out for 78 leaving us victorious by 74 runs. Several bowlers shared the wickets.

The following week we played Jaffna Central College at Jaffna. We put up a very poor show and we were beaten by an innings and 115 runs. The Centralites, batting first, rattled up the formidable total of 257 runs for 9 wickets towards which the opening batsman Selvaratnam contributed a century. Our bowling and fielding were on the spot to begin with but cracked up towards the later stages, too many gifts being presented to the batsmen. The Centralites batted with aggression and were always on the look out for runs, the only restrained batsman was the centurion. We collapsed for 66 runs and 76 runs in the two innings. Premachandra, the Central Captain, bowled unchanged from one end throughout the two innings and had a total of 12 wickets. Only V. Subramaniam of our batsmen, was able to face the bowling with any degree of confidence. He remained unbeaten with 31 runs in the second innings.

Our next fixture was with St. Henry's College at home. They were reputed to have an excellent bowling side. They won the toss and batted first. Xavier, one of the opening batsmen, started in cavalier fashion attacking the bowling from the first over. He scored 45 runs and thanks to him St. Henry's totalled 122. Our boys went in to bat and things were going quite smoothly and at one stage the score board read 110 runs for four wickets. At this stage the St. Henry's Rector arrived and the game took a sudden turn. Within a few minutes the whole side was out for a total of 124. We thus had a slender lead of 2 runs. In their second innings our visitors did not have the same luck and they were bundled out for 42 runs. V. Subramaniam bowled well to capture 5 wickets for 14 runs. Having 41 runs to make, we did so for the loss of one wicket.

On the Saturday following, we met Jaffna Hindu College at Vannarponnai, a game to which all of us looked forward. Their 'payasam' is unrivalled. They had one of the best teams in Jaffna and we had a most exciting match with them. Hindu College batting first were given a fair start by their opening batsman who put on 30 runs. But three splendid catches swung the game in our favour. Hindu College which made very high scores with other schools were all out for 132. Our bowling and fielding left nothing to be desired though a couple of catches were dropped in the slips by specialists. P. Ramachandran who was brought in rather late got three quick wickets with his off spinners. Hartley, batting next, topped the Hindu College total by 20 runs, thanks to a breezy innings of 38 runs by Sanmuganathan and a solid knock of 32 runs by the captain Eswaradevan. In the second innings our hosts did not fare any better. They declared with 116 runs with

8 wickets. Shanmuganathan bowled extremely well. He mesmerised the batsmen and his figures of 4 wickets for 35 runs give no true indication of his excellent bowling. Ramachandran also bowled well to get three wickets. Hartley had to make 97 runs in 40 minutes and we went for the runs with disastrous results. Wickets tumbled one after the other and we finally made 57 for 7 wickets, the match being drawn.

Our last match was with Jaffna College and this was the only two-day game. Jaffna College batted first and piled up the huge total of 310 runs, Ganeshan Raju scoring his second century against Hartley. In this game we had the mortification of seeing catch after catch being dropped, often by reliable fieldsmen. Arumugasamy took five wickets for 76 runs and Subramaniam four for 56 runs. We were able to make only 80 runs in the first innings and 124 in the second. V. Eswaradevan was the highest scorer with 35 runs.

We have fared quite well considering the fact that we had our best team for the first match only. Duraiappah had to be withdrawn after the first match and K. Balakrishnaa and M. Thavalingam did not play in the last three games. We missed K. Balakrishnan in particular, who besides being a fair batsman was our stock bowler. The two most successful batsmen were V. Eswaradevan and K. Sivalingam. The latter was our Number 1 batsman and he had the ideal temperament for the purpose. V. Subramaniam and S. Arumugasamy were both left hand bowlers and both had more than 25 wickets for the season. In P. Ramachandran we had an excellent off spin bowler who spoilt his bowling by trying leg-breaks too frequently. All the others did pull their weight and we trust that they will make their mark next year.

The Second Eleven matches were played early in the second term. Mr. W. R. Aruliah was in charge. Of the four matches played, we won two, drew one and lost one. Detailed scores are given elsewhere. In these games a number of youngsters showed up well. Douglas Rajanayagam was the captain of the Second Eleven and he was the highest scorer, making a half-century against Stanley Government College. In D. R. Arumainayagam we have a dashing batsman who is bound to do well in the years to come. S. Jegathasan is a stylist; his drives of the backfoot must be seen to be believed. R. Ratnagopal was the most successful bowler. He took over 30 wickets in 7 innings. In fact whenever he was brought on he would oblige by taking a wicket. He is also more than a useful batsman. S. Ratnasingam was another bowler who impressed.

## Athletics

In athletics we continue to maintain a high standard. This year we tried out a new experiment with good results. To get as many as possible to take part, we organised the Group Meet on different lines from the past. One hundred boys from each House had to take part and each boy had to take part in a sprint (100 yards), a jump (high jump) and a throw (Cricket Ball) There were minima for each event for the different age groups and a boy who reached the required minimum scored a point for his House. Thus if a boy qualified in all three events he would secure three points and any House could score a maximum of 300 points. The result of the Meet was as follows :—

Abraham House	206 points
Kanapathipillai House	184 points
Paulpillai House	154 points
Sherrard House	183 points
Thamotheram House	156 points

The Annual Inter-House Meet was held on Saturday the 2nd of July with Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Cumaraswamy as our chief guests. What with the 2nd Eleven cricket matches coming into the second term and the group meet taking longer time than anticipated, the athletes did not have much time for training. Yet the standard of the meet was very high and as many as seven ground records were broken. S. Panchalingam's 13 year old high jump record of 5' 5½" was broken by N. Sathiamoorthy who cleared 5' 6½"; and for this achievement he was awarded the D. N. Chinniah Memorial Cup for the best performance of the meet. He also broke the pole vault record clearing 9' 5¼". S. Chinniah lowered his own record in the 120 yards hurdles to 17.4 secs., but he has done very much better times on other grounds. Twice he has come within .1 second of our 100 yards ground record of 10.9 secs. We hope that he will improve on this time next year.

Abraham House became the Athletic champions for the fourth year in succession with 291 points. Once again they secured the double when they won the relay championship.

The ranking of Houses was as follows :—

1. Abraham House	291 points
2. Kanapathipillai House	265 ..
3. Sherrard House	240 ..
4. Paulpillai House	226 ..
5. Thamotheram House	198 ..

The following were the awards :

Champion Athletes

Seniors : S. Chinniah (A) 20 points  
Intermediates : S Rajalingam (K) 20 points  
Juniors : T. Jegathanan (P) 13 points  
Infants ; S. Balasothy (S) 9 points.

Challenge Cups

Seniors 100 yards : Cup presented by Mr. N. Nadarajah  
S. Chinniah (A)  
Seniors 220 yards : Cup presented by Mr. K. Vinasithamby  
S. Chinniah (A)  
Seniors 440 yards : Cup presented by Mr. S. Panchalingam  
S. Srikanda (P)  
Seniors Pole vault : Cup presented by Mr. P. Suntharalingam  
N. Sathiamoorthy (T)

Best performance of the meet :

D. N. Chinniah Memorial Cup presented  
by Mr. C. Balasingam  
N. Sathiamoorthy (T) High Jump.

Intermediate Track Events :

Cup presented by Mr. K. Gunaratnam  
S. Sivayoganathan (A) 80 yards Hurdles

Intermediate Field Events :

Cup presented by Messrs. Diana & Co.  
S. Rajalingam (K) Long Jump

Inter-School Athletic Meet organised by the V. T. A. was held from the 13th to the 16th of July. We entered quite a large number of athletes but we did not fare too well. Though there were only three events in which we did not get a single place, our performance was far from satisfactory.

The Northern Athletic Group II Meet was held on the 29th and 30th of July at Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai. Once again our boys did well. We did well to win both the Senior Relays. In the 4 x 440 yds. Relay, we returned the very good time of 3 minutes 51.8 seconds. We had two Group Records to our credit. S. Chinniah lowered his own record in the 120 yards Hurdles to

16.7 seconds. N. Sathiamoorthy shared the High Jump Record of 5' 6" with another. They both cleared the same height but Sathiamoorthy was placed second on knocks. S. Chinniah won only three events and N. Sathiamoorthy came second in the three events. The following got places :-

### Seniors

S. Chinniah 1st 100 yards, 1st 200 yards Hurdles, 1st Hop Step & Jump.

N. Sathiamoorthy 2nd High Jump, 2nd Pole Vault, 2nd 120 Yards Hurdles.

M. Balasubramaniam 2nd 880 Yards.

S. Arumugasamy 2nd Discus.

N. Subramaniam 3rd Discus.

4 x 110 yards Relay 1st Place Time 48.4 seconds.

4 x 440 yards Relay 1st Place Time 3 minutes 51.8 secs.

### Juniors

S. Rajalingam 3rd High Jump, 3rd 80 yards Hurdles.

S. Sivayoganathan 2nd 80 yards Hurdles.

We entered four Athletes for the Public Schools' Meet. S. Chinniah and N. Sathiamoorthy qualified for the finals in the 120 yards Hurdles and S. Rajalingam and S. Sivayoganathan came up to the finals in 80 yards Hurdles for Juniors. S. Chinniah was unfortunate not to be placed in the finals owing to a lapse on the part of the judges. We wish him better luck next year.

### Football

The third term is entirely devoted to Football and this is undoubtedly the most popular of games. Large crowds come to witness our Inter-School games. This year there were three teams. Mr. C. Ratnavelu was in charge of the 1st Eleven, Mr. K. Tharmaratnam of the 2nd Eleven and several persons helped in the coaching of the third team. The elections of Captains and Vice-Captains resulted as follows:-

	CAPTAIN	VICE-CAPTAIN
1st Eleven	A. Thambiah	Douglas Rajanayagam
2nd Eleven	S. Thiagalingam	V. Mahadevan
3rd Eleven	V. Kandasamy	C. Pathmasegaram

The first eleven played seven matches of which we won three, drew one and lost three. Though early in the term our team did not look impressive, towards the end they had knit themselves into a formidable combination. Our defence was quite strong as will be seen from the fact that no school scored more than two goals against us. In A. Thambiah (Centre Forward), Douglas Rajanayagam (Left-in) and S. Arumugasamy (Goalie) we had three outstanding players. Thambiah has experience of Club Football and is undeterred by opponents' rough play. Douglas is not so bold but he is a delightful player to watch. Both have comparatively weak shots. Otherwise they will rank with the best in any school. Arumugasamy, at goal, is most dependable. His asset is that he is always cool and collected whatever the situation be. He never lets a ball through which could have been saved. Space does not permit me to make mention about so many others, yet I must not pass without a word about A. S. Thanabalasingam. He played right-in and when he entered the team he was far from satisfactory but he improved with every match and his efforts in the St. John's match will always be remembered.

The Second Eleven had a very successful season. Of the nine matches played we won six, drew 2 and lost one. There wasn't a single weak link on the side. We had a couple of reserves who were as good as some of the regular players. In this team too three players stood out from the rest. S. Thiagalingam, the Captain at Centre-Half was a tower of strength. His heading was his forte and he fed his forwards well. V. Mahadevan, right-extreme, had sound football sense and though not a fast runner was quite quick with the ball. In certain matches he had the distinction of having special men detailed to mark him. N. Sathiamoorthy at goal, was quite dependable. Besides these three, two others deserve special mention for their powerful shots. They are E. Soosai Heronimus (right-in) and D. R. Arumainayagam (Centre-forward) and they scored frequently from long range, with beautiful shots. Both have plenty of faults but they will get over these in time. It was observed that the Second Eleven played well and badly in patches. In some games they played extremely well in one half and fell off completely in the other. This happened often and we could not discover a reason for this. But the most memorable match was with St. Antony's College, Kayts. They had a very powerful side and our boys played splendidly till the last minute and that was why we beat them 2-1.

The V. T. A. organised a Football Tournament for under-15 boys. We entered a team though we had absolutely no space for

practice. These boys showed great keenness and sometimes there were embarrassingly large numbers for practice. Of the four matches played, we won three and lost the last game against Sacred Heart College who eventually became champions. V. Vallipuram and N. Vettivelu played extremely well in all the matches. Both have excellent ball control and they are bound to do well when they come up.

There is no doubt that our Football standard has gone up. I can say without any exaggeration that every member of the three teams could use both his feet, trap and head well. The only difficulty was that some were on the slow side.

In conclusion, I must thank the coaches of the different teams for their willing help. Mr. S. Kadirgamathamby one of our Old Boys was good enough to referee all our matches. Refereeing as is well known, is a thankless job but he did this with great acceptance. We are deeply grateful to him and we trust that he will continue to help us.

