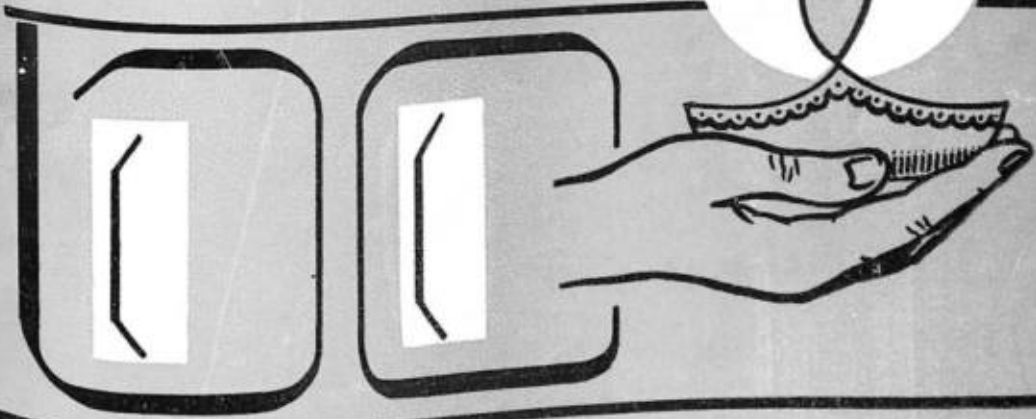


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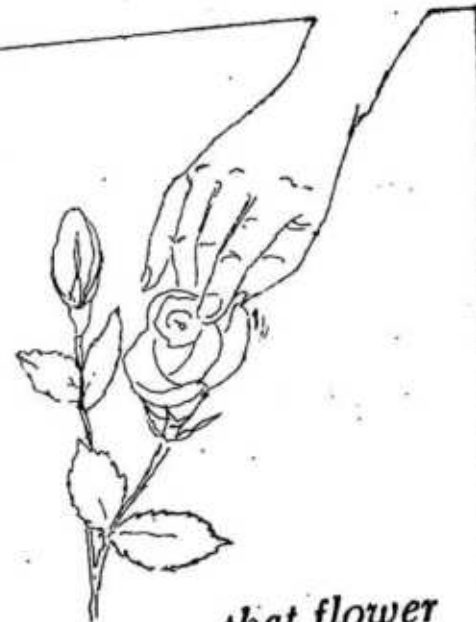
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Foreword

With pardonable pride we place before you the Diamond Jubilee Souvenir of the Union Christian College. We have tried to incorporate in this a brief history of the adventure that was Union Christian, stories of the lives and ideals of the founding fathers who laid the base wisely and firmly by their faith and spirit of service and reminiscences of alumni from various walks of life.

Our earnest hope is that this publication will give the friends and well wishers of the College an insight into the ideals that motivated the illustrious gurus who served this institution from its very inception and nurtured it with their single minded devotion and how generations of students responded to their spirit of love and dedication.

Over sixty years have gone by since this institution opened its portals to those who came in search of higher learning and our prayer is that those who came here as learners or teachers may ever strive to keep before them the ideals with which the college was founded - i.e. the imparting of sound learning, the building of character and the spread of spiritual truth and knowledge of God-so that from this place may there be sent forth continually a stream of men and women imbued with the real spirit of service.

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Press Secretary to the President
No.F.2-M/82

President's Secretariat
Rashtrapati Bhavan
New Delhi-110 004
November 25, 1982

MESSAGE

The President of India is glad to know that the Union Christian College, Alwaye, has completed sixty years of service in the field of education and is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee. The President sends congratulations to the Management, Staff and the students on the occasion and best wishes for the continued progress of the College in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(K. Suryanarayana)



No. 9(11)/82-PMPI

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
NEW DELHI-110 011,
26th June, 1982

MESSAGE

The Prime Minister is glad to know that the Union Christian College, Alwaye is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee. She sends her good wishes on the occasion.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(M. L. Aseri)



RAJBHAVAN
Trivandrum
December 10, 1982.

MESSAGE

I am happy to be informed that the Union Christian College, Alwaye, is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee shortly and that a souvenir is due to be published. As one of the oldest private Colleges in Kerala, this institution has rendered yeoman service to the cause of higher education. I congratulate the management, staff and students of the college on their varied achievements and wish the institution decades of fruitful service in the mission of spreading enlightenment.

Sd/-
(P. Ramachandran)



GOVERNOR
Andhra Pradesh

RAJ BHAVAN,
Hyderabad-500 041

MESSAGE

The Union Christian College, Alwaye is one of the premier educational institutions in Kerala. In the field of higher education the College has left an indelible mark on the qualitative side with a dedicated service to the people of Kerala. It is the fruition of this dedication that is culminating today in the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the College with a proud history. This is an occasion that would require the reiteration of one's faith in the noble purpose of true enlightenment through education.

Academic excellence is today built upon good discipline, an aptitude for higher learning and greater standards in teaching; above all in working together in an atmosphere of understanding that is congenial both for teaching and learning. I am sure, the Union Christian College which has been raised and reared in this tradition of academic rigour and discipline will march from strength to strength in the years to be.

I pay my tribute to the founders of the institution. Late Sri. A. M. Varkey, Sri. K. C. Chacko, Sri C. P. Mathew and my revered teacher Sri. V. M. Ittiah. My Best Wishes for the success of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

S/d-
(K. C. ABRAHAM)



K. KARUNAKARAN
Chief Minister, Kerala

TRIVANDRUM
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T. M. JACOB
Minister for Education

Trivandrum
21.8.82.

MESSAGE

I have great pleasure to learn that the Union Christian College, Alwaye will be publishing a Souvenir on the occasion of the celebration of its Diamond Jubilee. I hope the publishers will strive to bring out the Souvenir, a memorable one, befitting the status and tradition enjoyed by this great institution in the educational field in our country.

I wish all success.

Sd/-
(T. M. Jacob)



CARDINAL JOSEPH PARECATTIL
Archbishop of Ernakulam

Archbishop's House
Cochin-682 031
Kerala State, India
May 29, 1982

MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that the Union Christian College, Alwaye, is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year. The outstanding academic record established by the College since its inception reflects its valuable contribution in the field of education. My hearty congratulations to all those who have served, and are associated with, the College.

I hope and pray that the Jubilee Celebrations and the proposed publication of a Souvenir meet with every success.

Invoking Godspeed and with best regards.

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,

Sd/-
Archbis"op of Ernakulam



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THE MOST REV. I. JESUDASAN

May 26, 1982.

MESSAGE

We are extremely happy to know that the Union Christian College, Alwaye is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year.

We remember with gratitude to God the vision of the Founders of the College and the real transformation this higher educational institution has brought to bear upon the lives of so many young people of the State and upon the society at large.

We believe that the Union Christian College, Alwaye has a special mission to fulfil in the life of the Church and in the field of higher education in this land. Let the spirit of ecumenism shine in the total life of the College and let Christian virtues continue to make lasting impact on the young people who pass through the portals of the College.

In the onward march through changing times, may God guide the institution in the path of dedicated service and bless it greatly so as to keep the light lit by the pioneers burning.

With warmest greetings and best wishes for the occasion,

Yours in His service,

Sd/-
(THE MOST REV. I. JESUDASAN)
Moderator-Bishop



DIOCESE OF NORTH KERALA

Church of South India

The Rt. Rev. K. C. SETH,
BISHOP

Diocesan office
Shoranur-679 121
South India
11th June, 1982.

MESSAGE

I am glad to hear from you that your College is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year and that you are bringing out a Souvenir in connection with it. Sixty long and arduous miles have been passed since the college was started by the great trio K. C. Chacko, A. M. Varkey and C. P. Mathew. Their journey together was an adventurous journey into the unknown. The little fledgeling that tumbled and almost fell in its attempt to fly has since grown strong wings and now it soars beyond the clouds flapping its strong wings and mounting dizzying heights. But those who started this prestigious institution on an ecumenical venture and those who have led its destiny in the past have, through the years, testified that all that has been achieved is with the sustaining ever present Grace of God and not by human strength. Let this be the attitude and experience of the teachers and the taught of this great institution in this year of Diamond Jubilee. I wish the College all the Blessings in the years to come.

Yours in our Blessed Lord,

Sd/
K. C. Seth
Bishop in North Kerala.



MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR

The most Rev. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma
Metropolitan

Tiruvalla. 689 101
May 24, 1982.

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the Union Christian College, Alwaye, is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year. The College has shown that despite small beginnings, the dedicated service of a group of people can achieve wonderful results for the blessing of thousands of lives even in a developing country like India. Persons in all walks of life who have benefitted from the College during the past 60 years, will pay glowing tributes to the inspiration they received from this College. It stands as a beacon bearing testimony to the victory of faith over innumerable odds. More than all the brilliant academic service rendered in the college, the inculcation of the abiding values of life through the witness of the Fellowship, has been the most important aspect of the blessing received there.

As an Old Student of the College who graduated from the College in 1932, full half a century ago, I wish to add my tribute of gratitude to the meritorious services rendered by the College to me personally and to thousands of others.

With the passing of years, this noble Alma Mater also had to face the onset of sweeping changes in the educational field in our country, with all the problems of general indiscipline and loss of values. But I am glad to note that the college has turned the corner and has started the journey upstream to reach the noble goals of the founding fathers. May the Diamond Jubilee celebration be a great milestone on this path of progress, with the whole hearted support of those who owe much to the college.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee celebrations all blessings.

Alexander Mar Thoma, Metropolitan.



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30-12-1981

MESSAGE

At this occasion when the college is holding its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, I congratulate all those blessed ones who are at present enjoying the full benefits of the hard labour of their illustrious predecessors and I earnestly pray that the sacrificial spirit of service and pristine, Pauline Purity exhibited by its eminent founders, may pervade throughout the annals of its present and future history.

Sd/-
BASELIUS POULOSE II
Catholicose Of The East.



DIOCESE OF MADHYA KERALA

RT. REV. M. C. MANI
BISHOP
 Telephone No: 3536

Bishop's House
 Kottayam-686 001
 S. India
 30-5-1982

MESSAGE

I send my hearty congratulations to the Union Christian College on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee.

I humbly praise Almighty God, our loving Father, for all what the U. C. College is at present and for every bit of learning and service imparted by this Academy to the people and the country.

I rejoice along with its numerous friends, old students and patrons for the plan envisaged for its development during the Jubilee Year, and pray for God's help to accomplish it. I hope that the seven-point programme placed before the benign people will be met with love and consideration for the training of the future generation.

I wish that this institution may always be a source of inspiration and a guiding-post to other colleges in the state. May God bless its Council, Principal, and staff to carry on this blessed service for His glory and for the welfare of the people at large.

I am sure that as the first college started by Indian Christians, with its rare features of ecumenism, East and West relationship, residential system, fellowship method of work and cosmopolitan outlook, this institution deserves all-out encouragement, prayer and whole-hearted gifts.

There is an unchanging God, in this rapidly changing world-manifested through Jesus Christ, who is our strength, hope and salvation.

I am in His Service,

Sd/
RT. REV. M. C. MANI,
 Bishop.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Sixty years ago the Union Christian College was started with 64 students and 4 teachers as a fully residential institution. Today it has on its rolls 2100 students 130 teachers and 64 non teaching employees. In 1971 the founders had only an old cuthery building to house the new college. In course of time several other buildings have been added. A college which was started with only the history group for the intermediate course has now pre degree and degree courses in almost all the basic science and arts subjects and post-graduate courses in seven subjects. The College which had about 400 students in residence till the end of 1960's has now only about half that number residing in hostels. Thus there has been quantitative growth in certain directions, but fall in certain other directions.

Ever since Independence increase in number has been the pattern of growth everywhere. Growth in quality and relevance has not been insisted upon or ensured at all levels. This is true about Union Christian College too. And yet the founders and those who joined them working as a team with a gallant undaunted spirit, have been able to develop and pass on to us certain traditions and features such as ecumenism in constructive work, East-West partnership, a healthy residential system, Fellowship method of work, cosmopolitan outlook in appointment and admissions etc. Building up of character and the imparting of sound learning have been their priorities. These unique features are worth maintaining.

What the founders did sixty years ago at this part of Kerala on an inter-church basis was a pioneering work. While offering sound higher education in a Christian context depending fully on God, those pioneers strived hard to make their efforts relevant to the community. Never has Union Christian College been interested in producing merely good results. Equipping young men & women with knowledge and skill and above all with a keen sense of higher values of life has ever been the aim of the College.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebration should be an occasion for us to take stock, to identify areas of failure and to pledge to work together with greater zeal and sense of purpose. Quality education, relevant education, value oriented education, socially useful and productive education, all these aspects which are now said to be absent in the country's educational system, are the need of our present day and towards which we must earnestly work. While trying

to revamp the educational system with a view to achieving these objectives, we have to resist at all cost the tendency to undermine our traditional role of helping young men & women distinguish between good and bad ideas and values. The College today is a cross-section of the society unlike in olden days. While trying to be relevant in the midst of the community around, it has to stand for and uphold values that do not change.

The learning process in which the teacher and the taught are the key participants can be sound only if we develop a sense of wonder and reverence while we imbibe new knowledge and truth with the assurance that Truth alone shall make us free. If knowledge that is being imparted is to be palatable it has to be imparted with the freshness of immediate importance and relevance because as some one has said "knowledge does not keep any better than fish." Who can ensure this in our system except the teacher? Imparting sound and relevant education involves keeping ourselves abreast of the latest developments. Research or expanding the bounds of knowledge should form a part of our search for truth. The teacher's function is crucial in that he or she alone has the privilege of being entrusted with the teen-agers in the formative period of their life. It is a unique opportunity for the teacher to shape their personalities. Nothing less than absolute dedication on the part of the teaching community to serve the growing generation can bring about any desirable change in the system. On the campuses craze for obstruction to work has to get replaced by craze for excellence and craze for relevance. Teaching a fixed syllabus and not having to evaluate those whom one teaches, nips in the bud all the initiative in the teacher. This anomalous situation has to be remedied through chance for innovation. If academic autonomy is required for this, it has to be desired and secured. Uninvited interference of non-academic elements in the sphere of education has to be stopped if any educational effort is to be fruitful. Will decision-makers care to liberate the sphere of education from the clutches of vested interests of all sorts? At least on the interest of future generation, they should.

But are we, teachers and students of Union Christian College to wait for action till conditions become all congenial and favourable? Just as teachers and students pioneered sixty years ago, amidst unfavourable circumstances can we not work together with the vision, zeal and the dedication of the pioneers to keep Union Christian College unique and relevant?

Dr. A. M. CHACKO.

Our Story

Six decades of an uninterrupted and not too inglorious life merit a record; and hence this glance into the past of the Union Christian College. Set going by eminent leaders carried forward by illustrious Gurus, it keeps moving forward, cared for, perhaps, by time and tradition. Son has followed father within its walls, in several cases beyond the second generation. Many have graduated into eminence from it. Many more have gone out of it and have lived, are living, honourable and useful lives.

When the college was still but a dream, it was a vision dear to a few devout men. It was a vision of a Christian centre of higher education for imparting sound university training. It was also a vision of an attempt at harmonizing the different colours of the Christian denominations which, to all appearance, refused to blend. Out of this remarkable vision emerged the Union Christian College, into reality, on the beautiful banks of the Periyar.

Generations of students from Travancore and Cochin had already come under the influence of the Madras Christian College. This was an influence which in a way prepared the ground for 'the adventure that was Union Christian'. The year 1911 saw a campaign by Dr. John R. Mott and Dr. Sherwood Eddy for a revival of the Church in India. Some enthusiasm for interdenominational co-operation also was touched off. These gave an impetus to the new enterprise.

By 1919, the need for a college in Central Kerala had been generally recognized. The rising up of a denominational college seemed almost round the corner. It was then that the late Mr. K. C. Chacko, along with the late Mr. A. M. Varkey, the late Mr. C. P. Mathew and Mr. V. M. Ittyerah presented the practical scheme for a new residential college. The three sections of the Syrian Christian community - the Malankara Syrian Church, the Marthoma Syrian Church and the Church of India in the Dioceses of Travancore and Cochin - were to co-operate in the enterprise.

The scheme was helped and encouraged by Dr. William Skinner and Dr. E. M. Macphail of the Madras Christian College, and Dr. L. P. Larsen, the well known Danish missionary. The idea met with hearty welcome on all sides. The heads and the leading members of the Churches lent active support just falling short of official co-operation of the Churches.

Varghese John

Mr. Varghese John is on the teaching staff of the college

The Maharaja of Travancore showed a sympathetic interest

The site for the college was chosen near the northern fringes of Travancore. It would be central to the whole of the Malayalam speaking area of the West Coast. His Highness the then Maharaja of Travancore had shown a sympathetic interest in the whole scheme. This interest showed itself in the form of the generous offer of the site and the old Taluk catchery building in it as a gift for the college. But there was some delay in getting possession of these. However, the Bishop of Cochin leased out for three years a nearby three-storeyed building belonging to the Roman Catholic Church. On June 8, 1921 the college started work there with a junior intermediate class of 64 students and five teachers.

Later in the year, the old Cutchery building was repaired and adapted for the use of the college. In October 1921, it was formally opened by Dewan Bahadur T. Raghaviah, Dewan of Travancore.

The new institution was registered in 1921 under the Travancore Companies Act (Now it functions as a non-trading company under the Companies Act). The internal administration of the college was in the hands of the permanent Christian teachers organized as a Fellowship. The managing agency is an association formed of some of the leading members of the three churches and Fellowship. The college is now administered by the Standing Council consisting of all the members of the Association and by an Executive Committee appointed by it.

The college soon expanded to offer Bachelor's degree courses in Philosophy, History, Economics, Mathematics and Physics. At the inception it was affiliated to the University of Madras. In 1938-39, it was affiliated to the new University of Travancore which became the University of Kerala after the formation of the Kerala State. Admission was first thrown open to women in 1939-40.

Upto 1946, the Silver Jubilee year, 4570 students had been admitted in the college in all. But the Golden Jubilee year (1971) alone saw a student strength of 1558. The teaching staff then consisted of seventy five and the non-teaching staff fifty six. B.Sc. degree courses in Botany and Chemistry were started in the college in 1953. In 1958, the college was selected as the first centre among private colleges in Kerala for postgraduate study in Physics. The later additions were: BA degree course in Psychology (1966), English (1966) and Malayalam (1959), M.Sc in Botany and in Mathematics (1963), MA in History (1965) and MA in English (1968). A research wing in

Psychology also was started. At present the Botany Dept has a research wing.

The growth of the college has surpassed expectations and often upset arrangements. The ten years following the Golden Jubilee too have added a lot. The B.Sc. degree course in Zoology was started in 1980-81. The M.A. degree course in Economics was introduced in 1981-82. The latest addition has been that of M.Sc. in Chemistry this year.

The Association of the Old Students and Friends of the college was revived in connection with the Golden Jubilee. The Old Students Day is being celebrated on the second Saturday in November every year since 1969.

The Union Christian College was probably the first non-Roman Christian College in India to be born of Indian initiative. It was distinctively Indian in foundation and outlook. Yet, one of the highlights of its working, at least in the early years, was a very fruitful co-operation between the East and the West. Right from the inception the college enjoyed a remarkable combination of talent and dedication. Equally commendable has been the hearty co-operation given and received by all who have served here. They have been Indians and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians; but here they have all been one family, one humanity. Individuals who joined for work were encouraged to remain loyal to the best in their own tradition. Those first loyalties themselves were better served when together they strived for a fuller realization of worthy objectives.

The College was entirely residential in the beginning. (But pressures of circumstances had this purely residential character of the college abandoned even in the early years). Teachers and students here shared a common life of fellowship and unity - a new version of the old Indian Gurukula system. This was something untried in South India before.

Several distinguished former students of the college have thrown their lot in the destiny of this college. A few of the Old Students of the college and the inspiration they got from here were mainly responsible for starting the Alwaye Settlement and the Rural Medical Mission. The foundation of the Christava Mahilalayam Girl's High School at Alwaye owes a lot to the inspiration and guidance given by the founders of the Union Christian College.

The guiding principles of the college are still those ideals which were dear to its founders - inter-

Right from the beginning the college enjoyed a remarkable combination of talent and dedication

Its life has ever been one of steady usefulness

denominational basis of administration, residential system of life, fellowship method of work and a cosmopolitan team of staff. However, the passage of time has brought some inevitable changes, though the campus, probably, has never changed much.

The unification of fees in colleges in 1972 deprived the college of the freedom to collect any fees other than those specified by the government. This has pulled the college down into difficulties with regard to finance. The very strength of the Union Christian College, its ecumenical character, has proved its real weakness too when it comes to financial matters. Every Christian Church here having one or several colleges of its own, no Church in Kerala feels prepared to bind itself too much to the lot of a Union College. Even some of the generous grants offered by the U. G. C. have lapsed, as the college has not been able to find its share of the finance. Thus, what formed the amenities for a few hundreds in the past have now been doomed to get up another Procrustean bed here. On to it is being forced the academic life of 2100 students, over 120 teachers and more than fifty non-teaching members of the staff.

The present library building cannot fully serve thrice the number of students it was meant for in the 1950's. The Golden Jubilee Block which was expected to provide enough classrooms and laboratory space is yet to be completed. The A. M. Varkey Memorial Hall has to be at least improved and furnished if it is not to remain an apology for a hall in memory of a great man. Many of the buildings as well as the water system need urgent repair. The present hostel buildings are too old to be pressed into usefulness for long. Whenever a cultural programme is arranged in the college we feel terribly let down by the absence of an auditorium that can seat at least 2000 persons.

The shift system was introduced here in 1979-'80. The present timings of the classes have hampered many of the activities on the campus. The numbers too have grown a little too large to facilitate a real corporate spirit and intimacy - a curse of almost every one of our colleges.

Hopes and anxieties, achievements and disappointments, and difficulties, some solved, others still waiting for a solution - all these have gone into the history of this college. However, the Union Christian College ought to live, go on really living; for its life has ever been one of steady usefulness.

