

ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENTED BY

Shri. K. A. JALEEL

Principal, on the College Day on 21st February 1969

I am glad to have the privilege of presenting this annual report to this august assembly today, in the presence of our esteemed Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Shri. K. C. Chacko. Naturally it is not possible to recount fully all the activities of the college in a brief report like this. I shall rather content myself by giving a bird's eye view of the many sided activities of the college.

New Courses and Strength of the College

The College has started two new branches of study this year at the degree level. In B. Sc., we have instituted Botany as a Main subject with a strength of 36 students. In B. A., we are now offering English Language and Literature as an optional subject with the twin aim of securing a steady stream of well prepared students for the M. A. English course and also producing competent teachers in English for the Secondary Schools. We have also expanded the facilities in the Physics Department and increased the strength from 24 to 40.

The strength of the college today is 1702 including 192 Lady students. The class-wise distribution is as follows :—

Pre-Degree Junior :	398
Pre-Degree Senior :	444
First year B. A. :	100
Do B. Sc. :	172
Do B. Com. :	70
Second year B. A. :	87
Do B. Sc. :	140
Do B. Com. :	71

Third year B. A. :	56
Do B. Sc. :	97
Do B. Com. :	38
II M. A. English :	10
II M. A. Arabic :	4
II M. Sc. Maths. :	15
Total :	<u>1702</u>

There are at present 82 members on the Teaching staff and 51 members on the non-teaching staff.

University Examination

The performance of our students was good in the University Exams. In M. Sc. out of the 7 students who appeared for the examination 5 passed, one of them securing a First class and two of them securing Second class.

In the B. A./B. Sc. we presented candidates only in Economics and Zoology since we had discontinued the other courses for one batch three years ago owing to the reorganization of courses.

The pass percentage was 56 in Economics and 61 in Zoology.

In Pre-Degree out of 426 students presented only 191 passed, the percentage being only 45 which was much below our usual level. There were 15 first classes and 50 second classes.

In the second year B. A., 41 out of 57 passed securing a pass percentage of 72.

In the second B. Sc., 51 out of 87 passed, pass percentage being 59.

In Second B. Com., 13 passed out of 38 the percentage being 34.

College Library and Reading Room

One of the special features of our college is the ample library facilities provided. The Library works from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. and the staff of the Library work in two shifts. We have spent in the course of the last two years more than Rs. 50,000/— for improving library. The number of volumes at present is 16,460 excluding volumes of periodicals. The college is also subscribing to most of the learned journals connected with the subject of study in the college. There is a separate Reading Room for light journals and newspapers. It is gratifying to note that the improved arrangements have elicited good response from the students.

College Union and affiliated Associations

We have effected a thorough revision in the organization and direction of the various extra-mural activities in the College. The aim was to intensify the activities by increasing student participation at all levels. An Executive Committee was constituted for each Association. Besides a senior Member of staff being the Vice-President, another active member of the staff was nominated to the Committee as the Director. Students were included in the Executive Committee and there was a student Secretary also. These changes produced the desired effect and most of the Associations were working vigorously. It is not possible for me to catalogue all the activities for they have been numerous.

Dr. Ahamed J. Mathews, Professor of Sociology, Ennamera College, New York, Dr. C. M. Francis, Principal, Medical College, Calicut, Sri. N. N. Pillai, well-known Malayalam Dramatist, Mr. Walter Greenwood, the Editorial Consultant of the Thomson Foundation, Shri. M. Joseph, the District Collector, were a few of the distinguished persons who addressed the Union and the affiliated associations.

We have established also a separate Association for the Women students, another for the Day Scholars and a third one for Non-Hostel Residential students.

The Fine Arts Association celebrated the Fine Arts Day on a grand scale when they put on boards a full length drama and various other items. The function was inaugurated by Shri. Thikkodiyan. The Fine Arts Association participated in the Arts Festival organized by the Calicut Arts Centre. The College Music Club has been practising music and has developed a good orchestra. Our students have been frequently appearing in the A. I. R. Calicut in their Quiz Programme in English and Malayalam and drama and Music performances and their Yuvasakthi Programmes.

The Planning Forum has been continuing its Grow More Food Campaign. It has also set up an Information Centre and organized several meetings to discuss topics relating to Planning.

Audio-Visual Education

One interesting development of this year is the expansion and popularization of audio-visual educational programmes. We have received the loan of a Film Projector from the U. S. I. S. and we are steadily supplied with a stream of films by the Ministry of Education, the Cultural Units of the various Embassies, such as Netherlands, France, Denmark, New Zealand, U. A. R. and the British Council besides the U. S. I. S. These films are screened in the evenings for the Hostel students and in the lunch interval for the Day Scholars. They have been a rewarding experience, because they had the effect of a conducted tour through many countries of the world. They increase the mental horizon and help international understanding and stimulate our students for better progress, seeing so vividly how fast the rest of the world is progressing.

Physical Education and N. C. C.

The Physical Education Activities of the college are organized and supervised by the

Physical Education Council which is a composite body of teachers and students. We have extensive playgrounds. A few more for Volley Ball and Badminton were provided this year. These ample facilities were fairly well used this year, but I have still a feeling that many more students could have participated in games more vigorously.

Our Volley Ball Team reached the Semi-finals in the Kozhicode Zone, our Foot-Ball team were also the Runners-up in the Kozhicode Zone. Both missed victory in the finals narrowly. K. Alikutty of our College was selected for the Calicut University Volley Ball Team for Inter-University Games.

The Annual Athletic Meet was organized on a grand scale on the 14th and 15th of February. The Meet was presided over by Dr. Balsalam of the Medical College and the Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Balsalam.

The individual championship Cup was won by K. V. Ahamed Koya and the Women's Championship was shared by Miss. T. A. Zubrah and Miss. V. K. Sarada.

In the Kerala State Sports Festival held at Trivandrum the first place in Wrestling was won by Sri. K. V. Ahamed Koya. The Second place in Weight-lifting was also secured by Sri. Ahamed Koya.

The N. C. C. is functioning in the College with two units in the Army Wing and one unit in the Navy Wing.

The Republic Day Parade was attended by one of our Navy Cadets Babu Antonio (Delhi), Army Cadets Kunhali and Kunhimohamed were attached to Regular Army Unit (The Assam Rifles). Sergeant Abdul Rahiman was Selected for All India Summer Training Camp and Sgt. Vijayan for Advance Leadership course. Our units attended the annual camps at Payyannur and Cochin. The N. C. C. Day was celebrated on 20th February when a platoon attack was demonstrated to a vast crowd of spectators. The District Collector Sri. M. Joseph addressed the Cadets on the Day.