#### Colours for 1955

Cricket	V. Eswaradevan	Athletics	N. Sathiamoorthy
	K. Balakrishnar		V. Balendra
	V. Subramaniam		M. Thavalingam
			A. Ponniah
Volley Ball	S. Manicavasagar		A. E. Singaratnam
Football	D. D. Rajanayagam		
	S. Arumugasamy		

P. AHAMPARAM,  
Prefect of Games.

#### RESULTS OF CRICKET MATCHES—(First XI)

1. Vs. Skantha Varodaya College, won by 74 runs.

Hartley College 132 (P. Ramachandran 27, K. Sivalingam 26, K. Balakrishnan 20, M. Thavalingam 20, A. Paramanathan 5 for 43) and 80 for 6 declared (K. Sivalingam 39, Paramanathan 3 for 28). Skantha Varodaya College 60 (S. Arumugasamy 5 for 27) and 78 (Shanmuganathan 19, Subramaniam 21, V. Subramaniam 3 for 11, S. Arumugasamy 3 for 20).



2. Vs. Jaffna Central College. lost by an innings and 115 runs. Central College 257 for 9 declared (Selvaratnam 102 not out, Sivasithamparam 40, Premachandra 22, S. Arumugasamy 3 for 64). Hartley College 66 (Premachandra 5 for 9) and 76 (V. Subramaniam 31 not out, Premachandra 7 for 23).
  3. Vs. Govt. Victoria College, won by an innings and 39 runs. Hartley College 208 (V. Easwaradevan 71, K. Balakrishnan 26, P. Ramachandran 25, V. Balendra 21, K. Mayarajah 6 for 72). Victoria College 126 (V. S. Moorthy 25, Vijayaratham 22) Ponnampalam 21, Mayarajah 20, V. Easwaradevan 3 for 30) and 43 (V. S. Moorthy 19, K. Balakrishnan 6 for 12, S. Arumugasamy 4 for 29).
  4. Vs. Jaffna Hindu College. Match drawn. Hartley College 152 (S. Shanmuganathan 38, V. Easwaradevan 32, A. Sithanathan 21, K. Sivalingam 21, Sivapathasundram 5 for 56) and 57 for 7 (Krishnasamy 4 for 40, Sivapathasundram 3 for 24). Hindu College 132 (Rajadevan 30, Amarasingham 23, Gunaratnam 22, S. Arumugasamy 3 for 38, P. Ramachandran 3 for 12 (and 116 for 8 declared (Rajaratnam 39, Amarasingham 20, Shanmuganathan 4 for 35, P. Ramachandran 3 for 25).
  5. Vs. St. Henry's College. Won by 9 wickets. Hartley College 124 (V. Easwaradevan 30, V. Subramaniam 24, K. Sivalingam 29, Segaram 3 for 11) and 46 for 1 declared (K. Sivalingam 17 not out, V. Subramaniam 18 not out). St. Henry's College 122 (Xavier 45, Frank 27, Subramaniam 4 for 25) and 42 (V. Subramaniam 5 for 14, S. Arumugasamy 3 for 18).
  6. Vs. Jaffna College. Lost by an innings and 106 runs. Jaffna College 310 (Ganeshan Raju 127, C. Nagendra 84, Pakiyaratnam 32, S. Arumugasamy 5 for 76, Subramaniam 4 for 56). Hartley College 80 (S. Arumugasamy 18, Perinpanayagam 3 for 14, Ganeshan Raju 4 for 25) and 124 (V. Easwaradevan 35, Subramaniam 28, Perinpanayagam 4 for 39, Ganeshan Raju 4 for 57).
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**RESULTS OF CRICKET MATCHES—(Second XI)**

1. Vs. St. John's College. Lost by an innings and 84 runs.  
St. John's College 216 (Vijayarajah 59, Thiyagarajah 27, Paramalingam 60, Vinayagalingam 29, Ratnagobal 4 for 41, Ratnasingam 3 for 34). Hartley College 62 (Rajaratnam 4 for 16 and 70 (Jegathasan 29, D. R. Arumainayagam 15. Rajaratnam 6 for 7).
2. Vs. American Mission College. Won by an innings and 53 runs.  
Hartley College 117 (Arumainayagam 34, Rajanayagam 33, Selvachandrajah 5 for 36). Udupiddy American Mission College 23 (Ratnagobal 7 for 9, Jegathasan 3 for 15) and 41 Sivaramalingam 22 not out, Ratnagobal 6 for 18, Ratnasingam 4 for 13).
3. Vs. Jaffna College. Match drawn.  
Hartley College 115 (Ratnagobal 44 not out, Arumainayagam 28, Rajendra 5 for 33, Rajamohan 3 for 20) and 64 for 6 (Jegathasan 19, Rajamohan 5 for 15). Jaffna College 94 (Vijayanathan 42, Ratnagobal 8 for 30) and 89 (Karunathan 32, Jegathasan 7 for 20).

**BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES**

**BATTING**

	Innings	Not out	Total	Highest score	Average
V. Eswaradevan	10	0	218	71	21.8
K. Sivalingam	11	1	170	39	17.0
V. Subramaniam	11	2	143	31	17.0
S. Arumugasamy	9	5	51	18	17.0
K. Balakrishnan	5	0	60	26	12.0
P. Ramachandran	10	1	93	27	10.3
M. Thavalingam	4	0	20	39	9.8
S. Selvaratnam	7	2	32	09	6.4
H. Thajudeen	6	0	37	11	6.2
S. Balendran	8	0	49	19	6.1
K. Wickremachandran	10	0	50	13	5.0
V. Balendran	8	0	36	21	4.5



*Athletic Team - 1955*



*Football - First Team 1955*



*Football - Second Team - 1955*



*Football - Third Team - 1955*



*Inter - Class Cricket Champions*



*Inter - Class Football Champions - Seniors*



*Inter - Class Football Champions - Juniors*



*Inter - House Football Champions - Juniors*

### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
V. Subramaniam	73.5	17	233	25	9.3
K. Balakrishnan	55.5	22	123	13	9.5
M. Thavalingam	10	1	39	4	9.8
S. Arumugasamy	120	21	367	28	13.1
P. Ramachandran	41.1	6	170	9	18.9
V. Eswaradevan	27	0	121	6	20.2
S. Selvaratnam	6	0	24	1	24.0

### RESULTS OF INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL MATCHES

#### First Eleven

vs. American Mission College	Home	won	1—0
vs. Sacred Heart College	„	won	5—0
vs. St. Henry's College	„	lost	1—0
vs. Chithambara College	Away	drawn	0—0
vs. Jaffna College	„	lost	2—1
vs. St. John's College	Home	lost	2—0
vs. Jaffna Central College	Away	won	1—0

#### Second Eleven

vs. American Mission College	Home	won	6—0
vs. Sacred Heart College	Home	won	5—0
vs. St. Henry's College	Home	lost	2—1
vs. Chithambara College	Away	won	5—0
vs. Jaffna College	Away	drawn	3—3
vs. St. Anthony's College, Kayts	Home	won	2—1
vs. St. John's College	Home	drawn	1—1
vs. Jaffna Central College	Away	drawn	0—0
vs. Vigneshwara College	Home	won	6—1

#### Third Eleven

vs. American Mission College	Away	won	4—0
vs. Vigneshwara College	Away	won	3—0
vs. Sacred Heart College	Home	lost	2—1
vs. Chithambara College	Away	won	1—0

### RESULTS OF VOLLEYBALL MATCHES

vs. Vada Central	Away	lost	4—1
vs. American Mission College	Home	„	5—0
vs. Vigneshwara College	Away	„	4—1
vs. Chithambara College	Home	„	5—0
vs. Sacred Heart College	Home	„	5—0
vs. Puloly Hindu College	Away	„	3—2

# INTER-HOUSE ATHLETIC MEET--1955

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

EVENTS	SENIORS	INTERMEDIATES	JUNIORS	INFANTS
High Jump	1. N. Sathiamoorthy 2. A. E. Singaratnam 3. S. Thiyaalingam Height 5' 6 <sup>3/4</sup> *	1. S. Rajalingam 2. V. Kandasamy 3. R. Sivamathan	1. C. Skandarayan 2. S. Gnanendran 3. R. Balasubramaniam A	S S A
Long Jump	1. S. Chinniah 2. S. Sriskanda 3. A. E. Singaratnam	1. S. Rajalingam 2. S. Thayumanawar 3. A. S. Thirugnasambanthar S	1. K. Rajalingam 2. T. Jegatheesan 3. R. Balasubramaniam A	P P A
Pole Vault	1. N. Sathiamoorthy 2. S. Thiyaalingam 3. R. Chandrasegaram	1. S. Rajalingam 2. M. V. Chummylum 3. K. Siv. Rajalingam		1. S. Balasothy 2. G. R. Selvarayan 3. M. Nadarajasundaram A
Putting the Weight	1. M. Balasubramaniam S 2. M. Thavalingsam K 3. C. Surveswaran T			<b>Three Legged Race</b> 1. V. Chellian P. Balasubramaniam } P 2. P. Elango G. R. Selvarajan } K 3. V. Kumananthan G. Thavanathan } S
Discus Throw	1. S. Arumugasamy K 2. V. Balendra A 3. M. Balasubramaniam S	1. M. Yogasundaram P 2. V. Kandasamy S 3. V. Nadarajah K		
Hop Step & Jump	1. S. Sathiamoorthy T 2. S. Sriskanda P 3. A. E. Singaratnam K	1. S. Rajalingam K 2. S. Thayumanawar K 3. V. Nadarajah K		<b>50 Yards</b> 1. S. Balasothy S 2. G. R. Selvarayan K 3. N. Kumananthan S
100 yards	1. S. Chinniah A 2. V. Balendra A 3. S. Ulaganathapillai K	1. C. Pathmasagar T 2. A. S. Thirugnasambanthar S 3. M. Nadarajah K	1. T. Jegatheesan P 2. K. Rajalingam P 3. A. R. Jeyarajah K	



EVENTS	SENIORS	INTERMEDIATES	JUNIORS	INFANTS
220 yards	1. S. Chinniah 2. S. Srisakanda 3. V. Balendra	A P A	1. T. Jegatheesan 2. K. Radalingam 3. V. Shanmugalingam	P P A
440 yards	1. S. Srisakanda 2. M. Balasubramaniam 3. V. Balendra	P S A	1. S. Sivayoganathan 2. C. Pathmasagarani 3. S. Mylvakanan	75 Yards 1. S. Balasothy 2. V. Kunanathan 3. K. Navaratnam
Half Mile	1. M. Balasubramaniam 2. A. Ponniah 3. L. S. Gopudatnam	S A P		
Mile	1. A. Ponniah 2. S. Arumugasamy 3. K. Gumaratnam Time 5 Min. 18.8 Secs.*	A K T K		
120 yards Hurdles	1. S. Chinniah 2. N. Sathiamoorthy 3. R. Rajasearam Time 17.4 Secs.*	A T P		
80 yards Hurdles		1. S. Sivayoganathan 2. V. Kandasamy 3. A. S. Thirugnasampin- thar S.		
4 x 110 yds Relay	1. Abraham 2. Kanapathipillai 3. Paulpilla 4. Theodoram Time 50.5 Secs.*	1. Kanapathipillai 2. Abraham 3. Sherrard	1. Paulpilla 2. Abraham 3. Sherrard 4. Kanapathipillai	

EVENTS	SENIORS	INTERMEDIATES.	JUNIORS	INFANTS
4 x 440 yds. Relay	1. Abraham 2. Paulpillai 3. Kanapathipillai 4. Sherrard			
Javelin Throw	1. M. Thavalingam 2. S. Arumugasamy 3. V. Subramaniam Distance 139' 0" *	Officials & Visitors Race 1. Miss. K. Selvadurai Mr V. Naganathan } 2. Mrs. Anton Pereira Mr. Edwin Rajah }		
March Past	1. Thamotheram 2. Paulpillai 3. Abraham 4. Thamotheram			

\* Indicates New Ground Record.

## COLOURSMEN OF THE YEAR 1955

The standard of sport at Hartley is definitely rising year by year. This can be seen from the fact that the number of colour-winners in the various fields of sport has been steadily increasing. In the past we had only one or two outstanding sportsmen who qualified for the colours. Now competition is very keen and more and more of our sportsmen are able to qualify for colours. I think in a few years time it will be necessary to raise the standard to be reached for winning colours. Here is a pen-picture of our colourwinners for the year 1955 :

**V. Balendra:** More popular as Walcott (the West Indian cricketer) because of his complexion and height. Possesses a physique and has long strides. Thinks he is a Mal Whitfield or an Arthur Wint, but unfortunately he lacks their stamina and willpower. He often scratches from certain items if he finds his rivals too strong. Prefers to be a spectator rather than to be a competitor in an Athletic Meet. He did well as a sprinter in the Juniors and is the holder of the ground record for the Junior 200 yds. He represented the School at the Public Schools' Meet twice. Has too many distractions even while training. Could do better if he is a bit more regular at practice and keeps fit.

**M. Thavalingam:** Friends call him P. J. B. He was awarded the athletic colours for breaking the ground record in the Javeline event. He concentrates on this item but sometimes over-trains himself and failed to obtain a place at the Group II Meet. He needs a lot of exercises and also an expert at coaching and he thinks there is no one here who is capable of coaching him in throwing the Javeline.