We bow to you, Captains

Our Founding Fathers

The Saintly Sentinel

Born in 1884, Mr. K. C. Chacko, after a brilliant academic career at the Madras Christian College joined the staff of that College as Lecturer in Philosophy. He was greatly inspired and influenced by the life of Principal Dr. William Skinner. While in Madras, Mr. Chacko laboured day and night among the students and other young men of the city passing on to them the message of Christ's call to fellowship in His name. His ceaseless activity told on his health and in 1911 he fell seriously ill with tuberculosis. Though the doctors gave up all hope of his recovery he tested his mind on God's love and power to heal. He had a miraculous recovery but he could no longer subject himself to much physical strain or exertion. He joyfully canalised the tremendous energy of his vigorous mind to the ministry of Intercession and helping individuals and groups in the Christian life. One of the prayer groups which came into existence in this way was responsible for the founding of this College, the first non-Roman Christian College in India owing its existence to Indian initiative. Christian fellowship as a God-given means of finding out God's will in every situation and of receiving God's answer to prayer in every need was the guiding principle of Mr. Chacko's life. He always thought of this College as a centre where a fellowship consisting of members from different denominations of the Christian Church could unitedly experience Christ's sufficiency and commend Christ to others, there by effectively sharing in the witnessing mission of the Church and working for the unity of the Church. In the growth and progress of the Union Christian College from its very humble beginning, one can see the vindication of the deep faith of Mr. Chacko in the purpose and providence of God and in God's response to prayer in the name of Christ.

Mr. Chacko retired from formal College service in 1943, but he continued to keep alive his association with his colleagues, friends and students. He also continued to strive for the unity of the Church in Kerala. While being still engaged in deliberation and negotiations involving great mental and physical strain for bringing unity within the Malankara Syrian Church to which he belonged, he died on September 15, 1947. Mr. Chacko was a rare Christian soul who in our generation experienced, and helped others to experience in their daily life and work and problems, the reality of the presence, purpose and power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Legend

Born in 1892, Mr. A. M. Varki was the first principal of the Union Christian College. He had a brilliant academic career and passed his B. A., M. A. & B. L. Degree Examinations with outstanding distinction. He was a student of the Madras Christian College and a member of the teaching staff of that College for a short period. As Principal of the College during the first 20 years he guided the destiny of the newly founded College with mature wisdom and statesmanship. To attend his lectures, especially on Shakesperian plays, or to listen to his address at the weekly College assembly or in the Chapel was an unforgettably rich experience to every member of the College. He was recognised as an experienced and seasoned educationist and an able administrator. He was a member of the Syndicate of the Madras University and later of the Travancore University for several years. As an educationist and as a leader of the Christian community especially of the Malankara Church, he exerted great influence in this part of India. Great weight was attached to his views, on all questions. His deep scholarship, mature and serene view, his great gift of eloquence and wide and sympathetic outlook on life all enabled him to win a position of great leadership and usefulness in the College, in Church and in Society. As a member of the first Mission of Fellowship sent by the Indian Churches to Great Britain and Ireland he made profound impression in the countries which the group visited. Mr. Varki passed away on June 5, 1944. The College Assembly Hall is named after him.

Soul Profound
After his B. A. (Hons.) Degree Course at Madras Christian College Mr. V. M. Ittyerah joined the staff of that College. A close friend and associate of the late Mr. K. C. Chacko, Mr. Ittyerah was one of the first persons who shared with that great soul the idea of founding the Union College. Ever since that day in 1921 when he came to the Alwaye Hill with a friend to clear the jungle around the old dilapidated, and uninhabited building in which the Union Christian College was to have its first home, Mr. Ittyerah has been the common friend of all in the College community. In 1927, while he was 31, he left the College for a period of study at Oxford. He returned in 1934 after taking his B. Litt. Degree and was on the staff of the College till he retired at the age of 60. His transparent sincerity of purpose, his

desire to be of help to all, his unselfconscious enthusiasm, his humility and his cheerfulness, all enabled him to make a distinctive and most valuable contribution to the life and work of this College. As a teacher and warden, as staff advisor to the student Christian Fellowship, as staff organiser of relief for the poor and needy neighbours of the College and in various other ways Mr. Ittyerah has been a live wire in the whole fabric of the College. He was Principal of the College from 1942 to 1947. Mr. Ittyerah retired from service in the College in May 1957 and was Principal of the Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla for three years. Even after his retirement Mr. Ittyerah is continuing his deep interest in and close association with the life and work of the College. Generations of the students of the Union Christian College cherish their association with Mr. Ittyerah, who has been to them an inspiring and consecrated christian teacher, guide and friend.

The Gentleman General

After his B. A. (Hons.) Degree Course in Philosophy at Madras Christian College, Mr. C. P. Mathew served on the staff of that College for three years. As a member of the original group whose vision and initiative were responsible for the founding of the Union Christian College, he has impressed the stamp of his forceful personality on every part of the life of the College. His sense of fairness, his courage of convictions, his magnanimity and his undivided loyalty to the highest and the best enabled him to make a most distinctive and valuable contribution alike in the shaping of the policies of the College and in the conscientious and efficient discharge of day to day routine duties. He was greatly respected for his profound scholarship in Philosophy and Theology and for the lofty ideals and principles which guided his life. His interests and gifts of leadership were not confined to the College. His fervent spirit of patriotism and his devotion to the Church gave him a unique place of leadership in Church and in public life, especially among the youth of the Land. He was a member of the Mission of Fellowship which visited England in 1938. He was Principal of the College from 1947-'52. He was a member of the first elected Parliament of the Indian Republic during the period 1952 to 1957 and during the period he served on the Indian delegation to the UNESCO in Paris in 1952 and to the United Nations Assembly in 1954.

Mr. Mathew was continuing to exert a great influence in the life of the Christian Church and to take an active interest in the political life of the country. He was also maintaining his intimate association with the life and the work of the College until his death on September 24, 1970 at the age of 74.

ജീവിതം തളിരിടുന്നു

സ്വന്തമായി ഒരു വീടുപോലും ഇല്ലാത്ത പ്രേമത്തോടുകൂടി സുബ്ബയ്യൻ തുറന്നുടേടി സ്വരമേഴിയാണ്. കലരിയൊരു കിരാനികൾ നടത്തിയാണ് ജീവിക്കുന്നത്. സാദൃശ്യം തവണയും കേരള സംസ്ഥാന ഭാഗ്യക്കുറിയിലെ ഏതാനും ഭാഗങ്ങൾ വില്പന നടത്തും. 1690-ൽ കേരള സംസ്ഥാന ഭാഗ്യക്കുറിയിൽ വില്പനക്കുടേടി കിരാനിയിൽ മെറ്റിയും സുബ്ബയ്യനെ 7 ലക്ഷം രൂപയുടെ അധികമായി. അങ്ങിനെ കാര്യങ്ങൾ 7 ലക്ഷം രൂപയുടെ അധികമായി. വളരെ പഴയ ഒരു ജീവിതം തളിരിടുന്ന സുബ്ബയ്യൻ ലക്ഷാധിപതിയായി. വളരെ പഴയ ഒരു ജീവിതം തളിരിടുന്ന സുബ്ബയ്യൻ ഇനി സ്വന്തമായി വീടുണ്ടാക്കാം. കട്ടികളെ പാടിപ്പിച്ച് നല്ല നില്പായിക്കാക്കാം. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ കട്ട.ബ. പുലർത്താം.

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- Dr. P. M. Mathai (1962-1967)
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- Dr. A. M. Chacko (1981.....)

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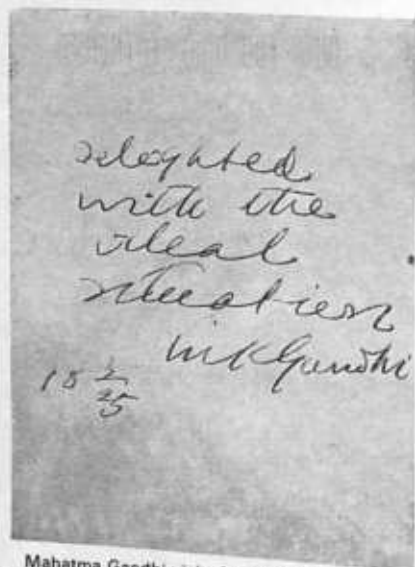
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enthusiast
(1957-'62)



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a pleasing smile
(1967-'72)



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-gentle christian
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Parliamentarian
(1942-'47)

T. B. NINAN
wedded to
union christian
(1952-57)

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- the persevering
(1962-'67)

A. K. BABY
- no generation
gap for him
(1972-'77)

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This mathematician was like a classical poem, perfect in its composition and with profound ideas embodied in beautiful verse satisfying the most musical ear.



Prof. A. ARUVAMUDA AYYENGAR

A born aristocrat in the truest sense, a man of dignity and nobility, he always reminded of Dean Inge and Thomas Carlyle.



Prof. T. R. ANANTHARAMAN

This architect of chemistry department could turn even hydrogen sulphide smell sweet to his students.



Dr. T. I. POONEN

A great teacher and scholar of unquenchable thirst for knowledge, he reminded us of the Grammarian of R. Browning.

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Prof. T. B. NINAN

An ideal amalgam of many virtues of a noble Guru, this architect of the Physics department of the college was a stalwart wedded to the union christian adventure.



Prof. KUTTIPOZHA P. KRISHA PILLAI

A rationalist thinker and writer, a social reformer and a man without a mask he remained a bachelor to love his students like his children.



Prof. T. V. RAMANUJAM

A vizier in Economics, a profound thinker, a versatile writer and a connoisseur of fine arts, Prof. Ramanujam, is now immersed in his manifold activities in Bombay.



Rev. K. C. JOSEPH

A teacher of distinction noted for his devotion to service and church, he worked with the world council of churches for a long period. He is now in India.



Rev. T. V. JOHN

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VETERANS, DOYENS



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Prof. C. P. ANDREWS

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Prof. T. C. JOSEPH

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Rev. B. G. CROWLEY

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Rev. L. W. HOOPER

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Rev. GEORGE JOHN

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GURUS,



Dr. P. M. MATHAI

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Prof. P. K. NARAYANA MENON

A Gandhian and philanthropist, Prof. Menon, the first head of the department of Hindi, stands for the right.



Dr. O. M. MATHEN

Not to forgive and not to forget, he belived, are unchristian Dr. Mathen retired in 1981. as Principal.



Prof. C. T. BENJAMIN

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The Teaching staff during the Diamond Jubilee Year.



Dedicated men and women on the non-teaching staff has been an asset of the College. The above picture shows men old generation like Rev. K. S. Abraham, P. M. John, Kochumme, P. C. Mathew, George P. Varkey, K. Mathai, C. C. Chacko, Abdu. C. K. Mohamed,



The non teaching staff during the Diamond, Jubilee Year.



Dr. A. V. Varughese who was the Vice Chancellor of the Kerala University was one among our many distinguished old students. One who believed that Union Christian College went a long way to mould his future, Dr. Varughese was scheduled to partake in our Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. But fate was not with us, Dr. Varghese had a sudden end five days ahead. May his soul rest in peace.
Ed.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



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Shri T. M. Jacob, Education Minister.



Inaugural address by
Shri Vayalar Ravi Home Minister.



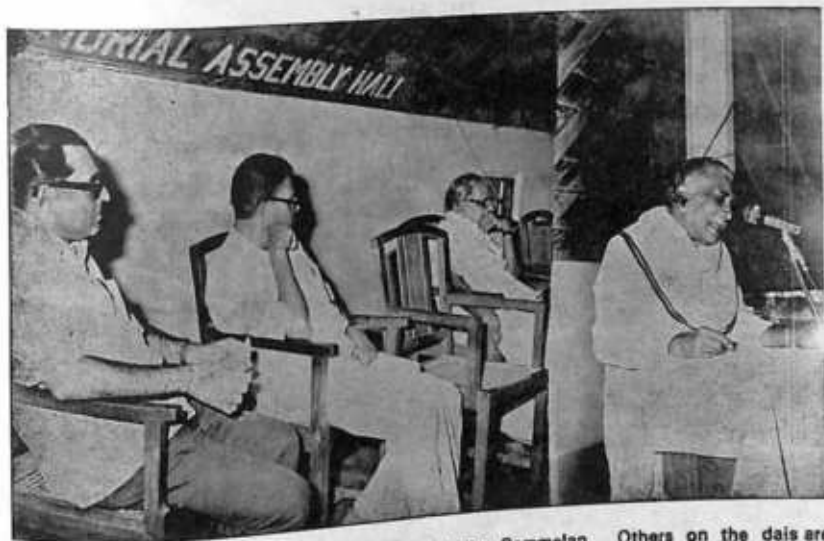
Lead kindly light — Shri. Vayalar Ravi lighting the Nilavilakku.
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On the dais: Ravi, Jacob, Sivan Pillai, Viswanathan, President of Karumalloor Panchayat and Principal Dr. A. M. Checko.



Prof. M. P. Manmathan addressing the Samskrika Sammelan. Others on the dais are Principal Dr. Chacko, Shri P. Madhavan and Shri P. Govinda Pillai.

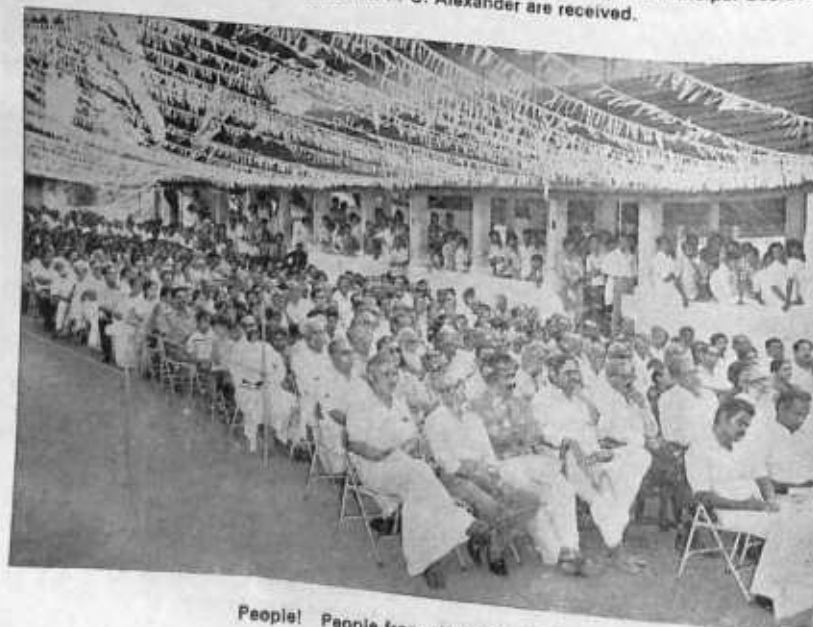


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Inaugural address by H. E. Shri P. Ramachandran



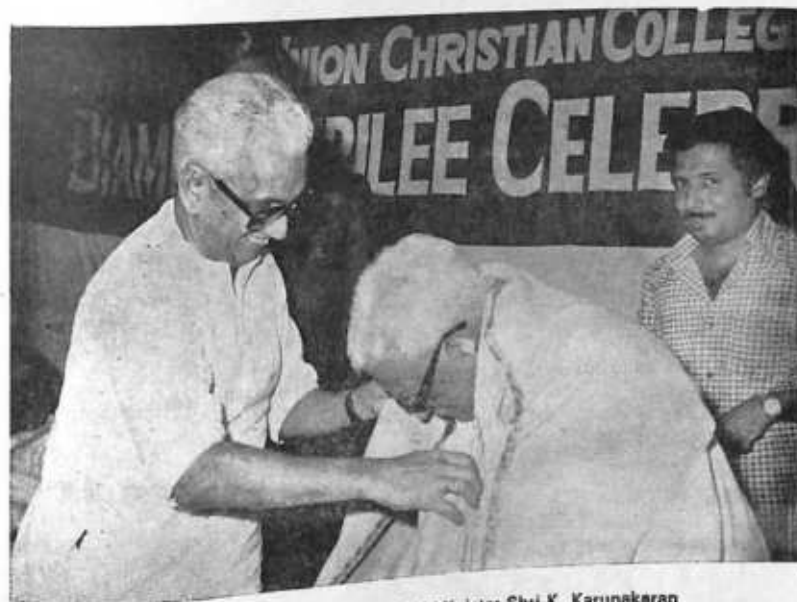
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Jubilee address by Shri P. C. Alexander I. A. S.



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The younger generation:



Rev. Geevarughese Panicker with the players
at the beginning of a Jubilee Basket Ball match.

They try to live up to the high ideals. They feel one with elders



The representatives of the present students
The College Union Executive.

From Silver Jubilee Celebrations

As we celebrate the Silver Jubilee of this College to-day, our thought travels back 25 years along the corridors of time. Today we find a full fledged, efficient, College manned by a staff of learned men who stand for the ideals of service and self-sacrifice, serving a very useful purpose in developing the mind & moulding the character of a large number of young men and women year after year. We find very valuable blocks of buildings and extensive grounds situated in a very lovely part of the country with beautiful natural scenery all round, such as the eye can never tire of. It is indeed something which fills our minds with pride and our hearts with joy. But 25 years ago, there was only a small band of devoted young men with a great ideal before them. They belonged to different denominations of the Christian Church. It was a time when small differences were accentuated. But they wanted to show a better way—that of emphasising the common factors and of standing on a common platform of united effort. It was a very bold

unassuming personality who happens to live by a miracle of faith and who lives for the College. It is only in the fitness of things on this occasion to remember also one who guided the course of this College in the difficult years of its infancy and who presided over its destinies for long and contributed in no small measure to the high position it occupies to day among the seats of learning in this land.

This College is an act of faith, a proof of what God can accomplish through men who trust in Him. As long as this spirit is maintained, this College will be a living force in the land. With God all things are possible. The College is also an expression of belief in the essential unity that could be found in the midst of diversity. This is what India needs to-day if India is to be great & strong. This is what the world wants to-day if our civilisation is to survive and if there is to be peace among men. The fundamentals that make the whole world kin must be more and more emphasised and the differences which necessarily result from

Bouquet from a Veteran

K. A. Poulse

idea. We cannot forget the silent influence of the great men of the Madras Christian College on these young men. The starting of a Union College was indeed a big venture. These young men had only their ideal before them and little else. They had neither lands nor funds but only a cheque book of Faith to draw on the infinite resources of the One to whom belongs the earth and all the fulness thereof. Their strength lay in the beauty of their vision and the sincerity of their purpose.

Step by step the idea grew and took material shape. Bit by bit, it grew; and to-day, we have the glorious edifice and institution we see before us. Who can deny that it was built up by unseen hands, who can say that the Hand of God is not in it?

To-day there are those in this college whose hearts are lifted up to the bounteous Giver of all good gifts; and among them, one cannot but think of a quiet,

the expression of individuality must be tolerated. I trust that all who pass through the portals of this College will have this great truth ineffaceably stamped on their minds and that when they go out into the world they will bear witness to it in everyday life. To the extent that this principle guides the College, and to that extent only, does the College justify its existence as a Union College. This experiment must stand the test of time.

This College has indeed more than justified its existence. All honour to the noble batch of good men who have found their vocation in this College and who have preferred service as the lasting and essential aim in life. They do not stand in need of praise, but we cannot but pay it. I am sure the guiding hand of God will be with the College in the future as in the past and that the ideals of Faith in God and of Union will be guiding principles of the College ever more, as it has been in the past. May the College flourish and its ideals shine more and more gloriously for all time.

These are excerpts from the speech delivered by Shri K. A. Poulse, Rtd. High Court Judge, Cochin State. Justice Poulse is now no more

From what I have heard about the ideals of this institution and of the method which you have adopted for carrying out education in this College, I find that it has great resemblance to the institution I have started. You have the same ideals which we have in Santinikethan, I know that most of you have heard about the ideals of Visva-Bharathi. I shall only briefly refer to them.

I have once lived in a village which was situated on the bank of what was once a great river, and which in course of time silted up and dried up. So its connection with the outer world was stopped for some time. And when I was there, the rainy season began and the river beds were filled with water, and its connection with the other great river was established and it was a time of great festivity for the village people, especially for the children. The water flowed into the dry watercourse. The big boats began to make their appearance laden with wares from the outside world. In these few months the atmosphere of the

Education in India

R. Tagore

village on that bank was greatly changed. This is in short the picture of the idea which I have in mind of Santinikethan.

There was a time when India had her wider connection with the larger world of men, and people came from all the different parts of the world and the streams of merchandise went from her markets to different parts. So it was a great age when India occupied a seat in the heart of humanity. But gradually the channel of communication became silted up and she became segregated with her own boundaries and her life became feeble and insignificant and we have been living in this life of segregation. I feel it is my mission to try to bring the stream of communication from the outer world into India; and the institution I have started represents the idea in my mind.

It came to me, this wish, when lately I went to Europe and took a tour round the continent, and when I found that the people of different countries

of Europe accepted me as their own poet and gave the warmest welcome to me, -when I found that this was a fact, it came to my mind that I had the responsibility to open up connections of heart between India and the great Western Continent. I would have thought the idea impossible of attainment a few years ago. But by some good chance the time has come when Europe has turned her eyes towards the East expecting some help in the trouble which she now undergoes. -some true help from the East, from the same source whence it had gone to all parts in former days. And by some good fortune I represented to Europe this East. I was accepted by the West. Then the idea became clearer to my mind than ever before and I felt a hold upon it. I felt this duty imposed upon me by Providence. This has become my mission of life.

