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To  
St. Ignatius of Loyola  
Founder of  
The Society of Jesus  
this  
Platinum Jubilee Souvenir  
is dedicated.



## Editorial

A school magazine usually mirrors the life and activity of the Institution during the preceding year. This time, however, it has a bigger task ; to be also the Souvenir of our Platinum Jubilee. And this we have tried to ensure within the limits of our capabilities.

No other issue of our magazine, perhaps, has been so eagerly awaited by so many for so long as this one. It is a measure of the popularity and the goodwill that the school enjoys among wide sections of the public. Those who took part in the Jubilee celebrations with enthusiasm and joy are keen to see those hectic, exhilarating days recorded for posterity in word and picture. We feel proud that we have been able to come up to their expectations, despite some hitches and many vicissitudes.

We are nevertheless aware, that no magazine of this kind can be an adequate testimony to the epochal event. The various accounts of the festivities are rather sketchy, and the photos, many though they are, do not really capture the atmosphere that prevailed then, mainly because it was something intangible and cannot be contained in film and paper. Besides, our own desire to restrict the size of the Souvenir has placed its own limitations on the project.

Still, we are certain, that those who give more than a cursory glance to those pages will find in them much that will stimulate their interest in the glorious past of this institution, as well as its exciting present and challenging future.

Speaking of the past, we are filled with admiration and gratitude for those stalwarts of a bygone age : the Fathers of the Paris Foreign Mission. Imbued with vision and foresight, iron will and steely determination, unflagging zeal and dauntless courage, they planted a seed in the " Garden " on St. John's Hill, nurtured it through the years, and, when the time was ripe, transplanted it to an imposing building, which is now St. Joseph's College, PUC Section. They were men of deep faith and hard toil, all of them : Vissac and Browne, Froger and Veysseyre, Blaise and Michel, and the great Aucouturier. We salute these giants and place on record our abiding gratitude.

When the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, who are managing the School at present, took it over in 1937, they were faced with the daunting challenge of living up to the high standards set by their predecessors. It is a matter of joy for us to know that during these



forty odd years, we have tried hard, and to a great extent succeeded in meeting that challenge. It has been for us a thrilling adventure as thrilling as the task of an athlete determined to break records. Some records we ourselves have set, and some set by others before us, we have broken. Thanks be to God.

Under the stewardship of successive Rectors and Principals, the School has grown beyond all expectations, won many laurels and deserved many encomiums. But what we deem as our greatest achievement is the safe launching of hundreds of men into the ocean of life. There has been material progress too. The most significant event has been the transfer of the School to the present location with its imposing edifice and spacious Playground.

We have had our great men too : Joseph Coelho, William Picardo, Albert Saldanha, Edwin Fernandes, James Coelho, J. B. Frank, Valerian Farias and Denis Coelho. All of them have contributed to the growth of the School. All of them have left indelible imprints in the annals of the Institution and much more, in the minds and hearts of our students. While we pay them our respects, we who are at the helm now, wish to acknowledge that we continue to draw inspiration from them. And, while singing the glories of the past, we rededicate ourselves to the task of facing boldly the challenges of the future.

A word of apology for the delay in bringing out the Souvenir. It was because our Editor, Mr. K. N. Lakshminarasimha had to be changed in mid-stream first on account of ill health, and then, because he left the School to better his prospects elsewhere.

Special mention must be made of the silent men who have worked hard behind the scenes to ensure that the Magazine sees the light of day. The photos were taken by our School Photographer, Mr. S. Sherieff of India News Photos. The blocks were prepared by M/s Shanmugam Studios. Printing by Bharath Power Press. The somewhat thankless task of meticulous proof reading was accomplished by Fr. Victor D'Silva S. J. and Mr. S. Venkataraj.

Here, then, is the Platinum Jubilee Souvenir that you have been eagerly looking forward to. It is all yours to glance at, to browse through, to read and above all to enjoy.





## Most Holy Father

The Principal, Staff and Students of  
St. Joseph's Indian High School,  
Bangalore, humbly ask for the Apostolic  
Blessing of the Holy Father, on the occasion  
of the Platinum Jubilee of the School.

*Plenus Dominus benedictionem Apostolicam concedit.*  
*Aedib. Vatic. 3 dec. 1979.*

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December 29, 1979.

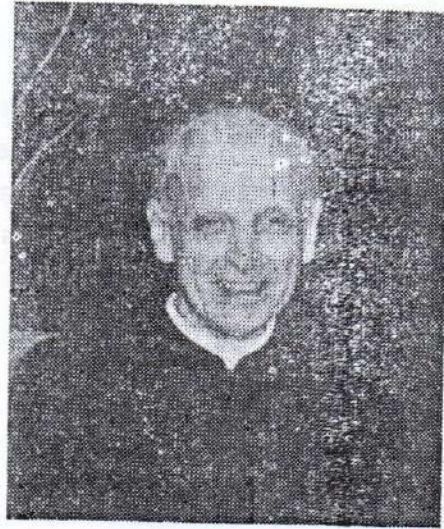
Please refer to your letter of the 14th December, 1979. The President of India desires me to convey his best wishes on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee celebration of St. Joseph's Indian High School, Bangalore.

Your sincerely,

**A. M. Abdul Hamid**

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MESSAGE FOR THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF ST. JOSEPH'S  
INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL.

Dear Father Prabhu. P. C.

I am happy to learn that you will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of St. Joseph's Indian High School. I would like on this occasion to invoke on the Jesuit Fathers of the Institution, the staff members, students and their parents, the former students and the benefactors, an abundance of God's blessings, and continued divine protection.

Seventy five years is a significant period in the life of an educational institution. We must be thankful to God for so many years of service that the Society has been able to offer to the public, Christian and non-Christian, a service not only of enlightenment but also of imparting the values of the Gospel. For many non-Christians their stay in the school was probably one of the unique occasions to come into contact with the life of Christ and his teaching; and for Christians it was an important period of their lives. These are the same values that we tried to reformulate and give as the goal of all Jesuit Education. 'To form for others'. I hope that this accent on service and co-operation will continue to be the hall mark of your school.

In starting the school for the Indian children at a time when they were economically the weaker section of the population, the School took as its objective a service of particular importance. I hope that this aspect of the school's service, to look after the weaker and more needy sections of the population will continue to be a characteristic of the school, in line with the ideals proposed by the 32nd General Congregation,

May the last quarter of the century which you are starting now be marked by a greater commitment to the 'Service of the Faith and Promotion of Justice' which, as the 32nd General Congregation had told us, should be the dimension of all our apostolic works, and my wish and prayer is that you may be able to achieve this through the apostolate of your school.

Rome :  
22-2-1979

**Pedro Arrupe, S. J.**  
*Superior General of the Society  
of Jesus.*





Karnataka Governor's Secretary  
Raj Bhavan,  
Bangalore.

The Governor is delighted to learn that St. Joseph's Indian High School Bangalore, has completed 75 years of service in the cause of education and is celebrating its Platinum Jubilee in the month of February. The St. Joseph's Indian High School has earned a prominent place among the educational institutions of Bangalore. The zeal and dedicated service of the Management in the cause of education deserves to be appreciated.

The Governor conveys his good wishes for the success of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

**K. Narasimha Murthy**

*Special Officer to Governor*

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D. DEVARAJ URS  
Chief Minister  
Vidhana Soudha,  
Bangalore-560 001.

I am happy to learn that the Platinum Jubilee of the St. Joseph's Indian High School, Bangalore is being celebrated and that a Souvenir is being brought out to commemorate the occasion.

The Institution has a deservedly high reputation for the excellence of teaching imparted to students. I am aware that the alumni of this school are occupying top positions in various walks of life.

On this happy occasion, I have great pleasure in extending my cordial greetings to the Principal, staff and students of the St. Joseph's Indian High School and sending my best wishes for the success of the celebrations.

(Sd.)  
(D. Devaraj Urs.)

**K. S. HEGDE**  
Speaker, Lok Sabha

20, Akbar Road  
New Delhi

December 26, 1978.

Dear Fr. Prabhu,

I am glad to learn that on the completion of 75 years in February 1979, St. Joseph's Indian High School Bangalore is celebrating its Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. St. Joseph's Indian High School ever since its inception, has been doing useful work in the field of education. I am sure in the years to come it will continue working with the same zeal and dedication in the matter of imparting education to the students and their fuller development.

I wish the celebrations all success.

Yours sincerely,

**K. S. Hegde**



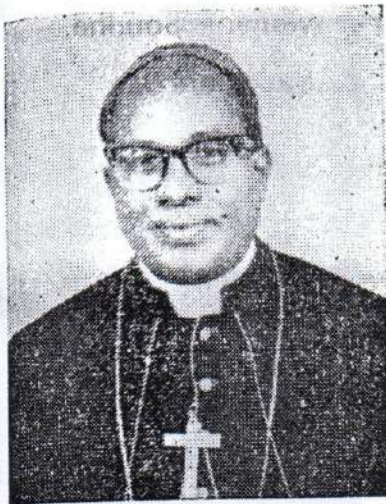
Minister of State for  
Education, Social Welfare & Culture  
Government of India  
New Delhi-110001.

1st January 1978.

Dear Fr. Prabhu,

I am glad to know that your school will be completing 75 years of useful service in February 1979. An institution with so many years behind it could only be possible as a result of dedicated work by those who founded the institution and their successors. May the fund of your rich traditions grow in the service of the community.

**D. S. Gulshan**



Most Rev. Dr. P. Arokiaswamy  
Archbishop of Bangalore

Archbishop's House  
18, Miller's Road,  
Bangalore-560 046.

To  
Rev. Fr. S. Prabhu, s. j.  
Principal  
St. Joseph's Indian High School  
BANGALORE - 560 001.

Dear Father Prabhu,

I am glad to hear that the Platinum Jubilee of St. Joseph's Indian High School will be celebrated in February 1979. That is certainly a noteworthy event in the history of Catholic Education in Karnataka State and particularly in the city of Bangalore.

During these past 75 years, thousands of youth have passed through the portals of St. Joseph's equipped with learning and imbued with the spirit of service and sacrifice. Thanks to the Foreign Mission Society of Paris, the school maintained the highest standard of efficacy. That has been continued and developed in an increasing measure by the society of Jesus which took over the management in 1937.

I join you, the staff, parents, old boys and the present boys, in thanking God for the abundant graces showered on all during these past years.

May the new chapter of its history be richer still in achievement marked by a deeper faith in God and by an unflinching adherence of the staff and pupils to the ideals of truth and goodness.

My blessing and cordial congratulation to St. Joseph's Indian High School, its Principal, Staff and students on the happy occasions of its Platinum Jubilee.

Yours devotedly in O. L.,

**P. Arokiaswamy**

Archbishop of Bangalore

**B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY**  
Minister for Education

Vidhana Soudha,  
Bangalore-1.

Dated 6th Jan. 1979

I am happy to know that St. Joseph's Indian High School, Bangalore, will be completing 75 years of its useful existence and will be holding its Platinum Jubilee Celebrations shortly. I am also glad to know that a Souvenir is being published to mark the occasion.

I wish the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations every success and the Souvenir wide popularity.

**(B. Subbayya Shetty)**

*Minister for Education.*

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## KARNATAKA PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS



**A. P. Menezes S. J.**  
Provincial

LOYOLA MANDIR,  
21, Lavelle Road,  
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Tel: 54513

2nd February 1979

**Father Sunith J. Prabhu, S.J.,**  
*Principal.*  
St. Joseph's Indian High School,  
Bangalore.

Dear Father Sunith,

It has been an immense privilege and pleasure to participate in the programme of the Platinum Jubilee on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week and I must thank you for this privilege. The programmes have been excellent and doubtless appreciated by all. This itself is an achievement. Their success has culminated the lesson that concerted team-work is essential to succeed. Few people from outside probably know how much attention and work have gone into the planning and execution.

The Eucharist and the beautiful Inter-Religious Prayer Service attended by persons of different religious denominations gave an inspiring tone and right direction to the entire programme which followed. The displays on Sportsday were colourful and impressive. The Old Boys and the parents of the present boys would definitely have been proud of their School. I was sorry that the illness and death of Fr. John Stan D'Souza S. J. in Mangalore prevented me from participating in the entire programme.

The word 'Jubilee' brings a sense of celebration: 75 years not merely of existence but of a glorious record, if it is reason to rejoice, it is even greater reason for thanksgiving. On 6th January, just four weeks ago, the...



friends, pupils past and present, fellow-priests and religious gathered in St. Patrick's Church for another celebration, the hundred years of the founding of the Mangalore Jesuit Mission in 1878 now the Karnataka Jesuit Province. And yet when the Jesuits landed in Mangalore St. Joseph's Institutions in Bangalore had been in existence already twenty years and the Jesuits had been only twenty years in St. Joseph's when St. Joseph's European High School, now the Boys' High School celebrated its centenary in 1958.

I shall leave to others to unravel the mystery of these dates; I shall be satisfied with a plain narration. If the records are correct, it was in 1903 that Fr. Froger of the Foreign Mission of Paris, the newly appointed Rector, gave the motto "FIDE ET LABORE" to St. Joseph's College with its artistic device of a Cross and bee, crown and laurel. In 1904, so it is said, a swarm of full-fledged bees flew from the mother-hive to form the Indian Section with its pile of buildings which it occupied for 67 years on Museum Road. The School has been housed in the present bigger pile of buildings for the last eight years. When you are celebrating the Platinum Jubilee let me remind you that it is not 75 years of stones and mortar that you are remembering but the men and ideals both of which shaped thousands of boys down the stretch of time. We are thanking God for the salvation which has come from Him and from the Christ Child in Joseph's arms. Not to God's grace, we owe this salvation to the Christian education which this institution imparted. While thousands of boys who came here to seek wisdom and light got it from their teachers, the hundreds of Catholic boys who longed for the knowledge of Christ found it in abundance too.

To day as we look back over the history of the past 75 years, we are struck by the foresight of the men who founded St. Joseph's men who had a vision to see the future developments of a great educational institution. The Fathers of the French Foreign Mission and the Jesuits who from 1937 followed in the footsteps of the great men and have through great deal of sacrifices and labour continued the work of educating Bangalore's youth and made them outstanding leaders in the State and the Country. They were men, few though they be, to whom down the years the students of St. Joseph's owe much for the opportunities which they had for a complete and solid education. Besides being men of vision they were also men of principle and faith. Recognizing their limitations they trusted God to bless their efforts and give success. Let our praises of these men become a song of gratitude to the good God who guided and blessed their sacrifices with success.

Fr. Browne's presence at the celebrations should be an inspiration to all. He is the one link with the Society of the Foreign Mission in the field of education and reminds us of the great contribution which the Society made in the earlier days to build St. Joseph's Institutions in Bangalore. The solid granite and brick walls are but a sign of the strength which they created in these institutions by their love for people and the spirit of their dedication. The other link between the two Societies is the motto "FIDE ET LABORE" the firm foundation of faith in God and



deligent toil. It is a bond which binds the two bands of men together. It was Ignatius of Loyola who was wont to say: Work as though all the success depended on your effort but trust in God as though the outcome depended on Him. To all of us who face the future, the life and ideals of these men are a challenge. When the Society of Jesus was asked to take over the St. Joseph's Institutions the Bishop of Mysore Mgr. Despatures wrote: "We owe you, all of us, a large debt of gratitude for your kindness in bringing relief. We need not make a mystery of the fact—if the Foreign Mission Society had still the glorious recruitment it boasted of 40 years ago, we would not have parted with our colleges and schools being as they are the fruits of years of devotion on the part of confreres who formed as fine and efficient a band of workers as one could wish. But for want of men, we had to part with those institutions. and in our plight, your Society agreed to succeed us. In fairness to those of our Society who have preceded us, let us say that these ideals have been upheld and their traditions maintained.

To-day's generation can still be grateful to God for devoted and dedicated men. I am not so sure of to-morrow's. If history is not to repeat itself, let us humbly pray the Lord of the harvest to inspire youth of to-day with the same ideals of these Fathers and Brothers and to give them the courage to follow in their footsteps. As we begin the last quarter of the century, a new dimension is added which comes from the heart of Rome: The service of faith and the witness of justice in all our endeavour particularly of education. It will be your task with the help of the band of men around you and under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Hilary Pereira Rector, to incorporate this dimension into the life of St. Joseph's and make it live in the years ahead.

Wishing you every success and praying for God's blessings.

Yours sincerely in Christ,  
**A. P. MENEZES, S.J.**  
*Provincial.*



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I take this opportunity to thank the Vice-President, Secretary and all the Members of the P. J. Committee for their whole hearted co-operation and support in making the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations a grand success.

*S. Prabhu*





Rev. Fr. M. Vissac  
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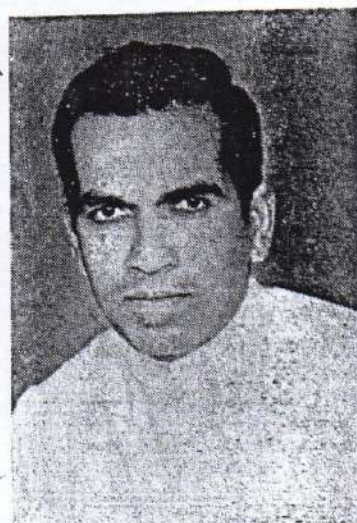
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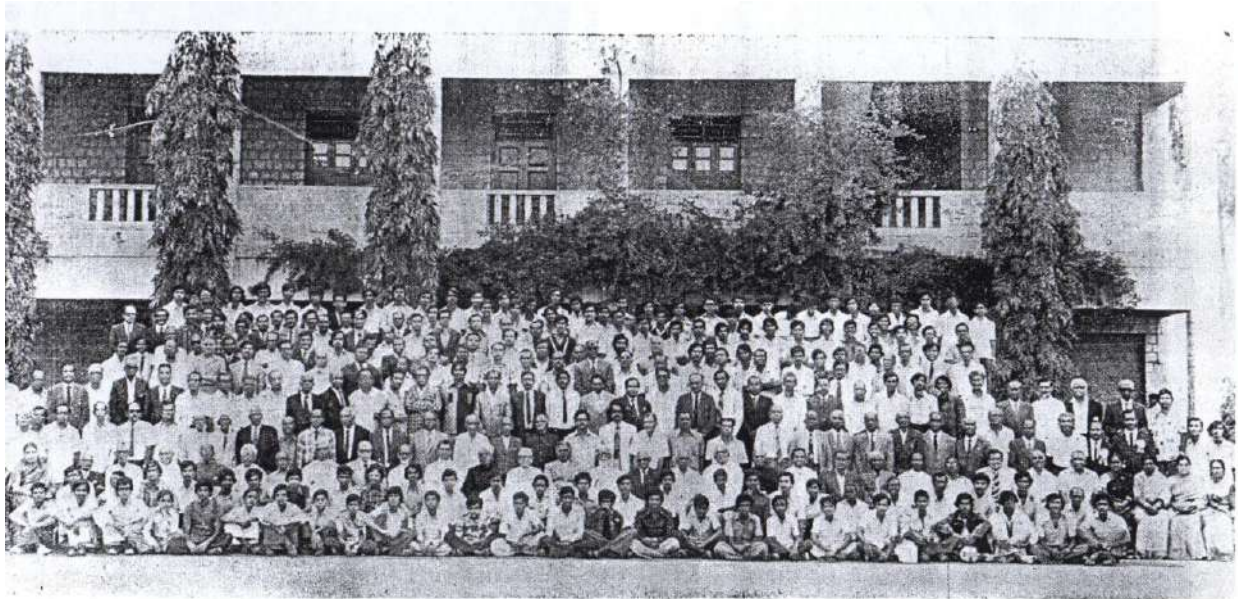


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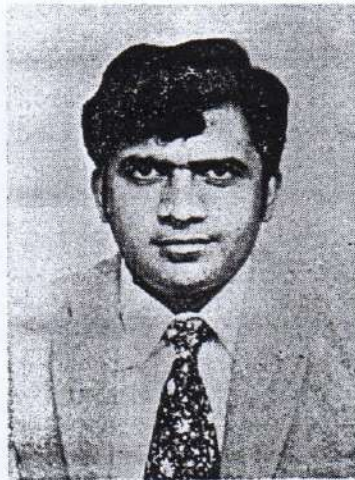
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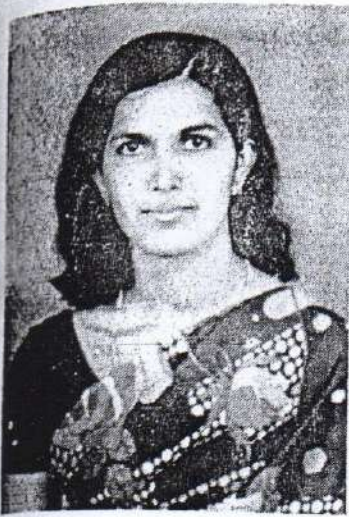


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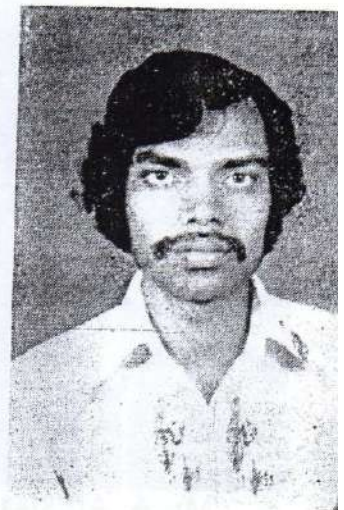