**A. Ponniah:** Our Bannister. He trains well for his items and holds the ground record for the Mlle. A determined Athlete and has very good stamina. Is inclined to eat too much especially on Meet days. Sings well. Very popular among his friends and is known as 'Ambulimama Dixon'.

**A. E. Singaratnam:** A good high-jumper who has perfected the 'western roll'. Has a very poor physique and should do more exercises. He professes to know all about High Jump. He trains assiduously. He comes from a family of High Jumpers. Is interested in all games but he has not hit the headlines there.

**N. Sathiamoorthy:** 'Sathiam' in short. High Jump is his favourite item. He broke the sixteen year old record in High Jump and won the most coveted D. N. Chinniah Memorial Challenge Cup. He also holds the ground record for Pole Vault

and is a good hurdler as well. He trains very hard. He represented the college at the Public Schools' Meet in High Jump and Hurdles. A very likeable youngster who will carry out piously whatever he is told.

**V. Eswaradevan:** Winner of the colours in cricket. He captained the college Cricket Team and takes a keen interest in the game. Though a good bowler takes to bowling very occasionally for fear of being hit. Has a tendency to duck for bumpers. Played well for the season. He must build up his physique and stamina. Better known as 'Easy'.

**K. Balakrishnan:** An Old Tyson. He thinks he is a speed merchant, but due to lack of stamina he bowls medium pace. He often grumbles whenever a ball is misfielded. He has an eye on his average all the time. Takes a good interest in the game, but has too many ambitions. He talks a lot about cricket and thinks he is a master of the game. It is high time he put his words into action.

**T. Subramaniam:** A natural cricketer, the only all-rounder of his team. He played a marvellous innings against Central College. Occasionally bowls bumpers. A safe slip-fielder. He appeals very rarely for a catch or L.B.W. He takes things calmly. Rather shy. Could do even better if he is a bit more regular at practice.

**D. D. Rajanayagam:** He won his football colours. He plays for the second year and is also the vice-captain of the soccer team. Plays left-in and dribbles prettily, but some times too much and has a weak finish. He uses both his feet well and is a good player to watch.

**S. Arumugasamy:** 'Asamy' is his nickname. The most popular sportsman at college. He is our goalie. Has a very good eye. Was the hero of many matches. Has a greater liking for cricket than for football and is also a good athlete. Is inclined to take everything lightly.

**K. Manicavasagar:** Our only colour winner in Volleyball for the year. Incidentally, he is also the only spiker of the college Volleyball team and exhibited some marvellous shots in the matches against Vada Central and Puloly Boys. He is a keen promoter of Volleyball in his own village. Better known as 'Pandit' at college.

## *House Reports*

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### ABRAHAM HOUSE

The year under review has been a very successful one, our performance on the whole being well up to the mark.

I am very glad to say that at the Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet we became Champions for the fourth year in succession. We secured the Championship "double" when we carried away the S. A. Rasaratnam Challenge Cup presented by the Staff for the relay events. S. Chinniah won the Senior Championship, while our Senior relay quartette smashed the 4 x 110 yards relay record. We did well at the Sports Meet organised by the Vadamaradchy Teachers' Association. At the Northern Province Group II Meet, S. Chinniah won all his three events besides creating a new Group record in the 120 yards hurdles event. N. Subramaniam won the third place in the Discus Throw and S. Sivayoganathan came second in the Junior 80 yards Hurdles event. V. Balendra and S. Thiagalingam need special mention. At the All-Ceylon Public Schools Meet S. Chinniah and S. Sivayoganathan qualified to run in the finals of the 120 yards and 80 yards hurdles respectively.

Our performance in both Senior and Junior Football matches was quite satisfactory. We shared the Senior championship with Sherrard and Kanapathippillai Houses and were runners-up in the Juniors. D. D. Rajanayagam, vice-captain of the College First Eleven, S. Thiagalingam, captain of the Second Eleven and V. Mahadevan, vice-captain of the same hail from our House. These three "heads" caught the eyes of all the spectators in all the matches.

In addition, our House is well represented in the College Cricket Teams. D. D. Rajanayagam, V. Subramaniam, S. Jegathason, D. R. Arumainayagam and S. Thiagalingam are members of the College Cricket Elevens. Besides this, D. D. Rajanayagam efficiently captains the College Second Eleven Cricket Team. Many of our members have found places in the College Cricket, Football and Athletic Teams.

During the middle of this year we bade 'Au revoir' to Mr. W. N. S. Samuel, one of our enthusiastic House masters who left us to follow the Diploma Course at the University of Ceylon. We wish him all success at the University.

This year we welcomed to our midst Mr. W. R. Aruliah. We wish him a long and happy stay with us. Our thanks are due to our House Master Mr. R. R. Blanchard, for his able guidance and encouragement. My sincere thanks are also due to the other House Masters, House Mistresses and all the members of the House for their enthusiasm, willing co-operation and valuable help they have rendered.

“Let Abraham shine for ever”.

S. CHINNIAM,  
House Captain.



### KANAPATHIPPILLAI HOUSE

I have great pleasure in reviewing the activities of our House during the year. The year 1955 has been far more satisfactory than the previous years. We made vast improvements in all fields of activities.

In the field of Athletics, though we failed to win the championship by a few points, we fought to the very last in the true spirit. Our congratulations are due to M. Thavalingam for creating a new record in Throwing the Javelin in the Inter-House Athletic Meet and S. Arumugasamy for securing a place in the Discus event at the Northern Group II Meet. Special mention must be made of S. Rajalingam who won the Intermediate championship at the Inter-House Athletic Meet. He won places in High Jump and Hurdles at the Northern Group II Meet and thereby qualified to enter for the All-Ceylon Public Schools Meet. We hope he will do still better in the years to come.

In the Inter-House Senior Football matches we became joint champions under the able leadership of Thavalingam. I wish to congratulate A. Thambiah on being elected as the captain of the College First Eleven Football team and A. S. Thanabalasingam on shooting the highest number of goals in the House matches as well as in the Inter-Collegiate matches. Five of the First Eleven Football team, three of the Volleyball and Cricket First Eleven teams are all 'blues'. Many of the members of the Second Eleven Football and Cricket teams are from our House. We have two good "All-Rounders" namely Thavalingam and Arumugasamy. It will not be an exaggeration if we were to say that they are the

mainstay of our College Football, Athletics, Cricket and Volleyball Teams. We congratulate Thavalingam and A. E. Singaratnam on winning the Football colours and K. Manicavasagar on winning the Volleyball colours.

In the field of studies our achievement has been satisfactory. Special mention must be made of N. Mahalingam who won a place at the Oratorical Contest conducted by the Senior Literary Association. Many of the principal office-bearers of various Societies are from our House.

We have great pleasure in welcoming Mr. C. Ratnavel who is a good sportsman and won the Volleyball colours at the University of Ceylon. I hope under his able guidance we will do better in Sports in the future.

I have great pleasure in thanking all the Office-bearers, House Masters and House Mistresses for their willing co-operation and loyal support. Before I conclude, let me congratulate Abraham House on securing the first place in the Inter-House Athletic Meet.

K. T. BALENDRAN,  
Hony. Secy.



## PAULPILLAI HOUSE

It is with great pleasure that I review the activities of our House during the current year. In spite of the fact that our performance in Athletics was not up to expectations, we are proud of the brilliant performance of our Juniors in Football.

At the Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet our athletes did their best. We were placed fourth in the final ranking of Houses. In Football, our Juniors carried away the Championship Cup after a hard fight with Abraham House. R. K. Rajalingam and T. Jegatheesan, our Juniors, did extremely well in the Inter-House Meet. The former carried away the Junior Championship Cup. Our congratulations to them.

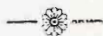
At the V. T. A. and the Northern Group II Meets, S. Srikantha and L. S. Gunaratnam of our House participated. Srikantha won the 440 yards at both the Meets with great ease.

Members of our House did very well in the field of studies. We are also glad to note that Mr. J. C. Kumaradas, one of our House Masters, has been appointed Executive Engineer and is now stationed at Norton Bridge. Our congratulations to him. During the year we bade not farewell but 'Au revoir' to Mr. W. W. Somaratne. Mr. Somaratne has been selected for the Diploma Course in Education at the Ceylon University. In his place we gladly welcomed to our midst Mr. S. Kandiah, B.Sc. We wish him a long and happy stay with us.

K. Kulasegaram and A. Narendra of our House secured the first and second places respectively in the Oratorical Contest (English) organised by the Hartley College Literary Association (Senior Section). Our heartiest congratulations to them.

In conclusion, I must thank Mr. A. M. Spencer, our Senior House-Master, for the enthusiastic and ungrudging part he has played in the activities of the House. Thanks are also due to the other House-Masters, House-Mistresses and other Members of the House for their willing co-operation.

A. SIVAPATHASUNDARAM,  
Hony. Secy.

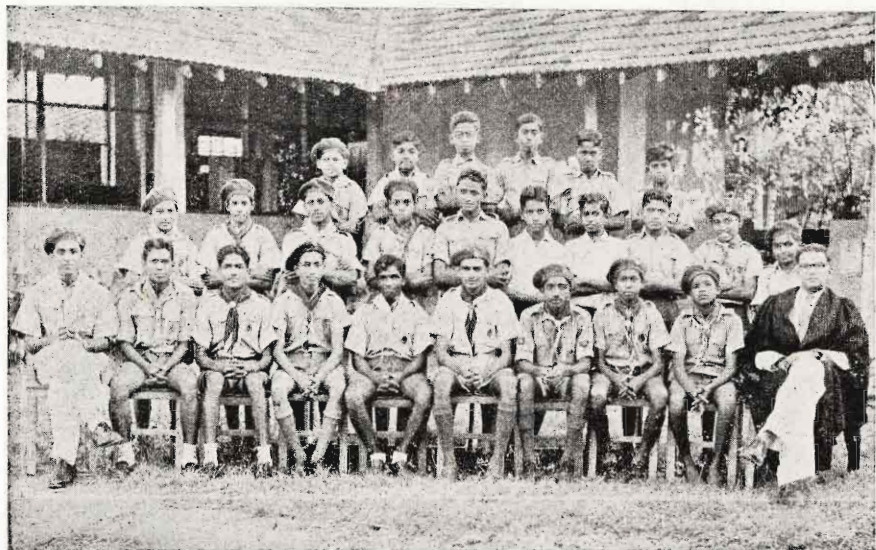


## SHERRARD HOUSE

The year under review has been a successful one for us. Though our achievements are in no way startling yet they show the remarkable progress we have made in various fields of activity.

In Athletics, we have shown tremendous improvement. We were placed third at the Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet. Our House has produced many new athletes of whom two—S. Balasothy and M. Balasubramaniam—shone brightly during the Sports Meet. S. Balasothy earned credit for our House by winning the Infant Championship Cup and securing many places at the V.T.A. Meet. M. Balasubramaniam won the cash prize offered by Miss P. J. Sherrard for the best performance in our House and due to his vigorous training and untiring efforts was able to secure first and second places at the V. T. A. and the Northern Group II Meets. Our congratulations to them. I am confident that our athletes would do much better in the future and revive our past glory.

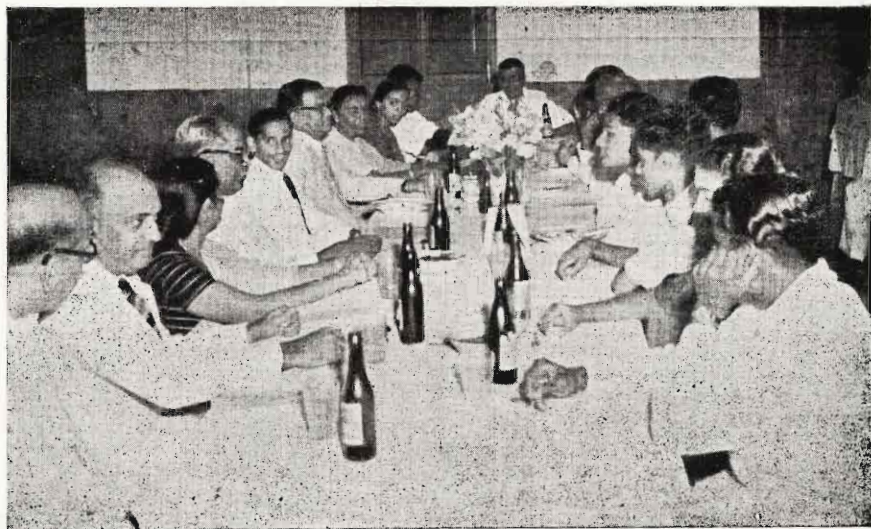




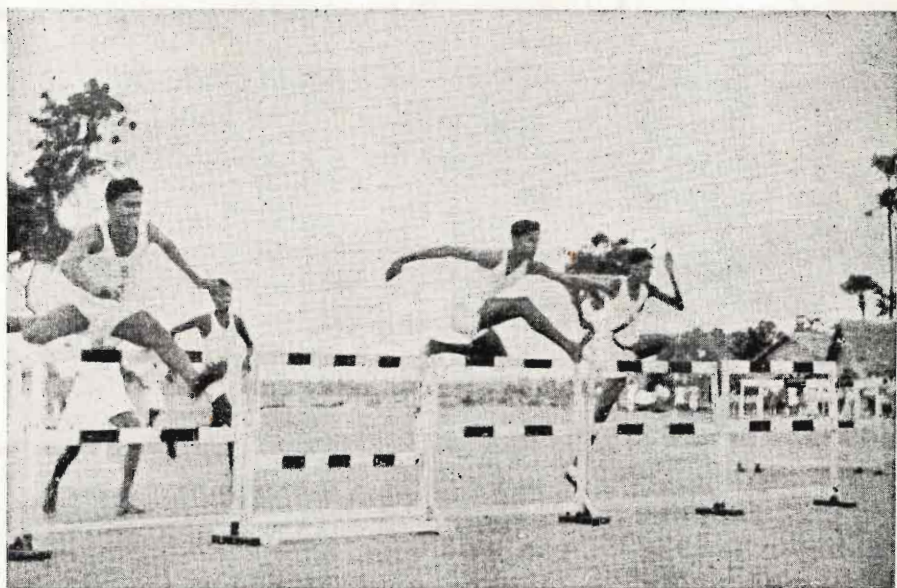
*Vth. Jaffna Scout Troop*



*Inter House Athletic Champions*



*H. S. C. Union Dinner*  
*Chief Guest: Mr S. U. Somasegaram*



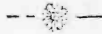
*Northern Athletic Group 11 Meet - 1955*  
*120 yds. Hurdles*  
First. S. Chinniah (Nearest Camera) 16. 7 secs.  
Second N. Sathiamoorthy (Second from Left.) Ground Record

