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Editorial

The wheels of Time have moved very swiftly this year ushering in many new changes, the main being the new reorganised B. T. Course. Viewed as a whole the scheme is in accordance with the reorientation of education in the school sphere.

For the first time in the history of the B. T. Course, marks and not remarks are awarded to the students for their Teaching Practice, Handicraft, Health Education, Physical Training, Citizenship, Measurement, Diagnosis etc. The students have to prepare and maintain different work books for these subjects which form the bulk of their practical work. Another innovation is the examination of the students by outside examiners appointed for that purpose by the University. The Supervising Examiners visited the college twice this year, examined the work books, supervised the teaching of the students, and discussed criterions for marking with the staff, thus introducing a novel tone in the busy fleeting B.T. Course.

Before proceeding to record and review the collegiate year, a word of explanation is necessary for this new form of our College Magazine. Due to heavy initial cost of printing, steep rise in the price of paper, although the price of the Magazine has been kept the same since the time of its inception and to a large extent due to the very poor demand for copies from the O. S. A., we have been forced from lack of funds to print only this modest News Sheet. We hope that all our old students will join the O.S.A., and old members will renew their membership thus enabling us to publish at least next year our usual Magazine. We look forward to an enthusiastic response.

To turn to our staff we have had many fleeting changes since July. Mrs. Lakshmi Ammal was transferred as Principal to Q.M.C. during the vacation, and Miss Koman acted in her stead, but within a short period she was transferred to Q.M.C. as principal, due to the sudden illness of Mrs. Lakshmi Ammal. Then Miss Varughese was in charge till Mrs. Ramamurthy joined duty on August 15th. When she left in October taking leave preparatory to retirement Miss Varughese officiated as Principal till Mrs. Lakshmi Ammal came back to us in January. We take this opportunity to welcome our Principal and we are very glad to have her at our helm once again.

In August Miss C. P. Kamakshi Ammal was transferred as lecturer in Education in the newly opened Training College at Palghat. Miss Kalliyani Kutti from Q.M.C. came over as History lecturer, but was transferred back to Q.M.C. in February. Miss Kamakshi Ammal returned to us in February as our History Lecturer.

We welcome Miss B. M. Josephine, one of our old students on the Training School Staff. Miss Yogambal has been deputed to undergo Basic Training at Wardha and Miss Amirthalingam has come in her stead.

This year proved an extremely busy one from start to finish. College opened early in July, but admissions continued till August. Our present B.T. strength is 89, which is below the sanctioned number because many who had applied and secured

The opposers were :—

N. Jeevarethnam	Kanaka Durga
Padmini Ramaseshan	U. Pankajam

It was proved that examinations are not the best tests of pupils' capacity and intelligence. The president put the proposition to vote to the house. With the exception of two, the whole class was against the proposition. The best speakers, Chachy Varkey and Padmini Ramaseshan were much appreciated by the President.

On 24th October when all the countries were celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of the U.N.O. Day Mr. S. K. Chettur I.C.S. addressed the College Union, Mrs. Hensman took the chair. Mr. Chettur spoke of the principles on which the U.N.O. stands and also of the functions, importances and needs of the U.N.O. He made it clear that the main idea of the U.N.O. is the maintenance of peace and that the working and the success of the U.N.O. is essential to settle present day problems of the world. He brought in also the functions of different organisations which come under the U.N.O. The staff and the students appreciated his talk very much. Some posters were shown during the course of the meeting.

On January 5th., 1951 Miss Jaya Marie M.A., L.T. Professor of Botany, Holy Cross College, spoke on "Penicillin". She gave a brief account of the history of penicillin, of its discoverer Dr. Fleming, and how it is scientifically developed on glass culture plates and also of its uses. She made the lecture interesting by illustrating with a diagram the way in which penicillin injection is given. Her lecture was much appreciated by all. Mrs. Mudaliar presided over the meeting.