What I feel about our educational institutions is this, that they must have some great ideal behind them. They must not merely have some method of

outward efficiency, some mere list of syllabuses, courses, examinations and other external things. You must have some great ideal, and that ideal in our own times is to release India from her imprisonment, -from her spiritual and intellectual imprisonment. She must be released from the narrowness of her range of life and mind. The idea which belongs to the present age is the idea of the federation of races. This fact has to be considered more in this part than in other parts of the human race. The fact that they are coming closer and closer to one another is the great fact of this present scientific age. It has become the mission of Science to bring these races together. Now comes the vision of the moral and spiritual man, to take it up and turn it towards worthy ends. If India establishes her broad outlook and does not live the life of segregation, then not only communication with the rest of the world but also communication with the races inhabiting her own land will be opened. When we say we love India we do not really mean it. If India is merely a geographical fact it

may be true that we belong to India but we do not love India. For if this love of India has no deep and true sense in a increase of knowledge, then we must confess that India is not truly ours. For if India belongs to us, the people of each province belong to us. I must say that I who belong to Bengal have only a shadowy notion of the people of this land. Yet I am ever ready for displaying my pride in the fact that I belong to India. But do I belong to it in reality? I live in one corner of it - the eastern part. I am familiar with Bengal, but the rest of India is a great abstraction to me. If our education does not make us familiar with our motherland, has this education any value for us? We talk about it on political platforms. We talk of the cultural and political unity of India. Where is that unity?

The first step in the course of our progress must be to know each other, then we can have relationship established in truth. Now it is mere vague words & nothing else, and so the educational institution, if we have any such which belongs to the people of India, must light up the face of our great land so that all the children of India may know her. We often shout the patriotic songs, Vande-matharam and others. But the shouting does not give us the Mother. Our pride of India is mere vain glory. We do not undergo the pains to know her. Do you know, when you sing "Vandematharam" and "wear Khadar" anything of the Punjab? What is India if it is less familiar to you than England? You know more of the literature, philosophy and ethnology of England than of India. And yet you shout Vandematharam. You do not have

real love for India. If you have true love, you will know her better.

India must be saved, not by spinning yarn or producing cloth, but by revealing the best gift which she carries hidden in her heart. These must be revealed to the world and to herself. This is the idea which we must have in our education, -to remove obstruction, and open out the doors, to let the inner shrine of the motherheart of India, where the lamp is burning, be revealed to the world. For this we must try our best. When the doors are shut, and when it is dark, then we are ignored by the whole world. We must therefore open our doors and say to the world: "We also have our contribution on of light to make in the lamp-festival of the Continents." You students must say to yourselves, that you belong to this great land and therefore it is your duty to discover and reveal to the world the best that is in your country, -and not begging for some crumbs from the Western Saraswati as if that were the end of education. No! instead of this, you must extend your hospitality to the world. You must offer to the whole world all that India has to give. For this very reason I have opened a guest house in Santinikethan, and I have named it Viswabharathi, - a centre of world culture. I trust that India will be true to her guests from the outer world when they come to her, and will not shame herself by saying that she has no time to spare for her guests even when they knock at her doors. It is not true that India has no time to-day to contribute her share to world. She has the time and the spiritual wealth and she must give freely out of her store.

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"If deeply spiritual men take to politics, they will approach its problems in a true elevation of spirit, they would be able to exert on the public life of the country a tremendous influence.

"Unfortunately there is a tendency on the part of the Indian Christians to break from the traditions of India the moment they become Christians—there are honourable exceptions. I need not say much of the danger to life when a restraint, weighty and continual, is suddenly removed. To whatever faith we belong we are all heirs to the same inheritance and we all respect the ideals embodied in the characters of Rama and Sita, Nala and Damayanthi. There is nothing inconsistent with the acceptance of new faiths in these ideals. If we preserve our tradition of patience under suffering, passive resistance to evil, the power to face death without a tremour, and develop our innate sense of the spiritual, we will no more be servile imitators of the alien. Let us adopt the old ideals and wipe away the accumulated shame for which we are now suffering. I hope and pray that the Always institution may bring about this good result and harmonise the colours that now to all appearance refuse to blend."

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

These are excerpts from a letter from Dr. S. Radhakrishnan written on 15 August 1921

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ആത്മമാതാവിന്റെ തൃപ്യാദങ്ങളിൽ

ആലുവാ യൂണിയൻ ക്രിസ്ത്യൻ കോളേജിന്റെ വർണ്ണബിലി കരോംസവ. കൊണ്ടാട്ടുന്ന എന്ന വാരിയ ആ കരോംസവത്തിൽ ചെന്ന് പഠിയ്ക്കുവാൻ ചോഗ്യം സ്വീകരിച്ചു എന്നെപ്പോലെ അനേകായിരം പൂർവവിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു അഭിമാനവും ആഹ്ലാദവും ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന ഒന്നാണിത്.

അൻപതു വർഷങ്ങൾക്കു മുമ്പാണ് (1921-ൽ) ആ കലാലയത്തിൽ ഞാനെന്ന് വിദ്യാർത്ഥിയായി ചേർന്നത്. നാലു വയസ് (ഇൻറർമീഡിയറ്റ്) ബി. എ. യും ക്ലാസ്സുകളിൽ പഠിയ്ക്കാൻ തുടർച്ചയായി ആ കലാ കയറിയ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളിൽ ഒന്നവനാണ് ഞാൻ. അന്ന് ആ കലാലയത്തിന്, കേരളത്തിന്റെ നാനാ ഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നായി അറിവിന്റെ അത്മ കളാലായി വന്നിരുന്ന അസംഖ്യം യുവാക്കൾക്ക് അവരുടെ ഭാഷയങ്ങളിൽ യഥേഷ്ടം വായി നിറച്ചുകൊടുക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞിരുന്ന വിധമുള്ള വിശിഷ്ട സേനാഭ്യർക്കുമാണ്, അതുപോലെ നമ്മുടെ കലാലാലകളിൽ അന്നു ഇന്ന്, അതുപോലെ നമ്മുടെ കലാലാലകളിൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളായി വന്നിരുന്നവർക്ക് നൽകാൻ ഏതെങ്കിലും സാധനത്തിന് കഴിയുന്നുണ്ടെന്ന് തോന്നുന്നില്ല.

അവിടെ കേവലം കരോംസവ പകരക്കയന്ന യാത്രിക വ്യാപാരമല്ല ഞാൻ കണ്ടത്. ഗുരുവിന് ശിഷ്യരോടുള്ള കരുണയും ഒരു ഗുരുവേദസേവയായി കരുതി കേന്ദ്രീകരിച്ചു. അന്നുണ്ടായിരുന്ന ഗുരുനാഥ കരുണയും അവരെ ആരംഭനാ ഭാവത്തോടെ സ്മരിച്ചു. നമ്മുടെ കീഴിൽ അഭ്യസനം നിർവഹിച്ചുപോന്ന അവരുടെ കീഴിൽ അഭ്യസനം നിർവഹിച്ചുപോന്ന ശിഷ്യന്മാരും ചേർന്ന് ആ കലാലയത്തെ യഥാർത്ഥത്തിൽ സമഗ്രതയോടെ തന്നെക്കേന്ദ്രീകരിക്കുന്ന അഭിമാനകരമായ കാഴ്ചയാണ്.

1921. കലാലയംഗാസിയന്റേയ്ക്കു മേലിയംഗത്തു കൊടുങ്കാറ്റുകളടിച്ചിടം ഞാൻ തുടങ്ങിയ കലാലയം. ആ കലാലയം. കലാലയം മേലിയംഗത്തേക്ക് അറിവ് സമൃദ്ധി പടർത്തും. ആസ്തികൃതിയുടെ അർത്ഥപരിവേഷവും നൽകി യുവഹൃദയങ്ങളെ വശീകരിച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരുന്ന സമ്പ്രദായമായ ആ സന്ദർഭത്തിലാണ് പ്രഖ്യാതമായ മദ്രാസ് ക്രിസ്ത്യൻ കോളേജിൽ നിന്ന് ബിരുദമെടുത്ത തിരുവിതാംകൂറുകാരായ മൂന്നു നാലു ക്രിസ്ത്യൻ യുവാക്കൾ നാട്ടിൽ തിരിച്ചെത്തിയത്.

എം. പി. മൽമേൽ

യത്. അഭ്യസ്തവിദ്യനായ ഏതു യുവാവിനും അന്ന് നിഷ്പ്രയാസം ലഭിക്കുമായിരുന്ന മികച്ച സർക്കാർ ജോലി അവർ നേട്ടംകൊണ്ട് ഉപേക്ഷിച്ചു. നമ്മുടെ സകലത്തിലുള്ള ഒരു ആദർശകലാലയം നിർമ്മിച്ച അതിൽ സേവനം ചെയ്തിരുന്ന ആ ഗുരുക്കന്മാർക്കു അതിനുള്ള കൃതജ്ഞതയെ പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കാൻ അവർ വ്യാപാരരംഗത്തിൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥി വിഷയത്തിൽ മദ്രാസ് ക്രിസ്ത്യൻ കോളേജ് അദ്ധ്യക്ഷകന്മാർക്കു നൽകിയ മാതൃകയെ അവർ നേട്ടത്തിൽ സൂക്ഷിച്ചിരുന്നു.

തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ഗവർണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ഭരണവും കൊണ്ടു സ്വീകരിച്ച പഴയ ആലയം നാലു കോളേജി കെട്ടിടവും വിശാലമായ പരിസരവുമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. കോളേജ് തുടങ്ങാനുള്ള പ്രാദേശിക സൗകര്യങ്ങൾ നൽകി അവരെ അനുഗ്രഹിച്ചു ലേക്കു സിറിയൻ പാർട്ടി, ലേക്കു മാർത്തോമ്മാ സിറിയൻ പാർട്ടി, പാർട്ടി ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ എന്നീ മൂന്നു ക്രിസ്തീയ സഭകളുടെ യോജിച്ചുള്ള സഹകരണവും പിന്തുണയും അവരുടെ ആത്മവിശ്വാസം വർദ്ധിച്ചു.

1921-ൽ യു. സി. കോളേജിന്റെ തുടക്കം കുറിച്ച അതിന്റെ സ്ഥാപകൻ, ആദിപിതാക്കളായ ആ വന്ധ്യഗുരുനാഥന്മാർ കെ. സി. ചാക്കോ, സി. പി. മാത്യു, എ. എം. വർക്കി, വി. എം. ഇട്ടിയവിരം എന്നിവരായിരുന്നു. അവർ, പിന്നീട് അവിടെ അദ്ധ്യാപകരായി ചേർന്ന ഈ സഭകളിൽ പെട്ട ഒന്നിനെയും. ഈ ഫെല്ലോഷിപ്പാണ് യൂണിയൻ ക്രിസ്ത്യൻ കോളേജിനെ വളർത്തിക്കൊണ്ടു വന്നത്. കോളേജിന്റെ കാര്യത്തിലുൾപ്പെട്ട ഉത്തരവാദിത്വങ്ങൾ അവർ പങ്കുവെച്ചു കേന്ദ്രീകരിച്ചു നിൽക്കുമായി നിർവഹിച്ചു പോന്നു. ഫീസ് വകയിലെ വ്യക്താനത്തിന്റെ പരിമിതി കണക്കിലെടുത്ത് ഓരോ ഘട്ടത്തിലും തങ്ങളുടെ ശമ്പളത്തുകയെ വെട്ടിക്കുറയ്ക്കുന്നു. അവർ ഒരു മടിയും കറുപ്പിയില്ല. ഈ ത്യാഗങ്ങളും ഭക്തിയുണ്ടും അവർക്കനുഷ്ഠിക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞത് കേവലം കരോംസവത്തിന്റെ സുഷ്ടി കാരണമല്ല താല്പര്യം കൊണ്ടായിരുന്നു. വിദ്യാർത്ഥി സമൂഹത്തിന് അതിലും കലാലയം ലക്ഷ്യങ്ങളെ നേരുന്നതിനായിരുന്നു. അതായിരുന്നു അവരെ ആകാശത്തിലേക്കു പ്രവർത്തിപ്പിച്ചു പോന്ന പ്രചോദനശക്തി. ഈശ്വരനെ മുൻനിറുത്തി, ആ കലാലയം ലക്ഷ്യങ്ങളെ മുൻനിറുത്തി അവർ സർവ്വമെടുത്തു പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു. അതു ഫലമില്ലായ്മയും ചെയ്തു. രാജ്യത്തിനാവശ്യമുള്ള ഉത്തമപുരുഷന്മാരെ സഹായ ചെയ്യുന്നതിൽ യു. സി. കോളേജ് മറ്റൊരു മഹത്തമ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളേയും പിന്നിലായിരുന്നു.

ഒരു ശതകത്തിനുള്ളിൽ പ്രഗത്ഭരായ സമാന്യരായ ഗുരുനാഥന്മാർ വളരെപ്പേർ അവിടെ നിയമിതരായി. മിന്നസോട്ടയ്ക്കുള്ളിൽ പെട്ടവ

ആദർശധീനമായ പൊതുപ്രവർത്തനത്തിലായിരുന്ന പ്രൊ. എം. പി. മൽമേൽ കൂടുതലുകൾക്കു അടുത്തിൽ ഇവിടെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥിയായിത്തീരട്ടെ.

General

ഇനിയും ഞാൻ വരട്ടെ

കോളേജ് കുന്നിൽ ആ പൂർണ്ണ വിദ്യാർത്ഥി വണ്ടി യറങ്ങി. വർഷങ്ങൾക്കുശേഷവും, യു. സി. കോളേജിന്റെ പേരിനീക്കിടാൻ കൊത്തിയ ഇരമ്പു ഗേയ് റ്റു് അത്ഭുതപടി.

ഗേയ് റ്റു് കടന്നു, കോളേജ് കോമ്പൗണ്ടിനുള്ളിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ച അയാൾ, കൽപ്പടവുകൾ കയറി വഴി കെഞ്ചേറിയ്ക്ക് ഹാളിനു മുന്നിലെത്തി. ഇന്നും ഈ ഹാൾ അത്ഭുതപടിയോടെ പഴയതുകൾ മാറ്റമില്ലാതെ അപരിചിതതയിലാണെന്നു തോന്നി. പേരിനു അർത്ഥമില്ലെന്നു തോന്നി.

തന്റെ ഓർമ്മകളുടെ കരുക്കളെപ്പറ്റി—തന്റെ ആ സ്വേദിന്റെ കലാശ്ലാസത്തിന്റെ അനശ്വരമായ കവി വായലാർ രാജവർമ്മ പ്രസംഗിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു് നിന്നിരുന്ന ശബ്ദം, ഒരു ചലച്ചിത്രത്തിലെന്നപോലെ കണ്ണിൽ ഉറപ്പിച്ചു.

കോളേജ് ആർട്ട്സ് ക്ലബ്ബിന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടന യോഗം—വായലാർ ഉദ്ഘാടനം, വേദിയിൽ താൻ മുങ്ങിയിരുന്നു. വായലാർ പ്രസംഗം ആരംഭിച്ചു. സദസ്സിൽനിന്നും ഉച്ചത്തിലുള്ള ശബ്ദങ്ങൾ, വേദിയിലേക്കു് പ്രസംഗം നിൽക്കും, ഒരു നിമിഷത്തിനിടെ തിരികെ ഉറപ്പിച്ചു. കടന്നു വന്നിരുന്നു.

“വായലാർ പാടണം.”—ഉച്ചത്തിലുള്ള അപേക്ഷകൾ സദസ്സിൽനിന്നും. ഏതോ ഒരു ഉറവിട്ടി യുടെ പ്രേരണയെന്നപോലെ വീണ്ടും പ്രസംഗപീഠത്തിനരികിലേക്കു് ചെന്നു്, അദ്ദേഹം പാടി.—

“നേയ്യൻ മരുമരുളെ സൂപ്പിച്ചു! മരുമരുളെ വൈവരണെ സൂപ്പിച്ചു. മരുമരുളെ മരുമരുളെ വൈവരണെ സൂപ്പിച്ചു. മരുമരുളെ മരുമരുളെ വൈവരണെ സൂപ്പിച്ചു. സദസ്സിൽ നിന്നുനിന്ന നിശബ്ദം. ആ കവി യുടെ കണ്ണുനീരിൽനിന്നും, അനശ്വരമായി നിഴലിച്ച ഗംഗാപ്രവാഹം കേട്ടു്, കവിതയിൽ തുടങ്ങി ദേശീയോദാരഗ്രാഹനത്തിലേക്കുവന്ന ആ പ്രസംഗം കേട്ടു്

അദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ: റോയ് കുര്യൻ

ഏഴുപതുക്കളുടെ ആദ്യത്തിൽ ഇവിടെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥിയാണിരിക്കെ കോളേജ് യൂണിയൻ സെക്രട്ടറിയും ചൈതന്യമായിരുന്ന റോയ് കുര്യൻ ഇപ്പോൾ പാലക്കാട് അടിമത്തക്കുന്നാണ്.

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അയാൾ കേന്ദ്രപാഠശാലയിൽനിന്നു് പാലക്കാട് ഹോസ്റ്റൽ, കടന്നു, തനിക്കുപ്രിയപ്പെട്ട ‘ചാക്കോ കോളേജ്’ കടന്നു. പാലക്കാട് പഴയ പട്ടണത്തിൽ അയാളിരുന്നു. ഒരു കെട്ടിടം അവിടെ വെളിപ്പെടുത്തും മുഖമെന്തെന്തെങ്കിലും.

തോന്നി, ഈ കടവിലാണ് നീന്താനിറങ്ങിയ താൻ പഴയതെ മനസ്സിലാക്കി താഴേയ്ക്കുപോയത്. ആ റെക്കർഡ് കളിയിൽ നിന്നും.

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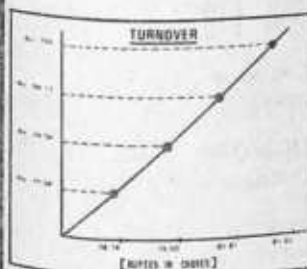
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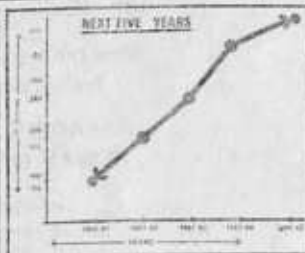
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Economic Times: 21-9-81

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Indian Express 25-9-81

When the Maveli stores confined themselves to the trade in the 18 essential items, in some cases supplementing the attempts of the ration shops, a more gigantic and complicated operation was attempted through the one-week-long Onam Fairs, selling almost everything needed to make the common man's Onam sumptuous and at the same time less costly. The items in these fairs, numbering about 2,000 and organised mostly by the co-operatives, sold included vegetables, textiles and bangles. It is now acknowledged by all quarters that these fairs were a tremendous success."

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The Mavelli stores and Onam markets organised by Civil Supplies Corporation in various parts of the State have been a good beginning. The Corporation has opened Onam markets in towns directly and in mutualist areas with the help of co-operative societies. Consumers get essential articles from these markets at very low prices. For certain items the prices are lower by 30 to 40 per cent.

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from old students

Jai Alma Mata

One afternoon I saw my beloved father J' walking up and down the verandha of the house restlessly. The season was not fit to stray out as it was raining heavily, accompanied with violent wind. When I enquired about the cause of his restlessness, I was told that he received a letter from my eldest brother K, who was then studying at the Union Christian College. Always, demanding urgently some money. It was his practice to write letters only when he felt the need of money and father though was never pleased at this habit had to acquiesce with it. He wanted his son to write to him at least once in every fortnight. Grown up children seldom think that their parents would be very anxious to hear from them often, especially when the distance between them grow wider. I was then only fifteen, yet father asked me whether I could venture to go to the college with the amount. Immediately I gave my assent, partly because of my affection towards my brother and partly because of my eagerness to see the college and the sort of life prevailing within that holy sanctuary. That time the college was mostly residential and all the hostels were full. There was no time to loose. Mother was then busy preparing some establishments to her first-born. Within half an hour I appeared before my father well-dressed, for I thought, I shall not be outfitted when I get to the college as it was thought that the students were stylish both in their habits and attire. I received the required amount from my father with instructions to be careful about it. I got it wrapped in a kerchief and tied on my waist just beneath my shirt. Thus with full expectations and prayer I set out on this pilgrimage.

When I reached the Parur bus-stand I was surprised to hear that the traffic was stopped due to heavy rain and consequent flood. That was a set back to me, for the only possibility left, was to walk up the whole distance and I reacted promptly with an air of fun. I was not alone. There were several others facing the same lot and we set out to walk. I don't want to

give here a detailed account of my expedition. At times I had to cross the flooded area in very small country boats which can hardly carry two persons. At times I had to swim, but all the time I was very careful about the amount entrusted with me.

At about 9 P.M., happily I reached the main gate of the college. Then the watchman stopped me. When I wanted entrance he began to question me and I had to satisfy him thoroughly before I could get an entrance. He was so pleased to open the gates to me when I said "I am the brother of so and so, residing in the new hostel and come on an errand to meet him". Not only that he opened the gate, but offered to take me to the hostel when he learned that I was a stranger to the place, posing himself as a good samaritan. This good turn on his part threw light on the gospel message "going two miles" and it arose in me a feeling of great respect for the college, for I was convinced that the college was casting good influence even on a gate keeper. No sooner had I approached the hostel guestroom, than the news about the arrival of a young boy was flashed and my brother came out with surprise to take me to his room. What he did first was to intimate to the hostel warden of my arrival, that he might get sanction for my night-stay there. I readily handed over to my brother the amount with a sense of great relief. He was so much pleased to receive it, but he began to chide me, affectionately for venturing to walk up the whole distance through gutted roads. As I was more anxious to acquaint myself with the college and the life about it, I could hardly give ear to his prattles. I was also given the distinct honour of occupying the bed of one of his room mates, for that friend was so particular that I must use that alone. I had often heard that christian colleges in those good old days used to keep good discipline and a loftier ethical and educational standard, chiefly due to the exemplary guidance they got through good christian teachers. The U C. College is undoubtedly and invariably a magnificent illustration to it. Though I bid good-bye to my brother the next day morning, I even cherished in my mind a desire to have by studies also there. Five years after this incident by God's Grace, I got the privilege of getting enrolled as a student of this college for my graduation course. I was put in the "North East Hostel", over which late Mr. K. C. Chacko was the chief warden. Students of my religious cult used to assemble every morning for prayer in his room and he was very much

Truth is our only armour in all passages of life and death — Emerson

pleased of it, for himself was a man of arduous prayer and discipline. He had the greatest concern for students, their spiritual and moral growth. By frequent spiritual exercises of Bible studies, retreats, prayer groups and discussion groups he laboured to develop in the students a unique Christ-like personality. Indeed venerable Mr. Chacko was the main spring of spiritual force of the whole institution, which was quite sufficient to knit together the whole band of these dedicated promising men- the pioneers of the institution, its staff and students, on the fabric of real christian verities of love and service. In this connection I would like to mention the names of a few of them who were yoked so earnestly to this mission along with Mr. Chacko; the silver tongued Mr. A. M. Varkery, the cheering genius Mr. T. I. Poonnan, the most strategic Mr. V. M. Ittyerah, the dealistic politician Mr. C. P. Mathew, the stern and subtle Mr. T. B. Ninan, the puritanic and socratic Mr. K. Jacob etc. They were all heroic men of

exceptional talents who served the college and thereby humanity in general in a most unselfish manner, so much so that my mind is rich with green memories of their noble and inestimable character. Among the galaxy of these luminous stars, I hope only Mr. V.M. Ittyerah and Mr. K. Jacob are spared to us. God may increase their peace.