In Football our performance was on the whole quite satisfactory. Our Senior Football team under the able captaincy of S. Santiapillai put up a gallant show in all the Inter-House matches and we became joint champions with Abraham and Kanapathippillai Houses. I am proud to say that many of our members played for the College First, Second and Third Eleven Teams. We were well represented in the College Athletic and Cricket teams too.

Our members have continued to maintain the traditions of our House by taking part in all activities of our College and some of them have held key-posts in the various Associations. In studies too our members are doing remarkably well.

It is with great pleasure that we welcomed to our midst Miss P. J. Sherrard and we thank for the help she rendered during the Sports Meet. Our thanks are also due to the House-Masters Messrs. S. V. Gunanayagam and S. P. Nadarajah for their able guidance and encouragement. I would also like to add a word of thanks to S. Ganeson, our former captain, for his invaluable help. Finally, I thank M. Tharmaratnam, our Athletic Captain, and T. Pararajasingam, our Treasurer, and all the members of the House for their whole-hearted co-operation.

K. KUNABALASINGAM,  
House Captain.



### THAMOTHERAM HOUSE

This year too, though we did not have many Athletes, we fought to the last. We could not win many places but we did indeed give a good fight to the other Houses. Special mention must be made in this connection of N. Sathiamoorthy, who won for us most of our points. We also congratulate the other prize winners and thank the competitors who failed to win places for their contribution to the good fight we put up.

We very easily carried away the first place in the 'March Past' for the third time in succession. Our thanks are due to S. W. N. Duraiappah for his efficient leadership.

We were represented in the College Athletic teams which took part in the V.T.A. and the Northern Group II Meets and at the Public Schools Meet. I am happy to mention that some of

our members obtained places at these meets. Though our achievements are not many, we are consoled by the fact that we did our best inspite of the fact that we are only three years old.

Our activities were not confined to Athletics alone. Our members took an active interest in all the activities of the College. We are proud to state that the Head Prefect of our College hails from our House.

Our grateful thanks are due to Messrs. Sam Thambapillai and W. S. D. Mather, our House Masters, who have always been a source of encouragement to us. We also thank our Principal most profusely for all the help and guidance he has given us throughout the year. Our thanks are also due in a large measure to the other House Masters and Mistresses for their guidance and their hearty co-operation. We earnestly look forward to a period of success in the Athletic and other competitions in the years to come.

S. NANDAGOPAL,  
Vice-Captain.



## Associations

### H. S. C. UNION

It is my proud privilege to place on record an account of the activities of the Union for the current year. Meetings were held regularly in the form of debates, discussions and speeches and the year was marked by the keen interest shown by the members to maintain a high standard.

In the course of the year under review, Messrs. Pieter Keuneman and G. G. Ponnambalam, Q. C., spoke on the much discussed subject 'Language Issue' and Mr. V. Nalliah spoke on 'the Future of Tamils in Ceylon'. We had also the good fortune to listen to Prof. J. Karski of the United States of America who gave us a glimpse of the conditions behind the "Iron Curtain". Our most sincere thanks to them all. We celebrated the 'Valluvan Day' this year too. Pullavar Chelliah was the chief speaker. We extend our sincere thanks to him as well.

We rounded up our activities on the 5th of November when the second Annual Dinner was held with Mr. S. V. Somasegaram, Education Officer, (Northern Province) as the Chief Guest and Mr. V. M. Cumaraswamy, Police Magistrate, Point Pedro and Miss S. Charavanamuttu, Principal, Vada Hindu Girls' College as the other guest speakers. The guests included representatives from the H. S. C. Unions of Jaffna College, Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College, St. John's College, and St. Patrick's College. The Union takes this opportunity to extend its gratitude to all the guests who had readily responded to its invitation.

I thank the members of the Executive Committee and the Union for the unstinted co-operation in making the year a success. Our thanks are due to the Vice-Patron, Mr. A. M. Spencer, who has always been a source of immense help and encouragement to us.

T. VALLIPURAM,  
Hony. Secy.



### SENIOR LITERARY ASSOCIATION

It gives me great pleasure to record the activities of the Hartley College Senior Literary Association for the year 1955. Caring more for truth and less for sensation, I, without any hesitation, say at the very outset that nothing spectacular has happened in our Association in the course of the year. Yet I must confidently assert that there has been enough activity in our Association to prevent life from degenerating into a tiresome routine.

During the year, we had in all seventeen meetings, thirteen of them in English and four in Tamil. The main item in most of them was a debate. The following are some of the subjects we debated during the year :—

- I. Should Swabasha be the medium of Instruction in Ceylon?
- II. Can World War be avoided by the banning of Nuclear Weapons?
- III. Is Marriage possible if the dowry system is abolished?

I am glad to report that we have been able to maintain a high standard in our debates both in English and Tamil. Meetings of

the Senior Literary Association are usually marked by heated debate and fiery oratory. The Annual Oratorical Contest, both in English and Tamil, was held on the 14th of October 1955. The following were declared winners:-

English 1st Prize — K. Kulasegaram  
English 2nd Prize — A. Narendran  
Tamil 1st Prize — S. Perinbanayagam  
Tamil 2nd Prize — N. Mahalingam.

Our congratulations to them. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank the Judges Messrs. A. Sabaratnam, J. Edward and S. Sellathamby who kindly consented to judge the Contest. Our activities were wound up with our Annual Social. I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Staff and the other guests who responded to our invitation.

I do not have the heart to conclude this report without a few words being said about our young, vigorous and beloved Vice-Patron. He has always been a source of great encouragement to us and has helped us on many an occasion to iron out knotty problems. We thank him most sincerely for all his help. I also thank the Executive Committee and the members of the Association for all the help rendered to me in the execution of my duties.

P. SIVALINGAM,  
Hony. Secy.



### LITERARY ASSOCIATION—JUNIOR SECTION A

It is my privilege to submit a report of the work we had been doing during the last three terms. We had our meetings on Wednesdays—English and Tamil Meetings alternatively. The main items were usually prepared and impromptu speeches and debates. We had one for each week so as to enable all members to take part. We had 21 meetings in all, ten in Tamil and 11 in English. We had two debates the first in English. “English should be the medium of Instruction in our Schools”.

#### Proposition

J. C. P. Samuel  
S. Senthinathan  
Sri Ganeshadeva

#### Opposition

K. Nadarajasundaram  
K. Ratnasingam  
M. K. Arulpooranam

The other debate was in Tamil

“இக்காலப் பெண்களுக்கு உயர்தரக்கல்வி அவசியம்”  
வாதக்கட்சி எதிர்வாதக்கட்சி

தா. நடராசா

சி. பத்மநாதன்

ச. பாலசுப்பிரமணியம்

சு. கதிர்காமத்தம்பி

வ. நடராசா

த. சிதம்பரநாதம்

J. C. P. SAMUEL,  
Hony. Secy.

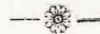


### LITERARY ASSOCIATION—JUNIOR SECTION B

It is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report of the year. I am proud to state that we have maintained a high standard in all our activities. Our meetings were held both in English and Tamil. The main items were speeches, debates and songs.

Before I conclude, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Vice-Patron, for the valuable help and guidance he had given us. I also wish to thank the members of the Association, and the Committee for their co-operation.

P. NAVARATNASINGAM,  
Hony. Secy.



### THE S. C. M.

It is with great pleasure that I submit the report of the College Christian Movement for the current year. The period under review has been one full of activities and I feel that we can look back with satisfaction on what has been achieved this year.

At the end of June our Vice-Patron, Mr. W. N. S. Samuel, left us to follow a Diploma Course at the University of Ceylon. We wish him all success at the University and feel sure that he will come back to us with his Diploma-in-Education. In his place we welcomed Mr. S. C. Rajasingam.

In spite of many distractions immediately after school, we were successful in having our weekly meetings on Tuesdays. The meetings took the form of prepared speeches and reading of passages from the Bible by our members. We also had the privilege of listening to the valuable talks given by Miss. Lee Vanniasingam, Rev. M. I. Newton and Messrs. Sam Thambapillai and D. K. Gasperson. Our thanks are due to them.

The morning worship in the Chapel on Thursdays has been regularly conducted by our members. The way-side pulpit had a new verse every fortnight and posters were written out by our members. We observed the week of Evangelism in July and many of our members attended the J. I. C. C. F. meeting held at Jaffna.

The All-Ceylon Methodist Youth Camp was held at the Peradeniya Training Colony from the 17th to the 22nd of August and seven of our members along with our Vice-Patron and a senior member attended it. The J. I. C. C. F. Camp was held at Hartley College in September and twenty of our members attended it. We took part in the united Carol Service held at Jaffna Town Hall on Wednesday the 23rd of November and we had our Carol service on Thursday the 15th of December when we had the privilege of listening to a talk given by Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles.

In conclusion, I thank the Patron and the Vice-Patron for all the valuable help and guidance they have given us. I also wish to thank the members of the committee and the members of the Association for their ungrudging and whole hearted support they had given me at all times in making the work of the Association a success.

S. R. DEVARAJAN,  
Hony. Secy.



## HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The year under review has been a very successful and eventful one. This was to a great extent due to the encouragement and guidance given by our Vice-Patron, Mr. S. P. Nadarajah, and the zeal with which the various office-bearers carried on the activities of the Association during the three terms.

We had our usual fortnightly meetings in spite of many other school activities. These meetings were mainly devoted to



to prepared speeches and discussions on subjects of historical interest. Besides these usual meetings special meetings were convened on certain occasions when distinguished speakers from outside were invited to address the members of the Association. We had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Robert Holmes of Jaffna College on the subject "The Negro in America" during the first term. We also had the opportunity of listening to our political leaders, Messrs. G. G. Ponnambalam, Q.C., M.P. for Jaffna and Pieter Keuneman, M.P. for Colombo Central on a controversial issue of current interest, namely the Language Problem in Ceylon.

It had for a long time been our ambition to have our own library and I am happy to state that this has now materialised. We have been presented with an almyrah by our Patron and some books have already been bought. This we trust will be the beginning of a History Room at Hartley. We are planning an excursion to places of historical interest in South India next year and we trust our parents will co-operate to make this venture a success.

Lastly let me wish all the members who left us at the end of the year the best of luck.

S. MURUGAVEL,  
Hony. Secy.



### DRAMATIC SOCIETY

It is with great pleasure that I present this short report of the activities of the Society for the year under review. At intervals we had readings of plays, both in English and Tamil. This was greatly appreciated by the members and it helped in the unconscious assimilation of dramatic literature of both the East and the West. This year we produced Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice". It exacted much energy, work, perseverance and time and the actors who took part gave their best. It reached a fair standard and was shown to the students only. The public show had to be put off due to many other activities of the College. The costumes were elaborately done and we now have a good stock for another Shakespeare's play.

At the end of the first two terms we had the term-end concerts. These concerts helped us to discover many a latent talent.

Our whole-hearted thanks are due to the President, Mr. Sam Thambapillai and in no smaller measure to our Principal for their guidance and valuable help rendered. I would be failing in my duty if I do not thank the actors who did their best and to the other members of the staff for their valuable criticism.

We wish our readers a bright and prosperous New Year.