At the next meeting which took place on February 16th Dr. C. B. Rao, M.Sc. L.T., Ph. D. (London) of Presidency College gave an interesting talk on "Some ocean Organisms" under the Presidentship of Miss Mohanam. His lecture was made highly interesting by some lantern slide projections projected during the lecture.

The Tamil and music associations had a very busy year—reports of which appear elsewhere.

Unfortunately, we, being the first set under the reorganised syllabus, had not much opportunities of hearing and meeting distinguished members especially during the 2nd Term as we had to had intensive teaching practice then.

But we wish our future successors God's choicest blessings and hope they will have bright, successful and progressive year.

SISTER MARIE BRENDA,
General Secretary.

Report of the Hospital Visiting Section of the Social Service League

1. No. of volunteers in the section:

There are about 70 students in this section out of which 46 are B. T. students and the rest are High School students.

2. No. of meetings held : Two meetings were held during the course of this year. The first one was to elect the office bearers namely the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Groups leaders.

The following are the names of the office bearers.

1. Sister Marie Brenda—Secretary and Treasurer.

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| 2. T. A. Alamelu, | } Group leaders |
| 3. V. S. Lalitha | |
| 4. Lily Kurian | |
| 5. N. Krishna bai | |

The various duties of the office bearers were explained by Miss K. Mohanam M. A. M. Ed. who is in charge of the Hospital Visiting section.

3. Work performed : Every Thursday was fixed as the hospital visiting day and two groups at a time visited the Kalyan and Gosha Hospitals with toys, scrap books, sweets, small frocks and used articles.

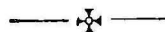
Members went round the children's ward enquiring about their welfare and sympathising with the elders and entertaining the youngsters by means of scrap books and stories. Children really appreciated our visits much.

We are very sorry to say that owing to the intensive teaching which took place in November, we were unable to distribute sweets for Deepavali festival. But we distributed sweets costing Rs. 5/- and some new and mended frocks for the Pongal festival as nothing could be done for Christmas since the holidays started a week ahead of the Feast of Christmas. The hospital visiting was a success due to the cooperative spirit of the group leaders and their members.

I hereby convey my heart felt thanks firstly to Miss Mohanam who through her untiring zeal and enthusiasm encouraged the volunteers to make the hospital visiting a success and secondly to all the volunteers for their services this year: I hope this good and noble work will flourish in the future.

Sr. M. BRENDA.

Secretary.



Report of the Music Association

On 4th August 1950, the Inaugural Address of our Music Association was delivered by Prof. P. Sambamoorthy who stressed the importance of "Extra Curricular Activities in Schools". He also demonstrated practically how a particular 'tala' of a song can work in unison with the drawing of a particular design of 'Kolam'. The meeting was presided over by R. Srinivasan.

During the Educational Week Exhibition held at Saidapet most of the students of our Association took part in a musical 'tableau' presented under the leadership and guidance of our music lecturer Mrs. S. Parvathy. It was a grand success.

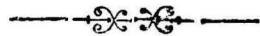
One remarkable feature this year was our trip to 'Tiruvaiyar' to attend the music festival of Sri Thyagaraja, the great musical genius of South India. But for the special arrangements made by our lecturer Mrs. S. Parvathy for our stay, there, our enjoyment would have been practically nil. During our stay we were all immersed in the continuous downpour of music which

made us even forget our homes temporarily. We unwillingly left that place carrying with us sweet reminiscences of that place. We hope that our successors in future will arrange many more excursions in order to keep the Association lively.

Members of our Association organised an orchestra under the guidance of our lecturer for the entertainment in aid of the Social Service League which was much applauded. Our members also got up an orchestra for the Teachers Assembly held at the Senate House.

I offer my sincere thanks to Mrs. Parvathy without whose untiring help and invaluable advice the association would have been at a loss. Finally, I thank all the members for their keen interest and co-operation in making all the activities of the Association this year a grand success. I wish the Association and my successors the best of luck in the coming years.

S. SUDHA,
Music Secretary.



Report of the Tamil Literary Association

It is a great pleasure for me to say that our Tamil Union worked earnestly and enthusiastically this year. We had interesting meetings which were well attended and much appreciated.