At this occasion when the college is holding its diamond jubilee celebrations, I congratulate all those blessed ones who are at present enjoying the full benefits of the hard labour of their illustrious predecessors and I earnestly pray that the sacrificial spirit of service and prestine, Pauline Purity exhibited by its eminent founders, may pervade throughout the annals of its present and future history

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Good Old Days

Literally so. I refer to a period of four years, 1924-28, when I was a resident student of the Union Christian College. The College itself was only three years old, when, as a lad of seventeen, I enrolled myself in the Junior Intermediate Class. I started my hostel life in a four-seated room of the Tagore hostel. After a few months I moved into the then newly-built south-east Hostel (later named Holland Hostel). After another year I was allotted a single room in the North-East Hostel (now Chacko Hostel) where I spent the last two years of my student life. The upstairs corner room of the eastern wing of the hostel, commanding a distant view of the mountains to the east, and looking out over the open acres to the Mangalapuzha Seminary and the river, suited my taste and temperament. My warden was Mr. K. C. Chacko, that great and saintly man, to whom I owe more than I can say in words.

To be asked to contribute a short account of personal reminiscences and what the College meant to me is indeed a privilege for which I am grateful. There is a gap of over half a century between then and now. Generation gap? The face of Alwaye has changed beyond recognition in the last half century. That is but natural. But the change in the spirit of the times is more drastic and disturbing; values have changed. Moral principles have turned topsy-turvy. The idealism which was so much in the air in those days seems to have gone under-ground. Outstanding personalities in any sphere have become more rare. Money, more and more money, has become the only prize worth winning and working for in life. The basic evil is not money itself, but the greed for money which brings in its train evils like drink, dishonesty and lose living. The call for sacrifice, simple living-

When I left the college in 1928, the Alwaye Settlement had already taken shape as an outlet for service for out-going students of the College. I cast my lot with the first group of two or three Old Students who initiated this venture under the able guidance and inspiration of teachers like Mr. K. C. Chacko. A bit of barren land (one or two acres) acquired for this purpose, and a hut to live in for the ten backward class children and their teachers was all that there was; but a year later, in 1929, this small but unique institution had the honour of a visit from Lord Irwin, the then Viceroy of India. The Settlement grew and flourished as a daughter institution of the college, I mention the Settlement in this short account of personal reminiscences about the college because it was a practical demonstration of the spirit of service which the college sought to inculcate in its students.

Now to go back to my years at the College. What stands out is the memory of personalities like Principal A. M. Varki, K. C. Chacko, C. P. Mathew, V. M. Ittyerah, Canon W. E. S. Holland, Malcolm Muggeridge and others. They have all made a deep impression which still remains. Mr. Varki as Principal and teacher is unforgettable. His lectures on Shakespeare twice a week or so was looked forward to with eager delight. The weekly assembly of students and staff just for a quarter of an hour on Monday mornings, which the Principal addressed, was not only a specimen of first-rate eloquence but a message for life. Once speaking about the place of prayer and solitude Mr. Varki said: "The streams that turn the mills of life take their rise in hidden springs high up in the mountains". K. C. Chacko's contribution was through personal contact and Christian friendship and fellowship. To him, as to St. Paul, "to live was Christ". And he led many to Christ. The deep personal influence of Mr. Chacko on generations of students and staff was the greatest gift of all.

M. Thommen

Mr. M. Thommen, was a student here in twenties

Best Piece of work

The idea of starting a Union Christian College in Kerala was first conceived in the minds of four zealous men of God who at that time were working as professors in the Madras Christian College. They were Messrs. A. M. Varkey, C. P. Mathew, K. C. Chacko, and V. M. Ittyerah. When they expressed their desire to some, this idea was appreciated and welcomed as college education during those days was not within the reach of the common man.

A huge house of the Roman Catholic church with a big compound and another one which was used as "Kacheri" were lying vacant. These buildings on the bank of river Periyar were secured for the purpose. These men of God with prayer put their idea into action. I had the privilege to be among the first batch of students in the college.

The professors also were staying with the students in the same dormitories. Sri. K. C. Chacko was in charge of conducting prayer meetings. The need to give the Gospel to the unevangelised area was often emphasised by the professors. Their way of life, passion for the lost souls and their willingness to

serve the depressed class of people created a great burden in me to be of service to the needy and the poor. My friend Mr. K. J. John and I prayed about this and we started the Alwaye Settlement School for the children of the poor and the depressed.

Mr. K. J. John and I stayed in the Settlement School with our families and with the children of the Settlement School. They were taught many things besides class-room teaching. Growing vegetables and tapioca was an interesting hobby for the children. The then Viceroy of India, Lord Irwin, who visited the Union Christian College at this time was very happy to see the Settlement School. When the handwork and gardening of the children were exhibited, the Viceroy remarked, "This is the best piece of work I have seen in South India".

As I was working among the children the need to spread the Gospel among the unevangelised area became stronger in me. The example of the professors at U. C. C. and how they lived impressed me very much. Serving the needy was their motto and I was able to follow their foot steps in going to the unevangelised parts of Andhra Pradesh in 1936 as a full-time preacher of the Gospel. I praise God for the hundreds of churches established through our humble ministry during the past 46 years.

May God help Union Christian College to prosper in moulding the lives of the students. God bless you one and all.

Pastor P. T. Chacko

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Pastor P. T. Chacko was a student of the first batch in the college

The Atmosphere of Learning

But for U. C. College, Alwaye, I would not have taken to University Education. Nor the bulk of the dayscholar students round about the College, who could not afford to spend more than, say - Rs. 200 to Rs. 250/- per year, for education during the period 1920-50. They could be classified as of the lower middle class families whose annual income during the above decades could be within the range of Rs. 1200-1500.

The present day College student may be wondering how one could cover all his expenses with the apparently meagre sum of money mentioned above. But in real life situation, a dayscholar student of very moderate habits could do so at U. C. C. Alwaye. And once within the College campus, yet, such a student would not have felt that he was a poor student even while he had to live among a group of much more wealthy students who could easily be judged as to belong to the richest stratum of Society.

The College authorities were always successful in warding off indiscipline within the College Campus. Whether it was within the class room or outside, the student was sure to be identified and questioned for his misdoings even if they were of a minor nature. Even more keen was the anxiety of the College staff to see that the students were helped out of any small or big difficulty that they came across.

The very liberal encouragement afforded to the students by the College staff in their involvements in

Extra Curricular Activities was yet another special feature of the College. No one could get along in the College without participating in games at least twice a week. The Annual Sports was a regular and very well conducted function at U. C. C. even during the early forties. So also the College Unions and other Associations related to the different departments gave ample opportunities to students develop their latent talents in Art, Literature and other fields.

The very high ethical standards which the staff of the College served in respect of all activities at the College and outside, remarkably influenced the outlook and philosophy of the student community by and large. Necessarily the students felt themselves elevated to a high moral level; they were subjected to a process analogous to sympathetic vibration. Unknowningly the students adapted themselves to the new environment which revolutionised their concept of morals and discipline. The students developed a new culture all peculiar to U. C. C.

The Community Life in the Hostels was envied by the dayscholars in those days; it was indeed a happy and inspiring experience. Discipline of a high order was maintained in the hostels and the atmosphere of Learning prevailed even at the Hostels.

The celebrity of the staff and the excellence of the teaching at the College can never be overstated. Even this day, it is a very happy experience for me to revolve my thoughts back to the days at U. C. C. and make an attempt to "live" with the Great Teachers of those days.

Many of the various facets of the College and college life pictured above were peculiar to U. C. C. Alwaye. And that is why old students of my type unhesitatingly declare that it was the one College which could be rightly described as possessing *The Atmosphere of Learning*.

K. N. Ramachandra Menon

M. Ramachandra Menon, a student of forties rehired as Chief Engineer of Kerala State Electricity Board

The Partners from the West

The Union Christian College had a number of significant and distinctive features. It was in particular an experiment in faith in the principles of Ecumenism and Christian Fellowship in work. The climate among Christians in Kerala in the earlier part of the century was hardly conducive to ecumenical cooperation. Some well meaning Christian friends even warned the founders that the experiment would only end up in litigation. However when the College was started the Church Missionary Society of England realised that the experiment at Alway had great potentialities for good. They identified themselves with the aims of the College and sent missionaries to serve on its staff and became partners in its work. The Society had implicit faith in the Christian conviction, integrity and ability of the founders of the College and none of their men wanted any administrative or supervisory powers in the College. They were happy to work under their Indian principal, in a College which was the first non-Roman Christian College owing its existence to Indian Christian initiative. Sixty years ago such a spirit was nothing short of a miracle of love and humility on their part.

The earliest missionary who worked in the College was that outstanding CMS Missionary educationist, Canon WES Holland who had worked earlier at St. John's College, Agra. Canon Holland inspired and attracted a number of missionaries to serve the College. The Rev. B. G. Crowley was the CMS Missionary who served the College for the longest period. Mrs. Eileen Crowley with a small group of Old Students founded the Rural Medical Mission Hospital. The Rev. John Beall, the Rev. John Bell and the Rev. Peter Fulljames were his successors. Among the short-service missionaries who served on the staff were such outstanding men as T. R. Milford, The Rev. Stephen Neill (later Bishop of Tinnevely and a prodigious scholar and author), Malcolm Muggeridge (Journalist, author and Television Hero) and R. O. Hicks (later world leader of Moral Re-orientation). Mr. Hicks was the benefactor who gave the College two bathing ghats on the Periyar. The Rev. L. W. Hooper another young CMS Missionary who served on the staff together with a few devoted Old Students enabled the

founding and development of the Alway Settlement, an institution meant to give vocation based education to backward class children. He died while he was here and his grave can be seen at the Alway CSI cemetery.

Union Christian College is rightly called the daughter of the Madras Christian College. The founders of the College received inspiration, guidance and cooperation from the great Principals and teachers of the Madras Christian College. Special mention may be made about Dr. Skinner William Dr. E. M. Macphail, Dr. A. G. Hoge and Dr. A. J. Boyd. Dr. A. Moffatt, on his retirement from Madras Christian College, served on the staff of the Physics Department of this College for a short term. The founders of the College could always turn for guidance and help to the Danish missionary and scholar, Dr. L. P. Larsen. Among the other overseas Missionaries who helped the College were Dr. Sherwood Eddy, and Dr. John R. Mott, the great ecumenical and YMCA leader and American missionary Canon Davis of St. John's College Agra was a great benefactor of the College. It was through his financial contribution and the donations Canon Holland helped to raise that the College was able to build the S. E. Hostel (later named after Holland), the N. E. Hostel (later named after K. C. Chacko) and the present College Chapel which was designed by the Missionary Architect Hubbard of the Tinnevely, Diocese.

The College also remembers with gratitude the helping hand stretched out to us by the Asia Christian Colleges Association. We recall thankfully the distinguished service rendered to the College by Dr. A. P. Stone, Theoretical Physicist, deputed by the above Association to work on the staff of this College.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Danforth foundation which helped three members of the College to do research work in the United States leading to the Doctorate degree.

At one stage when the ecumenical basis and the fellowship basis of the College were threatened to be undermined the College was fortunate in securing the services of Principal A. J. Boyd and Canon W. Elphick (Bangalore) to help the Fellowship to have a fresh start. The great world ecumenical leader W. A. Visser't Hooft was in full sympathy with the venture of faith that the Union Christian College was.

On this occasion of the 60th birthday of the College we salute everyone of these great and good missionary friends from the West and raise our hearts in thanks-giving for them and their rich and many-sided contributions to the development of the College.

Prof. T. B. Thomas

Prof. T. B. Thomas, the first old student to become the Principal is after his retirement continuing his services to the college as its Manager

What I owe to the College

The leading spirits of the Union Christian College, Alway when I joined were, besides Principal A. M. Varkey, the Founder members K. C. Chacko, C. P. Mathew, V. M. Ittyerah and T. B. Ninan. It was an ecumenical group, though that term was scarcely known at that time. Mr. Ittyerah was away in Britain for higher studies at that time. On admission to the College in 1927 (from the M. G. M. High School, Tiruvalla) for my Intermediate, I was sent to a room in the Tagore Hostel. I felt very happy to stay in a Hostel which bore the name of Poet Tagore. A mango sapling which the Poet himself had planted in front of the Hostel stood there giving shade to us and shelter to the birds. I recalled it all when in 1938, I had the privilege of visiting Shantiniketan, and having a darshan of the Gurudev. I however had to shift soon to what was then called the College Hostel improvised temporarily in the College building itself for accommodating some new students admitted.

Mr. T. B. Ninan (later Principal) was our Warden. His quiet unassuming ways and loving identification with the students had its silent influence on my life. A sheet (and pillow) spread over 2 benches put together formed his bed in the College Hall which served as the main dormitory. He encouraged us in social service, and helped to inculcate in us a sense of the dignity of manual labour. I recall a team of us going with him to dig up a hard untillied plot of land in the Alway Settlement premises. It was to cultivate banana plants. Though the digging was rather hard, the thought, that it was for producing food for the poor children, gave one great pleasure.

Soon after we started living at the College Hostel it was rumoured that the whole place was haunted. Three of us - Varky, John and myself - had a room on the ground floor as our dormitory and study. That room and part of the building itself had once served as a Police Station and Jail. It was reported that years

before, a police man had committed suicide by hanging himself on a tree which still stood on the edge of the court-yard. He did so because a prisoner had escaped while he was on duty. Reports were afloat that the ghost of the police man was having night-beats on the verandah in front of our room. One day after midnight my room-mate Varky who was sleeping on an improvised black-board bed fell down to the floor. Varky believed that it was the policeman-ghost that had knocked him down. He rolled up his bed and went up-stairs - never to return - to the main dormitory where Warden Ninan was sleeping. The story created a sensation in the campus. Some students along with Varky reported that they had heard the police man's boot-beats at the dead of night, even of his climbing up the stair case. A few weeks later, it was examination time, and John had retired to bed. I continued my studies. John was fast asleep, and I began hearing what sounded like boot-beats. The night was very dark. Gathering up courage, and raising the wick of my lantern the only light in the place - I walked out in to the verandah with a rugged stick in hand towards the place from where the sound came. As I neared the place the 'boot-beats' were heard moving fast towards the opposite direction. It was soon followed by a flutter in the court-yard below. Then there was silence. I returned and resumed my studies. But lo, there was sound of 'boot-beats' again, this time moving towards the stair-case. I had half a mind to wake up John but felt it would be cowardice. Raising my heart to the Lord who cast out demons, I got out into the verandah with the lantern. As I drew near I saw some black body moving forward, and noticed two horns-horns of Satan, I wondered! With a firm grip on the stick, I got ready to deliver a hard hit on him. But I discovered that it was a cow! It was one among a herd of cows resting in the court-yard. She evidently was having a night stroll. I realised that the flutter I had heard earlier was caused following the animal jumping into the midst of the herd lying below causing some of them to jump up. That confrontation with the 'ghost' stood me in good stead in confronting such superstitious situations, trusting in the power of Christ.

Principal Varky was a strict disciplinarian, and I recall an occasion when I had to face him. I was charged with having done violence on a fellow student. Our common box-room in the hostel was at times

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as noisy as a railway station platform. While having a heated argument over something, a hostel-mat who was notorious for his rude behaviour hurled some vulgar words at me. With all the force I could command, I struck him with my fist. As he was stronger and stouter than me, I was afraid of retaliation. But probably, aware of public indignation against him in the hostel and sympathy for me, he hastened to the Principal and lodged a complaint. He showed Mr. Varkey the imprint made by my blow still blue on his face. One of the witnesses, Mathew (later clergyman) wanting to save me told the Principal that it was the plaintiff himself that had first laid his hands on me. When I was called in, I did not know what had transpired. I told the Principal the whole truth. In his measured dignity of words, Mr. Varkey told me that though he had sympathy for me (especially because the provocation came from the other side) I deserved greater punishment because I was the first to lay my hands on him. If I recall rightly, I was fined two rupees, and he only one. The whole affair set me thinking about the rightness and wrongness of violence in the light of the teaching and example of Christ and brought me to accept non violence as a way of life under any circumstances.

It was Mr. C. P. Mathew (later Principal) who taught me Logic. He, like the Principal, also commanded respect and obedience from the students. He had a warm corner for me in his heart. He used to have me dictate his notes to the class on occasions when he had to leave urgently for a while. He was known for being provoked to anger, and also for quickness of action. I recall a situation when in lightning speed he dashed to the College grounds when the annual Sports were in full swing. It was competing for 'Putting the Shot'. A Final year B. A. student was leading. He was bigger and stouter than me. Every one was surprised when in later throw, my shot out-distanced his. Then members of his hostel shouted against us and the Umpire said that mine was a foul throw. When Mr. Mathew, who was elsewhere heard that the situation was getting violent he rushed to the scene, indignantly pushed back the more aggressive ones and restored order. The Referee was firm on his stand, and I was declared first.

My History Professor Mr. T. I. Poonen, a distinguished research scholar, helped arouse in me an interest in research study. The presence of 3 overseas

scholars from Britain on the Staff helped develop in us students an international outlook. One recalls the Rev Stephen Neil (later Bishop) putting the missionary challenge before us. I remember seeing him daily at work in the garden at the New Hostel where he was Warden. He used to draw water from the well, watering the plants. He was a good swimmer and I remember crossing and re-crossing the Periyar with him. We had two excursions - one to Malayattoor and the other to Chowara. My maiden attempt at journalism was an article on the excursion to Chowara on small canoe boats which we ourselves paddled. It was published in the College Magazine. Mr. R. O. Hicks (who later became a live wire in the M. R. A. Movement) was known for his indignation against injustice. One day when a bus in which he and a few of us students travelled together stopped at a place outside Alway Town, we saw a man beating a woman. Hicks ran, reached the place and stopped him. The man protested saying that it was his wife he was beating, and nobody had a right to interfere. Scolding him severely, Hicks gave him a good helping with his fist and ran back to catch the bus in time. It was about that time that a tragedy occurred in the New Hostel which rocked the College - a student murdering another and committing suicide himself. I was very much disturbed, and puzzled as to the 'why and how' of this. A lecture given by Prof. Hicks on the life of Jesus helped me. Jesus from his childhood believed that God, the Father had a plan and purpose for his life. At the age of 12 he asked his human parents, 'Don't you know that I must be about my Father's business?' The lecture helped me grow in my belief that if we accepted Jesus as our leader and guide, he could be relied upon to steer clear of detracting temptations. The cause of the tragedy, we later came to know was perverted sex.

In these days of growing unrest in college campuses, one recalls how a few of us faced such a situation. A vociferous 'bully-group' in the college declared a lightning boycott of a Social in the Principal's House. Students who were proceeding to the function from their hostels were stopped and turned back by the ring leaders. They were shouting against the Principal protesting against their detention from University examinations. Two or three of us who felt convinced of the wrongness of their actions walked on without paying heed to their threats. Our stand earned some of those who were sheepishly

walking back also to join us. That set in motion a reverse action leading to the boycott of the boycotters!

It did not take long for us students to realise that Chacko-sar (K. C. C.) was not only the Founder leader of the College Fellowship, but was the heart of the institution. He maintained personal contacts with students, many of whom found in him a true friend and counsellor. The love that gleamed on his face and built fellowship and community all round. I had the privilege of being a member of his Prayer-Study Group. His one message for all his students and the large circle of friends in India and overseas was the seeking of God's will for their lives. That alone could bring true fulfilment and joy in life. He helped in no small measure to heighten my interest in the search for the Scriptures, and in the life of prayer and fellowship. He continued to keep in touch with me while I proceeded to Madras pursuing my studies, visiting me and encouraging me in starting cell groups for prayer fellowship and action. He continued as a guide to me, and as Friend of the Manganam Ashram Group including the other Founder members, Sadhu Mathai and M. P. Job who were very close to him and to the College Fellowship. Though K. C. Chacko belonged to the Orthodox Church, his interest in Church union helped me look upon every branch of Church of Christ as my own. He was a disciplinarian - an Acharyavan in the true sense of the term and the obedience he was able to command was a spontaneously exciting loyalty. I remember one night, hearing a knock on the door of my room in the North East Hostel (now Chacko Hostel) of which he was Warden. On opening the door, Chacko-sar with lantern in his hand, stepped

in. He discovered that I and the next door neighbour in the Hostel were playing Chess. It was study time. He looked at us both, one after the other with his searching smile. Then turning to me he said, 'Chandy, is it not examination time - don't you want to get a Class? He then walked away, continuing his Warden's round. That was a punishment more exciting than any punishment could be. Though his hopes about my getting a Class was not realised, I was glad I was ranked first for Scripture, the subject he taught. The Scripture prize, consisting chiefly of a Bible Commentary which he himself had chosen for me continues to this day as a valuable reference book, and cherished as a treasure to his memory.