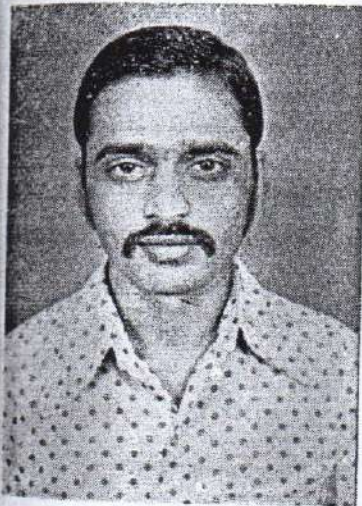
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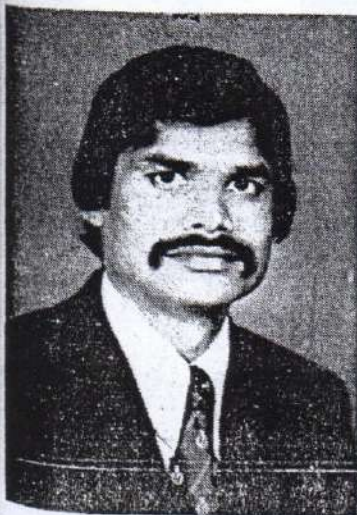
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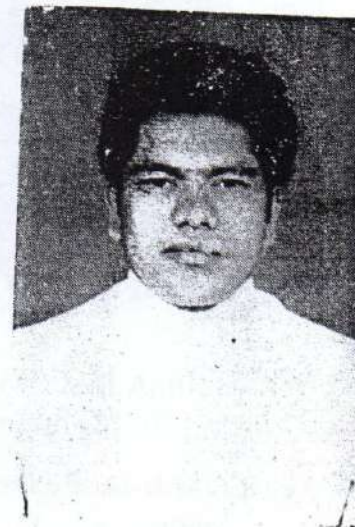
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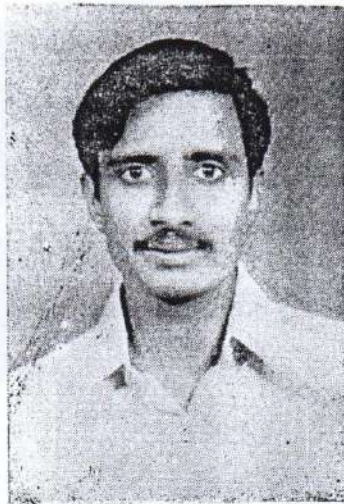


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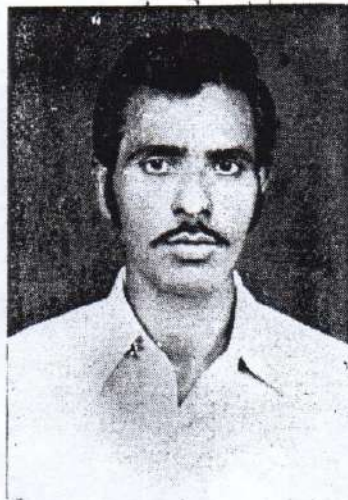
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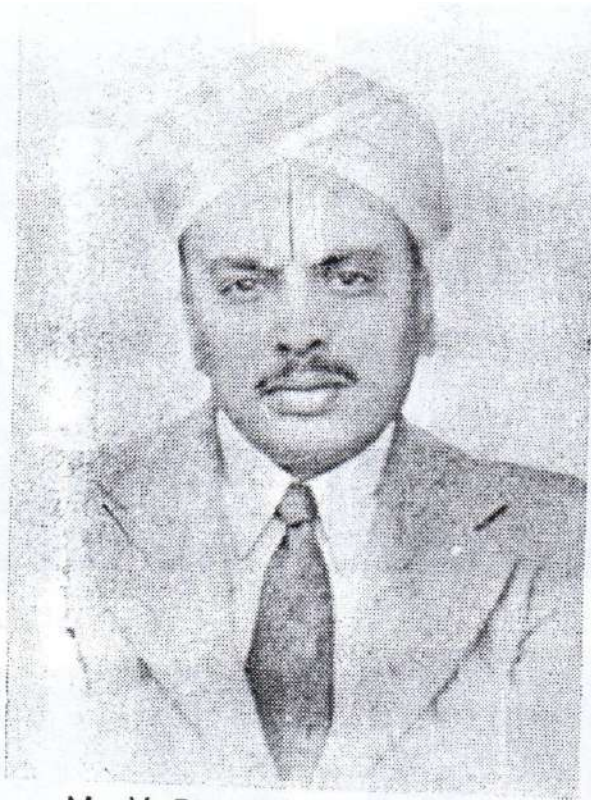
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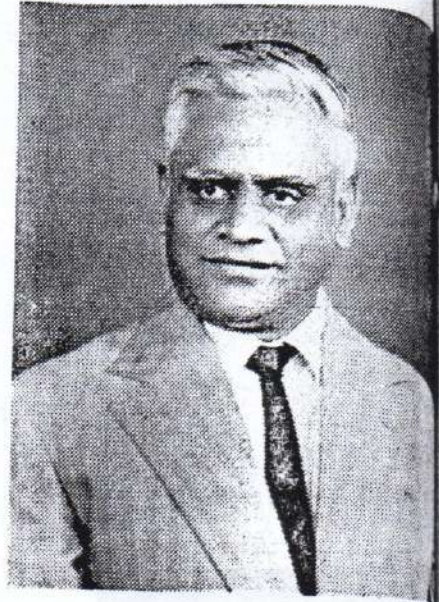
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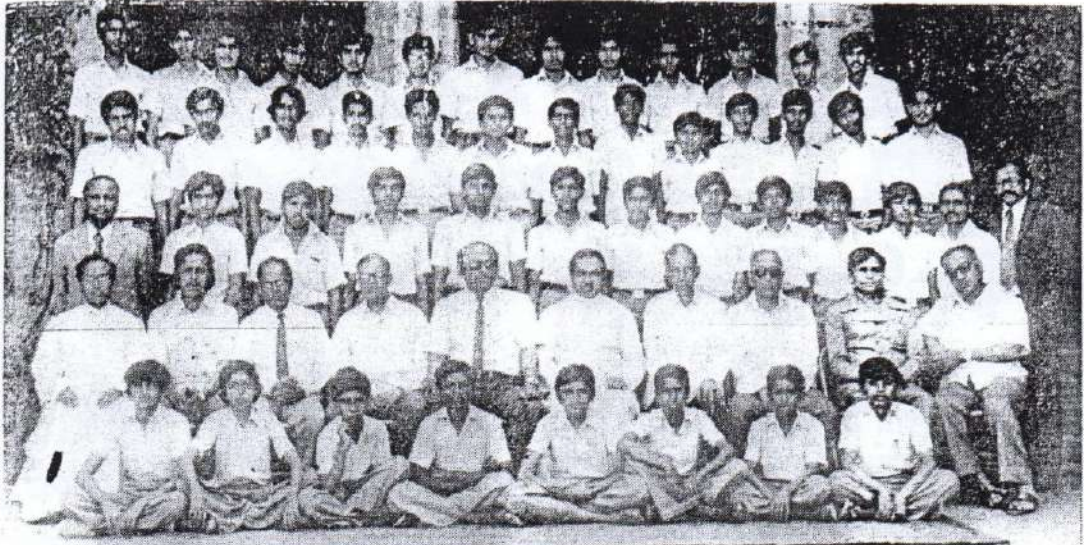


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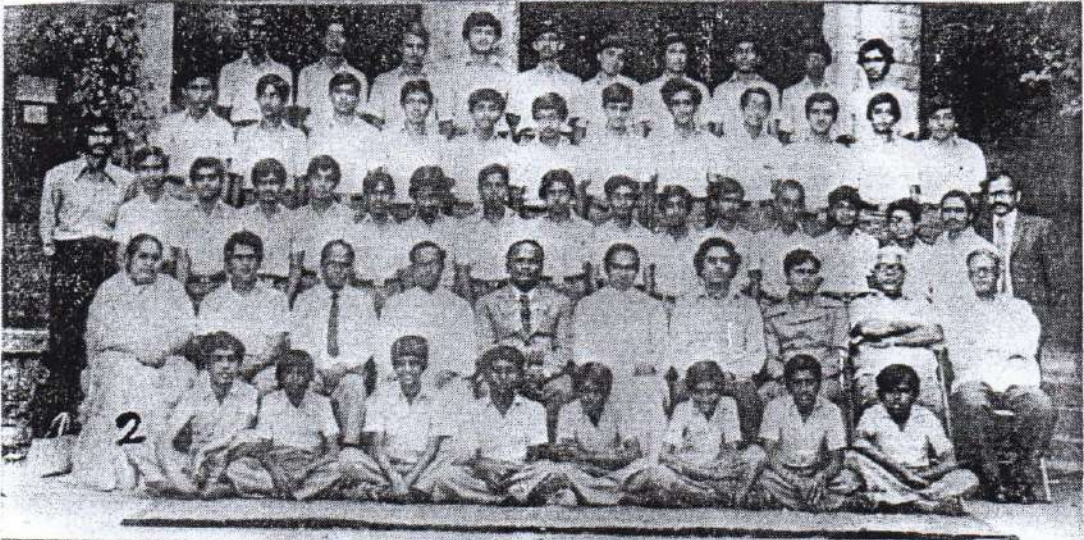


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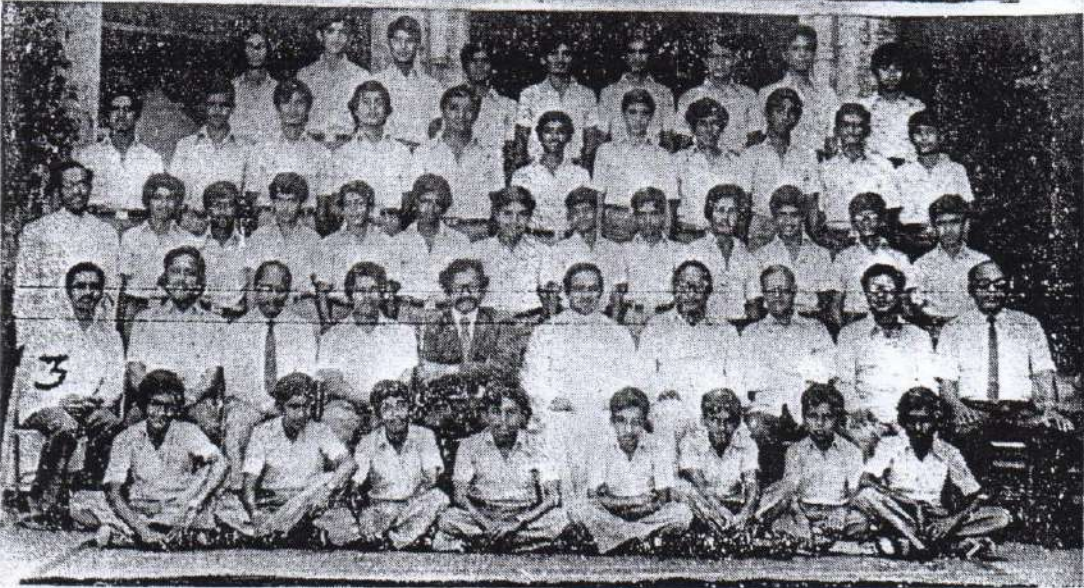




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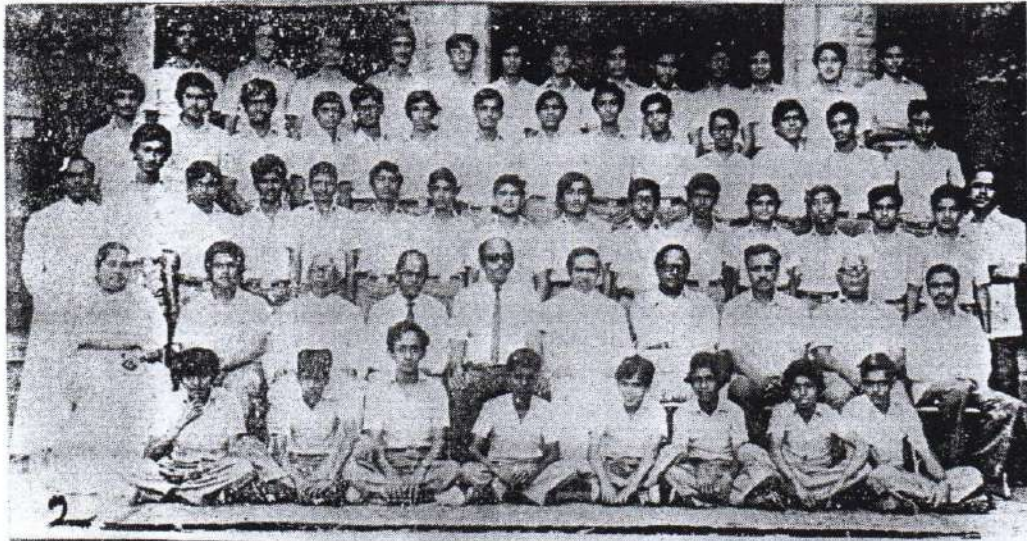


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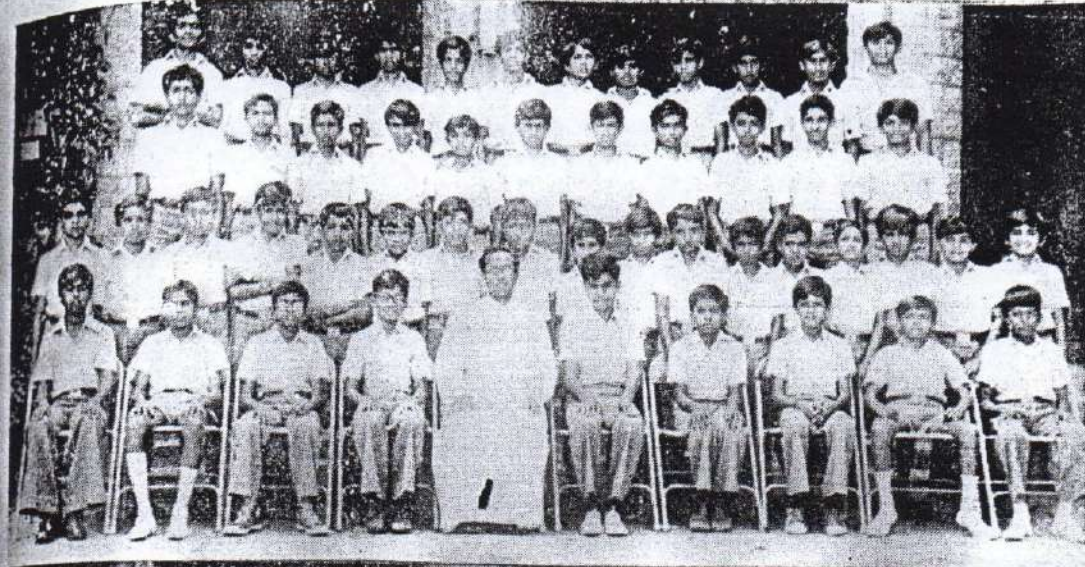
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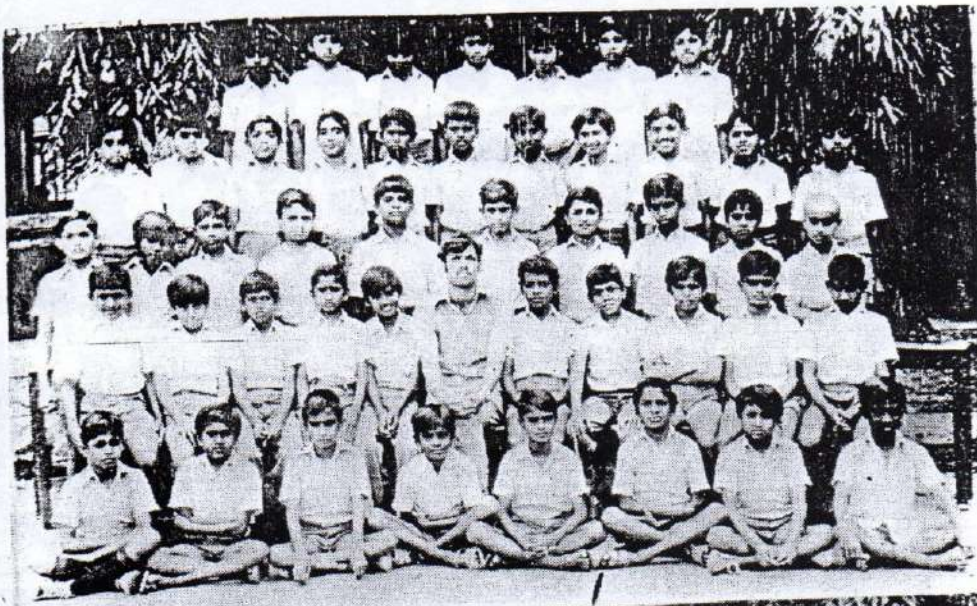
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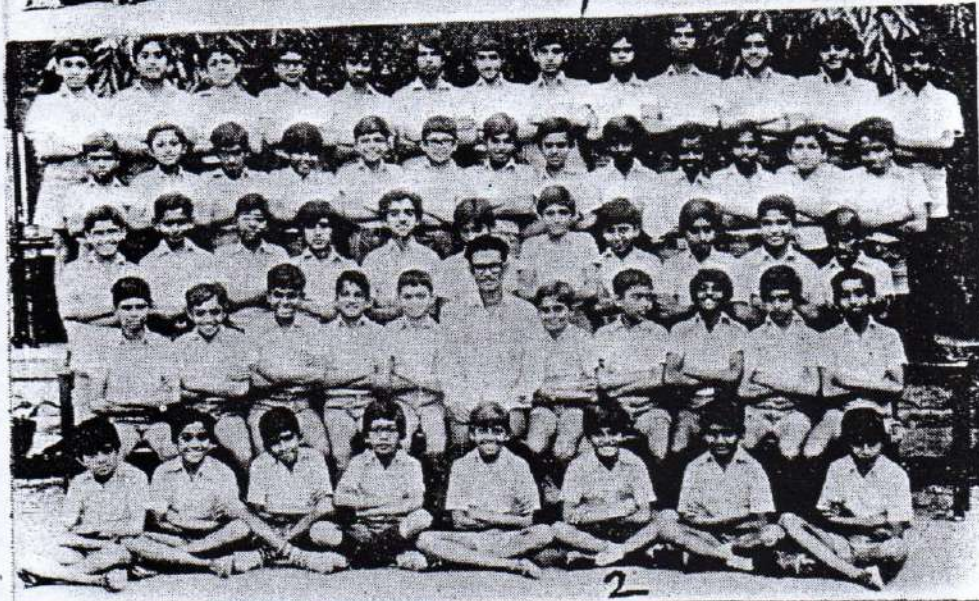
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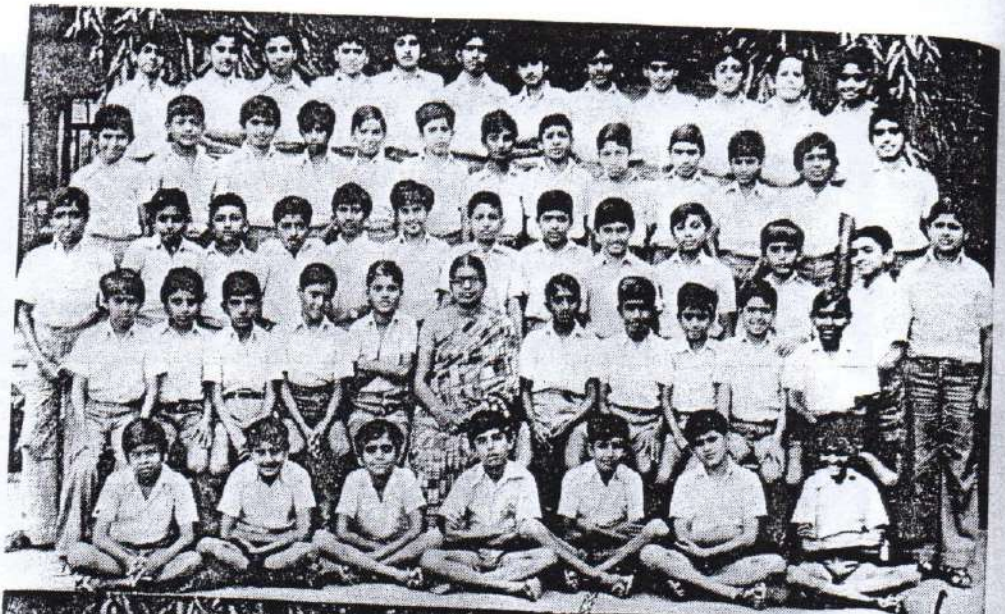
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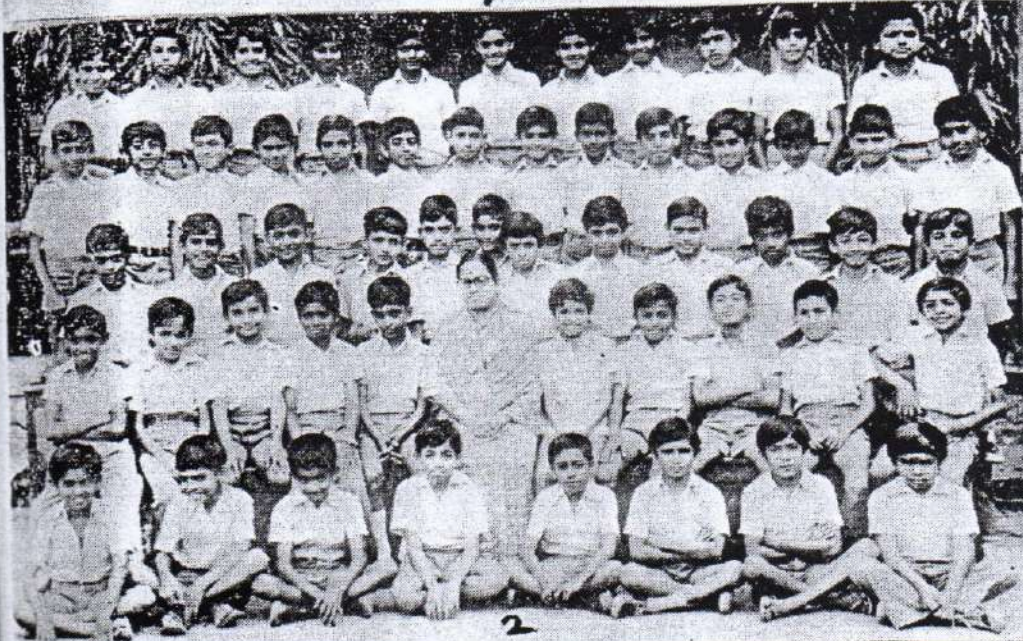
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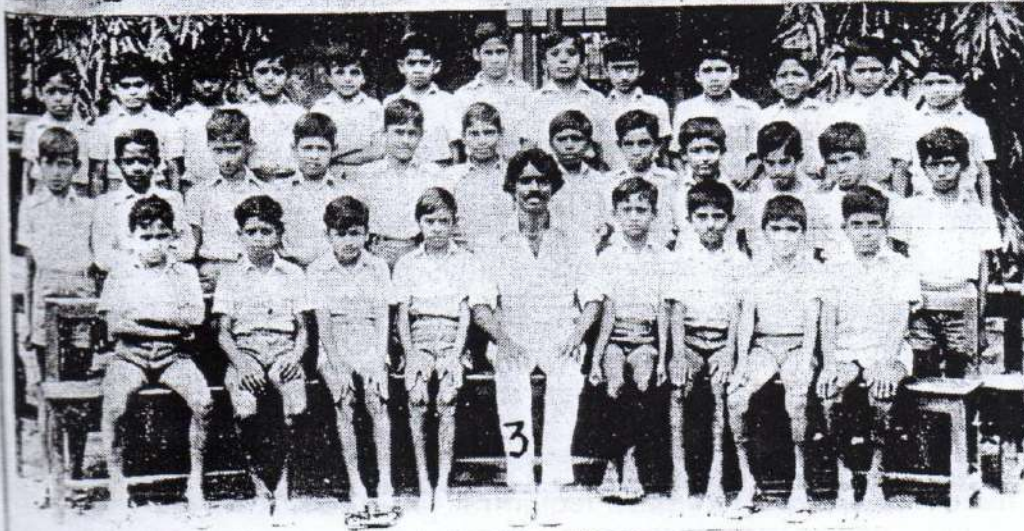