E. RATNASABAPATHY,  
Hony. Secy.



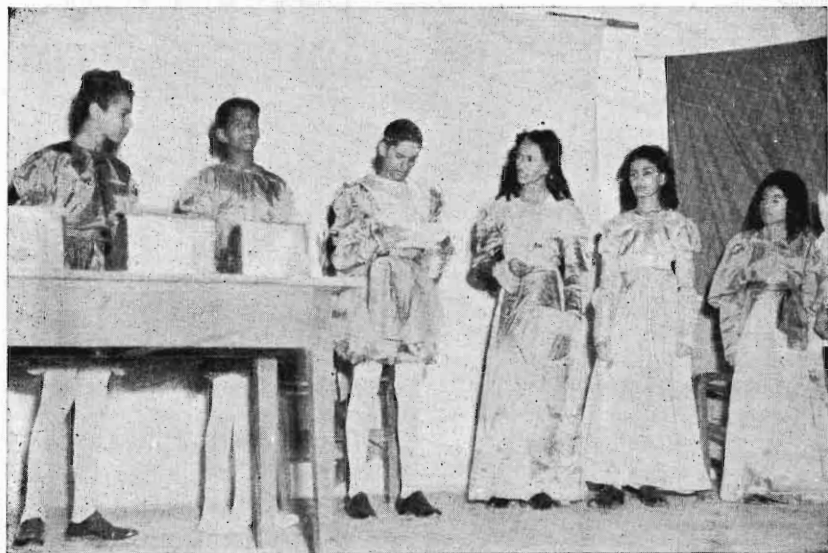
### PREFECTS' GUILD

The Prefects' Guild has completed nine years of useful service to the College. It has continued to take an ever-increasing share in the maintenance of discipline and has been discharging its duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. It must be mentioned that our burden is lightened to a considerable extent due to the co-operation of the students and the members of the Staff. On the whole, the Guild functioned satisfactorily. The training the Guild affords its members is invaluable.

The Prefects' Guild is responsible for the maintenance of general discipline and other routine work. It meets once a fortnight to discuss problems. At these meetings we discuss matters regarding general discipline and offer suggestions for improvements. We feel proud to say that most of our suggestions are highly valued by the College authorities. Discussions in our meetings are always of a confidential nature. In addition to these, combined meetings of the Prefects and Monitors are held once a month and at these meetings common problems are discussed. A prefect is in charge of one or more classes as may be assigned to him by the Head Prefect and is responsible for the maintenance of order and discipline in these classes.

In addition to these a prefect has to perform other duties, which are assigned to him weekly. He has to supervise the queue system near the water tubs and at the tuck shop. The students have realised the value of the queue system and so the prefects are not much troubled in this matter. We are happy to record that the First Aid Box is always full. The students are making the best use of it. For film shows too, the prefects with a batch of students make the necessary arrangements.

*Scenes from "The Merchant of Venice"*





We are provided with a well equipped room and we conduct our meetings there.

A number of our members left us during the year. G. Gunaseelan and V. Eswaranathan have gained admission to the University of Ceylon and our former Deputy Head Prefect K. Manicavasagar has joined the Clerical Service. S. S. Dawoodsha and N. Kulasingam left us after getting through the G. C. E. Examination. S. Ratnam too left us during the second term. This year we welcomed to our Guild A. E. Singaratnam, A. Mylvaganam, K. Sivagnanam and D. R. Arumainayagam.

In conclusion we extend our gratitude to our Principal, and our Co-Vice-Principals for their valuable help and guidance. A word of thanks is also due to all those who helped us as acting Prefects during the Examinations and Sports Meet.

We wish all our readers a bright and prosperous New Year.

K. R. GUNASEGARAM,  
Hony. Secy.



### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

I have great pleasure in presenting the report of the above Society for the year 1955. We are only twenty three in number and our membership is insufficient to obtain up-to-date equipment. Though we have now learnt quite well the art of printing and developing, we have not been able to attempt more special techniques. The prints turned out by the members were extremely good. I hope there will be some improvement in the activities of the Society in the new future.

I thank the President for his help in obtaining the equipment necessary for our dark room.

N. NAGANATHAN,  
Hony. Secy.



## Vth JAFFNA SCOUT TROOP

Our activities this year, though not very spectacular, have been quite satisfactory. The Patrols met regularly and I am happy to record another year of useful activity of the Troop.

Early in February, nine Scouts went on a cycle trip to Manakulam. They had a pleasant time and this gave them an opportunity for outdoor life and new experiences. Our grateful thanks are due to the Scout Master.

In June four of our Patrol leaders—M. Nadarajah, V. Mahadevan, E. Singaratnam, and S. Perinbanayagam attended the Patrol Leaders' Training Camp at Palaly and A. E. Singaratnam obtained the Ventures Badge. About this time we had to bid farewell to our Scout Master, Mr. W. W. Somaratne, who has been selected for the Diploma Course in Education at the University of Ceylon. In his place we welcomed Mr. W. R. Aruliah. Under his leadership we prepared in real earnest for the North Zone Rally which was held on our College grounds. We became runners-up for the Flag.

We took part in the annual Scouts Rally in the Old Park, Jaffna and our performance in the Contest was quite satisfactory.

I take this opportunity to thank our Scout Masters Messrs. W. W. Somaratne and W. R. Aruliah for their help and guidance. I also thank the Principal for his valuable assistance to the Movement. Finally my thanks are due to all the brother Scouts for their co-operation in all our activities.

A. E. SINGARATNAM,  
Group Leader.



## OUR CUB PACK

Our happy band of Cubs is divided into four Packs—Wolves, Foxes, Dogs and Cats. Although we could not have regular meetings, we have all had a very interesting and enjoyable time. We took part in the Scout Rally held last term. Our Cub Mistress, Miss C. S. Alagaratnam taught us many games and songs. We also learnt the Cub rules. We thank her very much for giving us a happy time.

R. P. JEYAKUMAR.

## FILM CLUB

As the Secretary of the above Club it is my pleasant duty to present an account of its activities. This year we had only a few members, but the Club continues to serve well both the members and the non-members of the upper school. This time we planned to show the film 'Tom Brown's School Days' to our neighbouring schools but only one school attended the show.

Films for the members are shown in the College Library because of the small number. This year we screened many news-reels but the number of feature films shown this year was less compared to last year. Seven feature films and four educational films were shown during the course of the year.

In conclusion, I thank the President and the Principal for their great help in the activities of the Club. I also thank the Committee Members who are in charge of the arrangement of the Library for the Shows and also the Prefects' Guild for its help on the days when the films were shown for the upper school.

### List of Films Shown

Cricket How to play	Excuse My Dust
Treasure Sierra Madre	Educational Films
About face	Rice and health
Sand and Flame	Fundamentals of Tennis
Quartet	World Council of Churches
Oslo	Amsterdam
Evaston	They died with their Boots on
Second Asian Games	News Magazine
Ready for flight	Red Shoes
Tom Brown's School Days and	News Reels
Poultry Raising	Lord Siva Danced
Brats (Laurel and Hardy)	Texas Square Dance
Swiss Family Robinson	Spreading Wings
How we elect our Representatives	
Learning to swim	Malaria
Ruhuna National Park	Audy's Blaksmith Shop
Peglegpete	Simple Simon
The Passion of Joan of Arc	

A. E. SINGARATNAM,  
Hony. Secy.

## CO-OPERATIVE SUPPLY AND THRIFT SOCIETY

The Society is completing a decade of valuable service to the Staff and students of the College. Ever increasing has been the patronage extended to us and unceasing our endeavour to meet their demands.

This year, due to the many activities of the College, we were unable to hold the Annual General Meeting. Our meetings too were not regular. Still it can be said that the Society has continued to train its members in the democratic way of life and to promote the habit of thrift among them.

The Book-Stall continues to supply exercise books, Text-books, and stationary to the Students. Answer sheets embossed with our College name were also supplied by us during the year.

At the end of June, Mr. S. Suntharalingam, our former President, took over from Mr. S. C. Rajasingam, who was acting for him. Mr. S. Kandiah was appointed Treasurer. Our thanks are due to these members of the Staff who have contributed much to the well-being of the Society. They have helped and guided us throughout the year. Our thanks are also due to our Principal who has taken a keen interest in the activities of the Society, to the members of the Executive Committee and all the shareholders for their whole hearted co-operation and help.

A. SIVAPATHASUNDERAM,  
Hony. Secy.



## THE BOXING CLASS

It is with great pleasure that I present a report of the Boxing class for the year. Though still in its early stages, Boxing has progressed fairly successfully and classes were held thrice a week. The number of members has increased and a team of 20 Boxers represented the College at the Annual Northern Province Boxing Meet. This is due to the untiring efforts of our valuable coach Mr. A. Vaithilingam. Though we were not lucky enough to obtain any certificates, yet the high standard of Boxing displayed by the Hartleyites is indeed commendable. A. Sithanathan and V. Elango were declared Champions in their respective weights while R. Parinarupasingam and J. V. Satcunam became runners-up.



We were assured of an Inter-House competition by the master-in-charge Mr. A. R. Joseph but this did not take place owing to the crowded programme of the year. Boxing would indeed flourish and bring fame and glory to our College if it is given proper encouragement. I fervently hope that it would also attract more boys in the future.

In conclusion, may I thank Messrs. A. Vaithilingam and A. R. Joseph for the enthusiasm shown by them in instructing us. I wish the Boxing class all success at the Boxing Meet next year.

V. I. KIRUBAKARAN.



## THE HOSTEL

Another year of interesting and happy time at the Hostel has come to an end. This year too, as in the past, the Hostellers contributed immensely towards the College life. Our performance in studies as well as in sports continues to be of a high standard.

The first term was full of activities. Our Annual Dinner was held with Mr. T. Sabaratnam as our Chief Guest. The new feature of having our Hostel Union meetings on the Beach was very enjoyable but however we are sorry that we were unable to continue this during the second and third terms.

With the College grounds in our compound and the Morning Exercises given regularly, the Hostellers have been able to do extremely well in Sports. Two of our members N. Sathiamoorthy and S. Rajalingam represented the College at the Public Schools Meet. Indoor games have come to be neglected perhaps due to the lack of a common room.

Mr. W. R. Aruliah, our Asst. Warden plays an important part in our Hostel life—specially in the religious sphere. Mr. Aruliah and our experienced Warden Mr. A. R. Joseph have been very helpful to us. Their timely help and guidance are greatly appreciated. We are also sorry to miss one of our Resident masters, Mr. W. W. Somaratne who left us to do his Diploma-in-Education at the University of Ceylon. He was an asset to the Hostel.

In conclusion let me thank the Resident Masters and specially our Wardens for all what they have been to us.

DOUGLAS RAJANAYAGAM,  
Hostel Prefect.

## THE HOSTEL UNION

As secretary of the Hostel Union, it is my proud privilege to present the Report for the year 1955. During the first and second terms of the year we had our weekly meetings almost every Saturday evening and the main items were debates, prepared speeches and musical entertainments. The meetings were often very interesting and lively due to the whole hearted co-operation and zeal shown by the members. In these meetings the Hostellers were also given the opportunity to voice their grievances and put forward their suggestions for the improvement of the Hostel. The third term unfortunately was a busy one with Football matches and other College activities and so regular meetings were not possible.

Devotions are held both in the mornings and in the evenings. Our most sincere thanks are due to D. S. Dharmapalan who has returned to us to resume his duties as religious Secretary after a short absence.

The mental and physical training the members receive from the Union is felt in the other College activities. We congratulate K. Kulasegaram on his securing the first place in the Oratorical Contest conducted by the Senior Literary Association, a highly commendable achievement indeed. We are happy to state that the Intermediate Champion S. Rajalingam is also a member of the Union. We are also proud to record that the majority of the members of the College choir are from our Union and we also have our members in the Cricket, Football, Boxing and Athletic teams. In short, our members take an active part in every College activity.

This year we bade 'Au Revoir' to Mr. W. W. Somaratne who is following a Diploma Course at the Ceylon University. I take this opportunity to thank him most heartily for the inestimable help he has rendered to each and everyone of us. We wish him a happy and successful time at the University.

I wish to record my sincere thanks to the Boarding master, the Resident teachers, the President and the various office-bearers for their kind co-operation and the enthusiasm shown by them in making the activities of the Union a success.

I wish on behalf of the Hostel Union and on my own behalf a bright future to all those who will be leaving us at the end of this year.

V. J. KIRUBAKARAN,  
Hony. Secy.

## THE TEACHERS' GUILD REPORT 1955

It gives me great pleasure to present the report of the activities of the Teachers' Guild for the year 1955. At the Annual General Meeting held in February 1955 the following were elected office-bearers :

President :—Miss. B. Navaratnasingam.

Secretary & Treasurer :—Mr. S. C. Rajasingham.

Miss. M. Poonen and Messrs. R. M. Gunaratnam and Sam. Thambapillai were elected members of the Executive Committee.

At the end of the 1st term we bade farewell to Mr. A. Thavendran who left us to do Accountancy and in the 2nd term to Mr. J. C. Kumaradas who left us having selected a more remunerative but less noble profession. We also bade 'au-revoir' to Messrs. W. N. S. Samuel and W. W. Somaratne who are now at the Ceylon University following a course of Dip-in-Education. At the end of the year three members left us. Messrs. K. Arumugam and S. Suntheralingam to obtain their Degrees and Miss. P. J. Sherrard to shoulder greater responsibilities of family life. We wish all of them a bright and happy future.