What I owe to the Union Christian College and to Acharyavan Chacko is inestimable - the transforming influences that helped to shape my thoughts and concerns during the two years I was there. They helped to awaken in me an urge to bring to bear the values and standards of the Kingdom of God - truth, love and justice - in the social, economic and political order of the New India that was emerging. This quest for the Divine Commonwealth continues to this day in me along with the other members of the Christavashram, Manganam, including my wife Mary Chandy and Sevak K. M. Mammen, both ex-students of the U. C. College. It was from the year I joined College that I started keeping a daily Diary. "I see the Kingdom - that should be my guiding principle." That was a motto for life which the Union Christian College helped to instil in me.

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In the Indian situation the affiliated colleges have a very important role in higher education. Some 85% of all students at the university level receive their education in these colleges. It is reckoned that some 45% of all postgraduate students receive their training in the affiliated colleges. The affiliating university which is a peculiar and unique feature of the educational scene in India has proved disastrously incompetent and ineffective under the circumstances of today. It has outlived whatever usefulness it may have had in the past. The numbers of colleges under the jurisdiction of each such university keep on increasing beyond manageable limits. Attempts made through supervision and inspection by university agencies to maintain some degree of academic quality in the colleges have pathetically failed. Examination procedures and processes are, in the affiliating university system, the special responsibility of the university and they are supposed to be so designed & run as to inspire public confidence in their fairness and integrity. Corruption has spread its tentacles into every area of the university's operations and the university has forfeited its right to any public confidence in the sphere of examinations. Attempts to enforce even minimum standards in academic requirements such as laboratory and library facilities and conditions of service of the teachers in the member colleges have proved pitifully unsuccessful.

The worst damage that the affiliating system in higher education has done is to deprive the member colleges of all initiative, all desire to excel, of any feeling of responsibility and accountability. They seem to reconcile themselves so easily to a complacent mediocrity. They get into the habit of taking cover

Canon P. T. Chandy

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continues to render yeoman services to the cause of higher education*

for poor performances and failures in the network of alibis the affiliating system provides.

So long as Governments believe in the theory of academic lock-step that no one should move unless all move, that educational wisdom is the monopoly of the bureaucracy there is little or no prospect of any real improvement in quality, in our institutions. On the basis of careful and mature consideration by the Kothari commission, the U. G. C. and various committees set up by it, it is generally agreed that the one effective way of injecting dynamism and stimulating incentive in the work of our colleges is through the conferment of autonomous status. Putting the college on their mettle, giving them a sense of responsibility and encouraging the integration of learning, teaching and evaluation - this seems the only way possible to bring new life to the present system of higher education.

To quote some words of Machiavelli cited in a report of the Carnegie Commission: "There is nothing more difficult to carry out than to initiate a new order of things. For the reformer has enemies in all who profit by the old order, and only lukewarm defenders in all those who would profit by the new order, this lukewarmness arising partially from fear of their adversaries and partially from the incredulity of mankind, who do not believe in anything new until they have actual experience of it."

The misgivings commonly expressed about the autonomous college experiment are the following: 1. Lack of integrity and honour in managements and teaching staff might introduce greater corruption and unfairness in examination procedures and might lower standards. 2. There is the apprehension that autonomy would confer greater powers to the managements and they may exercise such powers arbitrarily and unfairly against their employees. 3. The new order might create a kind of caste system in higher education and special privileges might be accorded to a group of colleges in the form of higher salaries and bigger grants.

In reply it could be stated that under autonomy the Colleges will have to take full responsibility for whatever goes wrong. If there is failure in integrity or fairness in examinations, if there is a cheapening or lowering in standards, it will soon be found out and the college has to take full responsibility; there is no way of finding scapegoats. Under the autonomous status as envisaged in the U. G. C. scheme no addi-

tional authority is conferred on managements. No special privileges are provided except the privilege of fuller and deeper involvement in all the tasks of teaching-learning for teachers, harder work and greater responsibility in the framing of courses, in the conduct of examinations and the like.

Under autonomy a teacher truly comes into his own. He has to be able to develop the courses he has to teach, prescribe the texts and source materials for the courses. He will have the challenge and the opportunity to make the courses up to date and to keep them moving abreast of the latest developments and advances in the various disciplines. He will participate in deciding on evaluation and testing procedures. He will have the privilege and the opportunity of devising and trying out educational programmes that are academically meaningful and socially relevant. He will be fully participating in the working out of institutional goals and purposes.

Some colleges in two universities have been functioning under the autonomous status for nearly two years and in spite of many teething troubles, their experiences have been generally exciting, rewarding and encouraging.

As it completes 60 years of distinguished service Union Christian College, Alwaye may well look forward with eager anticipation to new and pioneering service as an autonomous institution. It has been built on high and noble ideals, on the vision and sacrifice and dedication of great men. It has striven all through its history to maintain high academic standards. A community life which promoted close relationships between staff and students has been one of the distinctive features of the college. Efforts have been made to maintain within the campus an atmosphere which provided a habitual vision of excellence in moral and spiritual values.

The academic freedom which the autonomous status confers could provide the challenge and the motivation for the college to break out into new avenues of meaningful service in higher education through the shaping of better courses of study, more efficient methods of teaching and through better organised administrative structures and evaluation procedures.

In preparation for autonomy the college should set up a planning cell, organise self study programmes and encourage the staff to improve their professional and academic competence.

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എന്താണ് ആറ് വർഷത്തോളം ഞാൻ ചീഫ് എഡിറ്ററായിരുന്ന കാലത്ത് എന്റെ സമഗ്രവൽക്കരണ നല്ലവണ്ണം പണിയെടുത്തു എന്ന സാഹചര്യം ഇതുപോലെ കഠിനമായ 'ക്രൂരം' ഒരു ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് വകുപ്പിൽ അതിനു മുമ്പാകെ പരിചയം നടന്നിട്ടില്ല എന്നാണ് എനിക്ക് തോന്നുന്നത്. എല്ലാ വർഷവും സമീകരണഫലമായി ഞാൻ റിട്ടയറായെങ്കിലും എനിക്ക്, ഞെ. വാല്യങ്ങൾ പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തിയതിന്, ഞെ. വാല്യങ്ങൾക്കുള്ള മേൽനോട്ടം തീരെ വാറ്റി. തയ്യാറാക്കലും, കഴിഞ്ഞുവന്നു. ഇവിടെ അവസാനിക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞു.

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തന്നെ: ക്രിമിൻ വർക്കി'

Mr. P. C. Alexander

While I stand before this large audience with the profile of the old buildings, framed in my eyes, nostalgic memories crowd into my mind about my association with this institution. About 4½ decades ago, I entered the portals of this great institution as a young boy of 15. Like several students-hundreds of students before me and hundreds after me- I came under the radiant spell of personalities of the 4 great founders of this great institution, who were happily engaged in the affairs of the institution at that time. Students of my generation-people of my age group-who had the fortune to pass through this great institution always remember, cherished memories of the sanely character of Chacko Sir, the dazzling eloquence and brilliance of the Principal Mr. A. M. Varkey, the lofty idealism of C. P. Mathew Sir and the genial gentlemanliness of Mr. V. M. Ittyerah who is happily with us. We could not resist the impact of these strong personalities and we left this institution as altogether different human beings. I salute these great 4 men, 3 of them no more, but one happily today with us and in good spirit. I should say that the achievements of these great founders were nothing short of heroic. If we take into account the conditions or circumstances in which they started with this venture to establish a seat of higher learning, you will recognise that their achievement was really heroic. The Syrian Christian Community to which they belong was famous for its members' capacity for hard work and they made good money through honest means. But I should say that this community was and is equally notorious when it came to spending their good money for good causes. In these circumstances to think of starting an educational institution, collecting money from this community and from others and building up a band of educated teachers and making it into one of the premier institutions in the South in those days was really a heroic achievement. One of the great acts of vision and foresight which they displayed was to look for talents from outside the community. I remember the teachers of my days-some of the most famous teachers of Union Christian were from the non-Christian communities. I remember with great pride and satisfaction Prof. D.P. Unni and Prof. Kuttippuzha Krishna Pillai, two doyens of Malayalam literature in those days and cherished names even in these days, Prof. Aravamudham Ayyengar of the English department, Prof. Anantharaman of the Chemistry department, Prof. Venkataraman of Mathematics department, Prof.

These are excerpts from the Diamond Jubilee Address delivered by our old student
Mr. P. C. Alexander, now Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister

ചിലപ്പോൾ നാം മുമ്പിൽ വെച്ചുവെക്കുന്നവർക്കും, സി. കോളേജിന്റെ നിത്യജനനായതിലായിരുന്ന ഉണ്ണി ഇന്ദ്രൻസിംഗപ്പൻ മെഡിക്കൽ സർവീസിൽ ഡോക്ടറാണ്.

T. V. Ramanujam of Economics department-they all found this institution as a home as dear to them as their own homes and these founders made them feel at home, made them feel one with them and thereby managed to get the best out of them. That was the vision and greatness of the founders.

What is it that makes an educational institution great? When I think of it, 2 or 3 major factors arise in my mind. The 1st place of honour should go for the proper motivation of the founders.

In the earlier days, i.e., in the days of the British Raj, several missionaries, many of them eminent educationists in their own right, found a great gap in the demand and supply for educational facilities in this country and they started schools and colleges. They were also driven by another great motivation, not just the supply to the demand of facilities for higher education but to use these institutions as training ground to build up men and women of character, to train young men and women who will have certain values in life, who will have adherence to certain principles in life and that is why they established famous institutions like Madras Christian College, Always Union Christian College, etc. That was one type of motivation. Another type of motivation in starting higher institutions was the love to be of service to one's own community, to instill in the members of one's own community through higher education a pride in their own religious and cultural heritage and to build up people who will be of service to the community and to the country at large. Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya who started Banaras Hindu University, Syed Ahmed Khan who started the Aligarh Muslim University. Institutions in our own state like the N.S.S. or the S.N.D.P., some of the institutions started by some of our Bishops, these come in this category. Then there is a 3rd category-educational institutions being founded by people who are neither educationists nor lovers of their own community particularly or specifically, but who are just philanthropists: People who had made money through hardwork at the evening of their life decide to use that money for good causes and education became one of the important causes. The names of Rao Sahab Annamalai Chettiar, Alagappa Chettiar and other such philanthropists come into my mind. While these 3 types of motivations are easily understood, I am extremely distressed and really pained to

find the rising trend, in our own state-and I should say in some of the neighbouring states too in the South- of people coming into the field of higher education motivated only by business. I am extremely distressed to find that there are some people who find in starting schools and colleges the same type of business as they find in small scale industries or trading business or running a rice mill. This mentality of converting educational institutions as a means of making money, having that added bonus of social respectability, has really done very great harm to the cause of higher education in our country. The very bad and perverted system of capitation fees, the notorious system by which teachers make so called donations to the college in order to get appointments, these are all aberrations or perversions in the whole concept of service for the younger generation. I should say that you and I who belong to the middle class society of this country should share the guilt in this aberration or perversion. When we find educational institutions being set up without insistence on standards of quality by people who are only motivated by money, we ourselves send our children there and pay the capitation fees. Later when this aberration goes to the next stage - the same money being spent to get marks for the same set of students - we will raise our voice on what we have come to. We would have raised our voices at the earlier stage; we compromised with principles when we accept the principle of capitation fee and donations for appointments. Inevitably we move to the next stage when money is being spent for getting marks for undeserving students. Third rate students become engineers or doctors on the back of first rate bank balances of their parents. What do you expect of standards or what do you expect of quality, if the society to which you and I belong - I say the middle class society to which you and I belong - condone this type of aberration or perversion. This is what is at the root of the educational system in our country.

The second important place I would give to the right type of teachers. An educational institution is not just a combination of lecture halls and foot ball fields. The right type of teachers - people with a real calling for the teaching profession - they make or mar an institution. Very often indiscipline starts at High School and in the colleges because of the poor quality of teachers. A good teacher is one who can command and retain the respect of his students. I am not saying

the affection of students or the fear of the students or the love of the students. How can the students have respect for his teacher if he doesn't know his subject? How can the students have respect for his teacher who knows the subject but doesn't have a character? How can a teacher command discipline in his class if he doesn't have discipline in his own life? So only a teacher who combines learning with discipline, discipline and learning with character, can make an institution great.

Thirdly I would like to say the facilities. - the physical facilities that one needs for the right education. We have educational institutions which somehow are assembled together, somehow get recognition from the government and which turn out students who should have been much better off without having gone into that institution. We cannot run an educational institution with empty libraries or empty laboratories, without any playing fields, without proper lecture halls. How can you keep the attention of a student if he is constantly distracted by passing buses or invading cows? How can a student be turned-out to a finished product unless he is given the right atmosphere through proper facilities and this is what is lacking in many of our educational institutions. The right motivation of the founders, the right qualification of the teacher, the right facilities for his learning-these three alone will make a great institution.

Very often whenever we speak of indiscipline among the students or institutions we are apt to blame the younger generation. We never forget the fact that if there is indiscipline in the college it cannot be an isolated fact. If there is indiscipline in the class it is because there is indiscipline in the society, it is because there is indiscipline in the factory, in the political parties, in bureaucracy, in leadership, in our own families. When there is indiscipline all over, how can you expect, merely because they are students of a particular college they should behave differently from the moorings from which they come. The trouble with our older generation is-and this is particularly true of Kerala - that we somehow imagine that things were great and good in our great old days. This is a mentality which we love to nurture and after some time we come to believe. I tell you fellow members of the older generation, things were never so great in our days nor were they

so good. We are under hallucinations and we pretend to be wise.

To a very large extent we, as members of the older generation, have failed to adjust to the great changes that have taken place in the new generation. I should say that there is a failure on the part of the younger generation also. The real malady is the failure to adjust. Great things have happened in the last 20 years. The distance between me and my father was a short one- I am not speaking of the age- I inherited his values, I wanted to be like him. I wanted to behave like him because I and he had a very little distance in cultural matters, values, approaches to principles of life. In these days the world has changed as much as the world has changed during the past 200 years. We of the older generation have failed to make adjustments to these changes and this is causing all the social tensions, this is causing the highly malicious theory that things were all great in our days.

We people from Kerala have another great bad habit-apart from this great generation gap which we like to maintain-we are great experts in passing the blame to others. Just as we pass the blame to the younger generation we believe in passing the blame to each other. We also try to pull down any body who raises his head. I remember one of the most brilliant stories told most eloquently by the late Mr. Panampilly Govinda Menon. He was telling about the Malayalees and he said that there is a story in the Ramayana, which of course he invented. When Lord Rama was returning from Sri Lanka after the great victory over Ravana, he was passing in the Pushpaka Vimanam over to Ayodhya. All of a sudden Sita came over to him and said, "Lord, something is happening to Lakshmana". She said, Lakshmana told her that on returning to Ayodhya, his brother will take the whole credit of winning the war. The all-knowing Lord smiled and said, "Never mind, just wait for 5 minutes and see." After 5 minutes Lakshmana came and fell at the feet of the Lord and prayed, "Please forgive me and forget what I said, I don't know what happened to me." The all-knowing Lord said "Never mind, we were passing over Kerala; it is the air of Kerala that had affected you." This is what is really wrong with our race. We would not like to take the blame on ourselves, but would like to take the credit for every-

thing. The Chief Minister of Kerala asked why inspite of the heavy expenditure spent on education, our people are not able to contribute to the national life. It is not because we have no talents, I mentioned the name of Panampilly Govinda Menon. The great names of Mannath Padmanabhan, & R. Sankar come to my mind. They can be equal if not greater to Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and Syed Ahmed Khan. But not in Kerala. We know how to pull them down. If K. P. S. Menon or John Mathai became great, that is because they left the shores of our beloved state and made themselves great in a different atmosphere. If John Mathai returned to Kerala as Vice-Chancellor of the the University, there were papers to say that Christians could achieve to bring a christian Vice Chancellor. That is our

mentality. That is our outlook. That is the yard stick with which we measure others. Sardar K. M. Panicker, if he became great all over India, it is again because he had left our beloved land. So we have to turn the search light in and see where the cobwebs are. Right inside our own minds, we have the dark corners and cobwebs. We have to create in our own minds the awareness of change, the need for adherence to certain values and principles and then only can we emerge as a great Nation. We are intelligent; at times I wish we were less intelligent and more adhering to principles and values.

I wish I may not be misunderstood because I also have the same weakness when I say so. I wish this institution all success. I salute the great founders once again. I salute the dedicated teachers.

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Glory to God

It is my duty, a very pleasant duty indeed to acknowledge the kindness and consideration behind giving me this Ponnada on this great occasion. And I express very sincere thanks towards all those responsible for this kindness. And I specially thank Shri Karunakaran, Chief Minister of Kerala who has honoured me by awarding to me this. However in the same breath I want to add, that I am only one of a group of four, whose united effort helped to start this institution - a group bound together in christian fellowship. That group consisted of Messrs K. C. Chacko, who was the leader, A. M. Varkey, a born teacher and administrator, C. P. Mathew, a great scholar and thinker, and myself.

The fact is that all the four of us who had been students of the Madras Christian College, though not at the same time and three of us actually working on the staff of that College had been profoundly influenced by that great christian institution where veteran Educationalists like Dr. Miller, Dr. Skinner, Dr. Macphail, Dr. Hogg and others of the same calibre had held up before us the glory of Christian educational work.

Shri K. C. Chacko was first fired by that vision and joined the staff of that great college, Mr. Varki was also for some time on that College staff, Shri Mathew and myself had also joined the staff of the college and were junior colleagues of Shri K. C. Chacko.

Mr. Chacko with his deep faith in God and earnest desire to do God's work through education saw a great vision of starting a new Christian College, on a union basis, to be worked on fellowship lines in the Travancore-Cochin area. He was able to share his vision with the three of us also and together get the inspiration for this venture of faith.

Under his great leadership we were fully convinced that an institution of this kind was in the line of God's will. After that we were able to get the support of the sympathetic christian public of Travancore Cochin, and South India and even of the wider christian public; yet we entered on the venture, humbly speaking, with fear and trembling.

Therefore when this mark of honour is awarded to me, I want to make it very clear that this institution was started by a fellowship group of four Christian teachers. And let us now remember also Mr. Chacko, Mr. Varki and Mr. Mathew who have passed over.

It is even more important that I should state emphatically that it was by the Grace of God, in the strictest christian sense of the term, that it was made possible to start this work. It is that divine grace that has kept this institution going all along. Let us specially praise and glorify God as we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

These Diamond Jubilee celebrations are really also the mark of the recognition of the valuable service that the college has been able to render all along from the very beginning. And let us recognise now that it is really the result of the devoted service of generations of teachers - christian and non-christian - who have put their very best into the life of the college with their deep sense of vocation for their work in this institution.

We should also recognise that the institution has been helped by the great loyalty and enthusiastic co-operation of all ranks of the ministerial staff who have served and are serving in the college.

From my experience as teacher, Principal and warden, I know that there has been invaluable contribution from the student section of the college in the right development of the college. That great contribution comes through their sense of discipline, their teachableness, their sympathetic appreciation of the value of the service the college is rendering and even by their critical reaction if necessary about any policy of the College.

Let us rejoice now that this College has been enriched along all these lines.

And may I conclude my words with the prayer that this institution blessed in all these ways may go forward from strength to strength for fulfilling its purpose.

V. M. Ittyerah

This is the speech delivered by Prof. V. M. Ittyerah after receiving the PONNADA at the Diamond Jubilee Public meeting

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From various walks of life

Extracts from Messages

H E Paulose Mar Gregorios
Orthodox Seminary, Kottayam.

"Union Christian College, Alwaye, has its origin in the deep spiritual commitment of an ecumenical group of gifted and dedicated Indian Christians in whom the rich heritage of centuries of Christian life came to fruition at the life-giving call of the British missionaries at Madras Christian College. May that fire of dedication and sacrifice never go out in that institution."

Dr. M A. Thangaraj M.A., Ph. D (Toronto)
General Secretary, A. I. A. C. H. E

The Union Christian College, Alwaye, has been doing a remarkable piece of service for the past 60 years as an ecumenical institution of higher learning, by a devoted band of committed Christians. Today while many college campuses in Kerala are torn by political party rivalry among students and staff, and agitation is almost becoming a way of life for college communities, the U. C. C. is shining as a beacon of light, witnessing to her Master through self discipline, hard work and united effort. Her value-oriented education has produced men and women of ability and integrity, who are serving their motherland with distinction in various walks of life.

P. K. VASUDEVAN NAIR
Former Chief minister
of Kerala

U. C. College is a unique institution. I have always cherished the memories of my life in U.C. College for various reasons. I am sure every student of this college has the same feeling.

Canon P.T. Chandu
President, N. B. C. H. E.

The Union Christian College, Alwaye made its entry into the sphere of higher education in this land

sixty years ago, quietly and unspectacularly but as a remarkable venture of faith. The self sacrificing devotion and unwearied labours of a band of men whose hearts God had touched' helped the College to grow in strength and usefulness and academic stature. High ideals and Christian values written into the foundations of the institution have made their quiet impact on the lives of succeeding generations of teachers and students some of whom it has been my privilege to know on intimate terms. In spite of many difficulties within and without it has been possible to keep alive in the heart of the College some of the early enthusiasms and traditions as well as the inspiration of the fellowship idea and the spirit of ecumenism.

Mithra Augustine
Principal & Secretary
Madras Christian College
Tambaram, Madras 600 059.

The Madras Christian College sends you and other members of the Union Christian College warmest greetings and good wishes on the occasion of your celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the College. It is a historical occasion also for the Indian Church and her long and steadfast ministry in the cause of education. Recalling the particular historic background of the founding of the Union Christian College and the place of Madras Christian College in it, the M. C. C. community has very special reasons to rejoice with you and share the proud moments of the UCC Jubilee Celebrations

Dr A V Varughese
The late Vice - chancellor.

Union Christian College has shaped my life and outlook in a significant way. I never realised the importance of the institution when I was a student there. I realised it later.

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ഒരു സജീവ വിദ്യാർത്ഥി പ്രവർത്തനമായ എന്റെ ഈ കോളേജിലെ അടുത്തെ സന്ദർശനം ഞിക്കലും മറക്കുവാൻ കഴിയാത്തതാണ്.