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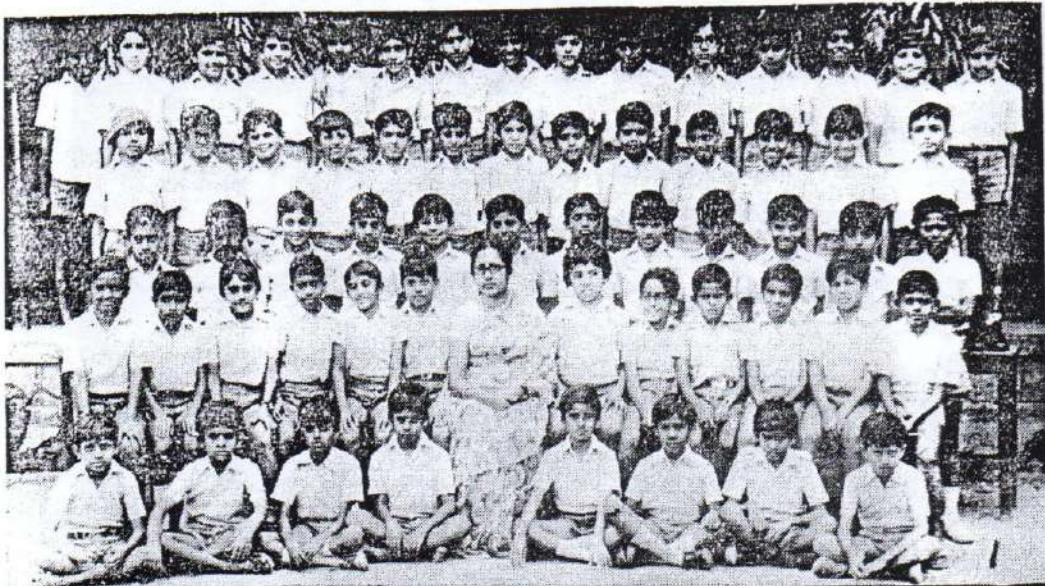
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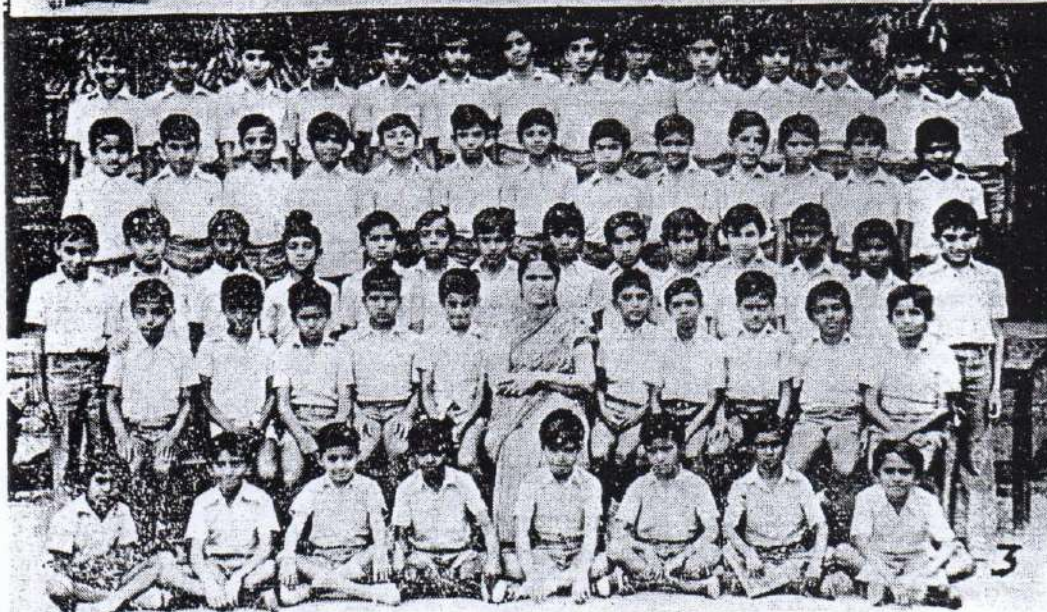
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# THE SCHOOL ON THE MARCH

## FOR THE LAST 75 YEARS

To condense an epic into a sonnet would baffle the genius of a Shakespeare or a Milton and, unfortunately, I am far from being a lyrical poet. How does one sing in the space of the few minutes the glories of an institution hoary with the heroic deeds of its great champions, the battles they fought and the victories they won. In faltering words I will proclaim the deeds of great men and great houses.

Dynasties were not established in a day nor did great institutions spring up in a trice. They are the fruit of the vision, the blood, sweat and tears of heroes whose memory we cherish with reverence and love. Such were the priests of the Missions Etrangeres de Paris who founded St. Joseph's College in 1858. It was truly the **Alma Mater**, the loving mother which gave birth to many illustrious sons. The first was St. Joseph's European High School which in the dispensation of the times, imparted High School Education to European and Anglo-Indian children in English. Founded on the site which now houses St. Germain's High School, the College moved to its new premises on Museum Road, in 1898.

The overwhelming love of the good French missionaries would not permit them to neglect any of God's children. If the Anglo Indians had their school with all its attendant benefits, the Indians too deserved a school. They could not be second class citizens in their own country. In 1904, in the semi-basement of the primary section block of the European High School, the Indian Section was instituted under the leadership of Fr. Blaise, Principal from 1904 to 1912. Soon these over crowded cellars were teeming with youngsters brimming with life and eager to imbibe knowledge and wisdom. The time was ripe to find new accommodation for the Indian Section which by this time had developed into a school in its own right. The students moved in 1907 to the imposing edifice at the junction of Museum and Residency Road which became a landmark in Bangalore and is now the PUC section of St. Joseph's Arts and Science College.

The building stands as a lasting memorial to the dedication and indefatigable zeal of Fr. Aucouturier, Principal from 1912 to 1926. Even before he became principal it was his genius, encouraged by the Rector, Fr. Vissac that conceived the project of which he was both architect and builder. To his credit is also the design



and construction of the university college building, which he designed and completed in 1925. The dome that now surmounts the building was a later addition. Nothing was too difficult for Fr. Aucouturier if it would benefit his beloved school. He equipped the laboratories of the school with the best equipment that was then available. This was no mean achievement in an age-and-time, when scientific teaching at the high school level was given little importance.

The wisdom and farsightedness of Mgr. Kleiner, the Bishop of Mysore provided a hostel for the poor students of the school. In 1889, he purchased a plot and the building was completed and blessed on June, 2 1900, and dedicated to St. Louis, the royal patron saint of France from where these missionaries hailed. The first director of the Boarding House was none other than Fr. Aucouturier who took care of it from its inauguration till 1913, when the onerous duties of the principalship which he had accepted in 1912 forced him to yield the directorship to Fr. Lazaro. Nothing was too demeaning to Fr. Aucouturier, even the splitting of firewood, if it made his beloved poor children happier and more comfortable in the boarding house.

I will now sing the mighty deeds of another hero who is a living legend. We thank God that he is in our midst today. In June 1928, Fr. Cyril Browne who bore the laurels of a Master of Arts was appointed Principal. He brought to this great office his incomparable gifts of head and heart, a sincere love for every child, particularly the poorest, and his skills as an educational administrator. The school was soon transformed and developed the esprit de corps which it still possesses because of the innovations which he introduced. To Fr. Browne's genius are to be ascribed the house system of the school, the annual school social, the debating societies and the founding of the Old Boys' Association in 1929. Scouting received a new fillip under his care and the acquisition of wide and spacious playground on South Parade, now M. G. Road, laid the groundwork for the glorious history of the school, second to none, in sports and games.

History wreaks its toll, and battle fields of France decimated the flower of French Youth in the Great War of 1914-1918. The Missions Etrangères de Paris experienced this loss of young manhood and had to curtail its work. Accordingly it was decided to invite the Jesuits to take over the institutions of St. Joseph's College.

When the school was transferred to the Society of Jesus in 1930, Fr. Browne handed over charge to Fr. Joseph Coelho, S.J. who is still remembered as a kindly, though strict, disciplinarian and for his success in improving the already high academic standards of the school.



Yet another red-letter day was the appointment of Fr. William Picardo, S. J., in June 1943 to the principalship of the school. He held the office with distinction till 1953 when he was appointed Rector of the Jesuit novitiate and minorate at Christ Hall, Calicut. The large number of his former students present here today bears eloquent testimony to the love he inspired in the hearts of all his students during his tenure of office. We are glad that he has returned to the scene of his labours from his new field of action, Tanzania, where he is affectionately known as Mzee. It is said that old soldiers do not die; they only fade away. With Fr. Picardo and Fr. Browne the dictum must be changed. They have been given a second youth, having discovered the elusive elixir of life in the service of their Lord.

To Fr. Browne and Fr. Picardo we extend a most warm and loving welcome.

Almost single handed Fr. Picardo managed the school and truly became all things to all men. Gifted orator that he is, ardent nationalist, inspiring teacher and keen sports fan, he communicated his enthusiasm and his varied talents to his students. He is well remembered for never having missed a single match in which his students played for the school. His love for democratic methods and processes saw the establishment of an Assembly in the school in which the students themselves organized the social and extra-curricular activities of the school. Even in pre-Independence India his considerable abilities were recognised and he was nominated a member of the Mysore Representative Assembly.

Fr. Picardo successfully steered the bark of the school through the stormy seas of the difficult years of the II Great War and national independence. To his onerous duties of Principal were added for many years the responsibilities of the directorship of St. Louis Boarding House.

With the passing of the years it was realised by the Jesuit planners that the Indian High School deserved a better deal. The St. Joseph's Boys' High School had large grounds surrounding the school. The college had its playgrounds adjacent to the hostel. The IHS was in sore need of grounds where its students could play, recreate and have their PT classes so that their youthful energies would not be confined within the walls of a classroom. Fr. James Coelho, S. J., the Principal from 1958 to 1965, realised that the extensive playgrounds of the New Fields, used only for a few hours in the evening would be ideal for the school. His position as Rector was helpful to effect the transfer of the Middle School section probably assisted by Fr. William Sequeira, S. J., to the beautiful new building which was constructed on the New Fields and occupied in 1961. Fr. William will be remembered



for his yeoman service for establishing legal ownership of a part of our playground which is at present used by the Middle School students. Almost the whole of the first floor of the present building was the work of Fr. Michael Saldanha who was the Principal of the Middle School from 1961 onwards.

A reallocation of premises decreed by Rev. Fr. General of the Society of Jesus gave the use of the New Fields to St. Joseph's Indian High School and the Boys High School was given in exchange the playgrounds on M. G. Road. Fr. Charles Andrade, the then Rector of the Institution took a prominent part in the extension and completion of the new high school buildings as also the adjacent building where St. Louis Boarding House was shifted. We want to put on record our debt of gratitude for the selfless work of Fr. Charles Andrade, S.J., who was instrumental in procuring this piece of land and completing this present building. This construction was completed in 1970 during the tenure of office of Rev. Fr. V. Farias, S.J., Principal from 1968-1973 and the entire school now moved to its new home.

The Odyssey was now completed. From those semi-lighted cellars of St. Joseph's European High School, the ship of the school reached, after many thrilling adventures, its home-port in the magnificent setting where it is now located. The former building, every stone and brick of which had become familiar and dear to generations of former students, is now the PUC block of St. Joseph's College.

For lack of time I regretfully pass over the achievements of so many other principals. The flourishing PTA that is of inestimable help to the school was inspired by Fr. Mathew Lewis, S.J., then Rector and was constituted by my immediate predecessor, Fr. Denis Coelho, S.J. His forte was the establishment of close bonds of friendship with the parents of the students of the school.

Let me with gratitude and affection recall the memory of those illustrious men who moulded the minds and hearts of succeeding generations of youngsters in this school. Old Boys present here today will feel a thrill of joy to remember Mr. C. Govindachar, Mr. P. V. Ramakrishna Iyer, Mr. K. Devanathan, Vidwan K. Srinivasachar, Mr. A. M. Venkatasubramaniam, Mr. A. J. Srinivasa Raghavendran, Mr. K. V. Desikachar, Mr. M. P. Parameswaran, Mr. S. Kalyana Sundaram, Mr. E. Srikanteshwara Rao, Syed Md. Ibrahim, Mr. V. R. Sundaresan, Mr. M. Subba Rao, Mr. G. Srinivasan, Mr. Shiromany, Mr. Francis, Mr. Sunderam, Mrs. Sowbagya, Miss Shanta, Miss Lilly, Mr. A. R. Abdul Wahab and our ever helpful Mr. Arokiaswamy. The debt of gratitude which the school and its students owe them can never be adequately expressed.



I feel like a midget treading in the footsteps of giants who preceded me. I need seven league boots to keep pace with them and I am confident that you will provide me with them. Much has been done by my illustrious predecessors which has brought the school to its present status of excellence. But much remains to be done, so that not resting on our laurels but true to our motto. Faith and Toil, we will not only keep pace with but outrun the demands that are made on us by the fast pace of change in the world. Only thus can we give our children an education that will equip them to live in the twenty first century in which all of them will have to live the latter half of their adult lives.

Quoting the words of the eminent statesman Dag Hammarskjöld we say to God, our Father, the giver of all blessing ; to St Joseph, our patron ; to all our parents, students, old boys, staff and benefactors :

“ For all that has been ‘ THANKS ’

For all that will be ‘ YES ’

Report read by the Principal Fr. Sunith Prabhu, S.J.

On the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee Day.





## PARENTS DAY REPORT

With great joy do I welcome Dr. Ramu to preside over this Parents' Day function and Mr. S. Bangarappa, the Honourable Minister for Public Works as our chief guest. Dr. Ramu besides being an eminent physician, is a parent who has constantly shown in concrete ways his interest in the development of the school. Mr. Bangarappa is also a parent of two of our students and in spite of the heavy demands made on him by his public duties, spares time to interest himself in the welfare of the school.

The High School continues to increase in the strength of students on its rolls. While last year there were 961 students, this year we have 983. And in the middle school we have 685 on rolls. You can well imagine the strain that is imposed on the existing accommodation and facilities of the school by such a large and ever growing number of students. Undoubtedly, the popularity of the school because of its excellence in academic and co-curricular fields makes it the first choice of many parents who wish to place their son in such a school. There were over 2000 applications for just a 100 seats in the high school. The task of the Principal to select students from this vast flood of applications is certainly not enviable.

Permit me to explain our policy of admission. Much as we would like to admit every child and give him the opportunity of obtaining a good education at this school, physical constraints of space and pedagogical imperatives, force us to restrict the number, to manageable proportions. We fully subscribe to the policy of the government as enunciated by the various educational commissions, particularly the Kothari Commissions, that first preference should be given to children from the weaker sections of society and from the neighbourhood. The consequent disappointment of many deserving and brilliant applicants meets with our deepest sympathy.

Thanks to the conscientious work of our teaching staff and the willing cooperation of our students, the SSLC results have maintained the usual high standard. 259 out of the 277 students who appeared were declared successful. 58% of them obtained a first class. The percentage of passes is thus 93.2% which compares most favourably with the state percentage of 45%. Master Subramanian K, has the distinction of obtaining the 7th rank in the SSLC exam and eight of our students take their proud place amongst the first one hundred in the State. We offer them our congratulations, 215 out of 228 students passed in VIIIth STD practical exam giving us a percentage of 94. 68% passed in I Class.



**STAFF**

Fr. Maxim Rasquinha, the Vice-Principal, who had endeared himself to the students by his simple and kindly interest in them went on long leave because of ill health. Fr. J. F. Menezes now ably fulfills the duties of Vice-Principal and Fr. Mathew Rodrigues has taken his place as the Sports Secretary. The teaching vacancy caused by Fr. Maxim's departure has been filled by Mr. Vanatayraj. The temporary vacancy caused by Mr. Abdul Rasheed's deputation by government to undergo the B. P. Ed. course has been filled by Mr. Yuvaraj.

The long felt desire of many parents for their children to study Sanskrit has been realised in the introduction of Sanskrit as a 1st language. One more language is thus added to the existing five 1st languages, namely, Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Urdu and Telugu. Perhaps, this is the only school in the city which teaches six languages as 1st languages.

Mrs. Lakshmi Devadas Warriar who was the first to hold the new post of 1st language teacher of Sanskrit left after 3 months. Mr. B. C. Ramesh, M.A., in Sanskrit, has been appointed in her place. Mr. Shankarappa has replaced Mr Vincent Pinto and we have now a full-time sports attender.

**Middle School**

After doing yeoman service in St. John's High School, Bellary, Fr A. S. Rodrigues on his transfer to this school was appointed principal of the Middle School, He took charge on April 1, 1978. The school band and the evening school have received new vigour under his leadership.

The management places on record its deep appreciatton of the services of Miss Josephine as in-charge headmistress for approximately 10 months in the absence of a principal.

Mr. P. A. Devaraj retired from service on June 7, 1978, on reaching super-annuation, While thanking him for his devoted service, we welcome Mr. Franklin, P. Ed. who has already shown his keen interest and abilities in the sports field of the Middle School. Smt. P. T. Mary attended a training camp for 15 days in September 1978 at the Basic Training Camp, Vidyanagar.

The work-experience programme greatly benefited from the assistance of Mr. Francis Guntipilly who has now left for higher studies in divinity.

We are well aware that provision must continually be made to offer our students development in all aspects of their formation. The supporting facilities for



co-curricular activities have been developed to the utmost within the limitations of our finances. We take this occasion to thank the parents of our students and old boys for their assistance in our developmental programmes.

The installation of fans in the school hall, many of them gifts from parents and students, has appreciably increased the comfort of the students and parents at assemblies and other functions held in the hall. A large and spacious room that now accommodates the library has made it a most welcome resource centre for both teachers and students. The latest improvement is a table-tennis room which gives both pleasure and helps our budding table Tennis champions to develop their skills. At considerable expense the play fields have been levelled and cleared of tussock grass now permitting the students to play on full size fields. The boundary wall on the northern side has been raised to prevent trespassing of the playgrounds. In addition to the great variety of games, kho-kho has also been introduced.

#### **Student Activities :**

There is no lack of opportunity or encouragement for each student to participate and excel in sports and games of his choice. We are blessed with excellent play fields and a dedicated and able sports staff. The presence of the National Institute of Sports next door, is a great incentive to our young sportsmen. Our objective is the development of an integral personality in the young people entrusted to our care. Academic excellence must be integrated with proper physical and moral development.