We are glad to welcome to our midst Messrs. W. R. Aruliah, S. Kandiah, C. Ratnavel and M. Cooray, and we wish them all a happy time here.

During the year in spite of the great difficulties we have in getting speakers from outside, we had the great privilege of listening to three speakers. Mr. Luther Jeyasingam of Jaffna College spoke to us on the subject "The sea calls us", Mr. S. F. Santiapillai of St. Patrick's College, on his visit to America, and Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam, Principal, Union College on the subject "Vocational Training". The subjects were of interest to the members and useful discussions followed every meeting.

In the course of the year two of our members Messrs. W. N. S. Samuel and A. R. Joseph were happily married. Our congratulations to them. We also congratulate Miss. P. J. Sherrard on her engagement.

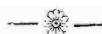
This year there were two new additions to the Reading Table—the Psychologist and the Science Digest, and I am happy to report that most of the members make the best use of the reading materials provided for them. This was quite evident after listening to some of the talks at the Tuesday morning Assembly.

Reference must also be made to the services rendered by the Turretites. No function of the Guild was ever conducted without their having a hand in it. We thank them most sincerely for all the help rendered by them.

Let me in conclusion record my sincere appreciation of the very kind help rendered to me by the President, the Executive Committee and members of the Guild in the execution of my duties.

My sincere thanks are due to all.

S. C. RAIASINGHAM,  
Secretary.



## EXAMINATION RESULTS

**H. S. C. December 1954**

Denotes First Division \*

### PASS

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Balakrishnan, N.   | 5. Ponnampalam, R.             |
| 2. Balakrishnan, R. * | 6. Sivapathasundaram, T.       |
| 3. Balakrishnan, S.   | 7. Vellupillai, A.             |
| 4. Kanagarajah, K.    | 8. Kulaveerasingham, L. (Miss) |

### COMPLETED

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| 1. Gunaseelan, E. G. | 2. Nallathamby, C. R. |
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### REFERRED

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Eswaranathan, V. (Tamil)        | 6. Nadarajah, V. (Chemistry)    |
| 2. Jeganathan, K. (Pure Maths.)    | 7. Sriharan, T. (Government)    |
| 3. Kanapathipillai, C. (Chemistry) | 8. Srivamadevan, S. (Chemistry) |
| 4. Kathiravelpillai, S. (Zoology)  | 9. Supiramaniam, S. (Physics)   |
| 5. Manikavasagar, S. (Physics)     | 10. Rasiah, B. (Miss) (Physics) |

The following have been admitted to the University on the Results of the Preliminary Examination held in Dec. 1954.

### ARTS

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|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Balakrishnan, N.  | 5. Kulaveerasingham, L. (Miss) |
| 2. Gunaseelan, E. G. | 6. Sriharan, T.                |
| 3. Eswaranathan, V.  | 7. Vellupillai, A.             |
| 4. Kanagarajah, K.   | 8. Maheson, K.                 |



S. S. C. July 1955

PASS

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Ambihaipalan, S.        | 10. Singaratnam, A. E.      |
| 2. Chinniah, S.            | 11. Sidamparapillai, N.     |
| 3. Kanapathipillai, S.     | 12. Sivayoganathan, S.      |
| 4. Kandiah, K. S.          | 13. Sundaralingam, S.       |
| 5. Kulaveerasingam, M.     | 14. Suppiah, K.             |
| 6. Mohamed Abdulla, M.I.   | 15. Thanabalasingam, A. S.  |
| 7. Ratnarajah, R.          | 16. Thanabalasingam, S.     |
| 8. Santhiapillai, D.       | 17. Ulaganathapillai, N. S. |
| 9. Sathiamoorthy, N. (pm.) | 18. Visagaperumal, M.       |

REFERRED

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Devarajan, S. R.     | 7. Sivaloganathan, P. (pm.) |
| 2. Dharmapalan, D. S.   | 8. Sivabalan, G.            |
| 3. Gnanaratnam, D. M.   | RE-REFERRED                 |
| 4. Gnanendram, P. (pm.) | 1. Arulthasan, S.           |
| 5. Nagaratnam, S.       | 2. Pararajasingam, T.       |
| 6. Shanmuganathan, K.   | 3. Sivasubramaniam, S.      |

COMPLETED

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| 1. Balasingam, S. | 4. Thirugnanasambantha-<br>moorthy, T. |
| 2. Kulasingam, N. | 5. Vethanayagam, P. E. R.              |
| 3. Murugavel, S.  | 6. Rajaratnam, G. R. (Miss)            |

N. P. T. A.—J. S. C. Examination—1955

Distinction is denoted by the following :

e=English; a=Arithmetic; t=Tamil; ls=Lower Sinhalese;  
m=Maths; es=Elementary Science; h=History; c=Civics;  
chr=Christianity.

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| 1. Senthinathan, S. (es.)     | 31.*Konesalingam, R. (ls.)      |
| 2.*Thurairajah, S. (a.)       | 32.*Pathmanathan, S. (e.a.t.m.) |
| 3.*Ananthasothy, S.           | 33. Nadarajah, T. (c.)          |
| 4. Kathirgamathamby, S.       | 34. Sivanantham, K. (art)       |
| 5. Naganathan, V. (c.)        | 35. Sri Ganeshadeva, K.         |
| 6.*Nadarajah, V.              | 36. Rajeswaran, S.              |
| 7. Ariyasaravanapavan, S.     | 37. Navaratnasingam, P.         |
| 8.*Balasubramaniam, S.(a.es.) | 38. Gunanayagam, S. T.          |
| 9.*Kanagarajah, K. (a.c.)     | 39. Balendran, S.               |
| 10. Ganesaratnam, S.          | 40. Anandakrishnan, V.          |
| 11. Gunaselvam, G. (a.)       | 41. Kandiah, S.                 |

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| 12. Jegatheesan, T.              | 42. Muttukrishnan, N.       |
| 13. Kanagasingam, P.             | 43. Suntharalingam, V.      |
| 14. Lankadurai, D. R. (chr.)     | 44. Srisikandarajah, V.     |
| 15.*Nallainathan, K. (e.a.es.)   | 45. Suntharalingam, K.      |
| 16. Pasupathy, A.                | 46. Theerthalingam, M.      |
| 17.*Rajendram, T.                | 47. Yogasuntharam, M. (a.)  |
| 18. Veerapathirmahatheva, P(a)   | 48. Sathasivam, P.          |
| 19.*Nadarajasundaram, K.(a.t.c.) | 49. Tharmaratnam, M.        |
| 20. Thiruchelvanayagam, S.(a.)   | 50. Kandasamy, V.           |
| 21.*Ayamuttu, M. (a)             | 51. Antonimuttu, S.         |
| 22. Arulpooranam, M. K.          | 52. Emmanuel, E. (art)      |
| 23.*Balanathan, P.               | 53. Ganesanantham, S. (a.)  |
| 24. Jeyaseelan, D. A. (a)        | 54. Lankesan, T.            |
| 25.*Samuel, J.C.P. (e.a.chr.)    | 55. Sadadcharan, V.         |
| 26. Sithamparanathan, T.         | 56. Thangarupan, A. (a.)    |
| 27. Pasupathy, V.                | 57. Thambirajah, V. (e. a.) |
| 28. Balasingam, K.               | 58. Rudrapathy, T.          |
| 29.*Kanagaratnam, E.             | 59. Gnanasampanthan, V.     |
| 30. Kidnapillai, S.              | 60.*Parathasangari, V. (e)  |

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## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE O.B.A.

The Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Hartley College Old Boys' Association, Colombo Branch, was held at the Gymnasium Hall of the Y.M.C.A., Fort at 4 p.m. on Saturday, the 30th July, 1955. Mr. K. Pooranampillai, the Patron presided and there were about sixty five members present. At the commencement of the Meeting the Hony. Secretary explained the unavoidable circumstances under which he was placed and apologised for not convening this General Meeting as decided at the last General Meeting, and the explanation was accepted by the House. A vote of condolence on the untimely death of Mr. S. E. Gunaratnam, who was one of the founder members and a Committee Member of the Association for a number of years, was moved by the Secretary and was passed in the usual manner.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read and the Minutes of the Fifteenth General Meeting was read and confirmed.

The Hony. Treasurer's statement of accounts was unanimously accepted and this showed a credit balance of Rs. 251-00.

The Patron then addressed the gathering. He said that he did not wish to be lengthy as the members had already listened to several speeches made immediately after the Lunch. He gave a detailed account of the successes in the various examinations conducted during the year under review and made special mention about the Ceylon University Entrance Examination results, where both the Arts and Science Sections fared well. He said that reference was made about the paucity of teachers at the last year's General Meeting but he was now glad to mention that this difficulty does not exist at the present moment, and also made special mention about the teachers who had left, in most cases, to better their prospects elsewhere.

He said that the students were offered facilities to visit places of importance in the various parts of the Island as an educative value. He also mentioned that he had introduced a change in the athletic programme of the College as it was strongly felt that every student should necessarily contribute something to the House he belongs i.e. every student has to take part in three events in the Sports Meet etc.

He also said that Hartley College was indeed very proud of Prof. C. Jeyaratnam Eliezer and hoped that he would return with more successes in the field of Educational Research and wished him, on behalf of the Association and College, a Bon Voyage to Geneva and America and safe return. He then appealed to the Old Boys to contribute liberally towards the Building Fund without delay as this was a very pressing necessity for the advancement of the College.

He then thanked the members for giving him another opportunity of meeting and addressing the Old Boys and renewing their acquaintance.

Mr. T. Sivapathasuntheram proposed the vote of thanks to the retiring office-bearers and made special mention about the work of a few towards the success and growth of the Association.

Then the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year took place and the following were unanimously elected :

President :—Mr. A. P. Kandasamy.

Vice-Presidents :—Messrs. K. Alvapillai, G. M. Chinnatamby, Dr. K. Kanapathipillai, Messrs. M. Kidnapillai, C. Loganathan, A. Murugesu, S. Nadaraser, R. P. Sherrard, Dr. A. Sundaralingam and Mr. W. Arasoe Walton.

Hony. Secy :—Mr. K. Vairamuttu.



Hony. Asst. Secys :—Messrs. K. Thamotherampillai and K. Vigneswararajah.

Hony. Treasurer :—Mr. D. S. Rasiyah.

Hony. Asst. Treasurers :—Mr. V. Markandan and Dr. S. Ponnampalam.

Committee Members :—Messrs. V. K. Arumugam, P. Kanapathippillai, C. Kandiah, S. Karunaingham, V. Kathirgama-thamby, T. Kangadaran, A. Navaratnam, V. Paramsothy, K. C. Praesoody, V. Ratnam, P. Ratnasingham, V. Subendranathan, C. J. T. Thamotheram, T. Thiagarajah, A. Thiruchelvam and S. Velupillai.

Hony. Auditors :—Messrs. N. P. Balachandiran and S. Velauthapillai.

Mr. A.P. Kandaswamy and Dr.A. Sundaralingam were unanimously elected as representatives of the Old Boys' Assn. on the Governing Board of Hartley College for 1955.

Mr. A. P. Kandaswamy then thanked first the members for electing him as the President and then the Principal for coming over at great inconvenience and for giving a detailed account of the College activities. He also paid tribute to the Principal for his ability and keen interest shown by him and said that under his able guidance it is admitted that the College is growing from strength to strength. He wished the Principal and the College all success. Mr. Pooranampillai thanked Mr. Kandaswamy for his kind words.

Mr. K. Thamotherampillai enquired as to the reason why Hartley was not faring well lately in the field of sports. The Principal gave a detailed account of the sports activities and about the successes of the Boys at the last Jaffna Public Schools' Athletic Meet. Mr. K. Thamotherampillai thanked the Principal for supplying the information and regretted much for his ignorance of the results.

Prof. C. Jeyaratnam Eliezer enquired whether the Principal could state about the physical fitness of the present day Boys and whether records are kept about the individual boys. The Principal replied that individual records are kept since 1946 and that the present day boys are smaller, because they are younger.

There being no other business, the General Meeting was declared closed.

The General Meeting was immediately followed by the Principal's Tea at which the Hony. Secretary thanked the Principal for his kind gesture and the Y.M.C.A. for the excellent catering both at the Lunch and at Tea.

K. VAIRAMUTHU,  
Hony. Secretary,  
H. C. O. B. A. (C.B.)

### LUNCH

The Old Boys' Assn. (Colombo Branch) celebrations began with a Lunch held at the Gymnasium Hall of Central Y.M.C.A., Fort on Saturday, the 30th July, 1955 at 1 p.m. Covers were laid for 140 including members and their families, distinguished guests and representatives of other Old Boys' Assns. in Colombo. Prof. C. Jeyaratnam Eliezer, President of the Association presided and proposed the Loyal Toasts.