The inaugural meeting of our Tamil association was held on 28th July 1950 under the presidentship of Miss. R. Rajarathnam M. A. L. T. (our president and Lecturer in Tamil) Mr. Arumuga Mudaliar M.A., B.O.L., L.T.

(of Teachers College, Saidapet) spoke about "Tamil as the Medium of Instruction"

Bharathi day was celebrated in a grand manner on the 22nd September 1950. Our Principal Mrs. Nallamuthu Ramamurthy presided over the function. Sri Krishnamurthy the Editor of Kalki and Sri Periaswamy Thuran honoured the occasion by addressing the gathering. Our thanks to the Music Students who entertained the audience with their sweet voices!

A Thirukkural competition was held on 26th October 1950 in which all the Tamil students took part. A Thirukkural book was presented to every member who took part in the competition.

Our Tamil Students also took a great interest in Adult Education and each of them contributed an article to the Adult Education Magazine 'The Arivu' (அறிவு).

On all occasions many lecturers and non Tamil students also were present and our thanks go to them also.

In conclusion I thank the president of our association Miss R. Rajarathnam M.A., L.T. for her kind help and encouragement and all the members for their willing cooperation.

I wish the Tamil Association the best of luck and a prosperous future.

KAUSALYA RANGANATHAN.

Secretary.

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The Report of the Athletic Association of the College.

Physical Directress

.... Mrs. F. Moses.

Games Secretaries

.... N. Jeevaratnam, Alice Devadason.

Our athletic association started functioning in August. The inter collegiate matches began early in August and the first match to be played was a throwball match against Y. M. C. A. College of Physical Education, Saidapet. I must confess at the out set that we did not put up a very good show since games as an art, needs much practice and that we did not have. Nevertheless we won in Badminton against Ethiraj and St. Christopher's Training Colleges and in netball against Stanley Medical College.

Though the record has been a series of failures and rare glimpses into the regions of victory yet we got the benefits that came out of such minglings with educational institutions, which is of more significance.

Our Tutorial matches were in full swing during the third term and of the seven tutorial groups Miss Rajeswari's wards won in the finals of Badminton, Throw ball and Tennikoit match and Mrs. Mudaliar's wards in Net ball. Students took interest in the Tutorial matches and were filled with enthusiasm on the games field.

We convey our heart felt and sincere thanks to Miss Varughese for her special interest in getting up the tennis court for us and to Mrs. Moses who with her untiring zeal and enthusiasm encouraged us all to take part in games and in all physical activities. Our special thanks to Mrs. Moses whose example has made us imbibe the sportive spirit, punctuality, and discipline.

ALICE DEVADASON,

Secretary.

Slum Development Group

The Slum Development group was formed by the middle of July with 21 B. T's as its members. At the first meeting of the group held towards the end of July Miss R. Sethu, who is in charge of the group explained to the members how they could actively help by establishing contacts with

the people in the Kuppam, and by endeavouring to promote the physical and mental welfare of the slum children. The members were divided into five groups-Health, Needle Work, Adoption, Library and Games. Five group leaders and a General Secretary were elected.

The following are the names of the office bearers.

1. S. Thayammal	... <i>General Secretary</i>
2. C. Vimala	.... <i>Needle Work Group Leader</i>
3. K. Mangalam	... <i>Adoption Group Leader</i>
4. P. Lakshmikantham	... <i>Library Group Leader</i>
5. R. Saroja	... <i>Games Group Leader</i>
6. Alice Devadasen	... <i>Health Group Leader</i>

The Group began to work actively from August. A visit to the Kuppam was organised on Independence Day. The members of the group made a house to house visit and appealed to the men and women to gather at a common place. A. Ponnuthai spoke to them about the significance of the day and the purpose of their visit.. A flag was presented and sweets were distributed to the children. A short Bajan was conducted by the students in which all took part willingly. Many of the people gathered, expressed freely their difficulties, chief among them being scarcity of water, lack of lavatories, absence of street lighting etc. The members also found out that many school going children were idle owing to lack of accommodation in the Kuppam School. They assured the people that they

would make efforts to help them. Following this the members visited the Kuppam a number of times in groups and came into close contact with the residents. These visits helped them to understand and sympathise with their problems.