നാൽ സമ്പ്രദായമൊഴിച്ചുള്ള ആദ്യത്തെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥിസമരത്തിന് അദ്ദേഹത്തോടുള്ളതാണ് 1978 ജൂൺ 6 നായിരുന്നു. അന്ന് നാൽ ദിനമായി അധികമെന്നതാണ് തിരുമാനമുണ്ടായിരുന്നതെങ്കിലും വ്യാപകമായ പാർട്ടിയുടെ സമരമായി അത് രൂപാന്തരപ്പെട്ടു. മരണമടങ്ങി പി. നാൽക്കുറിച്ചു അക്കാലത്ത് അലയടിച്ചുവെന്ന് ഒരു പാട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ആ ഒരു പാട്ടുപാടി കേൾക്കുക ക്ലാസ്സുകൾ തോറ്റു കയറിയിറങ്ങി കൂടുതൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെയും ക്ലബ്ബ് ബഹി

ഷ്കാണത്തിൽ സഹകരിച്ചിട്ടുവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞത് ഞിക്കലും മറക്കുവാൻ കഴിയാത്തതാണ് കൂടിയുണ്ട്. ചെങ്കുത്തായ അടർച്ചയുടെ സമരത്തിൽ വിമർശനം അതിൽ നടന്ന കൂടിയുണ്ട്. പോലീസ് നേരിട്ടു. നമ്മുടെ കോളേജിലെ ഒരു ചരിത്രാത്മകമായ കൂടും അന്ന് കേന്ദ്രമായി. അതിൽ പ്രതിഷേധിച്ചിട്ടുവാൻ വർഷം മെമ്മോറിയൽ ഓളിൽ കൂടിയ യോഗത്തിൽ പ്രസംഗിച്ച എനിക്ക് ആ ഓരം കണുനോടെ പലപ്പോഴും ആദ്യം ഓർമ്മയിൽ വരുന്നുണ്ട് 1978ൽ നടന്ന ആ സ.വേദം.

കോളേജിൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ വ്യക്തിത്വവികസനത്തിന് വിലപാടായ സാധ്യതകളുള്ള കോളേജുകളിൽ മുന്നണി സ്ഥാനമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു ഈ കോളേജിന്. വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ നേരിട്ടുനിൽക്കുന്ന 'സ'റുവർണ്ഡ്' ചിററായി അതിന് കടച്ചാൽ ഓർക്കറേസസ്, ഡിബിറ്റിന് ക്ലബ്ബ് മുതലായവ അന്ന് സജീവമായിരുന്നു. അട്യാപകരിൽ പലരുടേയും ക്ലബ്ബ് ക്ലബ്ബ് സഹകരണവും ചുരുക്കം അലയടിച്ചു. വിജയകരമായിരുന്നു. കൂടെ പൊലീസിലും ചിന്താശീലവും അനോന്യവ്യക്തതയും വളർത്തുവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞിരുന്നുവെന്നാണ്. അലയടിച്ചു വീണ്ടും. മുതലായവ പോലെ സബ്ജക്ട് അസോസിയേഷനുകൾ ഇന്ന് പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നില്ല. അസോസിയേഷൻ പ്രവർത്തനത്തിൽ അട്യാപകരും വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളും ഒരുപോലെ അലയടിച്ചിരുന്നുവെന്നതുകൊണ്ട് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ ആശയ മണ്ഡലത്തിൽ പുതിയ ചെങ്കുത്തായ ബാക്കർ കഴിഞ്ഞിരുന്നുവെന്നത്, ഇന്നത്തെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിന്റെ ഇന്നത്തെ പരിമിതികളുടെ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ടതായിരുന്നു വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ ഒരു പരിധിവരെ നയിക്കുവാൻ കഴിയില്ലെന്ന് അട്യാപകരിൽ വിവരമുള്ളവരെങ്കിലും ഇടകലർത്തി തളിർന്നുപോയ അസോസിയേഷനുകളെയും മറ്റ് ക്ലബ്ബുകളെയും പുനരുജ്ജീവിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ മുൻകരുതലുണ്ടെന്ന്.

സഹകരണമെന്നത് മേൽനോട്ടത്തിൽ, അന്ന് വൈകാരികമായി പെരിയായലും മത്തത്തിന്റെ പേരിലായലും, വിദ്യാർത്ഥി ഒരു കലാപരമായ തീർപ്പിരുന്ന ഇന്ന് ആദ്യം പെരിയ തിന്ന് വിദ്യാർത്ഥിക്ക് അന്ന് യു. സി. കോളേജ്. ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനായിരുന്ന വിദ്യാർത്ഥി പ്രവർത്തനത്തിലും അതിൽ നടത്തത്തിലുമുള്ള കാലം. ഈ മേന്മയെ സ്ഥാനം നൽകപ്പെട്ടുകയ്യില്ല, നൽകപ്പെട്ടതിൽ കണ്ടു. മതമെന്നത് മേൽനോട്ടം സോഷ്യലിസ്റ്റ് ചിന്താഗതിയുടെ നിരന്തരവർത്തികളായി ചിത്രീകരിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന കാലത്ത് ഈ കോളേജ് അതിനെ

1970-79 കാലത്ത് ഈ കാലയളവിൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥിയായിരുന്ന പി ആർ. ഓർക്കറേസസ്. വിദ്യാർത്ഥി. യൂണിയൻ സ്ഥാനത്തിൽ മുന്നണി പ്രവർത്തനം.

സംസ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥർക്ക് അനുയോജനമായ ഒരു പദ്ധതി തയ്യാറാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ? അതുകൊണ്ട് അതിന്റെ വിവരങ്ങൾ എന്തെല്ലാം? അതിന്റെ വിവരങ്ങൾ എന്തെല്ലാം? അതിന്റെ വിവരങ്ങൾ എന്തെല്ലാം?

COLLEGE MOTTO

The Truth shall make you free.—Jesus

God is truth—Quoran

Truth is support of the earth.—Rigveda

Hold to the truth within yourselves as to the only lamp.—The Budha

Then the three young men of the body-guard of King Darius wrote every one his sentence. The first wrote, 'Wine is the strongest.' The second wrote 'The King is strongest.' The third wrote 'Women are strongest but above all things Truth beareth away the victory...' He then went on to speak about truth— The earth is vast, the sky is lofty, the sun swift in his course ... How great is he ... But truth too is great and stronger than all else. There is injustice in wine, in kings, in women. But truth lives and rules for ever and ever. In her judgements, there is no injustice. Hers are strength and royalty the authority and majesty of all ages. Praise be to the God of Truth.

1 Esdras 3.

Plato is dear to me, but dearer still is truth (Ascribed to Aristotle)

'Beauty is' truth, truth beauty,'—that is all
Ye know on earth and all ye need to know.

Keats

I worship God as Truth only... The little fleeting glimpses that I have of truth can hardly convey an idea of the indescribable lustre of Truth, a million times more intense than that of the sun... This much I can say with assurance, as result of all my experiments, that a perfect vision of Truth can only follow a complete realization of Ahimsa. I ask (the reader) to join with me in prayer to the God of Truth that He may grant me the boon of Ahimsa in mind, word and deed.

Gandhi

Prof. T. B. THOMAS.



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Old Students'
Directory

Just a minute

The Old Students Association, at its annual meeting in November 1980, decided to embark on an idea of publishing a directory of Old Students in connection with the Diamond Jubilee of the College. A committee was constituted for the purpose.

Owing to reasons obvious, we could not contact all the old students of the College. However, an earnest effort was made and quite a large number could be contacted. Permit us to say that the response was not quite encouraging. So the idea of publishing a voluminous directory had to be abandoned. Consequently it was decided that the biodata of those who had already responded to our request be published as an appendix to the Diamond Jubilee Souvenir.

We record our gratitude to those who readily responded to our request. We regret very much that we could not muster the co-operation of a large number of our old students in this unique venture.

Thank you so much.

Directory Committee

A. C. Abraham



Studied here for B. Sc. Physics during 1945-47. Later he took M. Sc. Degree from Wilson College, Bombay. Worked as demonstrator in Physics here during 1947-48 and then he was first warden of Extramural Hostel. During 1948-49, he was in C. M. S. College, Kottayam. Later he worked as Asst. Lecturer in Physics at Ahmednagar College in the Poona University. From 1953 to 60 he worked in the Ministry of Education, Government of Ethiopia. From 1960 onwards, he has been working in various educational institutions in Nigeria. At present he is Head of Department of Science, School of Preliminary Studies, Keffi, Plateau State, Nigeria. His wife Mrs Mary Abraham is a Senior Education Officer at Govt. College Keffi. He has two sons who are medical college students.

Y. Abraham



Son of Thottakkatt Yohannan. Mr Abraham studied here for his Pre-university during 1958-59. Took B. Sc. Engineering degree with high first class from T. K. M. Engg. College, Quilon. After working with K. S. E. B. for a short period, he joined F. A. C. T. and is now Design Manager (Instrumentation) at FEDO. Has visited several European countries. At

U. C. C. he was a member of the hockey and cricket teams and was college champion at TKM. Married Smt Thankamani, Assistant Engineer, PWD. Has 2 sons Biju & Binu.

Dr. Abraham Paul



K. P. Baby hailing from the famous Kadavil Kooren family of North Parur took the Intermediate course here from 1929 to '31 and passed in the first class. Later he joined the Madras Medical College where he changed his name to Abraham Paul. After his M. B. B. S. he worked for some time in the Always Rural Medical Mission Hospital. Later he worked at the C. M. C. Hospital, Vellore and in the Municipal service, Tiruchirappalli. Now he is rendering medi-

cal service as honorary doctor under the Parur Municipality. Keenly interested in Amateur journalism and academic affairs Dr. Abraham Paul is a known social worker.

Present address:-
Kadavil, Dilkush, Republic Road, N. Parur.

Dr Abraham K. Paul



Son of K.K. Poullose, he was a student here for his Pre Degree course during 1965-67. After spending one more year here for the special B. Sc. Course, he left to join the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College at Belgaum. After taking M.B.B.S. degree he specialised in Paediatrics at the C.M.C. Vellore. Worked as Paediatrician at Samaritan Hospital, Pazhanganadu. Took D. C. H. from Chandigarh. Married daughter of Principal M.P. Varghese of Kothamangalam. He has 2 children.

Permanent address
Kiluthattil House, P.O. Thengode.

Accamma Itty Eipei



Daughter of Rev. Itty Eipei, Kodukalanji. Was a student here during 1948-50 for B.Sc (Physics). After graduation, became teacher in Buchanan Institution, Pallom. Got promotion as Head mistress in 1968. Now working as Head mistress in C M S H S, Kumbalampoika. Married Mr P.S. Koshy, an old student of the College. Has two sons and two daughters. Daughter Reena is a post graduate while Bibi is a School Student. The sons Reebu Zacharia & Bino are Engineering College Students.

Address:
Puthuchira, Kumbalampoika, Pathanamthitta

Dr Aju Jacob



Born: 1955. Parents: P. I. Jacob, Cheriavayaliparambil and Kunjumole Kaniyamthara. Student here for B. Sc. Chemistry from 1972 to '74. Was a member of the College Basket Ball Team which won the Marthoma trophy in 1974. Took M. B. B. S. from Ranchi University. Now working at L. F. Hospital, Angamally. Married, Emily of Puthukunnath, has a daughter.

Address: Cheriyaivalipparambil, Thuruthisseri, P.O. Mekkad, (Via) Angamally.

Alex P. Ruvilla



Born 1950. Son of Kuruvilla Parekadavil Eraviperor. Student here during 1968-71 for B.Sc. (Spl) in Mathematics. Member of the College football team for 3 years; Captain of the team in 1969-70. Now Managing partner of Parekadavil Hardwares, Eraviperor, a top ranking dealer in Hardware and Sanitary equipments. Married, has two kids.

Address: Parekadavil, Eraviperor

Dr. Alex Thampan



Parents: K. Thampan Eapen, Kannukuzhiyil and Mrs Ammini Thampan, Cheriyaivalipparambil. Student at U. C. C. for Pre-degree, took M. B. B. S. from J. J. M. Medical College, Davangere, had house surgery at C. M. C. Hospital at Vellore and M. C. Hospital at Kottayam. Took D. C. H. from the college of Physicians and Surgeons, Bombay. Now

works at Vimala Hospital, Ettumanoor. Married to Meena, Dr. Thampan has two sons and a daughter.

Mrs. Aleyamma Pathrose



Student here for Inter and B. A. during 1941 to '43 and '45 to '47 respectively. After graduation married Mr. T. K. Pathrose an old student of the college. Serving as a teacher in Goa and Ethiopia for several years, she returned to Kerala in 1976. Has a son and two daughters.

Address: Thelappilil, Angamaly

D. Bahn Paul, B. Sc. Egg., M. I. E. (India), I. A. S.

Born: 11-4-1941. Son of the Rt. Rev. P. A. Poulse Korpiscopa; educated at M. G. M. High School, Kuruppampady, U. C. College, Alwaye & Engineering College, Trivandrum; Maharaja's Merit Scholar in School and Government of India Merit Scholar at the University; Graduated in Civil Engineering in 1962. Was General Secretary of the Engineer-

ing College Union; member of the College debating team throughout University education.

Joined I. A. S. in 1964. Sub-Collector in various places, Collector in Palghat and Idukki, Managing Director, Handloom Finance Corporation Cannanore and Travancore Titanium Products Ltd., Trivandrum and General Manager, Kerala State Road Transport Corporation are among the major assignments held. Later Special Secretary, Transport, Fisheries and Ports Department and Chairman, Kerala State Road Transport Corporation and also Chairman, Kerala Inland Navigation Corporation. Now Special Secretary in Finance Department.

Project Co-ordinator for Idukki Hydro/Electric Project for 4 years; was awarded Rs. 10,000/- in recognition of the services in Idukki. Was a member of the Indian Delegation to World Students' Conference in France in 1960 while studying in the Engineering College. Went abroad many times and has travelled all over northern Hemisphere except China.

Author of several books in Malayalam and English: (1) Oru Yathrayude Ormakal; (2) Utharasyam Disi; (3) Giri Parvam, (4) Ee. Paramel, (5) Veni, Vidi, Vice, Co-author (with Mulk Raj Anand and others), of 'Splendours of Kerala'.

P. G. Balakrishnan Nair

Mr Nair was a student here for his Intermediate and Degree Courses during 1938-1942. This regular contributor of Malayalam poems to the College magazine, secured first class and second rank in Malayalam for B. A. Examination in 1942. Later he joined the Madras law College and took B. L. degree. Since 1950 he has been practising as an advocate in Ernakulam.

Address:

35/222, Chittoor Road, Valanjambalam, Cochin-16.

C. I. Cherian

Champannil Isaac Cherian was a student here during 1939-41 and 1942-44 for his Intermediate and B. A. degree courses. He was Secretary of the History Association during 1942-43. Later he joined the Central Govt Service and retired as superintendent, Customs and Central Excise. Active in the social and cultural fields, Mr Cherian, who is the past president of the Y's Mens club at Alwaye, is also the Vice President of the Toc H Club, Ernakulam. He is a member of the C. S. I. Diocesan Council of North Kerala. He was Secretary of the college Old Students Association for several years.

Present Address: Champannil, Alwaye-2

K. K. Cherian



Kandathil Koshy Cherian studied here for his Intermediate Course in 1942-44. Later he took B. Sc. Degree from Madras, B.Sc. (Metallurgy) from Benares and M.Sc. (Met. Engg) from McGill University, Montreal. Now he Works as Metallurgist at the Indian Aluminium Company, Kalamasseri. Mr. Cherian was selected by the Govt of India for the National Metallurgist Award for outstanding achievements in the non-ferrous field. Some of the new innovations introduced in the Aluminium Smelter Technology saved a considerable amount of foreign exchange. These innovations have been made use of by Smelters abroad also.

Dr. K. P. George



Son of Shri Kadavil Abraham Paulose, Judge of the erst while Cochin state, was a student here from 1942 to '44 for Intermediate. He took M. B. B. S. from Madras in 1951, D.T. M&H from Edinburgh in 1958 and M. R. C. P. in 1963. A teacher in the Medical Colleges at Trivandrum and Calicut, Dr. George retired as Associate Professor of Medicine from Kottayam

Medical College.

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Manapurathu Verghese George

Years of Study and Stay at U. C. College Alwaye, Kerala

a) 1944-46 : Student of Intermediate class and resident of Tagore Hostel.

b) 1948-49 : Laboratory Assistant (Demonstrator) in Chemistry and Sub-warden of Tagore Hostel.

Subsequent Education and Professional Experience.

B. Sc. 1946-48 Madras University (Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Madras).

M. Sc. 1949-51 Agra University (St. John's College, Agra, UP).

Ph. D. 1951-54 Agra University (St. John's College, Agra, UP).

Post - doctoral research training at i) the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada; ii) Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, USA iii) The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA; iv) Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, UK and v) Institut für Organische Chemie, Universität München, West Germany.

Employment

i) Lecturer in Chemistry, St. John's College, Agra (July 1954-February 1956).

ii) Associate Professor of Chemistry (April 1963-October 1965); Professor of Chemistry (November 1965 - June 1972); Professor (Senior Scale) (June 1972-to-date) and Head, Department of Chemistry (September 1967 to July 1970), Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.

iii) Visiting Scientist at the Institut für Organische Chemie, Universität München, West Germany (March 1974-August 1974); Visiting Professor of Chemistry at the Radiation Laboratory of the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA (September 1978-July 1979); Visiting Scientist at the Institut für Strahlenchemie in Max-Planck-Institut für Kohlenforschung, Mulheim a. d. Ruhr, West Germany (June 1980-November 1980).

Professional Interests and Publications.

i) Research interests in organic photochemistry, organometallic chemistry and organic reaction mechanisms.

ii) Published a large number of research papers in national and international journals.

Professional Recognition.

i) Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences (FASc) and Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy (FNA).

ii) Recipient of Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize in Chemical Science for 1973.

iii) Several endowed lectureships such as Professor K. Venkataraman Endowment Lecturer of Bombay University; UGC-National Lecturer in Chemistry; Dr. R C Shah Memorial Lecturer of Bombay University etc.

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Dr. V. T. George



Born on 24.4.1912 as the son of Mr. M.I. Thomas at Pathanamthitta, he was a student here for his Intermediate Course. Later he took B.A. degree from Madras, L.Sc. Ag. Diploma from the Agricultural Institute at Allahabad, M. S. in Ag. from Cornell University, New York and Ph.D. from Burton College Seminary, Colorado. While a student here, he was the Secretary of the S. C. F., Prefect of New Hostel and organiser of night Schools for underprivileged adults. From 1933 to 1956 he was a member of the Alwaye Settlement Group and Council. He served the Settlement in various capacities as Bursar, Head Master, warden etc. He was superintendent of the Settlement farm and Dairy for two decades. He spent three years at Jarwis Christian College, Texas as an Instructor and exchange Professor. From 1961 to 1967 he worked at St. Thomas' School in Sarawak. Next eight years he was at St Mark Secondary School, Zambia. He is the author of the book "Christ and the under-privileged". Married, Dr George has four children. Present address: Nallarikunnu U.C. College P.O. Alwaye. 2

George Joseph



Student here during 1966 to 1973 for Pre-Degree, Degree & Postgraduate courses. Took M. Sc. Degree in Physics with 1 class. Active in all co-curricular activities. Now working as officer, Union Bank of India. Present address: Union Bank of India, zonal office, Premchand House, 172/1, Ashram Road High Courtway, Ahmedabad.

K. George Mathew



Was a student here from 1949 to 1953 for Intermediate and B. Sc. courses. Took B. Sc. degree in Physics in 1953. Later joined the State Government Service. Now he is a Deputy Secretary in the Finance Department of the Government of Kerala.

George Philip



Born on 18-9-1933, as the son of K. Philipose, Kondoor, Thevodi. After schooling, he joined U. C. C. for his Intermediate course in 1949. As a student, he took keen interest in sports, games and other cultural activities. Later he took B. Sc. D. P. Ed. and B. Ed. and joined the Marthoma High School Pathanamthitta. He was given the state award for secondary school teachers in 1979. A qualified referee in Volley Ball, he was an office bearer of K. V. A. and was responsible for organising many tournaments. Actively associated with the Y. M. C. A. and Y's Men activities at Pathanamthitta, he was Extension Director of South West District of Y's Men International. Permanent address: Kondoor, Thevodi, Ayroor, Tiruvalla.

Capt. George Thomas



Born on 16-5-1924, in the Karimparambil family at Edathua. Mr. George Thomas studied here during 1940-42 for Intermediate course. While here this good sportsman was a member of the College Foot Ball Team. He had his B. A. degree course at the American College, Madurai. He took Commercial Pilot's licence from Bengal Flying Club, Calcutta and later joined Indian Airlines as a pilot. Retiring as a Senior commander from IAC, he leads a retired life now at Thevethundiylil, Manjadi, Tiruvalla.

N. Gopala Pillai



Mr. Pillai studied here during 1943-'45 for B. A. degree course in Economics. Now he is working as Internal Auditor at the State Bank of Travancore. (Head office), Trivandrum. Married to Santhakumari Amma. Mr. Pillai has 2 sons and 2 daughters. The eldest boy Saraschandran is employed in the State Bank of Travancore and girl Suryakumari has passed MSc. The others Prathap and Preetha are students.

Dr. Jacob V. Cheran



Hailing from the Cheeran family of Kunnankulam, Mr. Jacob was a student here for the Pre-Professional Course during 1957-58. Later he took his B. V. Sc. and M. V. Sc. Degrees from the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy. He joined the government service in the department of Animal Husbandry and later shifted to the Kerala Agricultural University. At present he is Associate Professor in the Department of Pharmacology in the Veterinary College under K. A. U. He has specialised in insecticide toxicology. He has developed a dosage schedule for immobilisation of various Indian species of wild animals. An exclusive dosage schedule suitable for immobilisation of Indian Elephants has been standardized. He has held several important offices in various social, cultural and service organisations. Married, the Jacob-Sherly couple has a son Anoj & daughter Shiji. Address: 135, Nehrunagar Trichur-6

James V. Cheeran



Hailing from the famous Cheeran family of Kunnankulam, James was a student here for his Pre-University and B. Sc. Degree Courses during 1962-'66. Keenly interested in sports and games, he represented the state in Boy's Basket Ball for one year and in Men's Basket Ball for two years. For two consecutive years he won the C. P. Andrews medal for the Best Sportsman of the college. Mr. James is now managing partner of Cheeran's Auto agencies at Palghat. Married to Jessy, the only son is Soni & only daughter is Sumi.

