

HARTLEY COLLEGE



PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION — NEW SOUTH WALES

SOUVENIR

14th Annual Dinner
Saturday 6th August 2005
Grantham Church Hall.
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LET THERE BE LIGHT

Hartley College – Our Treasured School

Hartley College is one of the oldest but most prominent scholarly educational institutions in Ceylon. It was founded in the year 1838 by the Methodist Mission. It began functioning as Elementary English school with the name “Wesleyan Mission Central School” in Point Pedro and attained Senior Secondary school status by the turn of the century with a phenomenal progress. The secret of the success of our treasured school was the vision and the mission of its founder, his successors and teachers. The Founder of the School was Rev. Dr. Peter Percival, a distinguished scholar and educationist. It is to be noted here that Rev. Dr Percival compiled the English-Tamil Dictionary and translated the Holy Bible into Tamil Language. The School which was subsequently named “Christ Church School”, and then received its modern name Hartley College in the year 1917 in honour of Rev. Marshall Hartley who laid the foundation for a Science Laboratory. Hartley College has been brought under the Management of the Director of Education as a publicly funded school on the 1st December 1960.

Due to the commitment of many of the past principals and dedication of the teachers, Hartley College has attained a prestigious position in the island. It is one of the schools in the Northern Province that attracted students from all communities living in Ceylon. Further, it is one of the brightest educational institutions where Tamils and Sinhalese sat together in the same class to learn the meaning of student life. Hartley College has always provided an excellent and conducive environment for students to excel both in studies and sports. We, Hartleyites, have witnessed that the College has continued to excel in academic performance in island-wide examinations and has produced thousands of professionals in the fields of Engineering, Medicine, Arts and Science. Our students have also actively participated in sports such as Cricket, Football, Volleyball, as well as Athletics and also represented many times in national teams.

Hartley College has seen many dedicated Principals and resourceful teachers during its existence of more than 150 years.

Mr. J. C. T. Sherrard, who rendered germane and yeoman service as the Head Master and Assistant Teacher during the period 1875 to 1915. Mr. C. P. Thamotheram in the capacity of principal raised the College in science education and also in sports during the period 1915 to 1943. Mr. K. Pooranampillai who gave the College a multi-faceted dimension during his tenure from 1943 to 1967 and still remains to be seen the architect of today’s Hartley College. Mr S Ratanasapapathy prepared the school to produce hundreds of Engineers and Doctors in a very short period. He is not only the dedicated Principal of the school from 1967 to 1970 but also as one of the devoted teachers.

Hartley College has produced many personalities who are found in the top echelons of all disciplines and walks of life with eminence and outstanding human quality both locally and globally. Late Prof. C. J. Eliezer, - one of the outstanding mathematicians around the world, late Prof. A. Thurairajah- the internationally acclaimed authority and the world famous Geotechnical Engineering Scientist and late Prof K Kanapathypillai- the third Professor of Tamil Language at the University of Ceylon, were the some of the notable products of Hartley College.

Hartley has withstood many calamities during period of its existence, viz, a fatal epidemic in 1850, two world wars, a cyclone in 1960 and more than two decades of ethnic strife. During the ethnic war, school was displaced from its precincts by the Sri Lankan military, which burnt the famous Library with around 6,690 volumes of books. Hartley College is one of the notable victims of the current ethnic problem. Yet by the resourcefulness of the principals and teachers and the intelligence and dedication of its past and present pupils it continues to remain resplendent in the academic excellence true to its motto FIAT LUX: Let there be light – The light that will dispel the darkness of ignorance, selfishness and avarice.

COLLEGE SONG

Hartley, thy sons are we,
To thine honour, always wed,
Nurtured, taught by thee,
E'er thy way of life we tread.
Lit at thy hearth our flames burn bright
Always this light we shed,
Service to our nation true and right,
Thy portals ever lend.

Hartley for ever, that's o ur cry,
Our motto never let it die,
Hartley for ever, our motto ever let there be light,

Rise up all Hartleyites
Our motto she doth call.
Scholars and sportsmen vie,
Schooled in her noble halls
Follow our mentors, Proved and tried,
They who our ideals guide.
Hold fast your inner light of faith,
That, over storms shall tide.

கல்லூரி கீதம்

ஹால்டி நின் மக்கள் நாம்
நினை தித்தித்திகை என்றோம்
வளர்த்து கற்று நாம்-என்றோம்
நின் வழி நிற்கின்றோம்
நின் ஜோதியால் எம் ஒளிவிட
எங்கும் விசிறுவோம்
நாட்டுக்கரசேனைவெ பெய-பிதர்மை
நின் வாசல் புழுவே
ஹால்டி என்றோம் எம் சிலைகம்
எம் திலக்கென்றோம் அழியா
ஹால்டி என்றோம் அது எம் சிலைகம்
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எம்மாதா அழைக்கின்றோம்
அஸ் பிடம் உறுவோமே
விழுவன்று வீர உம்
நீயே வழிநின்ற
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HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH, AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL DINNER 2005

Saturday, 6 August 2005

Program For The Evening

- 07.00** Tamil Valthu
- 07.03** National Anthem
- 07.06** Hartley College Song
- 07.10** Launch of Souvenir by Mr N Karunakaran
- 07.15** Veena Recital by Sambavi Kuganesan
- 07.20** Classical Vocal by Kalyani Kaneshalingam
- 07.30** Welcome Address by President Mr Charles Somasundram
- 07.40** Dance - The One Raga by Sambavi Kuganesan & Brindha Sundararaju
- 07.45** Introduction of Chief Guest - Mr K Selvarajah
- 07.50** Address by Chief Guest - Dr David Gunaratnam
- 08.05** Light Music on Karaoke by Pavalar and Friends
- 08.45** Guests, Kids and Ladies dine with video music
- 08.45** Annual General Meeting for the Membership
- 09.30** Presentation of Certificates and Trophies - Cricket 2004
- 09.40** Presentation of Certificates to Young Performers
- 09.45** Drama
- 10.00** Raffle Draw and Distribution of Prizes
- 10.15** End of Days Proceedings

Venue:

Grantham Church Hall, Seven Hills





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6 August 2005

Fellow Hartleyites,

It gives me immense pleasure in welcoming the Hartley family of the New South Wales Branch this evening. A special welcome to our chief guest Dr David Gunaratnam and his spouse Mrs Gunaratnam.

Mother nature spared our school from major damage from Tsunami Waves on 26th December 2004 even though it is located within a few hundred meters from roaring waves of the sea.

We established contact with the Trust and the school directly soon after the Tsunami event in order to identify and fund a suitable repair project to restore the operational capacity of the school.

Many of you were generous enough to help the HCPPA's Tsunami appeal, screening of the benefit show and very recently to help fund the acquisition of twenty computers for our school. Mr Thirukumaran and Mr Srikumar spearheaded the computer project with great determination. They both 'walked through brick walls' to make this project a success.

One of the highlights during the year was the promotion of life membership that was undertaken by Mr Selvarajah who did a splendid job in enrolling fourteen new life members.

The annual cricket match between our branch and the Jaffna Hindu OBA Sydney branch has proved to be a popular event that continues to renew our friendly ties and competitive spirit. Our team scored a convincing victory in the match played in October 2004.

It was heartening to receive positive feedback on the suitability of books the NSW Branch dispatched to our school last year. We are continuing with this project this year too.

Following the amendment to our constitution in the last AGM we enrolled new members in our roll from ACT, Queensland and WA. I welcome those members to our fold.

I am privileged to work alongside a very talented and dedicated HCPPA NSW committee who work for the development of our prestigious old school year after year with boundless energy and enthusiasm. We are very proud of these sons of our Alma Mater.

Thank you for your presence and enjoy your evening in the company of your fellow Hartleyites.

President
Charles Somasundram



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SECRETARYS REPORT FOR 2005

VANAKAM

Dear Friends and Colleagues

It is with great pleasure I am presenting my fourth report as secretary of the Association. I am proud to be in the committee, which had achieved a lot this year.

This year we have broadened our membership to include Hartleyites living in Australian states & territories without PPAs, to give them the opportunity to be part of the Hartley family.

The Hindu Hartley Cricket match was very well attended and well organised. It was enjoyable watching our talented players playing with power and finesse. Hope it continues as an enjoyable fun event for many more years with more participation.

The film show was a success. It was well attended and we were able to make a small profit from it. We are planning to have more of it in the coming years.

The books we sent to Hartley late last year were well received. The school wants more quality books. I am sure more will be sent in the coming years.

We thank Mr. Sri Kumar and Mr Thirukumaran for initiating the shipment of computers and computer training program for Hartley and all those who contributed and helped in this venture. We would like to have more people to come forward with similar constructive ideas.

I also would like to thank all the committee members and their wives for organising fabulous meals and enjoyable committee meetings.

A big NANDRI to all those who helped us to achieve our goals. A big NANDRI for your continuous support

NANDRI

Yours Truly

K.Paskarajothy



Dr David Gunaratnam

Introduction of the Chief Guest

David obtained a Government Scholarship to undertake his Postgraduate studies in 1965 at the Cambridge University, United Kingdom.

He earned his PhD degree in 1968 after carrying out research in: **Large Elastic Plastic Displacement of Shells**. He taught at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya from 1969 to 1978 and then at the University of West Indies from 1978 to 1990 before taking up his current appointment at the University of Sydney. David took visiting faculty appointments at the University of Carnegie-Million, and the University of Southern California, USA during his tenure as a University Lecturer. He was the first Vice-President and one of the founder members of HCPPA-NSW Branch.

It is indeed a great pleasure and privilege for all of us to have in our midst, Dr David Gunaratnam, a distinguished Hartleyite, and an eminent researcher/teacher of Soft Computing.

Dr David Gunaratnam- currently Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Architecture, University of Sydney, has connection with Hartley College dating back 1875. His maternal great-grand father, J.C.T.Sherrard, served as the Head Master and Assistant Teacher of Hartley College. His grand father Kanapathypillai and his uncle Pooranampillai were past Principals of Hartley College. He is the son of late Mr R M Gunaratnam - one of the dedicated and devoted teachers of Hartley College. Dr David Gunaratnam, who is popularly known as David among his colleagues, friends and family, was a pupil at Hartley College during the years 1950-1958. He played Cricket as a spin bowler and represented the College Cricket Team during his school days. He entered the University of Ceylon in 1959 to read B.Sc Eng Degree and passed out with First Class Honours in 1963.

Dr. Gunaratnam is a renowned authority in Soft Computing techniques, viz, Artificial Intelligence, Neural Networks and Fuzzy Logic and he has undertaken extensive research in the application of these soft computing techniques with particular reference to Applied Structures, Project Management and Asset Management. He is a well known teacher of Neural Networks both Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels.

The Committee of the HCPPA-NSW Branch extends a very warm welcome to this humble and unassuming personality as the Chief Guest at the 14th AGM/Dinner.



Palmyra

Dear friends,

Welcome to the end of another year and this Souvenir issued at the Annual Dinner is the third publication prepared by the outgoing Committee. I am honoured to act as the Editor of this Souvenir acting on behalf of my friend Dr. Vasanthakumar who has moved back to UK during the year. We are continuing to struggle to get worthwhile information and articles from our local members. Fortunately we are more in touch with the school administration and have managed to get worthwhile information directly from the School during the year. We like to thank the Principal, the Chairman of the Hartley College PPA Trust and the former Principal Mr.P.Balasingam for their messages.