The Tutorial and Proctorial Scheme

We have effected further sophistication in the Tutorial scheme of the College. A batch of about 20 to 30 students is placed under the care of an Adviser. The Adviser meets all the students once in two weeks formally when there will be a discourse or discussion. Usually the topics are selected from Great Lives or Great Ideas in human history. The lives discussed this year were Socrates, Marcus Aurelius and Confucius. Similarly passages from great thinkers like Bertrand Russel and Moral philrsophers were also discussed. Apart from these regular meetings informal meetings between the Adviser and the individual student are encouraged when personal problems and difficulties can be heard with sympathy and understanding and solved if possible. Each Tutorial group has elected its own Prefect. The student Prefects are to act as guides and proctorial officers for students. The objective has been to give the students the right and the responsibility to regulate themselves. A senior member of the staff, Professor T. Abdulla has been functioning as the Dean of students in the college and Mrs. T. R. Maya Devi as the Dean of Women. I am sure that these new steps we have taken will have a salutary effect. We are anxious that students have an ever increasing sense of participation in the various processes and aspects of life and work in the college.

Student Welfare Schemes

There are a number of other agencies in the College, besides those mentioned already to look after student welfare. There is a Student Aid Fund receiving support from the University Grants Commission. There is also a Poor Boys' Fund distributing loan scholarships to poor and deserving students. 74 students were given aid amounting to Rs. 4,660/- from S. A. Fund this year and 35 students were given loan scholarship amounting to Rs. 4,230/- from the Poor Boys Fund.

There are 955 students belonging to Backward Communities receiving full fee concession

from the Harijan Welfare Department, besides 30 Scheduled Caste students and 27 students of Other Eligible Communities who are receiving boarding charges, stipends and fee concessions.

The following Scholarships are held by students of this College:—

National Merit Scholarship	: 7
Govt. of India Scholarship	: 1
National Loan Scholarship	: 47
University Merit Scholarship	: 3
Scholarship to Blind	: 1
Scholarship for Orthopaedically Handicapped	: 3
U. G. C. Scholarship for Post-graduate studies in Arabic	: 1
Scholarship for Children of Political sufferers	: 3
Scholarship to island students	: 5
Merit Scholarship to Children of School teachers	: 1
Half fee concession under 92 MER	: 1
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The total number of students receiving Scholarships and other forms of aid is 1234 out of 1702. Thus 72% of the students are receiving aid for education, a high figure indeed even for a Welfare State!

Hostels

Hostels are an integral part of our College, this institution being conceived as a Residential College. The rapid increase in strength in the college has unfortunately brought down the proportion of residential students. We are now thinking on the lines of keeping down the total strength of the college to check this tendency.

We have at present 640 students in seven hostels, including the women's Hostel with a strength of 86. A women's Hostel building under a scheme approved by the U. G. C. is nearing completion. It will be ready for occupation in next June.

I wish two more blocks of Hostels are constructed for Men students providing single room accommodation for the benefit of final year and P. G. students. The need is great and urgent but finance is a stumbling block.

College Building

Additional accommodation for the college has been a constant problem. A good building with aesthetic proportions and spacious enough to meet our present needs has been designed and as you know partly executed. The third storey still remains to be constructed. The building was estimated to cost about 4 lakhs, but as times are changing the cost is also mounting. We hope this will be completed by next year and our accommodation problem will be solved.

Though to all outward appearances, our finances were in a healthy state, the reality has always been different. We have been living from one financial crisis to another. The new commitments have almost broken the camel's back.

I am glad to say that all of us were able to put our shoulders together to save the college from financial difficulties—all of us the Management, the staff and the students. Recently we conducted a Benefit Music Performance in aid of the college and though it did not give us what I thought should be the target, we are glad that it was in all ways a success. I thank the students and staff and all those who were concerned in the matter most heartily.

Conclusion

I wish to conclude this report by complimenting our staff and students for so effectively and smoothly organizing the academic life of this institution. The academic life is now exposed to all kinds of uncertain pressures and pulls and it is no easy matter to maintain a calm and studious atmosphere in a college. I am gratified to say that our teachers and students worked in such harmony and co-

operation all through this year, that we did not lose a single working day or feel a tremour for any reason. This is indeed a rare thing and I heartily congratulate our students for their good sense, devotion and loyalty. Before

I conclude may I express my gratitude on the occasion to the Management for the guidance they have given me and the staff for their co-operation and help in steering successfully the affairs of the college.

CAMP FOR NATIONAL INTEGRATION

P. P. Umer Farooq, II B. Com.

During the last days of 1968, I got a golden opportunity to attend the Inter-University Students Leadership Camp for National Integration. The Camp was organised by the Gandhi Centenary Committee at the University Centre, Trivandrum. The most important aim of the camp was to promote better understanding and a sense of common citizenship among students from different linguistic areas of the country. Another aim was to foster communal harmony by encouraging students from Hindu, Muslim, Christian and other religious backgrounds to live together and share their experiences, and to get a clear picture of the total educational effort of this country and think out ways and means to prevent wastage. This was the first camp of its type held in India. About 65 students from 24 universities of India attended the camp. These delegates represented all parts of this vast country. They were the cream of the society and fine flowers of the nation's youth, the best of each university. I was the representative of our Farook College on behalf of the University of Calicut, the youngest university of the land and I may have been the youngest among the delegates.

The camp was inaugurated on 22nd December, 1968, by Mr. C. H. Mohamed Koya, Education Minister of Kerala and lasted till 30th December. Various problems were discussed, suggested and debated in the camp. Great personalities such as Prof. Samuel Mathai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kerala, Dr. N. S. Warriar, Principal of University College, Prof. Sankaradasan Thambi, Principal of the Law College, Dr. E. I. George, Professor of Psychology, University of Kerala, Mr. Sreedhara Menon, Registrar, University of Kerala, Prof. K. S. Lakshmana Panicker, Prof. V. K. Sukumaran Nair and Mr. S. Krishna-

moorthy, Secretary of All-India Gandhi Centenary Committee came before us and led the discussions. The Comparative study of religions, Language problem and National Integration, Political parties in India and Indian unity Role of students in National development and National Integration, Problems of economic development in the country, Indian constitution as a unifying force and India's cultural and historical heritage were some of the subjects discussed in the camp.

Every day the delegates elected their student leader and I was the deputy leader for a day. During intervals I used to mingle with the new faces from all parts of India, the future leaders of the nation and discussed with them the social, political, religious and economical conditions of their respective states. We lived together for ten days without any kind of feelings like race, caste, religion and the like. We felt the camp like our own home.

Christmas marked the fourth day of the camp, when we had no discussions or any other official activities. The Christian households of the whole world kept open their doors to greet the Child, born in the manger of Bethlehem. We cheered the Child with camp firing of crackers. About 2000 years ago Christ lived for international love and brotherhood. But the camp of National integration was confined to Indian brotherhood. The delegates of all states joined together to enjoy Christmas. On Christmas eve, accepting the invitation of the Christian delegates, I witnessed a mass in the Church and assembled inside the Church along with the Christian brethren to hear the sermon. I told my newly gained friends that we want religion not to quarrel with each other, but to admire each other. We might be believers, but should not

be fanatics. I am a non-Christian, but not an anti-Christian. We had a fine Christmas evening at Kovalam, the tourist sea-shore of India. I found that some of the North Indian delegates were seeing the sea for the first time. Later we were taken by some prominent citizens of Trivandrum to their own homes as guests. This was mainly to understand the life and residential conditions of Kerala. But I feel this programme failed to carry its suitable purpose, because Kerala is often described as a poor state. On the other hand the hosts, who took the delegates to explain the local way of life were very rich.