As usual we had our share of honours in the field of sports and games. I will mention only the most important successes. By virtue of being the winners at the State level our football team represented the State at the Subroto Mukherjee Cup Tournament held in New Delhi. Both our senior & Junior cricket teams finished as runners-up in the B. T. Ramiah Shield and our own Junior cricket Tournament. In athletics our team covered itself with laurels winning the championship shield at both the Taluk and District levels in the sports meet conducted by the Department of Public Instruction. Five of our boys have the distinction of being selected for the divisional level sports to be held in February 1979. In the open relay event of St. Patrick's High School Sports meet, our relay team stood first.

Ajit Kumar has developed into a first rate miler winning the 1st place in the 1500 mtrs race in the two sports meets conducted by St. Joseph's Boys High School and the St. Joseph's Arts and Science College. Suresh Kumar of St. Joseph's and Pretam Fontes of IX th and his brother Prem Fontes of V th obtained the 1st place in their section in roller skating in the various meets. Our sub-juniors excelled their elder brothers by winning the team championship.



The middle school boys won more than their usual share of prizes at the 33SAA Sports meet and Zonal sports meet. Our junior relay team obtained the 1st place.

#### **N. C. C.**

Under the command of First. Officer, S. P. Samuel, a member of our teaching staff, 100 naval cadets underwent training in boat-pulling, .22 rifle shooting, semaphore, ship-modelling, etc. Fourteen cadets attended the annual training camp and many won coveted cups. Shri Hari was selected to attend the Republic Day parade at Delhi. Twelve of our cadets participated in the Republic Day parade grounds.

#### **SCOUTS :**

Scouting has taken great strides under dynamic scout master Mr. Raju who besides being an officer of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade has recently been awarded the Himalayan wood Badge certificate. P. J. Ashokumar received the President's Scout certificate from the hands of the President of India on November 7, 1978 at New Delhi. The Ambulance Division bagged the all-round championship at the cadets' Day competitions. In the Prime Minister's Shield competition for scouting in which our team participated, the members received certificates of merit from the Prime Minister. Recently two of our scouts took part in the National Jamboree held at Madras.

#### **OTHER ASSOCIATIONS :**

In the Students' Association of Road Safety Rally organized by the Ulsoor zone, our contingent won the all round championship. 45 students took the UNESCO General Knowledge Contest and all passed the test, So too did all the students who appeared for the First Aid examination conducted by the Red Cross,

Our debaters brought home the championship shields and the 1st and 2nd best speaker prizes from the inter-school Kannada and Hindi debates conducted by the Old Boys' Association of St. Germain's High School. Our boys participated in State level Science and Humanities fair and Chanda Kotekar won an attractive prize.

The various literary and debating associations continue their activities of preparing students with forensic skills. The Kannada Sangha under the guidance of Mr. A. B. D'Souza organised an inter-class dramatic competition, debates, essay writing competitions, ex-tempore speeches, recitations and folk-song performances. The Tamil Sangha and the Anjuman-E-Rafiq-E-Urdu Association were not lagging behind in conducting their usual activities.

#### **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME :**

The year has been characterised by exceptional activities for development. The platinum Jubilee is a land-mark in the history of any institution. In the life of



a school it should mark a stage of development and maturity. The realization of our school though old is very young in many much needed essential facilities urge us to launch an ambitious programme of development. We were encouraged by the sincere offers of co-operation from the parents and old boys.

Three distinct projects were identified which need immediate planning for development : 1. Poor Students' Aid Fund. 2. Upgrading of the science laboratories to be equipped to meet the needs of the new syllabus. 3. A Jubilee Memorial Auditorium - the centre of student activities.

The first fund raising project was a Fancy Fete. It was a first in many ways. It was the first fancy fete organised by the school and the first to win the cordial cooperation of students, staff, parents and Old Boys. The net amount collected from this venture in co-operation was Rs. 30,000

A far more ambitious programme was the Nutan Musical Nite. The expenses of organization were foreseen to be very high and unless we obtained the full assistance from all sections of the school community, students, staff, old students, well-wishers, the event would be not a financial success but a colossal financial debacle and fiasco. Our confidence in the school community was amply justified and we increased our Jubilee funds by Rs. 45,000 through this event.

I wish to thank our students, parents, staff and well-wishers for their unstinted and most generous co-operation. But we are still a long way off from our target of Rs. Ten lakhs, which will permit us to translate our dreams into reality. Once again I appeal to you and to philanthropic bodies and individuals to come to the assistance of the school with sizable and large donations. The school which has served the public of Bangalore so magnificently in the past 75 years deserves continued support of the public that it may serve for at least the next 100 years according to its high traditions of Faith and Toil.

We place our entire faith and confidence in Almighty God, the giver of all good things and gifts, confident that he will inspire generous hearts to assist us in our hour of need. We are confident that the government and other public bodies recognizing the value of such an institution will provide generous gifts of financial aid for the completion of our Jubilee projects. The generosity of the large-hearted public of Bangalore is proverbial and, I am confident that our faith in the citizenry of Bangalore is well founded. On our part we will continue to toil, sparing no effort in our endeavour to give every child who enters this school a realization of his personal worth and dignity and to equip him to take his place in a society which will make more just and equitable because of the education which he has received in this school.



## AN HISTORICAL SKETCH

The first to realize the importance of a Catholic College at Bangalore was Dr. Bonnard, Vicar Apostolic of the Coromandel Coast. In a letter dated October 29th, 1841, he wrote to Fr. Bertrand; "The climate of Bangalore, which is healthy and bracing has attracted many European residents. A College erected there and directed by men of tact and ability would do a great deal of good".

The Catholics of Bangalore formed at that time a small community; they did not number more than 1,000 Europeans and 5,000 Indians and they had only one church and two priests to minister them.

**The 'Garden':**—Dr. Bonnard's happy idea was not carried out at once. But meanwhile a valuable plot of ground, called the 'garden' was bought in St. John's Hill for Rs. 1,000. On the spot stand now the Clergy House, St. Aloysius' School and St. Francis Xavier's Church. The 'garden' was not made much of at the time, for the now popular quarter of St. John's Hill was well-nigh uninhabited, and when the foundations of St. Francis Xavier's Church were laid, people laughed at the idea of building a Church in a desert".

**St. Joseph's Seminary :**—In 1854 the Good Shepherd nuns arrived in Bangalore and our seminarists gave them their first house and migrated to St. John's Hill. They settled in what is now St. Aloysius' School and is held in veneration by all Josephites as the cradle of St. Joseph's College. It had been built by Fr. Bouteloup, Superior of the Seminary, at a cost of Rs. 3,000.

**The Year 1858 :** Witnessed the arrival of the first European boarders and the opening of the first classes for European boys in St. Joseph's Seminary.

A brief entry in Dr. Charbonnaux' Diary records the fact : "We decided to open a school for European boys. As a knowledge of English is necessary to our Indian pupils and that of Canarese to European boys. We determined to build a wing and a kitchen adjoining the Seminary". A wing and a kitchen in the compound of St. Aloysius' School now crumbled to dust, — these are all the buildings of which St. Joseph's could boast when it came into being in the memorable year 1858. It is almost as old as the Madras University, which was founded a few months before.



The St. Joseph's Seminary of 1858 was a comprehensive institution which served a three-fold purpose as Seminary, Orphanage and boarding establishment. We are unable to state whether the amalgamation of Indians and Europeans and again that of seminarists Orphans, and Boarders made for concord and prosperity but the progress of St. Joseph's College is closely connected with the separation of these heterogeneous elements. The 'ancients' in the Mission favoured union the 'moderns' on the other hand, have insisted on a division of labour and classes.

**The First Migration :—**When St. Joseph's had struggled through the first eleven years of its career, the 'moderns won their first victory' but not without strong opposition as may be inferred from the following extract from Dr. Charbonneau's Diary: 'Contrary to reiterated orders Fr. Clemot proceeded with the building of a chapel instead of hastening to complete the new house we needed for our orphans and boarders. I decided to send him to Madagundanapally and give his place to Fr. Coadou'. In May 1865, the new house on the site of the present Clergy House, was ready to receive the boarders and orphans. The total cost of Rs. 16,000 was defrayed as follows:— Rs 7,000 by the Mission, Rs. 5,000 by the Madras Government, Rs. 500 by Mr. Bowring, and the remainder by various subscribers. 'This building is fine but not solid' wrote Dr. Charbonnaux. "I pray to God that its preservation may not cause me as much anxiety as its construction". These apprehensions were not unfounded; nothing is left of that building but two dilapidated wings at the back of the Clergy House.

The Seminarists were now free to live their own life of prayer and study without the fear of intrusion upon the peace of their retreat. Separation went one step further, when in 1875, our orphans were sent to St. Patrick's Orphanage adjoining St. Patrick's Cathedral, and our boarders were left in sole possession of that fine but shaky pile of buildings on the site of the present Bishop's House. Thus the three widely different classes of boys, which had been placed at first in the same house under the same direction, had secured their autonomy.

St. Joseph's Seminary — though it had long ceased to be one, the name still clung to it numbered 64 boarders and 80 day scholars. But the able educationist who was designed to make it one of the leading European Colleges in Southern India was about to take the reins of government into his hands.

**The Old College :—**When Fr. Vissac was appointed Rector, he was thirty-four years old, endowed with a robust constitution, a powerful mind, and remarkable tenacity of purpose. When we look at his portrait in the parlour, the broad chest and shoulders, the set face and stern look make us feel at once that we are in the presence of a strong man. The strength and solidity of his mind are reflected in the buildings that he planned, in the broad square pillars of the college verandha.



and still more, in the huge pillars destined to support the dome of the new Saint Francis Xavier's Church. Characteristic solidity did not exclude versatility, for the gifted professor excelled alike in mathematics, science, history and literature. He was also regarded as a forcible speaker and no mean linguist and musician. With these exceptional talents and an almost unlimited capacity for work, Fr. Vissac entered upon his life's work in 1882.

His first step was to affiliate Saint Joseph's to the Madras University as a Second Grade college. St. Joseph's Seminary thus became St. Joseph's college in 1882, and two years later, in 1886, it was over-joyed at the success of its first F.A.'s Fr. Mascarenhass and Mr. O'Sullivan.

The buildings of the old school were pulled down and, on the same site there arose a structure which was more worthy to accommodate the students of a full-fledged Second Grade College. It is the present Clergy house and, with its light colonnades and classical Corinthian capitals, presents a far more graceful appearance than the massive piles of buildings which we now occupy.

Twelve years later Fr. Vissac believed that the time had come to embark upon a bolder enterprise. It was his ambition to transfer the college from its isolated position on the confines of Bangalore to the heart of the Cantonment in a spacious compound next to the Madras Bank and in the vicinity of the Good Shepherd Convent and St. Patrick's Cathedral. The foundation of the new college was laid in 1894, and we still remember how, when class was over, Fr. Vissac, walking-stick in hand would hurry away at a brisk pace to watch the progress of the building and quarrel with Fr. Barre, who superintended the work about a wall, a new door, or a window.

On December 8th the corner-stone of a different but no less important foundation was laid when the first Brothers of the Immaculate Conception took their vows. They have rendered and are still rendering invaluable service though the war has thinned their ranks.

It was also in the first months of 1894 that two of the youngest members of the staff; Fr. Froger and Fr. Schmitt, entered upon that brilliant course of student which enabled them to return in a few years with the degree of London M.A.

**The New College** :—was opened in January 1898 with 100 boarders and 89 day-scholars. Towards the end of the second term the plague made its first appearance in Bangalore and created a panic so that, in 1902 the total number of European boys, both boarders and day-scholars, had dwindled to 157. Fr. Vissac's health was shattered by twenty years of unremitting toil and he laid down the directorship.



In those twenty years, he had turned the obscure school he had found struggling for existence, into the popular St. Joseph's college which so many successful Old boys are proud to call their Alma Mater. He had built two spacious college, and — what is far more important — he had, by his example and tact, trained an efficient and self-sacrificing staff. Fr. Vissac will ever be remembered as the Founder St. Joseph's college.

**A Progressive Rectorship :—**Fr. Froger's Rectorship of twelve years, first from 1903 to 1913 and then from October 23rd 1915 to October 4th, 1916 witnessed the steady growth and progress of St. Joseph's college, till it was recognized as one of the leading European schools in India.

Of the many improvements brought about by Fr. Froger, none is more gratifying than the raising of the tone of the college. The Rector's first care was to form the character of his boys and to educate the heart and will as well as the mind. His large-hearted sympathy and genuine enthusiasm soon brought about a vast improvement; mutual esteem and good will knit masters and boy's higher ideal came into vogue; and manliness, loyalty to the college and courtesy, together with an inexhaustible store of cheerfulness and gaiety, became the characteristics of Fr. Froger's boys.

**Fide Et Labore** is the motto that Fr. Froger gave his boys with an artistic device consisting of a cross and two bees on the wing in quest of honey. Long before the college song called upon the college to unfurl the flag of Faith and Toil it was throbbing with life and industry.

**A New Bee-Hive :—**In 1904 a swarm of full-fledged bees flew from the mother bee-hive when the Indian section was separated from the European section. to gather their honey in friendly rivalry under their own queen, in their own hive.

**The High School Scheme .—**Was definitely adopted in 1910. It cannot be denied that it is an improvement on the old matriculation, as it exacts a higher standard of English composition and encourages personal, intelligent work. A year before, the Intermediate Arts had superseded the old F. A.

**Literary Activity :—**To encourage reading, new stock of attractively bound story-books was bought, and on Saturdays and Sundays our eager bookworms fell to devouring the adventures of Henry or Stevenson. A debating Society was started and our young orators delivered extemporaneous speeches to most responsive audiences. On the Christmas of 1910 the Annual went on its first errand to make the merriest day in the year still merrier for our boys and their parents. Several times a year, dramatic performances, which were prepared with faultless feste as to scenery and get-up offered to our actors an excellent training in elocution and drew



out the aesthetic talents of our artists. The stimulating effect of this many-sided activity was seen in brilliant results of the Public Examinations. There were two functions to which the Rector attached the greatest importance with a view to promoting a healthy spirit of emulation the public reading of the results of the Quarterly Examinations in the Hall in the presence of all the masters, and the Prize Distribution when he appeared in full academic dress with the cap and gown of the London M. A.

**On the Sporting Field:**—But none knew better than Fr. Froger how to pass from grave to gay and if there was a soft corner in his heart it was reserved for the college athletics. He looked forward to the Inter-School sports and Tournaments with as much eagerness as our players, and, when the day, came at last and our eleven went to uphold the reputation of the college, his tall figure was to be seen at the best point of vantage, and his eye kindled as if he regretted he was not a boy again to plunge into the fray.

**Growing Popularity:**—Though it is quality and not quantity that counts, a sketch of Fr. Froger's work would be incomplete if it did not notice the growing popularity of the college and the large increase in the number of its boys. The Annual Reports read at the Prize Distribution state that there were 100 boarders and 57 day-scholars in 1913. More boys meant more accommodation. Two new wings were built; the new hall and stage were adorned with exquisite taste.

The secret of Fr. Froger's success is to be found not only in his talents and winning personality, but also in the trust that he placed in his boys. He believed in their sense of honour and their immense capabilities for good, and he taught them to use their liberty to obey conscience more than the master's voice, and to dread wrong more than the punishment with which it may be visited. Under this mild and elevating rule, hearts and minds expanded and put forth their best qualities like flowers in the morning sunshine.

**The Indian High School:**—The growth of this institution, which is one of the most remarkable features of the development of St. Joseph's, may be said to date from 1907.

In that year, the students were removed from the stuffy little cellars in which the classes had been held to the beautiful three-storied building that runs parallel to Museum Road. The Rev. Fr. Blaise was its first Principal from 1904 to 1912. He clearly saw the proportion that this humble beginning would soon assume. The Bee-hive cellars buzzing with life convinced him of the necessity of taking steps to accommodate his ever increasing numbers. This problem of accommodation became more and more acute when the Rev. Fr. Aucouturier took over charge in 1912, but his ingenious brain soon found solution. Adjoining the



European High School there stood the Thornley Bank Buildings. They were property of the Rev. Fr. Froger, but this did not matter. Friends in need are friends in deed, and the good Father Froger could be persuaded to part with it as he was. With a Government grant of Rs. 30,000 Fr. Vissac's plans, Mr. Yate's warm support and Fr. Aucouturier's indefatigable zeal, a magnificent building arose on the ruins of Thornley Bank. Fr. Aucouturier's chef-d'oeuvre, it will ever remain to commemorate his name.

From 1912 to 1926, Fr. Aucouturier worked tooth and nail for his institution. The well-equipped Laboratories for Physics and Chemistry, the well-stocked library and the attractive little museum, bear ample testimony to his efficiency and his zeal. It must be admitted that pioneering work is never easy, and Fr. Aucouturier had no simple task before him. He was a man with a cast iron constitution as hardy as his countrymen; he was indifferent to food, dress and criticism; and went ahead in most determined fashion with the result that success crowned his efforts.

In 1926, Fr. Michel succeeded Fr. Aucouturier, and till 1927 ably carried on the work. As his health, however, failed him, he was obliged to return to France. From his departure till Fr. Browne took over charge in 1928, Fr. Veyssey acted as correspondent and Mr. Ramakrishna Iyer as Headmaster of the school.

Like the other sections of St. Joseph's, the Indian High School goes on a silent forward march in the manner of the busy bee, which is their emblem. The pioneering work over, it remained for the successors of Fr. Aucouturier to attend to the minor details of the school's requirements. A spacious Hockey and Football ground about four acres in extent with Hostel attached, was acquired two furlongs away from the school. The incentive given to sport helped the school to compete with the best teams of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, and not without success. Several trophies have been secured for Hockey and Football. The holding of sports has now become an annual function. An Old Boys' Association has been instituted and the enthusiasm with which all Old Boys respond to the call of their Alma Mater is a consoling proof of their attachment to their old school. The school hall now boasts of a stage on which little plays are enacted from time to time. The senior boys have their debating society, and a Scout Troop has been organized. In the backyard, which was not very attractive, two halls for manual training have been erected.

**Sound Leadership** :—On the death of Fr. Froger, the Rev. Fr. Leo Vanpe took up the reins of government. Born in Dunkirk and educated in Lille, he was destined to carry on the forward march of St. Joseph's. He came out to Bangalore in 1903, and was directly attached to the college. Many of us still remember



first appearance in the study Hall. His tall figure, his stately bearing and his serious demeanor did not require the rod to maintain discipline. To the little minds before him, he seemed born to command, and it was whispered in several quarters that he had been sent out to take the place of Fr. Froger, A splendid disciplinarian, a great musician, a good mathematician and a still better logician, — nothing seemed wanting to fit him for the post. Fr. Vanpeene, however, had no easy task before him, when he succeeded Fr. Froger in 1916.

The great War had already deprived the college of the valuable services of Fr. Schmitt and four of the Irish Brothers who promptly responded to the call. No new blood was likely to come out from Paris for some time, and some of the old heads shook as Fr. Vanpeene crossed the Rubicon. But the hardy North is never baffled by difficulties of any kind. In spite of financial stringency, insufficient staff, and human eccentricity, he struggled to maintain the noble traditions of St. Joseph's for eight long years.

The results of the Public Examinations during his period of office speak for themselves, while in the sphere of sports that college stood second to none. The stirring notes that ring out the Battle Call of Duty owe their conception to him, and his generosity presented the school choir with a beautiful Mustel organ, — the outcome of personal — savings during his Rectorship. The Old Boys of the Institution will ever remain grateful to him for having taken steps to set their Association on a permanent basis, and the present boys will always remember him for the fine cricket pavilion of which the school is so proud. It was during his tenure of office that the fruitful seeds of the present First Grade college were sowed; and although Fr. Vanpeene's service have been transferred to St. Patrick's Cathedral, his presence in our midst has been and will be for many years to come a source of strength in the maintenance in the high ideals so beautifully rendered in the college Song.

**An Important Step :—**A measure of first-rate significance was taken when the Intermediate Classes were detached from the High School of which they had been an appendage from the time of the affiliation to the University of Madras in 1882. Obviously, there could be no considerable development of college work without separate and suitable accommodation. In 1923, the Intermediate classes were removed to the top floor of the Indian High School, where they were housed pending the completion of the present handsome structure, and the Rev. Fr. J. B. Argaut was appointed the first Principal of the college under the new condition .

Successful application was made for affiliation to the University of Madras in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, with the result that the number on the rolls, immediately rose. One of the strong points of Fr. Argaut, who had all the energy required of a pioneer in work of the kind under consideration, was that he



looked ahead, and he was determined that B. A. classes should be opened. More difficulties than one confronted him, but he overcame them. The present college building on Residency Road was finished and occupied in 1925; an Inspection Commission appointed by the University of Madras visited the college early in 1926; and students were admitted to the B.A. Degree Course in July. Fr. Argenta who left for Europe about the middle of that year will always be remembered for his vigorous and successful efforts in connection with the expansion of Intermediate work and the commencement of classes under the B.A. Degree Course.

**A First Grade College** :—It was now the boast of a large number of old students that their Alma Mater could receive a boy in one of the primary classes and send him into the world as a full-fledged graduate of one of the oldest and best regulated Universities in India. The Rev. Fr. Veysseyre, who was appointed in September, 1926, as the first Principal of St. Joseph's College, conducted the management with conspicuous ability and success until he handed over charge to the Rev. Fr. H. Prouvest, on the 23rd May of this year, to proceed to Europe under medical advice. Fr. Veysseyre was not slow to realize and to meet the many and varied requirements of a First Grade College. The numbers on the rolls, the successes in the University Examinations, and the amounts spent on the Library and the reading room, on the Physics and Chemistry Laboratories, College furniture and on Physical Training and Sport, bear ample testimony to the development which the college underwent and the progress it made during the six years of his Principalship.