During the year I was able to get a copy of the 1960 Hartley College Miscellany through Mr.Karunakaran (Vice Patron). Going through the publications brought back memories of many school heroes, as I still remember them vividly, when I was a 10 years old youngster. Karu is one of them and 1960 was Karu's year. We have reproduced some highlights depicting him as such.

The Miscellany carried articles written by many distinguished writers such as Dr.A.J.Wilson & Mr.A.Velupillai (both Lecturers at the University of Ceylon), Mr.S.Magasu (Lecturer at the Govt. Training College), Mr.C.Kanapathipillai (Chemist at Ilmenite Factory) and so on. There were articles by Students. We have reprinted a few to highlight the excellence and their relevance even today.

The following paragraph reproduced from the Miscellany as part of Principal's Report : *The Old Boy's Association (Colombo Branch) had its Annual Celebrations in November. Owing to prior engagements, I was unable to be present. Mr.S.T.Samuel deputised for me. This year, in place of the Lunch, there was a "Tea" followed by a seminar on 'Democratic Socialism'. Mr.C.Loganathan (General Manager of Bank of Ceylon and the President of the O.B.A.' Colombo Branch), Dr.N.M.Perera and Mr.J.R.Jeyawardene took part.If only we could turn the clock back and ...*

I hope that you will assist the in-coming editor with more help by contributing more articles and I wish him all the best. Enjoy the evening and the publication. I wish to thank all the other Committee members and other members for the support during the year and my employer, SAI Global for allowing me to use their printing facilities to produce this publication.

K.Kaneshalingam
Acting Editor & Vice President



Treasures Report – June 2005

Dear Friends

Our current year campaign of life membership drive has received a good reception. Fifteen new life members were enrolled this year, which brings our total life members to sixty-three. In the beginning of the financial year when our life membership reached fifty we set aside \$5,000 in to a fixed deposit account. This deposit is earning an interest at 5% per annum and expected to add \$250 to our annual revenue.

Asian countries felt the wrath of Tsunami on December 26th 2004, which demolished whole villages in some places. The death toll was very heavy counted in several thousands, Sri Lanka is one of the worst affected countries especially the North East part. Fortunately the damage to Hartley College is minimal by the Tsunami waves. We immediately acted upon by circulating a Tsunami appeal and demonstrated our solidarity and took part in the sorrow of affected people. HCPPA NSW opened a Tsunami Fund Appeal and donated \$1,000 to the victims.

On another front, last December we screened “VasoolRaja MBBS” a hilarious comedy action movie at Parramatta Westfield as a benefit show in order to raise funds to sponsor a project to Hartley College Development. We sold tickets to the value of \$2,492 and incurred expenses of \$1,000. We have a surplus of \$1,492. I would like to thank all the well wishers of Hartley College who made this benefit show a successful event.

Another project worth mentioning is the books we collected and sent to Hartley College sometime in last September. Our expenditure is limited to freight charges of one hundred and sixty dollars as most of material and man power was provided by volunteers from Hartley family.

Our last annual dinner event attracted more people compared to the previous year. The revenue amounted to \$2,311 from the sale of tickets, advertisements and raffle ticket sales. We incurred expenses of \$1,506 resulting in a surplus of \$805. I am expecting the same response at this years dinner too.

I conclude my message thanking all NSW Hartleyites, their families and well wishers for their participation in the community activities and social events. Also I take this opportunity to appeal to the members to become a life member if you haven't done so yet. You may pay life membership fees or annual membership fees to one of our executive committee members

K. Visakulan
Treasurer

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Date: 12th July 2005

Principal's Message

It is a great pleasure in sending a message to the PPA (NSW Branch). Our College is improving in both curricular and Co-curricular activities. In the G.C.E. (O/L) December 2004 Examination 91.3% got through the exam and 88.6% qualified to follow the A/L class. Out of 45 IAB schools in the Jaffna District our College is in the third position in the results analysis of G.C.E. (O/L) December 2004. This year our PT Squad came 1st in the Jaffna District Competition and 2nd in the North West Provincial Competition. The Chess Team came 2nd in the District and Provincial Level. We have started our College WEB SITE recently. hartley students . org is our web address. Hence you all are now in a position to see what is happening in the College through this web site. Our cricket, soccer, athletic and chess team are doing well now. Briefly saying the college is improving in all respects and it will be in a top position in the mere future. Let all Hartlyite join together to lift our Alma Mater to the top. My best wishes to your PPA Branch and thank you for the help you rendered to the College.

FIAT LUX.

V. Pathmanathan

PRINCIPAL
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June 4, 2005

The President and Members of the Hartley College PPA- New South Wales Branch

It gives me great pleasure to forward this message for the Souvenir published towards the Annual Dinner Event scheduled for the 6th of August 2005.

Hartley College PPA Trust formed in mid 2002 and registered as a legal entity in late 2003 is almost on the verge of completing the first term office, when I write this message. The web site of the Trust www.hartleytrust.com clearly spells out the activities of the Trust and the achievements to date, so I would not wish to go in to detail except to say that our activities are transparent and any one logging on to the site could monitor our performance to date and verify accountability for funds entrusted with us.

On the positive side, we have been able to develop almost a Master Plan for the redevelopment of the school, and have been able to bring the different stake holders such as the branches of the PPA, Ministry of Education, NGO's and committed past pupils to play a combined role in the effort to rebuild without duplication. It is not I must admit working like an orchestra yet, but certainly we are moving in that direction. A clear demonstration of the assigning of responsibilities could be evidenced from the fact as to how different stake holders have picked different pieces to handle- Auditorium by the Ministry of Education, Land for the Auditorium by PPA's, Canteen by a past pupil, Library and Class Rooms by NGO, Tsunami relief by NGO's and the list goes on. We are also proud to announce that we have maintained an excellent record in responding to situations- queries from branches/past pupils within 24 hours and situations of calamity such as Tsunami a status report was sent out the same day. The hard work put in by every one in the last few years will certainly make the journey towards our goal a lot easier in the future.

Having spoken about the positives, I need to touch on – I would not call it negative, but perhaps issues both controllable and ones out side our control. The difficulty in obtaining timely and accurate information from the school is an issue and has severely hampered moving forward more efficiently. The school administration, whose members on personal level are very dear and nice people, as an entity is having difficulty in communicating despite the fact that they have been provided with modern day tools such as Fax, Email etc. The fact that sufficient support is not being provided by the other past pupils in the Point Pedro area, does not make the cause any better. This is a controllable issue and we need to address it in the near future. The second issue of concern is the fact that both the incumbent Principal and the Deputy Principal would be retiring in a few months time and at the time of writing this message no replacement has been identified. Succession plan, perhaps a corporate term, may not be applicable in a government school scenario, but one of the main problems in finding good people to apply for the post, is the fact that no one

wishes to work in the high security zone. This leads us to the third issue, particularly after Tsunami, where a buffer zone is being declared around the coastal area of Sri Lanka, whether the school should look at the possibility of relocation given the fact that the area around the port is unlikely to be declared a security free zone in years to come. I am sure all of us would not want our children to go through a check point every day, so why should we allow the current generation to do that. This situation is certainly affecting the enrollment of good students and an able teaching faculty. Relocation is not a proposal yet, but some thing all need to address rather than pushing it under the carpet every time. The issues, stemming from situations outside our control, will be addressed by the Trust in the immediate future and we seek the support of any interested party in assisting us.

I would at this point like to thank the President and the members of the NSW Branch for the continuous support you have given us in executing our action plan. I must place on record the appreciation for the proactive manner in which your President and other officials have responded to us every time we communicated with them, and your branch ranks very high in this respect when compared to others.

On behalf of the Trustees I wish your Annual Meeting and Dinner event a great success.

Shan Shanmuganathan
Chairman
Hartley College PPA Trust

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June 5, 2005

Message from Mr P. Balasingam, Former Principal of Hartley College:

It is a fascinating fact that our College, having seen three diamond jubilees quite gloriously, continues to be resilient and resonant despite a genocidal military stranglehold since the nineteen eighties. A strong bond created over the years by Her dedicated Principals, teachers, pupils, past pupils, parents and well-wishers is undoubtedly the elixir of this magnificent life. Her success bears out the truism that tough times never last - tough institutions do.

In this captivating context the 14th Annual Dinner celebrations of the NSW PPA will strike an inspiring chord in the hearts of the Hartleyites at home and abroad. Hartley College has a global reach with her brilliant students holding high positions in a number of fields and disciplines in about thirty countries. They have a chain of dynamic Associations at home, in London, Canada/USA, Victoria and NSW in Australia that is committed to the eternal welfare of their alma mater. Though the logic of a growing life made them go out of Hartley their gratitude and love for Her never let Hartley College go out of their hearts and minds.

The Canada PPA have launched a website that has brought all the Hartleyites and their PPAs into a well-knit family and keeps their College in an endearing 24/7 focus enabling everyone to cherish their memories and get a first hand knowledge of the progress of their bounteous Mother anytime and from any corner of the world. Moreover all the PPAs have instituted a Trust to co-ordinate and consolidate their generous contributions towards her development to ward off any attenuation from a step-motherly State mismanagement and keep all Her curricular and co-curricular facilities at the cutting edge of modern technology.

In this grand global structure NSWPPA constitutes a vital brick. Instituting a Development Fund, raising funds through benefit film shows, publishing a Newsletter named Palmyrah, contributing funds for the purchase of lands, sending valuable books to the Library, offering individual scholarships and granting timely assistance to the medically handicapped they show an admirable love and concern for their Hartley brothers. All these are enduring and enchanting testimony of a commitment that Hartley College deserves from Her pupils and acknowledges with deep gratitude and pride. This shower of love and care will be everlasting.

Thus their Annual get-together is as welcome and as enjoyable as any Family Festival. It will be a grand event when friends of the same College colours greet each other with their lucky wives and children, exchange memories and anecdotes of their school days, entertain their friends from their sibling Colleges and add another memorable day to the glorious lives that Hartley College had funded for them. The happiness of the day would be a promoter of their health and well being.

While envying them with pure and plentiful goodwill I wish the event all success and many returns as a fellow Hartleyite who was lucky to study and serve at their prestigious College in Sri Lanka.

Fiat Lux.

P. Balasingam

About the Author:

Mr P Balasingam had long association with Hartley. He was Student, then Teacher, Deputy Principal and Principal of Hartley. He was also Cluster Principal of Point Pedro Cluster, which embraced 13 schools.

An Open Letter from the Heart to Australian Hartleyites

Dear Hartleyite,

We know you hold a very deep and rich part of your heart open to Hartley College, our beloved school that gave us what we needed to prosper in life. We always admire your commitment, tenacity and love for the school. We have no doubt that you would wholeheartedly support each and every activity that we undertake to develop our school as an old past pupils association located in Australia. As a committee member of HCPPA-NSW Branch, I hereby seek your kind attention on the following.

One of the major projects undertaken by the Committee of the HCPPA-NSW Branch for year 2004/05 has been ***“Membership Drive- Key to the Success of our Past Pupils Association”***. After adopting this brave slogan in its first executive meeting held in August 2004, the present Committee of HCPPA-NSW Branch has launched a membership campaign to expand its current membership in Australia.

The major objectives of this membership campaign are:

- Enrolling new members for the HCPPA-NSW Branch who are old students and teachers of Hartley College currently living in the States of NSW and ACT but have not yet enrolled as members of HCPPA-NSW Branch.
- Converting existing current ordinary membership into life membership
- Signing up new members (any category-ordinary or life) of HCPPA-NSW Branch who are old students and teachers of Hartley College currently living in South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, and Northern Territory with a view to bringing these Hartleyites into the umbrella of HCPPA-NSW branch

Whilst the Committee is in the process of recruiting new members it has also launched a program of converting current ordinary membership into life membership. The life membership drive has already received excellent response from members and we have converted 14 ordinary members into life members. The Committee would like to solicit continuing support of existing members to take up life membership to strengthen the organisation and thereby eliminating the need for yearly renewal of membership.