One day, we contributed a fine 'Shramdan' for four hours at a place called Karimadam, the dirty area of Trivandrum Corporation. We got a warm welcome from the poor local people on our arrival there.

Some tours were also arranged for the pleasure of the delegates. We visited Cape Comorin, Pathmanabhapuram palace, Suchindram Temple, Kanakakunnu Palace and the Thumba rocket launching station, our small Cape Kennedy. Cape Comorin is the southern edge of India and the meeting point of the two seas and an ocean namely, Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean. The notable sights here are the Gandhi Smarak Mandir and the Vivekananda Rock. The Mandir was constructed at the place, where the urn containing the ashes of the Mahatma was kept on 12th February, 1948, before it was deposited in the ocean. This was completed in 1956 after two years of its foundation by Acharya Kripalani. The Vivekananda Rock become famous because of the penance of Swami Vivekananda, sitting on this rock. I visited here personally the famous temple, where the Kaniyakumari Devi, the goddess of the maidens is placed. This is one of the ancient temples of India. It is said that Lord Shiva was engaged to a beautiful girl and due to some reasons Shiva failed to turn up in time for the wedding. The girl became angry and decided to remain as a maiden for ever. She later become the goddess of the maidens — Kaniyakumari Devi. Because of

this temple Cape Comorin is also known by the name Kanyakumari. I spent half an hour inside the temple and witnessed the fine architecture. I found two shining diamonds over the nose of the goddess. I was told that these diamonds were got from the sea and the ornaments of the goddess is estimated to be worth Rs. 7 lakhs.

The visit to the Patmanabhapuram Palace, once upon a time the seat of the Travancore Maharajas, was an unforgettable one. Some of the edifices in this palace are believed to have existed from 1550 A. D. The conference hall known as Mantrasala, the main entrance known as poomugam, the ladies chamber known as Anthapuram and some other sections deserve special mention. The weapons of that period are preserved in one of the rooms of the palace and it is known by the name Ayudhapura. Another room wall was filled with attractive living pictures, which tells us the story of the maharajas. These pictures even explain the conspiracies against the kings, the coronation ceremonies and so on. The day was adorned by the visit to the famous and historic Suchindram Temple. Perhaps this may be the only place where Shaiva and Vaisnavha cults are being worshipped together.

We saw there the idols of Vishnu, Shiva and Parvathi, the daughter of the Himalayas. On our way to the Cape we had a brief halt at Nagercoil for lunch and it was my happiest moment to spend some time with an old colleague, who is now studying there. The visit at the Thumba Equatorial Rocket launching Station was a memorable event. Recently, the Government dedicated this station to the United Nations. We saw our 'Menaka' rockets stored at the "Rocket Assembly." The launching platform and the radar were also visited. The rural demonstration centre run by Y. M. C. A. at Marthandam was another place that we visited. Perhaps this may be the only Young Men's Christian Association, working in the rural area. The visit to the Kanakakunnu Palace also was a notable one. Now this is mainly used as an official conference hall. The

old royal materials, especially beautiful Chairs are stored in one of the rooms of the palace even though they are not in ruins.

The last day of the camp was a busy one. We passed certain resolutions towards national integration and sent them to the Government of India. We demanded to postpone the language issue and publish the maps of India, marking only the places, without state boundaries. We requested the government to provide sufficient help and guidance for inter-caste and inter-religious marriages. We also called for the close connection between different religions and to celebrate the festivals of all religions at a national level.

The delegates of Kerala and Calicut Universities met separately and formed a committee known as, "Youth National Integration Committee of Kerala." Mr. Andrews Kottri,

Lecturer, St. Thomas College, Palai and I were elected President and Secretary of the Committee respectively. In the evening the delegates from all universities were guests of honour at a reception given by the Rotary Club of Trivandrum at Rtn. Hassan Marikar Hall. They also staged certain entertainments such as 'Mohiniyattam' and Diviyogadesam by Sree Krishna to Arjuna, his brother-in-law. The lady students of the Trivandrum Women's College staged a Tiruvattira dance during that occasion.

The achievement of the camp is that it created a feeling of brotherhood, unity and national integration. All felt that these feelings must come from the heart and not from the tongue. I gained good friends throughout India. All congratulations go to the University of Kerala, which brought the students from different parts of India together.

REPORT OF A. L. M. HOSTEL

The Hostel re-opened on 18th June. 1968. The election of the office bearers was conducted soon after.

Speaker	:	Mohamed M. A.
General Secretary	:	Mohamed Poovancherry
Secretary for Mess	:	Shamsuddin P. V.
Secretary for Fine Arts	}	Mohamed K.
Secretary for Indoor Games	}	Hyder A. K.
Secretary for Outdoor Games	}	Abdul Khader P. P.
Secretary for Health & Sanitation	}	Abdul Kadar K. K.
Committee for Mess	}	M/s Nooruddin P. K. Abdul Hameed T. Abdulrahiman K. Shaduly T.

The Hostel Union was formally inaugurated by Sri. N. Balakrishnan Elayidom, Lecturer in Zoology on 20-8-'68 with our Principal in the chair.

We arranged an educational tour to Madras, Hyderabad and Secunderabad and our students really enjoyed the tour. Our students expressed their regards to Mr. P. M. A. Hakeem, M. Sc. who left the Hostel for research, through a colourful send-off party on 1-1-1969.

Our Hostel has left its creditable impression on both curricular and co-curricular activities of the college.

The activities of the hostel came to a close with a break-up social which was held on 25-2-'69. Dr. T. D. Gopalakrishna Pillai M. B. B. S., D. T. M. & H, M. R. C. P. (Edin) Supdt., Medical College Hospital, Calicut was the Chief Guest and the prizes were given away by Mrs. Pillai. Our Principal presided over the function.

The sense of duty evinced by the Office bearers was commendable. I am deeply indebted to the resident tutors and to the inmates of the Hostel for their kind co-operation in the activities of the Hostel.

P. K. Mohamed Yousuf
Deputy Warden

REPORT OF IQBAL HOSTEL

The Hostel reopened on 17-6-68. The activities of the Hostel Union began with the election of the various office bearers as indicated below:—

Speaker	:	Mohamed K
General Secretary	:	Ibrahim C
Secretary for Mess	:	Kuchibrayi C. K.
Secretary for Health and Sanitation	}	Moideen Kutty P.
Secretary for Sports and Games		
Secretary for Reading Room	}	Raghavan K. C.
Secretary for Discipline and Good Manners		
Secretary for Fine Arts	:	Abdul Razack M. P.
Mess committee	}	Mr. Jabbar K. A.
		Mr. Gaffoor M. A.