Dr. K. I. John



Was student here in 1932-33 for first year Inter and left for professional studies. Started practising dentistry in Tiruvalla in 1938. Keenly interested in Social activities, he was founder Chairman of Kerala Y. M.C.A.'s, Member on the General Board of the National Council of Y. M.C.A.'s and Y.M.C.A. National Boy's work Committee for a number of years. He was General secretary of Tiruvalla Y. M. C. A. Presi-

dent of Kaviyoor Y. M. C. A. and President of the local Panchayat. He was also Charter Secretary of Tiruvalla Lion's club, it's President, Zone chairman and District Chairman of the Lion's International foundation. Won several lionistic awards. Visited Lions International Head quarters at Illinois. Married Rachel Malayil, Kallada. Has 3 daughters and 3 sons. Mrs. Shantha Ravindran, Illinois Mrs. Mary George Joseph, Chicago, Dr. Itty John, Mrs. Lalitha Zachariah, Illinois and Babu Alexander, Kuwait.

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W. O. John

Born 25-1-1917. Son of Rev. W. O. Oommen & Mrs. Aley. Matteethra, Aymanam. Student here for Intermediate during 1937-39. Was prefect in New Hostel, Member of Basket Ball, Foot Ball, and Volley Ball teams. Joined Central Excise in 1943 and retired as Superintendent in 1975. Married Gracy John of Ponnackal, Ayroor. Has 2 sons, Lalji & Lebi and daughters Lyla, Lata and Lijnu all old students of the College. Address: Walliamannil, Alwaye-2

Jose Mathew



Son of Shri O. Mathew, Naduvathu, Plamudi, Kottappadi. Was a student here for B. A. History, during 1968-71. Very much interested in Sports and games, he was a good athlete and a member of the College football and hockey teams. A hard working participant in the activities of the Social Service League, he was sent for specialised training at a work-oriented youth camp at Wardha. After taking his degree, he started his own business and is now managing partner of Unique Crafts at Ernakulam.

Shri V.K. Karim



Born in West Kadungalloor near the College, was a student for B. A. Economics during 1964-67. Was Secretary of History and Economics association, Speakers Club & Planning Forum. Later completed the L. I. B. Course and passed D.S.S. Actively participated in the activities of the Kerala Students Union. He was President of Ernakulam District KSU and member on the executive of the State Youth Congress. Now he is proprietor of Trios Automobiles in Trivandrum.

P. C. Koshy



Studied here during 1923-27 for his Intermediate and B.A. Degree Courses. Distinguished himself in sports and games. Was the College Champion for all his four years here. Was selected from Travancore state for the Olympic trials at Madras during 1923 & '26 in Long Jump & High Jump. Was a member of the College Volley Ball & Foot Ball teams. Later

studied law at Trivandrum Law College. Became a full fledged planter. Was elected as Chairman of the Mavelikkara Municipal Council for two terms. Was President of Thazhakkara Panchayat. Was a member of the Kerala University Senate. Was Trustee of Mar Thoma Church for fifteen years till 1978. Member of the Governing Board of the various hospitals and colleges under Mar Thoma Church. Was a member of the governing board of C. M. S. College, Kottayam. Was Charter President of Lions Club Mavelikkara. Married to Kunjamma, daughter of late Palamadam P. T. Thomas. Has 3 daughters and 3 sons.

K-Address: Polachirackal, Mavelikkara-2.

P. S. Koshy



Was a student here during 1949-53 for Inter & B.Sc (Physics). Now working as Teacher, C. M. S. H. S., Kumbalampoika. He is now Secretary of Pathanamthitta District Science clubs Association. Married Accamma Itty Iype, an old student of the college. Has two sons Reebu and Binu, both engineering students. Daughter Reena is a post graduate and

daughter Bibi is a school student.

Address: Puthuchira Kumbalampoika.

G. Krishnan Potti



Hailing from Neelamana, Manakkara Sasthamcottah, Mr. Potti was a student here for the M. Sc. Course in Physics during 1963-65. Now he is Professor of Physics at Devaswom Board College, Sasthamcottah. Mr. Potti who was commissioned in N. C. C. in 1967, had the honour of commanding the Kerala N. C. C. Contingent at the Republic Day Parade at New Delhi in 1979.

V. V. Kuriakose



Born on 21-6-1932. Mr Kuriakose studied here for his Intermediate and B. Sc. Degree Course during 1951-55. Later he took Masters Degree in chemistry from the Benares Hindu University. At present he is Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry at Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam. Being one who took

active part in the activities of the college union, while he was here he was chosen to represent the college at the University inter collegiate debate in 1955. He was also the treasurer of the Malankara Syrian Church Congregation of the College. Married to Smt. Lilly, he has two sons and one daughter. Perm. address: Vengasseril, Matirappally, Kothamangalam.

M. Kurian



Mr. Kurian was a student here during 1943-1947 for his Intermediate and B. Sc. Degree Courses. After working with the Church weekly for an year, he joined the editorial staff of the Malayala Manorama in 1948. In 1951, he joined the American Reporter. Took part in the fast for peace in the Malankara syrian church; stayed at the Serampore college for an

year and worked as secretary to Kerala S. C. M. Rejoined the Malayala Manorama in 1958 where he is now Asst. Editor. Married to Dr. Sosamma. Mr. Kurian has three Children Madhu, Susha & Vinu. He has visited many of the European as well as South east Asian countries. He is the author of 13 books in Malayalam of which 5 are biographies and 4 are translations. Permanent address, Paranthumkuzhy, Manganam, Kottayam.

Smt. V. K. Leela



Hailing from Valayil family at Kizhakkambalam, Smt. Leela was a student for M. A. History in this College during 1975-77. Selected as Graduate trainee in the Federal Bank in 1977. Married to Mr. P. C. Chacko, then the General Secretary of K. P. C. C. in 1979. Now working at the Trivandrum Branch of the Federal Bank. She has one son.

Mrs. Leela James



Leela Verghese, daughter of Varphese Cheriyavayaliparambil was a student here for her Pre-University Course during 1959-60. Later she married Mr. A. V. James, Padath who is now an Executive Engineer in PWD. She has a son Manju, Pre-Degree student and a daughter Priya, a school final student. Present address: 207, Nehrunagar, Trichur-6.

C. E. Mammen



Born on 10. 9. 1927 as the son of Mr. C. E. Easow who retired as controller of stationery, T. C. state. Was a student here in 1942-43 for Intermediate. Later left this college and graduated from the University College, Trivandrum. Joined Travancore Rayons as Technical trainee in 1949. Specialised in Industrial Refrigeration and Airconditioning from the Engineering University at Roorkee. Retiring from Travancore Rayons as Superintendent, he worked as manager of the Formix Rubber Mixing Factory, Punnathra. Actively associated with Y. M. C. A. and Y's Men Club. He has served as President, Y. M. C. A., Perumbavoor and Governor of District West 6 of Y's Men. Married to Ammini, daughter of Nellickal. T. Thomas of Kottayam. He has 3 children - Dr. Nebu Isaac Mammen of St. Thomas Mission Hospital, Kattanam. Smt. Geetha Susan married to Dr. John Mathew and Binu Mammen, an Engineering Student at Davangere. Present address: Nebu Bhavan, Perumbavoor.

K. K. Mani



Son of Mr. Kuruvilla Kannukuzhiyil, Vennimalakottah, Payyappadi, Mr. Mani was a student here during 1969-72 for his B. A. degree course. After graduation he joined the South Indian Bank where he is continuing.

Marykutty Paul



Daughter of Rev. Fr. E. I. Thomas, Erumappettyil, Kakkad, Piravom. Studied here for B. A. degree course in Economics during 1959-62. While a student she took part in various Co-curricular activities like the Social Service League and S.C.M. She is married to Paul Kochurackal.

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A. M. Mathai



Born on 18. 1. 1919 in the Adangappuram family, Thalavady. Mr. Mathai was a student here during 1940-42 for his B.A. degree course. He was a member of the College Tennis Team. Took B. T. in 1949 and M. A. in History in 1963. Joined the State Education Department as a graduate teacher in 1949 and retired in 1974. He has 3 sons and a daughter.

Present address: Kodical, Aminchakkari, Tiruvalla.

Dr. P. A. Mathai M. B. B. S., F. C. G. P. (I)



Born 6-6-1921. Student here in 1939-41 for Inter. First secretary of the Science Association. Member of the Dramatic club. Passed M. B. B. S. from Stanley Medical College, Madras in 1949. From 1949 to 53 worked as Medical officer in Ceylon & from '53 to '57 at the Mission Hospital, Kozhuvannal. Now he is running his own nursing home Fatima Nursing Home at Changanacherry.

cherry. Married; has 3 sons - an army officer, a doctor, an engineer - and two daughters. Address: Fatima Nursing Home, Changanacherry.

K. A. Mathew



Born on - 15th July, 1924 Was a student of the college for Intermediate during the academic years 1942 through 1944.

Subjects of study were Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. Passed with high first class and pursued studies in the College of Engineering, Trivandrum. Graduated in Mechanical Engineering with high first class in 1948.

While in the college took act-

ive interest in Student Christian Movement and also in Students Federation. Continued the same interests as a student of Engineering and became the first student Secretary for Kerala and Student President of SCM during the period 1946 - 1948.

Married in May 1947 and have 3 daughters.

Started professional career in the College of Engineering, Trivandrum. After having held various executive and management positions in companies like Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Volkart Bros./ Voltas Ltd. and Travancore Rayons Ltd., founded O/E/N/ India Limited in 1968 and has been its Managing Director since then. Currently is also Managing Director of O/E/N/ Micro System Ltd. and Partner, Geomaths (Regd.)

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V. J. Mathew



Studied here during 1941-45, for Intermediate and B. A. courses. Took B. A. degree in History & Economics in 1945 and later qualified himself for teaching profession. Entered government service in 1949. Retired as Gazetted Head Master in 1978. Now he is working as Principal, M. A. M. High School, Puthencruz. His wife Elizabeth Joseph and three daughters, Ivy, Annie and Raina are all old students of U. C. C. Jehie is his only son.

Mathews Mathai



Son of Late Shri P. U. Mathai of Kadapuram, Mathews was a student here during 1969-72 for B. A. degree course in Psychology. Later he took M. A. and LLB (Hons) from the University of Jubbalpore. After practising as a lawyer at Ernakulam, he joined the Canara Bank. He is now working at Trichur. Wife Manju Permanent Address: Kadapuram, XLI 508, P. H. Road, Cochin-18

Rev. C. I. Mathunni



Champannil Isaac Mathunni was a student in the U. C. College, Alwaye from 1931 to 1935. He graduated with Philosophy, winning the Miller gold medal from the Madras University. He was a member of the Football Team all the four years he was in College and attended the SCM quadrennial conference held in Allahabad in 1934 representing the College.

He did post-graduate studies in the Madras Christian College, Tambaram and joined the C. M. S. College Kottayam, as a Lecturer. In 1945, he resigned from there to join The Alwaye Settlement Fellowship. He won the Vincent Massey Scholarship for 1946 and studied in the Ontario College of Education in Toronto taking the Master's Degree in Education. He returned to work in the Settlement. He was the first Headmaster of the Settlement High School and in 1965 became The Business Manager. He served as the President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Association Alwaye District Vice President of the Amateur Athletic Association Ernakulam District, President of the Amateur Athletic Association Ernakulam District, President of the Alwaye Y. M. C. A. and as the District Chairman of the Lion's Clubs. He was the founder Manager of the School for the Blind Alwaye for 9 years. He served on the Governing Board of the U. C. College and the Christava Mahilalayam and is Director of the Rural Medical Mission, Alwaye. In 1969, he was ordained as an honorary presbyter in the Church of South India. In 1973 he was posted in Delhi as the Regional Director of the Christian Children's Fund and retired from that in 1977 at the age of 65. He was Principal of the India Bible Institute New Delhi from 1977-78. Since 1978 he is serving as the General Administrator of the Bethel Girls' Town at Kaloor, Ernakulam.

Justice K. K. Narendran



Born on 22nd August, 1923. Educated at S. N. M. High School, Moothakunnam; Union Christian College, Alwaye and Law College, Ernakulam. Joined the Union Christian College in the year 1940-41 for the Intermediate Course. Was awarded The His Highness The Maharaja's Scholarship on the basis of marks scored in the ESLC Examination in 1940. In 1942-43

joined for B. Sc. (Mathematics) Continued to hold the Maharaja's Scholarship for the B.Sc Course also. Was an active member of the College Photographic Club. Started life as a journalist. In 1949-50 joined The Law College, Ernakulam. Enrolled Advocate, High Court of Travancore Cochin on 15th September, 1952. Practised on the original side of the High Court. Was actively associated with the management of educational institutions. Was Manager V. V. Sabha High School, Cherai from of 1954 to 1961. Was elected Manager of the S. N. M. Training College, Moothakunnam in 1960. Was elected Manager of the S. N. M. Basic Training School in 1961. Was a member of the Executive of the Kerala Private College Managers' Association. Member of the Bar Council of Kerala from 1961 to 1965. Editor, Indian Law Reports (Kerala Series) from 13.7. 1969 onwards. Author of a number of law books including An Annotated Edition of the Kerala Education Act, 1958 with the K. E. R. Appointed as Additional Judge, High Court of Kerala from 30th May, 1974. Became a permanent Judge from 9.5.1975.

Dr. Nebu Issac Mammen



He is the eldest son of Mr. C. E. Mammen, an old student of the college. Won first rank from among the School final students of Asramom High School in 1975. Was at U. C. College for 2 years for his Pre Degree Course. He took M. B. B. S. degree in 1979 from C. M. C. Vellore and is now working at the C. M. C. Hospital, Vellore. Married Raji, daughter of Prof. K. M. Tharakan.

T. O. Oommen



Was a student here during 1932-34 for B. A. Degree course. After graduation he worked at the settlement high school for one year. During the period at U. C. C. he was profoundly influenced by Mr. K. C. Chacko and the spiritual atmosphere prevailing in the college then. Present Address: F-38, Kalkaji, New Delhi - 19.

Pamela Anna Mathew



Born on - 24th February, 1950. Was a student of the college for Pre-Degree in the years 1966 to 1968. Subjects of study were Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

Pursued undergraduate studies in St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam and graduated in Economics in the year 1971. Stood first in college and won Dina Munshi Award. Pursued postgraduate studies in Maharajas College, Ernakulam and completed with high 2nd class in the year 1973.

As a student took active interest in Student Christian Movement and was Vice President of the Kerala SCM for the years 1968 & 1969.

After completing studies took up employment in O/E/N India Limited and is currently the Company Secretary.

Married in the year 1976 and has a daughter.

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T. K. Pathrose



Son of Thelappilli Korala of Peechanikad was a student here for Intermediate & B. Sc courses during 1938 - 42. After graduation he served in Goa (1943- 50) & in Ethiopia (1951-76) as a teacher. Married Aleyamma. Has a son and two daughters. Son Shaji is an old student of U. C. College. Address: Thelappilli, Angamaly.

Paul Varghese



Hailing from the Padayattil family at Vengoor, he was a student here during 1973 - 78 for his Pre Degree and B. Sc. degree courses. Passing B. Sc. Degree exam creditably, he joined a company of auditors to become a chartered accountant. Address: Padayattil, Vengoor, Kidangoor P. O. Angamaly.

Prof. E. M. Paulose



Sri E. M. Paulose, Son of Sri. E. Mathew, Erumala was born in 6-10-1936. Joined the U. C. College in 1954 as a student of the Intermediate Course. He was also a student of the U. C. College from 1956-1958 for the B. A. Degree Course in Economics.

He has undergone his M. A. Course in History at St. John's College, Agra. After serving the

Educational Department in New-Delhi, joined as a Lecturer in the Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam in 1964.

He was privileged to get a scholarship of the W. C. C. in 1970 to attend the Ecumenical studies at the Ecumenical Institute, Geneva, Switzerland from October 1970 to February 1971. He visited the different Universities in England in 1971. Visited also the different countries in the European continent, Middle East and the Holy lands. He was privileged to meet Pope Paul VI at the Vatican Palace on 2nd June 1971.

Prof. Paulose is now the Head of the Department of History of the Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam.

He is the President of the Public Library, Kuttikanji, for the last 5 years. He is also the Charter Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Kothamangalam and served the Kerala Area of Y. M. C. A. as its Executive Committee Member. Now he is the R. S. D. for Cultural Affairs and Seminars of the West India Region of Y's Men International. He was adjudged as the Best Y's Men Secretary of the West District of the India Region during the year 1979-80. He has also won the International Award for the extension of the Y's Men International.

He is Married to Nimmy and has two daughters. Mrs. Nimmy Paulose is the partner of Kerala Exim, Intercontinental.

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Paulose Mar Athanasius



Metropolitan, M. A. (Madras) M. A. (Columbia) Ph. D. (Ker.) D. D. (Sweden)

K.P. Paul was a student of the Intermediate class during 1932-34 and of the B. A. Philosophy class from 1935 to '37. Distinguished himself in various Co-curricular activities like the Social Service League, S. C. M., debating society etc. Was Keenly

interested in sports and games too. During 1934 he had a divine call to church ministry and consequently joined the Theological Seminary at Manjankkara in 1938. Ordained subdeacon in the same year. Student at Madras Christian for M. A. Philosophy from 1940 to '42 and passed with second rank in the Madras University. Toured Ceylon as a representative of college S. C. M. Ordained priest in 1944 and distinguished himself as a preacher and retreat father. Became a Ramban in 1947. In 1949, was invited to be Principal of Theological School, Alwaye. In 1950, studied in Union Theological Seminary, Columbia and took M. A. degree in Philosophy of religion with First class & First Rank. From 1953 to '59 stayed at Maleluz monastery, writing books and teaching deacons. In 1959 became a Doctorate student of the Kerala University. Was awarded Ph. D. in 1966. Was a member of Board of studies and Faculty of Oriental studies, Kerala University. In 1970, went to Serampore college As Machison Research Fellow, submitted the thesis in record time. In 1973, became mission director of the Evangelistic Association of the East. Was consecrated Metropolitan by the Patriarch of Antioch in September 1973. Has travelled widely in the Middle East and U. S. A. Now staying at Metropolitan's House, Perumbavoor. His Grace has published several articles and twenty books in English and Malayalam. His grace is well versed in several languages.

N. G. Paulose



Born on 7-11-1921 in the Nedumthallil family, Kothamangalam. Joined U. C. College in 1938 for Intermediate Course. He won the Best Student award in Natural Science in 1939. Living in the hostel he was a regular participant of the religious classes and also in sports and games. Later taking Diploma in forestry, he joined the Travancore-forest Department. He re-

tired as a Divisional forest Officer under Kerala Government in 1976. While in service he got three special awards for elephant capturing operations. Known for his efficient paper work and administration, he drew the scheme for Industrial plantation in forests. In his retired life he is active with Y.M.C.A. and Y's Men schemes. Married to Achamma of Eazhili family at Vypien, Mr Paulose has 3 daughters Dr. Ramani Thampan, M. D. Reena M. A. & Ruby B. Pharm. The only son Aby is an Engineering student. Address: Nedumthallil, Angady, Kothamangalam.

V. K. M. Paulus



Born: 12.6.1923. Son of Mathew Vayalipparambil who was engineer under Travancore government. Student here for Intermediate in 1941-43. Hailing from a family of distinguished sportsmen, he actively participated in various sports and games and was a member of the college Hockey team. Took his B. A. degree and Post graduate diploma in Business Management from Delhi School of Economics. Retired as Administrative officer, Care-Kerala, Address: Vayalipparambil House, P. O. Athani (Via) Alwaye.

A. K. Paulose.



Born: 1921. Parents, Paul Koreth Ambatt and Annamma Cheriavayaliparambil. Student at U. C.C. during 1938-'42. Took B. A. degree in Philosophy in II class. After working for a few years in the Bank of New India, started independent business and became managing partner of the Alwaye Finance Corporation. Married Eliamma of Thelappillil, Has 3 Sons:

Prof. A. P. Mathew, A. P. Varghese, Mg. Partner, Deepam Electricals, Alwaye, Roy Paul, Manager, Federal Bank N. Parur. Address: Ampat House, Thuruthisseri, Mekkad P. O. (Via) Angamaly

Purushothaman Pillai P. G.



Parat Govindan Purushothaman Pillai: Malayalam Professor, author and writer. Born: 30th April 1921, at Uliyanoor, Alwaye. Parents: Pavana Rama Panicker, and Parat Gouri Pillai. Student here for Intermediate and B. A. 1938-43. Secretary Historical Association of the College-1941-42. High School teacher at B. S. H. S., Kalady 1942-43. Viceroy's Commissioned

Officer in I. A. O. C. at Jubbalpore, 1943-44. War Medal Winner for active service. Left war service on health grounds. Again H.S. teacher at C. N. N. H. S. Cherpu, and National H. S. Kodakara, 1944-48. For some time, Sub Editor, 'Deenabandhu' then published from Trichur, Malayalam M. A. 1st

Rank, Madras University, 1948. From August 1948 to April 1976 Lecturer, Grade II Professor, 1st grade Professor and acting Principal in different Colleges under Madras, Karnataka and Kerala Governments; Retired from Govt. Service in April 1976. From July 1976 to 1981 worked as U. G.C. Professor at Sree Kerala Varma College, Trichur.