Dear Fellow Hartleyite, it is unfortunate that many of our current ordinary members do not pay their annual subscription to renew their membership. Many members also do not update their correspondence addresses and contact telephone numbers. These things make it difficult for the committee to keep them informed of the latest developments about the College and also discuss pros and cons of the development projects undertaken by the overseas HCPPAs.

We do not need to stress the importance of strong membership for our organisation. It is the key to the success of any non-profit association like ours. With more than 175 current ordinary members including 60 life members, the membership is becoming stronger and stronger. The membership of HCPPA-NSW branch could be able to offer a number of benefits to Australian Hartleyites both socially and professionally, on top of our primary objective of promoting our College, its pupils and staff.

As a member of HCPPA, you will have the opportunity to learn of the latest developments of our treasured school. You will have the prospect of establishing contacts with fellow Hartleyites that could be beneficial to you in many ways, not to mention the meeting of long-lost friends. Further,

you and your children will have new opportunities to make friends and enhance their social life. You will have the satisfaction of having given something to the College that gave us practically everything.

At the last AGM held in July 2004, the constitution of HCPPA-NSW Branch has been amended to extend membership to Hartleyites living in South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, and Northern Territory with a view to bringing these Australian Hartleyites into the umbrella of HCPPA-NSW branch.

HCPPA-NSW Branch needs to grow continuously in order to participate in the development of Hartley College. This can only be achieved with the whole-hearted support from old students and teachers, and their families. We need to have a continued relationship with our school and the best way of doing this is by being a member of HCPPA. One could say it is our golden duty.

On behalf of the committee, I hereby request all Australian Hartleyites to renew their membership by paying their annual subscription. I would encourage to choose to become a life-member instead of an ordinary member. Further, I would like to seek the support of other Australian Hartleyites who are living in other States to become members of HCPPA-NSW Branch and thereby grow the HCPPA-NSW Branch forever.

I invite Hartleyites living in Australia to discuss ways and means to enhance our College as a Centre of Excellence in Learning and bring back the glory of the school. I would like to draw your attention that serving the Alma Mater is a very satisfying personal experience and it helps your personal development.

Many thanks for taking time to read this letter.

FIAT LUX: Let There Be Light

Yours Sincerely,

Kidnapillai Selvarajah (Selva)

On Behalf of HCPPA-NSW Branch Committee

The Committee wishes to thank the following members and their spouses in particular for preparing delicious food for the Dinner:

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Prof C.J. Eliezer on Rev.Father Thaninayagam

Note: Rev Father **Thaninayagam** was the founder Secretary General of the International Tamil Research Conference. Late Prof C J Eliezer and Father Thaninayagam were involved in organising the first ITRC with the help of the Malaysian Government at the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur.

The city of Madurai in South India has an ancient history. From the days BC it has been a centre of Tamil learning. It was the venue for what scholars call the "Third Sangam". If one visits Madurai today, one can see the statues of certain modern scholars of Tamil. One such statue is that of Jaffna's foremost Tamil scholar Father Xavier S. Thani Nayagam. The existence of that statue indicates the esteem, honour and acclaim accorded to him by scholars of Tamil from all over the world.

Fr. Thani Nayagam's natural flair for languages developed during his years of training as a monk in Rome. He could read and speak fluently about a dozen languages, including French, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese; at Annamalai University he specialised in Tamil; at London, he obtained a PhD in Education.

With this broad background of training and influence he was able to bring a modern outlook to problems of research into Tamil language, literature and culture. He used modern techniques of linguistic research in an area of study where the long tradition had been the uncritical acceptance of points of view of distinguished predecessors. He inaugurated the International Journal called "Tamil Culture", where scholars from different parts of the world reported their research findings.

As worldwide interest in Tamil studies grew he raised with some of the leading scholars the possibility of an International Association of Tamil Research (IATR). The idea received warm support and the association was inaugurated. Professor Filliozat of Paris was President, and the Vice-Presidents were Professors Burrow of Oxford, Emeneau of USA, Kuiper of Hague, Meenakshisundaram of Madurai and M.Varatharajan of Madras, all giants in the field of Tamil studies. Fr. Thani Nayagam accepted the position of Secretary General. The first in the series of Conferences was held in 1966 in Kuala Lumpur. The university and the Government of Malaysia gave great support, Tamil being one of the four official languages of Malaysia. Fr. Thani Nayagam did the hard work of organising the conference, he was assisted by many persons including Prof S Arasaratnam, Mrs Loga Sivasubramaniam, My wife and my-self - mentioning those who are in Australia today. The conference was opened by the Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman, and proved an enormous success, with well-known scholars from about twenty-five countries participating.

I first came to know the Father about forty years ago in the University of Ceylon, which he joined as a lecturer in education. Later on he became the Professor in Indian Studies in the University Malaya in Kuala Lumpur where I was Professor of Mathematics. Those years brought us together a good deal and we became good friends. It was further cemented by rounds of golf at the Royal Selangor Golf Club and the numerous dinners we hosted to meet the world scholars.

I end this short tribute with his most telling quote:

"If Latin is the Language of Law and of Medicine
French the Language of the Diplomacy
German the Language of Science
And English the Language of Commerce
Then Tamil is the Language of Bhakti
The devotion to the sacred and the holy."

Courtesy: Tamil Nation

Prof. A Thuraijah- The Most Distinguished Hartleyite



**பெற்ற தாயும் பிறந்த பொன் நாடும்
நற்ற வானிலும் நனி சிறந்தனவே**

Without any hesitation every Hartleyite would agree with me that Professor Alagiah Thuraijah has lived according to the spirit of this 2-line Tamil script. With the passing away of Thurai, as he was affectionately called by his colleagues and students, the world has lost one of the eminent Geotechnical Engineering Scientists. Our beloved Hartley College has lost the most distinguished Hartleyite. The Tamil Society around the world has been missing the Great Human during the last 11 years. Thurai died in Colombo of cardio-vascular failure and leukaemia in the morning of 11th June 1994 surrounded by tearful friends. Born on the 10th November 1934 at Kamparmalai, a village in Vadamarachchi, he is the 3rd child of Alagiah-Sellama couple. It is interesting to note that this is the same village that made the first supreme sacrifice-Lt Shankar- in our current liberation struggle.

Thurai entered the University of Ceylon to read for B.Sc.Eng degree in July 1953. He excelled in his studies that his educational records still remain unbeaten whether in the School or in the University. Soon after obtaining his degree, he became an Instructor in the Civil Engineering Department of the same University, a position that he held for a brief period until March 1958. He then joined the Public Works Department as Junior Assistant Engineer, for a period of 4 months. Recognising Thurai's exceptional

academic performance, Professor K K Roscoe, a giant in the field of Soil Mechanics at the University of Cambridge, picked him as his research student on a University Scholarship to carry out research on shear properties of soils.

Thurai used to recall and share some of his fond memories travelling in a ship for a period of 42 days to join the Cambridge University in 1958, as in those days flights were very expensive. His monumental research work carried out with the guidance of Prof Roscoe on shear properties of soils, between October 1958 and December 1961 not only earned him the PhD degree from the Cambridge University in June 1962, but gave him worldwide recognition to his newly invented Dissipation Function which is popularly known as Thurai Theorem among his colleagues and students. Today, the Civil Engineers around the world know the vital role played by Cam-Clay model that offers a detailed insight into the soil behaviour for any built-in structure. According to Prof Andrew Schofield of the Cambridge University, the original Cam-Clay locus was based on the Thuraijah dissipation function plus Calladine's plastic flow curves. The invention of the simple shear apparatus based on the dissipation function by Thurai provided a springboard to many of the future researchers for undertaking advanced research on the shear properties of soils and could be regarded as a key milestone in the history of Geotechnical Engineering.

I met Prof Thurai for the first time at the annual Hartley-MHS-Vada-Hindu get-together held at the Peradeniya University in January 1979. His first question was "Yarudaya Mahan"(whose son are you?), as we both were from the same village. I was really shocked to observe his simplicity and amazed at the way he asked me in a typical village Tamil. That meeting with Thurai was a watershed in my life and paved the way to establish a long-standing friendship, until his premature demise in June 1994. Thurai was one of my mentors who shaped my Professional career as an Engineer in many ways. I observed many of his outstanding human qualities that are difficult to find in other professionals these days. Thurai was one of the fast

disappearing breed of persons who could stand upright with scintillating grace wearing white robes of simplicity even before the proud and powerful. His friendly smile would disarm everybody. Though honours and awards came to him in plenty, they hardly touched his humility.

Dr Thurai introduced and taught Geotechnical Engineering and Soil Mechanics subjects for the first time in the history of engineering education in 1962 at the University of Ceylon. He became the Professor of Civil Engineering in December 1971. It is pertinent to point out here Thurai was initially reluctant to submit his application for the Position of Civil Engineering when the position was advertised as he did not want directly compete with his teachers who taught him at the University of Ceylon. With the persuasion of one of his teachers at the University, he finally submitted his application. Though University Senate has recommended his name for the position of Professor of Civil Engineering, the Ministry of Education has rejected the recommendations on flimsy grounds twice because he was a Tamil. However, without any other alternative, Ministry of Education, had to accept and appoint him as the Professor of Civil Engineering when the Senate made the recommendations for the third and final time.

He served as the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Peradeniya for the first time from May 1975 to September 1977 and again the second time from February 1982 to February 1985. He took visiting faculty appointments at the University of Waterloo as an Assistant Professor in 1970 and then again at the University of British Columbia in 1978 as a Professor. He also served as the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Technology of the Open University of Sri Lanka from April 1987 to August 1988 before accepting the appointment as the Vice Chancellor of University of Jaffna. He also served as the President of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka in 1989/90. He was a Fellow of Institution of Civil Engineers, U.K. since May 1985.

Prof Thurai was well respected by all communities living in Sri Lanka. When he resigned from the position of Professor of Civil Engineering due to some misunderstanding with then Vice Chancellor (VC) of the University of Peradeniya in 1982, a Professor who was a Sinhalese went to the VC's office in person and compelled the VC to request Thurai to withdraw his resignation. When he was contesting for the Dean's position in the Engineering Faculty, the other candidate was canvassing publicly among the faculty staff saying that it was difficult for a Tamil to be the Dean and run the faculty. However, Thurai had won the Dean's election handsomely and became the Dean for the second time. Prof Thurai was perfectly balanced in his views and remained very close to his colleagues and students. He always fought for what was just and right. In the 1970s when he was the President of University Teachers Association, he fought with determination for the University teachers getting their dues. On the other hand, when the University of Peradeniya had a student unrest including the taking of another Dean as a hostage by the students in June 1983, he was the only person to whom the students listened with respect and peace and returned to the University.

Prof Thurai was a teacher par excellence. It is appropriate to describe him as a superb teacher-learner. He always loved his students from the core of his heart and the students in return, adored and respected him as a role model. I can describe many incidents how Prof Thurai helped many of his students out of the way to overcome their personal difficulties. Once, a student told him that he did not have money to buy the air ticket to join an overseas University and he gave a personal cheque without any hesitation to buy the ticket in order to join the University in time. When another student told him he could not get admission to the Cambridge University in time, as his final year result was not released, Prof Thurai wrote to his contemporary Prof Schofield to admit the student pending the final year results. In fact, this student enrolled at the Cambridge University as a Postgraduate Student without his final year result. Prof Thurai had a strong memory power and he could easily remember all his students by their

names. He would definitely dwell in the hearts of his numerous students forever.