The activities of the Hostel Union were inaugurated by Mr. K. V. Vijayasimhan, M. A. B. T., Lecturer in English on 23rd July 1968 with our Principal in the Chair.

The Literary Association was inaugurated by Mr. P. Mamoo, M. A., B. Ed, Lecturer in History, on 6th August 1968 with the Deputy Warden in the Chair. Thereafter we conducted lively discussions on subjects like India's Foreign Policy, Should India Produce Nuclear Weapons? Etc.

Our academic career at the Hostel this year has been studded with activities designed to promote the initiative and originality among the students. A manuscript magazine. Viz. **THE MORNING STAR** was released under the auspices of the Literary Association. A meeting was held in this connection on 5-11-1968, at which Mr. K. Mohammed Hassan, M. A., D. P. A., Lecturer in Islamic History, released the magazine formally.

Competitions in literary items, music and fancy-dress were conducted in connection with the Annual Break-up-Social.

The inmates of the Hostel evinced remarkable interest in extra-mural activities too. We constructed an approach-road from the college to the Hostel by way of "Sramdan" for three days. We contributed a sum of Rs. 150/- and ten pairs of clothings to the Flood Relief Fund.

Facilities for both indoor and outdoor games have been provided in the Hostel. Competitions in Sports and Games were also conducted and Mr. Kunhi Moideen P. K. won the individual championship. It is worth mentioning that he has knocked off the prize for the fastest man at the Annual Athletic Meet of the College.

The formal activities of the Hostel Union came to a close with the Annual Break-Up-Social on 18-2-1969. Rev. Roland E. Miller, D. D., M. A. (Canada) delivered the valedictory address. Mrs. Mary Helen Miller B. A. (U. S. A.) gave away the prizes. Our honoured guests Dr. Arthur E. Wilson, D. D., L. H. D. and Mrs. Wilson (U. S. A.) also spoke on the occasion. Our Principal presided over the function.

In the competitive Variety Entertainment put up by the hostellers and the Day-Scholars, our inmate Mr. Abdul Hakeem P. K. (II B. Sc) knocked off the prize for the second best-actor.

It is meet that I place on record my gratitude to the office-bearers and other student volunteers whose indefatigable enthusiasm make our functions successful in every respect.

I shall be failing in my duty if I do not recall the whole hearted co-operation rendered to me by the Resident Tutors, Mr. K. K. Saha-devan, M. A., B. Ed, Mr. C. V. Balakrishnan, M. Sc. and Mr M. Thahir, M. Sc. in the Hostel administration and connected activities. In every respect they have been my friends, guides and philosophers.

N. K. Abdul Kareem
Deputy Warden

REPORT OF AZAD HOSTEL

The Hostel started functioning on the 17th June 1968 with a strength of 92 inmates which was later enhanced to 118 on completion of admission to all classes in the College. Elections to the various offices were held on 1 July 1968 as indicated below.

Speaker	: Mohammed Hassan K.	III B. Sc.
General Secretary	: Moideen Kutty A. V.	II B. Sc.
Secretary for Mess	: Abdurahiman T.	II B. A.
Secretary for Reading Room	: Mohamed K.	III B. A.
Secretary for Sports	: Mohamed Ismail K. S.	II B. Sc.
Secretary for Fine Arts	: Abdul Hameed K. M.	II B. Com.
Secretary for Good Manners	: Kunhamed K.	III B. A.
Secretary for Health	: Abdurahiman P. K.	II P. D. C.

The following were nominated as members of the Mess Committee.

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| 1. M/s. Ahamed Kutty N. | II B.Sc. |
| 2. Mohamed P. | II B. A. |
| 3. Mammoo C. P. | II B Sc. |
| 4. Abdu P. | II P D C. |
| 5. Ammed C. | I P D C. |

The Hostel Union was inaugurated on 17th July 1968 by Mr. A. P. P. Namboodiri, M. A., B. O. L. with our Principal in the Chair.

We contributed an amount of Rs 220/- to the Flood Relief Fund. We are providing free mess for a poor student.

Several sessions of the Hostel Parliament and debates on topics like "Student Unrest", "Art for Art's Sake", etc. were successfully conducted during the year under report.

The Hostel arranged an excursion to Mysore. Thus a long cherished desire of the inmates was accomplished.

In connection with the Hostel Day celebrations various competitions were held both in indoor and outdoor games. Competitions in literary subjects also were conducted. In order to encourage the sportsmen spirit of the

inmates an Athletic Meet was also conducted for the first time in the history of the hostel.

We presented various items of entertainment in connection with the College celebration.

The Hostel Day Celebrations were conducted on 20th February 1969. Rev. Fr. J. Vergottini, S. J., (Principal, St. Vincent Industrial Training Institute, Calicut) delivered the valedictory address and gave away prizes. Our Principal presided over the function.

I am grateful to all these inmates of Hostel for the co-operation they have rendered to maintain the dignity and decorum of Hostel.

We are deeply indebted to our Principal who has been taking a keen interest in affairs all along. I am extremely grateful to our Resident Tutors. M/s. N. Abdul Halim M. A., and K. T. Mohamedali, M. A. for their whole-hearted cooperation in the administration of the Hostel.

P. Abdul Latheef
Dy. Warden

REPORT OF WOMEN'S HOSTEL

The Hostel started functioning after Summer Vacation on 17th June 1968 with a strength of 27 students in the main hostel. With the admission of juniors and trainees the hostel was an unusual rush for admission to the hostel also. Apart from the annexe

hostel two staff quarters also were provided as additional accommodation. Then the hostel strength which was only 59 last year has increased to 87 this year.

The following office bearers were elected on 6th Aug. 1968.

General Secretary	—	Miss Kamalam A. M.
Joint Secretary	---	„ Kunheeria Kutty M.
Mess Ministers	--	„ Leelavathy A. K.
		„ Aripa V. M.
		„ Ayishu K. T.
Sports & Games Minister	-	„ Beevi M.
Library Ministers	—	„ Mary D. Menachery
		„ Vijayalakshim K.
		„ Sabira K.
Cleanliness Ministers	—	„ Thankam T.
		„ Radha Kovilamma N.

The Hostel Union was inaugurated on 4th October 1968 by Sri. A. P. P. Namboodiri, M. A, Lecturer, Farook College with the Principal in the chair.

The inmates of the Hostel took an active part in the various competitions conducted by the Women's Association of the College.

Due to inadequate accommodation and consequent inconvenience this year, we could not conduct our Hostel Day celebrations as usual. Still we managed to conduct the Break-up Social on a small scale and the meeting was held in the college auditorium with the

Principal in the chair.

Despite several inconveniences, we have been getting on quite well without any complaints. We are deeply indebted to our Principal who has been taking a keen interest in our affairs all along.

Before concluding this report, I am obliged to express my whole-hearted gratitude to all the staff and students of this Hostel for their co-operation and help in the administration of the Hostel.

Dy. Warden.

REPORT OF HOSTEL NORTH EAST

As the College reopened our hostel also flushed with life and had its full complement within a few days. The election of the following office bearers was conducted shortly.