The toast of the College was proposed by the Chief Guest, Sir Nicholas Attygalle, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ceylon. He said, "I thank you all for having honoured me by inviting me to be your chief guest today. Your secretary was good enough to send me a short account of the College and I am very happy to note that Hartley has produced no less than seven University Mathematics scholars of repute. Dr. S. Shanmugathasan and Mr. K. Kandiah have brought honour both to Hartley College and to Ceylon by their research work at Canada and Harwel. Hartley College is recognised as one of the leading institutions in the Island. You have a large number of men working faithfully and loyally in all walks of life. They had thrived at Hartley which has also produced Prof. C. J. Eliezer and Mr. K. Alvapillai, two outstanding men of ability in Ceylon today. Hartley has also produced many eminent scientists, lawyers and doctors too. By this, I do not for a moment say that others are occupying unimportant professions or posts. You have produced an eminent Banker Mr. C. Loganathan. These results could not have been achieved in a year or two but are the fruits of many years of very hard labour.

I am also happy to note that steps are being taken to commemorate the good work done to the College by the late Mr. C. P. Thamotheram, who was a Principal for long years, by naming the Biological Laboratory after him. I am confident that your College under Methodist guidance will prosper in every respect.

I also note that your College was one of the first in the Peninsula to start teaching Sinhalese in the lower classes and this will undoubtedly lay the foundation for a "United Ceylon" and thereby prevent racial hatred, and encourage all to live peacefully and amicably and will undoubtedly lead to prosperity in the country. Once more, I thank you all on behalf of my wife and myself for having invited us on this happy occasion".

Mr. K. Pooranampillai, Principal, replying said, "Sir Nicholas, I consider it a privilege to respond to the toast proposed by so eminent a gentleman, Sir Nicholas Attygalle. Any tribute that comes from your worthy lips cannot be considered as mere flattery. We welcome your election as Vice-Chancellor as we do know that every boy and girl who goes through the Ceylon University now will be well disciplined. Our best wishes go with you. You very kindly referred to the contribution made by Hartley College. In earlier days, education was in the hands of real educationalists. I regret this could not be said at the present moment. Ceylon is noted for bringing experts from abroad to advise on various problems but in the matter of education, the experts are only from our country, and no expert from abroad to boast of. I am convinced that Basic Education will suit our economy. I also personally feel that the present "Commission on Higher Education" should be scrapped forthwith and a fresh Commission composed of Educationalists from India, England, America and Ceylon should be appointed to study our problems and evolve a satisfactory solution acceptable and profitable to all concerned. At the present moment, we may be safely compared to some patients who are mortally afraid to consult proper doctors.

I thank you, Sir Nicholas, for your kind sentiments and also for coming over at great inconvenience. Thank you both once more".

Dr. E. W. Adikaram, Manager, B. T. S. Schools, proposing the toast of the Old Boys' Association said, "Mr. Chairman, I consider it a great privilege indeed in that I am asked to propose the toast of the O.B.A. I was wondering as to why I was particularly selected for this task. Anyhow, I am not a complete stranger to Hartley College. I was educated at Wesley College—A Sister College to Hartley. So when I came here I felt that I was coming to a place where I had no strangers.

I felt very happy when your Secretary requested me to be present at this occasion. He was kind enough to give a list of the members of the O.B.A. and other very interesting details

about the College and the O.B.A. I had close contact and association with some old boys of whom one is Mr. K. S. Arulnandhy with whom I had the pleasure to live together for some time, and another is Prof. K. Kanapathippillai.

I really cannot understand how it was possible to select the office-bearers of this O.B.A. unanimously for the last 17 years without a contest at any time. This definitely shows your solidarity. The most vexed question in the minds of the people today is the "Language Problem". One of the solutions, I think, is to teach Sinhalese in all Tamil Schools and Tamil in all Sinhalese Schools.

Language should be no obstruction to our progress. This is only a means of communication and not an instrument of exploitation as it is unfortunately today. Unluckily this problem is in the hands of the politicians who are sowing the seeds of hatred and dissension among the masses. Do our quarrels arise by not understanding each other? If we could not realise that language is only a means of communication, the various communities will be faced with problems that will give real headache to every human being. If we realise that language is a medium for one human being to understand another human being, then our problem stands solved amicably.

I so sincerely hope that we will develop a better understanding amongst us very soon and functions of this nature should give a satisfactory solution. Thank you for the honour bestowed on me".

Prof. C. J. Eliezer replied. "I rise to reply to the toast so gracefully and so skilfully proposed by Dr. E. W. Adikaram. We are privileged to get you to propose the toast of the O.B.A. I should first like to thank the Principal for having come all the way to tell us about the progress of Hartley College. Sir, we should like to thank you for your periodical visits to meet us.

Our energetic secretary has just been pulled out from a very serious sickness. He is mainly responsible for the steady growth of our Association. We wish him sound health and long life so that he may devote his time for the betterment of the various Associations who very often require his services from time to time.

Though we belong to different races, speak different languages and follow different religions, we are all Ceylonese and should not be treated as intruders or aliens. We are for a "United Ceylon". I strongly feel that every citizen of Ceylon should be given facilities by Government to learn and speak the three

Languages i.e. Sinhalese, Tamil and English. We find that our children are being experimented upon.

I quite agree with the considered suggestion of the Principal to scrap the present Commission appointed to report on Higher Education.

Once more, I thank Dr. Adikaram for the kind words expressed”.

Mr. C. J. T. Thamotheram, one of the Vice-Presidents proposed the Toast of the Guests. He said, “Dr. Adikaram was wondering why he was called upon to propose the toast of the O.B.A. but I am wondering as to why I with a checkered career should be given this task.

We are proud to have you, Sir Nicholas, in our midst this noon—One with a shining personality, an eminent surgeon with graceful looks, once President of the Senate and above all now the first Ceylonese Vice-Chancellor of the Ceylon University. We are quite confident that you will succeed in your present mission of producing intellects as you were earlier found very successful in producing so many thousands of children.

We are happy to have with us Rev. James S. Mather who is a close associate of Hartley College. He is a well-known Temperance worker.

We are privileged to have Dr. Adikaram in our midst and I am personally happy to see a distinguished old boy of Wesley College. He runs a big organisation, thereby doing very useful service to the country.

Dr. H. W. Tambiah was associated with Hartley College for a short period. He is one of the most distinguished among the lawyers. He is to be appointed to serve on the Land Commission—most deserving as he is a very honest and dependable gentleman.

There are representatives of the Old Boys' Associations amongst us and our sincere thanks to them and to all other guests who had very readily accepted our invitation.

Thank you all once more”.

Dr. H. W. Tambiah replied to the Toast of the Guests. He said “It indeed gives me great pleasure to respond to the toast of the Guests.

Sir Nicholas, You were almost unanimously elected as the Vice-Chancellor. Our congratulations to you on this.

Dr. E. W. Adikaram is a great Sinhalese scholar and ardent worker. Mr. K. Pooranampillai is holding the destiny of Hartley College. He is from a family of Principals of Hartley College. We had the rare privilege of enjoying your hospitality and I hope you would invite us very often in the future too. Dr. C. J. Eliezer will undoubtedly place Ceylon in the world map once again very soon. We wish him the best of luck. It is a pity that Professors of the Ceylon University do not find time to devote to any research work owing to very heavy pressure of work here. There are other mathematicians like Mr. S. Nadaraser present here. I find Mr. K. Alvapillai seated in front of me. The late Mr. D. S. Senanayake was known as the "Father of the Nation" and Mr. Alvappillai is said to be the "Mother of the Nation" as all homes in Ceylon look forward to him for the supply of rice and other foodstuffs.

Mr. C. J. T. Thamoitheram is a Mathematician himself. He had once left the noble profession of teaching but I am glad he had come back again to Wesley College. We all expect that he will give his best to his students.

Mr. K. Pooranampillai could have taken up to other lucrative professions but he stuck to this noble profession—all will admit that he is a very charming principal. You find other distinguished old boys like Mr. C. Loganathan, Mr. K. S. Arulnandhy, Prof. K. Kanapathippillai and number of loyal Government Servants who form the backbone of the country.

We are now living in a very difficult period. When differences occur in big families, they are settled with good will. By remembering all as one race i.e. "Human Race" and by giving the fundamental rights to the different races in Ceylon, we can live in peace as in the past. All religions have taught the motto "LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF".

Thank you one and all once more.



### ALUMNI NOTES

- Mr. K. S. Arulnandhy, M.Sc., Lecturer in Education at the University of Ceylon has retired.
- „ S. K. Ambalavanapillai is O.I.C. Railway, Nanu Oya.
  - „ P. Arampu is Govt. Surveyor at Polonnaruwa.
  - „ K. Balasundaram is Govt. Surveyor at Polonnaruwa.
  - „ K. Ganeshanathan is attached to the P. W. D., Colombo.
  - „ A. Govindapillai is Govt. Surveyor at Point Pedro.
  - „ M. Ganeshan, B.A. has been appointed Principal of Govt. Senior School at Vavuniya.
  - „ S. Ganesan, B. Sc., is doing Accountancy.
  - „ S. Gnanaguru has been appointed Registrar of Lands of the newly opened Land Registry at Point Pedro.
- Miss Ganeshwary Kandiah has completed her Training at Maharakagama Govt. Training College and is on the Staff of Vada Hindu Girls' College.
- Mr. A. R. Joseph has been selected as Probation Officer.
- „ C. K. Kandapoo is survey O. C. P. at Diyatalawa.
  - „ V. S. Kandapoo is Chief Shroff, Bank of Ceylon, A'pura.
  - „ S. Kandiah, B. Sc., (Hons.) has joined the Staff of Hartley College.
  - „ V. Kengatharam is at Marketing Dept., Colombo.
  - „ V. Kulanayagam is attached to Central Bank, Colombo.
  - „ S. Kumaraswamy is attached to Marketing Dept., Colombo.
  - „ K. Kathirgamanathan, B.A. has joined the Staff of Chavakachcheri Hindu College.
  - „ K. Kandappah has passed Advocates Intermediate Examination.
  - „ A. Kanagaratnam of H. M. Customs, Colombo has passed the IIInd Class of Customs Clerical Service.
  - „ K. Kumaravelu has been appointed Investigating Officer of Village Committees, Vavuniya Dist.
  - „ S. Kanagasooriam, B.Sc., is doing Accountancy.
  - „ S. Kumarasegarampillai is Excise Inspector, Polonnaruwa.

Mr. J. Kumaradas, B. Sc., Engineering has been appointed Assistant Engineer at Norton Bridge.

„ R. S. Kandiah, Headman has been re-elected President of the Vadamaradechy Rural Development Union.

„ Leslie S. Bartlett has passed Advocates Intermediate Exam.

„ Mudaliyar G. Subramaniam, J. P. has been appointed Gate Mudaliyar on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday 1955.

„ Muhandram S. Karthigesu, J.P., has been appointed Mudaliyar.

„ S. C. Maniccavasagar, B. A. (Hons.) is A. C. L. G., Batticaloa.

„ K. Mahalingam, B. Sc., has joined the Staff of Chidambara Vidyalaya.

„ S. Namasivayam, Govt. Surveyor has been promoted Asst. Supdt. of Surveys.

„ T. U. M. Noon has been appointed J. P. for Kandy Dist.

„ M. R. Navaratnam, Proctor has passed Advocates Intermediate Exam.

„ S. P. Nadarajah, has been elected General Secretary of the N.P.T.A.

Dr. R. Nadarajah is attached to Hospital, Kandy.

Mr. S. Paramsothy has been appointed Investigation Officer of Village Committees, Vavuniya Dist.

„ S. V. Rajah is Apothecary at Hospital, Vavuniya.

„ P. Ratnasingam has been promoted to Class III of the Accountants' Service.

„ K. Ratnasabapathy has been elected Vice-Chairman of Kaddaively, Village Committee.

„ C. Ratnavel, B.Sc., has joined the Staff of Hartley College.

„ K. Rajasingham, Public Health Officer has been transferred to the Office of the Supdt. of Health Services, Kandy.

„ M. Rajaratnam has passed the Govt. Central Clerical Service Exam.

„ V. P. Rajaratnam, Proctor S. C. and Notary Public has shifted practice to Point Pedro Courts.

Dr. M. Rajaratnam is House Officer, Puloly Hospital.

„ P. Rajasingham, Supdt. of Health Services, has been transferred to Kurunegala Health Dist.