When life in Jaffna had become miserable amidst war with all its bombing, shelling and shooting, Thurai chose to leave his comfortable life in Colombo and returned to Jaffna to serve as the Vice-Chancellor of the Jaffna University. In the beginning of 1990s, when the SL government imposed economic embargo and stopped fuel supply too, Thurai stayed in Jaffna while many Professors of the Jaffna University left Jaffna. He used to come to the University by riding a pushbike for about 15 miles all the way from his beloved home. The whole world knew that Thurai kept on toiling under the most trying conditions to keep the flame of learning burning at the Jaffna University whilst all the other Universities in Sri Lanka were closed for more than 2 years.

The University of Jaffna would never forget his yeomen services as the Vice Chancellor from September 1988 to March 1994. He was the one who created the VC's welfare fund, which helps around 200 needy students every year, and already hundreds of students have benefited from this fund. He was the only VC in the history of University Education in Sri Lanka who established mechanisms for helping students who lacked parental support due to the on-going ethnic conflict. The establishment of the Faculty of Agriculture and the Faculty of Fisheries in 1990 was the outcome of his far-reaching vision to develop our Tamil Nation. Though he prepared the blueprint for the Faculty of Engineering for the University of Jaffna in 1978, he finally got the approval of the Government to appoint a Professor of Civil Engineering only in the 1990s. He was the first VC who initiated the idea of bringing the University research to the industry in Jaffna. He took the initiative and established the Biotech International (Pvt) Ltd to commercialise the University research.

Prof Thurai's contribution and achievements are too numerous to be recounted and because of his unassuming attitude some of these may perhaps never be known. "OOTRU" was his brainchild for the upliftment of villages through the

NGOs and he remained as the Chairman of this Organisation until his last breath. To promote self-sufficiency and self-reliance utilising locally available resources in the North-East of Sri Lanka, he established the Economic Consultancy House that has undertaken numerous consulting works so far with many international donor agencies.

We all very humbly saluted him and bid farewell to this noble soul and a Professional of a rare breed, almost 11 years ago. As for Thurai, there could not have been a greater achievement than to die smiling surrounded by tearful friends, colleagues and students. The Universities of Peradeniya and Jaffna honoured this unassuming character by awarding honorary D.Sc degrees in 1995. Today, there are many prizes and scholarships that are being awarded in the name of Thurai to the bright and brilliant students at the Universities of Peradeniya and Jaffna.

Professor Thurairajah has elevated Hartley College to a prestigious educational institution not only in the Island but also around the world by his monumental research work in Geotechnical Engineering. He is the most distinguished Hartleyite ever produced in the history of our school. Our School has embarked on a new building in the name of Thurai as a fitting tribute to him. All Hartleyites are confident that Professor Thurairajah would be remembered for his tireless efforts and commitment to the development of the Tamil Nation when the history of our nation is re-written. He would live forever in the hearts and minds of the people living in the Tamil Nation.

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Information Technology at Hartley College

Information technology is undergoing major changes rapidly. New technologies are emerging and it is making the existing technology obsolete. At present, most people use computers in their day-to-day life particularly in studies, research and development, and work. Computers have become inevitable in this developing world.

Lack of computer knowledge is a concern in Sri Lanka, particularly in North and East. This may be due to insufficient knowledge, resources and facilities in those areas.

We are planning to render some support to enhance computer knowledge and infrastructure facilities at Hartley College. This will in turn, improve the student and staff confidence level in their studies and work.

As part of this project, after speaking to the senior staff and the Principal, we have decided to donate 20 Pentium III used computers to the College. These computers are capable of running the latest Microsoft operating system and most commonly used applications. The Principal has confirmed that the arrangements will be made to accommodate these computers by providing space for the lab, furniture and power supply facilities.

All the computers will be networked and training will be provided to the students and teachers at different levels.

Present IT situation

The present IT situation illustrated below is based on a recent IT report which was created by a Hartley College old boy who is an IT professional from Colombo.

Computers were first introduced to Hartley in 1998, and a Computer lab was formed in early 2004 funded by government. Presently College has 18 numbers of Pentium IV computers, 12 numbers of Pentium III computers and 2 numbers of Servers. Separate computers are allocated for staff room, library, and principal office.

The computer lab seems to be secured properly and the students are permitted under teacher's supervision. There is no permanent Instructor or a person responsible for the computer lab. Some of the teachers informally look after the computer lab on their own interests in IT.

Fortunately the IT equipment did not undergo damage at the time of Tsunami, although the

College infrastructure, especially the building and furniture, were affected to some extent.

At present the College has 1300 students and 50 teachers. Approximately 1 in 8 students and 1 in 4 teachers have own computers at home. The Pentium II range computers are widely used as home computers.

For the first time IT has been introduced into the College curriculum, with an optional IT subject being introduced to the A/L stream. The first batch of students would be sitting for the subject in August this year. The subject is said to cover IT Fundamentals in IT, Programming in Pascal, etc.

Two teachers are assigned for teaching IT for A/L. It was stated that only due to lack of funds that they could not consider having a fulltime IT instructor/teacher.

There are a couple of good IT training institutions in Point Pedro such as IIS and Asian Computer system. NIIT's presence was noticeable in Jaffna town.

Internet facilities available in the Jaffna town are being perceived as superior to the Vadamradchi area, which is said to have slow links. However there are Internet cafes.

The College has no Internet facility for surfing the web. However they do have an email facility using a dial-up connection. They use the email for official correspondences and currently only the principal and the senior staff have access to this.

How the Computer usage and knowledge could be increased by this project?

At present the computer systems are maintained at College by a Company situated in Jaffna town. Students have restricted access to the computer lab because of lack of staff and lack of computer awareness.

Main aim of this project is to eliminate the fear of using the computers from students and make them interested. As Part of this project, students and teachers will be assessed to find out their level of computer skills and their expectations. The Computer basic and advance courses will be conducted to the different groups accordingly. The training will be based on Discussions /Question and answer type of sessions.

The people who complete the Computer advanced course should be able to manage the computer system in the Lab. After the training, these PCs will be maintained by one of the following team as an interim solution until the College gets a full time IT staff.

- a) Students who are waiting for GCE (A/L) results / University entrance.
- b) Teachers who are interested in IT.
- c) Hartleyites who have graduated from University of Jaffna and looking for job.
- d) Old Hartleyites from Point Pedro, who have interest in IT.

This team will be selected after discussing with the college staff and students.

The team will assist students in such a way that they could use the lab freely. If there are any problems in the computer system, a member from the support team will rectify it. The computer system will be designed to minimise the support calls.

New Laboratory setup and environment

- ◆ User Guide/ Quick references to use computer and applications will be made available in the Lab.
- ◆ Create a schedule in such a way that all 20 computers and other available computers are used all the time during the College hours. This schedule will be created upon discussing with HCPPA members and College staff.
- ◆ All the computers will be labelled with asset numbers. Also a log book will be maintained for support purposes.
- ◆ The lab will be setup in such a way that students should be able access the lab freely by entering their details in the record book.
- ◆ Interesting and useful computer applications will be installed in the computers to motivate students to use computers in the lab. These programs will be obtained from Hartleyites here. [Maths, Science, Key board practicing software.



Training will cover the following.

- ◆ Guide students how they could utilise computer lab effectively.
- ◆ Explain to teachers and students the importance of Internet facilities mainly for information/resource
- ◆ Encourage and motivate students and teachers to use Microsoft office rather than using typewriter for letter writing and etc.
- ◆ This training will cover Computer Architecture/ hardware, operating system, applications and Computer Networking.
- ◆ SOE build, image creation and restore computer system back quickly.
- ◆ Troubleshooting, repairing and maintaining a computer network/system.
- ◆ Some of the features of software applications including MS Office, Visio, etc.

Also following possibilities will be analysed during the visit.

- ◆ Possibility of internet access to the College.

- ◆ Identify good training institutions in Point Pedro and identify the courses they are running and cost in case they are needed in the future.
- ◆ Investigate the instability of Electrical supply to the College.
- ◆ Insurance coverage and conditions for equipment and furniture.

If any Student/Teacher who has a computer at home and needs any technical advice/support, it will be provided.



We need Help from HCPPA Members.

Any suggestions and contributions from HCPPA members in following aspects will be appreciated.

- Computer Lab arrangement / maintenance to minimise the manual intervention.
- User guides/Quick reference to use computers and basic applications
- Useful software application and training software for students.

Please contact any of the committee members or us early as possible and give your support.



The future IT instructor recruit should also work towards standardizing and streamlining computer lab activities, by way of lab practicals, courseware, and practical demonstrations. In addition to what he/she may teach in the classroom for the optional IT subject.

by A.Srikumar and G.Thirukumaran

Travelling to Sri Lanka – Potential Health Risks & Prevention

Travellers to Sri Lanka are likely to be exposed to a number of potential infectious diseases depending on the area they visit, the proposed activity, duration of stay, type of accommodation they live in, the season they travel, and the type of food and water they consume. Hygiene and sanitation of the local area are the main factors that affect the traveller's health adversely. It's important to be aware of the mode of transmission of various infectious diseases so that the precautionary methods may be undertaken in an appropriate manner. Any pre-existing medical conditions, age of the traveller, the medication he or she consumes may affect the disease activity and transmission of particular disease.

Environmental health and safety is an often neglected area in travel medicine, but it is one of the most important areas. The largest single preventable cause of death of Australians abroad is accidents. Road safety is still sub-standard in most developing countries including Sri Lanka. One should exercise extreme caution when travelling within Sri Lanka. Despite the peace process during the past three years it is important to monitor an up to date political situation if one were to travel to particular areas in Sri Lanka due to continued isolated violence of political or non-political reasons.

Severe life-threatening infections such as malaria, dengue, typhoid, cholera and hepatitis A are common and it is important that every traveller should take necessary precautionary measures in preventing these infections. Vaccines for Hepatitis A and Typhoid are available and I strongly advise travellers who are at risk of acquiring the infections to be vaccinated before travelling to Sri Lanka. Some people who have lived previously in Asian countries may have developed immunity to Hepatitis A and therefore they do not need to have the vaccine. Travellers should be aware about the epidemiology of chronic debilitating sexually transmitting illnesses (STI) such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infections and it's sequelae of Acquired Immune-deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and Syphilis which have become increasingly common in Sri Lanka.

Respiratory infections such as common cold, pharyngitis and bronchitis are common during travel. Avoiding crowded areas and covering your sneeze and cough with a tissue may prevent these infections from spreading. Influenza (Flu) infections are prevalent in Sri Lanka throughout the year and therefore flu vaccine administered in Australia during winter may prevent influenza virus of subtype of that particular year. It is also recommended that people at risk of catching pneumonia should have their five yearly pneumococcal vaccine administered up to date. Generally epidemic meningococcal disease doesn't occur in Sri Lanka, however there has been reported isolated cases but routine vaccination is not required.

