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the Editors
Desk*

"Anybody can make history; only a great man can write it," said Oscar Wilde. Apart from the exaggerated 'Wildness' of this observation, one can appreciate the difficulty he ascribes to the historian's task.

"But of course, writing history, however hard it may be, is not one hundredth as hard as making history. In this case at least, the late Prussian Chancellor Bismark is nearer the mark. He said; "History is simply a piece of paper covered with print; the main thing is still to make history, not to write it." As recorders of a history that has been in the making for forty years, we can only feel overwhelmed by the dedication and effort involved in the process. We are sure the reader too would have the same feeling.

It is not to the task only of writing history that we have addressed ourselves here. We have tried to set it against the background of the community and its awakening; against the backdrop of the general educational context of our land. We have also attempted to glean from a representative section of our alumni and of our retired staff their impressions of Farook.

However ambitious our efforts have been, they are bound to be less than comprehensive. Perhaps there are aspects we have failed to notice; personages who have not received a much-deserved acknowledgment. We only hope there are no serious errors of omission or commission.

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Forty is a time to pause for a look-back and to march forward. It would be proper if this occasion prompts us to make a self-assessment and self criticism, to ask ourselves if we have been making progress towards our set goals.

While history may not always compliment us, it will never fail to instruct and inspire. In the case of Farook College, however, it has been all the three-a tribute, a lesson and an impetus; the most touching aspect being the sense of belonging that the name Farook has always evoked.

Hence, this history, lest we should forget. And hence these recordings so that we might relive and get inspired. Hence, again, these gleanings from the past. They might help revive and rejuvenate the spirit that made all these possible!

Here it is! To the quaster after roots, a Chronicle. To the statistician, a Register. And, of course, to the observer, an Album. A very selective one at that!

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*See you not how
God sets forth a parable?
A goodly Word
Like a goodly tree,
Whose root is firmly fixed,
And its branches (reach)
To the heavens,—
It brings forth its fruit
At all times, by the leave of its Lord'*

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