A second meeting was held by the members of the group. They all felt that at least the problem of scarcity of water should be tackled by writing to the Corporation about the construction of a well. But in spite of the great enthusiasm of the members nothing could be done owing to the administrative difficulties in the way. The second term was devoted to intensive teaching, and the third term naturally was a very busy one. But these difficulties did not damp the enthusiasm of the workers who tried to do their bit when-

ever they could find some leisure. They tried to attract women to the Adult Education class, during their periodical visits.

Besides slum visiting each group under its secretary did some useful work among the children of the Elementary School.

In the Adoption Group each member adopted two or three children in the Elementary School. She studied their physical and mental developments, made contacts with the parents and acquainted herself with the conditions of their homes. She tried to improve their condition. Each member taught her adopted children to be clean and tried to make them happy by telling them stories, teaching songs, games etc.

The Needle Work group made 14 articles for the children of the Elementary school.

The Health group with only three members did good work by taking the children of the Kuppam School suffering from itches and other ailments to the clinic in the Besant Road. As the B.T.'s were able to go out only three times in the week, some Basic Training students were also included in the group.

The Library group consisting of 6 members collected story books and children's magazines and made them available for reading to the children of the Elementary School. The members did the work on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in their free hours. Sometimes stories were read out to the children. Sometimes the children were made to cut out pictures from magazines like the Illustrated Weekly in connection with the school project. Children were always very happy and eager during these hours.

The games group tried to teach children small games.

We have thus been trying to do something though we could not do as much as we hoped.

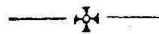
We take this opportunity of thanking Miss M. Varughese, Miss R. Sethu and Mrs. Charles for their help in our work.

We hope this good work will be done more successfully next year.

S. THAYAMMAL

General Secretary.

Slum Development.



The Old Students' Association

The Office bearers of the Old Students' Association for the year 1950-51 are the same as that of 1949-1950.

<i>President</i>	....	Srimathi Lakshmi Ammal, (<i>Principal</i>)
<i>Secretary</i>	...	Miss R. Rajaratnam
<i>Treasurer</i>	....	Srimathi Pankajakshi

COMMITTEE

<i>L. T. Representatives</i>	...	Miss Komalavalli
	....	Miss Hidoy Unissa
<i>Secondary Section</i>	...	Miss R. Saraswathi
	...	Miss Kunjamma
<i>Elementary Section</i>	....	Miss M. Baby
	....	Miss Vedavalli

PROPAGANDA MEMBERS

Srimathi Meenakshi, *Teachers' College, Saidapet*
 Miss Ammini, *Teachers' College, Saidapet*
 Miss Sarojini

We are sorry to say that on account of the reorganized syllabus and the intensive teaching practice in the various schools in the city we were not able to celebrate College Day. We hope to have it next year.

We would like to remind all the old students that we would like to hear from them and be pleased to get any articles from them for the magazine. Our present strength of the O. S. A. is 175. We invite such of the past students as are not members of the Old Students' Association to enroll themselves in the coming year. We hope all the members will send in their subscription to the Treasurer, Srimathi Pankajakshi.

Rates: B. T.'s Rs. 2/- Secondaries Rs. 1/8/- Elementaries Re. 1/-.

Miss R. RAJARATNAM,
Secretary, O.S.A.

Social Service League 1950-51

The Social Service League resumed its activities rather late this year since the election of Office Bearers at the General Body Meeting of the staff took place only on the first of August '50. There was one General Body Meeting and three Executive Committee Meetings during the course of the year.