Endemicity of malaria varies throughout the year in malarious areas with the exception of Colombo, Kalutara, Nuwara-Eliya and Kandy. Although generally malaria transmission occurs mostly during monsoon season, because of its unpredictable endemicity malaria prevention measures need to be taken throughout the year by all travellers to these areas. Young children, pregnant women, and non-immune visitors to malarious areas are at greatest risk of developing severe infection. Malaria in pregnancy may increase the risk of maternal death, miscarriage, stillbirth and low birth weight and neonatal death. Falciparum malaria in young children can cause life threatening complications. The factors that affect the epidemiology of malaria include emerging drug resistance, population movements, climate and other environmental conditions such as flooding. As malaria chemoprophylaxis is not 100%

effective, it is important that the travellers must adopt personal protection measures in addition to taking the medication. These measures also help prevent other vector-borne infections such as dengue, yellow fever and Japanese encephalitis. Pregnant women, young children and travellers who cannot take medications should follow rigorous personal protection measures.

Insect repellents are substances that repel but do not kill insects. One containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) is an effective repellent which is commercially available in the form of spray or roll-on application as Rid, Tropical strength Aeroguard and Bushman gel. Roll-on preparations are safe when carrying in an aircraft. The repellent is applied to either exposed skin or clothes. It should not be applied to mucus membranes, sensitive, sunburnt or damaged skin or deep skin folds. When it's applied to clothes the effect is longer. Repeated applications may be required every 3-4 hours between dusk and dawn. When spray is used the repellent may be sprayed on the hand and then applied on the face avoiding lips and eye lids. Manufacture's instructions should be strictly followed and the dosage must not be exceeded, especially for young children and pregnant women.

Mosquito nets are the best protection against mosquito bites. The mesh size should be less than 1.5mm and the effectiveness of the nets may be enhanced by impregnation with synthetic pyrethroids. They can be re-impregnated regularly. The net should be checked for holes and when using it should be free of entrapped mosquitoes and tucked in under the mattress. Nets for use with cots and small beds are available. In some hotels in malarious area have permanently fitted mosquito nets.

Insecticide vaporizers in the form of mosquito coils are widely available in many shop outlets throughout Sri Lanka. The active ingredient is synthetic pyrethroid and one coil serves a normal-size bedroom throughout the night. Electric insecticide mat using evaporative mechanism is a sophisticated version of vaporizer.

Knock-down insecticide may be combined with vaporizer (E.g. Mortein), which is an immediate killing effect on insects and there is little or no residual effect. However their effect is short-lived.

Malaria prevention measures

- **Personal protection measures**
 - **Visit malarious area during the lowest risk period**
 - **Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn**
 - **Wear long light coloured trousers and sleeves, preferably impregnated with a synthetic pyrethroid.**
 - **Wear closed shoes**
 - **Apply insect repellent containing DEET (di-ethyl toluamide) to exposed skin. Repeat every 4-6 hours.**
 - **Stay in dwellings with good quality window and door-screens**
 - **Use mosquito nets preferably impregnated with pyrethroid**
 - **Use knock-down insecticides in dwelling**
 - **Use insecticide vaporizer such as mosquito coils or insecticide mat**
 - **Avoid perfumes and after shave lotion**
 - **Chemoprophylaxis**
- Early detection and treatment**

Chronic infections such as tuberculosis (TB), and leprosy are common diseases which are transmitted from person to person. However they are transmitted through long close contact in overcrowded areas, and therefore short term travellers

are not particularly at risk of acquiring these infections unless there is an untreated patient with open TB (Active infection with cough) living in the same dwelling. BCG vaccine against tuberculosis is recommended for travellers and health care workers who intend to stay in high risk situations for extended periods viz. more than three months. Special groups, such as health care workers, infants and Mantoux negative children (children who did not receive BCG vaccine) and the elderly may need vaccination if there is potential risk of acquiring the disease.

Rabies has continued to present occasional problems, since travellers do get bitten by potentially infective rabid animals. Generally travellers bound to Sri Lanka do not need to get pre-exposure prophylaxis unless they were in very high risk occupations. Following potential rabid animal bite post exposure prophylaxis must be given quickly before any symptoms or signs of the disease become evident, since established rabies is virtually incurable.

There are many travel related minor but disabling infections which may occur. Traveller's diarrhoea is a common condition that affects travellers who travel from developed country to a third world country. Although commonly this condition is caused by viruses which is self limiting, at occasions it may be caused by bacteria or protozoa which need prompt medical attention and antibiotic treatment. The important thing is to avoid becoming dehydrated particularly in infants and children irrespective of the causative agent. Any diarrhoeal disease which lasts more than 3 days and associated with high fever and or bloody diarrhoea are likely due to bacterial or protozoal infections. One of the interesting protozoa *Escherichia histolytica* is transmitted through crows which contaminate palm toddy when the pot is hung on the tree for toddy collection. One should take extreme care when consuming tapped toddy.

In general terms it's said "Cook it, boil it, peel it or leave it". One should always eat well cooked food ideally hot food, drink boiled water or bottle water, and eat fruits which are peeled by self. Cooked food that has been held at room temperature for several hours constitutes one of the greatest risks of food borne illness. Ice cream from unreliable sources is frequently contaminated and can cause illness. Unpasteurized milk should be boiled before consumption. Intestinal nematodes (Worms) are common in most villages in Sri Lanka and they are either spread due to poor sanitation or through soil.

I hope this article outlines the basic general information on travel health issues in Sri Lanka, however it is not intended to provide a comprehensive travel advice. Travellers should consult their doctors at least four weeks prior to their departure for personalised health advice.

Late press..... Harley College Reunion & 07/07

Recently when I was overseas with my family, over fifteen of my class mates had arranged a reunion dinner in London. My old Hartley mates whom I haven't seen for many many years and I were eagerly looking forward to that long-awaited emotional reunion. Guess what?

It was the day London experienced the horror; 07/07 and sadly enough our reunion never materialised.

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The Story of Koorai (Sari) in Tamil Wedding

Saraswathy Krishnapillai, 60, a housewife and a mother of 7 boys, is readying her stock of nine-yard Sari for a special prayer (puja) before her youngest son's wedding. The Tamil tradition and custom demand that each of the six women who are going to assist this old lady in the special puja wear also the nine-yard Sari. They do not seem to grumbling about the discomfort of wrapping the weighty yardage around their resistant limbs. The old lady and her relative women nevertheless consent, in deference to the rich Tamil tradition in wedding ceremony and give way to their belief that things must be done "the right way" in her son's wedding. Further, the lean-old lady does not seem to believe in the unprecedented changes and the revolution of technology whilst her son works in the rapidly changing telecommunications technology.

The "right way", in most aristocratic Tamils households in the Northern parts of Ceylon, dictates that for important ceremonies - like weddings, the woman of the household must wear the nine-yard sari draped in the complex manner that has been handed down through generations dating back at least 2000 years. Until a few decades ago, the beautiful Kanchipuram sari was obligatory wear for all married women, all the time, just as the Vesty was worn by all married men. It is still considered a social mark of marriage whether in Jaffna or places like Madurai in South India

Even today the Tamil bride who has migrated countries like Canada, Australia or United Kingdom, customarily wears a red colour Koorai - a silk nine-yard sari - that she ties for the first time with the help of her sisters or mothers who know the intricacy of wearing sari just before the kanya daanam -the ceremony in which her father gives her away in marriage. Once the wedding ceremony is over they would naturally switch to jeans. However, it is still customary the bride wear this symbolic red koorai until she goes to the bed where she meets her newly wedded husband for the first time in private.

The red koorai is not just a garment or a style. It has both symbolic and practical meaning. The traditionally oriented Tamils say that they love the look of the of woman in red koorai- when worn well, it is so flattering. It has been recognised even by Western people that woman with sari makes her more beautiful. These days sari is worn with a petticoat or underskirt. However, the normal six-yard sari always requires an underskirt and blouse. According to some South Indian Tamil customs, if red koorai is wrapped properly, requires no other undergarment or upper garment (such as a blouse). With one of the folds pulled through between the legs (and tucked into the back on the belt), the style fulfils the requirements of modesty and protection for woman.

The tradition of a nine-yard Koorai in Tamil wedding was prevalent in the North and East parts of Ceylon and many parts of India. History even mentioned that several women soldiers draped in a nine-yard sari going to war. Women like Jhansi Queen Laxmibai fought enemy troops on horseback, wearing a nine-yard sari.

The nine-yard red koorai also symbolizes the unity of the male and female principles of the universe. The sari has pleats and the pallu -the upper decorative part of the saree, and the lower part looks like a dhoti. This is like the ardhanareswara -that is half man and half woman

Some people say that the sari is not an easy garment to wear. It is a good exercise every morning if you are wearing sari on a daily basis because you have to bend, twist around, and move your arms every way. It is like a good 10-minute workout in today's context.

The complex manner in which Koorai is tied makes it difficult to learn, and the length of the sari makes it difficult to maintain with the body - both factors that have contributed to the Sari's decline in recent times especially among the Tamil girls who are migrated to Western countries. It has been recognised that only a fewer migrated young Tamil girls know how to tie the sari without any assistance.

With the change of technology, a few enterprising retailers in South India have introduced "ready to wear" sari, complete with stitched pleats, hooks and belt, mainly to cater to the tradition-conscious people. But these have not really taken off, and hardly any of the mainline sari shops carry them.

The nine-yard red Koorai that are popular in the Northern and Eastern parts of Ceylon in wedding ceremony come mainly from Kancheepuram in Tamil Nadu from special looms earmarked for the purpose.

It is easy to wear the Sari for ladies like Saraswathy without any helps as she learned the sari wearing technique from her mother when she married at an age of 14 years. . Saraswathy is willing to pass the art of wearing Sari to her next generation but there is none to pass this tradition, as she has no daughters. However, in today's context, the Australian Tamil girls will need help wearing the Koorai for their wedding. . The future of the Koorai seems to be bleak and there is a possibility of wearing Jeans instead of red Koorai in wedding ceremony in Australia by Tamil girls. .

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Annual Dinner





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Who is a Good House Wife?

We all know that marriage has been an important concept in our rich Tamil culture as a socially sanctioned life-long bond between a man and woman. It is a prerequisite for starting a family. Whether we like it or not, wife plays the most important role in moulding the family. A good wife always knows her place.

Here is a guide for a good family-minded wife:

- Have dinner ready. Plan ahead even the night before, to have a delicious meal ready, on time for her husband's return. This is a way of letting husband know that you have been thinking about him and is concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home after work and the prospect of a good meal, especially his favourite dish can become as a part of the warm welcome
- Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so you'll be refreshed when your husband arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking. Do not forget to have your Pottu in your forehead. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people in his office.
- Be a little gay and a little more interesting for your husband. His boring day may need uplift and one of your duties is to provide it to your husband.
- Clear away the clutter in the house. Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your beloved husband arrives.
- Gather up schoolbooks, toys, paper, etc and then run a dust cloth over the tables.
- Over the cooler months of the year you should prepare and light a fire for him to unwind by. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too. After all, catering for his comfort will provide you with immense personal satisfaction as a good wife.
- Prepare the children before he comes to home. Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces (if they are small), comb their hair and, if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures for your husband and he would like to see them playing the part. Minimise all noise. At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of the washer, dryer or vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet and welcome with a friendly smile.