He established a Provident Fund for the twenty-three lay members of the college staff; and, in his last address to the students, indicated his intention to institute an Old Students' Association. In twenty-five years the number of students on the rolls has risen from 20 to 337, inclusive of 27 lady students. During Fr. Veysseyre's principalship, 74 students passed the B.A. Degree examination of the University of Madras. Of this number 13 were lady students, including 5 nuns. He was regarded by both staff and students as an ideal Principal, a sympathetic friend, and one who was always ready to understand another's point of view. His great aim, an aim which he may well be said to have realized, was to unite Staff and students into one happy family, and, while maintaining a high standard of discipline, to make the most junior member of the Staff and the latest admission among the students feel that they had as important a stake in the Institution as the Principal or the Senior Professors.

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## That was the week that was

WE in Indian High School, greeted the New Year that began on January 1, 1978 with special favour and significance. Any New year is an occasion for all of us to pause to look behind us and assess the road we have travelled, and to look ahead of us to scan the horizons of the just emerging future. With hearts full of gratitude for what has been, we await with confidence what will be. But this New year was unique. It was the beginning of our Platinum Jubilee Year. Our School was about to leave behind 75 glorious years of splendid service to inaugurate, what we hope, will be a golden future of adventures and achievements. Our mood on this occasion is best summed up in those beautiful words of Dag Hammarskjold:

" For all that has been, Thanks.

For all that will be, yes."

We had planned our Jubilee Celebrations to be an eloquent expression of our "Thanks" for the vivid past, and our "Yes", to the unknown future.

The Jubilee Day itself was February 4. But, we wanted to take it in small doses; to approach it in stages; to build up our enthusiasm gradually and progressively to a rising crescendo. Therefore, we drew up a programme of celebrations spread out over a week, from January 28 to February 4. That, indeed, was a week to remember.

Fittingly enough, the week began with a Concelebrated mass of Thanksgiving on January 28, 1978 in the School Grounds. Archbishop Packiam Arokiasamy of Bangalore was the Chief Celebrant, and Fr. Alexis Menezes, S.J., the provincial Superior of Jesuits in Karnataka was the Panegyrist. After the Mass, the Jubilee Celebration were solemnly inaugurated at a simple but meaningful ceremony. Representatives of former Principals, Parents, Teachers, Old Boys and the present Students joined in lighting the jubilee Lamp. Mr. T.J. Ramakrishnan, I.A.S., Administrator, Bangalore City Corporation, gave an inspiring message that launched the week of festivities on a right, lofty note, of enthusiasm and cordiality.

That these were in abundance was evident on the very next day, when we celebrated our Sports day. Nothing in the School, perhaps, arouses greater enthusiasm and energetic participation on the part of the students than the Play ground.



There the boy is in his element – open, transparent, daring and uninhibited. There he really enjoys himself. There he comes alive. Hence, we decided to dedicate the very first day after the inauguration of the jubilee week to Sports.

Predictably enough, the youngsters were in a highly excited mood. They had been looking forward to this day. They had been preparing hard for this day. They were tuning themselves up physically to this eventful day. Their bright faces wreathed in smiles seemed to vie with the riotous colours of the beautiful decorations and, their enthusiastic and full-throated cheers were quite a rival to the valiant School Band. The latter, of course, always in top form, was especially tuned to a fine pitch of excellence that brought spontaneous encomiums to the School.

Mr. Nizamuddin, DIG of Police, inaugurated the Sport Day on Monday, and Mr. Alexander, IAS, Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation presided over the Prize Distribution, the next day.

The displays and Mass Drill put up by the students were very spectacular.

If our School has been able to achieve the success that it has during the past 75 years of its service to the people of this Garden City, it is largely because of the willing co-operation that we have been able to secure from the parents of our boys. The formal education that we strive to impart in the School would have been nullified if it had not been preceded and followed by the informal education that continuously occurs in the home. We have been able to build up strong bonds of friendships, understanding and collaboration with the Parents over the years. And, this has brought the School and the Students nothing but good. That is why we deemed it important to devote Wednesday January 31 to entertain the Parents. We were eager that they should come in their hundreds to grace the occasion. Mr S. Bangarappa, the then Minister of Public Works, and a Parent himself, was the Chief Guest. Another Parent, and one of the staunchest friends of the School, Dr, Ramu, presided over the function.

The Variety Entertainment put up by the boys to felicitate their Parents, enlivened the evening. Our boys, enthused perhaps, by the presence of their parents in the audience, brought up a splendid show of histrionic and musical talents. The highlight of the evening as superbly planned and exquisitely executed dance items. The Audience was very appreciative, and, their generous ovation was directed as much to the teachers as the students. For, our staff had really toiled and sweated to make this day the grand success that it was. We crowned the day's festivities with a dinner for Parents and Teachers.

The following day was once again for the boys. We called it The Students' Day. After all, they are the soul and substance of the School — its *raison d'être*



And they seemed to be quite aware of their importance. The way they joined in the preparations — decorating the premises, setting up the stage, arranging the seats etc. clearly indicated that they meant to really make it a day to remember, a moment to cherish, a memory to treasure. Long before the function was due to start, the Campus was already filled with bright young live-wires in their neatly pressed School Uniform. And, the atmosphere was charged with fun, frolic and gaiety. Mr. M. Bhaktavatsala, Vice President, Film Federation of India, presided.

The boys put up a Cultural Programme, which, by all accounts, was of a high artistic order. The wealth of varied talents that these lads displayed amazed everyone present. The function was followed by dinner. It was quite an impressive sight — the whole Student Body sitting down for a meal together. Perhaps never has our School shown itself as one big family as on this occasion.

The same spirit of cordiality and esprit-de-corps prevailed on the following day, when we paid homage to our Teachers, past and present. Indeed, on a momentous occasion like the Jubilee, how can we forget the gallant band of dedicated men and women who have made the School what it is today? Really, Teachers are the very backbone of the School. And we, in this School, have much reason to be thankful to the Lord for the gift of experienced, scholarly and selfless men and women who have given of their best to this Institution all through its 75 glorious and sometimes stormy years.

Hence, Friday, February 2 was set apart for our Teachers. We wanted an eminent teacher to preside over this Teachers' function. And we found none more eminently suited for this honour than a noted teacher and faithful friend, Mr. K. Mallappa, DPl. Primary Section. We were also fortunate to have a distinguished Old Boy of our Sister Institution, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore — Mr. P. F. Rodrigues, Minister of Housing and Fisheries, as the Chief Guest. The teachers themselves put up a much-appreciated Cultural Programme.

One of the consoling and encouraging features of our School has been the strong bond of love and loyalty that the Old Boys have forged with their Alma Mater down through the years. Our former students fill in many important roles in all walks of life and in all strata of society. They have been our pride and our joy. They have been a potent antidote against any discouragement and frustration that the day to day administration of a large School as ours might bring. Their loyalty to their School has been unflinching, their generosity stupendous.

And so, we felt, that our Jubilee Celebrations would be incomplete without the Old Boys' Day being celebrated. Besides, the OBA was also celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year. And hence we had February 3 as the Old Boys' Day.

The day began with sports in the morning and ended with dinner at night. All through the day the past alumni flocked to their School, meeting old friends,



reviving old memories and greeting old teachers. At the function some distinguished old boys and former teachers were presented with gold medals. Justice Chandrakanta Urs, an old boy of the school Justice S. M. Sait, another old boy was one of our distinguished guest presided.

The cynosure of all eyes was a venerable old priest, whose life has been inextricably woven into the history of the Indian High School. Fr. William Picardo S. J., was one of the distinguished Principals our School was fortunate to have. With his youthful zest, his noble character, his forceful personality, his deep scholarship, and, especially his genuine and enduring love for his students, he has carved out a perennial niche for himself in the hearts of his numerous students. This octogenarian Jesuit, with his inimitably buoyant style kept the audience spell-bound, recounting some of the most significant vignettes from the hoary past.

The Cultural Programme and dinner that followed brought an exciting day to a joyous finish.

And, now at last the day of days, the D-Day, *the* day had dawned. All that was done in the preceding days was but a prelude to what was to come on February 4 — a sort of warm-up exercise; a kind of rehearsal of the real thing. This was the day everyone was eagerly looking forward to; this was the day for which everyone was tirelessly preparing — The Platinum Jubilee Day, And, just as we had wished, the day proved to be a fitting finale to our Platinum Week.

The Staff and the Students showed themselves to be equal to the task of making this occasion a memorable one. The function was efficiently organized, superbly conducted and highly appreciated. Mr. Subbiah Shetty, Minister for Education, presided and the Governor of Karnataka. Mr. Govind Narain was the Chief Guest. Mrs. Narain distributed the prizes. Fr. Hilary Pereira, our Rector welcomed the gathering, and, Fr. Sunith Prabhu S.J., our Principal, read the Report. The Foundation Stone for the Jubilee Memorial was also laid.

All in all, that was the week that was — a week to remember. Everyone of us, the Fathers, the Staff, the Students, the Parents the Old Boys and the Guests were filled with joy. We, in the School, clearly discerned the invisible but strong bond that binds us all together. We perceived those intangible little things that form the basis and reason for the School tugging at our heart-strings, filling us with deep emotions by its mere memory. "If you want to see a monument, look around you", sang an ancient poet. The monument that St. Joseph's Indian High School has built does not contain cement and mortar, but, flesh, blood and spirit. The hundreds of boys that have passed through her portals into life are the living monuments to her service. How else, then, can we conclude this account but by repeating Dag Hammarskjöld's words?

"For all that has been, Thanks,  
For all that will be, Yes."



## St. Joseph's College, Bangalore

### REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1904

During the current year an important change has taken place in the college. The European school, which in the upper forms was joined with the Native school, has been completely separated, so that the college now includes two distinct schools, examined by two different Inspectors. We look upon the change as a real improvement from several points of view; the boys of both sections have certainly benefited by it, and the task has also become easier for the masters. At the time of Inspection we had on our Rolls —

#### EUROPEAN SCHOOL

3 in the College Classes,

59 — High School,

72 — Middle School,

34 — Primary Department.

Total .... 168

#### NATIVE SCHOOL

34 in the College Classes,

199 — High School,

162 — Middle School,

124 — Primary Department.

Total .... 519



It gives a number of 687 boys for the two schools, thus showing an increase of 173 boys on last year.

The results in the F. A. are good, though not so brilliant as those of the previous year. Last year we passed 8 candidates out of 12, this year 4 candidates out of 9, one of them in the First Class, and 19th in the Presidency.

This year the Matriculation Examination was unusually hard. However we may well be satisfied with our success, if we compare our results with those of most schools in the Presidency; 12 candidates passed out of 32, which makes our percentage 37.5 while that of the University is only 18.7 out of 228 schools which sent up candidates, only 26 have a higher percentage than we have.

(Extract from the Annual Report for the year 1904.)





**Platinum Jubilee — starts with Thanksgiving Mass.**

1. Concelebrants in procession to the Altar.
2. Solemn inauguration of the Jubilee and lighting of the Jubilee lamp by Rt. Rev. Dr. P. Arokiaswamy, Archbishop of Bangalore.
3. & 4. Mass in Progress.
5. Homily by Rev. Fr. A. P. Menezes S. J. Provincial of Karnataka Jesuits.
6. Congregation prays in thanksgiving.  
Rev. Fr. H. Pereira S. J., Rector, leads the prayer, assisted by Fr. Ronnie Prabhu S. J.

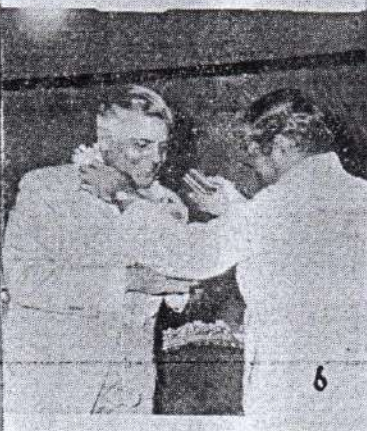




The Jubilee Lamp is successively lit by :

1. Mr. T. J. Ramakrishna I.A.S., Administrator, City of Bangalore on behalf of the parents.
2. Rev Fr. C. Browne, ex-principal, on behalf of the management.
4. School Leader — on behalf of the Students.
5. Mr. G. B. Varadhan — on behalf of the teachers,
- 3 & 6. The distinguished guests in a prayerful mood — Bhajans led by Fr. Pradeen and friends.





### Old Boys' Day

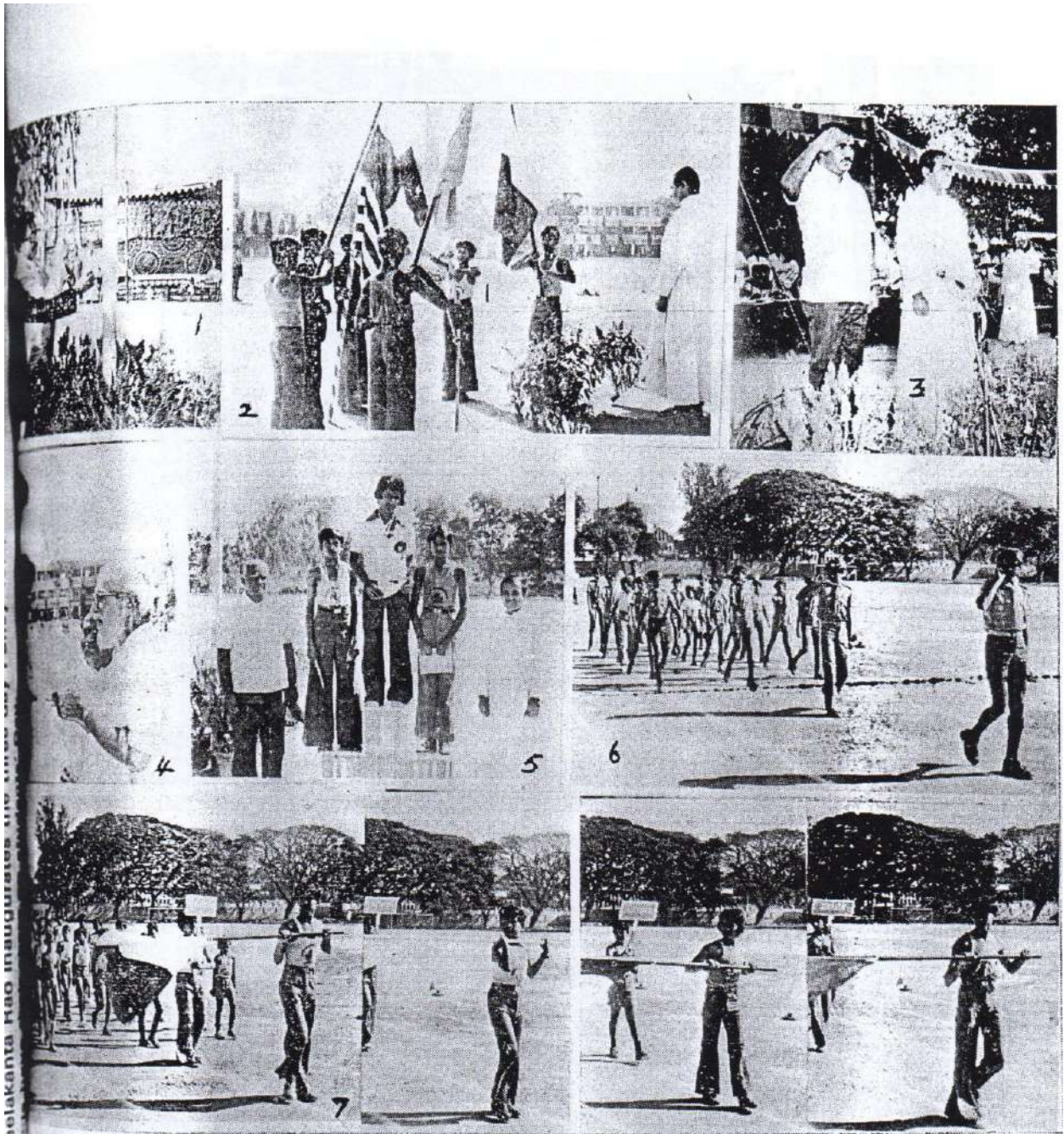
1. "By honouring you I am honoured" — mutual sentiment of Fr. William Picardo and Fr. C. Browne,
3. & 4. Frs. Valerian Farias, James Coelho, Edwin Fernandes, and Denis Coelho — past Principals honoured for their renowned service.
6. & 7. Distinguished O. B. A. President: Mr. Perumal Swamy Naidu; Distinguished Old Boy; Justice Chandrakanth Raj Urs. Distinguished Teacher: Fr. R. D. Tellis S. J. receive their share of honour.





1. Old Boys' dine with staff on O. B. A. Day.  
2. Mr. Neelakanta Rao inaugurates the three day Fancy fete.  
3. Students have their share on students' Day.  
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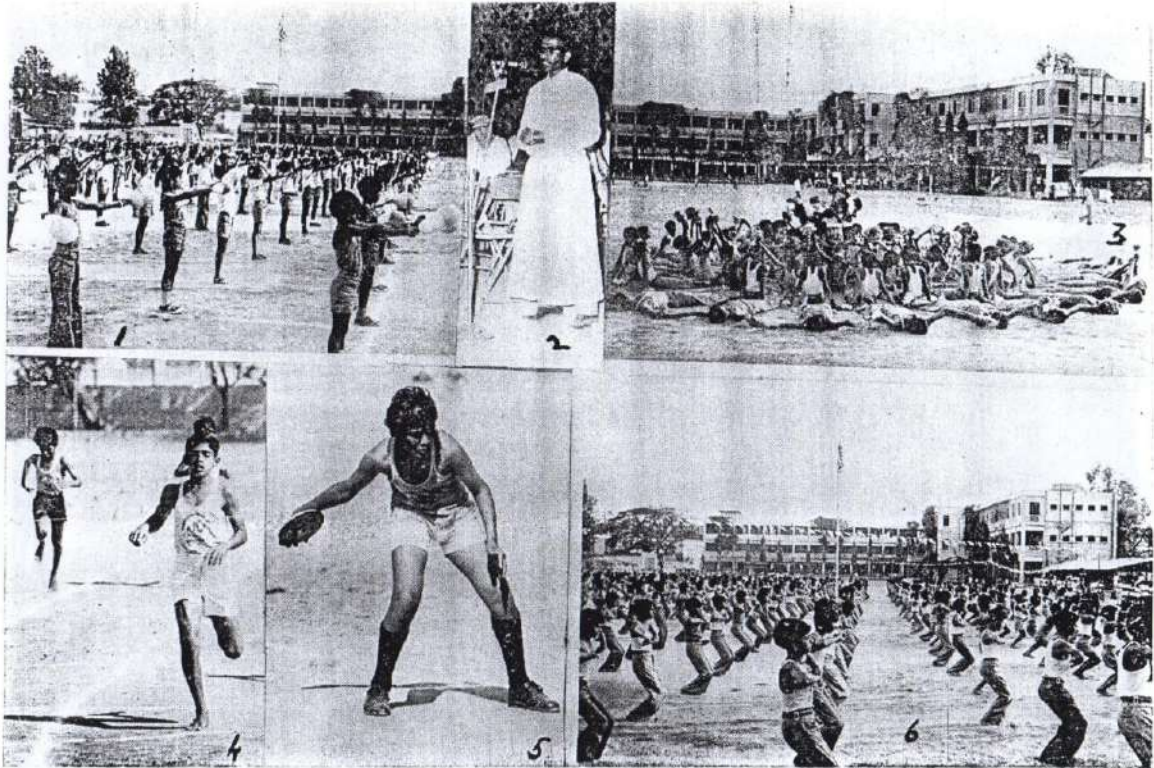


Mr. Neelakanta Rao inaugurates the sports day

### Jubilee Sports Day

1. Inauguration by an old boy Mr. A. P. Nizamuddin D. I. G.,
2. Oath-taking by school leaders and House Captains.
3. Mr. J. Alexander, Corporation Commissioner, presides and takes the salute.
- 4 & 5. Athletes honoured & rewarded.
6. Guard of honour by scouts.
7. March past.





Jubilee Sports Day

1. Middle School — Mass Drill.
2. Fr. J. P. Menezes S. J. organizer of the meet directs
3. Flower Drill by High School Students.





### **Students Day**

1. Chief Guest :  
Mr. M. Bhaktavatsa  
Vice-President, Film  
Federation of India  
South Indian Film  
Chamber of Com-  
merce.

President ;  
Fr. William  
Picardo S. J.