This year the Social Service League of our institution became a member of the Madras Students' Social Service League Association and three representatives from the college attended the Annual Conference of the above Association. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary and a number of student representatives attended the meeting held at the Arts College, Madras in connection with the sale of T. B. Seals. Contribution for the Seals was willingly made by the High School pupils and the training students and a sum of Rupees 43 and annas 12 was collected and sent. Flag day was observed on the 25th and 26th of January and T. B. Seals flags were sold. The collections which amounted to Rs. 36-12-0 were comparatively very good according to the report of the collections in the various colleges, sent by the Honorary Secretary.

An open air Entertainment was staged this year on the 16th of February in order to collect funds for the league with the Honourable Chief Minister in the chair. A sum of Rs. 1624 was realised by the sale of tickets alone.

On account of the increasing strength of the Elementary school, the weekly allotment of money for the midday meal was increased this year.

The Hospital visiting section continued to visit the Kalyani and Kasturba Memorial Hospitals and distributed sweets, Magazines and old clothes.

The Slum visiting group with 21 members divided themselves into five sections namely the Adoption Section, the Library Section, the Games Section, the Health Section and the Needle Work Section. All these groups mainly bestowed their attention on the Elementary School children and their parents in the Kuppam trying to make them into healthier and happier citizens.

The Adult Education Section has been working with enthusiasm as usual. The success of one candidate in the VIII standard examination last year has given them the courage to send five more students for the Public Examination this year also without the help of even a single paid teacher. Apart from the classes conducted in the college and the High school for adults, an attempt at teaching the children of school going age and pre-school age has been made this year under the kind guidance of the Head Mistress.

Our sincere attempt to set up a Welfare Centre in the Ayodya Kuppam did not materialise as we could not get the necessary sanction for the same. The request of the Indian Conference of Social Work, Madras to include our Social Service League in the Directory of Social Services has been kindly complied with by our Principal and President and the necessary particulars for incorporation in the Directory has been sent.

With the impetus given to Social Service in the state, the Social Service League of our college, which is one of the earliest of its kind, is sure to expand and continue to do good work in the years to come. May God give us the energy and enthusiasm to do service for service's sake.

We wish all success to the League.

Miss M. N. SARADAMBAL,
Secretary.

Adult Education Group

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The students of Lady Willingdon Training College are greatly interested in Social Service in all its aspects, especially in Adult Education. The College and the High School are running schools for the eradication of Adult illiteracy.

In our College there is a separate room having all the facilities of a class room allotted to the adults. There are about 10 women who are studying here. From the B. T. class 18 students have volunteered to teach them Tamil, Social Studies, Civics, Mathematics, Science and Arts and Crafts. Whenever the students are free they take turns to go and teach them. Sometimes even on Saturdays classes are held. Some of the women are being coached up for the 8th Standard Examination. Among the candidates who appeared for this examination last year one Ranganayaki met with great success and is now undergoing Elementary Training in our institution. This year 5 women are appearing for the Examination.

Our college participated with great enthusiasm and interest in the celebration of the Second South Indian Adult Education Week. Just on the Inauguration Day the College made arrangements for the Adult Education Propaganda Van to come and show films to the adults in the High School Hall. On this occasion Sri Gopalan the Secretary of the South Indian Adult Education Service presided. The Propaganda officer Sri Devarajan gave a lucid explanation in the interval about the pictures being shown to the people. We take this opportunity to thank them and the members of their staff who made the film show a success. On the last day the Hon. Sri. J. L. P. Roche Victoria, Minister for Food and Fisheries, presided and Sri. Ramaswamy Sastri, Hon. Secretary of the South Indian Adult Education Committee spoke very interestingly and humorously on the importance of Adult Education.

The Adult Education Group members along with the slum visiting members visited now and then the slums near by with a view to get more adults to attend the classes. This group is also running a magazine called "Arivu" which is full of attractive pictures and interesting stories written in big letters and in very simple language for the enlightenment of the adults. The watch word of this group is "Each One Teach One".

All the members of this group strongly adhered to this motto and taught the adults with great enthusiasm and interest this year. We wish our association every success in the coming year.

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P. GOMATHI, B.A.

Secretary