- Always smile when you look at him and show him that you are the world for him.
- Greet him with a warm smile when he enters the house and show sincerity in your desire to please him.
- Listen to him. You may have a dozen important things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first - remember his topics of conversation are more important than yours.
- Make the evening his one. Never complain if he comes home late or goes out to dinner, or other places of entertainment without you. Instead, try to understand his world of strain and pressure and his very real need to be at home and relax.
- Your goal: Try to make sure your home is a place of peace, order and tranquillity where your husband can renew himself in body and spirit.
- Don't greet him with complaints and problems.
- Don't complain if he's late home for dinner or even if he stays out all night. Count this as minor compared to what he might have gone through that day.
- Make him comfortable. Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or have him lie down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him.
- Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes like a typical Tamil woman. Speak in a low, soothing and pleasant voice. When woman walks above a grass garden even the grass will not be hurt by a walking woman. Softness means woman and it should be reflected when woman becomes a wife.
- Don't ask him questions about his actions, judgement or integrity. Remember he is the master of the house and as such will always exercise his will with fairness and truthfulness.
- A Good Tamil wife knows her place.

Important Question: Is the above guide possible to implement in the context of modern world?

Ladies! Please have your concrete answer ready for this vital question.

Courtesy: Housekeeping Monthly, 13th May 1955.

The Model of Tamil Wife

The Tamil women of yore as of now were renowned for their patience, self-sacrifice and devotion to their husbands. The model Tamil wife is perhaps best epitomised by Kannagi, the heroine of the Tamil epic Silappadigaram, a moving story of wifely love and devotion that appears to have been based on an actual incident that took place in the days of the Chera monarch Senguttuvan. We are told that Kannagi loves and adores her husband Kovilan although he is faithless to her.

She is ever attentive to his wants and devotes herself to his service. She willingly parts with her jewels in order to please him after he has squandered his patrimony on her rival, an actress named Madavi. She joyously follows her husband to a strange city, Madura, to start life anew and when he is killed there after having been falsely accused of theft, she goes sobbing and crying through the streets telling the people that her husband was no thief and that he had been unjustly killed. In order to prove his innocence, she boldly appears before the Pandyan King and having done so cuts off one of her breasts and throwing it in the streets of Madura, prays that the wicked town be destroyed by fire. She then wanders along the road leading to the Chera country and dies broken-hearted on the fourteenth day after her husband's death.

EDUCATION FOR A WORLD ADRIFT

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Human society, in the light of its progress in knowledge, has decided that education is a phenomenon that could occur only in the human species. This great creation of God has faced many a danger both from within and from other creations in the consolidation of its supremacy in the world-set-up. The other animals have been relegated to a very subordinate position in the scheme of things. The cohesion of the human society as a whole did not occupy the mind of man until the realistic threats from the destructive forces of nuclear weapons of war. From early times unity and well-ordered systems of Government and society were aimed at with the introduction of religion, ethics and education. The enigma of human nature is brought into glaring relief when history surveys the countless lives lost or butchered in the name of the different religions revealed by God through His prophets and saints. It is an accepted biological fact that the human species is a member of the genus of animals. Even science cannot by any extension of the theory of evolution prove that the body of man is composed of more permanent stuff than flesh, blood, bones etc., which too form the other animals. No ethics, no religion and no education could afford to ignore the existence of this animal foundation before erecting any superstructure on this problem-laden ground. This dual aspect of human nature continues to thwart the human race in its humane endeavours towards world peace and goodwill. Religion, ethics and education abound in simple truths of conduct etc. Great leaders and saints have appeared in or graced this world with refresher courses. But, this fundamental problem of the duality that is in human nature is one of the most constant factors amidst the vast epoch-making changes in the different intellectual spheres of man's activities. This chronic problem is reflected in the great gulfs that exist between theory and practice in many activities of man, religion, morality and education not excepted. Education, in its true sense, embraces all those experiences that could develop the body, mind and spirit of men. When any of these three fundamental constituent parts of man is not developed in a person, he is not deemed an "educated" man. The world today may boast of a higher literacy percentage but not of a higher percentage in the number of educated persons. Moreover, civilization in itself is for a large part a system of sublimations and repressions. Modern states which profess the adoption of democratic forms of government fail to realize that their citizens are politically conscious but not fully educated voters.

A society determines its aims of education which in turn determine the aims of the school and these in turn determine the curriculum. But if a society could be directly or indirectly corroded by philosophies of government like the following, education in that society is bound to be thwarted right from the beginning:—
 “There is no act of treachery or meanness of which a political party is not capable; for in politics there is no honour”—
 DISRAELI. Such ideas underlie many a government of the day, particularly in some of the newly independent countries in South-East Asia. The average layman and non-teachers in modern society fail to realize the profoundly commonsense position in the sphere of education, that the education of human beings could be made or marred by the family, the school and its teachers, the government, the environment, the press, the political, social and religious leaders, the films, the bookstalls and innumerable other agencies of education. Thus real education cannot be imparted by the teachers alone in the comparatively small number of hours available to them. In the 168 hours of a week, the pupils are exposed to the usually benevolent educative influence of the school for a mere 25 to 30 hours. Hence, the other equally or even powerful agencies of education could shower on the unprotected pupils malevolent or benevolent influence that could mar or make the future citizens of the world. The other misunderstanding is with reference to the qualifications of an “educated” man. Very often intellectually or academically educated men are considered “educated men” without any consideration of their spiritual and physical qualities. Is he educated enough, on the spiritual side, to be a good member of a family, of a community, of a profession or of any other human social group? Is he addicted to vices condemned by decent societies? Has he been educated sufficiently well to exercise self-control for the greater good of the fellow-beings all round? Affirmative answers to these posers are some of the desirable qualities in an ‘educated’ man and not mere academic or professional status in a society. Therefore, when one hears the sad complaint “though Mr. X is educated, he has done this”, his use of the term “educated” is wrong and the apt word is “learned” or “intellectually brilliant.”

Once these two wrong beliefs are removed, the way is paved for a better realization of the real aims of education and the better and more honest recognition of the functions of those several known agencies of education in the great process of education. The mere teacher in his school is too frail an agency to bear the heavy and complex responsibility of the process of education. Many a time he is faced with the gigantic problem of destroying baneful influences from other agencies of education who could wield their powers for good or evil. There is no place for political expediency in real education. The whole world of education mourns the great catastrophe that is slowly and steadily pushing the world adrift towards its final destruction by the evil forces that sometimes lord over the political and temporal destinies of many citizens.

Those evil forces happen to be intellectually or politically educated and crafty enough to become political leaders but they don't happen to be persons educated (in the true sense) and fit to be emulated by the citizens of tomorrow now being trained in the schools. In other words, the world of education needs educated parents, educated friends, educated and honest politicians, educated teachers, educated Pressmen, and good co-operation from other agencies too at least in a negative way by destroying false and mean propaganda, obscene literature and films, highly alcoholic beverages etc. etc. Thus, the world today faces the greatest attack from this chronic malady that is in the dual nature of man—the threat to the very existence of the great human species on account of a faulty education wherein the uneducated and power-hungry politicians of the world crush out the nuclear elixir of scientific progress from the innocent scientists and are poised for an uneducated trial of the powers of destruction! It is not a matter for surprise to realise that education in its true sense, has not been within the grasp of many "great" men in other fields of influence e.g. politics, warfare, education, religion. Religion and ethics have failed in their attempts to mould a nobler educated human society. Even though mere materialism and the supremacy of Nature become the paramount forces of influence, education, in its true sense, has its part to play and educating agencies must undergo a process of self-purification, realize and accept their possible invaluable contributions towards education. Therefore, a world adrift in an ocean of erroneous educational beliefs and pious platitudes should be brought safely to a land of hope and anchored securely for a reassessment of the goods aboard and its sea-worthiness for a successful voyage that could open up a vista of hope for panic-stricken man in this, the nuclear age.

Annadurai and English

The former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu; C. N. Annadurai (popularly known as Anna) was a great orator and writer in Tamil Language. He sprinkled his speeches and writings in laymen language. When he went to Harvard University in 1968, one of the Professors of Harvard University asked him whether he could do the same thing in English. He answered: **Dear Friend, I have no lorry to carry your worry.**

Tamils never say Good Bye

Tamils do not say to any visitors to their home as "Good bye" when the visitor leaves the home. Instead they always say "will you be coming again"

Index Fingers and Tempers

Short index fingers might also mean short tempers, a new study claims. The development of finger length in males is associated with the amount of testosterone exposure within womb, say scientists. Men whose index fingers are shorter than their ring fingers received more of the hormone during gestation, and show greater tendency toward physical aggression as adults. However, no correlation between finger length and aggression was found in women.

வள்ளுவர் விழாக் கட்டுரைப்போட்டி : முதற் பரிசு :

வள்ளுவன் விரும்பும் மனிதன்

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உணர்வு, கேள்வி, சுவை, நாற்றம், பார்வை ஆகிய கருவி களைவிட மனமே மாண்புடையது. மனமெனும் கருவி மனிதனை மிருகமாக்கும். நெஞ்சிலே நஞ்சமுடை வஞ்சகனாக்கும், மாண்புடைமனிதனாகவும் ஆக்கும். இன்றைய உலகிலே மக்களாகப் பிறக்கின்றவர்களுடைய தொகை, மக்களாக வாழ்கின்றவர்களுடைய எண்ணிக்கையைவிடப் பன்மடங்கு பெரியது என்பதை எவரும் மறுக்கமுடியாது. மனமானது காதல் வாழ்க்கையிலே பண்பட்டு, பொதுவாழ்க்கையிலே பயன்பட்டு, அறவாழ்க்கையிலே தூய்மைப்படுகின்றது. தேமதுரத் தமிழோசை உலகமெலாம் பரவ வழிவகுத்த வள்ளுவன் தன் காமத்துப்பாலிலே மனம் தனைப் பண்படுத்தி, அறத்துப்பாலிலே அதனைத் தூய்மைப்படுத்தி, பொருட்பால் மூலம் பயன்படுத்துகின்றான். உண்மையான, தூய்மையான வாழ்க்கை வாழ்வழி பல சமைத்துள்ளான் வள்ளுவன். வழக்கள்போக்கி, ஒழுக்கம் காட்டவந்த உத்தமனும் வள்ளுவன் தன் தெள்ளுதமிழ்த் திருக்குறளிலே அறம், பொருள், இன்பம் ஆகிய முப்பால்களிலும் தான் விரும்பும் மனிதன் எத்தகையவனாக, பெண் எத்தகையவளாக வாழவேண்டும். கற்றோரும், உற்றோரும், மற்றோரும் போற்றும்படி எங்ஙனம் அறவாழ்க்கை அமைக்கவேண்டும் என்பதைத் தன் குறள் முத்துக்களால் அழகுற ஆக்கியுள்ளான்.

தான் விரும்பும் மனிதனுடைய உள்ளம் எள்ளத்தனையும் கள்ளத்தனமில்லா வெள்ளையுள்ளம் படைத்த தாய் இருக்க வேண்டுமென்று விரும்புகிறான். அதனையே சிறந்த அறமாகவும் கருதுகின்றான். மற்ற அறங்கள் எல்லாம் அதற்குப்பின்புதான். நெஞ்சிலே தூய்மை வேண்டுமென வற்புறுத்துகிறான் ஓர் அரிய குறள் முத்துமூலமாய்.

“ மனத்துக்கண் மாசிலனாதல் அனைத்தறன்
ஆகுல நீ பிற ”

இந்த அறத்தின் அடிப்படையிலே அன்பு இருக்கவேண்டும். அன்பு இல்லாத அறம் பிரயோசனமற்றது. அன்பு இல்லாத அறம் அன்பு தோல்போர்த்த உடம்பு. மக்கள் மாண்போடு போற்றுவது உயிர். சிறந்தது என்று சிந்தித்திருப்பது உயிர். மதிப்பிலா மாணிக்கமென மதித்திருப்பது உயிர். அந்த உயிரும் அன்பின் அடிப்படையிலே, அதன் வழியிலேதான் அமைந்துள்ளது. “ அன்பின் வழியது உயிர்நிலை ” என்று அழகுறத் தருகிறான் இவ்வரிய கருத்தினை.