### **2. Teachers Day**

- Chief Guest :  
Mr. P. F. Rodrigues  
Minister for Housing  
& Fisheries (Kar-  
nataka)

President :  
Mr. K. Mallappa  
D.P.I. (Primary  
Section)

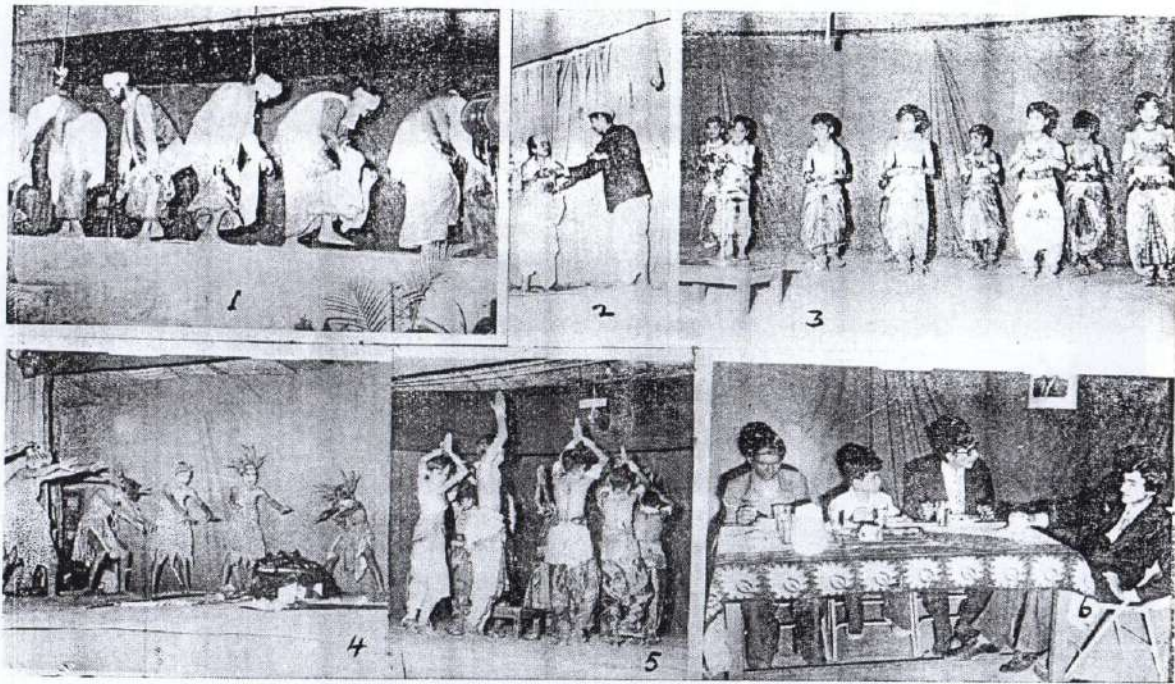


### **3. Parent's Day**

- Chief Guest :  
Mr. S. Bangarappa  
Minister for Public  
Works (Karnataka)

President :  
Dr. M. Ramu.

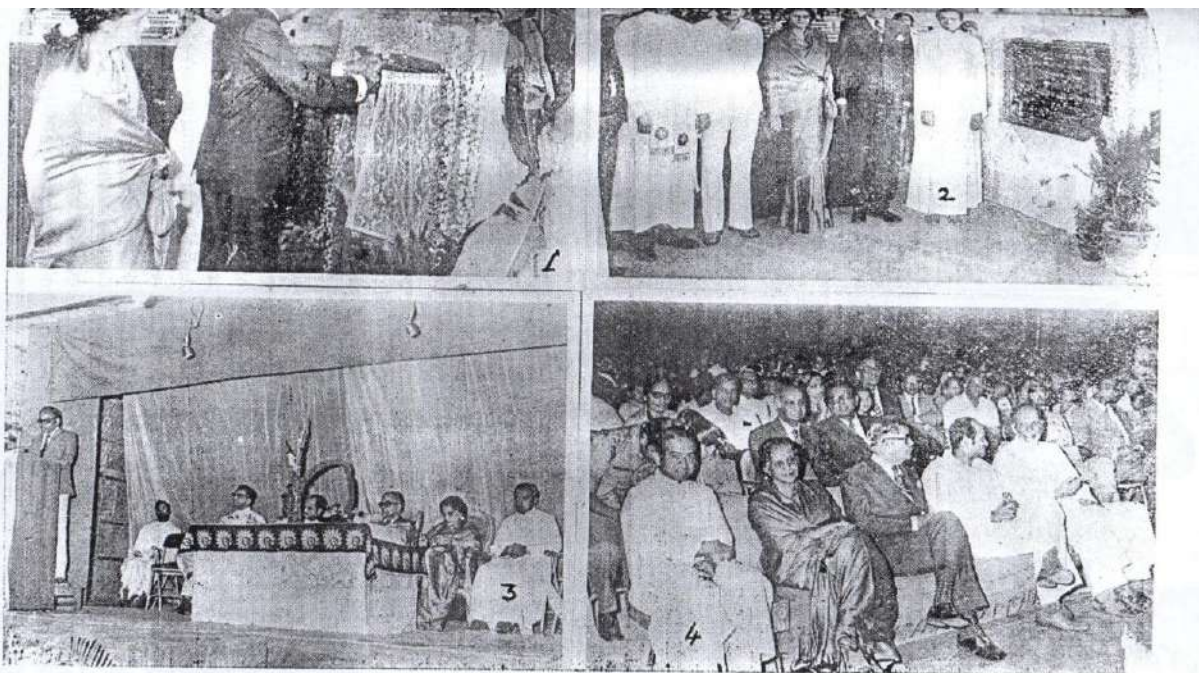




Jubilee Days Entertainment,

1. Bhangra Dance.
2. Chamannana Chiroti — Kannada Drama
3. & 5. Prayer Dance.
4. Naga Dance
6. English Play.





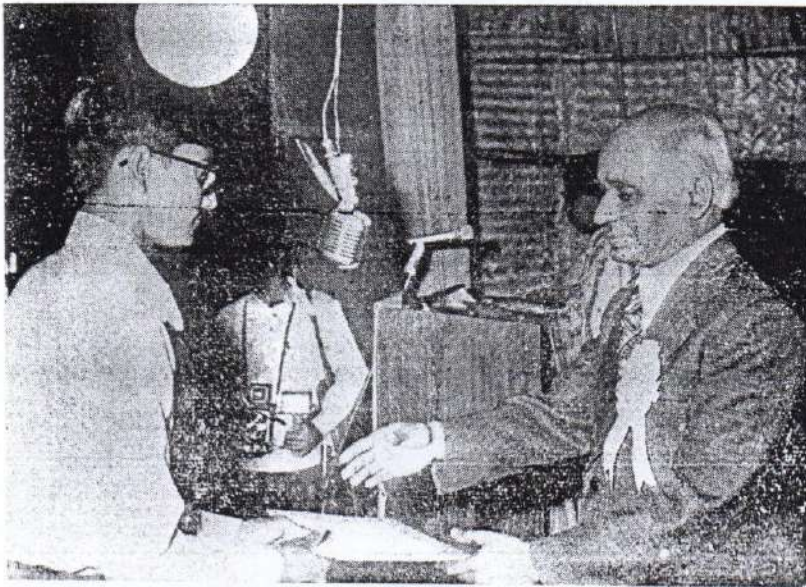
1 & 2. Foundation stone unveiled by His excellency Govind Narain, Governor of Karnataka and blessed by Fr. H. Pereira, Rector.

3 & 4. Chief Guests of the Jubilee Day Smt. & Sri. Govind Narain ; President of the day Mr. Subbayya Shetty, Education Minister (Karnataka), on the dais and among the audience.





Nritya & Gaana : part of the entertainment on Jubilee day.



Dr. M. Ramu awards certificate of honour to K. Subramanyam VII Rank holder in SSLC 1975



*Speech by His Excellency Shri Govind Narain,  
Governor of Karnataka, Chief Guest at the  
St. Joseph's Indian High School Platinum  
Jubilee Celebrations.*

Sunday the 4th February 1979 — 5-30 p.m.

Shri Subhaya Shetty, Hon'ble Minister for Education, Fr. Prabhu, Principal and other Members of the Staff of the St. Joseph's Indian High School, Beloved Students, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

My wife and I are happy to associate ourselves with the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of one of the most distinguished High Schools in the State, St. Joseph's Indian High School. It was started way back in 1904, practically at the beginning of this century. For 33 years, it was managed by the French Missionary Fathers. For the next 42 years the management has been under Karnataka Jesuits. A number of distinguished Principals and Members of the Faculty have striven hard during these 75 years to maintain the remarkable reputation of this Institution. The number of students that have passed through the portals of St. Joseph's Indian High School during three quarters of a century must run into many thousands. They include, I am sure many who have distinguished themselves in various fields of human endeavour and have contributed at various levels to the development of the country. The celebration of the Platinum Jubilee is a historic landmark and when an Institution started and run by a voluntary organisation serves a country in the field of education so ably for so many years it merits our wholehearted appreciation. My wife and I have great pleasure in conveying our cordial greetings and felicitations to St. Joseph's Indian High School on this happy occasion of its Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.



Government greatly welcomes voluntary effort in the field of education particularly in the field of Primary Education and as a next priority in Secondary Education. Primary Education is absolutely essential to one and all but the bulk of our population also need Secondary Education. Secondary Education initiates the young into the world's cultural heritage of science, the arts and the humanities. It is through Secondary Education that it will be possible to refine and develop the mental faculties in such a way that the young will be able to group situations and problems, view them in the proper perspective and make free and rational choices. Secondary Education prepares the young for playing their responsible roles effectively in society. It is desirable that as many of our young people as possible are able to secure Secondary Education and with well informed minds and well-developed positive approaches and attitudes contribute effectively to promote the country's social and economic development. In extending the coverage of Secondary Education Government's major role needs to be largely supplemented by voluntary organisations. Such organisations bring in often even a greater sense of commitment and devotion. The religious organisations in particular help in adding the much needed moral and spiritual dimension to the usual concept of education. Character-building is the very essence of education. Mere communication of knowledge will not fulfil the fundamental objective of education. We need all-round education which provides physical, intellectual, moral and cultural training to our rising generation. I am very happy that such a balanced system of education has been the ideal of St. Joseph's Indian High School.

The motto of the School is '*Fide et Labore*'. Faith in God and hard work in studies and in the service of humanity are the ideals placed before the students. Professor Einstein has observed that the most beautiful and the most profound emotion we could experience is the sense of the mystical. The idea of the Holy is innate in man who is a denizen of both the material and the spiritual worlds. Religion invests life with a profound sense of absolute value which comes with a realisation of one's essential spiritual nature. I am very happy that a sense of the highest values is inculcated in the students here and there is a spiritual and moral atmosphere consistent with the principals of secularism. St. Joseph's Indian High School though run by the Jesuit Fathers, keeps its doors open to students of every creed and colour. As a writer has put it, "All liberal religions have great and abiding principles which are their corner-stones, the brotherhood of man, the fatherhood of God, the perfectibility of man, the superiority of reason to superstition, the presence in the universe of certain undergirding laws of justice, goodness, mercy and love." to realise these great ideals requires continuous and disciplined effort. This institution is doing very well in inculcating in its students a perfect sense of discipline and the highest moral.



The need of the hour is to enable our students to be effective change-agents in our developing society. Our Constitution envisions an equal society where there is a perfect sense of justice. We find that educational opportunities are denied to a large number of our boys and girls for want of a sufficient number of schools and because they come from poor families. A part of the pronounced disparity that we observe is due to the difficulty that the weaker sections of society have in sending their children to schools of approved quality. I am therefore very happy to learn that St. Joseph's Indian High School which is already providing certain facilities to poor students envisages building up a sizeable Poor Students' Fund to enable more students from the weaker sections of society to have access to the more efficient training available in such an institution. The main thrust of our current plans is to improve the quality of Secondary Education and make redoubled efforts to ensure that the disadvantaged sections of society are also able to share equally in the benefits of such efficient training.

This Institution is also planning to develop its laboratories in order to cope with the requirements of the recently upgraded and modernised syllabus in the sciences. I am very happy that a good deal of attention is being given to developing in our young students a scientific outlook. Better teaching of mathematics and the other sciences will be of crucial service in the modernisation of our society. At the same time, Fine Arts and the Humanities need to be given equal attention since not only the rational and intellectual side but also the imaginative and the moral and spiritual sides of human personality need to be developed so that man develops a well-integrated personality. St. Joseph's Indian High School has done well to think of constructing an Auditorium for the use of its students as well as the students of neighbouring schools to assist in the pursuit of the Various Fine Arts and of dramatics and in organising a variety of cultural programmes. These are commendable ideals the Institution has set for itself to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.

I am glad to hear that the School has four Houses into which it groups all students — Loyola House, Nehru House, Tagore House and Homi Bhabha House. Their names suggest Spiritual Development, Social and Economic Development, Aesthetic Development and Scientific Development. At the same time, St. Joseph's Indian High School has established a great name in the field of sports. I am happy to learn that among its old students are numbered great Athlete like P. C. Ponnappa and David Premnath and Cherian, P. Thomas, great Cricketers like Syed Kirmani, Banger Binny and Sanjay Desai, eminent Footballers like Abdul Sattar, Anwar Baig, Sampiah, Damodaran and Sarmad Khan, distinguished Table Tennis players like Kumar and Chess players like Ravi. I understand that Justin Pinto Prahhu and Vithiminarayanan the distinguished mountaineers who scaled seven peaks in



seven days during 1967 are also old Josephites, St. Joseph's Indian High School has been serving society in the field of education with the greatest zeal and devotion and many Josephites have distinguished themselves bringing name and fame to the nation.

While I have had great pleasure in laying the foundation stone for the Platinum Jubilee Memorial Hall, my wife has great pleasure in distributing the prizes to the Winners in the various cultural and sports competitions that have held. We convey our felicitations to all the winners.

My wife and I extend to St. Joseph's Indian High School our cordial greetings and felicitations on the occasion of its Platinum Jubilee as well as our best wishes for the Institution to serve our society in the field of Secondary Education even more effectively for many more years to come. May it grow from strength and celebrate its Centenary in the fullness of time!

JAI HIND

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*A message given on behalf of the parents on the  
occasion of the celebration of the Platinum  
Jubilee of St. Joseph's Indian High School,  
Bangalore.*

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Rt. Rev. Bishop. Rev. Fathers, Rev. Mothers, Sisters, Ladies and  
Gentlemen.

I am happy to have this privilege of speaking on behalf of parents on this  
important occasion. I sincerely thank the School Authorities to have given me this  
opportunity.

At this Platinum Jubilee Celebration, we parents look back with a deep  
sense of gratitude for the excellent services rendered by the School for the genera-  
tion of all the children who have had the privilege of passing through the portals  
of this School. Such excellence of service is rarely found and perhaps more rarely  
valued. I sincerely hope that we parents of this generation whose children are  
studying here now will not be found wanting in appreciating the education for life  
our children have received in this School. How can we show this appreciation?  
In other words what can we do in return for the School? How shall we repay  
the dedicated service rendered by the School to the generations of families who  
are privileged to study in this school?

In the Book of Genesis in the Holy Bible (4 : 26) when Adam's wife Eve  
gave birth to a son who was called Seth and later gave birth to a son and called



him Enosh. " At that time men began to call upon the name of the LORD " Why? It is not strange that men began to call upon the name of the LORD at this time. Now generations of men will follow. History will be made. Law and civilization will become necessary. Once we see a woman with a child in her arms we see the cradle of law and civilization. The child will have to grow up and be able to replenish the earth. This is possible when the woman and child are surrounded and supported by law and civilization. Such law and civilization do not suddenly spring up without the foundations of a sound education. This is where the School has made a singular and significant contribution through its dedicated men of faith and labour. The dedicated teachers of this School have helped to form, shape and mould the minds of boys all these 75 years to face with courage and with a sound mind to meet the challenges of the times in which they lived. But this task cannot be left to the teachers alone. Parents have a role to play in this as well.

Parents by virtue of their being parents have a singular advantage in the development and personality of the child. Their love, sympathy, appreciation, understanding even admiration when deserved surely go a long way in helping the child to gain confidence and fortitude. When the grown up child as a citizen takes his share of social and civic responsibilities he is able to repay the education he has received in the School. In other words the education the child has received in this school is not merely a means to an end such gains a position in life. Once the position is secured, the grown up adult remembers his Alma Mater and further her interests by the exemplary life he leads bringing out only credit and honour to the School, but peace, prosperity and progress wherever he is. If the definition of education is private meditation for public practice, then, surely this School has given sufficient training of the mind to the child to practise the lofty things he has learnt here. In plainer language, he spreads the education he has learnt at the School to be of positive benefit and advantage to the people around whether at the work place or at home. This is a responsibility cast upon us as Parents to make sure that our children will not merely receive an education to land a job, but rather to use the education gained for the furtherance of satisfying the needs of their fellowmen. In closing I am reminded of an ancient Persian proverb which says :



“ He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not is a fool  
shun him ;

He who knows not and knows that he knows not is a child,  
teach him ;

He who knows and knows not that he knows is asleep, wake him ;

He who knows and knows that he knows is wise, follow him.

Needless to say, we want our children to be wise men and not fools. To  
goal let us rededicate ourselves and help our children to repay with gratitude  
they have gained from the School is being and becoming what they are  
able of doing.

**Theodore John Ramakrishnan, I.A.S.,**  
Administrator, Bangalore City Corporation

&

Divisional Commissioner,  
Bangalore Division.

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## *RAMBLES OF MEMORIES OF MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER :*

It was in later 1924, I had an opportunity to be temporarily on the teaching staff in lieu of permanent teacher who had gone on leave, and who could not return for duty in time due to heavy showers and floods in the Cauvery river in South India. Rev. Fr. Aucouturior of the French Foreign Mission was the Principal. When my temporary service ceased, the shrewd Father that he was, I must have made an impression on him since he asked me to meet him again at the end of June 1925. I met him accordingly on 29th June 1925. One will not believe when I state that he simply handed over to me a teaching timetable and directed me to take a class immediately after he introduced me to the students. No written order for my appointment. Well, my services continued till my retirement on 1st June 1961.

Continuously enough, in June 1926 when the school reopened, Principal Fr. Aucouturior had been transferred, most unexpectedly, as a Parish Priest in K. G. F. Rev. Fr. Michel stepped into his shoes as the next Principal. He sent for me specially and told me that I should continue as a permanent member of the staff as per the advice of Rev. Fr. Auc.

Rev. Fr. Auc was an all-rounder in teaching though he was an expert in Physiology. Fr. Michel has a soldierly mien, but his heart was that of a child. Fr. Michel and Fr. Auc both left for France in mid-summer 1927.

From June 1927 to June 1928, I remember, the school did not have its Principal. As before, Fr. Visier, who was the college Principal, was also incharge of the school administration. If my memory is right, it was in June 1928, Fr. C. Browne became the Principal of the School and continued so till 1938, when the Jesuit Fathers of Mangalore took charge of the St. Joseph's Schools and College. Rev. Fr. Joseph Coelho S. J. was the next Principal in the new management. He was a noted disciplinarian.



During the earlier days of Fr. Browne's Principalship, I had the privilege of organising Literary activities of the High School students. In passing, I may mention that our school team played a Hat-Trick in winning the R. B. A. N. M's Doraiswamy Memorial Elocution Shield and annexing it during Rev. Fr. William Picardo's Principalship.

Rev. Fr. William Picardo S. J. who came as the Director of St. Louis Boarding House succeeded as the Principal, since Rev. Fr. Joseph Coelho was transferred to Mangalore. Fr. Picardo was an all rounder and took interest in all the activities of the students. His interest in Sports, Games and Literary activities were no less in studies. The least encomium we can give him is that his name has been written in bold letters in the annuals of our school.

During Rev. Fr. Browne's Principalship, the spacious playground was purchased, next to M/s. Webbs in Mahatma Gandhi Road. The House System was introduced to be named after former Principals, later. Among the teachers, who were the House masters, I was incharge of the Michel House for nearly 25 years. It was the Jubilee Celebration for it. This house with Mr. V. P. Ramakrishna Naidu as the Captain has made the presentation of a shield for awarding for Sports activities. It could boast of several stalwarts in Hockey and other games.

A word of high compliment to Mr. A. Arokiaswamy the then Physical Instructor will not be out of place at this juncture. Fr. Picardo got a Pavilion built in the school ground during his Principalship. And Mr. Arokiaswamy richly deserved the dwelling accommodation there with Fr. Picardo's blessing. Mr. Arokiaswamy who happened to be my student in my first year of service, was a specialist in training students in club-swinging and pyramids, entertainment show on annual Sports Finals. It gives me joy to find that he continues to have the same affection and respect to me ever since his student days and later as a colleague of mine.

Soon after our India attained Independence, our school had to come under Mysore Educational System. School discipline was always at the highest, and I believe it continues to be so even now. Strikes among the Teaching Fraternity for any purpose was unknown. Our S.S.L.C. Results continued to be very high as they used to be under the Madras system. Later, changes came in the curriculum of the Reorganised Mysore State which in recent years has been named Karnataka.

Teachers used to retire at 60 in the old days. In fact, I was reluctantly allowed to retire at 61, in view of the Government stopping their grant in my case. I feel grateful and elated at the high compliments paid to me by the several Principals as well as the various Inspecting Officers from Mr. J. A. Yates, I.A.S., to Mr. Krishna Rao D.D.P.I. of Mysore State.



The Souvenir published on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the school and the Silver Jubilee of the Old Boys' Association was the product of the co-operation of the then Principal the late Rev. Fr. Saldanha S. J, and the O. B. A. Committee of which I was the Hon. Secretary for 15 years and more.

I am delighted that I was presented with a silver medal, among a few retired teachers on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of the school and Golden Jubilee of the O. B. A. on 4th February 1979 by the venerable President Mr. V. Perumalswamy Naidu B Com.,. Incidentally I may state it was his Silver Jubilee as O.B.A. president. Now I presume a lot of young blood has come into the committee as is proved by the honour they were shown to so many retired teachers.