- Mr. K. Ramachandran has completed a two year course at Maharagama Govt. Training College and has been appointed to Govt. Junior School at Pungudutivu.
- „ R. S. Ramanathan has been transferred as clerk at the newly opened Land Registry at Pt. Pedro.
- „ K. Ratnasingham, Proctor has passed Advocates Intermediate Exam.
- Dr. M. Sathianathan is now in Colombo.
- „ V. Selvaratnam is attached to Hospital, Badulla.
- Mr. M. Shanmugalingam, Advocate is practising at Colombo.
- „ M. Shanmugampillai is Forester at Anuradhapura.
- „ A. Sithamparapillai is now attached to Cottage Industries Dept., Colombo.
- „ R. Sithamparapillai is Asst. Shroff, Bank of Ceylon, Colombo.
- „ T. Sithamparapillai is Govt. Surveyor at Eppawela.
- „ S. Sivagnanasundaram is Station Master, Navatkuli.
- „ K. Sivanandam is attached to Volkart Bros., Colombo.
- „ A. Sangarapillai, Proctor has been appointed J. P. U. M. for Puttalam Dist.
- „ P. Sivasambo, Chief Inspector of Police is appointed A.S.P. (Immigration) Jaffna.
- „ C. Sivapatham, has been selected as Sub-Inspector of Police.
- „ P. Sabaratnam, B.Sc., Teacher has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Point Pedro Town Council.
- „ K. Subramaniam, Proctor S. C. has been appointed J.P.U.M. for A<sup>\*</sup>pura Dist.
- Miss Sugirtharane Chinniah, B. A. has been transferred to Govt. Victoria Central College at Chulipuram.
- „ Sivasomasundaravally Muttukumaru, B. A. has finished a course in sociology at the Ceylon University.
- Mr. C. Thanabalasingham is District Judge, Negombo.
- Dr. K. Thiagarajah is attached to the General Hospital, Colombo.
- Mr. K. Theivanandampillai, B. A., has gone on a Scholarship to America for post graduate work.

- Mr. K. Thambipillai, Proctor S.C. has been appointed J. P. U. M. for A'pura Dist.
- „ K. Thambipillai, Proctor S. C. has been appointed Inquirer into sudden deaths.
- „ S. K. Thiraiyanayagam, Proctor S. C. has been appointed Inquirer into Sudden Deaths for Thenmaradchy Division.
- „ V. Thambipillai, B. Sc., has joined the Staff of Puloly Hindu College.
- „ V. Tharmasangari, B.Sc., has joined the Staff of Sri Somas-kandar College at Puttur.
- „ V. Thangarajah, B.A., has joined the Staff of Vigneswara College.
- „ A. Thavendram, B. Sc., is following a course in Accountancy.
- „ S. Vadivelu, Asst. S. S. is in Colombo.
- „ K. Velautham is Irrigation Engineer at Chenkaladi.
- „ V. Velautham is attached to Irrigation Dept., Colombo.
- „ K. Vijayanathan is attached to B.C.C. Mills, Colombo.
- „ S. Visakasuntharam, Asst. S. S. is at Kundasale.
- „ K. Vivekanathan is Relieving Apothecary, Nawalapitiya.
- „ K. Vyramuttu is attached to Kachcheri, Batticaloa.
- „ T. Vanniasingham, Retired Village Headman of Thunnalai South has passed the Proctors' Preliminary Examination.
- Mrs. Valli Suriyakumaran, M. A. has passed her Diploma-in-Education Exam of the Ceylon University.
- Mr. S. Wijayaratnam, B. Sc., has been appointed a Social Service Officer, Trincomalee.

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## UNOFFICIAL DIARY OF COLLEGE EVENTS

### First Term—January

3. Admission Test.
17. The Rev. A. C. Thambirajah conducts the Staff Retreat.
18. College re-opens, works one session to the great joy of the students and the staff. We welcome Mr. W. R. Aruliah.
25. The Principal, speaks at the Assembly on "Attitudes".  
Assignment of new boys to Houses.
26. Terminal elections of the H.S.C. and Senior Literary Associations.
28. Film Show: "Excuse My Dust".

### February

1. Mr. S. C. Rajasingam speaks at the Assembly on "Truth about Achievements".
3. Mr. S. Thambidurai, District Judge, Point Pedro speaks at the Assembly on "The Independence of Ceylon".
4. Independence Day—Public Holiday—thanks to the patriots who fought for Ceylon's Independence.
7. Film Show: "Treasure of Sierra Madre".
8. Mr. S. P. Nadarajah speaks at the Assembly on "Interests".
15. Miss. B. Navaratnasingam speaks at the Assembly on "Forgiveness". Principal announces the results of the University Entrance Examination—19 gain admission.
18. Film Show: Educational Films.
19. Cricket match with Victoria College. The match ends in a victory for Hartley.
22. Mr. A. Shanmuganantham, popularly known as "Casca" at Hartley, speaks at the Assembly on "Australia".
26. We win the Cricket match with Skantha Varodaya.

### March

1. Miss. M. Poonen speaks at the Assembly on "Grace of Thoughtfulness".
2. We lose the Volleyball match with Vada Central College.

5. Cricket match with Jaffna Central College. We lose. Better luck next time.
7. Miscellany of the year—1954 makes its appearance. We lose the Volleyball match with American Mission College.
8. Mr. R. M. Gunaratnam speaks at the Assembly on "The Sun".
11. We lose the Volleyball match with Vigneswara College.
12. Cricket match with Jaffna United Club. We lose.
14. We lose the Volleyball match with Chithambara College.
15. Mr. S. V. Gunanayagam speaks at the Assembly on "Hurricane and Typhoon".
16. Volleyball match with Puloly Boys' Hindu College. We lose, but our boys played a good game.
17. Film Show: "Quartet".
18. Volleyball match with Sacred Heart College. We lose.
19. We win the Cricket match with St. Henry's College. Luck seems to favour Hartley this time.
21. Term Examination commences.
24. Film Show: "World Council of Churches."
26. Cricket match with Jaffna Hindu College ends in a draw. Hartley just managed to escape defeat.

#### April

1. Cricket match with Jaffna College. We lose. Hartley shows her generosity by allowing Jaffna College to win the match.  
Film Show: "They Died with their Boots on".  
College breaks up for the Easter Holidays. Farewell to Mr. A. Thavendran.
20. Wedding bells ring for Mr. W. N. S. Samuel and Miss. Inpamany Samuel.

#### Second Term—May

9. The Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles conducts the Staff Retreat.
10. College re-opens.  
We welcome Messrs. S. Kandiah and C. Ratnavel to our Staff.

17. The Principal speaks at the Assembly.
21. Annual Dramatic performance for the College students.
- 25-26. Annual Declamation Contest for Primary and Middle forms.
28. 2nd XI Cricket match with St. John's College. We lose.
31. Mr. Sam Thambapillai speaks at the Assembly on "Problems of Living Together".

### June

3. Hook-worm treatment for the whole school, but the Staff is exempted.
7. Mr. Ephraims at the Assembly on "Road Safety". He requests students to stop pillion-riding.
8. Group Meet commences.
14. Mr. A. M. Spencer at the Assembly on "The Law of Human Nature".  
Film Show : "Second Asian Games".
17. Mr. R. M. Gunaratnam at the Assembly. Advises students to view the Eclipse with the aid of a smoked-glass.
- 21-22. Annual Inspection.
24. We bid "Au Revoir" to Messrs. W. N. S. Samuel and W. W. Somaratne and welcome Mr. S. Suntharalingam.
28. Mr. S. C. Rajasingam at the Assembly on "Efficient Reading".  
Drill display on our grounds.
29. Methodist Festival—Holiday.

### July

2. Inter-House Sports Meet. Abraham champion House in Athletics for the fourth year in succession.
5. The Principal at the Assembly on "Employment and Farming".  
We welcome Mr. M. Cooray to our Staff.
12. July G.C.E. Examination commences.
16. V.T.A. Annual Athletic Meet on our grounds.
18. Mr. V. Nalliah, Partiamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and External Affairs, addresses the H.S.C. Union on the "Future of the Tamils in Ceylon".

19. Miss. M. Poonen, speaks at the Assembly on "Moral Awakening in Independent India".
28. Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, Q.C., M.P., addresses the H.S.C. Union and the H.C.H.A. on the "Language Problem".

### August

1. Term Examination begins.
11. Term end concert.
12. College breaks up for the holidays after a busy term.
27. J.S.C. classes go on an Island-wide tour with Messrs. Sam Thambapillai, S. Suntharalingam and K. Arumugam.

### Third Term—September

5. Sister Elizabeth Baker conducts the Staff Retreat.
6. College re-opens.
7. Terminal elections of the H.S.C. Union and the Senior Literary Associations.  
Inter-House Football and Volleyball matches begin.
15. Terminal election of the Historical Association.
20. Mr. S. T. Samuel speaks at the Assembly on "Tuberculosis".
26. Mr. Pieter Kueneman, M.P. addresses the H.C.H.A. on the "Language Problem".
27. Mr. P. Ahamparam speaks humourously at the Assembly on "Sense of Humour".
29. Our Inter-School Football matches begin. We win the first match with the American Mission College.
30. Film Show: "Information Films".

### October

3. Film Show: "Red Shoes".
4. Mr. R. M. Gunaratnam speaks at the Assembly on "Accidental Discoveries of Science".
6. Inter-Class Drill Competition.

8. Prof. Vincent T. Harlow, Beit Professor of Commonwealth History in the University of Oxford, leads an interesting discussion on "Problems connected with race relations and the future of Ceylon as an Independent Nation" in our College hall.
11. Miss. B. Navaratnasingham speaks at the Assembly on "Success".  
We win the Football match with Sacred Heart College.  
Folk songs and dances by Polish dancers. Staff appreciates their performance more than the students.  
Prof. J. Karski speaks to the students on "Soviet Methods of Expansion and Conquest".
12. Annual Oratorical Contest of the Senior Literary Association. Film Show: "Information Films".
15. We lose the Football match with St. Henry's College.
17. We win the 2nd XI Football match with Vigneswara College.
18. Mr. S. V. Gunanayagam at the Assembly "On Hurdles and Obstacles".  
Football match with Chithambara College ends in a draw.
22. We lose the Football match with Jaffna College.
24. We lose the 2nd XI Football match with Sacred Heart College.  
Withdrawal Examination commences.
25. Football match with St. Anthony's College. We win.
26. Inspection of the bicycles. A member of the Staff has a bicycle without a bell, but he is excused—very unfair.  
3rd XI Football match with Chithambara College. We win.
29. We lose the Football match with St. John's College.

#### November

1. Mr. A. M. Spencer, who proudly claims to come from an "advanced village" speaks at the Assembly on "Good Citizenship".
4. Film Show: "Information Films".

8. Mr. Sam Thambapillai at the Assembly on "Riddle".
12. Admission Tests for Senior and H.S.C. classes.
14. H.S.C. Union Dinner. Chief Guest Mr. S. U. Somasegaram, Education Officer, N.P.
15. Mr. K. Arumugam at the Assembly "Natural Preserves and Sanctuaries".
17. Film Show : "Swiss Family Robinson".
18. Annual Social of the Senior Literary Association.
22. Mr. W. D. S. Mather at the Assembly on "Absolutes".
24. Tea to the H.S.C. students by the H.S.C. teachers.
26. S.C.M. holds its Annual Social.
28. University Preliminary Examination begins.
30. Cyclone hits the peninsula. College works one session.

#### December

1. Promotion Test commences.
14. Principal's tea to the Prefects.
15. S.C.M. Carol Service.
16. College breaks up for the holidays. Guild gives a Farewell Dinner to Mr. K. Arumugam, "Commissioner of Examinations" and Miss. P. J. Sherrard.  
Film Show : "The Passion of Joan of Arc".
28. Mr. A. R. Joseph is happily married to Miss. Jeyarane Kanna-  
nathippillai.

K. THANABALASINGHAM,  
H.S.C. Arts.







- July 12th : Thursday : S.S.C. Exam begins.  
,, 19th : Thursday : Hadji Festival.  
,, 23rd : Monday : Esala Full Moon and Vel Festival.  
,, 30th : Monday : Primary School Term Test begins.  
Aug. 1st : Wed. : Upper School Term Test begins.  
,, 8th : ,, : Islamic New Year Day.  
,, 9th : Thursday : Scout Display.  
,, 10th : Friday : Term ends.

### Third Term

- Sept. 3rd : Monday : Staff Retreat and Meeting.  
,, 4th : Tuesday : College Re-opens.  
,, 5th : Wed. : Inter-House Football and Volleyball matches.  
,, 29th : Saturday : Inter-Collegiate Football matches begin.  
Oct. : Scripture Prize Examination.  
,, 12th : Friday : Oratorical Contest (Senior Section).  
,, 17th : Wed. : Prophet Mohammed's Birthday.  
,, 23rd : Tuesday : H.S.C. and S.S.C. Withdrawal Test.  
Nov. 1st : Thursday : Deepavali.  
,, 3rd : Saturday : Last Football match of the season.  
,, 5th : Monday : Last date for return of Application Forms for admission to H.S.C. and S.S.C. Prep. classes.  
,, 10th : Saturday : Admission Test for H.S.C. and S.S.C. Prep. classes.  
,, 12th : Monday : H.S.C. Union Dinner.  
,, 17th : Saturday : Senior H.C.L.A. Social.  
,, 24th : Saturday : S.C.M. Social.  
Dec. 3rd : Monday : Primary School Term Test begins.  
,, 5th : Wed. : Upper School Term Test begins.  
,, 8th : Saturday : Carol Service.  
,, 13th : Thursday : Principal's Tea to the Prefects.  
,, 14th : Friday : School closes.  
,, 31st : Monday : Last date for returning Application Forms for IV Std. Entrance Test.

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