“ அன்பிலார் எல்லாம் தமக்குரியர் அன்புடையார்
என்பும் உரியர் பிறர்க்கு ”

“ என்பிலதனை வெயில் போலக் காயுமே
அன்பிலதனை அறம் ”

என்று அன்பின் அவசியத்தை, அதன் அருமை பெருமைதனை அழகுறப் படம் பிடித்துக்காட்டுகின்றான் வள்ளுவன். எலும்பு இல்லாத புழுவானது எங்ஙனம் வெயிலிலே செல்லமாட்டாது துடித்துத் துடித்துத் தவிக்குமோ அதேபான்மையினதுதான் அன்பு இல்லாத அறம் என்றுகூறி அழகிய உவமானத்தால் அன்பு, அறத்துக்கு எவ்வளவு அத்தியாவசியமானது என்பதை விளக்குகின்றான்.

அறத்தைவிட அன்பு மேலானது, அன்பைவிட மேலானது உயிர் என்பதை மறுக்கமுடியாது. உயிரைவிட மாண்புடையது ஒன்று இருக்கின்றது. அதுதான் ஒழுக்கம். ஒழுக்கம் உயிரை விடச் சிறந்ததாக மதிக்கப்படத்தக்கது. தான் சிருஷ்டிக்கின்ற மனிதன் ஒழுக்கத்திலே உயர்ந்தவனாக வேண்டுமென்று வள்ளுவன் விரும்புகின்றான். ஒழுக்கம் இல்லாத மனிதன் இருந்தென்ன விட்டென்ன என்று எண்ணுகின்றான்.

**“ ஒழுக்கம் விழுப்பம் தாலால் ஒழுக்கம்
உயிரினும் ஒம்பப்படும் ”**

ஒழுக்கம் இல்லாத மனிதன் உலகிலே இருத்தலால் அவனுக்கும் பிரயோசனமில்லை. மற்றையோர்க்கும் அவனால் உபயோகமில்லை.

அடுத்தபடியாக மானம்பற்றிக் கூறுகின்றான் வள்ளுவன். மானம்தான் சிறந்ததொன்றென வள்ளுவன் கருதுகின்றான். ஒருவனுடைய மானம் போய்விட்டால், அவனுக்கு அவமானம் நேர்ந்துவிட்டால், கவரிமானது எங்ஙனம் மயிர் ஒன்று கழன்று விழுந்தால் உயிர் நீக்குமோ அங்ஙனமே அவன் செய்யவேண்டுமென வற்புறுத்துகிறான்.

**“மயிர் நீப்பின் வாழாக் கவரிமான் அன்றோ
உயிர் நீப்பர் மானம் வரின்”**

என்று கூறுகிறான். தான் சிருஷ்டிக்கின்ற மனிதன் மானம் உள்ளவனாக, ஒழுக்கத்திற் சிறந்தவனாக, அன்பு உடையவனாக, அறம் கடைப்பிடிப்பவனாக இருக்கவேண்டுமென விரும்பும் வள்ளுவன் அவன்நாணமுடையவனாக இருக்கவேண்டுமென்றும் வற்புறுத்துகிறான். நாணமென்பது செய்த தவற்றையுணர்ந்து வெட்கப்படுவதே என்க. தான் இழைத்த இன்னலை உணர்ந்து குற்றத்தை ஒப்புக்கொண்டு அதைக்குறித்து நாணமுறுதலையே நாணுடைமை என்று குறிப்பிடுகிறான் வள்ளுவன்.

தனது மனிதன் சுற்றவனாக இருக்கவேண்டும் என்றும் வள்ளுவன் ஆசைப்படுகின்றான். கல்வியில்லாதவன் மனிதனாக இருந்தாலும் அவன் மனிதனல்லன் மிருகம் என்று கூறுகின்றான். அவன் முகத்திலே இருக்கின்றனவே கண்கள் அவை கண்களல்ல, புண்களென்று செப்புகின்றான்.

**“ கண்ணுடையர் என்போர் கற்றோர் முகத்திரண்டு
புண்ணுடையர் கல்லாதவர் ”**

**“கேடில் விழுச் செல்வம் கல்வி ஒருவற்கு
மடடல்ல மற்றையவை”**

என்று கல்வியின் அவசியத்தைக் கல்விச் செல்வத்தின் மங்காத வாய்மையைக் குன்றாத தகைமையைச் செப்புகின்றான் வள்ளுவன்.

“அரங்கின்று வட்டாடி யற்றே”

கல்வியறிவில்லாதவன் அவையிலே எழுந்து பேசுதல் என்றும் முலையில்லாதவனைக் காமமுற்றதைப் போன்றதே கல்வியறிவற்றவன் கற்றவர்முன் பேசமுற்படுதல் என்றும் செப்புகின்றான் வள்ளுவன்.

வாய்மையின் அவசியத்தையும், நேர்மையின் இன்றியமையாமையையும் உண்மை நட்பின் தரங்களையும், சொல்லை ஏராகவுடைய உழவர்களுடன் சேரவேண்டும் தகுதியையும்பற்றித் தன் மனிதன் என்னென்ன ஆற்றவேண்டுமென்றும் விளக்குகின்றான் வள்ளுவன்.

இறைவனுடைய பக்தியில்லாவிட்டால் அவன் கற்ற கல்வியினால் பிரயோசனமில்லை என்றும் செப்புகின்றான் வள்ளுவன்.

**“கற்றதனால் ஆய பயனென் கொல் வாலறிவன்
நற்றுள் தொழார் எனின்”**

என்று கடவுட்பக்தியின் அவசியத்தை விளக்கித் தன் மனிதன் இறைவன்மீது எதற்காக அன்புவைக்கவேண்டுமென்றும் செப்புகின்றான் வள்ளுவன். நாஸ்திகம் பேசும் நாசகாரர்களுக்குச் சவுக்கடி கொடுக்கும் வகையில் அமைந்துள்ளது மேற்கூறிய குறள் முத்து.

**“கற்கக் கசடறக் கற்பவை கற்றபின்
நிற்க அதற்குத்தக”**

என்று கல்விகற்றதனால், புத்தகப்படிப்பினால், மேலோர் சொல்லுரையால் வரும் அறிவுரையாற் பிரயோசனமில்லை. அதன்படி ஒழுகவேண்டுமென்றும் கூறுகின்றான் வள்ளுவன்.

வள்ளுவர் வகுத்த வகைமொழிக் கிணங்க, அவன் சிருஷ்டித்த மனிதனையொக்க எல்லாரும் அறவாழ்வுவாழ்வேண்டும். கற்றோரும் மற்றோரும் மெச்சும்படி தூயவாழ்வு சமைப்போமாக.

வாழ்க வள்ளுவன்! வளர்க அவன்மறை!!

வணக்கம்.

Yogi Suddhananda Bharathiar about Jaffna

Jaffna is the land of brave Tamils. It has intellect and it has valour. From time immemorial it has withstood the onslaught of foreigners. The Tamils are second to none. They stand at the forefront in all fields.

E-Mail/SMS Shrunk My Brain

In a study commissioned by Hewlett-Packard psychologists at the London University's King College found that extensive use of e-mail and text messaging/SMS can drop your IQ by as much as 10 points. It is linked to a condition called: Informania; where people become addicted to checking their e-mail and SMS messages, becoming less productive in the process.

1960 THE YEAR OF KARU

N. Karunakaran: - A PEN PICTURE

Cricket Captain. Re-awarded colours in cricket and won colours in football. Declared Hartley's first ever "Sportsman of the Year".

Represented the All-Jaffna-Schools Team in cricket and fared very well. A right-hand opening bat with a solid defence. Has a variety of good strokes, but not the will to execute them. In football, he played in the half-line and showed improvement with every match and ended with colours. A persevering chap who does his training himself.

Produces the College (Wall) Newspaper assisted by one of his class-mates. His conversation is short and always to the point. He resists the sorest temptations from within and without; bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully and is most calm during a storm. Has a wide range of interests varying from Raj Kapoor in Hindi films to the study of planets and philosophy. Aims at becoming an engineer. Is extremely affable and possesses great personal charm. Prefers to grow a beard. "Karuna" to all of us.

V. Nadarajah: (HEAD PREFECT)

Sportsman of the Year:

A large Challenge Cup in memory of R. Balasubramaniam was donated by his parents and sisters to be awarded for any item of our choice. The Sports committee decided to award the cup every year to "The Sportsman of the Year". This year as there was hardly any time the selection was made by the Sports Committee and the choice was unanimous. Next year onwards the boys will also have a hand in the election of the sportsman of the year. The committee is busy drawing up a workable plan.

'Sportsman of the Year'—1960.

N. Karunakaran.

P. Ahamparam,
Prefect of Games.



CRICKET 1ST ELEVEN - 1960

Standing L—R.: C. T. Rajendram, *Late* R. Balasubramaniam, H. K. Jeyaratnam, T. Sivarajasingam, G. Balasingam, M. Sivagnanasundaram, K. Rajalingam, and S. Paskaran.

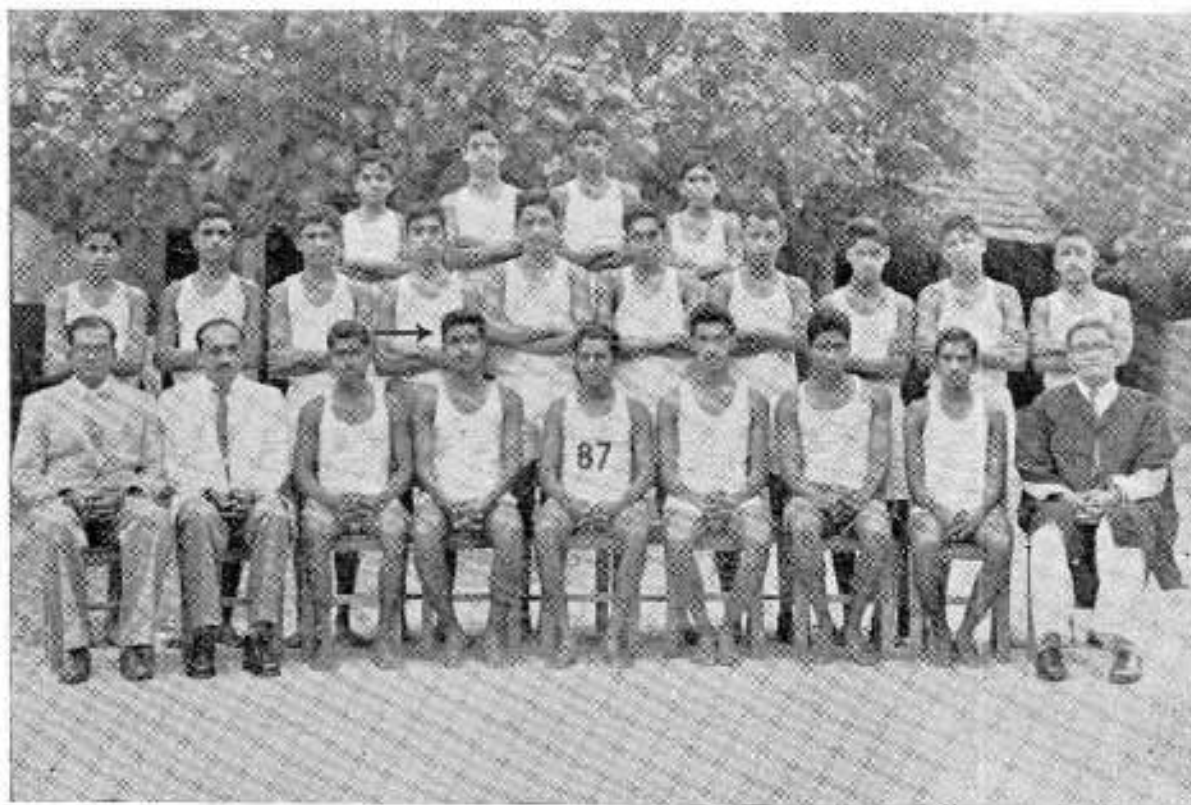
Seated: Mr. P. Ahamparam (Prefect of Games), Mr. W. A. Jeyasooria (coach), V. Vallipuram (Vice-Captain), N. Karunakaran (Captain), V. Nadarajah (Ex. Capt.), S. Sivagnanasundaram and Mr. K. Pooranampillai (Principal).