Speaker	—	Nooruddin. V. U., II B. Sc
General Secretary	—	Raveendranath. T. K. II B. Com
Secretary for Mess	—	Balan T. K. III B. Com
Secretary for Sports & Games	—	Chellikutty M III B. A.
Secretary for Discipline and good manners	—	Gopalakrishnan V. II B. Sc
Secretary for Paper	—	Abdul Latheef V II B. A.
Secretary for Health and Sanitation	—	Adithyan V. K. I B. Sc
Secretary for Fine Arts	--	Kunhimoideen K. T. II PDC

Mr. Raveendranath T. K. the General Secretary. left the hostel and Mr. Balan T. K. and Mr. Chelly, Secretary for Mess and Secretary for Sports respectively relinquished their offices owing to personal inconveniences. Eventually, Mr. Abdurahiman of II B. Sc. was nominated Secretary for Mess and he proved himself worthy of the trust bestowed on him.

Our students have left their bold impressions on both the curricular and extra-curricular activities of the College. Mr. P. M. Aboobacker secured the prize for the best actor (female-role) this year also.

The activities of the Hostel Union came to a formal close with the grand break-up social

conducted on 7th March with our Principal Prof. K. A. Jaleel in the chair and Mrs. Shanta Balakrishnan as the Chief Guest.

I am highly indebted to Mr. K. Sankaranarayanan, M. Sc., Resident Tutor and other members of the staff, residing here for their co-operation and active participation in the administration of the hostel.

The sense of discipline evinced by the students of this hostel, and their regards for me and my colleagues here, are commendable.

K. V. Vijayasimhan

Dy. Warden.

REPORT OF SIR SYED HOSTEL

The Hostel re-opened on 17th June 1968 with 119 inmates. On completion of admission to the college the strength of the Hostel was increased to 145 (including the resident tutors). A temporary mess committee was formed with Sri. P. T. Abdul Latheef as Secretary. This Committee functioned till the following office bearers of the Hostel Union were elected on 10-7-'69 after a keen contest.

Speaker	:	Sri. V. P. P. Siddique
General Secretary	:	„ V. K. Jamal
Secretary for Mess	:	„ K. Usman
Secretary for Sports	:	„ K. Moosa
Secretary for Fine Arts	}	„ C. M. Rafecque
Secretary for Health & Sanitation	}	„ M. Mohamedali
Secretary for Discipline and Good Manners	}	„ N. K. Abdul-Rasheed
Secretary for Reading Room	}	„ K. Abdul Razak.

Besides, four students were nominated mess members to assist the Mess Secretary in running the mess.

The activities of the Hostel for the year under report were formally inaugurated by Sri. M. Moldeen Kutty, M. A., Lecturer in Arabic, on 21. 8. 68 with the Principal in the chair.

A manuscript magazine was started during the second term. An editorial board with Sri. V. Majeed as editor was constituted for the purpose. The first issue of the magazine "Kaviya" was released by Sri. M. Mohammed, M. A. LL. B., Lecturer in English at a meeting presided over by the Dy. Warden.

A batch of the inmates went on an excursion to Madras during the Pooja Holidays.

The Republic Day was celebrated in the

Hostel in a befitting manner this year. The General Secretary unfurled the National Flag. A meeting was held in the evening with Mr. K. Mohamed Hassan, Resident Tutor in the chair.

Out-door and indoor games have been encouraged from the very beginning of the year. The inter-hostel tournaments were conducted during the last quarter of the year, dividing the hostel into four houses. Four house captains were nominated and a tournament committee was formed under the chairmanship of Sri. K. Kunhahamed. In the tournaments conducted the Proletarian House led by Sri. Kurikkal, won the championship by scoring maximum points.

Competitions in literary items, music, mono-act, fancy dress etc. were also organized by the Hostel. The ingenuity and skill of some of the inmates of our hostel enabled us to make an enchanting performance in the inter-hostel variety entertainment competition conducted by the college.

The break-up social of the hostel was held on 23rd Feb. 1969. Our Principal presided over the function. Sri. M. Joseph, I. A. S. District Collector, Kozhikode delivered the valedictory address and gave away the prizes to the winners of the various competitions.

The life in the Hostel this year has been smooth and colourful. Our hearty thanks are due to each and every one of the inmates, for his co-operation. We are greatly indebted to the Principal and Warden, who has been taking a very active interest in the affairs of the Hostel. I am extremely grateful to the Resident Tutors of the Hostel for their whole hearted co-operation and help in the administration of the Hostel.

P. Abdul Rehiman,
Dy Warden.

STAFF CLUB, 1968-'69

The first general body meeting was held on 31-7-'68 and the following were elected to the Managing Committee of the Staff Club.

M/s K. I. Muhamed Kutty — Secretary
Shahid Latheef — Jt. Secretary.
T. O. Pareed Pillai — Treasurer.
C. R. Joseph
T. Balakrishnan Nair } Members.
T. V. Madhavan Nambiar }

The Managing Committee approved the budget for the year 1968-69 on 6. 8. 1969, which was passed by the general body on 22. 8. 1969. The new members were introduced at the meeting.

Mr. M. A. Shukoor, Principal, Farook Training College addressed the General body on 17-10-1968. He spoke on "Student Unrest" prevailing in the universities.

The Secretary represented the members of the Staff before the Students Affairs' Committee of the Kerala University in its sitting at the Malabar Christian College, Calicut on 10-1-1969. A few suggestions for the welfare of the students and teachers were presented.

An excursion trip to Gwalior Rayons, Mavoor, was conducted in a special boat, on 25-1-1969. It was enjoyed as a pleasure trip and at the same time a study-tour learning much about the modern technology and chemistry.

Under the joint auspices of the Union Council and the Staff Club a hearty send-off was accorded to Prof. T. Abdulla on the eve of his departure to Mecca for the Haj Pilgrimage, on 28-1-1969.

At the meeting held on 30-1-1969, Dr. S. S. Moosath, Professor of Chemistry, University of Calicut, spoke on "Modernisation of Syllabus". Messrs. K. A. Jaleel, K. I.

Muhamed Kutty and P. Abdul Ramhan took part in the discussion that followed.

Competition in Tennis (singles and doubles) Chess and Carroms (Singles and doubles) were conducted.

The following were the prize-winners.

Tennis (Singles)

Winner — Mr. M. Gopinath
Runner-up — Mr. S. Krishna Iyer

Tennis (Doubles)

Winners — M/s. S. Krishna Iyer and N. B. Elayidom
Runners-up — M/s M. Gopinath and E. A. Majeed

Chess

Winner — Mr. T. O. Pareed Pillai
Runner-up — Mr. K. Jayaprakash

Carroms (Singles)

Winner — Mr. T. Balakrishnan Nair.
Runner-up — Mr. K. Jayaprakash

Carroms (Doubles)

Winners — M/s. C. Venugopal and T. V. Madhavan Nambiar.
Runners-up — Messrs. T. Balakrishnan and K. P. Sadanandan

Messrs. K. I. Muhamed Kutty (Convener) Shahid Latheef and T. V. Madhavan Nambiar served on the Games Committee constituted for conducting the competitions.