Last but not least, a few words about the new building accommodating the whole school. As the secretary of the O. B. A. I was happy to accompany its President Mr. V. Perumalswamy Naidu and the then Principal Rev. Fr. James Coelho S. J. in going round to meet several persons for donations for the construction of the new building near the Kanteerava Stadium. We met first the late Archbishop Pothacumary, who gave his Hearty Blessings with a three digit cheque as the nucleus for our ambitious plan for the new construction. Many well to do and philanthropic old boys readily responded to our appeal with liberal donations. When the ground floor was under construction, Rev. Fr. James Coelho S. J. in a talk with me expressed his apprehension if the school would flourish in the new structure. I soon impressed upon him that the new building would be an ideal place for calm and undisturbed study, as well as for games, Within a few years, the Kanteerava Stadium activities falsified my anticipation of calm study.

In conclusion it is my pride and joy that I served the St. Joseph's Indian High School for 3 dozen years, with devotion to my duties both in the classroom and in the Games field, as has been evidenced by the compliments made to me by the Heads. Rev. Fr. James Coelho S.J's. name must be written in letters of gold in the present new building although I had not the good fortune to hold classes there since I retired earlier.

**Sri. N. M. V. Subramaniam, B.A., B.T.**  
*Retired Senior Master.*



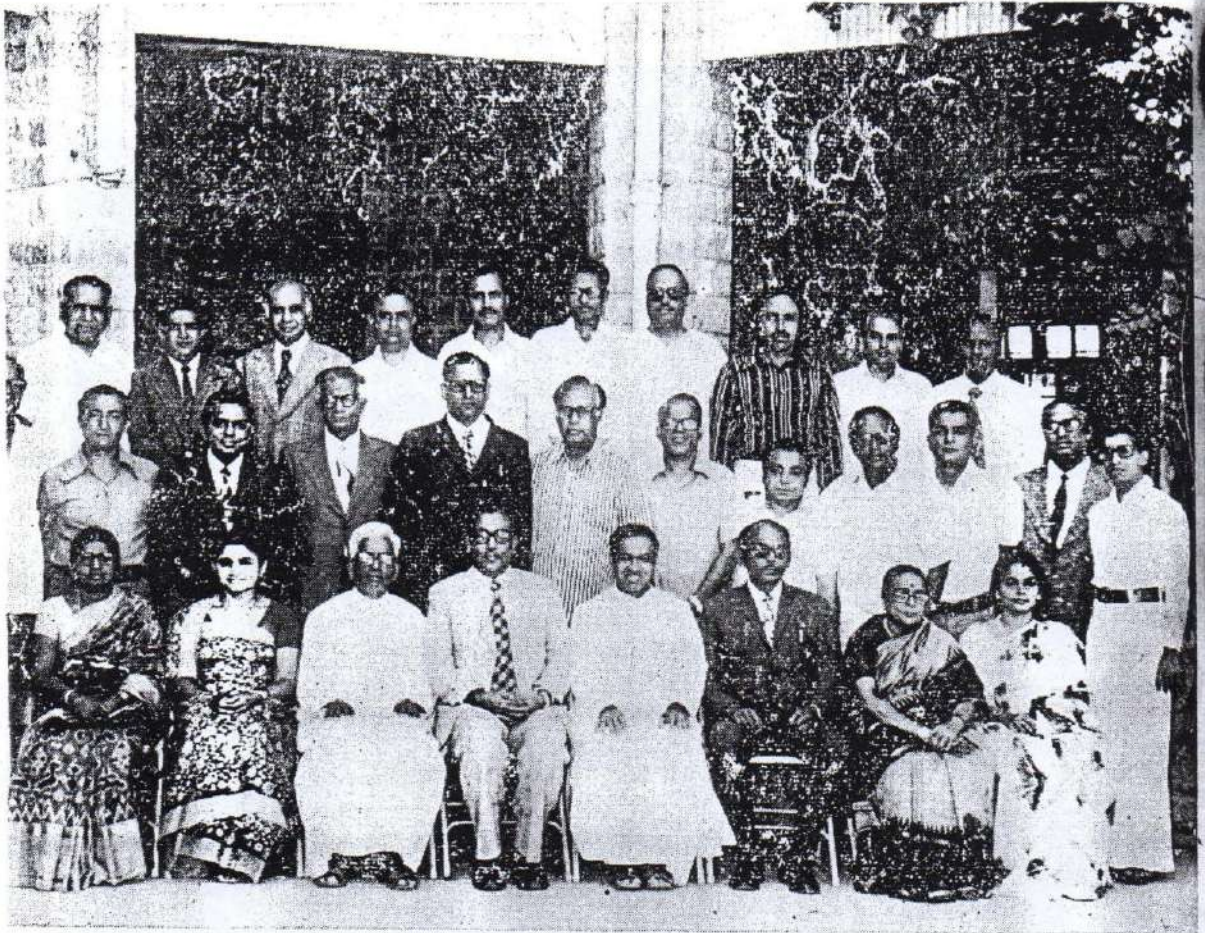




Nutan Musical Nite — to raise funds for Jubilee Programme.

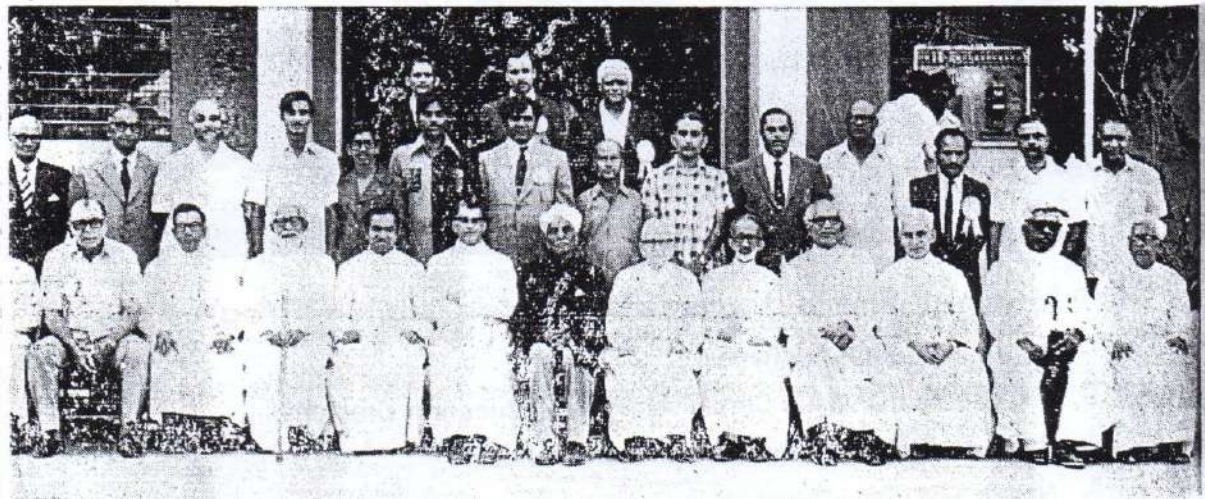
1. Nutan greets the audience.
2. Mr. Charles D'Mello Commissioner of Education presides
3. Rajendra Butala Compeeres and entertains.
4. Nutan & Vinay in duet.
5. Enthralling a 5000 strong crowd.





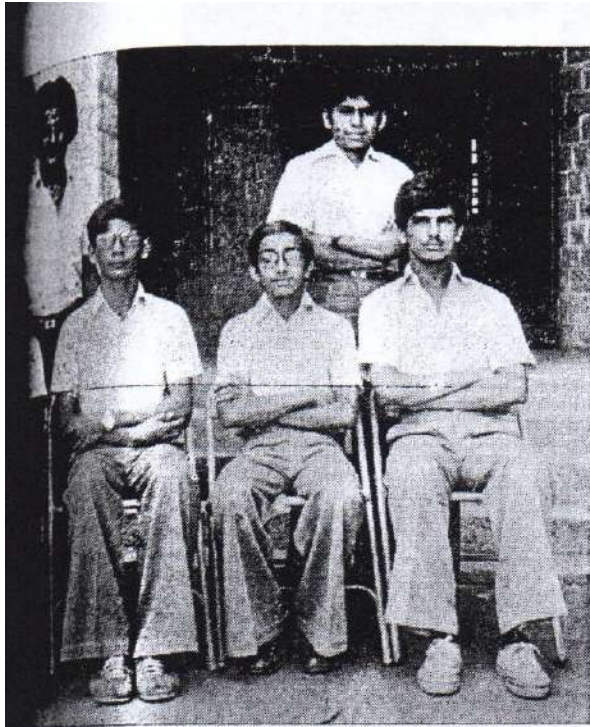
ey Worked hard "

1. Members of the Platinum Jubilee Planning & Executive Committee.



2. B. A. Committee members with Past Principals and Vice-Principals — a rare meet.

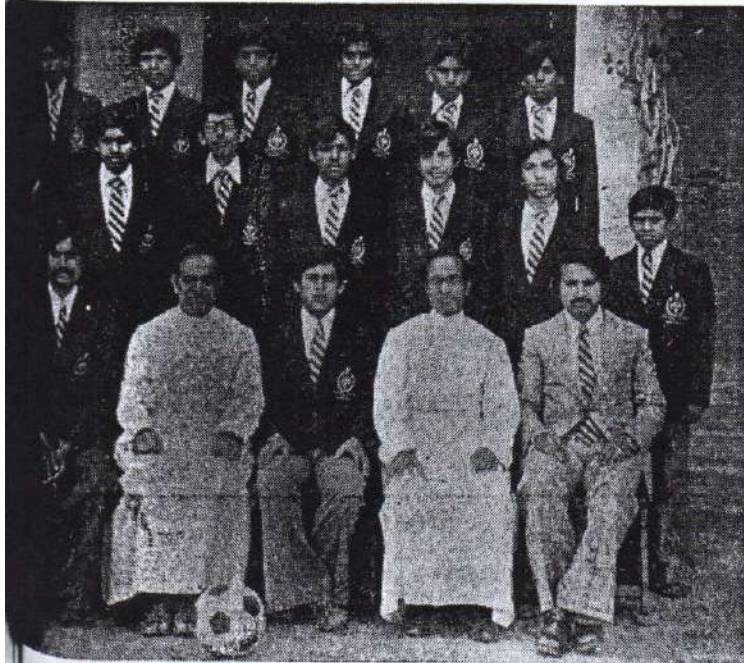




g: Satish Nayak (Bhabha house) Anurag Anand (School Leader) Arvind N. (Deputy School Leader) Rajendra (Tagore House).  
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Ashok P. J. — President Scout.

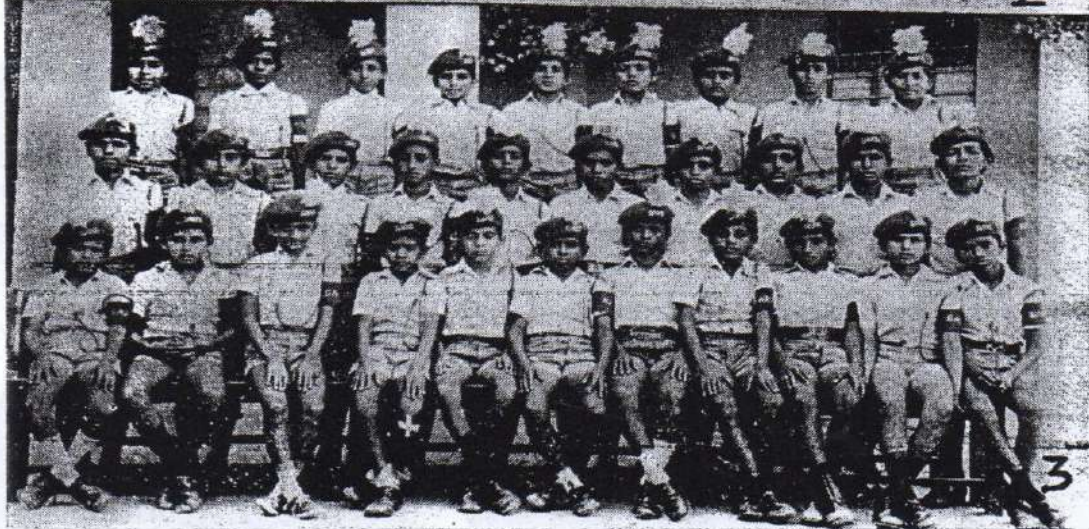


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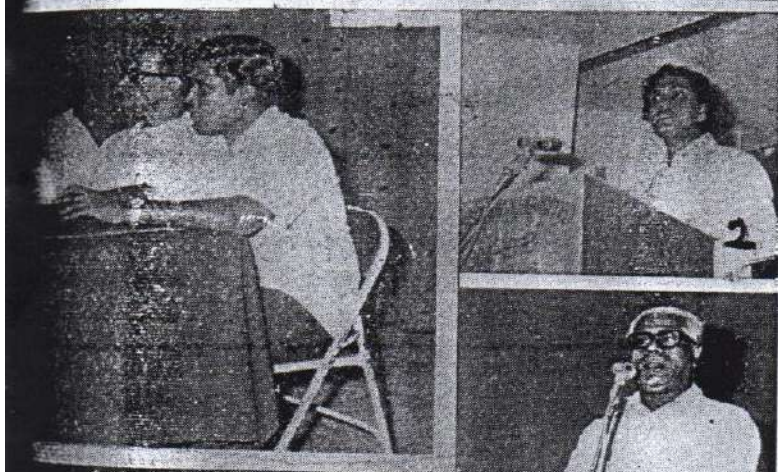
Sree Hari — Participated in  
 Republic Day Parade.





1. N. C. C. Cadets who brought home trophies for Bangalore Division and State Level competitions.
2. Students Association of Road Safety (SARS) winners for allround performance at Bangalore Division.
3. SARS Middle School Section





on of Kannada Sangha by Mr. M. Bhaktavatsala  
 B. D'Souza President of Sangha watches.  
 e-Rafiq-urdu Mr. Sadiq welcomes the Chief Guest  
 agsood Ali Khan, M.P. the President of the day.  
 a Mandal: Mr. V. S. S. Sastry welcomes the Chief  
 Chandra Kumar

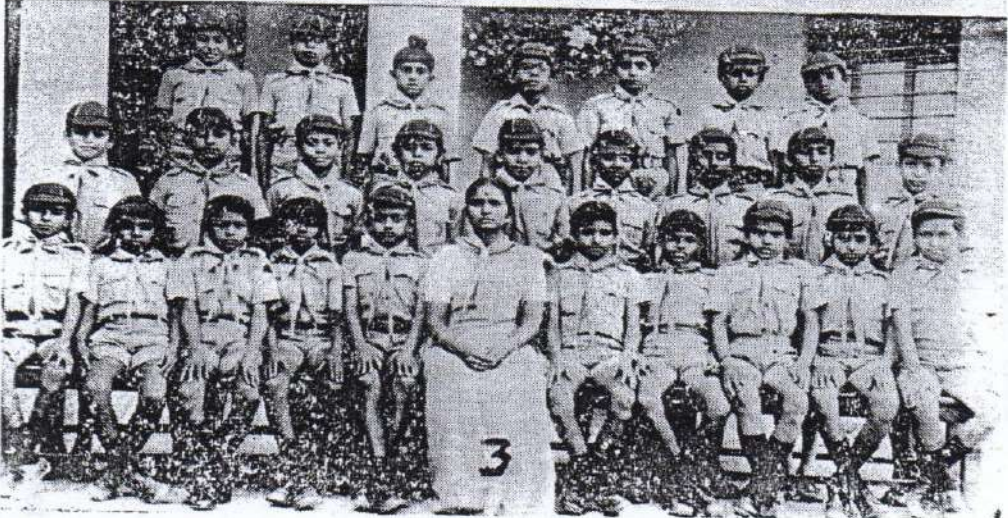
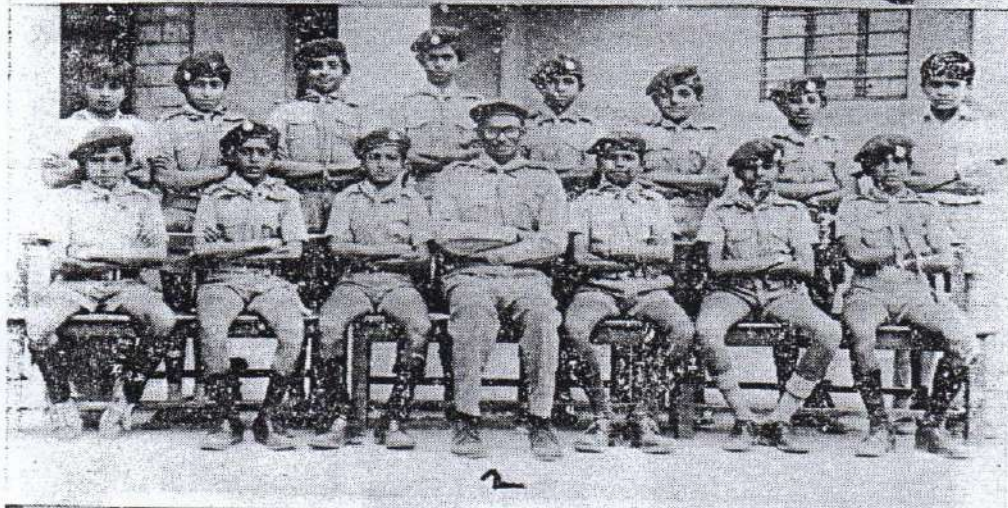
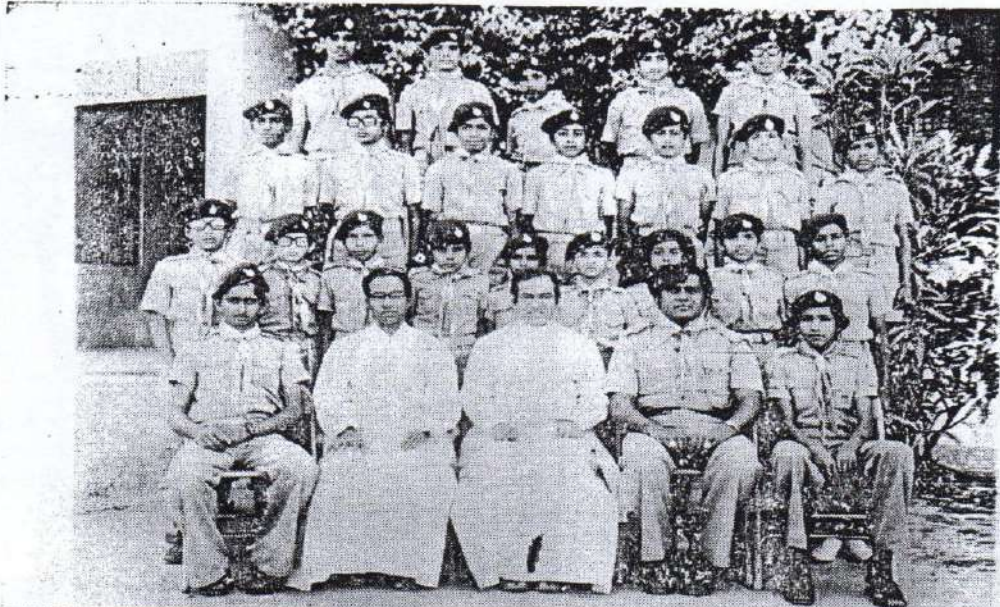


Ajit Kumar — first in 1500  
 metres event open to all  
 school.



Chandra Kotekar — won a  
 prize at State Science  
 exhibition.





1. High School Scouts
2. Middle School Scouts
3. Middle School Cubs.





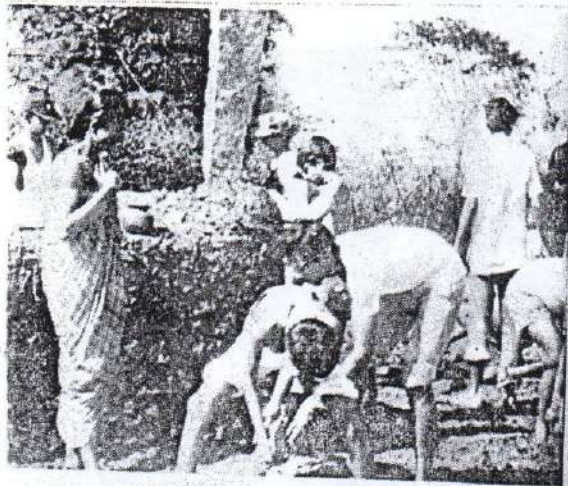
School Band under the batonship of Fr. A. S. Rodrigues S. J.



State Relay Champions.

State Cricket (B.T.R) Runners up.