FOOTBALL 1ST ELEVEN - 1960

Standing L—R.: V. Shanmugalingam, S. Seiladurai, A. S. Rajendram, K. Rajalingam, N. Karunakaran, C. Ramachandran, R. Vijayaratnam, S. Pararajasingam & V. Jeyaratnam.

Seated: Mr. P. Ahamparam (Prefect of Games), C. Ratnavel (Master-in-Charge), S. Sivagnasundaram (Vice-Captain), M. Sivagnanasundaram (Captain), V. Vallipuram, R. Kandavanam & Mr. K. Pooranampillai (Principal).



ATHLETIC TEAM - 1960

Standing L—R. :

1st Row : S. Sathananthan, K. Theivendran, A. Pavanantham & M. Nadarajasundaram.

2nd Row : R. Sugirtharajah, P. Nadarajah, K. Rajalingam, C. Skandaruniyam, G. Balasingam, C. S. Gnanakone, T. E. Anantharajah, V. Jeyarajan, S. Pasupathipillai and K. Mahendram.

Seated : Mr. P. Ahamparam (Prefect of Games), Mr. S. G. Deva (Master-in-Charge), V. Shanmugalingam, N. Karunakaran, S. Asokumar (Vice-Captain), R. Rajkumar, S. Sittampalam, S. Selladurai and Mr. K. Pooranampillai (Principal).

Absent : Late R. Balasubramaniam (Captain).

Some Meaningful Tamil Quotes

A pot that is filled will not spill (Knowledgeable persons do not make unnecessary noise)

Don't dip your leg in water before knowing the depth.

One's knowledge is only a handful of sand; there is still an ocean of knowledge to learn

Unruly Kid

Soon after our youngest son began kindergarten, we received a note from his teacher about his unruly behaviour. I asked his sister if he was really that bad and she confirmed he was. Then realising she was getting him into trouble, she quickly added: " But, Dad, you should have seen him. He is so fast. It took four teachers to catch him".

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION, NSW BRANCH, AUSTRALIA

To members of Hartley College Past Pupils Association, NSW Branch, Australia

I have audited the financial report of the Hartley College Past Pupils Association, NSW Branch for the year ended 30 June 2005. The executive Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report consisting of the accompanying 'Statement of Financial Performance' and 'Statement of Financial Position' together with the notes thereto and the information contained therein.

I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to Members of the Association.

I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than Members of the Association, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.


My audit has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report represents a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position and the results of its operation.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of the Hartley College Past Pupils Association, NSW Branch presents fairly the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2005 and the results of its operations for the period then ended.

Sydney
1st August 2005


P. Arunothayam
Honorary Auditor

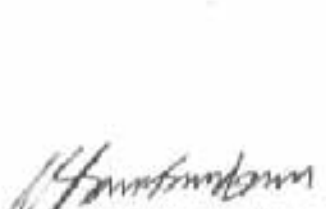
**HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

We do hereby state the following:

- The accompanying financial report is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 30 June 2005 and of the operating results of Hartley College Past Pupils Association for the year ended 30 June 2005.
- At the date of this financial report we are not aware of any circumstances, which would render any particulars included in the financial report of Hartley College Past Pupils Association to be misleading or inaccurate.
- The executive Committee members of Hartley College Past Pupils Association have not received any benefits from the Association during the year.

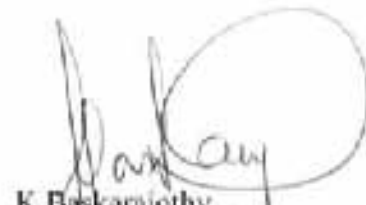
Signed on behalf of the executive Committee.



Charles Somasundram
PRESIDENT



K. Visakulan
TREASURER



K. Baskarajothy
SECRETARY

Sydney
28 July 2005

**HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005**

		2005	2004
RECEIPTS	NOTES	\$	\$
Sale of tickets – Annual Dinner	4	2,311	1,765
Donation from Members and Well-wishers	5	1,350	-
Hartley Development Fund	6	2,492	-
Balakrishnan Fund	7	-	3,200
Leo Arul Gnarajah’s Fund	8	-	1,750
Contributions towards Land Acquisition Fund		-	140
Membership Subscriptions	3	1,460	330
Donation - Dr and Mrs. S Velmurugu Award		100	200
Interest from Bank accounts		186	45
TOTAL RECEIPTS		7,899	7,430
EXPENDITURE			
Outgoings for the Annual Dinner	4	1,506	1,625
Annual Get together Expenses		-	-
Tsunami Fund	5	1,000	-
Hartley Development Fund	6	1,000	-
Balakrishnan Fund	7	-	3,200
Leo Arul Gnarajah’s Fund	8	-	1,750
Dr and Mrs Velmurugu Award		100	200
Freight - Books		160	-
Newsletter Expenses		205	275
Funds Remitted to School Projects		-	400
Other Contributions	9	100	100
Cricket Match Expenses		62	68
Sundry Expenses		33	248
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		4,166	7,866
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		3,733	(436)
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT 1 JULY		8,063	8,499
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT 30 JUNE		11,796	8,063

(The accompanying notes form part of this financial report)

**HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30 JUNE 2005

	NOTES	2005 \$	2004 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank and in Hand	10	6,204	2,793
Investments	11	5,006	4,320
Receivable	12	686	950
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>11,896</u>	<u>8,063</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>11,896</u>	<u>8,063</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry Creditors		100	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>11,796</u>	<u>8,063</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Fund	13	11,796	8,063
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>11,796</u>	<u>8,063</u>

(The accompanying notes form part of this financial report)

HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

1. Hartley College Past Pupils Association

Hartley College Past Pupils Association New South Wales Branch is a not for profit organisation operating in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia for the matters of concernment in relation to Hartley College, Point Pedro. Membership is restricted to past pupils and staff of Hartley College. The books and records are retained by the current Secretary and Treasurer of the Association.

2. Financial Report

This is a General Purpose Financial Report prepared in compliance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards. The financial report is prepared for the use of the members and for the purpose of providing the executive Committee with financial information relevant to the function and obligations of the Association.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- a) Hartley College Past Pupils Association is a reporting entity and the financial report is prepared on a going concern basis. There are no known conditions or events that would render the going concern invalid.
- b) The financial report is prepared on a cash basis for its income and an accrual basis for expense in a format endorsed by the executive Committee.
- c) Annual Subscription per member has been determined at \$10.00 per annum. Subscription received by the membership during the year is accounted as income. Unpaid subscriptions are not recognised in this financial report. The financial report does not report receivables or bad debts arising from subscriptions.
- d) Contribution is recognized as revenue to the extent that it is probable that the cash will flow to the association. Interest income from bank is recognized on an accrual basis.
- e) Material contributions in kind by the members are not recognized as income.

**HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

4. Annual Dinner Income and Expenses

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Ticket Sales	1,760	1,107
Advertising Income	150	475
Donations	160	-
Other Sales	241	183
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,311	1,765
Food and Drinks	360	408
Cutlery and Crockery	192	181
Hall Hire	550	500
Public Address System	100	136
Garland, Bouquet, Trophy	60	-
Raffle Expense	80	175
Quiz Expenses	80	-
Other Expenses	84	225
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	1,506	1,625
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	805	140

5. Donations from Members and Well-wishers

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Tsunami Fund	1,000	-
Other Donations	350	-
Total	1,350	-

We collected \$1,000 from members and well-wishers towards Tsunami relief fund and donated the same in January 2005.

**HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

6. Benefit Show for Hartley Development Fund

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Ticket Sales	2,492	-
Hall Hire	(850)	-
Movie Hire	(150)	-
Net Income	<u>1,492</u>	<u>-</u>

Vasool Raja MBBS was screened at Parramatta Hoyts on 5th Dec 2004, to raise funds for school development projects.

7. Balakrishnan's Fund

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Voluntary Contributions from Members	-	3,200
TOTAL	<u>-</u>	<u>3,200</u>

8. Leo Arul Gnanrajah's Fund

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Contributions from members	-	1,750
TOTAL	<u>-</u>	<u>1,750</u>

9. Other Contributions

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Donations to Heroes Day	100	100
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

**HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

10. Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Cash at St George Bank	6,066	2,615
Cash in Hand	138	178
TOTAL	<u>6,204</u>	<u>2,793</u>

11. Investments

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
St George Bank – Fixed Deposit Account	5,006	1,706
St. George Bank- Subscription Account	-	2,614
TOTAL	<u>5,006</u>	<u>4,320</u>

12. Receivable

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Interest Receivable	186	200
Sundries	300	0
Prepayments – Hall Hire and Deposit	200	750
TOTAL	<u>686</u>	<u>950</u>

13. Accumulated Fund

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Life Members Fund [62 @\$100] [46 In 2003/4]	6,200	4,600
Funds available for Appropriation	5,596	3,463
TOTAL	<u>11,796</u>	<u>8,063</u>

By a resolution of the committee, the Life Members Fund has been determined as not being available for appropriation until the dissolution of the Association.

[END OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT]

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1. Select the appropriate Tamil word that best describes the location and the surroundings of Harley College.
 - A. குறிஞ்சி
 - B. மருதம்
 - C. நெய்தல்
 - D. முல்லை
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3. The National Leader of our Liberation Movement has decorated 2 Hartleyites with the title of Mamanithan (Great Human) for their yeomen services rendered to the Tamil Nation. Who are they?
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5. What is the name of spin bowler who is a Tamil origin captained the Indian Cricket team?
6. Bangladesh beating Australia by five wickets in the recently concluded NatWest Series in England is one of the gretest upsets in the history of one-day cricket. In their first one-day international appearance, another cricket nation still nine years before their Test debut, gave upset to Australian Cricket team in 1983 World cup tournament. Name this Cricketing nation.
7. We all use mobile telephone terminals/handsets to keep in contact with our friends on a daily basis. When we buy handsets we also purchase SIM card with the handset most of the times. Have you ever tried to find out what stands for SIM. Tell us what stands for SIM.
8. தமிழில் ஜம்பெரும் காப்பியங்கள் என்று அழைக்கப்படும் நூல்களின் பெயர்கள் யாவை?
9. Recently the European Union has reached a legally binding agreement with a soft drink maker that will allow it to escape a fine for its anti-competitive practices but to force changes in its sales practices in Europe. According to the deal reached, this US-based soft drinks maker will not be able to strike exclusive arrangements with stores and cafes in Europe that stop them serving rival brands or offer them cash rebates for buying more of its brands. Who this soft drink maker?
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