The valedictory meeting of the club was celebrated on 25-3-1969 and the prizes were distributed by the President.

A cash-award of Rs. 50/- was made on 18-4-1969 to Kumari. N. C. Kamalavathy, B. Sc. III, for the best article published in 1968. Professor V. Muhamed (Chairman) Messrs. A. P. P. Namboodiri and K. I. Muhamed Kutty (Members) served on the Assessors Board.

The facilities of the club were improved by modifying the septic tank and providing a wash-basin, a radio-stand, two letter boards and a rack for the periodicals. Attempts are being made to maintain a small garden inspite of the occasional attacks of the stray cattle of the locality.

Thanks are due to the President and members for their active co-operation and encouragement in all the new activities of the Club.

(K. I. Muhammed Kutty)

Secretary

THE EDITOR SPEAKS

We write this editorial in the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. We know that many of you reading this opening sentence may raise your eyebrows and whisper a prayer for poor John Keats. "How dare this editor", you may exclaim "confuse the seasons? Midsummer madness indeed!!" Take it easy dear Readers, we too have a fairly good idea of Keats's poems and his odes in particular. Keats had autumn in mind when he wrote of mists and mellow fruitfulness, while we are writing this as summer bursts upon Kerala and green fields are slowly being parched by the sun.

The academic year is coming to an end; the young ladies and gentlemen are thronging the various staff rooms with autograph albums in their hand and with a great deal of mist playing about their eyes, for farewells are always a sad business. The period of study here in Farook has made these young folks very mellow really and the editor cannot help recalling the words of Keats. So midsummer madness is ruled out so far as we are concerned! Your poet has not been slandered and for a change why not find out "what porridge had John Keats?"

Editors play another role too. They are chroniclers. But we confess that in spite of the dozen or so diaries we have received from kind friends and admirers, not one entry has yet been made in any of these eye-catching little books. Artisti-

cally arranged here and there on the shelves, they help to brighten up your editor's modest little home-library consisting of dog-eared and well thumbed tomes through the pages of which silver fish come out for a breather every three days. Yes, these diaries with their gorgeous covers streaked in some cases with silver and gold are to our weather-beaten books what cutwork or zariwork are to Banares saris. With the passage of years these sparkling diaries come in useful for keeping our dhoby's account. Pardon us Mr. Samuel Pepys, for that's washing dirty linen in public!

Where were we? Yes, we were speaking of chronicles and chroniclers. We rely more on our memory than on daily jottings for the sensational events of last year both at home and abroad. In that land of the free where the "Old Faithful" flutters with pride atop the dome of the Capitol, two young men who could have changed the history of America and the world were slain by fanatics. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's crime was that he essayed to play the part of a second Gandhi, while a pitiless destiny had already marked out his grave for the dynamic Senator Bob Kennedy. He lies next to his famous brother in Arlington National Cemetery to remind the world that the Twentieth Century too has its inheritors of unfulfilled renown. In West Asia, Jew and Arab lost count of all values, moral and spiritual and a Holy City changed hands overnight.

Gay little Czechoslovakia was raped a second time in thirty years while her morbid neighbours gazed at the act, smiled at the wrongdoer and turned impotent themselves. In "that nuthouse called the People's Republic of China" (the words are an American housewife's), Chairman Mao gave his Red Guards some rest while he swam the Yang-tse with his thoughts upper-most in his mind. We wonder why our Asian sharks stay put in the Palk Strait and in that part of the Bay opposite the University Buildings Madras and do not make a bee-line for the Yang-tse. Maybe they have had their brains washed by the Red frogmen of Peking and assigned to 'revisionist' waters only!!

Continuing the chronicle, we come nearer and nearer home. Tamil Nadu lost her gifted and lovable Chief Minister and India one of her noblest sons. Last year you may remember that we had concluded our editorial by speaking of certain rumours flying around about the establishment of a new University this side of Kerala. Well, it is an accomplished fact: the University of Calicut has come into being. Calicut is your editor's home-town. Even so, how he wishes that this new seat of learning were christened the University of Malabar instead!! Thanks to the re-organisation of the districts some years ago, the name Malabar just vanished into thin air. Two decades ago, when we made our maiden visit to Bombay, our host took us to Malabar Hill at night to show us the fantastic "Queen's Necklace." He asked us what we thought about it and we replied "Our thanks to your Founding Fathers for calling it Malabar Hill. It

is a tribute to the beautiful sea-girt district we come from"-Again, Milton mentions Malabar in his epic poem, and Moorish pirates and Elizabethan sea dogs spoke of "the intriguing Malabar coast". While we were dining with a group of British tea-planters and their families way back in 1947, a Scottish lassic broke into song "Oh Pearl of Malabar". It made your editor feel nostalgic. And to think that a set of politicians with just one stroke of their pen struck this romantic name off the rolls forever!!

But there are compensations, a friend assures us. Calicut is an ancient town immortalised in songs sung by the court minstrels to Solomon and Shebu and a city of a million memories to Vasco da Gama. A great Malayalee historian tells us that the ancestors of the Egyptians hailed from Calicut. That gallant courtier of the first Elizabeth, Sir Philip Sidney described by Spenser as "the president of nobleness and chivalry" and by Hakluyt as "the secretary of eloquence, the breath of the Muses and the honie-bee of the daintiest flowers of wit and art" mentions Calicut in his "Apologie for Poetrie". Three cheers for this perfect knight, the soldier, courtier, bard in one for this gracious act.

We were thrilled when Shri. K. C. Chacko the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of our University addressed us on our College Day. It was not just one of those addresses or speeches from the throne, but a long chat clothed in humour. The Auditorium was jam packed and the learned speaker's jokes and anecdotes raised the roof. When cold facts are dished out humorously, they sink into that dense

mass called the human brain. How wonderful it would be if the heads of states and governments and our own parliamentarians had a sense of humour! Much of the world's misery would then disappear. Churchill had humour in plenty and it is said that out of school during one of his war-time summit meetings he made old Joe Stalin laugh so much that the dictator not to be beaten came out with a few choice yarns (slightly off colour though) himself. Gandhiji has confessed that it was his sense of humour that sustained him in life. Adolf Hitler was sadly lacking this virtue and we know to what a pretty pass he brought the world. There is only one recorded instance of the Fuhrer's funny bone tickling him — a photograph showing him with hands akimbo doing the Irish jig somewhere in Paris when France surrendered to the Nazis. But even then his left eye was focussed on the English Channel and the right eye on Belsen or Lidice perhaps. His prototype in modern times is the poker-faced Ian Smith of Southern Rhodesia.