Publications: Critical biographies, travel accounts, Essays and literary criticism in Malayalam. 1. 'Oru Thakkeethu'-1945; 2. 'Paschatya Sahitya Nayakanmar'-1950; 3. 'Homer' 1952; 4. 'Marco-polovinte Sanchara Kathakal'-1954; 5. 'Mari villu' (Essays)- 1958; 6. 'Mahakavi Dante'. 1976; 7. 'Indian Swatantrya Samara Charithram' Vol. I (Trans. of Dr. Tara Chand's English Book) 1975; 8. 'Keralam' (Trans. of Krishna Chaitanya's English Book) 1975; 9. 'Radhanath Ray' (Oriya Poet)-(Trans. of a Central Sahitya Akademy Publication) - 1980; besides a good number of contributions in English and Malayalam to various Periodicals, and Akademy Publications. Travelled throughout India on several occasions. Wife Smt. Aricat Kamakshy Kutty Amma, herself a writer. Address:- Arikat, Kodakara

Rev. A. A. Pylee



Son of Shri. Ampatt Abraham, he was born in 1917. After his B. A. degree course here, he joined Presidency College Madras for his Master's degree course. He took M. A. degree with first Class, first Rank from Madras University. Later he joined U. C. C. as lecturer in History. In 1964 he left U. C. C. to take charge as Principal, Christian College,

Changanur and he continued there till he retired in 1977. From 1980 onwards he is working as Vicar General of the Mar Thoma Church. He studied Theology in the Union Theological Seminary, Princeton, U. S. A. Rev. Pylee and Mrs. Mariamma Pylee have 3 sons-Dr. Abraham Paul, Orthopedic Surgeon, St. Thomas Mission Hospital, Kattanam, Shri. Kurian Paul, Engineer, Parry & Co, Madras & Shri. Isaac Paul, Lecturer, U. C. College.

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Panamppilly Raghava Menon



Born on 20th October, 1915, at Kallur Vadakkumuri Village near Chalakudy-Father late Shri. C. Madhava Menon, Advocate - Mother late Panamppilly Janaky Amma - joined the Union Christian College in 1931 - was a student of the college till, 1935-Took B. A. degree in March, 1935 - was the secretary of the Malayalam Association of the College

Took B. L. degree from the Trivandrum Law College in March, 1938-started practice in the Irinjalakuda courts in 1938 as Junior to his uncle late Sri. Panamppilly Govinda Menon-started independent practice in March, 1939. In a short time became one of the leaders of the Bar. From the beginning was associated with various social, cultural and political organisations-was Vice Chairman of the Irinjalakuda Municipality between 1940 and 1945-Chairman of the Kerala Union Bank Ltd., Mala between 1960 and 1965-President of the Lions Club of Irinjalakuda for two consecutive years between 1968 and 1970-zone Chairman between 1972 and 1973. In 1972 elected as a Director of the Nayar Service Society-In 1976 elected to the Executive Council of the Society-In 1978 became its Vice President. In May, 1978 elected as the President of the Nayar Service Society-still continues in that position-Married happily to Mrs. Thankamma Raghava Menon-Have eight children, four sons and four daughters, all well-placed.

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Rosey Cherian



Rosey Thomas, daughter of Shri. T. B. Thomas, Therakath and Smt. Mariamma, joined this college in 1958 for the Pre-University course. Was a student here for 6 years and took M. Sc. Degree in Physics in 1964. Worked as lecturer here for 2 years. Now she is Professor of Physics in T. K. M. M. College, Nangiarkulangara. Married to Prof. M. K.

Cherian of B. M. College, Mavelikkara.
Present Address: Mallasseril, Nangiarkulangara.

Dr. C. J. Roy



Born in 1935, he appeared for his Bachelor's degree exam in Biological Sciences from this college. He took his M. A. degree in Malayalam from S. B. College Changanacherry. Later he took M. A. degree in linguistics with first rank from the Kerala University. He took his doctorate under Prof. V. I. Subramaniam.

He started his professional career as a journalist. Later he worked as lecturer in U.C. College Alwaye, and Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta. For five years he was the head of the Dialectical Survey Unit in the Kerala University. From 1972 onwards he is the Professor and Head of the department of Malayalam at the Kamaraj University, Madurai. His work 'Introductory Malayalam' to aid non Malayalies study Malayalam is a masterpiece. 'Puthiya Mughal' is another work of Dr. Roy. His Ph.D thesis has been published by the Madurai University. His articles on Linguistics appearing in periodicals are being compiled to form another book. Married to Susan, the couple have two sons and a daughter.

Sajen Peter, M. A., M. B. A., LL.B.



Born on 7-3-1953. Son of V. C. Peter, Vengasseril, Thirukalathoor, Muvattupuzha (General) Manager, State Bank of Travancore

Educated at Government Model High School, Trivandrum, Intermediate College, Trivandrum (P. D. C.), Union Christian College, Alwaye (1969-'72 BA English), Institute of English, University of Kerala, Trivandrum (1972-'74 MA English), School of Management, University of Cochin (1974-'76 M. B. A.) Kerala Law Academy, Trivandrum (1979-'82 LL. B. Evening Course)

Directly recruited as Deputy Collector in the State Civil Service in 1977. After training in Kottayam District, first posted as RDO, Trivandrum. Deputed as Asst. Director to the Institute of Management in Government, Trivandrum for two years. Working as RDO Trichur since January 1983.

Married. Wife Latha is a post graduate in Physics. Two children - Priya and Prasant.

Dr. J. Samuel

Samuel, son of Prof. K. Jacob was a student here during 1945-47 for the Intermediate course. He joined the C. M. C. Vellore for his M. B. B. S. Course and took his degree in 1952. He took F. R. C. S. from Edinburgh in 1961 and F. A. C. S. from U. S. A. in 1972. He underwent Surgical Specialist Training in U. K., Munich, New Castle (Australia), Pittsburg (U. S. A.) and Harvard Medical School, Boston. Now he is working as Surgical consultant at Holy Cross Hospital, Kottiyam.

P. Samuel



Born in 1919. Was a student during 1938-42 for Intermediate and B. A. degree courses. Worked as graduate teacher at St. Thomas H. S., Kozhichery for five years. Joined government service in 1948. Worked as Head master in several Schools and retired from G. H. S., Pathanamthitta in 1974. While in college he was interested in sports and games and was a champion in Swimming competitions.

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Sarah Mathew (maiden-name N. K. Saramma)



Born on 6th February, 1928. Was a student of the college for Intermediate during the academic years 1944 through 1946.

Subjects of study were Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. Graduated in Economics from S. D. College, Alleppey in the year 1949.

Had taken active interest in Student Christian Movement and was Vice President of the Kerala SCM. in the year 1947-1948.

Got married in May, 1947 and have 3 daughters. Currently Director of O/E/N India Limited, O/E/N Micro Systems Limited and Partner, Geomaths (Regd.). Besides business interests has keen interest in Y. W. C. A. Present address: Sarah Mathew, O/E/N House, Tripunithura Road, Vyttila, Cochin.

K. K. Sasinathababu



Years of study: 1967 to 1973

Courses: Pre Degree & B.A. in Psychology.

Achievements:

Senior under officer in N. C. C. Attached to regular army in 1968. An active member of the social service league. Mr. U. C. College in the year 1972. Founder member of Union Christian College mountaineering club. Took part in many mountaineering and hiking expeditions conducted by the club including Anamudi. Participated in Tiger survey at Periyar wild life sanctuary twice as guide and special expert. Conducted an all India hiking tour through the length and breadth of the country for 19 months, covering almost all the states in India, with a fellow student Mr. Unni Krishnan. Now working in a well renowned travel and recruiting firm in executive capacity.

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Prof. P. P. Searia



A student here during 1947-51 for Intermediate and B. A. Courses. Awarded the Best Student prize in 1951. Took M.A. degree in Economics from Madras Christian College, Tambaram. Was lecturer in Economics here in 1954-57. Later he joined the Malabar Christian College, Calicut where he is now professor and Head of the department of Economics. He is now member

on the Board of studies of the Faculty of Humanities at Calicut University and is the author of many Text Books in his subject.

Sebastian Chacko Pattathil



Hails from Pulincunnu in Alleppey Dt. He was a student here during 1968-1971 for his B. A. degree course in English. Keenly interested in Sports and Games, he was an ace player of the College Hockey Team. He was a very active worker of the Social Service League and Planning Forum. He secured the highest marks in the college for his Second year and Final year

B. A. exams. He did his M.A (Eng. lit.) at the University, Institute Trivandrum. Joined the State Bank of Travancore as a probationary officer in 1973. Previously manager at Kalamassery Branch, at present he is Manager at the Badagara Branch of the Bank. Address: State Bank of Travancore, Badagara-673101

P. Sobbiah Pillai



Born on 9-11-1099 at Pathanapuram. Joined U.C.C. in 1945 for his B.A. degree course. While in this college he was Secretary of the Arts Club and Economics Association. He was also secretary of the then Student Congress. After working as supervisor of Punalur Paper Mills for a few months and as a School Teacher for a couple of years, he joined Government

service in the Secretariat. He retired as Joint Secretary in the Finance Department. At present he is Editor of the popular Malayalam Weekly Kumkumam. A reputed writer in Malayalam he is the author of 18 books (Stories, Novel & Drama). Married, he has two sons and two daughters. Address: Chaitanya, Pannapuram, Trivandrum - 24.

Sundaram Govind B.Sc., LL.B.



Born: 1953. Son Dr. V. Sundaram Nair and K. Nanikuttu Amma.

Years of Study 1968-70, Pre-Degree and 1970-73, B.Sc.

In 1972, elected as Secretary of the 'Sahithya Churche Vedi', a literary association organised by Sri. Thonnakkal Narayanan who was the President and 'Sasthra Sahithya Parishad' of the

College. Stood first in the University Examination (1972) in Malayalam for B.A/B.Sc. students. In 1976 passed LL.B. from Ernakulam Law College and joined Cochin University, for LL.M. In 1975 represented the Law College in All Kerala Inter Collegiate Debate Competition for Murali Memorial Trophy. Won prizes in Essay and Elocution in several state level Competitions. Published articles in many dailies and periodicals. In 1975 selected to represent the Law College in 'Brain Trust Programme' of the Kerala Sahithya Academy. Passed Sanskrit Exam. from Bharatha Vidya Peetham.

In 1977 elected as Director of the Stallion International Alwaye Chapter. In 1979 President, the Mar

Athanasius Arts Society (MAAS), Alwaye. In 1980 elected as District General Secretary of the Janatha Yuva Morcha, the youth wing of Bharathiya Janatha Party. Treasurer of the Alwaye, Advocates' Association. Married Usha (an old student of U.C. College) recipient of the T. C. Joseph Prize. Now practising as an Advocate at Alwaye.

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Thampan Thomas



Years of study: 1957 to 1961

Was the College Union Secretary, Day Scholar's Association Secretary and was selected to participate in the Inter-University Youth Festival in Hyderabad in the year 1958. Prize winner in Inter Collegiate Radio Discussion and other elocution competitions and extra curricular activities. Actively associated with extra curricular activities through Social Service League, Day Scholars' Association Drama Club, Speakers' Club etc.; actively involved in students' organizational work - was the State Secretary of the then powerful students' organization, All Kerala Independent Students' Organization.

Now a prominent Lawyer in the Kerala High Court; very active in public life; was appointed as the Chairman of Kerala State Warehousing Corporation; Now the President of the Kerala Co-operative Consumers' Federation and a Director of the National Co-operative Consumers' Federation in Delhi; was elected once as the Vice Chairman of the National Co-operative Consumers' Federation; was the leader of the Indian Delegation in the 1st Asian Consumers' Co-operative Conference in the year 1974 which was held in Kollampur in Malaysia.

Very actively involved in the Trade Union movement; Office bearer in many important trade unions including Railway, Port, Tata, Cochin Shipyard, Thoshiba etc.

Is also the President of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, Kerala State Committee and member, working committee of the H. M. S.

As a leader in trade union movement he was also in the delegation to Japan in DOMEI and Japan's Productivity Council's Conference in 1980. He was also selected to attend the Duke of Edinburgh's Conference in Canada in 1980 and represented the trade unions in the Conference.

Very active in politics. Wedded with Democratic Socialist movements. Address: Advocate, Market Road, Cochin-11.

Thankamma Varkey



Student here during 1951-55 for Inter and B. Sc. in Physics. Active in various Co-curricular programmes—member on the executive of S.C.F. and Y.C.C.A. Won several prizes in elocution, recitation and drama. Now working as teacher in Government School, Married to Mr. T. M. Philip. Under secretary to Government of Kerala. Has two sons Mathew Philip, an old student of U. C. College and George Philip, a student at Trivandrum Address: Tharmacheril House, Parottukonam, Trivandrum-15

T. T. Thomas



Mr. Thomas was a student here for Pre-University and B. Sc. Degree Course in Physics during 1956-60. Took M. Sc. degree from St. John's College, Agra. In 1964, he joined the F. A. C. T. as executive trainee. Holding various positions in the company he is now Materials Manager at the Cochin Division of F. A. C. T. Married, the Thomases have three daughters.

Dr. K. I. Thommi, V. A.; F. A. G. E.; M. B. B. S.; F. C. G. P., (Kypurumbath Ittyarah Thommi)

Years of Study

Intermediate 1931-33 Group I (a), B. A. 1933-35 Group I (pure Maths) Receptient of 1st prize in written competitive test conducted by the college in Moral Studies for two consecutive years 1934 & 35. Passed M. B. B. S. from Madras Medical College, Madras and, was in Madras Medical Service for few years till he and his wife were



selected to serve in the Malaysian Medical Service as Medical Officers. Was abroad working in Malaysia & Singapore for nearly 19 years, inclusive of the period of five years in Borneo as District & Area Medical Officer. While in Singapore was Secretary & President of the Catholic Doctors Guild, & president of the Indian Association of Tawau, E. Malaysia.

Has toured Far Eastern countries like Bangkok, Hongkong and Japan and also European countries like Germany, France, Italy and England. After returning to India, doing private practice along with wife in own clinic K. C. Ittyarah Memorial Clinic in Alwaye. At present President of the Newman Association of Alwaye circle, was President of the Rotary Club of Alwaye for 1981-82.

Happily married to Dr. (Mrs). Bridget Thommi. Has five children, three boys all doctors working in England, one an M. R. C. P. while the other two doing the exam, now. Of the two daughters, the eldest an M. Sc. Entomology, recipient of prize from

Father. K. V. Thariyan B. A.; B. T.



Born in 1922. Studied in the U. C. College Alwaye from 1943 to '45 for B. A. with Economics main and History subsidiary. While studying in the U. C. College, was the Prefect of the New Hostel. Passed B. A. in 1945. After graduation worked as Headmaster of St. John's Middle School Kavalangad. Took B.T. in 1947. Worked as High school Asst in Mar Basil

High school Kothamangalam. Joined Government service and worked as High school Asst at Govt. High School North Parur. Resigned Govt. service and took up work as Headmaster, Mar Athanasius High school Nedumbassery in 1949. Was headmaster of that institution for twenty nine years. Retired from educational service in March 1978.

Was ordained a priest by His Grace Ghevarghese Mar Gregorius Metropolitan. Has worked as a member of the Malankara Church managing committee, general secretary of the Sunday school Association and later as Director of Sunday schools in the Ankamaly Diocese and also as a member of the Administrative council. After retirement, now working as Vicar of the St. Mary's Hermon Jacobite Syrian Church, Azhakom.

Present address: Kooren House, Azhakom.

Mr. V. V. Giri being first from Christian College Madras. Second daughter a Phd in Immunology employed in Canada now.

Address: Kypurumbath House, Quarters Road Alwaye-1

C. S. Titus



Was a student here during 1948-53 for his Intermediate and B. A. Degree courses. A good athlete and sportsman, he set the University record in 800 Mtrs in 1949. Was a member of the College Basket Ball team which annexed the University title in 1953. Later after B. Ed. he joined government service as a teacher and is now in the Government Girls High School, Pathanamthitta. Present address: Cherukara Bungalow Vadasserikara.

K. I. Varghese



Hailing from the Kallungal Family at Kuruppampady, Shri. Varghese studied here for his Intermediate course during 1943-45. After a break, he came here for his B. A. Degree course in Economics and History in 1948. During 1949-50 he was Speaker of the College Union. After his B. T. he took to teaching profession. Underwent special Training at the Regional Institute of English, Bangalore during 1962-63 and since that he has been conducting inservice courses in English for graduate and undergraduate teachers. He retired from Government High School, Kuruppampady. Now he is working at Rajagiri High School, Kalamasseri.

T. M. Varughese



Born in 1922. Was a student here for the Intermediate and B. A. degree courses during 1938 - 42. After graduation, entered government service. He retired as Government Auditor of the University of Kerala. Present Address: Meprath Thopil, Kadapra, Kumbanad.

Dr K. V. Varughese



A student here for his Inter during 1951-53. Took B. A. degree in 1955 from Madras Christian College and M. A degree in Politics in 1967 from Agra College, Agra. Later he took Ph.D. from Agra University for his thesis "India and Pakistan—a study in International relations." Worked as lecturer at St. Thomas College, Kozhenchery (62-64) and U.C. College, (64-65). From June '65 he has been working in the Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla; he has written several articles and books including 1. Political prospects in India (1971) 2. The Coalition Government (1973) 3. The United Front government in Kerala (1979).

Married; Rachel M.Sc; has one child Address: Kolabhagom, P. O. Thadiyoor,

A. P. Verghese



(Via) Angamaly,

Born on 17.10.1948. Parents: A. K. Poulse and Eliamma. Student at U.C.C from 1965 to '70; Took B.Sc. Degree in Chemistry. Joined Alwaye Finance Corporation as partner; also partner of Deepam electricals, Alwaye. Married Soma, daughter of late Varghese Kalathil, Has 3 sons Deepu, Raju and Kochubaby. Address: Ampatt House, Thuruthisseri, Mekkad

DR. A. V. VARUGHESE — A TRIBUTE

The passing away of Dr. A. V. Varughese takes away from our midst an academician who was remarkable in a number of ways. He was one of the most erudite scholars of Shakespeare literature and his contribution to the wealth of critical writing on Shakespeare has been acknowledged in academic circles. His book "Sweet Silent Thought" throws a flood of lucid light on certain areas of the playwright's craft and workmanship. It is the product of the writer's sustained study of Shakespeare's works for over two decades.

Prof. Varughese, after a short stint as a teacher of English in Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla in the early fifties, migrated to America to do research in literature. There opportunities presented themselves to him to prosecute a course of research as well as to earn a living by teaching English in American Universities and Colleges. As an exponent of Shakespeare he was able to make his grade among the academics of America which provided ample openings to research minded scholars to conduct exhaustive enquiries into all the branches of English literature. As a matter of fact America is second to none in evolving programmes of research in English Language and Literature and some of the best studies of British authors and American writers have had their origin in American Universities. Similarly the art of fiction which has been universally acclaimed as the epic of the twentieth century can own some of its best products in the field in America.

The effervescent atmosphere created by the new thrust for organised research based on up to date techniques and methodology has had its undeniable influence on foreign academicians who have settled down in America. And Dr. Varughese can rightly be called as one of the most eminent products of American influence on the pursuit of English Literature.

When Dr. Varughese was called to be the Vice Chancellor of the Kerala University few would have thought that he would groom into an efficient academic administrator; but by the interpretation of time he was able to make a mark as a distinguished Vice Chancellor by making a good start in cleansing the Augean stable obtaining in Kerala University. It is a well known fact that Kerala University is the graveyard of many an academic reputation and Vice Chancellors who have come to serve the University from time to time have put the mantle down shorn of all glory and fame. Only men of the calibre of Dr. John Mathai with an unassailable back ground of academic distinction and administrative skill have gone out of the University unscathed. It was in such an institution of higher learning Dr. Varughese was called upon to function as its chief executive officer. Naturally it was a tension-ridden bed of brambles for him and still he was able to measure up to it with considerable tact and adjustment. His tenure of office, though short, is sure to be remembered as one of blood, sweat and tears.

This is extracted from a speech by Prof. N. K. Seshan, Dean, Faculty of Languages, Calicut University condoling the death of Dr. Varughese.

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- 1) Construction of an extension to the Library building (Only 100 people can sit and read in the library which has to cater to the needs of over 2000 members). The estimated cost is Rs. 2 lakhs.
- 2) Space for class rooms and laboratories:
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- 3) Renovation of A. M. Varkey Memorial Hall to make it suitable for small meetings, Seminars, Examinations etc. The cost will be Rs. 3 lakhs.
- 4) Urgent repairs to old college buildings and water system and old hostel buildings and provision of additional facilities will cost Rs. 3 lakhs.
- 5) Hostel buildings: New hostel buildings for men and women with facilities for a total of 250 members have to be constructed. This would require Rs. 30 lakhs.
- 6) Starting new Courses: Post Graduate Courses in Economics and Chemistry for which sanction is already got, Statistics, Psychology, and Malayalam, pending sanction would require an initial cost of Rs. 2 lakhs.
- 7) Auditorium with a seating capacity for 2000 people, with furniture and sound equipment. The estimated cost is Rs 25 lakhs.

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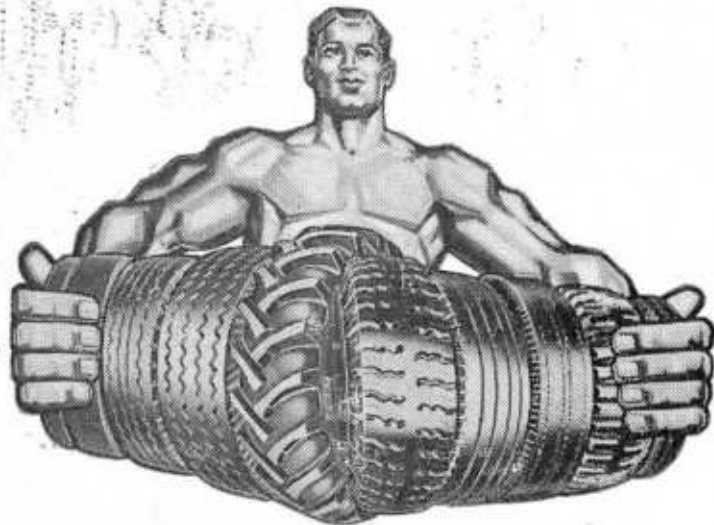
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