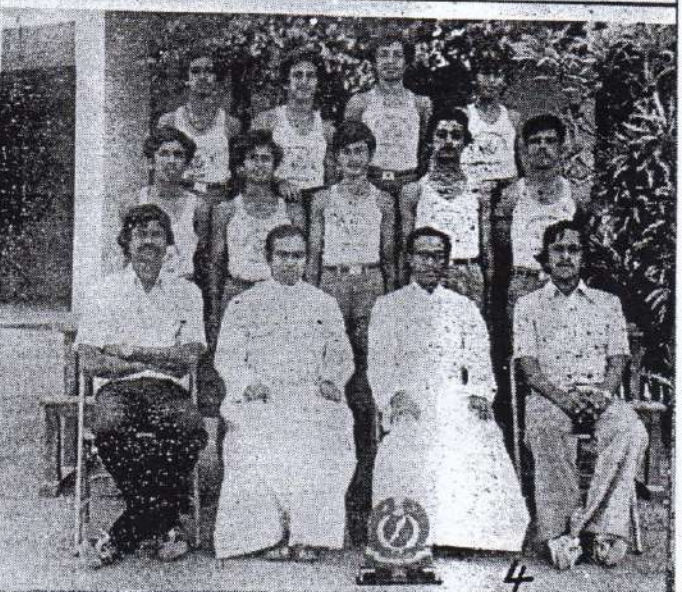


**Social Service :** Our Campers help a widow at Anekal build a house.



**Runners up :**  
**Junior Cricket Tournament**



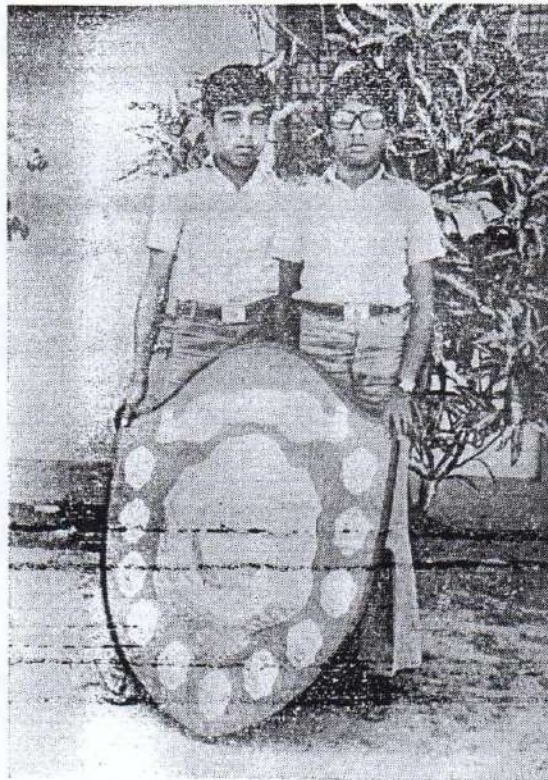


1. Competitions Winners : Foot-ball. 2. Taluq Level Sports : Champions and Winners  
3. Competitions Winners : Hockey. 4. Pedagogic Competitions Winners : Basket-ball.

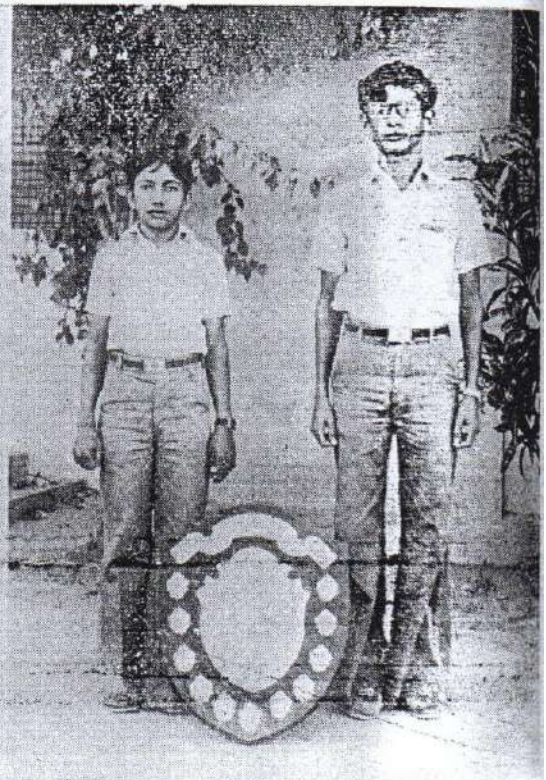




Skaters two — Brothers too! Preetam & Prem Fontes  
Winners of all trophies.



Viswanath & Prakash Rai  
I & II Prize Winners of  
Inter - School Kannada  
Debate.



Girish Kumar and Anurag  
Anand I & II Prize Winners  
of Inter - School Hindi  
Debate.



Letter from Rev. Fr. William Picardo S.J.  
Principal 1943-1952.

Dear Father Prabhu,

I wonder if we have met? Even if we have not, there is a link between us. St. Joseph's Indian High School! (The City Schools called it: SANJEEVAPPA'S School!) I am delighted with the news of the two Jubilees. But I doubt you are equally delighted with my silence. What you have said about my standing in the Josephite circle certainly called for a quick reply. But alas! your letter took two months to reach me.

You have asked for my reminiscences of the old School. Here they are, belated though they be. I was connected with the school for sixteen years every moment of which I enjoyed more than I can say. Nowhere else have I been so long and so happy. I can never forget the staff, the students, and the Old Boys. It was their combined effort that built up the reputation of the school.

One special feature of the School is often in my mind and never out of memory; those House Socials at 36, South Parade. They used to be the most resounding social event in the life of the School. House Masters and boys put up six fantastic houses on the playgrounds and vied with each other in attracting attention. The Houses glowed and glittered with blue, white, green, yellow, red and orange lights and rang with laughter and good cheer to the accompaniment of the gramophone, the radio, and the loud-speakers. The boys stayed on till 10, 11 p.m. and some even till mid-night and only reluctantly left their Houses: AUC & MICHEL, VISSAC & BLAISE & COELHO. Occasions like it helped forge strong links between the School and the alumni. But, alas, they had to be dropped during the war years, thanks to the rationing!

Another celebration which brought the boys and the School together was the Annual UNION DAY, when the whole family of St. Joseph's assembled in diverse societies as the English Literary and Debating Society, the Kannada and the Tamil Sanghams, the Andhra Saraswata Sanghamu, the Anjumane Rafeeq-E-Urdu, and the French Academy. The members of these societies hailed from the different



nooks and corners of the vast sub-continent, from the Provinces and the Indian States, from the French and the Portuguese possessions in India, even from Burma, Ceylon, and distant Singapore. They belonged to different castes and creeds and even races, and spoke some fifteen different languages — but all of them, conscious of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man met and acted as one body. The Union Day used to be a day of great emotion, and, at times, tears welled from our eyes, as we sat listening to the speeches of Masters and pupils.)

The year I remember best is 49-50. The School had greater success before that, but it was in this or that field of activity or of individuals like Hilton Christodoulos who won the Thompson Medal for the first rank in English in the Bangalore Lower Secondary Examination. But, taking all our activities together. I think 49-50 was our peak year, so that Mr. Narashimhan, Headmaster of the RBANM'S School once remarked that he had never seen a school so successful as ours. Our success in the BLS was a record, with 117 passes out of 117, 78 in Class I and 39 in Class II, and we won the Maindappa Prize for the First Rank in the Station. As for Games & Sports, we made headlines in the local press: Splendid Show by St. Joseph's. St. Joseph's Sweeps the Board, St. Joseph's does it again. To cap it all we won the Maharaja's Cup for ALL-ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP year after year.

What struck me most was the religious spirit of the boys. Before the morning session, there used to be a signal for individual prayer, and the boys were expected to stand where they were and raise their hearts and minds to God for his blessing. Old Anthony would shout if anyone moved. The boys took the order so strictly that they stopped dead even on the road, unmindful of the heavy traffic. One day, I gasped when I saw a tiny tot who was nearly run over at the cross road where traffic was the heaviest.

We once had a benefit show. The boys were expected to pray for its success and sell the tickets. They prayed and the daily collection was a thousand for some days, till, finally, I asked them to stop praying, as I did not know where to hoard all that money which was greeted with a loud applause. I don't remember what happened afterwards. Whenever I was in trouble and told them about it, someone would shout, "Let us pray, Father." The words were often heard, during tournaments, when we were in danger of getting licked.

What comforted me most was the affection which marked the entire family of St. Joseph's. All loved the school, Old Boys, and the Staff, teaching as well as the domestic. During the war years, graduates got a better deal more attractive employments than teaching; but the staff remained loyal to the school, When



thanked them for their loyalty, they corrected me, saying that there it was not loyalty but love that kept them in the School. Some did leave, but only to take up the Headmastership in other schools. Once I advised Chowrie to seek a more lucrative employment in the Hindustan Aircraft Factory, but he said, "I can't leave St. Joseph's, swami!" Dear Anthony and Chowrie! how attached they were to the School. Anthony lived in the School and died in harness. His funeral was held in the School, which was attended not only by the students but also by the O.B.'s Anthony knew how much I wanted the boys to win every tournament I never missed watching them, and he would accompany me, saying; "Today the boys will win, Samy" The boys too loved the School. What I have said above as well as the Old Boys' Corner in the School Annual is a witness to their affection. Once, one of our Fathers asked a boy why he wanted to join St Joseph's, and his reply was: "The boys know how to behave."

Twenty-five years ago, I left St. Joseph's on transfer to Calicut. It was a painful parting after sixteen years and the send off at the Railway Station by the Staff and students and the Old Boys only made it more so. The platform was crowded and my compartment was loaded with flowers. Though some 3000 miles separate me from the dear old School not a day passes without my remembering it. It is often in my mind and never out of my heart!

28th November 1978.

Yours sincerely,  
**William Picardo, S. J.**



## The Old Brigade.

They toiled and suffered and gave the best they had to educate the youth  
for many and many a day, many and many a year :

“ They are gone those familiar faces.

Gone with the past.

They are changed those old familiar faces.

Changed and recast.

Time can only touch them — all but the core.

Memory can recall them — memory restore.

Those faces and places so well loved of yore

Unchanged to the last.”

For all the blessings and the nobler gifts of heart and mind that moulded their characters and taught them the real value of life, Old Boys look lovingly back to those noble men:—Mr. P. V. Ramakrishna Iyer, their Head Master, Mr. M. P. Parameshwara Iyer, senior Maths master; Mr. G. K. Krishnamurthy, senior History master; Mr. B. V. Krishnamurthy, History assistant, Mr. K. Srinivasan, Science Master; Mr. N. M. Venkata Subramaniam, Maths assistant; Mr. T. A. Mohan English assistant; Mr. T. A. Jaychand, Maths assistant, Mr. Abdul Basheer, Urdu Master; Mr. K. V. Desikachar, Head Master, Middle School Section, Mr. K. Srikanthiah, Head Master, Middle & Primary Section, Mr. Arokiaswamy, Sports Master, Mr. Seetharam, the cashier, Messers. Anthony and Raju, the attenders.

They loved with all their heart the stern dark corridors and class rooms of the Old School; the thick walls that encased their simple life, the youthful spirited boys that flash by shouting, pushing, cheering in the excitement of their games, the hard working days that left but little leisure, filled with the drudgery of teaching and the dreary correction of home tasks; but mellowed by the hopes that their labours were not in vain and that the tide of boys ebbing to and fro would carry away with them something of what they wished to impart.



They have left but their memory lives and remains like beneficent ghosts .  
for many years to come they will haunt still the rooms and corridors and halls of  
their Old School.

An Old Boy sent me these words :

“ When I remember all  
The friends so linked together  
I have seen around me fall  
Like leaves in wintry weather,  
I feel like one who treads alone  
Some banquet hall deserted,  
Whose lights are fled  
Whose garlands dead  
And all but they departed.”

In 1937, the good Jesuit Fathers came to Bangalote, because they were  
asked to. They entered the good old House entrusted to them, not unmindful of  
the glorious traditions attached to that house.

“ They came from another vineyard,  
To sow and reap and labour  
Away from familiar skies ;  
For the clarion call of duty  
Had rung out brave and true  
In another garden of the Lord  
The labourers were too few.”

They are now with us and we are grateful and proud for what they have  
done, for what they are doing and for what they will do,

Cyril Browne.  
Captain of The Old Brigade.





## AULD LANG SYNE — ALMA MATER



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It is 28 years since I came out of the portals of St. Joseph's Indian High School. Yet I have always cherished with pride and joy the memories of my great Alma Mater that made me a Josephite. The renowned edifice of the School and my reputed teachers have been always a source of my inspiration. Of these, Rev. Fr. William Picardo, S.J., our Principal then, is a person to be recalled loudly, but with love and reverence.

Stately and trim from tip to toe, in his spotless cassock: cerulean eyes, and sparkling smiles, he was a charisma that I had fallen in grip with at first sight hardly before I knew that he was Fr. Picardo, the Principal of our School. In his talk or walk, gesture or posture, there was dignity that inspired confidence and courage in all of us. At our assemblies, he was always seen standing head-and-shoulder high among other members of the Staff. His speech was crystal clear, accent impeccable and singing soul-touching. It was from him that we learnt to sing the "Jan Gana Mana" and "Ring Out The Battle Call Of Duty" our National as well as school anthems. He was forbearing and forgiving but not those who did not know these two prayers.



When it came to discipline, our Principal was a hard granite. Serious matters he took seriously. But he was a disciplinarian with a difference. He "spared the rod" for us, and yet, he did not spoil us. Where teachers failed with rod, our Principal succeeded with the mere lift of his forefinger or a sharp electro-kinetic look.

Whether it was in classroom or sportsfield, Fr. Picardo was a tower above us. A tower that always came down to pick us up and raise us to his standard. He exhorted us to become real sportsmen and not mere prize-fighters. It was during his time that St. Joseph's rose to its zenith of glory bagging almost all the coveted first prizes both in curricular and co-curricular activities.

We were also fortunate to have had a team of utterly dedicated teachers who were drawn to teaching by the sheer power of vocation. They were all in unison with the Principal and the true sense of our School-Motto. "FIDE ET LABORE", they toiled with unflagging faith and made our School shine like a cynosure.

I do not remember exactly when, but a moment had arrived in my student-life, when I had to step, for the first time, into our Principal's room. I did make myself bold with all the love I bore for our Principal. But I was overwhelmed with reverential fear (which I, have even now) and with faltering feet I had managed to grope in. The Principal was quick to gauge me up. Without batting an eye he spoke to me in Konkani and restored me back to my confidence. With his firm but benign hand he patted on my shoulder, "cheer up my boy," he had said, "do not be afraid". That was our Principal who taught us by his own practical examples of love, give and seek no returns.

I looked forward to his classes with a soul-stirring enthusiasm. Those were no classrooms but mini-theatres, and Fr. Picardo, a born actor, rhapsodized even dry feelings into jive realities by the dint of his histrionics. Getting into his Moral Science Classes was like finding a treasure-trove of thrills, experiences and experiments. There was no subject left untouched. We hurled all kinds of questions at him and he showered us with solutions which he himself had tried and tested. "God Sees Me!", "Conquer Yourself!" "God First, Others Next, Yourself Last!" were his often repeated words which keep on reverberating and enkindling our spirits into living better daily lives.

He always cautioned us against accidents, both Moral and Physical and taught us meticulously how to avoid road-accidents. But the inevitable did happen!



One day as a group of us were returning from a picnic, my cycle was hit by a car and I was thrown prone on the newly-tarred road. There were bruises on my knee-joints and ankles, and wet tar bespattered all over my clothes. But this did not worry me so much as the fear of being encountered by the Principal. I had whispered a wee prayer to Mary, the Mother of God so that the Principal did not come to know of the accident. But the Principal not only came to know of the accident but also rushed to the spot at once. Like a frightened sparrow I stood before him waiting to see the sparks of punishment in his eyes for my negligence. Instead, what I saw in our Principal's eyes was mist of pity and kindness. "God saved you my son," he said lifting his watery eyes heavenwards in gratitude. That was Father William Picardo, a real loving father whose love for his children knew no barriers.

Institutions have risen and Institutions have fallen during this long period of 75 years. But St. Joseph's has marched ahead from Victory Stand to Victory Stand. And St. Joseph's will march on forever. The Men responsible for this Marathon March to success, were and are Men of Moral Calibre and Educational Fibre. Men who devoted themselves to God and dedicated Duty. Many of them have come in and gone out of the portals of St. Joseph's in the capacity of admirable Principals, eminent Teachers and dutiful Administrative Staff.

With Fr. Sunith Prabhu, buttressed by his erudite and experienced Members of the Staff, the School has discovered a great innovator with insight. As he peeps into the past glory of the School, he will plan for its future grandeur.

The last 75 years have gone. They have gone for ever. But never without a purpose! They went ahead of us so that they could mail us a gift, a gift that is "75-YEAR GREAT" — THE PLATINUM JUBILEE!

With filial love and a pupil's joy and respect, I reverently fold my hands in veneration of our Glorious ALMA MATER as we celebrate HER Grand PLATINUM JUBILEE. And with eyes welling up moist gratitude, I sing "TE DEUM". May God shower on the Students, Staff and the Principal of St. Joseph's Indian High School, the venerable "Temple of Learning", heaven's choicest blessings so that the Josephites, carrying aloft the banner, "FIDE ET LABORE", and singing with fervor the Song, "RING OUT THE BATTLE CALL OF DUTY", may march ahead serving the cause of Education for years to come "AD MAJOREN DEI GLORIAM".

**Fr. Joseph D'Silva.**

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## *Old Boys' Association Completes Fifty Years.*

It was after burning the midnight oil for a couple of days, I discovered from the records available that the idea of organising an Old Boys' Association of St. Joseph's Indian High School dawned in the minds of Rev. Father C. Browne, Sri. K. V. Deshikachar and many distinguished old boys sometime in nineteen hundred and twenty eight. They met informally several times and finally set the ball in motion with the blessings of Sri, J. A. Yates, the then Inspector of Schools of Bangalore and Coorg. Thus was born the O. B. A. From its infancy to this day, it was nurtured with great care by many loyal old boys.

It was indeed the proud privilege of Rao Saheb C. N. Suryaprakash to be the first President and Rev. Father C. Browne to be the Vice-President and ex-officio Treasurer of the Association. Sri. Muhammed Saleh and Sri. K. V. Deshikachar as secretaries extended their unstinted support for the growth of the Association. Rao Saheb Suryaprakash was the President for eight years. The first general body meeting of the O. B. A. was held in December nineteen hundred and thirty eight when our school had already come under the new management of the Jesuit Fathers of Calicut. Sri. M. V. Muthukrishna Naidu who had succeeded Rao Saheb Suryaprakash tendered his resignation as he was transferred to Madras. It was then that Sri. V. Perumal Swamy Naidu was elected the President and was re-elected year after year for forty years. Sri. V. P. as he is dearly called, shaped the destinies of the Association till nineteen hundred and seventy nine.

The Association celebrated its silver jubilee in the year nineteen hundred and fifty four. The silver jubilee of the Association synchronized with the Golden Jubilee of the school. The year was written in letters of gold in the annals of the O. B. A. As in the past, the O. B. A. never failed to show its attachment to the school in recent years. The Association spontaneously and enthusiastically gave a warm reception to an old principal, the much loved Rev. Father W. Picardo who had come back from Africa to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the



Society of Jesus. An address and a token gift was presented to Rev. Father C. Browne, the founder of the Association in appreciation of his fruitful services for the cause of education.

Tracing the growth of the Association is not an easy job. The more I write, the more remains to be written. Similarly it is a difficult task to enumerate even a few Josephites — if not all — who have distinguished in life. For, if I enumerate from a fine cricketer who has donned the colours to represent our country in international cricket to a disciplined soldier who was the recipient of a George Cross in world war the second or from a seasoned politician to a distinguished doctor or engineer, it will be as voluminous as this Souvenir or perhaps more. It is heartening to note that many of them have written to us expressing their willingness to serve their Alma Mater. They have not been able to do so for one reason or the other. But as Milton put it :

‘ They also serve who stand and wait ’

I find neither enough space in this Souvenir nor adequate words to express our gratitude for the yeoman services rendered by the former Principals and secretaries of the O. B. A. in shaping the destinies of the Association.

I will be failing in my duty if I do not write a few words about Sri. V. P. He is simple and unassuming. He earnestly devoted himself to the duties of his office in an exemplary manner. He was instrumental in bringing forward many sound proposals for the betterment of old boys. The Association rightly honoured him by making him the first Patron of the O. B. A. My association with him as the Secretary was for more than a decade and I realised at the end when he laid down his office that

‘ Many individuals have, like uncut diamonds, shining qualities beneath a rough exterior ’

We have never been conservative. In the early seventies many old boys and Reverend Fathers voiced their opinions about starting a separate wing for young old boys. After considering the pros and cons of the proposals it was dropped for obvious reasons. On the other hand, a serious thought was given to



revitalize the Association by Infusing more young blood. It is at this juncture, the present young and dynamic Principal Rev Father Sunith Prabhu gave a fillip to the activities of the Association. Strict as he is, he has strained every nerve to give a new life to the Association. Under the able guidance of Rev. Father Pereira, the Rector, Rev. Father Sunith Prabhu and many old boys, we could make the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the O. B. A. a success.

In conclusion, I record that the O. B. A. has always strived hard keeping in view its aims and objectives to conduct benefit shows to help the needy. It has instituted a number of prizes and scholarships for the benefit of poor boys. I hope and trust that the O. B. A. will continue to work hard to live up to the expectations of the old boys, their Alma Mater and all its well wishers.

**C. V. Krishnaswamy,**  
(Former Secretary O. B. A.)





## With Grateful Hearts



**Leo Mascarenhas**

We thank thee Lord, for what thou'st done, —  
 To us, our school, from the time 'twas begun,  
 We thank thee for thy benefits, so good and bountiful,  
 For all this, and much more we are so grateful.  
 St. Joseph's Indian High School, a great institution,  
 Is praised by past students, without hesitation ;  
 Their achievements have brought a great name to the school,  
 But they say, they owe their greatness, to this great school.  
 That their children, are in the portals of  
 St. Joseph's Indian High School,  
 And all have to follow each and every rule ;  
 It is gratifying for parents to dwell,  
 For they're sure their boys are guided well.  
 We proud students of St. Joseph's Indian High School  
 Thank our parents for choosing their school,  
 Their's heartfelt thanks to our teachers as Well  
 For they sweat to carve our future well  
 ' Faith and Toil' is our motto grand  
 By which we students strive and stand  
 And we'll be true to our Alma Mater forever,  
 No power on earth our ties can ever sever.

**Leo Mascarenhas,**  
*VIII D.*





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