In the Principal's Annual Report it is stated that we did not lose even a single working day this last academic year. We shall have to thank our dear students for this and our Principal's statement will be an eye-opener to many a college in Kerala and India. It is very amusing to read in our leading dailies, learned articles by armchair critics masquerading as sages, on the subject of student unrest, its causes and cure. Many of these wise men enter regions where angels fear to tread, and dismiss this 'unrest' as one of the signs of

a country's growing pains. Well, if they stop with this, we have no crow to pluck with them. But when these smart Alecs accuse the teachers of taking the students for a ride, we should like to make scare-crows of these accusers and make a present of them to paddy field owners with our compliments.

Conscientious teachers arrive at a gentleman's agreement with their students and believe in Mr. Lester Pearson's policy of "open covenants openly arrived at". When a teacher has supreme confidence in himself, makes his lectures colourful and takes his students under his wing, indiscipline flies out through the nearest window. As for the critics, they have no wings. If they had, they would not enter regions where angels fear to tread.

Angels remind us of harps, halos and blue skies. At a very delightful musical evening got up by our college a couple of months ago, Kerala's leading singer worked all of us into a passion with his exquisite melodies. One song, we remember was an aerial love call where, the blue skies looking tenderly at the green earth below, invite it to come up for a rendezvous midst the Milky Way and a myriad stars. We do not know whether the good earth lived up to its name of terra firma and held its ground and declined the tryst. But we do know that one particular building could not resist this loving invitation and as we go to press, that building is going it alone to meet the skies or to use admired Miranda's words 'the welkin's cheek'. The way up is all lovely, dark and deep but snags

abound. However we are confident that this brave edifice will do the trick because it happens to be on our campus!!

And now the time has come for the Editor to sign off. He has spoken. But it would comfort you to know that he speaks

only once a year and whether he does so with his tongue in his cheek or through his hat, it is a right granted to him by the Fourth Estate. "Sayonara" means Japanese good-bye. Then sayonara let it be to all of you.

P. V. R.

THE FAROOK COLLEGE UNION

1968-69

It is my proud privilege to present a brief succinct account of the working of the College Union and the Affiliated Associations during this academic year. The activities of the Union started with the election of the following Office bearers.

Speaker	:	M. A. Pareed	II M. A.
General Secretary	:	Kanniyath Latheef	III B. A.
Joint Secretary	:	M. Aboo	II PDC
Secretary, Fine Arts Association	:	Noor Mohamed	I B. Sc
„ English „	:	B. M. Hussain	II PDC
„ Malayalam „	:	V. Ibrahim	I PDC
„ Hindi „	:	U. V. Usman Koya	II B. Sc
„ Islamics „	:	Kasim Punnasserri	III B. A.
„ Mathematics „	:	Hareesh Kumar	III B. Sc
„ Physics „	:	K. Venu Gopal	III B. Sc
„ Chemistry „	:	A. Soopy	III B. Sc
„ Biology „	:	P. M. Razak	III B. Sc
„ Commerce Economics and History Assn.	:	P. K. Najeeb	II B. Com
„ Planning Forum	:	P. V. Saidalavi	I B. A.
„ Film Club	:	B. M. Mohamed Basheer	II B. A.
„ Day Scholars	:	Hameed Chennamangallur	III B. A.
„ Women Students' Association	:	V. M. Aripa	II B. Sc

Members of the Editorial Board

1. K. Zubaida II PDC
2. P. B. I. Mohamed Ali I PDC
3. K. Mohamed Abdul Kadar I B. Com

Dr. Ahamed Thomas J. Mathews, Professor of Sociology at Enmira College, New York visited the college and delivered an address on the subject 'Muslims in America' on 9th Aug. 1968.

The Independence Day was celebrated on a large scale under the auspices of the College Union. The Principal unfurled the tricolour. There was a colourful Parade by N. C. C. cadets. A meeting was held in the auditorium with the Principal in the Chair. Many students

and members of the staff spoke on the occasion. Sweets were distributed at the end of the function.

The activities of the College Union and the affiliated associations were inaugurated by Dr. C. M. Francis, M. D., M. R. C. P., Principal, Calicut Medical College on 3rd October 1968.

A special meeting was held on 8th Oct. 1968 to congratulate Calicut University Foot Ball team for their triumph in the South Zone.

The College lost a well-wisher in the sad demise of Janab Ahamed Kurikkal (Minister for Panchayats and Fisheries, Govt. of Kerala). A condolence meeting was held to mourn his demise, on 25th Oct. 1968.

A debate on 'Family Planning' witnessed two evenings in the auditorium on 4th and 5th Nov. 1968. M/s. Hameed Chennamangallur and Mohamed Pooancheeri presented papers for and against the subject respectively. Several students actively participated in the debate.

Mr. Walter Greenwood, an eminent journalist of Great Britain addressed the College Union on 7th Nov. 1968.

Republic Day was celebrated on a grand scale. The Principal unfurled the National Flag and received the salute of N. C. C. Cadets.

A welcome change was made in the constitution of various associations, academic and non-academic affiliated to the College Union this year. For each association there was an Advisory Committee consisting of the Vice-President, the Director, a few members of the staff and student representatives. This new set-up made tremendous progress and introduced some novelties under the guidance of their energetic Directors and enthusiastic secretaries. A brief account of the activities of the associations are given below :

The English Association was inaugurated by Prof. G. Kumara Pillai, Professor of English Govt. College, Madappalli on 31st Oct. 1968. The United Nations Day was celebrated by holding an elocution competition on the "Role of United Nations on World Peace". General Knowledge Quiz programmes were also held almost every week.

Sri. N. N. Pillai, a celebrated Malayalam Dramatist, inaugurated the Malayalam Association on 14-10-68. A number of literary discussions were held and students reviewed poems and short stories.

The Hindi Association was inaugurated by Sri. Ravi Varma, Editor of Yugaprabhat on 30th Oct. 1968. A Playlet of Mamankam was broadcast on All India Radio, Calicut by members of the association.

The Islamics Association was inaugurated by Sri. T. P. Mohamed Kunhi, Principal, Mampad College on Thursday, 31st Oct. 1968.

On the topic of "Necessity of Religion", an address was delivered by Prof. M. A. Shukoor, Principal, Farook Training College on 14th Jan 1969. Weekly meetings were conducted and topics like "The Contribution of Religion to World Peace", "Islam and other Political Philosophies", etc. were the subjects.

Mr. M. O. Devassy, Head of the Department of Mathematics, St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, inaugurated the activities of the Mathematics Association. The topics like, Application of the Theory of Complex Variables to Fluid Mechanics, Binary Boolean Algebra of Logic, Non Euclidian Geometry, Equivalence of Relations, the application of Complex variables to Hydro Dynamics, were discussed during this year.

The inaugural address of Physics Association was given by Dr. P. M. Kuruvilla, Head of Electrical Engineering Section, Government Polytechnic, Calicut. A series of interesting talks by students and staff members on various subjects in Physics were held this year. The Valedictory address was delivered on 24th Feb. 1969 by Sri. Siva Rama Krishna Iyer, Principal, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam. Prof. Noor Mohamed presided over the function.

Dr. S. S. Moosath inaugurated the Chemistry Association on 8th Oct. 1968. Topics like "Corrosion of Metal", "Physical Properties and Chemical Constitution", "Structure of Benzene" etc. were discussed this year. "Magic in Chemistry", the most interesting item of this year's activities by Sri. Koyatty, M. Sc. was an interesting one. The activities were ended by the Valedictory address by Dr. Xavier, Lecturer, University Dept., of Chemistry.

The Biology Association was inaugurated by Dr. Xavier University Department of Chemistry. Certain topics "Parasitic Helminths", "Parasitic Protozoans", "Nutrition in Protozoa" were deeply discussed during this year. Study tours were conducted for Final year students to Rameswaram, Khrusadi Islands, Cape Comerine, Trivandrum and Kovalum. Competitions were conducted in General Knowledge and on Science talents.

Commerce, Economics and History Association was inaugurated on a grand scale on 6th November 1968 by Mr. Joseph, District Collector, Calicut. Seminars were conducted on interesting subjects like Future of Democracy in Asia, Economic Planning in India, Fundamental Rights in Indian Constitution, Nationalization of industries in India and the contribution of Mughals to Indian Culture etc.

The activities of the Planning Forum began by the participation of several members of the Forum in the Sramadan of laying and levelling up of road organized by Calicut Art Centre on 2nd Oct. 1968. The Forum held meetings on various subjects like Food Problem, Population, Economic growth etc.

The credit of the starting of a permanent Film Club goes to the College Union of this year. There were Film shows on all working days this year except Fridays. The Films of the U. S. I. S., U. A. R., Norway, Central Film Library, Denmark, New Zealand, Germany, Australia, Netherland were shown.

For the first time in the history of our college an Association of the Day Scholars was formed this year. It was formally inaugurated by the Principal on 7th Oct. 1968. To discuss the difficulties of the bus-going students a meeting was held and decided to represent to the authorities about the inadequacy of the buses. As a result of the representation two additional buses were put on line. In the variety entertainment programmes put up in connection with the College Day celebrations,

the association participated as a unit and won the Shield for the best items staged.

This is the first time an association for women students took shape in the history of our College. The inaugural meeting was celebrated on 5th November 1968, the Principal presiding over the function. Competitions were conducted in connection with the College Day celebrations. Under the patronage of the Dean for Women students, Smt. Maya Devi, the women's association had a good start this year.

The College Day Celebrations were highlighted by a grand programme of variety entertainment. Sri. K. C. Chacko, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Calicut University was the Chief Guest. Mrs. Chacko gave away the prizes.

On the whole the College Union has done some solid and remarkable work this year. The College Union owes its success to the timely advice of our President Sri. K. A. Jaleel and Vice-President Sri. M. Noor Mohamed. On this occasion, I express my deepest sense of gratitude to them. My profound thanks are also due to the Secretaries of various associations for the hearty co-operation they have extended, failing which it would have been very difficult for me to discharge my duties efficiently. I thank all those who sincerely contributed to the success of the College Union. Finally I thank the Almighty God for the benevolence shown to us.

Kanniyath Latheef
General Secretary

WELCOME SPEECH

DELIVERED BY

MR. S. A. JIFRI

Secretary of the Farook College Managing Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a matter of great pleasure for me to offer a cordial welcome to all those who are here on this happy occasion. We are deeply indebted to Shri. K. C. Chacko, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calicut for kindly agreeing to preside over the College Day Celebrations and Mrs. Chacko for consenting to give away the prizes. I extend to both of them a most cordial welcome to our College.

I am quite sure that Shri. Chacko's services to the cause of education and as a man of letters are well known to this audience. He is also an experienced administrator. While he was serving as Director of Technical Education, he was appointed Special Officer for the Calicut University. He has thus played a significant role in moulding into existence the new University of Calicut. Shri. Chacko has been at the helm of affairs ever since the inception of the University. We hope the University will soon assume its role as one of the leading Universities in India. We are deeply interested in the growth and development of the Calicut University. We also notice that we have the special privilege of having the closest proximity to the Head Quarters of this University. Though this advantage arose as a matter of chance, there is naturally a special bond between the University and this college by the compulsions of neighbourliness. Hence there is a special warmth in our welcome today of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of our University.

The Farook College came into being on 12th August 1948. Though there is no special

significance the foundation stone for the campus of the Calicut University was found to have been laid exactly 20 years hence viz. on 12th Aug. 1968. The objective of the College was to bring the right of higher education in the backward regions of Kerala, which also corresponds to the aims of the Calicut University.

The College began in a small way with just 32 students and 5 members of the staff in a rented building. Today it has a strength of 1700 students with another 120 in the Training College and 82 members in the Teaching staff and nearly fifty others in the Non-teaching staff. The College has residential accommodation for 610 students including 80 Lady students. This I understand is the largest residential strength in any college in the State. In the last few years, it has been a problem for us to maintain the proportion of residential students. We have been trying our best to keep down our strength in numbers so that the quality of our education should not suffer.

The increase in numbers and the starting of Post-graduate courses have resulted in heavy commitments for the Management. Additional buildings and equipment had necessarily to be provided. The annual deficits were mounting to heavy proportions. We had to embark on the construction of a three-storeyed building with an estimate cost of Rs. 4 lakhs in 1967. Two storeys have been nearly completed. We had also to start the construction of a women's Hostel at the same time. We found that at the end of March 1968, the College was facing a monetary gap of Rs. 2 lakhs and odd, even to

close the accounts. Besides the building contractor was pressing for payment for work done. It was also noticed that the current years budget was throwing up another revenue deficit of Rs. 95,000/- In the case of women's Hostel building we had the responsibility to contribute our matching share of Rs. 50,000/- for becoming eligible for the U. G. C. grant. More than one lakhs of Rupees was required to complete the third storey of the building. This was indeed a frightening burden, because the commitment of the Management was to the tune of about 5 lakhs of Rupees. Many emergency meetings of the Committee of the Farook College and Farook Training College were held in joint sessions. We made an all-out effort to collect funds from friends and well-wishers. I am gratified to say that we have succeeded in a great measure, though we are still not out of the woods. Recently the staff and students of the college realizing the financial situation of the college organized a Benefit Music Party. We are happy to state that the efforts were crowned with success and a substantial amount estimated around Rs. 50,000/- will be received under this head. I take this opportunity

to thank the students and the staff for this magnificent and generous endeavour. I am particularly beholden to the staff of the college for the substantial help they have rendered. Eventhough we have raised a good portion of the money required, we still have to raise more than a lakh of Rupees urgently to complete our project. I believe that our efforts will continue with unabated energy till we complete the scheme.

The growth of the Farook College has been a remarkable and inspiring process. Though we have and hurdles and difficulties, we have always been able to tide over every crisis successfully and smoothly. We are beholden to God Almighty for the merciful guidance in our affairs.

Friends, it is my pleasant duty before I conclude, to welcome all those who have graced this occasion with their presence. I welcome once again the Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. Chacko. I welcome all the guardians and members of the public and staff and students most heartily of this function.

Thanking you.